

# Calculating Biological Quantities

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Definitions: An **Eigenvector** of a square matrix  $A$  is a vector  $x$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ . An **Eigenvalue** is that scalar,  $\lambda$ .

There can be at most  $n$  eigenvectors and  $n$  eigenvalues for an  $n \times n$  matrix.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t}$$

we can check that this  
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Plug into RHS:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} \right) \\ &= k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} \\ &= k_1 (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + k_2 (4) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} \end{aligned}$$

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Practice. Find the eigenvalues & eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

①  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

②  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 3 \cdot 2$   
 $= 2 - \lambda - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 6$

③  $2 - 3\lambda + \lambda^2 - 6 = 0$  ↖ set to 0

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

④  $\Rightarrow \lambda = 4, \lambda = -1$

could replace these steps with:

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 2-4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1-4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so } -2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 = 3x_2$$

$$x_1 = \frac{3}{2}x_2$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{3}x_1$$

②

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

etc with  $\lambda = -1$ .

Practice. Solve  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $n_1(0) = 7$ ,  $n_2(0) = 3$

$$\frac{d\vec{n}}{dt} = A\vec{n} \rightarrow \vec{n} = k_1 \vec{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + k_2 \vec{x}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

Solution

$$\vec{n} = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{formula for} \\ \text{solution} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ll} \lambda_1 = -1 & \lambda_2 = 4 \\ \vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right]$$

At  $t=0$ ,  $n_1(0) = 7$ ,  $n_2(0) = 3$ .

so  $\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-0} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{4 \cdot 0} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{plug in} \\ \text{I.C.} \end{array} \right]$

from previous slides,

solve for  $k_1$  and  $k_2$

$$k_1 + 3k_2 = 7$$

$$-k_1 + 2k_2 = 3 \quad (+)$$

$$5k_2 = 10$$

$$k_2 = 2 \quad \text{plug back in ... } k_1 + 3 \cdot 2 = 7$$

$$k_1 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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plug in  $k_1, k_2$

# Linear Multivariable Models

**Linear** model  $\frac{d\vec{n}}{dt} = M\vec{n}$

**Affine** model  $\frac{d\vec{n}}{dt} = M\vec{n} + \vec{c}$

Two dimensional case (individual equation form)

$$\frac{dn_1}{dt} = an_1 + bn_2$$

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Two dimensional case (matrix vector form)

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**Question:** what are the equilibria of these systems?

# Equilibria of linear multivariable models

Three methods:

**1. Solve individual equations.**

2. Solve matrix equation.

3. Nullclines.

$$\frac{dn_1}{dt} = an_1 + bn_2 = 0 \quad an_1 = -bn_2$$

$$\frac{dn_2}{dt} = cn_1 + dn_2 = 0 \quad n_1 = -\frac{b}{a}n_2$$

$$c\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)n_2 + dn_2 = 0$$

$$n_2 \left[ -\frac{cb}{a} + d \right] = 0$$

$$n_2 = 0$$

$$n_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$an_1 + bn_2 + c_1 = 0$$

$$n_1 = \frac{-bn_2 - c_1}{a}$$

$$\frac{dn_1}{dt} = an_1 + bn_2 + c_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{dn_2}{dt} = cn_1 + dn_2 + c_2 = 0$$

$$c\left(\frac{-bn_2 - c_1}{a}\right) + dn_2 + c_2 = 0$$

$$-\frac{cbn_2}{a} - \frac{cc_1}{a} + dn_2 + c_2 = 0$$

$$n_2 \left( -\frac{cb}{a} + d \right) = \frac{cc_1}{a} + c_2 \Rightarrow n_2 = \frac{\frac{cc_1}{a} + c_2}{-\frac{cb}{a} + d}$$



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$$M \vec{n} = \vec{0}$$

if  $M$  is invertible,

$$M^{-1} M \vec{n} = M^{-1} \vec{0}$$

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$$\frac{d\vec{n}}{dt} = M \vec{n} + \vec{c} \stackrel{\text{def'n of equil.}}{=} \vec{0}$$

