

Lecture 8 Recap

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BIFURCATIONS



≡ A qualitative, topological change in the flow of the vector field.



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Saddle node

$$\dot{x} = r + x^2$$

- creates/destroys
fixed points in pairs

Transcritical

$$\dot{x} = rx - x^2$$

- changes stability
but not location
of a fixed point

Pitch fork

super critical:

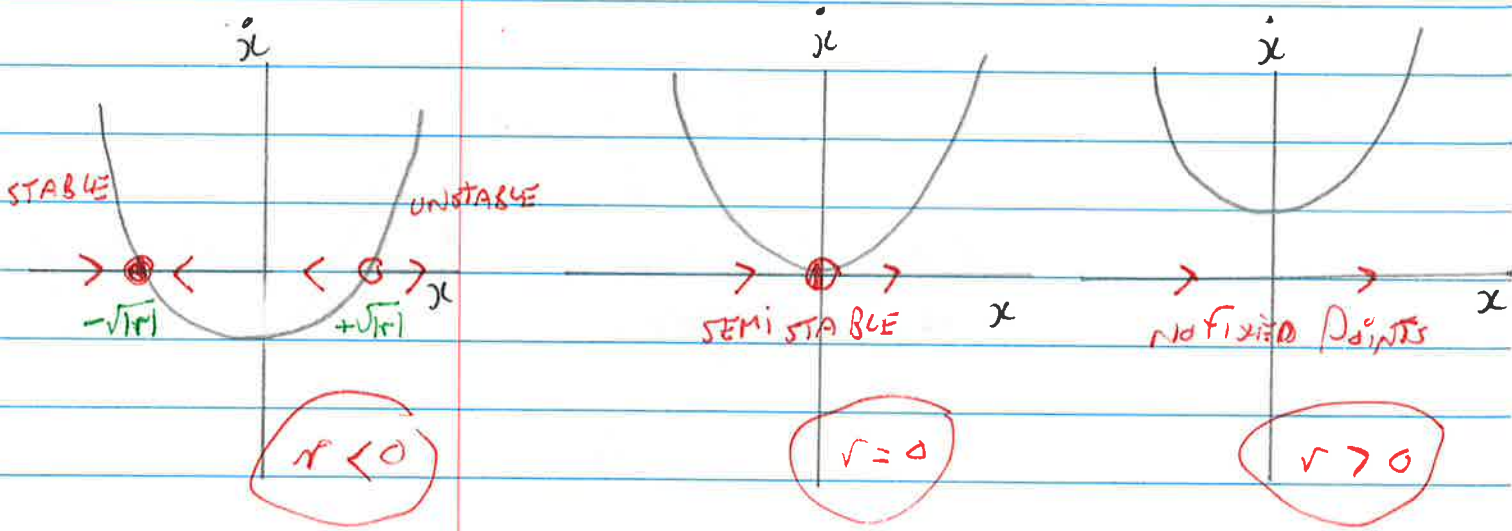
$$\dot{x} = rx - x^3$$

sub critical:

$$\dot{x} = rx + x^3$$

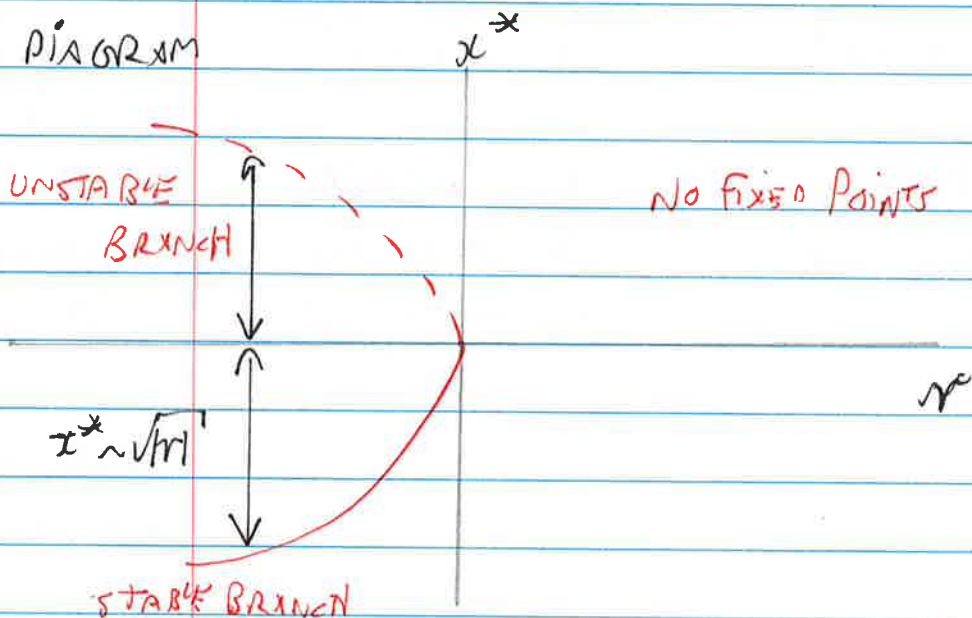
- creates/destroys fixed points
and changes their stability

Saddle node Bifurcation: $\dot{x} = r + x^2$



NB The definition doesn't have to be at $r=0$!

