

6.3 Predators and Competitors (part 2)

competitors: going after the same resource but otherwise leave each other alone (e.g. chipmunks and squirrels)
 $x(t), y(t)$: competitor pops.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a_1 x - b_1 x^2 - c_1 xy = x(a_1 - b_1 x - c_1 y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a_2 y - b_2 y^2 - c_2 xy = y(a_2 - b_2 y - c_2 x)$$

$$a_i, b_i, c_i > 0$$

if no interaction ($c_i = 0$)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a_1 x - b_1 x^2 = x(a_1 - b_1 x) \quad \text{logistic growth}$$

cap at $x = \frac{a_1}{b_1}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a_2 y - b_2 y^2 = y(a_2 - b_2 y) \quad \text{cap at } y = \frac{a_2}{b_2}$$

$c_i > 0$, then further reduction due to the other competitor

cp's: $(0, 0)$, $(0, a_2/b_2)$, $(a_1/b_1, 0)$, (x_c, y_c)

$\underbrace{(0, 0)}$ both die
 $\underbrace{(0, a_2/b_2)}$ one dies the other at cap
 $\underbrace{(a_1/b_1, 0)}$ ←
 $\underbrace{(x_c, y_c)}$ coexistence

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(a_1 - b_1x - c_1y) = x[a_1 - (b_1x + c_1y)]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y[a_2 - (b_2y + c_2x)]$$

reduction applied to exponential growth from environment and the other species

if $\frac{b_1}{c_1} > 1 \rightarrow x$ constrained more by environment than y

likewise, $\frac{b_2}{c_2} > 1 \rightarrow y$ " " " " x

$$\frac{b_1}{c_1} \cdot \frac{b_2}{c_2} > 1 \rightarrow \boxed{b_1 b_2 > c_1 c_2}$$

cap more important than competition

conversely, if $\boxed{b_1 b_2 < c_1 c_2}$

competition more important (at least one more likely to die)

Example

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 60x - 3x^2 - 4xy$$

$$b_1 = 3 \quad c_1 = 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 42y - 3y^2 - 2xy$$

$$b_2 = 3 \quad c_2 = 2$$

$$b_1, b_2 > c_1, c_2$$

competition less
important

"weak" competition

Coexistence likely

cp's: (0,0), (20,0), (0,14), (12,6)

analyze stability about each

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 60 - 6x - 4y & -4x \\ -2y & 42 - 6y - 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 60 & 0 \\ 0 & 42 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda's > 0 \rightarrow \text{source unstable}$$

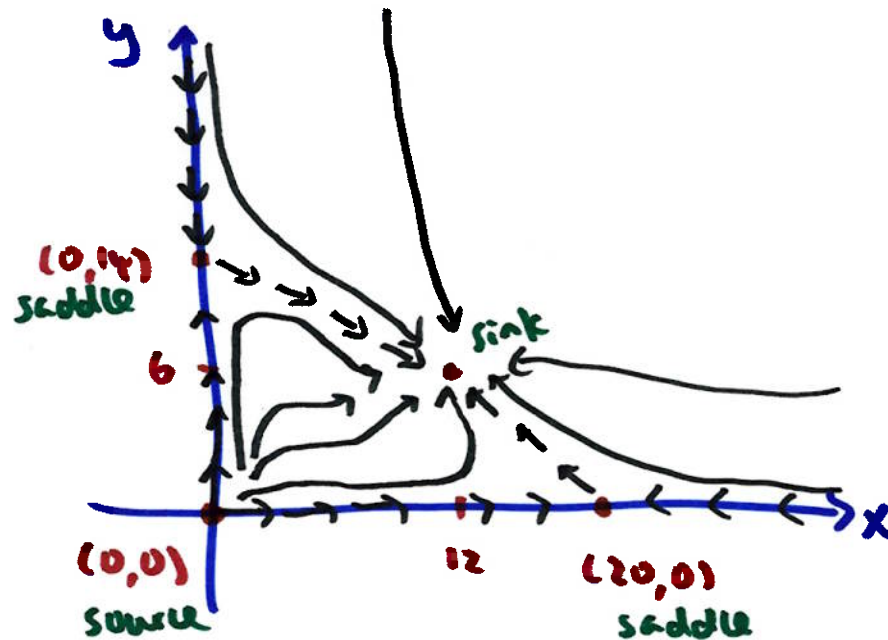
$$J(20,0) = \begin{bmatrix} -60 & -80 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda's \text{ oppo. signs} \rightarrow \text{saddle unstable}$$

$$J(0,14) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -28 & -42 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{saddle unstable}$$

$$J(12,6) = \begin{bmatrix} -36 & -48 \\ -12 & -18 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda\text{'s are both real and negative} \\ \text{sink asymptotically stable} \end{array}$$

so, we expect $(t \rightarrow \infty)$ coexistence

Sketch of phase diagram



example

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 60x - 4x^2 - 3xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 42y - 2y^2 - 7xy$$

$$b_1 = 4 \quad C_1 = 3$$

$$b_2 = 2 \quad C_2 = 3$$

$b_1, b_2 < C_1, C_2$ competition important
"strong" comp.
Somebody goes extinct

$$cp: (0,0), (0,21), (15,0), (6,12)$$

after analyzing the same way,

$(0,0)$: source unstable

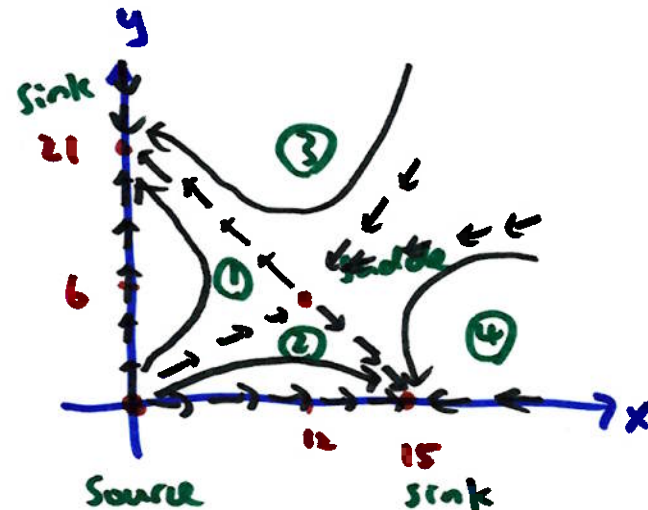
$(0,21)$: source sink stable

$(15,0)$: sink stable

$(6,12)$: saddle unstable

initial in ① $\rightarrow x \rightarrow 0$

② $\rightarrow y \rightarrow 0$



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(a_1 - b_1 x - c_1 y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(a_2 - b_2 y - c_2 x)$$

pos.

if $c_i < 0 \rightarrow$ add to growth rate

$\rightarrow$ species in cooperation

(ants and aphids)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 30x - 3x^2 + xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 60y - 3y^2 + 4xy$$

w/o interaction: $(0,0), (10,0)$

$(0,20), (10,20)$

w/ interaction: $(0,0), (10,0)$

$(0,20), (30,60)$

Sink

$x \rightarrow 30$ which is higher than

its cap $c_1 x < 10$

NO interaction

