

## Bifurcation:

One parameter family of D.E.:

$$y' = f_{\mu}(y).$$

(different  $\mu \Rightarrow$  different  $f_{\mu}(y) \Rightarrow$  different D.E.)

eg  $y' = y^2 - 2y + \mu$

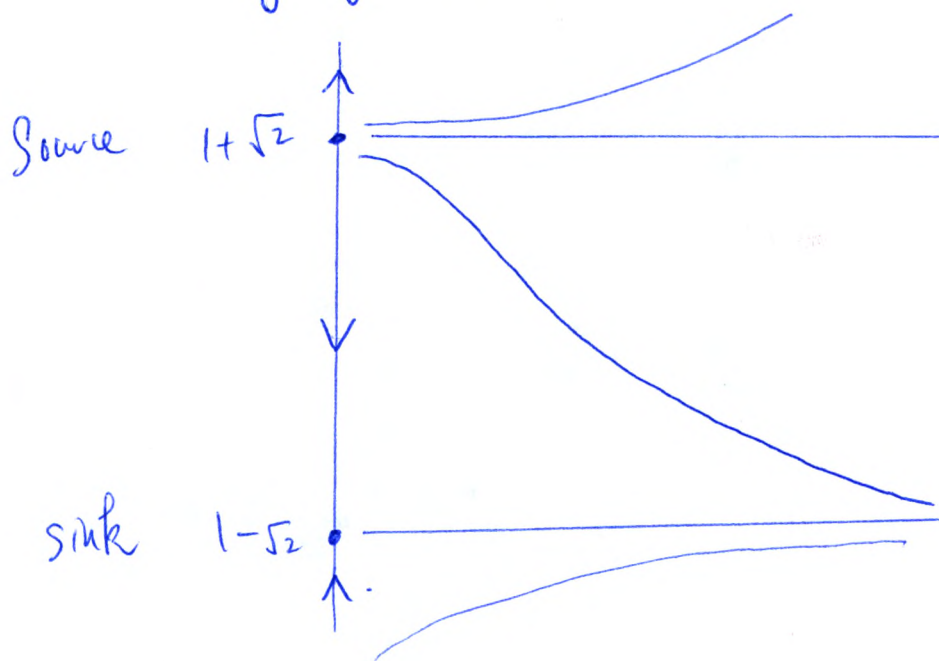
$$\mu = 0 : y' = y^2 - 2y$$

$$\mu = 1 : y' = y^2 - 2y + 1$$

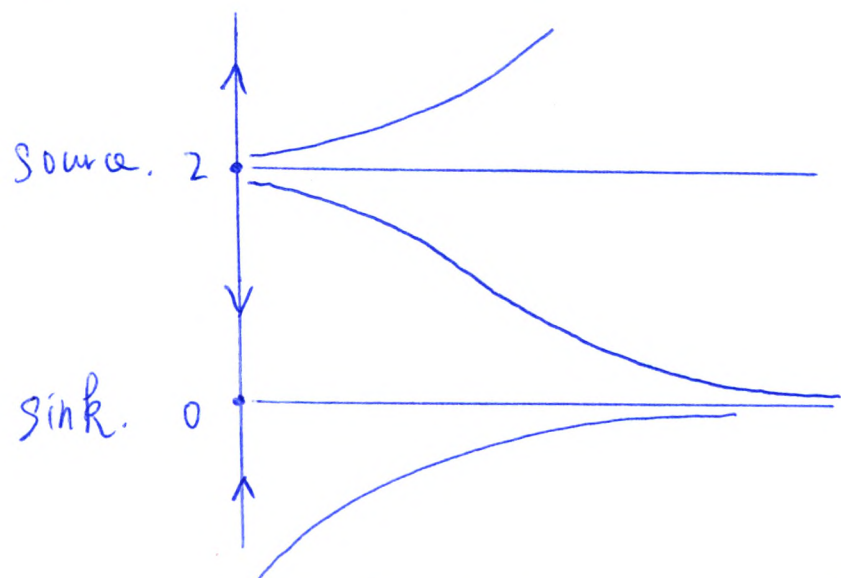
$$\mu = 2 : y' = y^2 - 2y + 2.$$

$\mu = -1$   $y' = y^2 - 2y - 1$

