

Dramatic changes in the flowfield only take place...

Close to the Steady States

Suppose we have the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X} = F(X, Y), \\ \dot{Y} = G(X, Y), \end{cases} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

where F and G are nonlinear functions. Assume that (X^*, Y^*) is a steady state, i.e.

$$F(X^*, Y^*) = G(X^*, Y^*) = 0.$$

Now consider the close-to-steady-state solutions

$$\begin{cases} X(t) = X^* + x(t), \\ Y(t) = Y^* + y(t), \end{cases} \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

where $0 < x(t) \ll 1$, and $0 < y(t) \ll 1$. The functions $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are perturbations of the steady state.
 \hookrightarrow perturbation theory!

Substituting (6) into (5), we obtain

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}(x^* + \alpha) = F(x^* + \alpha, y^* + y) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(y^* + y) = G(x^* + \alpha, y^* + y) \end{cases} \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

Begin with (7a):

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{d}{dt}(x^* + \alpha) = \frac{dx^*}{dt} + \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \dot{\alpha}$$

$$\text{RHS} = F(x^* + \alpha, y^* + y) \quad \text{do a Taylor series expansion:}$$

$$= F(x^*, y^*) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x^*, y^*)} \alpha + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x^*, y^*)} y + \text{h.o.t.}$$

we only want
LINEAR terms

where h.o.t. = higher order terms
(terms of order α^2 , y^2 ,
 αy , and higher)

Thus, (7a) becomes, to first order:

$$\dot{\alpha} = F_x \Big|_{*} \alpha + F_y \Big|_{*} y \dots \dots \dots (8a)$$

Similarly, (7b) becomes, to first order:

$$\dot{y} = G_{yx} \Big|_{*} x + G_{yy} \Big|_{*} y \quad \dots \quad (8b)$$

Putting (8a) + (8b) together, we arrive at the linearisation of (5) about the steady state (x^*, y^*) :

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = F_x \Big|_{*} x + F_y \Big|_{*} y \\ \dot{y} = G_{yx} \Big|_{*} x + G_{yy} \Big|_{*} y \end{cases} \quad \dots \quad (8)$$

Thus, we can write:

$$\boxed{\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A \vec{x}}, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} F_x \Big|_{*} & F_y \Big|_{*} \\ G_{yx} \Big|_{*} & G_{yy} \Big|_{*} \end{bmatrix} \dots (9)$$

(9) is a linear system of ODEs. How do we solve it?
Brief Review

i) First Order

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Kx \quad \dots (10)$$

where $x_0 = x(0)$.

$$\rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{Kt} \quad \dots (11)$$

(using separation of variables)

(ii) Second Order

$$a \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + c = 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots (12)$$

If we assume that solutions are of the form $x = e^{\lambda t}$ (inspired by (11)), and plug this form into (12), we obtain the characteristic equation

$$a \lambda^2 + b \lambda + c = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad \lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \dots (13)$$

So there are two eigenvalues (either distinct or not). If the eigenvalues are distinct, we have

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \quad \dots \dots \dots (14)$$

If $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, then we have

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} + c_2 t e^{\lambda t} \quad \dots \dots \dots (15)$$

If the eigenvalues are complex then (14) still holds, but we write $\lambda = a \pm ib$, and obtain the real-valued solutions

$$x(t) = e^{at} (c_1 \cos(bt) + c_2 \sin(bt)) \dots (16)$$

iii) Order n

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x} \quad (17)$$

where A is an $n \times n$ matrix and \vec{x} is an n -vector. Inspired by cases (i) + (ii), we assume solutions of the form

$$\vec{x} = \vec{v} e^{\lambda t} \quad (18)$$

where \vec{v} is a constant n -vector. We then ~~can~~ substitute (18) into (17). We obtain

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = \lambda \vec{v} e^{\lambda t} = A \vec{v} e^{\lambda t} \quad (19)$$

from (17)
from differentiating (18)

Cancelling the common factor of $e^{\lambda t}$ we obtain

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0} \quad (20)$$

fundamental eqn in linear algebra: The λ 's must be eigenvalues of A !

So there must be n eigenvalues (distinct or not), + solutions must be linear combinations of the independent eigenfunctions $e^{\lambda_i t}$.

As in (ii), complex eigenvalues lead to oscillatory eigenfunctions, non-distinct eigenvalues lead to eigenfunctions of the form $t^z e^{\lambda t}$, $z = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$, where m is the

multiplicity of the eigenvalue λ .

