

# FIRST ORDER DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

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$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n, n)$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{rx_n^2}{A + x_n^2}; \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$\underline{n=0} \quad x_1 = \frac{rx_0^2}{A + x_0^2}$$

$$\underline{n=1} : \quad x_2 = \frac{rx_1^2}{A + x_1^2}$$

$$y = \frac{rx^2}{A + x^2} \quad r > 0, A > 0$$

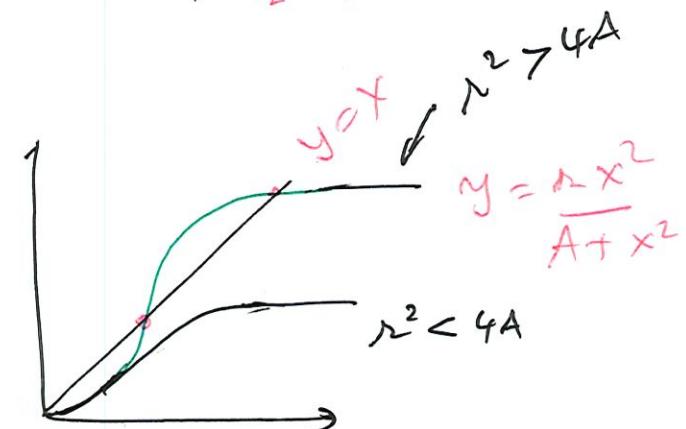
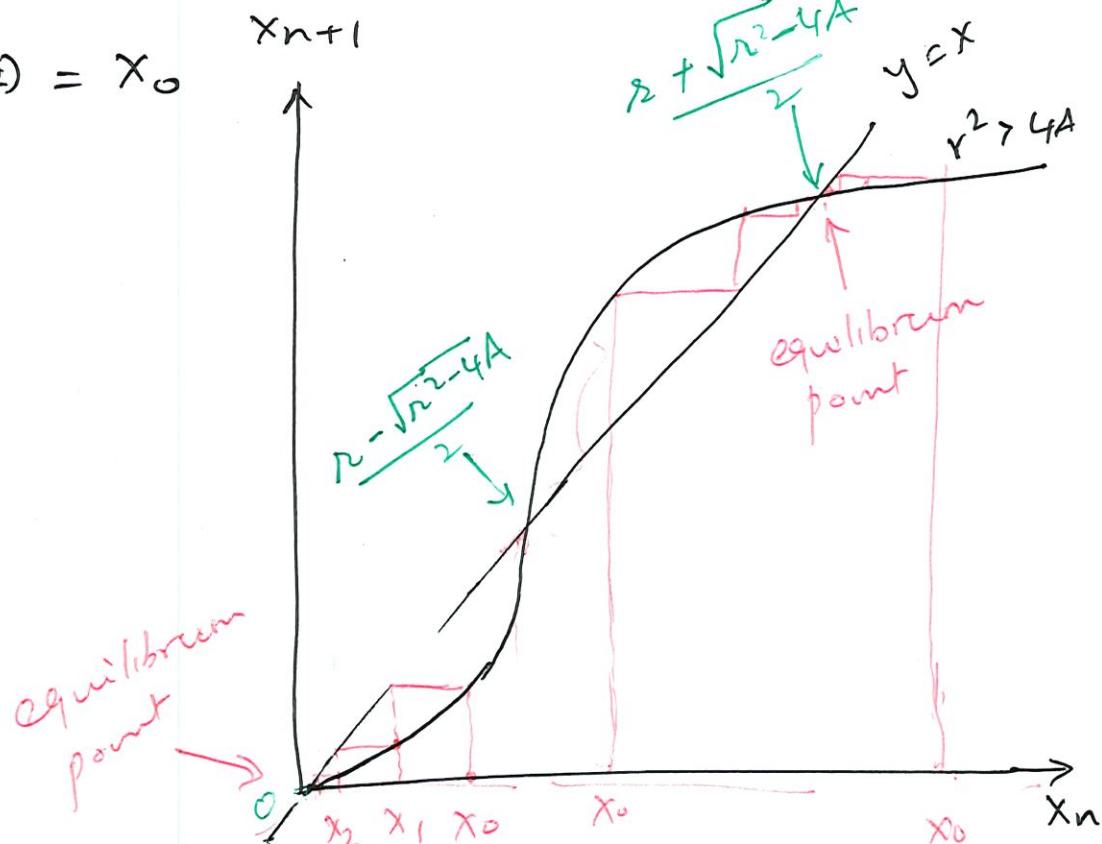
For small  $x$  ( $A \gg x^2$ )  $y \approx \frac{rx^2}{A}$

