

Lecture 2

Introduction (continued...)

General framework for ODE's:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right. \quad x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots \text{ are dependent variables}$$

$$\dot{x}_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Ex 9: Damped harmonic oscillator

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

$$x_1 = x, \quad \dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = \ddot{x}$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{b}{m}\dot{x} - \frac{k}{m}x = -\frac{b}{m}x_2 - \frac{k}{m}x_1$$

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\frac{k}{m}x_2 - \frac{b}{m}x_1 \end{cases} \quad x_1(0), x_2(0) \text{ given}$$



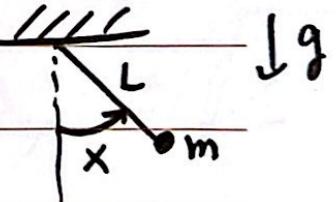
$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x_1, x_2) &= x_2 \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) &= -\frac{k}{m}x_1 - \frac{b}{m}x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{b}{m} \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \overbrace{\dot{\tilde{x}} = A \tilde{x}}^{\text{eigenvalues } \tau} \quad \tilde{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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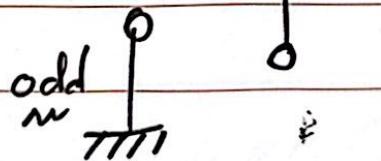
eigenvectors of A
are key.

Ex 10: $\ddot{x} + \frac{q}{L} \sin(x) = 0$



Note: $x=0$ is a sol'n.

$$x = \pm n\pi$$



If x_1 is a sol'n, x_2 is a sol'n, is $x_1 + x_2$ a solution? No

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$$\ddot{x}_1 + \frac{q}{L} \sin(x_1) = 0$$

$$\ddot{x}_2 + \frac{q}{L} \sin(x_2) = 0$$

$$(x_1 + x_2)'' + \frac{q}{L} (\sin(x_1) + \sin(x_2)) = 0$$

$\underbrace{\phantom{(x_1+x_2)'' + \frac{q}{L} (\sin(x_1) + \sin(x_2)) = 0}}_{\neq \sin(x_1 + x_2)}$

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \dots$$

↑

sufficiently small angles x

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\frac{q}{L}x_1 \end{cases}$$

"Linearized" around $x=0$.

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{q}{L}x_1 \rightarrow \dot{\vec{x}} = A \vec{x}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{q}{L} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

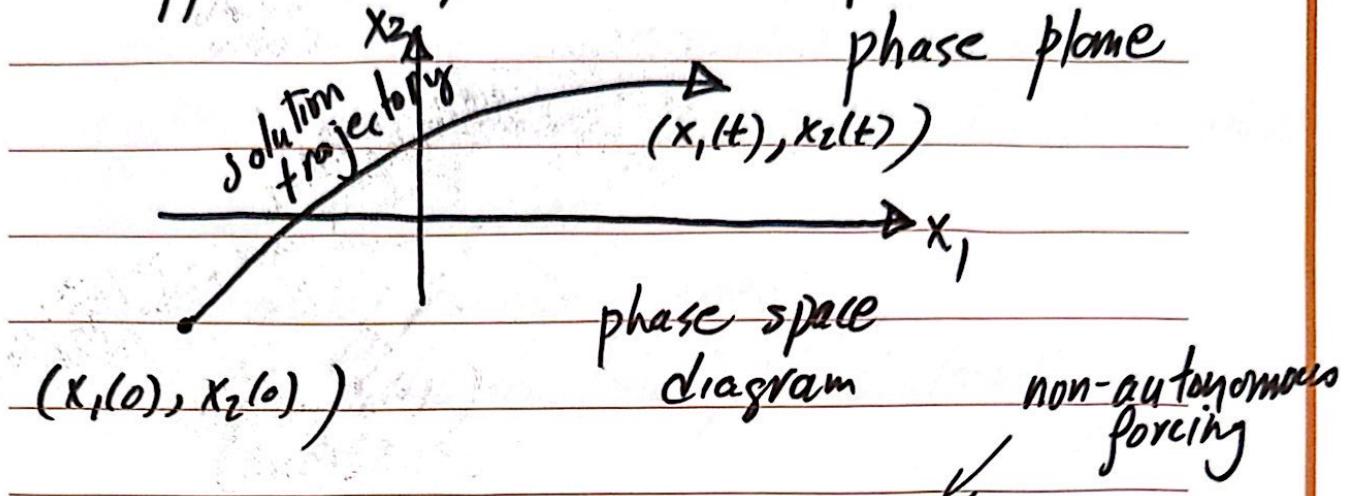
$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{q}{L} & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \frac{q^2}{L^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm i \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{L^2}}$$

