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

→ Find all fixed point
 $f(x_i^*) = 0$

→ Consider area between
fixed points

$$f(x) > 0, \dot{x} > 0, \text{Right}$$

$$f(x) < 0, \dot{x} < 0, \text{Left}$$

→ Analyze stability
of fixed points.

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Potential

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) = - \frac{d}{dx} V(x)$$

$$V(x) = - \int_{\emptyset}^x d\tilde{x} f(\tilde{x})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = x^3(t) = - \frac{d}{dx} V(x)$$

$$V(x) = - \int_0^x dy = - \frac{x^4}{4}$$

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$$\dot{x}(t) = -\frac{d}{dx} V(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(t)) = \frac{dV(x)}{dx} \cdot \dot{x}(t) =$$

$$= -\frac{dV(x)}{dx} \cdot \frac{dV(x)}{dx}$$

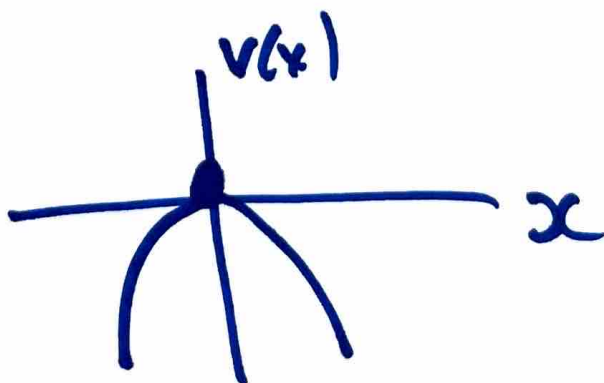
$$= -\left(\frac{dV(x(t))}{dx}\right)^2 \leq 0$$

Potential

ALWAYS

Decreases or stays the same (on a fixed point)

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = -\frac{d}{dx} \frac{x^2}{2}$$



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Example

$$\dot{x}(t) = x(t) - x^3(t)$$

Find potential, fixed points,
analyze stability.

