

**Problem Sheet 1 – Non Linearity, Chaos and Complexity Solutions****Sheet 1 Question 1**(i) Particle motion in **B** field

$$m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = q\mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{B} \quad \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\text{Normalise } v^* = \frac{v}{v_0}, \quad t = t^*T \quad r = r^*L \quad B = B^*B_0$$

sub in

$$m \frac{dv^*}{dt^*T} = q \frac{v_0}{L} \mathbf{v}^* \wedge \mathbf{B}^* B_0$$

$$\frac{dv^*}{dt^*} = T \cdot \frac{qB_0}{m} \mathbf{v}^* \wedge \mathbf{B}^* \quad \text{which is normalised if } T = \left( \frac{qB_0}{m} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\Omega}$$

also

$$\frac{dr^*}{dt^*} \frac{L}{T} = \mathbf{v}^* v_0 \quad \text{ie:} \quad v_0 = \frac{L}{T}$$

$$\text{so} \quad L = v_0 T = \frac{v_0}{\Omega}$$

solving the equations yields circular motion about **B** with frequency  $\Omega$ , radius  $L$ .Frequency is independent of velocity (particle energy), whereas gyroradius ( $L$ ) depends on velocity.

(ii) Wave equation (ID here)

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\text{Normalise:} \quad \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial t^{*2}} \frac{\psi_0}{T^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi^* \psi_0}{\partial x^{*2} L^2}$$

which is normalised (dimensionless) if

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial t^{*2}} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi^*}{\partial x^{*2}} \quad \frac{L}{T} = c.$$

Therefore,  $c$  is characteristic velocity of all structures regardless of length scale and is independent of amplitude  $\psi$ . Solutions are of the form  $\psi = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct)$ .

(iii) Conservation of quantity  $Q$  with number density  $n$

$$\frac{\partial(nQ)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (nQ \mathbf{v}),$$

where  $Q$  is carried by "particles" of density  $n$ .

Normalise

$$\frac{\partial(n^*Q^*)}{\partial t^*} \frac{1}{T} \frac{1}{L^3} Q_0 = \nabla \cdot (n^*Q^*\mathbf{v}^*) \frac{1}{L} \frac{1}{L^3} \frac{L}{T} Q_0 \quad \text{ie} \quad \mathbf{v}^* = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{v_0} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\left(\frac{L}{T}\right)}$$

$$\text{then:} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t^*}(n^*Q^*) = \nabla^* \cdot (n^*Q^*\mathbf{v}^*).$$

There is no characteristic scale if  $v_0 = \frac{L}{T}$  equation just specifies that structures on all length and timescales are conserved.

**Sheet 1 Question 2**

$$F = F_0 + F_1M + F_2M^2 + F_3M^3 + F_4M^4$$

can always be written as

$$F = F_0 + F_2'(M - M_0)^2 + F_3'(M - M_0)^3 + F_4'(M - M_0)^4$$

since both are general polynomials up to degree 4 then  $M \rightarrow M - M_0$  is the required transformation.

(i) For symmetry  $F_3 = 0$ .

We then have (dropping 's)

$$F(M) = F_0 + \alpha(T - T_c)M^2 + \beta M^4$$

extrema

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 2\alpha(T - T_c)M + 4\beta M^3 = 2M(\alpha(T - T_c) + 2\beta M^2)$$

ie: at  $M = 0$  or  $M^2 = \alpha \frac{(T_c - T)}{2\beta}$ .

But  $M$  is real so:

$$M = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha(T_c - T)}{2\beta}} \text{ is an extreme for } T < T_c$$

look for minima

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = 2\alpha(T - T_c) + 12\beta M^2.$$

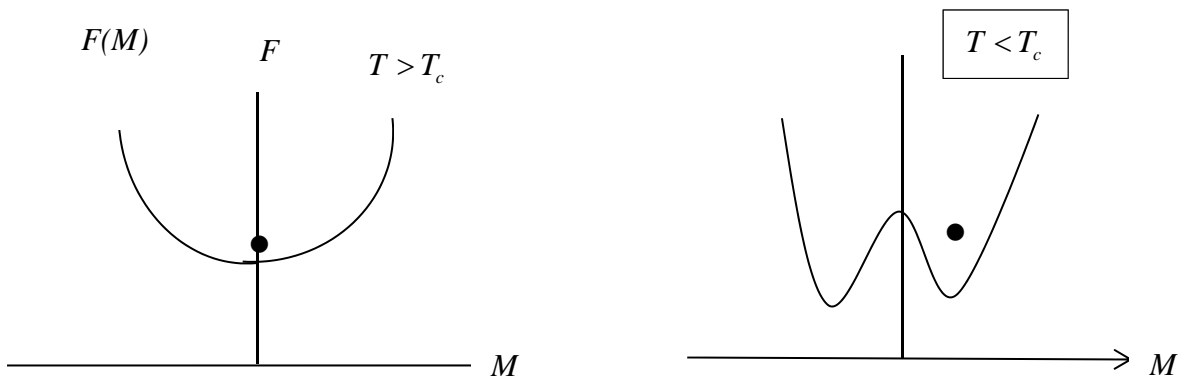
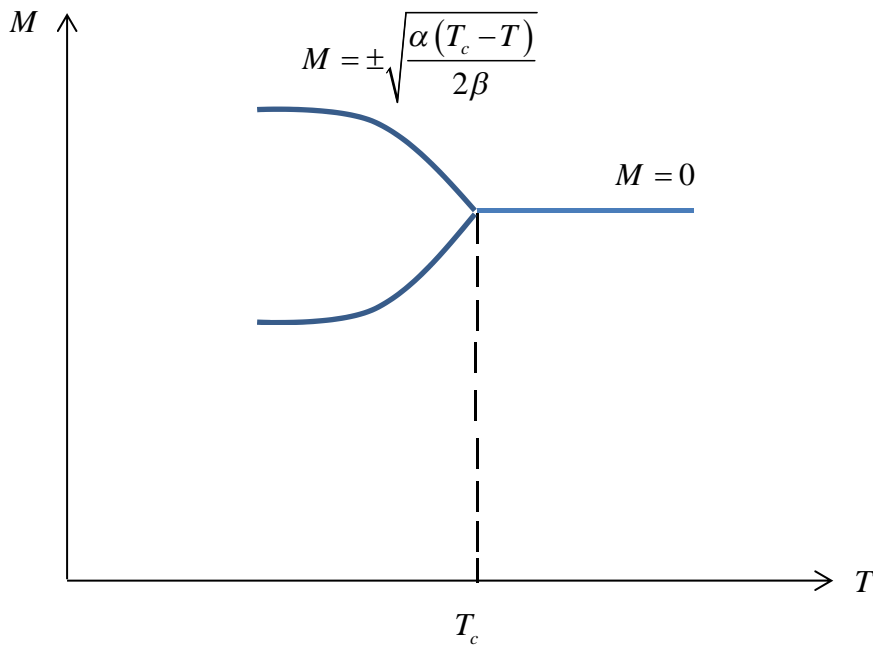
$M = 0$ : min for  $T > T_c$  max for  $T < T_c$ .

$$M = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha(T_c - T)}{2\beta}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = 2\alpha(T - T_c) + 12\beta \frac{\alpha(T_c - T)}{2\beta} = -4\alpha(T - T_c)$$

min for  $T < T_c$  max for  $T > T_c$

pitchfork bifurcation at  $T = T_c$



As we go from  $T > T_c$  to  $T < T_c$  system "falls" into one of the potential wells – which one is determined by fluctuations at  $T = T_c$ .

