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## Steady states and stability

## Definition (Equilibrium)

Given a  $n$ -dimensional first order system of differential equations

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = F(\mathbf{y})$$

We say that  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is an **asymptotically stable equilibrium** if every solution  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  which starts near  $\mathbf{y}^*$  converges to  $\mathbf{y}^*$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

**SS** steady state  $\equiv$  stationary solution  $\equiv$  rest point

# Stable equilibria

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## Definition ((locally) asymptotically stable)

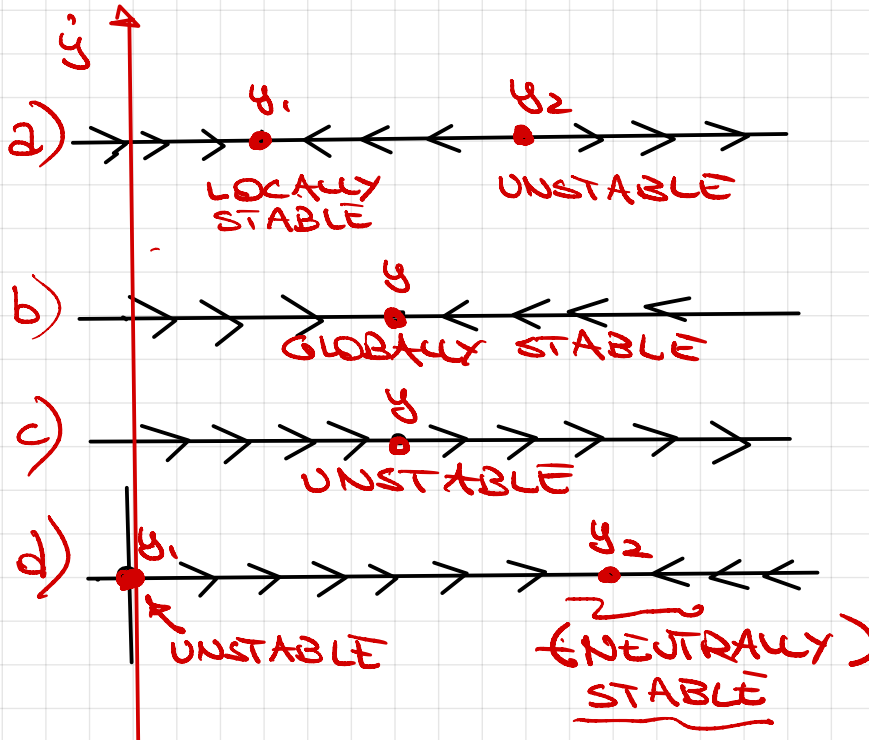
A steady state solution  $\mathbf{y}^*$  of the system  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = F(\mathbf{y})$  is called **(locally) asymptotically stable** if any solution  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  which starts near  $\mathbf{y}^*$  converges to  $\mathbf{y}^*$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Definition (globally asymptotically stable)

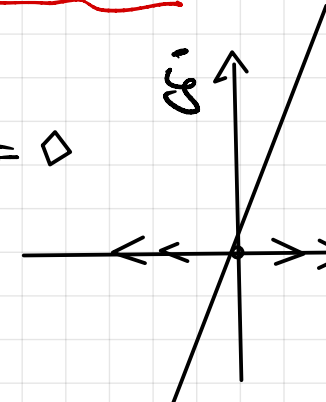
A steady state solution  $\mathbf{y}^*$  of the system  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = F(\mathbf{y})$  is called **globally asymptotically stable** if just about every solution of  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = F(\mathbf{y})$  tends to  $\mathbf{y}^*$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\dot{y} = -y$  ~~Handwritten scribbles~~

## Definition (neutrally stable)

A steady state solution  $\mathbf{y}^*$  of the system  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = F(\mathbf{y})$  is called **neutrally stable** if it is not locally asymptotically stable and if all solutions which start close enough to  $\mathbf{y}^*$  stay close to  $\mathbf{y}^*$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .



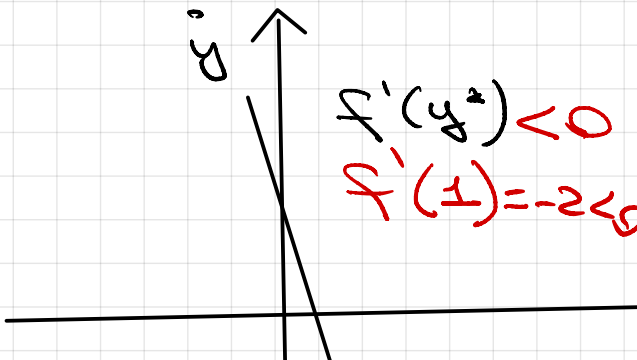
i)  $y' = 3y$   $\Leftrightarrow y^* = 0$   
 $f(y) = 3y$   
 $f'(y) = 3$