Solution

$$\dot{x} = f(x); f(x) = x - x^3$$

$$V(x) = - \int_0^x (\zeta - \zeta^3) d\zeta$$

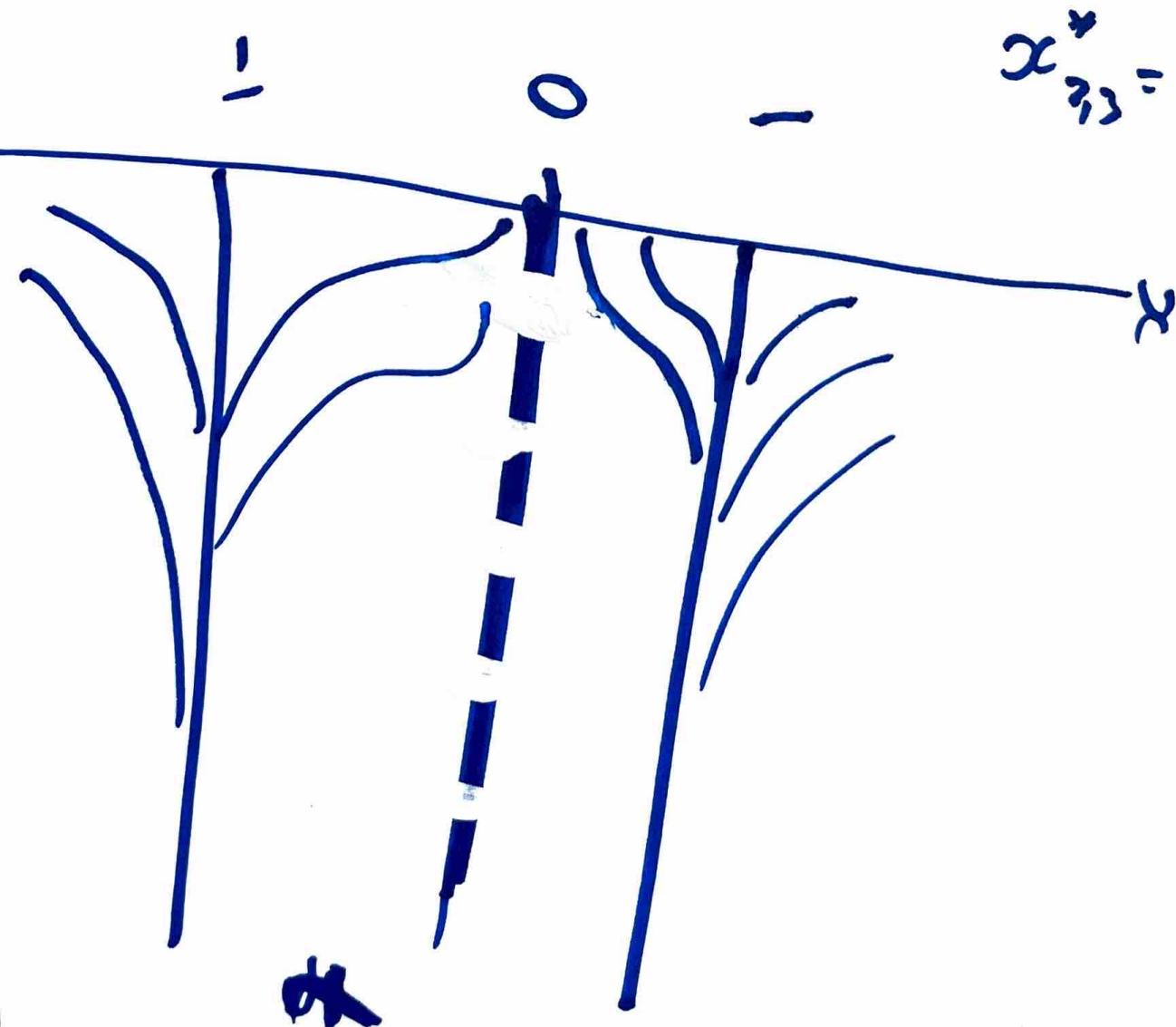
