

## 2.1, 2.2 (Continued)

Consider an autonomous system of 2 DEs :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$$

• equilibrium pts,  
phase line

• separable eq.

Equilibrium pts : a choice of  $(x, y)$

which makes  $f(x, y) = 0$ ,  $g(x, y) = 0$ .

This gives a constant sol'n.

Ex Find equilibrium pts of

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dR}{dt} = R - 2RF \\ \frac{dF}{dt} = -2F + 3RF \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } \begin{cases} R - 2RF = 0 \\ -2F + 3RF = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} R(1 - 2F) = 0 \\ F(-2 + 3R) = 0 \end{cases}$$

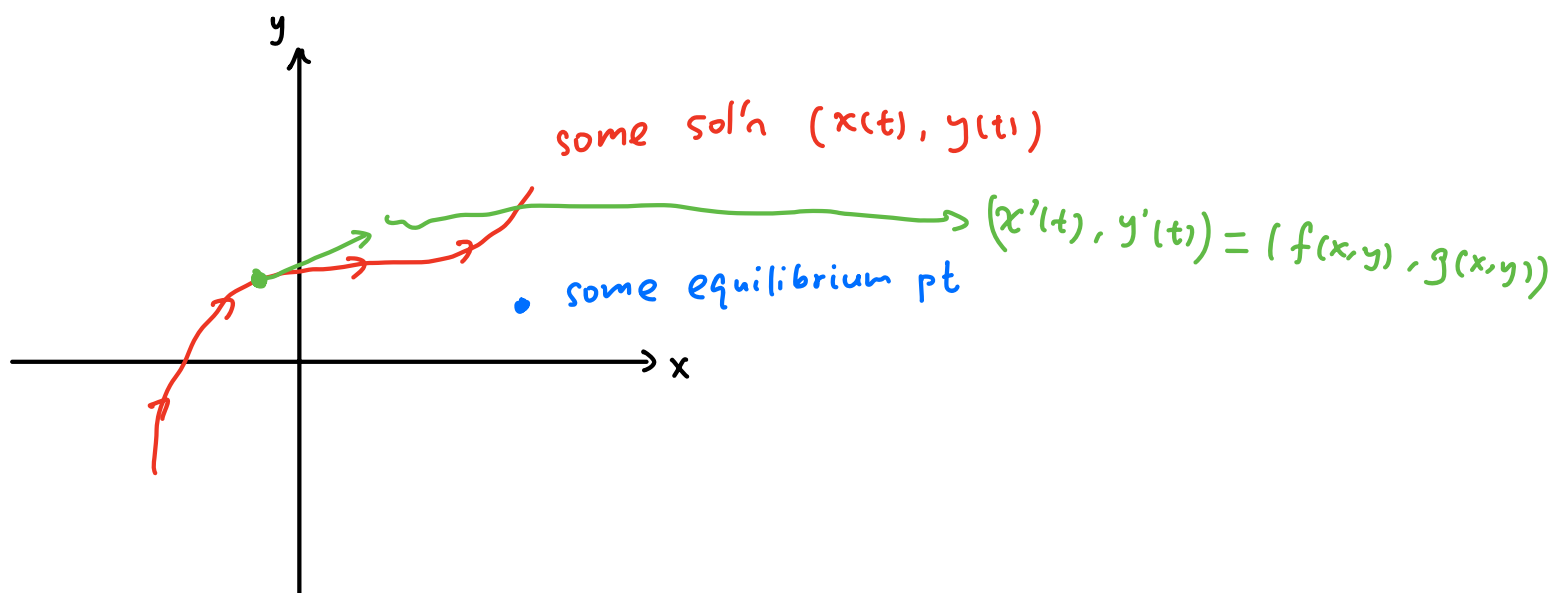
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} R = 0 \text{ or } 1 - 2F = 0 \\ F = 0 \text{ or } -2 + 3R = 0 \end{cases}$$

If  $R = 0$ , then  $-2 + 3R \neq 0 \Rightarrow F = 0$

Otherwise,  $1 - 2F = 0 \Rightarrow F = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $-2 + 3R = 0 \Rightarrow R = \frac{2}{3}$

$\Rightarrow$  Equilibrium pts  $(R, F) = (0, 0)$  or  $(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

Phase portrait: view each sol'n  $(x(t), y(t))$  as a moving point in the  $(x, y)$ -plane



To get some sol'ns for the system:

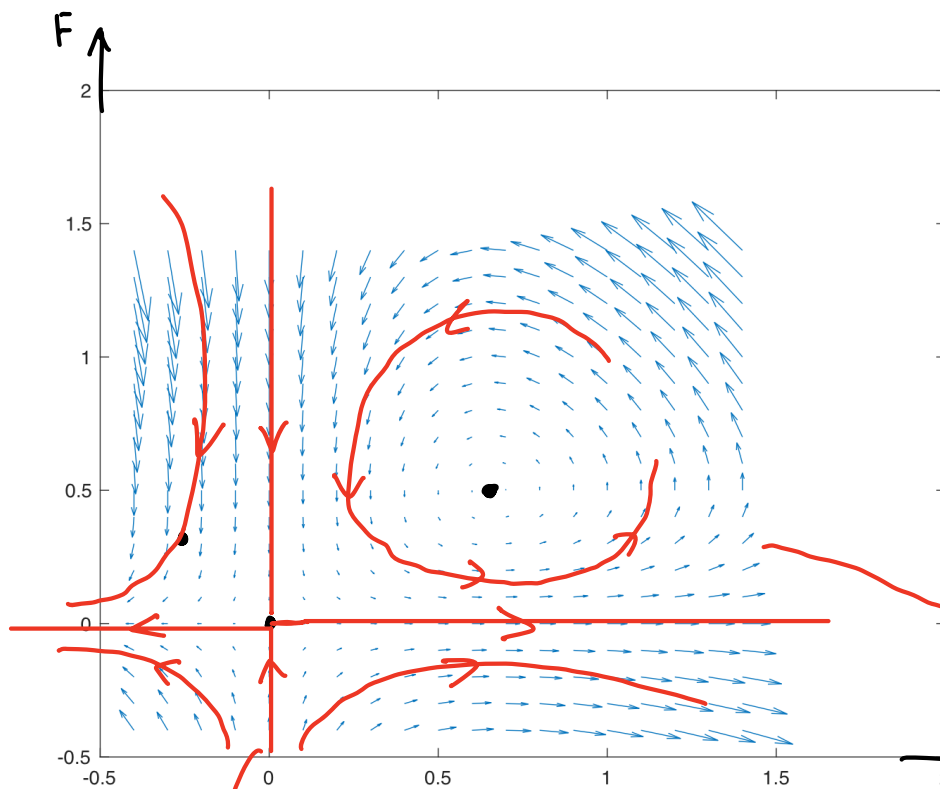
Observe and find special ones.

Use vector field: any sol'n passing  $(x, y)$  has tangent vector  $(f(x, y), g(x, y)) \Rightarrow$  if we draw a vector  $(f(x, y), g(x, y))$  at each  $(x, y)$ , then we can follow the vectors and sketch the sol'ns.

Get equation of sol'n curves by

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y) \end{cases} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{g(x, y)}{f(x, y)}$$

(view  $y = y(x)$ )



$$\begin{cases} \frac{dR}{dt} = R - 2RF \\ \frac{dF}{dt} = -2F + 3RF \end{cases}$$

sol'n's like  
 $\begin{cases} R(t) = 0 \\ F(t) = Ce^{-2t} \end{cases}$

sol'n's like  
 $\begin{cases} R(t) = Ce^t \\ F(t) = 0 \end{cases}$

Ex Find equations of the sol'n curves for

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dR}{dt} = R - 2RF \\ \frac{dF}{dt} = -2F + 3RF \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dF}{dR} = \frac{-2F + 3RF}{R - 2RF}$$

(viewing  $F = F(R)$ )

$$\frac{dF}{dR} = \frac{F(-2 + 3R)}{R(1 - 2F)}$$

$$\frac{1 - 2F}{F} dF = \frac{-2 + 3R}{R} dR$$

$$\frac{1 - 2F}{F} = \frac{1}{F} - 2$$

$$\int \frac{1 - 2F}{F} dF = \int \frac{-2 + 3R}{R} dR$$

$$\ln|F| - 2F = -2\ln|R| + 3R + C$$

Sol'n curves are level curves of

$$\ln|F| - 2F + 2\ln|R| - 3R$$

(suggesting that certain sol'n curves are closed curves).

- 2nd order DE can be converted to a system of 2 1st order DEs.

Ex The harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -y$$

$$\text{Let } v(t) = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = v \\ \frac{dv}{dt} = -y \end{cases}$$

Equilibrium pts:  $(y, v) = (0, 0)$

To get sol'n curves:

$$\frac{dv}{dy} = \frac{-y}{v}$$

$$v dv = -y dy$$

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 = -\frac{1}{2} y^2 + C$$

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{1}{2} y^2 = C$$

$$v^2 + y^2 = 2C$$

Generally, a  $p$ -th order DE in  $y(t)$  can be converted to a system of  $p$  1st DEs in  $(y, \frac{dy}{dt}, \dots, \frac{d^{p-1}y}{dt^{p-1}})$

vector field  
 $(v, -y)$