(ii) Asymmetric, now  $F_3 = \gamma \neq 0$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 2\alpha(T - T_c)M + 3\gamma M^2 + 4\beta M^3$$

extrema now  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 0 = M \{2\alpha(T - T_c) + 3\gamma M + 4\beta M^2\}$

$$M = 0, \quad M = \frac{-3\gamma \pm \sqrt{(9\gamma^2 - 4.2\alpha(T - T_c).4\beta)}}{2.4\beta}$$

Two real values of  $M$  when

$$9\gamma^2 > 32\alpha\beta(T - T_c)$$

write  $M$  as 
$$M = \frac{-3\gamma \pm 3\sqrt{\gamma^2 - \gamma_c^2}}{8\beta}.$$

Consider

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = 2\alpha(T - T_c) + 6\gamma M + 12\beta M^2$$

$M = 0$  is min for  $T > T_c$ .

For  $M \neq 0$  extrema given by  $2\alpha(T - T_c) + 3\gamma M + 4\beta M^2 = 0$  which gives

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = 3\gamma M + 8\beta M^2,$$

or

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} = M \left( \pm 3\sqrt{\gamma^2 - \gamma_c^2} \right)$$

Then in addition to  $M = 0$  solution

$\gamma^2 > \gamma_c^2$  2 real  $M \neq 0$  roots, one max, one min

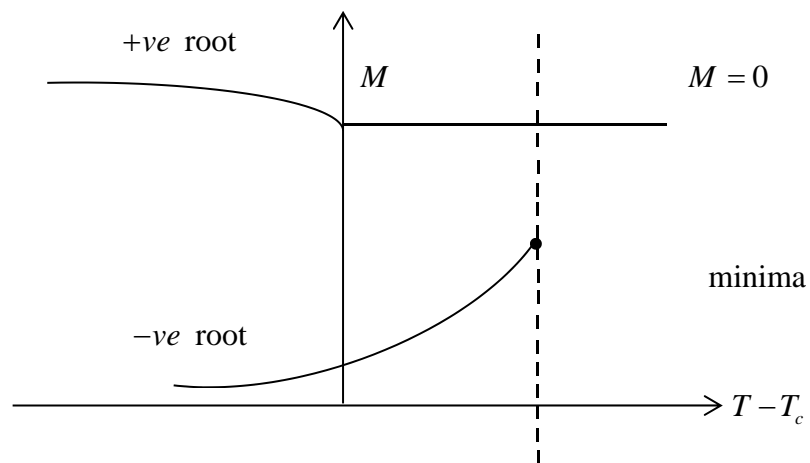
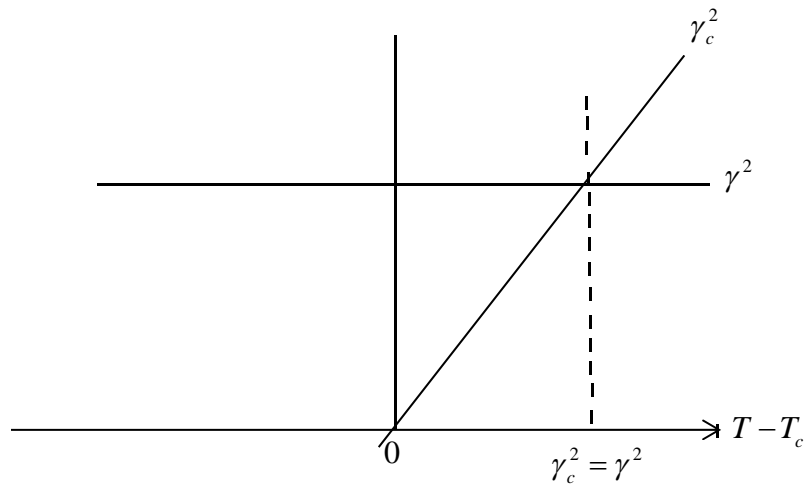
$$\gamma^2 = \gamma_c^2 \quad M = \frac{-3\gamma}{8\beta} \quad \gamma_c^2 = \frac{32\alpha\beta}{9}(T - T_c) \\ \Rightarrow T > T_c.$$

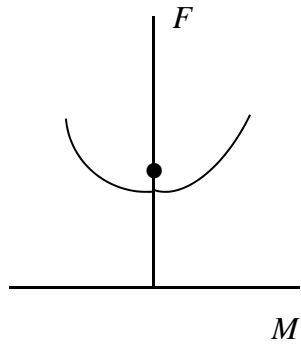
$\gamma^2 < \gamma_c^2$  -  $M$  imaginary no max/min.

Also at  $\gamma_c^2 = 0$   $T = T_c$   $M = \frac{-3\gamma \pm 3\gamma}{8\beta}$  ie:  $M = 0$  (a)  
 $M = \frac{-6\gamma}{8\beta}$  (b)

(b) is (-) ve root hence  $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} > 0$  is a min

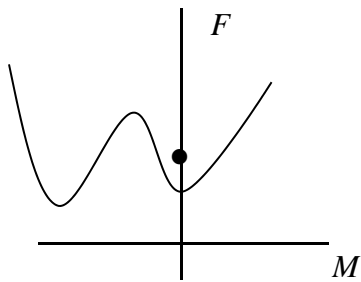
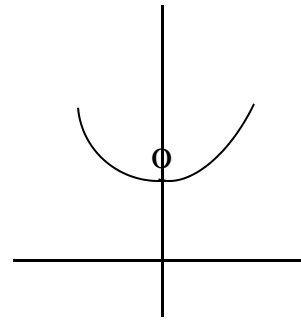
(a) is inflexion. Finally, for  $\gamma_c^2 < 0$  2 real roots, both min and  $M = 0$  is max graphically





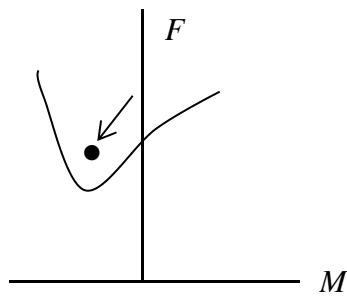
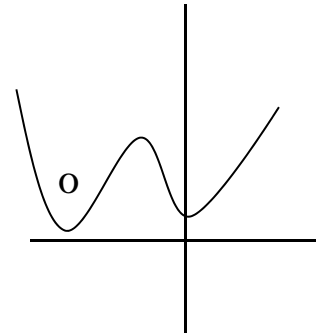
$$T > T_c$$

$$\gamma_c^2 > \gamma^2$$



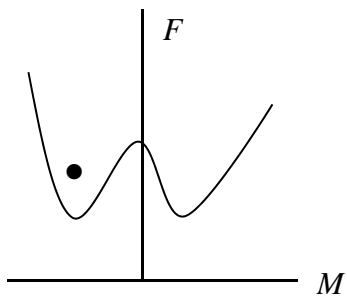
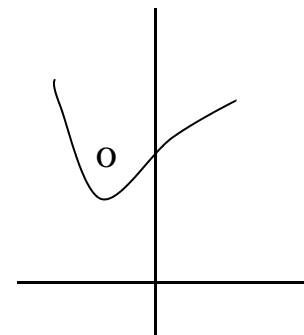
$$T > T_c$$

$$\gamma_c^2 < \gamma^2$$

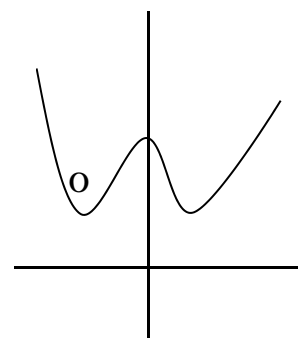


$$T = T_c$$

$$\gamma_c = 0$$



$$T < T_c$$



- – going from  $T > T_c$       }
  - O – going from  $T < T_c$       }
- } hysteresis

