

# DOING PHYSICS WITH PYTHON

## [2D] DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

## LINEAR PLANAR SYSTEMS

## MULTIPLE FIXED POINTS

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**ds1421.py**

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*Greek letters are avoided and letters used in this paper are closely related to the letters used in the Python Code.*

This paper considers [2D] linear dynamical systems which have multiple fixed points. The Jacobian matrix **J** has real eigenvalues one of which is zero.

$$\lambda_1 \neq 0 \text{ real and } \lambda_0 = 0$$

## SIMULATIONS

### Example 1 Unstable multiple critical points $\lambda_1 > 0 \quad \lambda_2 = 0$

System:  $\dot{x} = x \quad \dot{y} = 0$

Dynamics:

$$f = x \quad df / dx = 1 \quad df / dy = 0$$

$$g = 0 \quad dg / dx = 0 \quad dg / dy = 0$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 = 1 \quad \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$$

Initial conditions (x0, y0)

(1.00, 1.00)   (-1.00, -1.00)   (-2.00, -2.00)   (-1.50, -1.50)

(0.00, 0.00)   (2.00, 2.00)

A matrix: a11 = 1.0   a12 = 0.0   a21 = 0.0   a22 = 0.0

Determinant A = 0.00

**Eigenvalues Jacobian J = 1.00 0.00**

This linear system is **non-simple** since the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular,  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ , and at one of the eigenvalues is zero. Therefore, this system has critical points other than the Origin (multiple fixed points).

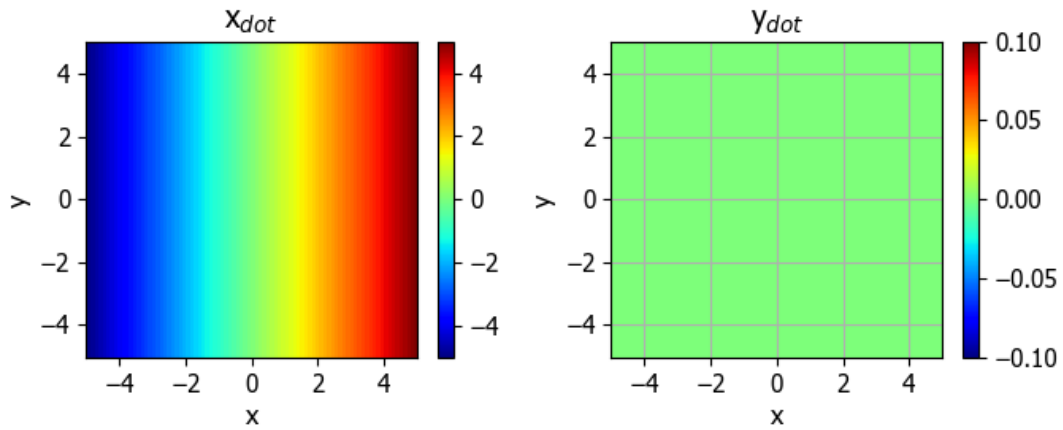


Fig. 1.1. [2D] view of the system equations. The flow is horizontal away from the  $x = 0$ .

$$x(0) < 0 \quad y(0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \infty \quad x \rightarrow -\infty \quad y = y(0)$$

$$x(0) > 0 \quad y(0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \infty \quad x \rightarrow +\infty \quad y = y(0)$$

