


**Nonlinear Dynamical Systems**  
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**Lecture - 9**  
**LaSalle's Invariance Principle, Barbashin and Krasovski Theorems, Periodic Orbits**

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LaSalle's Invariance principle

**Theorem:**  
Let  $\Omega \subset D$  be a **compact** set that is **positively invariant**.  
Let  $V : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^1$  such that  $\dot{V}(x) \leq 0$  in  $\Omega$ .  
Let  $E$  be the set of all points in  $\Omega$  where  $\dot{V}(x) = 0$ .  
Let  $M$  be the largest invariant set in  $E$ .  
Then, **Every solution starting in  $\Omega$  approaches  $M$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$**   
( $C^1$  : continuously differentiable (at least once) )



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Welcome everyone to lecture number 9 on non-linear dynamical systems. So, we had started with LaSalle's invariance principle the last lecture. So, let us just quickly review this, suppose  $\Omega$  is a compact set that is positively invariant. Suppose we have found a function  $V$  that is  $C^1$ ,  $C^1$  means differentiable and the derivative's continuous, such that this  $V$  satisfies  $\dot{V}$  is less than or equal to 0 on the set  $\Omega$ . For this  $V$  we will now find a set  $E$  such that  $\dot{V}$  equal to 0 on set  $E$ . Let  $M$  be the largest invariant set in  $E$ , largest invariant set in  $E$  means, it is invariant under the dynamics of this dynamical system. It is containing  $E$  and it is the largest such set. In other words any other subset of  $E$  that satisfies these properties is also contained in  $M$ . If these conditions are satisfied then every solution starting in  $\Omega$  approaches this set  $M$  as  $t$  tends to infinity.

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Every solution starting in  $\Omega$  approaches  $M$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  ?  
For every  $x(0) \in \Omega$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow M$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .  
Converging to a set?  
Distance of a point  $p$  from a set : shortest distance

$$d(p, M) = \inf_{q \in M} \|p - q\|$$

(the point  $q$  in  $M$  which is closest to  $p$ )

$$d(x(t), M) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$


So, approach a set we had seen this as a definition. So, what the LaSalle's invariance principle says that every starting in the set approaches min other words for every initial condition the trajectory converges to  $M$ , what is the meaning of converging to a set. It is the distance of a  $P$  from a set, is defined as the distance of  $P$  to different points in  $M$  and the shortest such distance. So, this is definition of distance of  $P$  from the set  $M$ . Now, as  $x$  evolves as a function of time  $x$  of  $t$  is a point. We look at the distance of  $x$  of  $t$  from the set  $M$  and this distance decreases as  $t$  tends to infinity that is the statement of the LaSalle's invariance principle.


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$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\sin x_1 - b x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$b > 0$   
(friction)

$$\ddot{x} = -\sin x - b \dot{x}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 - b x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 = 0$  &  $x_2 = 0$   
whether  $(0, 0)$   
is - stable ?  
- asymp. stable?



So, we had already encountered the situation of the pendulum example, in which the natural energy function to take did not satisfy strictly less than zero. So, let us do this example again. So, this is what we call as friction, this is the situation of a pendulum the original differential equation was of second order which was equal to like this.

This differential equation of second order we converted to a first order differential equation, 2 first order differential equations by introducing  $x_2$ . So,  $x_1$  is same as  $x$  and  $x_2$  is a derivative of  $x_1$  and these 2 first order differential equations we will. Now, study the equilibrium point and the stability properties of the equilibrium point. So, for this dynamical system, we will now see  $x_2$  and minus sin  $x_1$  minus  $b x_2$  this equal to 0 zero. This gives us  $x_1$  equal to 0 and  $x_2$  equal to 0 as 1 of the equilibrium point points. We can have  $x_1$  equal to  $\pi$  also that corresponds to the pendulum standing upwards which we know as unstable. We can also obtain that as a conclusion by linearizing about that point. Checking that the Eigen values are at least 1 of them is in the open right of plane that we will keep as an exercise what we will. Now, check is whether this equilibrium. Whether 0, 0 is stable asymptotically stable, this is what we will check.

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$$V(x) = (1 - \cos x_1) + x_2^2$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sin x_1 & 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 \\ -bx_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla V(x) = x_2 \sin x_1 - 2x_2 \sin x_1 - 2bx_2^2$$

Now, for this purpose we will take the function coming as the energy of the system. So, take  $V$  of  $x$  equal to 1 minus cos of  $x_1$ , why because this is the potential energy, what was our  $x_1$  variable. This is our pendulum when it undergoes a deviation of angle  $x_1$  this is an angle. The time how much does it get raised the amount by which it gets raised

is the potential energy accumulated into the system and that turns out to be  $1 - \cos x_1$  of course, multiply it by the mass and the gravitational acceleration  $g$ , but we have considered a model where those parameters are not arising.

This can be considered as normalization of the equations or as normalization of mass to 1. This is only the potential energy the other energy term is actually  $x_2^2$  square by 2. Let us check what happens if we take just  $x_2^2$  square. This is not really energy because this is not kinetic energy, second term is not kinetic energy, but twice the kinetic energy. So, let us check what happens to  $\dot{V}$  of  $x$ . So, this turns out to be  $\text{del } V \text{ by } \text{del } x$ , times  $f$  of  $x$ .

When we evaluate this  $\text{del } V \text{ by } \text{del } x$  is a row vector in which the first component here is a derivative of this with respect to  $x_1$ , which is exactly  $\sin$  of  $x_1$ . The derivative for this with respect to  $x_2$ , that is  $2 x_2$  times  $f$  of  $x$  what was  $f$  of  $x$  the first component was  $x_2$  second component was  $-\sin x_1 - b x_2$ . When we multiply this product, this is an inner product we get  $x_2 \sin x_1 - 2 x_2 \sin x_1 - 2 b x_2^2$  square.

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Handwritten mathematical derivation on a whiteboard:

$$\dot{V}(x) = -x_2 \sin x_1 - b x_2^2$$

Below the equation, it is noted that  $\dot{V}(x) \neq 0$  close to  $(0,0)$ . To the right, a 2D coordinate system is drawn with axes labeled  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

$$-b x_2^2 = \dot{V}(x) \leq 0$$

Below this, it is concluded that  $(0,0)$  is stable. A small logo for NIPTEIL is visible in the bottom left corner of the whiteboard image.

So, this is what we get  $\dot{V}$  of  $x$ . So, is this quantity positive or negative that is the next thing we will investigate. We got  $\dot{V}$  of  $x$  was equal to this term is well behaved and the other term is, this is our  $x_1$  this is our  $x_2$ . So, one term of course does not change sign it is always negative or equal to zero, but the other term  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \sin$  of  $x_1$  has a same sign as  $x_1$  close to  $x_1$  equal to 0, but  $x_2$  times this can change its sign depending on which quadrant it is for small values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

In other words close to the origin we are not able to say that  $\dot{V}$  of  $x$  is less than or equal to 0. It is not satisfied close to 0, 0. This one can check oneself, in order to check oneself 1 could first ignore this particular term, why we can ignore this term because this is to put  $D$  equal to 0. Just means that we have a pendulum without friction and for the pendulum without friction we know that the system is stable by intuition.

We want to obtain that as a conclusion for the Lyapunov theorem of stability. For that purpose this particular quantity certainly changes sign, it will have different signs depending on  $x_1 \times x_2$  one, one each of these 4 quadrants. Hence this does not satisfy less than or equal to zero. So, this is not a valid Lyapunov function why because it is a Lyapunov  $C$  it is positive definite, but it is not decreasing it is non-increasing around the origin. So, let us go back to our Lyapunov function and make a small change here. Now, divide this by 2 this perhaps we have already verified once.