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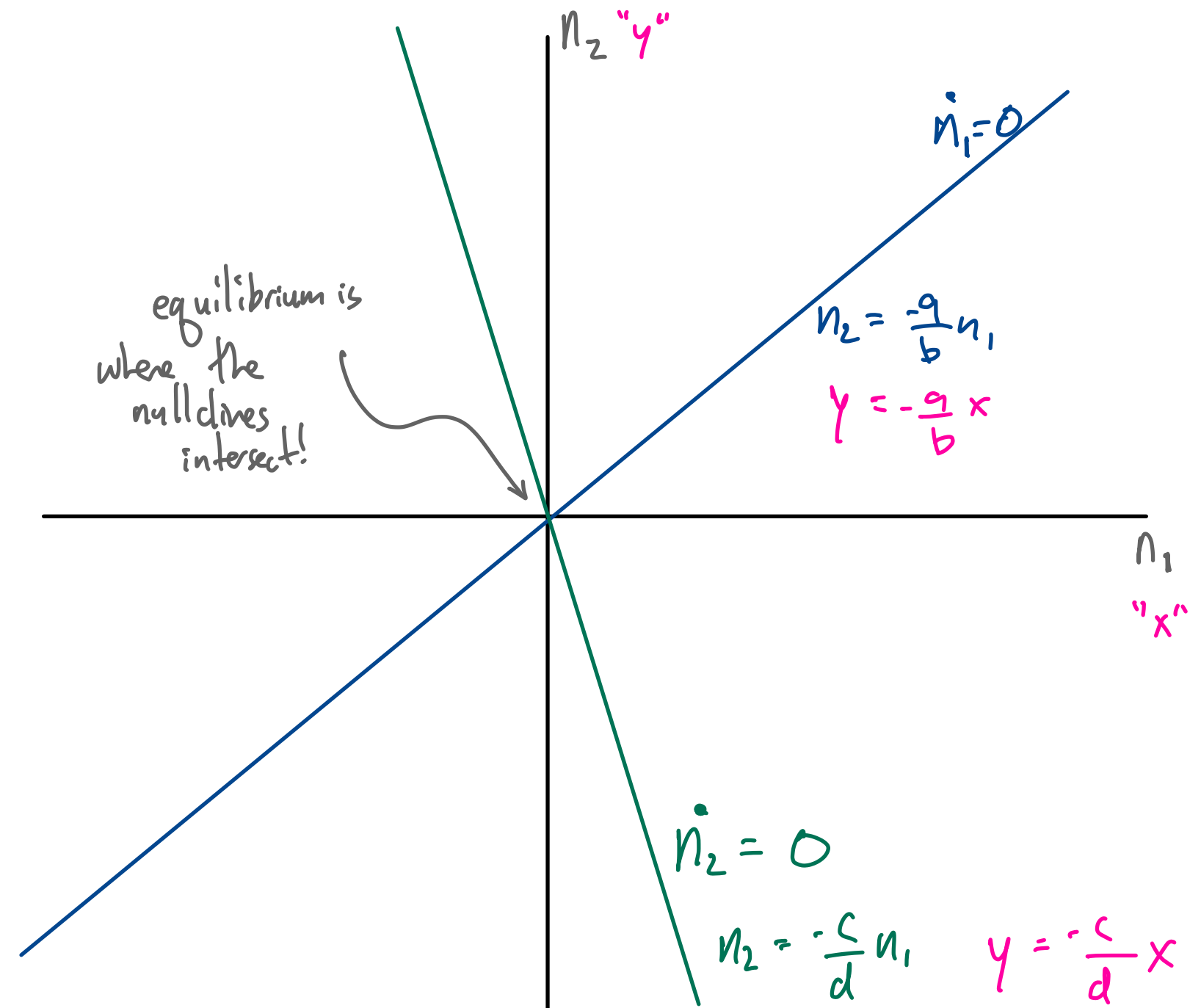
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$$n_2 = \underbrace{-\frac{a}{b}n_1}_{\text{Slope}} + \underbrace{0}_{\text{intercept}}$$

