

# Solutions of the Exercises of Lesson 3

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1. Analyze the following equations graphically. In each case, sketch the vector field on the real line, find all the fixed points, classify their stability, and sketch the graph of  $x(t)$  for different initial conditions. Then try for a few minutes to obtain the analytical solution for  $x(t)$ ; if you get stuck, don't try for too long since in several cases it's impossible to solve the equation in closed form!

a)

$$\dot{x} = 4x^2 - 16 \quad (1)$$

Analytical solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) &= 4x^2 - 16 \\ \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{dx}{x^2 - 4} &= \int dt \\ \int \frac{dx}{x^2 - 4} &= 4 \int dt \\ \frac{1}{4} \left[ \int \frac{dx}{x-2} - \int \frac{dx}{x+2} \right] &= 4t \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4} \ln \left| \frac{x-2}{x+2} \right| = 4t + c}$$

Getting rid of the Ln, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-2}{x+2} &= e^{4t+c} \\ 1 - \frac{4}{x+2} &= e^{16t+4c} \\ 1 - e^{16t+4c} &= \frac{4}{x+2} \\ x(t) &= \frac{4}{1 - e^{16t+4c}} - 2 \\ \boxed{x(t) = \frac{2(1 - e^{16t+4c})}{1 - e^{16t+4c}}} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

substituting the initial condition:

$$\boxed{x(t) = \frac{2(1 - e^{16t} + x_0 + x_0 e^{16t})}{2 - e^{16t} x_0 + x_0 + 2e^{16t}}} \quad (4)$$

Graph solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 0 \\ 4x^2 - 16 &= 0 \\ x = 2, \text{unstable} \\ x = -2, \text{stable} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

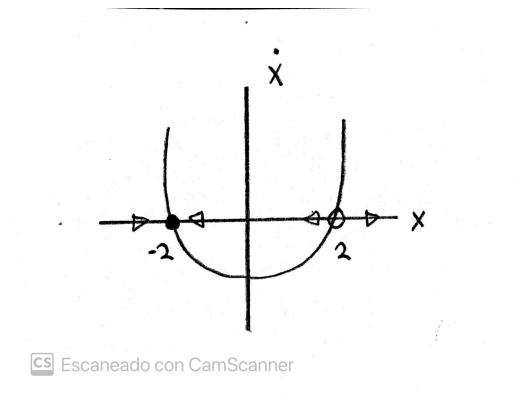


Figura 1: vector field, fixed points

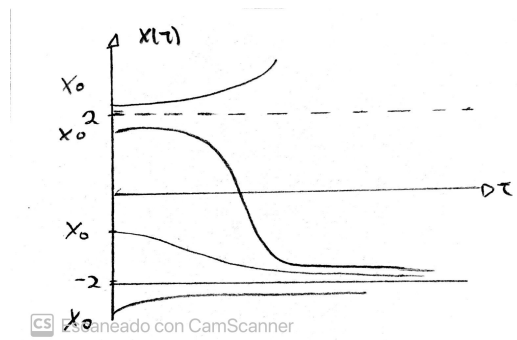


Figura 2: Phase Diagram

b)

$$\dot{x} = x - x^3 \quad (6)$$

Analytical solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right) &= x - x^3 \\ \int \frac{dx}{x - x^3} &= \int dt \\ \int \frac{dx}{x(1 - x^2)} &= t + c \\ \frac{dx}{x(x-1)(x+1)} &= \frac{A+B+C}{x(x-1)(x+1)} \\ \text{if } x &= 0 \\ A &= -1 \\ \text{if } x &= 1 \\ C &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{if } x &= -1 \\ B &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \int \frac{dx}{x(x-1)(x+1)} &= -\int \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1} \right] dx \\ \boxed{\ln \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right|} &= t + c \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Getting ride of the Ln, we obtain:

$$x(t) = \frac{e^t}{\sqrt{e^{2t} + \frac{1}{(x_0)^2} - 1}}$$

or

$$x(t) = \frac{-e^t}{\sqrt{e^{2t} + \frac{1}{(x_0)^2} - 1}}$$

(8)

