

Systems of Ordinary Differential Equations

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- food fish and sharks
- aphids and ladybugs
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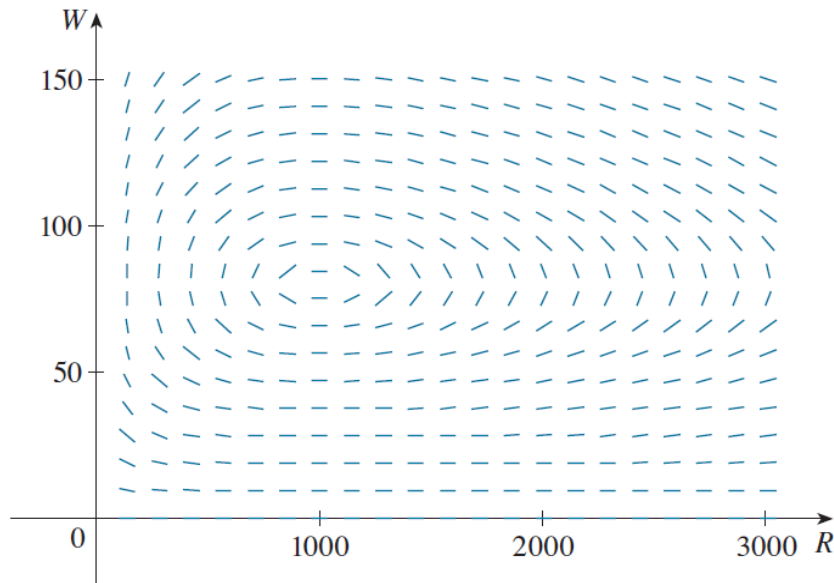
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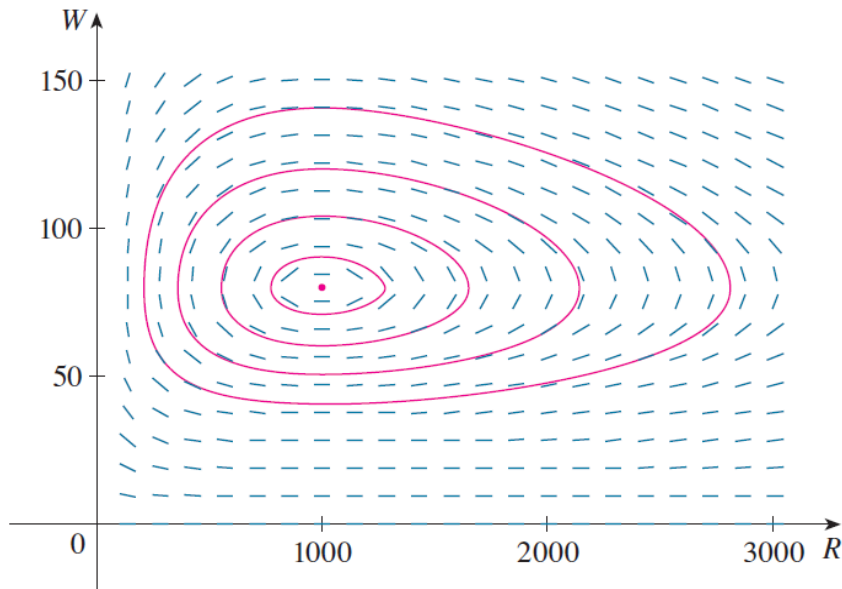
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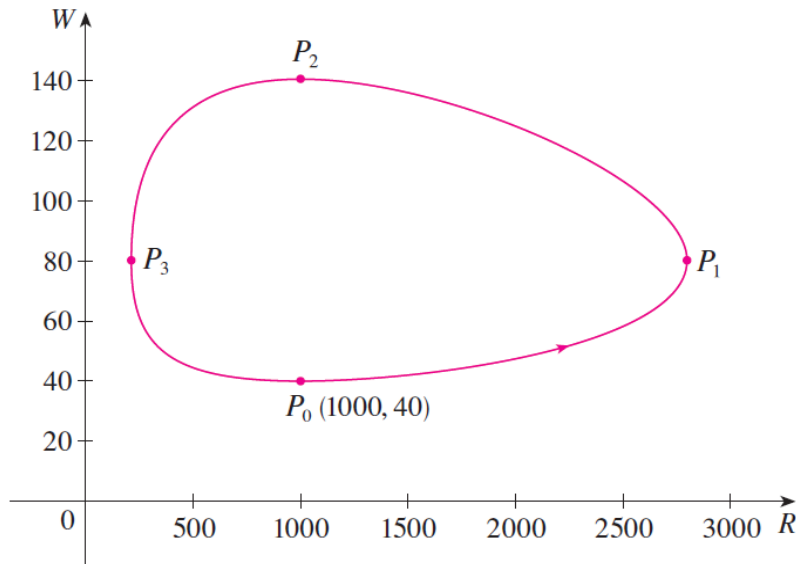