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$$V(x) = (1 - \cos x_1) + \frac{x_2^2}{2}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sin x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 \\ -b x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x_2 \sin x_1 - x_2 \sin x_1 - 2 b x_2^2$$

So, this now is indeed the kinetic energy. So, by doing this we do not get this 2 term here. We remove this also here because of it this term. Now, cancels out and we have  $\dot{V}$  of  $x$ . Now, it is indeed less than or equal to 0 why because  $\dot{V}$  of  $x$  was equal to minus  $b x_2^2$ . So, this at least proves that 0, 0 is stable however this has not helped us to prove that the origin is asymptotically stable.

Even though by intuition we know that equilibrium point is in fact asymptotically stable because we have friction which continuously dissipates off the energy. So, how do

we obtain that this particular function Lyapunov Candidate will not help us. However we can use LaSalle's invariance principle for the same Lyapunov function. So, construct the set  $E$  set of all  $x$  such that  $\dot{V}(x)$  is equal to 0 in other words  $-bx_2^2$  equal to 0 it gives us set of all points that  $x_2$  is equal to 0.

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$$E := \{x \mid \dot{V}(x) = 0\}.$$

$$-bx_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

$M$  - subset of  $E$   
invariant  
largest such set

So, this  $x_2$  equal to 0 is nothing but the  $x_1$  axis is a set of all points where the rate of change of Lyapunov function is equal to 0. So, this is our set  $E$ , now we want to look at the set  $M$  which is subset of  $E$  invariant, invariant under the dynamics of the system and largest set largest such set largest, such set which satisfies, that it is a subset of  $E$  and it is invariant under the dynamics of the system. So, how will we find the largest such, set we will look for what values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are subset of  $E$  and are also invariant.

When we try to do this we will automatically get the set of all  $x_1, x_2$  points that are invariant and containing  $d$ . Hence it will be the largest such set. So,  $x_2$  equal to 0 is a requirement that the set  $M$  is contained in  $E$ . Now, we will put this in  $\dot{x}_1$  equal to  $x_2$  and  $\dot{x}_2$  equal to  $-\sin x_1 - bx_2$  and we put  $x_2$  equal to 0.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. The equations are as follows:

$$x_2 = 0 \quad \dot{x}_1 = x_2$$
$$\dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_1 - b x_2$$
$$\dot{x}_1 = 0$$
$$x(t) \in E, \quad x_2(t) \equiv 0$$
$$\dot{x}_2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \sin x_1 = 0$$

$(0, 0)$  - of interest

$$M = (0, 0)$$

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We get  $x_1$  dot equal to 0 we also put  $x_2$  sox of t is contained in set e which means  $x_2$  of t is equal to 0 always is uniformly equal to 0 equivalently equal to 0, identically equal to 0. These are the different ways we interpret this symbol this equation. So, if some particular value of  $x$  as a function of time always equal to 0, it is like a constant function which automatically means that  $x_2$  dot is also equal to 0 identically. So, when we put that  $x_2$  dot equal to 0, then we also get  $\sin$  of  $x_1$  equal to 0. This implies that  $\sin$  of  $x_1$  equal to 0 which of course, we know happens at either the vertically down position which is  $x_1$  equal to 0 or the vertically up position, which is  $x_1$  equal to  $\pi$ . Since you are interested about the stability properties of the 0, 0 we get this is of interest.

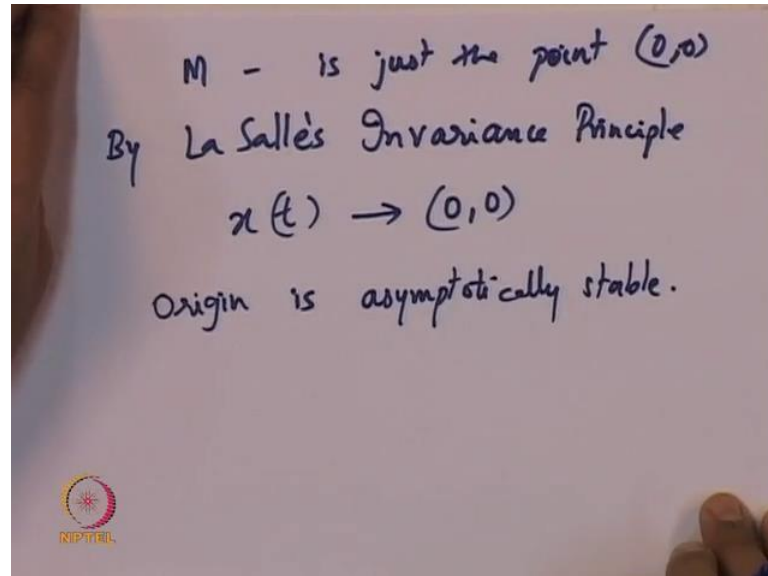
Since the interest at this we get that  $M$  is just the 0,0 when we ask the question inside the set e which are all those points, which are invariant under the dynamics of,  $f$  the time to the set e, which means we put the equation  $x_2$  equal to 0. We studied invariance by invariance for invariance, we put the fact that  $x_2$  is always equal to 0. which means that  $x_2$  dot equal to 0. We substituted that back here, we got  $\sin$  of  $x_1$  also equal to 0. This term was already 0 this term, we now got equal to 0 because of which we obtained  $\sin$  of  $x_1$  equal to 0, which means that we this can happen at  $\pi$ , 0 also the first component is equal to 0. That is one of the interest which is vertically down position.

So, we have obtained the set of all invariance points that satisfies the property that it is invariant and subset of e gives us only this point. This is the largest set any other set



would not satisfy the equations. We looked at looked for all the points that satisfy the equation and got this point.

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In other words we have obtained that M is just the set just the point 0, 0 what is the meaning, by LaSalle's invariance principle  $x$  of  $t$  converges to the set M which is just 0, 0. So, this in other words proves that origin is not just stable, which we already concluded for the lyapunov stability, but we in fact got that the origin is asymptotically stable. So, this concludes proof of the statement that the origin is asymptotically stable, by using what principle not by using lyapunov theorem of asymptoting stability, but by using LaSalle's invariance principle, which we use to conclude that the set M has just 1 point the origin and by LaSalle's invariance principle the trajectory  $x$  of  $t$  converts to M. Hence, the origin is asymptotically stable.



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$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\sin x_1 - bx_2 \\ \dot{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \end{bmatrix}, \text{ eq. pt. } (0,0) \\ A &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=(0,0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos x_1 & -b \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=0} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -b \end{bmatrix}, b > 0 \end{aligned}$$

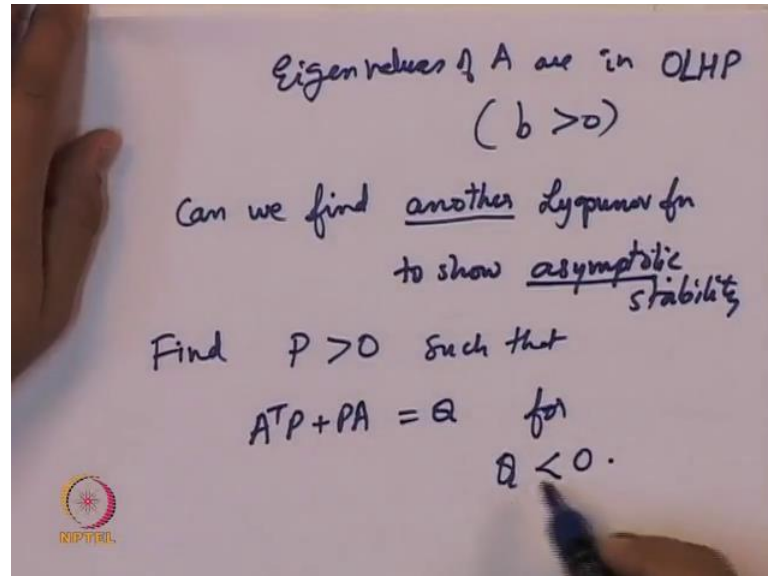
Now, we will investigate whether the linearized system at this point is also asymptotically stable. So, consider again  $\dot{x}_1 = x_2$  and  $\dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_1 - bx_2$ . So,  $\dot{x}$  is equal to this can be written as  $f_1$  of  $x$  and  $f_2$  of  $x$  as a vector. So, what is a linearization, we have already checked that the equilibrium point of interest is  $0, 0$ . Let us check that this is an equilibrium point. Now, what is this linearized system, it is this particular matrix evaluated at  $x$  equal to  $0$  comma  $0$ .

