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## 内容提要

本教材包含线性系统的相图,非线性系统的线性近似,具有零特征值奇点的性质,高阶奇点,极限环和它们的分支,无穷远奇点及奇点指数,关于相图应用的例子等内容。本书可作为高等院校数学类、自动化控制、信息处理等专业的本科生和研究生的选修课教材,也可作为对微分方程及数值模拟感兴趣的朋友的自学读本。

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# 前 言

这本教材是本科生的《常微分方程》教材的后续教材，是为高年级本科生或研究生的选修课程编写的英语教材。

众所周知，很多实际问题中的数学模型都是微分方程，因此微分方程是数学联系实际的重要桥梁之一。不幸的是，大多数这样的方程是找不到精确解的。定量的研究方法对它们是行不通的，只能采取定性研究或数值研究的方法。

本教材处理的对象主要是由两个自治微分方程构成的方程组，这样的方程组被称为平面自治系统。针对这样的系统，我们介绍定性分析方法和数值模拟方法，并利用这两种方法的结果相互验证其正确性。我们介绍的数值模拟工具是数学软件 **Mathematica**，我们的愿望是想通过该课程的学习，使学生在掌握一些微分方程定性分析方法的同时，也开始接触一些专业外语，并学会把数学软件应用到该课程学习中，但由于编者水平有限，以上愿望不一定能圆满实现。

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# Chapter 1

## Phase Portraits of Linear Systems

### 1.1 Standard Forms of Linear Systems

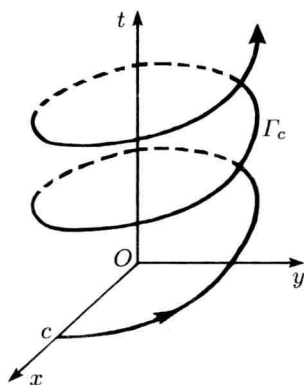
First of all, consider system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = x. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Clearly,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c \cos t \\ c \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

is a solution of (1.1). For given  $c > 0$ , in the  $t$ - $x$ - $y$  space, the solution  $x = c \cos t$ ,  $y = c \sin t$  determines a curve  $\Gamma_c$  which is called an integral curve of (1.1) (see Figure 1.1).



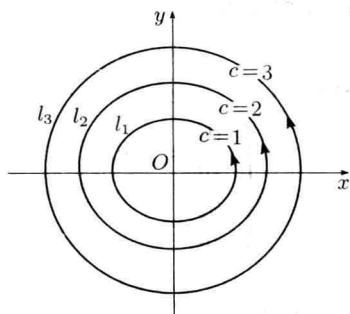
**Figure 1.1** The integral curve  $x = c \cos t$ ,  $y = c \sin t$  of system (1.1)

On  $x$ - $y$  plane, the project of the integral curve  $\Gamma_c$  is  $l_c$ :  $x^2 + y^2 = c^2$ .

The  $x$ - $y$  plane is called phase plane, and  $l_c$  is called orbit (see Figure 1.2). When  $t$  increases, the direction of  $\Gamma_c$  is also called the direction of  $l_c$ .

Generally, we consider autonomous system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = p(x, y), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = q(x, y). \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$



**Figure 1.2** The phase plane and the orbits of system (1.1)

**Definition 1.1** In the  $t$ - $x$ - $y$  space, the curve defined by a solution  $x = x(t)$ ,  $y = y(t)$  of (1.2) is called an integral curve. On  $x$ - $y$  plane the project of an integral curve is called an orbit and the  $x$ - $y$  plane is called phase plane. The combination of orbits are called phase portraits. If  $(x^*, y^*)$  satisfies  $p(x^*, y^*) = q(x^*, y^*) = 0$ , then  $(x^*, y^*)$  is called a singular point of (1.2).

Now we consider linear system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax + by, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = cx + dy, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $a, b, c, d$  are constants and satisfy

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \neq 0. \quad (1.4)$$



Obviously,  $(0, 0)$  is unique singular point of (1.3). The equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad (1.5)$$

that is,

$$\lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + ad - bc = 0, \quad (1.6)$$

is called characteristic equation of (1.3).

The two roots of (1.6) are denoted by

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ a + d + \sqrt{(a + d)^2 - 4(ad - bc)} \right], \quad (1.7)$$

and

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ a + d - \sqrt{(a + d)^2 - 4(ad - bc)} \right], \quad (1.8)$$

which are called eigenvalues.

Via the eigenvalues, system (1.3) can be changed into some standard forms. We use the following proposition to state them.