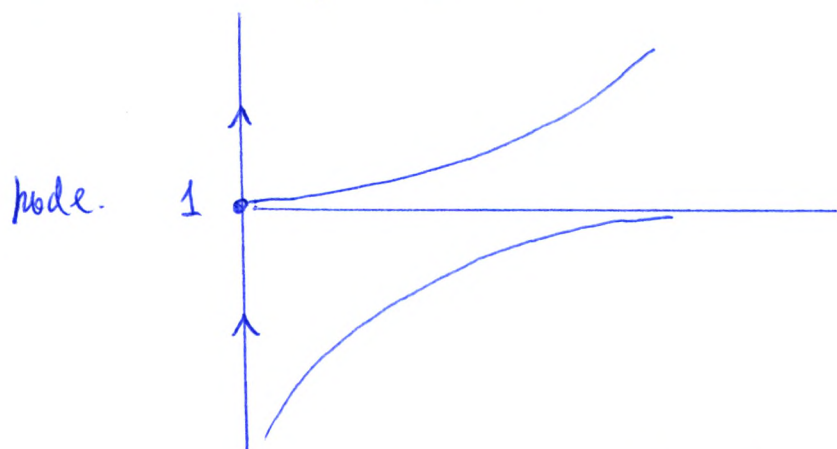
$$y^2 - 2y - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (y-1)^2 = 2 \Rightarrow y = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}.$$



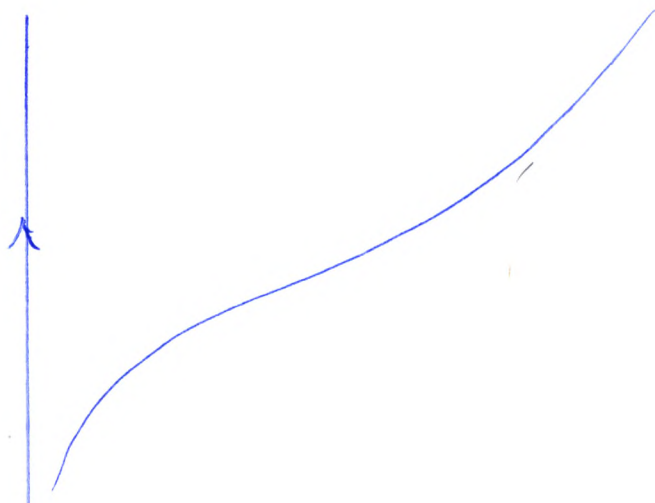
$$\mu=0. \quad y' = y^2 - 2y = y(y-2)$$



$$\mu=1: \quad y' = y^2 - 2y + 1 = (y-1)^2$$



$$\mu=2. \quad y' = y^2 - 2y + 2 = (y-1)^2 + 1 \quad (\text{No equilibrium}).$$



Note:

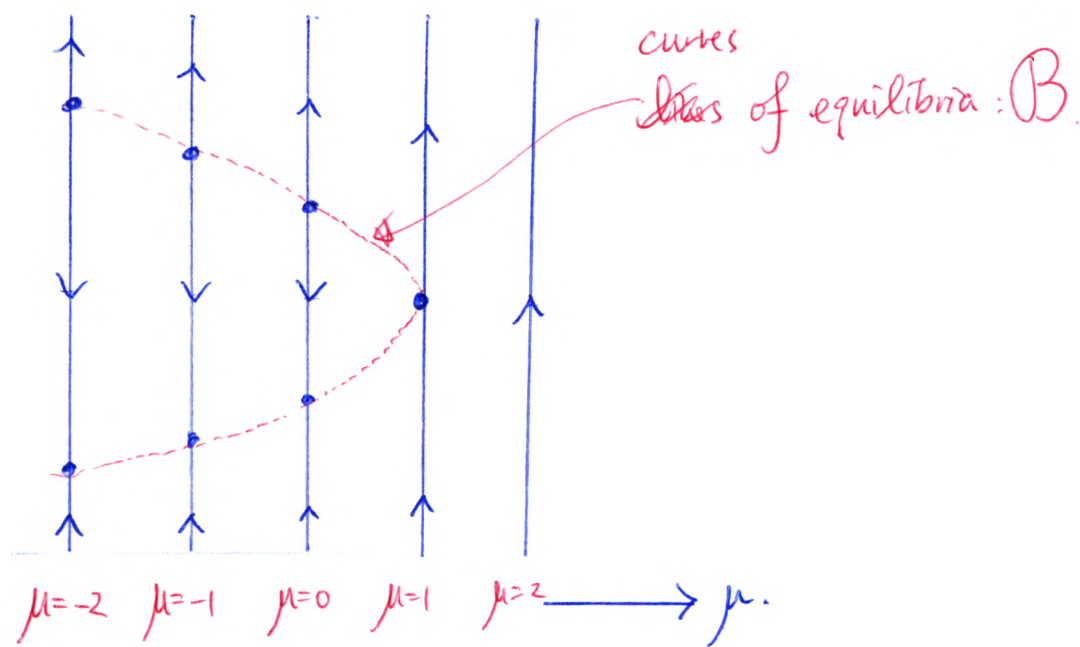
" $\mu=-2$ " similar to  
 " $\mu=0$ " : 2 equilibria,  
 one source, one sink.

Which is different from

$\mu=1$  (only one node)

$\mu=2$  (No equilibrium)

Put the phase line together



From the above picture, the behavior of  $y' = y^2 - 2y + \mu$  are similar when  $\mu < 1$ , but change when  $\mu = 1$ .

Call  $\mu = 1$  the bifurcation value of the family  $y' = y^2 - 2y + \mu$ .

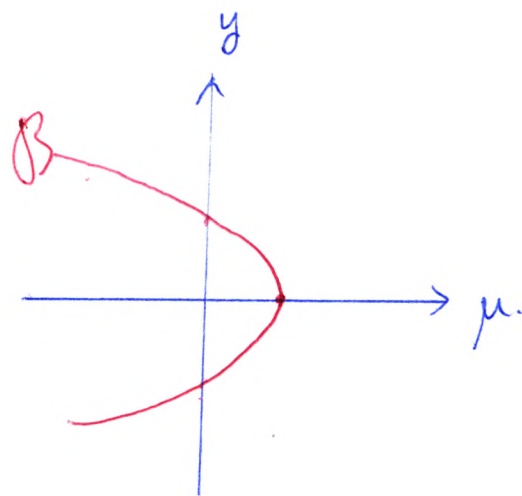
To find the dotted red line: for each fixed  $\mu$ , solve for  $f_\mu(y) = 0$ .  
(i.e. equilibria of  $y' = f_\mu(y)$ ).  $\emptyset$

i.e. The curve of equilibria for  $y' = f_\mu(y)$  is

$$B = \{(\mu, y) : f_\mu(y) = 0\}.$$

e.g.  $y' = y^2 - 2y + \mu$ .

Set  $y^2 - 2y + \mu = 0$ , or  $\mu = 2y - y^2 = -(y-1)^2 + 1$ .