Graphical solution:

$$f(x) = 0$$

$$x(1 - x^2) = 0$$

$$x=1, \text{ stable}$$

$$x=-1, \text{ stable}$$

(9)

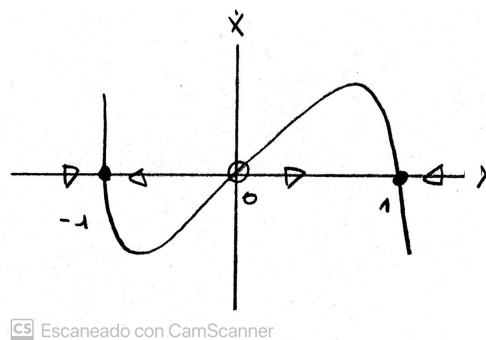


Figura 3: vector field, fixed points

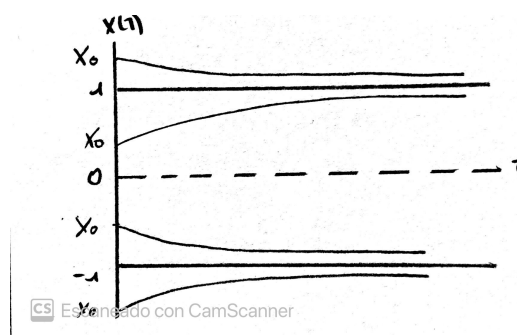


Figura 4: Phase Diagram

c)

$$\dot{x} = e^{-x} \sin(x) \quad (10)$$

Analytical solution:

when trying to find the analytical solution we obtain

$$\int \frac{dx}{e^{-x} \sin x} = \int dt \quad (11)$$

$$\boxed{\int \frac{e^x}{\sin x} dx = t + c}$$

left integral is defined in the complex plane

Graphical solution:

$$f(x) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$e^{-x} \sin(x) = 0$$

since the exponential can't ever be null then;

$$\sin(x) = 0$$

$$x = \pi k$$

$$x = \pi 2K, \text{unstable}$$

$$x = \pi(2K - 1), \text{stable}$$

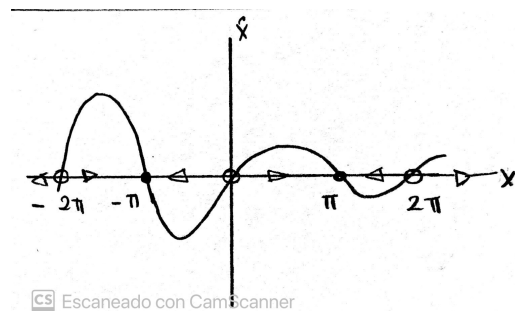


Figura 5: vector field, fixed points

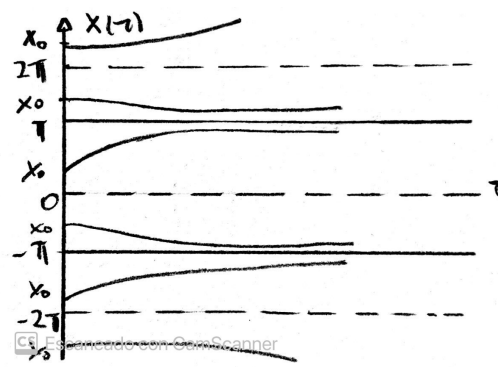


Figura 6: Phase Diagram

d)

$$\dot{x} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\cos(x) \quad (13)$$

Analytical solution: This equation can be obtain with a Weirstrass solution in the form of:

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \tan \frac{x}{2} \\ \cos(x) &= \frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2} \\ \sin(x) &= \frac{2r}{r^2+1} \\ dx &= \frac{2dr}{1+r^2} \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}\cos(x) \\ \int \frac{dx}{1 + \frac{1}{2}\cos(x)} &= t + c \\ \int \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2}} \frac{2}{1+r^2} dr &= t + c \\ \int \frac{2}{1+r^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1-r^2)} dr &= t + c \\ \int \frac{2}{3+r^2} dr &= t + c \\ \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{dr}{1 + \frac{r^2}{3}} &= t + c \\ \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{dr}{1 + (\frac{r}{\sqrt{3}})^2} &= t + c \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

with another change of variable

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{3}} \\ du &= \frac{dr}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \int \frac{du}{1+u^2} &= t + c \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan(u) &= t + c \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{3}}\right) &= t + c \\ \boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)} &= t + c \end{aligned}$$

Applying tan and arctan successively to each side of the equation, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(t + c) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) &= \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(t + c)\right) \\ \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) &= \sqrt{3} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(t + c)\right) \\ \frac{x}{2} &= \arctan\left(\sqrt{3} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(t + c)\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = 2\arctan\left(\sqrt{3} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(t + c)\right)\right)}$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = 2\arctan\left(\sqrt{3} \tan\left(\arctan\left(\frac{\tan(\frac{x_0}{2})}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}t}{4}\right)\right)}$$

Graphical solution:

$$f(x) = 0$$

since there is no break points with x-axis, the function varies between

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right] \quad (16)$$

but is never null, thus it does not have equilibrium points:

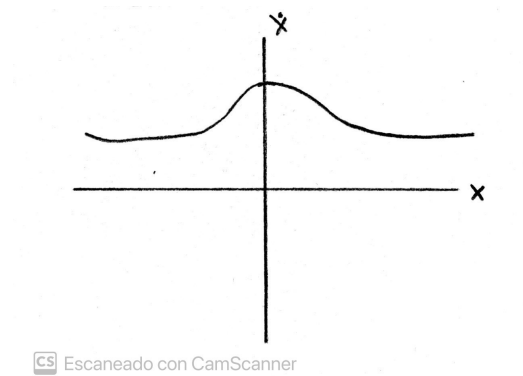


Figura 7: vector field, fixed points

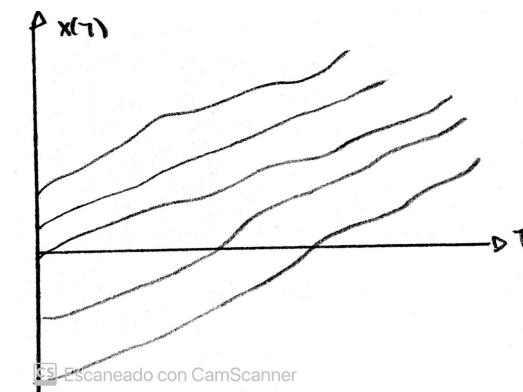


Figura 8: Phase Diagram

2. Find an equation  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  whose solutions  $x(t)$  are consistent with those shown in Figure 1.

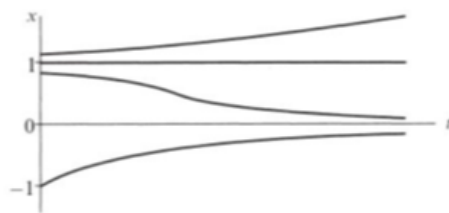


Figura 9: Phase Diagram

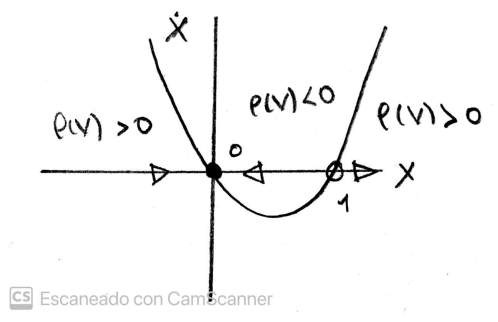


Figura 10: vector field, fixed points

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad (17)$$

*Breakpoints :*

$$x = 1$$

$$x = 0$$

*Thus :*

$$x(x - 1)$$

*or*

$$\boxed{f(x) = x^2 - x}$$

(18)

