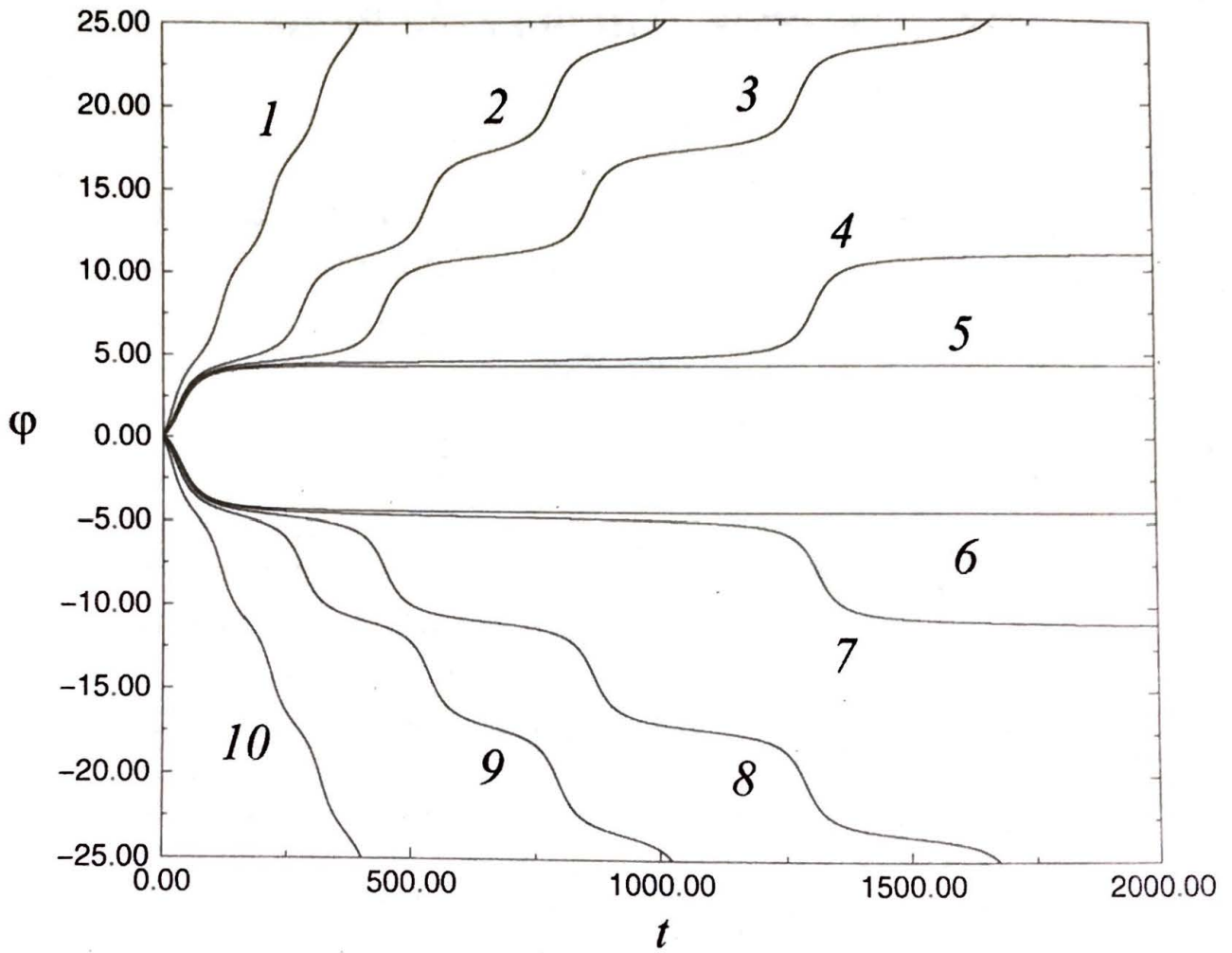


Fig. 4.1. : $\varepsilon = 0.1$, $\beta = 0.01$ 

Temporal phase dynamics $\varphi(t)$ for $\varepsilon=0.7$ and $\beta=0.07$ is shown in Fig 4.7. for different values of the frequency detuning:

$\Delta = \pm 0.07$ (lines 1 and 10)

$\Delta = \pm 0.04$ (lines 2 and 9)

$\Delta = \pm 0.035$ (lines 3 and 8)

$\Delta = \pm 0.032$ (lines 4 and 7)

$\Delta = \pm 0.03$ (lines 5 and 6)

For small detuning, the phase is constant

(lines 5 and 6 for $\Delta = \pm 0.03$). As the frequency detuning grows and when $|\Delta|$ exceeds a certain critical value

$|\Delta_c|$, the phase behavior $\varphi(t)$ changes qualitatively. In fact, its value starts varying in time

According to the sign of Δ (if the freq. of the forcing is greater or less than the natural frequency), the phase φ either decreases or increases in time.

For a small subcriticality $|\Delta - \Delta_c|$, the time series $\varphi(t)$ shows long intervals during which the phase is nearly constant. These long intervals intermingle with relatively short time intervals where

the phase changes by 2π . As the supercriticality grows, the interval of constant phase decrease, and the mean rate of phase change increases.

Thus, there is an interval of values of the detuning $|\Delta| < |\Delta_c|$ where the phase is constant, $\varphi(t) = \text{const}$, and its derivative (the rate of phase change) is zero. This means that the oscillator oscillates periodically at the frequency of the external force $\Rightarrow$ sync!

Outside the sync region the phase changes in time and the oscillations become quasiperiodic. The mean rate of the phase change $\langle \dot{\varphi}(t) \rangle$ defines the second frequency, the so-called beat frequency.

In the phase approximation, sync motions correspond to fixed points of the dynamical system (4.9):

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dt} = -\Delta + \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}} \sin \varphi \quad (4.9)$$

Regimes of sync are related to stable steady states.

$$-\Delta + \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}} \sin \varphi = 0 \quad (4.10)$$

We find fixed points:

$$\varphi_1 = \arcsin \frac{2\Delta\sqrt{\epsilon}}{\beta} \quad (4.11)$$

$$\varphi_2 = \pi - \arcsin \frac{2\Delta\sqrt{\epsilon}}{\beta} \quad (4.12)$$

They exist if $|2\Delta\sqrt{\epsilon}/\beta| \leq 1$ or

$|\Delta| \leq \beta/2\sqrt{\epsilon}$. If we fix ϵ the region of existence of the fixed points in the parameter plane (β, Δ) is bounded by the line given by the equation: $\beta = 2\sqrt{\epsilon} |\Delta|$. (4.13)