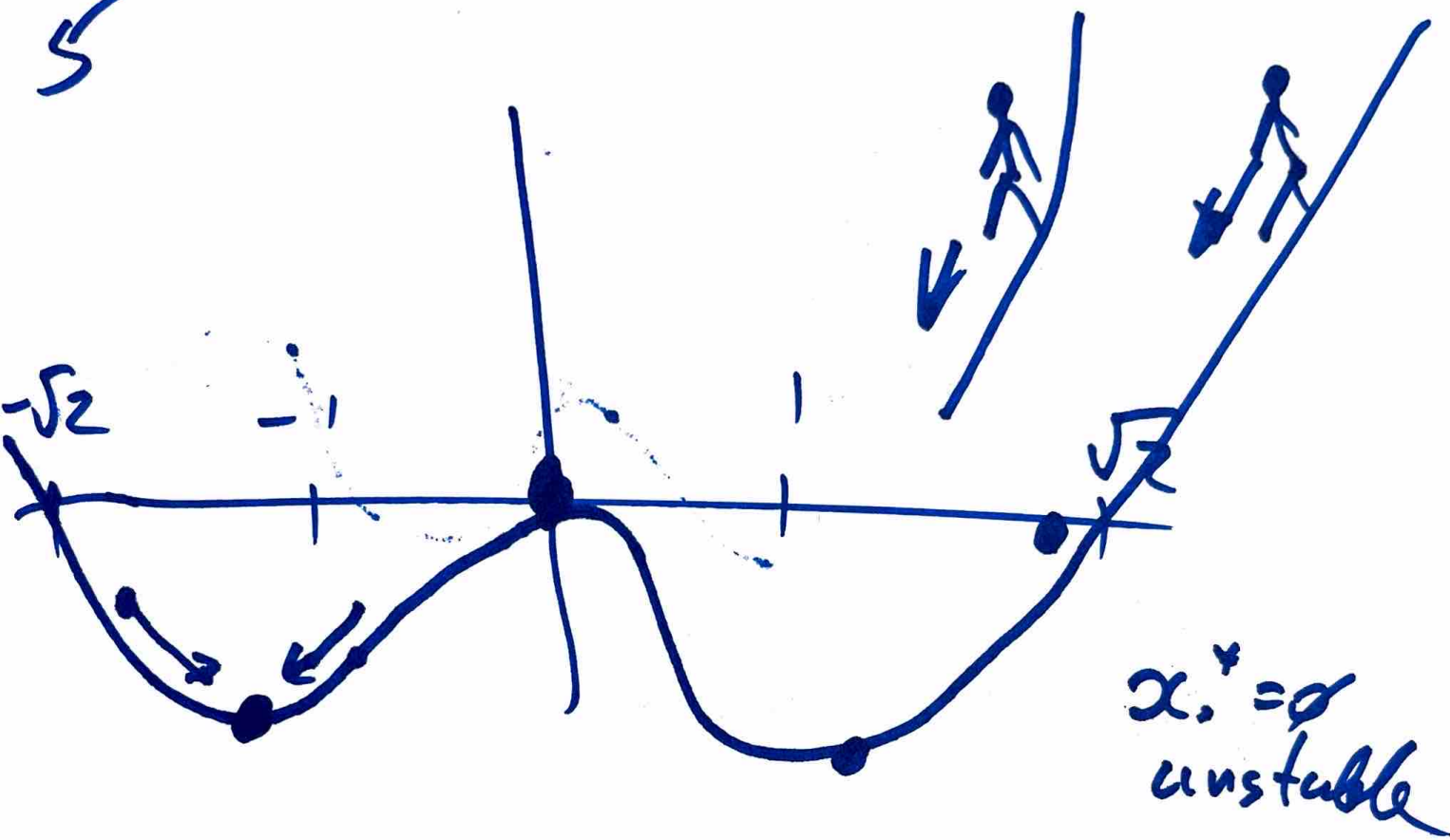
$$= - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4} + C; C = 0;$$

