

Dynamics on \mathbb{R}

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Here f is a vector field on \mathbb{R} .

Dynamics on S^1

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where f is 2π -periodic:

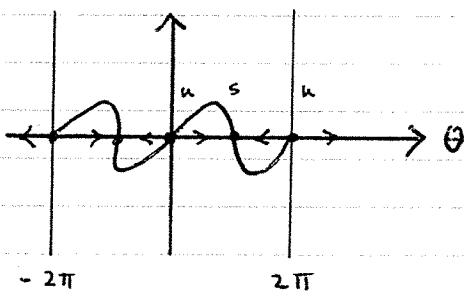
$$f(\theta + 2\pi) = f(\theta)$$

$$\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

and associated differential equation

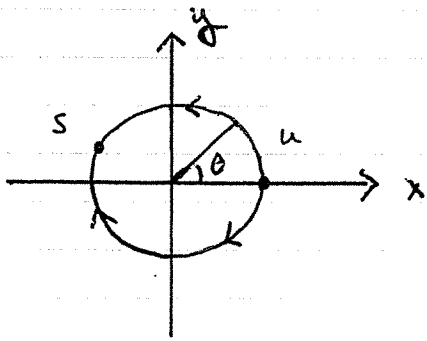
$$\dot{\theta} = f(\theta)$$

Dynamics repeats

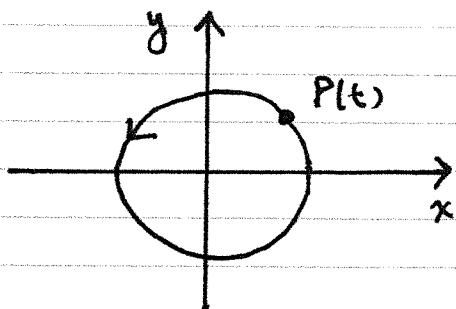


Can consider dynamics as vector field on S^1
where

$$S^1 = \text{unit circle in } \mathbb{R}^2$$



Periodic solutions on S^1



If $f(\theta)$ is of one sign on $[0, 2\pi]$ the system

$$(1) \quad \dot{\theta} = f(\theta)$$

describes periodic motion on S^1 . In this case one can compute the period T . Easy since (1) is separable

$$T = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{f(\theta)}$$

EXAMPLE

Pure rotation with angular velocity ω

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

EXAMPLE

Dynamics on S^1 with

$$\dot{\theta} = 1 + \cos^2 \theta > 0$$

Period is a hard but doable integral

$$T = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan \theta\right) \Big|_0^{2\pi}$$

$$T = \sqrt{2} \pi$$

Bifurcations on S^1 (example)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta} &= \mu \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta \\ \dot{\mu} &= \sin \theta (\mu - 2 \cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

↪ trig ident

Fixed points: $\bar{\theta} = 0, \pi$ and $\bar{\mu}(\theta) = 2 \cos \theta$

Linear stability of $\bar{\theta} = 0$ yields $f'(0) = \mu - 2 < 0$ only if $\mu < 2$ (stable).

Non hyperbolic points found in usual way

$$f = \mu \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta = 0$$

$$f' = \mu \cos \theta - 2 \cos 2\theta = 0$$

has two solutions $(\theta^*, \mu^*) = (0, 2)$ and $(\pi, -2)$

Collectively

