

Lecture 4: Limit Cycles / Periodic orbits

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$x(t, x_0) \rightarrow$ State trajectory / orbit

Defⁿ: [Periodic orbit]

$x(t)$ to $\dot{x} = f(x)$ is periodic if $\exists T > 0$

s.t. $x(t+T) = x(t) \quad \forall t \geq 0$

$T \rightarrow$ Time period.

$\min T > 0$ s.t. $x(t+T) = x(t)$ is "fundamental" period.

Example -

$$\begin{matrix} \circ \\ x_1 = -x_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \circ \\ x_2 = x_1 \end{matrix}$$

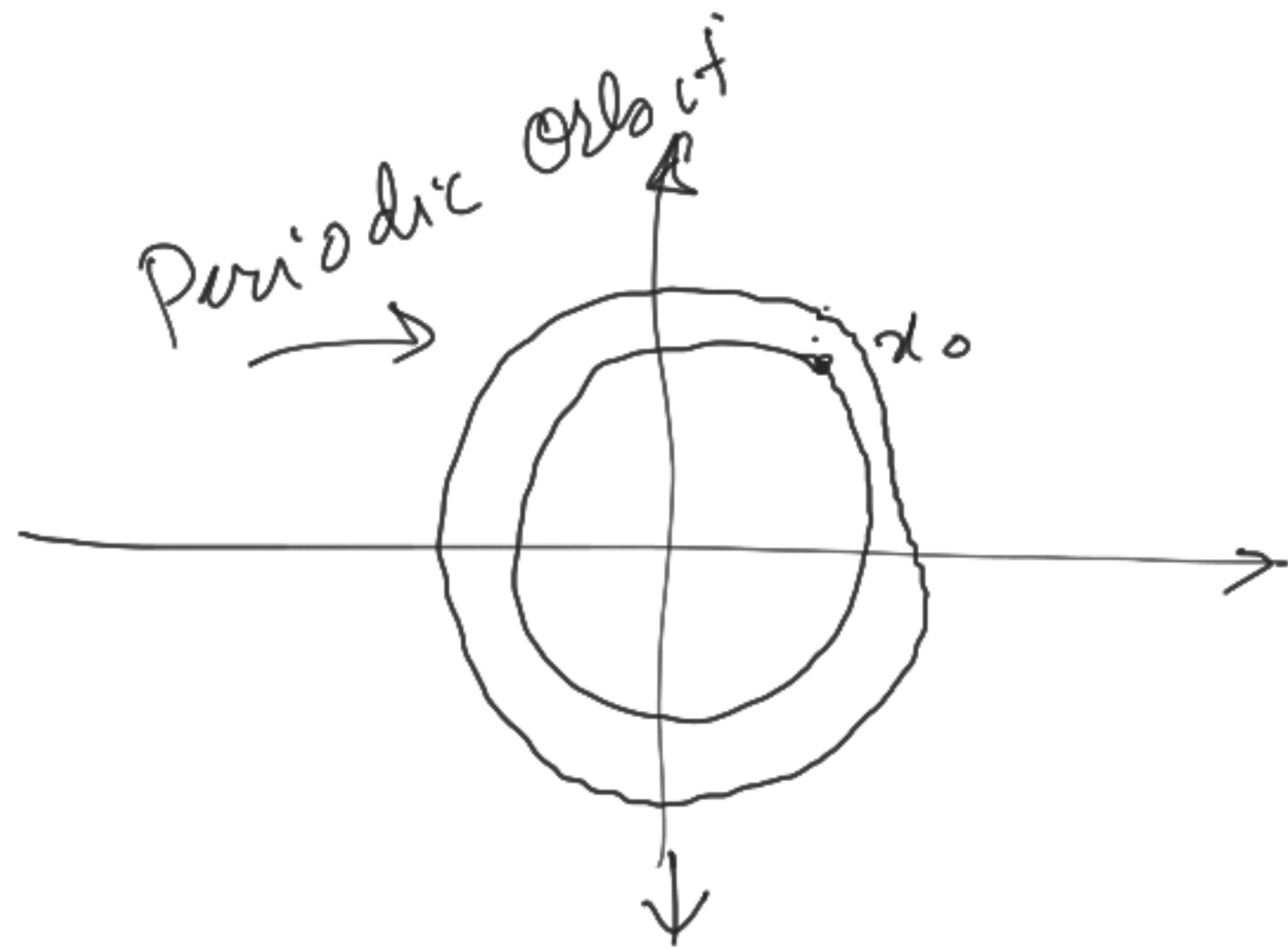


$$x_1(t) = r_0 \cos(t + \phi_0)$$

$$x_2(t) = r_0 \sin(t + \phi_0)$$

$$r_0 = \sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2}$$

$$\phi_0 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y_0}{x_0}\right)$$



$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 + \alpha x_1 (\beta^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + \alpha x_2 (\beta^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