So, let us find what this matrix is the term that comes here is the derivative of  $f_1$  with respect to  $x_1$ . So, in  $f_1$  which is this equation  $x_1$  does not come at all in other words the derivative of  $f_1$  with respect to  $x_1$  is  $0$ . What is the derivative of  $f_1$  with respect to  $x_2$  that is the term that comes here that is precisely equal to  $1$  why because  $f_1$  of  $x$  is equal to  $x_2$ . So, derivative of  $f_1$  of  $x$  with respect to  $x_2$  is equal to  $1$ , what is the derivative of  $f_2$  with respect to  $x_1$ . So, where all does  $x_1$  appear in this equation it appears only here. In other words derivative of minus sign  $x_1$  with respect to  $x_1$  that is minus  $\cos x_1$ . What is the derivative of this term with respect to  $x_2$ , does not come here it appears only here.

So, we put minus  $b$  here this as expected is a matrix, but it depends on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  it depends only on  $x_2$  in this case. So, we are now required to evaluate this at  $x$  equal to  $0$  at the origin. So, which means that in these in the first 2 entries  $x_1$   $x_2$  do not appear it appears only here, when you put  $x_1$  equal to  $0$ , we get minus  $1$  and of course,  $b$  is

greater than 0. Let us check how the Eigen values of this matrix look. So, upon checking one can do the calculations and check that Eigen value.

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Eigen values of  $a$  are in the open left half complex plane, one can check that by using the fact that this  $b > 0$ , Eigen values of that particular matrix we wrote are both in the open left half plane, which means that the origin is asymptotically stable. For a linearized system if  $a$ , is if the origin of the linearized system has all Eigen values in the open left half plane. Then we know that the non-linear systems equilibrium point is also asymptotically stable. However that Lyapunov function could not help us with that.

So, can we find another Lyapunov function, after all the Lyapunov theorem was only a sufficient condition for stability and asymptotic stability. Since, we already know that the equilibrium point is asymptotically stable, can we find another Lyapunov function to prove to show asymptotic stability the energy function, already helped us to prove stability, but we want to prove asymptotic stability. So, we will consider Lyapunov function for the linearized system.

In other words find  $P$  greater than 0, such that  $A^T P + P A$ , is equal to  $Q$  for  $Q$  a negative definite matrix, this is the problem that we will solve. Now, why because this particular Lyapunov function for the linearized system will also help as a Lyapunov function for the non-linear system. So, we can in fact choose for linear systems because  $a$ , is for any  $Q$  we will be able to find such a  $p$ . So, take  $Q$  equal to  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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Take  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

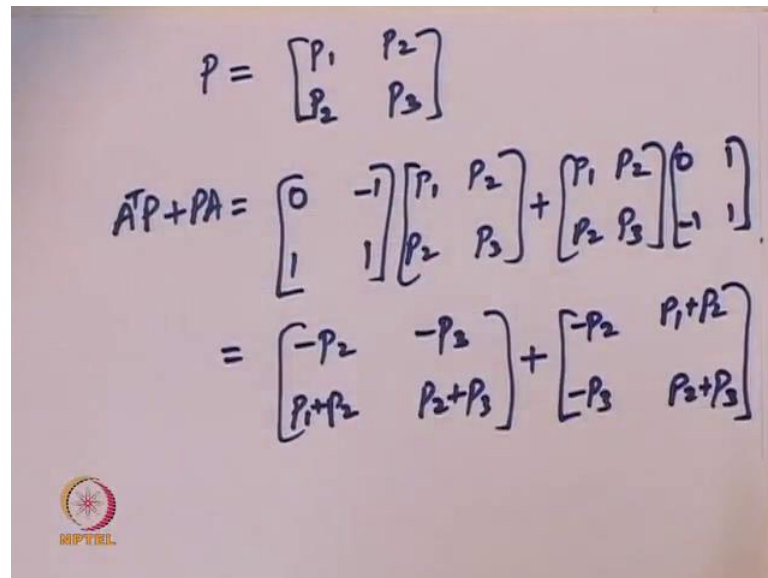
$$\dot{V}(x) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 < 0$$
$$= x^T Q x$$

find  $P$  such that

$$A^T P + P A = Q$$
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -b \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = 1$$

In other words, this will  $Q$  will correspond to our  $V$  dot of  $x$ . So, the corresponding  $V$  dot of  $x$  will turn out to be equal to minus  $x_1$  square minus  $x_2$  square, why because  $V$  dot of  $x$  is nothing but  $x$  transpose  $Q$   $x$  on linear systems. So, when we put this particular  $Q$  we will get precisely this. This we know is negative definite, it is strictly less than 0 for all  $x_1 \times x_2$  except, of course  $x_1$  equal to 0 and  $x_2$  equal to 0. So, for this particular  $Q$  we will now look for a  $p$ , such that find  $P$  such that a transpose  $P$  plus  $P$  a, is equal to this  $Q$  because that particular a is harvitz the  $P$ , that we will obtain from this equation, will turn out to be positive definite matrix this is equation that we will solve. Now, notice that,  $A$  was equal to 0 1 minus 1 minus  $b$ . For the purpose of solving we could take  $b$  equal to 1, this is the rate at which energy decreases due to friction and this is required to be positive. So, we have taken  $b$  equal to 1.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 \\ P_2 & P_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 A^T P + P A &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 \\ P_2 & P_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 \\ P_2 & P_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -P_2 & -P_2 \\ P_1 + P_2 & P_2 + P_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -P_2 & P_1 + P_2 \\ -P_3 & P_2 + P_3 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$


What do we get by solving for solving for P. We will assume P as these entries  $P_1$   $P_2$   $P_3$  is a symmetric matrix, hence this entry is also equal to  $P_2$  and  $P_3$ . So, when we do  $A^T P + P A$ , that time we get this to be equal to this is  $A^T P + P A$ , what is written here is a transpose hence  $P_1$   $P_2$   $P_2$   $P_3$  plus same matrix  $P_1$   $P_2$   $P_2$   $P_3$  times a, which was equal to  $0$   $1$   $-1$   $1$ . So, we will now evaluate this, this is equal to  $-P_2$   $-P_2$   $P_1 + P_2$   $P_2 + P_3$  this is  $-P_2$   $-P_2$   $P_1 + P_2$   $P_2 + P_3$  and  $-P_2$   $P_1 + P_2$   $-P_3$   $P_2 + P_3$ . Now, we will this to Q and while doing that, so we can add this 2 matrices to get finally, a transpose P plus P a, is equal to  $-2P_2$   $P_1 + P_2$   $-P_3$   $P_2 + P_3$ .