$$= - \frac{x^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$$

$$V(x^*) = 0$$

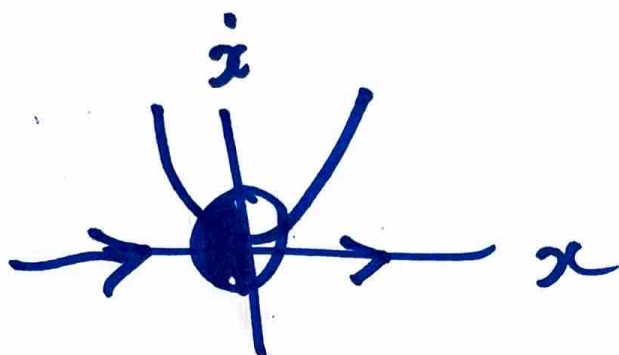
$$x_{1,2}^* = 0; x_{3,4}^* = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

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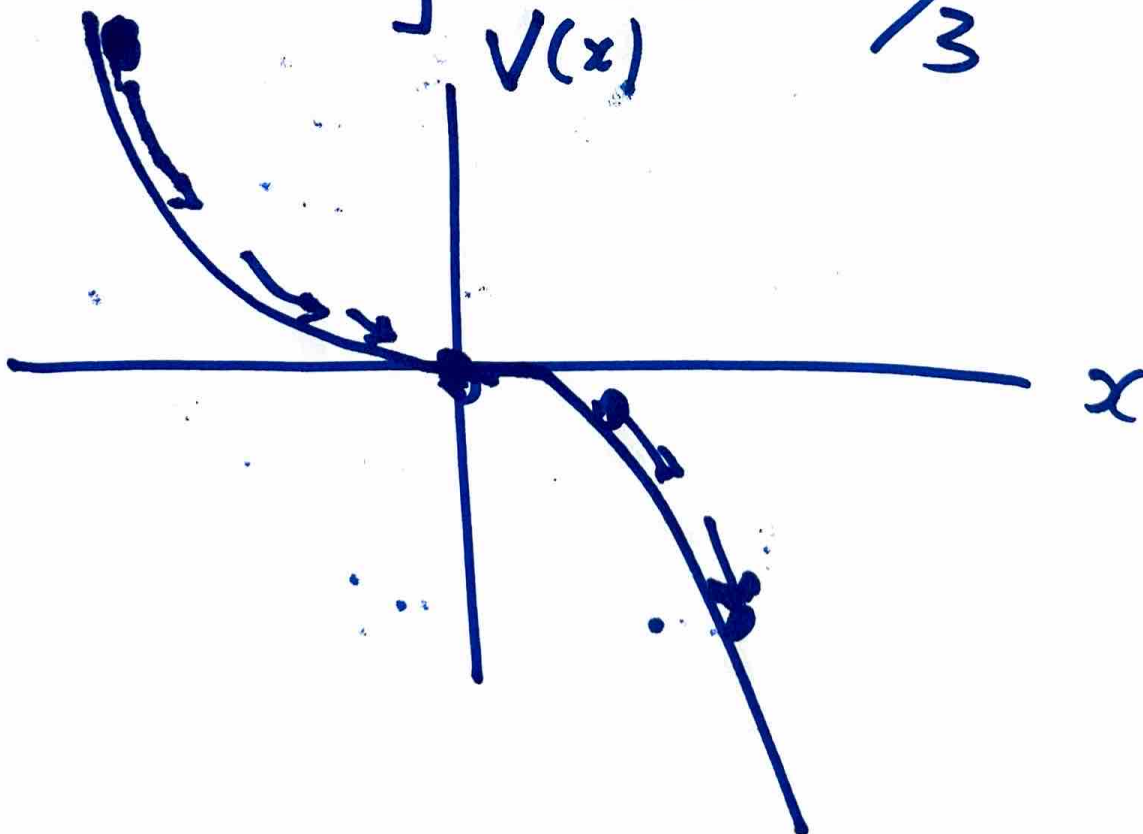


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$$\dot{x} = x^2$$

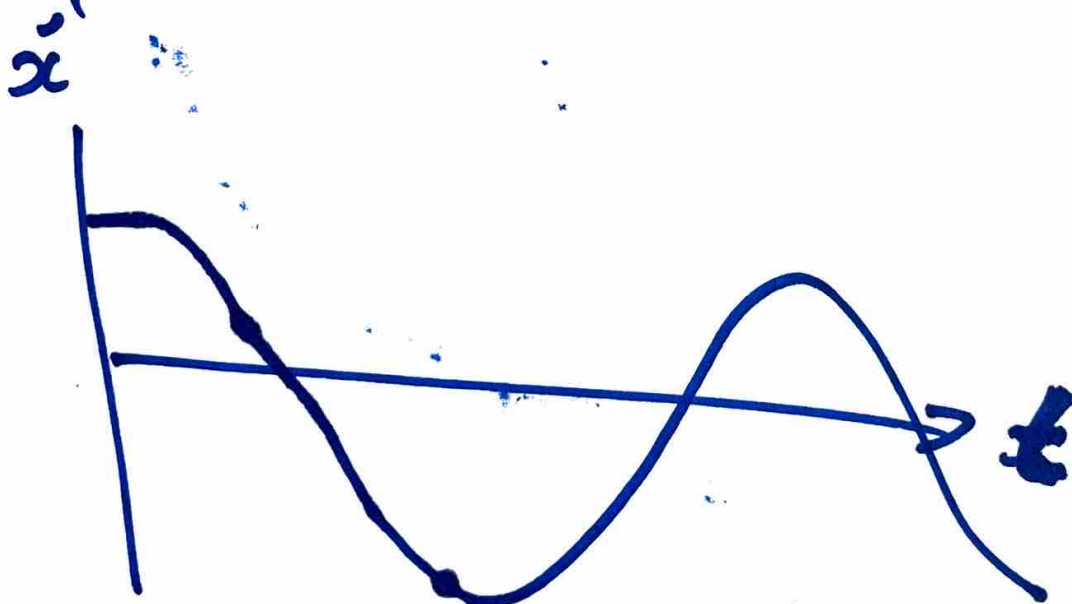
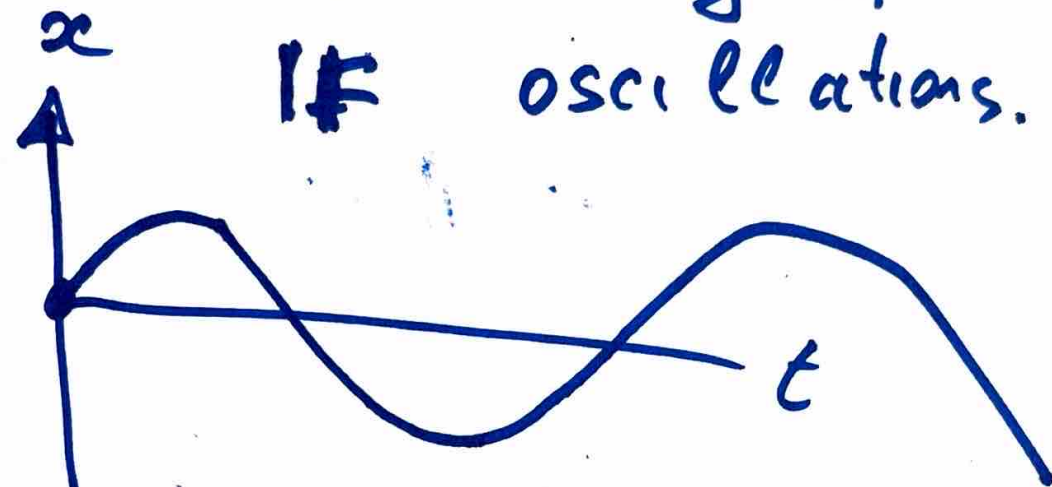


