

We discussed 4 types of bifurcations:

1. Saddle-node
2. Transcritical
3. Pitchfork
4. Period doubling.

These are fundamental. The examples we will look at are "built" from these.

4.5: Misc. Bifurcations.

Ex 4.11 (Generalized saddle-node)

$$f_a(x) = x - (x^2 - a)(x^2 - 4a).$$

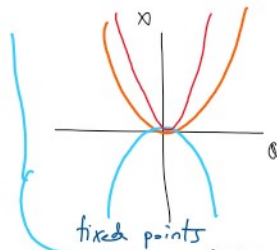
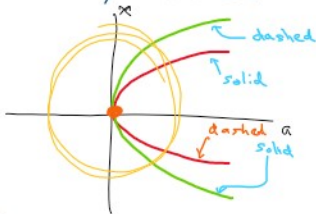
Fixed pts satisfy:

$$x = x - (x^2 - a)(x^2 - 4a)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = (x^2 - a)(x^2 - 4a)$$

So we have 4 fixed points:

$$x = \pm\sqrt{a}, \quad x = \pm 2\sqrt{a}.$$



We consider a few cases.

Case 1: $x = \sqrt{a}$. $f'_a(x) = 1 - (2x(x^2 - 4a) + (x^2 - a)(2x))$

$$f'_a(x) = 1 - 2x^3 + 8ax - 2x^3 + 2ax \\ = 1 - 4x^3 + 10ax$$

$$f'_a(x) = 1 - 2x(2x^2 - 5a)$$

$a \geq 0$

$$f'_a(\sqrt{a}) = 1 - 2\sqrt{a}(2a - 5a) \\ = 1 + 6a\sqrt{a}$$

$$f'_a(\sqrt{a}) = 1 + 6a^{3/2}$$

$$\text{For } a > 0, |f'_a(\sqrt{a})| = |1 + 6a^{3/2}| > 1$$

This is always unstable and repelling for all $a > 0$.

Case 2: $x = -\sqrt{a}$.

$$f'_a(x) = 1 - 2x(2x^2 - 5a)$$

$$f'_a(-\sqrt{a}) = 1 + 2\sqrt{a}(-3a) \\ = 1 - 6a^{3/2}$$

Using same analysis,

$$|f'_a(-\sqrt{a})| = |1 - 6a^{3/2}|$$

For values of a close to $a=0$,

$$|1 - 6a^{3/2}| < 1.$$

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$$|1 - 6a^{3/4}| < 1.$$

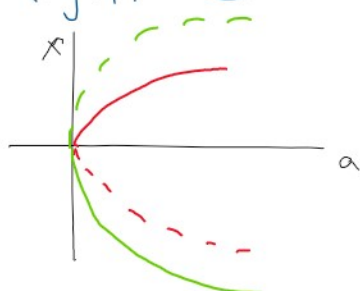
Thus, this is stable (close to $a=0$).

Case 3: $x = 2\sqrt{a}$

$$f'_a(2\sqrt{a}) = 1 - 4\sqrt{a}(3a) = 1 - 12a^{3/4}$$

This is the same kind of analysis as Case 2.

Case 4: Try it! ☺



Ex 4.12 (Gen. Pitchfork)

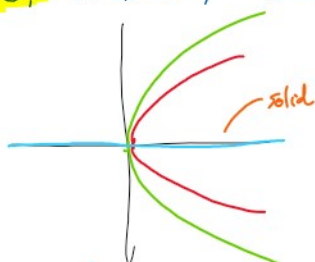
$$f_a(x) = x - x(x^2 - a)(x^2 - 4a)$$

Fixed points: $x = f_a(x)$

$$0 = x(x^2 - a)(x^2 - 4a)$$

5 fixed points.

$$x=0, \quad x=\pm\sqrt{a}, \quad x=\pm 2\sqrt{a}.$$



$$\begin{aligned} f'_a(x) &= 1 - \left(1(x^2 - a)(x^2 - 4a) + x(2x)(x^2 - 4a) + x(x^2 - a)(2x) \right) \\ &= 1 - (x^4 - 5ax^2 + 4a^2 + 2x^4 - 8ax^2 + 2x^4 - 2ax^2) \\ &= 1 - (5x^4 - 15ax^2 + 4a^2) \\ &= 1 - 4a^2 + 15ax^2 - 5x^4 \end{aligned}$$

Case 1: $x=0$ $f'_a(0) = |1 - 4a^2|$

In a small neighborhood around $a=0$,

$$|1 - 4a^2| < 1.$$

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Case 2: $x = \pm\sqrt{a}$.

$$f'_a(\pm\sqrt{a}) = 1 - 4a^2 + 15a^2 - 5a^2 \\ = 1 + 6a^2$$

~~This analysis is same as Case 1:~~

$$|f'_a(\pm\sqrt{a})| = |1 + 6a^2|$$

wrong!

$$|f'_a(\pm\sqrt{a})| = |1 + 6a^2| > 1.$$

Thus, these fixed points are always unstable.