**Proposition 1.1** Assume that  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \neq 0$ . System (1.3) can be changed into some standard forms as follows:

(i) If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are real and  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , then under the following transformations

$$\begin{cases} \xi = (d - \lambda_1)x - by, \\ \eta = (d - \lambda_2)x - by, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } b \neq 0, \quad (1.9)$$

or

$$\begin{cases} \xi = -cx + (a - \lambda_1)y, \\ \eta = -cx + (a - \lambda_2)y, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } c \neq 0, \quad (1.10)$$

system (1.3) is changed into

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \lambda_1 \xi, \\ \frac{d\eta}{dt} = \lambda_2 \eta. \end{cases} \quad (1.11)$$

(ii) If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \neq 0$ , then under the transformations

$$\begin{cases} \xi = x, \\ \eta = (\lambda - d)x + by, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } b \neq 0, \quad (1.12)$$

or

$$\begin{cases} \xi = y, \\ \eta = cx + (\lambda - a)y, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } c \neq 0, \quad (1.13)$$

system (1.3) is changed into

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \lambda\xi + \eta, \\ \frac{d\eta}{dt} = \lambda\eta. \end{cases} \quad (1.14)$$

(iii) If  $\lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta$  and  $\lambda_2 = \alpha - i\beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ ), then under the transformations

$$\begin{cases} \xi = (d - \alpha)x - by, \\ \eta = \beta x, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } b \neq 0, \quad (1.15)$$

or

$$\begin{cases} \xi = -cx + (a - \alpha)y, \\ \eta = \beta y, \end{cases} \quad \text{for } c \neq 0, \quad (1.16)$$

system (1.3) is changed into

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \alpha\xi + \beta\eta, \\ \frac{d\eta}{dt} = -\beta\xi + \alpha\eta. \end{cases} \quad (1.17)$$

**Remark 1.1** When  $b = c = 0$ , system (1.3) becomes

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = dy, \end{cases} \quad (1.18)$$

which is of the same form with system (1.11). If  $a = d = \mu$ , then (1.18) becomes

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \mu x, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \mu y. \end{cases} \quad (1.19)$$

The systems (1.11), (1.14), (1.17) and (1.19) are called standard forms of linear systems.

### 1.2 Classification of Singular Points for Linear Systems

Now we consider the four standard forms above.

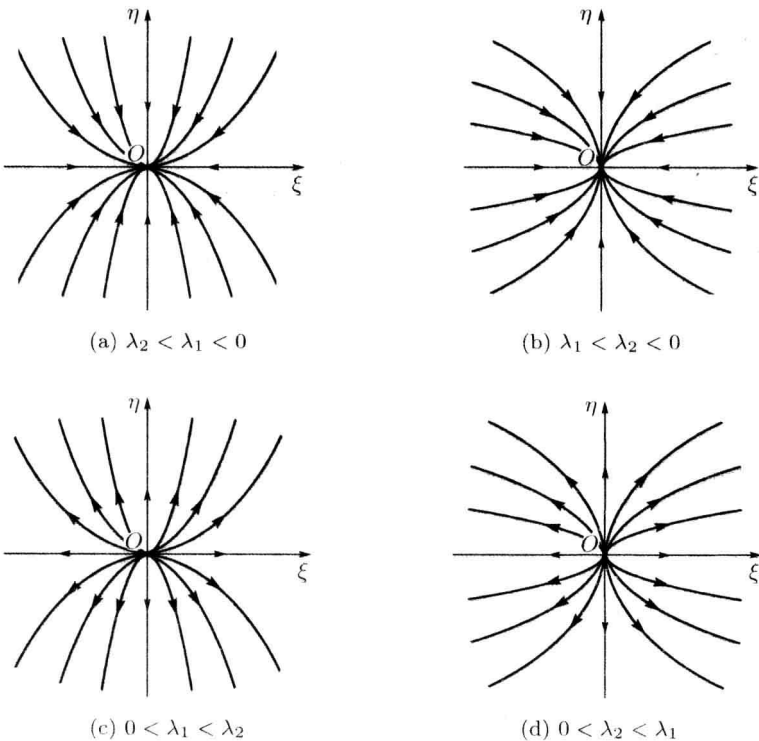
**Case 1** When  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are real and  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , from (1.11) we have

$$\frac{d\eta}{d\xi} = \frac{\lambda_2 \eta}{\lambda_1 \xi}. \tag{1.20}$$

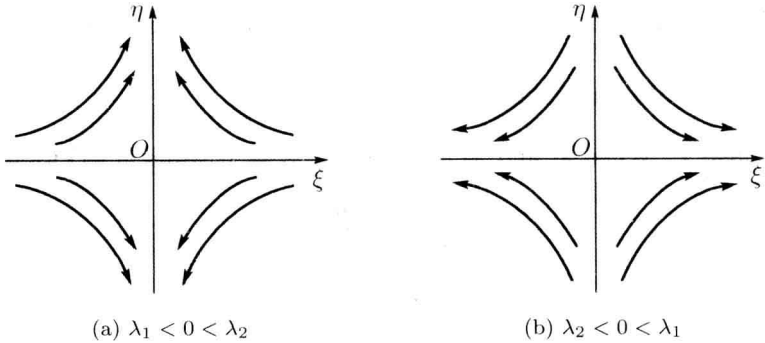
Obviously, equation (1.20) has solution

$$\eta = c \xi^{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}. \tag{1.21}$$

From (1.21) we draw the phase portraits of system (1.11) as Figure 1.3 and Figure 1.4.



