

# Calculating Biological Quantities

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# Last time on CSCI 2897

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.

To compute eigenvalues, we:

1. Write  $Ax = \lambda x$  as  $Ax - \lambda x = 0$  and then as  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ .
2. If  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  but  $x \neq 0$ , this means that  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .
3. Write out the characteristic equation:  $(a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc = 0$
4. Solve for  $\lambda$ .

To compute the eigenvectors, for each eigenvalue, we

1. Plug in the  $\lambda$  to  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ , and write out the equations.
2. The equations *should* be redundant. Pick one and determine the relationship between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . That's your eigenvector!

# Why do we care though?

$$\frac{d\vec{n}}{dt} = A\vec{n}$$

Solution:  $\vec{n}(t) = k_1 \vec{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + k_2 \vec{x}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$

$$\dot{n} = \lambda n$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \lambda n \rightarrow n(t) = k e^{\lambda t}$$

## Example

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn_1}{dt} &= 2n_1 + 3n_2 \\ \frac{dn_2}{dt} &= 2n_1 + n_2 \end{aligned}$$

rewrite system of ODEs in matrix form

★  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix}$

solution to ODEs is in terms of eigenvalues and eigenvectors

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

we can check that this solves, by plugging into ★

Plug solution into LHS of ★

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

Plug solution into RHS of ★

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

$$Ax_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$$

$$Ax_2 = \lambda_2 x_2$$

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

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

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = 1, 1$

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

so  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - (3)(2)$

$$(3) \quad \text{set} = 0 \longrightarrow 2 - 3\lambda + \lambda^2 - 6 = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = 4, \lambda = -1}$$

Formula allows you to skip to step 4.

Recall:  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{-\text{tr}(A) \pm \sqrt{\text{tr}^2(A) - 4\det(A)}}{2}$

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

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

$$-2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 - 3x_2 = 0$$

$$(2) \quad -2x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

$$3x_2 = 2x_1$$

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

$$x_2 = 1 \rightarrow x_1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2-(-1) & 3 \\ 2 & 1-(-1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -x_2$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

redundant

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix}(t) = k_1 \vec{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + k_2 \vec{x}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

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

Plug in initial conditions.

$$t=0, n_1=7, n_2=3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{4 \cdot 0} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-0}$$

solve for what the constants must be

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

$$7 = 3/2 k_1 + k_2$$

$$+ \quad 3 = k_1 - k_2$$

$$10 = \frac{5}{2} k_1$$

$$20 = 5 k_1$$

$$\boxed{4 = k_1}$$

$$3 = 4 - k_2 \rightarrow \boxed{k_2 = 1}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix}(t) = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}}$$

# Linear Multivariable Models

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha n \quad \text{vs.} \quad \frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha n + c$$

S.O.V. I.F.

**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)

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

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

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

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

Two dimensional case (matrix vector form)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**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.

too much work!  
Imagine if  $3 \times 3$ ?  
 $10 \times 10$ ?

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

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

$$n_1 = -\frac{b}{a}n_2$$

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

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

$$n_2 = 0$$

$$n_1 = 0$$

$$(n_1, n_2) = (0, 0)$$

$$an_1 = -c_1 - bn_2$$

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

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

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

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

$$-\frac{cc_1}{a} - \frac{bcn_2}{a} + dn_2 + c_2 = 0$$

$$\left(-\frac{bc}{a} + d\right)n_2 = -c_2 + \frac{cc_1}{a} \quad \left[ n_2 = \frac{-c_2 + \frac{cc_1}{a}}{-bc/a + d} \right]$$

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

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

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

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

If I can invert  $M$ ,  
then  $\vec{n} = \vec{0}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$M \vec{n} = -\vec{c}$$

$$M^{-1} M \vec{n} = M^{-1} (-\vec{c})$$

$$\boxed{\vec{n} = -M^{-1} \vec{c}}$$

(if I can invert  $M$ )