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} -p_2 & -p_3 \\ p_1+p_2 & p_2+p_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -p_2 & p_1+p_2 \\ -p_3 & p_2+p_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T P + P A = \begin{bmatrix} -2p_2 & p_1+p_2-p_3 \\ p_1+p_2-p_3 & 2p_2+2p_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2p_2 &= -1 & p_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ p_1+p_2-p_3 &= 0 \\ 2p_2+2p_3 &= -1 & p_3 &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So, we get the same thing  $p_1$  plus  $p_2$  minus  $p_3$ . Here we get  $2p_2$  plus  $2p_3$ . So, since  $P$  was symmetric, we have got this particular matrix to be symmetric. That is a reason that we should be choosing  $Q$  also to be symmetric. We have chosen  $Q$  to be equal to let us find values  $p_1$   $p_2$   $p_3$  a particular theorem. We already saw claims that this system of equations is solvable. So, there are only 3 entries to 3 equations 1 2 and 3, why because this entry equal to this is a same equation as this entry equal to 0. So, let us put minus  $2p_2$  equal to minus 1  $p_1$  plus  $p_2$  minus  $p_3$  is equal to 0. Finally,  $2p_2$  plus  $2p_3$  equal to minus 1.

So, the first equation just tells that  $p_2$  is equal to 1 by 2, which when we substitute in the last equation we get  $p_3$  was equal to minus 1 minus  $2p_2$  minus 2 times  $p_2$  is nothing but minus 1, again which gives us  $p_3$  equal to. So, we have taken  $A$  equal to 0 1. Let us go back to this equation, we have got  $A$  equal to 0 1 minus  $b$  and we have put  $b$  equal to 1. Let us now take  $P$  equal to  $p_1$   $p_2$   $p_3$  we have taken  $P$  to be symmetric.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 A^T P + P A &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} p_2 & -p_3 \\ p_1 - p_2 & p_2 - p_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -p_2 & p_1 - p_2 \\ -p_3 & p_2 - p_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2p_2 & p_1 - p_2 - p_3 \\ p_1 - p_2 - p_3 & 2p_2 - 2p_3 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

That is why we have taken a same entry here. So, let us solve for A transpose P plus P A. This gives us for A transpose. We will write 0 minus 1 1 minus 1 times P 1 P 2 P 3 plus the same matrix P 1 P 2 P 2 P 3 times A which is equal to 0 1 minus 1 minus 1. Then we solve this. So, this when we do we get minus P 2 minus P 3 P 1 minus P 2 and P 2 minus P 3 plus this particular matrix product. When we evaluate we get minus P 2 minus P 3 P 1 minus P 2 P 2 minus P 3. When we add these 2 matrices we get minus 2 P 2 P 1 minus P 2 minus P 3 P 1 minus P 2 minus P 3 and finally, 2 P 2 minus 2 P 3.

So, this matrix we have finally, got is nothing but a transpose P plus P times A. Now, we will equate this to Q. So, we had already taken notice that, this matrix is symmetric because we have taken P to be symmetric. This matrix has been obtained to be symmetric. Hence it is important that this matrix be equal to A Q, which also should be assumed to be symmetric. So, we have taken Q to be equal to minus 1 0 0 minus 1. So, when we equate this matrix to Q, then we have it appears like 4 equations.

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$$\begin{array}{l} p_3 \\ -2p_3 \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} -2p_2 = -1 \\ p_1 - p_2 - p_3 = 0 \\ 2p_2 - 2p_3 = -1 \end{array} \right\} \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$p_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$2p_3 = 2p_2 + 1 = 2$$
$$p_1 = p_2 + p_3 = 2.5$$

This entry equal to minus 1, this entry equal to 0, this entry equal to 0 is again the same equation. So, it is not really 4 equations, but 3 what is the last equation, this entry equal to minus 1. So, these 4 equations now we will write here. So, we have minus 2 P 2 equal to minus 1 P 1 minus P 2 minus P 3 equal to 0 and 2 P 2 minus 2 P 3 equal to minus 1. So, the first equation gives us 1 by 2, which when we substitute into the last equation we get 2 P 3 is equal to 2 P 2 plus 1 which was equal to 2, when we put P 2 equal to half here we get 2 and these P 1 P 2 and P 3. When we substitute to the second equation we get P 1 equal to P 2 plus P 3 which was equal to 2.5. So, what is our matrix P as a result of this the matrix P was equal to P 1 P 2 P 3.



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$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P > 0?$

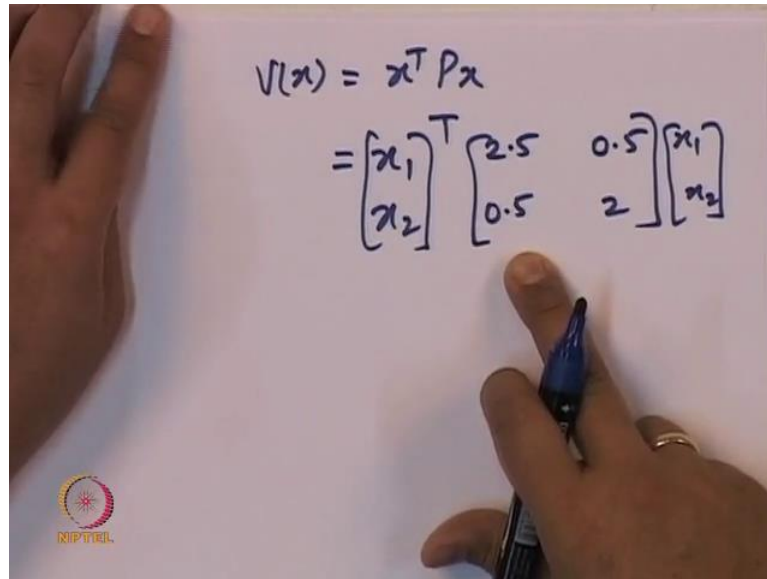
$$P_{11} = 2.5 > 0$$
$$\det P = 2 \times 2.5 - 0.5^2 = 5 - 0.25 = 4.75 > 0$$

So,  $P_{11}$  has been obtained to be equal to 2.5,  $P_{22}$  was equal to 0.5 which is a same entry here. Finally,  $P_{33}$ , which was equal to 2. So, the claim is that this matrix  $P$  can be obtained is positive definite because  $A$  was Hurwitz and  $Q$  was negative definite. So, we can check this  $P$  greater than 0. How will we check this, one way to check that a matrix is positive definite is that, all the principle minors all the leading principle minors. So, for a square symmetric matrix this is a 1 by 1 minor.

It is a principle minor because it has symmetric rows and columns take to construct that matrix and only the leading ones. So, we take only this now and every such matrix we take and look at the determinant and each of these determinants should be a positive number that is a necessary and sufficient function for this matrix  $P$  to be a positive definite matrix. So, let us do the check for this here we have to take only 2 determinants the first 1 by 1 determinant is nothing but 2.5  $P_{11}$ , the first sub matrix is equal to 2.5 that is greater than 0.

What about the determinant of the whole matrix the next leading principle minor is nothing but the whole matrix  $P$  the determinant of the whole matrix is 2 into 2.5 minus 0.5 square which is equal to 5 minus 0.25 which is equal to 4.75 that is positive. So, because both the first leading 1 by 1 minor and the second leading 2 by 2 minor are both positive determinant. This means that the matrix  $P$  is positive definite. So, if we had taken the Lyapunov function coming from this  $P$  for the linearized system.