$$r^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2,$$

$$2\dot{r}r = 2x_1\dot{x}_1 + 2x_2\dot{x}_2$$

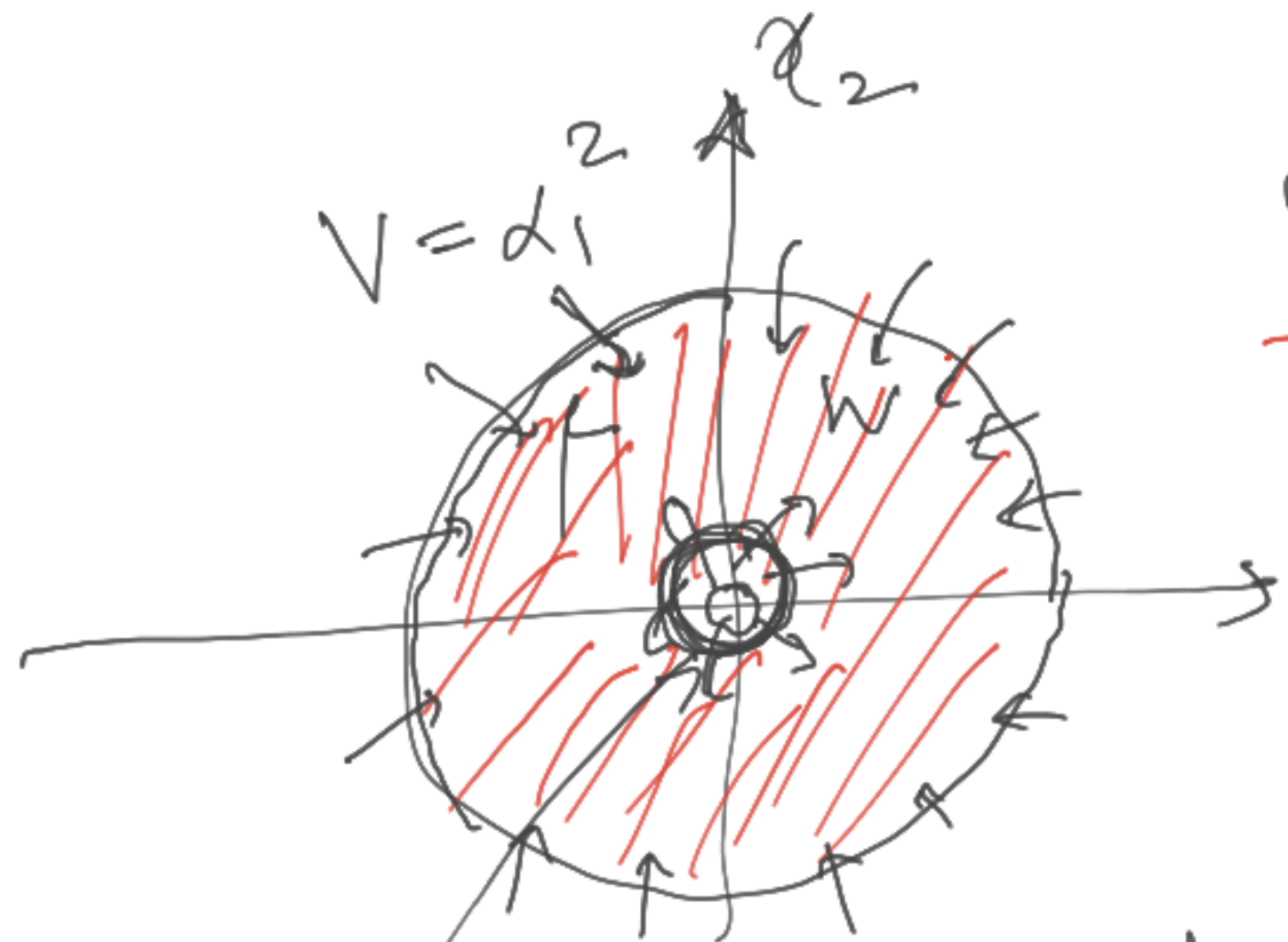
$$= \alpha (x_1^2 + x_2^2) (\beta^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

$$= \alpha r^2 (\beta^2 - r^2)$$

$$\dot{r} = \alpha r (\beta^2 - r^2)$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)$$

$$\dot{\phi} = -1$$



$$\alpha_2^2 < \beta^2 < \alpha_1^2$$

$$\alpha_2^2 < \underbrace{\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2}_{V} < \alpha_1^2$$

