

- Dramatic changes in the flow field only occurs close to the steady state

Suppose

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X} = F(X, Y) \\ \dot{Y} = G(X, Y) \end{cases} \dots (5) \quad \text{where } F \text{ \& } G \text{ are non-linear functions}$$

Assume that (X^*, Y^*) is a steady state of (5)

$$\begin{cases} F(X^*, Y^*) = 0 \\ G(X^*, Y^*) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Now consider the close-to-steady-state solutions

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

where $0 < x(t) \ll 1$ and $0 < y(t) \ll 1$.
 The functions $x(t)$ & $y(t)$ are **perturbations** of (X^*, Y^*)

↳ perturbation theory
 ↳ asymptotic analysis

Plug (6) into (5)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = F(X^* + x, Y^* + y) \\ \dot{y} = G(X^* + x, Y^* + y) \end{cases} \dots (7)$$

Consider the RHS of (7a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= F(X^* + x, Y^* + y) \quad \text{do a Taylor Series Expansion} \\ &= \underbrace{F(X^*, Y^*)}_{0^{\text{th}} \text{ order}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \Big|_{*} x + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \Big|_{*} y}_{1^{\text{st}} \text{ order}} + \text{higher order terms (h.o.t)} \\ & \hspace{15em} \text{↳ } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order} + 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ order (too small)} \\ & \hspace{15em} \text{⇒ ignore} \end{aligned}$$

∴ (7a) to first order is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \Big|_{*} x + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \Big|_{*} y \\ \dot{y} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \Big|_{*} x + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \Big|_{*} y \end{cases} \dots (8)$$

Write

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}, \quad \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} F_x^* & F_y^* \\ G_x^* & G_y^* \end{bmatrix} \dots (9)$$

(9) is a linear system of ODEs.

Brief Review: Solving linear ODEs

i) First Order

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

$$\text{Solutions: } x(t) = x_0 e^{kt} \quad \dots (11)$$

ii) Second Order

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

If we assume that $x(t) \propto e^{rt}$, then we obtain

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0 \quad \dots (13) \quad \leftarrow \text{characteristic eq.}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \dots (14)$$

If $r_1 \neq r_2$, then

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t} \quad \dots (15)$$

If $r_1 = r_2 = r$ then

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{rt} + C_2 t e^{rt} \quad \dots (16)$$

If $r_1 \neq r_2$, complex

$$r = a \pm ib$$

$$x(t) = e^{at} (C_1 \cos(bt) + C_2 \sin(bt)) \quad \dots (17)$$

iii) Order n

$\dot{x} = A\vec{x}$ where A is an nxn matrix & x is an n-vector

We assume

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

↳ eigenvalue
 ↳ constant (eigenvector)

Plug (18) into (17)

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

Cancel $e^{\lambda t}$ + rearrange

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

In order for (20) to have nontrivial solutions

$$(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

↳ That will be an eigenvectors (distinct or not) & solutions are linear combinations of the eigenfunctions $e^{\lambda t}$.

As in (ii)

• complex eigenvalues \Rightarrow oscillatory sol'n

• duplicate eigenvalues $\Rightarrow t e^{\lambda t}, t^2 e^{\lambda t}, \dots, t^{n-1} e^{\lambda t}$

where n is the multiplicity of the eigenvalue.

Example 1

$$1. \text{ Solve } \begin{cases} \dot{x} = 3x - y \\ \dot{y} = 6x - 4y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x} \quad \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 6 & -4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (3-\lambda)(-4-\lambda) + 6 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\lambda+3)(\lambda-2) = 0 \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \\ &\lambda_2 = -3 \quad \lambda_1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvectors (use (20))

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 = 2 &\quad \begin{bmatrix} 3-2 & -1 \\ 6 & -4-2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v} = \vec{0} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 6 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} \\ v_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \text{one row is redundant} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve } v_{11} - v_{12} &= 0 \Leftrightarrow v_{11} = v_{12} \\ \text{to make life easy, choose } v_{12} &= 1 \\ \therefore \vec{v}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_2 = -3 &\quad (A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{21} \\ v_{22} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{one row is redundant} & \\ \therefore 6v_{21} - v_{22} &= 0 \\ \text{Choose } v_{21} = 1, &\therefore v_{22} = 6 \\ \therefore \vec{v}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

* good to check that one row is redundant.

