

Planar System introductory

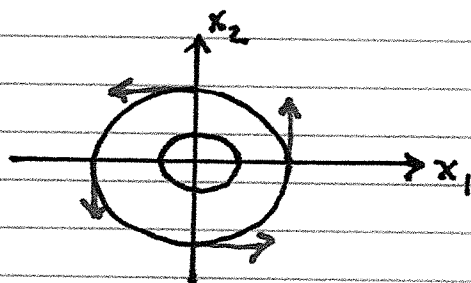
$$(1) \quad \dot{x} = f(x) \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the vector field $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

Solutions $x(t)$ of (1) define curves or trajectories in $\mathbb{R}^2$. Geometrically, (1) states that trajectories are everywhere tangent to $f(x)$.

EXAMPLE Consider the linear (center) system

$$\dot{x} = f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



x_1	x_2	$f(x)$
1	0	$(0, 1)^T$
0	-1	$(-1, 0)^T$
-1	0	$(0, -1)^T$
0	1	$(1, 0)^T$

EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS

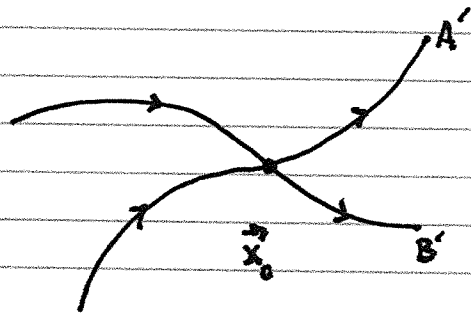
Theorem If f_i and $\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$ are continuous on an open connected set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $x_0 \in D$ then $\exists T > 0$ such that

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

has a unique solution $x(t)$ that exists $\forall t \in (-T, T)$.

Consequences of uniqueness

- (i) trajectories cannot cross
- (ii) blowup (when it occurs) is out of the phase portrait field



This can't happen since then

$$\dot{x} = Ax \quad x(0) = \vec{x}_0$$

has two solns!

Nullclines

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y)$$

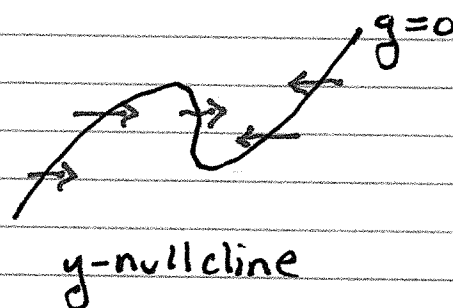
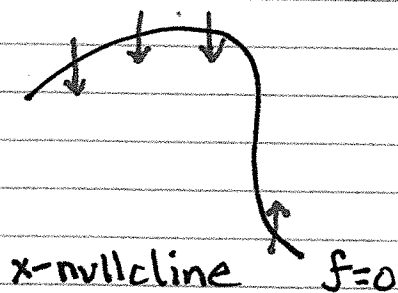
$$\dot{y} = g(x, y)$$

Equilibria occur at (x, y) pairs where f and g vanish simultaneously. Here we define

