

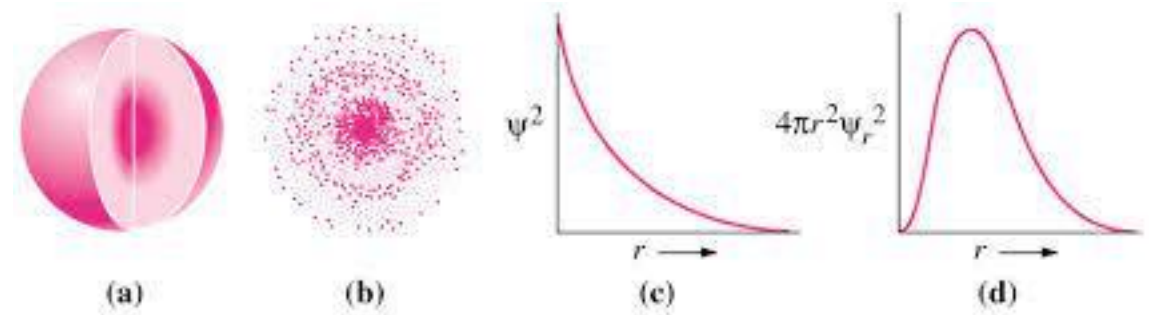
Nonlinear dynamics

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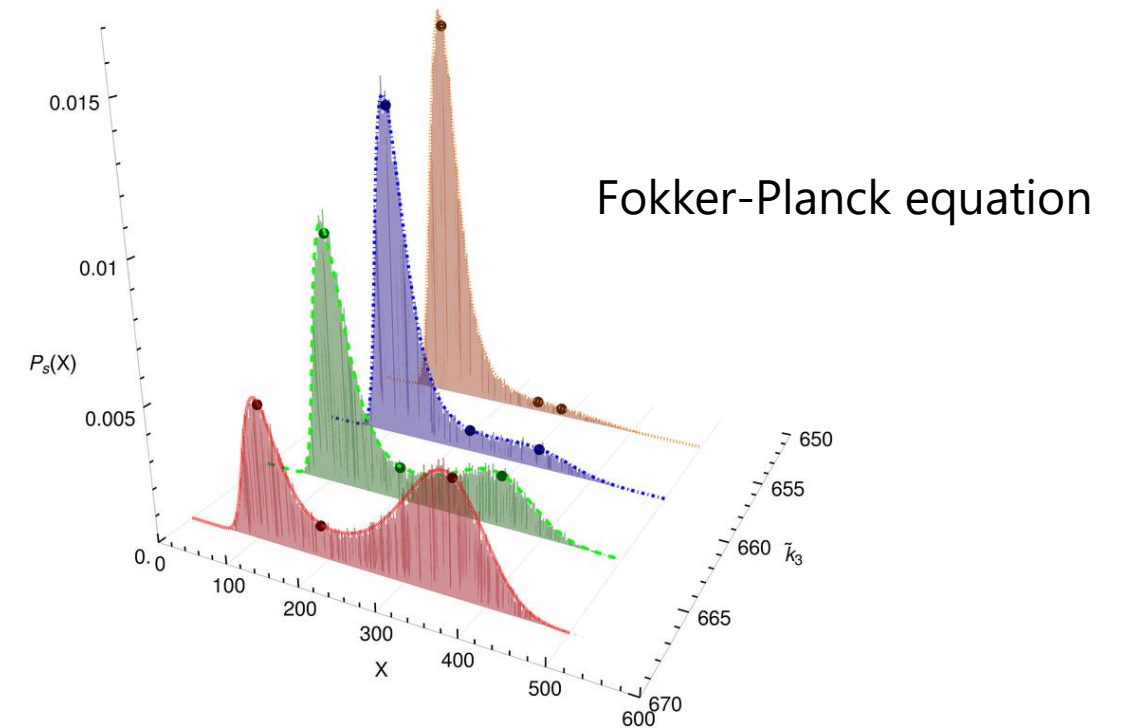
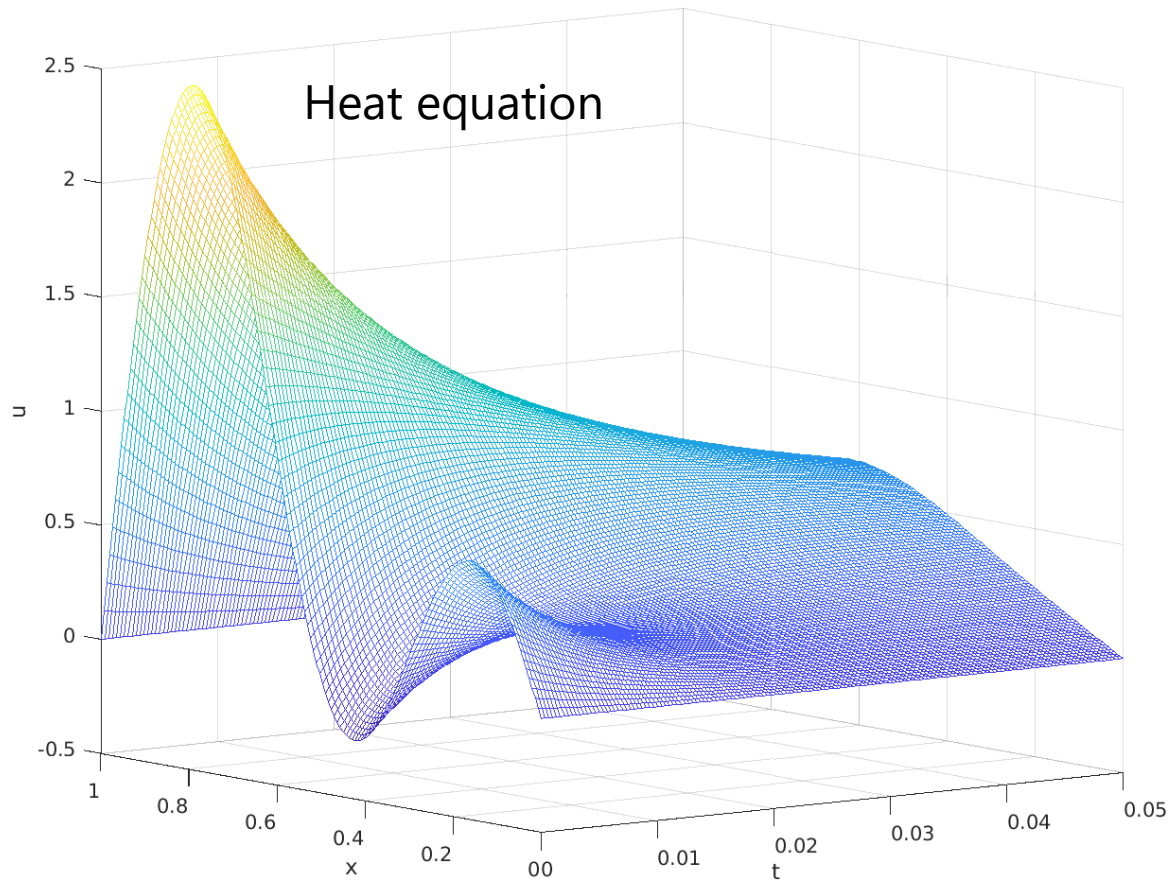
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Differential equations



Schrödinger equation



Differential equations

Often, the question is not:

“What happens to the system in these very specific conditions?”

but

“At which conditions does the behaviour of the system change qualitatively?”

Nonlinear dynamics – the programme

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- Building intuition A geometric approach to 1D ODEs
- Stationary points
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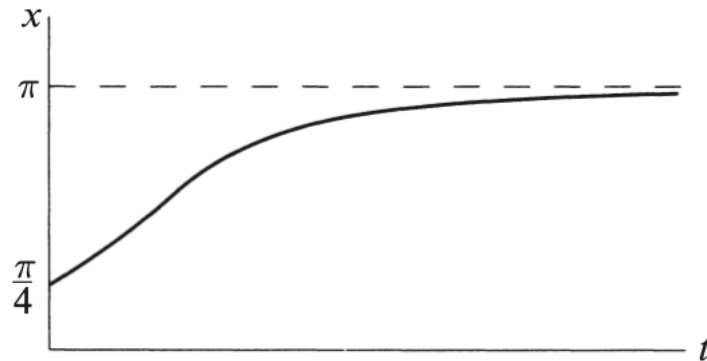
A geometric approach

Take the equation $\dot{x} = \sin x$

What do its solutions look like?

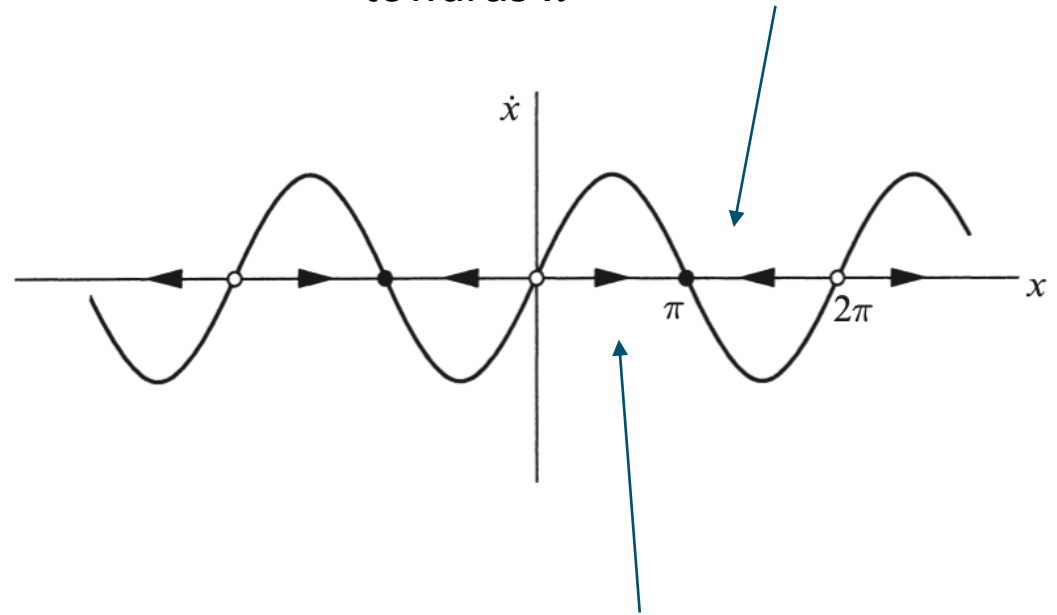
Suppose $x_0 = \pi/4$, what happens to $x(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

What about an arbitrary initial condition x_0 ?



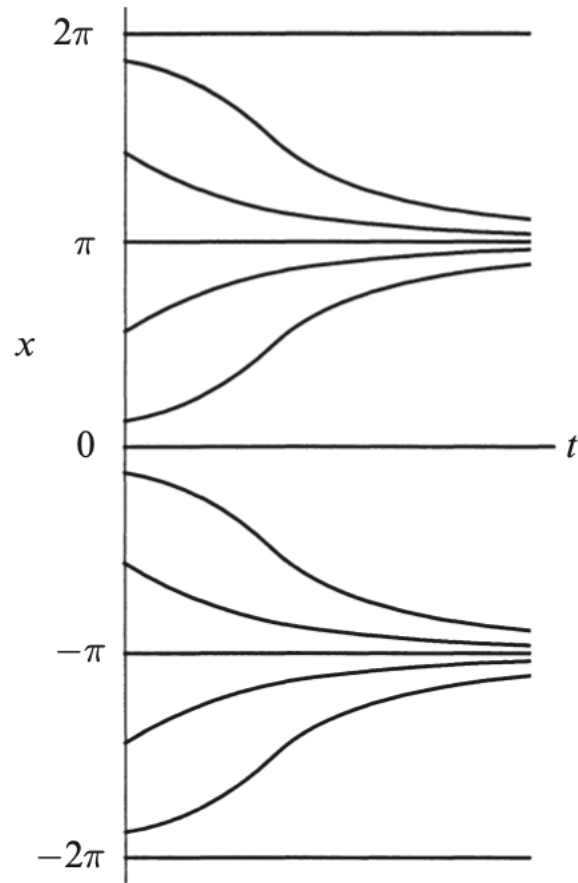
When $\dot{x} > 0$ then $x(t)$ increases.
And vice versa.

If x_0 is here, solutions move downward towards π

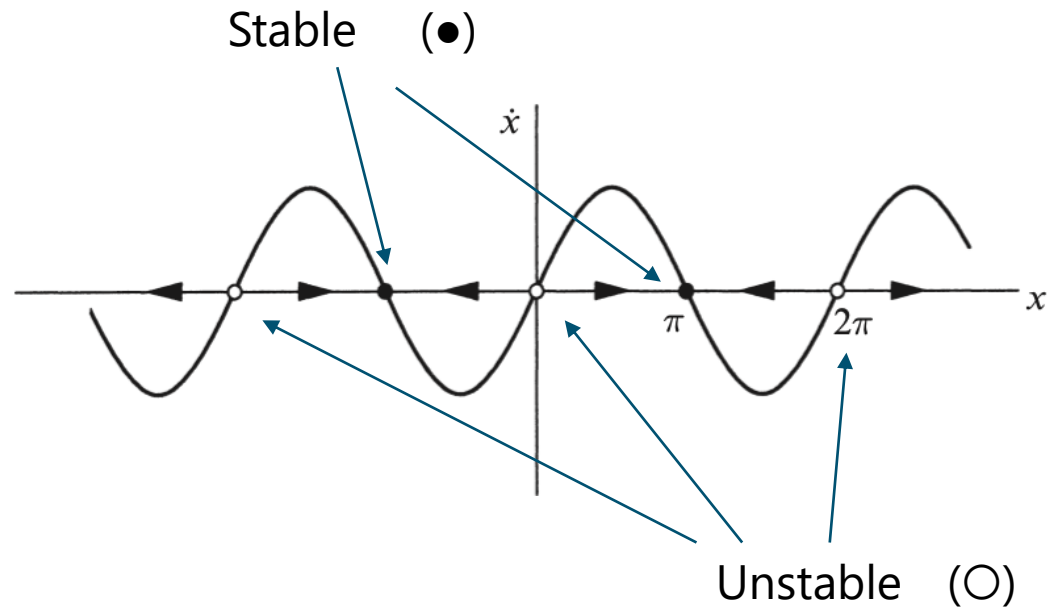


If x_0 is here, solutions move upward towards π

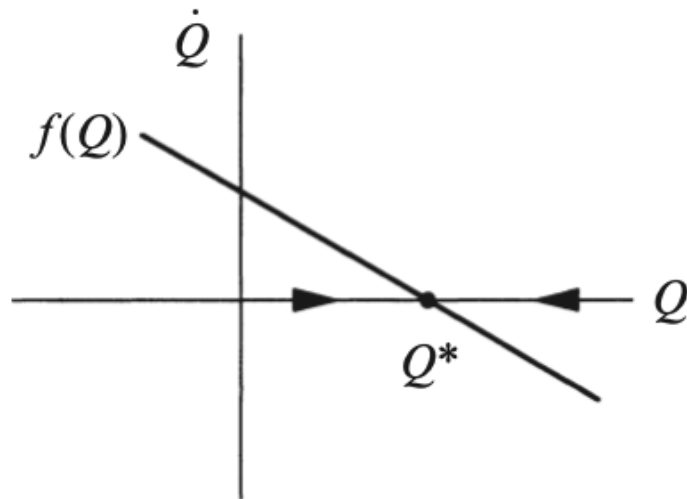
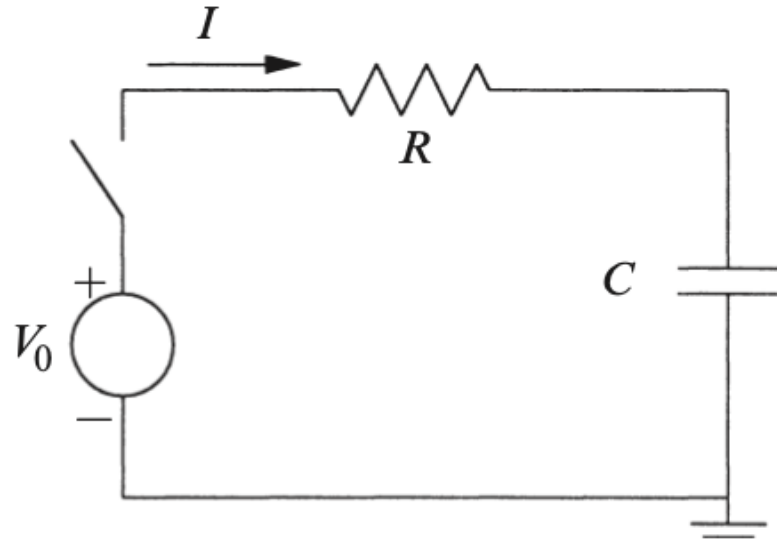
A geometric approach



Stationary points



Worked example – RC Circuits



At time $t = 0$ the switch is closed, with no charge on the capacitor initially. Sketch the graph of the charge on the capacitor $Q(t)$.

Total voltage drop around the circuit must equal zero:

$$-V_0 + RI + \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

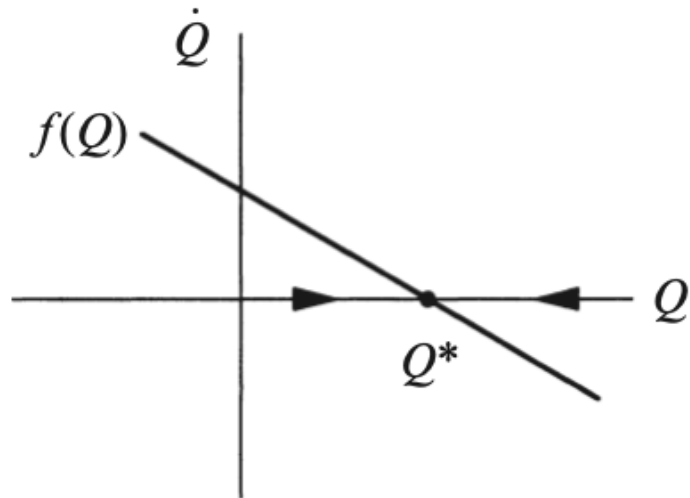
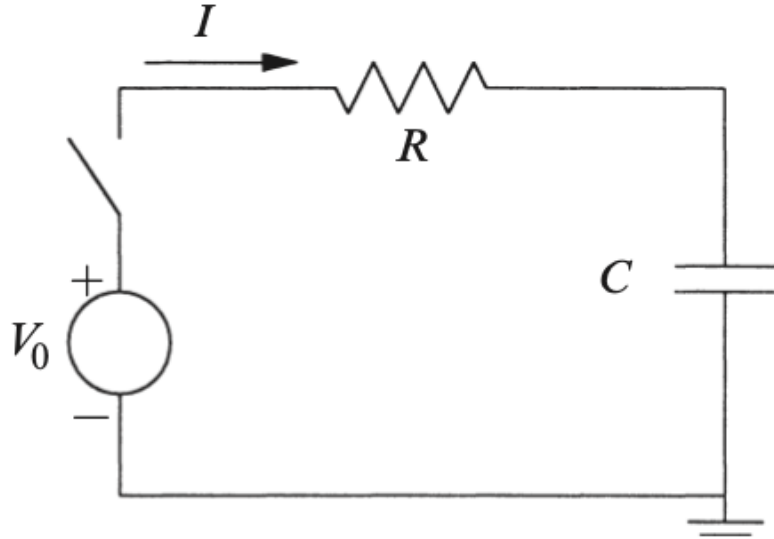
Here, I is the current flowing through the resistor causing the charge to accumulate with a rate $\dot{Q} = I$.