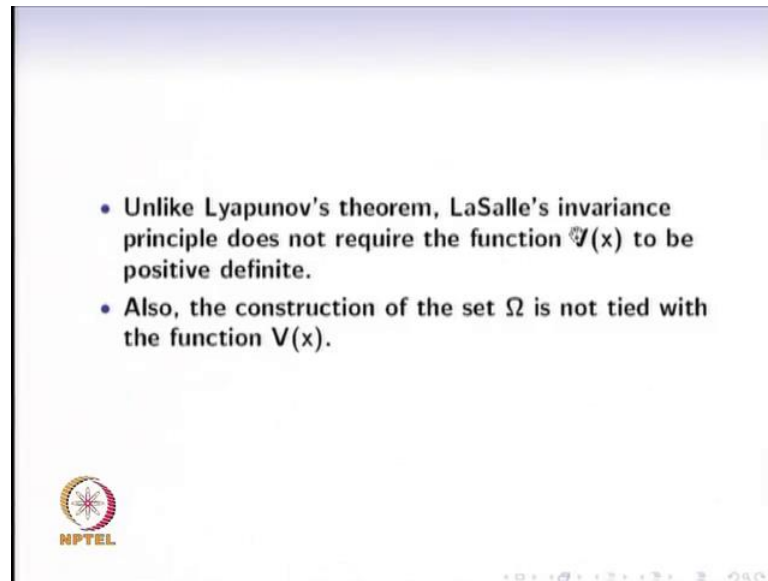
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$$V(x) = x^T P x$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, what is the Lyapunov function it is  $x^T P x$  in which  $P$  was in which matrix  $P$  was the  $1$  we just now obtained, if we take this a Lyapunov function the origin turns out to be asymptotically stable by Lyapunov theorem of asymptotic stability. The same Lyapunov function will also help us in proving asymptotic stability of the non-linear systems equilibrium, which happens to be the origin again, but if we had started with this Lyapunov function, then we would not have required LaSalle's invariance principle because the Lyapunov function theorem would have claimed stated, that the equilibrium is asymptotically stable. Unlike the energy function, unlike the physical energy that we have taken which helped us to prove only stability Lyapunov theorem of stability.

So, this completes Lyapunov analysis we have seen some solved examples also. We can have another set of problems, which we will use as exercises. We will now move on to the next topic, which is about periodic orbits, why because periodic orbits are an important part in the context of building oscillators. So, before we move to that topic there is one other slide that we had skipped.

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- Unlike Lyapunov's theorem, LaSalle's invariance principle does not require the function  $V(x)$  to be positive definite.
- Also, the construction of the set  $\Omega$  is not tied with the function  $V(x)$ .

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So, the LaSalle's invariance principle which we saw in detail also saw an example, is different from Lyapunov theorem in two ways. The first way is, unlike the Lyapunov theorem the LaSalle's invariance principle does not require the function  $V$  to be positive definite. Notice that we did not assume that  $V$  was positive definite, second the positive invariance at that we have constructed in the proof of the Lyapunov theorem, that set  $\Omega$  was constructed using the Lyapunov function  $V$ . Here we are assuming that we already have a positive invariant set. In fact it is that is the reason, that we are not assuming  $V$  as positive definite because on a compact set  $\Omega$ ,  $V$  always achieves its minimum. We can subtract that minimum from the function  $V$ .

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Barbashin and Krasovskii's theorems

$\dot{x} = f(x)$  and  $f(0) = 0$ , i.e.  $x = 0$  is an equilibrium point.

Let  $V : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously differentiable positive definite function on a domain  $D$  containing the origin.  
 $V(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in D$  except  $x = 0$   
 $\dot{V}(x) \leq 0$  on  $D$   
 $M = \{x \in D \mid \dot{V}(x) = 0\}$   
Suppose, the only solution that can remain inside  $M$  is  $x(t) \equiv 0$ , then  $0$  is asymptotically stable

Further, if  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is radially unbounded, then  $0$  is globally asymptotically stable

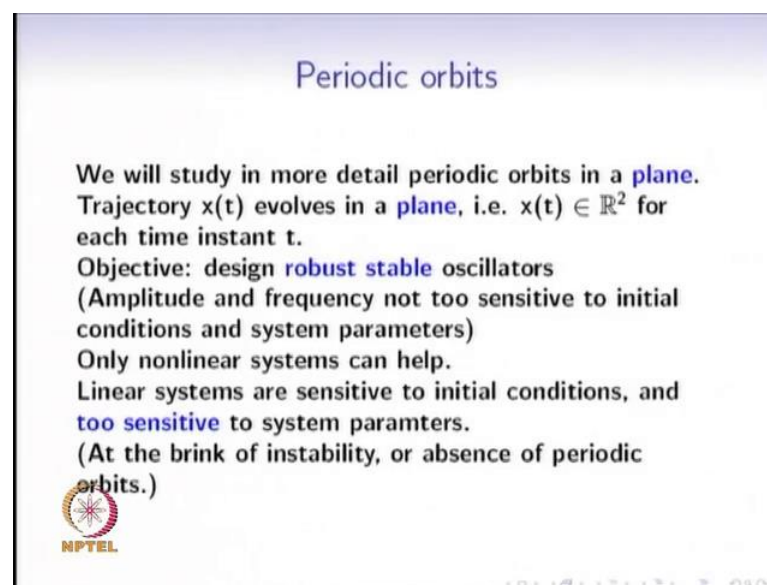
Here by which, we can always obtain another function  $V$  that indeed is positive definite. We will also see an application of LaSalle's invariance principle. So, that are well known results that turn out to be a special case of the LaSalle's invariance principle. So, one of them is Barbashin Krasovskii's theorems, what is the statement of the theorem.

So, suppose  $x$  not is equal to  $f$  of  $x$  id a system in which  $x$  can have many components  $x$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose the origin is in equilibrium, suppose there exists a function  $V$  from a domain  $D$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , which is continuously differentiable and suppose  $V$  is positive definite function in other words  $V$  of  $x$  is greater than 0. For all except origin  $x$  equal to 0 and also  $V$  satisfies that it is less than or equal to 0, on the domain  $D$  construct the set  $M$  that is made up of all the points where  $V$  dot is equal to 0.

Suppose, this particular  $M$  has a property that the only solution that can remain inside is  $x$  t identical equal to 0. Then the origin is asymptotically stable notice that, this is precisely the situation that happened for the pendulum example with friction. So, the Barbashin Krasovskii's theorem is a more general statement to this effect. What can we speak say about global asymptotic stability of that equilibrium. We just now claimed to be asymptotically stable if  $V$  is radially unbounded. Further in addition to the above assumptions, if  $V$  is also radially unbounded, then the origin is in fact globally asymptotically stable.

So, this particular theorem we already saw for the case of a pendulum as far the asymptotic stability is concerned of course, the pendulum example it is not globally asymptotically stable simple because there are other equilibrium point points. However the Barbashin Krasovskii's theorem says that, if  $V$  where radially unbounded, then the origin is in fact globally asymptotically stable. One can check that the Lyapunov function  $V$  we had used for the case of the pendulum example with friction, that is not going to be radially unbounded, otherwise the origin there would have been globally asymptotically stable according to this theorem.


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Periodic orbits

We will study in more detail periodic orbits in a **plane**.  
Trajectory  $x(t)$  evolves in a **plane**, i.e.  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  for each time instant  $t$ .

Objective: design **robust stable** oscillators  
(Amplitude and frequency not too sensitive to initial conditions and system parameters)  
Only nonlinear systems can help.  
Linear systems are sensitive to initial conditions, and **too sensitive** to system parameters.  
(At the brink of instability, or absence of periodic orbits.)

