

2.7 The SIR model of an epidemic

Consider a population and a disease is spreading.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(t) : \text{fraction of pop. that can catch the disease} \\ I(t) : \text{fraction of pop. that has the disease and can spread it} \\ R(t) : \text{fraction of pop. that has recovered and cannot} \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{catch it again.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$S(t) + I(t) + R(t) = 1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dS}{dt} = -\alpha SI \\ \frac{dI}{dt} = \alpha SI - \beta I \\ \frac{dR}{dt} = \beta I \end{array} \right. \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0$$

- $S(t)$ and $I(t)$ satisfy a system of 2 DEs, and $R(t)$ can be obtained by $R = 1 - S - I$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dS}{dt} = -\alpha SI \\ \frac{dI}{dt} = \alpha SI - \beta I = I(\alpha S - \beta) \end{array} \right.$$

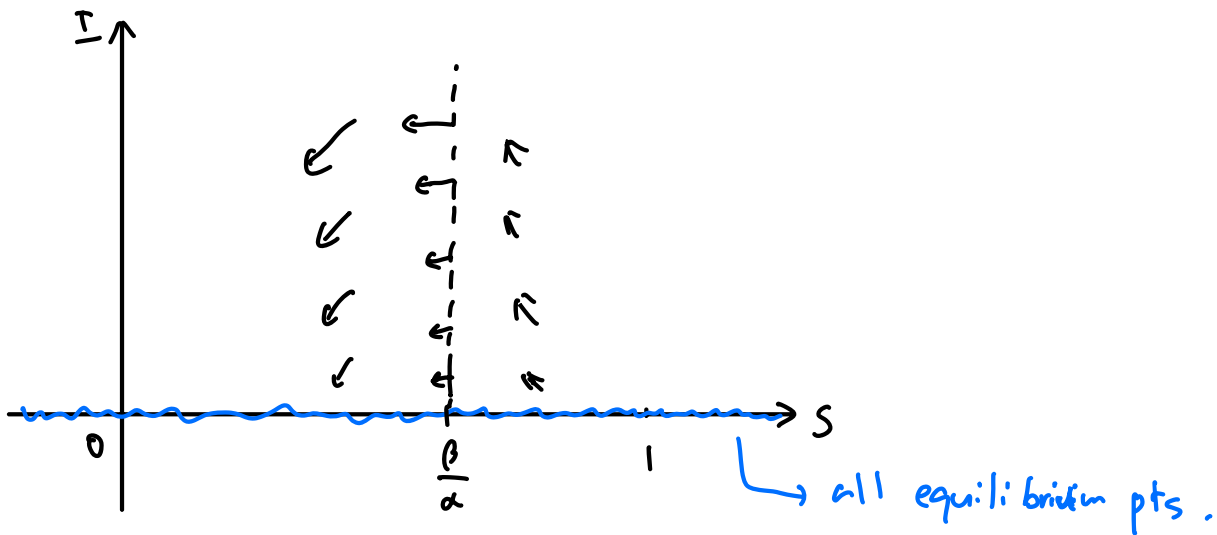
Equilibrium pts

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\alpha SI = 0 \\ \alpha SI - \beta I = 0 \Rightarrow I(\alpha S - \beta) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

If $I = 0$, S arbitrary.

If $I \neq 0$, then $S = 0$, $S = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ contradiction \Rightarrow no sol'n

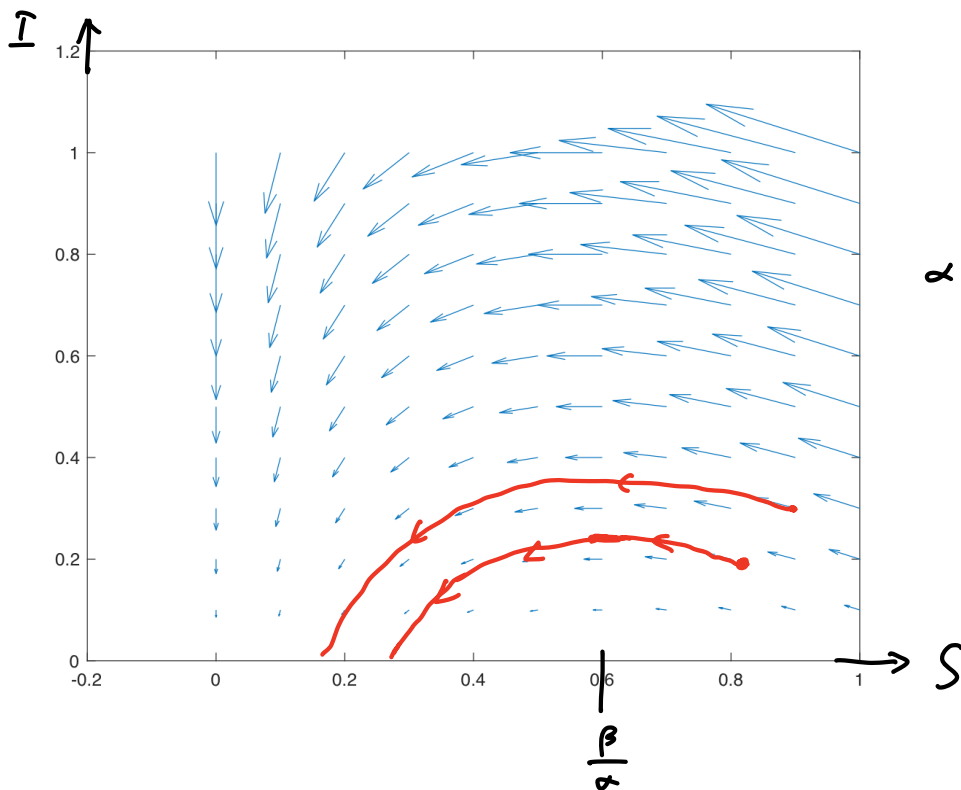
Equilibrium pts: $I=0$, S arbitrary.