Unstable  
 $f'(y^*) > 0$   
 $f'(0) = 3 > 0$

ii)  $y' = -2(y-1)$   
 $f(y) = -2(y-1)$   
 $f'(y) = -2$

$\Leftrightarrow y^* = 1$



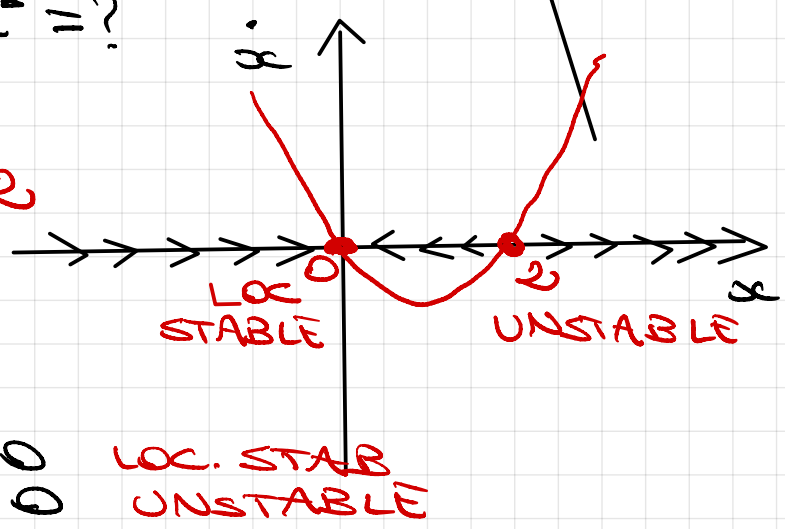
$f'(y^*) < 0$   
 $f'(1) = -2 < 0$

iii)  $x' = x(x-2)$   $\Leftrightarrow x^* = ?$   
 $f(x) = x(x-2)$

$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1^* = 0, x_2^* = 2$

$f'(x) = 2x - 2$

$f'(x_1^*) = f'(0) = -2 < 0$   
 $f'(x_2^*) = f'(2) = 2 > 0$



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# Stability of Linear Systems of ODE

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Given the Linear System

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$$

The general solution is

$\lambda$ : eigenvalues

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{w}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \mathbf{w}_n$$

The constant solution  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is always a steady state (SS) of the linear system of ODES  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$

Let  $t \rightarrow +\infty$   
STABILITY

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^{\lambda_i t} = 0 \quad \forall \lambda_i < 0$$

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## Theorem

- If every real eigenvalue of  $A$  is negative (every complex eigenvalue of  $A$  has negative real part), then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is a **globally asymptotic stable** SS: every solution tends to  $\mathbf{0}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$
- If  $A$  has <sup>yes really one</sup> a positive real eigenvalue (or a complex eigenvalue with positive real part), then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is an **unstable** SS: just about every solution moves away from the origin as  $t \rightarrow \infty$
- If  $A$  has a zero eigenvalue (or a purely imaginary eigenvalue) that does not have a complete set of independent eigenvectors, then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is an **unstable** SS: just about every solution moves away from the origin as  $t \rightarrow \infty$
- If  $A$  has a zero eigenvalue (or a purely imaginary eigenvalue), if all such eigenvalues have a complete set of independent eigenvectors, and if all the other eigenvalues are negative (or negative part), then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is a **neutrally stable** SS.

# Local Stability of NonLinear differential equation

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Given the **autonomous** differential equation

$$\dot{y}(t) = f(y)$$

Definition ((locally) asymptotically stable)

A steady state solution  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is called **(locally) asymptotically stable** if any solution  $f(\mathbf{y}^*) = 0$  and  $f'(\mathbf{y}^*) < 0$ .

Definition (unstable)

A steady state solution  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is called **unstable** if any solution  $f(\mathbf{y}^*) = 0$  and  $f'(\mathbf{y}^*) > 0$ .

$$y' = 3e^y - 3y - 3$$

$f(y)$

$y^* = 0$  check it is an eq.