$$cn_1 + dn_2 = 0$$

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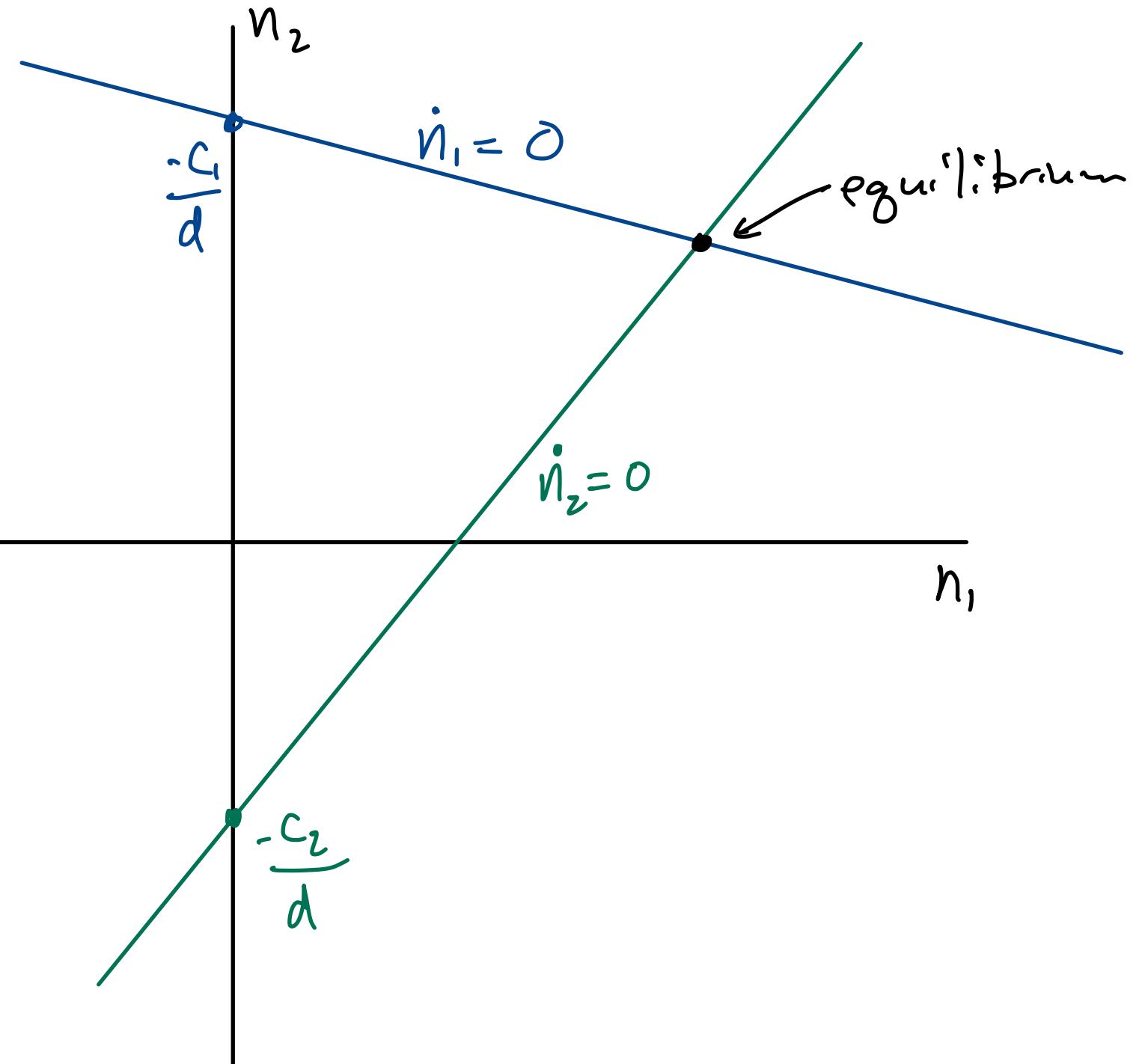
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# Equilibria of linear multivariable models

or affine

**Rule:** A linear model in continuous time has only one equilibrium regardless of the number of variables, provided that the determinant of  $M$  is not zero.

