

## PREDATOR-PREY PROBLEMS

THERE ARE 3 TYPES OF MODELS

$x = \text{PREDATOR}$ ,  $y = \text{PREY}$   
 $a, b, c, d > 0$

(1) P-PREY WITH OVERCROWDING

$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

$$x' = (-d - ax + by)x$$

$$y' = (B - cx - dy)y$$

$a=0, d=0 \rightarrow \text{infinite carrying capacity.}$

(2) COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO SPECIES

$$x' = (d - ax - by)x$$

$$y' = (B - cx - dy)y$$

(3) CO-OPERATION BETWEEN TWO SPECIES

$$x' = (d - ax + by)x$$

$$y' = (B + cx - dy)y$$

OUTLINE EACH PROBLEM HAS THE FORM

$$x' = f(x, y)$$

$$y' = g(x, y)$$

(i) FIND EQUILIBRIA: THEY SATISFY  $f(x, y) = 0, g(x, y) = 0$

(ii) let  $(x_0, y_0)$  BE AN EQUILIBRIUM. LET

$$x = x_0 + \tilde{x}, y = y_0 + \tilde{y}.$$

LINEARIZING we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}' \\ \tilde{y}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_x^0 & f_y^0 \\ g_x^0 & g_y^0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \end{pmatrix} \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} f_x^0 & f_y^0 \\ g_x^0 & g_y^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(iii) FOR EACH EG. POINT calculate eigenvalues of  $J$  AND CLASSIFY STABILITY (saddle, spiral, center...). DRAW LOCAL TRAJECTORIES.

(iv) PLOT NULLCLINES TO GET VECTOR FIELD. PLOT  $f(x, y) = 0, g(x, y) = 0$  AND FIND REGIONS WHERE  $x' > 0, x' < 0, y' > 0, y' < 0$ .

(v) DRAW THE ENTIRE PHASE-PLANE AND INTERPRET BIOLOGICALLY.

EXAMPLE 1 (LOTTKA-VOLTERRA)

$$x' = (-4 + y)x \quad x = \text{predator}, y = \text{prey}$$

$$y' = (4 - x)y \quad \text{INFINITE carrying capacity}$$

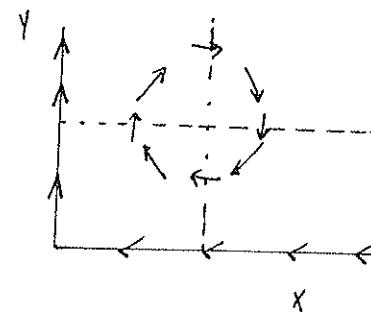
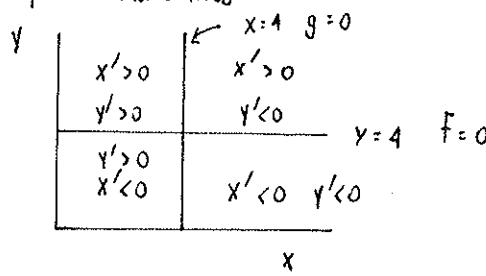
EQUILIBRIA AT  $\begin{array}{l} x(y-4)=0 \\ y(4-x)=0 \end{array} \rightarrow (4,4), (0,0)$

NOW  $J = \begin{pmatrix} f_x^o & f_y^o \\ g_x^o & g_y^o \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4+y_o & x_o \\ -y_o & 4-x_o \end{pmatrix}$

AT  $(0,0)$   $J = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = -4 \rightarrow \text{saddle point}$

AT  $(4,4)$   $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \pm 4i$  center.

NOW we plot nullclines:



DO WE HAVE CLOSED ORBITS? centers are not robust to small perturbations.  
FIND A CONSERVED INTEGRAL.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(4-x)y}{(y-4)x} \quad \text{THUS} \quad \left(\frac{y-4}{y}\right) dy = \left(\frac{4-x}{x}\right) dx \rightarrow y - 4 \ln|y| = 4 \ln|x| - x + E$$

SO THAT  $E = y + x - 4 \ln(xy)$   $E$  IS A CONSTANT INDEPENDENT OF  $t$ .

WE CAN WRITE THIS AS  $E = \ln \left[ \frac{e^{x+y}}{x^4 y^4} \right]$

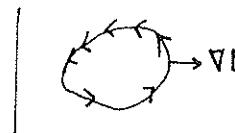
HENCE  $(x^4 e^{-x})(y^4 e^{-y}) = C$  FOR EACH  $x > 0 \rightarrow \exists$  TWO VALUES OF  $y$

NOTICE  $\max_{x>0} x^4 e^{-x} = 4^4 e^{-4}$  which occurs when  $x = 4$ .  
FOR EACH  $y > 0 \rightarrow \exists$  TWO VALUES OF  $x$ .

HENCE  $x^4 y^4 e^{-(x+y)} = C$  WITH  $C \leq 2 \cdot 4^4 (e^{-4})^2 \rightarrow$  PERIOD SOLUTION.

AND we have closed orbits in the phase plane.

NOW NOTICE  $\nabla E \cdot \underline{x}' = 0$



$$\nabla E = \left( 1 - \frac{4}{x}, 1 - \frac{4}{y} \right)$$

$$\nabla E \cdot \underline{x}' = 0 \text{ can be checked.}$$

REMARK

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (-a + by)x \quad x = \text{predator}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (c - dx)y \quad y = \text{prey}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -a + b y_0 & b x_0 \\ -d y_0 & c - d x_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

equilibrium  $\Leftrightarrow x_0 = c/d$  AND  $y_0 = a/b \rightarrow J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b/c/d \\ -ad/b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \pm i(ac)^{1/2}$  frequency near  $(x_0, y_0)$  is  $(ac)^{1/2}$ .

