

Tutorial 9.5. Nonlinear Systems. Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x(3-x-2y) \\ \dot{y} &= y(2-x-y)\end{aligned}$$

* See Strogatz's Nonlinear Dynamics of and Chaos.

§6.4 for a discussion of this problem.

1. Steady-state

Set $\dot{x} = \dot{y} = 0$: This gives $x_1 = (0, 0)$, $x_2 = (0, 2)$, $x_3 = (3, 0)$, $x_4 = (1, 1)$.

2. Jacobian

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-2x-2y & -2x \\ -y & 2-x-2y \end{pmatrix}.$$
$$\begin{aligned}f &= 3x - x^2 - 2xy \\ g &= 2y - xy - y^2\end{aligned}$$

3. J @ steady-state

$$J|_{x_1=(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$J|_{x_2=(0,2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$J|_{x_3=(3,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$J|_{x_4=(1,1)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. $J_{x_1=(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda = 3, 2$ so
 $(0,0)$ is an unstable node.

$J_{x_2=(0,2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda = -1, -2$ so

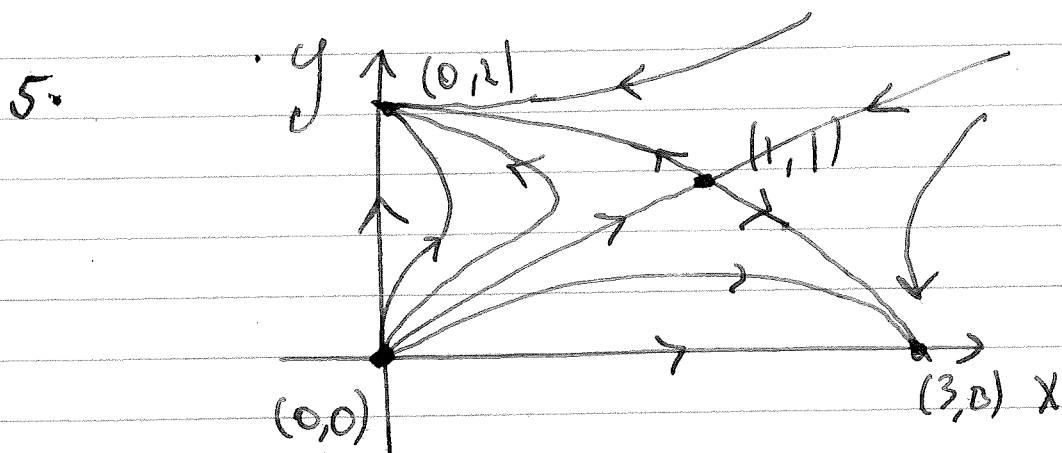
$(0,2)$ is a stable node.

$J_{x_3=(3,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda = -3, -1$ so

$(3,0)$ is a stable node

$J_{x_4=(1,1)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda \approx 0.4142$
 $\lambda \approx -2.4142$

so $(1,1)$ is a saddle point.



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