# Equilibria of linear multivariable models

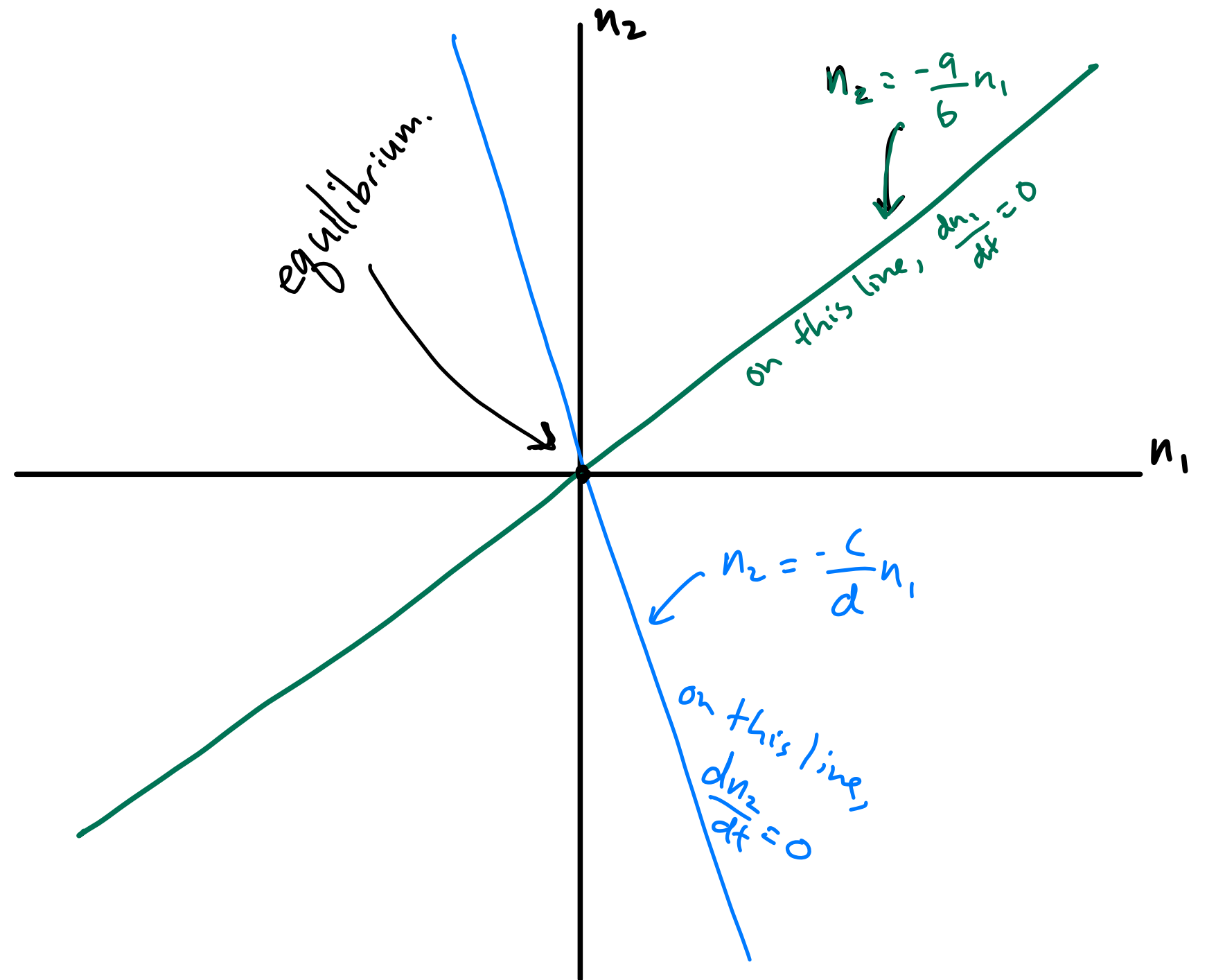
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## 3. Nullclines.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dn_1}{dt} &= an_1 + bn_2 = 0 & n_2 &= -\frac{a}{b}n_1 \\ \frac{dn_2}{dt} &= cn_1 + dn_2 = 0 & n_2 &= -\frac{c}{d}n_1\end{aligned}$$

A **nullcline** is a line in phase space on which one of the variables is constant (unchanging).