3. Solve the exact solution of logistic equation. There are two ways to solve the logistic equation  $\dot{N} = rN(1 - N/K)$  analytically for an arbitrary initial condition  $N_0$ :

a) Separate variables and integrate, using partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{N} &= rN(1 - \frac{N}{K}) \\
 \frac{dN}{dt} &= rN(1 - \frac{N}{K}) \\
 \frac{dN}{dt} &= rN(\frac{K - N}{K}) \\
 \frac{dN}{dt} &= \frac{r}{K}N(K - N) \\
 \frac{K}{r} \frac{dN}{N(K - N)} &= dt \\
 \frac{dN}{N(K - N)} &= \frac{A + B}{N(K - N)} \\
 \text{if } N &= 0 \\
 A &= \frac{1}{K} \\
 \text{if } N &= K \\
 B &= \frac{1}{K} \\
 \int \frac{dN}{N(K - N)} &= \frac{1}{K} \int \frac{1}{N} dN + \frac{1}{K} \int \frac{1}{K - N} dN \\
 \frac{1}{K} [Ln|N| - Ln|K - N|] &= \frac{r}{K} t + c \\
 Ln \left| \frac{N}{K - N} \right| &= rt + ck \\
 \frac{N}{K - N} &= e^{rt + kc} \\
 N &= (K - N)e^{rt + kc} \\
 \text{if } N(0) &= N_0 \\
 N &= (K - N)e^{rt} e^{kc} \\
 N &= Ke^{rt} - Ne^{rt} e^{kc} \\
 N(e^{rt} e^{kc} - 1) &= Ke^{rt} e^{kc} \\
 N_0(e^{rt} - 1) &= Ke^{kc} \\
 N_0 &= e^{kc}(N_0 - K) \\
 \boxed{e^{kc} &= \frac{N_0}{N_0 - K}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$



- b) Make the change of variables  $x = 1/N$ . Then derive and solve the resulting differential equation for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 N &= \frac{1}{x} \\
 \frac{dN}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{\dot{x}}{x^2} \\
 \frac{dN}{dt} &= rN(1 - \frac{N}{K}) \\
 -\frac{\dot{x}}{x^2} &= rN(1 - \frac{N}{K}) \\
 -\frac{\dot{x}}{x^2} &= \frac{r}{x}(1 - \frac{1}{xk}) \\
 -\dot{x} &= rx(1 - \frac{1}{xk}) \\
 \dot{x} &= \frac{r}{k} - rx \\
 \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{r}{k} - rkx \\
 \int \frac{dx}{x - \frac{1}{k}} &= -r \int dt \\
 \ln \left| x - \frac{1}{k} \right| &= -rt + c \\
 x - \frac{1}{k} &= e^{-rt+c} \\
 x(t) &= \frac{1}{k} + e^{-rt}e^c \\
 x(t) &= \frac{1}{k} + e^{-rt}c \\
 N &= \frac{1}{x} \\
 x &= \frac{1}{N} \\
 x(t) &= \frac{kce^{-rt} + 1}{k} \\
 N(t) &= \frac{k}{kce^{-rt} + 1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Initial condition:  $N(0) = N_0$

$$N(0) = \frac{K}{kc + 1}$$

$$N_0 = \frac{k}{kc + 1}$$

$$N_0(kc + 1) = k$$

$$1 + kc = \frac{k}{N_0}$$

$$kc = \frac{k}{N_0} - 1$$

$$N(t) = \frac{k}{1 + (\frac{k}{N_0} - 1)e^{-rt}}$$

4. The growth of cancerous tumors can be modeled by the Gompertz law  $N' = -aN \ln(bN)$ , where  $N(t)$  is proportional to the number of cells in the tumor, and  $a, b > 0$  are parameters.

a) Interpret  $a$  and  $b$  biologically.

