

1. Two populations, one of predators and one of prey, are modeled by the system of differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(1-x) + xy,$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 4y\left(1 - \frac{y}{2}\right) - 2xy.$$

- (a) Which of  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  represents the predator population and which represents the prey population? Explain your answer.

$x(t)$  represents the predators; the  $xy$  term means that  $x$ - $y$  interactions benefit the  $x$ 's.

$y(t)$  represents the prey; the  $-2xy$  term means that  $x$ - $y$  interactions hurt the  $y$ 's.

- (b) What would happen to each population in the absence of the other?

- If  $x(t) \equiv 0$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 4y\left(1 - \frac{y}{2}\right)$ , so the  $y$  population grows according to a logistic model - if it is non-zero and below 2, it increases to 2, and if it starts above 2, it decreases towards 2.
- If  $y(t) \equiv 0$ , then  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(1-x)$ ; the  $x$  population is also modeled by a logistic model; if it begins below 1, it increases towards 1 and above 1, it decreases to 1.

- (c) Linearize the system about each nontrivial equilibrium (that is, equilibria with  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ ) and classify the equilibria.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x [1 - x + y]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y [4 - 2y - 2x]$$

Equilibria:  $(0, 0)$ ;  $(0, 2)$ ;  
 $(1, 0)$ ;  $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$

(Non-trivial one is if  
 $y = x - 1$  and  $y = 2 - x$

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 = 2 - x \Rightarrow x = 3/2 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}$$

If we linearize at  $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ , we need  $J(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

$$J(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2x + y & x \\ -2y & 4 - 4y - 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 & 3/2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

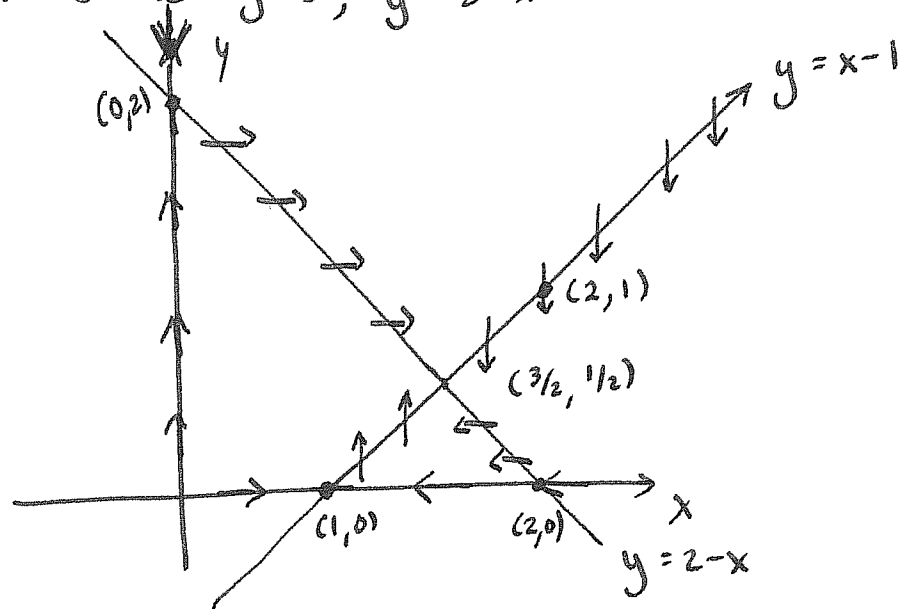
Char. poly:  $\lambda^2 + \frac{5}{2}\lambda + 3$ .  $\lambda = \frac{-5/2 \pm \sqrt{25/4 - 12}}{2}$   
 $= \frac{-5/2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{23}}{2}}{2}$   
 $= -5/4 \pm i \frac{\sqrt{23}}{4}$

$\Rightarrow$  The equilibrium at  $(3/2, 1/2)$  is a spiral sink.

- (d) Sketch the  $x$ - and  $y$ -nullclines of the system for  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ , including arrows indicating the directions of solution curves which cross the nullclines.

$x$ -nullclines:  $x=0, y=x-1$

$y$ -nullclines:  $y=0, y=2-x$



- (e) Suppose that  $x(0) = 2$  and  $y(0) = 1$ . Predict the long-term fates of the populations.

With these initial conditions, the solution curve begins by going straight down. It then moves into a down-left region. It is reasonable to guess then that it moves far enough to the left to cross  $y=2-x$ , where it begins to move up-left, and begins to spiral around the spiral-sink at  $(3/2, 1/2)$ . We guess the population stabilizes around the non-trivial equilibrium.

2. Consider the forced undamped harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 9y = 2\sin(3t)$$

with initial conditions  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ . Find the solution  $y(t)$  and describe its long-term behavior.

