

## Non-linear ODE: Linearization & equilibrium point analysis

Reading: §5.1 Equilibrium Point Analysis

Plan for analyzing non-linear system

- Identify equilibrium points
- Linearize about each point, obtaining a local portrait
- Assemble in to a global picture

Example:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2x \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right) - xy}_{f(x,y)} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \underbrace{-y + xy}_{g(x,y)}$

- Equilibria at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$
- At  $(1, 1)$ : Set  $w = x - 1$ ,  $v = y - 1$  and obtain linearization

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

Counter-clockwise spiral sink with  $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

- At  $(0, 0)$ : Set  $w = x - 0$ ,  $v = y - 0$  and obtain linearization

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

Saddle with  $\lambda = 2$  having  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\lambda = -1$  having  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- At  $(2, 0)$ : Set  $w = x - 2$ ,  $v = y - 0$  and obtain linearization

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

Saddle with  $\lambda = -2$  having  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\lambda = 1$  having  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

- Assemble global picture. Interpret as predator-prey...

**Exercise 19.1.** Perform the equilibrium point analysis of the following predator-prey models. That is, execute the following steps.

- Find all equilibrium solutions of the system.
- Linearize the system near each equilibrium.
- Understand the linearized models using the “eigen-techniques” you learned earlier.
- As much as possible, piece the phase portraits of the linearized systems together to get an approximate phase portrait of the full non-linear system. Confirm with Mathematica.

$$(1) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x - xy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -2y + 2xy \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \begin{cases} \frac{dP}{dt} = 0.3P\left(1 - \frac{P}{100}\right) - 0.06PR \\ \frac{dR}{dt} = -0.4R + 0.01PR. \end{cases}$$

$$(3) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 2x\left(1 - \frac{x}{100}\right) - 0.005xy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{2}\left(1 - \frac{y}{200}\right) + 0.01xy. \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

- (1) Any equilibrium solutions  $x(t) \equiv C, y(t) \equiv D$  arise from the system of algebraic equations

$$\begin{cases} 0 = C - CD = C(1 - D) \\ 0 = -2D + 2CD = -2D(1 - C). \end{cases}$$

The first equation is fulfilled in one of the two of the following circumstances.

*Circumstance 1:* If  $C = 0$  then the first equation automatically holds. Inserting this information into the second equation produces  $0 = -2D$ , i.e.  $D = 0$ . So, the equilibrium solution in this case is

$$x(t) \equiv 0, y(t) \equiv 0.$$

*Circumstance 2:* If  $1 - D = 0$  then the first equation also holds.

From here we get  $D = 1$  which, when inserted into the second equation, yields  $C = 1$ . The second equilibrium is

$$x(t) \equiv 1, \quad y(t) \equiv 1.$$

To proceed with the linearization we introduce some notation. We let  $\mathcal{F}(x, y) = x - xy$  and let  $\mathcal{G}(x, y) = -2y + 2xy$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dx} &= 1 - y, & \frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dy} &= -x \\ \frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dx} &= 2y, & \frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dy} &= -2 + 2x. \end{aligned}$$

*Linearization near  $(0, 0)$ :* Since  $\mathcal{F}(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dx}(0, 0) = 1$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dy}(0, 0) = 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}(0 + h, 0 + k) \approx h.$$

Since  $\mathcal{G}(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dx}(0, 0) = 0$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dy}(0, 0) = -2$ , we have

$$\mathcal{G}(0 + h, 0 + k) \approx -2k.$$

Thus, our linearized system is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dh}{dt} = h \\ \frac{dk}{dt} = -2k. \end{cases}$$

The matrix of this system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Its eigenvalues are easily found to be  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -2$ . An eigenvector  $\vec{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  for the eigenvalue of  $\lambda_1 = 1$  satisfies  $-2w = 0$ , i.e.  $w = 0$ . Thus, we may choose

$$\vec{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

An eigenvector  $\vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  for the eigenvalue of  $\lambda_2 = -2$  satisfies  $3v = 0$ , i.e.  $v = 0$ . Thus, we may choose

$$\vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the phase diagram here is a saddle whose incoming axis is the vertical  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and whose out going axis is the horizontal  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

*Linearization near (1, 1):* Since  $\mathcal{F}(1, 1) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dx}(1, 1) = 0$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dy}(1, 1) = -1$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}(1 + h, 1 + k) \approx -k.$$

Since  $\mathcal{G}(1, 1) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dx}(1, 1) = 2$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dy}(1, 1) = 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{G}(1 + h, 1 + k) \approx 2h.$$

Using the substitutions  $x(t) = 1 + h(t)$ ,  $y(t) = 1 + k(t)$  we see that our linearized system is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dh}{dt} = -k \\ \frac{dk}{dt} = 2h. \end{cases}$$

