

# Autonomous nonlinear systems

Consider

$$\vec{y}' = \vec{F}(\vec{y})$$

where  $\vec{F}$  is nonlinear.

Usually these types of systems are not solvable analytically. But ~~can~~ we can;

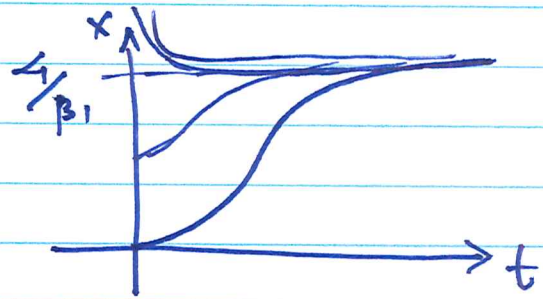
- \* solve them numerically
- \* plot their vector fields and use it to study the qualitative behaviour of the system.
- \* Study the qualitative behaviour of the system using linear analysis.

## Example: competing species model.

Let  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  be population of two competing species.

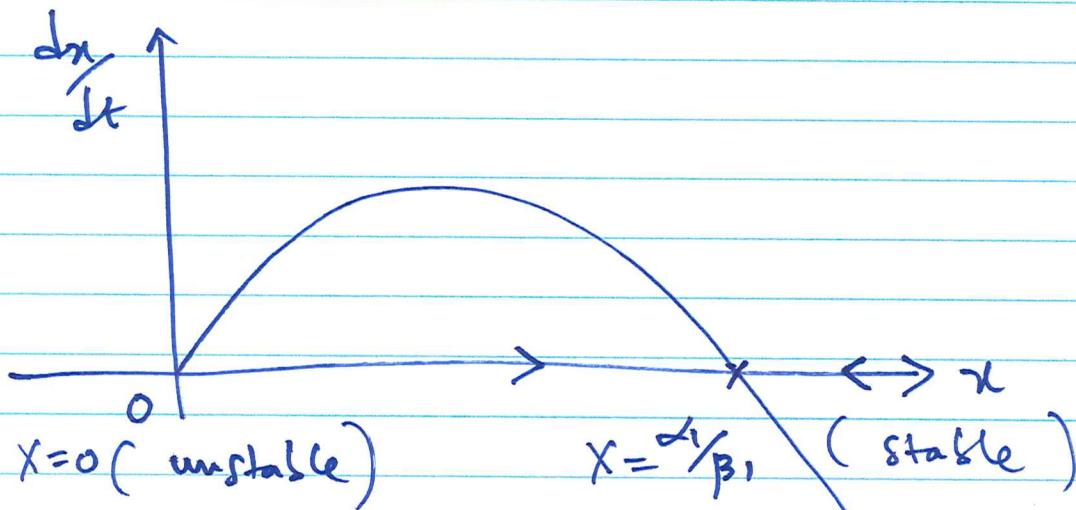
Suppose in the absence of species  $y$ ,  $x(t)$  satisfies

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(\alpha_1 - \beta_1 x)$$



$$\Rightarrow x=0 \text{ and } x = \frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}$$

are steady-state solutions of this model



Similarly, in the absence of species  $x$ ,  $y(t)$

$$\text{satisfies } \frac{dy}{dt} = y(\alpha_2 - \beta_2 y)$$

$$\Rightarrow y=0 \text{ (unstable), } y = \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2} \text{ (stable).}$$

Let us couple the two ~~models~~ equations;

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(\alpha_1 - \beta_1 x) - k_1 xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(\alpha_2 - \beta_2 y) - k_2 xy$$

where

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, k_1, k_2$  are all positive constants.

Observe that our competition term is  $xy$ . Note,

this is the simplest ~~form~~ type of competition for models of this form.

Let us find steady-state solution.