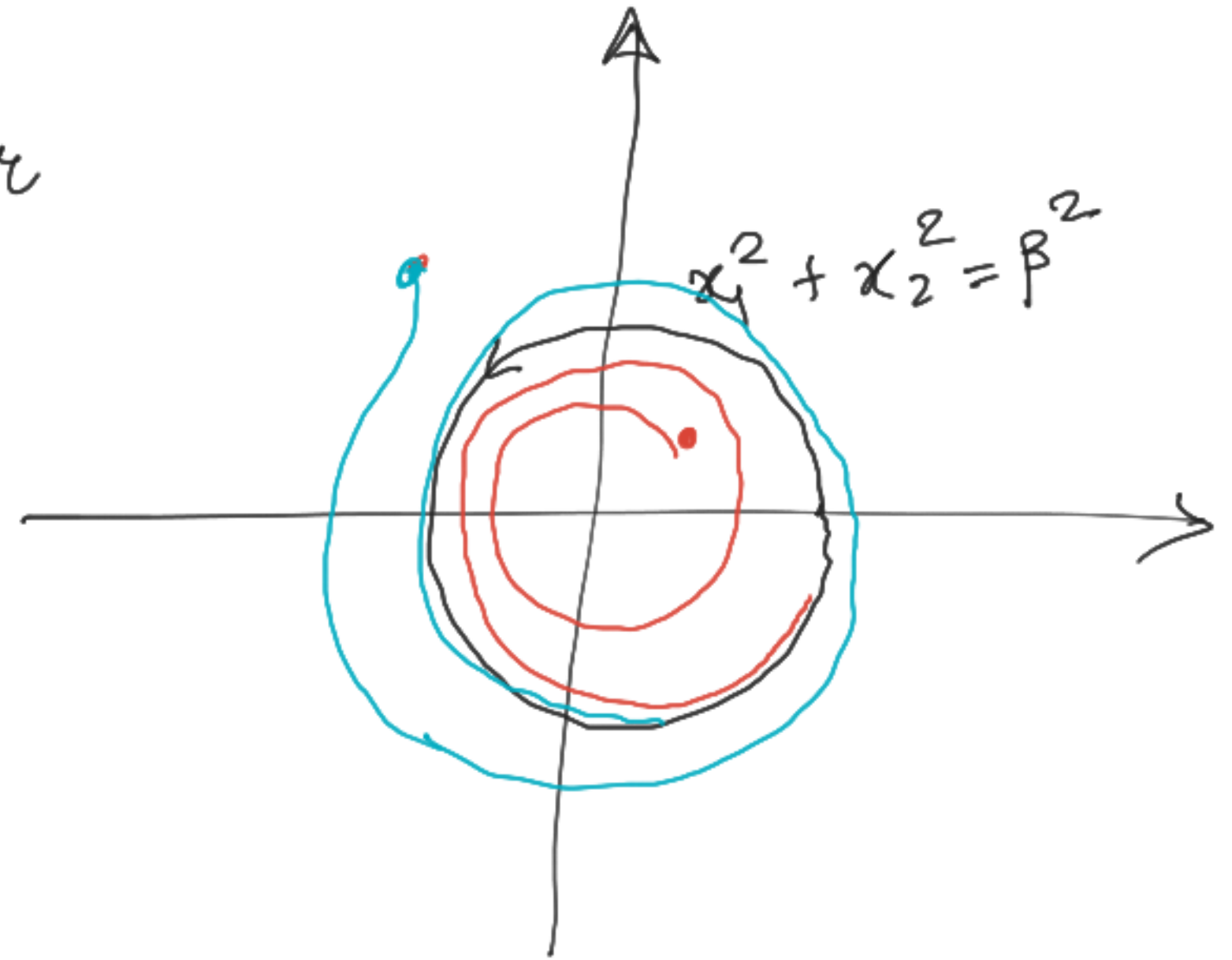
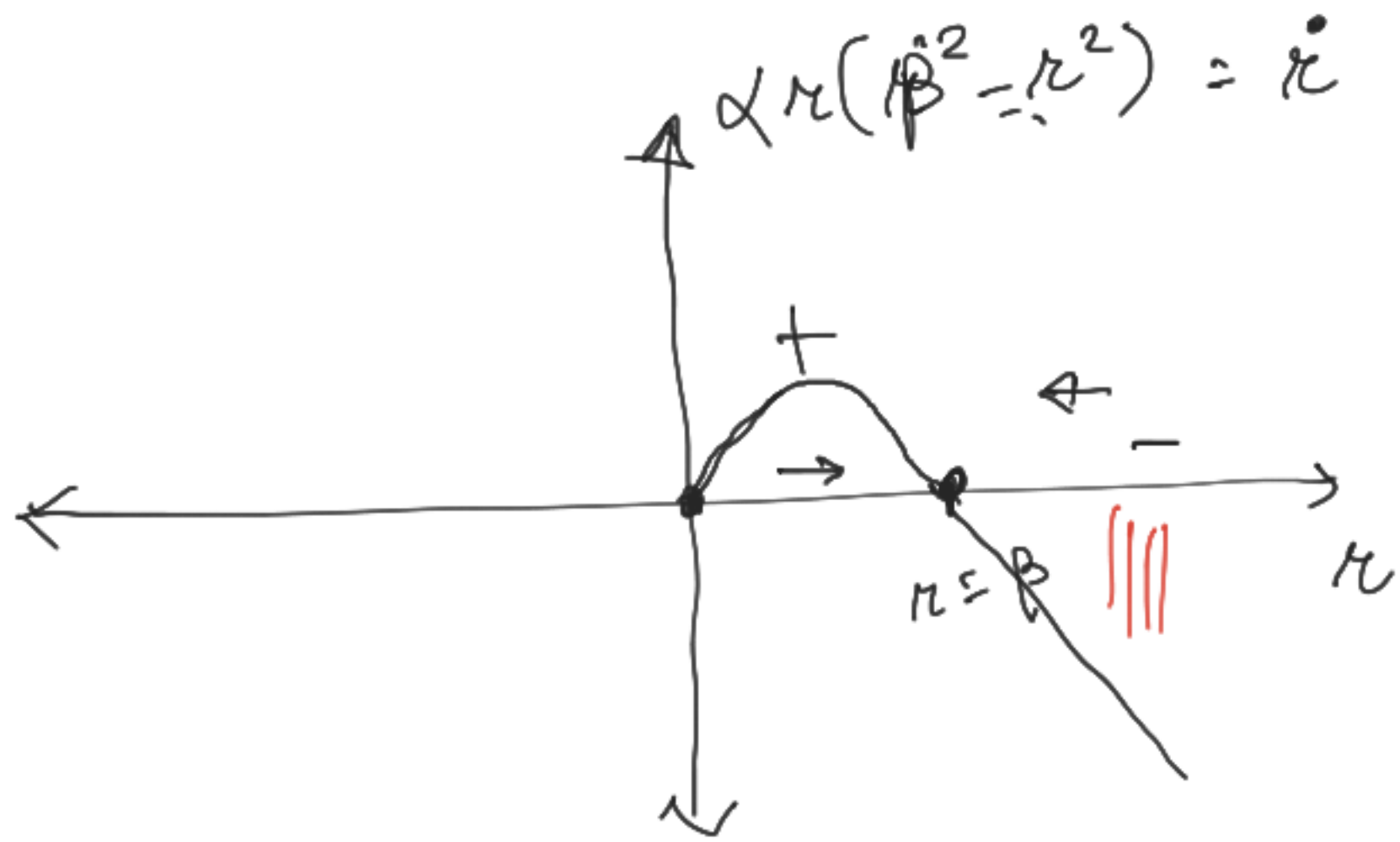
$$V = d_2^2$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 2\alpha_1 \dot{\alpha}_1 + 2\alpha_2 \dot{\alpha}_2$$