general sol'n eigenvectors \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 oscillation frequencies

$$\vec{x} = \alpha \vec{v}_1 \exp(\lambda_1 t) + \beta \vec{v}_2 \exp(\lambda_2 t)$$

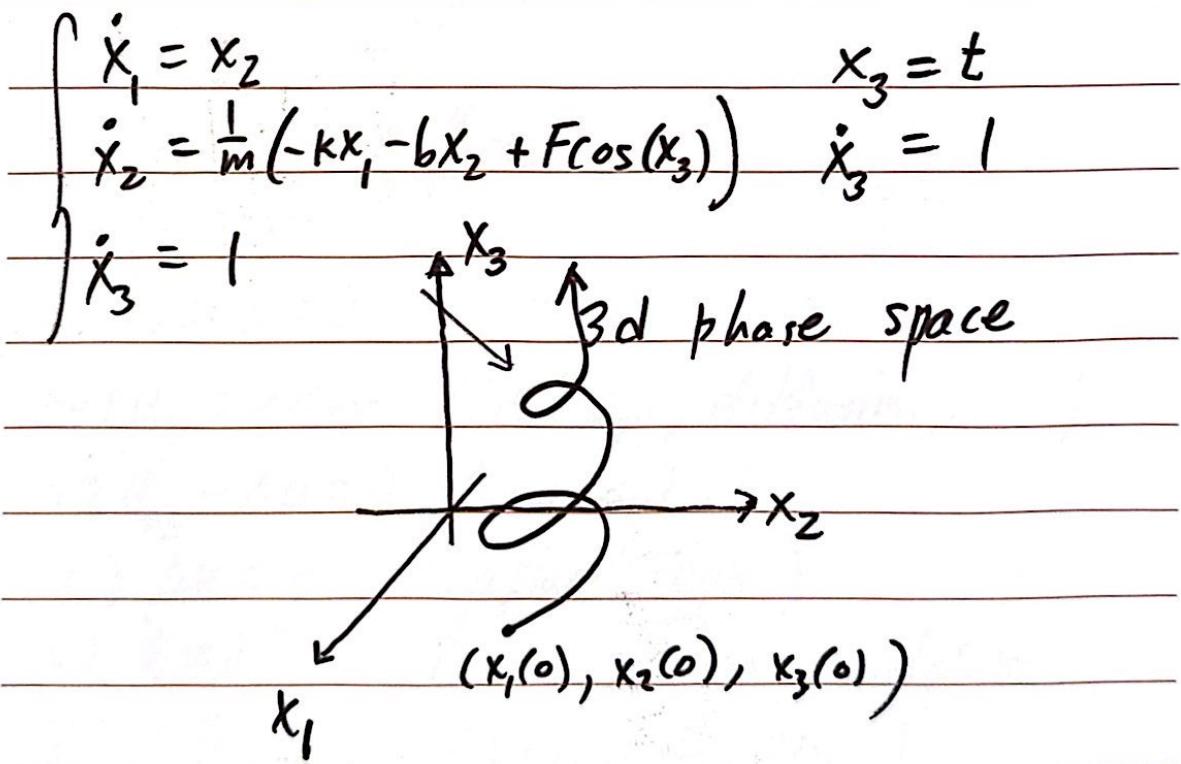
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Suppose we plot x_2 vs. x_1 :



$$\underline{\text{Ex II:}} \quad m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F \cos(t)$$

forced linear oscillator



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Semi- final point:

The most basic tool exploited from linear systems are harmonic oscillations ($\cos(\omega t)$, $\sin(\omega t)$) and linear superposition:

Sol'n as a Fourier-series:

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(n\omega t) + b_n \sin(n\omega t))$$

Does not work for nonlinear systems!