# Equilibria of linear multivariable models

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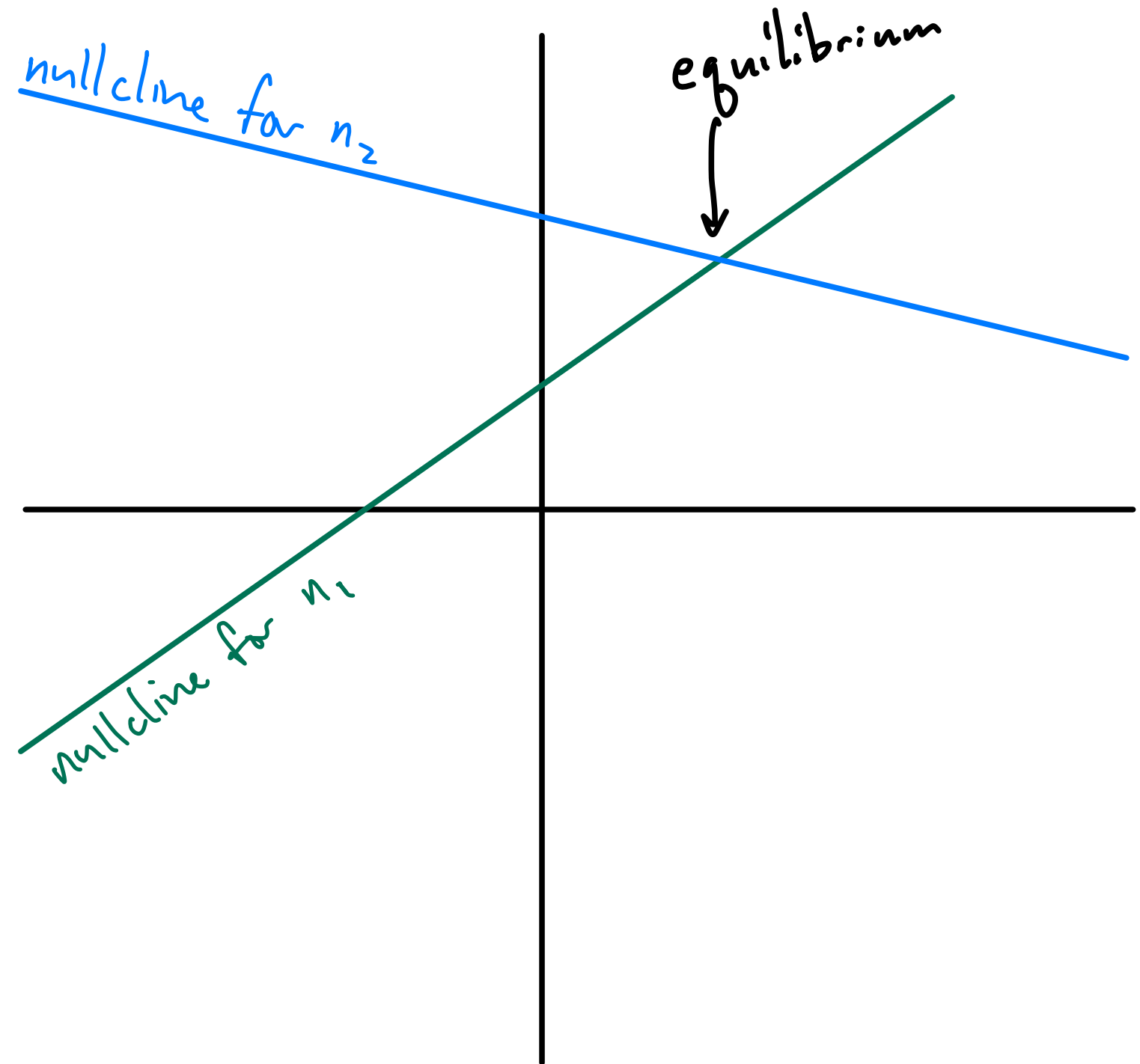
(affine)