$$= 2\alpha V (\beta^2 - V)$$

$$V > \beta^2, \quad \dot{V} < 0$$

$$V < \beta^2, \quad \dot{V} > 0$$



Theorem [Poincaré - Bendixson Theorem]

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{cases} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

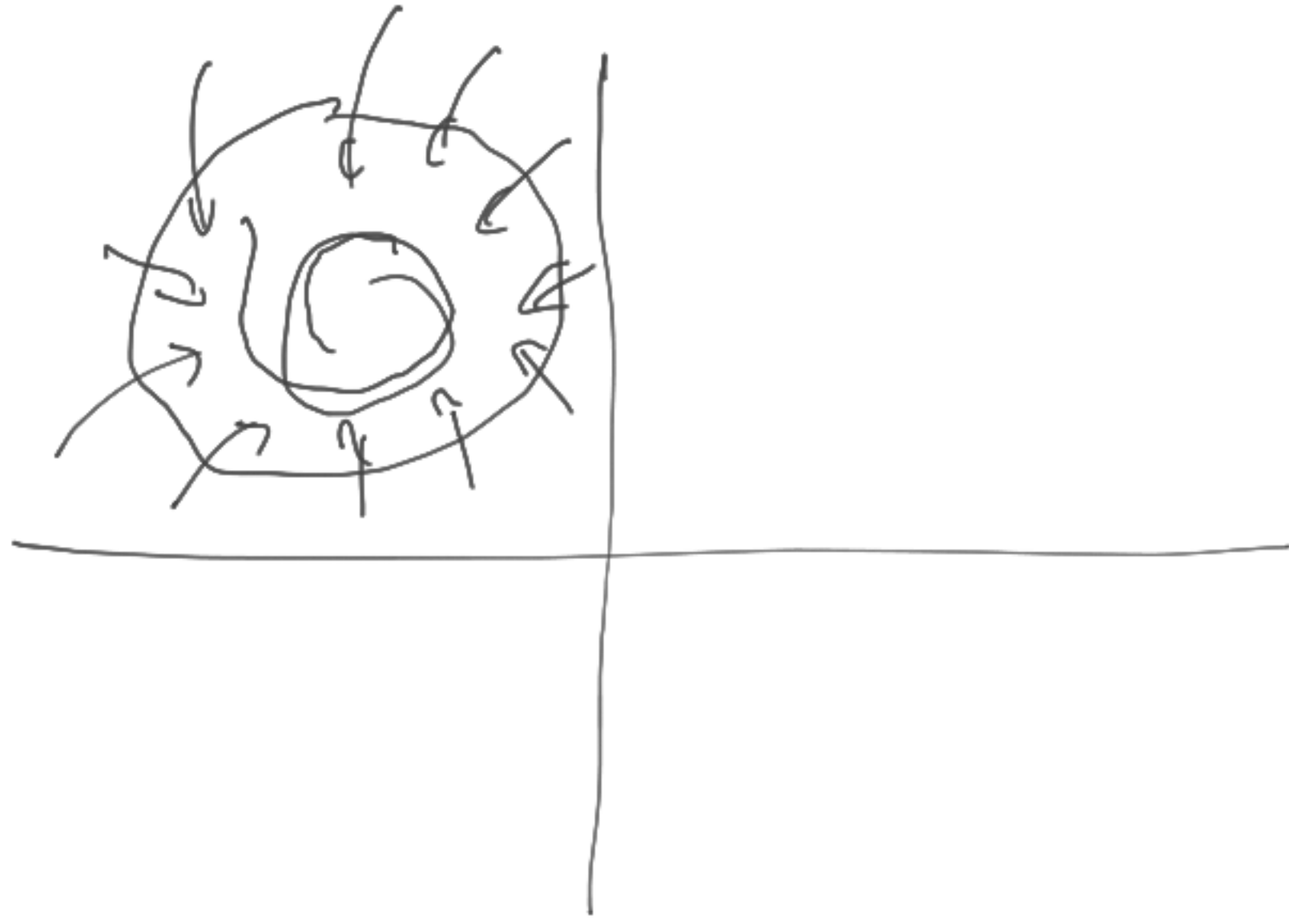
Let $W \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ closed & bounded. (compact)

s.t. (i) W contains no equilibrium points of $\textcircled{1}$

(ii) $\forall x(t)$ of $\textcircled{1}$ with $x(0) \in W$, we have.

