

# Workshop 10

## Dynamical Systems with Differential Equations

- **FIT 3139** Computational Modelling and Simulation



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# Outline

- Introduction to dynamical systems.
- **Continuous** logistic model
- Coupled **continuous** models
- Phase-plane analysis.

# Calculus is integral and dynamical systems

- **Calculus** is the mathematics of change.
- **Derivative** gives the concept of instantaneous rate of change.
- **Differential** calculus deals with problems involving the derivative.
- **Systems dynamics** involves rates of change of various variables, hence derivatives are fundamental to it.

A **differential equation** is simply an equation containing derivatives.

A **solution** to a differential equation implies finding a function that *satisfies* the differential equation.

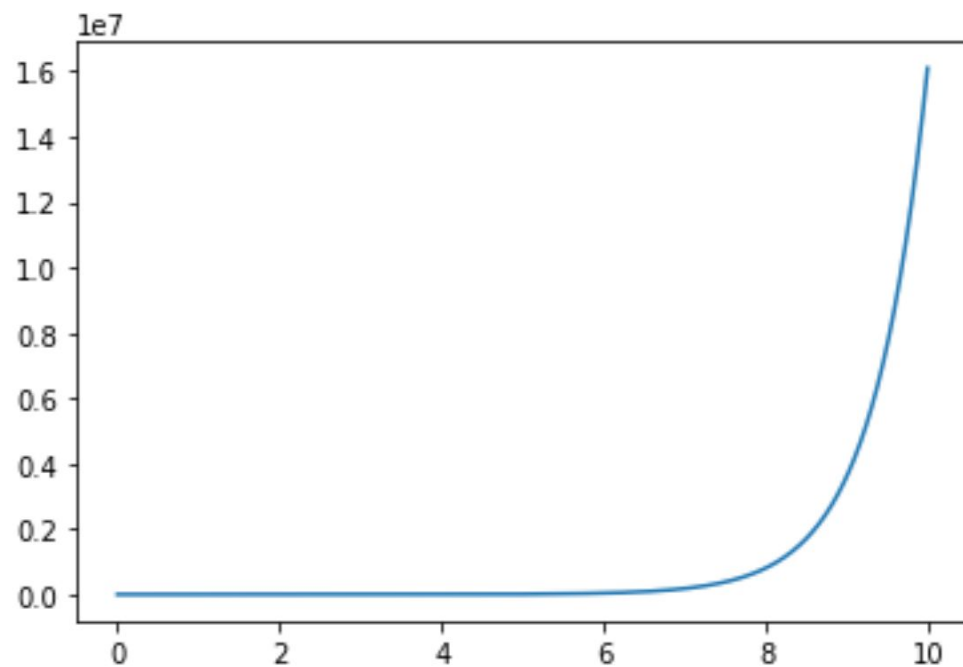
Unlike looking for a value, in an algebraic equation; in a differential equation you are looking **for a function**.