$$f(x, y) = 0 \quad x\text{-nullcline(s)} \quad \dot{x} = 0$$

$$g(x, y) = 0 \quad y\text{-nullcline(s)} \quad \dot{y} = 0$$

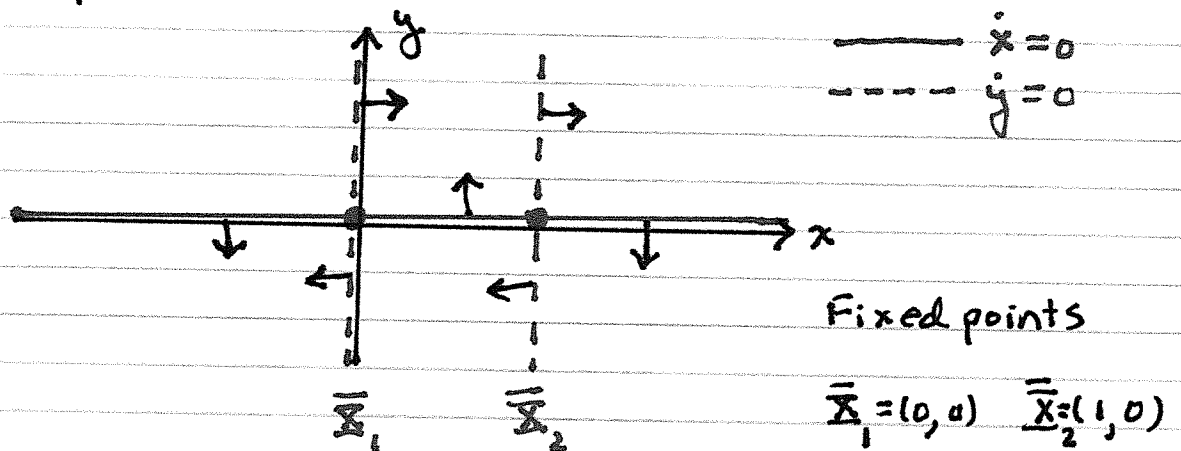
Since $\dot{x}=0$, $\dot{y}=0$ on nullclines the flow direction is horizontal and vertical, respectively.



EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= x(1-x)\end{aligned}$$

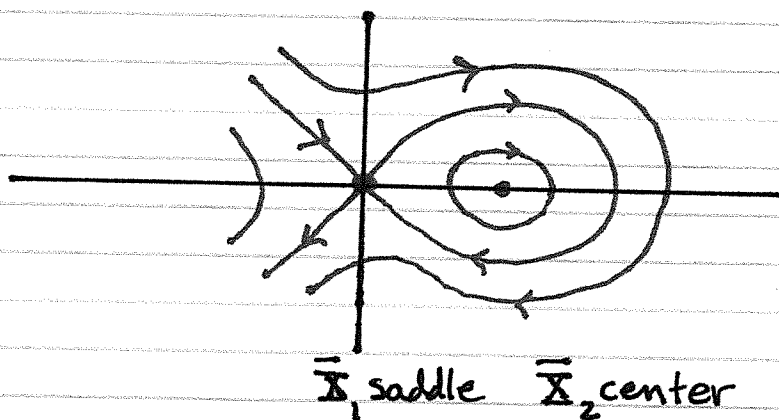
Can draw the x, y -nullclines and located fixed points



shows some directions on nullclines. For $\dot{x}=0$ the vector field

$$\vec{F}(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x(1-x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x(1-x) \end{pmatrix}$$

whose horizontal direction depends on the sign of $x(1-x)$. Can't deduce complete portrait but it is:



Trajectories are the level sets of the function $E(x,y)$ defined below

$$E(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}y^2$$

$$\dot{E} = 0$$

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= (x+1)^2 + y^2 - 1\end{aligned}$$