$$n_2 = -\frac{a}{b}n_1 - \frac{c_1}{b}$$

$$n_2 = -\frac{c}{d}n_1 - \frac{c_2}{d}$$

$$y = mx + b$$

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# Equilibria of linear multivariable models

or affine

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

↳ equivalent:  $M$  is invertible.

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

see prev slides

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

Is an affine model a type of linear model?

- A linear model is affine

- An affine model is only linear if  $\vec{c} = \vec{0}$

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 system is stable.
- If one or more eigenvalues are positive, the system is unstable.

$e^{-t}$   $e^{-3t}$   
as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   $e^{-t} \rightarrow 0$   $e^{-3t} \rightarrow 0$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{prev. slides}}$   $\lambda_1 = 4$   $\lambda_2 = -1$   $\dot{\mathbf{n}} = A\mathbf{n}$   $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \vec{0}$ , and it is

positive eigenvalues

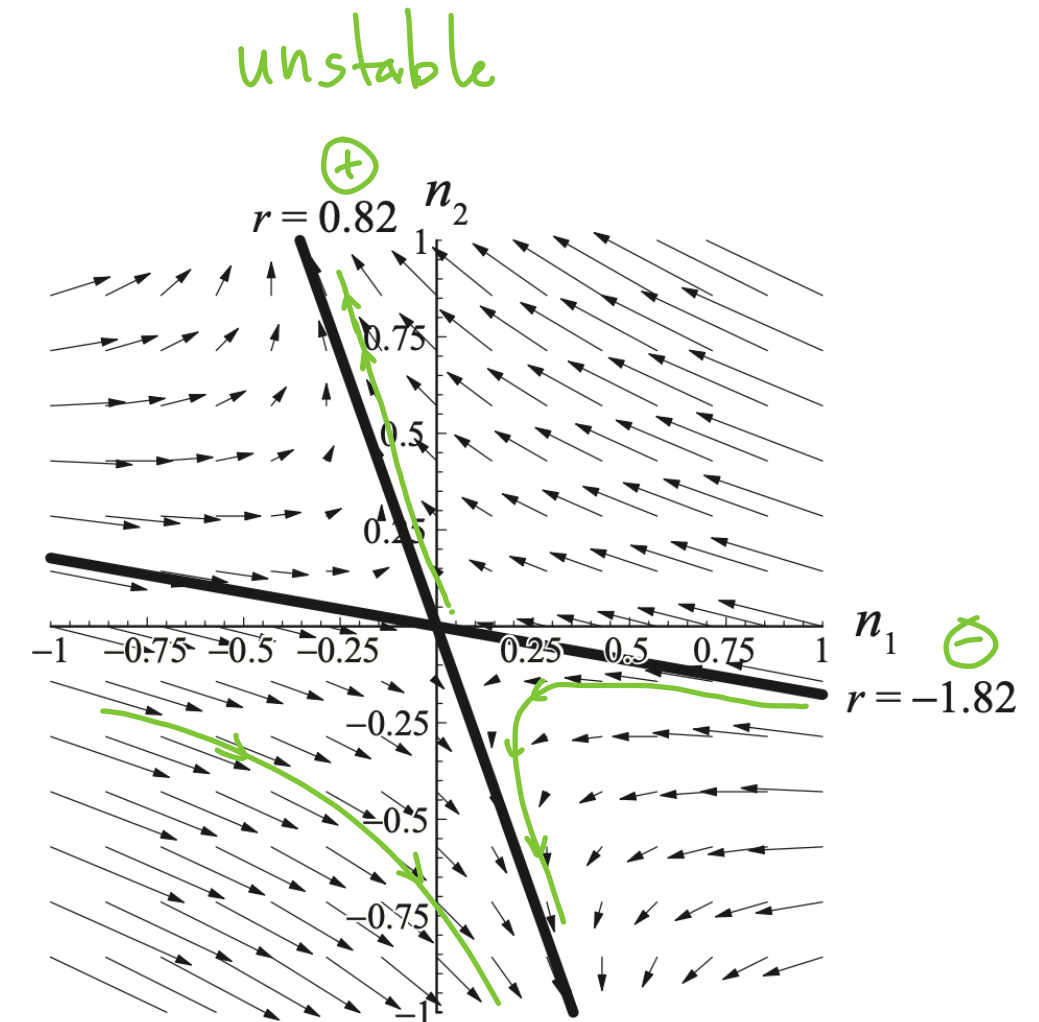
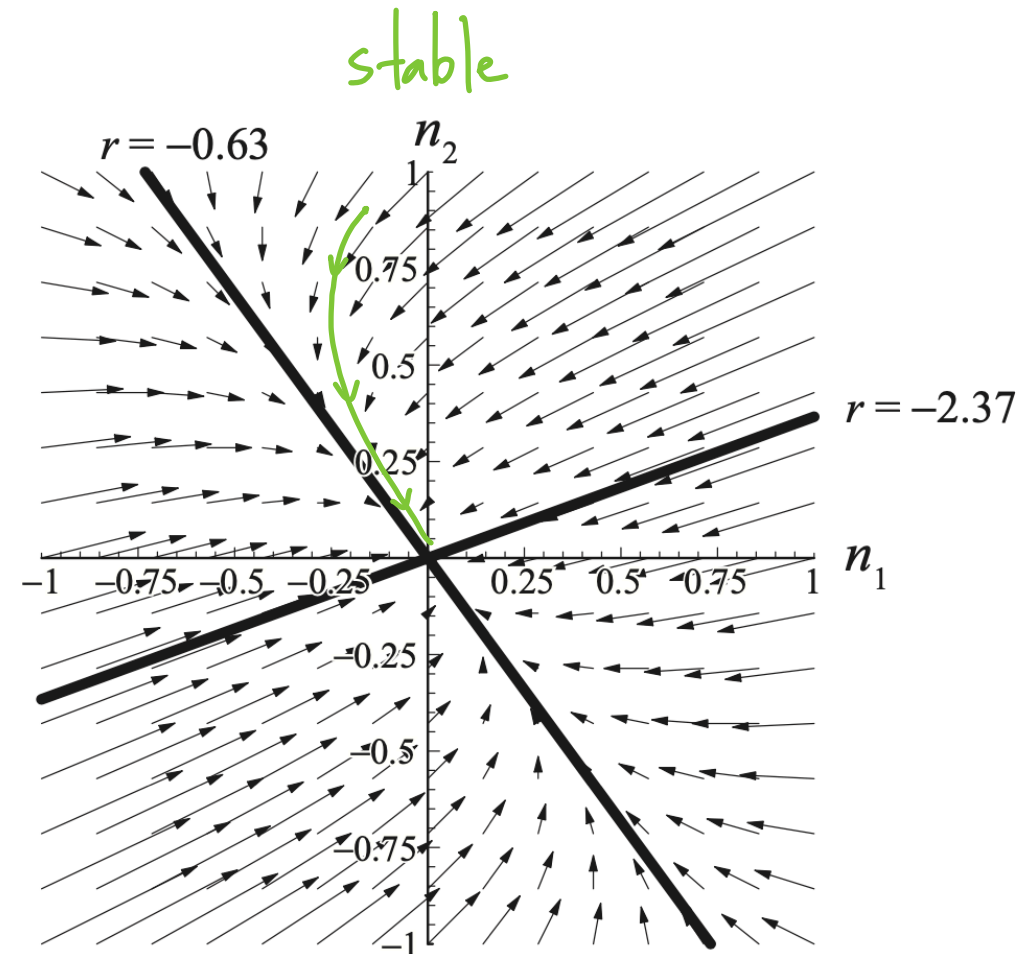
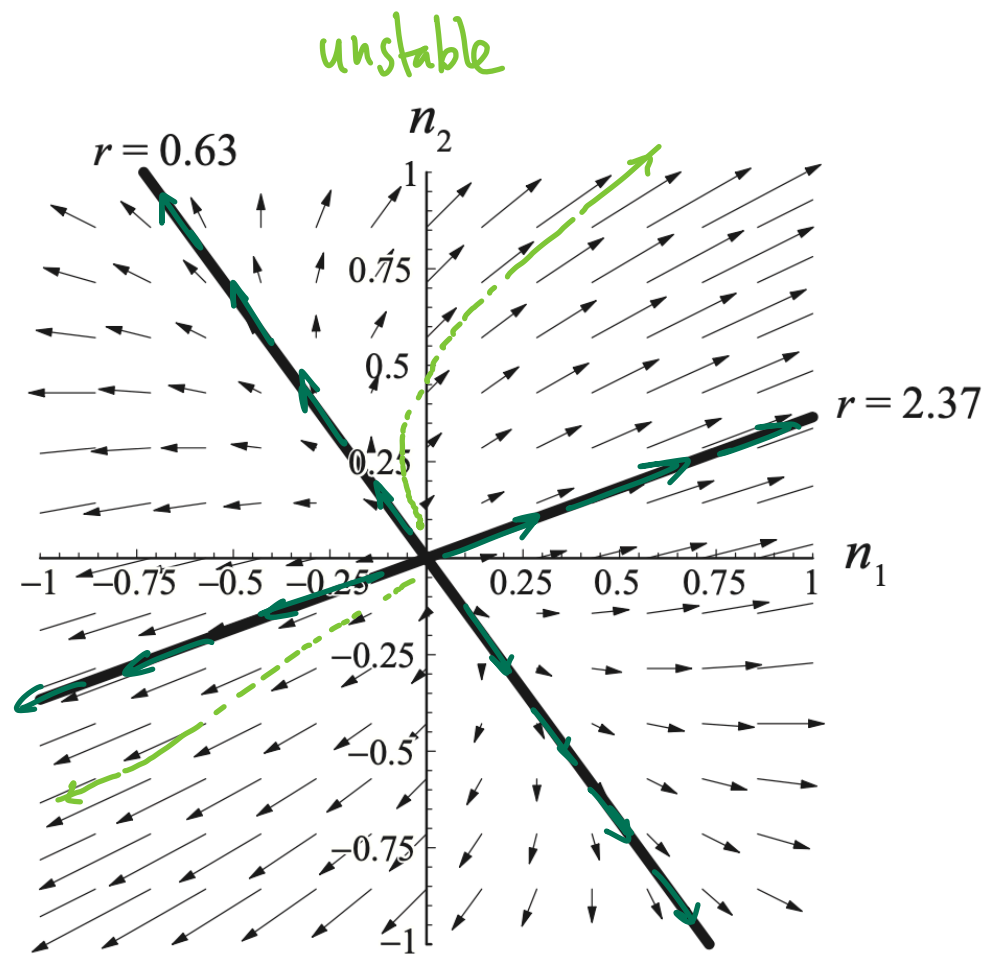
a) stable  
b) unstable.