To find steady-state, set  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow x(\alpha_1 - \beta_1 x) - k_1 xy = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow y(\alpha_2 - \beta_2 y) - k_2 xy = 0 \quad (*)$$

Solve  $(*)$ , ~~manipulate~~ to get the equilibria;

(i)  $(0, 0)$

(ii)  $(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}, 0)$

(iii)  $(0, \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2})$

~~unstable~~



$$\textcircled{\text{iv}} \left( \frac{k_1 \alpha_2 - \beta_2 \alpha_1}{k_1 k_2 - \beta_1 \beta_2}, \frac{\alpha_1 k_2 - \alpha_2 \beta_1}{k_1 k_2 - \beta_1 \beta_2} \right)$$

NB  
 This steady-state only exist for  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ .  
 (co-existence equilibrium).

Linearization of the system near the fixed points.

Let  $\vec{y}_0$  be a steady-state solution of the system. Then

$$\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0) = \vec{0}$$

( $\vec{u}(t)$  is very small)

Let  $\vec{y} = \vec{y}_0 + \vec{u}(t)$ , where  $\vec{u}(t) \ll 1$ .

put  $\vec{y}$  into  $\vec{y}' = \vec{F}(\vec{y})$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{y}_0 + \vec{u}(t))' = \vec{F}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{u}(t))$$

$$\vec{u}'(t) = \vec{F}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{u}(t))$$

Since  $\vec{u}(t) \ll 1$ , we can Taylor expand  $\vec{F}$  near  $\vec{y}_0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}'(t) = \vec{F}(\vec{y}_0) + D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0)\vec{u}(t) + \text{higher order term}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}'(t) = \underbrace{\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0)}_{=\vec{0}} + D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0)\vec{u}(t) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underbrace{0(|\vec{u}|^2)}_{\text{(very small)}} \\ \text{higher order term} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}'(t) = D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0)\vec{u}(t)$$

- we have a homogeneous linear system.

where  $D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0)$  is a matrix of partial derivatives and it is called the Jacobian <sup>matrix</sup> of the system  $\vec{F}$  at  $\vec{y}_0$ .

~~$$D\vec{F}(\vec{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$~~



$$\text{Let } \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} f(y_1, y_2) \\ g(y_1, y_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} \right|_{\vec{y}=\vec{y}_0} & \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_2} \right|_{\vec{y}=\vec{y}_0} \\ \left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_1} \right|_{\vec{y}=\vec{y}_0} & \left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_2} \right|_{\vec{y}=\vec{y}_0} \end{pmatrix}$$

The system  $\vec{u}'(t) = D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0) \vec{u}$

describes the behaviour of the nonlinear system close to the steady-state solution  $\vec{y}_0$ .

We shall use this system to study the behaviour of the nonlinear system.

In particular, we shall use the eigenvalues and eigen vectors of the Jacobian matrix  $D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_0)$  to determine the stability of the equilibrium  $\vec{y}_0$ .

Return to our competing model example:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(3 - 4x) - xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(2 - 2y) - xy$$

$$\text{Let } f(x, y) = x(3 - 4x) - xy$$

$$g(x, y) = y(2 - 2y) - xy$$

Recall, the linearized system

$$\vec{u}'(t) = D\vec{F}(\vec{v}_0) \vec{u}(t)$$

Let us construct  $D\vec{F}(\vec{v}_0)$

$$D\vec{F}(\vec{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 8x - y & -x \\ -y & 2 - 4y - x \end{pmatrix}$$

