

We studied the following four models:

Model 1

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP, \quad P(t) = P_0 \cdot e^{rt}$$

$$P(0) = P_0$$

However, if  $P_0 = 0$  then  $P(t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Model 2

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right)$$

$$P(t) = \frac{K}{1 + \left(\frac{K}{P_0} - 1\right)e^{-rt}}$$

If  $P_0 = 0$  then  $P(t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$   
and if  $P_0 = K$ , then  $P(t) = K$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Model 3

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right)(P - a)$$

If  $P_0 = 0 \Rightarrow P(t) = 0$  for any  $t$ .

If  $P_0 = a \Rightarrow P(t) = a$  for any  $t$ .

If  $P_0 = K \Rightarrow P(t) = K$  for all  $t$ .

Model 4

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \alpha(H - A) < 0, \quad H > A, \quad \alpha < 0.$$

if  $H_0 = A \Rightarrow H(t) = A$  for all  $t$ .

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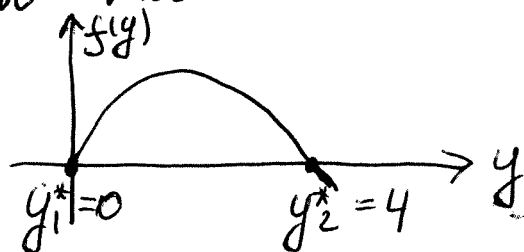
For example, we see from Model 2 if  $P = K$  or  $P = 0$  then  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0$  ~~then~~ implying that  $P(t)$  is constant.

Constant solutions form a very special class of solutions of autonomous dif. eq. They are called equilibria

**Definition** Consider an autonomous dif. eq-n of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)$  (where we think of  $x$  as time). If  $y^*$  satisfies  $f(y^*) = 0$  then  $y^*$  is an equilibrium of  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)$

**Example**  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y(4-y) = f(y)$   
Find the equilibria. To find the equilibria, we set  $f(y) = 0$  or  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
 $(4-y) \cdot y = f(y) = 0$  which yields  
 $y_1^* = 4$  ;  $y_2^* = 0$

Graphically, this means that if we graph  $f(y)$  as a function of  $y$ , then the equilibria are points of intersection of  $f(y)$  with the horizontal axis (the  $y$ -axis).