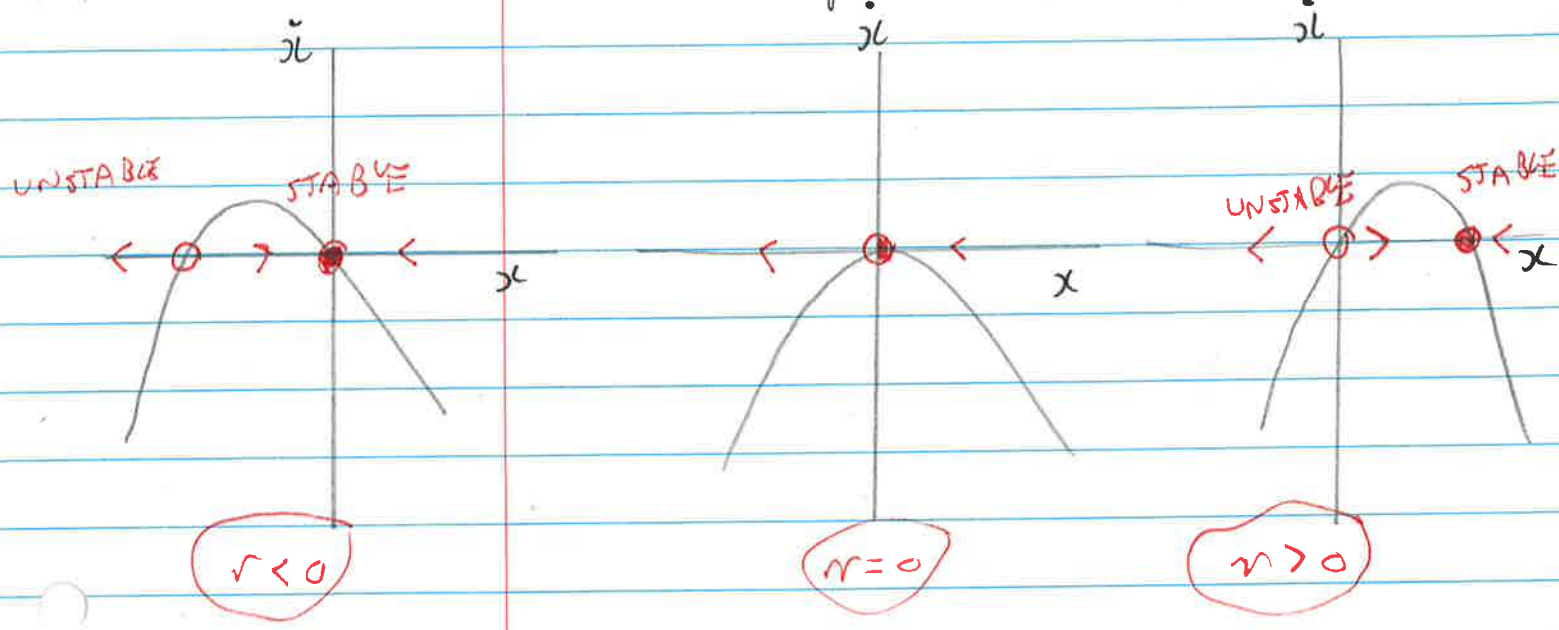
BIFURCATION DIAGRAM



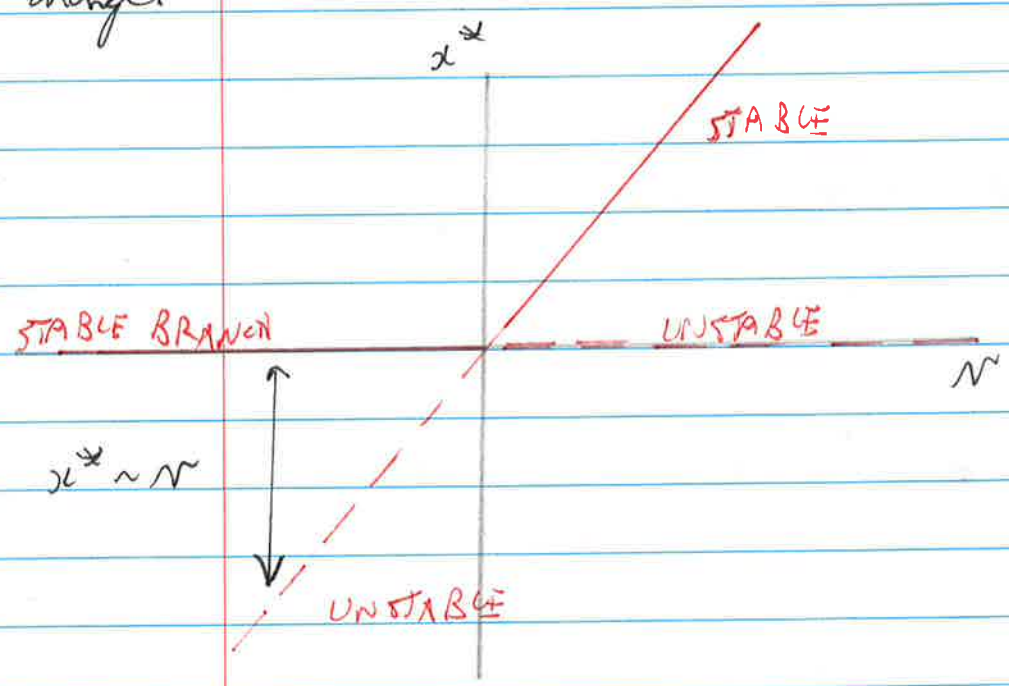
NBB All the interesting action happens at/near fixed points.
The bifurcation diagram shows you succinctly what happens and where.

NBBB Adjacent branches must have the opposite stability.

Transcritical Bifurcation: $\dot{x} = r x - x^2$

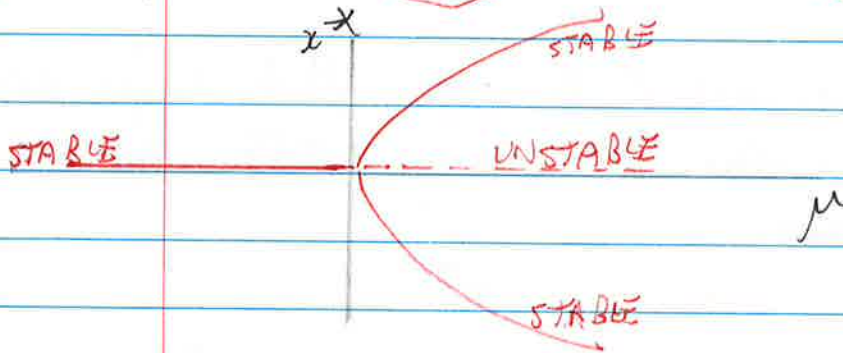
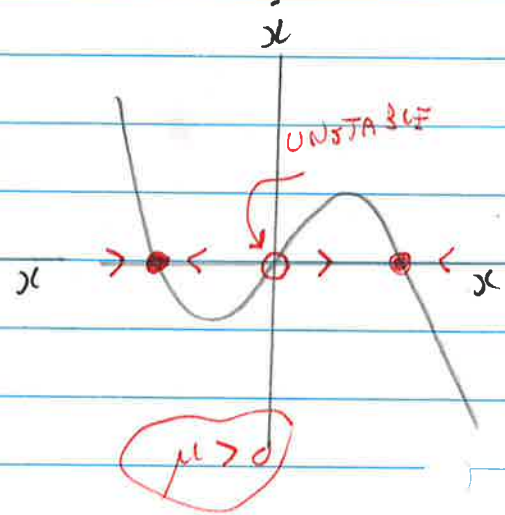
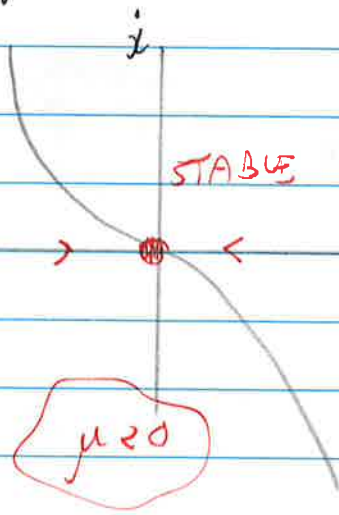


NB It's the fixed point at the origin that changes stability but not location. Notice the order of stability (left = unstable; right = stable) doesn't change.