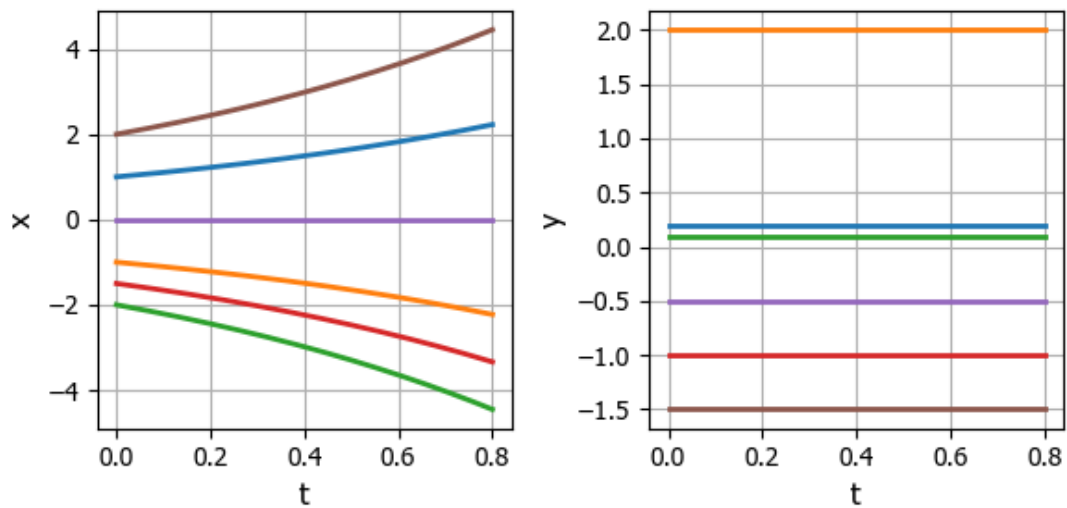


Fig. 1.2. Time evolution of the  $x$  and  $y$  trajectories.

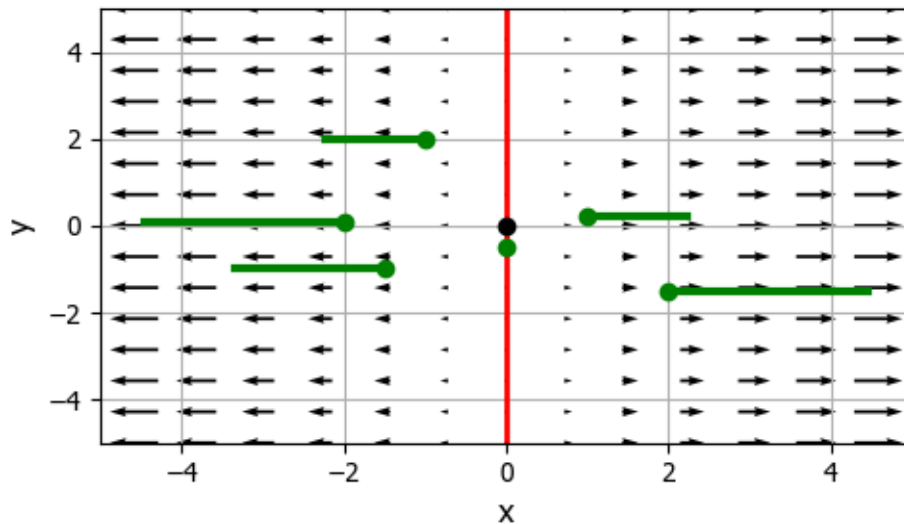


Fig. 1.3. Vector field: quiver plot. There are an infinite number of critical points lying along the **y-axis**. Six trajectories (orbits) in phase space for a time interval  $\Delta t = 0.40$ . The **black dot** is the equilibrium point of the system at the Origin  $(0,0)$ , and the **green dots** are for the different initial conditions  $(x(0), y(0))$ . The length of the trajectory is shorter when the initial conditions are nearer the equilibrium point at the Origin. Solutions of the ODEs are  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ .

$y(0) \neq 0 \quad t \rightarrow \infty \quad x(t) \rightarrow \pm\infty \quad y(t) = y(0)$  where  $x(t)$  changes exponentially.