← what to do ??

(?) ← opportunities

Linear hall of fame:

1) $\ddot{x} = \alpha x$

2) $\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$

3) $u_t = \alpha u_{xx}$ (heat eqn, diffusion, ...)

4) $u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0$ (waves)

5) $\Delta u = 0$ (Laplace's eqn)

6) $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{A}\vec{x}$ linear systems analysis

7.) $i\psi_t = \vec{\nabla}\psi$ (Schrödinger eqn.)

8.) $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$, $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$ Maxwell's eqns.

6.

Some important science problems that are nonlinear:

- 1) Orbital mechanics and planetary motion
- 2) Fluid mechanics and turbulence
- 3) Tumor growth
- 4) High powered lasers
- 5) Shock waves and gas dynamics
- 6) Combustion chemical kinetics
- 7.) Atmospheric & oceanographic dynamics, hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis

8.) Climate models

9.) Collective dynamics - traffic flows, microbial populations

10.) Economic forecasting models

11.) Synchronization

12.) Evolution by natural selection (fitness)

Lecture 2: Flows on a line

Scalar nonlinear 1st order ode:

$$(1) \quad \dot{x} = f(x) \quad x(0) = x_0$$

If $f(x) = ax \Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{at}$ (linear).

$$x(0) = x_0$$

More generally:

$$\text{Ex 1: } \dot{x} = \sin(x) \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$\text{Approach 1: } \frac{dx}{dt} = \sin(x)$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sin(x)} = \int dt$$

\leftarrow \underbrace{t}

$$\int \csc(x) dx = -\ln |\csc(x) + \cot(x)| + C$$

$$t=0, x=x_0 \Rightarrow \ln |\csc(x_0) + \cot(x_0)| = C$$

$$t = \ln \left| \frac{\csc(x_0) + \cot(x_0)}{\csc(x) + \cot(x)} \right|$$

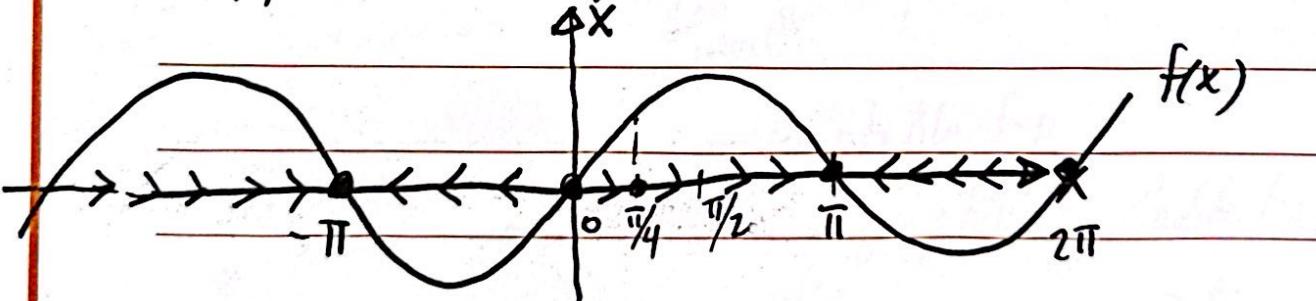
exact sol'n.
very hard to
interpret

Try to answer the following questions:

1) Suppose $x_0 = \pi/4$. Describe the qualitative features of the sol'n $x(t)$ for all $t > 0$. What happens as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

2.) For any arbitrary x_0 , what is the behavior of $x(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

Approach 2: $\dot{x} = \sin(x) = f(x)$



Thinking of sol'n as a flow on real axis (x -axis)
When $x = 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots, \pm n\pi$, $\dot{x} = 0$, no flow.
fixed points of the system.