Now fluctuations are unimportant.

iii) Van der Vaal

Expand for  $bm \ll 1$   
using

$$\ln(1 - bm) \approx - \left[ bM + \left( \frac{bM}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{bM}{3} \right)^3 \dots \right]$$

Substitute into  $F$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{T}{b} \left[ -bM - \left( \frac{bM}{2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{bM}{3} \right)^3 + (bM)^2 + \left( \frac{bM}{2} \right)^3 + \left( \frac{bM}{3} \right)^4 \right] + MT - \frac{aM^2}{2} \\ &= M^2 \left( \frac{bT}{2} - \frac{a}{2} \right) + M^3 \frac{b^2}{6} T + b^3 \frac{TM^4}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } \alpha(T - T_c) \equiv \frac{bT - a}{2} = \frac{b}{2} \left( T - \frac{a}{b} \right)$$

$$T_c = \frac{a}{b}.$$



**Sheet 1 Question 3**

(i)  $\frac{dq}{dt} = \sin q$

fixed points  $\sin \bar{q} = 0 \quad \bar{q} = n\pi \quad n \text{ integer}$

linearize about fixed points

$$q(t) = \bar{q} + \delta q$$

$$\frac{d\delta q}{dt} = \sin(\bar{q} + \delta q) = \sin \bar{q} \cos \delta q + \cos \bar{q} \sin \delta q = 0$$

$$\sin \delta q \approx \delta q, \cos \delta q \approx 1 \text{ as } \delta q \text{ is small}$$

then  $\frac{d\delta q}{dt} = (-1)^N \delta q$

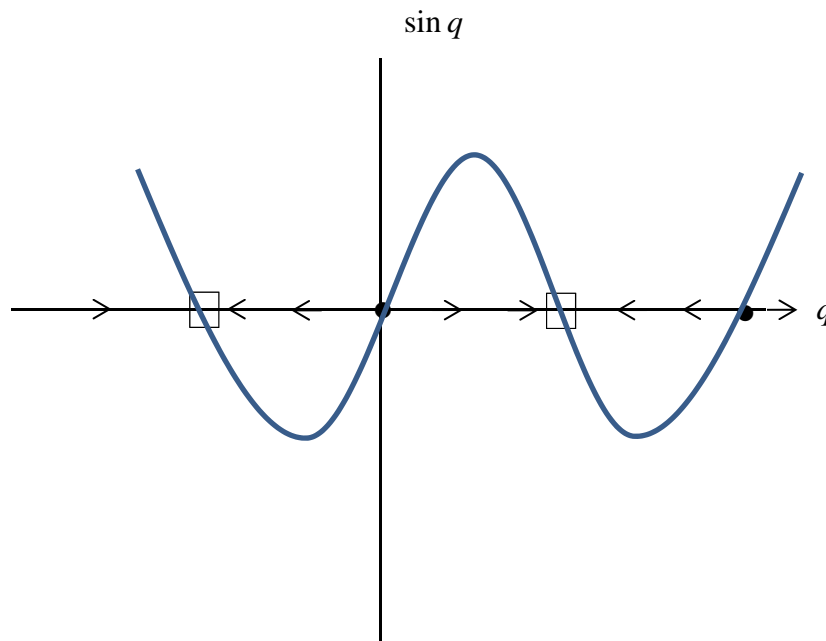
solution is of form  $\delta q = \delta q_0 e^{st}$

$s + ve$	for $n$ even	–	unstable
$s - ve$	for $n$ odd	–	stable

Phase plane analysis

stable

unstable



→ flow arrows  $+ve q$  for  $\frac{dq}{dt} - ve$   $q$  increases with time  
 $-ve$  for  $\frac{dq}{dt} - ve$   $q$  decreases with time

ii)  $\frac{dq}{dt} = \alpha q - \beta q^2$

fixed points  $\alpha \bar{q} - \beta \bar{q}^2 = 0$

$$\bar{q}(\alpha - \beta \bar{q}) = 0$$

ie:  $\bar{q} = 0$  or  $\bar{q} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ .

Stability  $q(t) = \bar{q} + \delta q(t)$

Sub in  $\frac{d}{dt}(\delta q) = \alpha(\bar{q} + \delta q) - \beta(\bar{q} + \delta q)^2$   
 $= \alpha \bar{q} - \beta \bar{q}^2 + \delta q(\alpha - 2\beta \bar{q}) + 0(\delta q^2)$

↑ neglect as small

but  $\alpha \bar{q} - \beta \bar{q}^2 = 0$

So,  $\frac{d(\delta q)}{dt} = \delta q(\alpha - 2\beta \bar{q})$ ,

then, assuming that  $\delta q = \delta q_0 e^{st}$

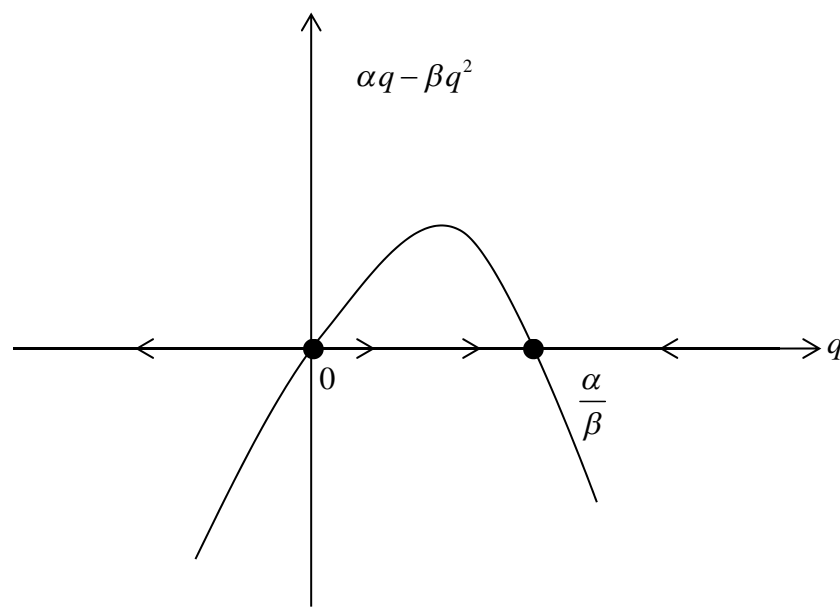
we will have  $s + ve$  for  $\alpha - 2\beta \bar{q} > 0$   
 $s - ve$  for  $\alpha - 2\beta \bar{q} < 0$ .