For large  $x$ ,  $A \ll x^2$

$$y = \frac{rx^2}{A + x^2} \Rightarrow x(A + x^2) = rx^2$$

$$x = 0, \cancel{A} \text{ or } A + x^2 = rx$$

$$x^2 - rx + A = 0$$



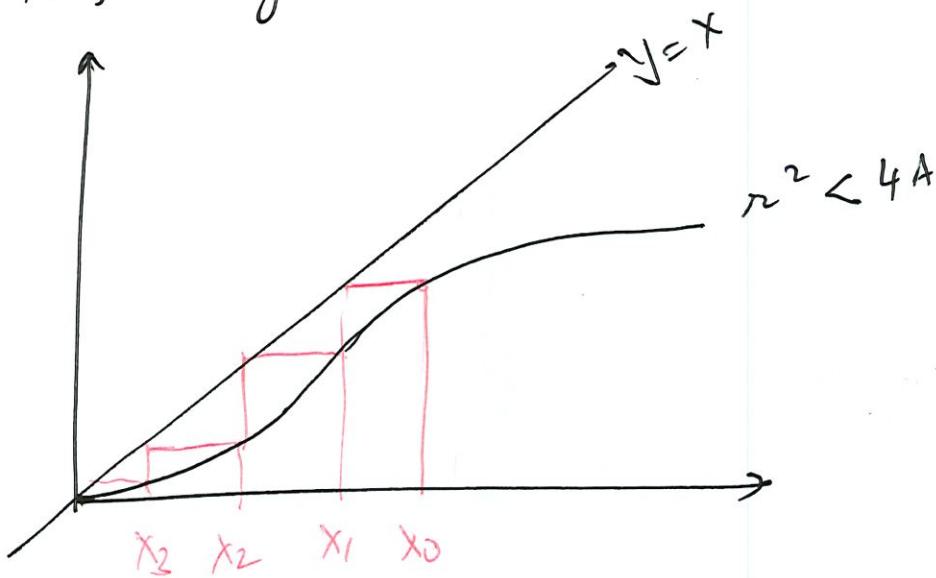
$$x^2 - rx + A = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{r \pm \sqrt{r^2 - 4A}}{2}$$

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If  $r^2 > 4A$  or  $r > \sqrt{2A}$ , we have three roots

$$x=0, \quad \frac{r \pm \sqrt{r^2 - 4A}}{2}$$

If  $r^2 < 4A$ , only one root  $x=0$



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## Continuous population model

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Let  $N(t)$  be the population at time  $t$

$N(t + \Delta t) - N(t)$  → Change in population over time  $\Delta t$

$\frac{N(t + \Delta t) - N(t)}{\Delta t}$  → rate of population change

$\frac{N(t + \Delta t) - N(t)}{\Delta t / N(t)}$  → per capita growth change

Example! Case 1: Constant per capita change.

$$\frac{N(t + \Delta t) - N(t)}{\Delta t / N(t)} = r \quad (\text{const})$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N(t + \Delta t) - N(t)}{\Delta t} \cdot \frac{1}{N(t)} = r \Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{1}{N(t)} \cdot r$$

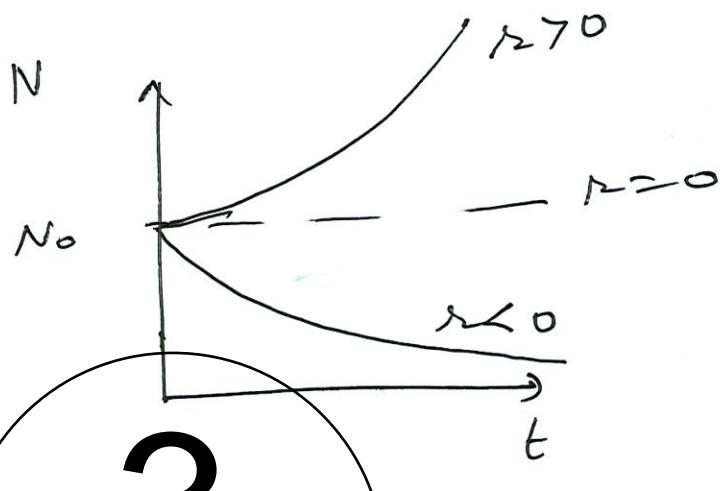
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dN}{dt} = r N(t)}$$