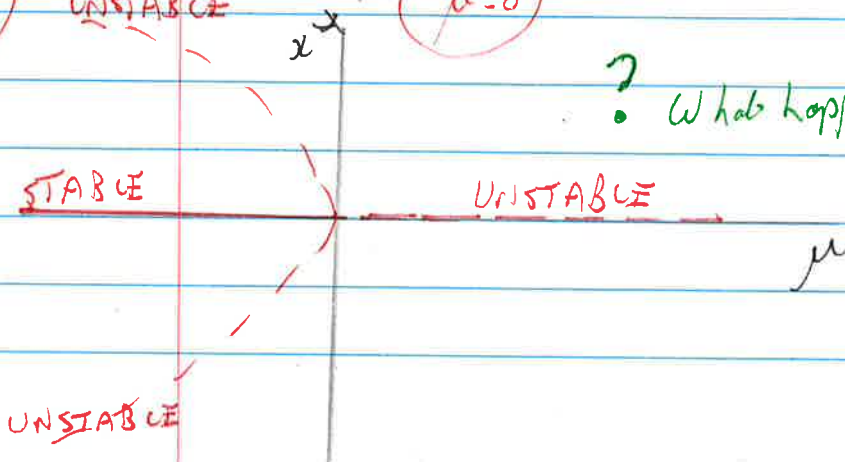
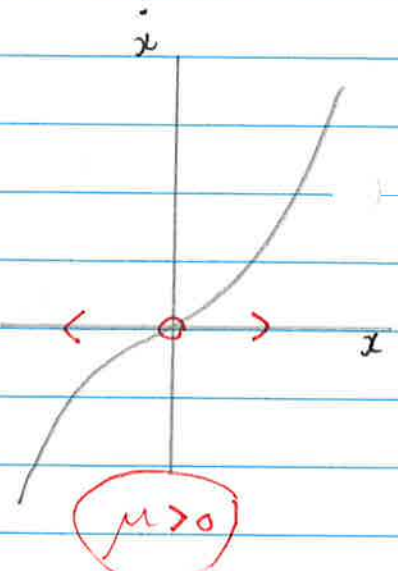
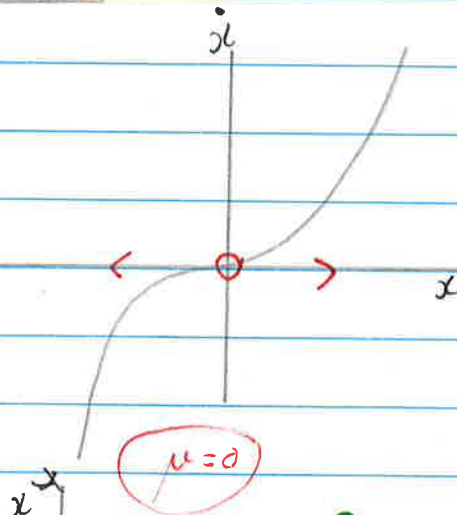
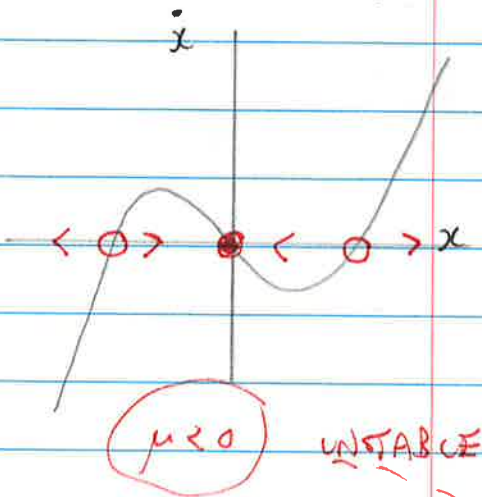


10 Pitchfork Bifurcation

Supercritical: $\dot{x} = \mu x - x^3$



Subcritical: $\dot{x} = \mu x + x^3$



? What happens to the dynamics here?

Hopf Bifurcation in 2D

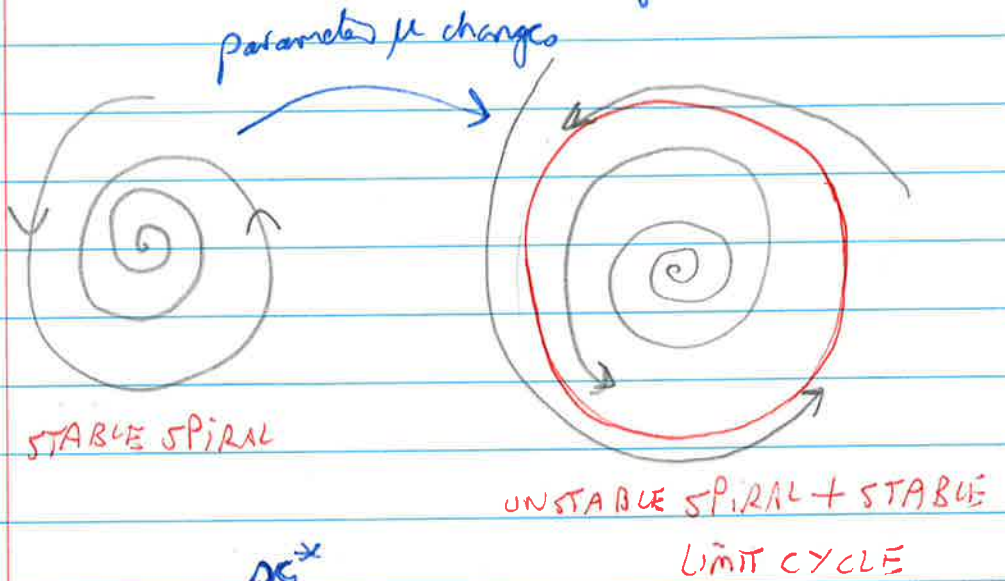
consider a stable spiral - how can it become unstable as a parameter changes?

ex Linear system with spiral

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

STABLE SP. UNSTABLE SP.

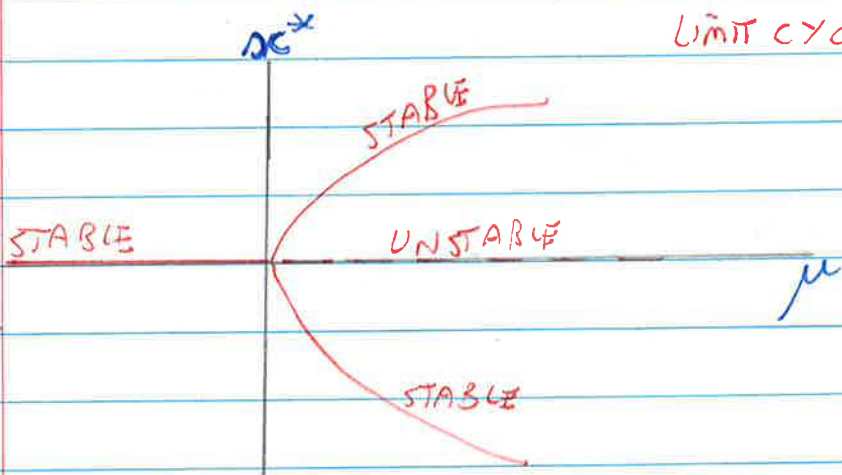
change of stability is all that happens.