Take  $\alpha, \beta > 0$

then  $\bar{q} = 0$  is  $s + ve$ , ie: unstable (repellor)

$\bar{q} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  is  $s - ve$ , ie: stable (attractor)

Phase plane – sketch  $\frac{dq}{dt}$  vs  $q$



**Problem Sheet 2 – Non Linearity, Chaos and Complexity Solutions**

**Sheet 2 Question 1.**

i) Undamped oscillator

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 \sin x .$$

Can integrate this once  $\times \frac{dx}{dt}$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega^2 \sin x \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 - \omega^2 \cos x = E = \text{constant}.$$

To obtain the dynamics – obtain fixed points, phase plane, etc.

first write as two coupled first order DE

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -\omega^2 \sin x$$

fixed points  $\bar{y} = 0, \sin \bar{x} = 0$  or  $\bar{x} = n\pi$  .

**Stability**

Linearize  $y = \bar{y} + \delta y \quad x = \bar{x} + \delta x$   
 $= \delta y$

then

$$\frac{d\delta x}{dt} = \delta y \quad \frac{d\delta y}{dt} = -\omega^2 \sin(\bar{x} + \delta x)$$

$$= -\omega^2 \sin(n\pi + \delta x)$$

use

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

$$\sin(n\pi + \delta x) = \cancel{\sin n\pi} \cos \delta x + \cos n\pi \sin \delta x$$

$$= 0$$

$$\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n \quad \text{and} \quad \sin \delta x \approx \delta x \quad \text{since } \delta x \text{ small}$$

so  $\frac{d\delta x}{dt} = \delta y \quad \frac{d\delta y}{dt} = -\omega^2 (-1)^n \delta x .$

Sufficiently simple to go direct to second order DE

ie:  $\frac{d^2\delta x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2(-1)^N \delta x$  for which we know solutions of form  $\delta x = Ae^{\lambda t} + Be^{-\lambda t}$ .

Then  $n$  even

$$\frac{d^2\delta x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2\delta x \quad \delta x = Ae^{i\omega t} + Be^{-i\omega t},$$

$n$  odd

$$\frac{d^2\delta x}{dt^2} = +\omega^2\delta x \quad \delta x = Ae^{\omega t} + Be^{-\omega t}.$$

So,  $n$  even are centre fixed points

$\delta x$  is oscillatory and  $\delta y = \frac{d\delta x}{dt} = i\omega Ae^{i\omega t} - i\omega Be^{-i\omega t}$

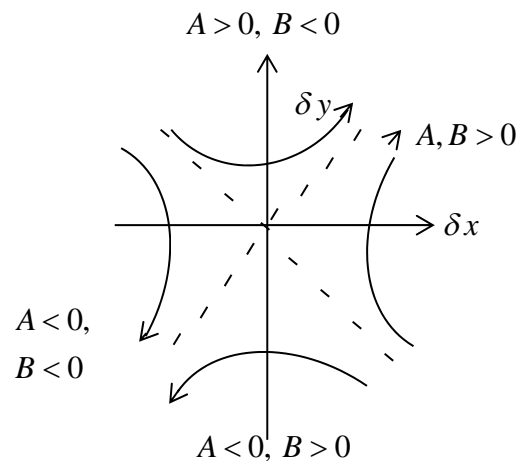
recall  $i = e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}}$  and  $-i = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2}}$  (complex numbers  $x + iy = re^{i\theta}$ )

So,  $\delta y = \omega Ae^{i(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2})} + \omega Be^{-i(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2})}$

- out of phase  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  with  $\delta x$

$n$  odd  $\delta x = Ae^{\omega t} + Be^{-\omega t}$   
 $\delta y = \omega Ae^{\omega t} - \omega Be^{-\omega t}$

Saddle point



Separatrix has lines given by

$$t \rightarrow \infty \quad \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{\omega Ae^{\omega t}}{Ae^{\omega t}} = \omega$$

$$t \rightarrow -\infty \quad \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{-\omega Be^{-\omega t}}{Be^{-\omega t}} = -\omega.$$

Topology: constant of the motion defines the phase plane orbits: and

$$E = \frac{y^2}{2} - \omega^2 \cos x$$

has symmetry in  $y$  and  $x$

Phase plane: see lecture notes and handouts for sketch.

Separatrix has  $x = \pm\pi \rightarrow \cos x = -1$  when  $y = 0$ ,  $E_c = \omega^2$  on the separatrix.

ii) Damped oscillator

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 \sin x = 0$$

Now we will have first order DE:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\omega^2 \sin x - \lambda y.$$

Fixed point  $\bar{y} = 0, \omega^2 \sin \bar{x} = 0,$

ie: as undamped case  $\bar{y} = 0, \bar{x} = n\pi.$

Stability analysis

$$y = \delta y \quad x = \bar{x} + \delta x$$

So  $\frac{d\delta x}{dt} = \delta y \quad \frac{d\delta y}{dt} = -\omega^2 (-1)^n \delta x$  (as before – same identities).

Now more complicated – solve using general formula as in lectures (given in detail here).

We write  $\delta \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \end{pmatrix}$

then pair of equations are just

$$\frac{d\delta \mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{J} \cdot \delta \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

where we use notation

$$\frac{d\delta x}{dt} = a \delta x + b \delta y \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 (-1)^n & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\delta y}{dt} = c \delta x + d \delta y$$

We then have solutions of the form

$$\delta \mathbf{x} = C_1 e^{s_+ t} \mathbf{u}_+ + C_2 e^{s_- t} \mathbf{u}_-$$

where the eigenvalues  $s_{\pm}$  are solutions of  $\begin{vmatrix} a-s & b \\ c & d-s \end{vmatrix} = 0$

ie:  $0 - (a-s)(d-s) - bc = s^2 - s(a+d) + ad - bc$

thus  $s = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)} \right\}$

here, this is  $s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4(\omega^2(-1)^n)} \right\}$ .

Two cases:

$n$  odd  $s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\omega^2} \right\}$

$n$  even  $s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\omega^2} \right\}$

**$n$  odd:**

$s_{\pm}$  are real, distinct.  $s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\lambda \pm \lambda \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\omega^2}{\lambda^2}} \right\}$

for  $\lambda + ve$  or  $-ve$

$s_{\pm}$  are real and of opposite sign – saddle points (as before).

**$n$  even:**

$s_{\pm}$  may be complex  $s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\lambda \pm \lambda \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\omega^2}{\lambda^2}} \right\}$

complex if  $4\omega^2 > \lambda^2$  otherwise real.

For  $\lambda > 0$  – decay to stable fixed point

$\lambda < 0$  – growth – unstable fixed point

If  $4\omega^2 > \lambda^2$  these are spiral.

Note that if  $\lambda = 0$  we have  $s_{\pm} = \pm i\omega$   $n$  odd – saddle and  
 $s_{\pm} = \pm i\omega$   $n$  even- circle fixed points

So, essentially here, circle points  $\rightarrow$  spiral fixed points for  $4\omega^2 > \lambda^2$ .