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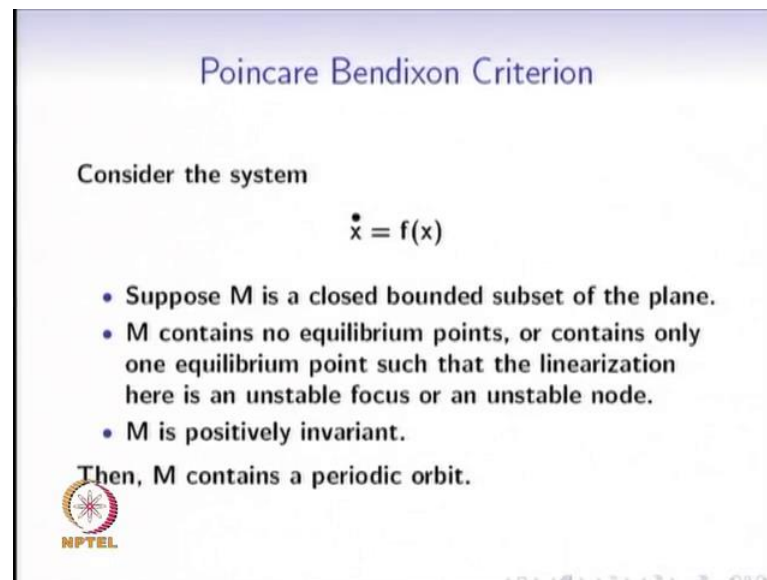
Now we come to the other topic about periodic orbits for this purpose. We will study periodic orbits in more detail for a plane where the trajectory evolves in a plane. In other words at each time instant at each time instant  $x$  of  $t$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , it has 2 components only. So, what is the objective the objective is to design robust and stable oscillators. So, what is robust about this and what is stable about this, we want that the amplitude and the frequency of the oscillations are not too sensitive to the initial conditions and are not too sensitive to the system parameters.

So, as we had noted at the beginning of this of this lectures only non-linear systems can help why is that because linear system first of all are very sensitive to are sensitive to initial conditions. In other words if we start with a different initial condition, then the amplitude is different of course, for linear systems of frequency remains the same, but

the amplitude is different more over the fact that there are periodic orbits is extremely sensitive to system parameters.

In other words Eigen values are on the imaginary axes for small changes in the system parameters, Eigen values could be in the right half plane or in the left half plane, which means that we might have either no periodic orbits and all trajectories go to 0 or the trajectories could become unbounded. There is again absence of periodic orbits in other words linear systems are at the brink of instability and hence periodic orbits are extremely sensitive to the system parameters. So, for non-linear system the question arises how to even claim that there are periodic orbits for this system of equation. So, one extremely important result in this context is the Poincare Bendixon Criterion.

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**Poincare Bendixon Criterion**

Consider the system

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

- Suppose M is a closed bounded subset of the plane.
- M contains no equilibrium points, or contains only one equilibrium point such that the linearization here is an unstable focus or an unstable node.
- M is positively invariant.

Then, M contains a periodic orbit.

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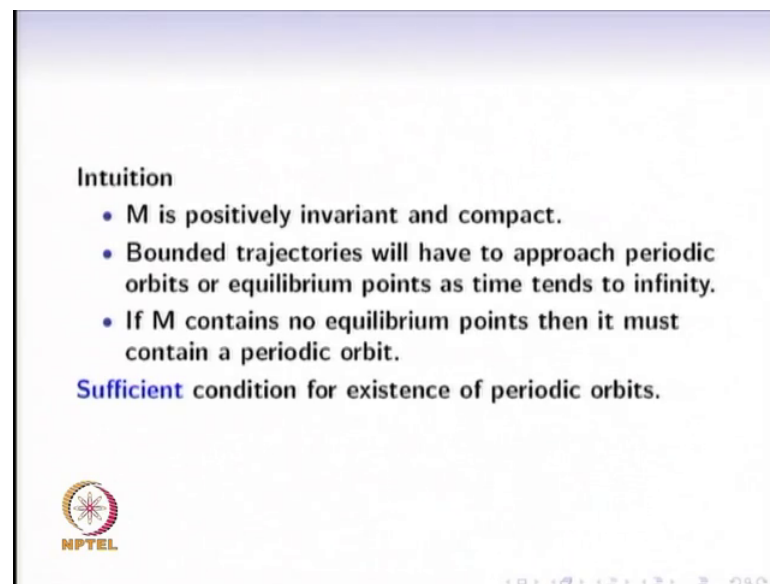
So, what does the criteria tell. So, consider the system  $\dot{x}$  is equal to  $f$  of  $x$  in which note that  $x$  has only 2 components. Suppose, the set  $M$  suppose there is a set  $M$  which is compact set it is a close end bounded set of the plane. Suppose  $M$  has a property that  $M$  contains no equilibrium point points or  $M$  could contain an equilibrium point such that that equilibrium point is either unstable focus or an unstable or an unstable node. So, there are 2 situations for the second bullet. The first case is  $M$  contains no equilibrium point points the second situation is that when we linearized at that equilibrium. If there is equilibrium, then at most 1 equilibrium point is allowed and

at when we linearize at that equilibrium, then the linearized system has an unstable focus or an unstable node.

In other words both the Eigen values of the matrix  $a$ , which we get by linearizing at this equilibrium point are instable. Both Eigen values are in the open right half complex plane. So, suppose  $M$  has this property further suppose  $M$  is also positively invariant. If  $M$  satisfies these 3 conditions that it is a compact set its positively invariant and either  $M$  has no equilibrium point points or at most which is unstable. These 3 conditions are sufficient to ensure that  $M$  contains a periodic orbit.

Under these assumptions the Poincare Bendixon criterion claims that, there is  $M$  is guaranteed to contain a periodic orbit. So, what is intuition behind this. So,  $M$  is positively invariant and compact, in other words trajectories that start inside  $M$  remain inside  $M$  for all future time.


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**Intuition**

- $M$  is positively invariant and compact.
- Bounded trajectories will have to approach periodic orbits or equilibrium points as time tends to infinity.
- If  $M$  contains no equilibrium points then it must contain a periodic orbit.

**Sufficient condition for existence of periodic orbits.**



Since  $M$  is compact these trajectories are all bounded they cannot become unbounded because they do not even leave  $M$  and  $M$  is bounded. Further these bounded trajectories will have to approach periodic orbits or they can approach equilibrium points as  $t$  tends to infinity what happens to all these bounded trajectories they either approach equilibrium point or they approach periodic orbit. These are the only 2 possibilities why because the trajectories are all bounded.



They exist for all future times, now if we rule out existence of any equilibrium point inside  $M$  then we are forced to have a periodic orbit this is what Poincare Bendixon criteria say, secondly even if  $M$  had a periodic even. If  $M$  had an equilibrium point, but if that where unstable the trajectories could not be converging into them or trajectories could not be converging to the equilibrium point. So, we would have a periodic orbits even if  $M$  had an equilibrium point which was unstable in that case. So, these 3 conditions on  $M$  ensure that there is a periodic orbit. So, please note that this is only a sufficient condition for existence of a periodic orbit.

Of course there can also be a continuum there can be non-unique periodic orbits there can also be a continuum of periodic orbits, which we will see very soon another important criteria in this situation is the, so called Bendixon criteria. So, what does this criteria say it is a sufficient condition please note which conditions are necessary which conditions are sufficient the Bendixon criteria is a sufficient condition for non-existence of periodic order.

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### Bendixon Criterion


**Sufficient condition for non-existence of periodic orbits fully contained in a region.**

If, on a simply connected region  $D$  of the plane ,the expression

$$[\partial f_1 / \partial x_1 + \partial f_2 / \partial x_2]$$

- is not identically zero,
- does not change sign,

then  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  has no periodic orbits lying entirely in  $D$ .