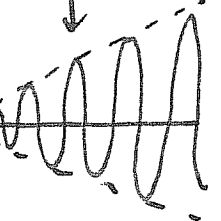
Long-term behavior:

the  $-\frac{t}{3}\cos(3t)$

term quickly becomes dominant:

the period is  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ , and

the amplitude increases linearly: slope  $\frac{1}{3}$



Complexify:  $y'' + 9y = 2e^{3it}$

The solution to the homogeneous part (in the real case) is just  $k_1\cos(3t) + k_2\sin(3t)$ .

For a particular solution, we try  $\alpha te^{3it}$  for some  $\alpha$  (we already know that  $\alpha e^{3it}$  solves the homogeneous part, so that can't work)

If  $y_{p,c}(t) = \alpha te^{3it}$ ,  $y'_{p,c}(t) = \alpha e^{3it} + 3i\alpha te^{3it}$

and  $y''_{p,c}(t) = 6i\alpha e^{3it} - 9\alpha te^{3it}$

$$\Rightarrow y''_{p,c}(t) + 9y_{p,c}(t) = 6i\alpha e^{3it} - 9\alpha te^{3it} + 9\alpha te^{3it} = 6i\alpha e^{3it} \stackrel{?}{=} 2e^{3it}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{take } \alpha = \frac{1}{3i} \Rightarrow y_{p,c}(t) = -\frac{i}{3}t [\cos(3t) + i\sin(3t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{our } y_p(t) = \text{Im}(y_{p,c}(t)) = -\frac{t}{3}\cos(3t)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{\text{gen},x}(t) = k_1\cos(3t) + k_2\sin(3t) - \frac{t}{3}\cos(3t). \quad y(0) = k_1 \Rightarrow k_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'(t) = 3k_2\cos(3t) - \frac{1}{3}\cos(3t) + t\sin(3t) \quad y'(0) = 0$$

$$y'(0) = 3k_2 - \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow k_2 = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = \frac{1}{9}\sin(3t) - \frac{t}{3}\cos(3t)}$$

3. Find the general solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\cos t}{y^2}.$$

Separate:  $\int y^2 dy = \int \cos t dt$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^3}{3} = \sin t + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (3 \sin t + C)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad \text{where } C \text{ is any constant.}$$

4. Consider the linear system

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = AY, \quad \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the trace, determinant, and eigenvalues of A.

$$\text{tr}(A) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot 4 - 1 \cdot (-2) = 6$$

$$\text{Char. poly.}: \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3)$$

$$\text{eigenvalues: } 2, 3.$$

(b) Find eigenvectors corresponding to each eigenvalue.

$$\lambda = 2: \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{take } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 3: \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{take } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Find the general solution of the system.

$$Y_{\text{gen'l}}(t) = k_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + k_2 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

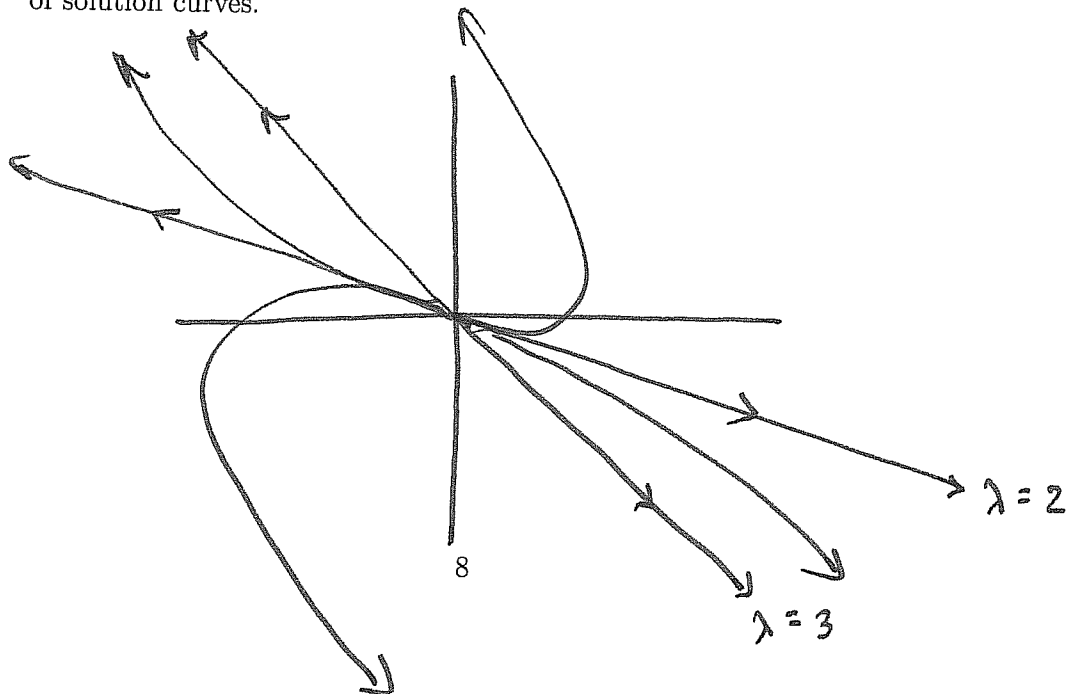
(d) Find the particular solution with  $Y(0) = (1, 0)$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 2k_1 + k_2 &= 1 \\ k_1 + k_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = 1 \Rightarrow k_2 = -1$$

$$Y(t) = \cancel{e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} + \cancel{e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} + e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(e) Sketch the phase portrait for the system, including arrows indicating the directions of solution curves.



