

Plan for today:

1. Finish 2.1
2. Start 2.2

Learning Goals

1. Be able to set up and solve a differential equation which describes the growth of a population based on information given by the problem in hand. Such a differential equation may or may not be a logistic equation.
2. Be able to recognize stable, unstable and semistable critical points of an autonomous ODE
3. Be able to identify the critical points and equilibrium solutions of an autonomous differential equation and construct a phase diagram.
4. Be able to extract qualitative information about the behavior of solution of an autonomous differential equation from its phase diagram
5. Be able to construct a bifurcation diagram for a differential equation depending on a parameter

Reminders-Announcements

1. HW 09 moved to Thursday. HW 07 and HW 08 still due Tuesday.
2. No class on Wednesday (Reading Day)
3. Read the textbook!

Saw: Logistic eqn: $a, b > 0$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = aP - bP^2 = kP(M-P) \quad (k=b, M=\frac{a}{b})$$

Assumption: Birth rate decreases linearly as population increases; death rate const.

Found:

$$P(t) = \frac{M P_0}{P_0 + (M - P_0) e^{-kt}}$$

$P_0 \rightarrow$ population at time $t=0$

Observed: $P(t)=0$, $P(t)=M$ are always sol's.

Other situations modeled by logistic eqn:

Competition: death rate increases linearly as pop. increases.

Zombies: $P_0 \rightarrow$ pop. of city

$N(t) \rightarrow$ # of Zombies

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = k N(t) \underbrace{(P_0 - N(t))}_T$$

zombies non-zombies

Ex: Population of Jackalopes

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \alpha P - bP^2$$

Initially: 120

At $t=0$

$$\text{births/month} = \alpha P = 8$$

$$\text{deaths/month} = bP^2 = 6$$

Find α, b to describe eqn.