Here we have the nullclines and equilibria

$$\dot{x} = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

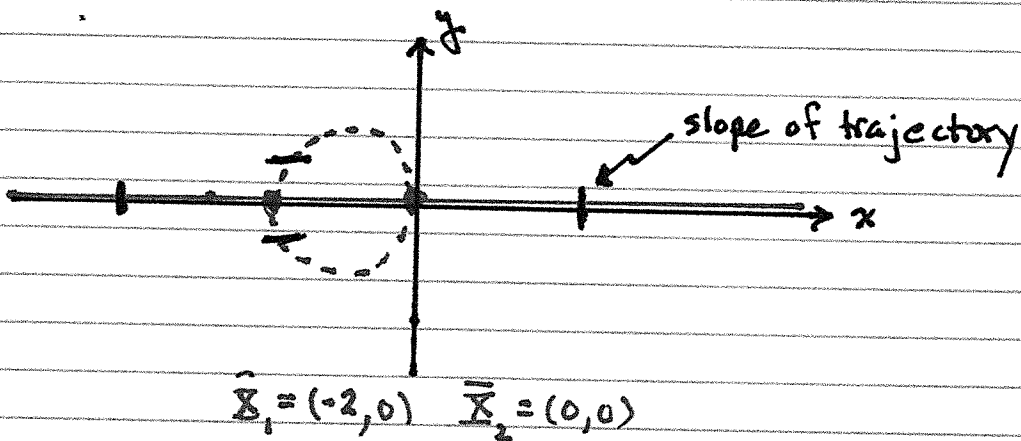
x-axis



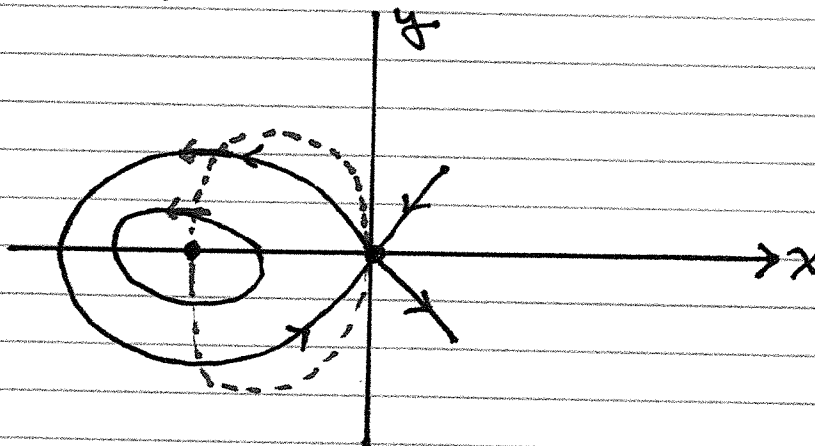
$$\dot{y} = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 + y^2 = 1$$

circle



Numerically one can show the portrait is



Linearization about fixed points

Seek to understand phase portraits near fixed points in nonlinear problems

$$(1) \quad \dot{x} = f(x) \quad x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Suppose $\bar{x}$ is a fixed point of (1), namely

$$(2) \quad 0 = f(\bar{x}) \quad \bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}_1 \\ \bar{x}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $\varepsilon \ll 1$ be some small number and define $u(t)$ via

$$(3) \quad x(t) = \bar{x} + \varepsilon u(t)$$

Since $\dot{x}(t) = \varepsilon \dot{u}(t)$, eqn (1) becomes (Taylor Series)

$$\varepsilon \dot{u} = f(\bar{x} + \varepsilon u)$$

$$\varepsilon \dot{u} = \underbrace{f(\bar{x})}_0 + \varepsilon \underbrace{Df(\bar{x})}_{\text{Jacobian}} + \frac{1}{2!} \varepsilon^2 \underbrace{u^T H_f(\bar{x}) u}_{\text{Hessian}} + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

hence

$$(4) \quad \dot{u} = Df(\bar{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon u^T H_f(\bar{x}) u + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

where

$$Df(\bar{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix}_{x=\bar{x}} \quad \text{Jacobian}$$

$$u^T H_f(\bar{x}) u = \begin{pmatrix} u^T H_{f_1}(\bar{x}) u \\ u^T H_{f_2}(\bar{x}) u \end{pmatrix}$$

The term in (4) involving the Hessians H_{f_k} is small. Assuming we can ignore it when ε gets small we arrive at the following linearized system about $\bar{x}$

Linearization of $\dot{x} = f(x)$ about $\bar{x}$

$$\dot{y} = Ay = Df(\bar{x})y$$

The question is: when does the linearized system well approximate $x(t)$ near $\bar{x}$?

Definition A fixed point of $\dot{x} = f(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is hyperbolic if all eigenvalues of $Df(\bar{x})$ have non real parts. Otherwise, $\bar{x}$ is nonhyperbolic.

EXAMPLE $\dot{x} = Ax$ is a linear system

$\det A = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x}$ nonhyperbolic line of fixpt

$\det A > 0, \text{Tr} A = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x}$ nonhyperbolic center

Otherwise $\Rightarrow \bar{x}$ hyperbolic

EXAMPLE Multiple fixed points $\bar{X}_k = (\bar{x}_k, \bar{y}_k)$

$$\dot{x} = y = f(x, y)$$

$$\dot{y} = x - x^2 = g(x, y)$$

Easily verified the fixed points are

$$\bar{X}_1 = (0, 0) \quad \bar{X}_2 = (1, 0)$$

Compute the Jacobian

$$Df(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-2x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Evaluate at fixed points

$$Df(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \bar{X}_1 \text{ hyperbolic}$$

$$Df(1, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \bar{X}_2 \text{ not hyperbolic}$$

The latter is true since its eigenvalues are purely imaginary $\lambda = \pm i$.

