

Section 9.3

1. Write the system in the form $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$. In this case, it is evident that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -y^2 \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

That is, $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) = (-y^2, x^2)^T$. Using polar coordinates, $\|\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})\| = r^2 \sqrt{\sin^4 \theta + \cos^4 \theta}$ and $\|\mathbf{x}\| = r$. Hence

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \sqrt{\sin^4 \theta + \cos^4 \theta} = 0,$$

and the system is *almost linear*. The origin is an isolated critical point of the linear system

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

The characteristic equation of the coefficient matrix is $r^2 + r - 2 = 0$, with roots $r_1 = 1$ and $r_2 = -2$. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*.

2. The system can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2xy \\ x^2 - y^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Following the discussion in Example 3, we note that $F(x, y) = -x + y + 2xy$ and $G(x, y) = -4x - y + x^2 - y^2$. Both of the functions F and G are *twice differentiable*, hence the system is *almost linear*. Furthermore,

$$F_x = -1 + 2y, F_y = 1 + 2x, G_x = -4 + 2x, G_y = -1 - 2y.$$

The origin is an isolated critical point, with

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_x(0, 0) & F_y(0, 0) \\ G_x(0, 0) & G_y(0, 0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The characteristic equation of the associated linear system is $r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0$, with complex conjugate roots $r_{1,2} = -1 \pm 2i$. The origin is a *stable spiral*, which is *asymptotically stable*.

5(a). The critical points consist of the solution set of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} (2+x)(y-x) &= 0 \\ (4-x)(y+x) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

As shown in Prob. 13 of Section 9.2, the only critical points are at $(0, 0)$, $(4, 4)$ and $(-2, 2)$.

(b, c) . First note that $F(x, y) = (2 + x)(y - x)$ and $G(x, y) = (4 - x)(y + x)$. The Jacobian matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} F_x(x, y) & F_y(x, y) \\ G_x(x, y) & G_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 - 2x + y & 2 + x \\ 4 - y - 2x & 4 - x \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = 1 - \sqrt{17}$ and $r_2 = 1 + \sqrt{17}$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*. At the equilibrium point $(-2, 2)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(-2, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 \end{pmatrix},$$

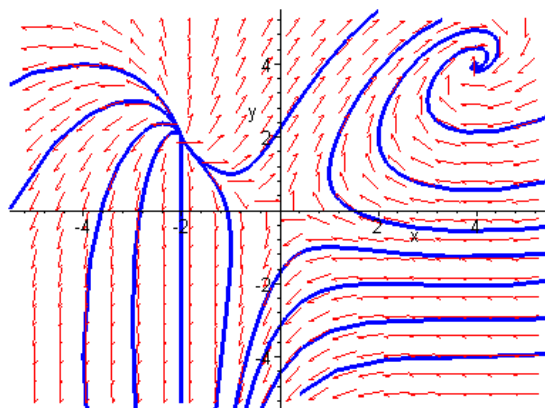
with eigenvalues $r_1 = 4$ and $r_2 = 6$. The eigenvalues are real, unequal and positive, hence the critical point is an *unstable node*. At the point $(4, 4)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(4, 4) = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ -8 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

with complex conjugate eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = -3 \pm i\sqrt{39}$. The critical point is a *stable spiral*, which is *asymptotically stable*.

Based on Table 9.3.1, the nonlinear terms do not affect the stability and type of each critical point.

(d).



7(a). The critical points are solutions of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - y &= 0 \\ (x - y)(x + y) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The first equation requires that $y = 1$. Based on the second equation, $x = \pm 1$. Hence the critical points are $(-1, 1)$ and $(1, 1)$.

(b, c) . $F(x, y) = 1 - y$ and $G(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$. The *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} F_x(x, y) & F_y(x, y) \\ G_x(x, y) & G_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2x & -2y \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the critical point $(-1, 1)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

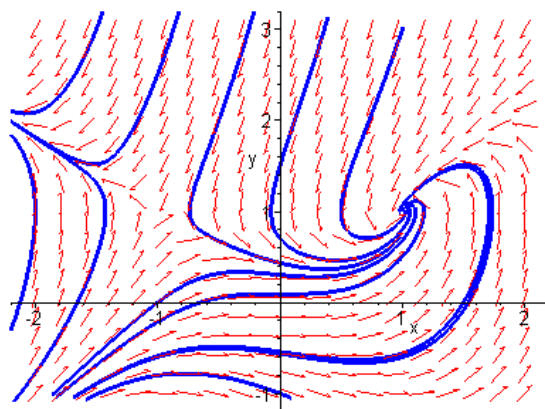
$$\mathbf{J}(-1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -1 - \sqrt{3}$ and $r_2 = -1 + \sqrt{3}$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*. At the equilibrium point $(1, 1)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

with complex conjugate eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = -1 \pm i$. The critical point is a *stable spiral*, which is *asymptotically stable*.

(d).



Based on Table 9.3.1, the nonlinear terms do not affect the stability and type of each critical point.

8(a). The critical points are given by the solution set of the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x(1 - x - y) &= 0 \\y(2 - y - 3x) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

If $x = 0$, then either $y = 0$ or $y = 2$. If $y = 0$, then $x = 0$ or $x = 1$. If $y = 1 - x$, then either $x = 1/2$ or $x = 1$. If $y = 2 - 3x$, then $x = 0$ or $x = 1/2$. Hence the critical points are at $(0, 0)$, $(0, 2)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(1/2, 1/2)$.