So,

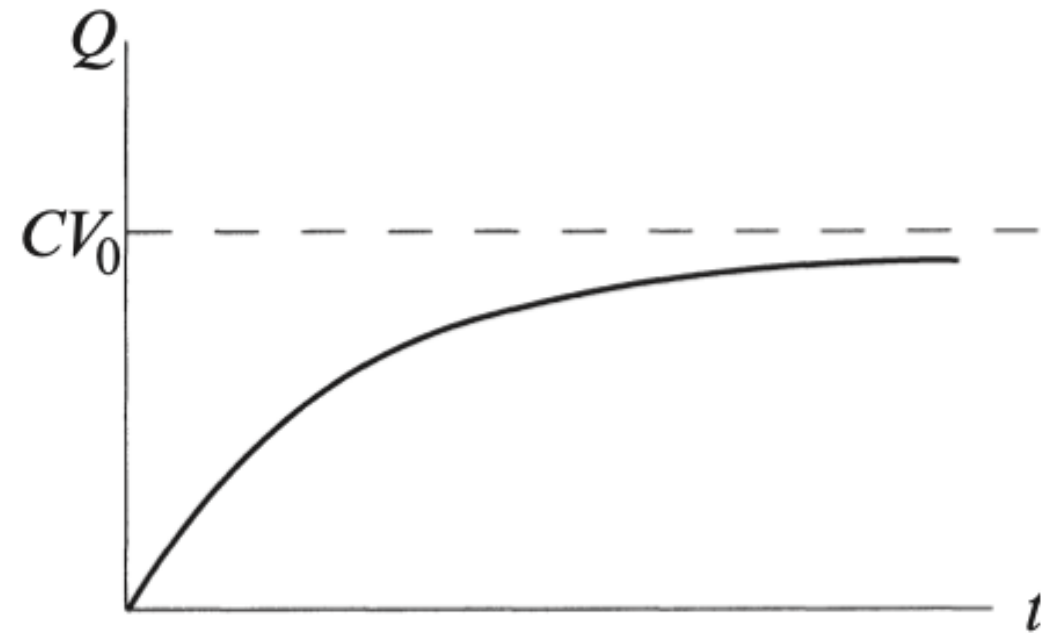
$$\dot{Q} = \frac{V_0}{R} - \frac{Q}{RC}$$

Q^* is a stable point

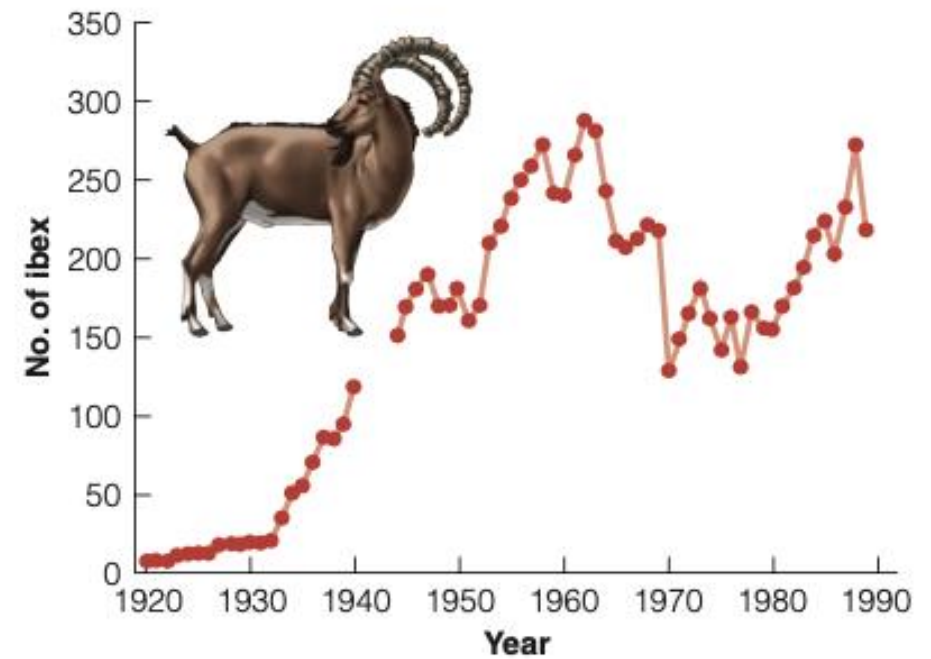
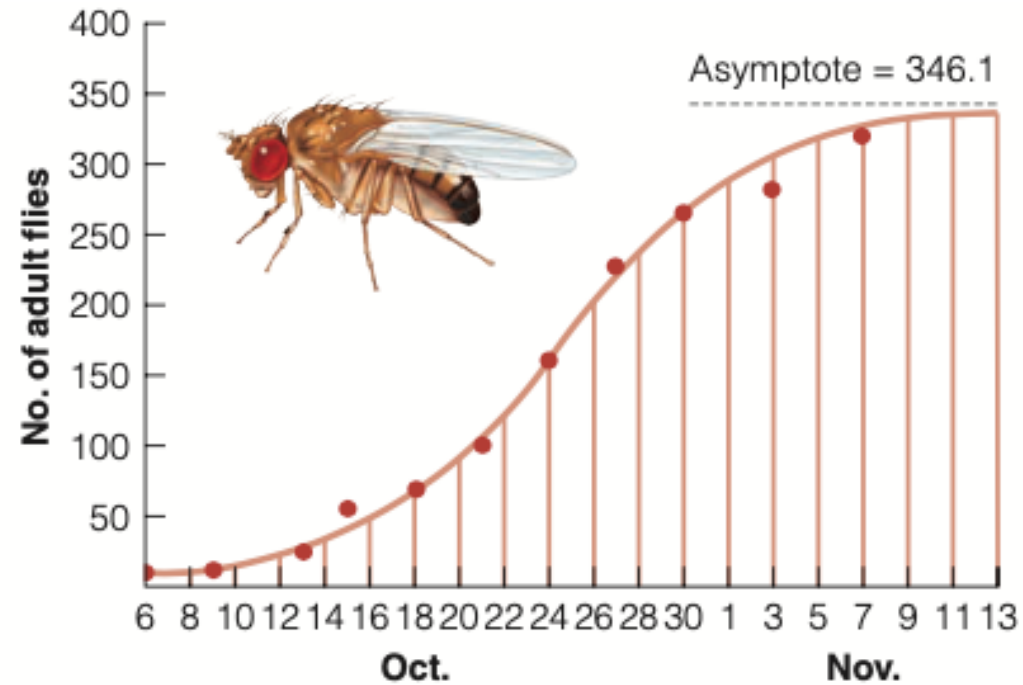
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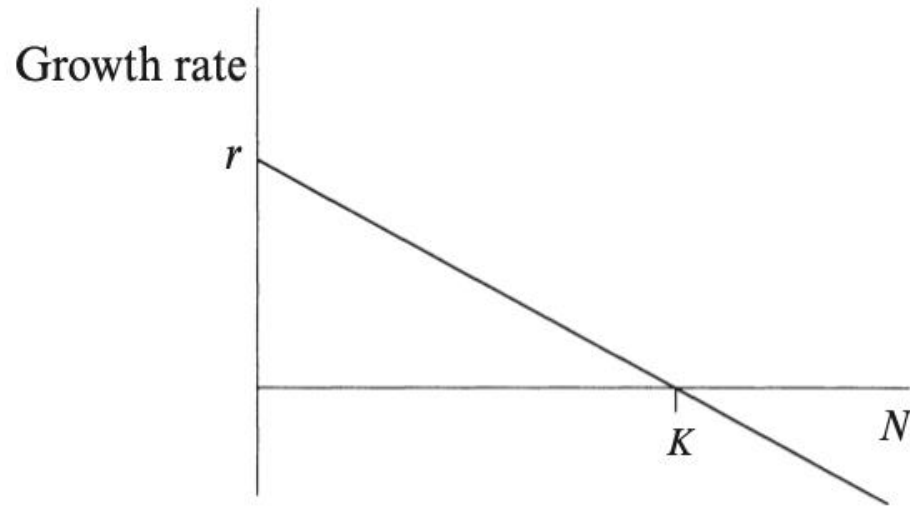


Worked example – Logistic growth

Assumption: at low population, growth rate is linear with population: $\dot{N} = rN$

However, the ecology determines a carrying capacity K above which the growth rate becomes negative.

Simplest case: linear relationship between growth rate and population.



This leads to the **logistic equation**

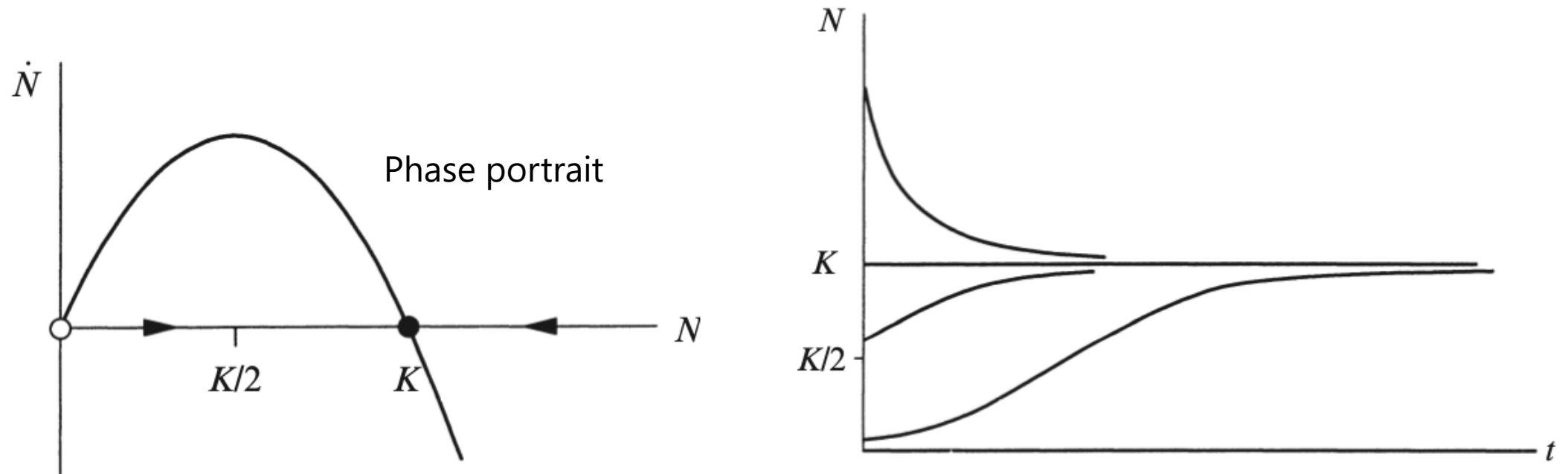
$$\dot{N} = rN \left(1 - \frac{N}{K} \right)$$

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Linear stability analysis

Often we want a quantitative method to determine the stability of a stationary point.

Say we have differential equation $\dot{x} = f(x)$, with a stationary point.

Take a small perturbation $\eta(t)$ around stationary point x^* .

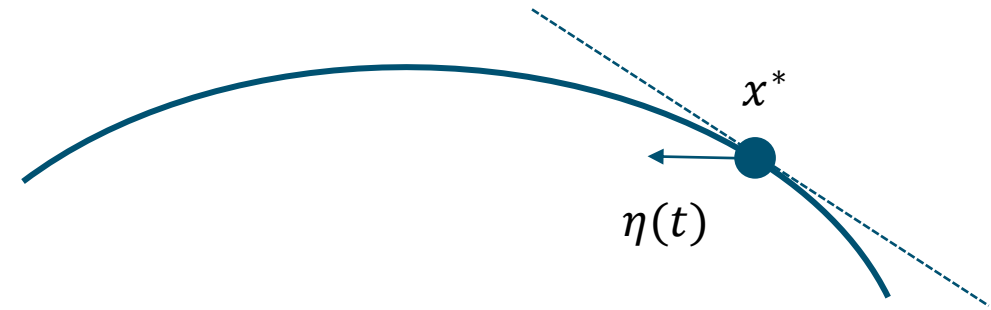
Taylor expansion around the stationary point x^* yields

$$f(x^* + \eta) = f(x^*) + \eta f'(x^*) + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2)$$

We know $f(x^*) = 0$ (why?)

Then, $\dot{x} = \dot{\eta} \approx \eta f'(x^*)$

Differential equations of the form
 $\dot{y} = a y$
have exponential solutions
 $y(t) = \exp a t$



The slope $f'(x^*)$ determines the stability!

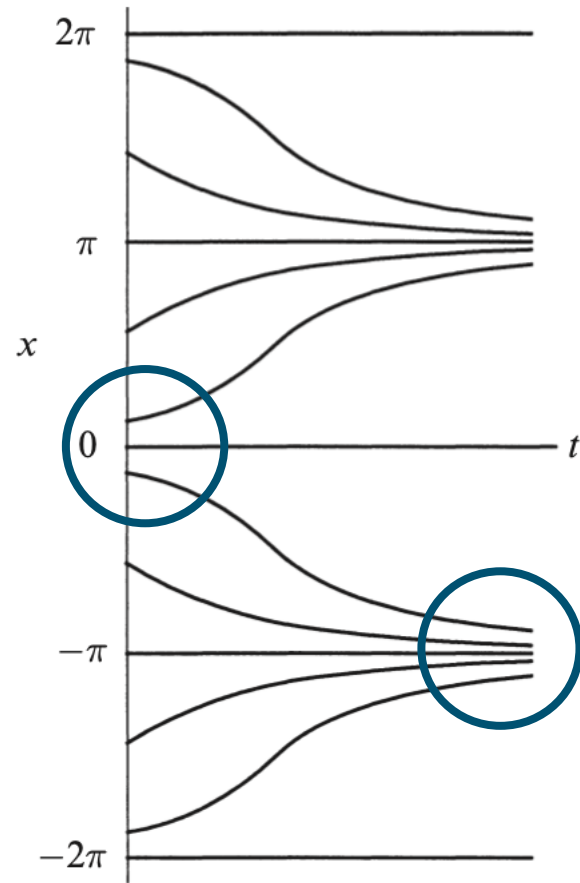
$f'(x^*) > 0$, exponential growth

$f'(x^*) < 0$, exponential decay

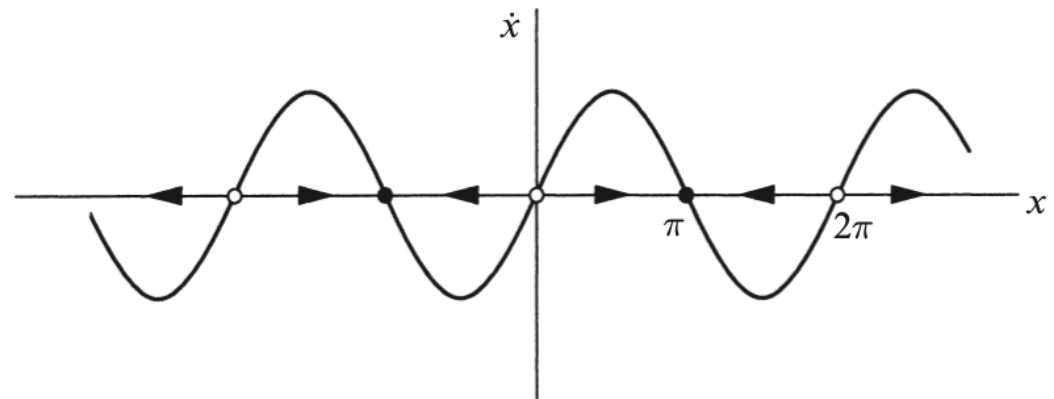
Magnitude relates to the timescale over which $x(t)$ varies:

$$\tau = \frac{1}{f'(x^*)}$$

Linear stability analysis



Slope positive around stationary point
→ exponential growth away from it



Slope negative around stationary point
→ exponential decay towards it

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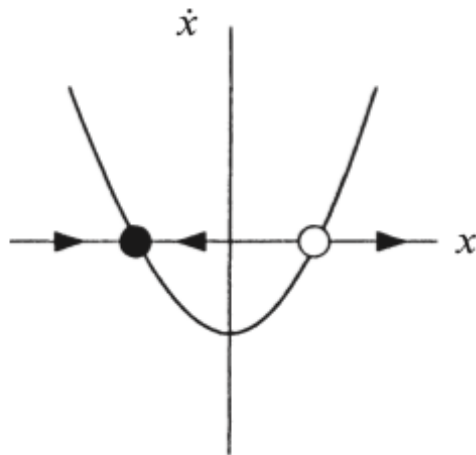
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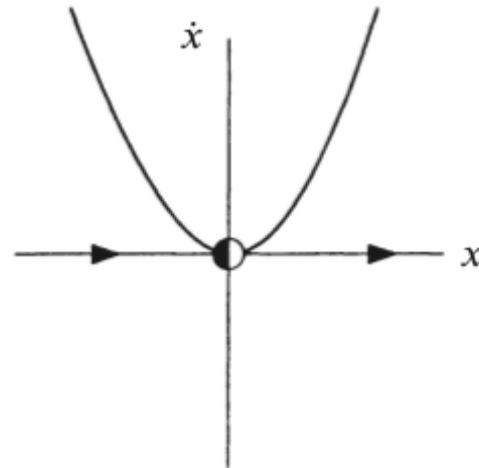
Bifurcations

Example: $\dot{x} = r + x^2$

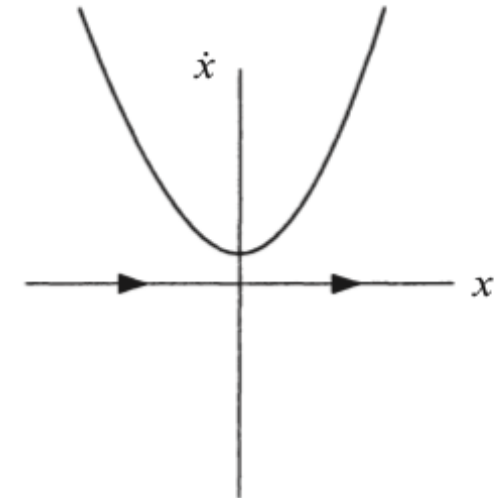
'saddle-node' bifurcation



(a) $r < 0$

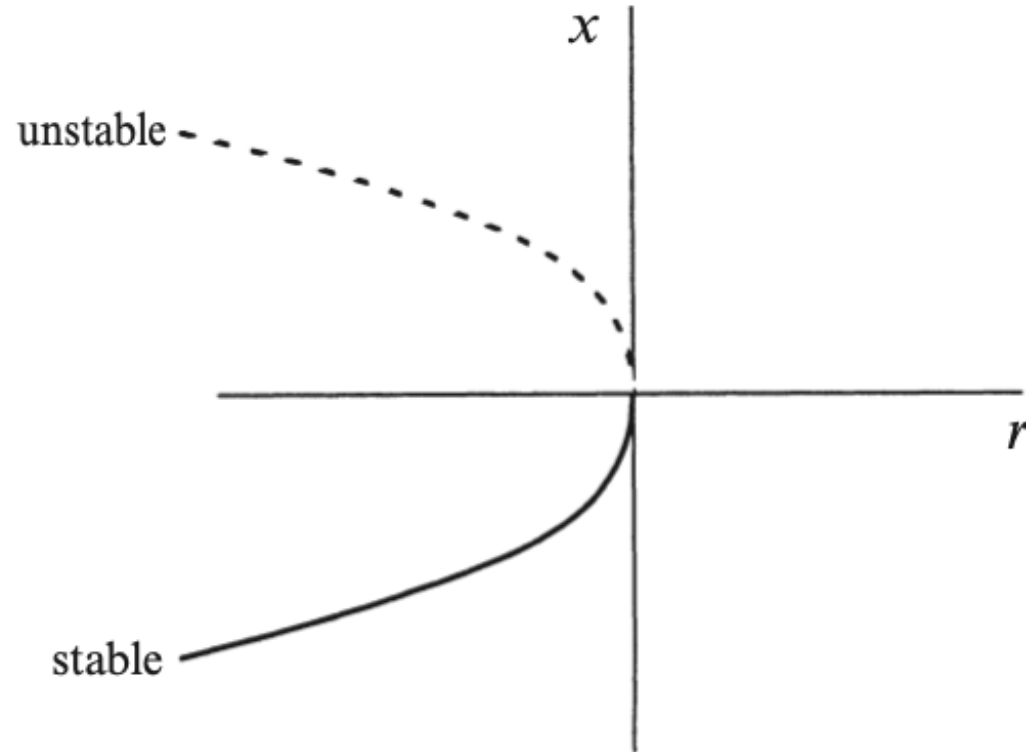


(b) $r = 0$



(c) $r > 0$

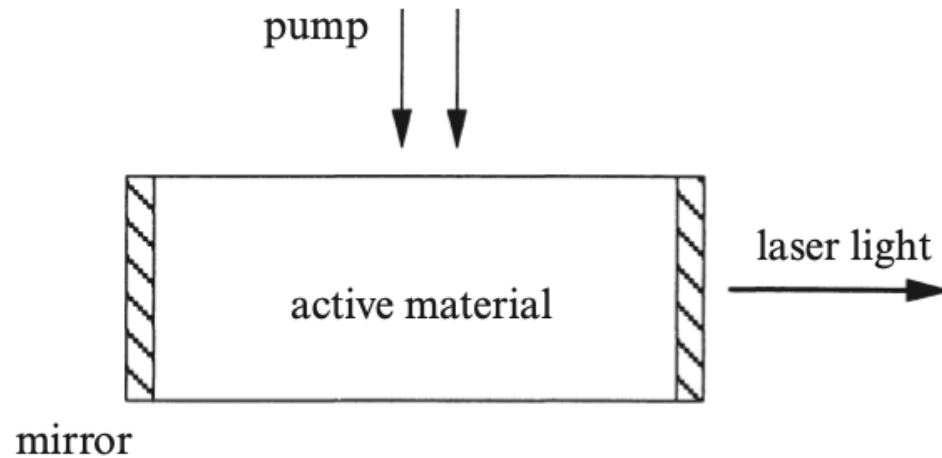
Bifurcations



Bifurcation diagram

Solid line for stable points
Broken line for unstable points

Worked example – laser threshold



Dynamical variable is the number of photons $n(t)$ in the laser field

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{n} &= \text{gain} - \text{loss} \\ &= GnN - kn\end{aligned}$$

Gain comes from stimulated emission of N excited atoms by $n(t)$ photons, with $G > 0$ an efficiency constant.

Loss comes from escape of photons with rate constant k .