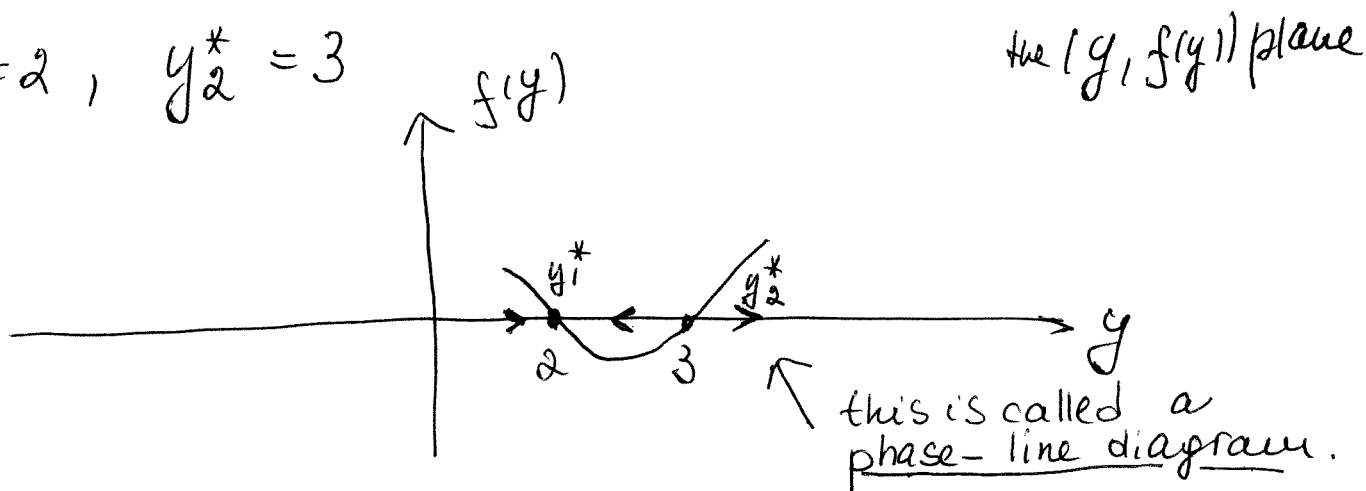


Since we are discussing autonomous dif. eq; the derivative ( $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ) is a function of  $y$  only! This allows us to graph  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  as a function of  $y$  or to graph  $f(y)$  as a function of  $y$  (since  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)$ ). Then we can use the graph of  $f(y)$  in the  $(y, f(y))$  plane to say something about  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . Namely, if the current value  $\bar{y}$  is such that  $f(\bar{y}) > 0$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx} \big|_{y=\bar{y}} > 0$  and  $y$  will increase at  $\bar{y}$  as a function of  $x$ . If  $y$  is such that  $f(y) < 0$  (that is  $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$ ), then  $y$  will decrease as a function of  $x$ .

**Example**  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (2-y)(3-y) = f(y)$

Equilibria:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  or  $f(y) = 0$

$y_1^* = 2$ ,  $y_2^* = 3$



Pick  $\bar{y}_1 \in (-\infty, 2)$

for example,  $\bar{y}_1 = 1$   $f(\bar{y}_1) = f(1) = (2-1)(3-1) = 2 \times 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{\bar{y}_1} > 0 \quad y(x) \text{ increases as } x.$$

(or any other point from the interval)