(b, c) . Note that $F(x, y) = x - x^2 - xy$ and $G(x, y) = (2y - y^2 - 3xy)/4$. The *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} F_x(x, y) & F_y(x, y) \\ G_x(x, y) & G_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2x - y & -x \\ -3y/4 & 1/2 - y/2 - 3x/4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = 1$ and $r_2 = 1/2$. The eigenvalues are real and both positive. Hence the critical point is an *unstable node*. At the equilibrium point $(0, 2)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(0, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -1$ and $r_2 = -1/2$. The eigenvalues are both negative, hence the critical point is a *stable node*. At the point $(1, 0)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

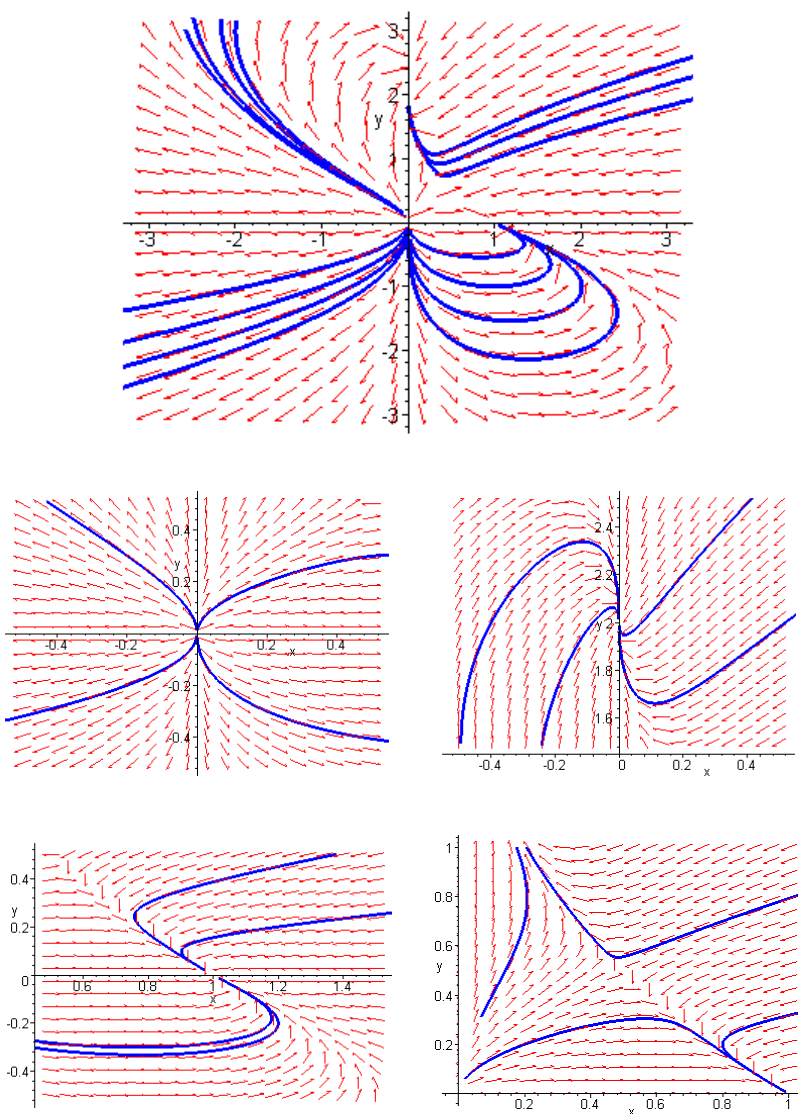
$$\mathbf{J}(1, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -1$ and $r_2 = -1/4$. Both of the eigenvalues are negative, and hence the critical point is a *stable node*. At the critical point $(1/2, 1/2)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(1/2, 1/2) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -5/16 - \sqrt{57}/16$ and $r_2 = -5/16 + \sqrt{57}/16$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*.

(d).



Based on Table 9.3.1, the nonlinear terms do not affect the stability and type of each critical point.

9(a). Based on Prob. 8, in Section 9.2, the critical points are at $(0, 0)$, $(-2, -2)$, $(0, 1)$ and $(3, -2)$.

(b, c). First note that $F(x, y) = -(x - y)(1 - x - y)$ and $G(x, y) = x(2 + y)$. The *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x - 1 & 1 - 2y \\ 2 + y & x \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = 1$ and $r_2 = -2$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*. At the critical point $(0, 1)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(0, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

with complex conjugate eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = -1/2 \pm i\sqrt{11}/2$. The critical point is a *stable spiral*, which is *asymptotically stable*. At the point $(-2, -2)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

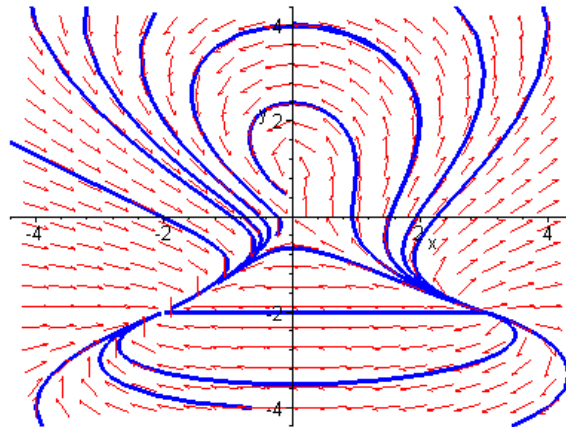
$$\mathbf{J}(-2, -2) = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -2$ and $r_2 = -5$. The eigenvalues are unequal and negative, hence the critical point is a *stable node*. At the point $(3, -2)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(3, -2) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = 3$ and $r_2 = 5$. The eigenvalues are unequal and positive, hence the critical point is an *unstable node*.

