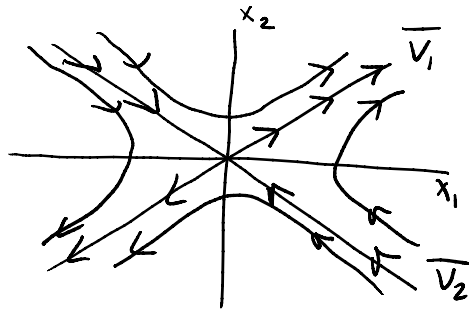


Qualitative Behavior of Systems of DE

The behavior of a system of DE is characterized by the eigenvalues

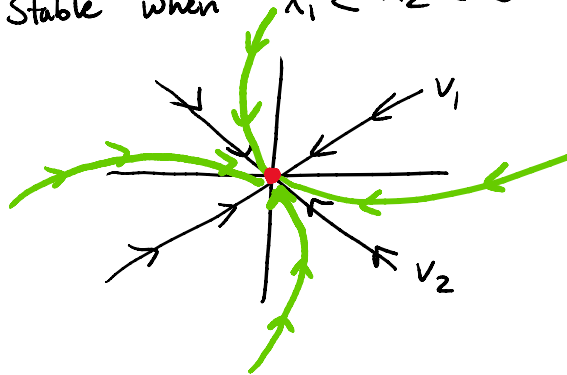
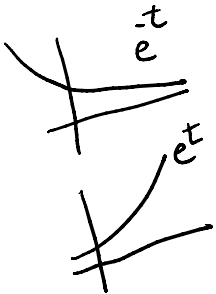
- Saddles, λ_1, λ_2 are real, $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$



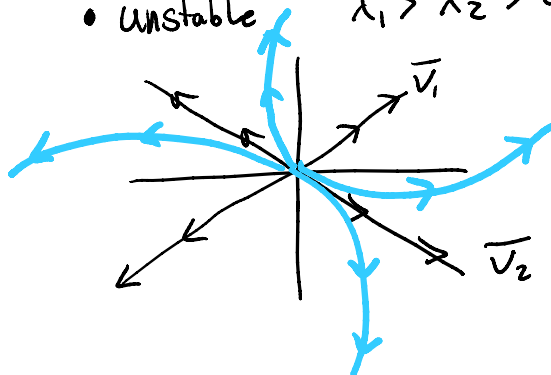
- Nodes, λ_1, λ_2 are real

- Stable when $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$

$$\bar{x} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \bar{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \bar{v}_2$$



- Unstable $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$

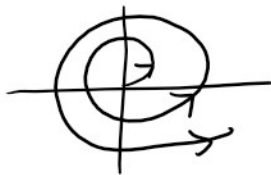


- Spirals, complex eigenvalues $\lambda = a \pm ib$

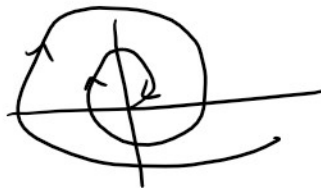
- $a > 0$
unstable



- $a > 0$
unstable



- $a < 0$
stable



- $a = 0$



- choose a test point to determine direction of rotation (CW or CCW)

Long-term behavior

- origin is stable if and only if $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) < 0$ and $\text{Re}(\lambda_2) < 0$
if and only if $\det A > 0$ and $\text{trace}(A) < 0$

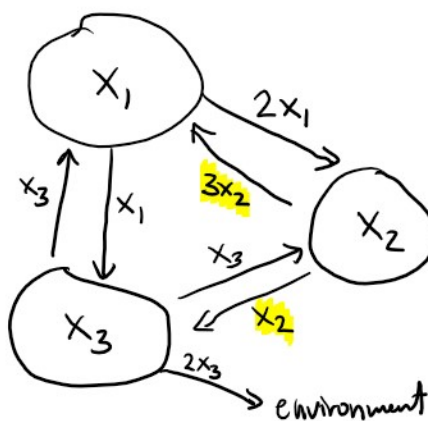
Compartment models

- how do we form a DE to model some system?