In order to interpret  $b$  we obtain the equilibrium points:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dN}{dt} &= -aN \ln(bN) \\
 f(N) &= 0 \\
 -aN \ln(bN) &= 0 \\
 \frac{-aN \ln(bN)}{-a} &= 0 \\
 N \ln(bN) &= 0 \\
 N &= 0 \\
 \ln(bN) &= 0 \\
 bN &= 1 \\
 N &= \frac{1}{b}
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

As we can see

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{b} \\
 &\text{is an equilibrium point, where:} \\
 &\text{if } N < \frac{1}{b} \quad \text{then; } f(N) > 0 \\
 &\text{if } N > \frac{1}{b} \quad \text{then; } f(N) < 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

$$\text{we can conclude then that, } \frac{1}{b}, \text{ is the limiting size of the tumor.} \tag{23}$$

On the other hand  $a$  corresponds to the proliferation ability (how fast the tumor grows), that when talking about cells, depends on the availability of substrate, oxygen, etc.

- b) Sketch the vector field and then graph  $N(t)$  for various initial values. The predictions of this simple model agree surprisingly well with data on tumor growth, as long as  $N$  is not too small; see Aroesty et al. (1973) and Newton (1980) for examples. As the equilibrium points were obtained in a) we sketch the graph for different initial conditions

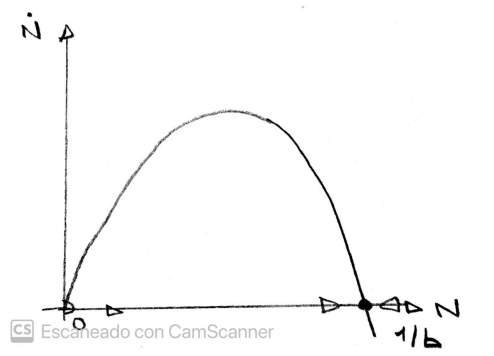


Figura 11: Vector field, Fixed points

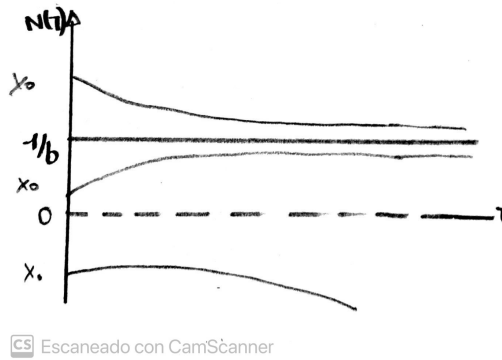


Figura 12: Phase Diagram

5. Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are two species that reproduce exponentially fast:  $\dot{X} = aX$  and  $\dot{Y} = bY$ , respectively, with initial conditions  $X(0) = X_0$ ,  $Y(0) = Y_0$  and growth rates  $a > b > 0$ . Here  $X$  is "fitter" than  $Y$  in the sense that it reproduces faster, as reflected by the inequality  $a > b$ . So we'd expect  $X$  to keep increasing its share of the total population  $X + Y$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . The goal of this exercise is to demonstrate this intuitive result, first analytically and then geometrically.
- a) Let  $x(t) = X(t)/[X(t) + Y(t)]$  denote  $X$ 's share of the total population. By solving for  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$ , show that  $x(t)$  increases monotonically and approaches 1 as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) &= \frac{x(t)}{(x(t) + y(t))} \\
\dot{X} &= aX \\
\dot{Y} &= bY \\
\frac{dX}{dt} &= aX \\
\frac{dX}{X} &= a dt \\
Ln(X) &= at + c \\
X(t) &= e^{at+c} = e^{at} C_x \\
\frac{dY}{dt} &= bY \\
\frac{dY}{Y} &= b dt \\
Ln(Y) &= bt + C_y \\
Y(t) &= e^{bt} C_y \\
\left. \begin{aligned} X(0) &= X_0; C_x = X_0 \\ Y(0) &= Y_0; C_y = Y_0 \end{aligned} \right\} X_0, Y_0 > 0 \\
X(t) &= X_0 e^{at} \\
Y(t) &= Y_0 e^{bt} \\
a &> b > 0 \\
x(t) &= \frac{x_0 e^{at}}{x_0 e^{at} + y_0 e^{bt}} \\
\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (x(t)) &= \\
\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_0 e^{at}}{x_0 e^{at} + y_0 e^{bt}} &= \\
\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_0}{x_0 + y_0 \frac{e^{bt}}{e^{at}}} &= \\
\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_0}{x_0 + y_0 e^{(b-a)t}} &= \\
\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_0}{x_0} &= 1
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Because  $a > b$  the exponential tends to 0 if the time tends to infinity

