

**Question:** What are the equilibrium points of the system?

Nonlinear system!

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 6x - 2x^2 - y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 6x - 2x^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 5y - xy - y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow y(5-x-y) = 0 \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad y=0 \quad \text{or} \quad 5-x-y=0 \end{cases}$$

If  $y=0$ :  $0 = 6x - 2x^2$   
so  $0 = 2x(3-x)$  then  $x=0$  or  $x=3$

If  $5-x-y=0$ :  $y = 5-x$  and  $y = 6x - 2x^2$

so:  $5-x = 6x - 2x^2$

$$2x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$$

$$(2x-5)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1$$

$$y = 5 - \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$y = 5 - 1 = 4$$

Equilibrium points

$$(0,0), (3,0)$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right), (1,4)$$

**Question:** What are the types of these equilibrium points?

Nonlinear system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 6x - 2x^2 - y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 5y - xy - y^2 \end{cases}$$

these terms go to zero quickly as  $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$

Linearization approximated near  $(0,0)$  by

Linear system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 6x - y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 5y \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \vec{y}$$

eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 5, \lambda_2 = 6$

equilibrium point is a source

eigenvectors:  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(A - 5I) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v} = 0$$

$$(A - 6I) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## What about the equilibrium point (1,4)?

Let  $f(x,y) = 6x - 2x^2 - y$

Near  $(x,y) = (1,4)$ :  $f(x,y) \approx \underbrace{f(1,4)}_{\substack{\text{zero, since } (1,4) \text{ is an} \\ \text{equilibrium point}}} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1,4) \cdot (x-1) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1,4) \cdot (y-4)$   
 tangent plane to  $f(x,y)$  at  $(1,4)$

[Recall 1D: tangent line:  $f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$  near  $x=a$ ]

Then:  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x,y) \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1,4) \cdot (x-1) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1,4) \cdot (y-4) = 2(x-1) + (-1)(y-4) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x,y) \approx \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(1,4) \cdot (x-1) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(1,4) \cdot (y-4) = -4(x-1) - 4(y-4) \end{cases}$

$f(x,y) = 6x - 2x^2 - y$   
 $g(x,y) = 5y - xy - y^2$

Partial derivatives

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6 - 4x$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -1$

$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = -y$

$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 5 - x - 2y$

Evaluate at (1,4)

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1,4) = 6 - 4(1) = 2$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1,4) = -1$

$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(1,4) = -4$

$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(1,4) = 5 - 1 - 2(4) = -4$

Linear approximation:

$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 2x - y + 2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -4x - 4y + 20 \end{cases}$

The equilibrium point of the nonlinear system at (1,4) has the same type as that of the linear system

$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{y}$

eigenvalues  $\lambda = -1 \pm \sqrt{13}$   
Saddle

Jacobian Matrix:

$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$

matrix of (first) partial derivatives

evaluate at (1,4)

WORKSHEET: 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x(-x - 3y + 15) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = y(-2x - y + 10) \end{cases}$$

(a)  $x(-x - 3y + 15) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0$  or  $-x - 3y + 15 = 0$   
 $y(-2x - y + 10) = 0 \Rightarrow y=0$  or  $-2x - y + 10 = 0$

Equilibrium points:  $(0,0)$ ,  $(0,10)$ ,  $(15,0)$ ,  $(3,4)$

(b)  $f(x,y) = -x^2 - 3xy + 15x$ ,  $g(x,y) = -2xy - y^2 + 10y$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x - 3y + 15 & -3x \\ -2y & -2x - 2y + 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Evaluate  $J$  at each equilibrium point:

$$J(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = 15, 10 \quad \text{source}$$

$$J(0,10) = \begin{bmatrix} -15 & 0 \\ -20 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = -15, -10 \quad \text{sink}$$

$$J(15,0) = \begin{bmatrix} -15 & -45 \\ 0 & -20 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = -15, -20 \quad \text{sink}$$

$$J(3,4) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -9 \\ -8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = -12, 5 \quad \text{saddle}$$