It is a sufficient condition for non-existence of periodic orbits that are fully contained inside the region. So, what is the criterion if one is simply connected region  $D$  of the plane. So, we will quickly see what simply connected region is. So, on a simply connected region of the plane if this particular expression here satisfies the condition, that it is not identically 0 and it does not change it is time, if this conditions are satisfied

then the system of equation  $\dot{x}$  equal to  $f$  of  $x$  has no periodic orbits lying entirely in  $D$ . So, inside the region  $D$  we check that this quantity is not always equal to 0 and it also does not change sign inside  $D$  if those 2 properties are satisfied by this particular function. Then they cannot be any periodic orbits lying completely in  $d$ .

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$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \right) = g(x_1, x_2)$$

check that  $g(x_1, x_2) \neq 0$   
in  $D$

check that  
sign  $g(x_1, x_2) = 1, -1, 0$

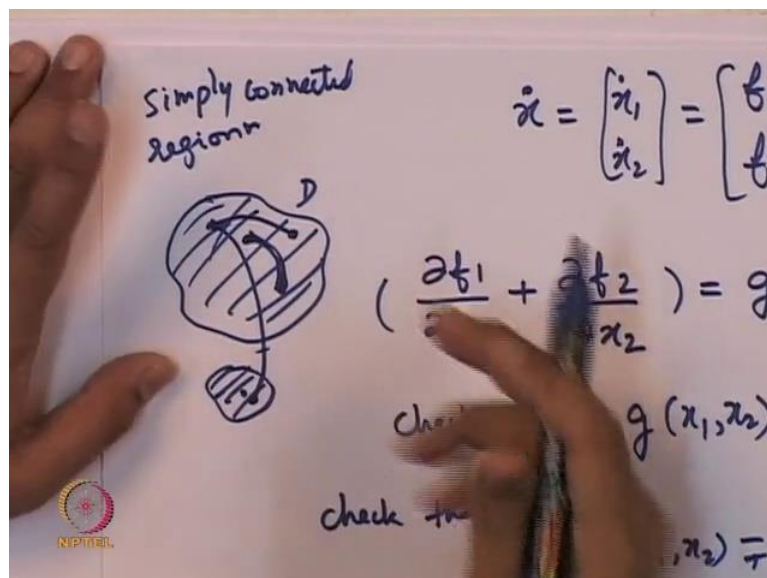
So, please note that it is only non-existence fully contained inside  $D$  of periodic orbits that is being guaranteed by the criteria. So,  $\dot{x}$  is equal to  $x_1$  dot  $x_2$  dot which is equal to  $f_1$  of  $x$   $f_2$  of  $x$ . So, this is our dynamical system, as I said we are considering evolution of trajectories in a plane. So,  $x$  has only 2 components  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  and hence its differential equation has only 2 equations inside this. Now, we differentiate the first 1 we differentiate  $f_1$  with respect to  $x_1$  and to that we add the partial derivative of  $f_2$  with respect to  $x_2$ . Note that  $f_1$  depends on  $x$ , which is  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . So,  $f_1$  can depend on  $x_1$  also and  $x_2$  also and similarly,  $x_2$  can depend on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

Hence we have partial derivatives of,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  here partial derivative of  $f_1$  with respect to  $x_1$  partial derivative of  $f_2$  with respect to  $x_2$ . This particular quantity is some function you know suppose that function is called  $g$  it depends on both  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . So, what does the Bendixon criteria say that this particular quantity, you check that  $g$  of  $x_1$  comma  $x_2$  is not identically 0 in  $d$ . So,  $D$  is a region inside this region this quantity is not identically 0. In other words there is at least 1,  $x_1$   $x_2$  where this is not equal to 0 as

soon as this is not equal to 0 at least at single. It means it is not identically 0 in D it is allowed to be 0 at a few points at several points.

However it should not be equal to 0 in at all the points in d, that is a statement that this is not identically 0 also check that the sign of g can be equal to be either 1 or minus 1 or 0. This is in general possible, but we require that the sign of this should not change in other words it should not go from minus 1 to 1 from minus 1 to 1 or 1 to minus 1. As long as it is always 1 or always minus 1 may be at some it becomes equal to 0, if the sign of this does not change. When you check for different  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  points in this region d, if these 2 conditions are satisfied then the Bendixon criteria says, then D cannot fully contain a periodic orbit there is no periodic orbit that lies entirely in D.

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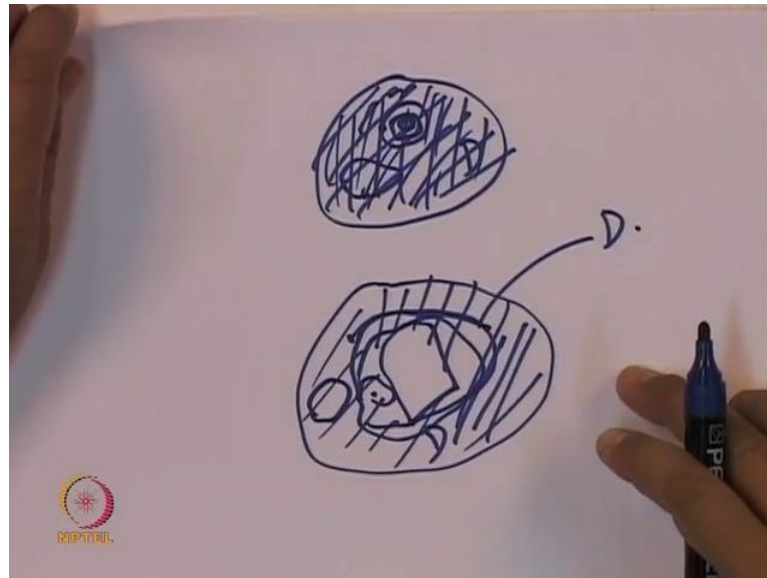


So, another assumption that we had made was, the D is simply connected region what is a simply connected region. So, in the plane  $x_1 \times x_2$  suppose this is region D we will call this region D simply connected of course, means that D should not be made up of 2 such parts this is in D and this is in d. So, this is not connected right because to say that it is connected we take any 2 points.

There should be a curve there should be a path between these 2 points, and the path the points on the path also should lie in d. This should be possible for every 2 points in d, if D had 2 components while certain points are connected by a path lying in D every 2 points are not connected and look at a. There and a here a path from there to here is

forced to go outside  $d$ . So, this such a set would not be connected even. So, for a region that is connected what do we mean by simply connected. Now, we take this region  $D$ .

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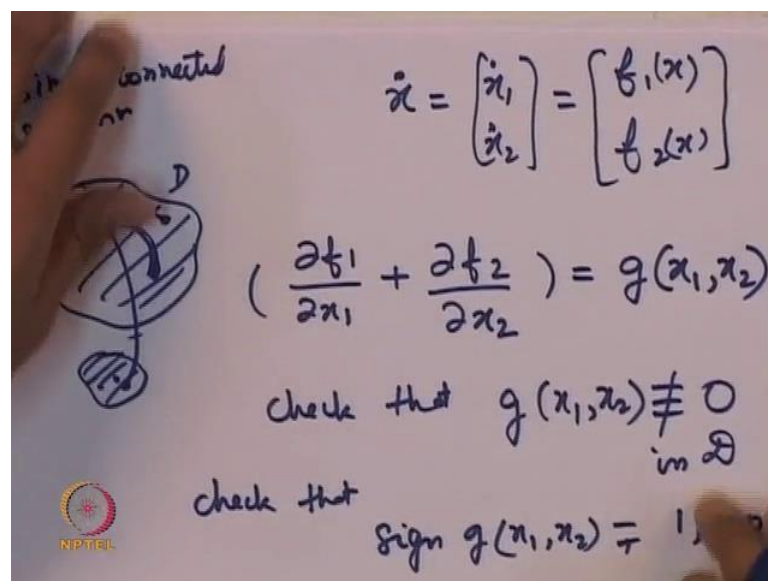
So, we take a closed curve inside this and this is just a close curve and this close curve can be shrunk to a. We can take a smaller curve slightly smaller curve. **So, and this shrinking eventually lead to a.** In the process of shrinking to a, inside at no situation does the curve have to leave the set  $d$ . In other words every closed curve can be shrunk to a. While being inside  $d$ , if that is the situation that is the property that  $D$  has, then we will say  $D$  is simply connected. So, all these regions that we usually think off are indeed simply connected. So, an example of set  $D$  that is connected, but not simply connected is a set which has holes.