(d).



Based on Table 9.3.1, the nonlinear terms do not affect the stability and type of each critical point.

11(a). The critical points are solutions of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y + xy^3 &= 0 \\ x - 2y - xy &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Substitution of $y = x/(x + 2)$ into the first equation results in

$$3x^4 + 13x^3 + 28x^2 + 20x = 0.$$

One root of the resulting equation is $x = 0$. The only other real root of the equation is

$$x = \frac{1}{9} \left[\left(287 + 18\sqrt{2019} \right)^{1/3} - 83 \left(287 + 18\sqrt{2019} \right)^{-1/3} - 13 \right].$$

Hence the critical points are $(0, 0)$ and $(-1.19345\dots, 1.4797\dots)$.

(b, c) . $F(x, y) = x - x^2 - xy$ and $G(x, y) = (2y - y^2 - 3xy)/4$. The *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} F_x(x, y) & F_y(x, y) \\ G_x(x, y) & G_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + y^3 & 1 + 3xy^2 \\ 1 - y & -2 - x \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

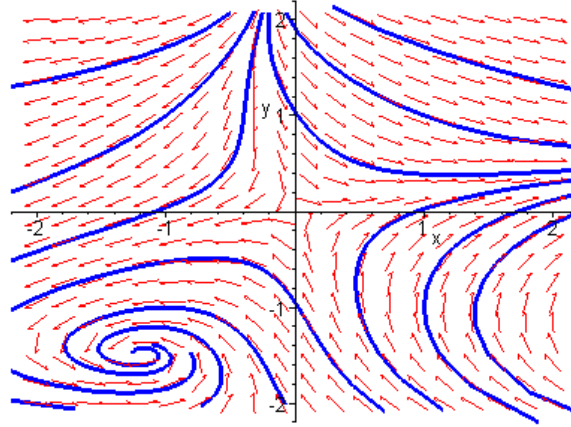
$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = \sqrt{5}$ and $r_2 = -\sqrt{5}$. The eigenvalues are real and of opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*. At the equilibrium point $(-1.19345\dots, 1.4797\dots)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(-1.19345, 1.4797) = \begin{pmatrix} -1.2399 & -6.8393 \\ -2.4797 & -0.8065 \end{pmatrix},$$

with complex conjugate eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = -1.0232 \pm 4.1125i$. The critical point is a *stable spiral*, which is *asymptotically stable*.

(d).



In both cases, the nonlinear terms do not affect the stability and type of the critical point.

12(a). The critical points are given by the solution set of the equations

$$\begin{aligned}(1+x)\sin y &= 0 \\ 1-x-\cos y &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

If $x = -1$, then we must have $\cos y = 2$, which is impossible. Therefore $\sin y = 0$, which implies that $y = n\pi$, $n = 0, \pm 1, 2, \dots$. Based on the second equation,

$$x = 1 - \cos n\pi.$$

It follows that the critical points are located at $(0, 2k\pi)$ and $(2, (2k+1)\pi)$, where $k = 0, \pm 1, 2, \dots$.

(b, c). Given that $F(x, y) = (1+x)\sin y$ and $G(x, y) = 1-x-\cos y$, the *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin y & (1+x)\cos y \\ -1 & \sin y \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the critical points $(0, 2k\pi)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

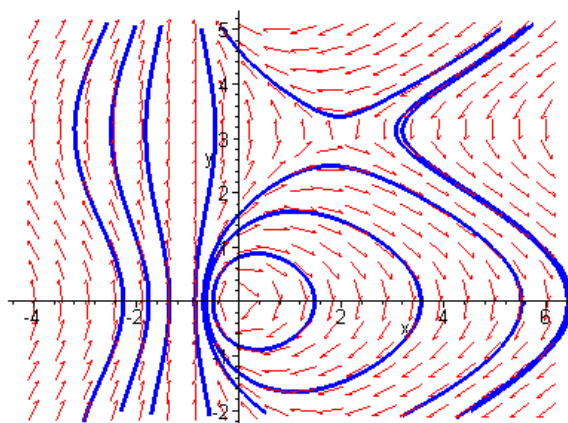
$$\mathbf{J}(0, 2k\pi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

with purely complex eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = \pm i$. The critical points of the associated linear systems are *centers*, which are *stable*. Note that Theorem 9.3.2 does *not* provide a definite conclusion regarding the relation between the nature of the critical points of the nonlinear systems and their corresponding linearizations. At the points $(2, (2k+1)\pi)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

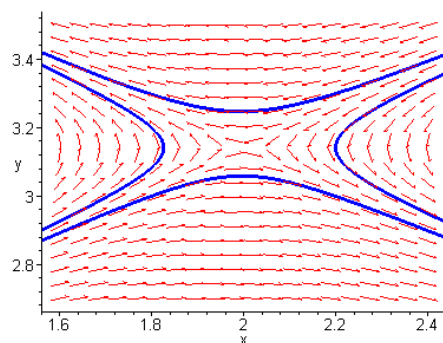
$$\mathbf{J}[2, (2k+1)\pi] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = \sqrt{3}$ and $r_2 = -\sqrt{3}$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical points of the associated linear systems are *saddles*, which are *unstable*.

