

# §4.5 Phase plane analysis

(1)

Given  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ , we get characteristic eqn

$\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = a+d$

$\lambda^2 - (\text{tr}(A))\lambda + \det(A) = 0$

$\lambda = \frac{\text{tr}(A) \pm \sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)}}{2}$

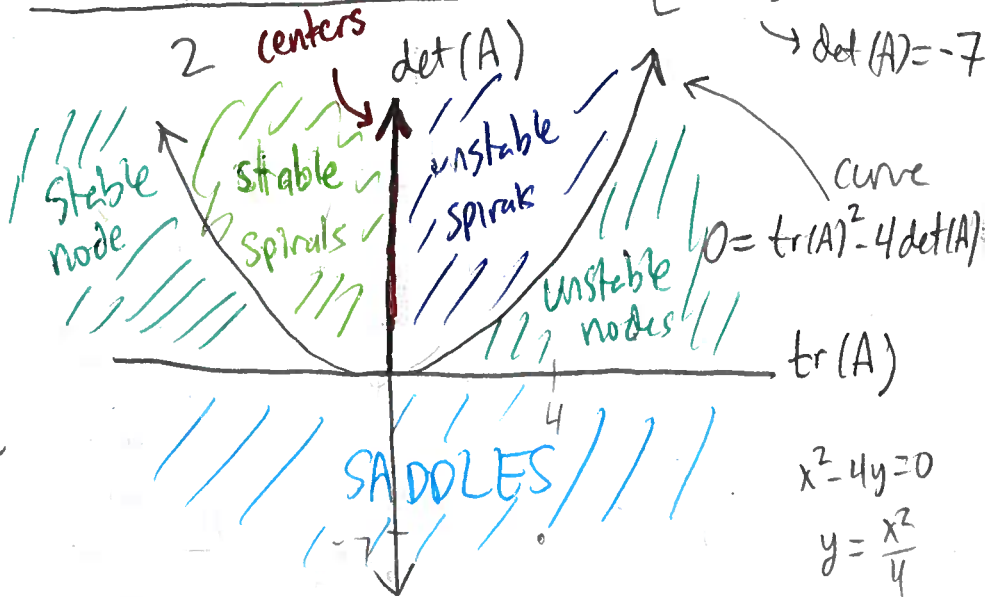
$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\text{tr}(A) = 4$

$\det(A) = -7$

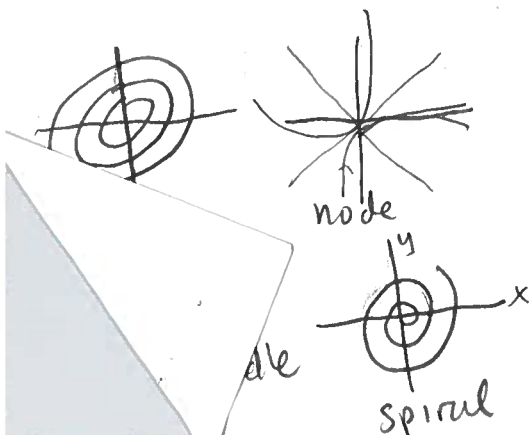


Eigenvalue	orbit
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ real unequal	unstable node
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$ real unequal	asymptotically stable node
$\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$ (opp signs)	(unstable) saddle
$\lambda = \pm bi$ (pure imaginary)	Centers
$\lambda = a \pm bi, a > 0$	spirals ~ unstable
$\lambda = a \pm bi, a < 0$	unstable spirals
$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 > 0$	unstable node
$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 < 0$	stable node