The matrix of this system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see from

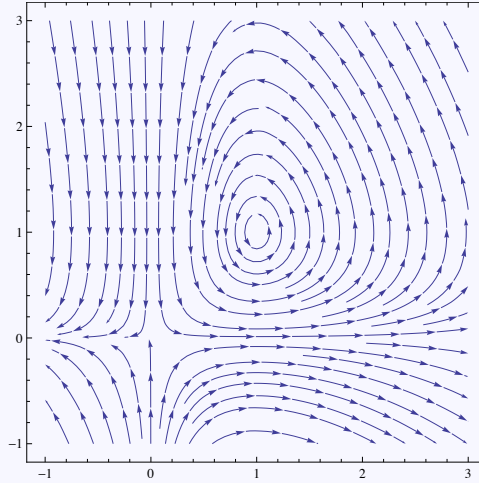
$$(-\lambda)(-\lambda) + 2 = 0$$

that its eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}$ . Thus, the phase diagram here is a cycles of sorts (circles, tilted ellipses etc.). To find if these cycles are traversed in the clock-wise or counter-clockwise direction we observe that at the point  $(h, k) = (1, 0)$  the phase curves go in the direction of

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dh}{dt} \\ \frac{dk}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e. vertically up. Thus, the cycles are counter-clockwise.

*Putting pieces together:* Combining the saddle at the equilibrium point  $(0, 0)$  with the counter-clockwise cycle at  $(1, 1)$  we get the following diagram for the non-linear system:



- (2) Any equilibrium solutions  $P(t) \equiv C, R(t) \equiv D$  arise from the system of algebraic equations

$$\begin{cases} 0 = 0.3C(1 - 0.01C) - 0.06CD = 0.3C(1 - 0.01C - 0.2D) \\ 0 = -0.4D + 0.01CD = 0.1D(-4 + 0.1C). \end{cases}$$

The first equation is fulfilled in one of the two of the following circumstances.

*Circumstance 1:* If  $C = 0$  then the first equation automatically holds. Inserting this information into the second equation produces  $0 = -0.4D$ , i.e.  $D = 0$ . So, the equilibrium solution in this case is

$$P(t) \equiv 0, R(t) \equiv 0.$$

*Circumstance 2:* If  $1 - 0.01C - 0.2D = 0$  then the first equation also holds. From here we get  $C = 100 - 20D$  which, when inserted into the second equation, yields

$$0 = 0.1D(6 - 2D).$$

The last equation has solutions of  $D = 0$  (in which case  $C = 100$ ) and  $D = 3$  (in which case  $C = 40$ ). So, the equilibrium solutions in this case are

$$P(t) \equiv 100, R(t) \equiv 0 \quad \text{and} \quad P(t) \equiv 40, R(t) \equiv 3.$$

To proceed with the linearization we introduce some notation. We let  $\mathcal{F}(P, R) = 0.3P(1 - \frac{P}{100}) - 0.06PR$  and let  $\mathcal{G}(P, R) = -0.4R + 0.01PR$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dP} &= 0.3 - 0.006P - 0.06R, & \frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dR} &= -0.06P \\ \frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dP} &= 0.01R, & \frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dR} &= -0.4 + 0.01P. \end{aligned}$$

*Linearization near (0, 0):* Since  $\mathcal{F}(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dP}(0, 0) = 0.3$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dR}(0, 0) = 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}(0 + h, 0 + k) \approx 0.3h.$$

Since  $\mathcal{G}(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dP}(0, 0) = 0$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dR}(0, 0) = -0.4$ , we have

$$\mathcal{G}(0 + h, 0 + k) \approx -0.4k.$$

Thus, our linearized system is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dh}{dt} = 0.3h \\ \frac{dk}{dt} = -0.4k. \end{cases}$$

The matrix of this system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Its eigenvalues are easily found to be  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$  and  $\lambda_2 = -0.4$ .

An eigenvector  $\vec{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  for the eigenvalue of  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$  satisfies  $-0.4w = 0$ , i.e.  $w = 0$ . Thus, we may choose

$$\vec{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

An eigenvector  $\vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  for the eigenvalue of  $\lambda_2 = -0.4$  satisfies  $0.7v = 0$ , i.e.  $v = 0$ . Thus, we may choose

$$\vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the phase diagram here is a saddle whose incoming axis is the vertical  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and whose out going axis is the horizontal  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

*Linearization near  $(100, 0)$ :* Since  $\mathcal{F}(100, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dP}(100, 0) = -0.3$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dR}(100, 0) = -6$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}(100 + h, 0 + k) \approx -0.3h - 6k.$$