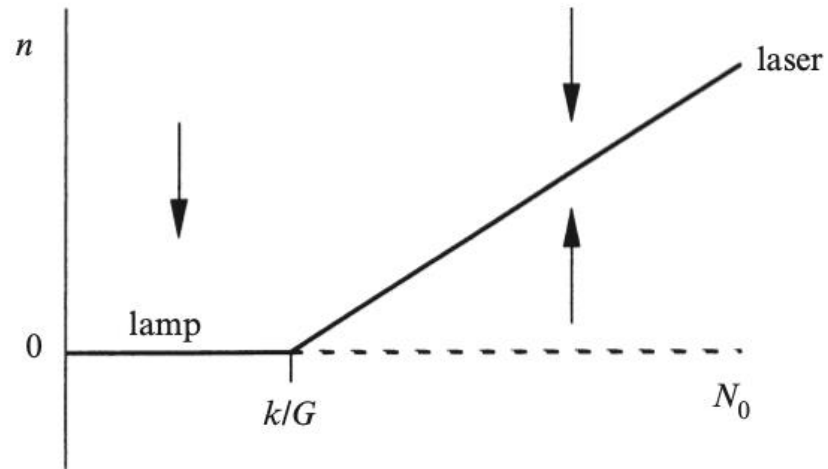
Emitting a photon drops an excited atom to ground state.

$$N(t) = N_0 - \alpha n$$

steady state w/o laser action (pump rate)

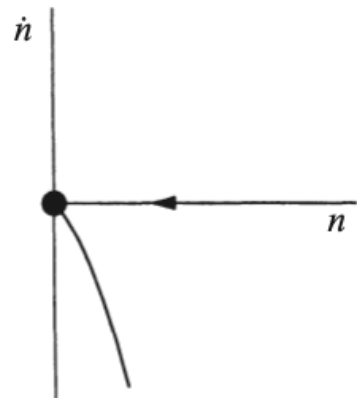
rate of relaxation

Worked example – laser threshold

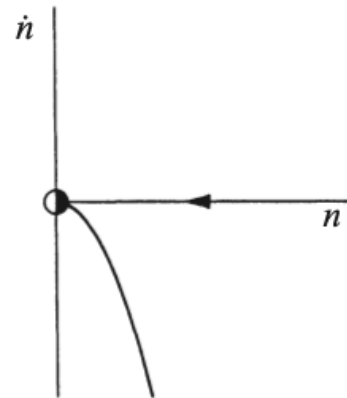


$$\begin{aligned}\dot{n} &= Gn(N_0 - \alpha n) - kn \\ &= (GN_0 - k)n - \alpha Gn^2\end{aligned}$$

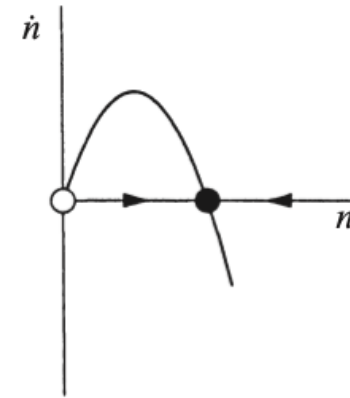
The pump rate N_0 is now a bifurcation parameter



$$N_0 < k/G$$



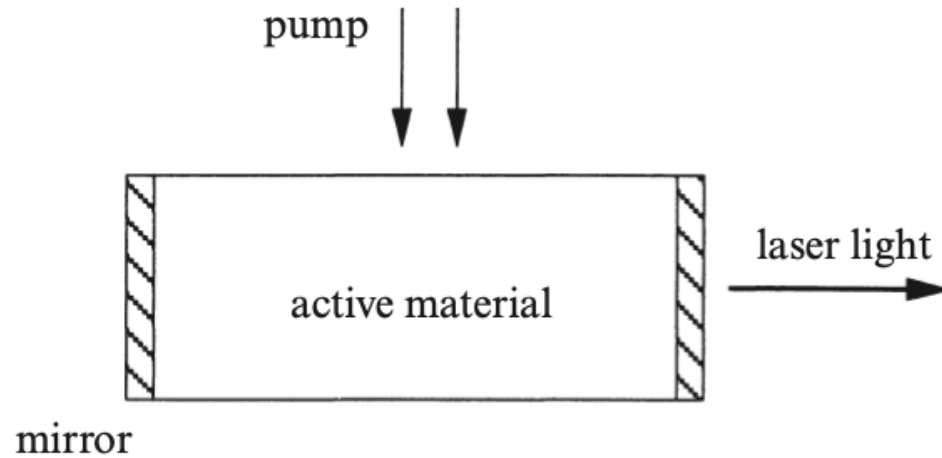
$$N_0 = k/G$$



$$N_0 > k/G$$

The stationary point at the origin switches from stable to unstable!

Worked example – laser threshold



See exercises for more physical models for laser threshold

Another worked example in exercises:
Biochemical switches

Two-dimensional systems (and more...)

Let's start with the easy case ...
two-dimensional **linear** systems

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= ax + by \\ \dot{y} &= cx + dy\end{aligned}$$

Or in matrix form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$$

with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions are also linear:

If \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 are solutions, then linear combinations are solutions too

Harmonic oscillator

Calculate the vibrations of a mass m hanging from a spring with spring constant k

From classical mechanics

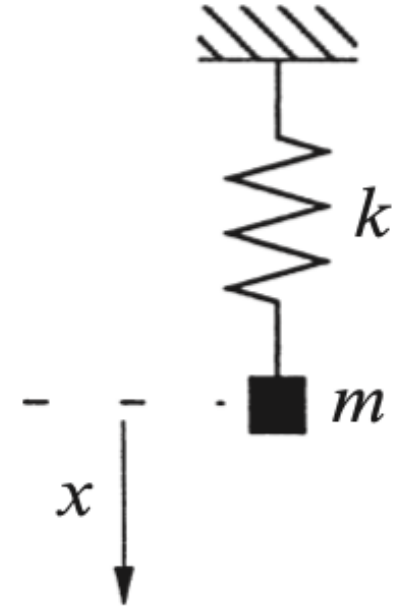
$$m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$$

The state of the system is characterised by both current position x and velocity v .

We can rewrite the 2nd order differential equation as a linear system of 1st order

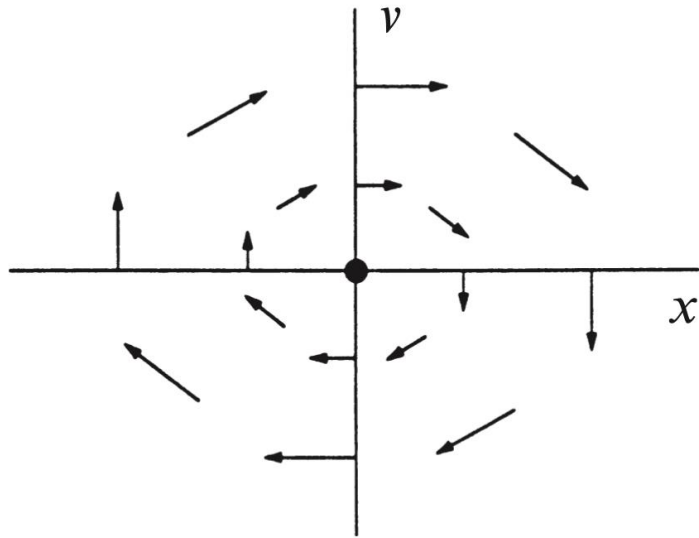
$$\dot{x} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = -\frac{k}{m}x = -\omega^2 x$$

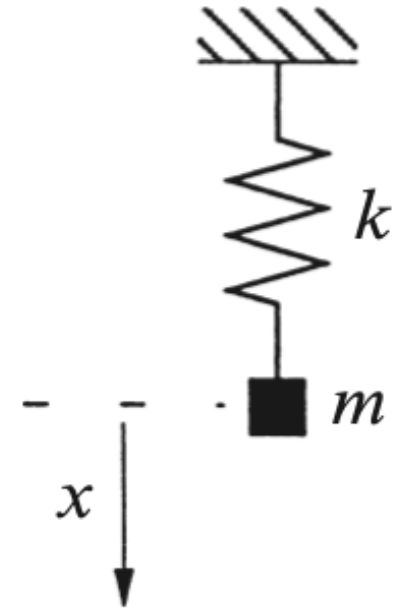


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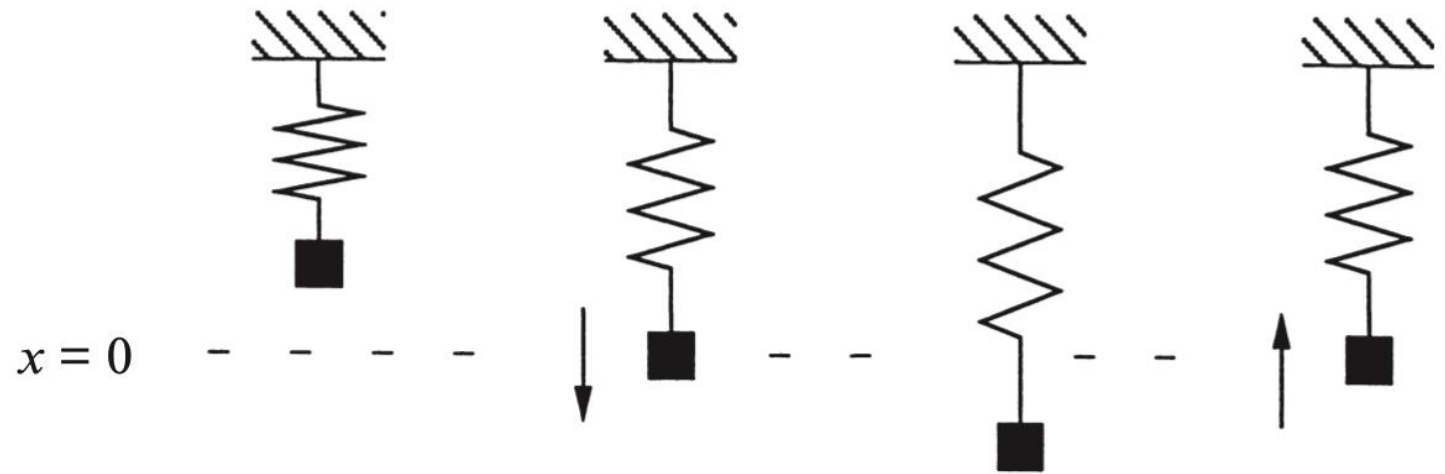
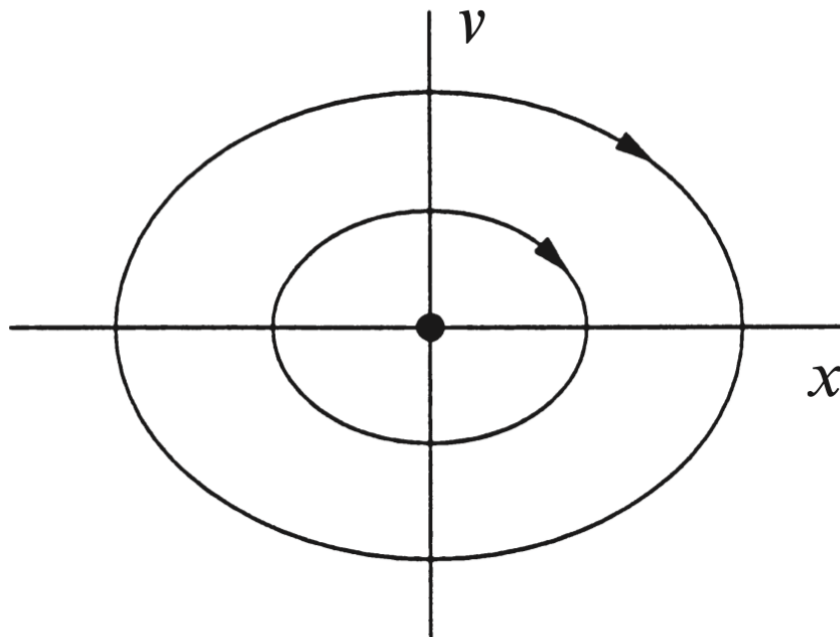
At each point in the (x, v) phase plane, the equations define a vector $(\dot{x}, \dot{v}) = (v, -\omega^2 x)$



$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= v \\ \dot{v} &= -\frac{k}{m}x = -\omega^2 x\end{aligned}$$



Harmonic oscillator



This system leads to closed orbits around the origin

What happens at the origin?

Stability of linear systems

Can we say something more general about the stability of a linear system?

Example:

$$\dot{x} = Ax, \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The system can also be written as

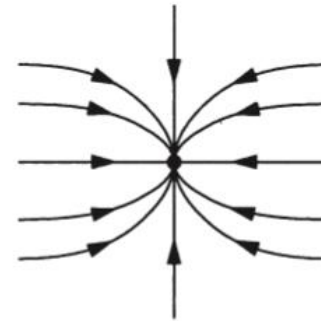
$$\dot{x} = ax$$

$$\dot{y} = -y$$

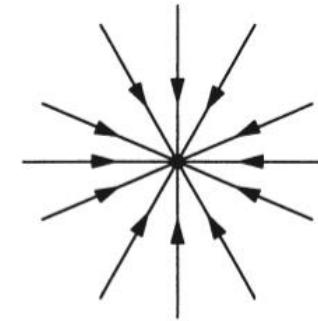
Each equation can be solved independently, with solutions

$$x(t) = x_0 e^{at}$$

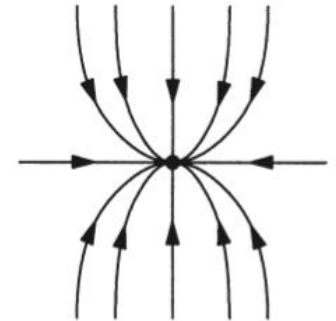
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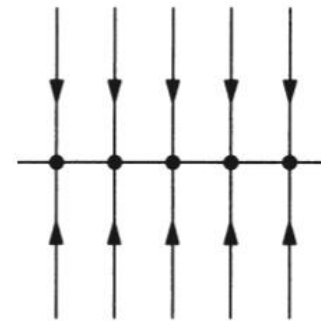
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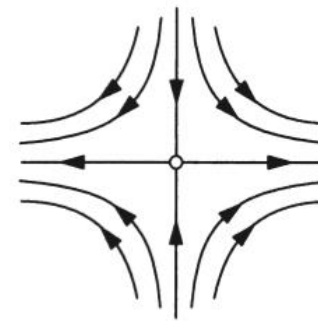
(b) $a = -1$



(c) $1 < a < 0$



(d) $a = 0$



(e) $a > 0$

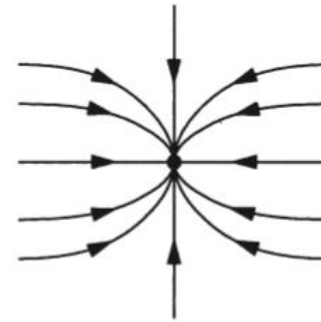
Stability of linear systems

Trajectories on one of the axes stay on the axes and grow or decay exponentially

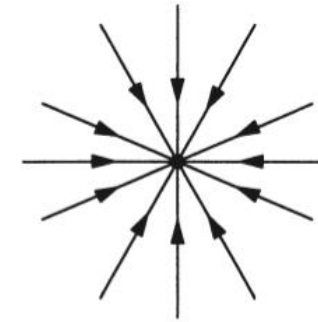
Why?

Both axes are independent in this system.

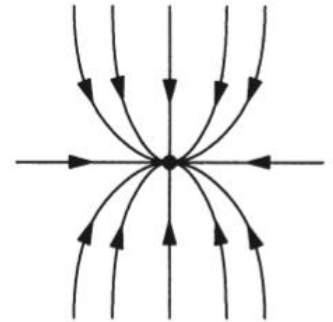
Are there similar 'straight line' trajectories when the system is not diagonal?



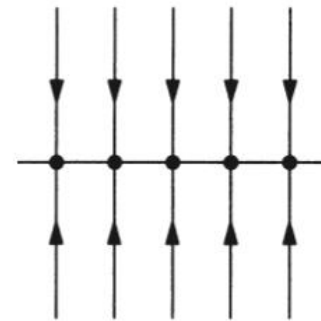
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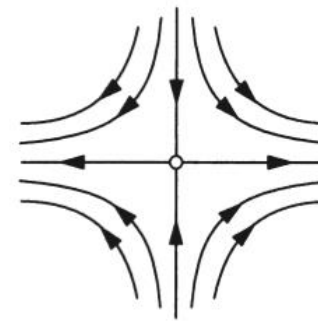
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(e) $a > 0$

'Straight-line' trajectories

We seek trajectories of the form

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v}$$

with \mathbf{v} a vector (to be determined)
and λ a growth rate (also to be determined)

Substitute into $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$, to get

$$\lambda e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v} = e^{\lambda t} A \mathbf{v}$$

The factors $e^{\lambda t}$ cancel out and we get

$$\lambda \mathbf{v} = A \mathbf{v} \quad (\text{Eigenvalue-equation})$$

Solutions exist if \mathbf{v} is an eigenvector!

Anyone remember how to find eigensolutions?

The Eigenvalue problem

When $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, then the eigenvalues of this matrix are given by the characteristic equation

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

We expand the determinant

$$\lambda^2 - \tau\lambda + \Delta = 0$$

with

$$\tau = \text{trace}(A) = a + d$$

$$\Delta = \det(A) = ad - bc$$

Quadratic equation with solutions

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\tau \pm \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\Delta}}{2}$$

Eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 are typically not the same:
Two eigensolutions with eigenvectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$.

(How to find the eigenvectors?)

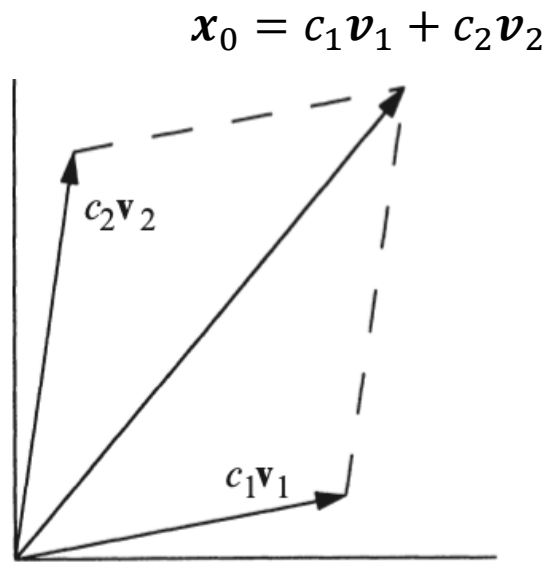
The 'straight-line' trajectories are then

$$\mathbf{x}_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{v}_2$$

General solution of a 2D linear system

Any initial value can be written as a linear combination of the eigenvectors



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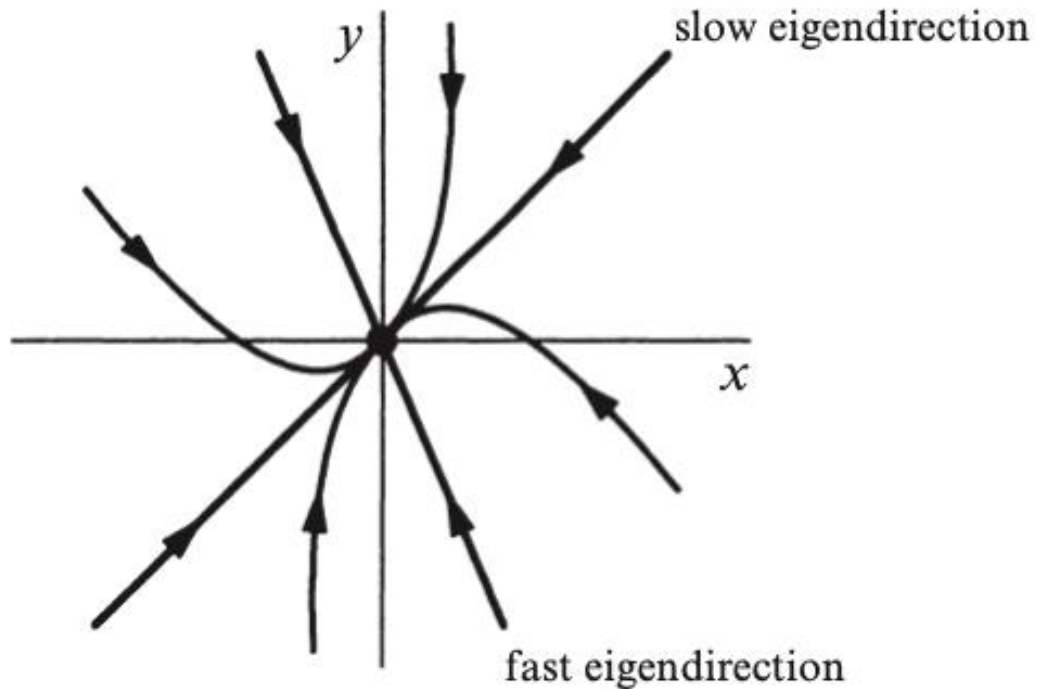
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$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 \\ x_2(t) &= e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 \end{aligned}$$

And with general solution

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2$$

Different decay timescales



If $\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$

One eigenvector is associated with slower decay than the other.

General solutions collapse quickly onto a trajectory close and tangent to the slow eigendirectory...

... and then slowly decay towards the stable point.

'Straight-line' trajectories

Eigenvalues are completely determined by τ and Δ

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\tau \pm \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\Delta}}{2}$$

So what happens when $\tau^2 - 4\Delta < 0$?

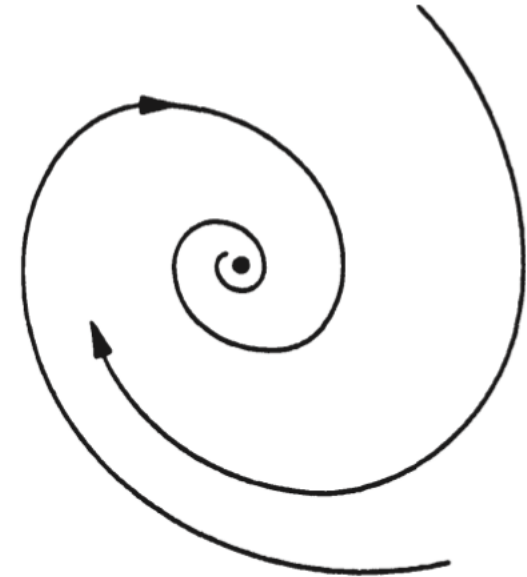
Eigenvalues can be complex: $\lambda = \alpha + i\omega$

... and the resulting solutions are spirals.

