Scientific Computing I

Module 3: Population Modelling –
Continuous Models (Parts III and IV)

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More Than One Species – Systems of ODE

A Linear Model

- similar to Verhulst's saturation model
- additional growth term proportional to other species
- leads to system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= b_1 + a_{11}p(t) + a_{12}q(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= b_2 + a_{21}p(t) + a_{22}q(t)\end{aligned}$$

- typically:
  - $b_1 > 0, b_2 > 0$ (growth term)
  - $a_{11} < 0, a_{22} < 0$ (saturation)
  - a_{12}, a_{21}?

First Example: Arms Race

- armament of two (hostile) countries
- our suspicion: $a_{12} > 0$, $a_{21} > 0$

Observation:

- long-time behaviour depends on size of parameters
- steady-state solutions exist
- solutions exist that show unlimited growth

Second Example: Competition

- two species sharing a common natural habitat
- competition: $a_{12} < 0$, $a_{21} < 0$

Observation:

- long-time behaviour depends on size of parameters
- steady-state solutions exist
- some scenarios are physically incorrect!
(negative population size)

A Non-Linear Model

- similar to Verhulst's logistic growth model
- additional growth term proportional to other species
- leads to system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= (b_1 + a_{11}p(t) + a_{12}q(t))\,p(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= (b_2 + a_{21}p(t) + a_{22}q(t))\,q(t)\end{aligned}$$

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The Non-Linear Competition Model

- two species sharing a common natural habitat
- competition: $a_{12} < 0$, $a_{21} < 0$

Possible Scenarios:

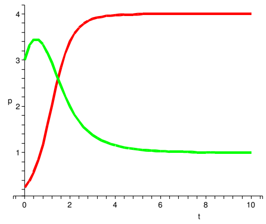
- steady-state
- one species dies out (extinction)
- no obvious nonsense

Competition – Steady State

- system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= \left(\tfrac{5}{2} + \tfrac{\sqrt{3}}{24} - \tfrac{5}{8}p(t) - \tfrac{\sqrt{3}}{24}q(t)\right)p(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= \left(\tfrac{7}{8} + \tfrac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \tfrac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}p(t) - \tfrac{7}{8}q(t)\right)q(t)\end{aligned}$$

- solution for $p_0 = \frac{1}{4}$, $q_0 = 3$:



Competition – Extinction

- system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= \left(\tfrac{71}{8} - \tfrac{23}{12}p(t) - \tfrac{25}{12}q(t)\right)p(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= \left(\tfrac{73}{8} - \tfrac{25}{12}p(t) - \tfrac{23}{12}q(t)\right)q(t)\end{aligned}$$

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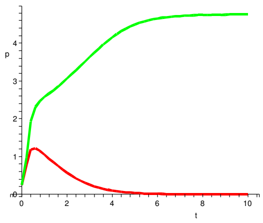


Predator-Prey

- two species: predator p and prey q
- predator eats prey: $a_{12} > 0$
- prey is eaten by predator: $a_{21} < 0$

Possible Scenarios:

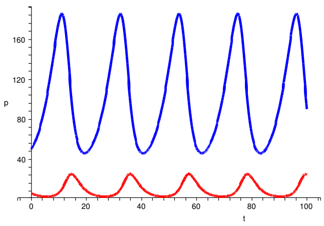
- stable oscillations
- one species dies out (what happens with the other, then?)
- Classical scenario: predator-prey equations by Lotka (1925) and Volterra (1926)

Predator-Prey by Lotka & Volterra

- system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= \left(-\tfrac{1}{2} + \tfrac{1}{200}q(t)\right)p(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= \left(\tfrac{1}{5} - \tfrac{1}{50}p(t)\right)q(t)\end{aligned}$$

- solution for $p_0 = 6$, $q_0 = 50$:



Part IV

Analysis of ODE Models – Two Species

Critical Points in 2D

Example: Arms Race

- system of differential equations
- equilibrium: $\dot{p} = 0$, $\dot{q} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= b_1 + a_{11}p(t) + a_{12}q(t) = 0\\ \dot{q}(t) &= b_2 + a_{21}p(t) + a_{22}q(t) = 0\end{aligned}$$

- solution of a linear system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}p(t) + a_{12}q(t) &= -b_1\\ a_{21}p(t) + a_{22}q(t) &= -b_2\end{aligned}$$

- in most cases one critical point
- critical line, if system matrix is singular

Direction Field for a System of ODE

- example: 2D system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= b_1 + a_{11}p(t) + a_{12}q(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= b_2 + a_{21}p(t) + a_{22}q(t)\end{aligned}$$