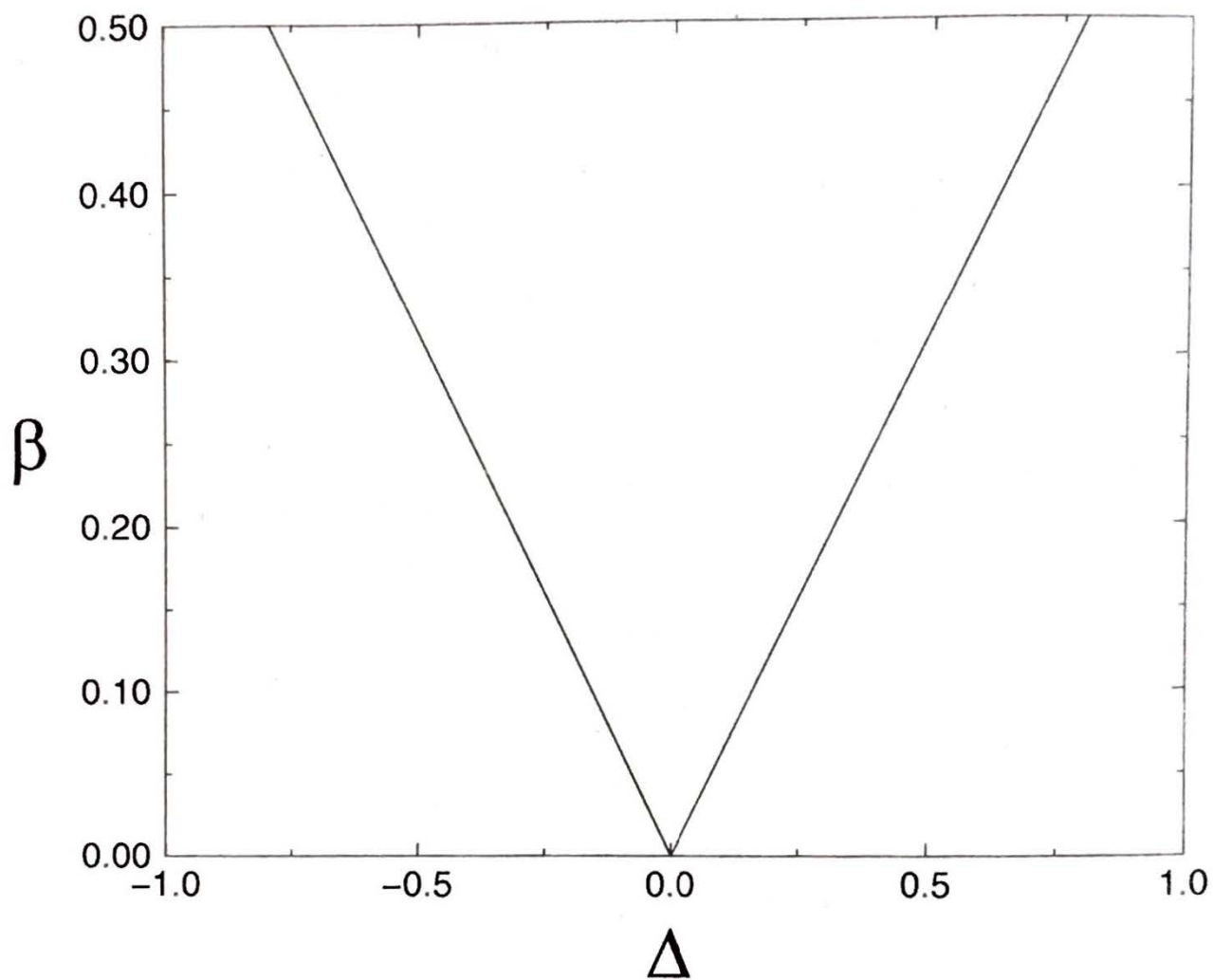


Fig. 4.2 Sync region in the plane of parameters Δ and β for $\varepsilon = 0.1$.

Let us analyze the stability of the fixed points. The behavior of the system (4.9) is considered in the neighbourhood of fixed points φ_i ($i=1,2$) in a linear approx. We represent the dynamical variable $\varphi(t)$ in the form: $\varphi(t) = \varphi_i + \tilde{\varphi}(t)$, where $\tilde{\varphi}(t)$ is a small deviation from a fixed point φ_i .

We rewrite (4.9) as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\varphi_i + \tilde{\varphi}) = -\Delta + \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \sin(\varphi_i + \tilde{\varphi}),$$

$$\frac{d(\varphi_i)}{dt} = 0 \quad (\text{in the fixed point})$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{\varphi}}{dt} = -\Delta + \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\varepsilon}} (\sin \varphi_i \cos \tilde{\varphi} + \sin \tilde{\varphi} \cos \varphi_i)$$

Expanding $\cos \tilde{\varphi}$ and $\sin \tilde{\varphi}$ in Taylor series and taking the first-order terms in $\tilde{\varphi}$, we obtain the linearized equation:

$$\frac{d\tilde{\varphi}}{dt} = -\Delta + \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}} (\sin \varphi_i + \tilde{\varphi} \cos \varphi_i)$$

From the definition of the fixed point:

$$-\Delta + \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}} \sin \varphi_i = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}}{dt} = \left(\frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}} \cos \varphi_i \right) \tilde{\varphi} \quad (4.14)$$

$$\text{solution } \tilde{\varphi}(t) \sim \exp \left[\left(\frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}} \cos \varphi_i \right) t \right] \quad (4.15)$$

The stability of fixed points depends on the sign of $\cos \varphi_i$. If $\cos \varphi_i < 0$, then the small deviation decays in time and the fixed point is stable. If $\cos \varphi_i > 0 \Rightarrow$ the fixed point is unstable.