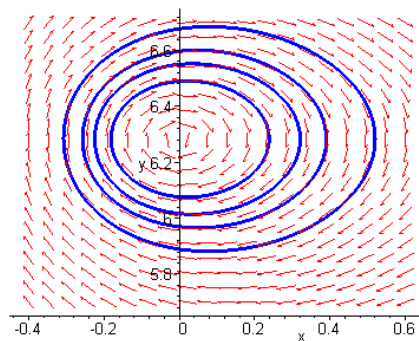
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As asserted in Theorem 9.3.2, the trajectories near the critical points $(2, (2k+1)\pi)$ resemble those near a saddle.



Upon closer examination, the critical points $(0, 2k\pi)$ are indeed centers.



13(a). The critical points are solutions of the equations

$$\begin{aligned}x - y^2 &= 0 \\ y - x^2 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Substitution of $y = x^2$ into the first equation results in

$$x - x^4 = 0,$$

with real roots $x = 0, 1$. Hence the critical points are at $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$.

(b, c) . In this problem, $F(x, y) = x - y^2$ and $G(x, y) = y - x^2$. The *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2y \\ -2x & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

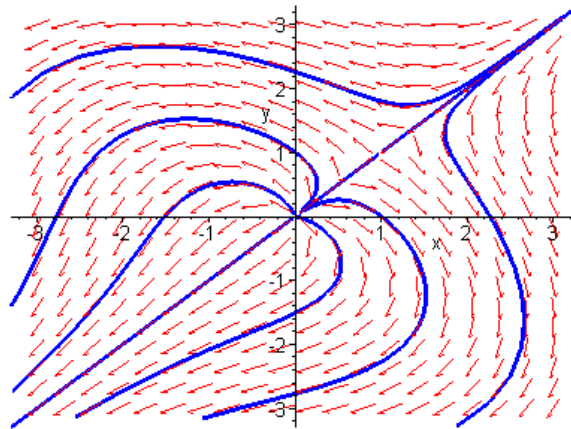
$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

with *repeated* eigenvalues $r_1 = 1$ and $r_2 = 1$. It is easy to see that the corresponding eigenvectors are linearly independent. Hence the critical point is an *unstable proper node*. Theorem 9.3.2 does *not* provide a definite conclusion regarding the relation between the nature of the critical point of the nonlinear system and the corresponding linearization. At the critical point $(1, 1)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

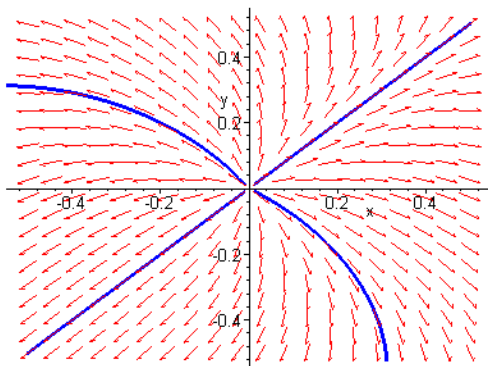
$$\mathbf{J}(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = 3$ and $r_2 = -1$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*.

(d).



Closer examination reveals that the critical point at the origin is indeed a proper node.



14(a). The critical points are given by the solution set of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - xy &= 0 \\ x - y^3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

After multiplying the second equation by y , it follows that $y = \pm 1$. Hence the critical points of the system are at $(1, 1)$ and $(-1, -1)$.

(b, c) . Note that $F(x, y) = 1 - xy$ and $G(x, y) = x - y^3$. The *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} -y & -x \\ 1 & -3y^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the critical point $(1, 1)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

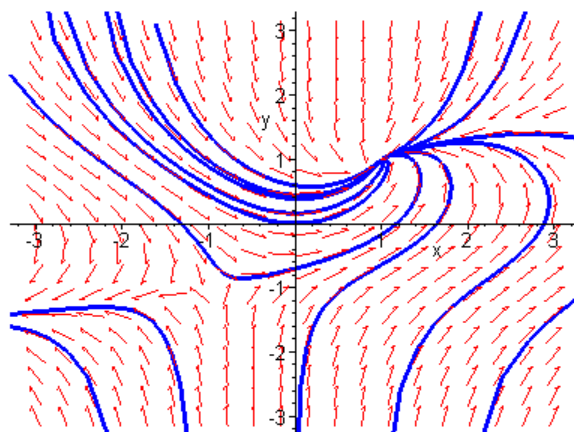
$$\mathbf{J}(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -2$ and $r_2 = -2$. The eigenvalues are real and *equal*. It is easy to show that there is only *one* linearly independent eigenvector. Hence the critical point is a *stable improper node*. Theorem 9.3.2 does *not* provide a definite conclusion regarding the relation between the nature of the critical point of the nonlinear system and the corresponding linearization. At the point $(-1, -1)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

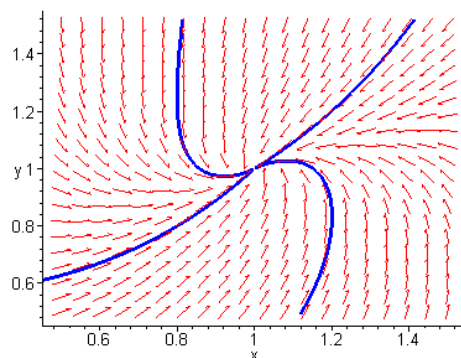
$$\mathbf{J}(-1, -1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -1 + \sqrt{5}$ and $r_2 = -1 - \sqrt{5}$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point of the associated linear system is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*.