$$f(y^*) = f(0) = 3 \cdot e^0 - 3 \cdot 0 - 3 = 0 \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark$$

$$f'(y) = 3e^y - 3$$

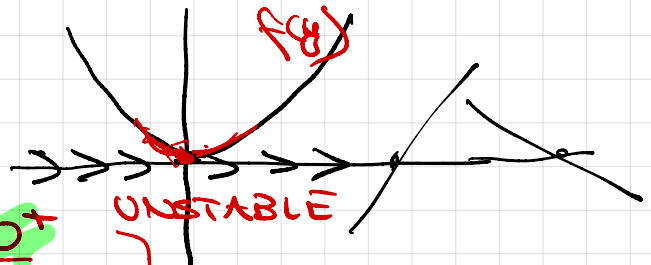
$$f'(0) = 3 - 3 = 0$$

$$y_1 = 0 - \varepsilon$$

$$y_2 = 0 + \varepsilon$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0^-} f(y) = 0^+$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} f(y) = 0^+$$





# Local Stability of NonLinear Systems of ODE

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## Theorem (Sufficient conditions)

Given the **autonomous NonLinear System**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= x^2 y + 3 = F_1 \\ \dot{y} &= 2xy + x = F_2 \end{aligned} \quad \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) = F(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 y + 3 \\ 2xy + x \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

- If each eigenvalue of the jacobian matrix  $DF(\mathbf{y}^*)$  of  $F$  is negative (or has negative real part), then  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is a (local) asymptotic stable SS.
- If  $DF(\mathbf{y}^*)$  has at least one positive real eigenvalue (or one with positive real part), then  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is an unstable SS.

# Example

Differential Equations of order greater than 1  
Systems of differential equations

Given the following System of ODEs

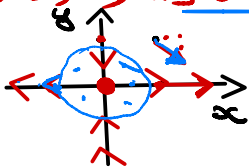
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = 2x = 0 \\ \dot{y} = -2y = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{Steady state}(0,0).$$

*(Note:  $F_1$  is written above  $2x=0$  and  $F_2$  is written below  $-2y=0$  in the original image)*

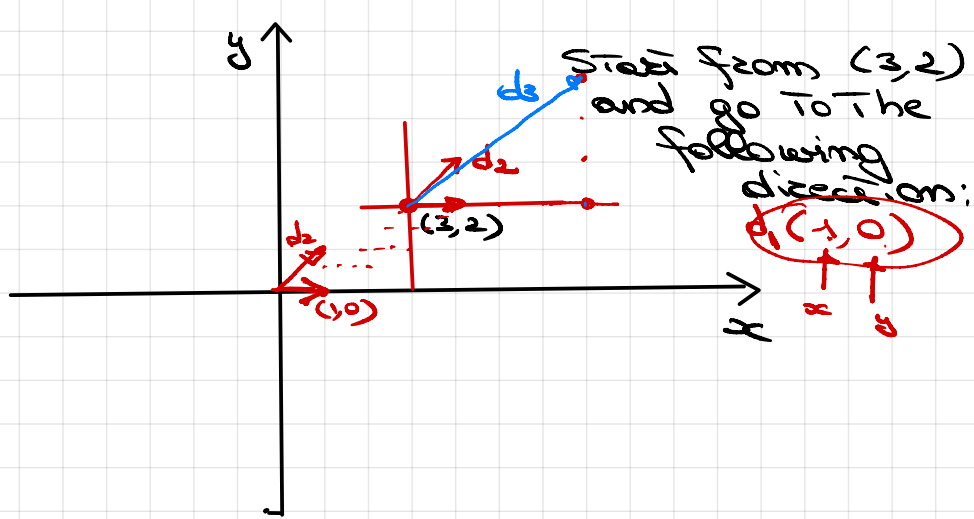
The jacobian is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla F_1 \\ \nabla F_2 \end{pmatrix} = DF = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 2, -2$   $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2 > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (0,0)$  is UNSTABLE



$(x, y)$	$(\dot{x}, \dot{y})$	vector
$(0, 0)$	$(0, 0)$	
$(1, 0)$	$(2, 0)$	
$(-1, 0)$	$(-2, 0)$	
$(0, 1)$	$(0, -2)$	
$(0, -1)$	$(0, 2)$	
$(1, 1)$	$(2, -2)$	$\parallel (1, -1)$
$(-1, -1)$	$(-2, 2)$	



$$d_2 = (2, 2)$$
$$d_3 = (1, 1)$$

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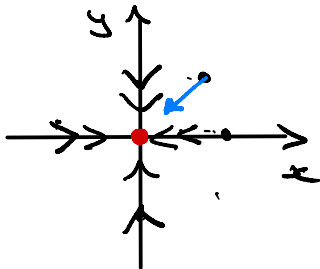
Given the following System of ODEs

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -2x \\ \dot{y} = -2y \end{cases} \quad \text{Steady state}(0,0).$$

