

## 2.5 Autonomous Equations

$y' = f(y)$  i.e. the slope field depends only on  $y$  (not explicitly on  $t$ )

### Examples

(a)  $y' = y^2$  and  $P' = rP(1-P)$  are autonomous  $\left( P' = 0.4P \left( 1 - \frac{P}{100} \right) - H \right)$   
from homework #1.

(b)  $y' = y+t$ ,  $y' = y^2 - t$  are not.

### Solutions of Autonomous Equations (Behavior)

#### Equilibrium solutions

If  $f(r) = 0$ , then  $y(t) = r$  is an equilibrium solution

#### Example

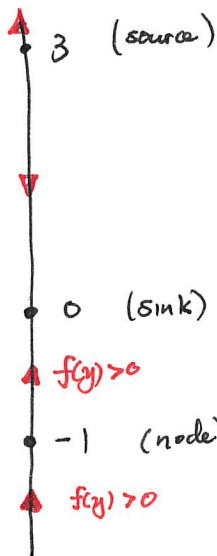
$$y' = y(y+1)^2(y-3) = f(y)$$

#### Equilibrium solutions

zeros of  $f(y)$  i.e.  $y = 0, -1, 3$

#### Phase line

Plot showing equilibrium solution and the sign of  $y'$



$$y' = y(y+1)^2(y-3)$$

$$y < -1, \quad y' > 0$$

Pick any  $y < -1$ , e.g.  $y = -2$  plug into  $y'$

$$0 < y < -1, \quad y' > 0$$

$$0 < y < 3, \quad y' < 0$$

$$y > 3, \quad y' > 0$$

#### Remarks

- If  $y(t) < -1$ ,  $y' > 0$  so  $y(t)$  is increasing. However  $y(t)$  cannot cross the  $y(t) = -1$  line due to uniqueness (FACT II). This means  $y(t) \rightarrow -1$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

1. Sinks

If  $y(0)$  is close to 0,  $y(t) \rightarrow 0$  (from both sides)  
 $y=0$  is called a SINK and is said to be a STABLE equilibrium / asymptotically stable

2. If  $y(0)$  is close to  $y=3$ ,  $y(t)$  moves away from 3  
 $y=3$  is called a SOURCE and is said to be an UNSTABLE equilibrium.

3. For solutions close to  $y=-1$ ,  $y(0) < -1$ ,  $y \rightarrow -1$  but for  $y(0) > -1$ ,  $y(t)$  diverges away.  
 ~~$y=-1$  is called a NOD.~~  
 $y=-1$  is called a NODE and is said to be a SEMI-STABLE equilibrium.

Matlab attachment

Bifurcation in ODEs with parameters

$y' = f(y, \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha$  is a parameter.

Bifurcation

A small smooth change in parameter results in a sudden qualitative change in the solution.

Examples

1. Smooth flowing fluid suddenly becomes turbulent
2. loaded column may suddenly buckle.

Example

Show that  $y' = f(y, \alpha) = \alpha y - y^3$  bifurcates when  $\alpha$  passes through 0.

for  $\alpha \leq 0$

$\alpha y - y^3 = y(\alpha - y^2)$  has one real solution  $y=0$  (One equilibrium sol)

$\alpha > 0$

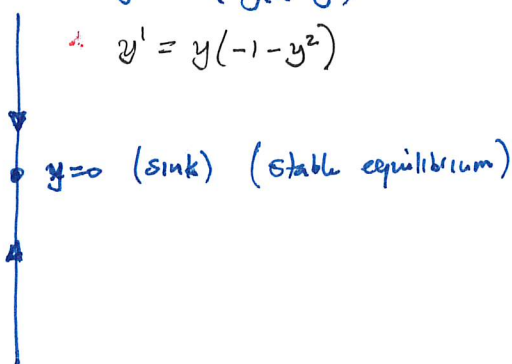
$y(\alpha - y^2)$  has 3 solutions  $y=0, y = \pm\sqrt{\alpha}$  (3 equilibrium sols)