(d).



Closer examination reveals that the critical point at $(1, 1)$ is indeed a *stable* improper node, which is asymptotically stable.



15(a). The critical points are given by the solution set of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} -2x - y - x(x^2 + y^2) &= 0 \\ x - y + y(x^2 + y^2) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the origin is a critical point. Solving the *first* equation for y , we find that

$$y = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 8x^2 - 4x^4}}{2x}.$$

Substitution of these relations into the *second* equation results in two equations of the form $f_1(x) = 0$ and $f_2(x) = 0$. Plotting these functions, we note that only $f_1(x) = 0$ has real roots given by $x \approx \pm 0.33076$. It follows that the additional critical points are at $(-0.33076, 1.0924)$ and $(0.33076, -1.0924)$.

(b, c) . Given that

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= -2x - y - x(x^2 + y^2) \\ G(x, y) &= x - y + y(x^2 + y^2), \end{aligned}$$

the *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 - 3x^2 - y^2 & -1 - 2xy \\ 1 + 2xy & -1 + x^2 + 3y^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the critical point $(0, 0)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

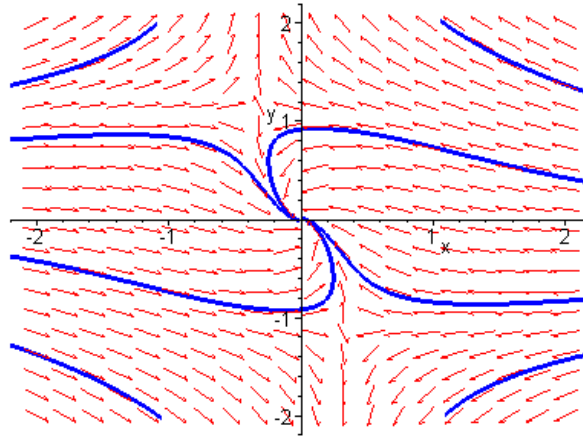
$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

with complex conjugate eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = (-3 \pm i\sqrt{3})/2$. Hence the critical point is a *stable spiral*, which is *asymptotically stable*. At the point $(-0.33076, 1.0924)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

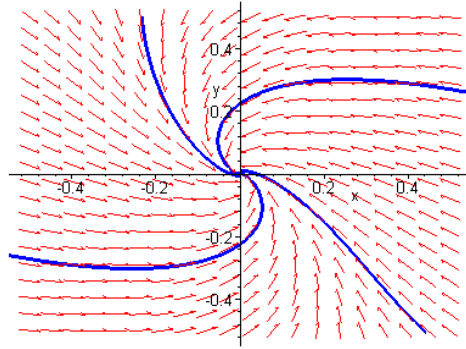
$$\mathbf{J}(-0.33076, 1.0924) = \begin{pmatrix} -3.5216 & -0.27735 \\ 0.27735 & 2.6895 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = -3.5092$ and $r_2 = 2.6771$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point of the associated linear system is a *saddle*, which is *unstable*. Identical results hold for the point at $(0.33076, -1.0924)$.

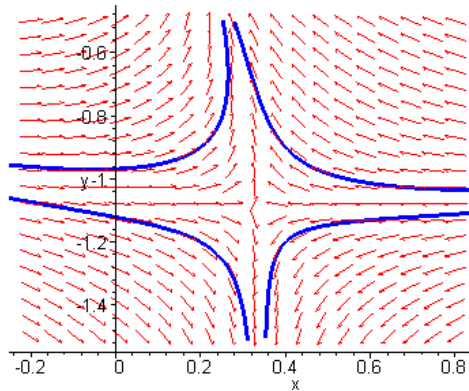
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A closer look at the origin reveals a spiral:



Near the point $(0.33076, -1.0924)$ the nature of the critical point is evident:



Based on Table 9.3.1, the nonlinear terms do not affect the stability and type of each critical point.

16(a). The critical points are solutions of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} y + x(1 - x^2 - y^2) &= 0 \\ -x + y(1 - x^2 - y^2) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Multiply the *first* equation by y and the *second* equation by x . The difference of the two equations gives $x^2 + y^2 = 0$. Hence the only critical point is at the origin.

(b, c). With $F(x, y) = y + x(1 - x^2 - y^2)$ and $G(x, y) = -x + y(1 - x^2 - y^2)$, the *Jacobian* matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 3x^2 - y^2 & 1 - 2xy \\ -1 - 2xy & 1 - x^2 - 3y^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

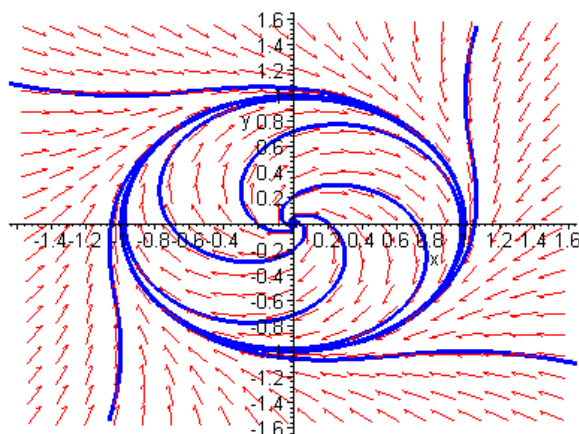
At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

with complex conjugate eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = 1 \pm i$. Hence the origin is an *unstable*

spiral.