**Figure 1.3** The phase portraits of system (1.11) when  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 > 0$



**Figure 1.4** The phase portraits of system (1.11) when  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 < 0$

**Definition 1.2** In Figure 1.3, the singular point  $(0,0)$  is called node, that is, when  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 > 0$  and  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ ,  $(0,0)$  is called node. When  $\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$  or  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$ ,  $(0,0)$  is called stable node (see Figure 1.3(a), Figure 1.3(b)). When  $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1 > 0$  or  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$ ,  $(0,0)$  is called unstable node (see Figure 1.3(c), Figure 1.3(d)).

**Definition 1.3** In Figure 1.4, the singular point  $(0,0)$  is called saddle, that is, when  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 < 0$ ,  $(0,0)$  is called saddle.

**Case 2** When  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ , from (1.14) we have

$$\frac{d\eta}{d\xi} = \frac{\lambda\eta}{\lambda\xi + \eta}, \quad (1.22)$$

that is,

$$\lambda(\eta d\xi - \xi d\eta) = \eta d\eta. \quad (1.23)$$

Multiplying the two sides of equation (1.23) by  $1/\eta^2$ , it follows that

$$\frac{\lambda(\eta d\xi - \xi d\eta)}{\eta^2} = \frac{d\eta}{\eta}. \quad (1.24)$$

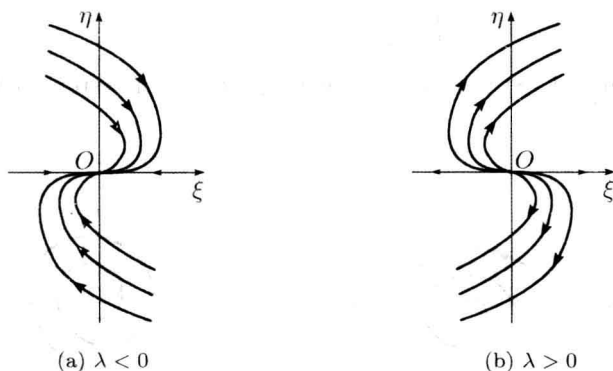
Via (1.24) we get

$$\frac{\lambda\xi}{\eta} = \ln|\eta| + c. \quad (1.25)$$

This implies that equation (1.22) has solution

$$\xi = \frac{\eta}{\lambda}(\ln|\eta| + c). \quad (1.26)$$

From (1.26) we draw the phase portraits of system (1.14) as Figure 1.5.



**Figure 1.5** The phase portraits of system (1.14)

**Definition 1.4** In Figure 1.5, the singular point  $(0, 0)$  is called degenerate node, that is, when  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \neq 0$ ,  $(0, 0)$  is called degenerate node. When  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $(0, 0)$  is called stable degenerate node. When  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $(0, 0)$  is called unstable degenerate node.

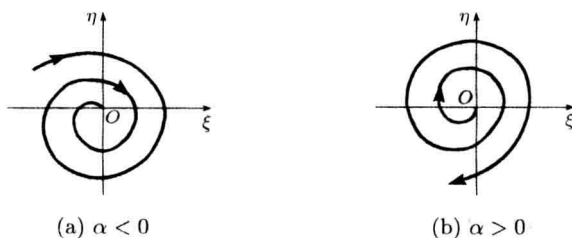
**Case 3** When  $\lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta$  and  $\lambda_2 = \alpha - i\beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ ), consider system (1.17). Substituting  $\xi = r \cos \theta$  and  $\eta = r \sin \theta$  into (1.17), it follows that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dr}{dt} \cos \theta - r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \sin \theta = \alpha r \cos \theta + \beta r \sin \theta, \\ \frac{dr}{dt} \sin \theta + r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \cos \theta = -\beta r \cos \theta + \alpha r \sin \theta. \end{cases} \quad (1.27)$$

From (1.27) we get

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dr}{dt} = \alpha r, \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\beta, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } \beta > 0. \quad (1.28)$$

Using (1.28) we draw the phase portraits of system (1.17) as Figure 1.6.



**Figure 1.6** The phase portraits of system (1.17)  
when  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\beta > 0$

**Definition 1.5** In Figure 1.6, the singular point  $(0,0)$  is called the focus. When  $\alpha < 0$ ,  $(0,0)$  is called the stable focus. When  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $(0,0)$  is called the unstable focus.