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flow moves away from $x = 0, \pm 2\pi, \pm 4\pi, \dots$

on both sides: unstable fixed points

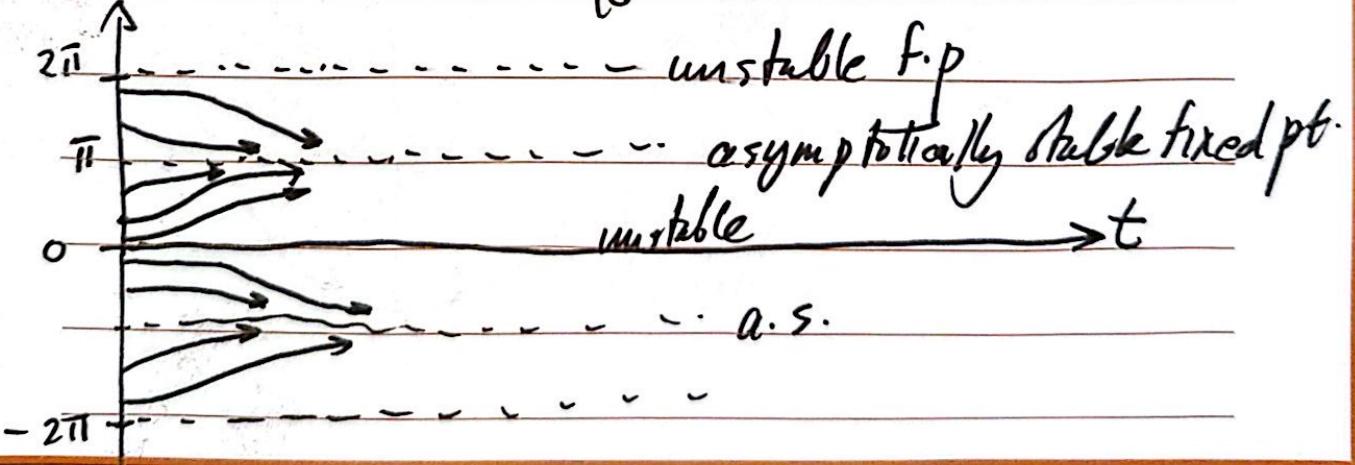
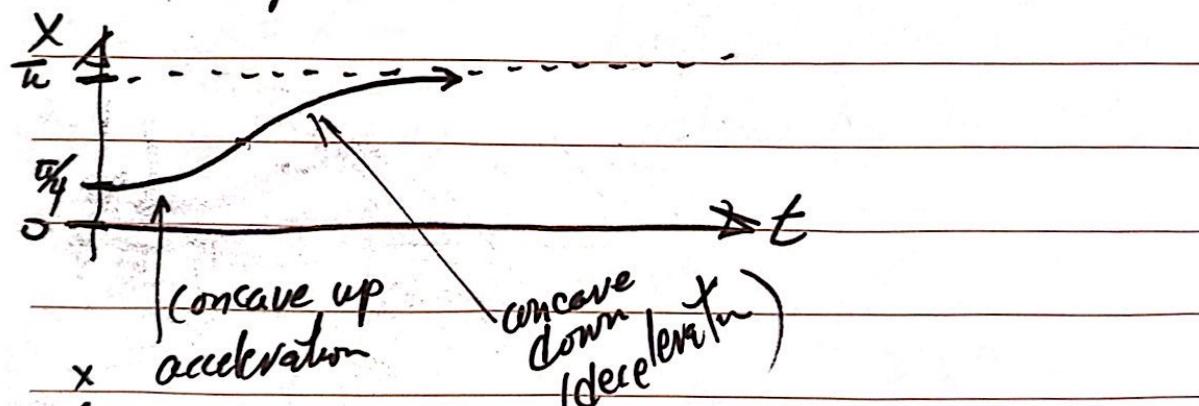
flow moves towards $\mp x = \pm \pi, \pm 3\pi, \dots$

These are stable fixed points.