Since  $\mathcal{G}(100, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dP}(100, 0) = 0$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dy}(100, 0) = 0.6$ , we have

$$\mathcal{G}(100 + h, 0 + k) \approx 0.6k.$$

Using the substitutions  $x(t) = 100 + h(t)$ ,  $y(t) = 0 + k(t)$  we see that our linearized system is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dh}{dt} = -0.3h - 6k \\ \frac{dk}{dt} = 0.6k. \end{cases}$$

The matrix of this system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -0.3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see from

$$(0.6 - \lambda)(-0.3 - \lambda) = 0$$

that its eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 0.6$  and  $\lambda_2 = -0.3$ . An eigenvector  $\vec{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  for the eigenvalue of  $\lambda_1 = 0.6$  satisfies  $-0.9v - 6w = 0$ , i.e.  $w = -0.15v$ . Thus, we may choose

$$\vec{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

An eigenvector  $\vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  for the eigenvalue of  $\lambda_2 = -0.3$  satisfies  $w = 0$ . Thus, we may choose

$$\vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the phase diagram here is a saddle whose incoming axis is the horizontal  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and whose out going axis is spanned by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

*Linearization near (40, 3):* Since  $\mathcal{F}(40, 3) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dP}(40, 3) = -0.12$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dR}(40, 3) = -2.4$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}(40 + h, 3 + k) \approx -0.12h - 2.4k.$$

Since  $\mathcal{G}(40, 3) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dP}(40, 3) = 0.03$  and  $\frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dR}(40, 3) = 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{G}(40 + h, 3 + k) \approx 0.03h.$$

Using the substitutions  $x(t) = 40 + h(t)$ ,  $y(t) = 3 + k(t)$  we see that our linearized system is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dh}{dt} = -0.12h - 2.4k \\ \frac{dk}{dt} = 0.03h. \end{cases}$$

The matrix of this system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -0.12 & -2.4 \\ 0.03 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see from

$$(-\lambda)(-0.12 - \lambda) + 0.072 = 0, \quad \text{i.e. } \lambda^2 + 0.12\lambda + 0.072 = 0$$

that its eigenvalues are  $\lambda = -0.06 \pm \sqrt{0.0684}i$ . Thus, the phase diagram here is a spiral sink! To find if these spirals are traversed in the clock-wise or counter-clockwise direction we observe that at the point  $(h, k) = (1, 0)$  the phase curves go in the direction of

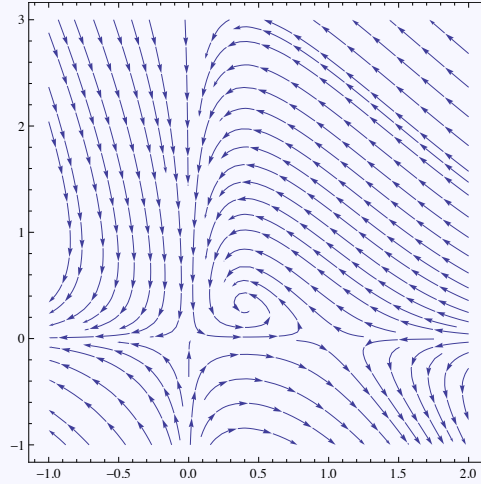
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dh}{dt} \\ \frac{dk}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.12 \\ 0.03 \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e. counter-clockwise.

*Putting pieces together:* Combining the saddle at the equilibrium point  $(0, 0)$ , with the saddle at  $(100, 0)$ , with the counter-clockwise



spiral sink at  $(40, 3)$  we get the following diagram for the non-linear system:



(3) It is straightforward to find the equilibria for this system:

- $(x, y) = (0, 0)$
- $(x, y) = (0, 200)$
- $(x, y) = (100, 0)$
- $(x, y) = (25, 300)$ .

We now linearize the system near each equilibrium. In preparation for this, we write the system as

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x, y) = 2x - \frac{1}{50}x^2 - \frac{1}{200}xy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{400}y^2 + \frac{1}{100}xy\end{aligned}$$

and compute

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 2 - \frac{1}{25}x - \frac{1}{200}y \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= -\frac{1}{200}x \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{100}x \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{200}y + \frac{1}{100}x\end{aligned}$$

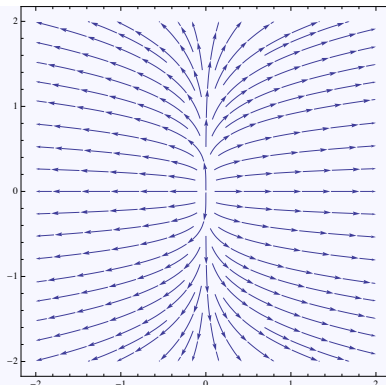
**Linearization near  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ :** Setting  $u = x - 0$  and  $v = y - 0$  we find the linearized system is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are seen to be  $\lambda = 2, 1/2$ . Since they are positive, this is a source. We find the eigensolutions to be

$$e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The phase plot for looks like



