

2.4 (continued)

nonlinear $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y) \quad y(t_0) = y_0$

solution is unique within $t_0 - h < t < t_0 + h$
within the rectangle $\alpha < t < \beta, \quad \gamma < y < \delta$
where f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are BOTH continuous

example $y' = \underbrace{\frac{\ln(2y - t^2)}{t+1} + (y-2)^{1/3}}_{f(t, y)}$

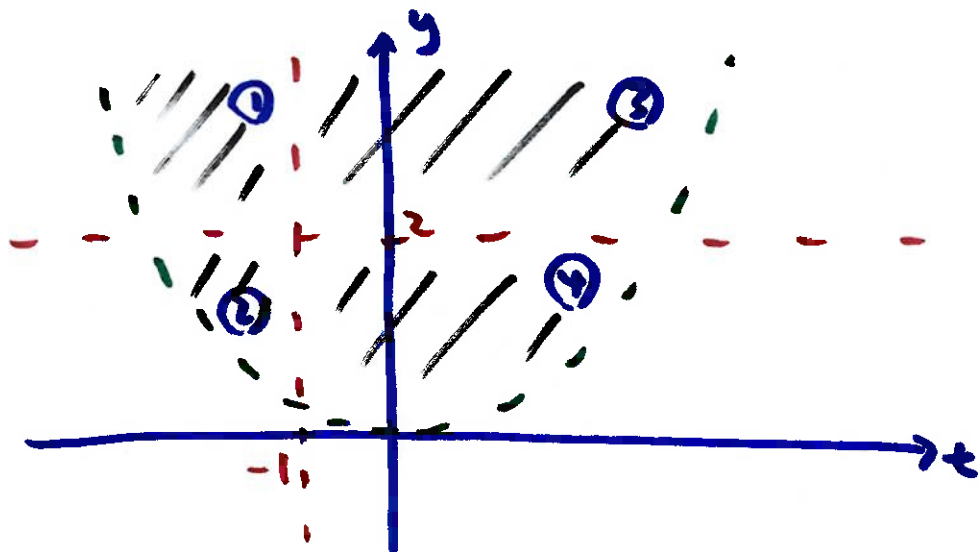
f is continuous on $2y - t^2 > 0, \quad t \neq -1$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{2}{(2y - t^2)(t+1)} + \frac{1}{3}(y-2)^{-2/3}$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous on $2y - t^2 \neq 0, \quad t \neq -1, \quad y \neq 2$

$2y - t^2 = 0 \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}t^2$ parabola, we must be above it
($2y - t^2 \neq 0, 2y - t^2 > 0$)

then exclude $t = -1, y = 2$



the initial condition

$y(t_0) = y_0$ determines
where the unique solution
is contained

2.5 Autonomous Diff. Eqs.

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

no t explicitly

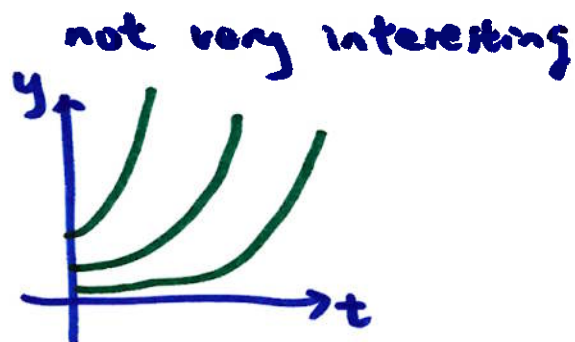
$\frac{dy}{dt}$ only depends on itself (y)
so "autonomous"

often used to model population dynamics

Simple exponential growth : $\frac{dy}{dt} = ry$ ↖ growth rate ($r > 0$)
if $r < 0 \rightarrow$ exponential decay

notice autonomous diff. eqs. are always separable
but let's focus on the qualitative behavior in 2.5

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ry \iff y = Ce^{rt}$$



but population doesn't grow exponentially forever

→ run out of resources, for example

modify model: $\frac{dy}{dt} = h(y)y$ rate depends on y
not constant anymore

model the slow down of growth as y becomes "large"