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= x - x^3\end{aligned}$$

$$Df = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-3x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

"Wronskian"

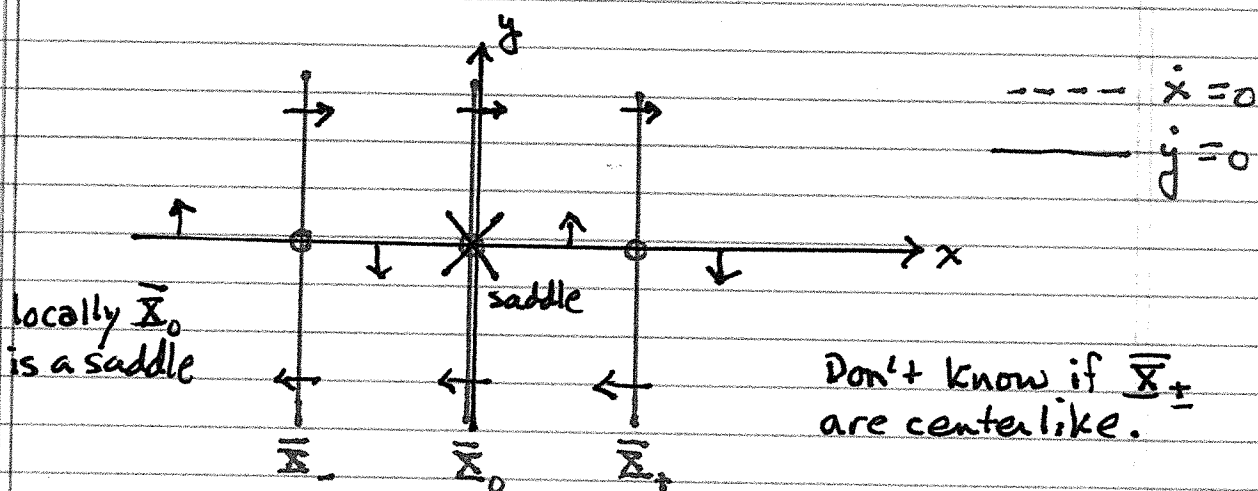
$\dot{x}=0$ nullcline $y=0$

$\dot{y}=0$ nullcline $x=0, \pm 1$

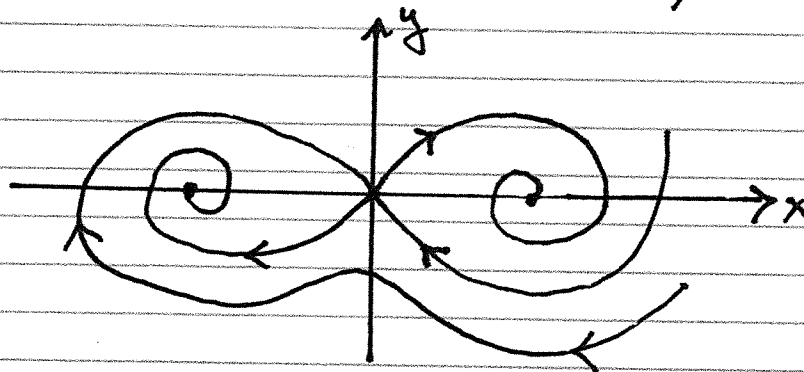
Hence have three fixed points $\bar{x}_0 = (0,0)$ and $\bar{x}_{\pm} = (\pm 1, 0)$

$Df(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\lambda = \pm 1$ $\vec{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$ hyperbolic

$Df(\pm 1, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ nonhyperbolic center
(theory fails)



Numerical solutions show they are spirals!



EXAMPLE Failure in linear stability

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y) = -y + \lambda x(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\dot{y} = g(x, y) = x + \lambda y(x^2 + y^2)$$

After some calculations we can show $\bar{x} = (0, 0)$ is nonhyperbolic

$$Df(\bar{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

This looks like a center but ain't. To see this note

$$(1) \quad x\dot{x} + y\dot{y} = \lambda(x^2 + y^2)^2$$

Define $z = x^2 + y^2$ (radius r squared) then (1) $\Rightarrow$

$$\dot{z} = 2\lambda z^2$$

$$\lambda > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z(t) \rightarrow \infty \quad \bar{x} \text{ unstable}$$

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{linear center} \quad \bar{x} \text{ neutral stable}$$

$$\lambda < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \bar{x} \text{ asymptotically stable.}$$

Moral: when fixed point is nonhyperbolic almost anything can happen.