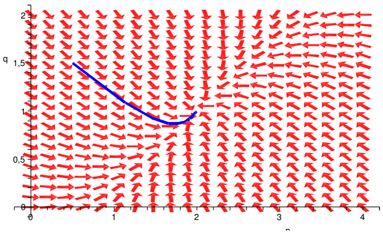
- natural exension: 3D plot: t vs. p vs. q
- 1D direction field for p vs. t or q vs. t not sufficient: what values to chose for q (or p resp.)?
- but: stationary problem ⇒ independent of t
- thus: plot directions depending on p and q

2D Direction Field – Arms Race

- system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= \tfrac{3}{2} - p(t) + \tfrac{1}{2}q(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= 0 + \tfrac{1}{2}p(t) - q(t)\end{aligned}$$

- direction field – with critical point at $(2,1)$:



Arms Race – unlimited growth

- system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= \tfrac{1}{2} - \tfrac{3}{4}p(t) + q(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= -\tfrac{5}{4} + p(t) - \tfrac{3}{4}q(t)\end{aligned}$$

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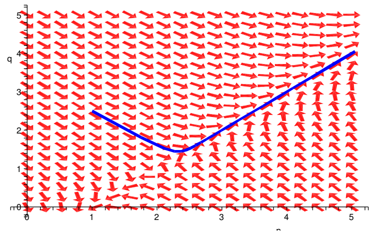
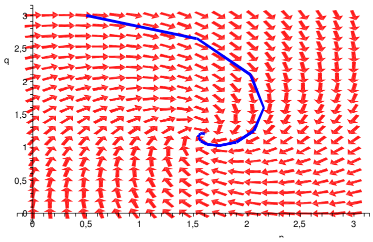


Arms race – the peaceful neighbour

- system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{p}(t) &= 0 - \tfrac{3}{4}p(t) + q(t)\\ \dot{q}(t) &= \tfrac{5}{2} - p(t) - \tfrac{3}{4}q(t)\end{aligned}$$

- direction field – with critical point at $\left(\frac{8}{5}, \frac{6}{5}\right)$:



Nonlinear System – Competition

- system of differential equations:

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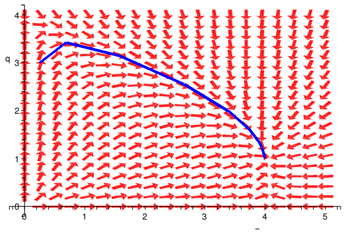
- direction field – critical points at $(4,1), \ldots$:



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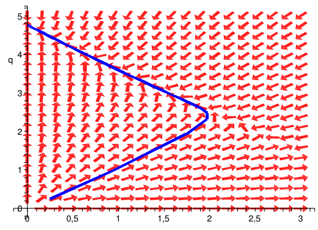
- critical points at $(0, 4.76\ldots), (4.63\ldots, 0), \ldots$:



Lotka & Volterra

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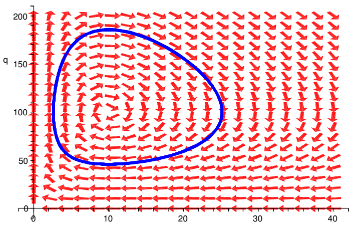
- direction field – with critical point at $(10, 100)$:



2D Critical Points – Summary

Different types of critical points in 2D:

- attractive/stable equilibrium
  (arms race – steady state)
- unstable equilibrium
- saddle point (arms race – unlimited growth)
- attractive "spiral point" ("peaceful neighbour")
- unstable "spiral point"
- centre of "rotation" (Lotka-Volterra)

$\Rightarrow$ How to discriminate between these types?

Homogeneous Systems of ODE

Homogeneous System in matrix-vector-notation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

- $\mathbf{x} : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$
- example: $\mathbf{x}(t) = (p(t), q(t))$

Solutions:

- let $\mathbf{x}_\lambda$ be an eigenvector: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_\lambda = \lambda\mathbf{x}_\lambda$
- then $\mathbf{x}_\lambda e^{\lambda t}$ is a solution:

$$\mathbf{A}\,\mathbf{x}_\lambda e^{\lambda t} = \lambda\mathbf{x}_\lambda e^{\lambda t} = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\mathbf{x}_\lambda e^{\lambda t}\right) \qquad \text{q.e.d.}$$

Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

Corollaries:

- the solutions of the homogeneous system $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ are linear combinations of the respective eigen-solutions:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{hom}}(t) = \sum_{\lambda} a_\lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda e^{\lambda t}, \qquad a_\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

- the solutions of the inhomogeneous system $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ are

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = -\mathbf{A}^{-1}b + \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{hom}}(t)$$

- observation: $\mathbf{x}_\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{A}^{-1}b$ is a critical point!

