

## 5.6 phase plane analysis

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Consider a 2D autonomous system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y) \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \quad \text{are continuous.}$$

Then by existence/uniqueness, only one solution passes through each pt in space, so we can draw out vector fields in the phase plane.

Option 1: Draw out vector fields for each pt using  $(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt})$

Option 2: Use nullcline analysis. a set where  $f(x, y) = C$  a constant.

Def. 5.7 The **x-zero isocline** (or **x-nullcline**) is the set of all points  $(x, y)$  satisfying  $f(x, y) = 0$ .

The **y-zero isocline** (or **y-nullcline**) is the set of all points  $(x, y)$  satisfying  $g(x, y) = 0$ .

Note: The x- and y-nullclines intersect at equilibria.

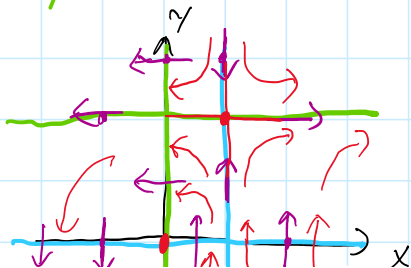
Also, on an x-nullcline, solutions can only move up/down  
y-nullcline, solutions can only move left/right.

Ex. 5.13

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = xy - y = y(x-1) = f(x, y) \quad f(0, 3) = -3$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2x - xy = x(2-y) = g(x, y) \quad g(0, 3) = 0$$

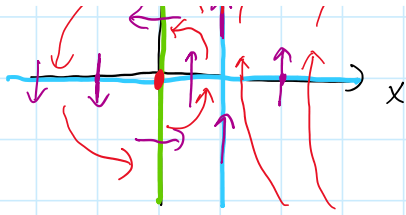
**x-nullcline:**  $0 = y(x-1) \Rightarrow y=0$  or  $x=1$

**y-nullcline:**  $0 = x(2-y) \Rightarrow y=2$  or  $x=0$



Equilibria:  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 2)$

Exercise for viewer: Arrow direction along a nullcline



Exercise for viewer: Arrow direction along a nullcline varies continuously except at an equilibrium, where it'll change direction if  $\det(J) \neq 0$ .

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

$$J(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det = 2, \quad \text{Tr} = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\sqrt{2}$$

$$J(1, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det = -2, \quad \text{Tr} = 1$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1$$

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

unstable manifold

stable manifold

