

- ~~Hand in 24~~
(and 23)

Lecture 209

Diff Eq.

- ~~25 due Wed~~ • ~~26 due Friday~~

Nonlinear Systems and Phenomena — now that we have
eigenvalue solns we
can investigate nonlinear
systems!

General Form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = F(x, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = G(x, y) \quad \cdot \quad F \text{ and } G \text{ not necessarily linear.}$$

This is called an autonomous system ... the
absence of t on the right hand side
makes it easier to analyse.

Using P-plane we can plot phase planes for
these systems. Solutions are trajectories in
the phase plane.

Recall **FIXED POINTS** — important things happen when
CRITICAL POINTS there is no change in the system.

$$F(x^*, y^*) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad G(x^*, y^*) = 0.$$

$x(t) = x^*$ and $y(t) = y^*$ are equilibrium
solutions for the
system.

Ex Find all the critical points of the system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x' &= 14x - 2x^2 - yx \\ y' &= 16y - 2y^2 - yx \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{we must solve} \\ \text{for all possible} \\ \text{ways the RHS} = 0. \end{array}$$

* imagine that $x(t)$ gives the # of rabbits at time t
and $y(t)$ gives the # of squirrels at time t .

Set RHS = 0

$$\begin{aligned} 14x - 2x^2 - xy &= 0 \\ 16y - 2y^2 - xy &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

SOLVE.

$$\begin{aligned} x(14 - 2x - y) &= 0 \\ y(16 - 2y - x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

TWO CASES TOP: $x=0$ or $14 - 2x - y = 0$ TWO CASES BOTTOM: $y=0$ or $16 - 2y - x = 0$

FOUR POSSIBLE CRITICAL POINTS.

$$x=0 \quad \text{and} \quad y=0 \quad \text{--- -- -- -- --} \rightarrow (0,0)$$

$$\text{or} \quad 16 - 2y = 0 \quad \text{--- -- -- -- --} \rightarrow (0,8)$$

$$14 - 2x - y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y=0 \quad \text{--- -- -- -- --} \rightarrow (7,0)$$

$$16 - 2y - x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{solve for } 14 - 2x - y &= 0 & y &= -2x + 14 \\ 16 - 2y - x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$16 + 4x - 28 - x = 0$$

$$+3x - 12 = 0$$

$$3x = 12 \quad x = 4$$

$$y = -8 + 14 = 6$$

$$(4,6)$$

Critical Points $(0,0)(0,8)(7,0)(4,6)$

What do these mean? $(0,0)$ no squirrels no rabbits
 $(0,8)$ 8 squirrels no rabbits
 $(7,0)$ no squirrels 7 rabbits

$(4,6)$ 6 squirrels and 4 rabbits $\rightarrow$ the only
 chance for coexistence!

Lets plot this system on Pplane and see
 what is happening.

ON
COMPUTER.

YOU TRY:

$$x' = x - y$$

$$y' = 1 - x^2$$

Is the soln likely

to hit one of these points?

Our trajectories seem to go toward $(4,6)$ GOOD NEWS FOR THE SQUIRRELS
AND RABBITS!

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just look at our system of equations and know about the behavior near critical points?

This is our GOAL $\rightarrow$ we will start simple and build up to this idea!

Consider the system:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -ky \quad \text{where } k \text{ is a non zero constant.}$$

- FIXED POINTS $x=0$ $y=0$
only one critical point $(0,0)$.

* Now what is happening at the fixed point for different values of k ?

STABLE - solutions go toward the fixed point
the system wants to head toward the fixed point (or stay near)

UNSTABLE - solutions go away from the fixed point
the system ~~does~~ not want to head toward the fixed point (or more away)

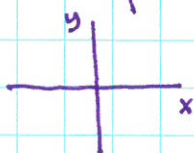
We can solve this system: $x(t) = x_0 e^{-t}$ $y(t) = y_0 e^{-kt}$

rewrite $y(t) = y_0 (e^{-t})^k = y_0 (x/x_0)^k = Cx^k$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{from } x(t)}$ $\xrightarrow{\frac{y_0}{x_0^k} \text{ just a constant}}$

NOTE. eigenvalues $\lambda = -1, -k$

so our trajectories are $y = Cx^k$
in the phase plane

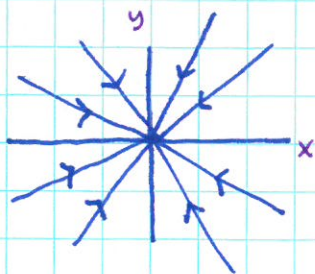
y is related to x !