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \underbrace{(r - ay)}_{\text{as } y \rightarrow \frac{r}{a}, y' \rightarrow 0} y$$

this is called logistic growth

(models a limit the environment puts on the population)

rewrite: $\frac{dy}{dt} = r \left(1 - \frac{y}{K}\right) y$

↑
intrinsic growth rate

Intrinsic growth

we see $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ when $y = 0$ and $y = k$

↗
no population

↖
limiting population
(carrying capacity)

these solutions where $y' = 0$ are called

equilibrium solutions

(where $f(y) = 0 \rightarrow$ critical points of $f(y)$)

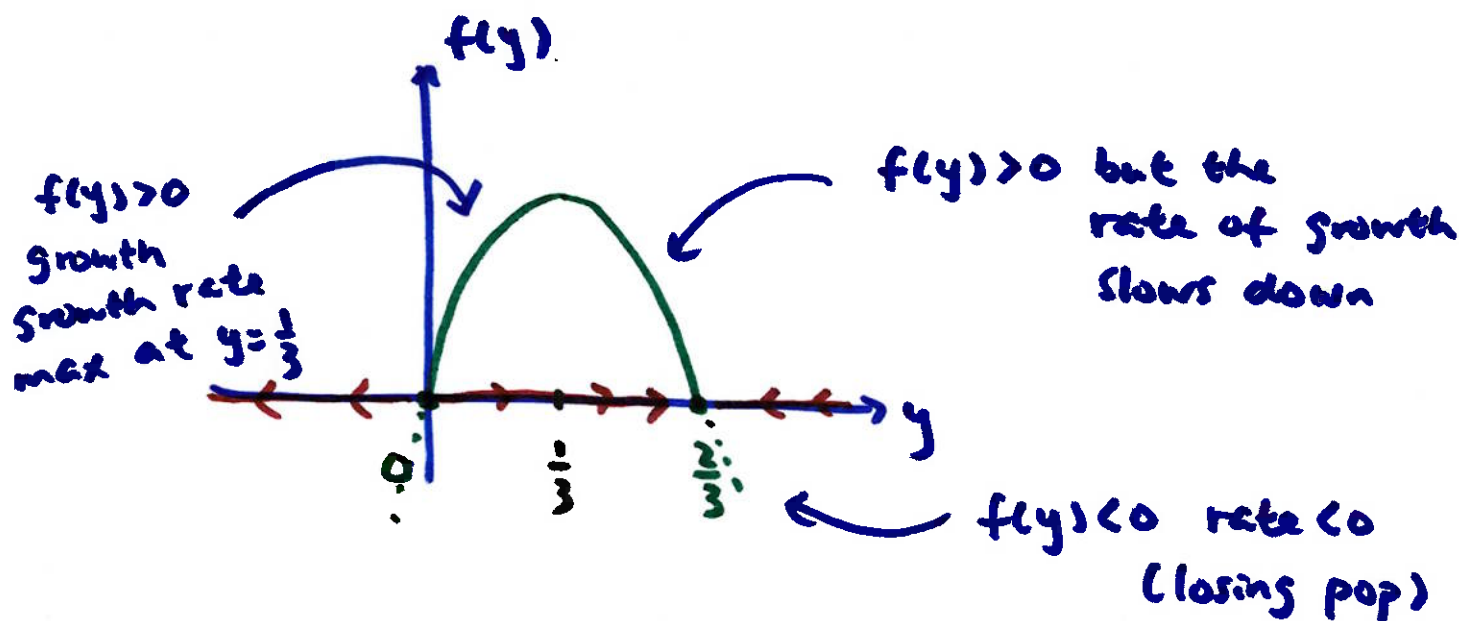
we want to investigate: as $t \rightarrow \infty$, which equilibrium solution do solutions converge to?

does it depend on initial condition?