(d).



17(a). The Jacobian matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 + 6x^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

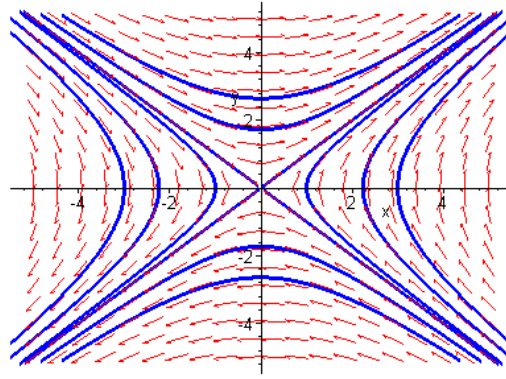
$$\mathbf{J}(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $r_1 = 1$ and $r_2 = -1$. The eigenvalues are real, with opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle point*.

(b). The trajectories of the *linearized* system are solutions of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y},$$

which is separable. Integrating both sides of the equation $x \, dx - y \, dy = 0$, the solution is $x^2 - y^2 = C$. The trajectories consist of a family of hyperbolas.



It is easy to show that the general solution is given by $x(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$ and $y(t) = c_1 e^t - c_2 e^{-t}$. The only *bounded* solutions consist of those for which $c_1 = 0$. In that case, $x(t) = c_2 e^{-t} = -y(t)$.

(c). The trajectories of the given system are solutions of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x + 2x^3}{y},$$

which can also be written as $(x + 2x^3)dx - y dy = 0$. The resulting ODE is *exact*, with

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = x + 2x^3 \text{ and } \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -y.$$

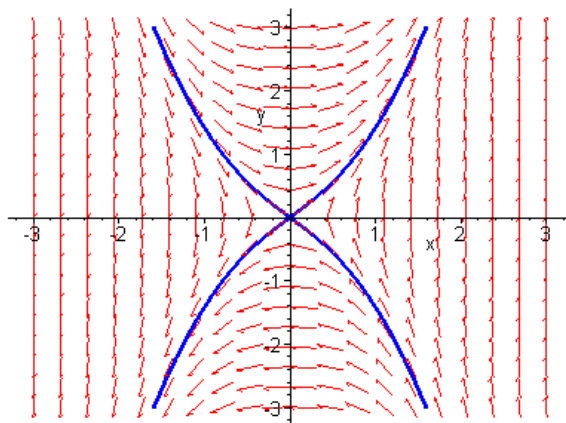
Integrating the first equation, we find that $H(x, y) = x^2/2 + x^4/2 + f(y)$. It follows that

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = f'(y).$$

Comparing the partial derivatives, we obtain $f(y) = -y^2/2 + c$. Hence the solutions are level curves of the function

$$H(x, y) = x^2/2 + x^4/2 - y^2/2.$$

The trajectories *approaching* to, or *diverging* from, the origin are no longer straight lines.



19(a). The solutions of the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 0 \\ -\omega^2 \sin x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

consist of the points $(\pm n\pi, 0)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. The functions $F(x, y) = y$ and $G(x, y) = -\omega^2 \sin x$ are *analytic* on the entire plane. It follows that the system is almost linear near each of the critical points.

(b). The Jacobian matrix of the vector field is

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 \cos x & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At the origin, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

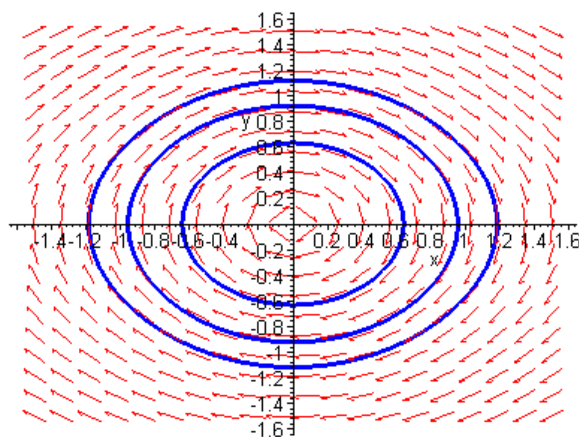
with purely complex eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = \pm i\omega$. Hence the origin is a *center*. Since the eigenvalues are purely complex, Theorem 9.3.2 gives no definite conclusion about the critical point of the nonlinear system. Physically, the critical point corresponds to the state $\theta = 0$, $\theta' = 0$. That is, the rest configuration of the pendulum.