CASE 1 $k > 0$

A. then if $k=1$ then $y = cx$
trajectories are straight lines.

$\lambda = 1, -1$
equal
eigenvalues.

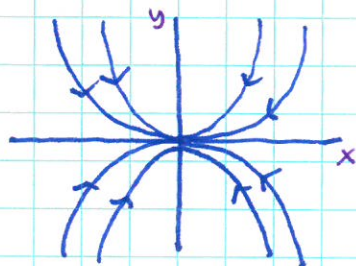
PROPER NODE

Both x and y decrease
directly to $(0,0)$

$(0,0)$ stable Fixed Point.

B. if $k > 1$ then

THESE ARE
ALSO
CALLED
SINKS!



$\lambda = -1, -a^2$
 $a > 1$

— decreases faster
in y

$$y = cx^n$$

trajectories are parabolas.
or polynomials w/ repeated
root

IMPROPER NODE

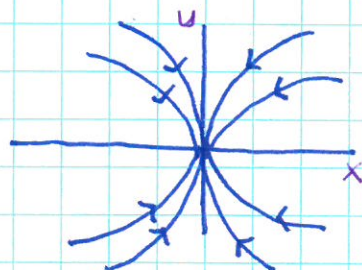
y approaches origin
faster than x .

$(0,0)$ stable Fixed Point.

different
but same
sign.

C. if $k < 1$ [but > 0]

$\lambda = -1, -a^2$
 $a < 1$



decreases faster
in x .

$$y = cx^{1/n}$$

trajectories "hyperbolas"

IMPROPER NODE

x approaches origin
faster than y .

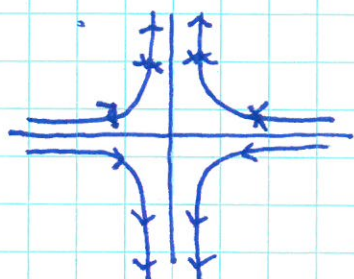
$(0,0)$ stable Fixed Point.

CASE 2 $k < 0$

then $y = cx^{-n}$

trajectories are hyperbolas.
cannot cross $x=0$.

$\lambda = -1, a^2$
different
sign. eigenvalues.



decreases in x
increases in y .

SADDLE POINT

one solution grows while
the other decays.

$(0,0)$ Unstable Fixed Point.

NOTE: If our original system was $\frac{dx}{dt} = x$
 eigenvalues $\lambda = 1, k$ $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$

It all has to do with the direction (+/-) of the eigenvalues! the trajectories are the same but the arrows are flipped.

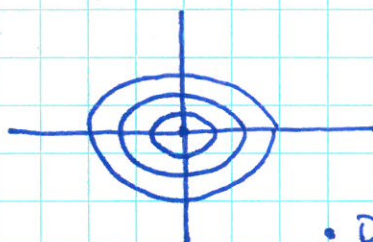
$$x(t) = x_0 e^t \quad y = y_0 e^{kt} \quad \text{growing exponentials.}$$

We can also have elliptical or spiral trajectories!

Ex $\frac{dx}{dt} = y$
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\omega^2 x$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x(t) &= A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t \\ y(t) &= -A \omega \sin \omega t + B \omega \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

$(0,0)$ is a
FIXED POINT



ELLIPTICAL
TRAJECTORIES. pure imaginary
solns.

- Depending on the initial disturbance the soln oscillates about the fixed point.

We would call this fixed point
★ asymptotically stable

$$\lambda = i\omega$$

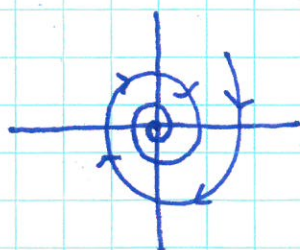
- a solution that starts near the fixed point remains close... it does not move AWAY..