$$\alpha P = 8 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{8}{120}$$

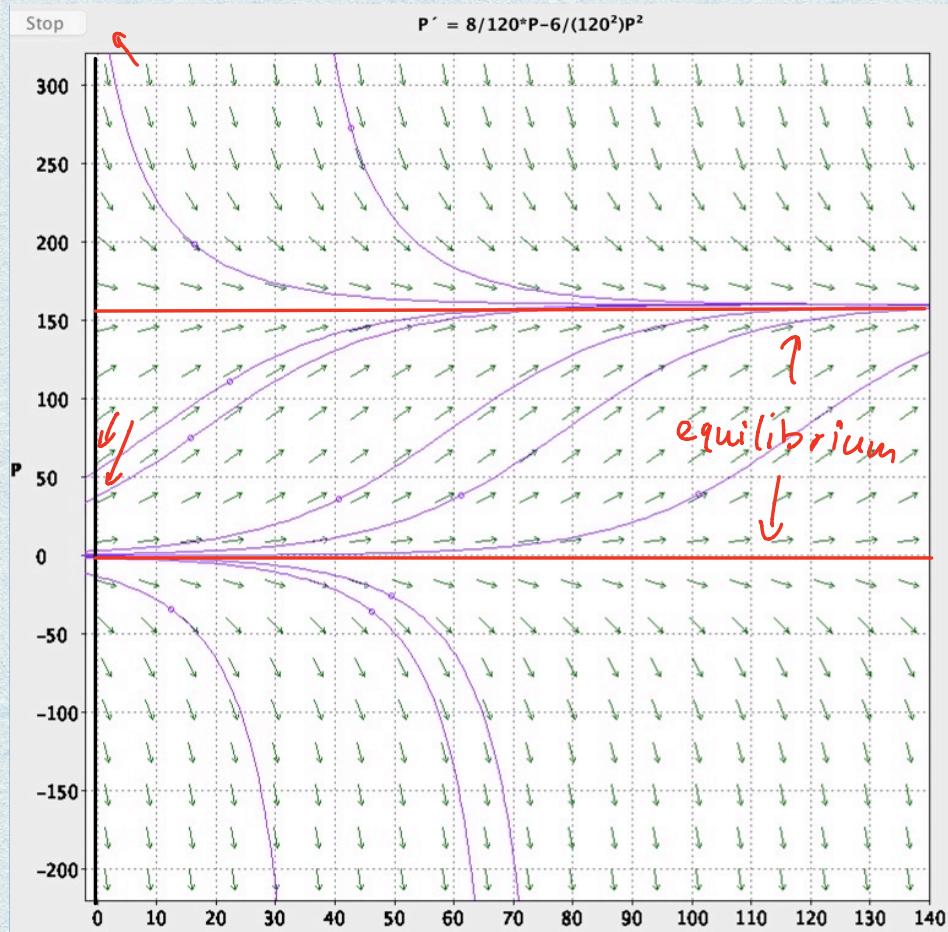


$$\left(\frac{dP}{dt} = (\beta - \gamma) \underbrace{P}_{\text{pop.}} \right)$$

β : births/unit pop. (unit of time)

$$bP^2 = 6 \Rightarrow b = \frac{6}{120^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So: } \frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{8}{120} P - \frac{6}{120^2} P^2 = \frac{6}{120} P \left(\frac{120}{6} - P \right) \\ &= \frac{6}{120} P (160 - P) \end{aligned}$$



160
limiting
population/
carrying
capacity

If $P_0 > 0$ then $P(f) \rightarrow 160$

If $P_0 = 0$ then $P(H) \equiv 0$

If $P_0 < 0$ (unphysical), sol'n has a vertical asymptote.

Def'n: Autonomous dif eqn: $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$