(c). At the critical point $(\pi, 0)$, the coefficient matrix of the linearized system is

$$\mathbf{J}(\pi, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

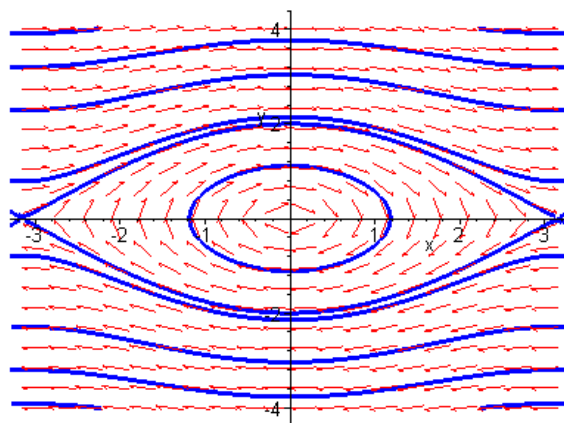
with eigenvalues $r_{1,2} = \pm \omega$. The eigenvalues are real and of opposite sign. Hence the critical point is a *saddle*. Theorem 9.3.2 asserts that the critical point for the nonlinear system is also a saddle, which is unstable. This critical point corresponds to the state $\theta = \pi$, $\theta' = 0$. That is, the *upright* rest configuration.

(d). Let $\omega^2 = 1$. The following is a plot of the phase curves near $(0, 0)$.



The local phase portrait shows that the origin is indeed a center.

(e).



It should be noted that the phase portrait has a periodic pattern, since $\theta = x \bmod 2\pi$.

20(a). The trajectories of the system in Problem 19 are solutions of the differential equation

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

which can also be written as $\omega^2 \sin x \, dx + y \, dy = 0$. The resulting ODE is *exact*, with

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \omega^2 \sin x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = y.$$

Integrating the first equation, we find that $H(x, y) = -\omega^2 \cos x + f(y)$. It follows that

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = f'(y).$$

Comparing the partial derivatives, we obtain $f(y) = y^2/2 + C$. Hence the solutions are level curves of the function

$$H(x, y) = -\omega^2 \cos x + y^2/2.$$

Adding an arbitrary constant, say ω^2 , to the function $H(x, y)$ does not change the nature of the level curves. Hence the trajectories are can be written as

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2 + \omega^2(1 - \cos x) = c,$$

in which c is an arbitrary constant.

(b). Multiplying by mL^2 and reverting to the original physical variables, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2}mL^2\left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2 + mL^2\omega^2(1 - \cos \theta) = mL^2c.$$

Since $\omega^2 = g/L$, the equation can be written as

$$\frac{1}{2}mL^2\left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2 + mgL(1 - \cos \theta) = E,$$

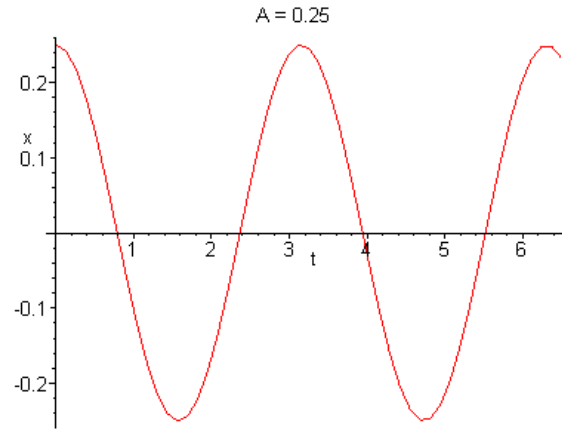
in which $E = mL^2c$.

(c). The *absolute velocity* of the point mass is given by $v = L d\theta/dt$. The kinetic energy of the mass is $T = mv^2/2$. Choosing the rest position as the *datum*, that is, the level of *zero potential energy*, the gravitational potential energy of the point mass is

$$V = mgL(1 - \cos \theta).$$

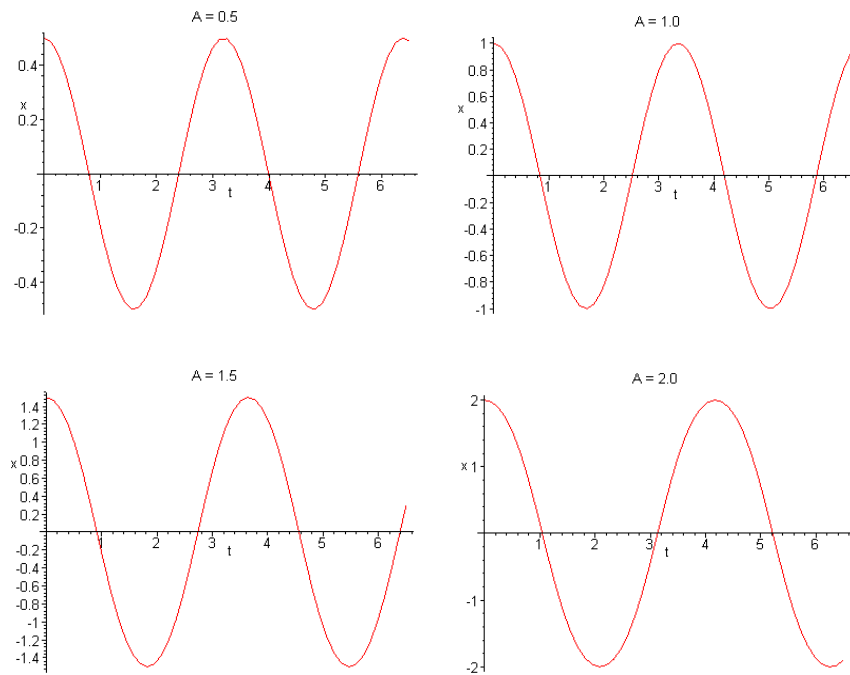
It follows that the total energy, $T + V$, is *constant* along the trajectories.