• If  $\frac{d\vec{n}}{dt} = M\vec{n}$  then  $\hat{\vec{n}} = 0$

• If  $\frac{d\vec{n}}{dt} = M\vec{n} + \vec{c}$  then  $\hat{\vec{n}} = -M^{-1}\vec{c}$

recall:

$\Rightarrow$  •  $M^{-1}$  exists

•  $M$  is invertible

•  $Mx = b$  has a unique solution for  $x$  for any  $b$  you choose.

•  $Mx = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ .

If  $\det(M) = 0$ , there are an infinite number of equilibria.

# Stability of Equilibria

**Recall** that a system grows or decays in the direction of an eigenvector at a rate given by its eigenvalue.

**Rule:** a system is unstable if it will move away from the equilibrium in at least one direction.

Because moving away = positive eigenvalue, this leads us to conclude:

**Stability of equilibria** (real eigenvalues):

- If all eigenvalues are negative, the <sup>equilibrium</sup> system is stable.
- If one or more eigenvalues are positive, the system is unstable.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= 4 \\ \lambda_2 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{n} &= An = 0 \quad \text{equil!} \\ \Rightarrow \hat{n} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

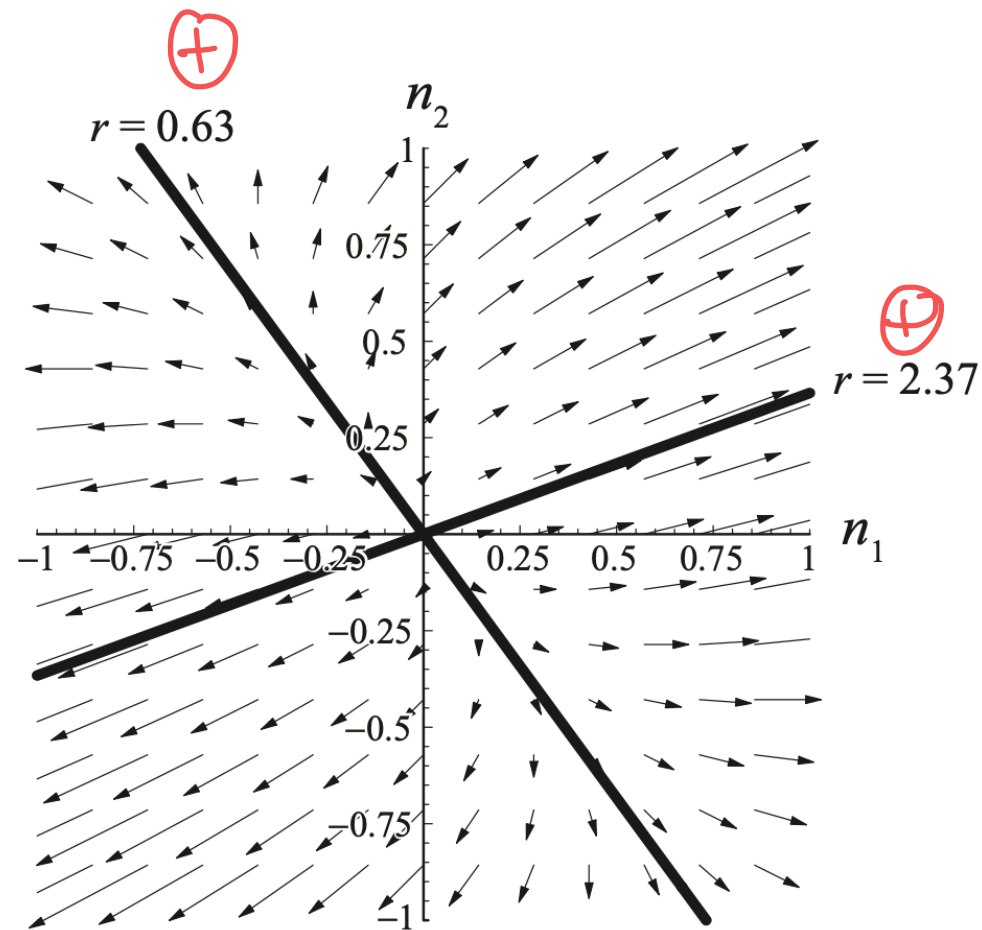
a) stable

b) unstable

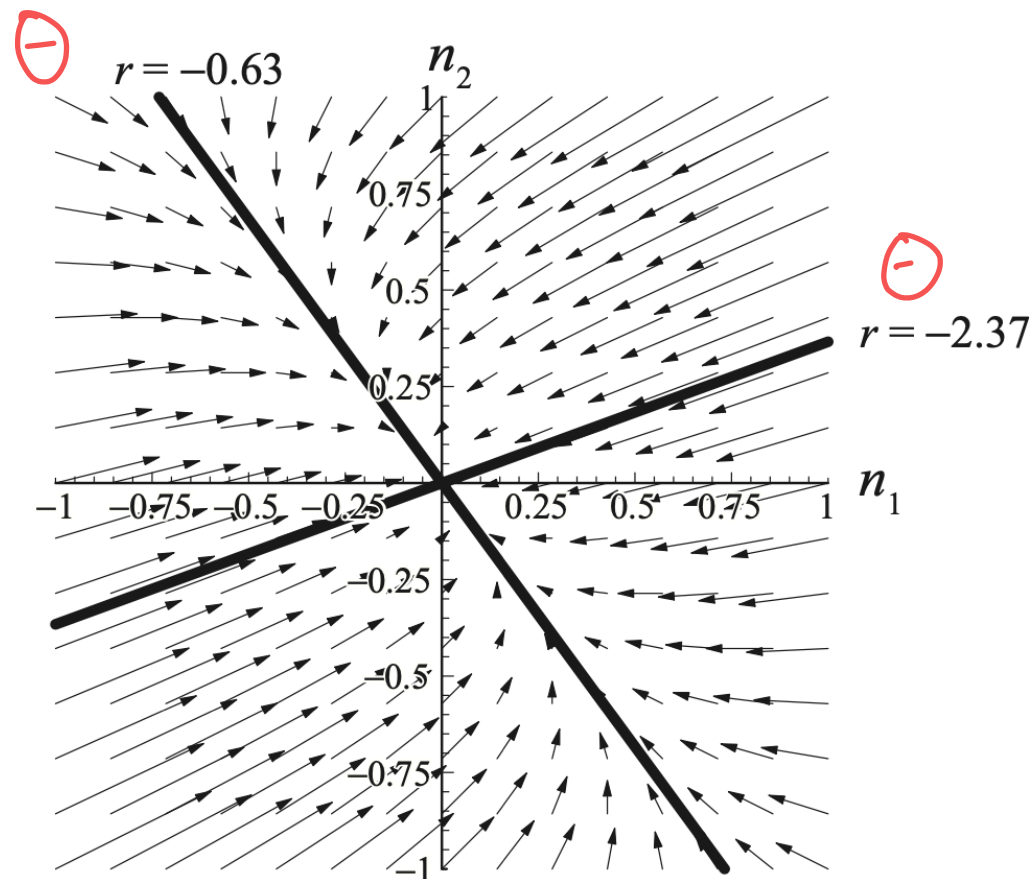
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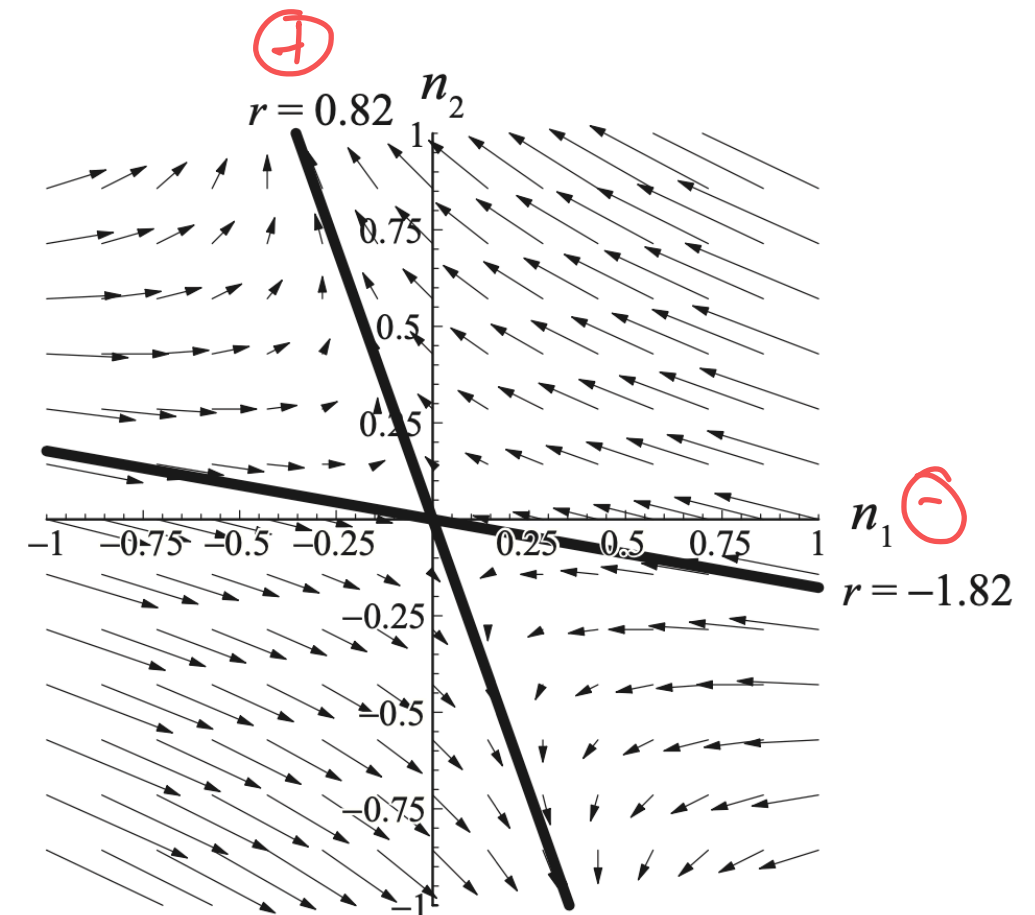
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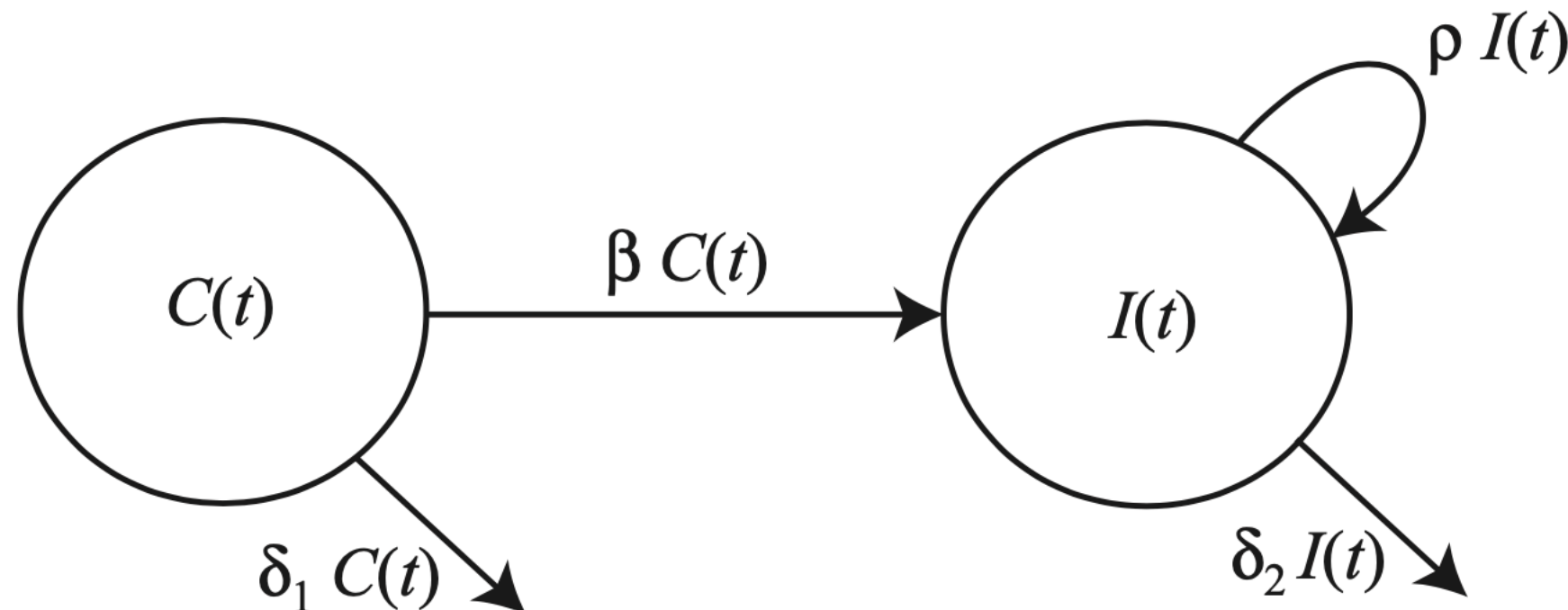