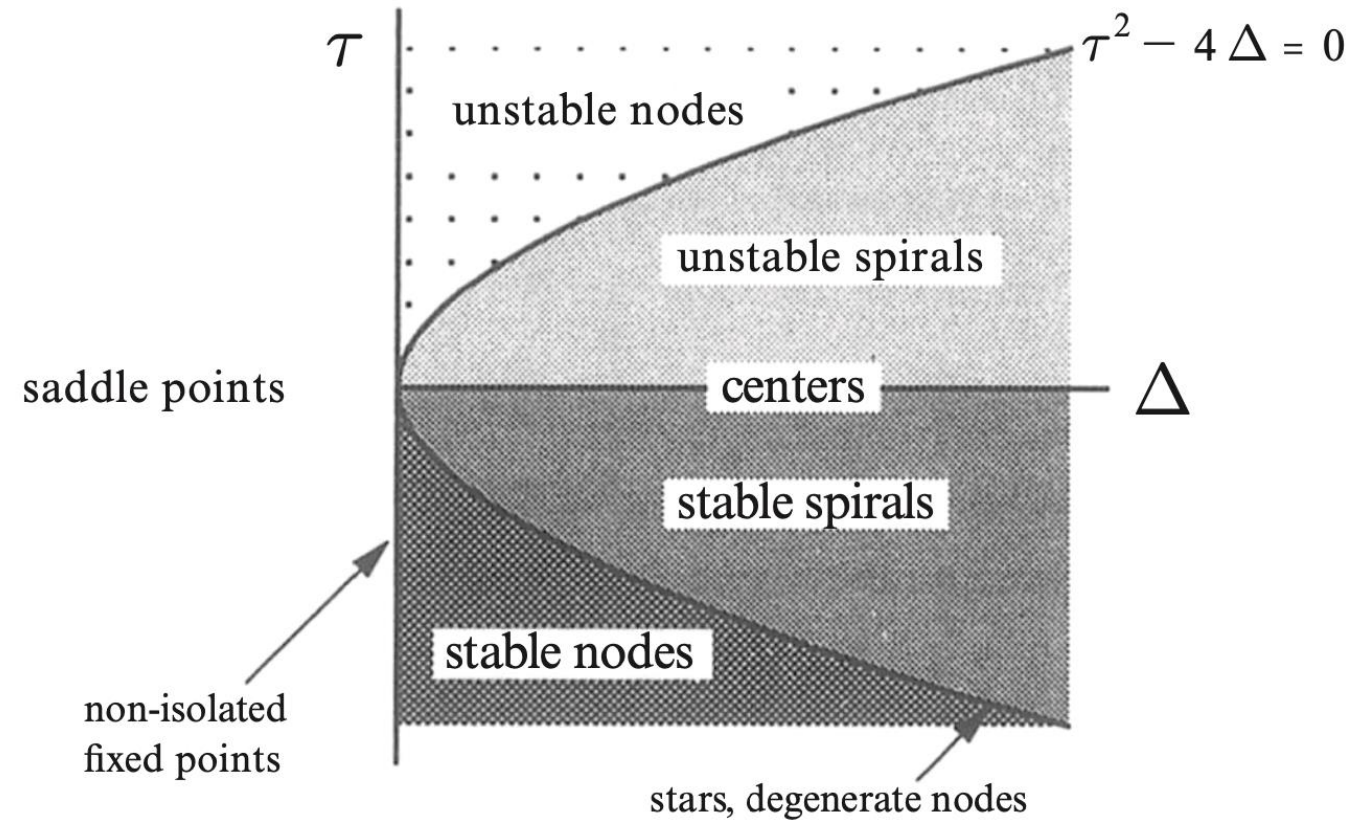
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{1,2}(t) &= \mathbf{v}_{1,2} e^{\alpha t + i\omega t} \\ &= \mathbf{v}_{1,2} e^{\alpha t} \times e^{i\omega t} \end{aligned}$$

← This is a rotation (with frequency ω)

← This is exponential growth or decay



General classification of stationary points



Love for linear systems

Romeo is in love with Juliet, but the more Romeo loves her, the more Juliet wants to run away and hide.

$R(t)$ = Romeo's love/hate for Juliet at time t .

$J(t)$ = Juliet's love/hate for Romeo at time t .

(positive values signify love, negative signify hate)

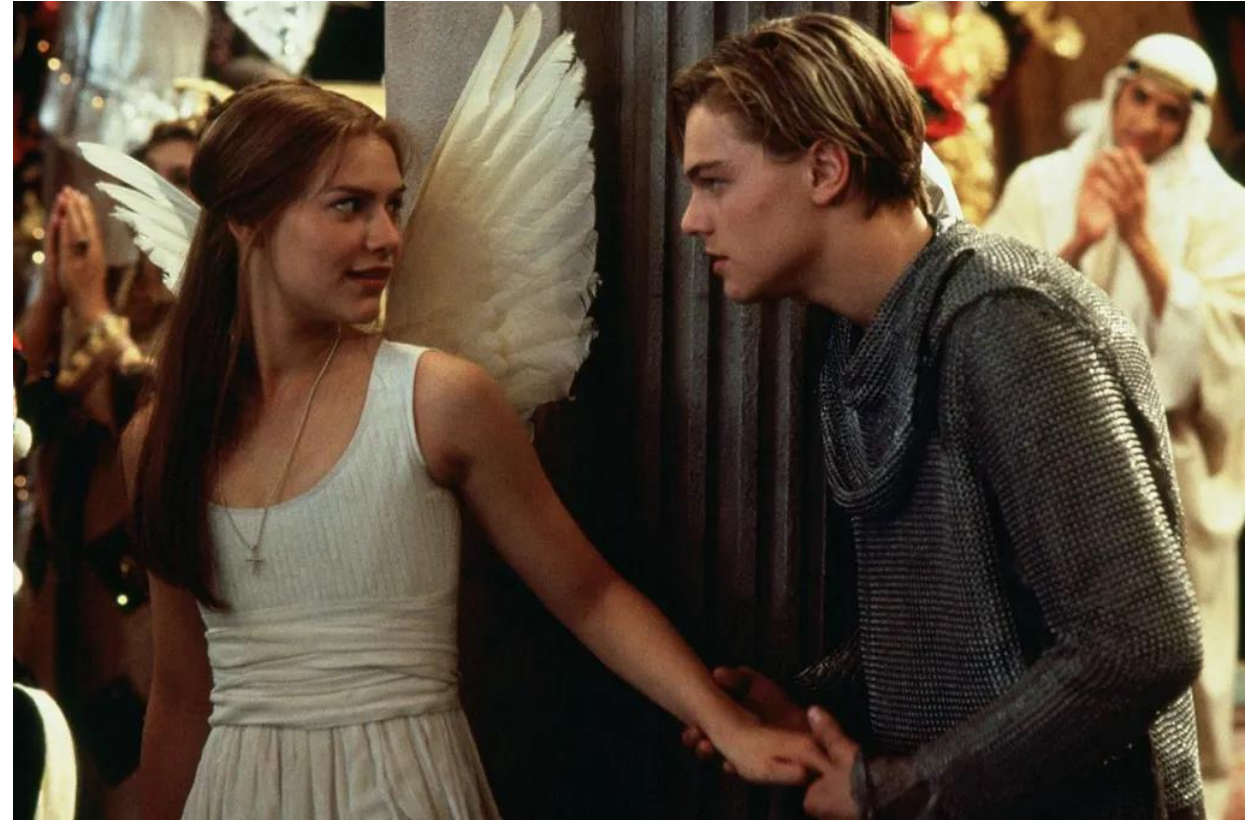
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(with parameters a, b positive)

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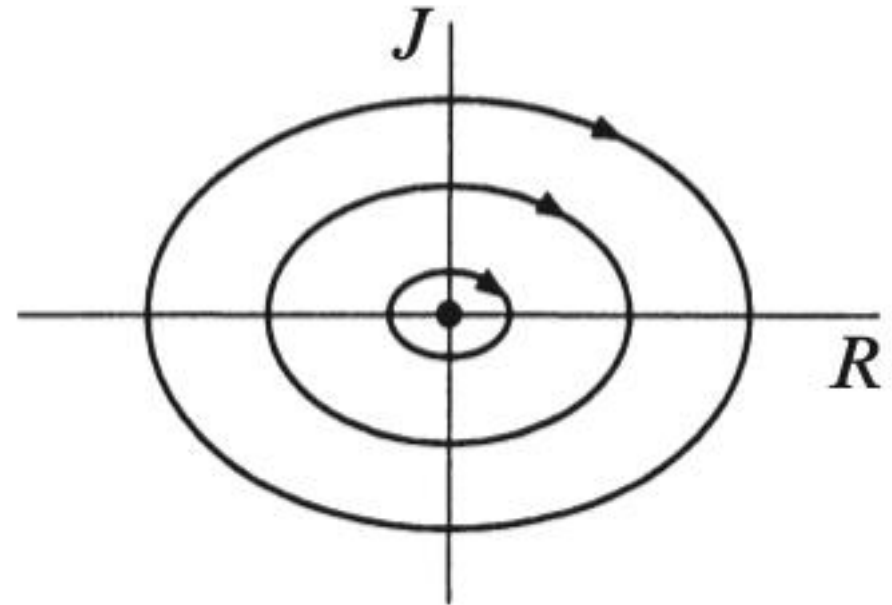
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Love for linear systems

Let's generalise the model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{R} &= aR + bJ \\ \dot{J} &= cR + dJ\end{aligned}$$

What would happen if both are 'cautious lovers'?

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{R} &= aR + bJ \\ \dot{J} &= bR + aJ\end{aligned}$$

with $a < 0, b > 0$

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Happy pride month!

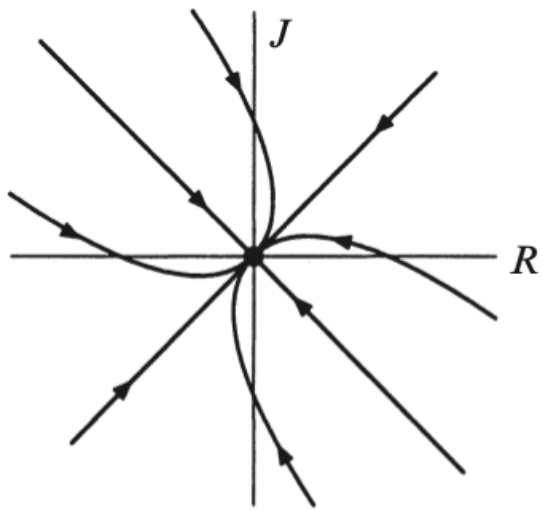


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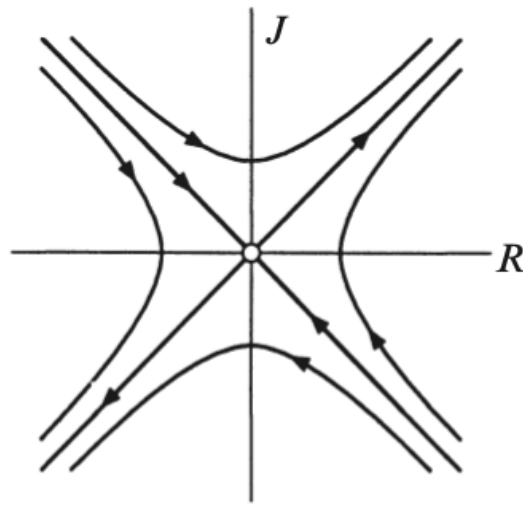
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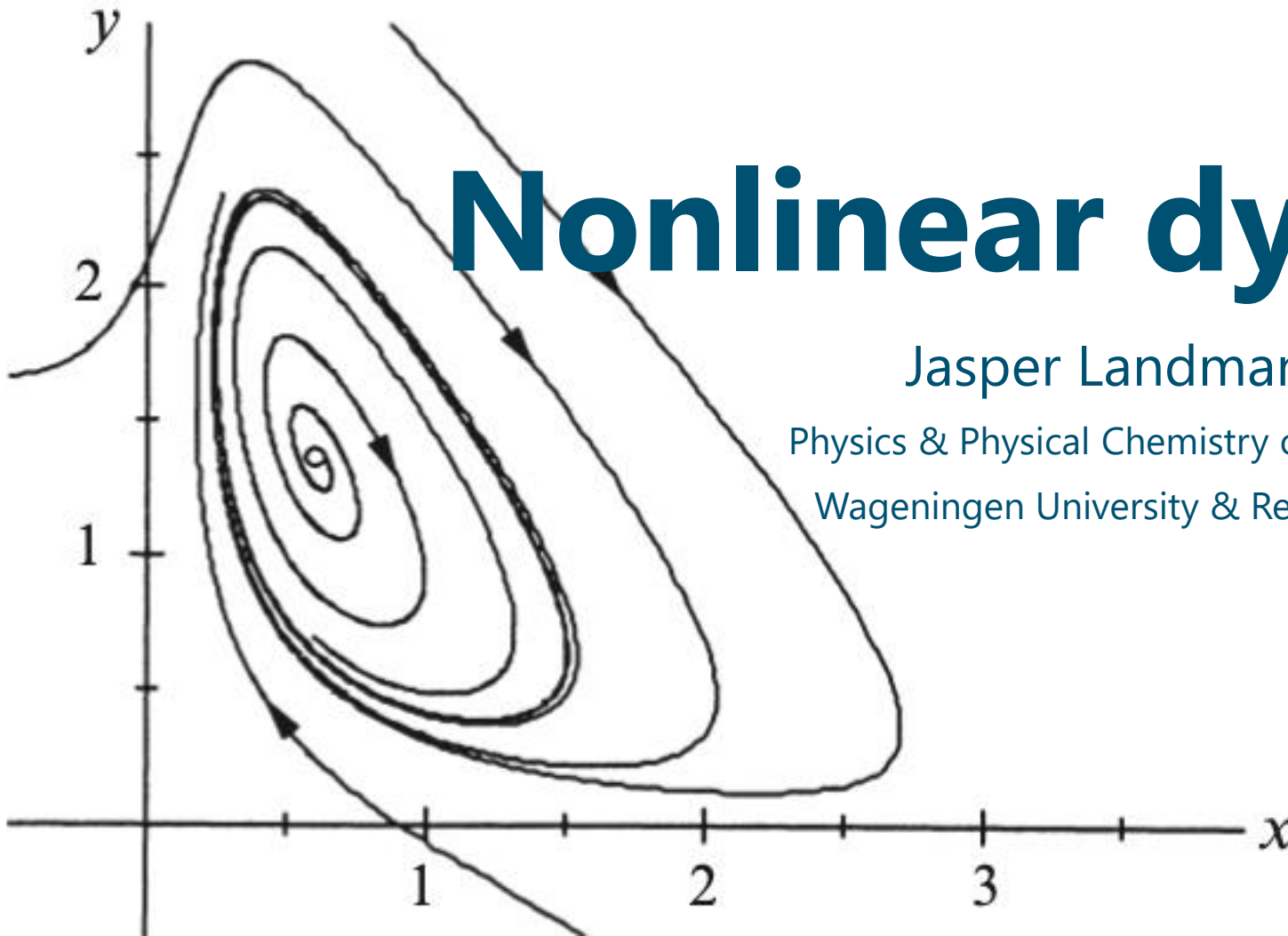


$$a^2 > b^2$$



$$a^2 < b^2$$





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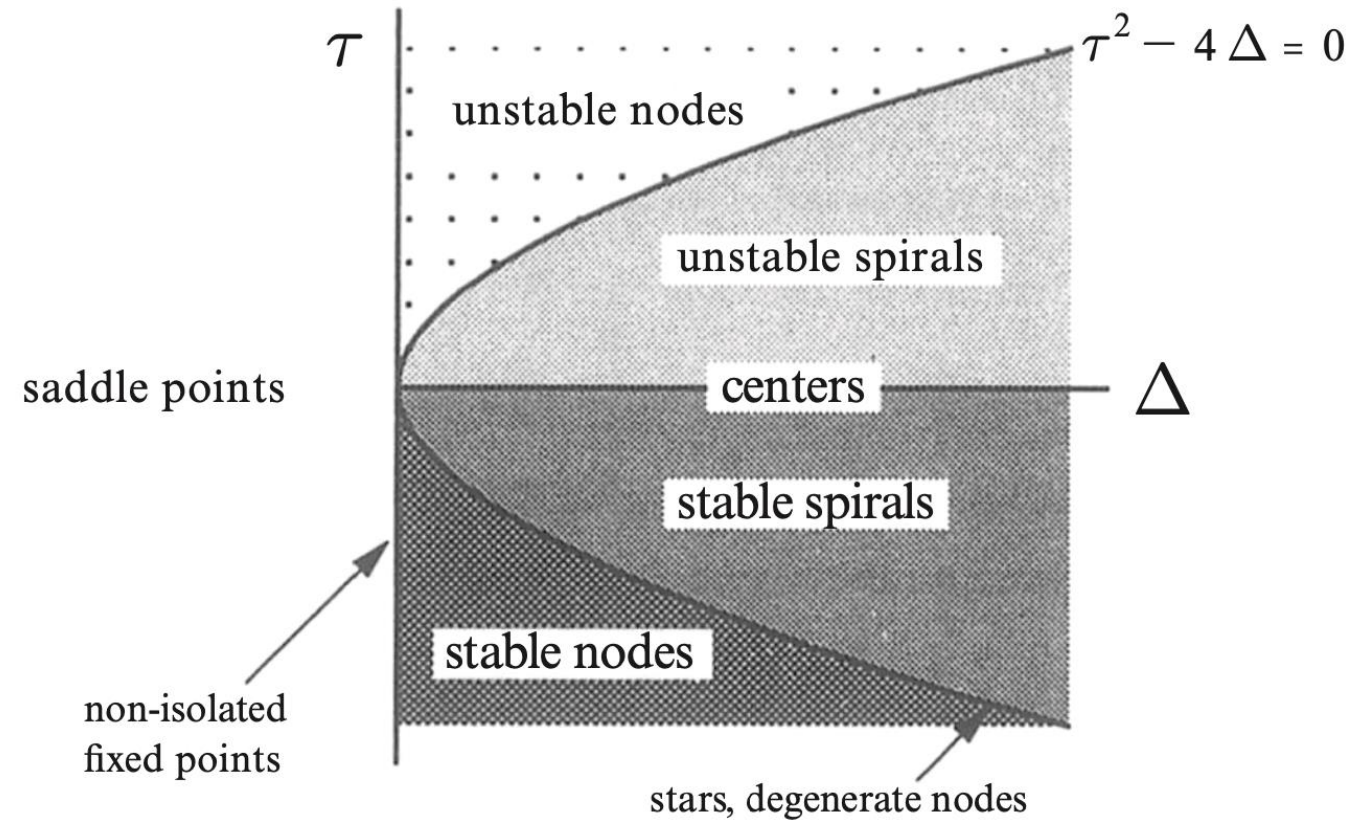
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Nonlinear twodimensional systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

with $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ and $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = (f_1(\mathbf{x}), f_2(\mathbf{x}), \dots)$

In general these systems can't be evaluated analytically

A good place to start is by plotting the **nullclines** of the system – where one of the differentials equals 0.

