

1) Linear stability analysis of the deterministic logistic equation:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \mu N \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) = F(N)$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} N=0 \\ N=K \end{array}$$

Starting from an equilibrium point " N^* " we add a little perturbation and we check if the system come back to N^* (stable) or not (unstable).

$$N = N^* + \delta N$$

$$F(N) = F(N^*) + \nabla F(N)|_{N^*} \delta N + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 F(N)|_{N^*} \delta^2 N + o(\delta^3 N)$$

$$F(N) \sim F(N^*) + \nabla F(N)|_{N^*} \delta N \quad (1^{st} \text{ order})$$

The logistic equation then becomes; around N^* :

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = F(N) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\delta N} = \nabla F(N)|_{N^*} \delta N$$

$$\text{But..} \quad \nabla F(N)|_{N^*} = \mu - 2\frac{\mu}{K}N|_{N^*}$$

$$N^* = K$$

$$\nabla F(N)|_{N^*} = \mu - 2\mu = -\mu$$

$$\dot{\delta N} = \underbrace{-\mu}_{<0} \delta N$$

$$-\mu = \nabla F(N)|_{N^*} < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad N^* = K \quad \bar{e} \quad \text{max} \quad \bar{e} \quad \text{eq. stable}$$

$$N^* = 0$$

$$\nabla F(N)|_{N^*=0} = \mu > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{not stable eq. point.}$$