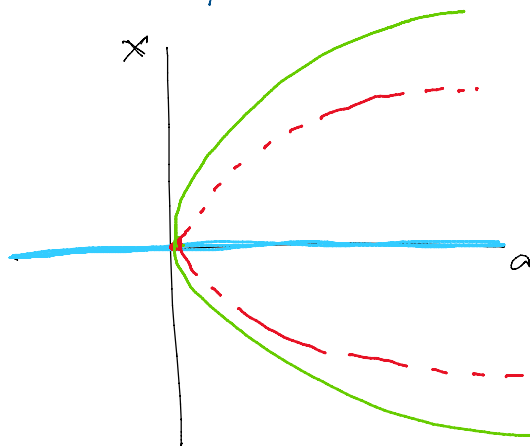
Case 3: $x = \pm 2\sqrt{a}$

$$f'_a(\pm 2\sqrt{a}) = 1 - 4a^2 + 15a(4a) - 5(16a^2) \\ = 1 - 4a^2 + 60a^2 - 80a^2 \\ = 1 - 24a^2$$

This analysis is like Case 1:

$$|f'_a(\pm 2\sqrt{a})| = |1 - 24a^2| < 1$$

in a small neighborhood around $a = 0$.



Chap 5: Linear discrete dynamical systems.

Let A be a $d \times d$ matrix: $A \in \text{Mat}_{\text{end}}(\mathbb{R})$.
Define $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ by

$$f(x) = Ax.$$

Define a disc. dyn. sys. via $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = Ax_n$$

In other words,

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$$x_n = A^n x_0$$

Let's consider fixed points:

$$x_{n+1} = A x_n$$

- One obvious choice is $x = 0$
- Otherwise, we have

$$x = Ax$$

In this, x is an eigenvector of A with corresponding eigenvalue 1.

Eigen vectors/values:

A nonzero vector x is an eigenvector of A if $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$Ax = \lambda x.$$

(A only scales the vector x .)

Ex: We look at various examples of linear dynamical systems.

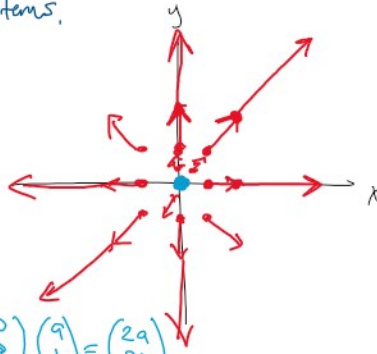
(1) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

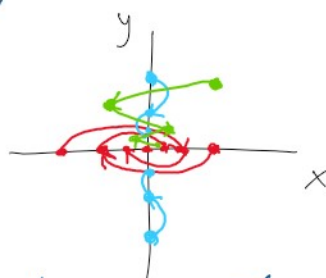
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There is only 1 fixed point $x = 0$. It seems that all paths go away from the origin, which means it might be unstable and repelling.

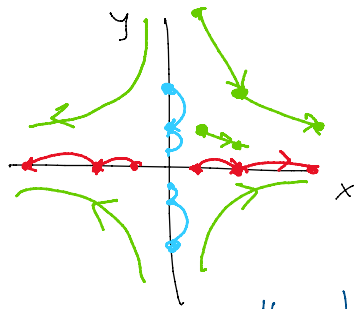
(2) $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$



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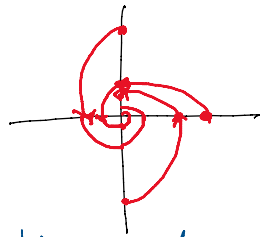
$$(3) A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Seems unstable: neither attracting nor repelling.

$$(4) A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{scalar}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{rotation}}$$

This is a rotation matrix



Seems stable and attracting.