$$x(t) \in W \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

then Set W contains a periodic orbit



Theorem (Bendixson's Theorem)

$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2), \quad \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

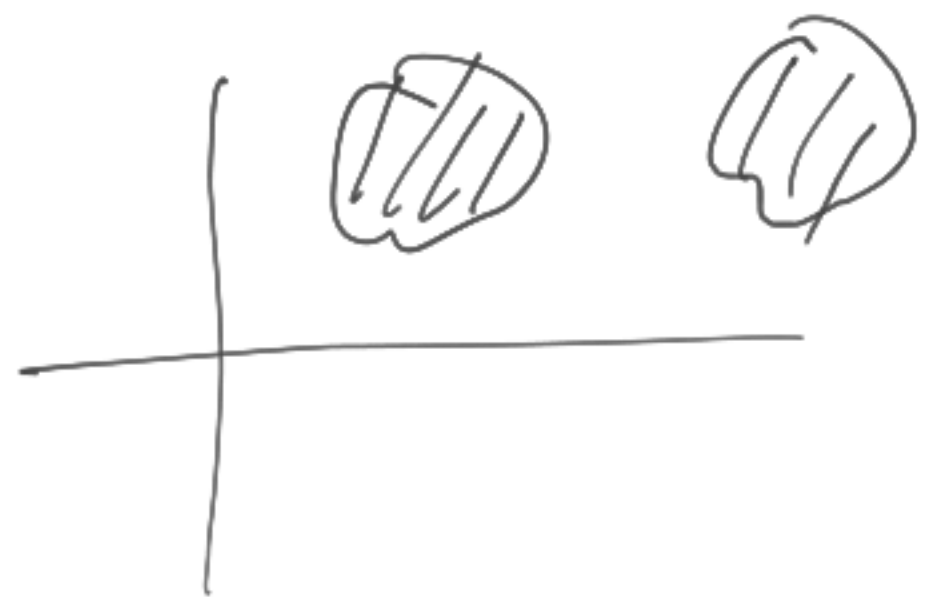
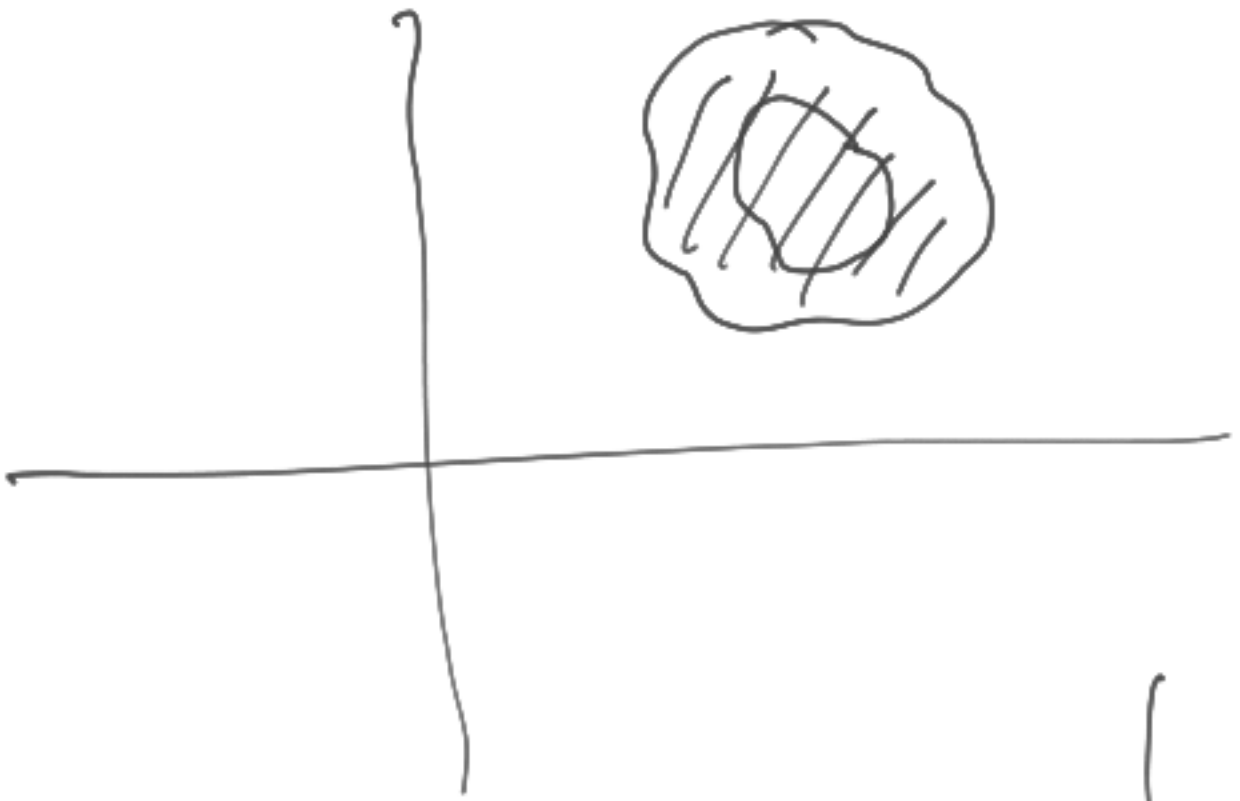
Let D be a simply connected region in \mathbb{R}^2

