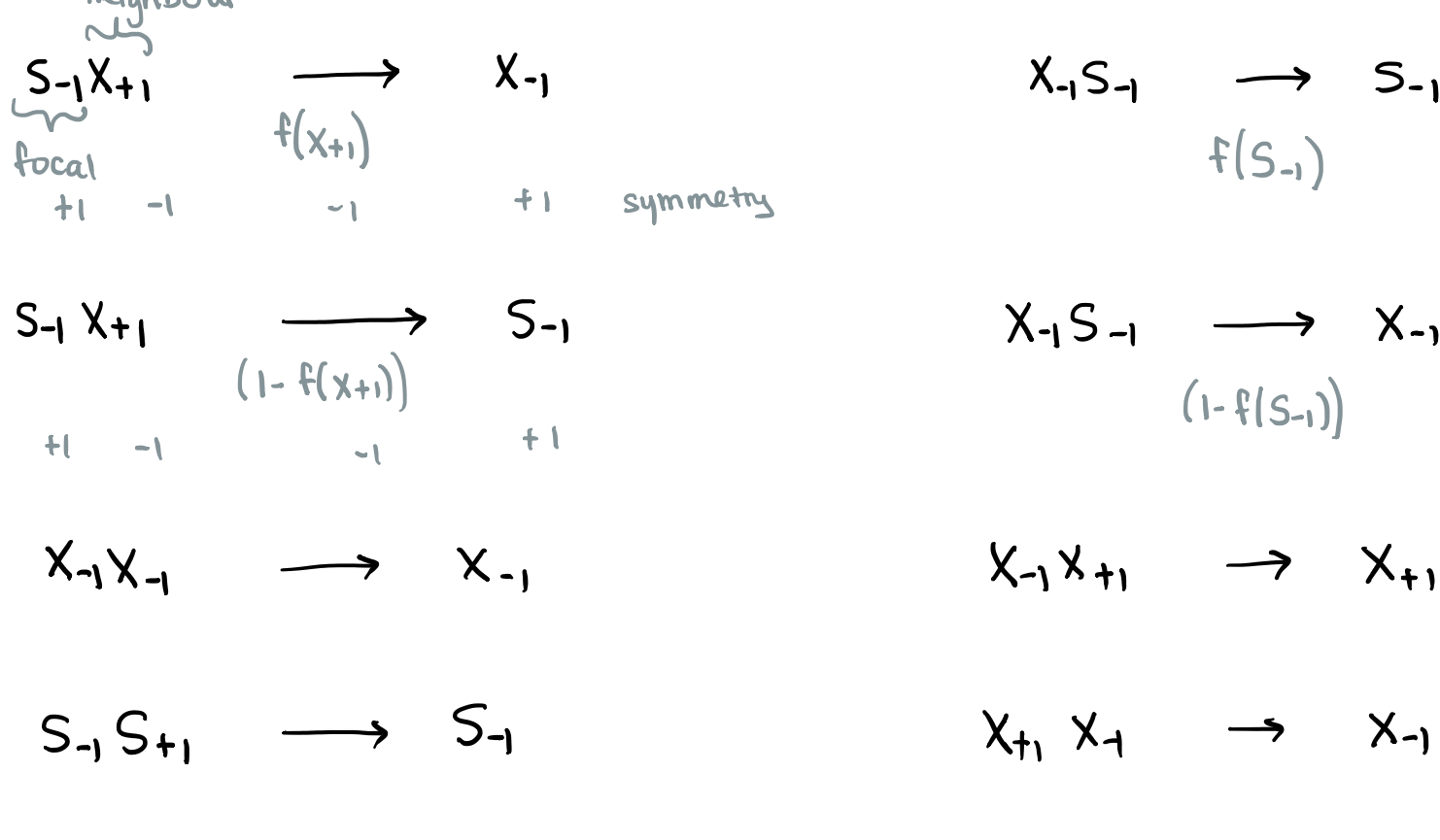


Homework Hints

$f(X)$ = prob (proportion of the time) that a stubborn individual becomes unstubborn