Ex $\frac{dx}{dt} = y$
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 2y$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{-t} (A \cos t + B \sin t) \\ y(t) &= e^{-t} ((B-A) \cos t - (A+B) \sin t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \text{complex.}$$

$(0,0)$ is a
FIXED POINT



SPIRAL TRAJECTORIES
complex solutions.

A spiral
sink.

- depending on the real part this can be stable or unstable

STABLE soln
spirals forward $(0,0)$.

NOTE: The only thing changing from system to system.

Type of eigenvalues!

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -ky \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -k \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow (-1-\lambda)(-k-\lambda)$$

$$\lambda = -1, -k$$

Real Eigenvalues.

What is the difference...

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= ky \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \quad \lambda = k$$

now we get growing solns

FIXED POINTS BECOME UNSTABLE

• EQUAL: $k=1$
proper node.
 $\lambda = -1, -1$
 $\lambda = -1 \Rightarrow$ decaying
STABLE.

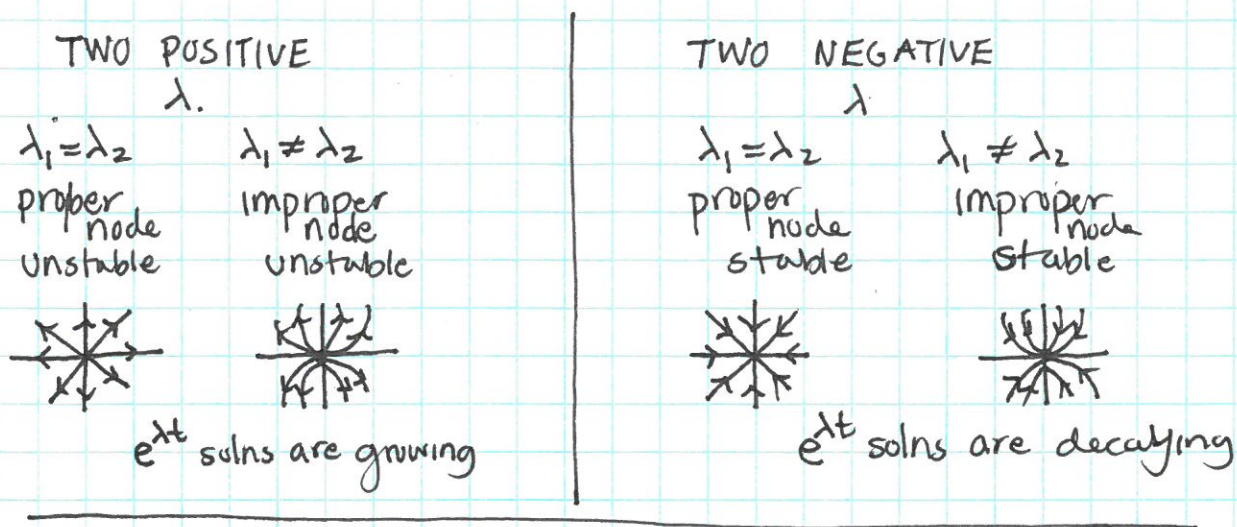
• NOT EQUAL SAME SIGN $\lambda = -1 \quad \lambda = -1/2$
Improper Node
Decaying e-vals STABLE.

• OPPOSITE SIGNS $\lambda = -1 \quad \lambda = 1$
SADDLE POINT.
UNSTABLE
one soln always grows.

• our eigenvalues are telling us everything we need to know!

IMAGINARY $\rightarrow$ ELLIPTICAL ORBITS.

COMPLEX $\rightarrow$ SPIRAL ORBITS.



OPPOSITE SIGNS

$$\lambda_1 > 0 \quad \lambda_2 < 0$$

Saddle point unstable



one e^{λ} grows
the other decays.

[direction of flow depends on which soln is growing]

IMAGINARY $\lambda = \pm ai$
elliptical trajectories

~~asymptotically~~ CENTERS.
"stable"

but more complicated in the full nonlinear system.

COMPLEX $\lambda = b \pm ai$
spiral trajectories.
 $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$ unstable e^{bt} growing

 $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ stable e^{bt} decaying.