eg  $\alpha = -1$

Phase diagram

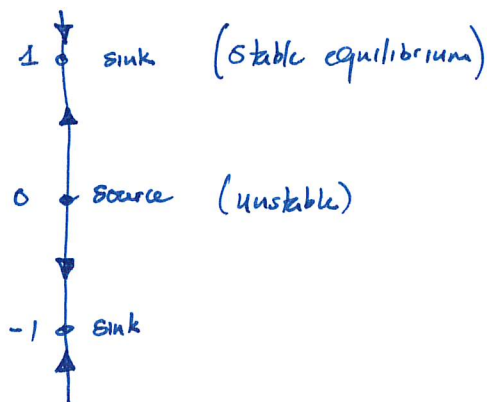
$y' = \alpha \cdot y - y^3$

$y' = y(-1 - y^2)$



$\alpha = \pm 1$

$y' = y(1 - y^2)$

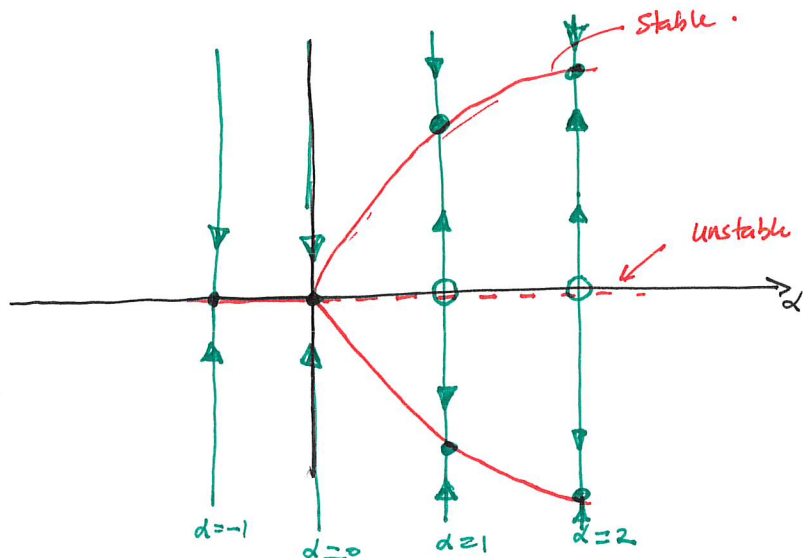


# Bifurcation diagram

\* Collection of phase lines close to the bifurcation value.

## Notation

Stable equilibria (Sinks) are connected by solid curves  
 Unstable equilibria (sources) are connected by dotted lines



$$\alpha = 2$$

$$y' = y(2 - y^2)$$

$$y = 0, y = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

Pitch fork bifurcation:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.4P\left(1 - \frac{P}{100}\right) - H$$

This is the Harvested Logistic Equation from hw #1.

Recall that there was a change in the solution behavior between  $H=6$  and  $12$ .

$f(P, H) = rP\left(1 - \frac{P}{N}\right) - H$  so the equilibrium solutions are values of  $P$

st  $f(P, H) = 0$

$$rP - \frac{rP^2}{N} - H = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{r}{N}P^2 + rP - H = 0 = -\frac{r}{N}\left(P^2 - NP + \frac{NH}{r}\right)$$

Solving 
$$P \pm = \frac{N \pm \sqrt{N^2 - \left(4 \cdot \frac{NH}{r}\right)}}{2} = \frac{N}{2} \pm \frac{N}{2} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{4}{rN}\right)H}$$

### Case I

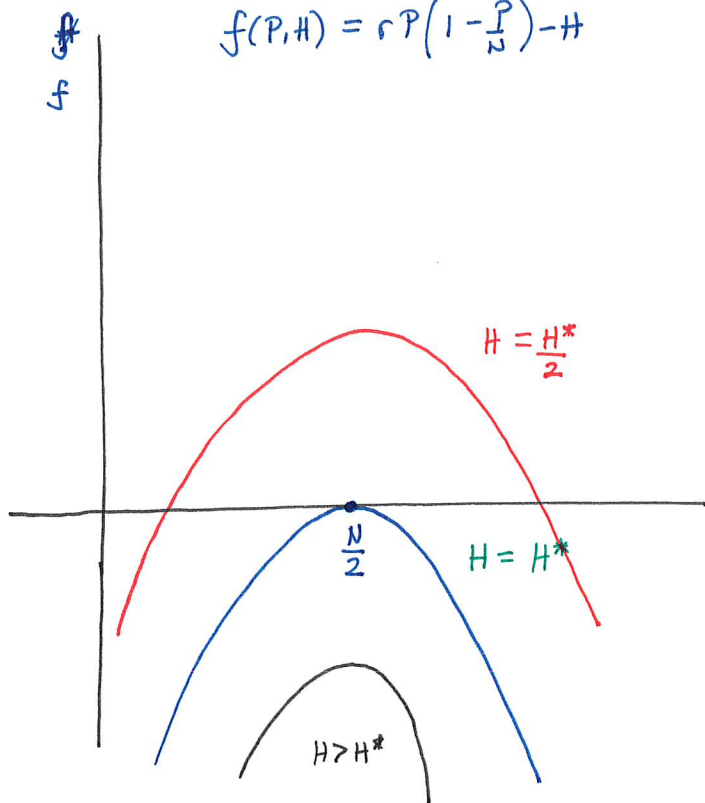
If  $1 - \frac{4H}{rN} \geq 0$  we have one equilibrium solution  $P = \frac{N}{2}$

$$\downarrow 1 - \frac{4H}{rN} = 0 \quad \frac{rN}{4} = H$$

$$H^* = \frac{rN}{4}$$

for  $1 - \frac{4H}{rN} < 0$ , no solutions and  $1 - \frac{4H}{rN} > 0$  we have 2 solutions.

$$f(P, H) = rP\left(1 - \frac{P}{N}\right) - H$$



$$1 - \frac{4H}{rN} < 0$$

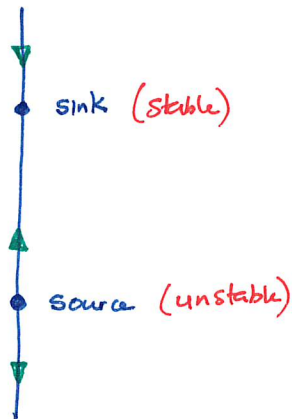
$$1 < \frac{4H}{rN} \quad H > \frac{rN}{4}$$

$$H > H^*$$

$$1 - \frac{4H}{rN} > 0 \Rightarrow H < H^*$$

2 sols

$H < H^*$



$H = H^*$



$H > H^*$



In our problem  $N=100$   $r=0.4$   $H^* = \frac{rN}{4} = \frac{0.4(100)}{4} = 10.$

$H < 10$  we have 2 equilibrium solutions 65.8 and 34.2  
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stable unstable

$H = 10$

Node (semi-stable) equilibrium

$H = 12$

extinction regardless of starting value.

$H = H^*$  is called the critical harvesting rate.