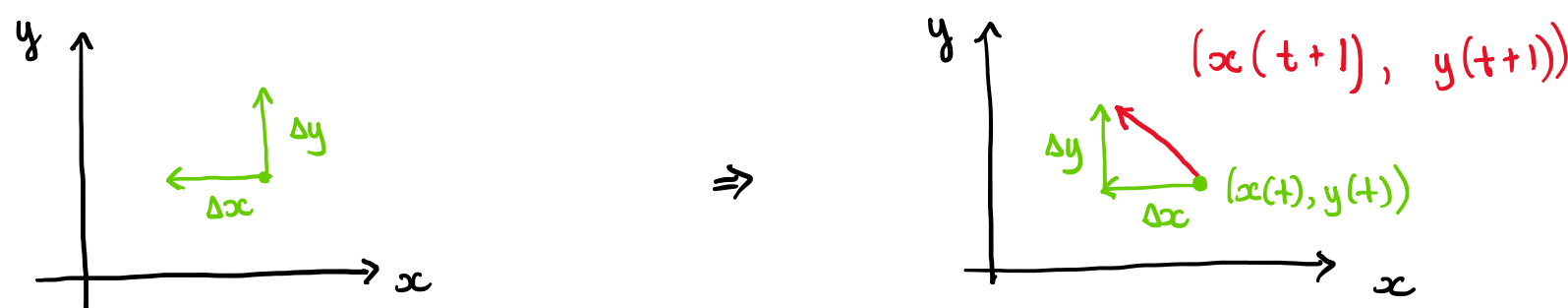
* sometimes switching rate is a function of X, sometimes it's a function of S

Lecture #3

Consider the two-dimensional autonomous ODE system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x,y) \\ \dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x,y) \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = f(x,y) \\ \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = g(x,y) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Last time, we observed that we can evaluate $f(x,y)$ & $g(x,y)$ at any point (x,y) & draw an arrow representing the movement of the solution in the phase plane, over a small interval Δt (eq. 4)



For small enough Δt & repeating this procedure, we can trace the solution $(x(t), y(t))$ in the phase plane

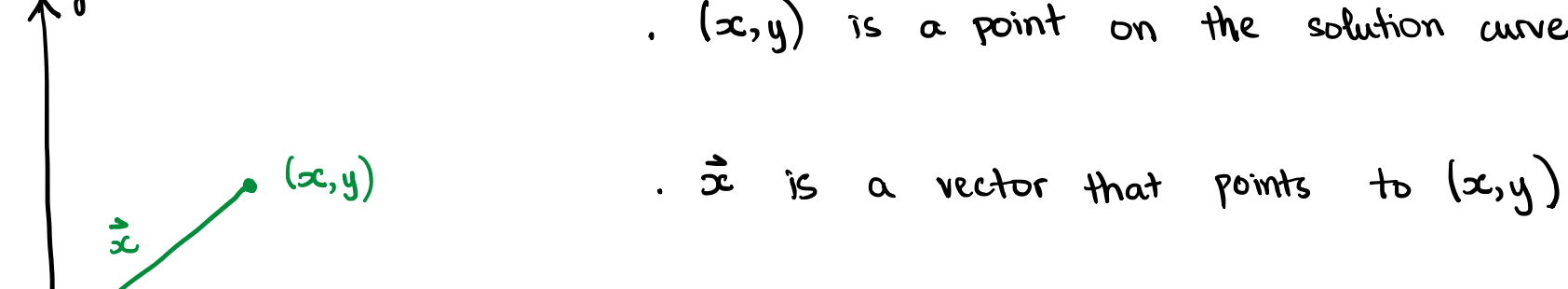
vector function

Summary of Facts about Vector Functions (from Calculus)

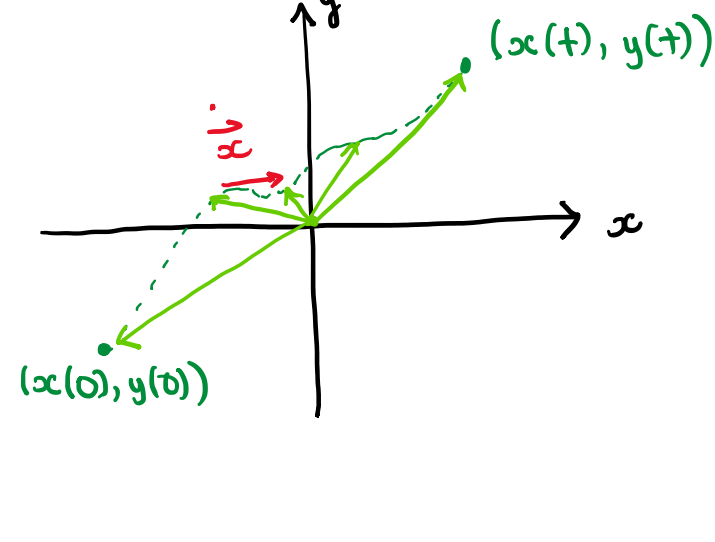
- The pair $(x(t), y(t))$ represents a curve in the (x,y) plane w/ t as a parameter
- $\vec{x}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ also represents a position vector: a vector w/ tail at origin $(0,0)$ & head at $(x(t), y(t))$
- The vector $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{x}} = \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}\right) = (\dot{x}, \dot{y})$ has a well-defined geometric meaning. It is a vector that is tangent to a solution curve at $\vec{x}(t)$. Its magnitude, $|\dot{\vec{x}}(t)|$ represents the speed of motion of the point $\vec{x}(t)$ along the curve.