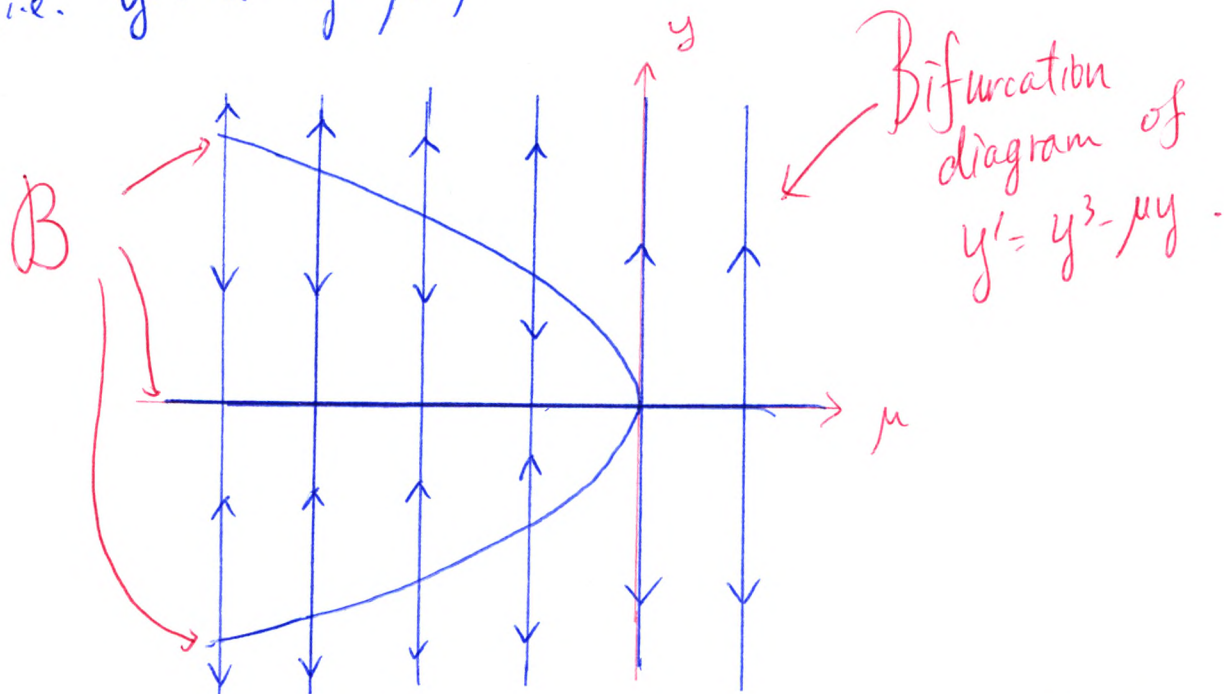


Bifurcation Diagram = (Just bundle of phase lines)

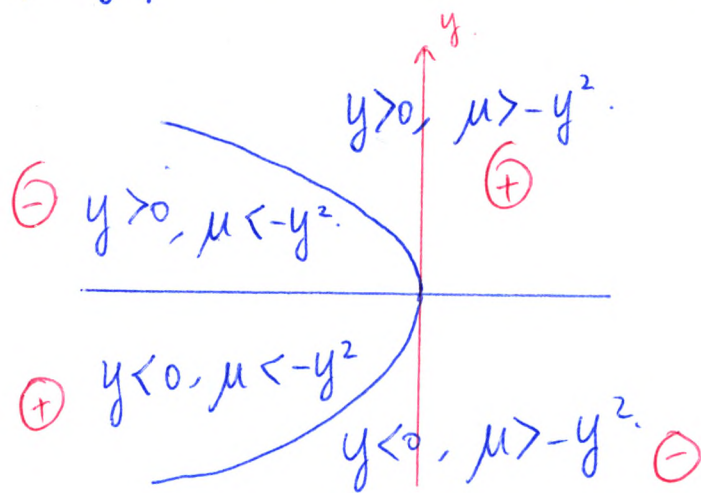
e.g.  $y' = y^3 - \mu y = y(y^2 + \mu)$ .

$$\mathcal{B} = \{(\mu, y) : y(y^2 + \mu) = 0\}$$

(i.e.  $y=0$  or  $-y^2 = \mu$ .)