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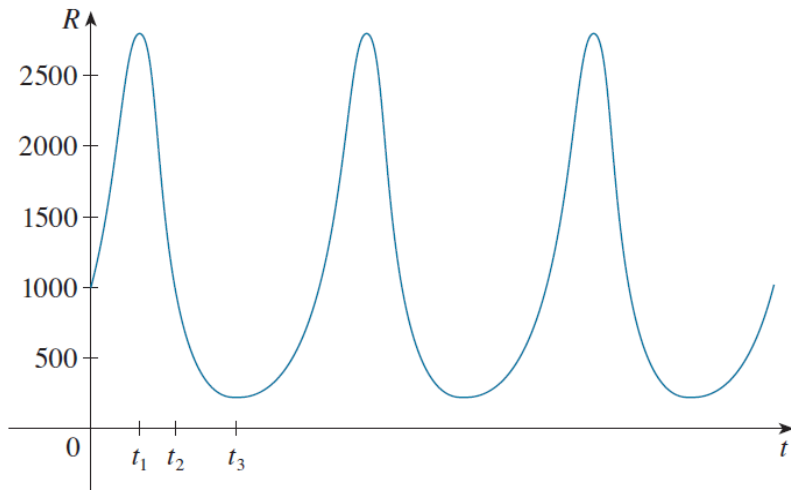
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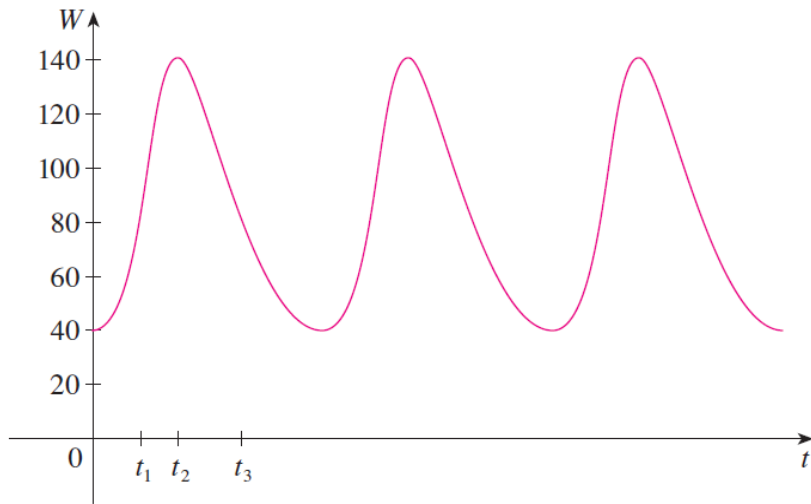
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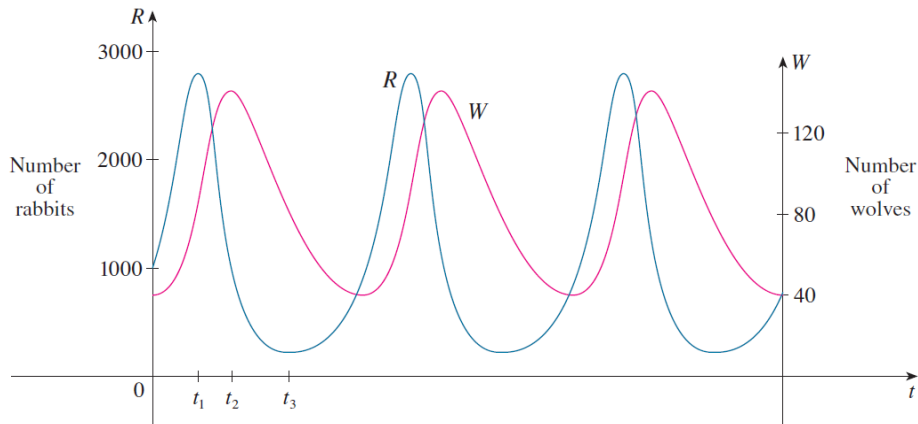
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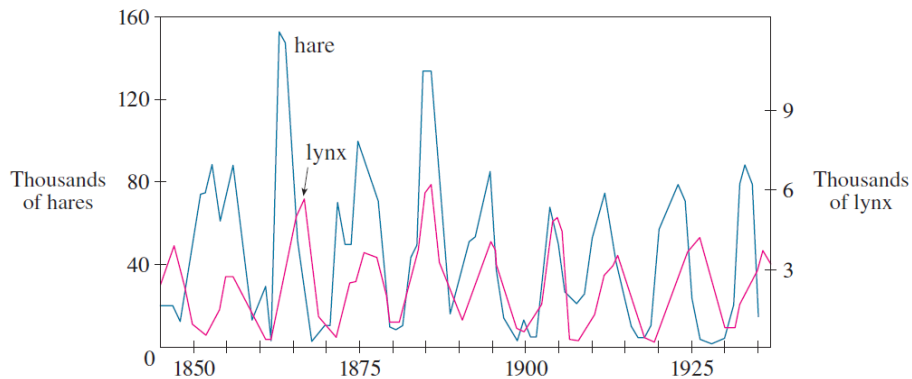
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LAURA AND PETRARCH: AN INTRIGUING CASE OF CYCLICAL LOVE DYNAMICS