21(a). $A = 0.25$



Since the system is *undamped*, and $y(0) = 0$, the amplitude is 0.25. The period is estimated at $\tau \approx 3.16$.

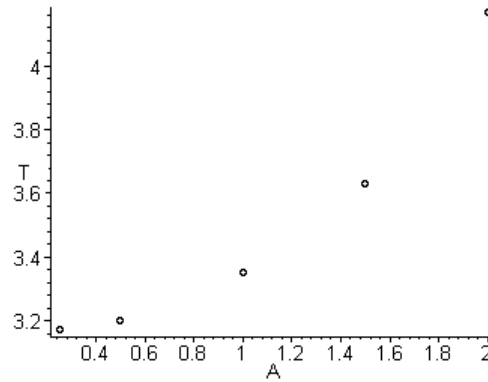
(b).



	R	τ
$A = 0.5$	0.5	3.20
$A = 1.0$	1.0	3.35
$A = 1.5$	1.5	3.63
$A = 2.0$	2.0	4.17

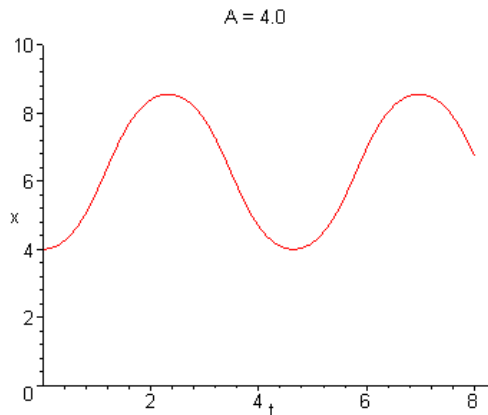
(c). Since the system is conservative, the amplitude is equal to the initial amplitude. On

the other hand, the period of the pendulum is a *monotone increasing* function of the initial position A .



It appears that as $A \rightarrow 0$, the period approaches π , the period of the corresponding *linear* pendulum ($2\pi/\omega$).

(d).



The pendulum is released from rest, at an inclination of $4 - \pi$ radians from the vertical. Based on *conservation of energy*, the pendulum will swing past the lower equilibrium position ($\theta = 2\pi$) and come to rest, momentarily, at a maximum rotational displacement of $\theta_{max} = 3\pi - (4 - \pi) = 4\pi - 4$. The transition between the two dynamics occurs at $A = \pi$, that is, once the pendulum is released *beyond* the upright configuration.

24(a). It is evident that the origin is a critical point of each system. Furthermore, it is easy to see that the corresponding linear system, in each case, is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -x.\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of the coefficient matrix are $r_{1,2} = \pm i$. Hence the critical point of the

linearized system is a *center*.

(b). Using polar coordinates, it is also easy to show that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} = 0.$$

Alternatively, the nonlinear terms are *analytic* in the entire plane. Hence both systems are almost linear near the origin.

(c). For system (ii), note that

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

Converting to polar coordinates, and differentiating the equation $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ with respect to t , we find that

$$r \frac{dr}{dt} = x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = -(x^2 + y^2)^2 = -r^4.$$

That is, $r' = -r^3$. It follows that $r^2 = 1/(2t + c)$, where $c = 1/r_0^2$. Since $r \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, regardless of the value of r_0 , the origin is an *asymptotically stable* equilibrium point.

On the other hand, for system (i),

$$r \frac{dr}{dt} = x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = (x^2 + y^2)^2 = r^4.$$

That is, $r' = r^3$. Solving the differential equation results in

$$r^2 = \frac{c - 2t}{(2t - c)^2}.$$

Imposing the initial condition $r(0) = r_0$, we obtain a specific solution

$$r^2 = -\frac{r_0^2}{2r_0^2 t - 1}.$$

Since the solution becomes *unbounded* as $t \rightarrow 1/2r_0^2$, the critical point is *unstable*.

25. The characteristic equation of the coefficient matrix is $r^2 + 1 = 0$, with complex roots $r_{1,2} = \pm i$. Hence the critical point at the origin is a *center*. The characteristic equation of the perturbed matrix is $r^2 - 2\epsilon r + 1 + \epsilon^2 = 0$, with complex conjugate roots $r_{1,2} = \epsilon \pm i$. As long as $\epsilon \neq 0$, the critical point of the perturbed system is a *spiral point*. Its stability depends on the sign of ϵ .

26. The characteristic equation of the coefficient matrix is $(r + 1)^2 = 0$, with roots

$r_1 = r_2 = -1$. Hence the critical point is an *asymptotically stable node*. On the other hand, the characteristic equation of the perturbed system is $r^2 + 2r + 1 + \epsilon = 0$, with roots $r_{1,2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{-\epsilon}$. If $\epsilon > 0$, then $r_{1,2} = -1 \pm i\sqrt{\epsilon}$ are complex roots. The critical point is a *stable spiral*. If $\epsilon < 0$, then $r_{1,2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{|\epsilon|}$ are real and both negative ($|\epsilon| \ll 1$). The critical point remains a *stable node*.

27(d). Set $k = \sin(\alpha/2) = \sin(A/2)$ and $g/L = 4$.