**Topology**

Look for symmetries in original DE.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 \sin x = 0$$

$$x \rightarrow -x \quad -\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + (-1)\lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 \sin x(-1) = 0$$

Same equation  $\rightarrow x \rightarrow -x$  is this symmetry by reflection? Check what happens to  $y$  (below).

$$t \rightarrow -t \quad (-1)^2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + (-1)\lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega^2 \sin x = 0$$

$t \rightarrow -t$  is  $\lambda \rightarrow -\lambda$ ,

ie: damping and increasing  $t \equiv$  growth and decreasing  $t$

Sufficient to sketch one of these and note that

$$y = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \text{so } x \rightarrow -x \text{ gives } y \rightarrow -y \text{ rotational symmetry.}$$

See course handout for sketch

**Sheet 2 Question 2**

Lotka-Volterra

In our original notation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (\lambda - \alpha y)x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -(\eta - \beta x)y$$

Fixed points

$$(\lambda - \alpha \bar{y})\bar{x} = 0 \quad \bar{x} = 0 \text{ or } \bar{y} = \frac{\lambda}{\alpha}$$

$$-(\eta - \beta \bar{x})\bar{y} = 0 \quad \bar{y} = 0, \text{ or } \bar{x} = \frac{\eta}{\beta}$$

ie:  $\bar{x} = 0, \bar{y} = 0 \quad \bar{x} = \frac{\eta}{\beta}, \bar{y} = \frac{\lambda}{\alpha}$ .

Stability – linearise

$$x = \bar{x} + \delta x \quad y = \bar{y} + \delta y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\delta x}{dt} &= \lambda(\bar{x} + \delta x) - \alpha(\bar{y} + \delta y)(\bar{x} + \delta x) \\ &= \underbrace{\lambda\bar{x} - \alpha\bar{y}\bar{x}}_{=0} + (\lambda - \alpha\bar{y})\delta x - \alpha\bar{x}\delta y - \alpha\delta x\delta y \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\delta x}{dt} = (\lambda - \alpha\bar{y})\delta x - \alpha\bar{x}\delta y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\delta y}{dt} &= -\eta(\bar{y} + \delta y) + \beta(\bar{x} + \delta x)(\bar{y} + \delta y) \\ &= \underbrace{-\eta\bar{y} + \beta\bar{x}\bar{y}}_{=0} + \delta y(-\eta + \beta\bar{x}) + \delta x(\beta\bar{y}) + \beta\delta x\delta y \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\delta y}{dt} = (-\eta + \beta\bar{x})\delta y + \beta\bar{y}\delta x$$

again – can use formula but shown in full here: write in the form  $\frac{d}{dt}\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{J} \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}$

then in notation of notes  $\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda - \alpha\bar{y}) & -\alpha\bar{x} \\ \beta\bar{y} & (\beta\bar{x} - \eta) \end{bmatrix}$



with eigenvalues

$$s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)} \right\}$$

Consider two fixed points

$$\bar{x} = 0, \bar{y} = 0 \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\eta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (\lambda - \eta) \pm \sqrt{(\lambda - \eta)^2 + 4(\lambda\eta)} \right\}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda\eta + \eta^2 + 4\lambda\eta = (\lambda + \eta)^2$$

$$s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \{ (\lambda - \eta) \pm (\lambda + \eta) \}$$

ie:  $s_+ = \lambda$   $s_- = -\eta$  saddle point.

Consider fixed point

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\eta}{\beta} \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\lambda}{\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{-\alpha\eta}{\beta} \\ \frac{\beta\lambda}{\alpha} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{0 - 4 \left( \frac{\beta\lambda}{\alpha} \right) \left( + \frac{\alpha\eta}{\beta} \right)} \right\}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{-\lambda\eta}$$

ie: wholly imaginary – centre fixed point.

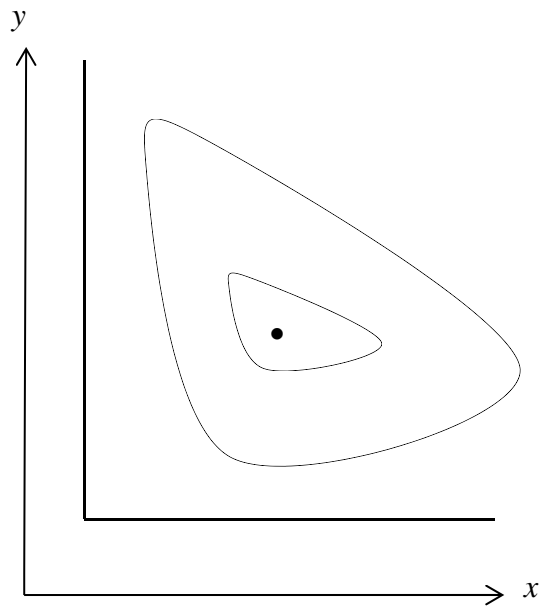
Topology: no  $t$  symmetry since

$$t \rightarrow -t \quad -\frac{dx}{dt} = (\lambda - \alpha y)x$$

$$-\frac{dy}{dt} = -(\eta - \beta x)y$$

Similarly, no symmetries in  $x - y$  except change of sign in  $\lambda, \eta, \beta, \alpha$  – unrealistic.

Phase plane:



$$C = (\eta \ln R - \beta R) - (\alpha F - \lambda \ln F)$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{\eta}{R} \frac{dR}{dt} - \beta \frac{dR}{dt} - \alpha F \frac{dF}{dt} + \lambda \frac{1}{F} \frac{dF}{dt}$$

$$= (\lambda - \alpha F)(\eta - \beta R) - (\lambda - \alpha F)(\eta - \beta R)$$

$$= 0.$$

Hence  $C$  is a constant and different values of  $C$  specify trajectories (closed) about the centre fixed point.

**Sheet 2 Question 3**

Proof of existence of a limit cycle:

given  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x - y - x(x^2 + 2y^2), \frac{dy}{dt} = x + y - y(x^2 + y^2)$

convert to plane polar coordinates  $r, \theta$  use

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

and  $x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = r \frac{dr}{dt} \quad x \frac{dy}{dt} - y \frac{dx}{dt} = r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt}$

then  $r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = x \left[ x + \cancel{y} - y(\cancel{x^2} + y^2) \right] - y \left[ \cancel{x} - y - x(\cancel{x^2} + 2y^2) \right]$

$$= x^2 + y^2 + xy^3 = r^2 + r^4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$$

$$r \frac{dr}{dt} = x \left[ x - \cancel{y} - x(x^2 + 2y^2) \right] + y \left[ \cancel{x} + y - y(x^2 + y^2) \right]$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - x^4 + 3y^2x^2 - y^4$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - (x^2 + y^2)^2 - x^2y^2$$

$$= r^2 - r^4 - r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta .$$

Identity:

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

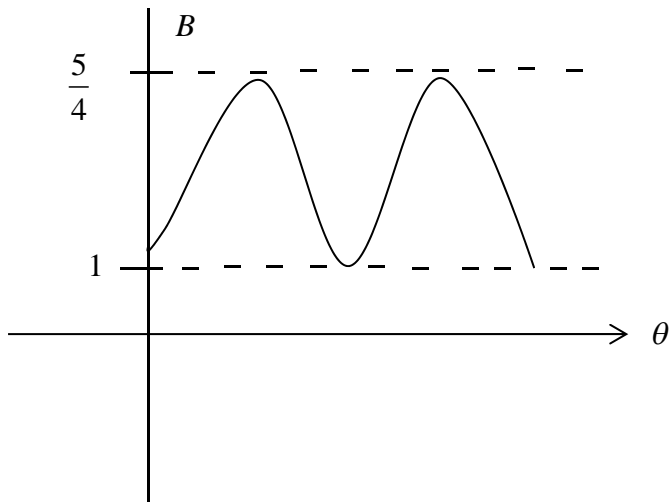
Giving

$$r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = r^2 + r^4 \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\theta$$

$$r \frac{dr}{dt} = r^2 - r^4 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta \right)$$

now  $r \frac{dr}{dt} = r^2 - r^4 \underbrace{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta \right)}_B = r^2 (1 - r^2 B)$

Bracket  $B$  is bounded  $\left[ 1, \frac{5}{4} \right]$



hence

$$r \rightarrow \infty \frac{dr}{dt} < 0$$

$$r \rightarrow 0 \frac{dr}{dt} > 0$$

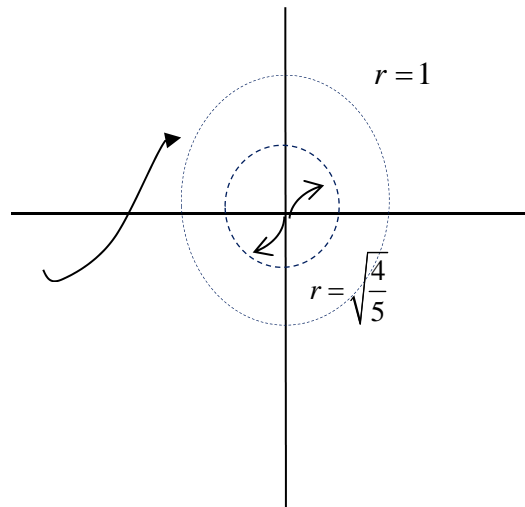
for any  $\theta$

Minimum value of  $B = 1$  has  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 0$  for  $r = 1$

Maximum  $B = \frac{5}{4}$  has  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 0$  for  $r = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}$

If  $r > 1, \frac{dr}{dt} < 0$

If  $r < \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}, \frac{dr}{dt} > 0$



orbits are attracted into the annulus for any  $\theta$

and  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} \neq 0$  in annulus

therefore, limit cycle.

**Problem Sheet 3 – Non Linearity, Chaos and Complexity Solutions****Sheet 3 Question 1**

Lyapunov exponent.

For a general map  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$

This has iterates  $x_1 \dots x_n$  initial condition  $x_0$  so  $x_1 = f(x_0)$ ,  $x_2 = f(x_1)$ , etc.

For initially neighbouring points  $\bar{x}_0 = x_0 + \varepsilon_0$ ,  $x_0$  with  $\varepsilon_0 \ll 1$ .

After one iterate  $\bar{x}_1 = f(\bar{x}_0) = f(x_0 + \varepsilon_0) = f(x_0) + \varepsilon_0 \frac{df}{dx}(x_0) \dots$  by Taylor expansion.

Now, two points separated by  $\varepsilon_1$  after one iterate, i.e.

$$\bar{x}_1 = x_1 + \varepsilon_1 = f(x_0 + \varepsilon_0) = f(x_0) + \varepsilon_0 \frac{df}{dx}(x_0) + \dots \quad \text{so} \quad \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_0 f'(x_0) \text{ to first order in } \varepsilon_0.$$

Generally, for  $j^{\text{th}}$  iterate we have  $\bar{x}_j = x_j + \varepsilon_j$  thus  $\varepsilon_j = \varepsilon_{j-1} f'(x_{j-1})$  provided  $\varepsilon_j \ll 1$   $0 < j < n$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}_n &= x_n + \varepsilon_n = x_n + \varepsilon_{n-1} f'(x_{n-1}) \\ &= x_n + \varepsilon_{n-2} f'(x_{n-2}) f'(x_{n-1}) \\ &= x_n + \varepsilon_0 f'(x_0) f'(x_1) \dots f'(x_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}_{n+1} &= x_{n+1} + \varepsilon_0 f'(x_0) \dots f'(x_n) \\ \bar{x}_n &= x_n + \varepsilon_0 \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} f'(x_j) \end{aligned}$$

Now write  $f'(x_j) = e^{\ln[f'(x_j)]}$

and neglecting signs of  $f'$  we can write  $\bar{x}_n = x_n + \varepsilon_0 \exp \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \ln |f'(x_j)| \right]$

and hence Lyapunov exponent defined as:  $\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \ln |f'(x_j)|$

which is a measure of exponential divergence  $\bar{x}_n - x_n = \varepsilon_0 e^{n\lambda}$

If  $\lambda < 0$  then  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow x_n$  for large  $n$ , converging – this is attractor (attractive fixed point).

If  $\lambda > 0$  – exponential divergence for large  $n$ . repeller (repulsive fixed point).

Sheet 3 Question 2

The map  $x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n}{a}$   $0 < x < a$

$x_{n+1} = \frac{(1-x_n)}{(1-a)}$   $a < x < 1$

where  $0 < a < 1$ .

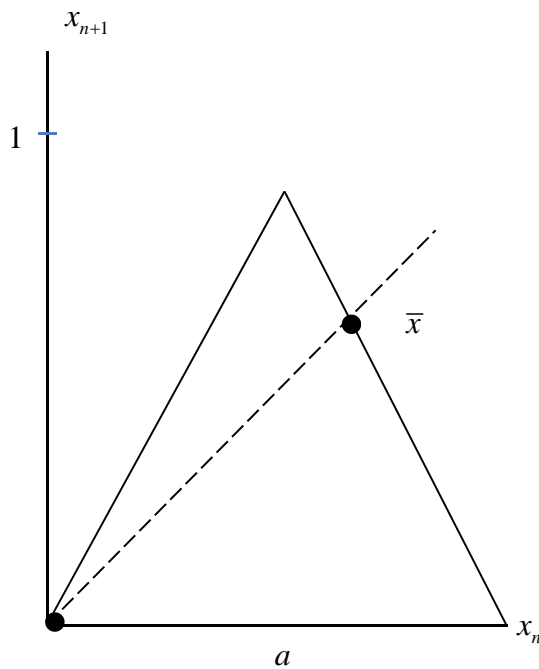
Consider fixed points

$\bar{x} = 0$  and

$\bar{x}$  in the range  $[a, 1]$

ie:  $\bar{x} = \frac{1-\bar{x}}{(1-a)}$

$\bar{x} - a\bar{x} = 1 - \bar{x}$   
or  $(2-a)\bar{x} = 1$



thus fixed points  $\bar{x} = 0$   $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{(2-a)}$ .

Stability

Linearize  $x_n = \bar{x} + \delta x_n$   $x_{n+1} = \bar{x} + \delta x_{n+1}$ .

sub into  $x_{n+1} = \frac{(1-x_n)}{(1-a)}$

$\bar{x} + \delta x_{n+1} = \frac{(1-\bar{x}-\delta x_n)}{1-a}$

~~$\bar{x}$~~  +  $\delta x_{n+1} = \frac{(1-\bar{x})}{(1-a)} - \frac{\delta x_n}{(1-a)}$

ie:  $\delta x_{n+1} = \frac{-\delta x_n}{1-a} = \frac{\delta x_n}{(a-1)}$  hence unstable for all  $0 < a < 1$ :  $\delta x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(a-1)^{n+1}} \delta x_0$

$M^2(x)$

Find "folding points" such that  $M^2(x) = 0$  or  $M^2(x) = 1$ .