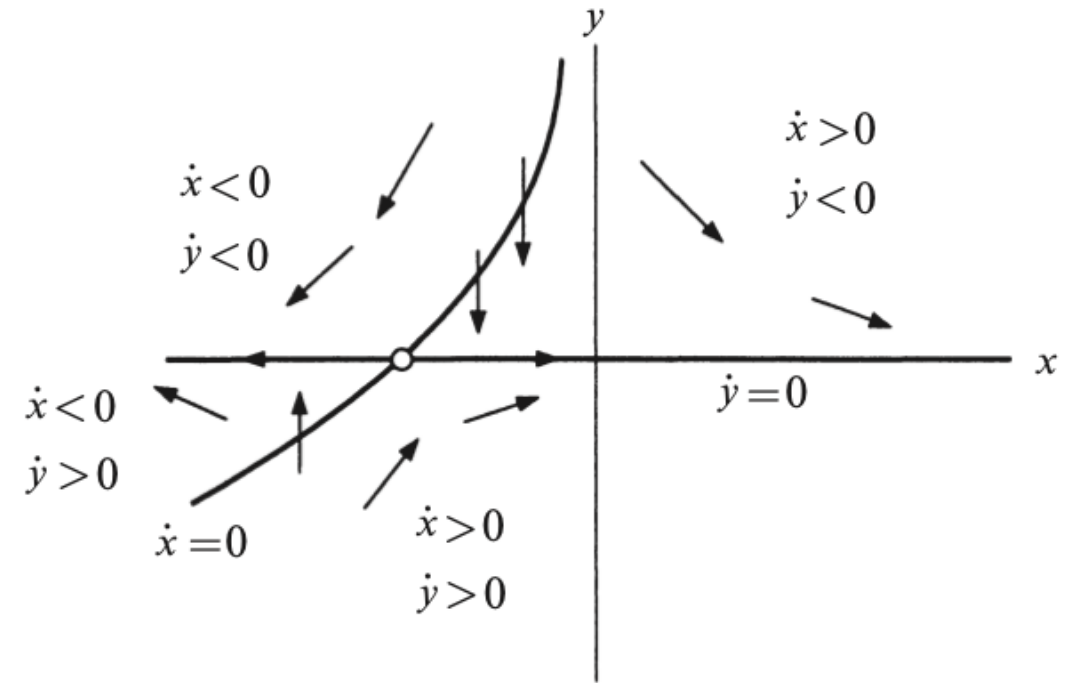
Example

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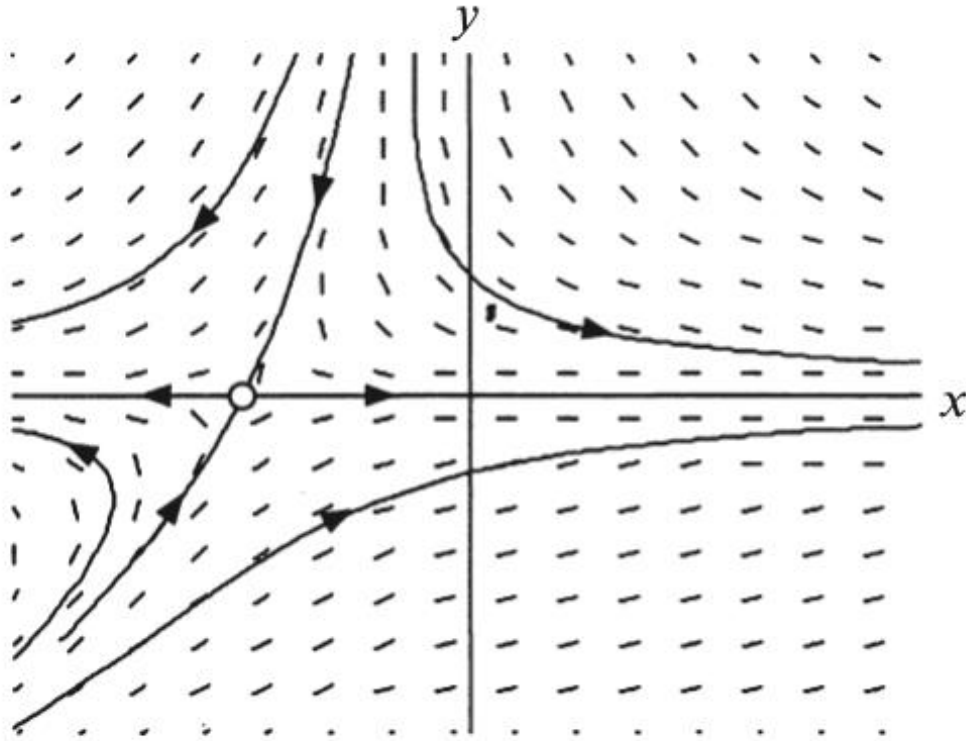
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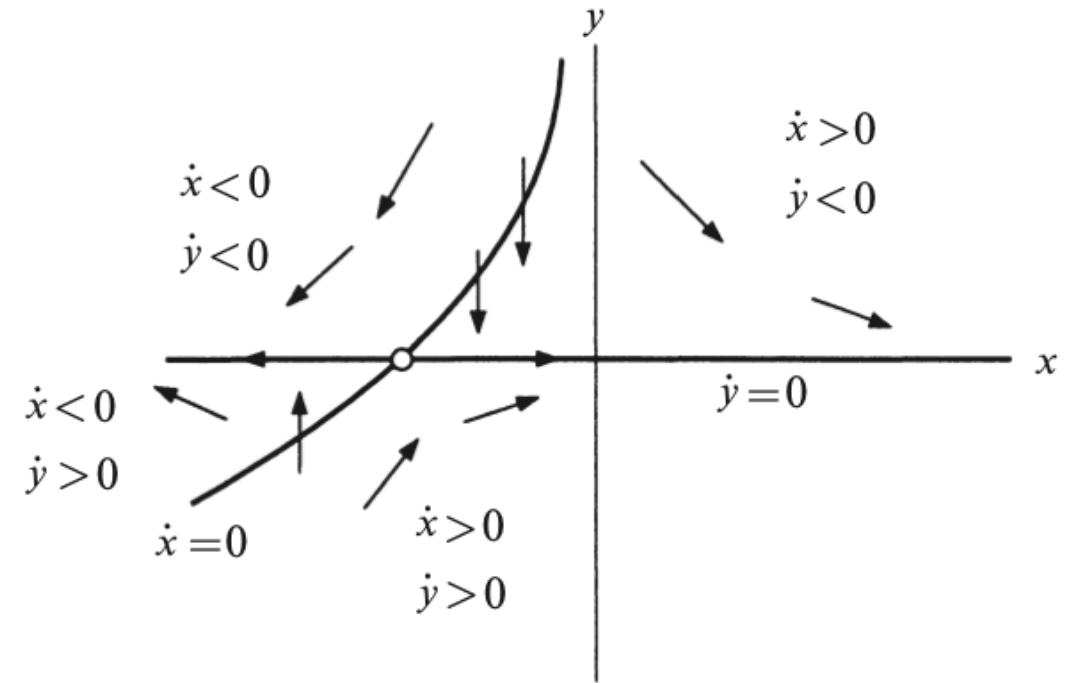
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Nonlinear twodimensional systems



Numerical calculation

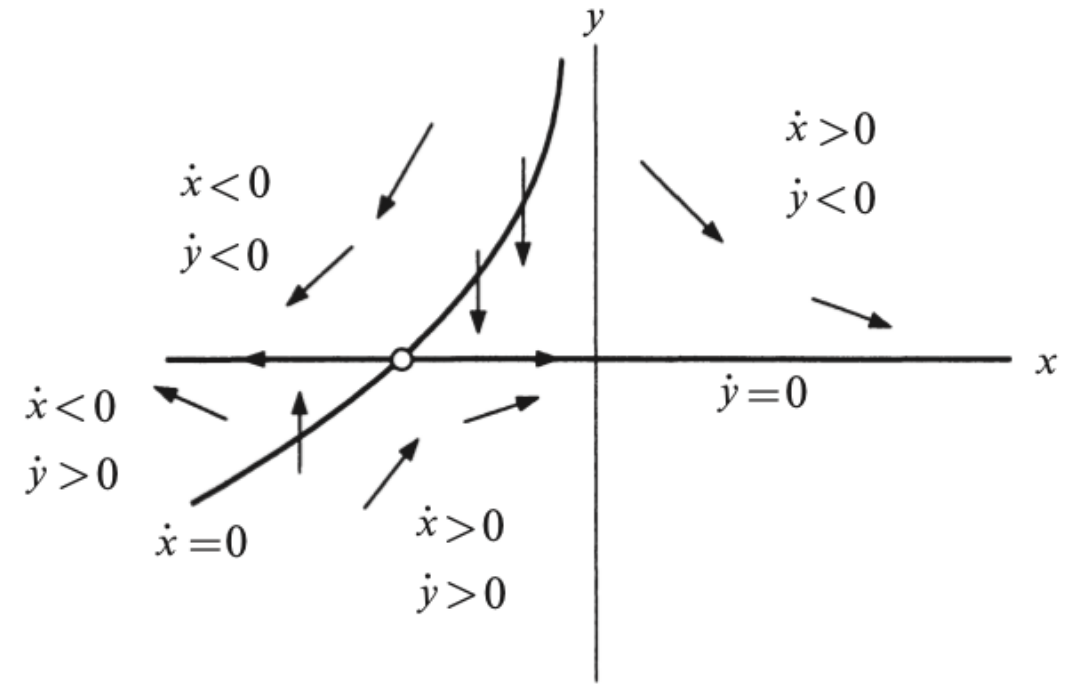
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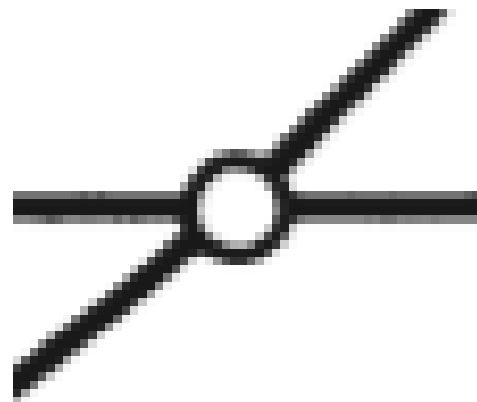
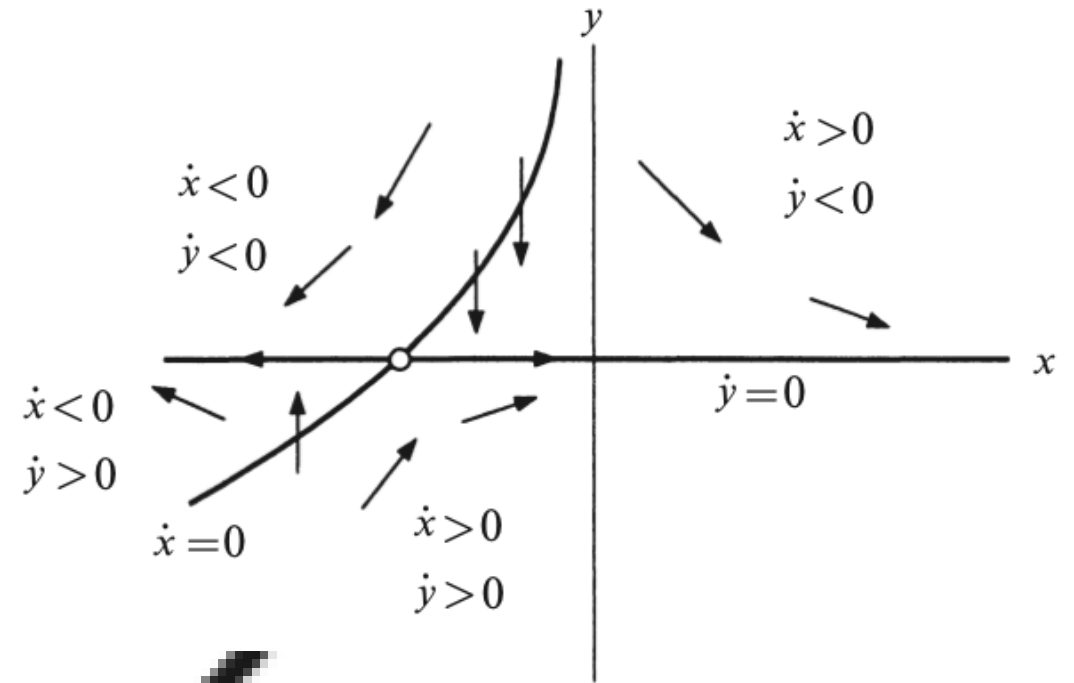
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Close to the stationary point, the system looks almost linear!

As before with 1D systems, we can linearise the system.

How?



Taylor expansion of 2D nonlinear systems

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned} \quad f_1(x_1^*, x_2^*) = f_2(x_1^*, x_2^*) = 0$$

Taylor expansion of f at (x_1^*, x_2^*)

$$f_i(x_1, x_2) = f_i(x_1^*, x_2^*) + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_1}(x_1^*, x_2^*)(x_1 - x_1^*) + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_2}(x_1^*, x_2^*)(x_2 - x_2^*) + \mathcal{O}(x_i^2)$$

Make the replacement $u_i = x_i - x_i^*$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(x_1^*, x_2^*)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1(x_1^*, x_2^*)}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2(x_1^*, x_2^*)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2(x_1^*, x_2^*)}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}$$

That's a linear system
(which we've already treated before)

Jacobian of \mathbf{f} at (x_1^*, x_2^*)

Lotka-Volterra model – Rabbits vs Sheep

Let's model competition between two animal species competing for the same resource.

- Logistic growth in absence of the other species up to carrying capacity
- When sheep and rabbit meet, there is trouble

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x(3 - x) - 2xy \\ \dot{y} &= y(2 - y) - xy\end{aligned}$$

What are the fixed points?

What is the Jacobian at each fixed point?

What is the stability of each point?

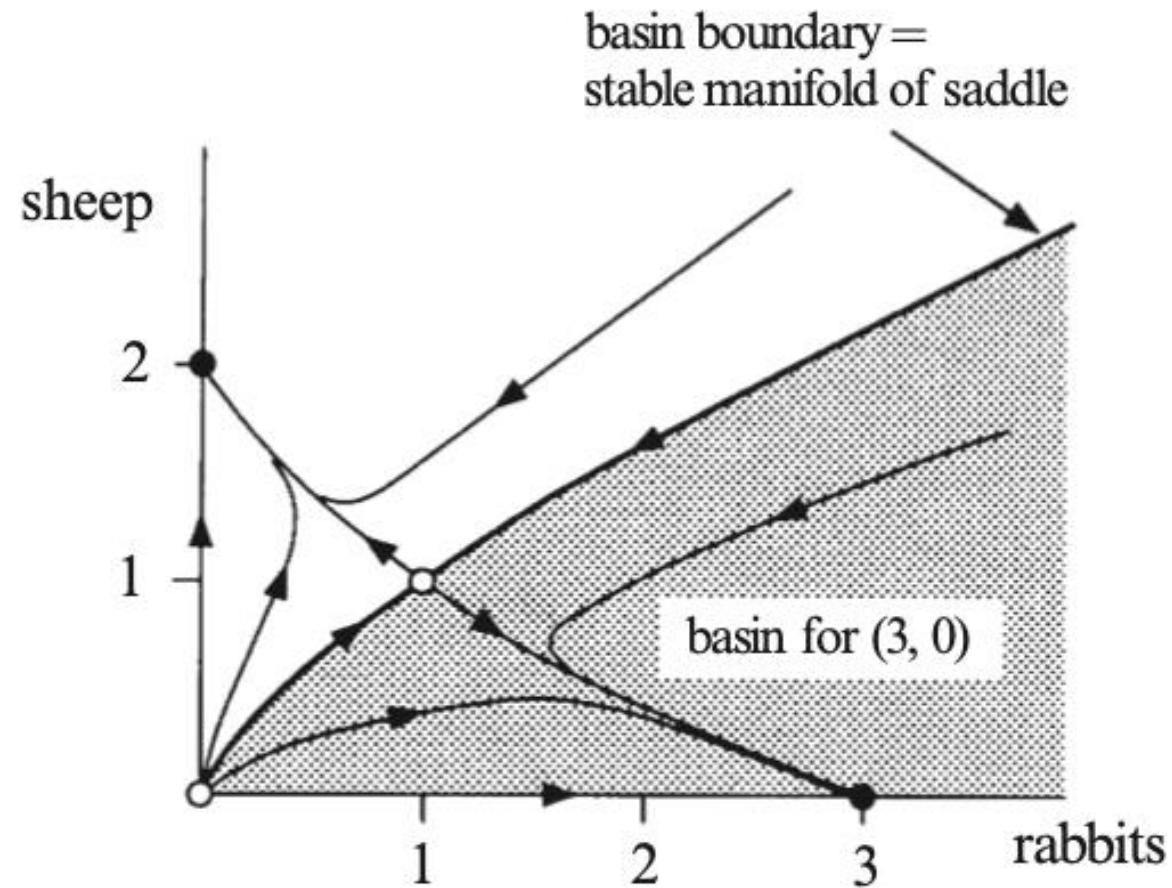
Draw the phase portrait



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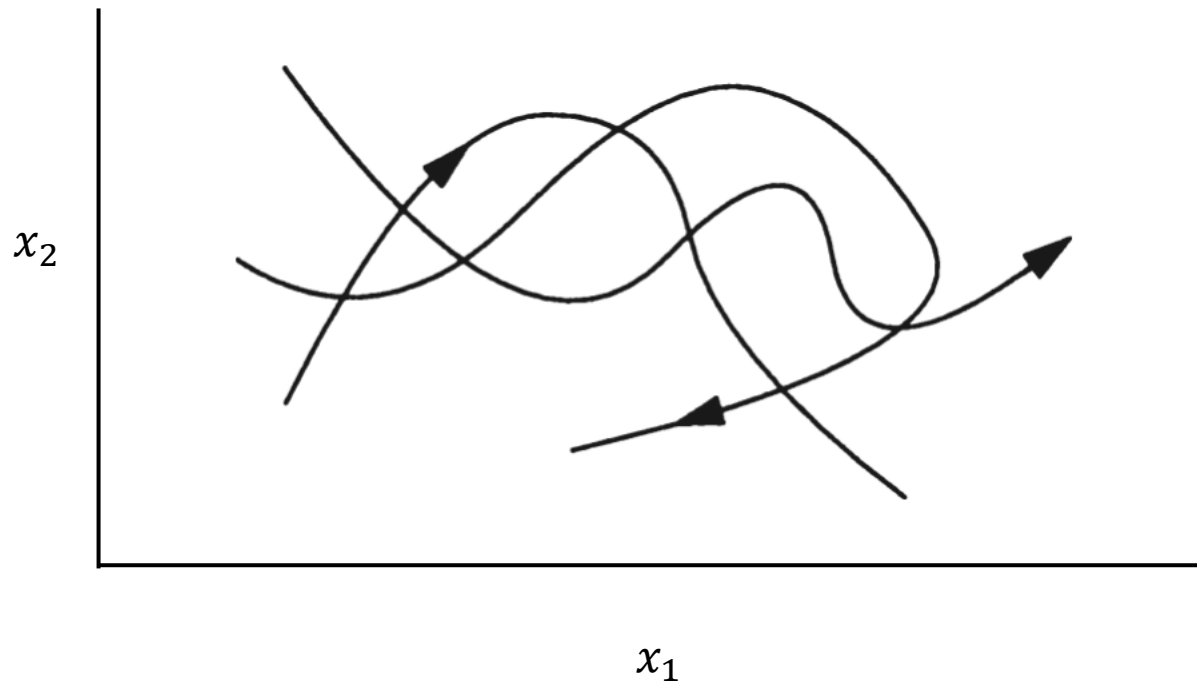


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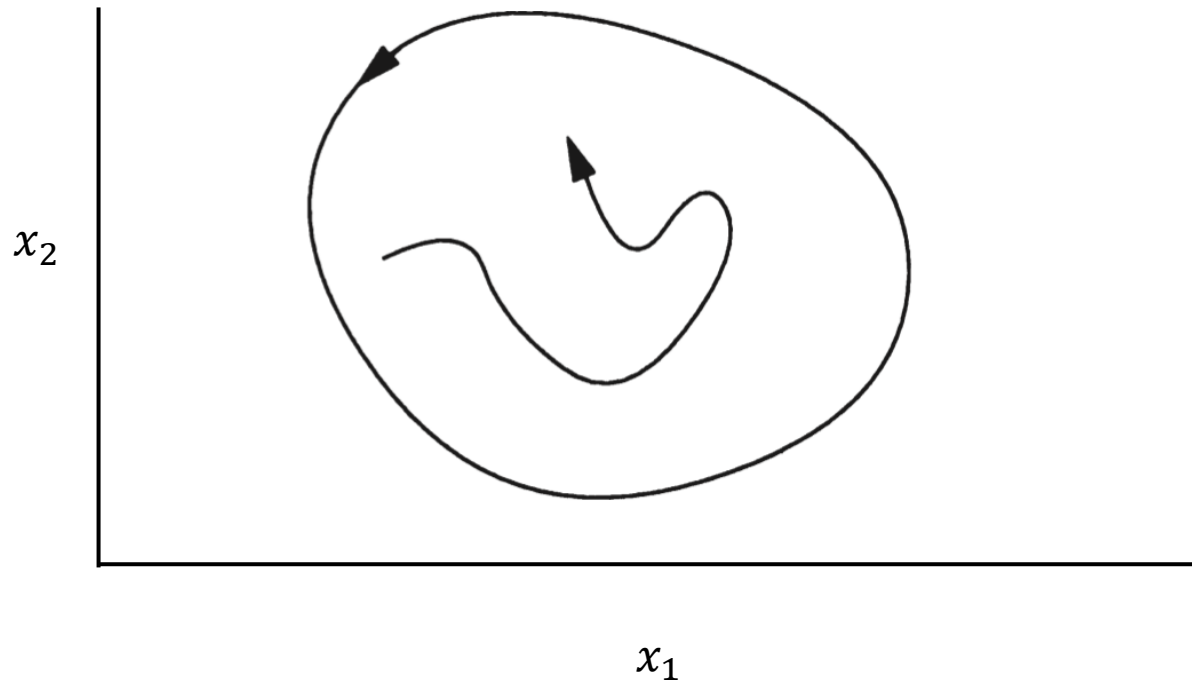
Trajectories in phase space

Can two trajectories cross in phase space?



Trajectories in phase space

If a trajectory makes a closed loop, what happens to any trajectories within the loop?