The jacobian is

$$DF = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -2 < 0$$

Theorem:  
(0,0). STABLE



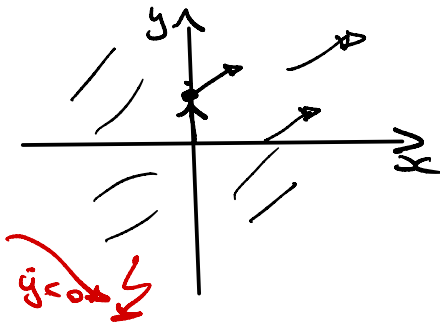
$(x, y)$	$(\dot{x}, \dot{y})$
$(1, 0)$	$(-2, 0)$
$(0, 1)$	$(0, -2)$
$(0, -1)$	$(0, 2)$
$(1, 1)$	$(-2, -2)$

# Example

Given the following System of ODEs

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x^2 + y^2 = 0 \\ \dot{y} = 1 > 0 \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

~~NO~~ *NO Steady states*  $\begin{matrix} x > 0 \\ y = 0 \end{matrix}$



$(x, y)$	$(\dot{x}, \dot{y})$
$(0, 0)$	$(0, 1)$
$(0, y)$	$(y^2, 1)$
$(x, 0)$	$(x^2, 1)$

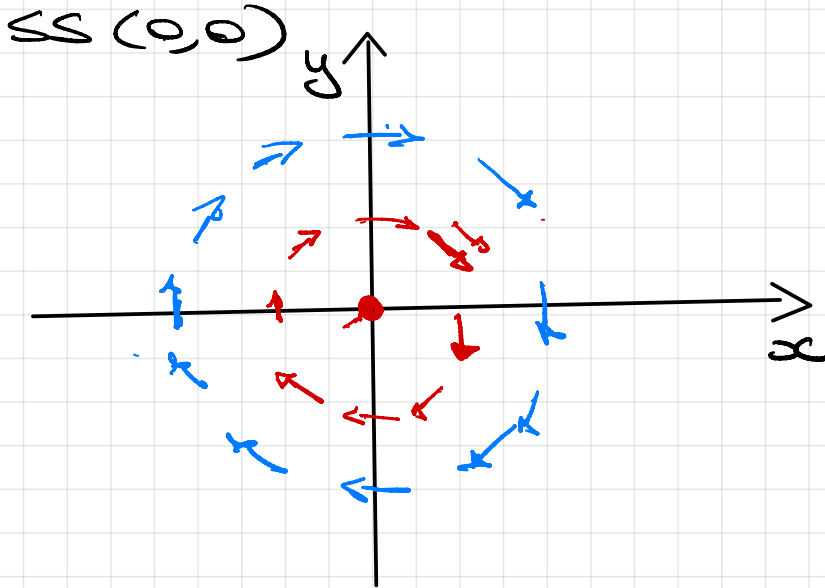
# Example

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -x \end{cases}$$

$$DF = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \lambda = \pm i$$

complex



$(x, y)$	$(\dot{x}, \dot{y})$
$(0, 0)$	$(0, 0)$
$(-1, 0)$	$(0, -1)$
$(0, 1)$	$(-1, 0)$
$(1, 1)$	$(-1, -1)$
$(2, 0)$	$(0, -2)$
$(-1, -1)$	$(-1, 1)$

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \underline{x}(4 - x - y) = 0 \\ \dot{y} = y(6 - y - 3x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The jacobian is

$$DF = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 2x - y & -x \\ -3y & 6 - 2y - 3x \end{pmatrix}$$

SS  $O(0,0)$   
 $A(4,0)$   
 $B(4,3)$   
 $C(0,6)$

$$DF \Big|_{(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_{1,2} = 4, 6 > 0 \quad \begin{matrix} (0,0) \\ \text{UNSTABLE} \end{matrix}$$

$$DF \Big|_{(4,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 = -4 \\ \lambda_2 = -6 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (4,0) \\ \text{STABLE} \end{matrix}$$

$$DF \Big|_{(1,3)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -9 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 6 = 0 \\ \lambda = -2 \pm \sqrt{4+6} \end{matrix}$$

$\lambda_1 < 0$   $\lambda_2 > 0$   $\begin{matrix} (1,3) \\ \text{UNSTABLE} \end{matrix}$

$$DF \Big|_{(0,6)} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -18 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 = -2 < 0 \\ \lambda_2 = -6 < 0 \end{matrix}$$

$(0,6)$  Stable



# Vector fields

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For any point of the plane  $(x, y)$  draw the vectors  $(\dot{x}, \dot{y})$

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

$$(x, y) \quad | \quad (\dot{x}, \dot{y})$$

$$(1, 0) \rightarrow (3, 0)$$

$$(0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 5)$$

$$(1, 1) \rightarrow (2, 2)$$

$$(3, 3) \rightarrow (-6, -18)$$

# Phase portraits - phase diagram

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Systems of differential equations