s.t. there are no eq. pts of (1) in D .

If (i) $\exists x \in D$ s.t. $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \neq 0$

(ii) $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}$ does not change its sign

on D , then periodic orbit does not exist in D .



Examples

$$(i) \dot{x}^0 + \underline{\underline{\alpha \dot{x}^0}} + g(x) = 0, \quad g(0) = 0, \quad \alpha > 0$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\alpha x_2 - g(x_1)$$

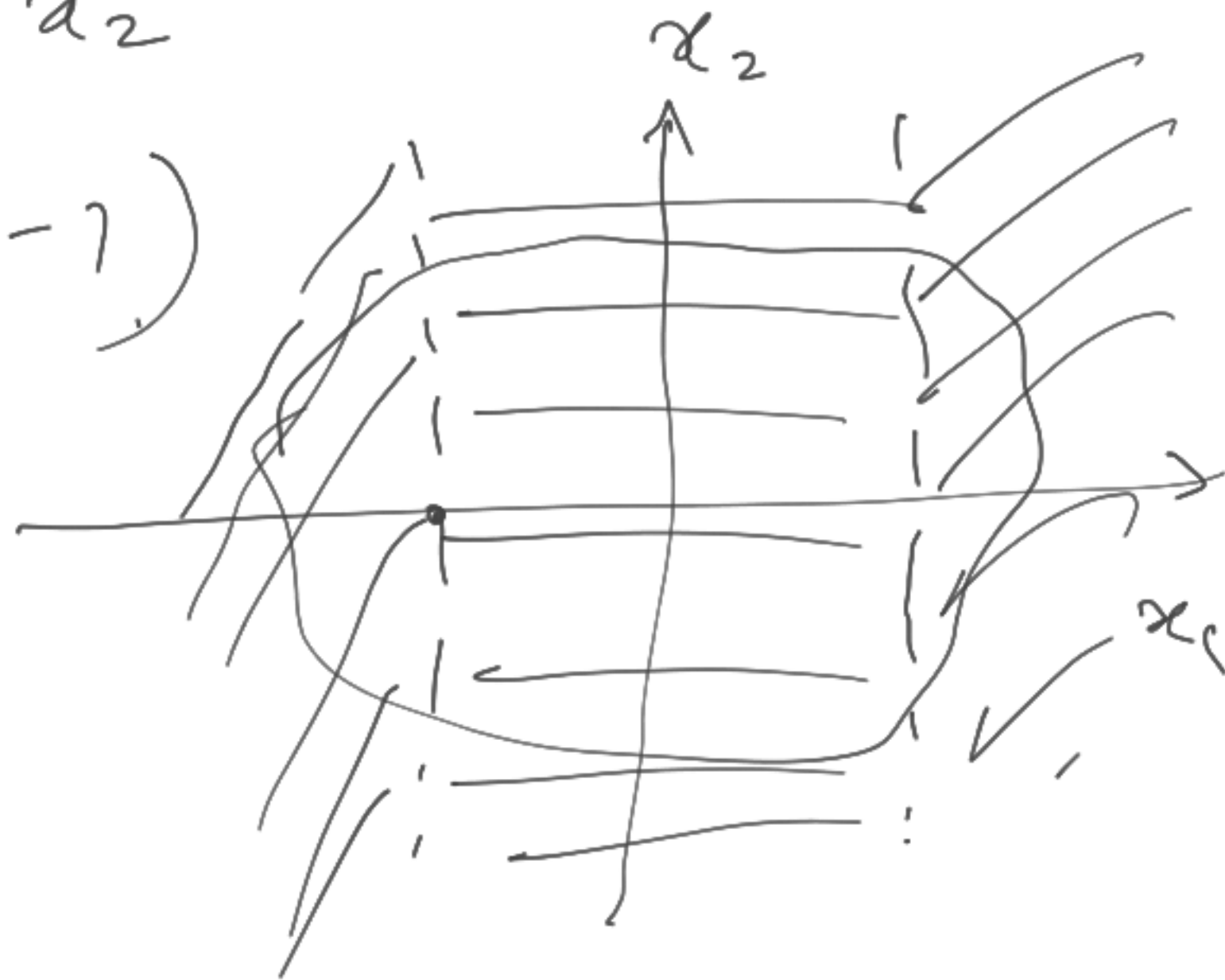
$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} = 0 - \alpha \neq 0$$