This next problem is a template for future HW problem

Example

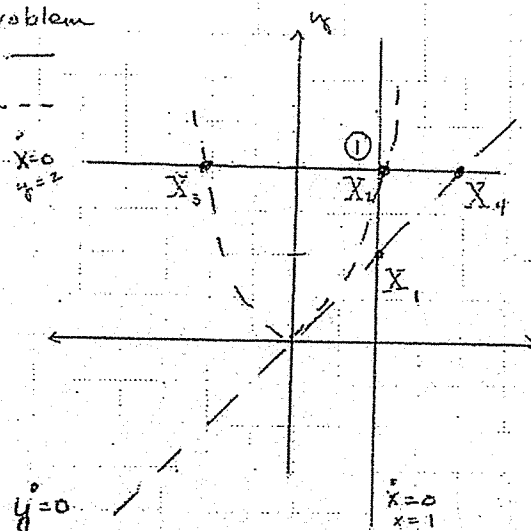
$$\dot{x} = (y-2)(x-1) = f(x, y)$$

$$\dot{y} = (y-x)(y-2x^2) = g(x, y)$$

$$\dot{x} = 0 \quad x=1 \quad y=2 \quad (x\text{-nullclines}) \text{ vertical}$$

$$\dot{y} = 0 \quad y=x \quad y=2x^2 \quad (y\text{-nullclines})$$

horizontal



There are 4 fixed points

① It is possible for x nullclines to cross.

Here I have two x nullclines and a y nullcline crossing.

To classify fixed points we need the Jacobian

$$Df(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y-2 & x-1 \\ 4x^2-4xy-y & -2x^2-x+2y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_1 = (1,1)$$

$$X_2 = (1,2)$$

$$X_3 = (-1,2)$$

$$X_4 = (2,2)$$

Aside

$$\dot{x} = xy - y - 2x + 2$$

I take the $Df(x)$ and evaluate it at X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4

$$\dot{y} = y^2 - 2xy - xy + 2x^3$$

	$\text{Tr } Df(x_k)$	$\det Df(x_k)$	Conclude
X_1	-2	1	stable node
X_2	1	0	nonhyperbolic
X_3	3	24	unstable spiral
X_4	-6	-6	saddle

Ex

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= (x-1)(x^2-2y+4) \\ \dot{y} &= y-2x\end{aligned}$$

Equilibria

$$\bar{x}_1 = (1, 2)$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = (2, 4)$$

$$Df(\bar{x}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Tr } Df(\bar{x}_1) = 2 > 0$$

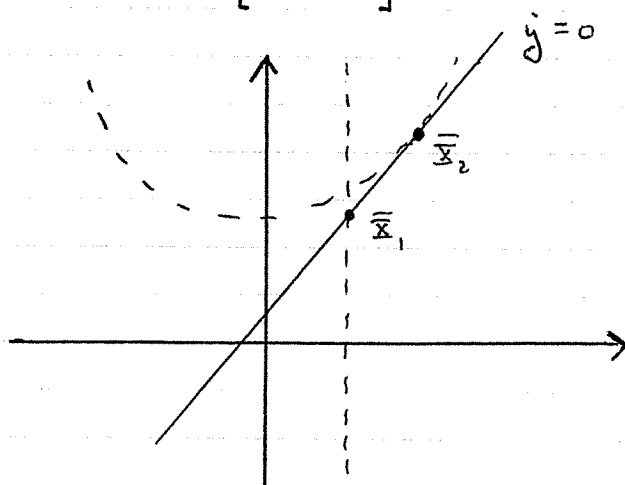
$$\det Df(\bar{x}_1) = 1 > 0$$

} repeated root
(UNSTABLE)

$$Df(\bar{x}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det Df(\bar{x}_2) = 0$$

non hyperbolic



NOTE:

$x=1$ is invariant.