$$r = b - d$$

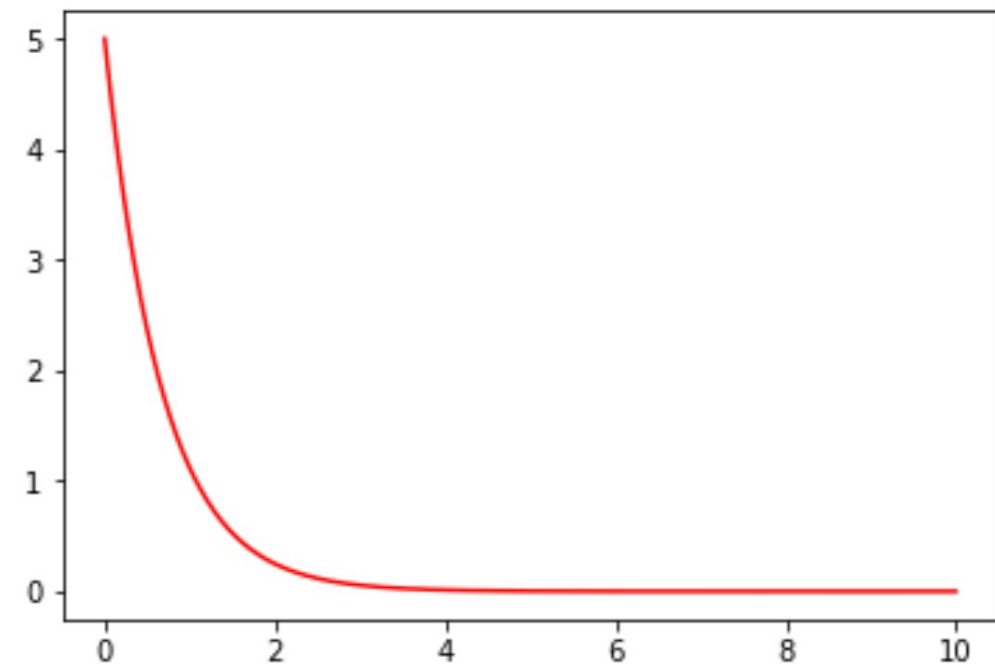
$$\frac{dP}{P} = r dt$$

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$$P(t) = P_0 e^{rt}$$



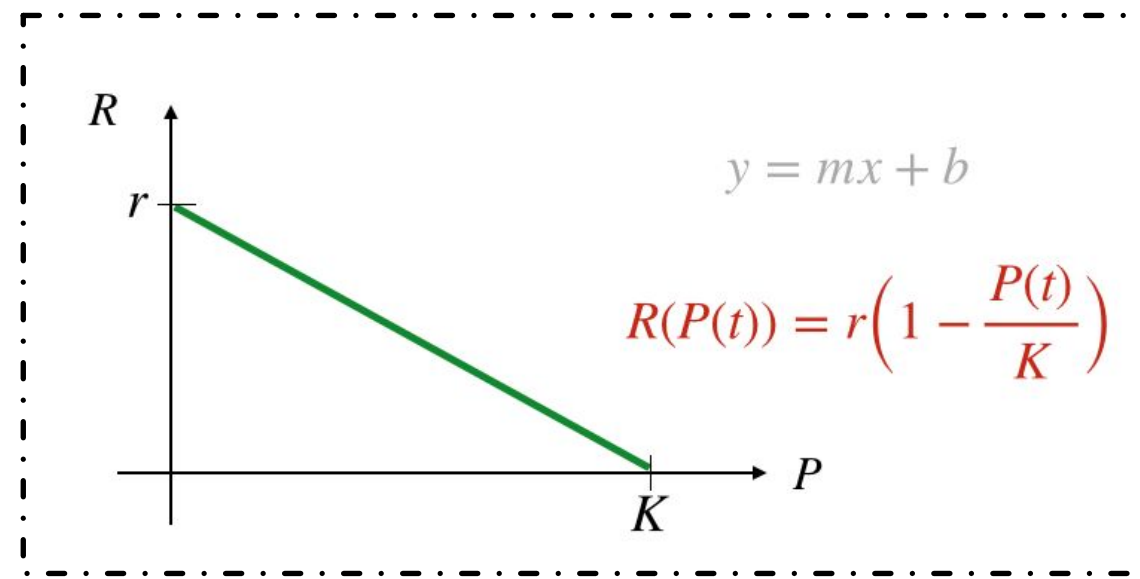
$$r > 0$$



$$r < 0$$

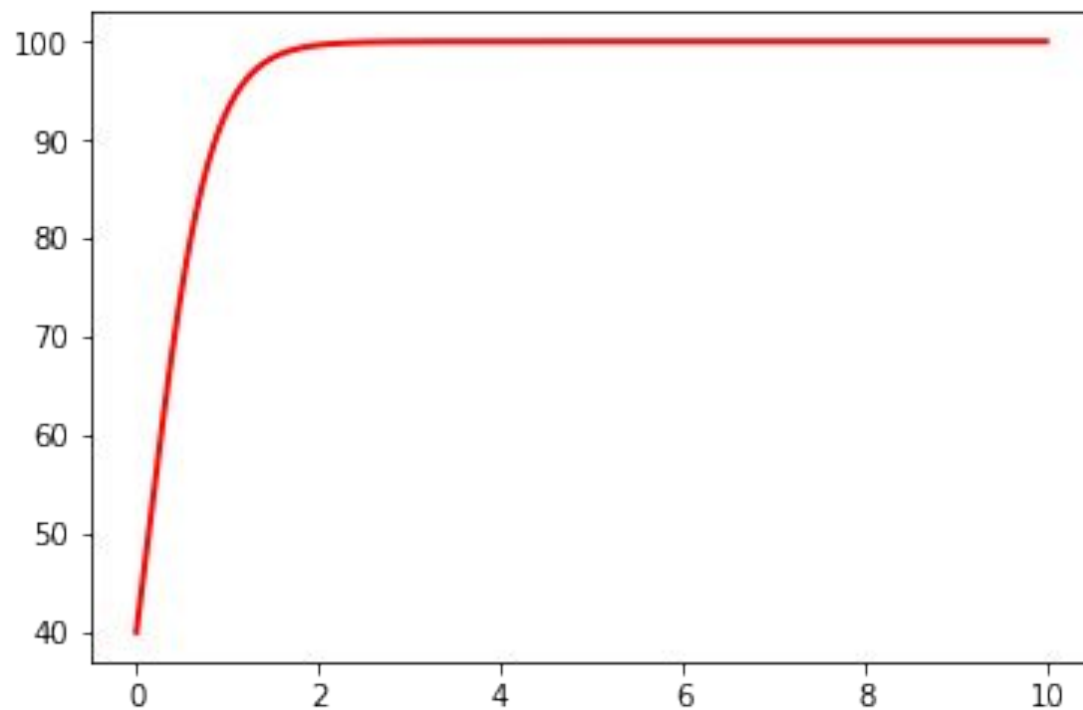
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP(t)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = R(P(t))P(t)$$