$M^2(x) = 0$

Clearly,  $M^2(x) = 0$  for  $M(x) = 0$  or 1 ie:  $M(x) = 0 \quad x_R = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x_R = a$

$M^2(x) = 1$

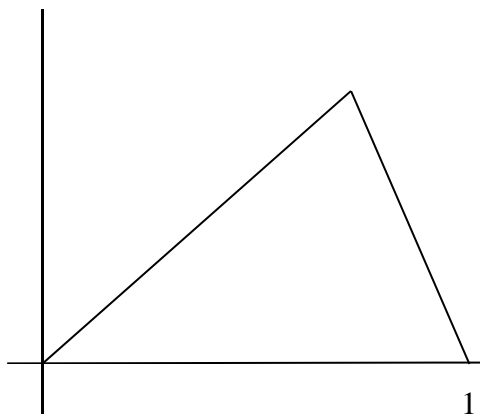
Since  $M(a) = 1$  we seek  $x_R$  such that  $M(x_R) = a$ .

Two possibilities

$0 < x < a \quad M(x) = \frac{x}{a} \quad a = \frac{x_R}{a} \quad x_R = a^2$

$a < x < 1 \quad M(x) = \frac{1-x}{1-a} \quad a = \frac{1-x_R}{1-a} \quad x_R = 1-a(1-a)$

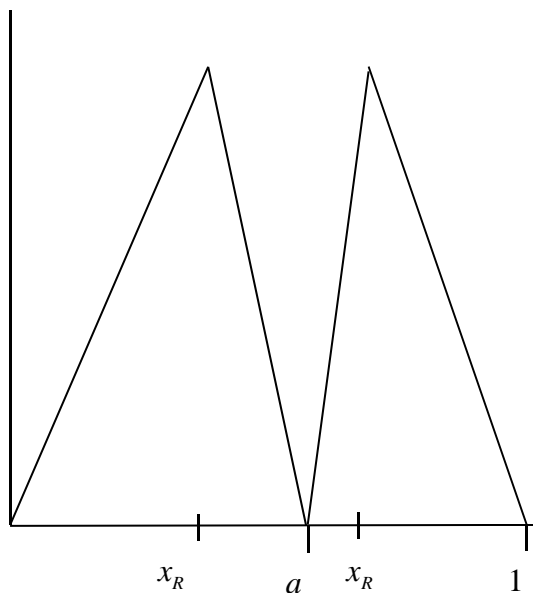
Sketch:



here  $a > \frac{1}{2}$  thus

$a^2 > \frac{a}{2}$  (try it!).

$1-a(1-a) < \frac{1-a}{2}$



Same topology as symmetric case (stretching and folding) just asymmetric.

Lyapunov exponent for  $M(x)$

Fixed point is in the range  $[a, 1]$

$$\text{so } M(x) = \frac{(1-x)}{(1-a)}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{1}{1-a} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < a < 1$$

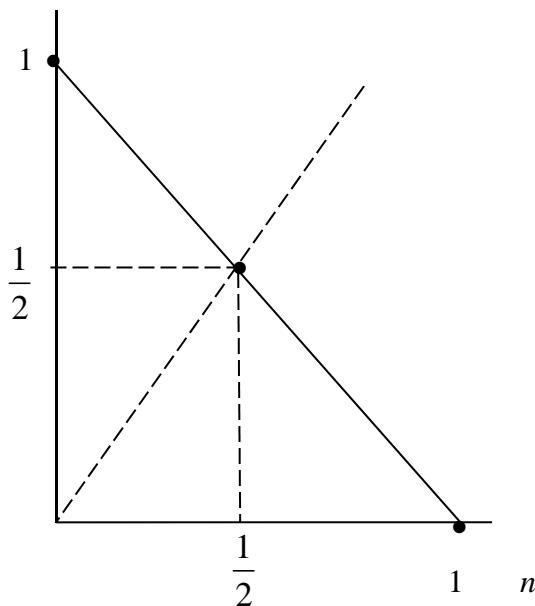
$$\text{so } \frac{dM}{dx} > 1 \quad \text{hence } \lambda = \ln \left[ \frac{1}{1-a} \right]$$

$\lambda > 0$  exponential divergence

Special cases  $a = 0$  and  $a = 1$

$a = 0$

$M(x)$



Now  $M(x) = 1 - x$

fixed point  $\bar{x} = 1 - \bar{x}$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

gradient  $\frac{dM}{dx} = -1$  everywhere.

Lyapunov exponent  $\lambda = \ln|-1| = 0$

$\lambda = 0$  is marginally stable –

$$\text{now } M(\bar{x}) = \bar{x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

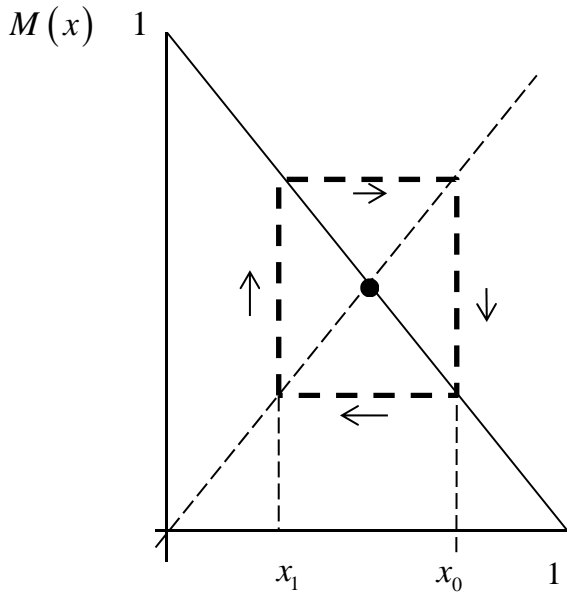
for any  $0 < x < 1, x \neq \frac{1}{2}$  write  $\bar{x}_0 = \bar{x} + \varepsilon$

$$M(x_0) = 1 - \bar{x} - \varepsilon = x_1$$

$$M^2(x_0) = M(x_1) = 1 - (1 - \bar{x} - \varepsilon) = \bar{x} + \varepsilon = x_0$$

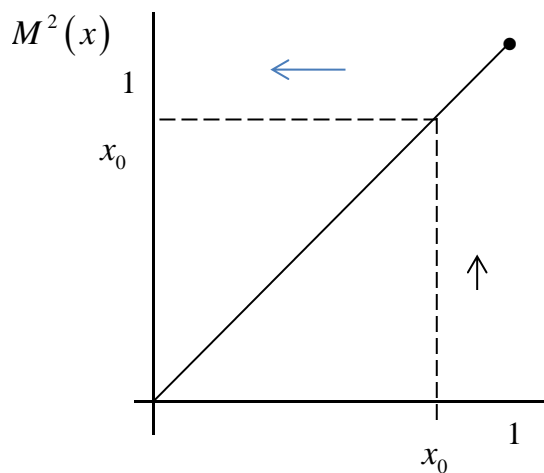


hence  $M^2(x_0) = x_0$  these are period two orbits



graphically

or by simply calculating  $M^2(x) = 1 - (1 - x) = x$



This is a return map  
 $M^2(x) = x$

a=1

$M(x) = x$  again, a return m

Note that  $\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{d(x)}{dx} = 1$  so Lyapunov exponent  $\gamma = \ln|1| = 0$  marginally stable

true for both orbits of  $M(x, a = 1)$  and of  $M^2(x, a = 0)$  [period 2 orbits of  $M$ ]