our steady state solutions are

$$\vec{Y}_1 = (0, 0), \quad \vec{Y}_2 = \left(\frac{3}{4}, 0\right)$$

$$\vec{Y}_3 = (0, 1), \quad \vec{Y}_4 = \left(\frac{4}{7}, \frac{5}{7}\right)$$

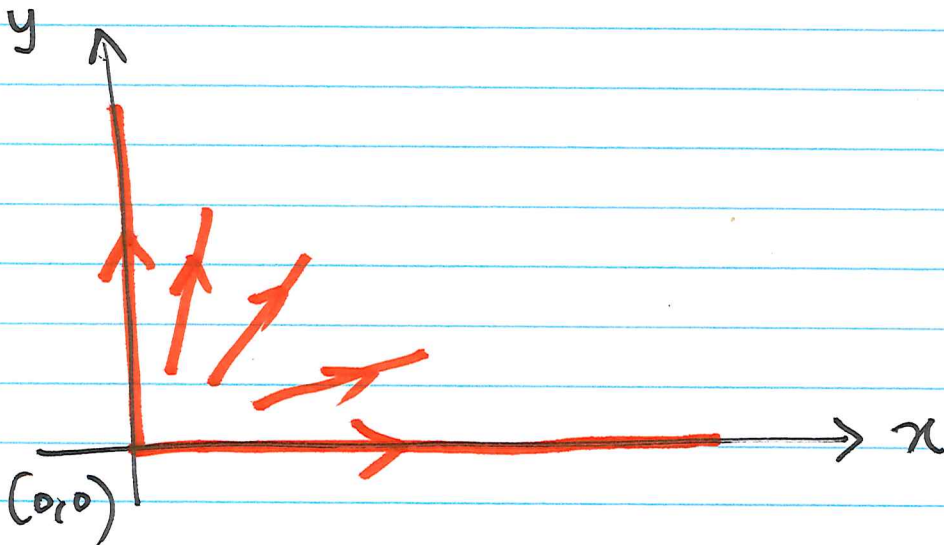
Near  $\vec{Y}_1$ ,

$$D\vec{F}(\vec{Y}_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$\Rightarrow \vec{Y}_1 = (0, 0)$  is unstable



Near  $\vec{Y}_2 = \left( \frac{3}{4}, 0 \right)$

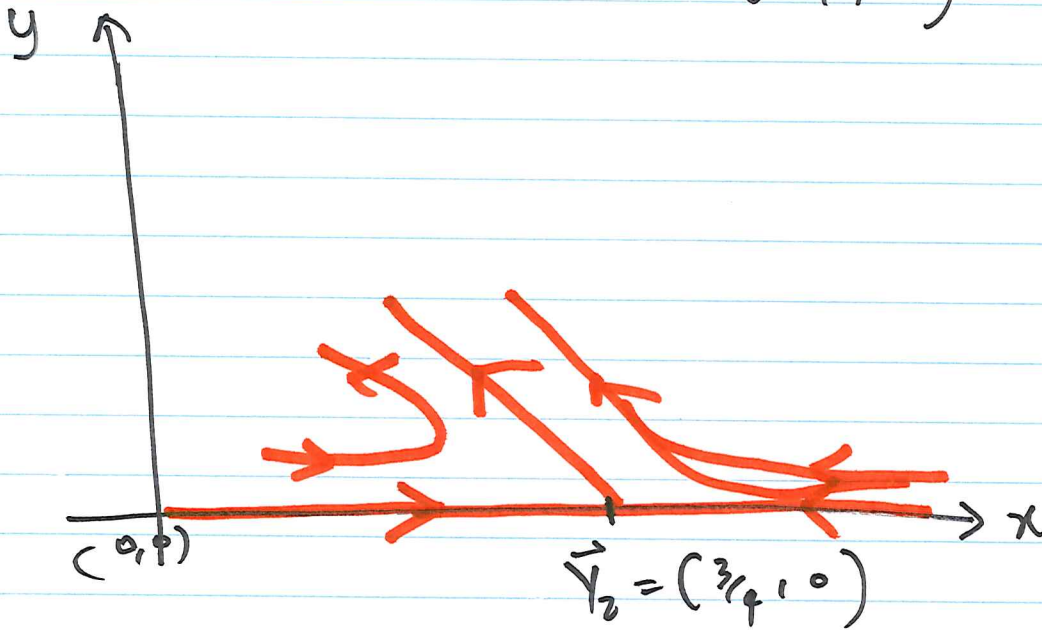
$$D\vec{F}(\vec{Y}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3/4 \\ 0 & 5/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = -3$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\lambda_2 = 5/4$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix}$$