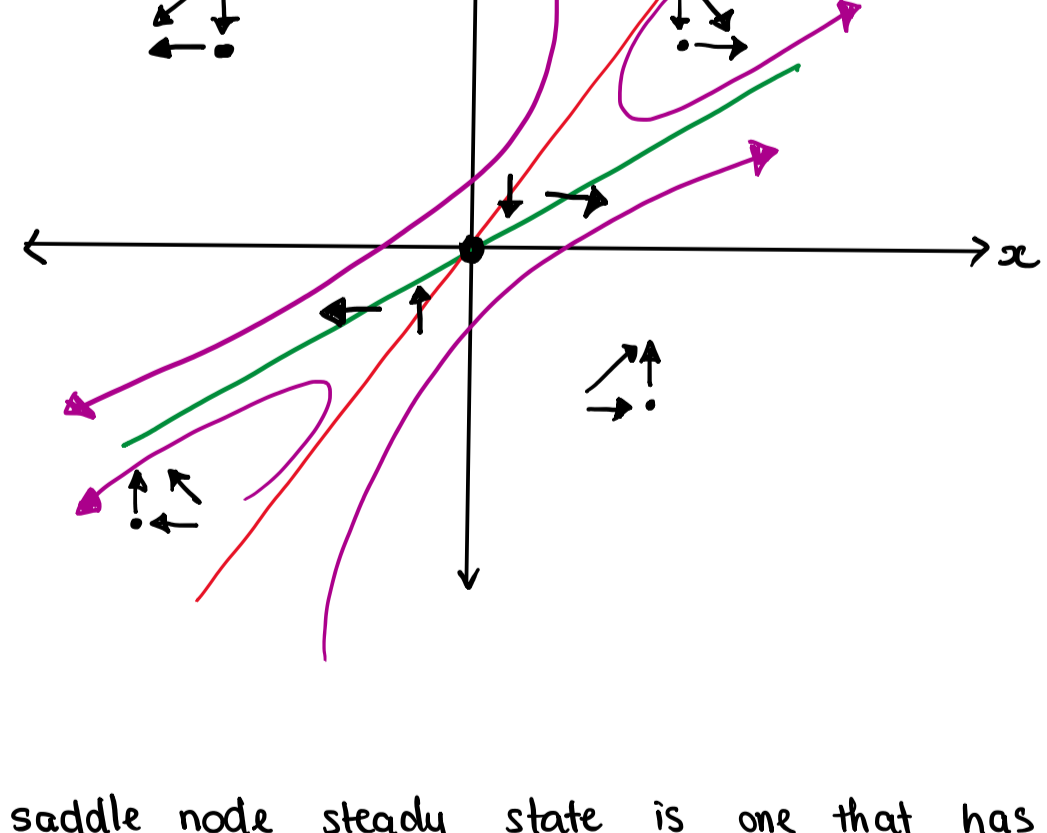
Solutions are

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} e^{-3t}$$

Phase Plane

Nullclines

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} = 0 &\Leftrightarrow y = 3x \\ \dot{y} = 0 &\Leftrightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}x \end{aligned}$$



• a steady state like this is called a **saddle node**

• A saddle node steady state is one that has at least one +ve eigenvalue and at least one -ve eigenvalue

Example 2

$$\text{Solve } \dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x} \quad \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow -\lambda [(-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (-1)(1)] = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow -\lambda [\lambda^2 + 1] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 = 0 &\quad \lambda = \frac{\pm\sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{\pm i\sqrt{4}}{2} \\ \lambda_2 = i & \\ \lambda_3 = -i & \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvectors - maple

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 = 0 &\quad \lambda_2 = i &\quad \lambda_3 = -i \\ v_1 = &\quad v_2 = &\quad v_3 = \end{aligned}$$

(use Maple to find vectors)

Solution

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\cos(t) \\ -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- periodic solutions
 ↳ neither increasing or decreasing
 ∴ steady state is a centre

Example 3