Pick  $\bar{y}_2 \in (2, 3)$

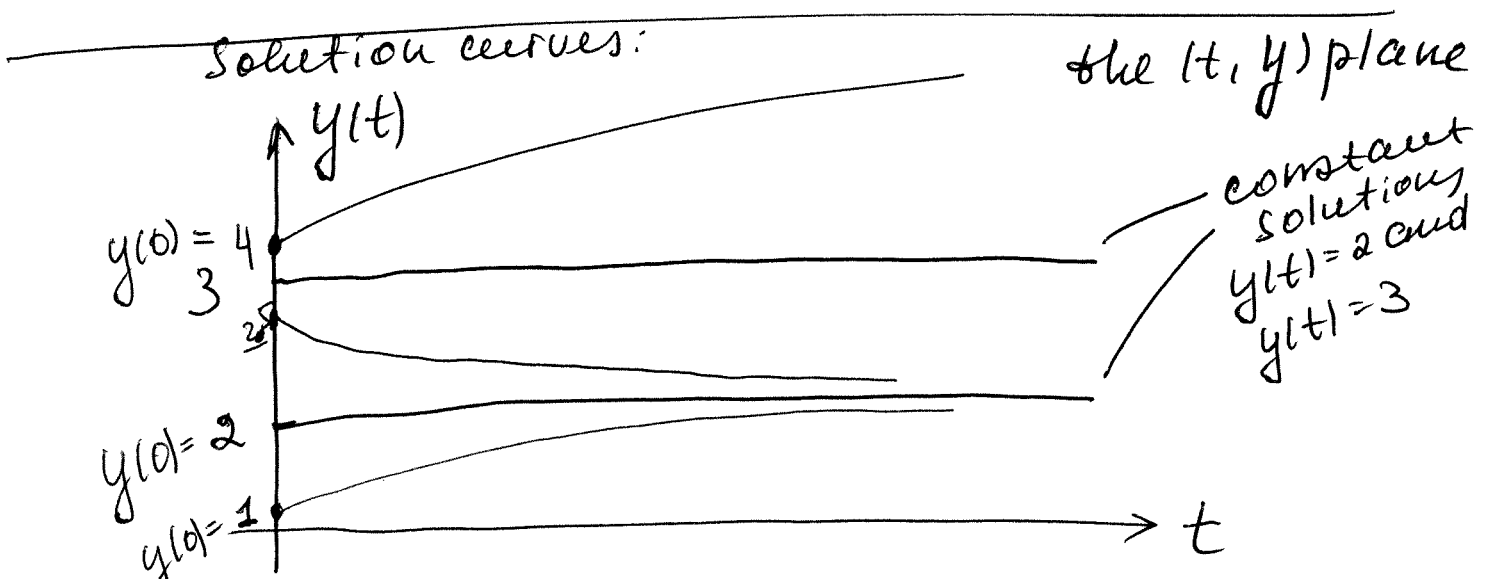
$$\bar{y}_2 = \frac{5}{2}.$$

$$f(\bar{y}_2) = f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \left(2 - \frac{5}{2}\right)\left(3 - \frac{5}{2}\right) < 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \big|_{y=2} < 0 \Rightarrow y(x) \text{ decreases as function of } x \text{ for any point from } (2,3)$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{y}_3 = 4$$

$$f(\bar{y}_3) = f(4) = (2-4)(3-4) > 0.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{\bar{y}_3} > 0 \Rightarrow y(x) \text{ increases as } x \text{ for any point from } (3, +\infty).$$


Thus, without solving the equation, we were able to graph the solution curves to the equation. The only information that we used was <sup>information about</sup> equilibria and their stability.

**Model 2**  $\frac{dP}{dt} = rP(1 - \frac{P}{K}) = f(P)$

$P_1^* = 0$   
 $P_2^* = K$  } equilibria

the  $(y, f(y))$  plane



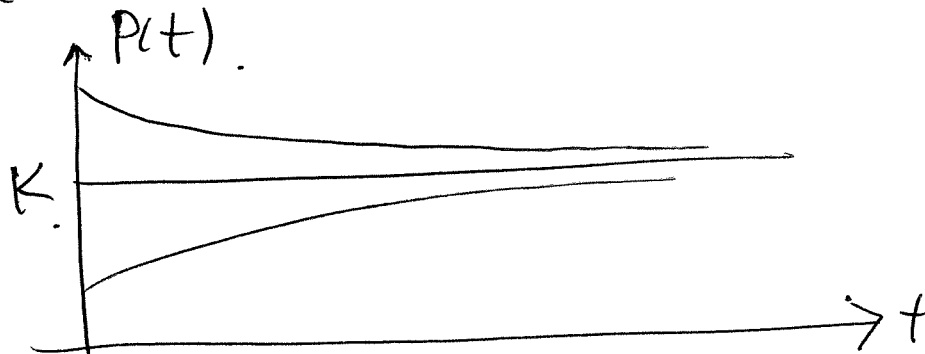
← phase-line diagram.  
 time is given implicitly in phase-line diagrams.

$\bar{P} = \frac{K}{2}$   $\frac{dP}{dt} \Big|_{\bar{P} = \frac{K}{2}} = r \cdot \frac{K}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{2}) > 0$

$P_1^* = 0$  is unstable equilibrium

$P_2^* = K$  is stable eq-m.

the  $(t, P(t))$  plane



**Remark** The phase-line diagram is an analogue of cobwebbing in discrete time dyn. systems.

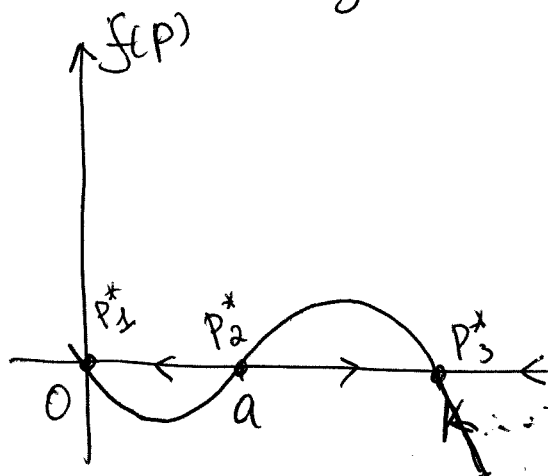
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP(P-a)\left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right) = f(P)$$

$$S(P)=0 \quad P_1^* = 0$$

$$P_2^* = a$$

$$P_3^* = K.$$

(the  $P, f(P)$ ) plane



Another way to determine stability of an equilibrium.