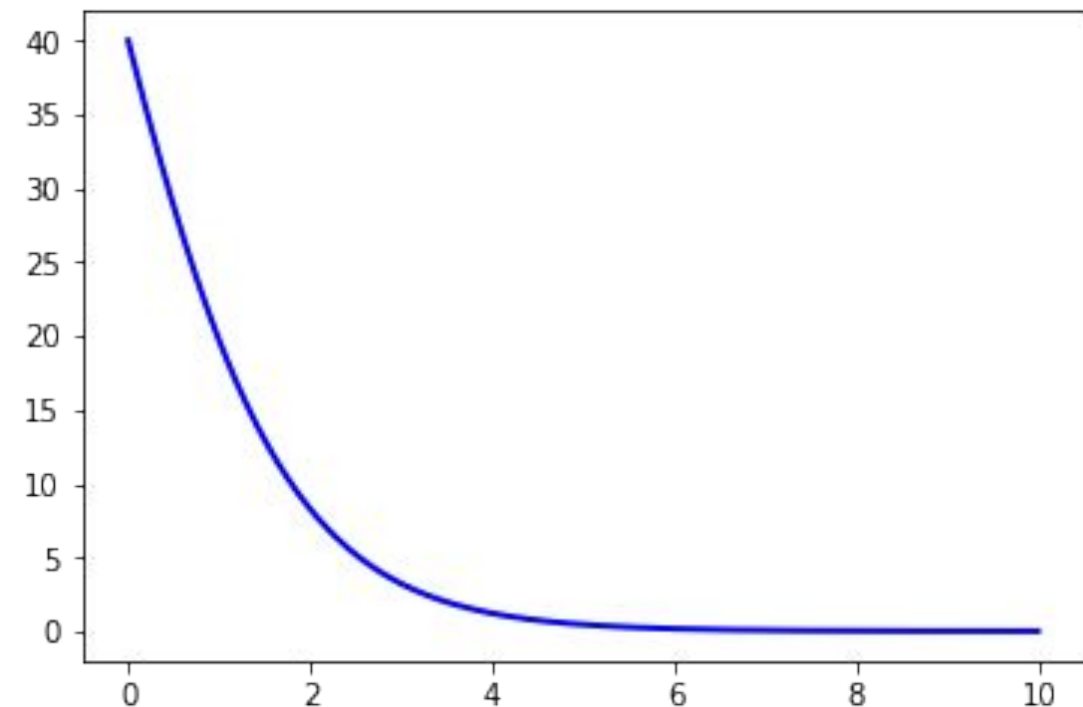


$$\frac{dP}{dt} = r\left(1 - \frac{P(t)}{K}\right)P(t)$$

$$P(t) = \frac{K}{\left(\frac{K}{P_0} - 1\right)e^{-rt} + 1}$$

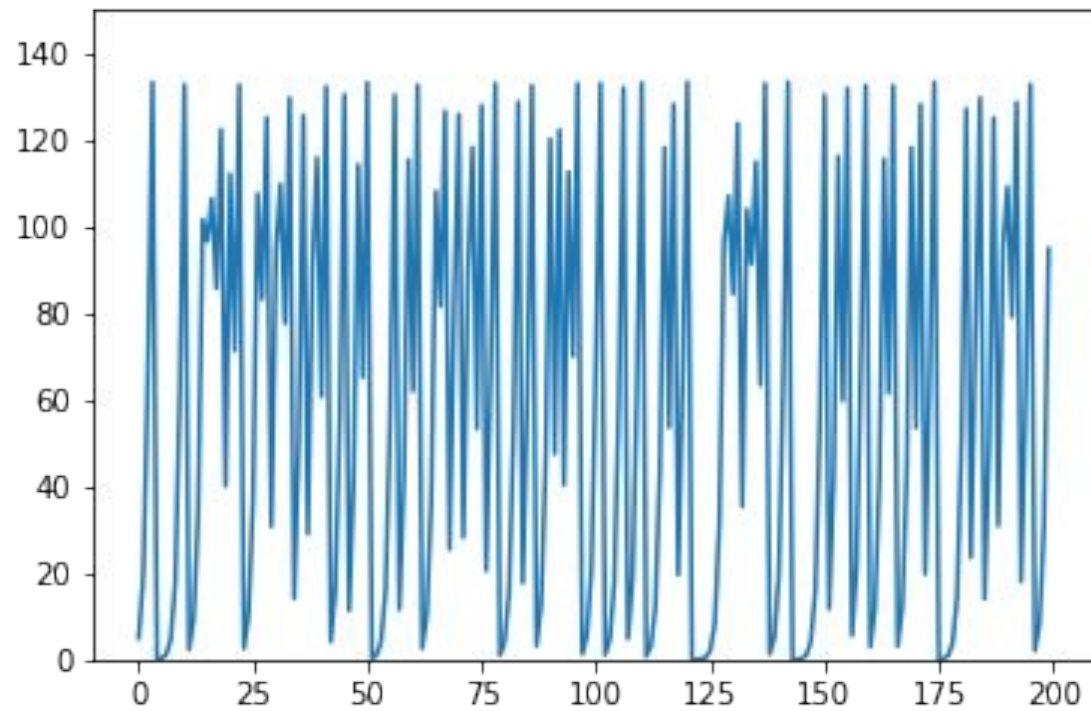


$$r = 3$$



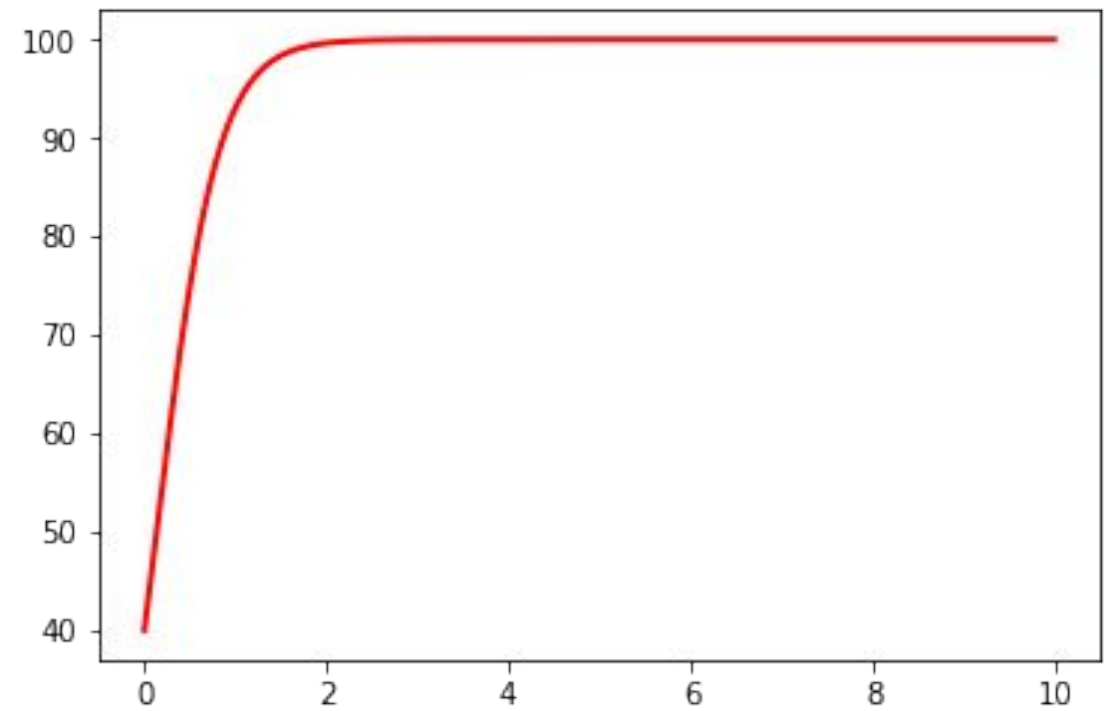
$$r = -1$$

# Discrete vs Continuous



$$r = 3$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = r \left( 1 - \frac{P(t)}{K} \right) P(t)$$



$$r = 3$$

$$\frac{dP}{P} = r dt$$

# Coupled models: Prey-Predator interactions



- Differential equations in a Lotka-Volterra model describe interactions between predators and their prey.
- This model arose when they (independently) applied this model to the study of fish and shark populations during world war I.

**Question:** What will happen to the fish population when there is a decrease in fishing?



- Extensive records were kept of the yearly catches of fish and sharks at an Italian sea port (Fiume 1914-1923).
- Italian mathematician **Vito Volterra** (1860-1940) developed a model of **predator-prey interactions** in response to some unusual data.

Year	Shark (% total catch)
1914	11.9
1915	21.4
1916	22.1
1917	21.2
1918	36.4
1919	27.3
1920	16.0
1921	15.9
1922	14.8
1923	10.7

# The model:

things Volterra considered

Natural births and deaths of sharks and fish in isolation from each other.

Decline of fish population due to the fish being the food for sharks.

Increase in the shark population due to the presence of more fish.

Fishing of both sharks and fish

X  $\longrightarrow$  number of Fish at time t

Y  $\longrightarrow$  number of Sharks at time t

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

**fish born  
in isolation**

—

**fish deaths  
in isolation**

—

**fish eaten  
by sharks**

**fish caught  
by fishermen**

$$\frac{dy}{dt} =$$

**sharks born  
in isolation**

—

**shark deaths  
in isolation**

+

**sharks feed  
from fish**

—

**sharks caught  
by fishermen**

# Assumptions

- The change in the shark and fish populations, in isolation, is **proportional** to the present population of sharks and fish, respectively.