EXAMPLE 2 (cooperation model)

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= (4 - 2x + y) x = f(x, y) & (4 - 2x + y) x = 0 \\ y' &= (4 + x - 2y) y = g(x, y) & \text{AND } (4 + x - 2y) y = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{eq. equations}$$

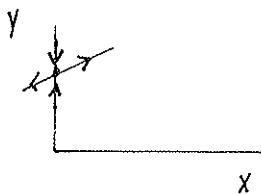
EQ. POINTS  $(0,0), (0,2), (2,0), (4,4)$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 4x_0 + y_0 & x_0 \\ y_0 & 4 + x_0 - 4y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

NEAR  $(0,2)$   $J = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -4, \lambda_2 = 6$  saddle point

$$\lambda_1 = -4 \quad (J - \lambda_1 I) \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 20 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

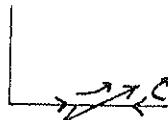
$$\lambda_2 = 6 \quad (J - \lambda_2 I) \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 20 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



NEAR  $(2,0)$   $J = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -4, \lambda_2 = 6$  saddle point

$$\lambda_1 = -4 \rightarrow (J - \lambda_1 I) \underline{v}_1 = \underline{0} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 6 \rightarrow (J - \lambda_2 I) \underline{v}_2 = \underline{0} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -10 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$



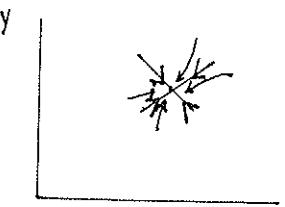
NEAR (4,4)

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 4 \\ 4 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (-8-\lambda)^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$-8-\lambda = \pm 4$$

 $\lambda_2 = -12, \lambda_1 = -4$  stable node

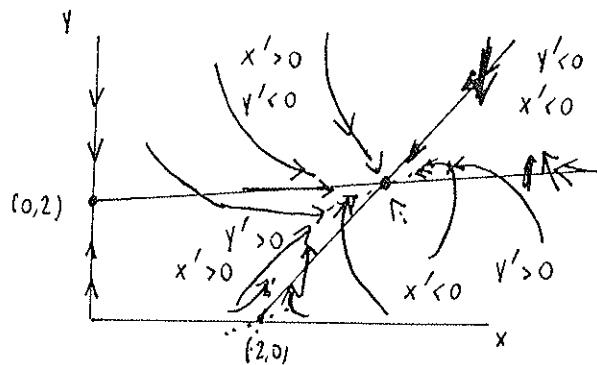
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$\lambda_2 = -12: (J - \lambda_2 I) \underline{v}_2 = \underline{0} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \underline{v}_2 = \underline{0} \rightarrow \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\text{THW } \underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-4t} \underline{v}_1 + c_2 e^{-12t} \underline{v}_2 \quad \text{NEAR (4,4)}$

$\underline{x}(t) \rightarrow c_1 e^{-4t} \underline{v}_1 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ unless } c_1 = 0 \text{ (smallest eigenvalue gives decay)}$

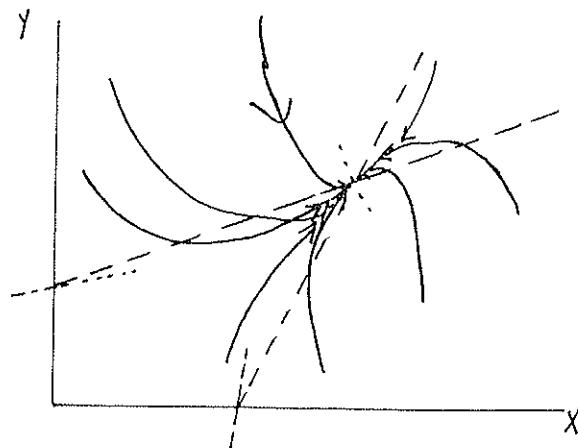
NULL CLINES

$f = 0 \text{ on } x = 0, \quad y = 2x - 4$

$g = 0 \text{ on } y = 0, \quad y = 2 + x/2$

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BIOLOGICALLY AS  $t \rightarrow \infty$  THEN  $(x, y) \rightarrow (4, 4)$  AS  $t \rightarrow \infty$  BOTH SPECIES CAN CO-EXIST.



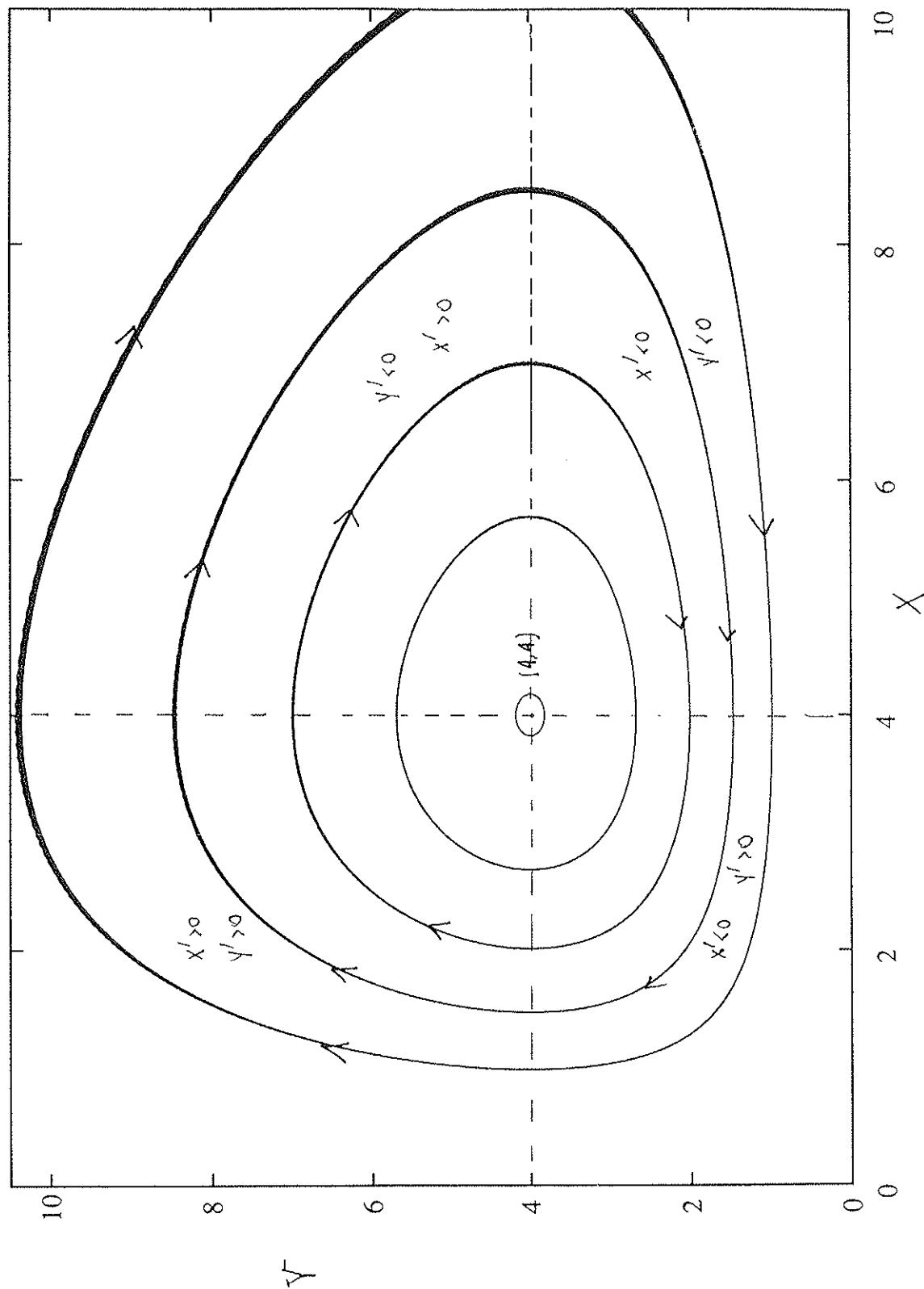
stable and unstable manifolds do not follow the nullcline but are between nullclines.