Supercritical pitchfork

Bifurcation:

$$\dot{x} = \mu x - x^3$$



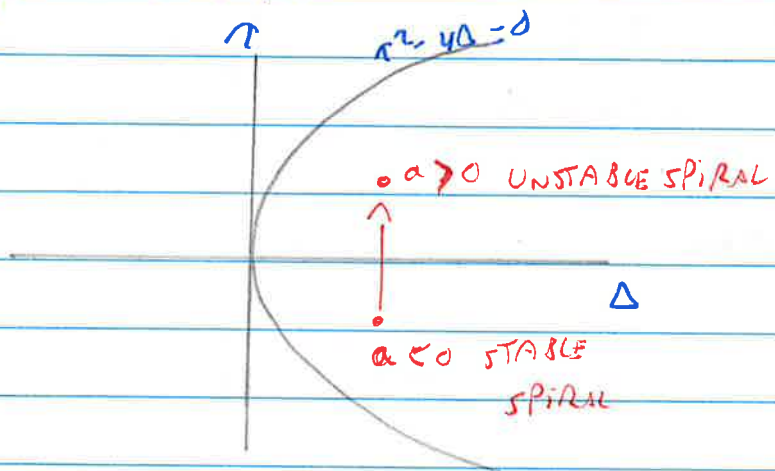
Hopf bifurcation is the 2d equivalent of a pitchfork bifurcation: there are two types. The above is the Supercritical case:
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 CONTINUOUS
 SAFE

Recall: $\dot{x} = f(x, y)$
 $\dot{y} = g(x, y)$

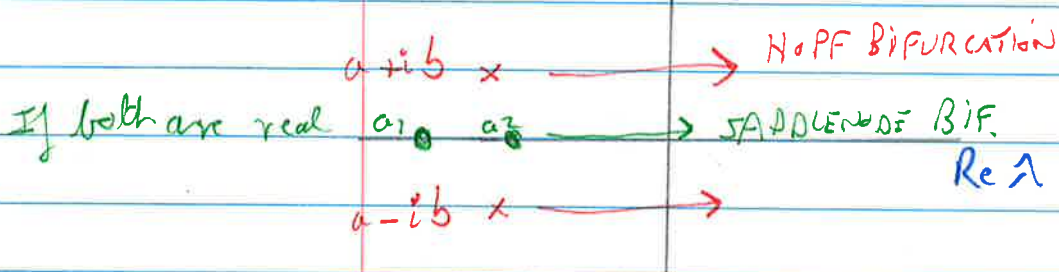
$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues at a fixed point are either both Real or complex conjugates.

spiral $\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = a \pm ib$



How do the eigenvalues change?



$\text{Re } \lambda (\equiv a)$ changes from negative to positive as the parameter μ changes.

If $\text{Im } \lambda (\equiv b)$ is zero, both eigenvalues lie on the real axis, and we have a saddle node bifurcation because one becomes positive before the other.

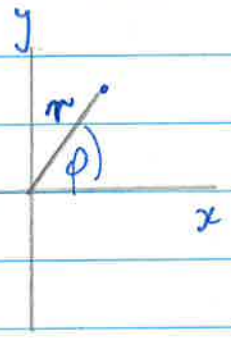
$b \neq 0$ a increases through ϕ

Both eigenvalues cross the imaginary axis,
and the stable spiral ($a < 0$) becomes unstable ($a > 0$).

In that all that happens? NO.
(but it is in a linear system with a spiral!)

Let's see why.

Generalise the supercritical pitch fork bifurcation
to 2d. use plane polar coordinates.



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= \mu r - r^3 \\ \dot{\phi} &= \omega + b r^2 \end{aligned}$$

μ = controls stability
 ω = frequency of small oscillation
 b = couples frequency to amplitude

To find the type & stability of
the fixed points we use Cartesian coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x &= r \cos \phi \\ y &= r \sin \phi \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} r^2 &= x^2 + y^2 \\ \tan \phi &= \frac{y}{x} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \dot{r} \cos \phi - r \sin \phi \cdot \dot{\phi}$$

$$\dot{y} = \dot{r} \sin \phi + r \cos \phi \cdot \dot{\phi}$$

substitute for $\dot{r}, \dot{\phi}$ from above.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \dot{x} &= (\mu r - r^3) \cos \phi - r \sin \phi (\omega + b r^2) \\
 &= \mu r \cos \phi - r^3 \cos \phi - \omega r \sin \phi - b r^3 \sin \phi \\
 &= (\mu - r^2) x - y (\omega + b r^2) \\
 &= \mu x - \omega y - x(x^2 + y^2) - b y (x^2 + y^2) \\
 &= \mu x - \omega y - (x + b y) (x^2 + y^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \dot{x} = \underbrace{\mu x - \omega y}_{\text{LINEAR PART}} - \underbrace{(x + b y)}_{O(x^3, y^3)} (x^2 + y^2)$$

similarly $\dot{y} = (\mu r - r^3) \sin \phi + x (\omega + b r^2)$

$$= y (\mu - r^2) + x (\omega + b r^2)$$

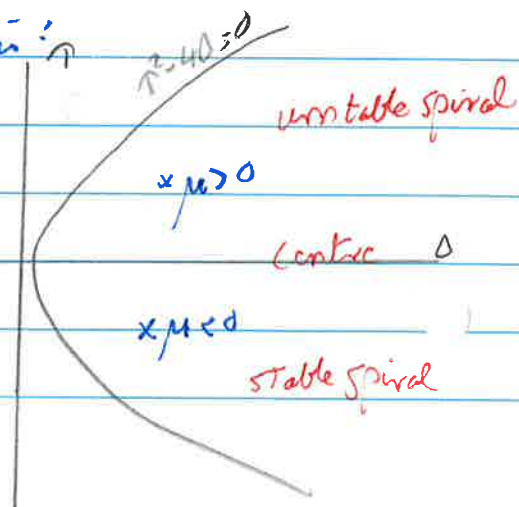
$$\dot{y} = \omega x + \mu y + (b x - y) (x^2 + y^2)$$

The Jacobian at the origin is:

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \mu & -\omega \\ \omega & \mu \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \tau = 2\mu$$

$$\Delta = \mu^2 + \omega^2$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 - 4\Delta &= 4\mu^2 - 4(\mu^2 + \omega^2) \\ &= -4\omega^2 < 0 \quad \forall \mu \end{aligned}$$

∴ Always a spiral or center

Conclusion

As μ goes from negative to positive through the transition, the stable spiral at the origin becomes unstable.

What are the eigenvalues of J ?

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mu - \lambda & -\omega \\ \omega & \mu - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mu - \lambda)^2 + \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^2 - 2\mu\lambda + \lambda^2 + \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 - 2\mu\lambda + (\mu^2 + \omega^2) = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{2\mu \pm \sqrt{4\mu^2 - 4(\mu^2 + \omega^2)}}{2} = \frac{2\mu \pm \sqrt{-4\omega^2}}{2}$$

$\lambda_{1,2} = \mu \pm i\omega$

as expected, eigenvalues cross the IM axis as μ increases from < 0 to > 0 .

For a linear system nothing else happens! Limit cycles are inherently non-linear objects.

That was the origin: does anything else happen?

Consider the radial equation:

$$\dot{r} = \mu r - r^3 = r(\mu - r^2) = f(r, \mu)$$

$$\text{Roots: } r^* = 0 \text{ or } r^* = \pm\sqrt{\mu}$$

But $r < 0$ is meaningless in plane polar coords.

