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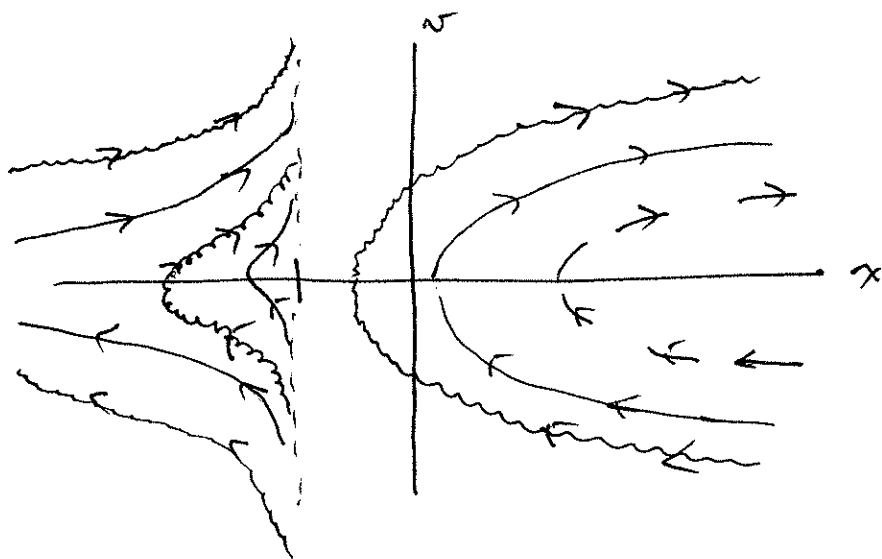
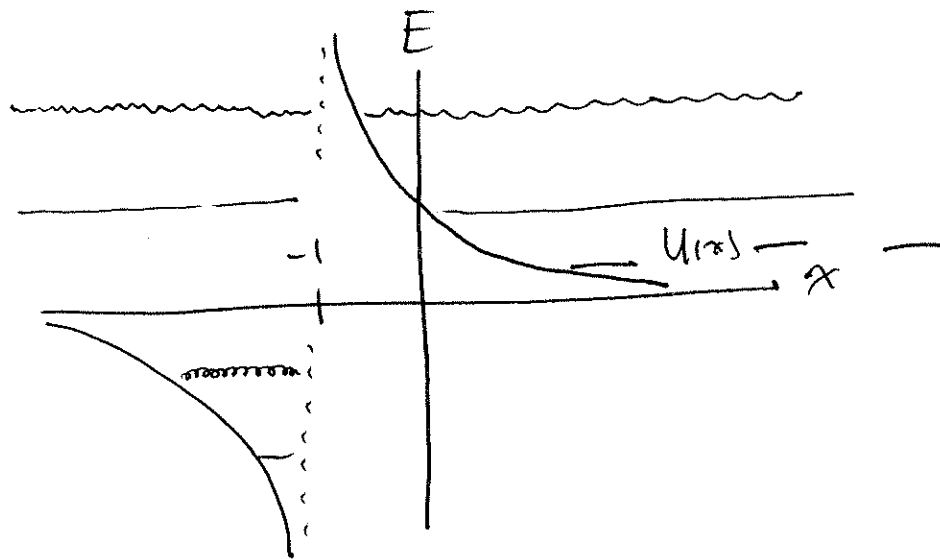
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$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$-U'(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} = (x+1)^{-2}$$

$$U'(x) = -(x+1)^{-2}$$

$$U(x) = (x+1)^{-1} = \frac{1}{x+1}$$



• there are no critical points of  $U$  2  
so there are no equilibrium solutions

• Solutions with  $E > 0$  are unbounded:

If  $E > 0$  and  $v(0) > 0$  then  
solutions (after possibly reflecting  
off potential) have  $x(t) \rightarrow \infty$

If  $E > 0$  ~~and  $v(0) > 0$~~  and  $v(0) < 0$   
then  $x(t) \rightarrow -\infty$

If  $E > 0$  and  $v(0) > 0$  then

$x(t) \rightarrow -1$  and  
 $v(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