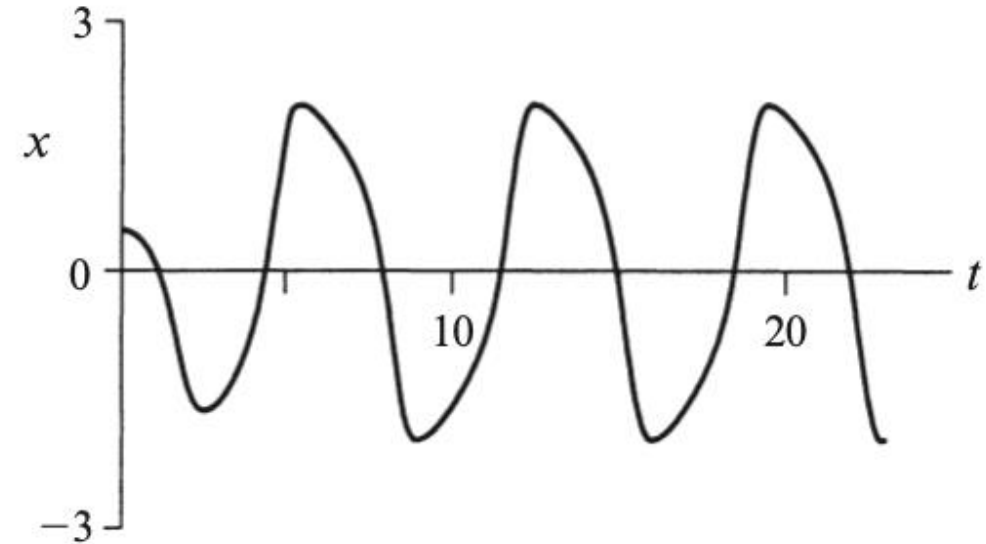
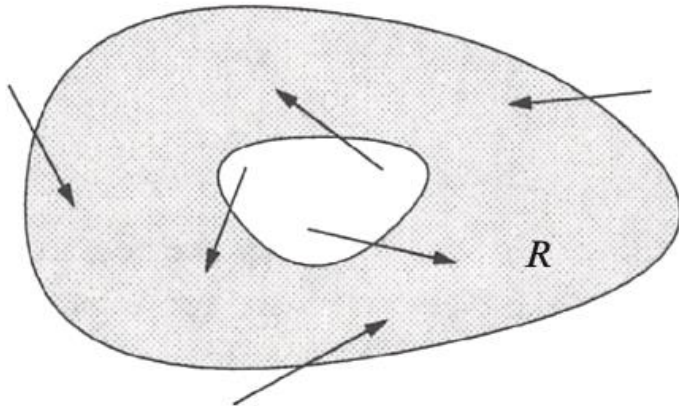
Is there a stable stationary point inside the loop?

Limit cycles – oscillations

A special type of behaviour is the emergence of limit cycles – oscillatory behaviour!

Existence of a limit cycle follows the Poincaré-Bendixon theorem

1. Area of phase space R that's closed and bounded
2. R needs to be a trapping region
3. R does not contain any fixed points



This sounds very obscure and theoretical but let's apply it

Oscillatory glycolysis

Yeast cells break down sugar in an oscillatory fashion. A model for this process is given by

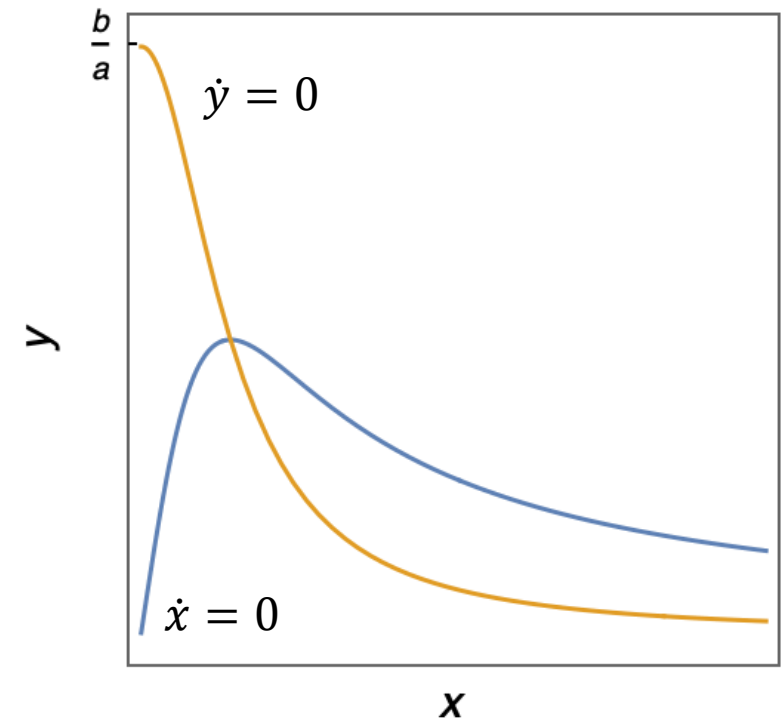
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Here x is the concentration of ADP and y is the concentration of fructose-6-phosphate (F6P).

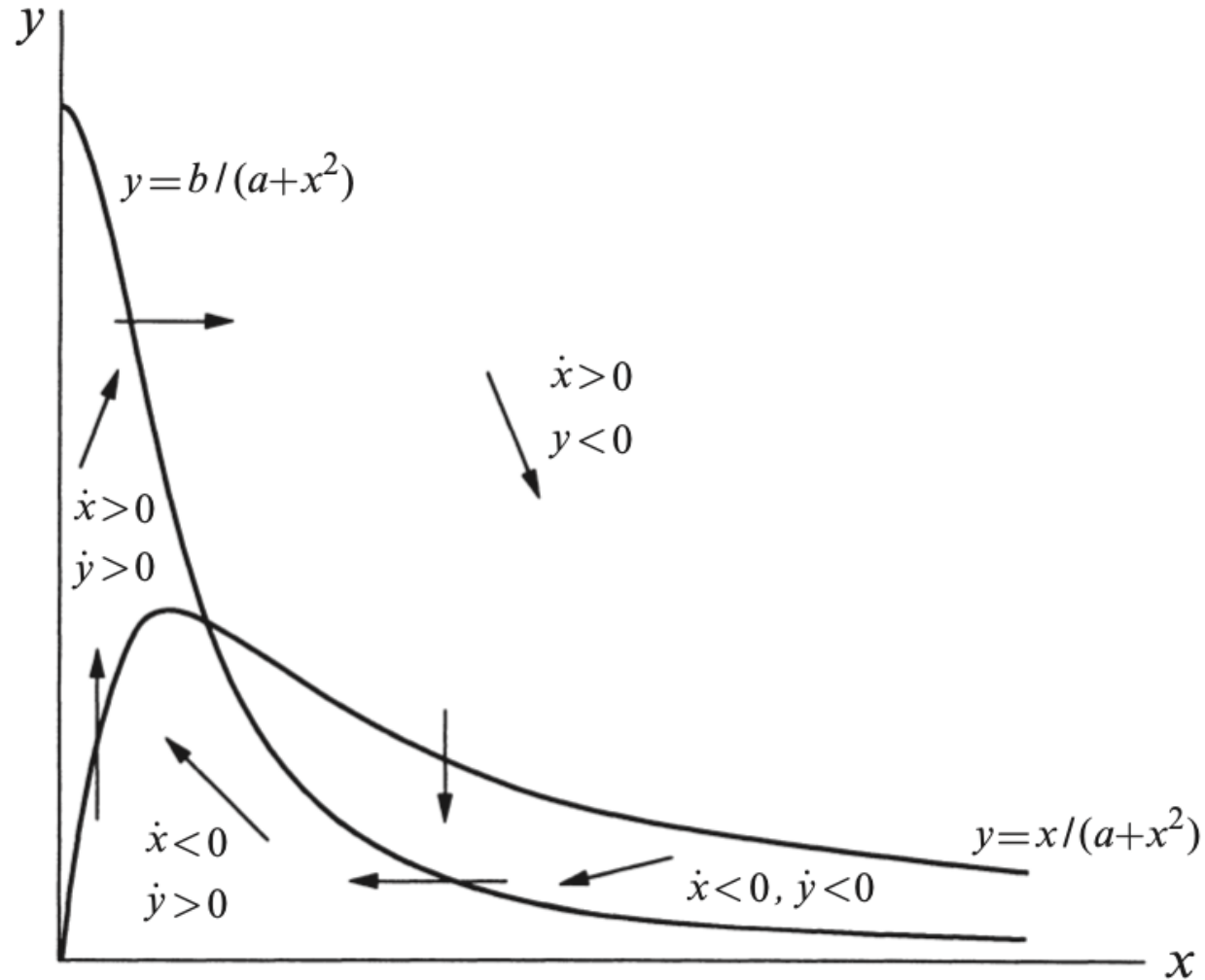
Group exercise: construct a trapping zone for this model.

Hints:

- start with plotting the nullclines and draw the directions of the vector field
- Since $\dot{x} + \dot{y} = b - x$, the slope $-\dot{y} > \dot{x}$ whenever $x > b$. The vector field is therefore always steeper than -1 in that area.



Drawing a trapping area



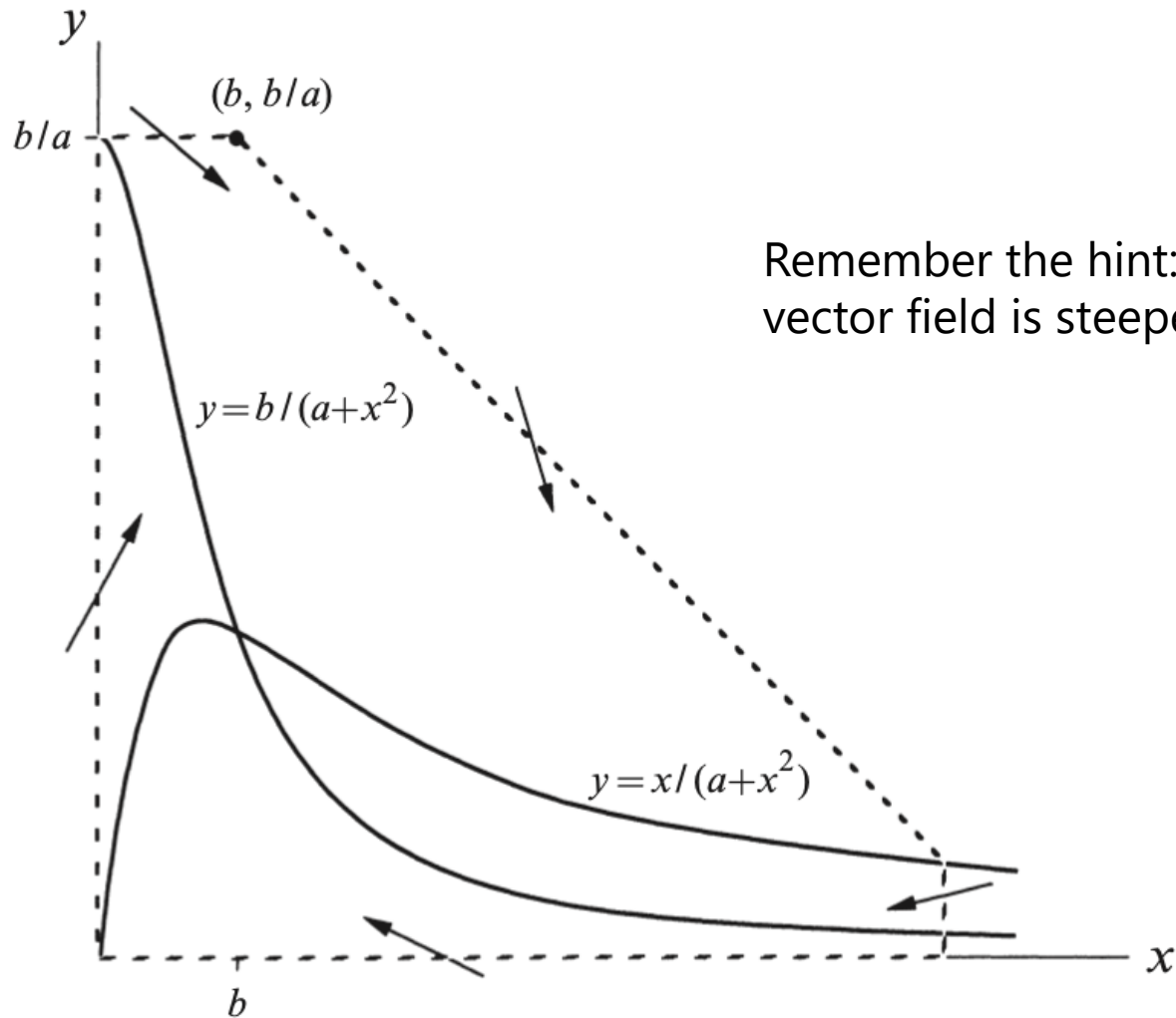
The nullclines follow

$$\dot{x} = 0, \quad y = \frac{x}{a+x^2}$$

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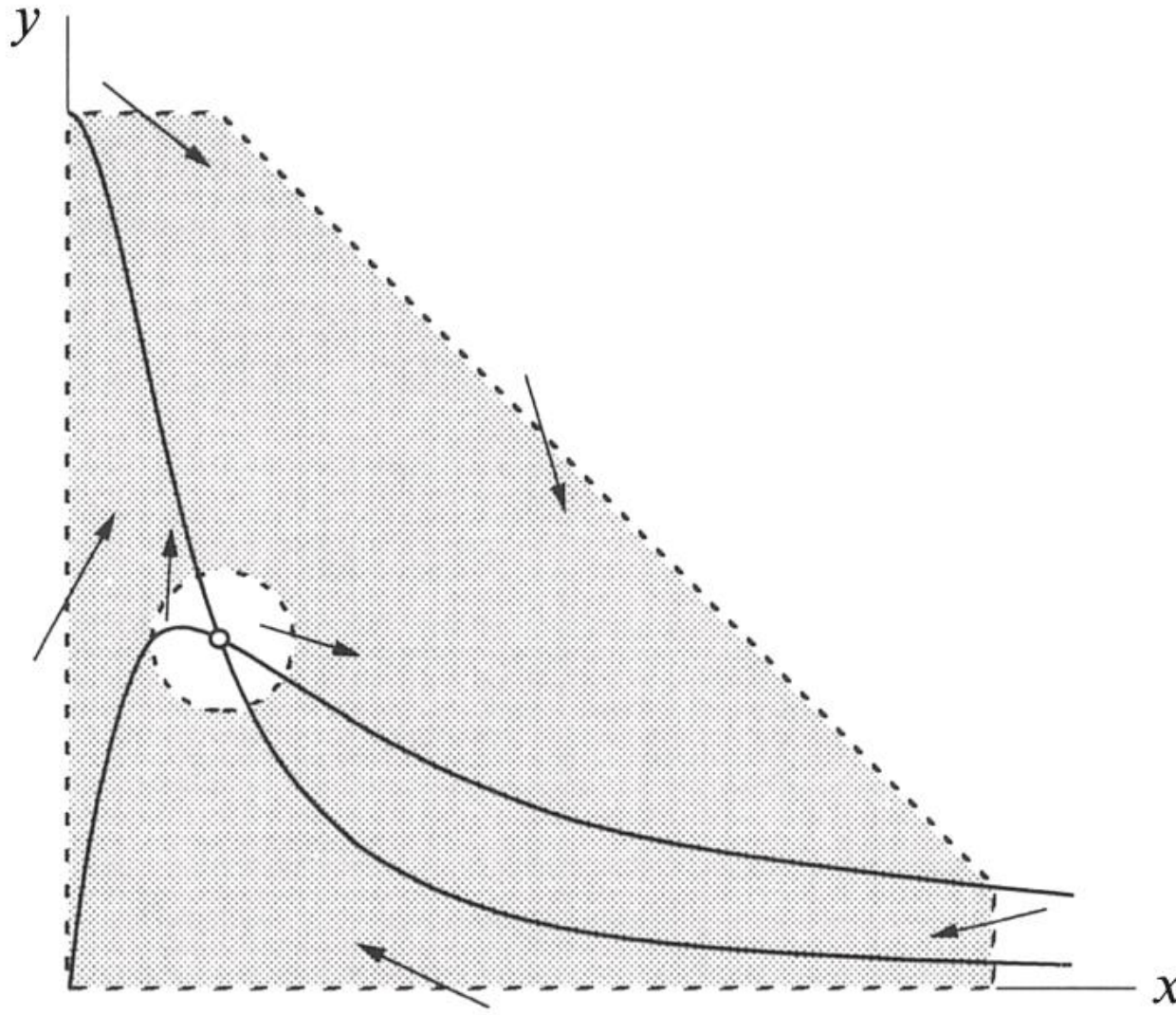
Decreases monotonally from $\frac{b}{a}$

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Remember the hint: when $x > b$ the slope of the vector field is steeper than -1

Drawing a trapping area



An infinitesimal area around the stationary point can be excluded from R

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... but R is only a trapping area when that stationary point is repulsive.

Why?

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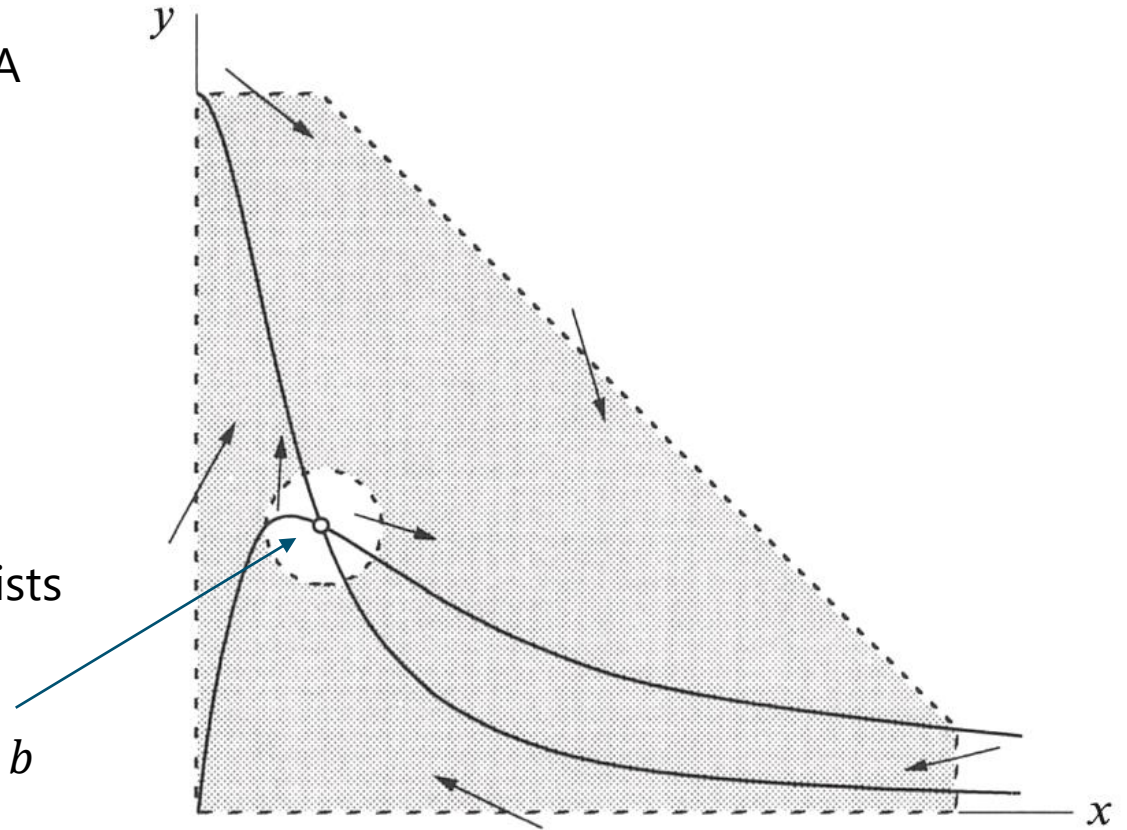
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Group exercise: prove that a closed oscillatory orbit exists for some combination of a, b

We just need to prove that for some combination of a, b the fixed point is repelling.