$$V(x) = -\int x^2 dx = -\frac{x^3}{3}$$

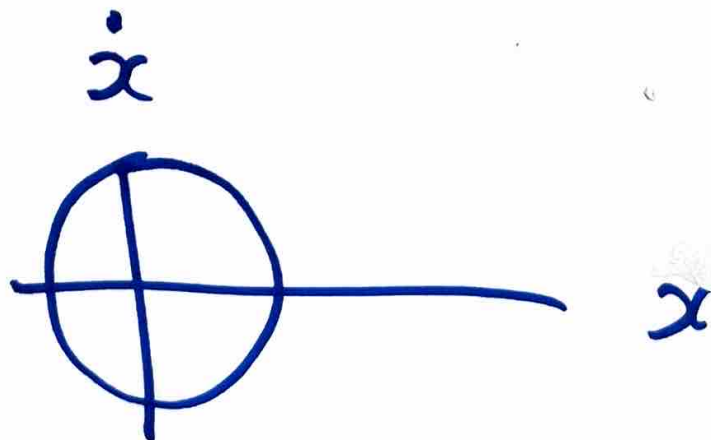


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Impossibility of
IF oscillations.



Sign of $\dot{x}$ oscillates



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In oscillating solutions
 $\ddot{x}$ does change sign.

Then for given x there
should be two values
of $\dot{x}$ - positive and negative

But sign of $\ddot{x}$ is fixed
by $f(x) \Rightarrow$ contradiction

no oscillations

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$$\ddot{x} = - \frac{dV(x(t))}{dx}$$

Shaved potential
can not increase.

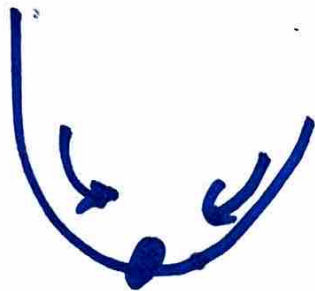
In oscillations
potential should
oscillate $\rightarrow$ impossible

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$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0,$$

over damped

$$b \gg 1, |m| \ll 1$$



large viscosity.