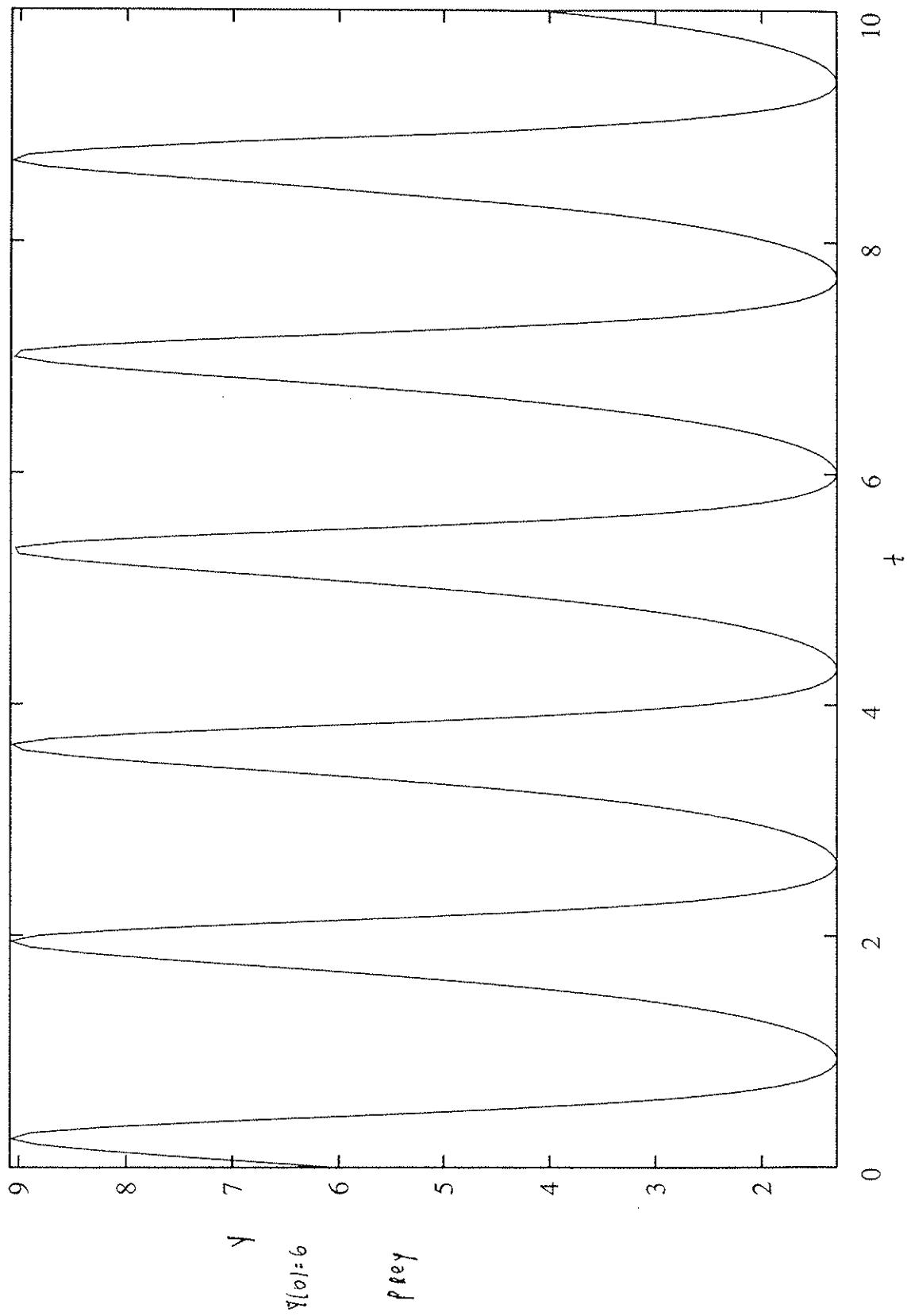
LOTKA-VOLTERRA SYSTEM  
(no overgrowing effect)

