

1) A simple ODE for population growth

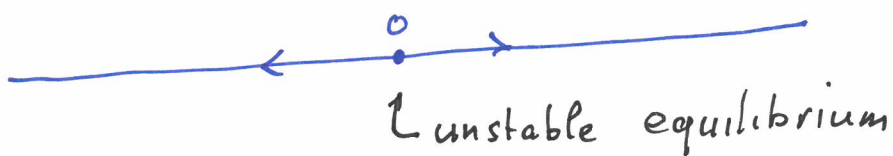
$$\dot{x} = ax = f(x)$$

Linear growth,  
proportional to the  
size of the population

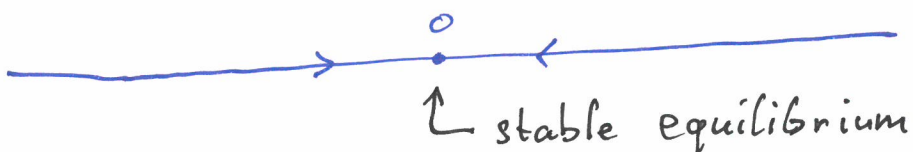
Solution  $x(t) = \varphi^t(x_0) = x_0 e^{at}$

Equilibrium or stationary point at  $x_0 = 0$ .

Phase portraits:



$$a > 0$$



$$a < 0$$

## 2) Versions of Stability (on metric space $(X, d)$ )

An equilibrium  $y$  is:

Lyapunov stable if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \quad d(x_0, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d(x(t), y) < \varepsilon \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

Asymptotically stable if

$$\exists \delta > 0 \quad d(x_0, y) < \delta \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(x(t), y) = 0$$

Exponentially stable if

$$\exists \alpha > 0, C > 0, \delta > 0$$

$$d(x_0, y) \leq \delta \Rightarrow d(x(t), y) \leq C e^{-\alpha t} d(x_0, y) \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

Remarks: Exp. stable  $\Rightarrow$  Asymp. stable & Lyap. stable

In dimension 1:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} f(y) = 0 \\ f'(y) < 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$  Exp. stable

Asymp. stable  $\not\Rightarrow$  Lyap. stable  
nor Exp. stable

### 3) Nonlinear ODE for population growth

$$\textcircled{*} \begin{cases} \dot{x} = ax(1-x) =: f(x) & \text{assume } a > 0 \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

Equilibria where  $f(x) = 0$ , here at  $x=0$  and  $x=1$

Phase portrait



$$\text{compute } f'(x) = a(1-2x) = \begin{cases} a > 0 & x=0 \\ -a < 0 & x=1 \end{cases}$$

Exercises: Draw phase portraits and find exact solutions to

(a)  $\dot{x} = x^2$ , (b)  $\dot{x} = x^3$

Find the exact solution of  $\textcircled{*}$

#### 4) Topological conjugacy

Use new coordinates  $\begin{cases} \frac{1+ah}{ah} x = y = \psi(x) \\ Q(x) = (1+ah)x(1-x) \end{cases}$

Then 
$$\begin{aligned} T(y) &= y(1+ah - ah y) \\ &= \frac{1+ah}{ah} x \left( 1+ah - ah \frac{1+ah}{ah} x \right) \\ &= \frac{1+ah}{ah} (1+ah)x(1-x) \\ &= \psi \circ Q(x) = \psi \circ Q \circ \psi^{-1}(y). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x \in \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{Q} & \mathbb{R} \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi \\ y \in \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathbb{R} \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

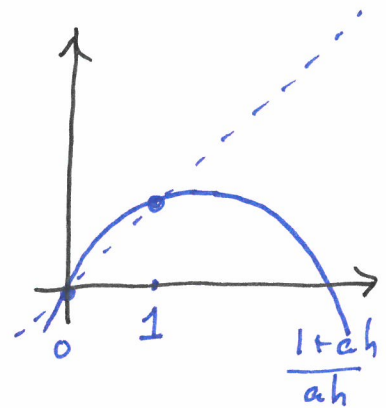
Def Two maps  $f: X \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Y$  are topologically conjugate if there is a homeomorphism  $\psi: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $g(y) = \psi \circ f \circ \psi^{-1}(y) \quad \forall y \in Y$ .