Examples

1. Solve

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = 3x - y \\ \dot{y} = 6x - 4y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \dot{\vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

eigenvalues

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

+ the eigenvalues are given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 6 & -4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (3-\lambda)(-4-\lambda) + 6 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 12 + 6 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda+3)(\lambda-2) = 0$, two distinct, real eigenvalues

eigenvectors

$\lambda_1 = 2$:

$$(A - \lambda I) \vec{v}_1 = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3-2 & -1 \\ 6 & -4-2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} \\ v_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 6 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} \\ v_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

one row is redundant

$\therefore v_{11} - v_{12} = 0$, & we can choose

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_2 = -3$:

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 - (-3) & -1 \\ 6 & -4 - (-3) \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \text{ii)}$$

$$\text{ii)} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{21} \\ v_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

one row is redundant

$\therefore 6v_{21} - v_{22} = 0$, & we can choose

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solutions:

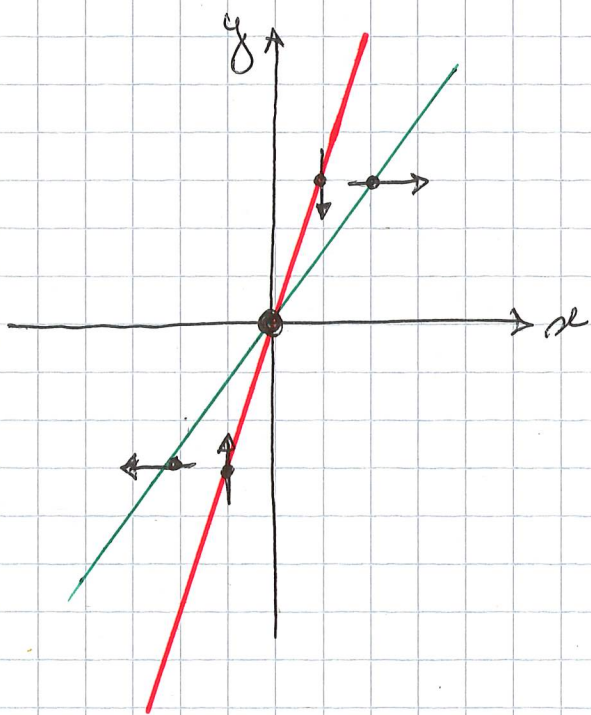
$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} e^{-3t}$$

Let's relate this back to the phase plane.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = 3x - y & = f(x, y) \\ \dot{y} = 6x - 4y & = g(x, y) \end{cases}$$

Nullclines:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = 0 \\ \dot{y} = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 3x - y = 0 \\ 6x - 4y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = 3x \\ y = \frac{3}{2}x \end{cases}$$



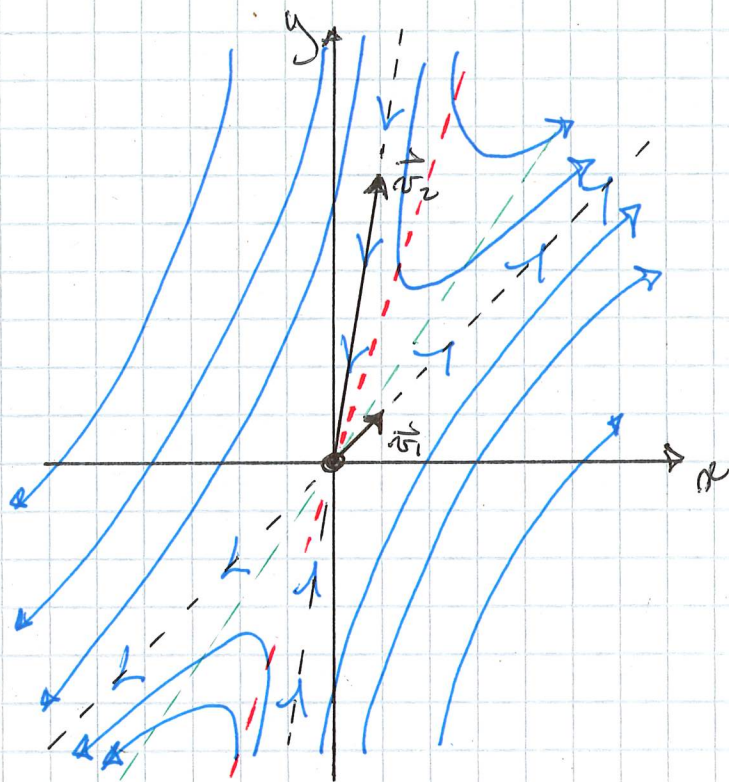
∴ the steady-state is at the origin & the nullclines are straight lines through the origin.

We determine flow directions as before:

$$\begin{aligned} g(1, 3) &= 6 - 12 = -6 \quad \downarrow \\ g(-1, -3) &= -6 + 12 = 6 \quad \uparrow \\ f(2, 3) &= 6 - 3 = 3 \quad \rightarrow \\ f(-2, -3) &= -6 + 3 = -3 \quad \leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

So flow is toward the steady state across the x -nullcline
 " " away from " " " " " " " y - " .

How does this relate to the solution $\vec{x}(t)$? We plot the eigenvectors:



Notice that

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$+ c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} e^{-3t}$$

This component gets bigger as t increases
 \Rightarrow flow moves away from $(0,0)$

This component gets smaller as t increases
 \Rightarrow flow moves towards $(0,0)$

So the nullclines are useful for figuring out flow directions in the plane, and these flow directions are consistent with the eigenvector & eigenvalue solutions.

Notice that \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 define the separatrices of the steady state. Once on a separatrix, the flow stays on the separatrix.

Examples cont'd:

2. Solve

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = A \vec{x} \text{ where } A =$$

Ex 2 taken fr Nagle, Saff, & Snyder, 5th Ed, Chap 9.6, exercise 7.
 Fundamental matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ 0 & -\cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ 0 & -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$$