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$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN(t) ; \quad N(0) = N_0 \quad (4)$$

$$N(t) \int_{N_0}^{N(t)} \frac{dN}{N} = \int_0^t r dt \\ = r \int_0^t dt$$

$$\ln N \left|_{N_0}^{N(t)} \right. = rt \Rightarrow \ln N - \ln N_0 = rt \\ \Rightarrow \ln \frac{N}{N_0} = rt \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}}$$



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$\boxed{r < 0}$   $[r] = 1/s$  ← Rate

$$\tau = \frac{1}{|r|} \leftarrow \text{time constant}$$

	$N(t)$
0	$N_0$
$1\tau$	$N_0 e^{-1} = 0.368 N_0$
$2\tau$	$0.135 N_0$
$3\tau$	$0.05 N_0$
$4\tau$	$0.02 N_0$
$5\tau$	$0.007 N_0$

$$\underline{\text{Case 2}} \quad \frac{dN}{dt} \frac{1}{N(t)} = R(N)$$

$$= \cancel{a} - bN$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = (a - bN)N \Rightarrow \int_{N_0}^N \frac{dN}{N(a-bN)} = \int_0^t dt$$

$$\frac{1}{N(a-bN)} = \frac{C}{N} + \frac{D}{a-bN}$$

$$\underline{C:} \quad \cancel{N} \frac{1}{(a-bN)} = \frac{C}{\cancel{N}} + \frac{D}{a-bN} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a-bN} = C + \frac{D}{a-bN}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\text{Set } N=0$$

$$\underline{D:} \quad \frac{1}{N} = C \frac{a-bN}{N} + D ; \quad \text{Set } N = \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = D$$

$$\int \frac{dN}{N(a-bN)} = \int_{N_0}^N \frac{1}{a} \frac{dN}{N} + \int_{N_0}^{N_0} \frac{b}{a} \frac{dN}{a-bN}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \ln N \Big|_{N_0}^N + \frac{b}{a} \left. \frac{\ln(a-bN)}{-b} \right|_{N_0}^N$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \ln \frac{N}{N_0} - \frac{1}{a} \ln \frac{a-bN}{a-bN_0} = t$$

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$$\ln \left( \frac{\frac{N}{N_0}}{\frac{a-bN}{a-bN_0}} \right) = at$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left[ \left( \frac{N}{a-bN} \right) \left( \frac{a-bN_0}{N_0} \right) \right] = at$$

$$\left( \frac{N}{a-bN} \right) = \underbrace{\left( \frac{N_0}{a-bN_0} \right)}_{\alpha} e^{at} \Rightarrow \frac{N}{a-bN} = \alpha e^{at}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = a\alpha e^{at} - b\alpha e^{at} + N_0$$