4) Suppose we solve  $(*)$  numerically with a simple Euler method with stepsize  $h > 0$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h f(x_n) = \underbrace{x_n + ha x_n (1 - x_n)}_{T(x_n)}$$

So  $T(y) = y(1 + ha - hay)$

$$T'(y) = 1 + ha - 2hay$$



Fixed points  $T(y) = y$  at  $y = 0$  &  $y = 1$ .

We iterate the map  $T$ :

$$x_0, T(x_0), \underbrace{T \circ T(x_0)}_{T^2(x_0)}, \underbrace{T \circ T \circ T(x_0)}_{T^3(x_0)}, \dots$$

Fixed point:  $T(y) = y$

Periodic point:  $T^p(y) = y$

Preperiodic point:  $T^m(x) = y = T^p(y)$

Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Y$  are topologically conjugate.

Exercises: Show that

1)  $x$  is  $p$ -periodic for  $f \Rightarrow \psi(x)$   
is  $p$ -periodic for  $g$

2)  $\psi(\omega_f(x)) = \omega_g(\psi(x))$

Proposition 1 Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^2$  map  
and  $f(q) = q$  is a fixed point.

Let  $\lambda = |f'(q)|$

If  $\lambda \begin{cases} < 1 \\ = 1 \\ > 1 \end{cases}$  then  $q$  is exponentially stable,  
undecided but not exp. stable,  
the  $q$  is unstable.

Remark If  $f^p(q) = q$  is periodic, and

$\lambda = |(f^p)'(q)|$ . (This is called  
the multiplier of  $q$ ) then Proposition 1  
holds without changes.

## Proof of Proposition 1.

Take  $x$  close to  $q$ . The Taylor approximation

$$|f(x) - f(q)| = |f'(q)(x-q) + f''(\xi)(x-q)^2|$$

$$\leq \lambda |x-q| + |f''(\xi)| \cdot |x-q|^2$$

If  $\lambda < 1$ , then because  $f''$  is bounded near  $q$ , we can choose  $x$  to be so close to  $q$  that

$$|f''(\xi)| \cdot |x-q| \leq \frac{1-\lambda}{2}. \quad \text{Then}$$

$$\leq \left(\lambda + \frac{1-\lambda}{2}\right) |x-q| = \underbrace{\frac{1+\lambda}{2}}_{< 1} |x-q|$$

By induction

$$|f^n(x) - f^n(q)| \leq \left(\frac{1+\lambda}{2}\right)^n |x-q|$$

so exponential stability follows.

Left as exercises:

Continuous time

ODE

Discrete time

Iteration of a map.

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flow  $\varphi^t(x)$  is  
solution of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$

$$\begin{cases} \varphi^0(x) = x \\ \varphi^{s+t}(x) = \varphi^s(\varphi^t(x)) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \varphi^t(x) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

stationary point when  $f(x) = 0$

periodic orbit  $\varphi^T(x) = x$   
for minimal  $T > 0$

none, since flows are  
invertible

orbit  $(x_n)_{n \geq 0}$  or  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$   
 $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$

$$x_n = f^n(x_0)$$

$$x_{-n} = f^{-n}(x_0) = (f^{\text{inv}})^n(x_0)$$

if  $f$  is invertible

fixed point  $f(x) = x$ .

periodic orbit  
 $f^P(x) = x$

preperiodic orbit

$$f^m(x) = y = f^P(y), \text{ and } x \notin \text{orb}(y).$$



## $\alpha$ - and $\omega$ -Limitsets

$$\omega(x) = \{ y : \exists t_i \rightarrow \infty \quad \varphi^{t_i}(x) \rightarrow y \}$$

$$\text{or } \{ y : \exists n_i \rightarrow \infty \quad f^{n_i}(x) \rightarrow y \}$$

$$\alpha(x) = \{ y : \exists t_i \rightarrow -\infty \quad \varphi^{t_i}(x) \rightarrow y \}$$

$$\text{or } \{ y : \exists n_i \rightarrow -\infty \quad f^{n_i}(x) \rightarrow y \}$$

(if  $f$  is invertible)

$\alpha(x)$  and  $\omega(x)$  are

- closed
- fully invariant  $f(\omega(x)) = \omega(x)$   
 $f^{-1}(\alpha(x)) = \alpha(x)$
- If  $\text{orb}(x)$  is bounded, then  $\omega(x)$  is compact
- If  $\{\varphi^t(x)\}$  is bounded, then  $\alpha(x)$  and  $\omega(x)$  are compact and connected