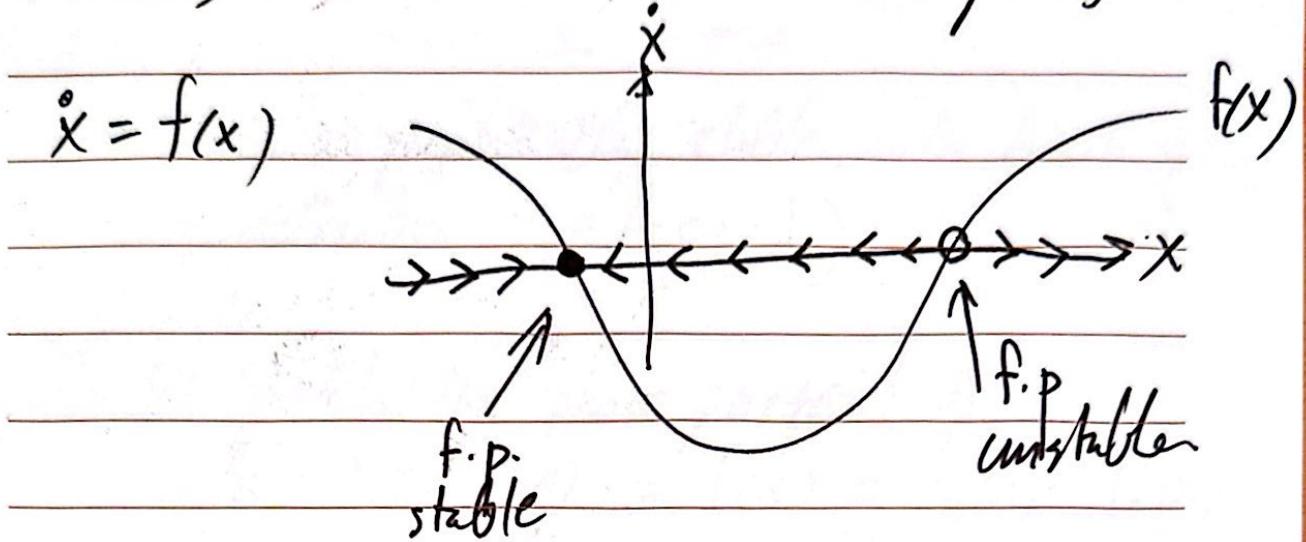
Also from this description, we can answer:

- 1.) A "particle" starting at $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ moves right faster and faster until it crosses $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ (where $\sin(x)$ is maximum). Then it slows down and eventually approaches the stable fixed pt

$x = \pi$ from left:



Notice, the same ideas hold for any $f(x)$.