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = \underline{-3x_1} + 3x_2 + x_3$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = 2x_1 - \underline{4x_2} + x_3$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{dt} = x_1 + x_2 - \underline{4x_3}$$



- "where is stuff flowing"

10.4 Systems of Nonlinear DEs

- previously had linear systems of DEs
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$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = A\bar{x}$$

Now, we want to study more complicated models,
so we have a more general system of autonomous
nonlinear DE

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

where f_1 and f_2 are arbitrary functions with
continuous first partial derivatives

Ex (Predator-Prey)

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x - \beta xy \\ \delta xy - \gamma y \end{bmatrix}$$

- Difficult or impossible to solve nonlinear
systems, so we look at qualitative aspects of
the system.

Local Stability Analysis

- use the linearization to determine local behavior
of equilibria

1. Find equilibria

2. Compute Jacobian

$$J(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Compute eigenvalues of the Jacobian
evaluated at equilibria

4. Classify equilibria.

i) λ_1, λ_2 real, nonzero

• $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ (node)

• $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$ → Saddle point (unstable)

ii) λ_1, λ_2 complex conjugates

stable spiral

$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 > 0$ unstable

$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 < 0$ stable

- ii) λ_1, λ_2 complex conjugates
- $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) > 0 \rightarrow$ unstable spiral
 - $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) < 0 \rightarrow$ stable spiral

iii) Inconclusive otherwise.

Ex Find and classify the equilibria

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_1 - 2x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = 2x_2 - 8x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$

1. Find equilibria

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = 0$$

$$x_1 - 2x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1(1 - 2x_1 - 6x_2) = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0 \quad 1 - 2x_1 - 6x_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = 0$$

$$2x_2 - 8x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2 = 0$$

$$x_2(2 - 8x_2 - 2x_1) = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0 \quad 2 - 8x_2 - 2x_1 = 0$$

$$\underline{x_1 = 0}$$

$$\bullet x_2 = 0$$

$$\bullet 2 - 8x_2 - \cancel{2x_1} = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\underline{x_2 = 0}$$

$$\bullet x_1 = 0$$

$$\bullet 1 - 2x_1 - \cancel{6x_2} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\underline{1 - 2x_1 - 6x_2 = 0} \rightarrow 2x_1 = 1 - 6x_2$$

$$\bullet 2 - 8x_2 - 2x_1 = 0$$

$$2 - 8x_2 - 1 + 6x_2 = 0$$

$$-2x_2 = -1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2x_1 = 1 - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$x_1 = -1$$

Equilibria: $(0, 0), (0, \frac{1}{4}), (\frac{1}{2}, 0), (-1, \frac{1}{2})$

2. Compute Jacobian

$$J(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1-4x_1-6x_2 & -6x_1 \\ -2x_2 & 2-16x_2-2x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Eigenvalues

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

$$\lambda_1=1, \lambda_2=2$$

$$J\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1-2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1=-1, \lambda_2=1$$

$$J(0, \frac{1}{4}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\frac{3}{2}-\lambda & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (-\frac{1}{2}-\lambda)(-2-\lambda)=0$$

$$\lambda_1=-\frac{1}{2}, \lambda_2=-2$$

$$J(-1, \frac{1}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 = \det(J(-1, \frac{1}{2}) - \lambda I) = (2-\lambda)(-4-\lambda) + 6$$

$$= \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+8}}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$$

4. Classification of Equilibria

$(0,0)$ $\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 > 0 \rightarrow$ unstable node
 $(0, \frac{1}{4})$ $\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 < 0 \rightarrow$ stable node
 $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 < 0 \rightarrow$ saddle point
 $(-1, \frac{1}{2})$ $\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 < 0 \rightarrow$ saddle point