**Stability Criterion**: Consider the dif. eqn

$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$ , where  $f(y)$  is a differentiable f.n.

Assume that  $y^*$  is an equilibrium, that is

$f(y^*) = 0$ . Then

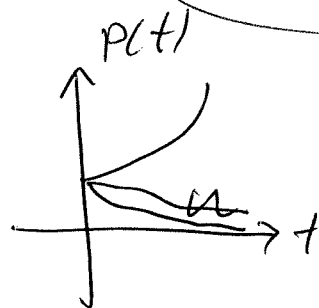
$y^*$  is stable if  $f'(y^*) < 0$  and  
 $y^*$  is unstable if  $f'(y^*) > 0$ .

Exponential model: (Model 1.)

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP = f(P)$$

$f'(P) = r$  if  $r > 0$   $P^* = 0$  is unstable.  
 if  $r < 0$   $P^* = 0$  is stable.

( $t, P(t)$ ) plane



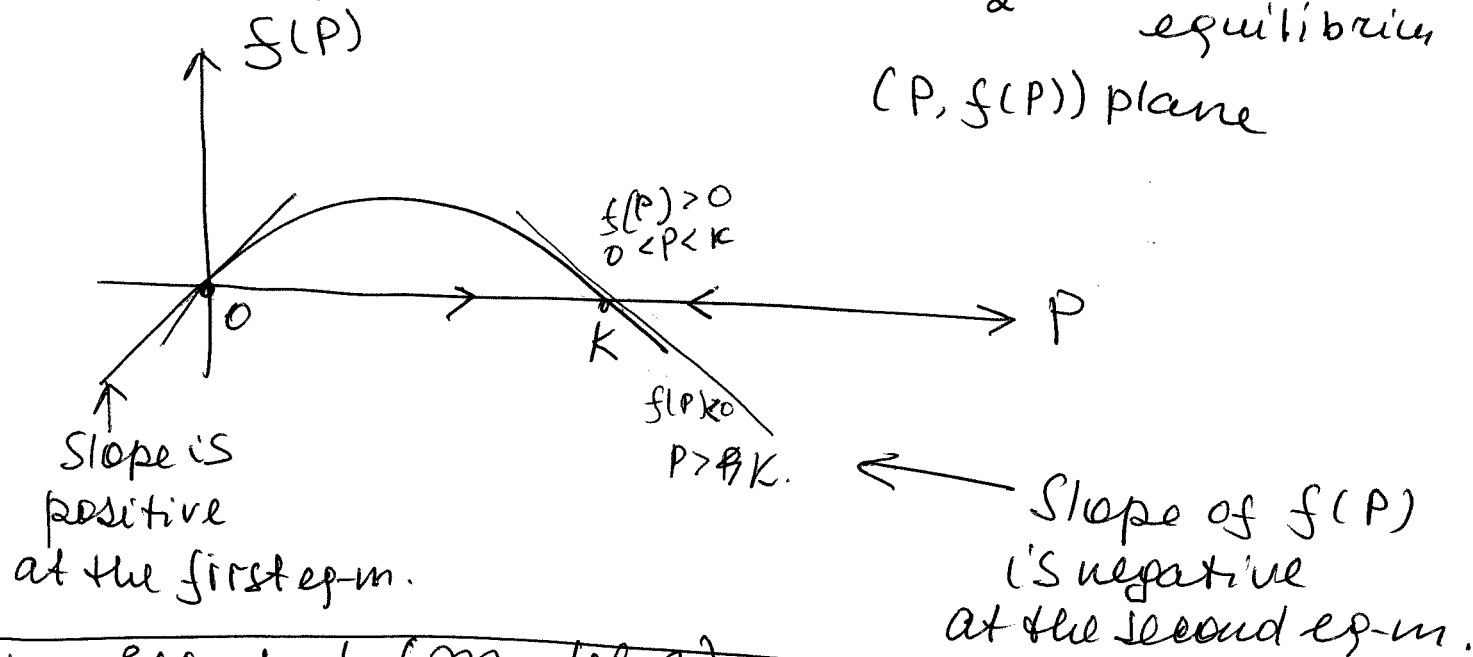
## Logistic Eq-n (Model 2)