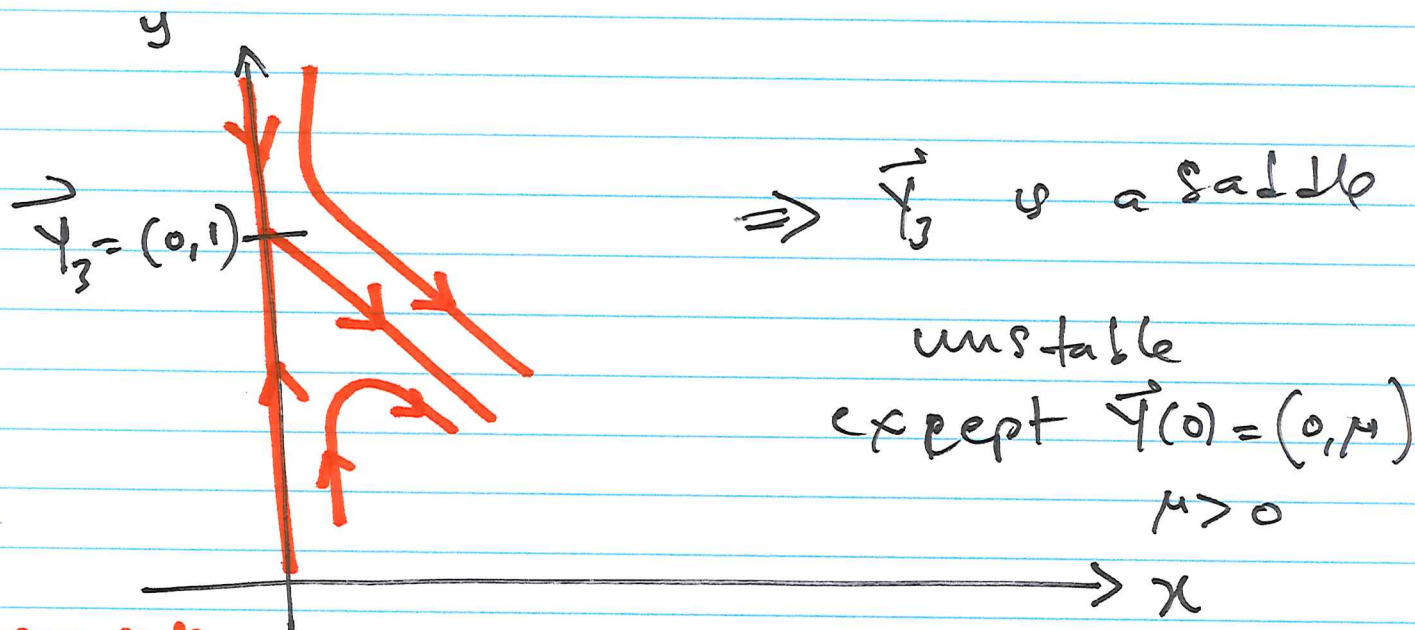
$\Rightarrow \vec{Y}_2$  is a saddle

This equilibrium is unstable except we start a solution on the eigenvector  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

near  $\vec{Y}_3 = (0, 1)$

$$D\vec{F}(\vec{Y}_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -2$   
 $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$        $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



**\*\* new \*\***

Similarly,  $\vec{Y}_3 = (0, 1)$  is unstable

except we start a solution on the eigenvector

$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . For example: using the initial

condition  $\vec{Y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . The solution decreases along  
the eigenvector  $\vec{v}_2$  and converges at  $\vec{Y}_3$ .