e.g. $\ddot{x} + \mu(x^2 - 1)\dot{x} + x = 0, \mu > 0$

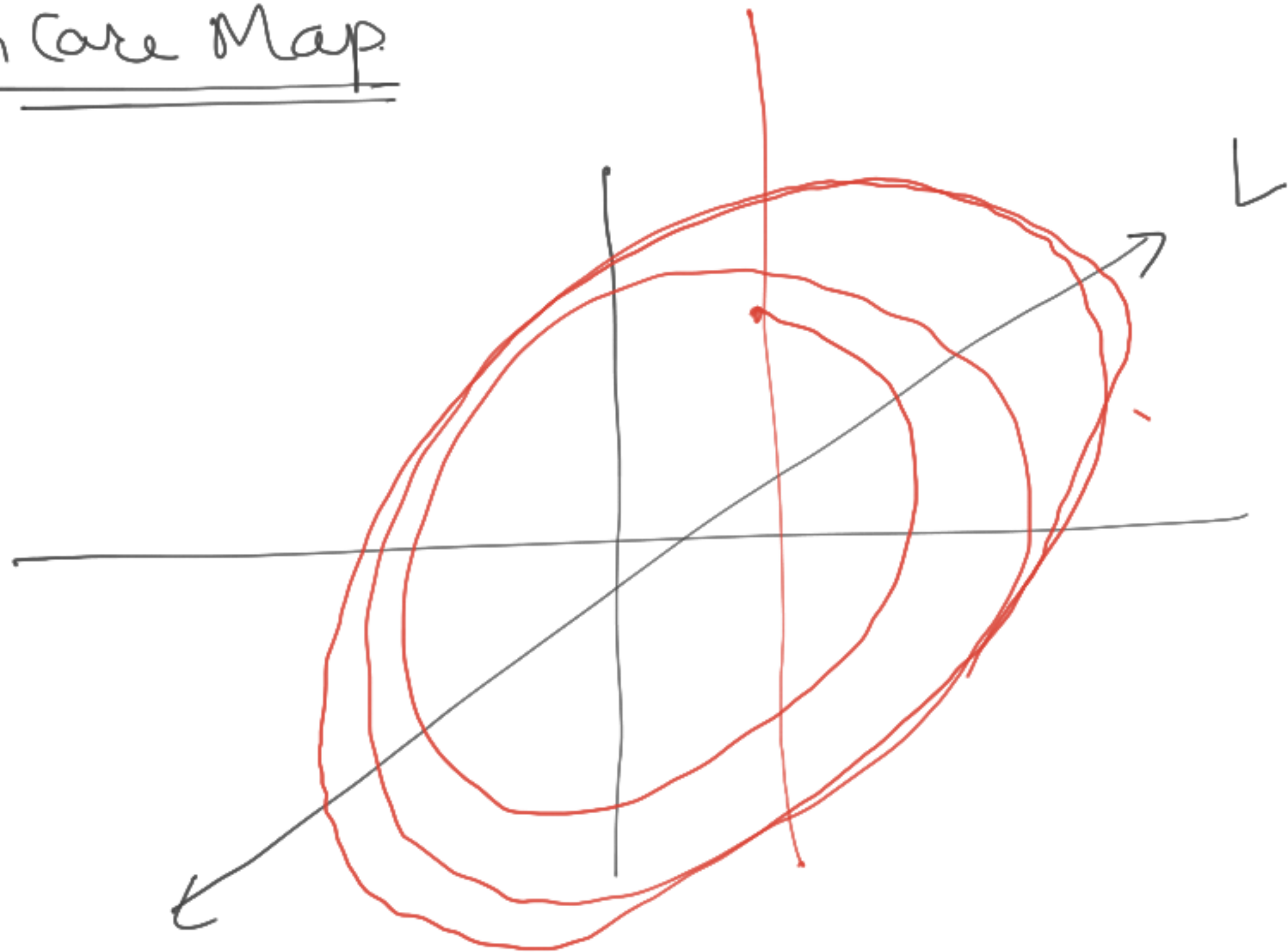
$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