Defn: The flow $\phi(t, x_0)$ generated by $\dot{x} = f(x)$ is that function $\phi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ which uniquely solves the IVP

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad x(0) = x_0$$

Therefore

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = f(\phi(t, x_0))$$

$$(2) \quad \phi(0, x_0) = x_0$$

EXAMPLE

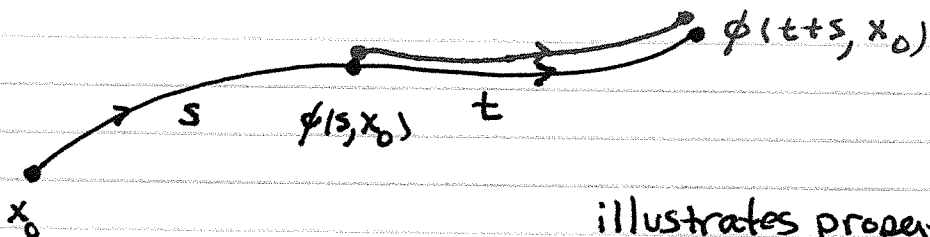
Recall for $\dot{x} = Ax$ the solution is $x(t) = \Phi(t)x_0$ where $\Phi(t)$ is the fundamental matrix. Thus

$$\phi(t, x_0) = \Phi(t)x_0$$

Properties of flow functions

$$(a) \quad \phi(t+s, x_0) = \phi(t, \phi(s, x_0))$$

$$(b) \quad \phi(-t, \phi(t, x_0)) = x_0$$



illustrates property (a)

EXAMPLE Flow function for a nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -x^2 & x(0) &= x_0 \\ \dot{y} &= x + y & y(0) &= y_0\end{aligned}$$

By direct solution techniques

$$x(t) = \frac{x_0}{1 + x_0 t} = \phi_1(t, x_0, y_0)$$

$$y(t) = y_0 e^t + e^t \int_0^t \frac{x_0}{1 + x_0 s} e^{-s} ds = \phi_2(t, x_0, y_0)$$

are the components of $\phi(t, x, y)$:

$$\phi(t, x_0, y_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(t, x_0, y_0) \\ \phi_2(t, x_0, y_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \phi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $t \quad (x_0, y_0)$

Defn: A homeomorphism H is a continuous invertible map $H: X \rightarrow Y$. when continuously differentiable as well H is a diffeomorphism.

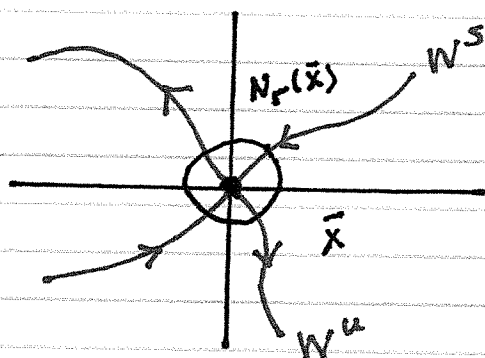
Theorem* Hartman-Grobman Theorem on $\mathbb{R}^2$

- (1) $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ cont. diff on open $E \subset \mathbb{R}^2$
- (2) $\phi(t, x_0)$ flow fn for $\dot{x} = f(x)$ $x(0) = x_0$
- (3) $\bar{x} \in E$ hyperbolic fixed point
- (4) $\psi(t, y_0)$ flow fn for $\dot{y} = Df(\bar{x})y$, $y(0) = y_0$

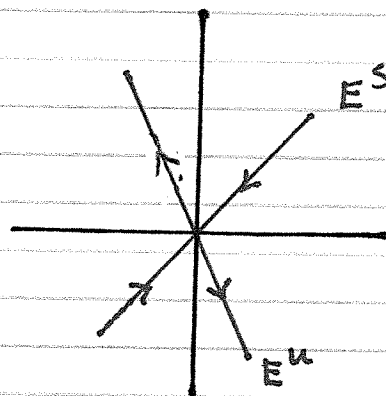
Then $\exists$ homeomorphism H defined on a neighbourhood $N_r(\bar{x})$ such that

$$H(\phi(t, x_0)) = \psi(t, H(x_0)) \quad \forall t \ni \phi(t, x_0) \in N_r(\bar{x})$$

For a saddle a casual picture looks like



$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$



$$\dot{y} = Df(\bar{x})y$$

* preserves direction of flow.