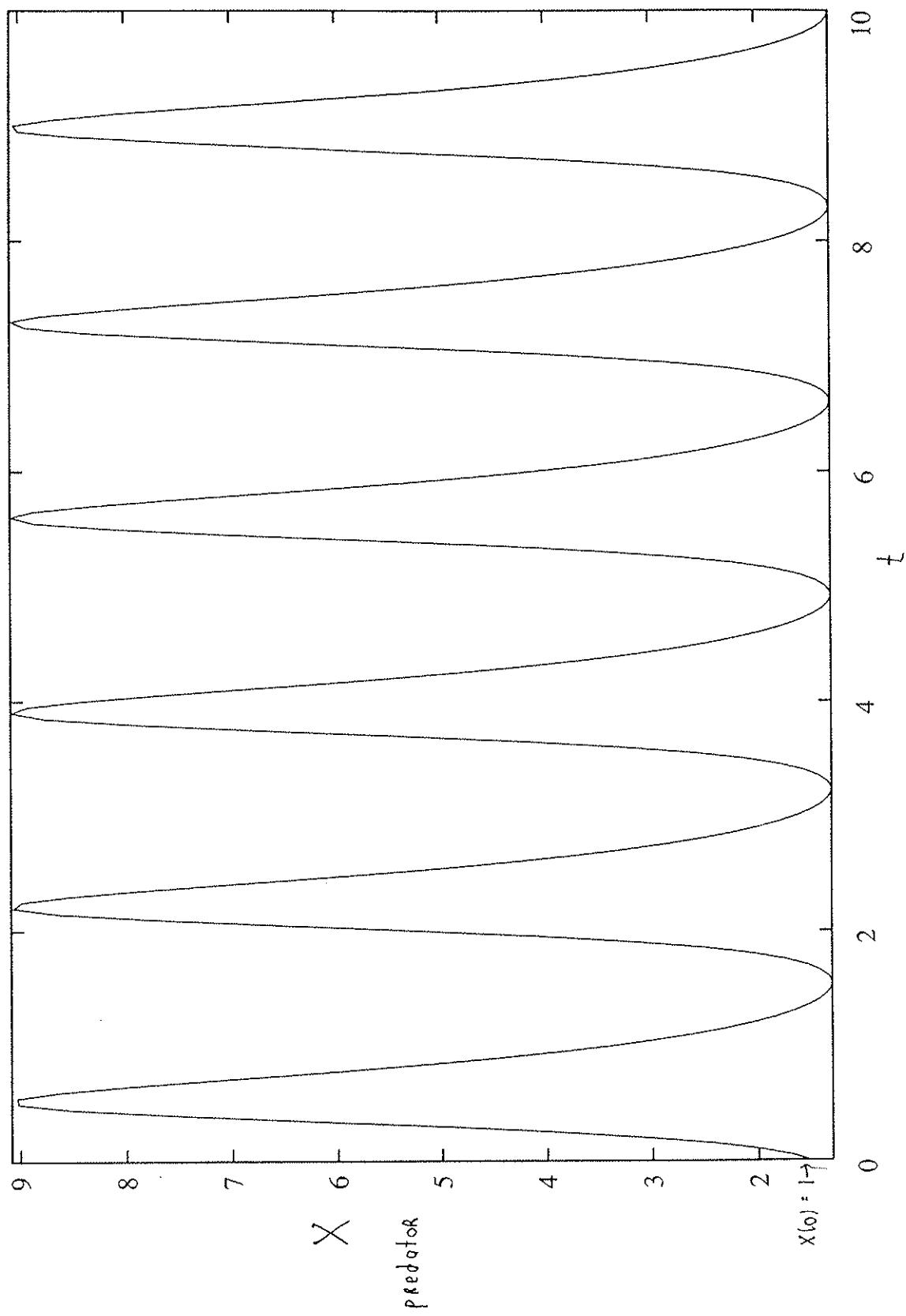
$$\begin{aligned}x' &= (-4 + \gamma)X \\y' &= (4 - X)Y\end{aligned}$$

periodic solutions

$X$ : predator     $Y$ : prey.







EXAMPLE 3 (STABLE COMPETITION)

$$x' = (2 - 2x - y)x = f(x, y)$$

$$y' = (2 - x - 2y)y = g(x, y)$$

EQUILIBRIUM POINTS ARE AT  $(1, 0), (0, 1), (0, 0), (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$

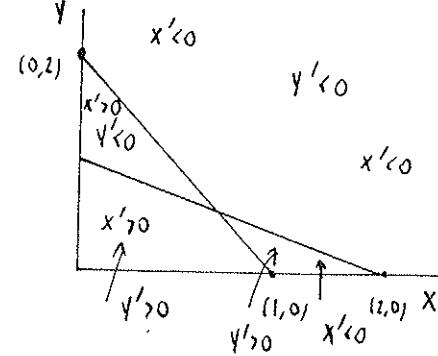
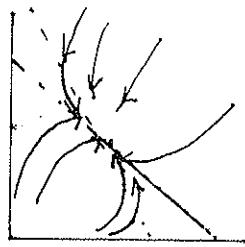
$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - 4x_0 - y_0 & -x_0 \\ -y_0 & 2 - x_0 - 4y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{AT } (x_0, y_0) = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}) \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{tr } J = -\frac{8}{3} < 0 \quad \text{RE}[A] < 0$$

$$\det J = \frac{16}{9} - \frac{4}{9} = \frac{12}{9} > 0$$

THUS SINCE  $\text{tr } J = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ ,  $\det J = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$ ,  $\rightarrow$  either eigenvalues are both real negative or have negative real parts. BUT  $J$  is symmetric  $\rightarrow$  both eigenvalues real negative. stable node

NULCLINES AS SHOWN



$$f=0 \quad x=0, y=2-x$$

$$g=0 \quad y=0 \quad y=1-\frac{x}{2}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (x, y) = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$$

for almost all initial conditions.

EXAMPLE 4 (UNSTABLE COMPETITION)

$$x' = (2 - x - 2y)x = f(x, y) \quad \text{HERE BOTH species will NOT co-exist at } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$y' = (2 - y - 2x)y = g(x, y) \quad \text{either } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (x, y) = (2, 0) \text{ OR } (0, 2) \text{ depending on initial condition}$$

EQUILIBRIA AT  $(2, 0), (0, 2), (0, 0), (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ .

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - 2x_0 - 2y_0 & -2x_0 \\ -2y_0 & 2 - 2y_0 - 2x_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

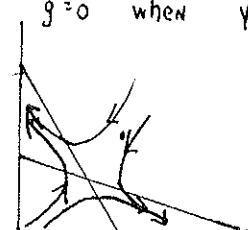
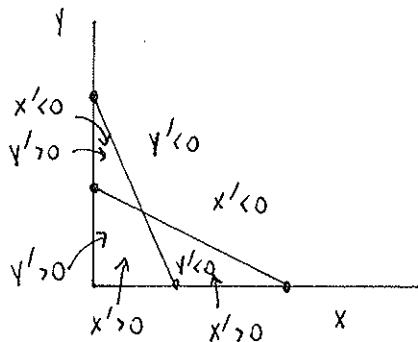
$$\text{AT } (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{trace } J = -\frac{8}{3} \quad \det J = -\frac{12}{9} < 0.$$

THUS  $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$  real. we have a saddle point (unstable).

NULCLINES



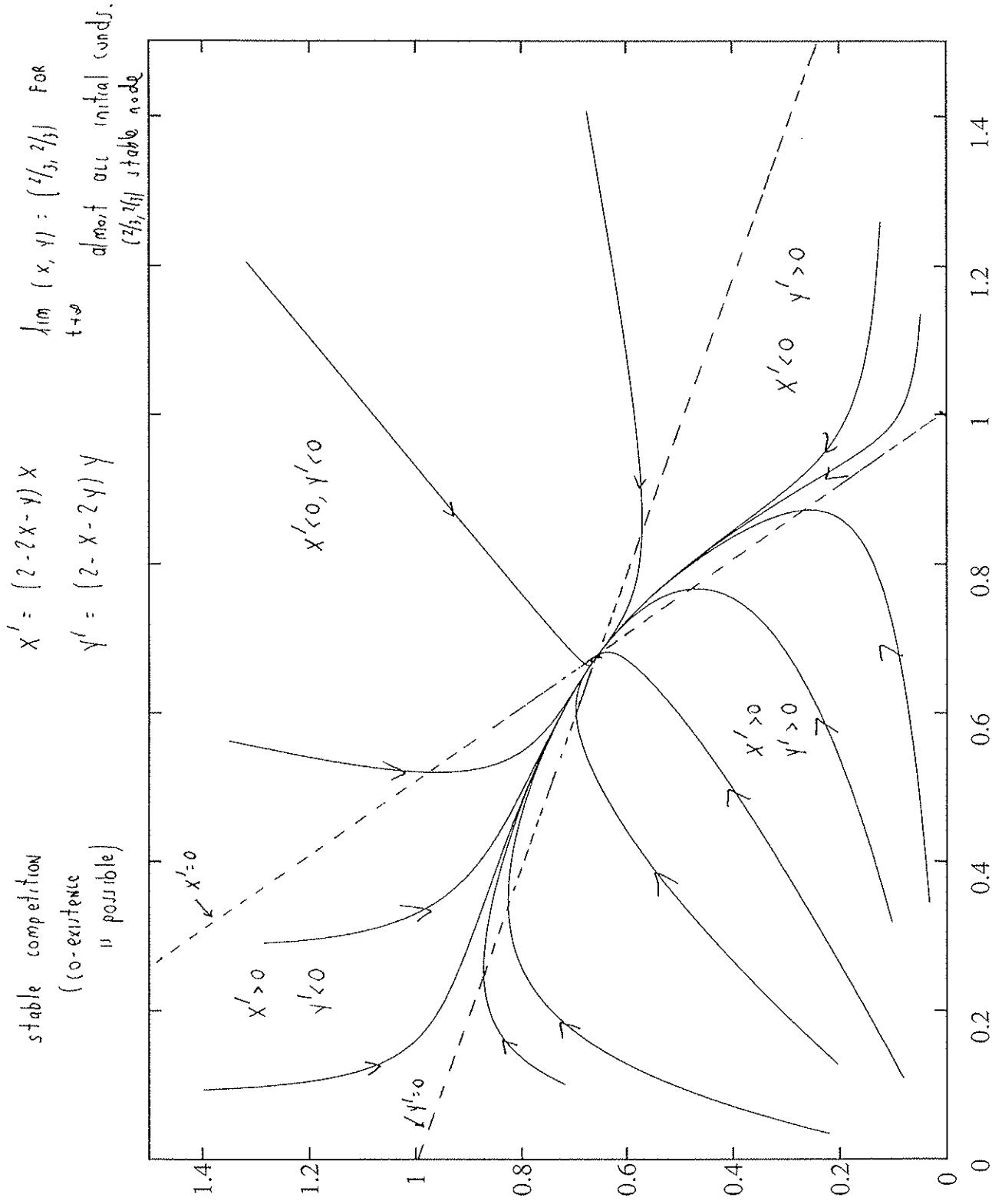
$$f=0 \quad \text{when } x=0, y=1-\frac{x}{2}$$

$$g=0 \quad \text{when } y=0, y=2-x$$

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stable competition  
(co-existence  
is possible)