**Remark 1.2** In system (1.17), when  $\alpha = 0$ , it follows that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \beta\eta, \\ \frac{d\eta}{dt} = -\beta\xi. \end{cases} \quad (1.29)$$

From (1.29) we have

$$\frac{d\eta}{d\xi} = -\frac{\xi}{\eta}. \quad (1.30)$$

Thus the general solution of (1.30) is given by

$$\xi^2 + \eta^2 = c. \quad (1.31)$$

When  $\alpha = 0$ , the phase portrait of system (1.17) is given in Figure 1.7. Of course, when  $\alpha = 0$ , from (1.28) we also can get Figure 1.7.

**Definition 1.6** In Figure 1.7, the singular point  $(0,0)$  is called center.

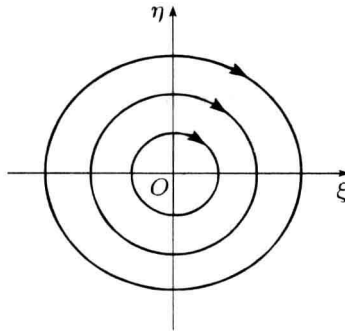
**Case 4** When  $b = c = 0$  and  $a = d = \mu \neq 0$ , from (1.19) we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}. \quad (1.32)$$

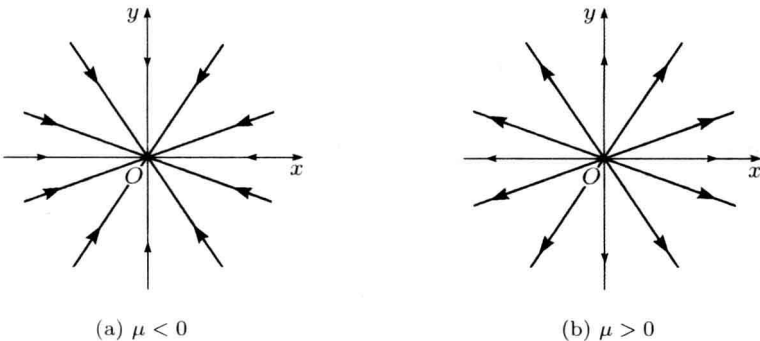
Obviously, the general solution of (1.32) is

$$y = cx.$$

Thus we obtain the phase portrait of (1.19) as Figure 1.8.



**Figure 1.7** The phase portraits of system (1.17)  
when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta > 0$



**Figure 1.8** The phase portraits of system (1.19)  
when  $b = c = 0$  and  $a = d = \mu \neq 0$ .

**Definition 1.7** In Figure 1.8, the singular point  $(0, 0)$  is called the critical singular point.

### 1.3 Phase Portraits and Their Simulation for Some Linear Systems

**Example 1.1** Draw the phase portrait for the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 3y. \end{cases} \quad (1.33)$$

**Solution** Noting that  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $c = -2$ , and  $d = -3$  in (1.33), thus the characteristic equation is

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -2 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

that it,

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0. \quad (1.34)$$

Solving (1.34), we get two eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = -2.$$

Under the transformations

$$\begin{cases} \xi = (d - \lambda_1)x - by, \\ \eta = (d - \lambda_2)x - by, \end{cases}$$

that is

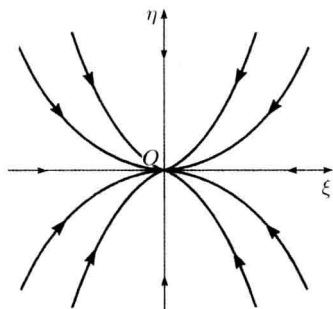
$$\begin{cases} \xi = -2x - y, \\ \eta = -x - y, \end{cases} \quad (1.35)$$

system (1.33) becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\xi}{dt} \\ \frac{d\eta}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.36)$$



On  $\xi$ - $\eta$  plane the phase portrait of system (1.36) is shown in Figure 1.9.



**Figure 1.9** The phase portrait of system (1.36)

On the other hand, from (1.35), on  $x$ - $y$  plane the  $\eta$  axis is expressed by

$$y = -2x, \quad (1.37)$$

and the  $\xi$  axis is expressed by

$$y = -x. \quad (1.38)$$

It is easy to test that  $y = -2x$  and  $y = -x$  are two linear solutions of the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x - 3y}{y}. \quad (1.39)$$

From Figure 1.9 and (1.37), (1.38) we obtain the phase portrait of system (1.33) as Figure 1.10(a).

**Remark 1.3** The two linear solutions of the equation (1.39) can be obtained using the following method.

Assume that

$$y = \alpha x \quad (1.40)$$

is a solution of the equation (1.39). Thus it follows that

$$\alpha = \frac{-2x - 3\alpha x}{\alpha x}.$$