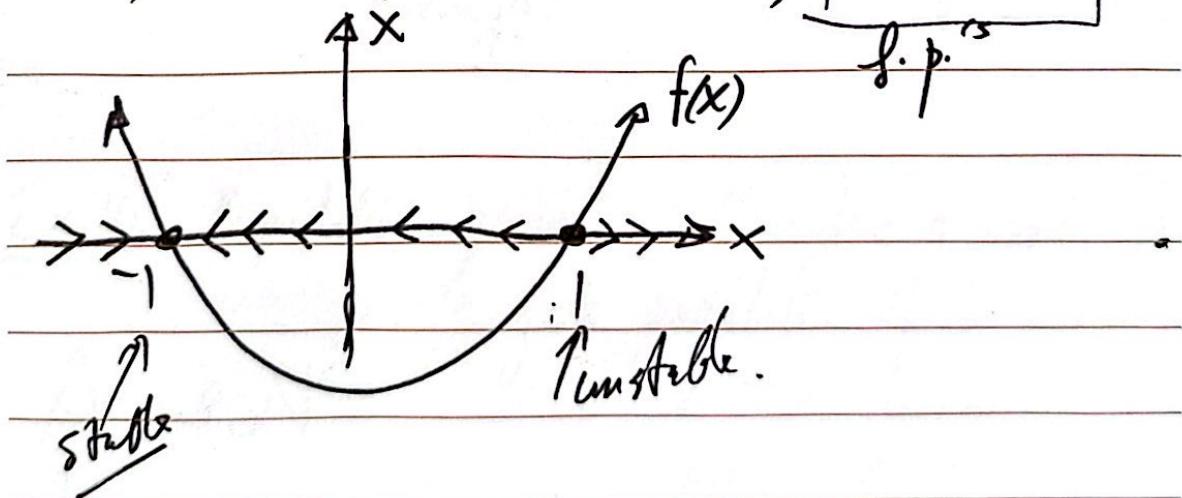


Fixed pts. are sols \dot{x}^* , where $f(x^*) = 0$

$$\text{Ex 2: } \dot{x} = \underbrace{x^2 - 1}_{f(x)}$$

Find all fixed pts. and classify the stability

$$f(x) = x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 1, \quad \boxed{x^* = \pm 1}$$



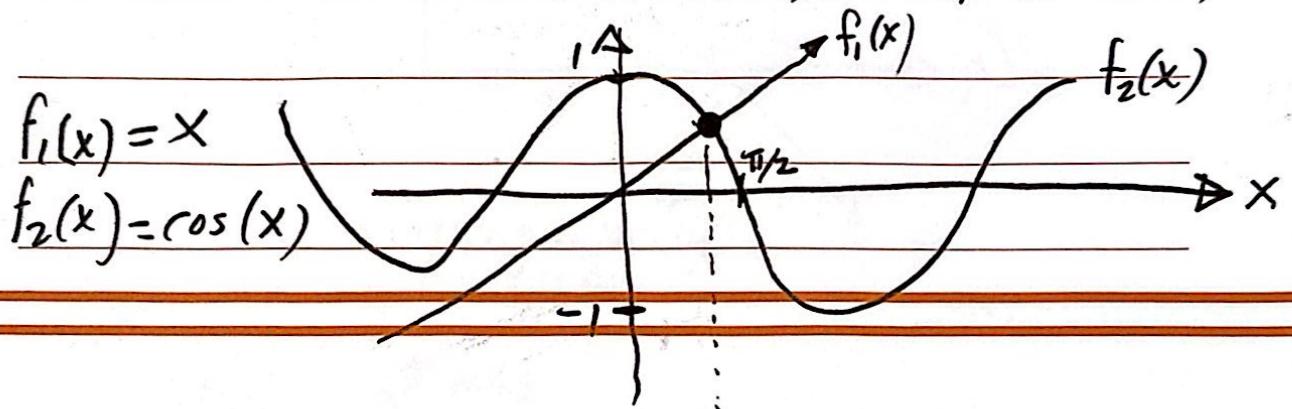
$\forall x_0 < 1 \rightarrow -1$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$\forall x_0 > 1 \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$x = -1$ is asymptotically stable with basin of attraction $x_0 \in (-\infty, 1)$.

Ex 3: Sketch the phase portrait of:

$$\dot{x} = x - \cos(x) = f(x) = f_1(x) - f_2(x)$$



unstable fixed pt. $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ Sol'n of $\boxed{x^* = \cos(x^*)}$

Ex 4: Population growth: Consider a model for the growth of a population of organisms:

$$\dot{N} = r N$$

$r > 0$ growth rate

\uparrow \rightarrow

$N(t)$ is the population

population at time t

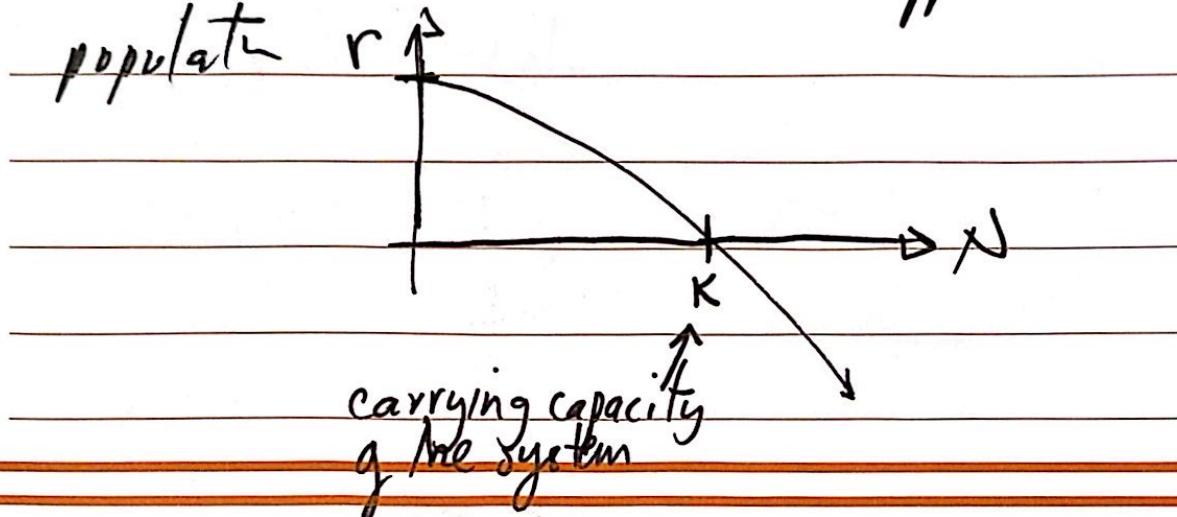
$$N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$$

grows forever

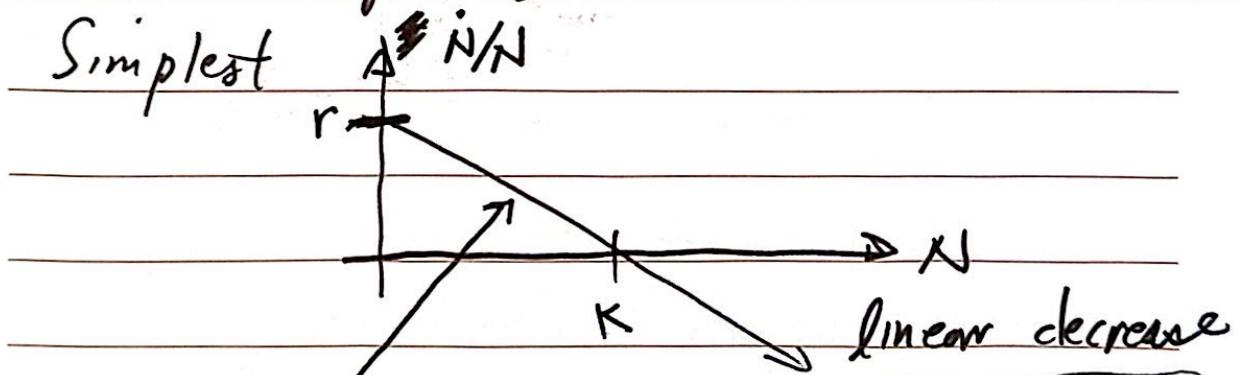
But in many systems, the growth rate

$$r = \frac{\dot{N}}{N} = \frac{d}{dt} \ln(N) = r$$

decreases when N becomes sufficiently large because the environment cannot support the population $r \downarrow$