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right) = f(P)$$

$$f'(P) = r \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right) + rP \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{K}\right) = r - \frac{2rP}{K}$$

$f'(P_1^*) = f'(0) = r$  if  $r > 0$   $P_1^* = 0$  is unstable equilibrium.

$f'(P_2^*) = f'(K) = r - 2r = -r < 0$   $P_2^* = K$  is stable equilibrium



## Allee Effect (Model 3)

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP(P-a) \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right) = f(P)$$

$$f'(P) = [rP(P-a)]' \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right) + rP(P-a) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{K}\right) =$$

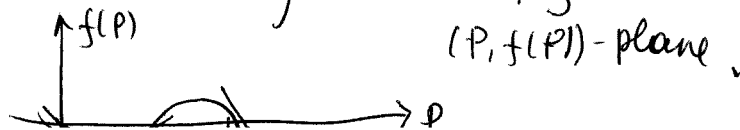
$$= r \cancel{\frac{P}{K}} [r(P-a) + rP] \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right) - \frac{rP}{K} (P-a) =$$

$$= (2rP - ra) \left(1 - \frac{P}{K}\right) - \frac{rP}{K} (P-a)$$

$$f'(P_1^*) = f'(0) = -ra < 0 \Rightarrow P_1^* = 0 \text{ is stable}$$

$$f'(P_2^*) = f'(a) = ra \left(1 - \frac{a}{K}\right) > 0 \Rightarrow P_2^* = a \text{ is unstable}$$

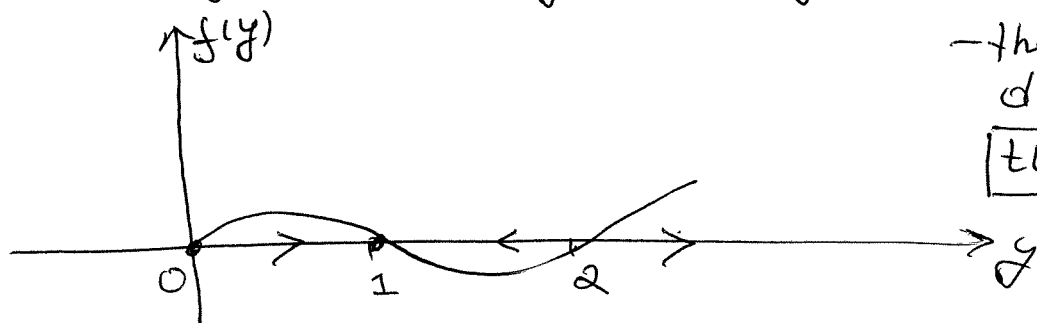
$$f'(P_3^*) = f'(K) = -r(K-a) < 0 \Rightarrow P_3^* = K \text{ is stable}$$



Example

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(y-1)(y-2) = f(y)$$

$$f(y)=0 \Rightarrow y_1^*=0, y_2^*=1, y_3^*=2$$



- the phase-line diagram.

