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## 2. Review: modeling 1 species populations

### Review: modeling a single population

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## Review: stability of critical points of the logistic equation

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Recall (from the course *Introduction to differential equations*) the logistic equation modeling a single population  $x$ :

$$\dot{x} = (a - bx)x$$

where  $a$  (in  $\text{time}^{-1}$ ) is the natural growth rate and  $a/b$  (in the same units as  $x$ ) is the carrying capacity of the population.

Let  $a = 3, b = 1$ . Find the signs of the derivative  $\dot{x}$  in the following intervals:

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## Review: Sketch the phase line

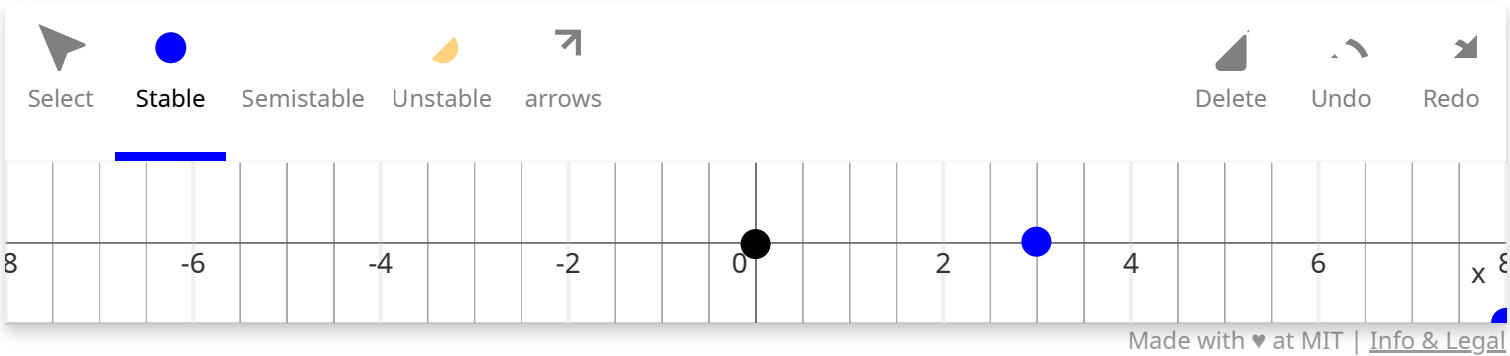
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Sketch the phase line of the logistic equation

$$\dot{x} = (3 - x)x.$$

(Use the point tool labeled **stable** to mark any stable critical point, the one labeled **semi-stable** to mark any semi-stable critical point, and the one labeled **unstable** to mark any unstable critical point. Use the **arrows** tool to draw one arrow in each relevant interval.)



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