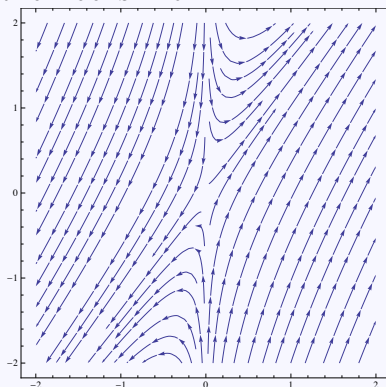
**Linearization near  $(x, y) = (0, 200)$ ::** Setting  $u = x - 0$  and  $v = y - 200$  we find the linearized system is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = -1/2$ ; thus this equilibrium is a saddle. We find the eigensolutions to be

$$e^t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The phase plot for looks like



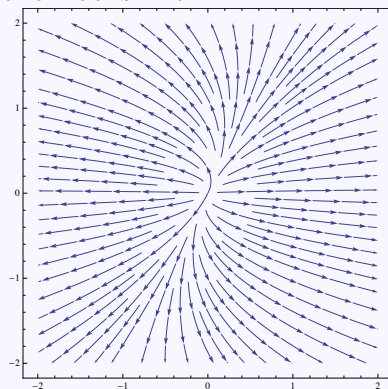
**Linearization near  $(x, y) = (100, 0)$ ::** Setting  $u = x - 100$  and  $v = y - 0$  we find the linearized system is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are seen to be  $\lambda = 2, 1$ . Since they are positive, this is a source. We find the eigensolutions to be

$$e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The phase plot for looks like



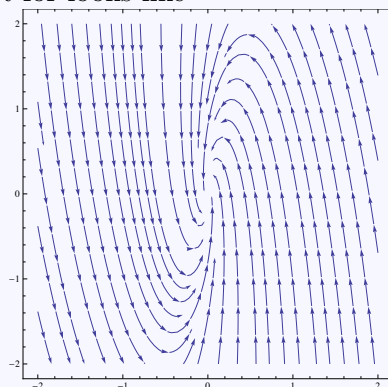
**Linearization near  $(x, y) = (25, 300)$ :** Setting  $u = x - 25$  and  $v = y - 300$  we find the linearized system is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & -1/8 \\ 3 & -3/4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

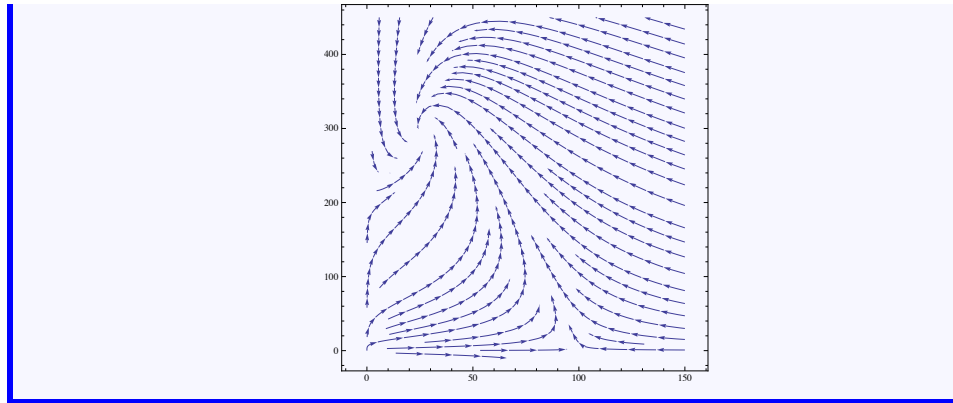
The eigenvalues are seen to be  $\lambda = -\frac{5}{8} \pm \frac{\sqrt{23}}{8} i$ . Since they are complex, with negative real part, this is a spiral sink.

Examining the equation at  $(u, v) = (1, 0)$  we see that the direction of rotation is counter-clockwise.

The phase plot for looks like



Finally we assemble these pieces together. The result is an approximation of the following phase diagram:



**Exercise 19.2.** Consider the non-linear system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -x + (1 - x^2 - y^2)y.$$

- (1) There is one equilibrium solution of this system – find it!
- (2) Linearize the system near this equilibrium, and draw the phase portrait of the linearized system.
- (3) Make an educated guess about the phase portrait of the non-linear system. *For your own benefit do this without any help of “technology”.*
- (4) Show that  $x(t) = \sin(t)$ ,  $y(t) = \cos(t)$  is a solution of the non-linear system. What is the phase diagram of this solution?
- (5) Now make an educated guess about the phase portrait of the non-linear system. (Remember: phase curves for nice systems do not intersect!!!)
- (6) Construct a phase plot using Mathematica.
- (7) Comment on what you learned about linearization from this problem.