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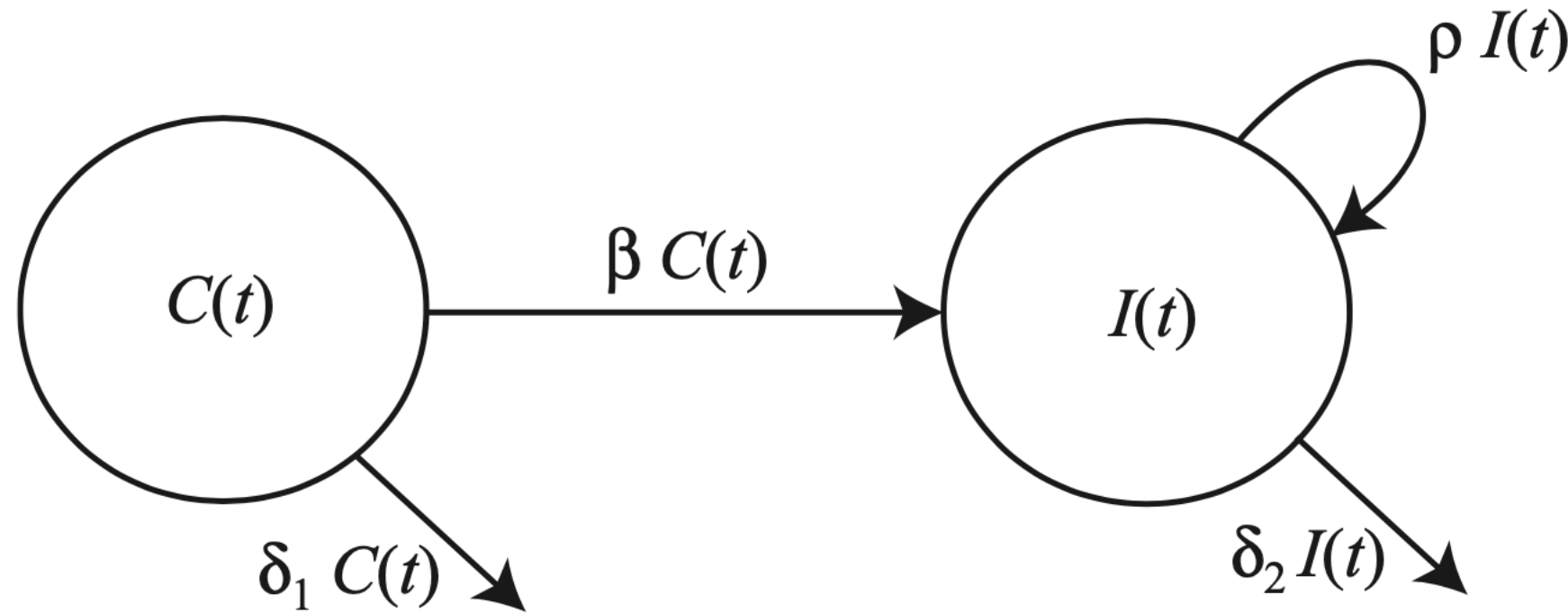


$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -\delta_1 C - \beta C + 0I$$

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$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -(\delta_1 + \beta) & 0 \\ \beta & \rho - \delta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



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1. Identify the equilibrium or equilibria.
2. Determine the stability.