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We multiply the equations by  $x$  and by  $y$  and add them:

$$\begin{cases} xx' = x^2 - 2xy - x^2(x^2 - xy + y^2) \\ yy' = 2xy + y^2 - y^2(x^2 - xy + y^2) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (r^2)' = xx' + yy' = x^2 + y^2 - (x^2 + y^2)(x^2 - xy + y^2) = (x^2 + y^2)(1 - (x^2 - xy + y^2))$$

We observe that  $(r^2)' = 0$  if and only if  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  or  $(x^2 - xy + y^2) = 1$ .

The last relation implies  $\begin{cases} x' = x - 2y - x \\ y' = 2x + y - y \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x' = -2y \\ y' = 2x \end{cases} \implies (x, y) = (0, 0)$  so the only fixed point is the origin.

The sign of the  $(r^2)'$  is the same as the sign of  $1 - (x^2 - xy + y^2)$ . The expression  $(x^2 - xy + y^2)$  is a positive definite quadratic form. It is easy to see by transforming it to the some of squares:

$$(x^2 - xy + y^2) = \left( \left[ x^2 - 2x\left(\frac{1}{2}y\right) + \frac{1}{4}y^2 \right] - \frac{1}{4}y^2 + y^2 \right) = \left( \left[ x - \left(\frac{1}{2}y\right) \right]^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 \right).$$

Therefore the level sets of  $(x^2 - xy + y^2)$  are ellipses. Choosing  $D > 1$  and  $d < 1$  we observe that the elliptic ring

where  $d \leq (x^2 - xy + y^2) \leq D$  is a positively invariant set for the given system because  $(r^2)' > 0$  for  $(x^2 - xy + y^2) = d < 1$  and  $(r^2)' < 0$  for  $(x^2 - xy + y^2) = D > 1$ . This ring does not include the origin that is the only fixed point of the system.

Therefore by a corollary from the Poincare-Bendixson theorem this ring must include at least one periodic solution. ■

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For  $\mu < 0$  there are two fixed points:  $r_1 = (0, 0)$  and  $r_2 = (0, 2)$ .

For  $\mu = 0$  there are also two fixed points  $r_1 = (0, 0)$  and  $r_2 = (0, 2)$ .

For  $\mu > 0$  there are six fixed points:  $r_1 = (0, 0)$  and  $r_2 = (0, 2)$ ;  $r_3 = (\sqrt{\mu}, 0)$  and  $r_4 = (-\sqrt{\mu}, 0)$ ;  $r_5 = (\sqrt{\mu}, 2)$ , and  $r_6 = (-\sqrt{\mu}, 2)$ ;

The Jacobi matrix of the right hand side of the system is

$$A(x, y, \mu) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu - 3x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2y - 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It implies that for  $\mu < 0$  the fixed point  $r_1 = (0, 0)$  is a stable knot and the fixed point  $r_2 = (0, 2)$  is a saddle point.

For  $\mu = 0$  fixed points  $r_1 = (0, 0)$  and  $r_2 = (0, 2)$  have a degenerate linearization:

$$A(0, 0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A(0, 0, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The linearization

For  $\mu > 0$ :

the fixed point  $r_1 = (0, 0)$  is a saddle point and unstable:  $A(0, 0, \mu) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

the fixed point  $r_3 = (\sqrt{\mu}, 0)$  is a stable knot:  $A(\sqrt{\mu}, 0, \mu) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\mu & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

the fixed point  $r_4 = (-\sqrt{\mu}, 0)$  is a stable knot:  $A(-\sqrt{\mu}, 0, \mu) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\mu & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

the fixed point  $r_2 = (0, 2)$  is an unstable knot:  $A(x, y, \mu) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

the fixed point  $r_5 = (\sqrt{\mu}, 2)$  is a saddle point and unstable:  $A(x, y, \mu) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

the fixed point  $r_6 = (-\sqrt{\mu}, 2)$  is a saddle point and unstable:  $A(x, y, \mu) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

It implies that we observe in this system two pitchfork bifurcations at  $\mu = 0$ :

the stable fixed point  $r_1 = (0, 0)$  splits into three fixed points  $r_1, r_3, r_4$ : one unstable and two stable and

the unstable fixed point  $r_2 = (0, 2)$  splits into three fixed points  $r_2, r_5, r_6$ : all three unstable.