# Stability of Equilibria

book calls  $\lambda$  "r"

## Stability of equilibria (real eigenvalues):

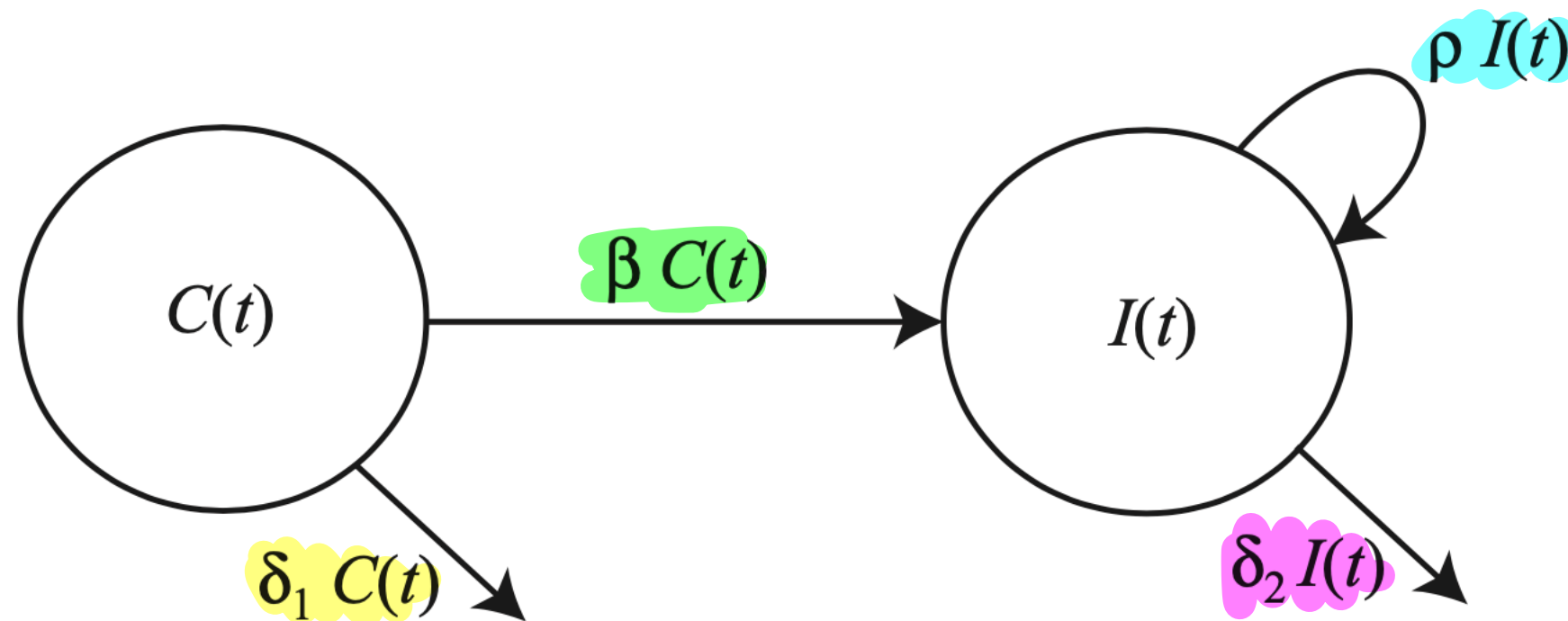
- If all eigenvalues are negative, the system is stable.
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# Metastasis of Malignant Tumors

A model for the dynamics of the number of cancer cells lodged in the capillaries of an organ,  $C$ , and the number of cancer cells that have actually invaded that organ,  $I$ .

Suppose that cells are lost from the capillaries by dislodgement or death at a per capita rate  $\delta_1$  and that they invade the organ from the capillaries at a per capita rate  $\beta$ . Once cells are in the organ they die at a per capita rate  $\delta_2$ , and the cancer cells replicate at a per capita rate  $\rho$ .