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{r^* = 0 \text{ or } +\sqrt{\mu}}}$$

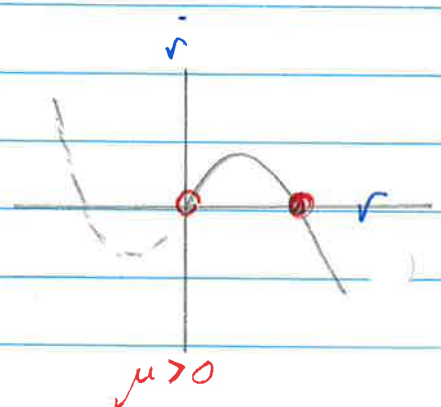
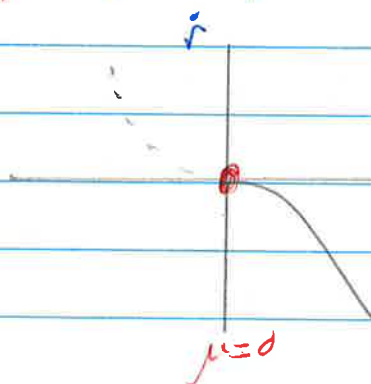
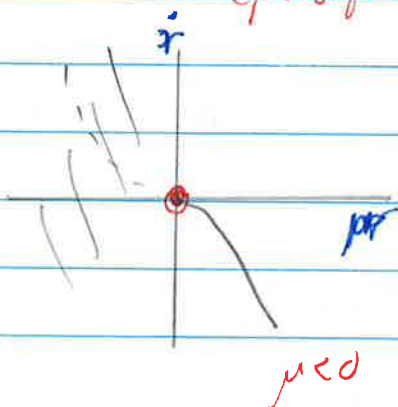
Stability?

$$f'(r, \mu) = \mu - 3r^2$$

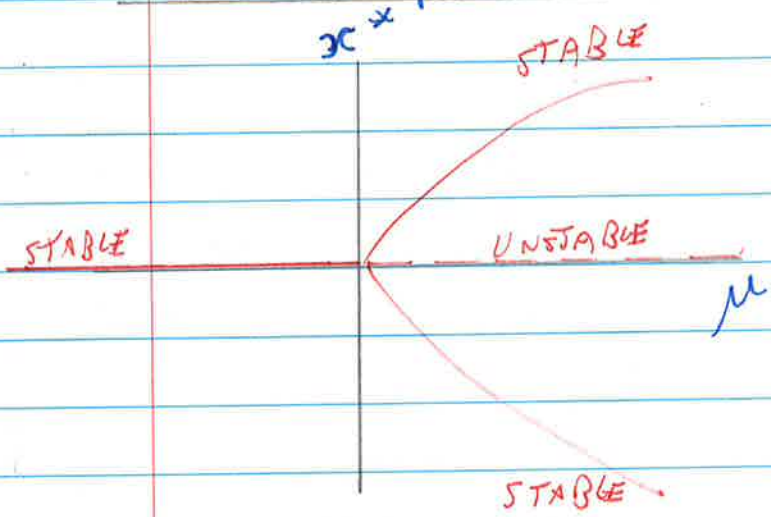
ORIGIN: $\Rightarrow f'(0, \mu) = \mu$ i.e. stable if $\mu < 0$, unstable $\mu > 0$

NON-ZERO FP: $\text{and } f'(\sqrt{\mu}, \mu) = -2\mu$ i.e. unstable if $\mu < 0$, and stable for $\mu > 0$.

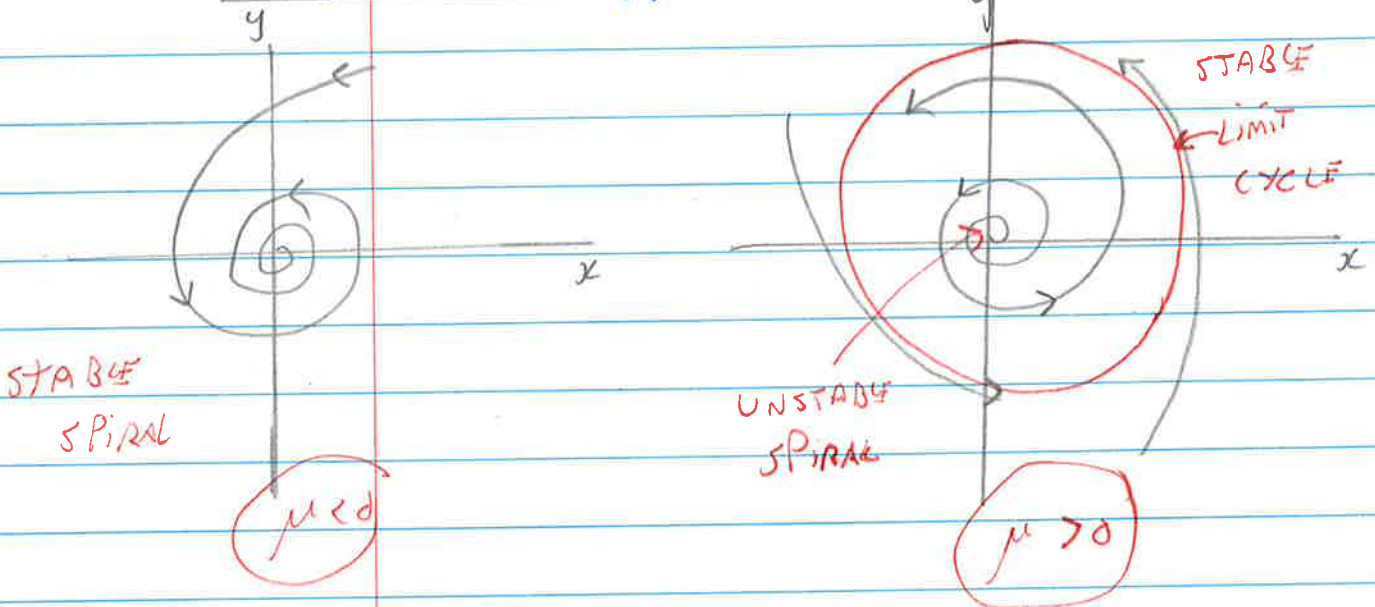
cp. supercritical pitchfork bifurcation.