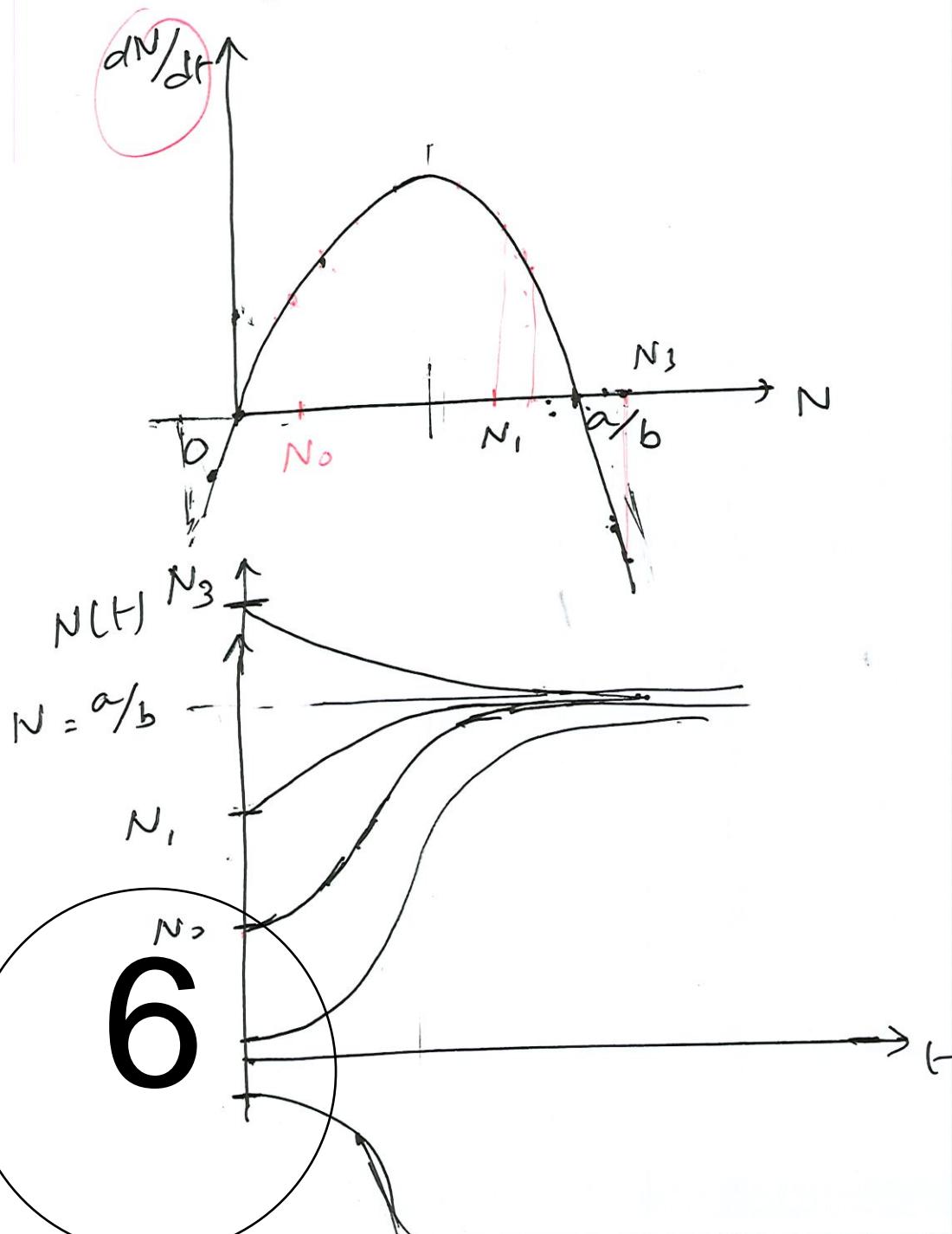
$$\Rightarrow N(1 + b\alpha e^{at}) = a\alpha e^{at}$$

$$\Rightarrow N(t) = \boxed{\frac{a\alpha e^{at}}{1 + b\alpha e^{at}}}$$

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$$\frac{dN}{dt} = (a - bN)N \quad a, b > 0$$

$$= aN - bN^2$$



At  $N=N_0$ ,  $\frac{dN}{dt} > 0$

Equilibrium value

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 0$$

$$(a - bN)N = 0$$

$$N = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad N = \frac{a}{b}$$

$N=0 \rightarrow$  unstable  
equilibrium  
point

$N = \frac{a}{b} \leftarrow$  stable  
equilibrium.

## Linearization about equilibrium points

Taylor series of a function  $f(x)$  about  $x=a$  is

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + f''(a)\frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} + \dots + f'''(a)\frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Linear approximation of  $f(x)$  about  $x=a$  is

$$f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = f(N) \quad \text{where} \quad f(N) = (a - bN)N = aN - bN^2$$

$$f'(N) = a - 2bN$$

About  $N=0$ :  $f(0) = 0 ; f'(0) = a$

$$f(N) = f(0) + f'(0)(N-0) \Rightarrow f(N) = aN.$$

$$a \neq 0$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = aN \Rightarrow N(t) = N_0 e^{at}$$

$N(t)$  increases with  $t$

$\Rightarrow$  unstable.

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About  $N = \frac{a}{b}$        $f\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = 0$        $f'\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = a - (2b) \frac{a}{b} = -a$

$$f(N) = f\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + f'\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)\left(N - \frac{a}{b}\right)$$

$$f(N) = -a\left(N - \frac{a}{b}\right)$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} \approx -a\left(N - \frac{a}{b}\right)$$

Let  $\tilde{N} = N - \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{d\tilde{N}}{dt} = \frac{dN}{dt}$

$$\frac{d\tilde{N}}{dt} = -a\tilde{N} \Rightarrow \tilde{N}(t) = \tilde{N}_0 e^{-at}$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{N}(t)$  decreases to 0

$$\Rightarrow N - \frac{a}{b} \rightarrow 0$$

$\Rightarrow N \rightarrow \frac{a}{b}$        $\rightarrow$  stable equilibrium point

$$\ddot{x} = (x - 2)(3 - x)(x - 4)$$