- b) Alternatively, we can arrive at the same conclusions by deriving a differential equation for  $x(t)$ . To do so, take the time derivative of  $x(t) = X(t)/[X(t)+Y(t)]$  using the quotient and chain rules. Then substitute for  $\dot{X}$  and  $\dot{Y}$  and thereby show that  $x(t)$  obeys the logistic equation  $\dot{x} = (a - b)x(1 - x)$ . Explain why this implies that  $x(t)$  increases monotonically and approaches 1 as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \frac{X(t)}{X(t) + Y(t)} \\
 \dot{x}(t) &= \frac{\dot{x}(t)(X(t) + y(t)) - X(t)(\dot{x} + \dot{y})}{(x + y)^2} \\
 \dot{x}(t) &= \frac{\dot{x}y - x\dot{y}}{(x + y)^2} \\
 \dot{x} &= ax \\
 \dot{y} &= by \\
 \dot{x} &= \frac{(a - b)XY}{(x + y)^2} \\
 \text{Because : } x(t) &= \frac{X}{x + y} \quad (25)
 \end{aligned}$$

And the objective is:  $\dot{x}(t) = rx(1 - \frac{x}{k})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{Xy}{(x + y)^2} &= \frac{X}{x + Y} \left(1 - \frac{X}{(x + y)k}\right) \\
 \frac{Xy}{(x + y)^2} &= \frac{X}{x + y} - \frac{X^2}{k(x + y)^2} = \frac{kX(X + y)^2 - X^2}{k(x + y)^2} = \frac{kX^2 + kXy - x^2}{k(x + y)^2} \rightarrow k = 1 \\
 \dot{x}(t) &= (a - b) \frac{X}{x + y} \left(1 - \frac{X}{x + y}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\dot{x}(t) = (a - b)x(1 - x)} \rightarrow \text{Logistic Equation with:}$$

$$r = a - b > 0$$

$$k = 1$$

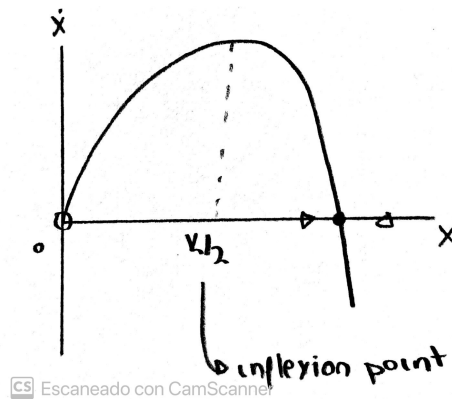


Figura 13: Vector Field, Fixed points

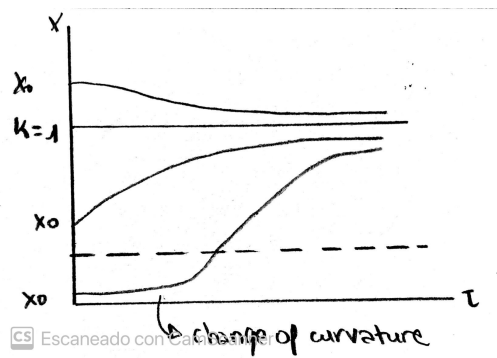


Figura 14: Phase Diagram

6. For each of the following vector fields, plot the potential function  $V(x)$  and identify all the equilibrium points and their stability.

