

Consider the data in the following table.

Planet	$a$ Mean Distance from the Sun (in Astronomical Units)	$D$ Period of Revolution (in Earth Years)
Mercury	0.387	0.241
Earth	1.000	1.000
Jupiter	5.203	11.86
Uranus	19.19	84.04
Pluto	39.53	248.6

Use the methods discussed in Exercise 39 to fit a power function of the form  $D = ka^n$  to these data. Explain, in terms of Kepler's laws of planetary motion. Explain why the constant  $k$  is close to 1.

We need to linearize our model and data.

$$D = ka^n \Rightarrow \ln D = \ln(ka^n) \\ = \ln k + n \ln a$$

This allows us to generate  $A$  and  $\vec{b}$ . For

example: mercury:  $\ln(0.241) = 1 \ln(k) + n \ln(0.387)$

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 row 1                      col 1                      col 2  
 of  $\vec{b}$                       of row 2 of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.95 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1.65 \\ 1 & 2.95 \\ 1 & 3.68 \end{bmatrix}$$

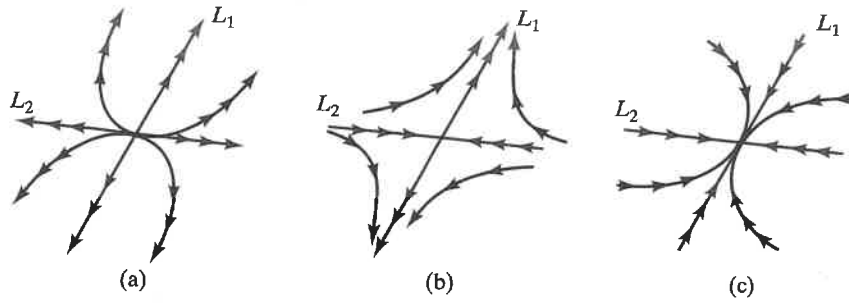
and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.42 \\ 0 \\ 2.47 \\ 4.43 \\ 5.52 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

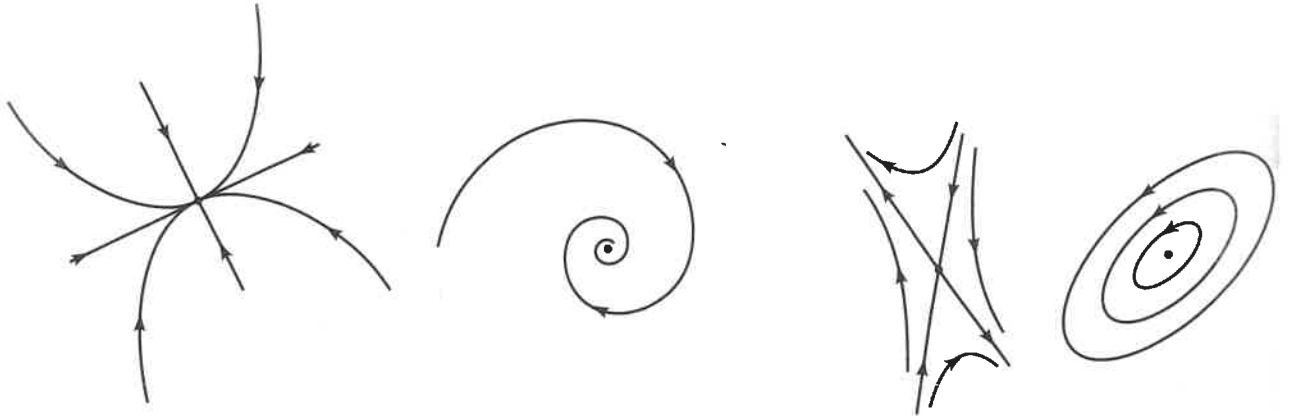
$$\Rightarrow \ln D = 0 + 1.5 \ln a \\ = 1.5 \ln a$$

$$\Rightarrow D = a^{1.5}$$

OR  $D^2 = a^3$  (Kepler's 3rd Law).

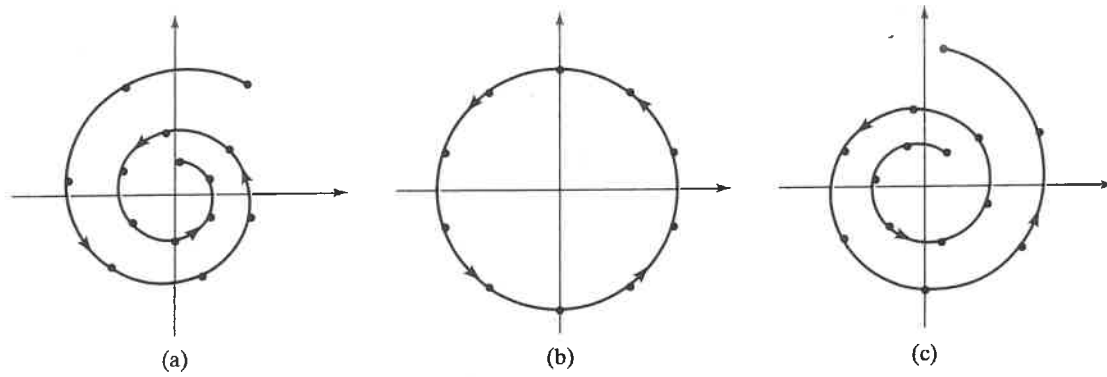


**Figure 10** (a)  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 1$ . (b)  $\lambda_1 > 1 > \lambda_2 > 0$ . (c)  $1 > \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$ .



**Figure 1(a)** Asymptotically stable.

**Figure 1(b)** Not asymptotically stable.



**Figure 2** (a)  $r < 1$ : trajectories spiral inward. (b)  $r = 1$ : trajectories are circles. (c)  $r > 1$ : trajectories spiral outward.