

Math 3331 Differential Equations

8.3 Qualitative Analysis

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 - 1, 2, 7



Equilibrium Points and Nullclines

$$\text{Ex. : } \begin{aligned} R' &= (a - bF)R \\ F' &= (-c + dR)F \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{R-nullcline: } R' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 0 \text{ and } F = a/b$$

$$\text{F-nullcline: } F' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F = 0 \text{ and } R = c/d$$

Equilibrium points are intersections of nullclines

Equilibrium points: $R' = F' = 0$

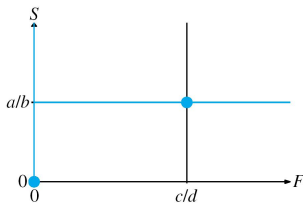
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} (a - bF)R = 0 \\ (-c + dR)F = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solutions:

$$[R, F]^T = [0, 0]^T, \quad [R, F]^T = [c/d, a/b]^T$$

Equilibrium points \rightarrow
constant solutions of ODE-system:

$$[R(t), F(t)]^T = [c/d, a/b]^T$$



Example

Ex.:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= (1 - x - y)x \\y' &= (4 - 2x - 7y)y\end{aligned}$$

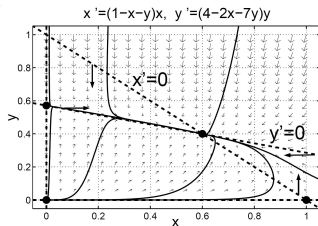
x -nullclines: $x = 0$, $x + y = 1$

y -nullclines: $y = 0$, $2x + 7y = 4$

Equilibrium points:

$(0, 0)$, $(0, 4/7)$, $(1, 0)$, $(3/5, 2/5)$

*several solutions, nullclines,
and equilibrium points
(using pplane6)*

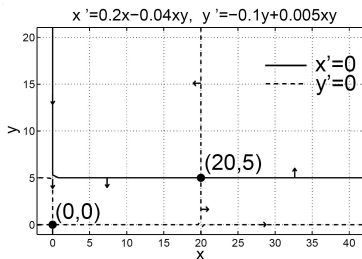


Exercise 8.3.1

Ex. 8.3.1: Plot (i) nullclines and (ii) equilibrium points for

$$\begin{cases} x' = 0.2x - 0.04xy \\ y' = -0.1y + 0.005xy \end{cases}. \text{ Nullclines: } \begin{cases} x' = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ and } y = 5 \\ y' = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ and } x = 20 \end{cases}$$

Equilibria: $\begin{Bmatrix} [0, 0]^T \\ [20, 5]^T \end{Bmatrix}$ Use *pplane6*:

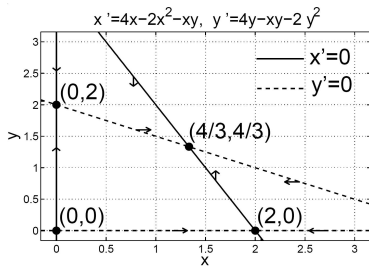


Exercise 8.3.2

Ex. 8.3.2: Plot (i) nullclines and (ii) equilibrium points for

$$\begin{cases} x' = 4x - 2x^2 - xy \\ y' = 4y - xy - 2y^2 \end{cases}. \text{ Nullclines: } \begin{cases} x' = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ and } 2x + y = 4 \\ y' = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ and } x + 2y = 4 \end{cases}$$

Equilibria: $\begin{Bmatrix} [0,0]^T & [2,0]^T \\ [4/3,4/3]^T & [0,2]^T \end{Bmatrix}$. *plane6:*



Exercise 8.3.7(a)

Ex. 8.3.7: Consider $\begin{cases} x' = 1 - (y - \sin x) \cos x \\ y' = \cos x - y + \sin x \end{cases}$

(a) Show that $x(t) = t$, $y(t) = \sin t$ is solution:

$$x' = 1, \begin{cases} 1 - (y - \sin x) \cos x = \\ 1 - (\sin t - \sin t) \cos t = 1 \end{cases} \text{ OK}$$

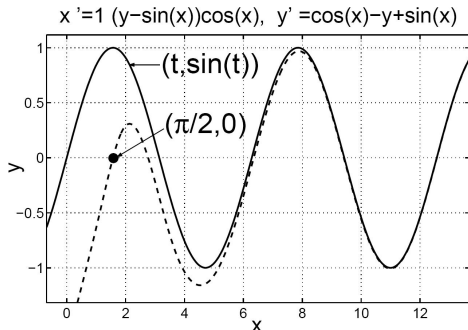
$$y' = \cos t, \begin{cases} \cos x - y + \sin x = \\ \cos t - \sin t + \sin t = \cos t \end{cases} \text{ OK}$$



Exercise 8.3.7(b)

Ex. 8.3.7: Consider $\begin{cases} x' = 1 - (y - \sin x) \cos x \\ y' = \cos x - y + \sin x \end{cases}$

(b) Plot solutions:



Exercise 8.3.7(c)

Ex. 8.3.7: Consider $\begin{cases} x' = 1 - (y - \sin x) \cos x \\ y' = \cos x - y + \sin x \end{cases}$

(c) Show that $y(t) < \sin x(t)$ for all t if $x(0) = \pi/2$, $y(0) = 0$:

Solution of (a) satisfies $y = \sin x$. Trajectories don't cross $\Rightarrow y(t) < \sin x(t)$ if $y(0) < \sin x(0)$.

