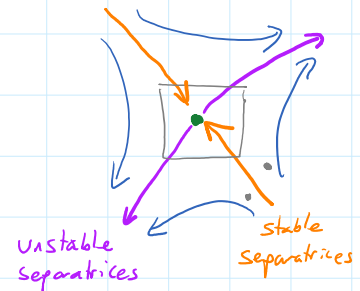


**EXAM 2:** A: 60 and up  
 B: 50 to 59  
 C: 40 to 49

**FROM §5.1 READING:**

The solutions that go directly towards or away from a saddle point are called **SEPARATRICES** — they separate solutions with different long-term behavior.



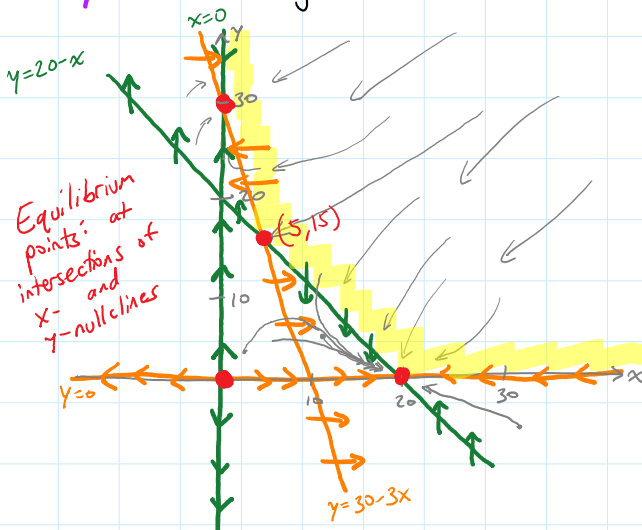
**DEFINITION:** For the system  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x,y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x,y) \end{cases}$

the **x-NULLCLINE** is the set of points where  $f(x,y) = 0$  (solution curves have vertical tangents) and the **y-NULLCLINE** is the set of points where  $g(x,y) = 0$  (solution curves have horizontal tangents).

**EXAMPLE:**  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(20-x-y) = f(x,y)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = y(30-3x-y) = g(x,y)$

**x-nullclines:**  $f(x,y) = 0$  if  $x=0$  or  $y=20-x$  (vertical tangents)

**y-nullclines:**  $g(x,y) = 0$  if  $y=0$  or  $y=30-3x$  (horizontal tangents)



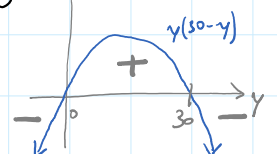
In what direction do solutions cross the nullclines?

• **x=0:** We know  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$

Consider  $\frac{dy}{dt} = y(30-3x-y) = y(30-y)$   
 pos or neg?

$\frac{dy}{dt}$  is + if  $0 < y < 30$

$\frac{dy}{dt}$  is - if  $y < 0$   
 or  $y > 30$

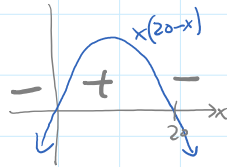


•  $y=0$ : We know  $\frac{dy}{dt}=0$

Consider  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(20-x-y) = x(20-x)$

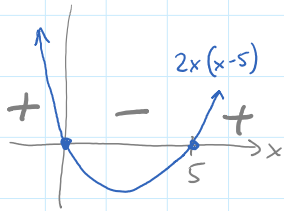
$\frac{dx}{dt}$  is + if  $0 < x < 20$

$\frac{dx}{dt}$  is - if  $x < 0$  or  $x > 20$



•  $y=30-3x$  We know  $\frac{dy}{dt}=0$

Consider  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(20-x-y)$   
 $= x(20-x-(30-3x))$   
 $= x(-10+2x) = \frac{2x(x-5)}{2x^2-10x}$