Simplest $\frac{\dot{N}}{N}$

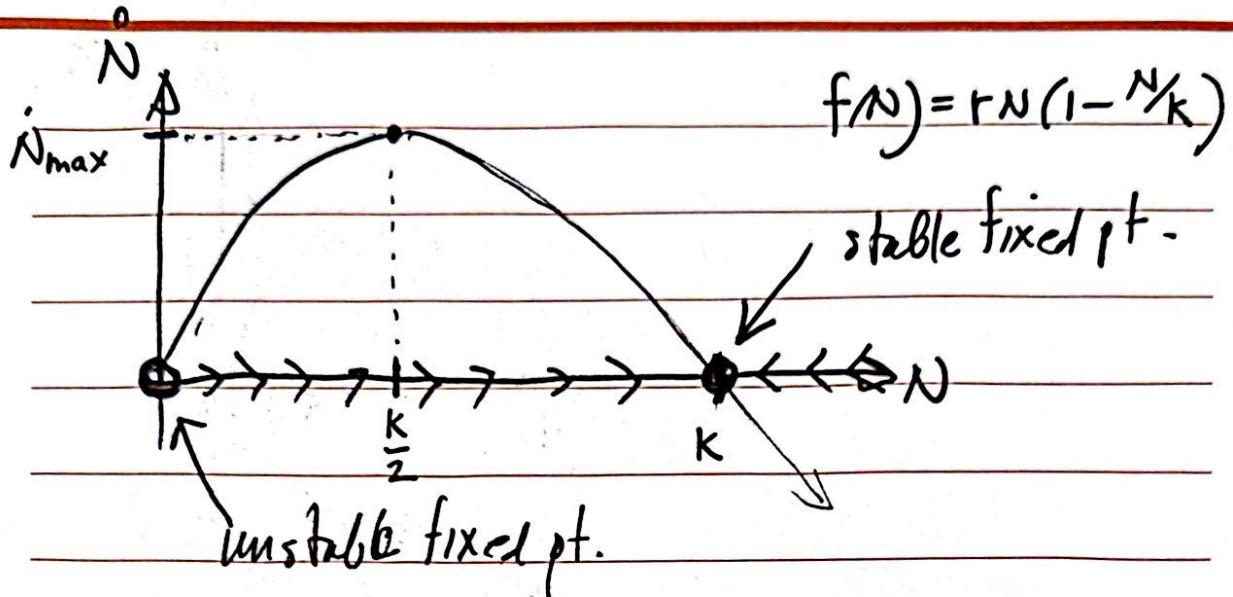


$$\frac{\dot{N}}{N} = r \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{N} = rN \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right)}$$

famous logistic eqn.

tumors: N : Volume of the tumor,
of cancer cells.

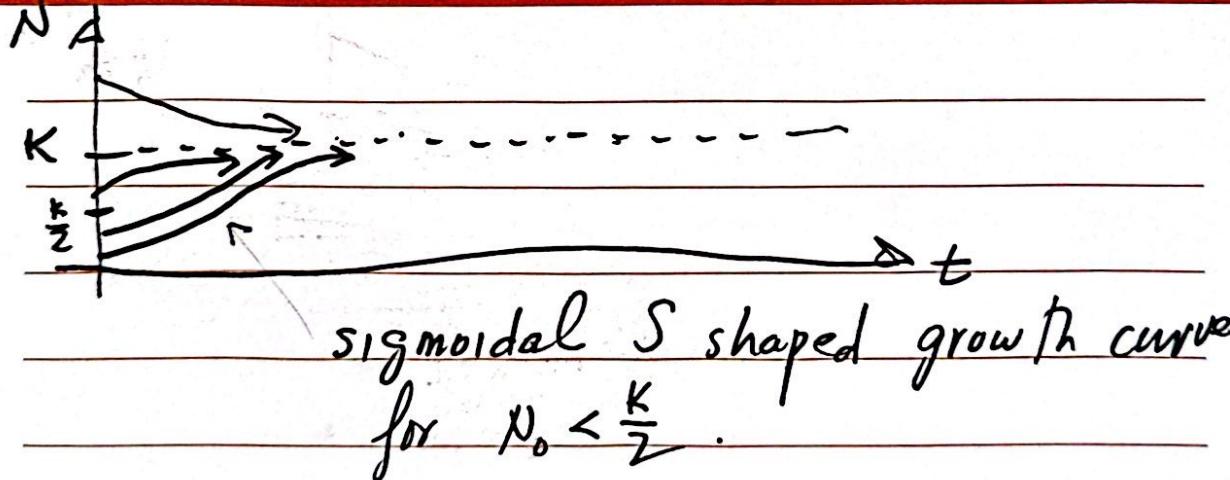
for population growth and saturation.



$$f(N) = rN - \frac{r}{K}N^2, \quad f' = r - \frac{2r}{K}N = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{\max} = \left(\frac{K}{2}\right)$$

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f(K) = 0.$$



More generally, can have $K(t)$, i.e. time-dependent carrying capacities, time-dependent $r(t)$, ..