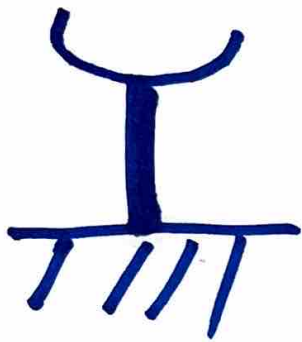
Example

$$V(x) = 1$$

$$\dot{x} = 0$$

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Bifurcation



$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), r)$$

external parameter

$$r \equiv \text{Mass}$$

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Saddle Node Bifurcation

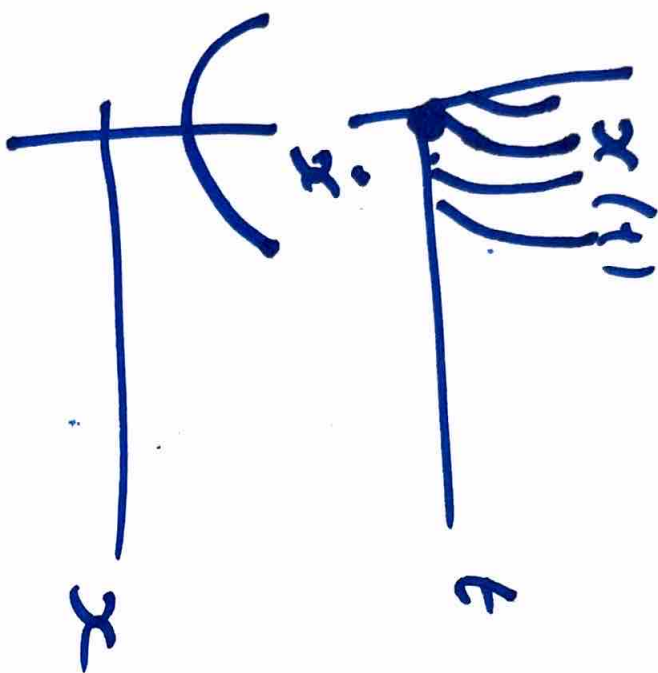
$$\dot{x}(t) = r + x^2(t)$$

r is tunable parameter
tunable

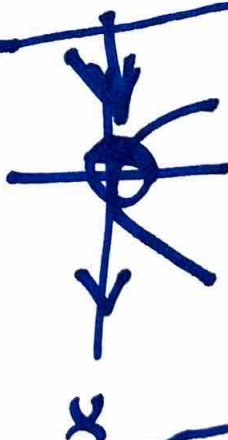
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$$\dot{x} = r + x^2$$