$\frac{dx}{dt}$  is - if  $0 < x < 5$  ] go left

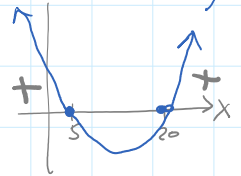
$\frac{dx}{dt}$  is + if  $x < 0$  or  $x > 5$  ] go right

•  $y=20-x$  We know  $\frac{dx}{dt}=0$

Consider  $\frac{dy}{dt} = y(30-3x-y) = (20-x)(30-3x-(20-x))$   
 $= (20-x)(10-2x) = (20-x)(5-x)(2)$

$\frac{dy}{dt}$  is + if  $x < 5$  or  $x > 20$

$\frac{dy}{dt}$  is - if  $5 < x < 20$



**EXAMPLE:**  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x - x^2 - xy = \underline{x(1-x-y)}$

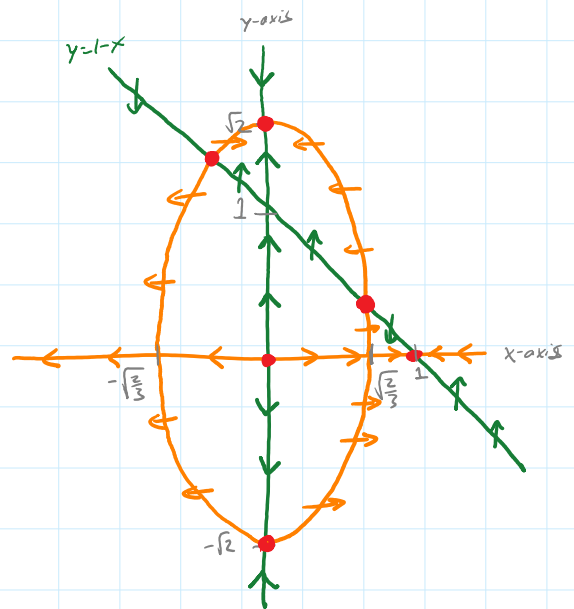
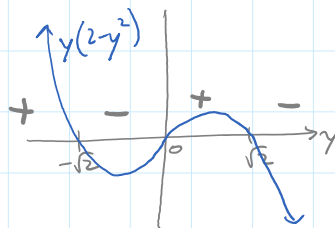
$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2y - y^3 - 3x^2y = \underline{y(2-y^2-3x^2)}$

x-nullclines:  $\underline{x=0}$  or  $\underline{y=1-x}$

y-nullclines:  $\underline{y=0}$  or  $\underline{2=3x^2+y^2}$   
 ellipse

•  $x=0$ : We know  $\frac{dx}{dt}=0$

Consider:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = y(2-y^2-3x^2) = y(2-y^2)$



•  $y=1-x$ : We know  $\frac{dx}{dt}=0$ . Consider  $\frac{dy}{dt} = y(2-y^2-3x^2) = (1-x)(2-(1-x)^2-3x^2)$

$$= (1-x)(1+2x-4x^2)$$

$\downarrow$   $\quad \quad \quad \searrow$   
 $x=1$   $\quad \quad \quad x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-4(-4)}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{5}$

Along  $y=1-x$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  changes from  $-$  to  $+$  to  $-$  to  $+$  at 3 equilibrium points

•  $y=0$ : We know  $\frac{dy}{dt}=0$ . Consider  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x-x^2-xy = x-x^2 = x(1-x)$

$\frac{dx}{dt} < 0$  if  $x < 0$  or  $x > 1$ ;  $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$  if  $0 < x < 1$ .

•  $z = 3x^2 + y^2$ : We know  $\frac{dz}{dt} = 0$ . Consider  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(1-x-y)$

This is tricky! Observe that:  $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$  if  $x$  and  $1-x-y$  have the same sign.

$\frac{dx}{dt} < 0$  if  $x$  and  $1-x-y$  have opposite signs.

Thus, the arrows shown on the ellipse can be determined.