- The number of sharks and fish caught by fishermen is directly **proportional** to the present population of the shark and fish population.
- The number of fish eaten by sharks is directly **proportional** to the product of the number of fishes present and the number of sharks present.
- The additional number of sharks surviving is directly **proportional** to the number of fish eaten.

X	→	number of Fish at time t
Y	→	number of Sharks at time t

$\frac{dx}{dt} =$	—	—	—
	fish born in isolation	fish deaths in isolation	fish eaten by sharks
$\frac{dy}{dt} =$	—	+	—
	sharks born in isolation	shark deaths in isolation	sharks feed from fish
			sharks caught by fishermen

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = bx - dx - \alpha xy - fx$$

**fish born  
in isolation**

**fish deaths  
in isolation**

**fish eaten  
by sharks**

**fish caught  
by fishermen**

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (b - d - f)x - \alpha xy$$

$r$  is the fish rate of growth

$f$  is the fraction of fish caught

$\alpha$  is the prop. constant of fish being eaten by shark

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (r - f)x - \alpha xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} =$$

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**sharks born  
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**shark deaths  
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**sharks feed  
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**sharks caught  
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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = b'y - d'y + \beta xy - fy$$

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**sharks feed  
from fish**

**sharks caught  
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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (b' - d' - f)y + \beta xy$$

$s$  is the shark rate of growth

$f$  is the fraction of shark caught

$\beta$  is the prop. constant of shark surviving by eating fish

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (s - f)y + \beta xy$$

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$s$  is the shark rate of growth