$$= f(y)$$

no $f(c)$

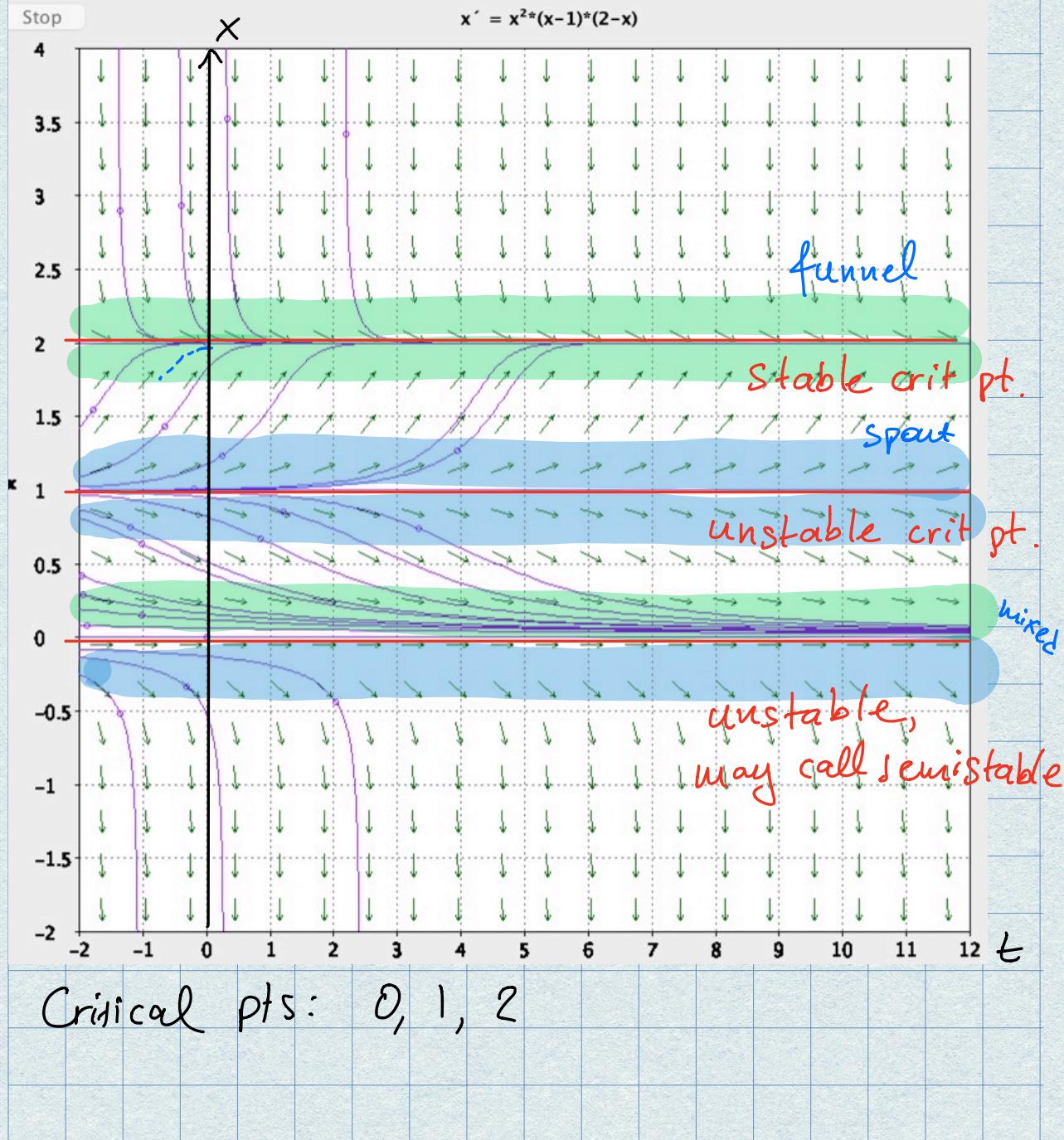
$$f(c) = 0$$

The values c such that
are called critical points.

$$\text{(Above: } \frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{6}{120} P(160 - P) : \text{crit} \rightarrow 0, 160)$$

$y(t) = c$, c critical, is an equilibrium solution.

Ex: $x'(t) = x^2(x-1)(2-x)$ Autonomous



"Defn" $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$ autonomous diff. eq'n.

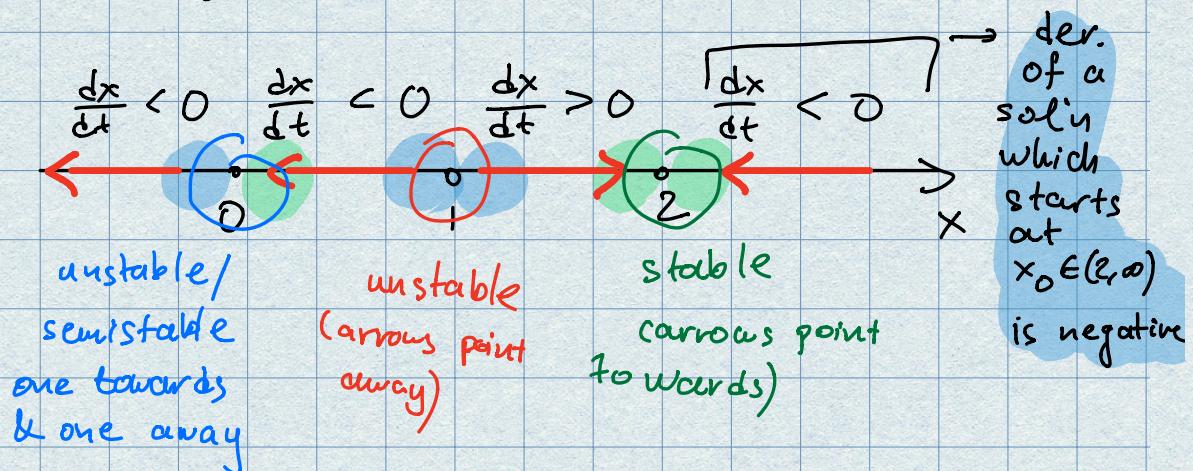
$x=c \rightarrow$ critical pt, called

stable: if x_0 is close enough to c then
the soln $x(t)$ of $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$ w/ $x(0) = x_0$
stays close to c for all $t \geq 0$.

unstable: otherwise.

Phase diagrams: helps understand stable/unstable crit. pts.

Ex: $\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2(x-1)(2-x)$ Autonomous



Stable



Unstable



Semistable