Near  $\vec{y}_4 = \left( \frac{4}{7}, \frac{5}{7} \right)$

$$D\vec{F}(\vec{y}_4) = \begin{pmatrix} -16/7 & -4/7 \\ -5/7 & -10/7 \end{pmatrix}$$

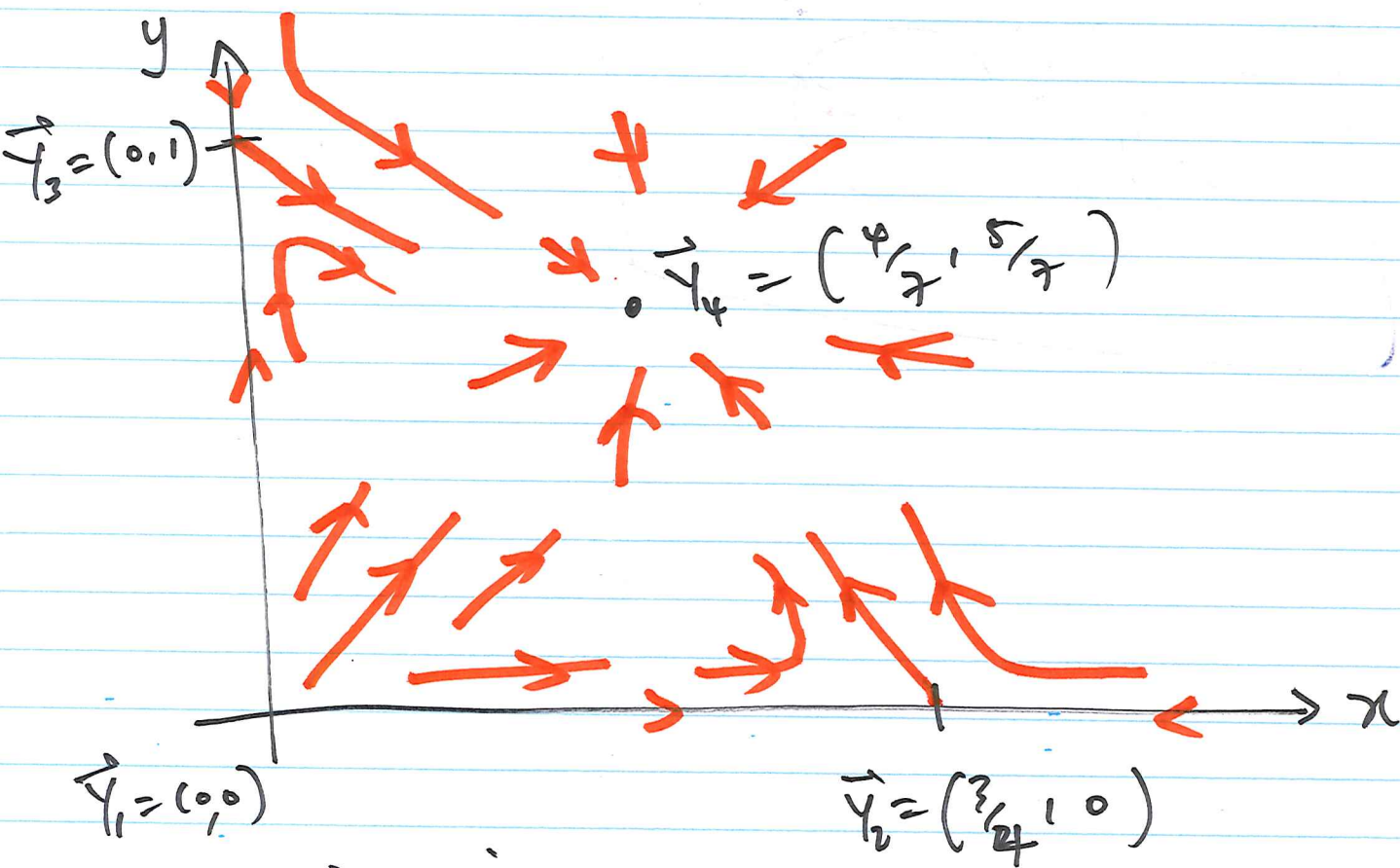
$$\lambda_1 = -2.6265$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1.0878$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4306 \\ -0.9026 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -0.8589 \\ -0.5122 \end{pmatrix}$$



$\Rightarrow \vec{y}_4$  is stable