5. Solve

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = \delta_2(t), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Taking Laplace transforms of both sides:

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}[y] - s \cdot 1 - 0 + 4s \mathcal{L}[y] - 4 \cdot 1 + 3 \mathcal{L}[y] = e^{-2s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[y] &= \frac{s+4}{s^2+4s+3} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2+4s+3} \\ &= \frac{s+4}{(s+1)(s+3)} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{(s+3)+1}{(s+1)(s+3)} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{(s+1)(s+3)} \end{aligned}$$

Now:

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+3} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s+3} = A + \frac{B(s+1)}{s+3} \stackrel{s=-1}{\Rightarrow} A = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\Downarrow$$
$$\frac{1}{s+1} = \frac{A(s+3)}{s+1} + B \stackrel{s=-3}{\Rightarrow} B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[y] = \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+1} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+3} + \frac{\frac{1}{2} e^{-2s}}{s+1} - \frac{\frac{1}{2} e^{-2s}}{s+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{2} u_2(t) e^{-(t-2)} + \frac{1}{2} u_2(t) e^{-3(t-2)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{2} u_2(t) [e^{-(t-2)} - e^{-3(t-2)}]}$$

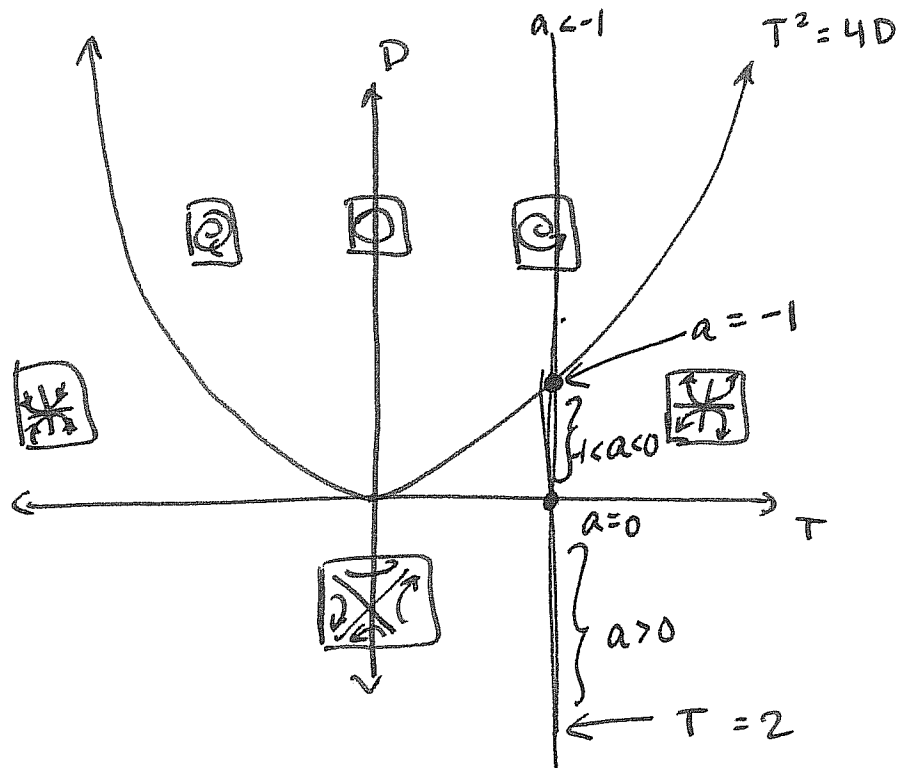


6. Consider the linear system

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a & 0 \end{bmatrix} Y,$$


where  $a$  is a parameter. Graph the corresponding curve in the trace-determinant plane and for each value of  $a$  classify the type of equilibrium at the origin.


$$\text{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 2 \quad \text{Det} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -a$$



- For  $a < -1$ , we get a spiral source
- For  $a = -1$ , there is a repeated positive eigenvalue.

Moreover, the matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  with

characteristic polynomial  $(\lambda - 1)^2$ , and only one eigenvector (a multiple of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  we get .

