

Dynamical Systems
Week 6 – Monday
Mathematical Modeling (Math 420/620)

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High temperatures and the natural history of an impending extinction

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State Variables: $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$

Initial Conditions: \mathbf{x}_0

State Space: $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

Vector Field: f

Parameter Space: (Ex) \mathbb{R}^{n^2} if f is a full linear system.

Trajectory/Orbit: Solutions $\mathbf{x}(t)$ to the above IVP.

See also: order, (non)autonomous, (non)homogenous

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Equilibria

Trajectories are often categorized by **qualitative properties** (e.g. steady-state vs. cycling vs. chaos) of their **asymptotic behavior** (i.e., what do solutions look like as $t \rightarrow \infty$?).

Equilibrium solutions are the natural place to begin studying those asymptotic properties.

Definition

An **equilibrium** of

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = f(\mathbf{x})$$

is any *constant* solution $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_*$ which therefore satisfies

$$f(\mathbf{x}_*) = 0.$$

Equilibria

Find all equilibrium solutions to each of the following ODEs:

$$1. \quad \frac{dN}{dt} = r N$$

$$2. \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = K - x$$

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Example 4.1 – Two-species Competition

Goal: When can the two tree species coexist?

$$\dot{H} = r_H H - a_H H^2 - b_H S H$$

$$\dot{S} = r_S S - a_S S^2 - b_S H S$$

State Variables: (State Space is non-negative orthant in \mathbb{R}^2)

$H(t)$, $S(t)$ - Hardwood & Softwood population size (tons/acre)

Rates: (Units are tons/acre/year)

$g_H(t) = r_H H - a_H H^2$ Hardwood growth rate

$g_S(t) = r_S S - a_S S^2$ Softwood growth rate

$c_H(t) = b_H S H$ - Hardwood loss rate

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Parameters: intrinsic growth rate r_i , *intraspecific* competition coefficients a_i , and *interspecific* competition coefficient b_j .

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Answer: Conduct a stability analysis of the equilibrium \mathbf{x}_* .

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Phase Space & 1-D Vector Fields

Phase Space: Horizontal axis x , vertical axis $\frac{dx}{dt}$.

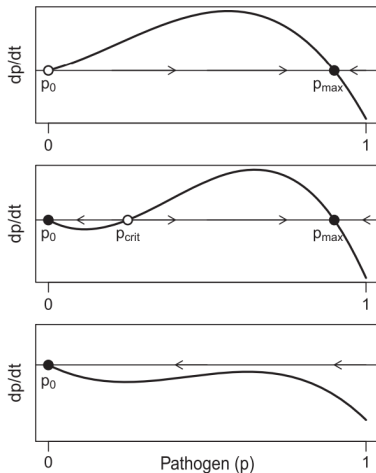
Bacterial growth model from
Hurtado, 2012.

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = r p (1 - p) - \frac{k p}{\mu + p}$$

Where

$$p_{crit} = \frac{\left((1 - \mu) + \sqrt{(1 + \mu)^2 - \frac{4}{r} k} \right)}{2}$$

$$p_{max} = \frac{\left((1 - \mu) + \sqrt{(1 + \mu)^2 - \frac{4}{r} k} \right)}{2}$$



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Sketch the *phase portrait* for each of the following, and use it to determine the stability of each equilibrium point:

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