$$\frac{dI}{dt} = I(\alpha S - \beta) \quad \text{Suppose } I > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{dt} \begin{cases} = 0 & \text{if } S = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \\ > 0 & \text{if } S > \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \\ < 0 & \text{if } S < \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \end{cases}$$

- If initially $I(t_0)$ is very small, then it can only start to increase (pandemic occurs) if $S(t_0) > \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$.



$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 0.6$$

threshold value.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS}{dt} = -\alpha SI \\ \frac{dI}{dt} = \alpha SI - \beta I = I(\alpha S - \beta) \end{cases}$$

• Solve for the sol'n curves.

$$\frac{dI}{dS} = \frac{I(\alpha S - \beta)}{-\alpha SI} = \frac{\alpha S - \beta}{-\alpha S} = -\frac{\alpha S - \beta}{\alpha S} = -\left(1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{S}\right)$$

$$dI = -\left(1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{S}\right) dS$$

$$\bar{I} = -S + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \ln|S| + C$$

$$I + S - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \ln|S| = C$$

\Rightarrow sol'n curves are level curves of $I + S - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \ln|S|$

3.1 Linear systems

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A linear system of first order DEs for $y_1(t), \dots, y_n(t)$ is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy_1}{dt} = a_{11}(t)y_1 + a_{12}(t)y_2 + \dots + a_{1n}(t)y_n + b_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dy_n}{dt} = a_{n1}(t)y_1 + a_{n2}(t)y_2 + \dots + a_{nn}(t)y_n + b_n(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{Y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}(t) & a_{12}(t) & \dots & a_{1n}(t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1}(t) & a_{n2}(t) & \dots & a_{nm}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} b_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ b_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A(t)\vec{Y} + \vec{b}(t).$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a(t)y + b(t)$$

- It is homogeneous if $\vec{b}(t) = 0$
- It is homogeneous and has constant coefficients if $\vec{b}(t) = 0$ and $A(t) = A$ is a constant matrix.

For example, damped harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + p \frac{dy}{dt} + qy = 0$$

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

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

$$\vec{Y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -q & -p \end{pmatrix}}_A \vec{Y}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -q & -p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ -qy - pv \end{pmatrix}$$

homogeneous w/ constant coefficients.

Thm (Linear principle)

Consider $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A(t)\vec{Y} + \vec{b}(t)$ - - - - - (1)

$$\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A(t)\vec{Y} \quad \text{--- --- (2)}$$

- If $\vec{Y}_1(t), \vec{Y}_2(t)$ are sol'n's to (2) and C is any constant, then $\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2$ and $C\vec{Y}_1$ are also sol'n's to (2)

(the sol'n's to (2) form a vector space)

- Let $\vec{Y}_p(t)$ be a particular sol'n to (1). Then any sol'n $\vec{Y}(t)$ to (1) has the form

$$\vec{Y}(t) = \vec{Y}_p(t) + \vec{Y}_h(t)$$

where $\vec{Y}_h(t)$ is any sol'n to (2).

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a(t)y \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad y(t) = C \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad (\text{sol'n space has dimension 1})$$

Thm If $\vec{Y}(t)$ has n components, then the vector space of sol'n's to (2) has dimension n . One can find a basis for it, $\vec{Y}_1(t), \dots, \vec{Y}_n(t)$ such that general sol'n to (2) is

$$\vec{Y}(t) = C_1\vec{Y}_1(t) + \dots + C_n\vec{Y}_n(t).$$