Hint: start by constructing the Jacobian



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The Jacobian is

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -1 + 2xy & a + x^2 \\ -2xy & -(a + x^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

The fixed point can be found at

$$x^* = b, \quad y^* = \frac{b}{a + b^2}$$

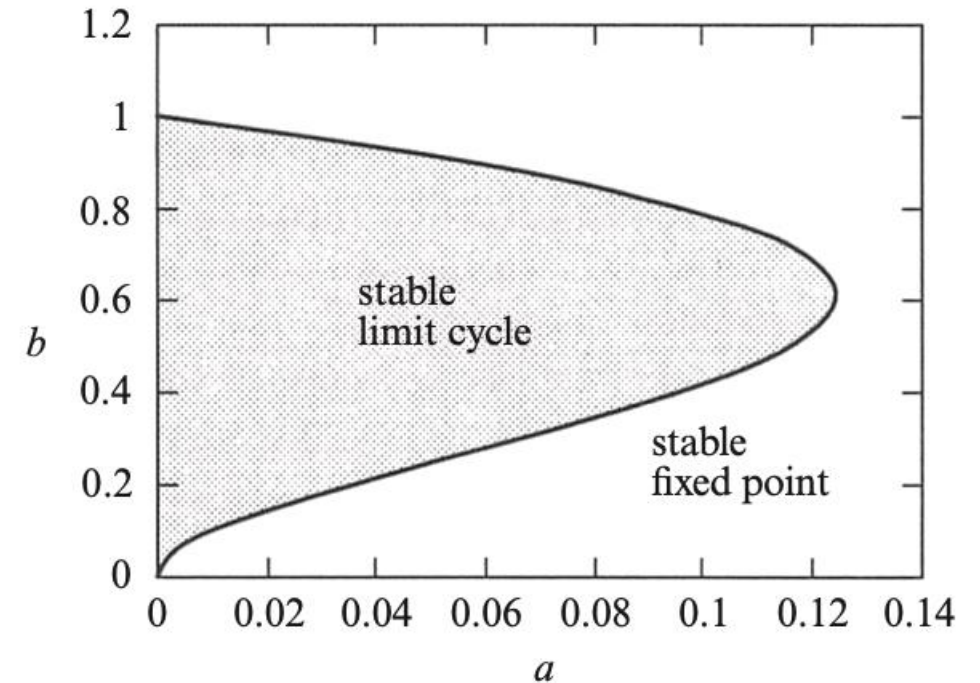
Fill in and find the determinant and trace

$$\Delta = a + b^2 > 0, \quad \tau = -\frac{b^4 + (2a - 1)b^2 + (a + a^2)}{a + b^2}$$

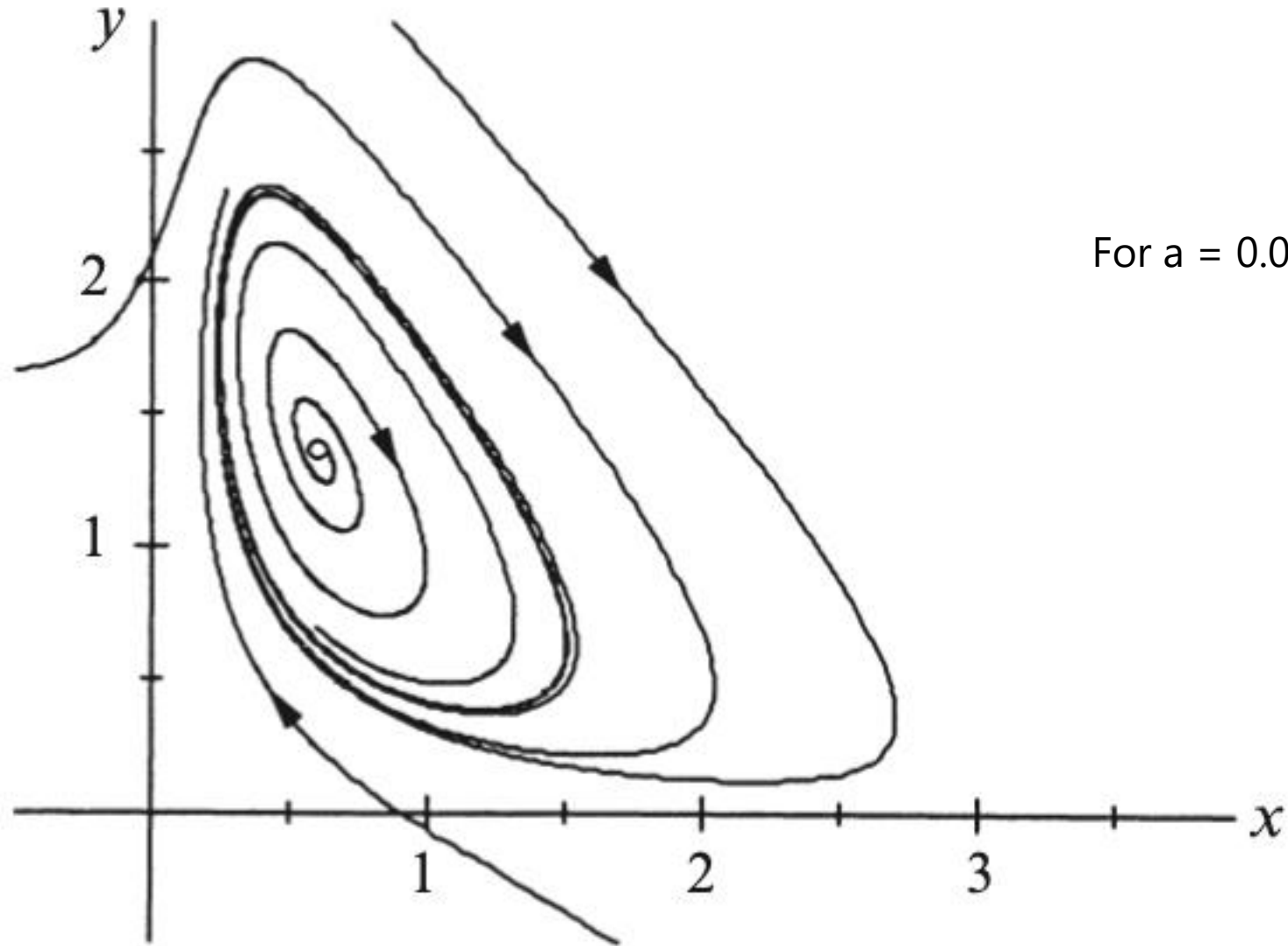
The fixed point is unstable when $\tau > 0$

The dividing line is at

$$b^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2a \pm \sqrt{1 - 8a})$$

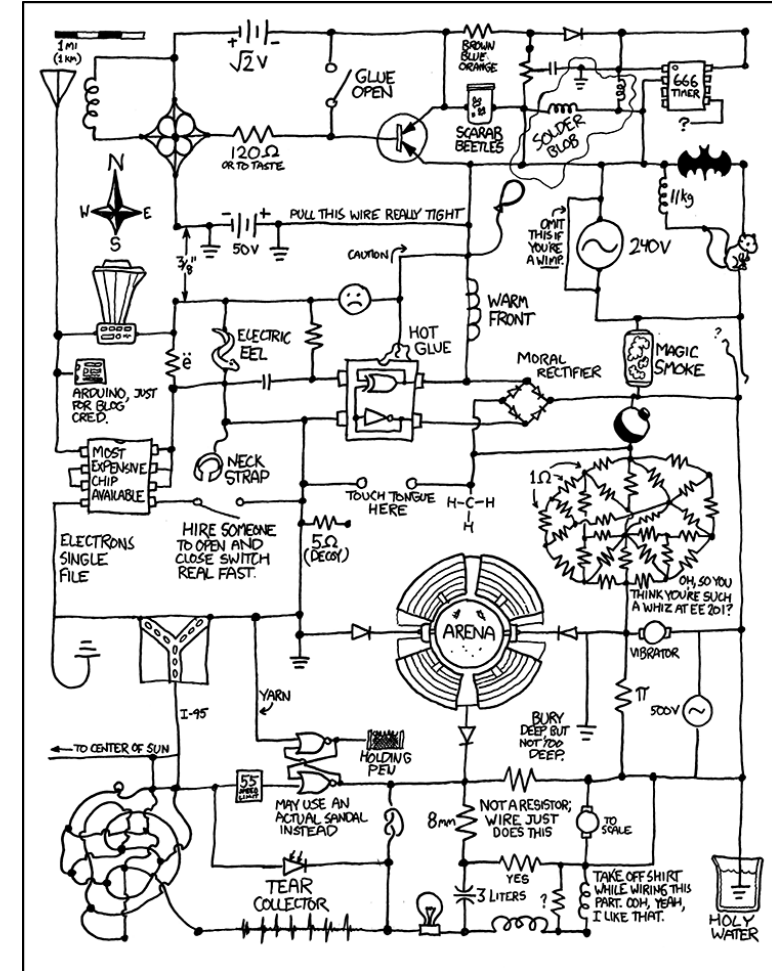
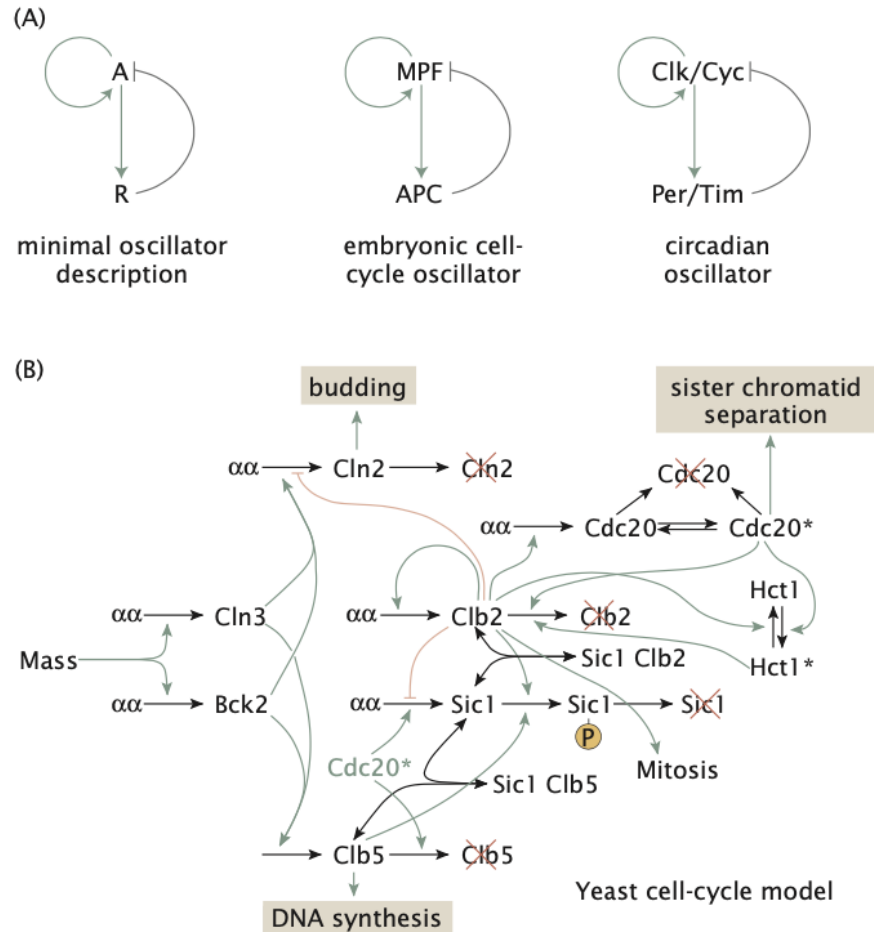


Oscillatory glycolysis



For $a = 0.08$, $b=0.6$

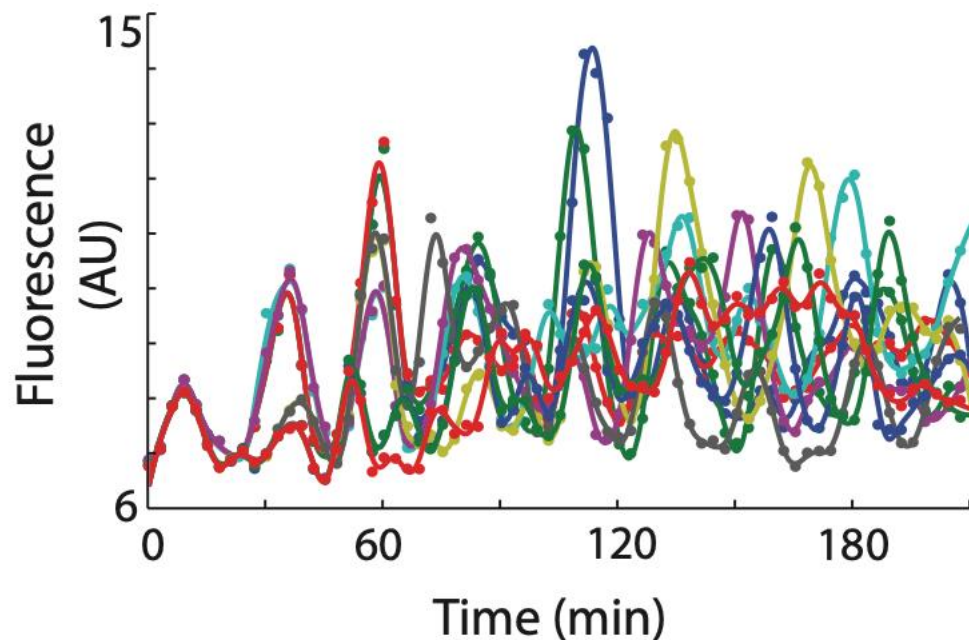
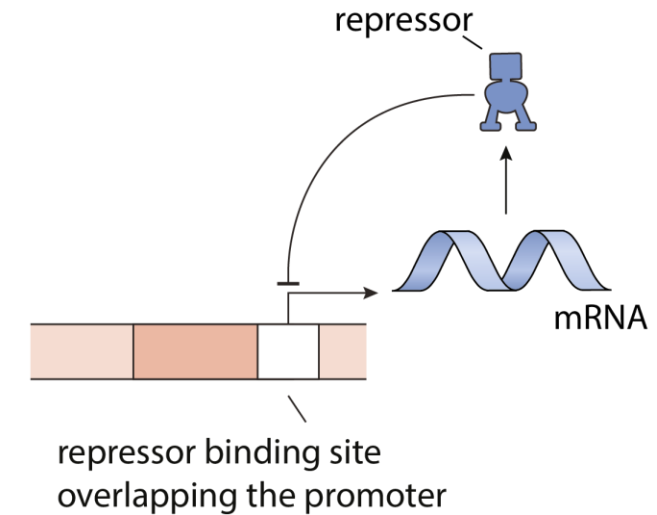
Gene regulation circuits can be very complex



Is there a way we can quantitatively predict their outcome?

Oscillations in gene circuits

Single direct feedback loop in *E. coli*
LacI repressor with O1 operator site overlapping promoter
+ inducer IPTG



Normalised response function

Modelling the circuit

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{m} &= -\gamma_m m + \gamma_m \Phi(p) \\ \dot{p} &= -\gamma_p p + \gamma_p m\end{aligned}$$

Here, m, p are normalised concentrations of mRNA and protein and $\gamma_{m,p}$ are their degradation constants.

Oscillations in gene circuits – Delay Differential Equations

It takes time to synthesise mRNA after the moment of transcription initiation. Finished mRNA is only 'released' into the pool after some time τ

Differential equations of the form

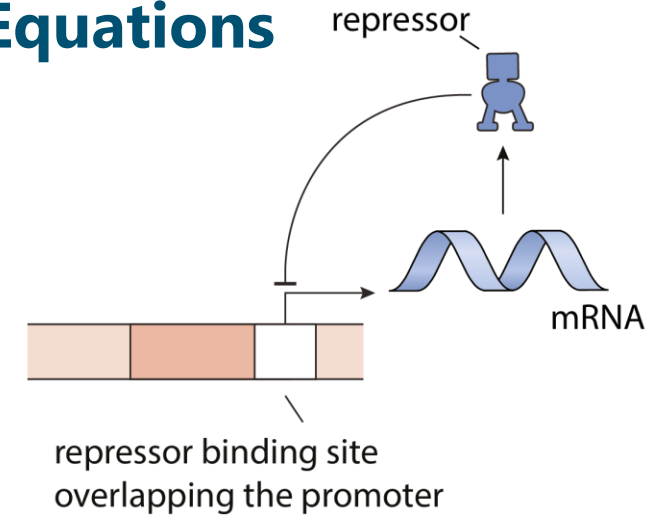
$$\dot{x} = f(x(t - \tau))$$

are **Delay Differential Equations** (DDEs)

Group question:

- Does this model have a stationary point?
- Where is the stationary point?

A stationary point exists at $m^* = p^* = \Phi(p^*)$



Modelling the circuit

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Just a constant, independent of time

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How to solve this? Almost an eigenvalue equation.

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with your original derivation

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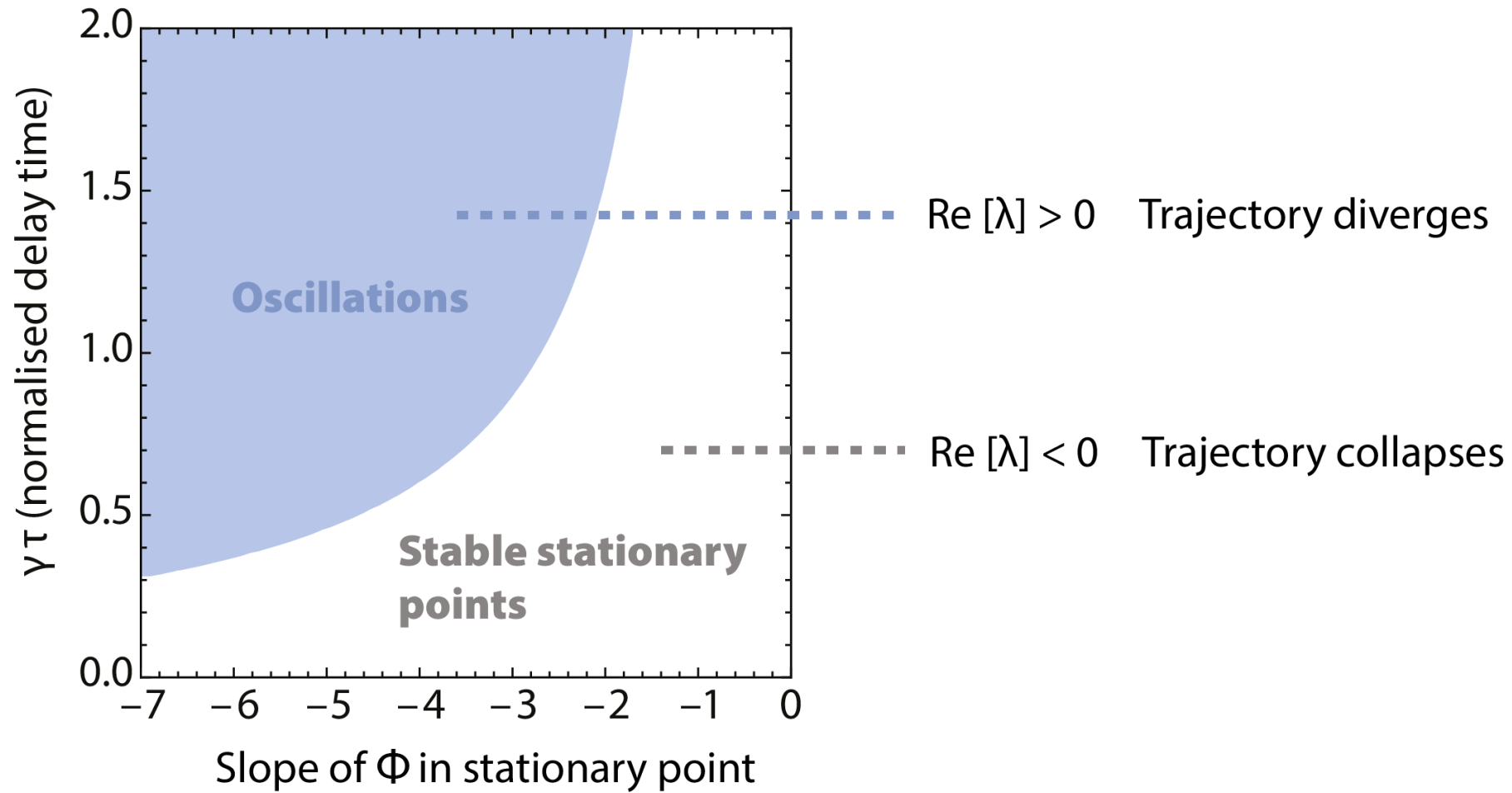
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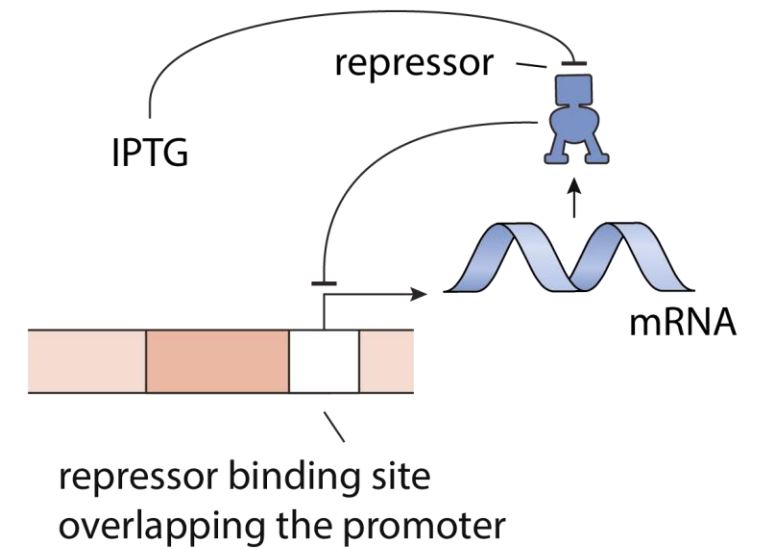
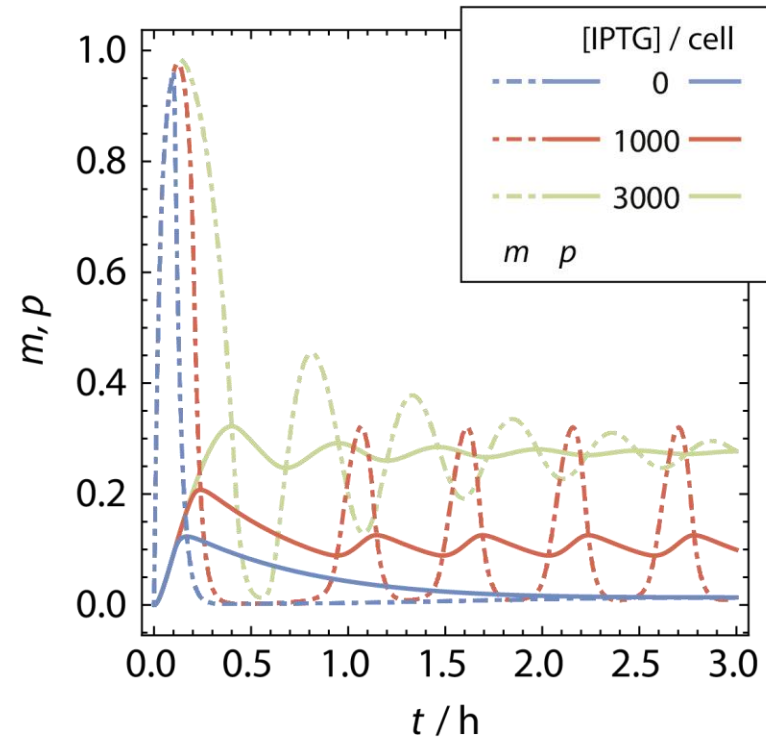
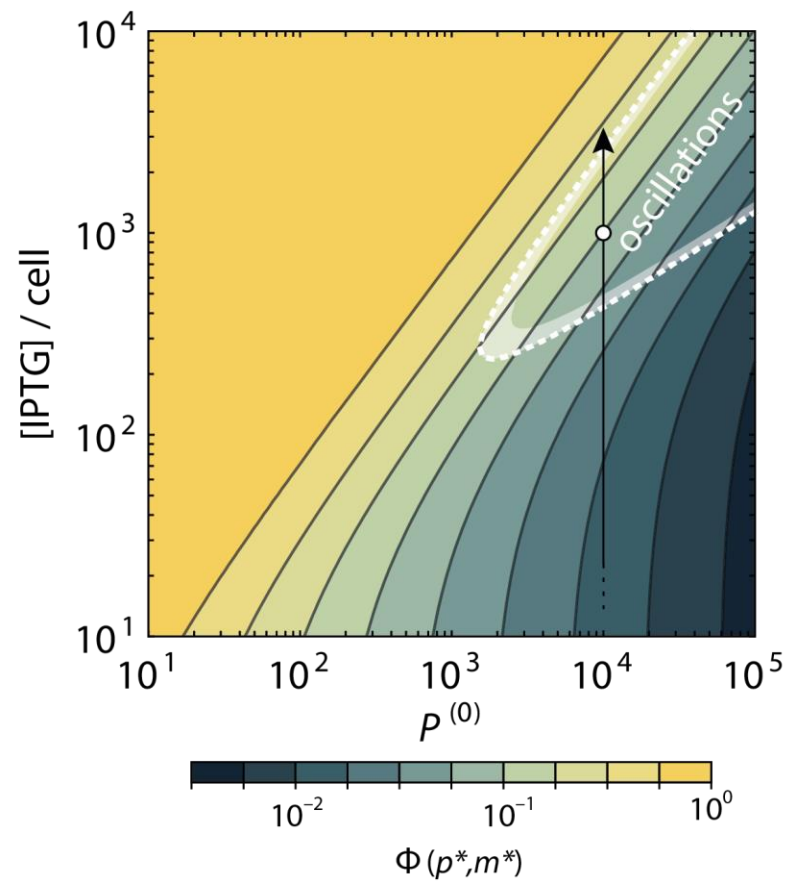
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Write down the characteristic equation