$r > 0$; No fixed points
 $x(t)$ is increasing



$$r = 0; \quad \dot{x} = x^2$$



$$r < 0$$

$$x^* = \pm \sqrt{-r}$$

$$f(x) = r + x^2$$

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

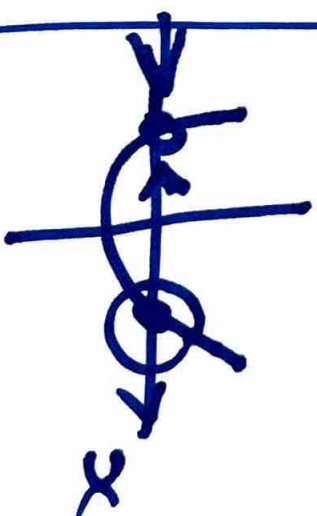
$$x^* = \sqrt{-r}; f'(x^*) > 0$$

unstable

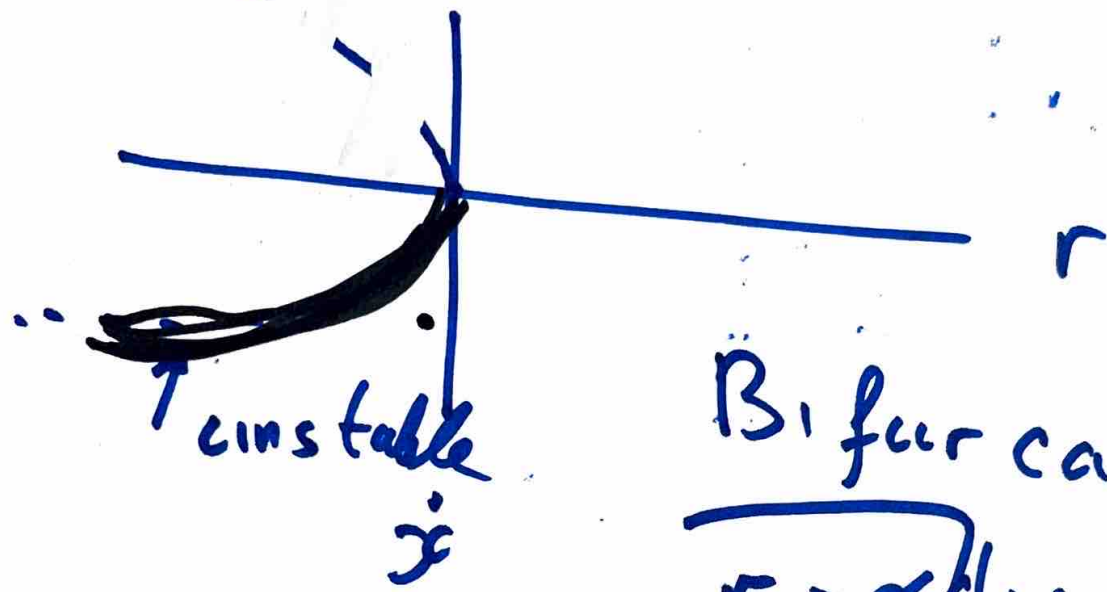
$$x^* = -\sqrt{-r}$$

$$f'(x^*) < 0$$

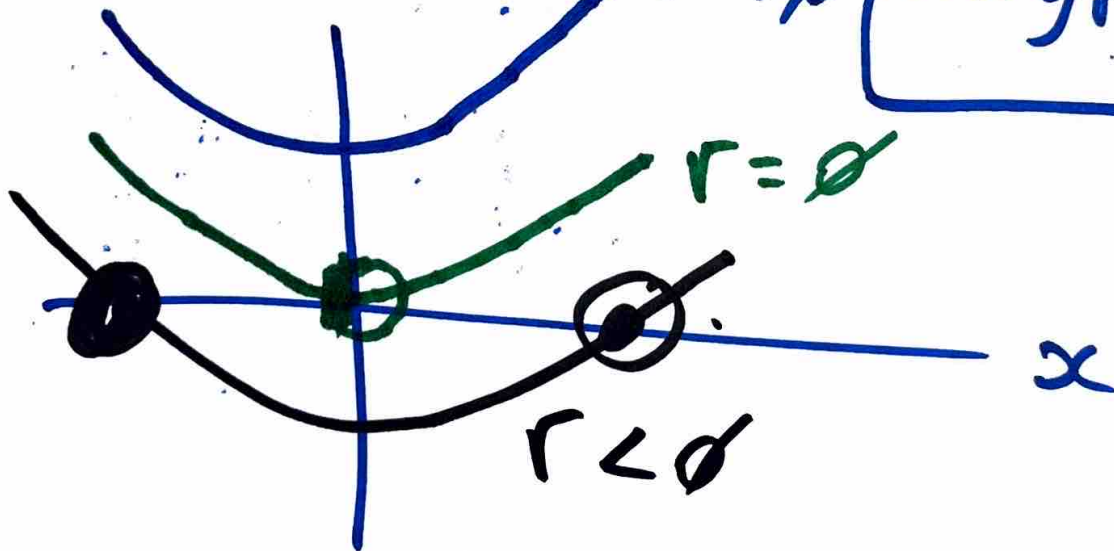
stable



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 x^* stable



Bifurcation
 $r > 0$ diagram



$r = 0$
 $r < 0$

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$$\dot{x} = r - x - e^{-x}$$

Analyze system, find fixed points, find and draw Bifurcation diagram.