## Theorem 4.40

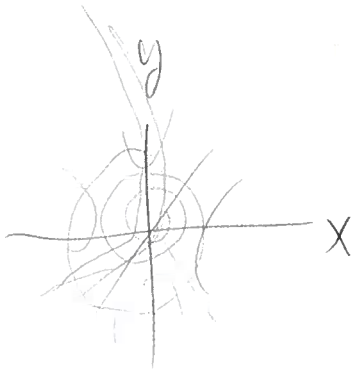
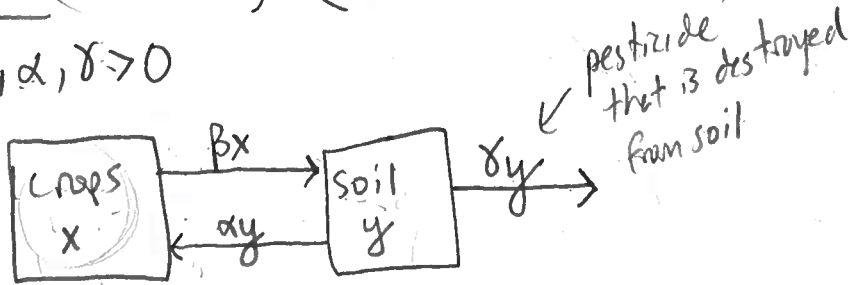
det A	tr A	orbit
< 0	any	saddle
> 0	= 0	Centers
> 0	> 0	unstable node if $4\det A < \text{tr} A$
> 0	> 0	unstable spiral if $\sim > \sim$
> 0	< 0	asy stable node if $\sim \leq \sim$
> 0	< 0	spiral if $\sim > \sim$



# Ex 4.42 (crop-soil) (see 19 March notes)

(2)

$\beta, \alpha, \gamma > 0$



$$\begin{cases} x' = -\beta x + \alpha y \\ y' = \beta x - (\alpha + \gamma)y \end{cases} \rightarrow \vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} -\beta & \alpha \\ \beta & -(\alpha + \gamma) \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$$

Notice: ①  $\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} -\beta & \alpha \\ \beta & -(\alpha + \gamma) \end{pmatrix} = -\beta - \alpha - \gamma < 0$

$\Rightarrow$  phase plane analysis  $\rightarrow$  either stable or a saddle orbit

②  $\det \begin{pmatrix} -\beta & \alpha \\ \beta & -(\alpha + \gamma) \end{pmatrix} = \beta(\alpha + \gamma) - \alpha\beta = \beta\gamma > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  combined w/ ① the orbit is either a stable node or stable spiral

orbit is vertical here

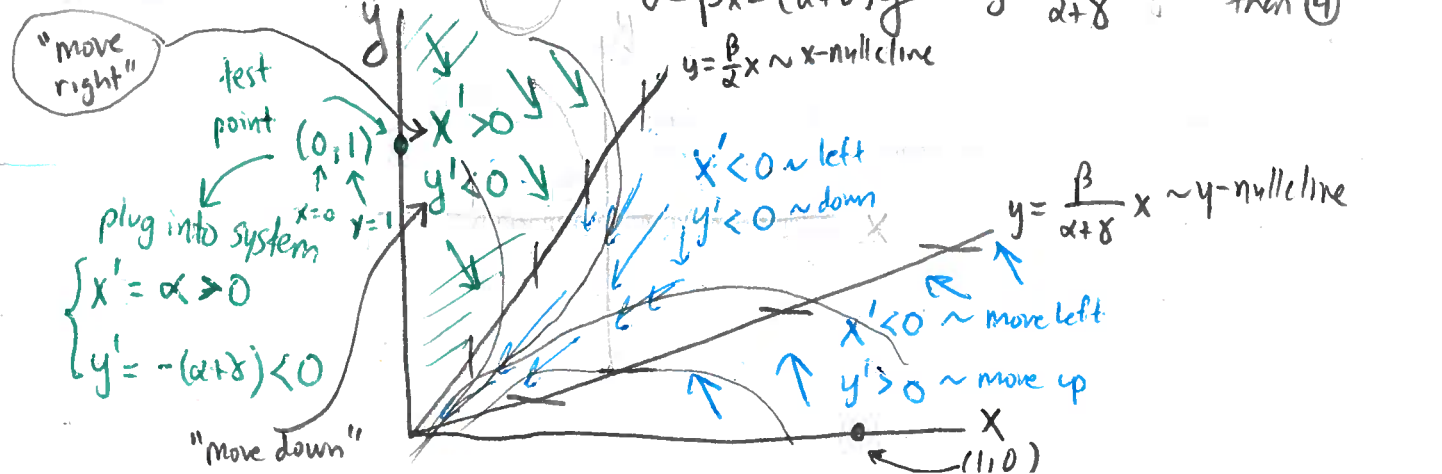
③ Quadrant I of  $xy$ -plane is relevant (negative pesticide makes no sense)