the  $(y, f(y))$  plane

$$\text{take } \bar{y} = 0.5 \in (0, 1)$$

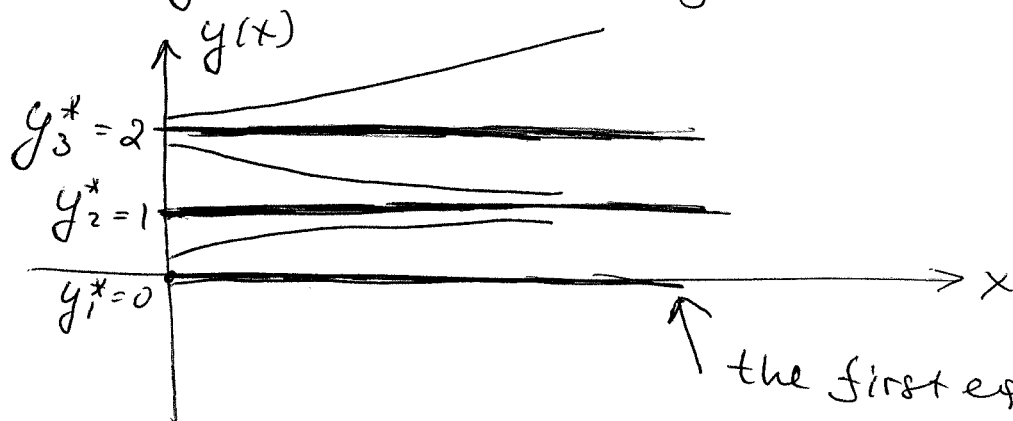
$$f(0.5) > 0$$

$$\bar{y} = 1.5 \in (1, 2)$$

$$f(1.5) < 0$$

$$\bar{y} = 3$$

$$f(3) > 0.$$



the solution curve.  
the  $(x, y)$  plane

Stability Criterion

$$f'(y) = (y-1)(y-2) + y(y-2) + y(y-1)$$

$$f'(0) = (-1)(-2) = 2 > 0 \Rightarrow y_1^*=0 \text{ is unstable}$$

$$f'(1) = 1 \cdot (-1) = -1 < 0 \Rightarrow y_2^*=1 \text{ is stable}$$

$$f'(2) = 2 \cdot (2-1) = 2 > 0 \Rightarrow y_3^*=2 \text{ is unstable.}$$



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Suppose the population size of some species follows the model:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{3N^2}{2+N^2} - N = f(N)$$

$$f(N) = 0$$

$$\frac{3N^2}{2+N^2} - N = 0$$

$$N \left( \frac{3N}{2+N^2} - 1 \right) = 0$$

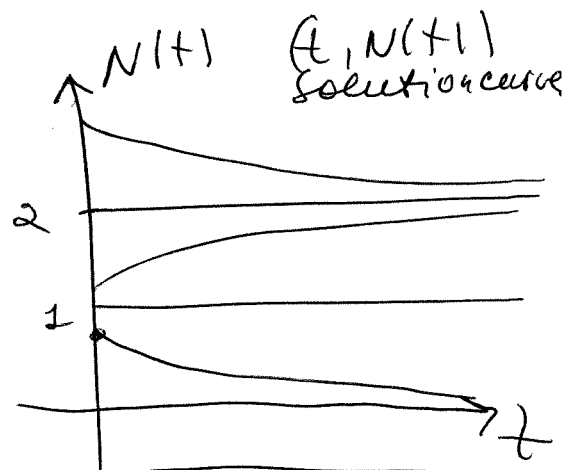
$$N_1^* = 0$$

$$\frac{3N}{2+N^2} = 1$$

$$N^2 - 3N + 2 = 0$$

$$N_2^* = 1$$

$$N_3^* = 2$$



$$\begin{aligned} N(0.5) &= ? \\ N(1.5) &= ? \\ N(6) &= ? \end{aligned}$$

Separation of variables?

⊗ The best method is Stability Criterion

$$f'(N) = \left( \frac{3N^2}{2+N^2} \right)' - 1 = \frac{6N(2+N^2) - 3N^2 \cdot 2N}{(2+N^2)^2} - 1 = \frac{12N}{(2+N^2)^2} - 1$$

$$f'(0) = -1 \Rightarrow N_1^* = 0 \text{ is stable}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{12}{9} - 1 > 0 \Rightarrow N_2^* = 1 \text{ is unstable}$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{24}{36} - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow N_3^* = 2 \text{ is stable.}$$