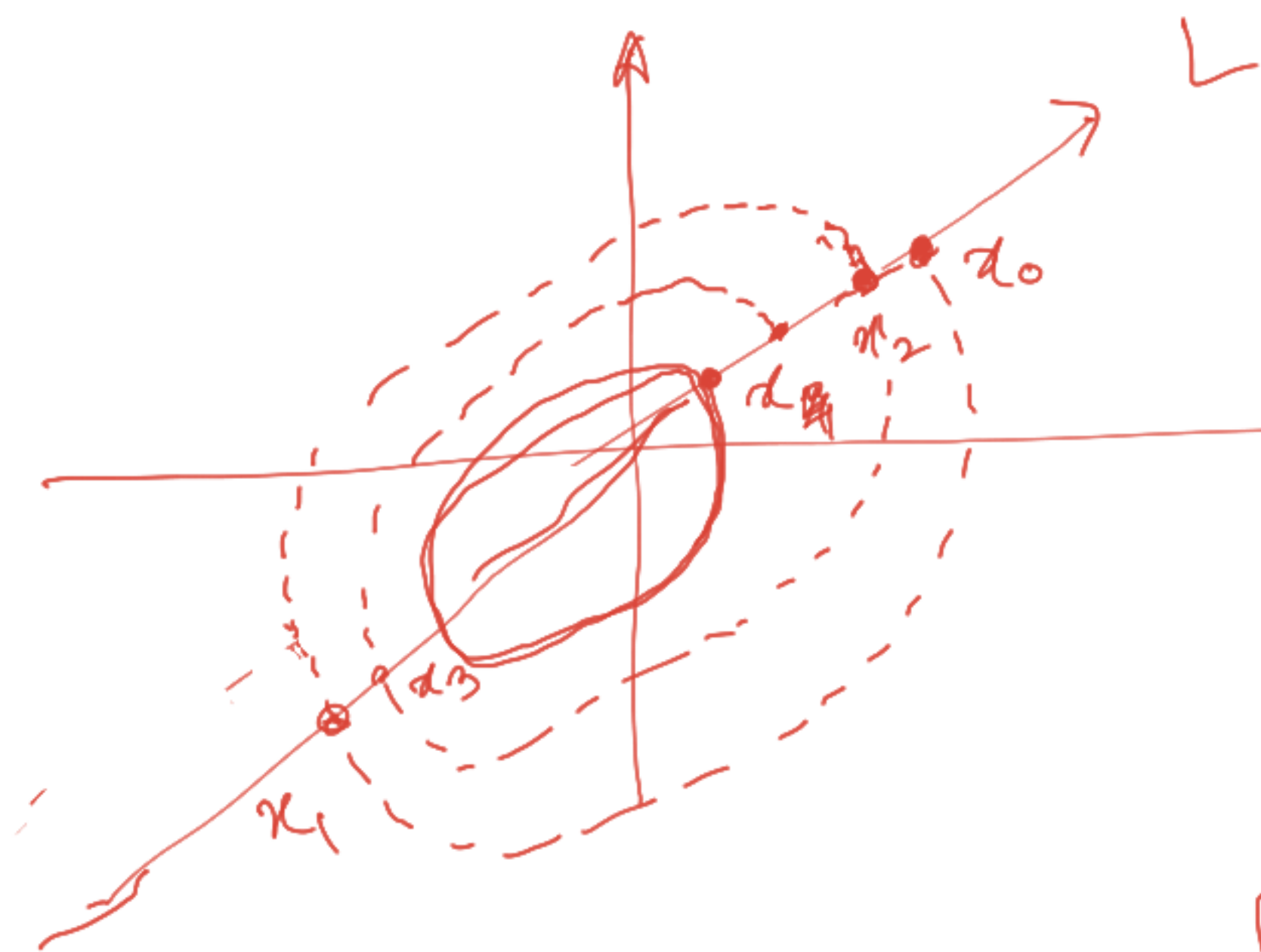
$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - \mu(x_1^2 - 1)x_2$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} = -\mu(x_1^2 - 1)$$



Poincaré Map





$$\rightarrow P: L \rightarrow L$$

$$x_0 \rightarrow P(x_0) = x_2$$

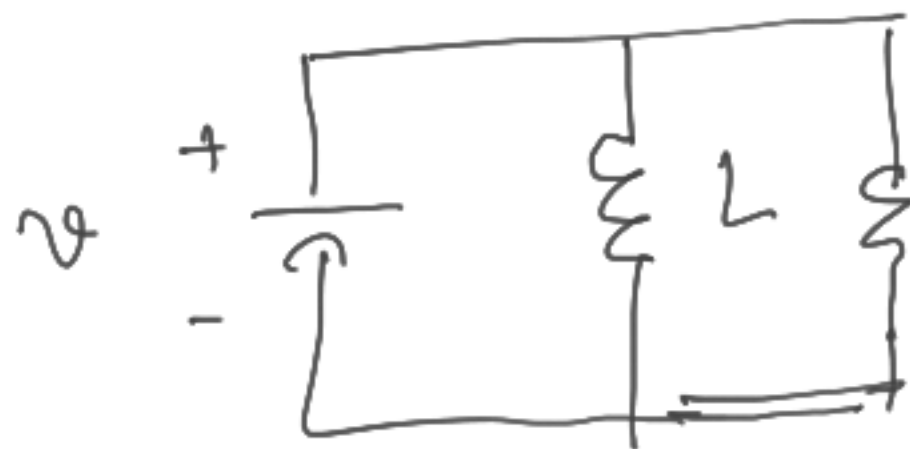
$$P(x_2) = x_4$$

$$P^3(x_0) \rightarrow x^*$$

$$P(x^*) = x^*$$



Vanderpol Oscillator:



$$i = h(v) = -v + v^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y - h(x) \\ y &= -x \end{aligned}$$

$$L \frac{dv}{dt} + \int v dt + (-v + v^3) = 0$$

$$\ddot{v} + v + (-\dot{v} + 3v^2 \dot{v}) = 0$$

$$\ddot{v} + \underbrace{(-1 + 3v^2)}_{\frac{dh}{dv}} \dot{v} + v = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= v \\ y &= \dot{v} + (-v + v^3) \\ &= \dot{v} + h(v) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y - h(v) \\ \dot{y} &= \ddot{v} + \frac{dh}{dv} \dot{v} \\ &= -x \end{aligned}$$