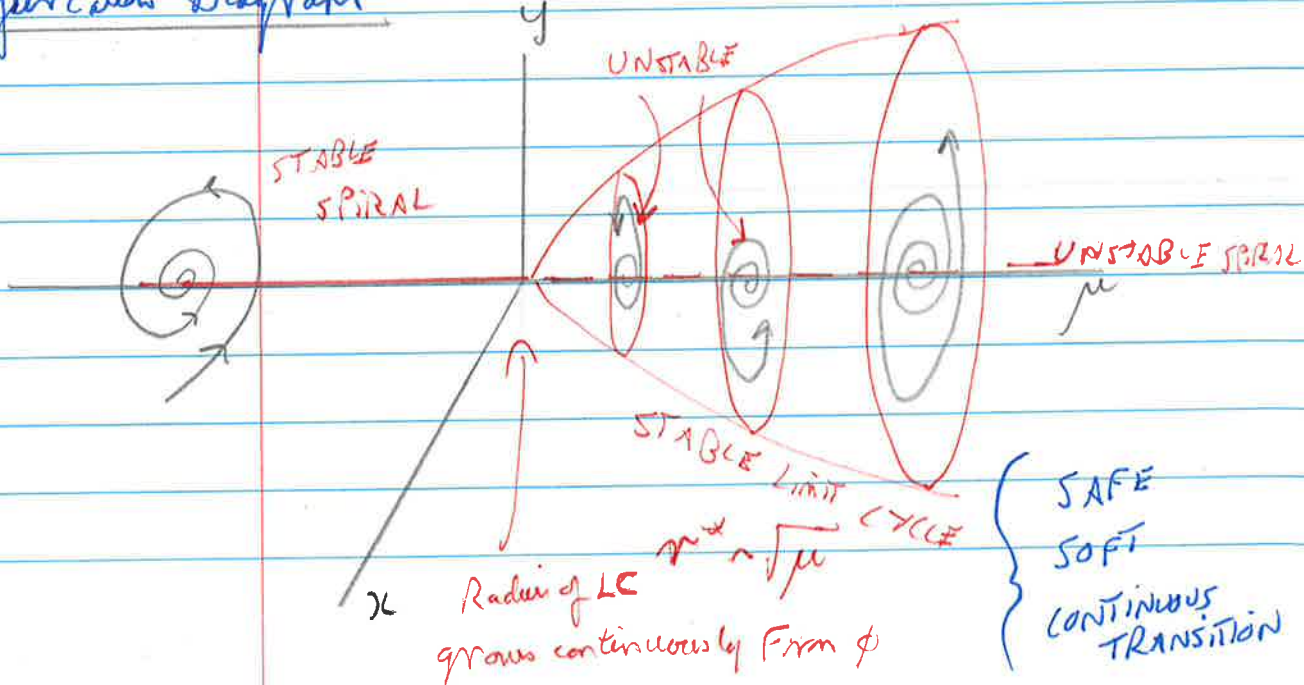
1st Pitchfork Bifurcation



Now for the 2nd Hopf case: Phase Portrait



Bifurcation Diagram



Summary

As μ increases through zero (from below), the stable limit cycle at the origin becomes unstable, and a stable limit cycle appears; its radius grows continuously from zero proportional to $\sqrt{\mu}$.

The frequency of the limit cycle is ω for small amplitudes.

Subcritical Hopf Bifurcation

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what happens if the r^3 term is positive?

$$\dot{r} = \mu r + r^3$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \omega + br^2$$

Rewrite in Cartesian coordinates again:

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \dot{r} \cos \phi - r \sin \phi \cdot \dot{\phi}$$

$$= (\mu r + r^3) \cos \phi - r \sin \phi (\omega + br^2)$$

$$= \mu x + x r^2 - y (\omega + br^2)$$

$$\boxed{\dot{x} = \mu x - \omega y + (x - by) / (x^2 + y^2)}$$

Similarly with \dot{y} :

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = \dot{r} \sin \phi + r \cos \phi \cdot \dot{\phi}$$

$$= (\mu r + r^3) \sin \phi + r \cos \phi (\omega + br^2)$$

$$= \mu y + r^2 y + \omega x + bx r^2$$

$$\boxed{\dot{y} = \omega x + \mu y + (bx + y) / (x^2 + y^2)}$$

The Jacobian is again, $J = \begin{pmatrix} \mu - w \\ w + \mu \end{pmatrix}$

They are inherently non-linear

So, linear stability analysis cannot distinguish between a supercritical Hopf bifurcation from the subcritical case.

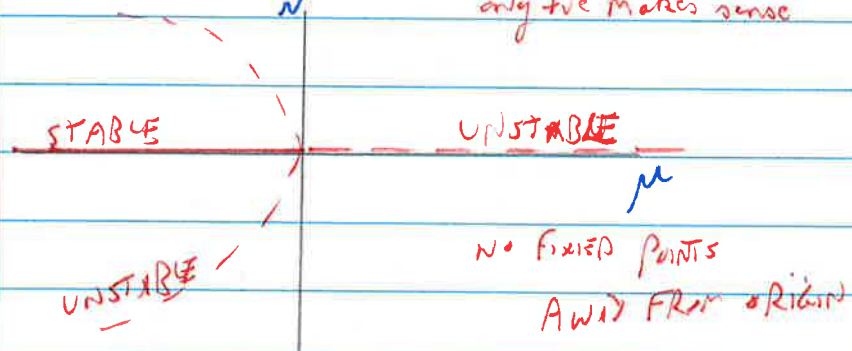
obviously, we again have a stable spiral to the origin.

Now what happens as μ increases through 0?
Where are fixed points?

$$\dot{r} = r(\mu + r^2)$$

$$\therefore r^* = 0 \text{ or } r^* = \pm \sqrt{|\mu|} \text{ if } \mu < 0$$

\uparrow
 only +ve makes sense



Not. $F(r, \mu) = \mu r + r^3$

$$\Rightarrow F'(r, \mu) = \mu + 3r^2 \Rightarrow F'(0, \mu) = \mu < 0 \therefore \text{stable}$$

$$F'(\pm\sqrt{|\mu|}, \mu) = 2|\mu| > 0 \therefore \text{unstable.}$$

A more realistic case has a stabilising term $-r^5$.

$$\dot{r} = \mu r + r^3 - r^5$$

Why not r^4 ?

To maintain symmetry.

$$\dot{\phi} = \omega + br^2$$

Again we rewrite into cartesian coordinates:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \phi \\ y &= r \sin \phi \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} r^2 &= x^2 + y^2 \\ \tan \phi &= \frac{y}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \dot{r} \cos \phi - r \sin \phi \dot{\phi}$$

$$= (\mu r + r^3 - r^5) \cos \phi - r \sin \phi (\omega + br^2)$$

$$= (\mu r + r^3 - r^5) x - y (\omega + br^2)$$

$$= \mu x - \omega y + (x - by) r^2 - x r^4$$

$$\therefore \dot{x} = \mu x - \omega y + (x - by) (x^2 + y^2) - x (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

and similarly with y :

$$\dot{y} = r \sin \phi + r \cos \phi \dot{\phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y} &= (\mu r + r^3 - r^5) \sin \phi + r \cos \phi (W + b r^2) \\ &= (\mu + r^2 - r^4) y + x (W + b r^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{y} = Wx + \mu y + (xb + y) / (x^2 + y^2) - y / (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

Jacobian is given: $J = \begin{pmatrix} \mu - W & \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$

so, again a stable spiral is given when $\mu < 0$.
What happens at $\mu > 0$?

Are there more fixed points / limit cycles?

$$\dot{r} = \mu r + r^3 - r^5 = -r(r^4 - r^2 - \mu)$$

Let $x = r^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - x - \mu = 0$ defines new fixed points.

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4\mu}}{2}$$

$$\text{so, } r^* = 0 \text{ or } (r_{\pm}^*)^2 = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4\mu}}{2}$$

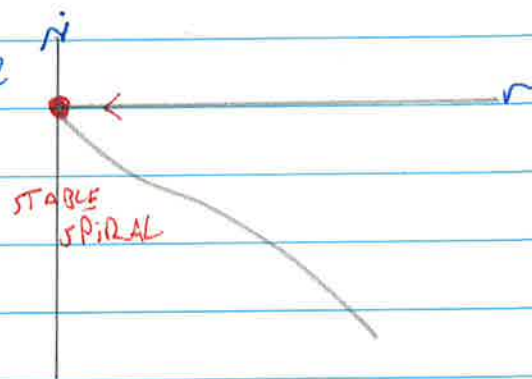
$$\text{or } \dot{r} = -r / (r^2 - r_+^2) / (r^2 - r_-^2)$$

no sign of r^5 term is negative as it should be

$$r_{\pm}^2 = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4\mu}}{2}$$

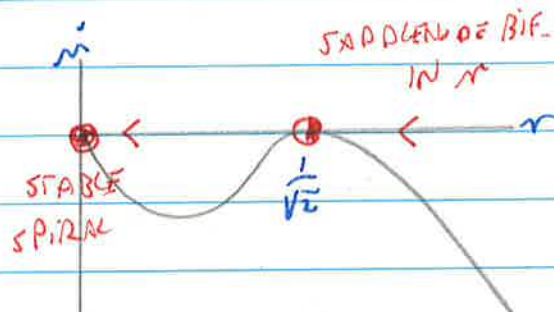
What does Graph 7 look like? 7

$\mu < -1/4$ r_{\pm} are complex; only $r=0$ is real
 $F'(0) = \mu + 3r^2 - 5r^4 = \mu < 0$
 \therefore stable