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\gamma_m - \lambda & \frac{\gamma_m \partial \Phi(p^*)}{\partial t} \exp(-\lambda \tau) \\ \gamma_p & -\gamma_p - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

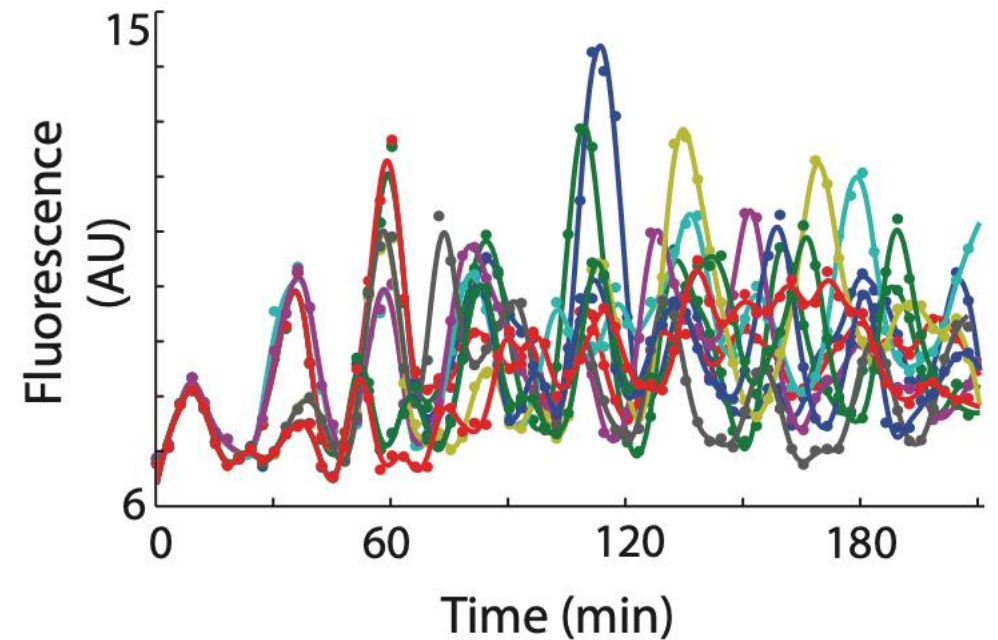
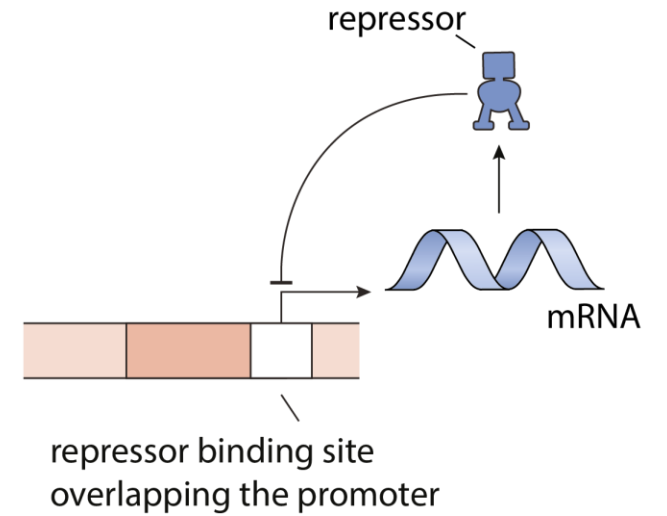
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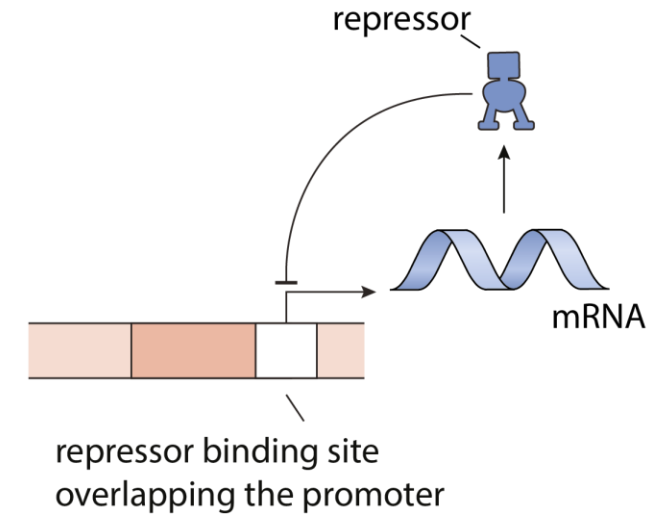
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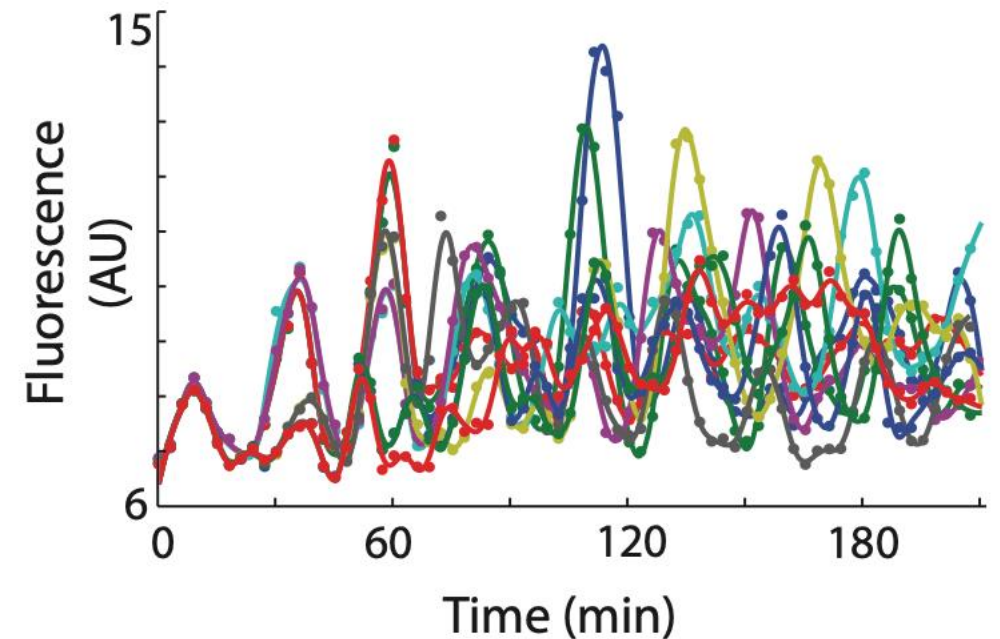
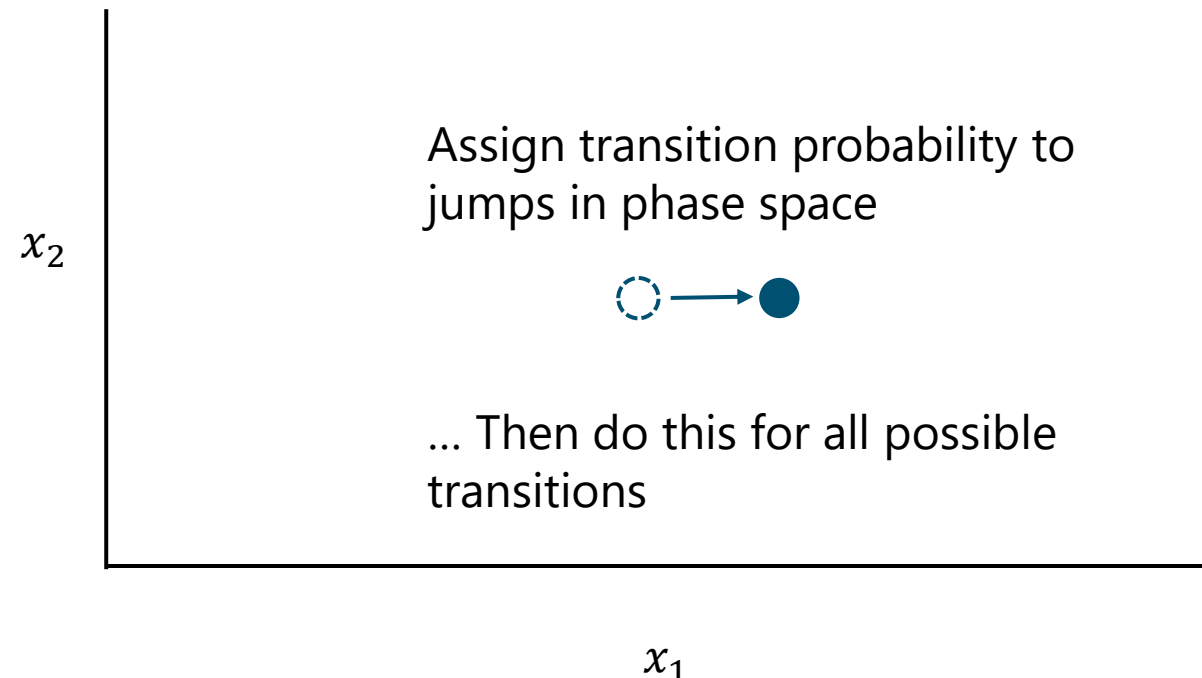
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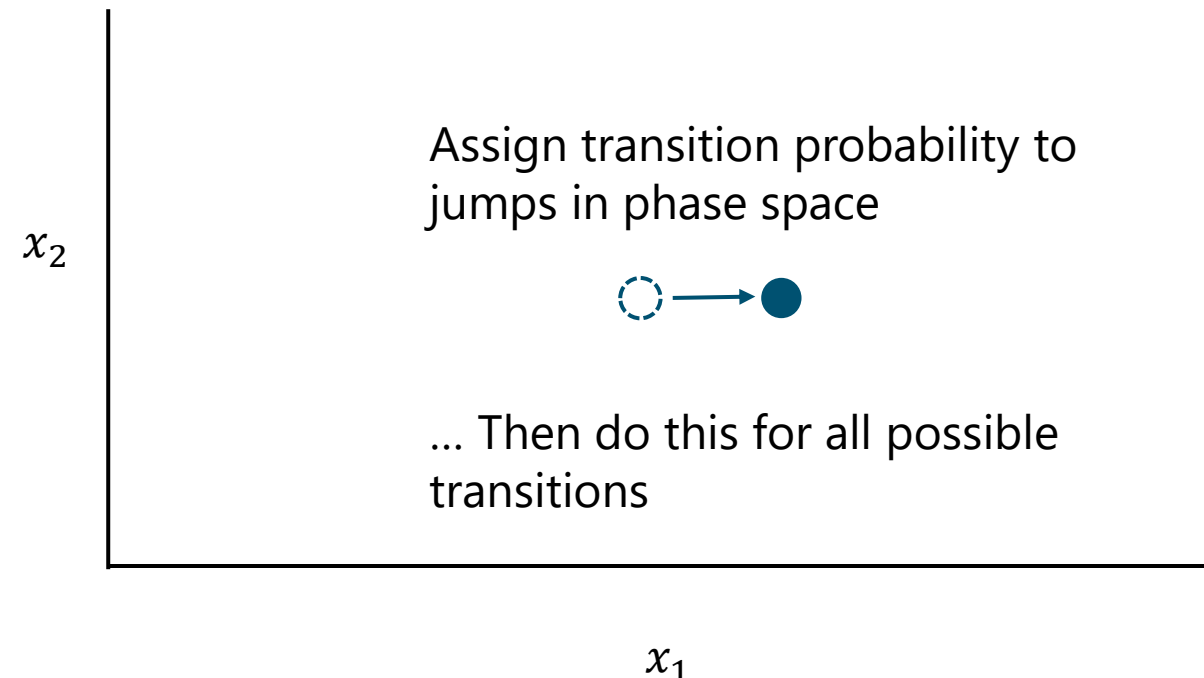


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Then, the probability distribution of the system in phase space changes as

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Direct Stochastic Simulation

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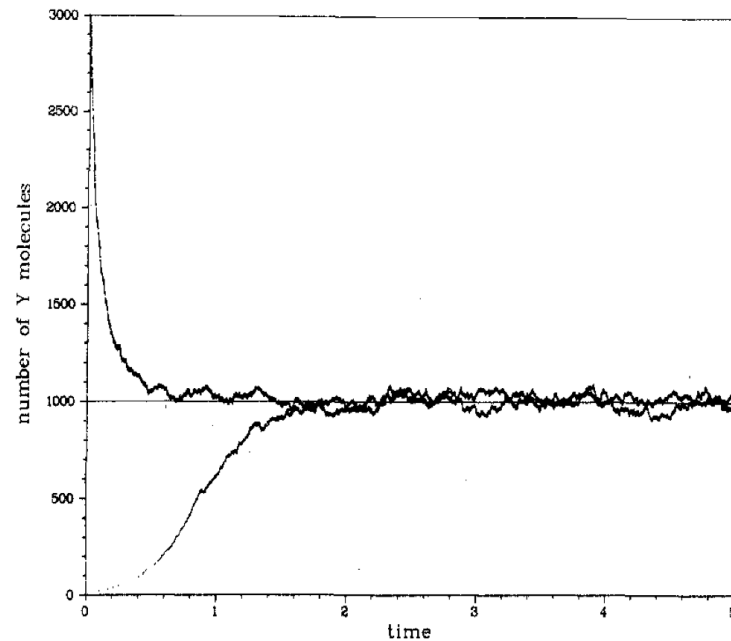
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Solving chemical master equations usually numerical only.

One way is direct stochastic simulation
- Gillespie's algorithm

Computer practical – Gillespie algorithm



Stochastic simulation of population of foxes and rabbits in the same ecosystem.

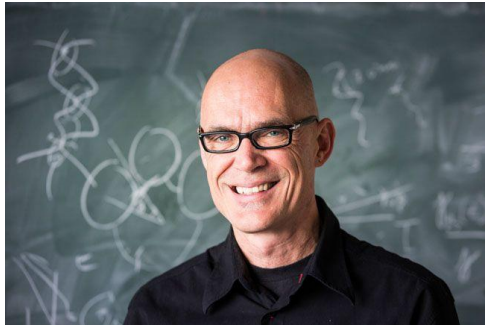
We will evaluate the behaviour deterministically and do a direct stochastic simulation

(using the GillesPy2 package for a Jupyter nb)



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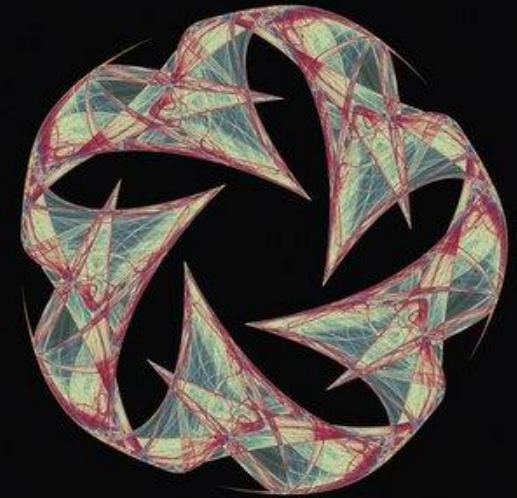


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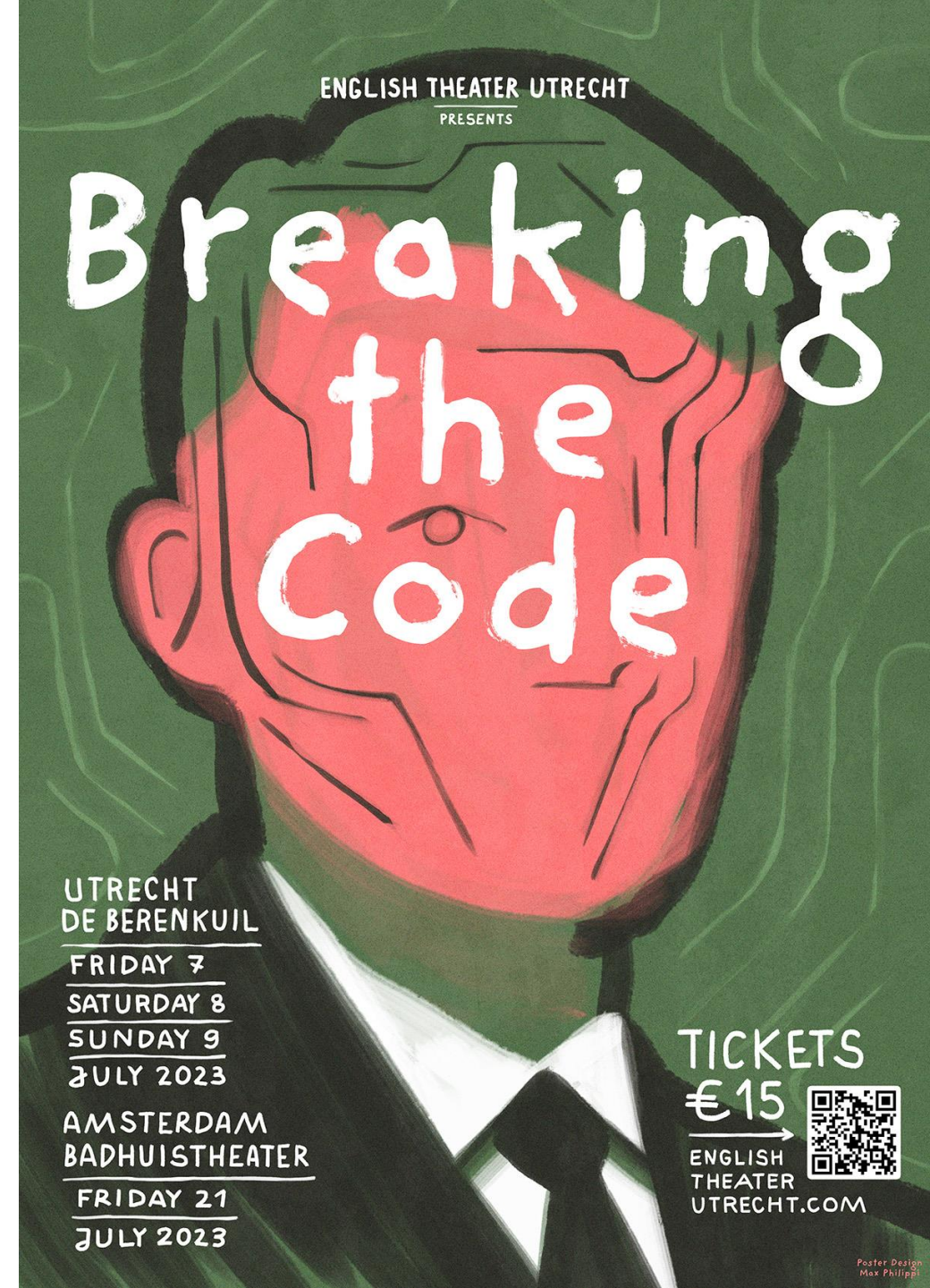
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