If  $E < 0$  then solutions behave

as  $x \rightarrow -1$ ,  $v \rightarrow +\infty$

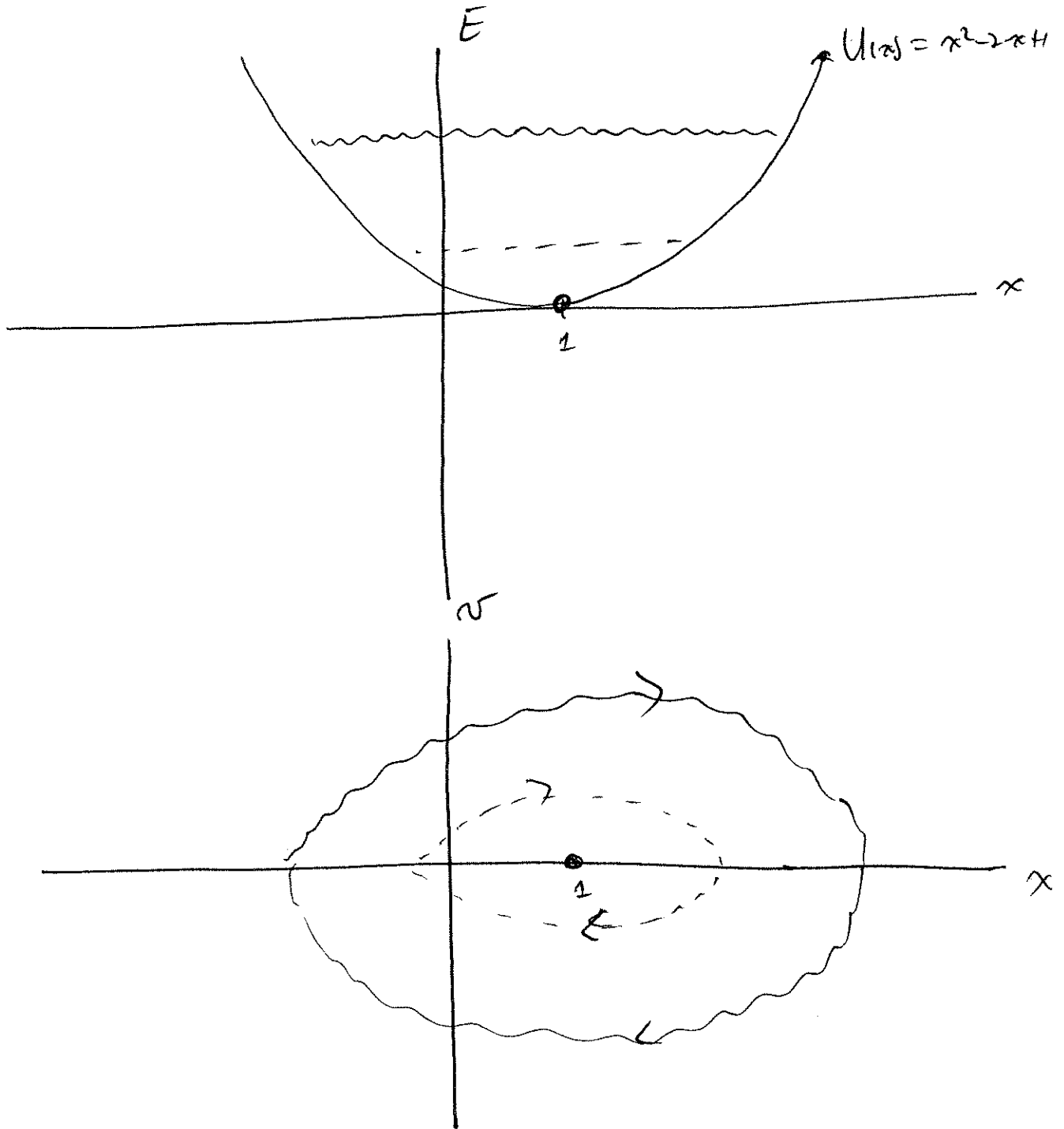
as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . This can be

interpreted as a kind of blowup.

( $v \rightarrow \infty$ )