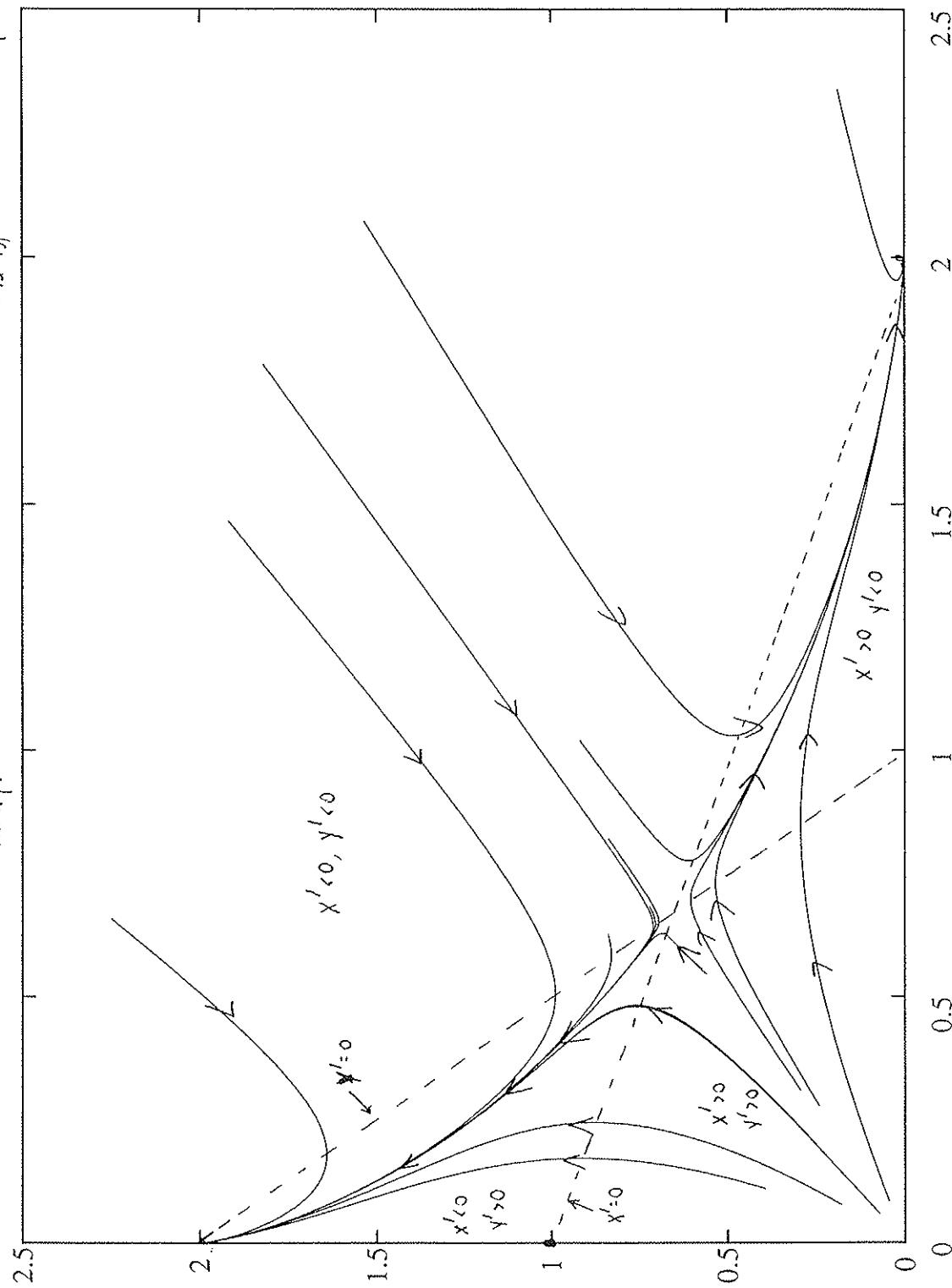
$$\begin{aligned} x' &= (2 - 2x - y) x \\ y' &= (2 - x - 2y) y \end{aligned}$$



$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (x, y) : \begin{cases} (x_0, y_0) \\ (x_1, y_1) \end{cases}$  for  
almost all initial cond.  
( $x_0, y_0$  stable node)

$x' = (2-x-2y)/x$   
 $y' = (2-y-2x)/y$   
 competitive exclusion:  
 stable coexistence  
 unlikely.

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (x, y) = (l, 0)$  or  $(0, r)$   
 depending on initial cond.  
 $(2/3, 2/3)$  is a saddle point.



