

Outline:

- Linearization and stability analysis
- Difference equations

Previously:

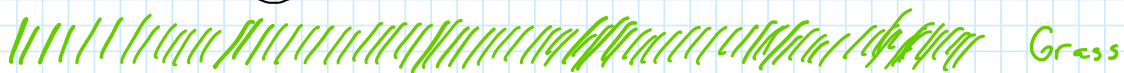
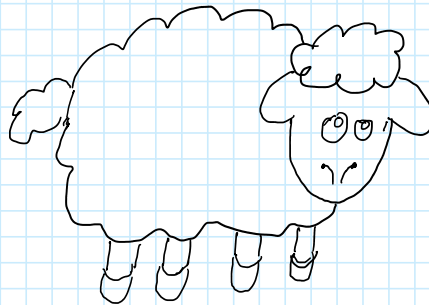
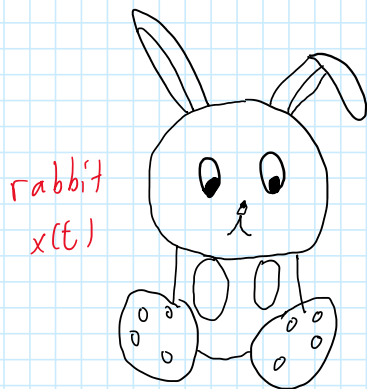
We classified linear 2D systems.  $\dot{x} = Ax$

i.e. if the real parts of both eigenvalues are negative, then the system is stable at the origin, and is a sink.

Can we do something similar with nonlinear and/or nonhomogeneous systems?

Lotka-Volterra

Suppose we have rabbits & sheep.



- With infinite resources, we get exponential growth, but rabbits breed more quickly,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } \dot{x} &= 3x &\Rightarrow x &= x_0 e^{3t} \\ \dot{y} &= 2y &\Rightarrow y &= y_0 e^{2t} \end{aligned}$$

- With limited resources, we get the logistic equation with fixed carrying capacity

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } \dot{x} &= x(3-x) \\ \dot{y} &= y(2-y) \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= x(3-x) \end{aligned}$$

(with units in millions, s. carrying capacity is 3 million rabbits or 2 million sheep)

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = x(3-x)$$

$$\frac{dx}{x(3-x)} = dt$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3-x} \right] dx = dt$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3-x} \right] dx = dt$$

$$\frac{1}{3} [\ln|x| - \ln|3-x|] = t + C$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{x}{3-x} \right| = 3t + C$$

$$\left| \frac{x}{3-x} \right| = Ce^{3t}$$

$$\left| -1 + \frac{3}{3-x} \right| = Ce^{3t}$$

If  $0 < x < 3$ ,

$$-1 + \frac{3}{3-x} = Ce^{3t}$$

$$\frac{3}{3-x} = 1 + Ce^{3t}$$

$$3-x = \frac{3}{1 + Ce^{3t}}$$

$$x = 3 - \frac{3}{1 + Ce^{3t}}, \quad C > 0$$

If  $x < 0$  or  $x > 3$

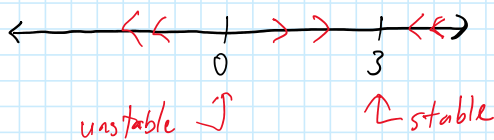
$$-1 + \frac{3}{3-x} = -Ce^{3t}$$

$$\frac{3}{3-x} = 1 - Ce^{3t}$$

$$3-x = \frac{3}{1 - Ce^{3t}}$$

$$x = 3 - \frac{3}{1 - Ce^{3t}}, \quad C > 0$$

Or  $x=0$  and  $x=3$  are also solutions



- But both compete for the same food, so they come into conflict. These conflicts are proportional to both populations. Since sheep are bigger, let's say they win more often.

$$\text{i.e. } \dot{x} = x(3-x) - 2xy = x(3-x-2y)$$

$$\dot{y} = y(2-y) - xy = y(2-x-y)$$

What is the behavior of this dynamical system? Do the rabbits and sheep live in harmony, or does one win and drive the other extinct?

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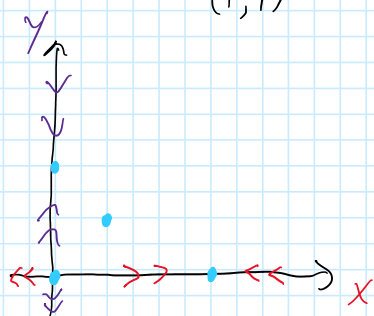
$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 &= x(3-x-2y) \\ 0 &= y(2-x-y) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \text{Case 1: } x &= 0. \Rightarrow 0 = y(2-y) \Rightarrow y = 0, 2. \\ \text{Case 2: } x &\neq 0. \Rightarrow 0 = 3-x-2y \\ &\Rightarrow x = 3-2y \\ 0 &= y[2-(3-2y)-y] \\ &= y(-1+y) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y = 0, y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } y = 0, x = 3$$

$$\text{If } y = 1, x = 1$$

4 fixed points:  $(0, 0)$   
 $(0, 2)$   
 $(3, 0)$   
 $(1, 1)$

Can we say anything about the qualitative behavior around these points?