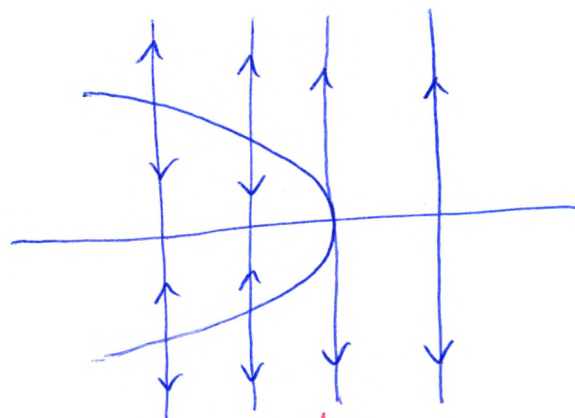
$\mathcal{B}$  decomposes  $\mu$ - $y$  plane into 4 regions. Need to check  $\uparrow$ ,  $\downarrow$  one by one:





Bifurcation Diagram is useful in identifying bifurcation value:  
 (i.e.  $\mu$  so that the behavior of  $y' = f_\mu(y)$  changes)

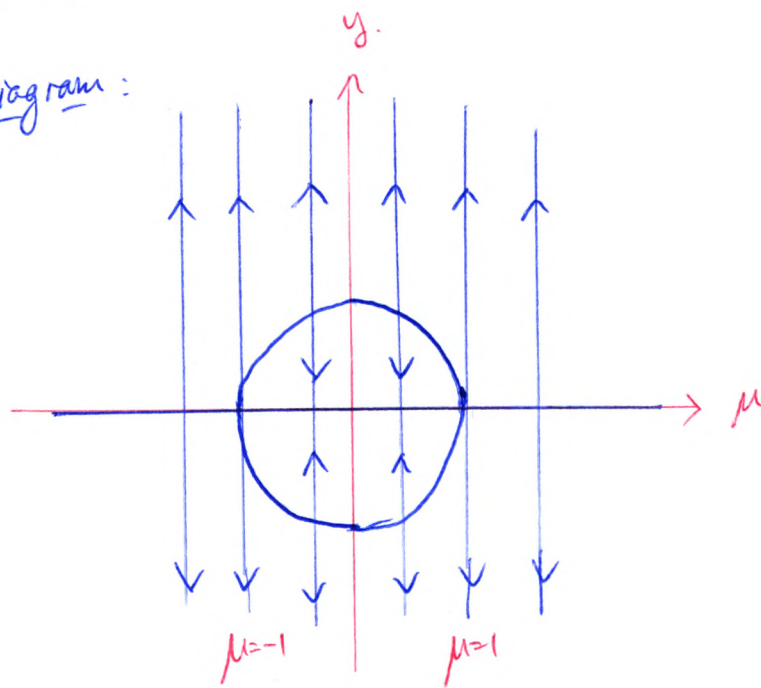
e.g.  $y' = y^3 - \mu y$ .



$\mu = 0$  is the bifurcation value:  $\mu < 0 \rightarrow 3$  equilibria.  
 $\mu > 0 \rightarrow 1$  equilibrium

e.g.  $y' = y(y^2 + \mu^2 - 1)$

Bifurcation Diagram:



$\mu = \pm 1$  are the bifurcation value.

eg. Harvesting:

$P(t)$  = population of fish in a <sup>lake</sup> ~~pond~~ (at time  $t$ )