**Sheet 3 Question 3**

We have

$$\frac{dg}{dt} = \lambda_g g - eR \quad \frac{dR}{dt} = \lambda_b g - \alpha FR$$

and from Lotka-Volterra equations  $\frac{dF}{dt} = (\eta - \beta R)F$

fast growing grass  $\lambda_g \gg \lambda_b$

then we assume the grass is enslaved to the rabbits –

$$\frac{dg}{dt} = 0 \quad \lambda_g g - eR = 0 \quad g = \frac{eR}{\lambda_g}$$

giving  $\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{e\lambda_b}{\lambda_g} R - \alpha FR = (\lambda - \alpha F)R$

$$\text{where } \lambda = \frac{e\lambda_b}{\lambda_g}$$

which are the original Lotka-Volterra equations so dynamics of foxes and rabbits are the same and the grass is enslaved to rabbits.

**Problem Sheet 4 – Non Linearity, Chaos and Complexity Solutions****Sheet 4 Question 1**(a)  $B = 0$  case

$$F(M) = \alpha(T - T_c)M^2 + \beta M^4$$

$$\text{minima} \quad M = 0, \quad M = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha(T_c - T)}{2\beta}}$$

Thus, if we normalise  $M$  to some  $\tilde{M}$   $M^* = \frac{M}{\tilde{M}}$

$$M^* = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha T_c}{2\beta \tilde{M}^2} \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right)}$$

Two dimensionless groups

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\alpha T_c}{2\beta \tilde{M}^2} \quad \pi_2 = \frac{T}{T_c}.$$

 $B = B_0$  case

$F(M) = \alpha(T - T_c)M^2 + \gamma M^3 + \beta M^4$  extrema at  $M = 0$  and

$$\frac{M = -3\gamma \pm \sqrt{9\gamma^2 - 32\alpha\beta(T - T_c)}}{8\beta}.$$

Normalise  $M$  to  $\tilde{M}$   $M^* = \frac{M}{\tilde{M}}$

$$M^* = \frac{-3\gamma}{8\beta \tilde{M}} \pm \left[ \frac{9\gamma^2}{(8\beta \tilde{M})^2} - \frac{32\alpha\beta T_c}{(8\beta \tilde{M})^2} \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right) \right].$$

3 dimensionless groups

$$\pi_1 = \frac{3\gamma}{8\beta \tilde{M}} \quad \pi_2 = \frac{32\alpha\beta T_c}{(8\beta \tilde{M})^2} \quad \pi_3 = \frac{T}{T_c}.$$

(b) Microscopic model

Quantity	dimension	what it is
$m$	$[M^c] = \frac{[M]^{1/2}}{[L]^{1/2}[T]}$	Magnetization/spin
$\eta$	$[L]$	Spin separation
$L_0$	$[L]$	box size
$\Delta t$	$[T]$	time step
$\varepsilon$	$[M^c][T]^{-1}$	average charge in magnetization due to random fluctuations per spin
$B_0$	$[M^c]$ $\left( \text{since Tesla} = \frac{[M]^{1/2}}{[L]^{1/2}[T]} \right)$	externally applied field

In absence of  $B_0$                        $N = 5$                        $R = 3$                       2 groups

With applied  $B_0$                        $N = 6$                        $R = 3$                       3 groups

These are:

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\varepsilon}{m} \Delta t \quad \pi_2 = \frac{L_0}{\eta} \quad \pi_3 = \frac{B_0}{m},$$

so in absence of applied  $B_0$  we have  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  only. With applied  $B_0$  we have  $\pi_3$  as well.

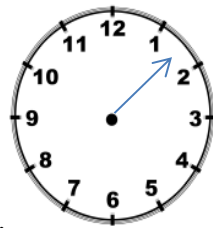
Then we can identify

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{m} \Delta t \equiv \frac{T}{T_c} \quad \frac{\alpha T_c}{2\beta \tilde{M}^2} \equiv \frac{L_0}{\eta} \quad \frac{3\gamma}{8\beta \tilde{M}} \equiv \frac{B_0}{m}.$$

Sheet 4 Question 2

Fireflies

Fly around at random, and each has a "clock" to tell it when to flash



cycle length  $\tau_c$

firefly flashes as  $t=12$  say.....

all start at random time  $\tau_s$

flash duration  $\tau_d$

Quantity	diversion	what it is
$\tau_c$	$[T]$	cycle length
$\langle \tau_s \rangle$	$[T]$	average start time
$\tau_d$	$[T]$	duration
$R$	$[L]$	interaction radius
$N_f$	–	No of flashes to reset
$L_0$	$[L]$	Size of box
$\Delta t$	$[T]$	timestep
$v$	$[L][T]^{-1}$	speed
$N$	–	number of fireflies
$N = 9$	$R = 2$	7 parameters (most are trivial)

There are some 'trivial' and 'non-trivial' parameters here.

Trivial

$$\pi_1 = \frac{R}{L_0} \quad \text{if} \quad \pi_1 > 1 \quad \text{fireflies all see each other}$$

$$\pi_2 = \frac{v\Delta t}{L_0} \quad \pi_2 > 1 \quad \text{fireflies cross box in one timestep}$$

$$\pi_3 = \frac{R}{v\Delta t} \quad \pi_3 < 1 \quad \text{fireflies rush past each other}$$

$$\pi_4 = \frac{\tau_d}{\tau_c} \quad \pi_4 > 1 \quad \text{fireflies 'always switched on'}$$

$$\pi_5 = \frac{\tau_s}{\tau_c} \quad \text{– only relevant if no synchronization –}$$

otherwise system 'forgets' initial phase

$$\pi_6 = \frac{\tau_c}{\Delta t}$$

$$\pi_7 = \frac{\tau_d}{\Delta t}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{need} \\ \pi_6, \pi_7 \gg 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{to resolve the dynamics}$

Thus, to realise the 'interesting' dynamics on computer we need

$$\pi_1 \ll 1, \quad \pi_2 \ll 1, \quad \pi_3 \ll 1, \quad \pi_4 \ll 1, \quad \pi_{6,7} \gg 1.$$

In this case these are 'trivial'.

Non-trivial parameters

For synchronization a firefly must see  $N_f$  flashes within  $R$  – at least 'some of the time'.

Let number of flashes seen with  $R$  be  $\alpha$

$$\alpha = \frac{R^2 N \tau_d}{L_0^2 \tau_c}$$

$\uparrow$   
 number within  $R$

$\uparrow$

fraction of these 'on'

want  $\alpha \geq N_f$  for synchronization.

Thus, non-trivial parameters are  $\pi_1 = \alpha, \pi_2 = N_f$  and for synchronization  $\alpha \geq N_f$ .