4. The set of eq. 3 can be written in vector form $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{F}(\vec{x})$ (5)

The vector function $\vec{F} = (f, g)$, assigns a vector to every location \vec{x} in the plane, where \vec{x} is the position vector & $\dot{\vec{x}}$ is the velocity vector.



- (x,y) is a point on the solution curve
- \vec{x} is a vector that points to (x,y)

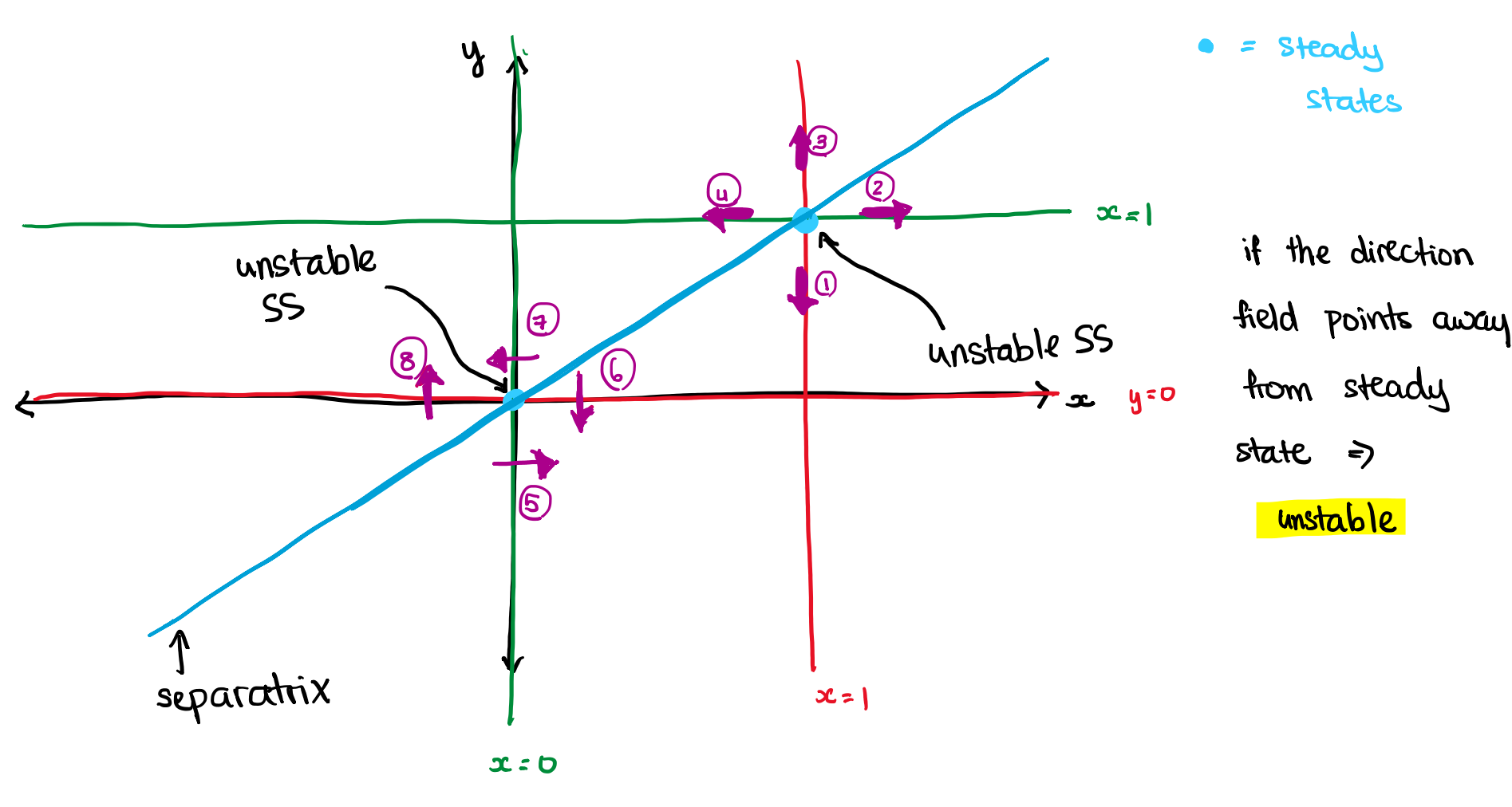


Examples

4) $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = xy - y \\ \dot{y} = xy - x \end{cases} \quad \therefore \quad \begin{cases} f(x,y) = xy - y \\ g(x,y) = xy - x \end{cases}$

Find Nullclines

$f(x,y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow xy - y = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } x = 1$
 $g(x,y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow xy - x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 1$



* notice how at $(1,0)$, it's not a steady state
 ↳ the $f(x,y)$ & $g(x,y)$ must cross for it to be a steady state.