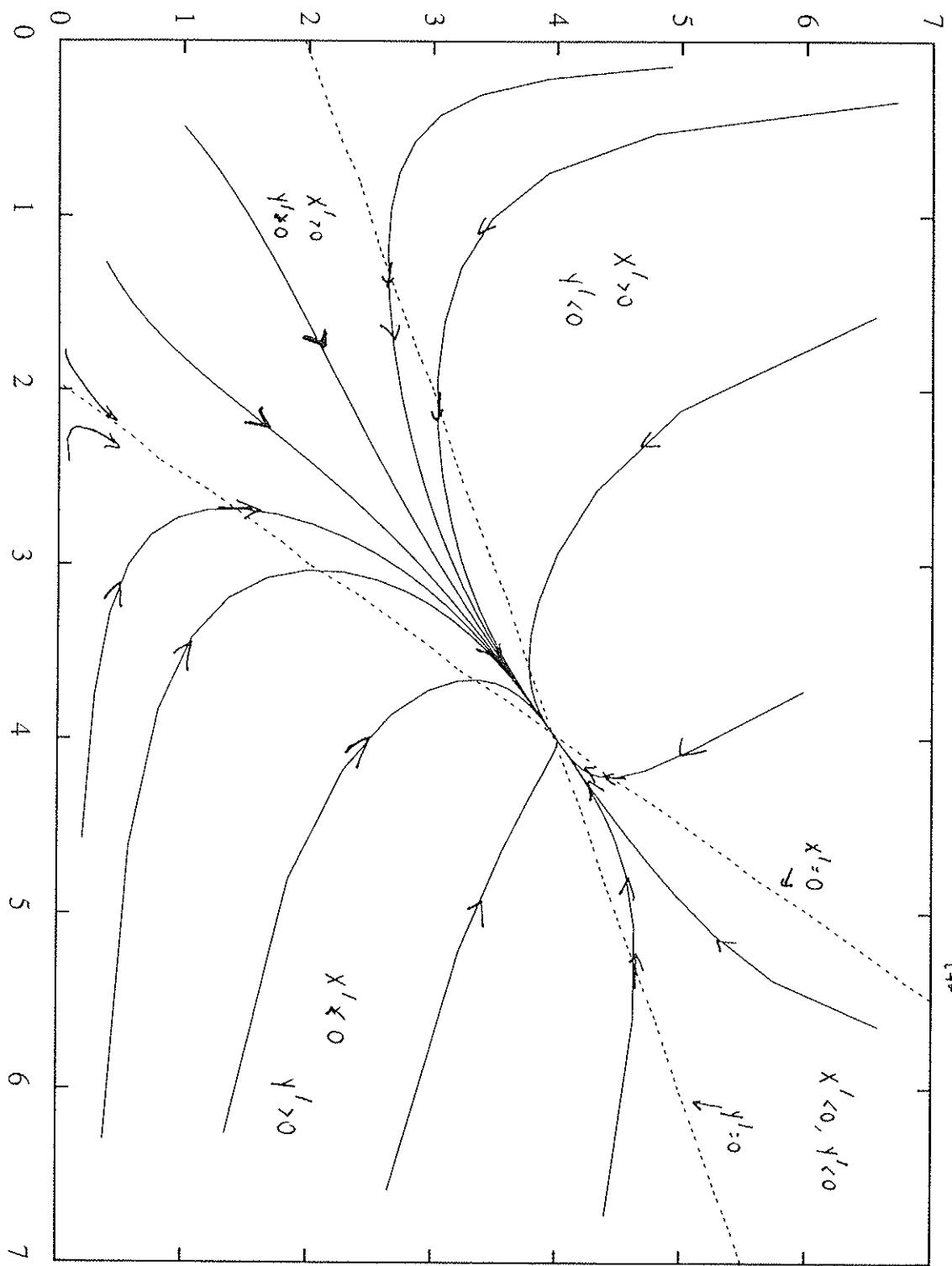
$t(0, \mu_0, \text{INT})$

$(0,0), (4,4), (0,2), (2,0)$

COOPERATION MODEL

$$X' = \{4 - 2X + Y\}X$$
$$Y' = \{4 + X - 2Y\}Y$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (X(t), Y(t)) = (4, 4)$ .



EXAMPLE (PREDICTION OF BEHAVIOR)

$$N_1' = \Gamma_1 N_1 \left(1 - N_1/K_1\right) - b_1 N_1 N_2$$

$$N_1' = dN_1/dt$$

$$N_2' = \Gamma_2 N_2 \left(1 - N_2/K_2\right) - b_2 N_1 N_2$$

for  $\Gamma_i > 0, K_i > 0, b_i > 0$  thus is a competition model. we non-dimensionalize by setting  $N_1 = K_1 X$   $t = T\tau$   $N_2 = \gamma Y$

$$\frac{K_1}{T} X' = \Gamma_1 K_1 X \left(1 - X\right) - b_1 K_1 \gamma XY \rightarrow \frac{X'}{\Gamma_1 T} = X(1-X) - \frac{b_1 \gamma}{\Gamma_1} XY$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{T} Y' = \Gamma_2 \gamma Y \left(1 - Y/(K_2/\gamma)\right) - b_2 K_1 \gamma XY \rightarrow Y' = \Gamma_2 T Y \left(1 - Y/(K_2/\gamma)\right) - b_2 K_1 T XY.$$

choose  $T = 1/\Gamma_1$  AND  $\gamma = (b_1/\Gamma_1)^{-1} = \Gamma_1/b_1$

let's get

$$X' = X(1-X) - XY$$

$$a = \Gamma_2/\Gamma_1$$

$$Y' = aY(1-bY) - cXY$$

$$b = \frac{\gamma}{K_2} = \frac{b_1^{-1}}{\Gamma_1 K_2} = \frac{\Gamma_1}{K_2 b_1}$$

$$c = b_2 K_1 / \Gamma_1$$

EQUILIBRIA ARE:

$$Y = 1 - X$$

$$a(1-bY) = cX \rightarrow Y = \frac{1}{b} - \frac{c}{ab} X$$

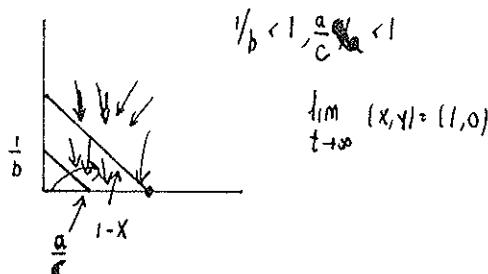
$$X' = X[1-X-Y]$$

$$Y' = Y[a - aby - cx]$$

FOUR RELEVANT PICTURES:

equilibria at  $Y = 1/b, X = 0$

①  $X$  WINS



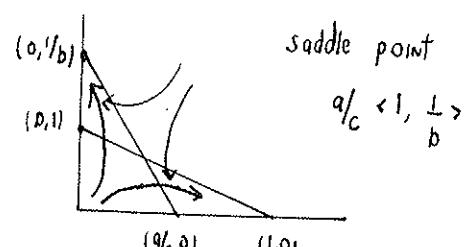
$$1/b < 1, a/c < 1$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (X, Y) = (1, 0)$$

$$Y = 0, X = 1$$

AT  $(0,0)$  AND maybe one more

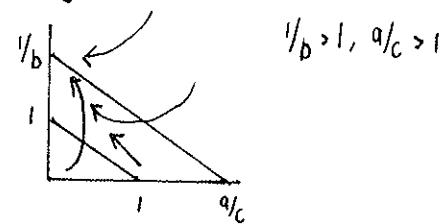
③ either  $X$  or  $Y$  WINS



saddle point

$$a/c < 1, 1 > b$$

②  $Y$  WINS

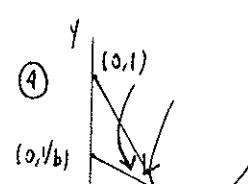


$$1/b > 1, a/c > 1$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (X, Y) = (0, 1/b)$$

co-existence IF  $b > 1, a/c > 1$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma_1/K_2 b_1 > 1, \Gamma_2/b_2 K_2 > 1$$



co-existence  $1/b < 1$

$$a/c > 1.$$

growth rate exceeds carrying capacity for co-existence

CONSIDER SYSTEMS OF THE FORM

$$x'' = F(x)$$

MULTIPLY BY  $x'$  TO GET

$$x' x'' = x' F(x)$$

LET  $V(x) = - \int^x F(\lambda) d\lambda$ . THEN,  $\frac{dV}{dt} = - F'(x) \frac{dx}{dt}$ .  $V'(x) = - F(x)$

