

Examples from population dynamics:

Example 3: Lotka-Volterra predator-prey equations

x = population of prey

y = predator

$$\dot{x} = \alpha x - \gamma xy = x(x, y)$$

$$\dot{y} = -\beta y + \delta xy = y(x, y)$$

$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta > 0$$

crit. points

$$x(x, y) = x \cdot (\alpha - \gamma y)$$

$$y(x, y) = y \cdot (-\beta + \delta x)$$

$$p_1 = (0, 0), \quad \left(\frac{\beta}{\delta}, \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}\right) = p_2$$

$$M(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \gamma y & -\gamma x \\ \delta y & -\beta + \delta x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \alpha > 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2 = -\beta < 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

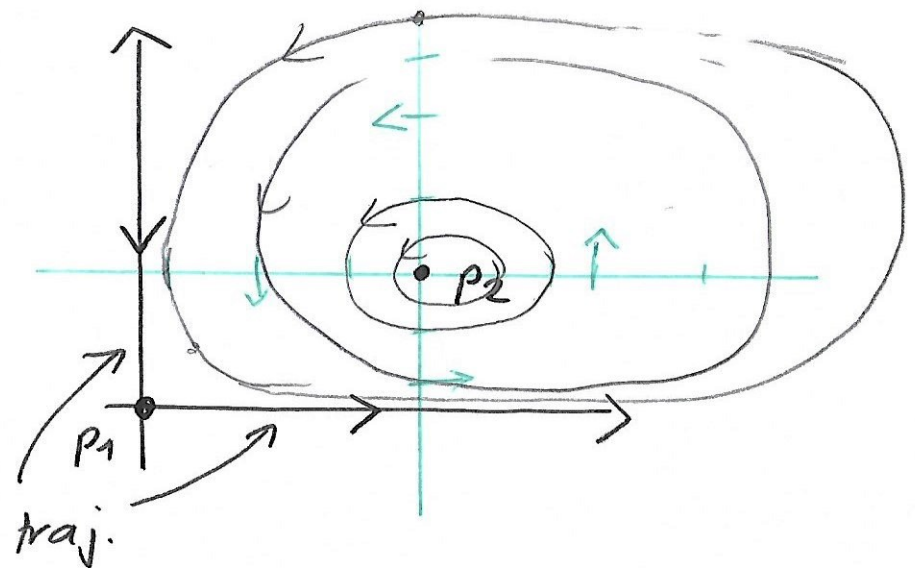
saddle

$$M\left(\frac{\beta}{\delta}, \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\gamma\beta/\delta \\ \frac{\delta\alpha}{\gamma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = \pm i\sqrt{\alpha\beta}}$$

centre!



$$\dot{x} = x(\alpha - \gamma y)$$

$$\dot{y} = y(-\beta + \delta x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} = \frac{y}{\alpha - \gamma y} \cdot \frac{-\beta + \delta x}{x}$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{y} - \gamma\right) dy = \left(-\frac{\beta}{x} + \delta\right) dx$$

$$\alpha \log|y| - \gamma y = -\beta \log(x) + \delta x + C$$

trajectories are sets

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x, y) = C\}$$

where

$$f(x, y) = \beta \log x - \delta x + \alpha \log y - \gamma y$$

f has maximum is at

p_2 (corresp. level set = traj:
= 1 point)

Can't have spirals

(can't approach a maximum
by level sets with a different,
fixed C)

Note: $f(x, y) \rightarrow -\infty$

as $x \rightarrow 0$ or $y \rightarrow 0$

$x \rightarrow \infty$ or $y \rightarrow \infty$

All trajectories (1st quadrant)
are periodic.