for example, $\frac{dy}{dt} = (2-3y)y = f(y) = -3y^2 + 2y$ parabola opening down

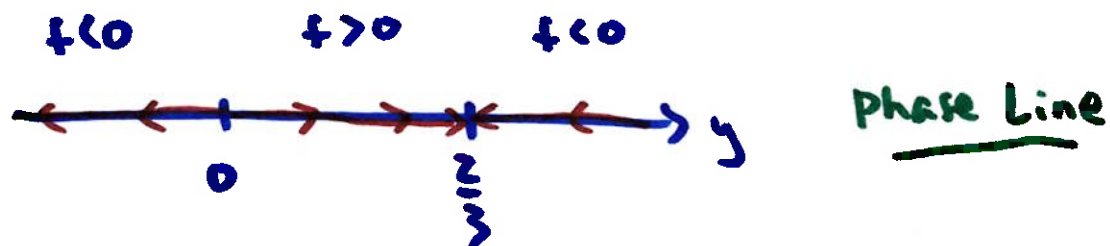
critical points: $y = 0, y = \frac{2}{3}$

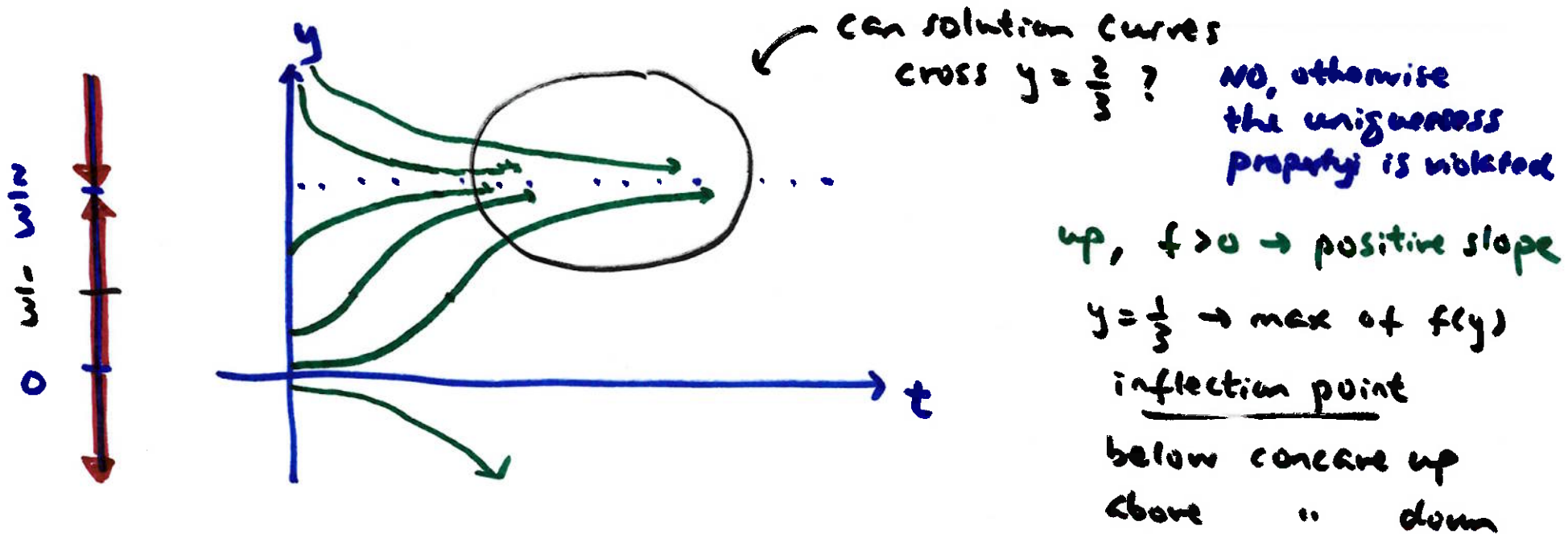
graph $f(y)$ vs. y



solutions want to leave the equilibrium solution $y = 0$

solutions want to converge onto the eq. solution $y = \frac{2}{3}$





solution diverge from $y = 0 \rightarrow y = 0$ is unstable

solution converge onto $y = \frac{2}{3} \rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3}$ is asymptotically stable