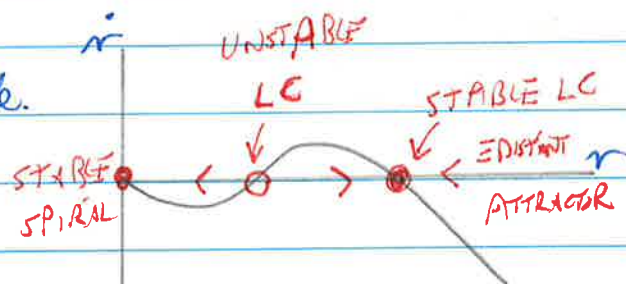


$\mu = -1/4$ $r_{\pm} = \pm 1/\sqrt{2}$, so 0, $\pm 1/\sqrt{2}$
 are physically relevant

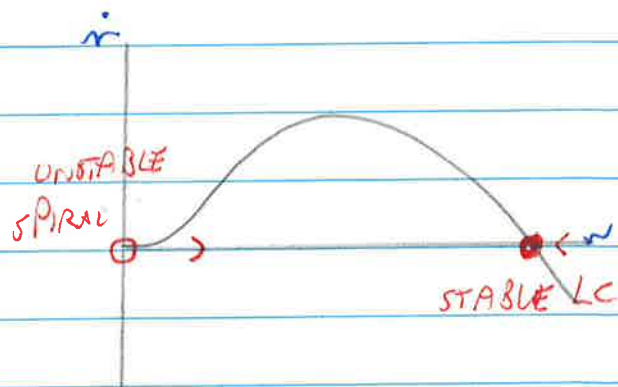
NB. $r_{\pm} = \pm 1/\sqrt{2}$ does not depend on μ , but new FP appear at $O(1)$ away from origin.



$-1/4 < \mu < 0$, r_{\pm} are real and distinct,
 one are a stable and unstable limit cycle.

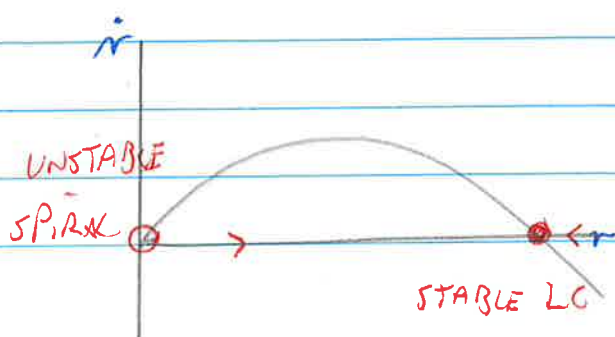


$\mu = 0$, $r_{\pm} = 0, 1$ origin is now an
 unstable spiral surrounded
 by a stable limit cycle at large r
 $\sim O(1)$ not $O(\sqrt{\mu})$



$\mu > 0$, $r_{\pm} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4\mu}}{2}$, r_{-} complex

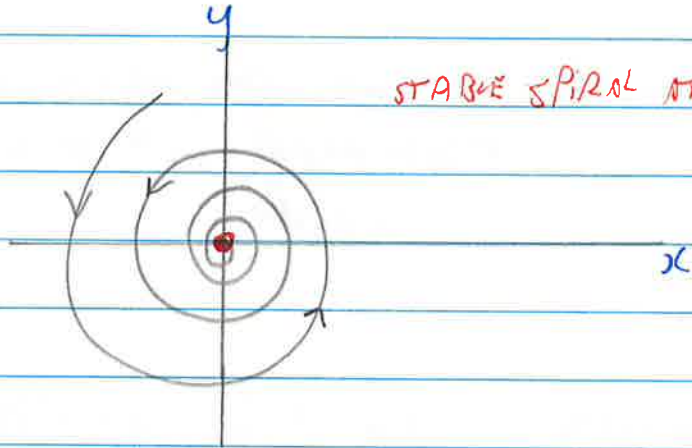
stable limit cycle moves out to
 larger radius.



Phase Portraits now?

$\mu < -1/4$

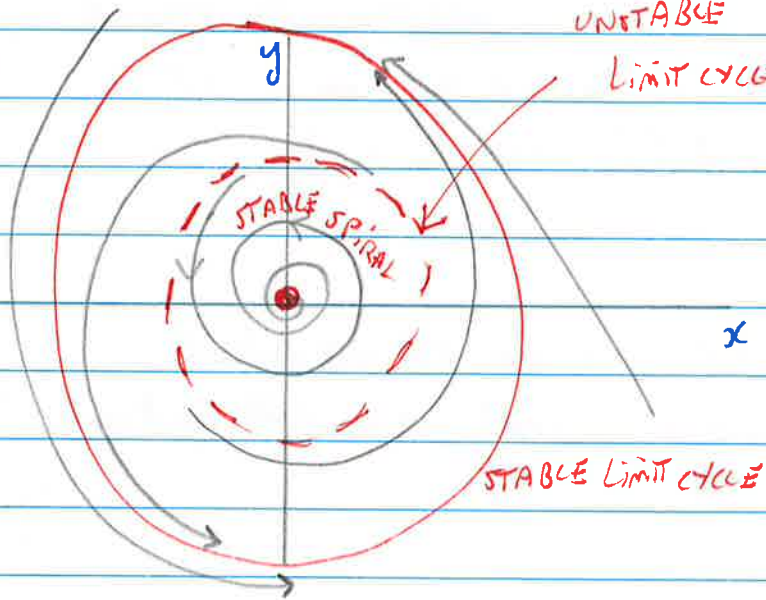
STABLE SPIRAL AT ORIGIN



$-1/4 < \mu < 0$

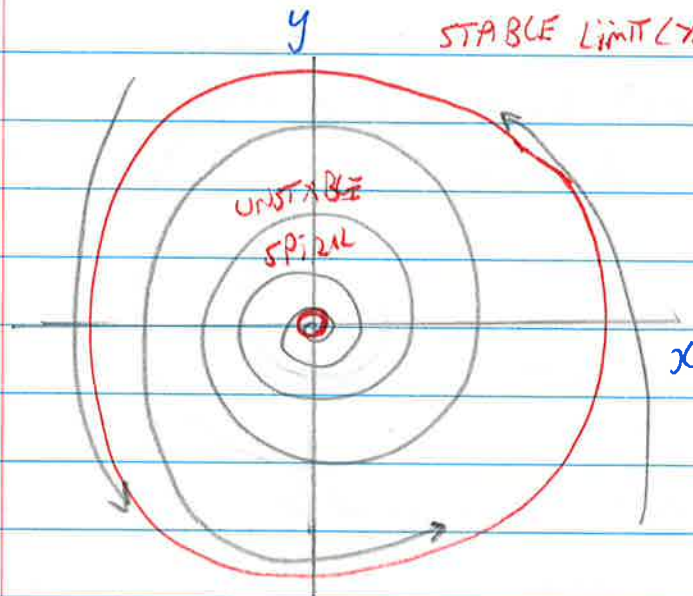
UNSTABLE
LIMIT CYCLE

The unstable LC shrink down to the origin and makes the stable spiral there unstable.