Eigenvalues and Critical Points

- the ODE system $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ is solved by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_\mathbf{c} + \sum_{\lambda} a_\lambda \mathbf{x}_\lambda e^{\lambda t}$$

- $\mathbf{x}_\mathbf{c}$ attractive equilibrium,

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_\mathbf{c},$$

only if $e^{\lambda t} \to 0$ for all eigenvalues λ

- $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \lambda < 0$
- $\lambda = \mu + i\nu \Rightarrow \mu < 0$ ($e^{i\nu t} = \cos \nu t + i \sin \nu t$)

Stability of Linear Systems

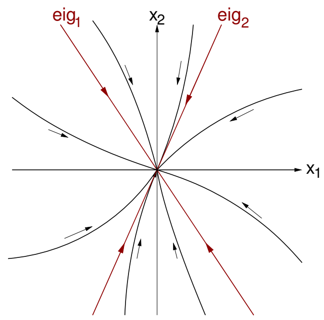
Overview:

eigenval. ($\lambda_j = \mu_j + i\nu_j$)	critical point	stability
real, all $\lambda < 0$	node	stable, attr.
real, all $\lambda > 0$	node	unstable
real, $\lambda_k > 0, \lambda_l < 0$	saddle point	unstable
complex, all $\mu < 0$	spiral point	stable, attr.
complex, all $\mu > 0$	spiral point	unstable
complex, all $\mu = 0$	centre	stable

Stability of 2D Systems

Real Eigenvalues:

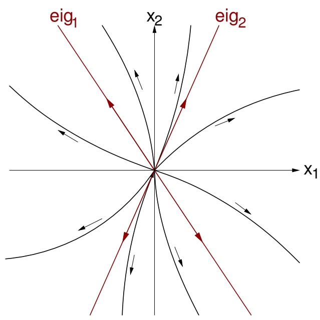
- $\lambda_1 < 0$, $\lambda_2 < 0$, attractive equilibrium



Stability of 2D Systems

Real Eigenvalues:

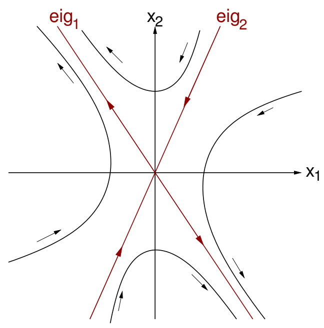
- $\lambda_1 > 0$, $\lambda_2 > 0$, unstable equilibrium



Stability of 2D Systems

Real Eigenvalues:

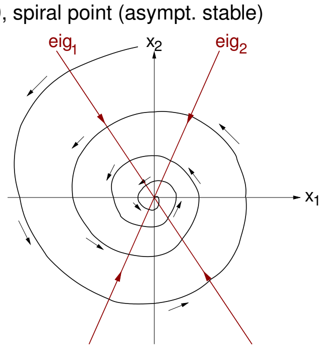
- $\lambda_1 > 0$, $\lambda_2 < 0$, saddle point



Stability of 2D Systems

Complex Eigenvalues:

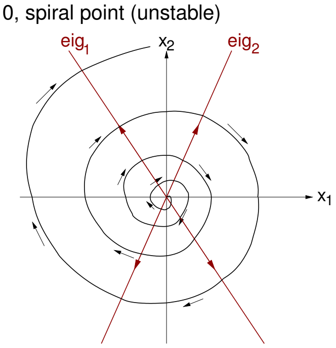
- $\mu_1 < 0$, $\mu_2 < 0$, spiral point (asympt. stable)



Stability of 2D Systems

Complex Eigenvalues:

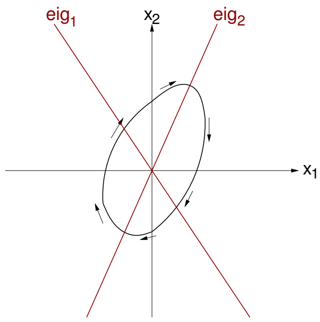
- $\mu_1 > 0$, $\mu_2 > 0$, spiral point (unstable)



Stability of 2D Systems

Complex Eigenvalues:

- $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$, centre of oscillation



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Stability of Non-Linear Systems

- 2D system of ODE:
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)),$$
$f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ nonlinear
- critical point at $\mathbf{x_c}$: $f(\mathbf{x_c}) = 0$
- for analysis of critical points: linearization
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x(t)}) \approx \underbrace{f(\mathbf{x_c})}_{=0} + \mathbf{J_f}(\mathbf{x_c})(\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x_c})$$
- examine eigenvalues of $\mathbf{J_f}(\mathbf{x_c})$