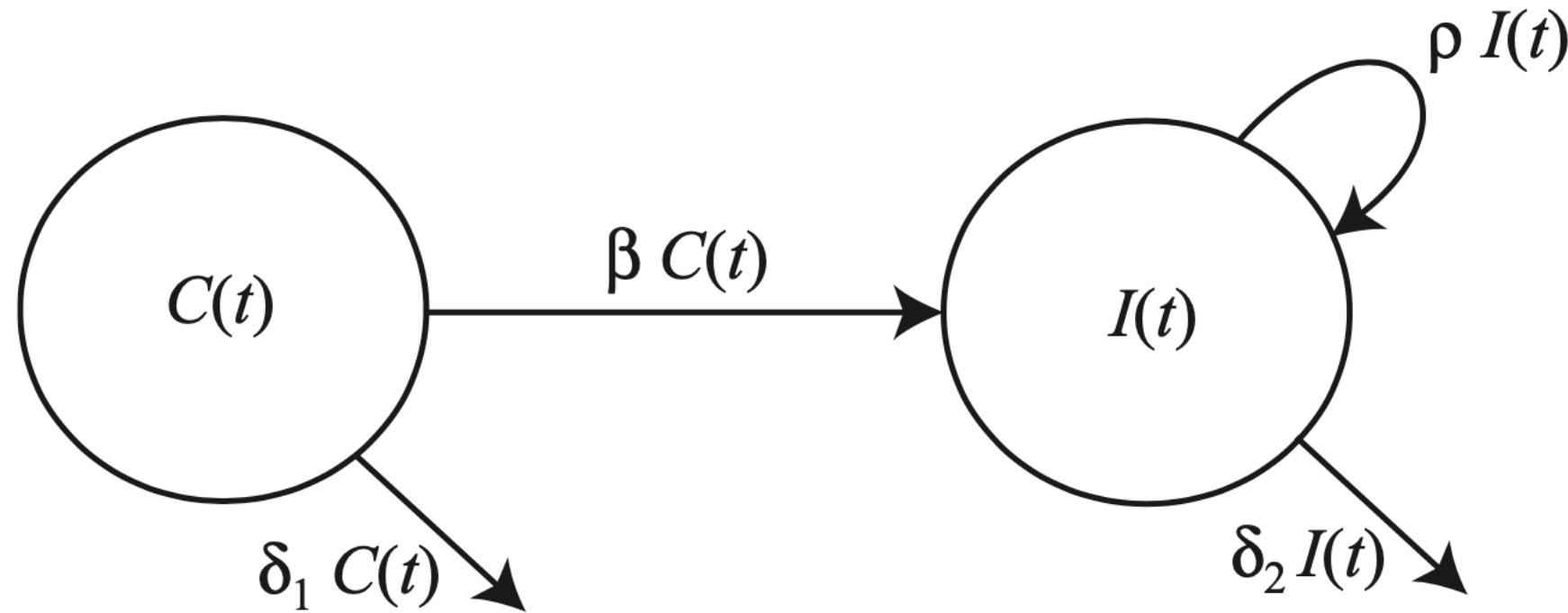


$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -\delta_1 C - \beta C$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta C + \rho I - \delta_2 I$$

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$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta C - \delta_2 I + \rho I$$

matrix/vector notation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dC}{dt} \\ \frac{dI}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} C \\ I \end{pmatrix}$$

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

matrix is driving the dynamics!



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1. Identify the equilibrium or equilibria. ① If  $M^{-1}$  exists, then equilibrium at  $\begin{pmatrix} C \\ I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
2. Determine the stability.

② Stability depends on eigenvalues.

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{-\text{tr}(A) \pm \sqrt{\text{tr}^2(A) - 4\det(A)}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= -(\delta_1 + \beta) \\ \lambda_2 &= \rho - \delta_2 \end{aligned}$$

stability if  
both are negative.

↓  
If  $\det(M)$  is not zero.  $\det(M) = -(\delta_1 + \beta)(\rho - \delta_2) - 0$   
All the coeffs are positive (in the text — none can be negative)  
So  $\det(M)$  can = 0 only if  $(\rho - \delta_2) = 0 \rightarrow \rho = \delta_2$   
Conclusion: Equilibrium at  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  as long as  $\rho \neq \delta_2$

$\lambda_1 < 0$  always.

cool! what happens in the capillaries doesn't affect stability!

$\lambda_2 < 0$  only when  $\rho - \delta_2 < 0$  or  $\rho < \delta_2$   
growth rate < death rate