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*[What fate, what power or what insidiousness
still guides me back, disarmed, to that same field
wherein I'm always crushed?]*

*Di tempo in tempo mi si fa men dura
l'angelica gura e'l dolce riso,
et l'aria del bel viso
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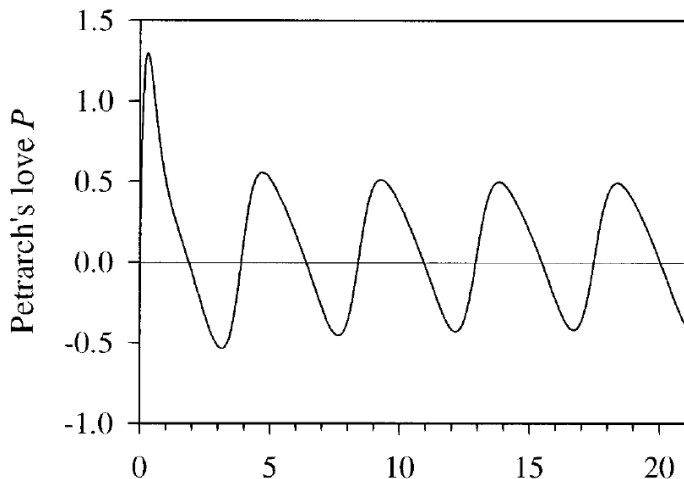
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where RL and RP are reaction functions specified below, $AP[AL]$ is the appeal (physical, as well as social and intellectual) of Petrarch [Laura], and all greek letters are positive constant parameters (this means that variations in the personalities of Laura and Petrarch due to aging or other external factors are not considered).

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