$f$  is the fraction of shark (fish) caught

$\alpha$  is the prop. constant of fish being eaten by shark

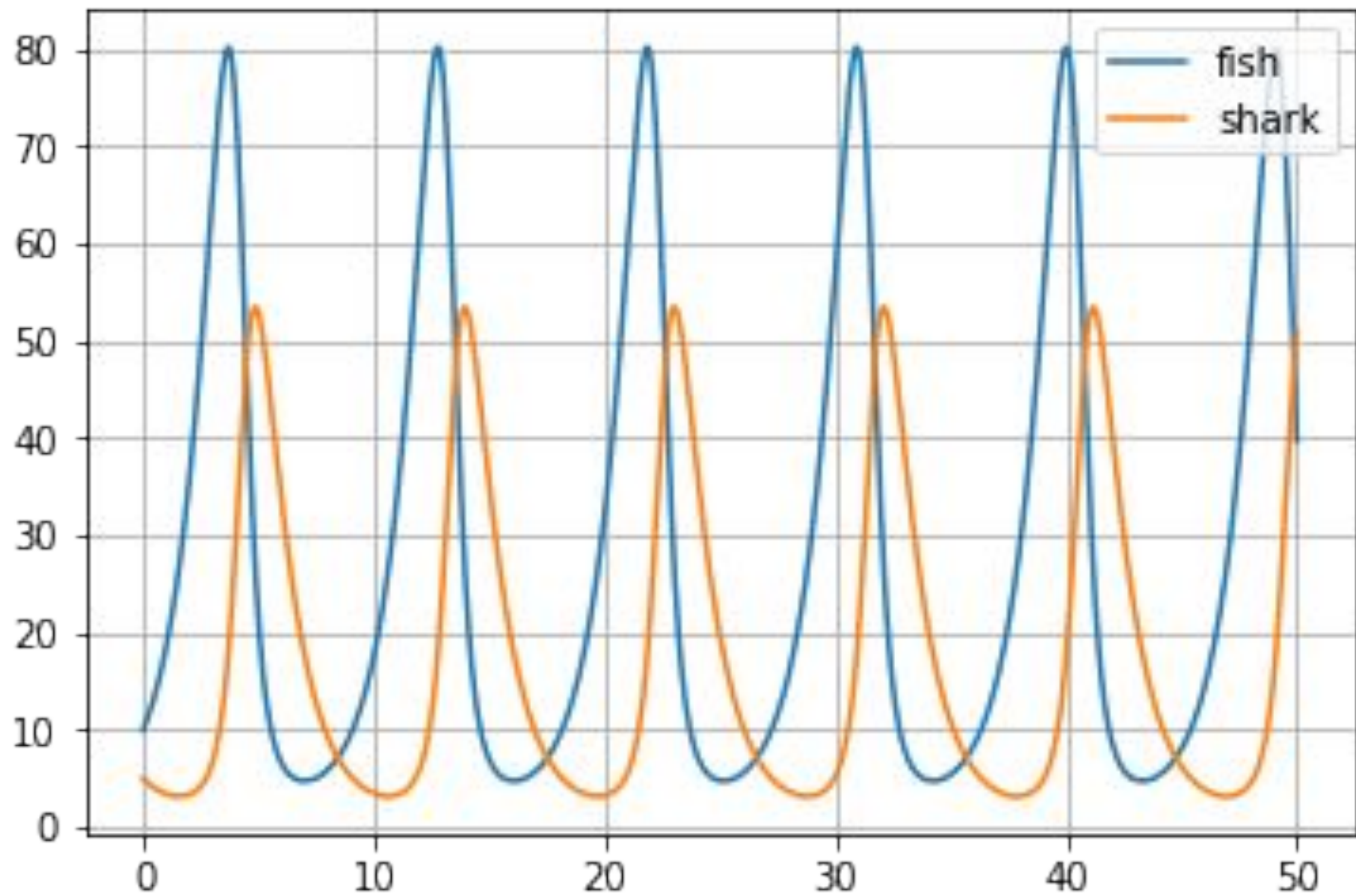
$\beta$  is the prop. constant of shark surviving by eating fish

For numerical exploration:

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.integrate.odeint.html>







$r = 0.8$   
 $f = 0.0001$   
 $s = -0.8$   
 $\alpha = 0.045$   
 $\beta = 0.03$