Find Fixed points

$$0 = r - x - e^{-x}$$

$$r = x^* + e^{-x^*}$$

$$; x^* = x^*(r)$$

$\dot{x}$

+

x

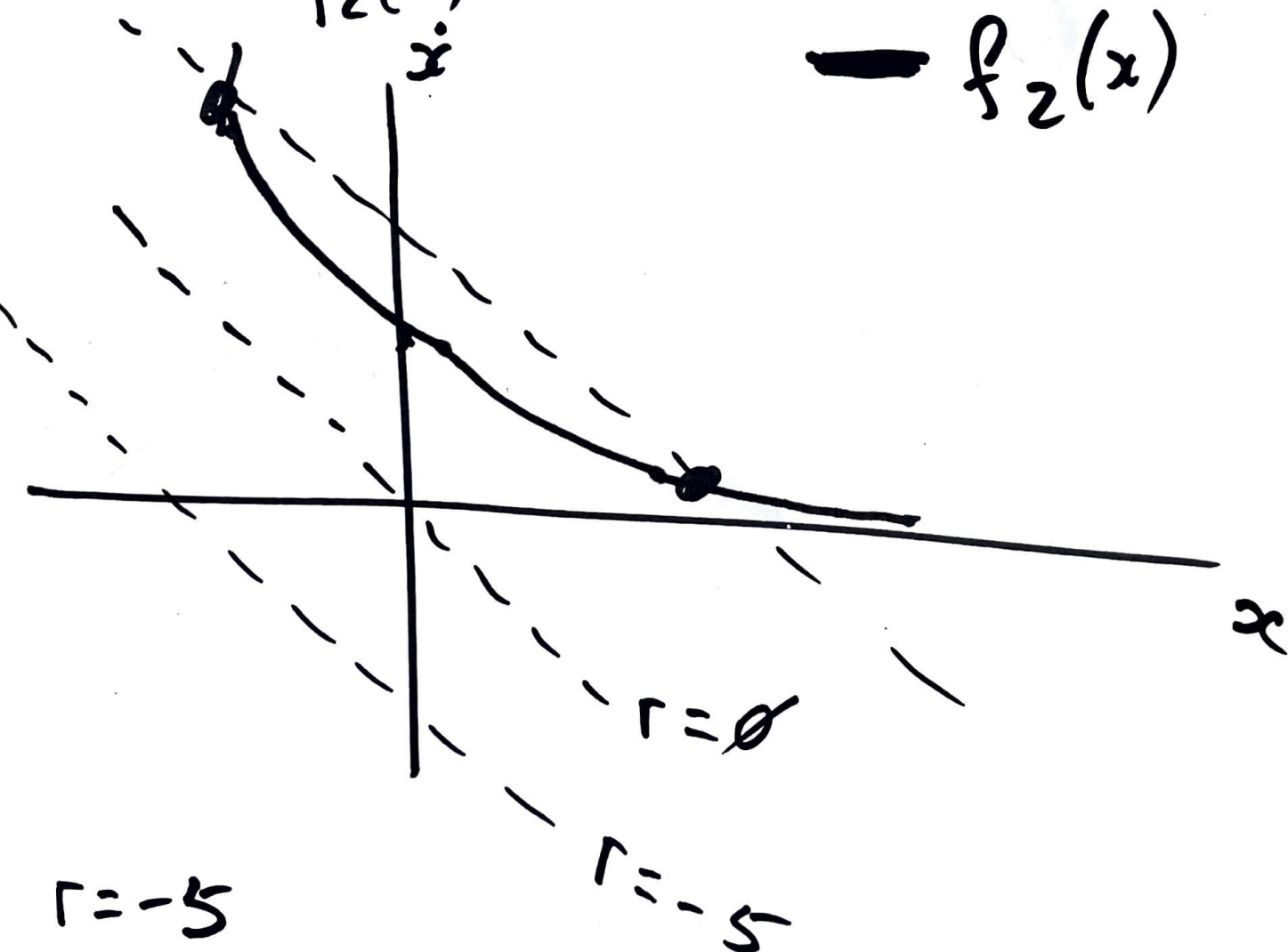
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$$\dot{x} = f_1(x, r) - f_2(x)$$

$$f_1(x, r) = r - x$$

$$f_2(x) = e^{-x}$$

~~$$f_2(x)$$~~



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$$f_1(x, r) = r - x$$

$$f_2(x) = e^{-x}$$

Bifurcation appears, when

$$f_1(x^*, r^*) = f_2(x^*)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1(x^*, r^*) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_2(x^*)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1(x^*, r^*) = \frac{d}{dx} f_2(x^*)$$

$$r - x^* = e^{-x^*}$$

$$-1 = -e^{-x^*} \rightarrow 1 = e^{-x^*}$$

$$x^* = \emptyset$$

$$r - \emptyset = e^0 = 1$$

$$(x^*, r^*) = (\emptyset, 1)$$