④  $x$ -nullcline:  $x' = 0 \rightarrow 0 = -\beta x + \alpha y$

$y = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} x$

orbit is horizontal

⑤  $y$ -nullcline:  $y' = 0 \rightarrow 0 = \beta x - (\alpha + \gamma)y \rightarrow y = \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \gamma} x$  (smaller slope than ④)



Ex:  $\begin{cases} x' = -7x + 6y \\ y' = 6x + 2y \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\det A = -14 - 36 < 0$

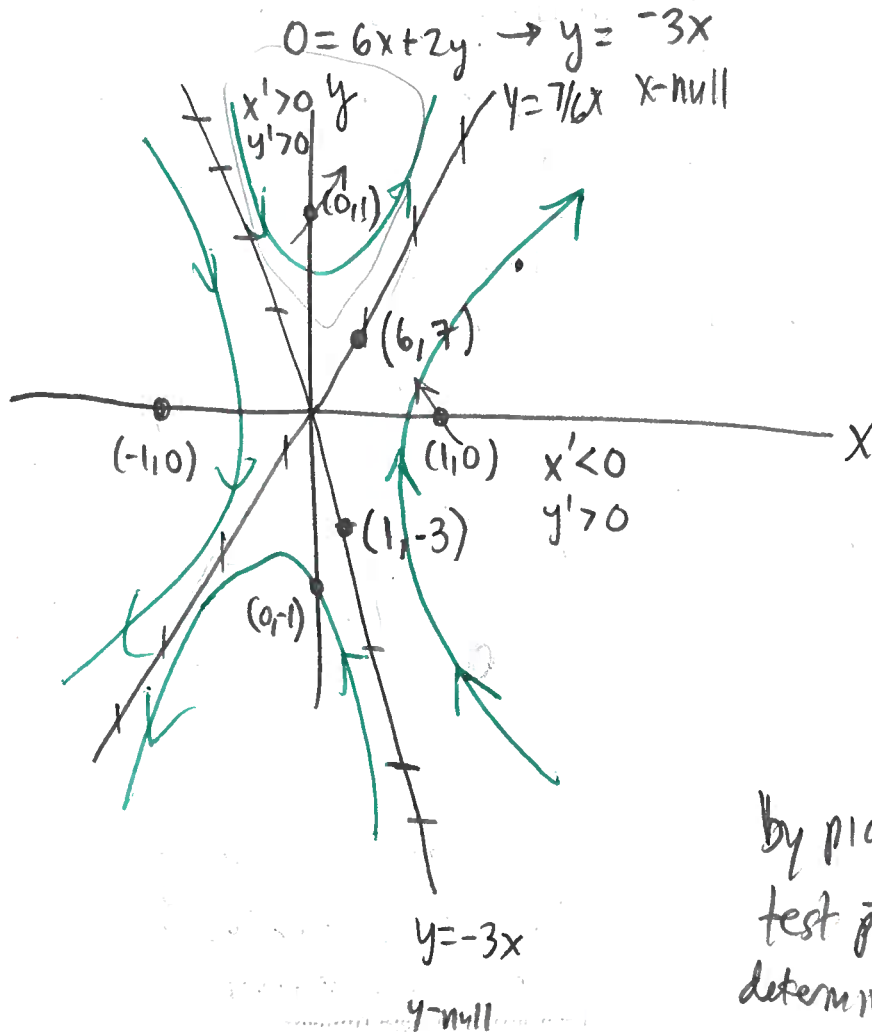
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saddle

x-nullcline:  $x' = 0$

$0 = -7x + 6y \rightarrow y = \frac{7}{6}x$

y-nullcline:  $y' = 0$

$0 = 6x + 2y \rightarrow y = -3x$



by picking  
test pts, can  
determine orbits