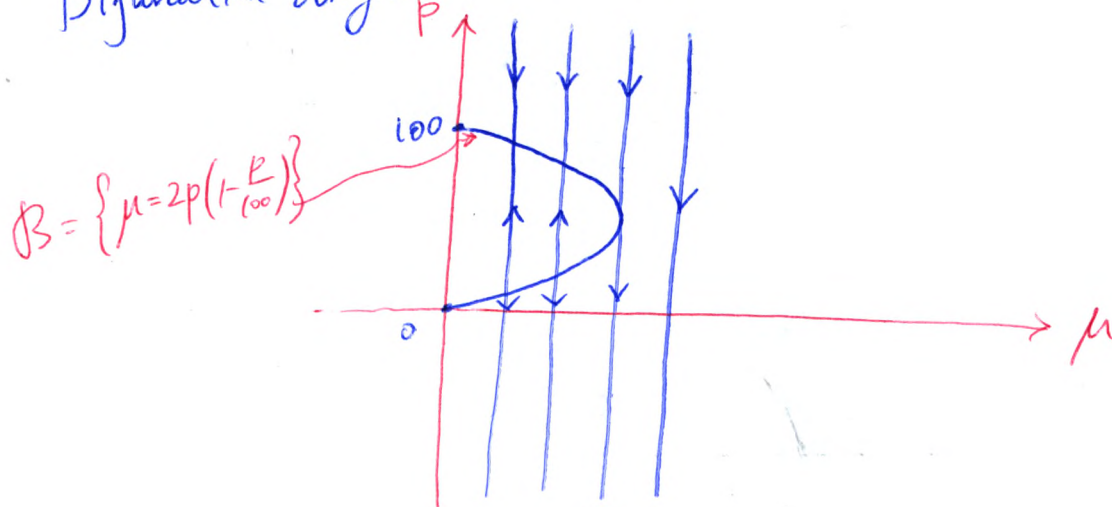
Logistic model:  $P' = 2P(1 - \frac{P}{100})$ .  $P'(0) = 100$ .

If the city council decided to issue fishing license, where one can fish 1 fish per day. How many license can they issue, so that the population won't die to zero?

$\mu$  = # of license issued.

$$P' = 2P(1 - \frac{P}{100}) - \mu.$$

Bifurcation diagram:



When  $P=50$  (i.e.  $\mu = 2(50)(1 - \frac{50}{100}) = 50$ )

i.e. When  $\mu < 50$       When  $\mu = 50$       When  $\mu > 50$

sink.  $\nwarrow$  population tends to the sink.

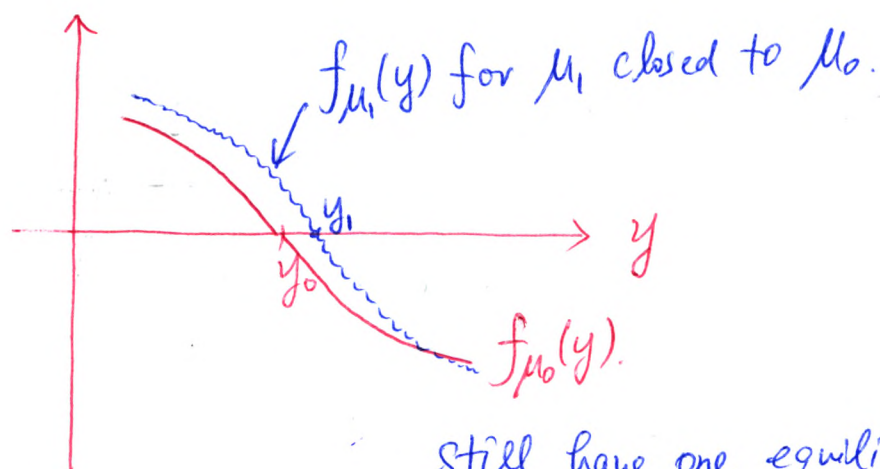
$\nwarrow$  population dies to 0.

To determine if  $\mu$  is not a bifurcation value:

Thm: If  $\mu_0$  has the property:

$f'_{\mu_0}(y_0) \neq 0$  for all equilibria of  $y' = f_{\mu_0}(y)$ ,  
then  $\mu_0$  is not a bifurcation value.

Reason:



still have one equilibrium  $y_1^*$  around  $y_0$ .