# Steady state analysis

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (r - f)x - \alpha xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (s - f)y + \beta xy$$

# Steady state analysis

$$0 = (r - f)x - \alpha xy$$

$$0 = (s - f)y + \beta xy$$

$$(x, y) = (0, 0)$$

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{f - s}{\beta}, \frac{r - f}{\alpha} \right)$$

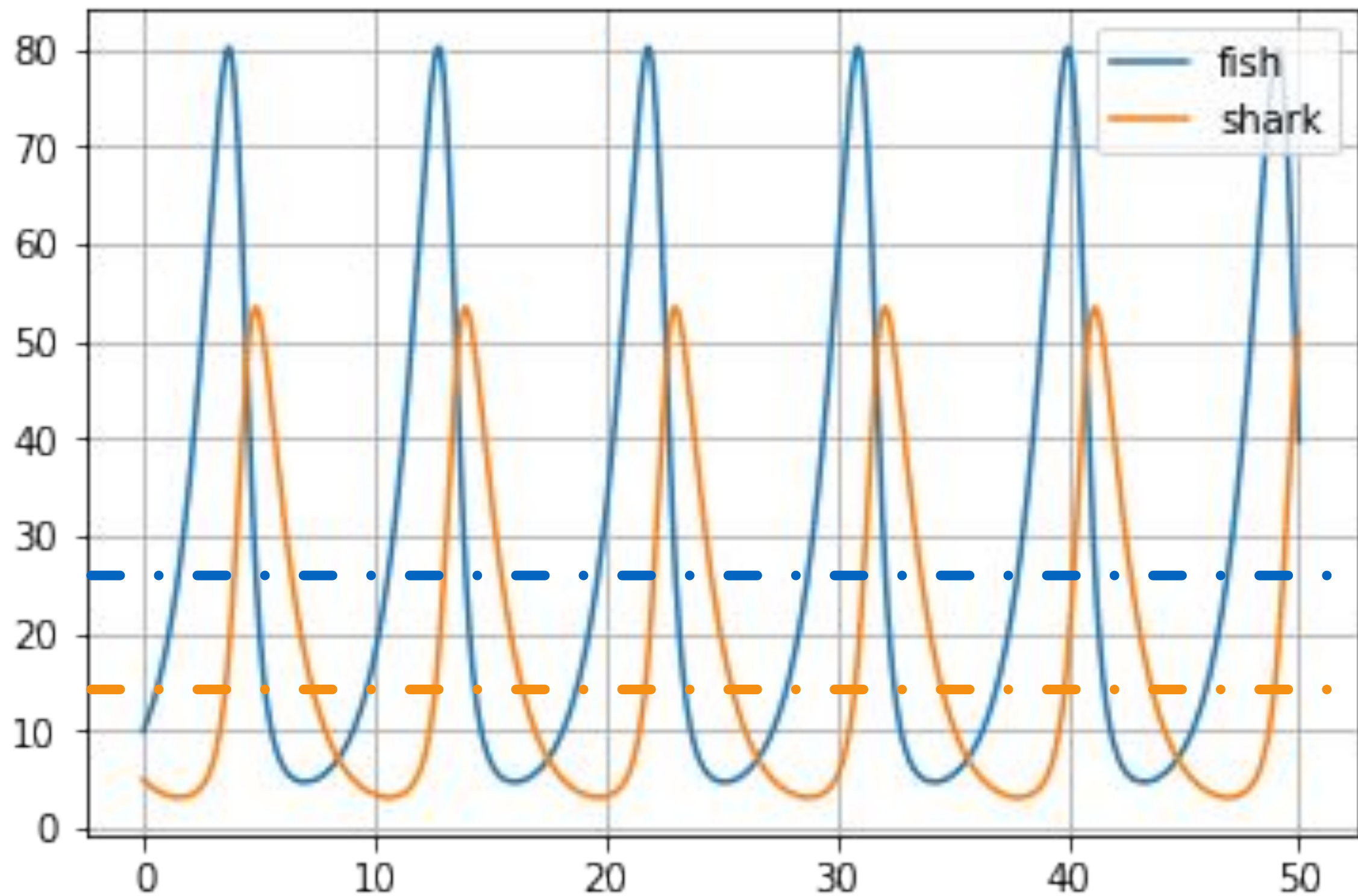
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$x^* = 26.67$   
 $y^* = 17.77$