So, take this and we rule out this particular case. So, what is our  $D$  our  $D$  is this shaded region and this shaded region without this particular place without this hole. So, this  $D$  with a hole this is our  $D$  this is an example for a region that is connected why it is connected because we can take any 2 points on  $d$ . There is a path that connects these 2 and all points in the path are also  $d$ , but what about a closed curve notice that this closed curve cannot be shrunk cannot be made smaller than smaller such, that all the whole curve is in in  $D$  why because it cannot be shrunk to a.

So, in the process of shrinking this curve to this to any, it turns out that this hole because it is inside the curve, but it is not inside  $D$  inside the region  $D$  we are n to able to shrink

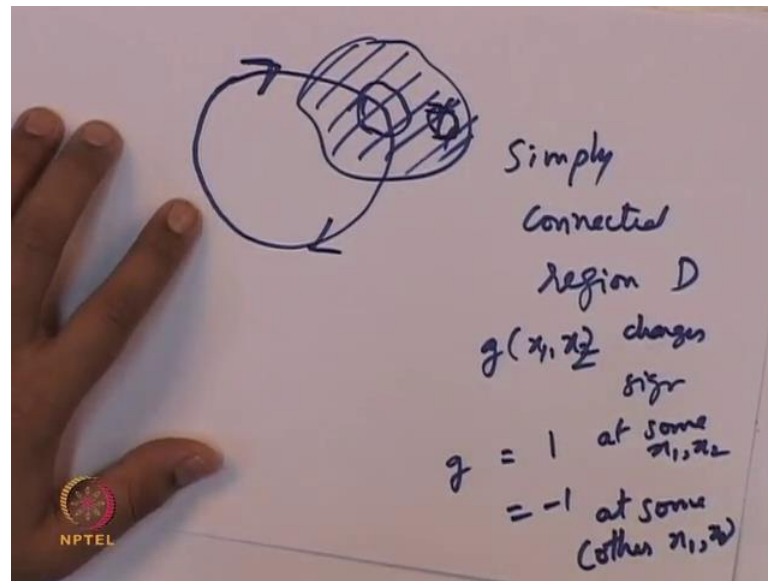
this closed curve to a point. We might be able to shrink other closed curves to a point, but for it for the region to be simply connected every closed curve we should be able to shrink to a point. So, there are curves here which we cannot shrink to a point. Hence this D is not simply connected, but this D is simply connected so. The Bendixon criteria requires that the region D for which we are checking is simply is a simply connected region. So, on the simply connected region we check whether the two functions, whether this function g whether the function g here which is obtained from  $f_1$   $f_2$  by doing this partial derivative operation.

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This  $g$  should not be identical to 0 on this region. It should also not change signs from 1 to minus 1 it is allowed to be 0 at a few points in which case the sign is equal to 0 that is not of concern, but it should not become from 1 to minus 1 or minus 1 to 1. If  $D$  satisfies these 2 properties at all points in  $D$   $g$  satisfies this properties, then the Bendixon criteria says that there is no periodic orbit lying entirely in  $D$  what the Bendixon criteria does not say is that.

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Suppose this is a region  $g$ , it is simply connected simply connected region  $d$ . Suppose  $g$  of the previous slide changes sign means what when we take different points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , then it is equal to 1 at certain  $x_1 \times x_2$  points. It is equal to minus 1 at some  $x_1, x_2$  it is equal to minus 1 at certain other points at some at some other points. If  $g$  is changing it is sign from 1 and minus then the Bendixon criteria only says is what it says is that, there is no such periodic orbit.

There cannot be such a periodic orbit, but there could be a periodic orbit that is not lying entirely in  $d$ , such a periodic orbit could be there which partly is inside  $D$  and partly outside  $d$ . Such a periodic orbit could still exist the Bendixon criteria does not rule out such periodic orbits existence. It only rules out any periodic orbit that lies entirely in  $D$  this is ruled out. So, please note that there is a certain difference in lying entirely in  $D$  and passing through  $D$  and the criteria only says that even  $g$  does not change, it sign while being checked in  $D$ , then there is no periodic orbit that is contained in  $d$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2, \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 \\ A &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \det(sI - A) &= s^2 + 1 \\ \lambda_1(A) &= j \\ \lambda_2(A) &= -j\end{aligned}$$

So, let us take an example of a linear system. So, the corresponding matrix  $a$ , this can be also written as  $\dot{x}$  is equal to  $Ax$  where  $A$  is equal to  $0 \ 1$  minus  $1 \ 0$ . So, let us check the Eigen values for this matrix  $a$ . So, determinant of  $sI - a$ , is equal to  $s^2 + 1$ . So, please check that the determinant of this the characteristic polynomial turns out to be this. So, the Eigen values of  $A$  plus and minus  $j$ , Eigen value of  $a$  is equal to plus  $j$ . The other one is minus  $j$  in other words there are 2 Eigen values both on the imaginary axis which suggests that there are periodic orbits. The equilibrium point  $0, 0$  is a center for this particular  $A$ . So, let us see what happens to the Bendixon criteria.

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$$\begin{aligned}g(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial b_2}{\partial x_2} \\ &= 0 + 0 = 0 \\ g(x_1, x_2) &\equiv 0\end{aligned}$$

Bendixon criteria  
assumptions not satisfied



So, what is our  $g$  which we have defined as  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}$ . So, for this particular case this is our  $f_1$  and this is  $f_2$ . So, derivative of  $f_1$  with respect to  $x_1$  is equal to 0 derivative of  $f_2$   $x_2$  does not even appear in  $f_2$  only  $x_1$  appears. So, derivative of  $f_2$  with respect to  $x_2$  is also again 0, this is 0. So, no matter which region you take no matter which simply connected region you take  $g$  of  $x_1 \times x_2$  is identically equal to 0. It is equal to 0 without even having to specify at which  $x_1 \times x_2$  we are checking this. So, this is a situation where Bendixon criteria is not applicable you know.

So, Bendixon criteria assumptions not satisfied the assumptions are not satisfied. Does that mean that there are no periodic orbits lying entirely inside, that simply connected region  $D$  no, it does not mean that it only means that, because the assumptions of the Bendixon criteria are not satisfied we cannot go ahead and conclude anything because Bendixon criteria is not valid the statement is not valid. However we know in this particular case that it is identically 0 and there are periodic orbits indeed. In fact these are all the periodic orbits.

So, from any initial condition on this plane, there is a periodic orbit passing through that in other words for every simply connected region that contains the origin as long as this region is some region like this. There are plenty of periodic orbits, however Bendixon criteria does not tell us that why because Bendixon criteria assumes that, this  $g$  is not identically 0. That situation is not satisfied here for the case of linear system periodic orbits and hence we are able to use Bendixon criteria. Here we will see some more examples of where Bendixon criteria is applicable in the next lecture.

Thank you.