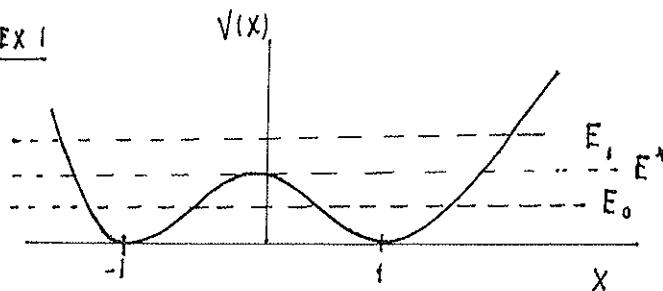
THUS,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{2} x'^2 + V(x) \right] = 0$$

HENCE

$$\frac{1}{2} x'^2 + V(x) = E$$
E total energy.

EX 1



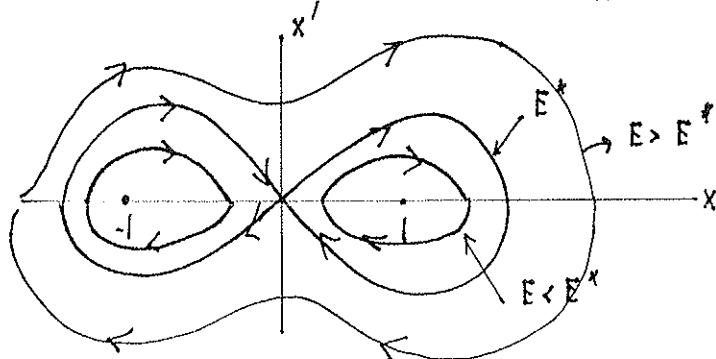
$$V(x) = \frac{1}{4}(1-x^2)^2$$

$$V'(x) = -F(x)$$

$$\rightarrow F(x) = x(1-x^2)$$

$$x'' = x(1-x^2)$$

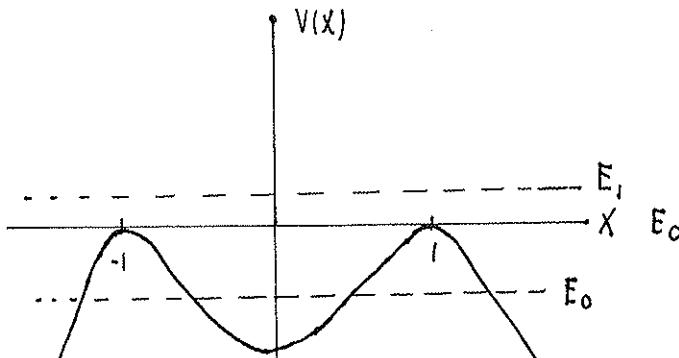
$$x'' = -x + x^3 = 0$$



EX 2

LET

$$F(x) = -x + x^3 \rightarrow V(x) = -\frac{1}{4}(1-x^2)^2$$

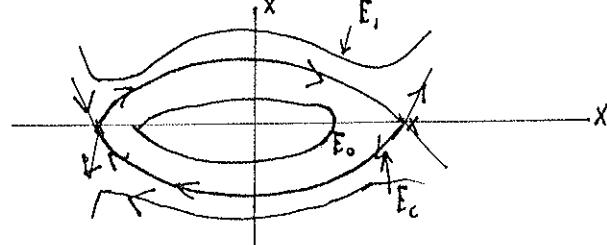


closed orbits are periodic solutions.

heteroclinic connection  
 $-1 \rightarrow 1$ .

NOTE:

(i) symmetry  $x \rightarrow -x$



EQUILIBRIA SUPPOSE THAT  $V'(x_E) = 0$ .

(2)

WE LET  $x = x_E + \tilde{x}$  WITH  $\tilde{x} \ll 1$  TO GET

$$\tilde{x}'' = -V'[x_E] - \tilde{x} V''(x_E) + \dots$$

$$\text{THUS } \tilde{x}'' + V''(x_E) \tilde{x} = 0$$

$$\text{NOW } \tilde{x} = e^{\lambda t} \rightarrow \lambda^2 + V''(x_E) = 0$$

(i) IF  $V''(x_E) > 0 \rightarrow x_E$  IS LOCAL MINIMA OF  $V$  THEN

$$\lambda = \pm i \sqrt{V'(x_E)}$$

$$\tilde{x} \sim A \cos [w_E t] + B \sin [w_E t] \quad w_E = \sqrt{V''(x_E)} \text{ Frequency}$$

local oscillations  $x_E$  is called a center

$\tilde{x}$  is bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow x_E$  is neutrally stable.

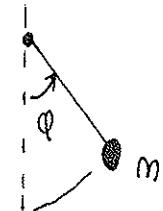
(ii)  $V''(x_E) < 0 \rightarrow \lambda = \pm \sqrt{-V''(x_E)}$

$$\tilde{x} \sim A e^{\sqrt{-V''(x_E)} t} + B e^{-\sqrt{-V''(x_E)} t}$$

exponential growth and decay.  $x_E$  is called a saddle point.

EXAMPLE 1 (SIMPLE PENDULUM)

$$q'' + \frac{g}{L} \sin q = 0 \quad V'(q) = \frac{g}{L} \sin q$$



$$V'(0) = \frac{g}{L} \sin 0 \quad V(0) = \frac{g}{L} (1 - \cos 0)$$

$$\text{THUS } \frac{q'^2}{2} + \frac{g}{L} (-\cos q) = E \quad V(q) = -\frac{g}{L} \cos q$$

$$\text{NOW } V'(q) = 0 \text{ AT } q = 0, \pm \pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots$$

$$\text{LET } \frac{q'^2}{2} + \frac{g}{L} (-\cos q) = E$$

$$\text{NOW } V''(q) = \frac{g}{L} \cos q = \frac{g}{L} \cos(n\pi) = \pm (-1)^n \frac{g}{L}$$