- For  $a \in (-1, 0)$  we get a ~~source~~ source
- For  $a = 0$ ,  • For  $a > 0$ , we get saddles.

7. A certain population grows according to the logistic model

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 4P \left(1 - \frac{P}{4}\right),$$

where  $P$  is measured in thousands of individuals.

(a) Suppose that the population begins to be hunted at a rate of 3 thousand per unit time. Modify the above logistic equation to reflect this.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 4P \left(1 - \frac{P}{4}\right) - 3$$

(b) Sketch the phase line for your modified equation and classify all the equilibria.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 0 \text{ if } P^2 - 4P + 3 = (P-3)(P-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P = 3 \text{ or } 1.$$

\* 3 is a sink.

\* 1 is a source.



If  $1 \leq P \leq 3$ ,

$$\frac{dP}{dt} > 0.$$

If  $P > 3$ ,  $\frac{dP}{dt} < 0$ .

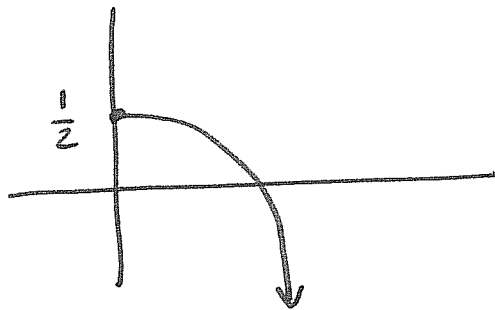
If  $P < 1$ ,  $\frac{dP}{dt} < 0$ .

(c) What happens to the hunted population if it starts at size 2?

$2 \in [1, 3]$ , so the population  
is increasing and asymptotic to 3.

(d) What happens to the hunted population if it starts at size  $1/2$ ?

$\frac{1}{2} < 1$ , so the population  
dies out. (The actual curve  
looks like



but the model breaks down  
when  $P$  hits zero.)

8. Find the general solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2y + \sin t.$$

The solution to the homogeneous part is  $y_h(t) = ke^{-2t}$ .

To find a particular solution, we guess  $y_p(t) = a \sin t + b \cos t$ . Then

$$y_p'(t) = a \cos t - b \sin t, \quad \text{and } \frac{d}{dt}(a \sin t + b \cos t) = a \cos t - b \sin t$$

$\Rightarrow$  We need

$$a \cos t - b \sin t = -2a \sin t - 2b \cos t + \sin t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2a - b - 1) \sin t + (a + 2b) \cos t = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \quad & 2a - b = 1 \\ & a + 2b = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 5a = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\Downarrow \\ b = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p(t) = \frac{2}{5} \sin t - \frac{1}{5} \cos t$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{\text{gen'le}}(t) = ke^{-2t} + \frac{2}{5} \sin t - \frac{1}{5} \cos t.$$

9. Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = t - y^2, \quad y(0) = 0.$$

(a) Estimate  $y(2)$  using Euler's method with  $n = 2$ .

$\Delta t = \frac{2-0}{2} = 1.$

$k$	$t_k$	$y_k$	$f(t_k, y_k)$	$y_{k+1} = y_k + \Delta t f(t_k, y_k)$
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1

$$\Rightarrow y(2) \approx y_2 = 1$$

(b) Suppose you used a computer to implement improved Euler's method for the initial value problem above to estimate  $y(2)$  using  $n = 100$ , and you believe your error to be approximately 0.005. How large should  $n$  be so that you believe your error to be approximately 0.0002?

Improved Euler's method is ~~first~~ <sup>second</sup> order, so

we think  $e_n \approx \frac{k}{n^2}$ . If

$e_{100} = .005$ , then  $k = 50$ . We want

$$n \text{ s.t. } e_n = .0002 = \frac{k}{n^2} = \frac{50}{n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \sqrt{\frac{25}{.0004}} = \sqrt{62500} = 250.$$

$$= \sqrt{250,000} = 500$$

10. Find the general solution of

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} Y.$$

$$\text{Char. poly: } \lambda^2 + 4 = (\lambda + 2i)(\lambda - 2i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{eigenvalues: } \pm 2i$$

$$\lambda = 2i: \begin{bmatrix} 1-2i & -5 \\ 1 & -1-2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{take } \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1-2i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_c(t) = e^{2it} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1-2i \end{pmatrix} = [\cos(2t) + i\sin(2t)] \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5\cos(2t) \\ \cos(2t) + 2\sin(2t) \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 5\sin(2t) \\ \sin(2t) - 2\cos(2t) \end{pmatrix}$$

is a solution. So the real & imaginary parts of

$Y_c$  are solutions, and we have

$$Y_{\text{gen'l}}(t) = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 5\cos(2t) \\ \cos(2t) + 2\sin(2t) \end{pmatrix} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 5\sin(2t) \\ \sin(2t) - 2\cos(2t) \end{pmatrix}$$