Direction Field

- On the x-nullclines, $\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow$ flow is vertical
- " y-nullclines, $\dot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow$ " horizontal

Find the direction of each tangent vector ①:

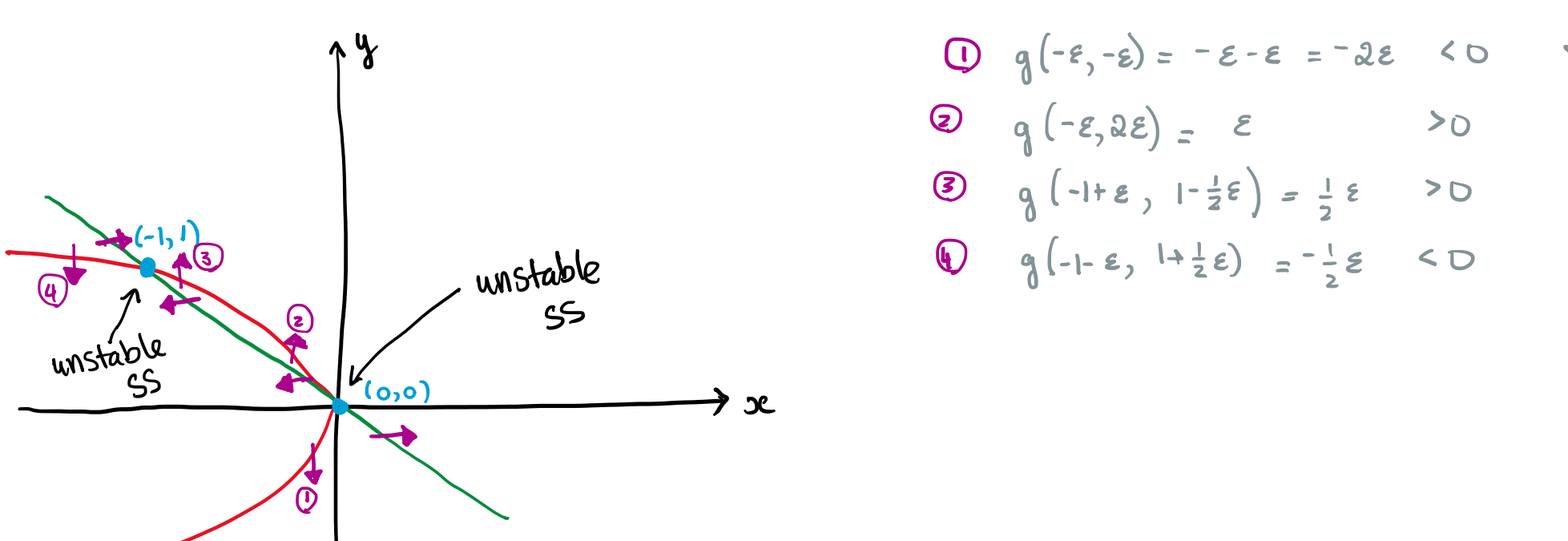
- At $(1,1)$ let $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$
- vertical flow given by \dot{y} or g
 $g(1, 1-\epsilon) = (1-\epsilon) - 1 = -\epsilon < 0 \quad \downarrow$
 - horizontal flow given by \dot{x} or f
 $f(1+\epsilon, 1) = (1+\epsilon) \cdot 1 - 1 = \epsilon > 0 \quad \rightarrow$
 - $g(1, 1+\epsilon) = (1+\epsilon) - 1 = \epsilon > 0 \quad \uparrow$
 - $f(1-\epsilon, 1) = (1-\epsilon) \cdot 1 - 1 = -\epsilon < 0 \quad \leftarrow$
 - $f(0, -\epsilon) = -\epsilon = \epsilon > 0 \quad \rightarrow$
 - $g(\epsilon, 0) = -\epsilon = -\epsilon < 0 \quad \downarrow$
 - $f(0, \epsilon) = -\epsilon = -\epsilon < 0 \quad \leftarrow$
 - $f(-\epsilon, 0) = -\epsilon = \epsilon > 0 \quad \uparrow$

Separatrix
 . divides the plane into regions where the solution outcomes are very different.
 . join steady states

* Flows are drastically different near the steady states
 ↳ but are rather uniform otherwise.

Examples

5) $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x + y^2 = f(x,y) \\ \dot{y} = x + y = g(x,y) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = -y^2 \\ y = -x \end{cases}$



Direction of flow on a single continuous nullcline
 - is the same on nullcline segments between steady states
 - only changes when crossing steady states

Catalogue of SS Behaviours

- . **Unstable** : flow moves away from steady state
- . **Stable** : " towards into "
- . **Oscillation** : flow spirals