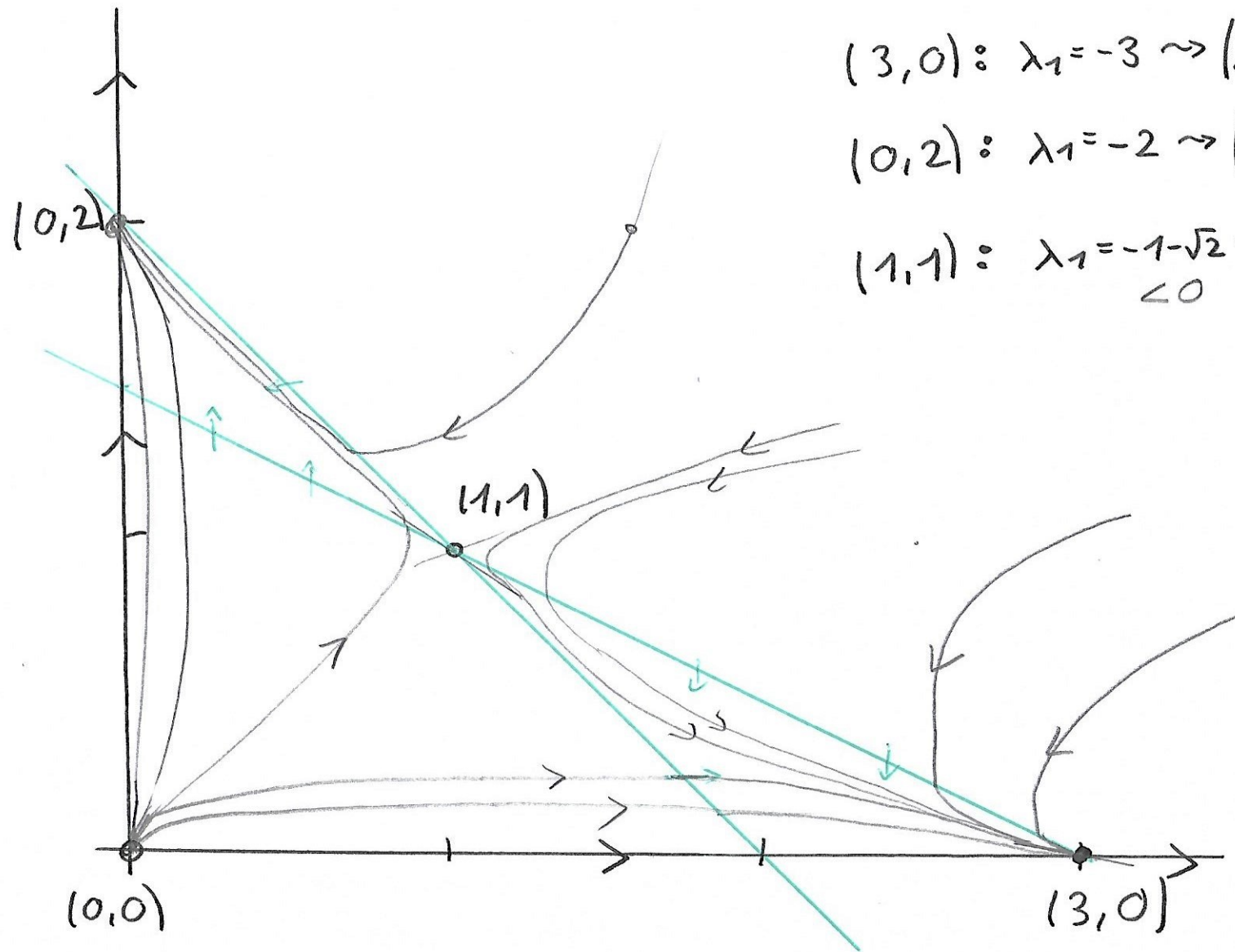
Example 4: Competing species:

x = population of rabbits

y = - - - - sheep

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = (3 - x - 2y) \cdot x \\ \dot{y} = (2 - x - y) \cdot y \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{x} = (3-x-2y)x, \quad \dot{y} = (2-x-y)y$$



$$(0,0): \lambda_1 = 3 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = 2 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(3,0): \lambda_1 = -3 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = -1 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(0,2): \lambda_1 = -2 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = -1 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(1,1): \lambda_1 = -1-\sqrt{2} < 0 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = -1+\sqrt{2} > 0 \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Either
sheeps or
rabbits survive