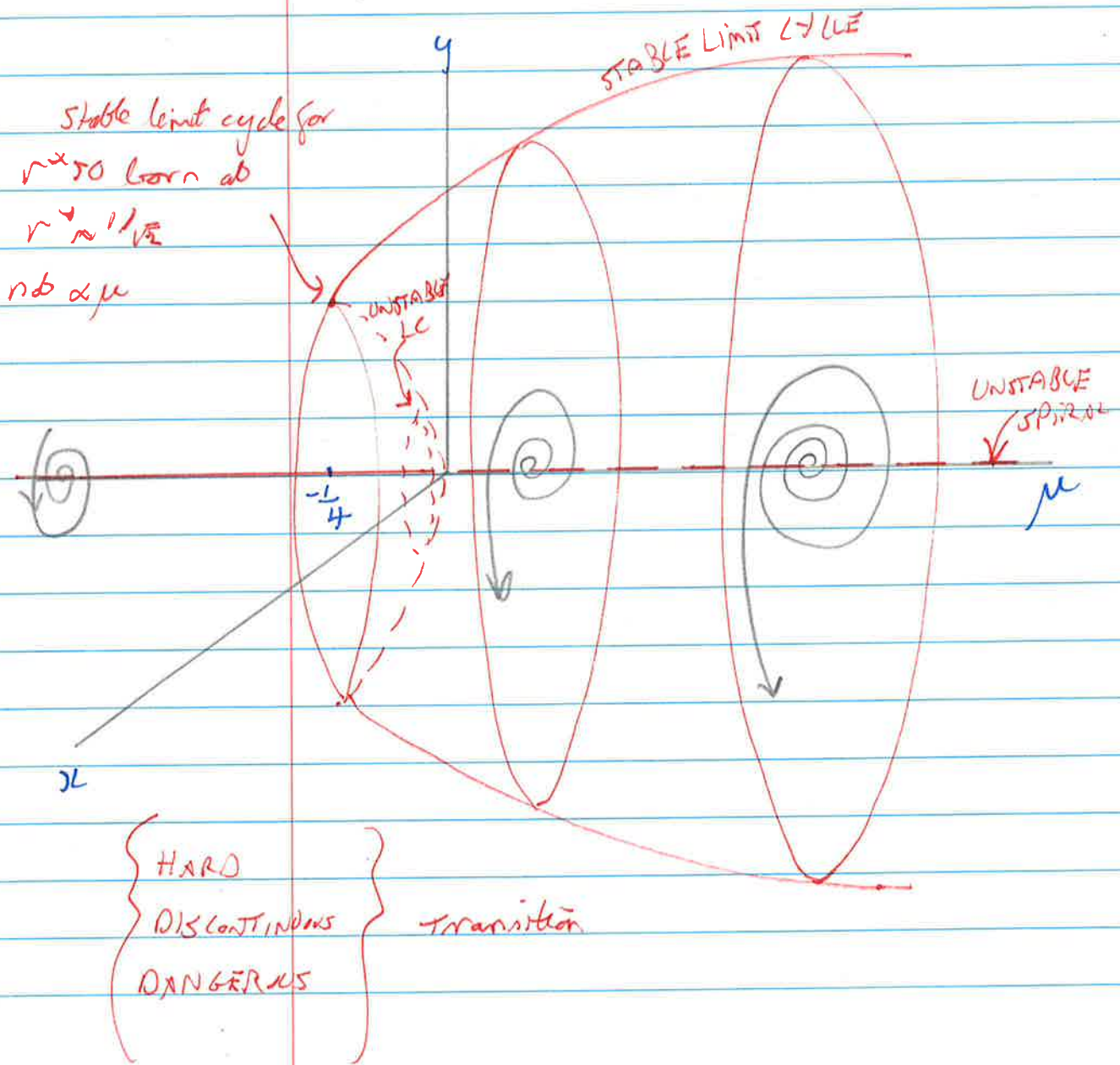
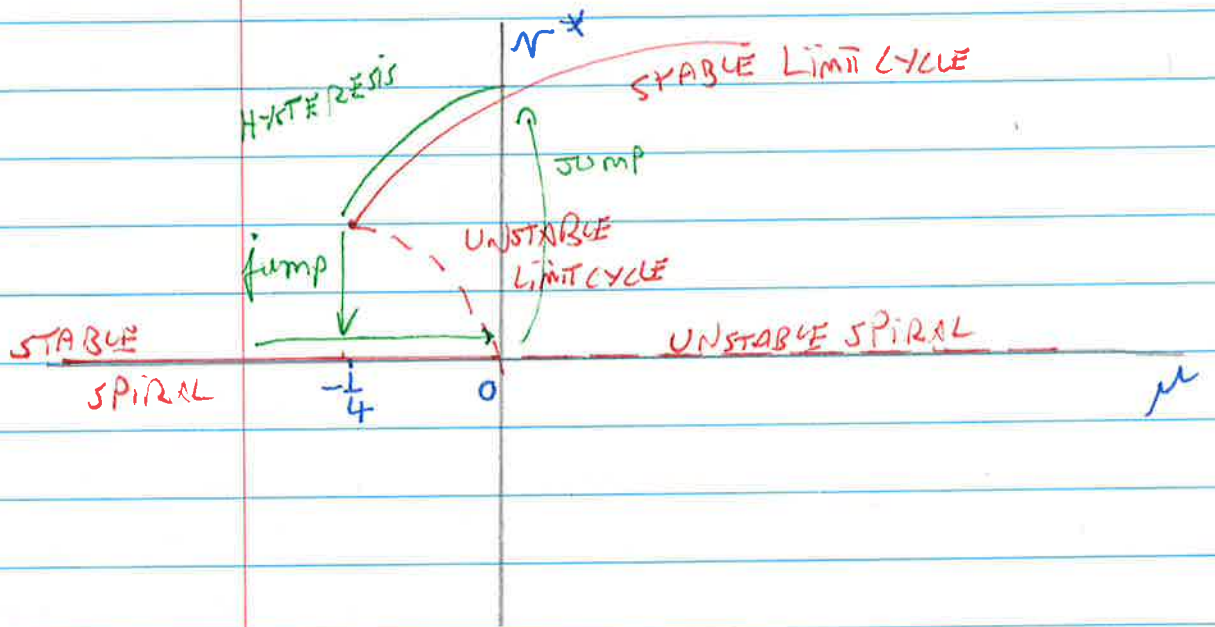


$\mu > 0$

STABLE LIMIT CYCLE AT LARGE RADIUS



What does the bifurcation diagram look like? 8



NB. Because the stable limit cycle is born at $r^* = 0(1)$ not $0(\sqrt{\mu})$, it is far from the origin: so the system will jump from damped oscillations (i.e. stable spiral at $r^* = 0$) to a stable limit cycle a long way from the origin.

And, reversing μ to ϕ won't destroy these large amplitude oscillations. You have to reduce μ to $-1/4$ before the system returns to small oscillations. i.e. HYSTERESIS