# Steady state analysis

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{f - s}{\beta}, \frac{r - f}{\alpha} \right)$$

Steady state  $(0, 0)$  corresponds to the extinction of both species. Uninteresting and unlikely.... for the most part.

**Non-trivial steady state:**  $x^*$  does not depend on  $r$  and  $y^*$  does not depend on  $s$ .

We will use **phase-plane analysis** to verify that oscillations are expected around the non-trivial steady state.

# Phase-plane analysis

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y) \qquad \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y)$$

- Lotka-Volterra is **first-order, autonomous** system.
- Instead of solving for  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ , see how  $x$  reacts to changes in  $y$ .
- Resulting curves in  $(x, y)$  are called **phase-plane trajectories**.

Starting point:

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

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y)$$

Goal:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = ?$$



chain rule

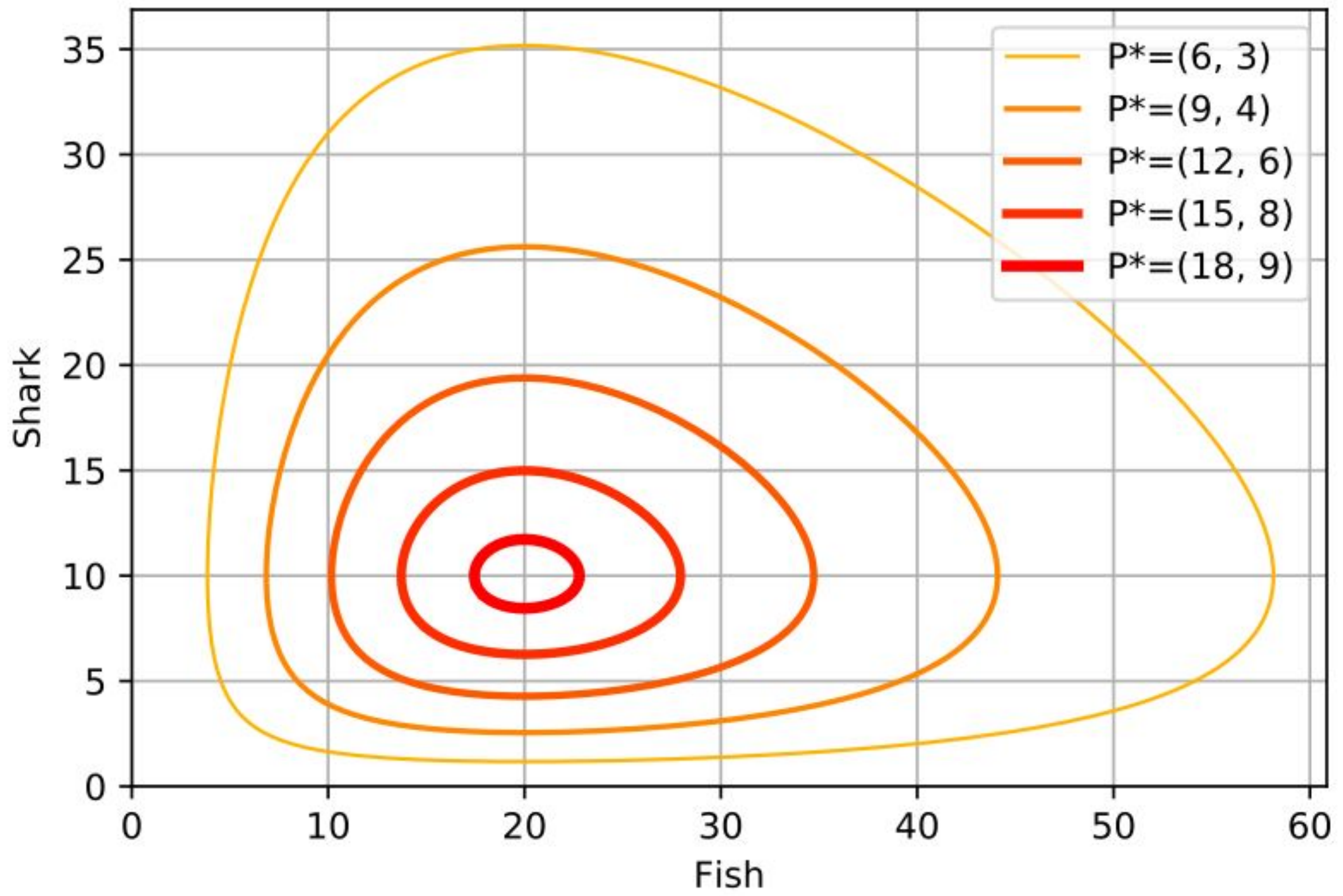
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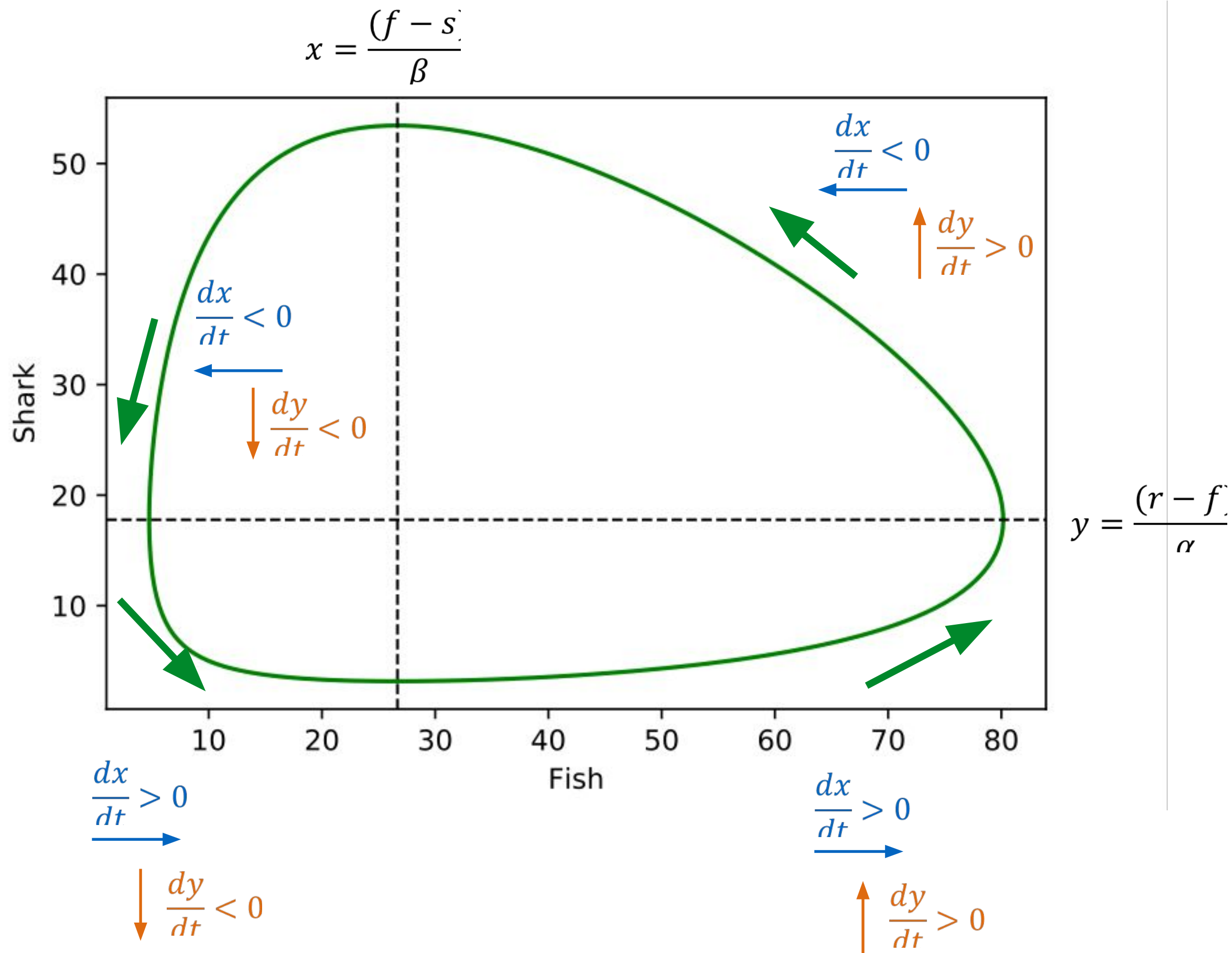
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = h(x, y)$$

