

$$\dot{q}=0 \Rightarrow \dot{q} = \frac{p}{(1+a \sin q)} = 0 \Rightarrow p=0$$

$$\dot{p}=0 \Rightarrow \dot{p} = \frac{-a p^2 \cos q}{2(1+a \sin q)} + \sin q = 0$$

But $p=0 \therefore \dot{p} = \sin q = 0 \Rightarrow q = n\pi$
 $n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

The linearisation is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p \partial q} & \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p^2} \\ -\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial q^2} & -\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p \partial q} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a p \cos q}{(1+a \sin q)^2} & \frac{1}{(1+a \sin q)} \\ \frac{a p^2 \sin q + a^2 p^2 \cos^2 q + a^2 p^2 + \cos q}{2(1+a \sin q)^3} & -\frac{a p \cos q}{(1+a \sin q)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

whose determinant is, at the fixed points (for which $p=0, q=n\pi$)

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\cos(n\pi) & 0 \end{pmatrix} = +\cos(n\pi) = +(-1)^n$$

For n odd the AC- B^2 test gives $AC-B^2 = -1 \therefore$ the fixed points at $(2n+1)\pi, 0$ are saddles.

For n even the AC- B^2 test gives $AC-B^2 = 1 \therefore$ the fixed points at $q=2n\pi$ are centres.

Also $A = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial q^2}(2n\pi, 0) = \cos 2n\pi = 1 > 0$

\therefore The fixed points at $(2n\pi, 0)$ are minima. ✓

ii) $H(q, p) = \frac{p^2}{2(1+a \sin q)} - \cos q$

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