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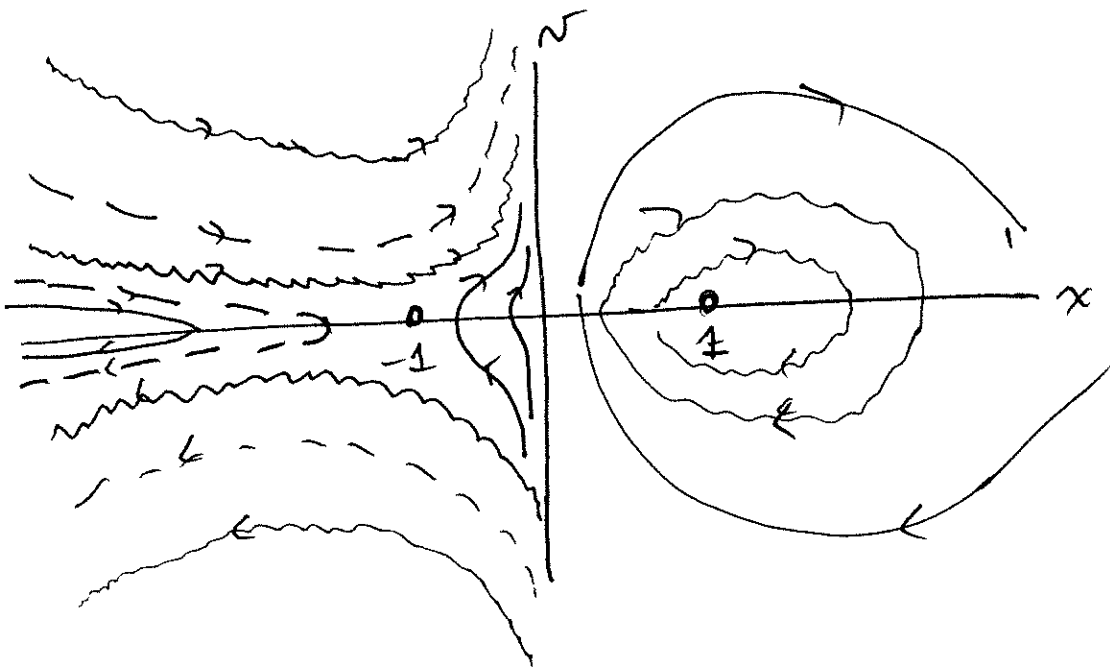
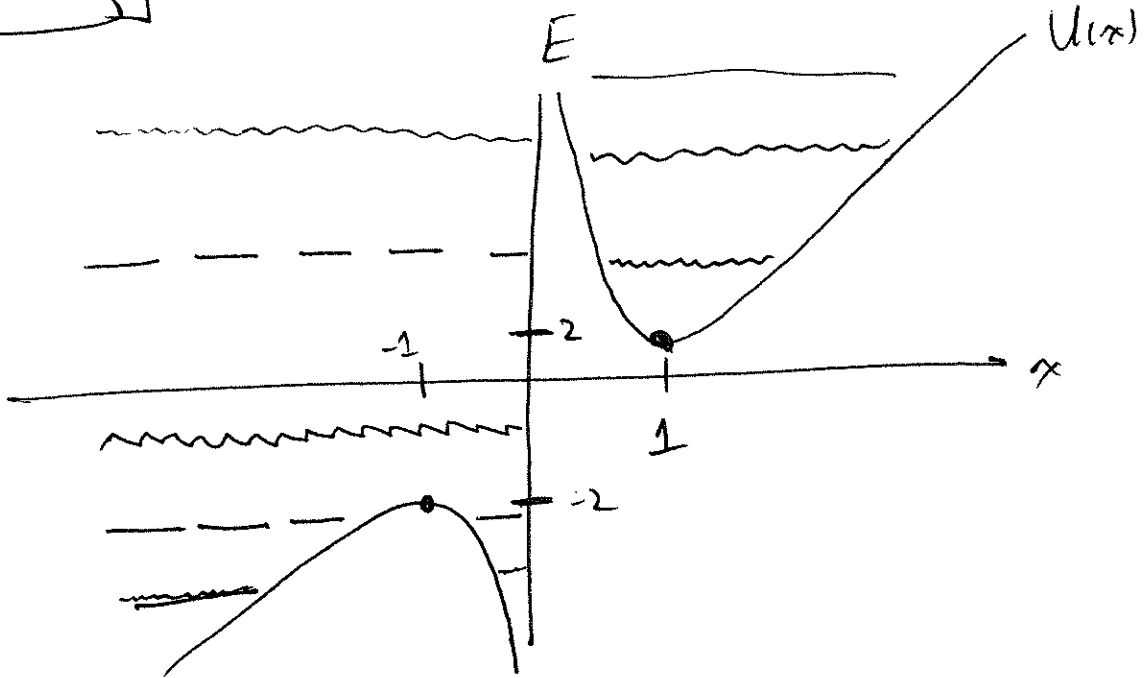


Equilibrium is at  $x=1$

All solutions oscillate about  $x=1$ .

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critical points at ~~0, 1, -1, 2, -2~~

$$0 = U'(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2} + 1 = \frac{-1+x^2}{x^2} \rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$U(1) = 2$$

$$U(-1) = -2$$

• we have a center at  $x=1$   
and a saddle at  $x=-1$

• If  $x(0) > 0$  then solution  
oscillates about  $x=1$

• If  $x(0) < 0$  and  $E > -2$

then: •  $v(0) > 0$  means  $x \rightarrow 0$   
 $v \rightarrow +\infty$

•  $v(0) < 0$  means  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

• If  $x(0) < 0$  and  $E < -2$  then:

•  $x(0) < -1$  means  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

•  $-1 < x(0) < 0$  means  $x \rightarrow 0$   
 $v \rightarrow +\infty$

• again we see the blowup at  $x \rightarrow \infty$

for solutions with  $x(0) < 0$ ,  $v(0) > 0$   
and either  $E > -2$  or  $x(0) > -1$ .

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If we replace  $U(x) + U(x) + c$

then • energy diagram is shifted up  
by  $c$

• phase diagram is not changed

• equation for  $\frac{dv}{dx}$  not changed

(because  $\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$ )

Thus it is only potential differs

that matters!