The behavior along the axes precisely matches logistic growth of each of rabbits & sheep separately.

But how do the two populations interact?

Can we talk about stability of each of these fixed points?

Stability: Here, we will not discuss the stability of the system as a whole because there are multiple fixed points.

We call a fixed point  $x_0$  **attracting** if all trajectories starting near  $x_0$  approach it as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

We call a fixed point **Liapunov stable** if all trajectories that start sufficiently close to  $x_0$  remain close for all time.

If a fixed point is both **attracting** and **Liapunov stable**, then we say it is **asymptotically stable**.

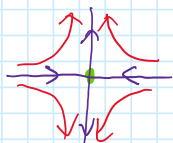
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If a fixed point is Liapunov stable but not attracting, we call it neutrally stable.

Ex.

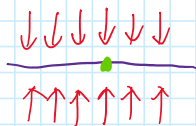


Attracting &  
Liapunov stable



Not attracting

Not Liapunov stable

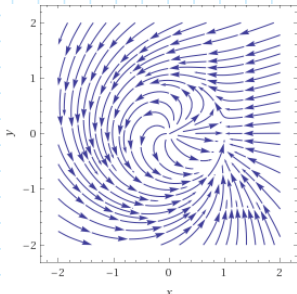


Not attracting

Liapunov stable

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

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{r} &= r(1-r) \\ \dot{\varphi} &= r(1-\cos\varphi)\end{aligned}$$



$(0,1)$  is attracting but  
not Liapunov stable

(Very rare; normally attractive implies stable)

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Let's linearize our ODE around a point  $(x_0, y_0)$

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

let  $z = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\dot{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Recall the Taylor series of a function  $f(x,y)$  around  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$f(x,y) = f(x_0, y_0) + (x-x_0)f_x(x_0, y_0) + (y-y_0)f_y(x_0, y_0) + \text{higher order terms}$$

$$\dot{z}(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(x,y) \\ \dot{y}(x,y) \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(x_0, y_0) + (x-x_0) \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + (y-y_0) \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \dot{y}(x_0, y_0) + (x-x_0) \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + (y-y_0) \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } (x,y) \text{ close to } (x_0, y_0).$$

Around a fixed point  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $\dot{x}(x_0, y_0) = \dot{y}(x_0, y_0) = 0$ .

$$\dot{z}(x,y) \approx \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Jacobian matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x-x_0 \\ y-y_0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Translated coordinates with } x_0, y_0 \text{ as the origin.}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{z} \approx A \bar{z}, \quad \text{where } \bar{z} = \begin{bmatrix} x-x_0 \\ y-y_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

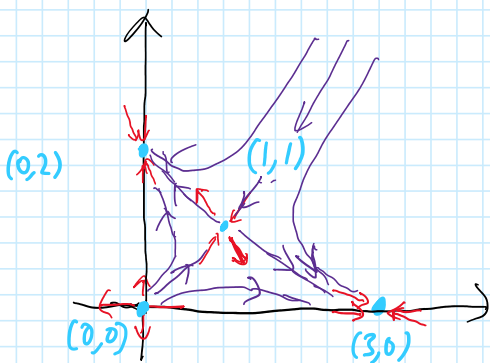
Thus, around a fixed point, the behavior is approximately that of the linear system with the Jacobian as the matrix.

Back to rabbits and sheep.

$$\dot{x} = x(3-x-2y) = 3x - x^2 - 2xy$$

$$\dot{y} = y(2-x-y) = 2y - xy - y^2$$

$$J(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3-2x-2y & -2x \\ -y & 2-x-2y \end{bmatrix}$$



$$J(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda = 3, 2 \quad \text{source} \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(0,2) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda = -1, -2 \quad \text{sink} \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(3,0) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda = -1, -3 \quad \text{sink} \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(1,1) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1 &= 0 \\ \lambda &= -1 \pm \sqrt{8} = -1 \pm \sqrt{2} \end{aligned} \quad \text{saddle point}$$

Qualitative analysis

$(0,2)$  and  $(3,0)$  are stable,  
 $(1,1)$  is a saddle point

$$\lambda_1 = -1 + \sqrt{2} \quad \lambda_2 = -1 - \sqrt{2}$$

$(0, 2)$  and  $(3, 0)$  are stable, but not  $(1, 1)$ .

So the sheep and rabbits cannot live in harmony except exactly at  $(1, 1)$ , but any perturbation will send it away.

$$\lambda_1 = -1 + i\sqrt{2} \quad \lambda_2 = -1 - i\sqrt{2}$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: this qualitative analysis only works for non-borderline cases, i.e. when  $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) \neq 0$  and  $\text{Re}(\lambda_2) \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ .

Ex.

$$\dot{x} = x^2 - y$$

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

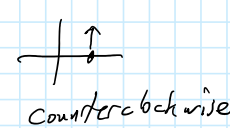
$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

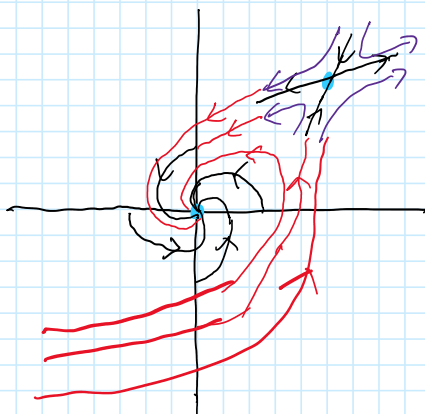
Fixed pts:  $\begin{cases} x^2 - y = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 - x = 0 \\ x = y \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x = 0, 1 \\ y = 0, 1 \end{matrix}$

$(0, 0) \Rightarrow J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

spiral sink  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   counter-clockwise



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

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} > 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} < 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})x_1 \\ (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})x_1 \\ (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)x_2$$

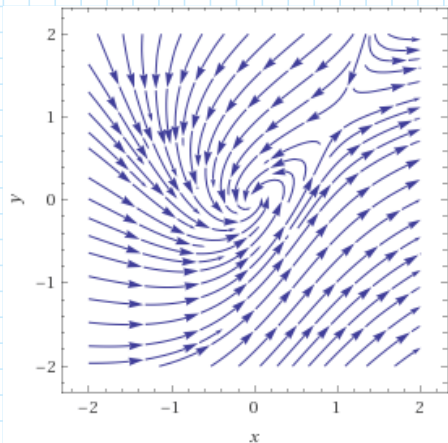
$$x_1 - x_2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)x_2$$

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)x_2$$

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)x_2$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 2.6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Difference equations

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For ODEs, time is taken to be continuous. This is great when the phenomenon is from e.g. physics where there isn't a minimum time. What can we do when time is discrete? e.g. yearly interest from a bank account, or cicadas that reproduce once every 13 years.

Define: A first order difference equation by

$$y_{n+1} = f(n, y_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, \quad y_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It is linear if the function  $f$  is linear.

We can give initial conditions  $y_0 = \alpha$ .

Often, we care about equations of the form  $y_{n+1} = f(y_n)$ , with no direct dependence on "time"  $n$ . i.e. the equivalent of autonomous.

Define: An equilibrium solution to be solution that is constant for all  $y_n$ . For autonomous difference equations, these correspond to fixed points  $y_n = f(y_n)$ .

Ex. You have a bank account that gives 10% interest per year, compounded annually. How much money is in your bank account after  $n$  years, if you started with \$100.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_{n+1} = 1.1 y_n \\ y_0 = 100 \end{array} \right\} \quad y_n = (1.1)^n y_0 = (1.1)^n \cdot 100.$$

No equilibrium solution because your money grows indefinitely.

Ex. You have \$26,000 in student debt, which charges 6% interest per year, compounded monthly. i.e. each month you are charged 0.5% interest. Each month you pay \$200. How long will it take to pay off your loan? (actually 6.45% right now)

Let  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  be number of months since graduation.

$$y_{n+1} = (1.005) \cdot y_n - 200, \quad y_0 = 26000$$

Let's solve the more general case

$$y_{n+1} = r \cdot y_n - b$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_1 &= r \cdot Y_0 - b \\
 Y_2 &= r (r \cdot Y_0 - b) - b = r^2 \cdot Y_0 - r \cdot b - b \\
 Y_3 &= r^3 Y_0 - r^2 b - r b - b \\
 &\vdots \\
 Y_n &= r^n Y_0 - r^{n-1} b - r^{n-2} b - \dots - r b - b \\
 Y_n &= r^n Y_0 - b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r^i = r^n Y_0 - \frac{1-r^n}{1-r} \cdot b
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $Y_n = 0$  and solving for  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= r^n Y_0 - \frac{1-r^n}{1-r} \cdot b \\
 r^n Y_0 &= \frac{1-r^n}{1-r} \cdot b \\
 \frac{r^n}{1-r^n} &= \frac{1}{1-r} \cdot \frac{b}{Y_0} \\
 -1 + \frac{1}{1-r^n} &= \frac{1}{1-r} \cdot \frac{b}{Y_0} \\
 \frac{1}{1-r^n} &= 1 + \frac{1}{1-r} \cdot \frac{b}{Y_0} \\
 1-r^n &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1-r} \cdot \frac{b}{Y_0}} \\
 r^n &= 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1-r} \cdot \frac{b}{Y_0}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$n \log r = \log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1-r} \cdot \frac{b}{Y_0}} \right)$$

$$n = \log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1-r} \cdot \frac{b}{Y_0}} \right) / \log r$$

Letting  $r = 1.005$ ,  $b = 200$ ,  $Y_0 = 26000$

$$n = 210.489 \text{ months} \approx 17.5 \text{ years}$$

What if you pay \$300 a month instead?



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$$n = 113.881 \text{ months} \approx 9.4 \text{ years}$$