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Linearization of the system is:

$$\begin{cases} x' = \mu x + y \\ y' = -x + \mu y \end{cases}$$

Eigenvalues of the corresponding matrix are  $\lambda_{1,2}(\mu) = \mu \pm i$ . It implies that  $\frac{d(\text{Re } \lambda_{1,2}(\mu))}{d\mu} = 1 > 0$ .

For  $\mu < 0$  we have stable focus (spiral), for  $\mu > 0$  we have unstable focus (spiral) in a neighborhood of the origin.

When  $\mu = 0$  the stability of the system cannot be investigated by linearization because  $\text{Re } \lambda_{1,2}(0) = 0$ .

We try the set function  $V(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$  and see that when  $\mu = 0$   $V' = -y^2(x^2 + y^2) \leq 0$ . It implies that the origin is a stable fixed point. On the other hand the line  $y^2 = 0$  where  $V' = 0$  does not include any whole trajectory except the origin because  $y' = -x$  when  $y = 0$ . It makes that any non-trivial trajectory can only cross the line  $y = 0$  where  $V' = 0$  and cannot belong to it. ■

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The system has only one fixed point with positive  $F$  and  $S$  that is:  $(a/c, k/\lambda)$ .

We consider the differential relation between  $F$  and  $S$ :

$$\left\{ \frac{dF}{dS} = \frac{F(a-cS)}{S(\lambda F-k)} \right.$$

It implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \frac{(\lambda F-k)dF}{F} = \frac{(a-cS)dS}{S} = \left(\lambda - \frac{k}{F}\right) dF = \left(\frac{a}{S} - c\right) dS \right. \\ \int \left(\lambda - \frac{k}{F}\right) dF = \int \left(\frac{a}{S} - c\right) dS \end{aligned}$$

The integration gives the following functional relation between  $F$  and  $S$ :

$$E + a \ln S - Sc = F\lambda - k \ln F.$$

Computing exponent of the left and right hand sides gives

$$Z = \exp(E + a \ln S - Sc) = E_0 S^a e^{-Sc}; \text{ with } E_0 = e^E \text{ an arbitrary constant.}$$

$$Z = \exp(F\lambda - k \ln F) = F^{-k} e^{\lambda F};$$

The desired functional relation between  $F$  and  $S$  is:

$$E_0 S^a e^{-Sc} = F^{-k} e^{\lambda F}$$

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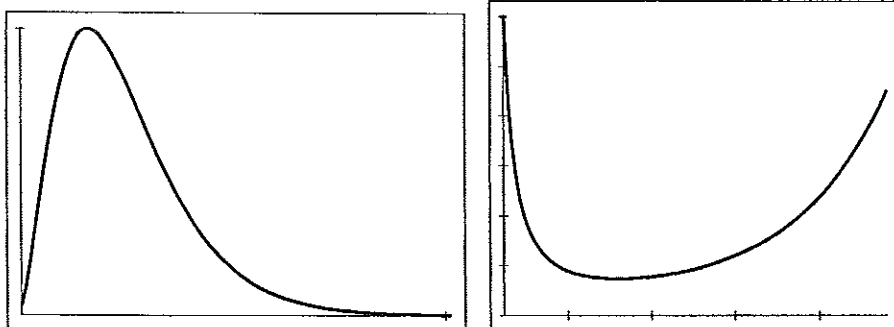
An extra(!) investigation of the left and the right hand sides of this relation implies that points  $(S, F)$  satisfying it constitute for different constants  $E_0$  closed curves around the fixed point  $(a/c, k/\lambda)$ .

$\frac{d}{dS} (E_0 S^a e^{-Sc}) = E_0 S^a e^{-Sc} (a/S - c)$ . This derivative is zero for  $S = c/a$  that is  $S$  - coordinate of the fixed point  $(a/c, k/\lambda)$  of the system

$\frac{d}{dF} (F^{-k} e^{\lambda F}) = F^{-k} e^{\lambda F} (-k/F + \lambda)$ . This derivative is zero for  $F = \lambda/k$  that is  $F$  - coordinate of the fixed point  $(a/c, k/\lambda)$  of the system.

It is easy to see that these two functions  $Z(S)$  and  $Z(F)$  have a local maximum and a local minimum in these points.

Graphics of these two functions look as the following:



The analysis of  $F$  and  $S$  - values where  $Z(S) = Z(F)$  on these graphs implies that the points  $(S, F)$  constitute closed curves in the  $S - F$  plane. There are no other fixed points except  $(c/a, \lambda/k)$  in the  $S - F$  plane. It implies that these closed curves must be closed periodic orbits.

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