a)

$$\dot{x} = x(1 - x) \quad (26)$$

Potential function:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x(1 - x) \\ f(x) &= -\frac{dv(x)}{dx} \\ x - x^2 &= -\frac{dv(x)}{dx} \\ v(x) &= -\int x(1 - x)dx = -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + c \\ c &= 0 \\ v(x) &= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} = x^2\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{3}\right) \\ x &= 0[\text{double}] \\ x &= \frac{3}{2} \\ v(x) &= -f(x) = -x(1 - x) \\ x^* = 0 \quad (0, 0), \quad \text{unstable} \\ x^* = 1 \quad \left(1, -\frac{1}{6}\right), \quad \text{stable} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

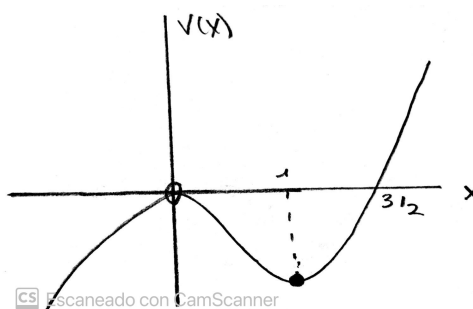


Figura 15: Potential function  $V(x)$

b)

$$\dot{x} = \sin(x) \quad (28)$$

potential function:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= -\frac{dv(x)}{dx} \\ v(x) &= \int (-\sin(x))dx = \cos(x) + c \\ c &= 0 \\ v(x) &= 0 \\ x &= 1 \\ x &= \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi; k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ v(x) &= -f(x) = -\sin(x) \\ x^* &= 0, \quad [x^* = 2k\pi; k \in \mathbb{Z}], \quad \textbf{unstable} \\ x^* &= \pi, \quad [x^* = (2k+1)\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}], \quad \textbf{stable} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

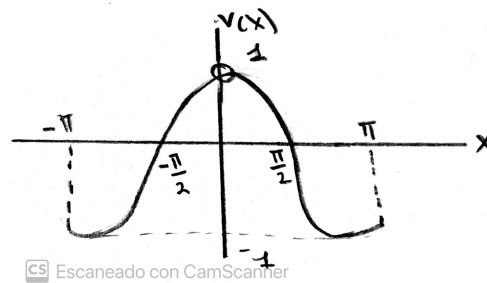


Figura 16: Potential function  $V(x)$

c)

$$\dot{x} = -\sinh(x) \quad (30)$$

potential function:

$$f(x) = -\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$v(x) = \int \sinh(x) dx = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int (e^x - e^{-x}) dx = \frac{1}{2} (e^x + e^{-x}) + c = \cosh(x) + c \quad (31)$$

$$c = 0$$

$$v(x) = \cosh(x)$$

$$x^* = 1, \text{ stable}$$

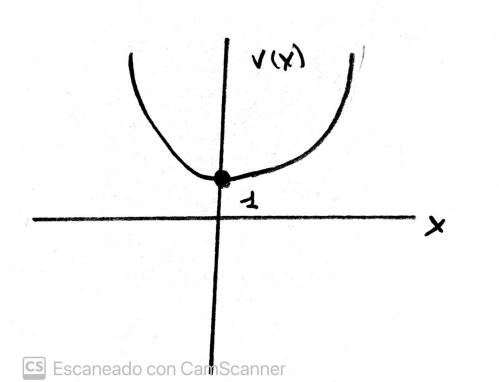


Figura 17: Potential function  $V(x)$