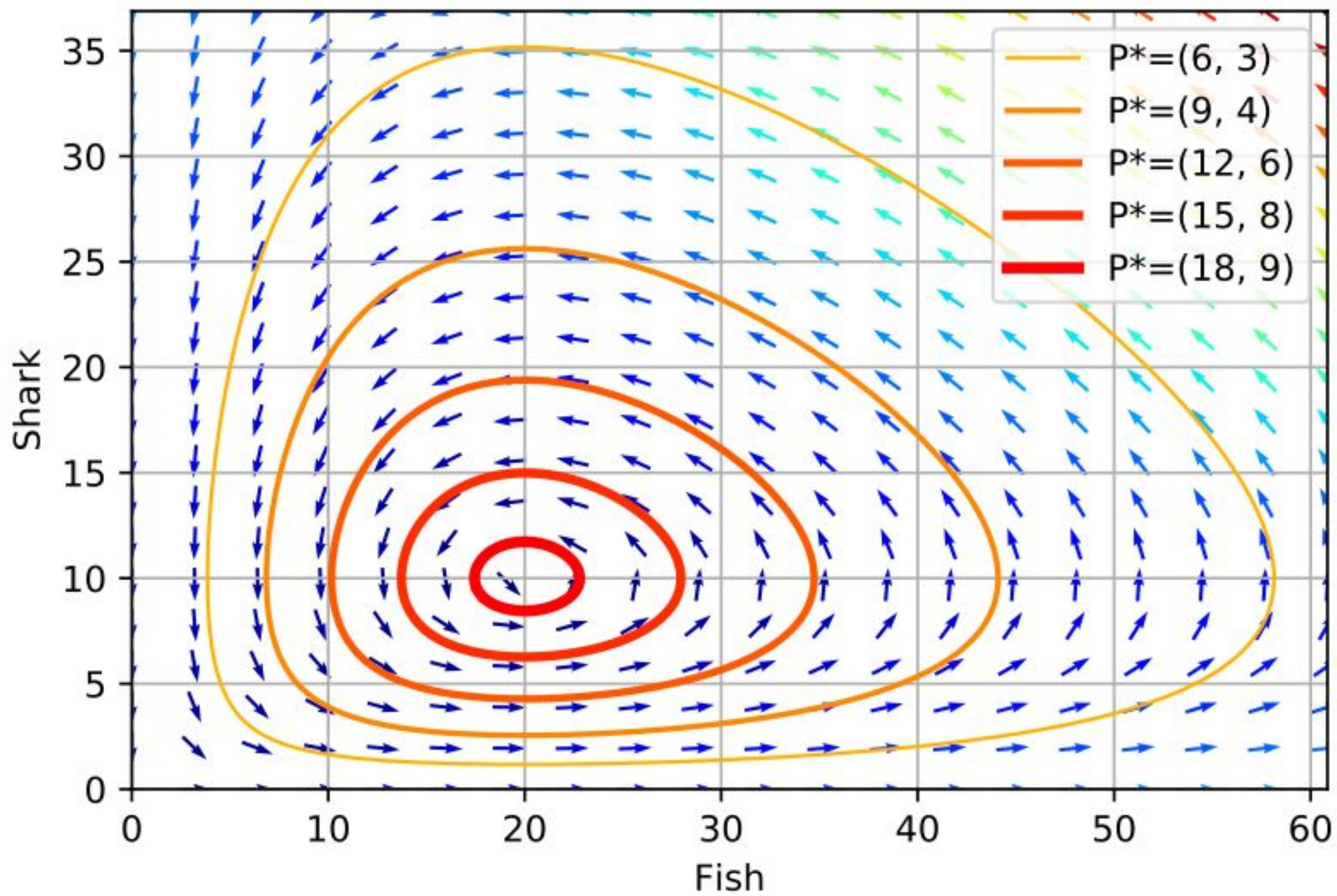
Solve for  $x$  and  $y$ , and **plot in the  $(x, y)$  space** using the given initial values.









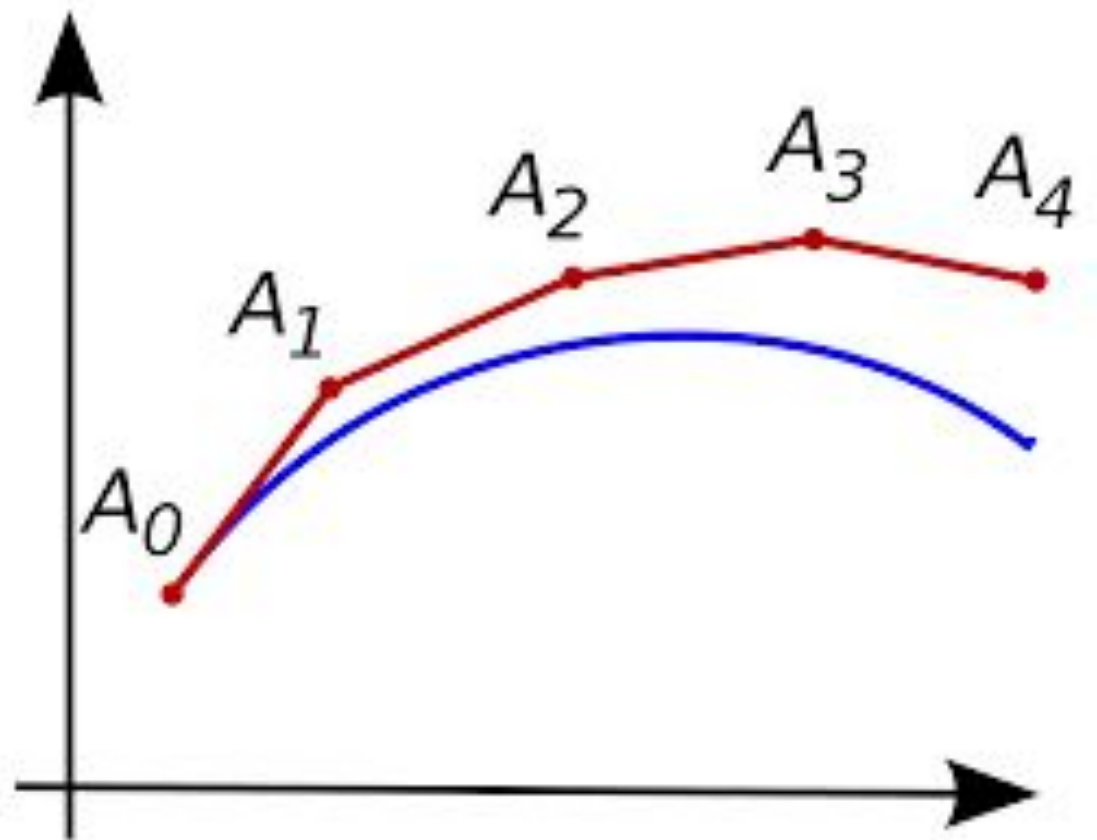


## Odeint: Numerical integration

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t)$$

$$x(t) = \int f(x)$$

$$x(0) = x$$



(we will discuss this next week)

**Visualising a dynamical system...**

<https://vimeo.com/23839605>

**Kill Math, by Bret  
Victor:**

<http://worrydream.com/KillMath/>