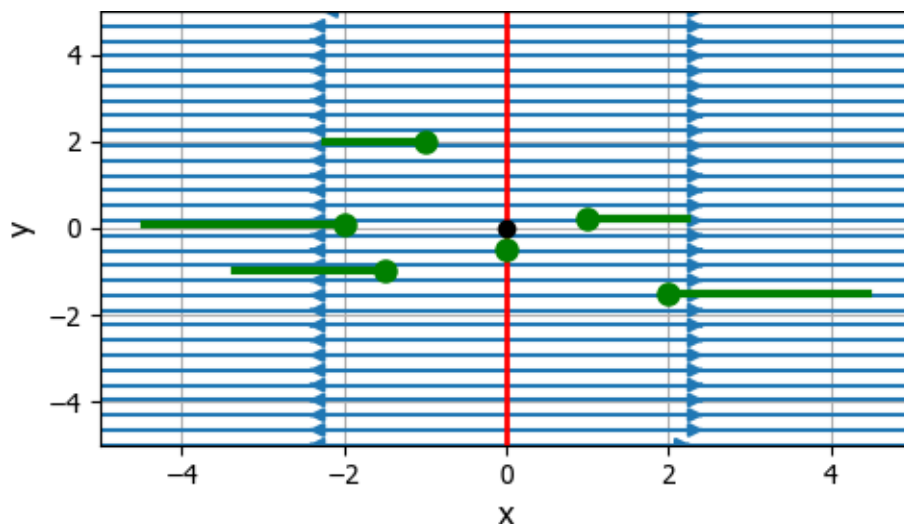


Fig. 1.5. Vector field: streamplot. There are an infinite number of critical points lying along the **y-axis**.

The determinant is zero  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$  and the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_0 = 1$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0$ . One eigenvalue is real and positive and the other is zero.

Therefore, the equilibrium points on the y-axis are **unstable**.

The critical points are found by solving the equations

$$\dot{x} = 0 \quad \dot{y} = 0$$

which has the solution  $x = 0, y = \text{constant}$ . Thus, there are an infinite number of critical points lying along the y-axis. The direction field has gradient given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} = 0 \quad x \neq 0$$

This implies that the direction field is horizontal for points not on the y-axis. The direction vectors may be determined from the equation  $\dot{x} = x$  since if  $x > 0$ , then  $\dot{x} > 0$ , and the trajectories move in +x direction and if  $x < 0$ , then  $\dot{x} < 0$ , and trajectories move in the -x direction.

## Example 2 Points along the y-axis are stable nodes

$$\lambda_1 < 0 \quad \lambda_2 = 0$$

System:  $\dot{x} = -x \quad \dot{y} = 0$

Dynamics:

$$f = x \quad df / dx = -1 \quad df / dy = 0$$

$$g = 0 \quad dg / dx = 0 \quad dg / dy = 0$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 = -1 \quad \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$$

Initial conditions (x0, y0)

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Determinant A = 0.00

**Eigenvalues Jacobian J = -1.00 0.00**

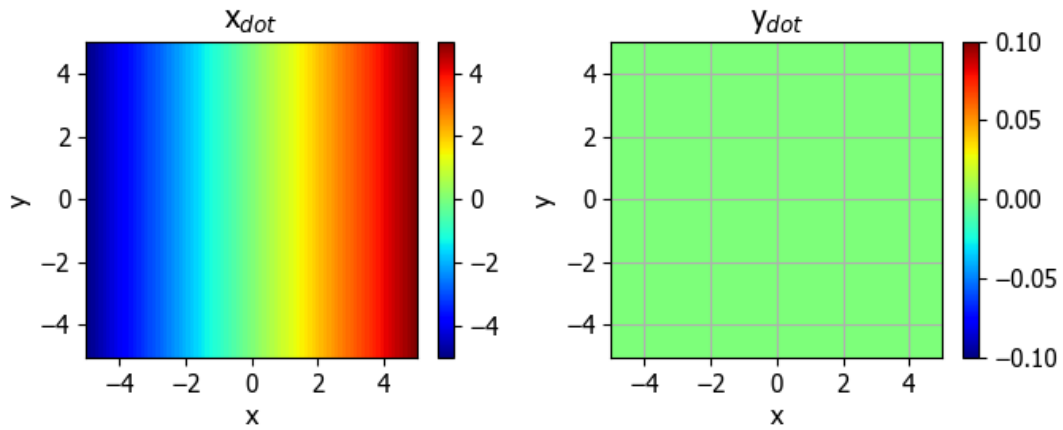


Fig. 2.1. [2D] view of the system equations.

$$x(0) < 0 \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \infty \quad x \rightarrow 0 \quad y = y(0)$$

$$x(0) > 0 \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \infty \quad x \rightarrow 0 \quad y = y(0)$$

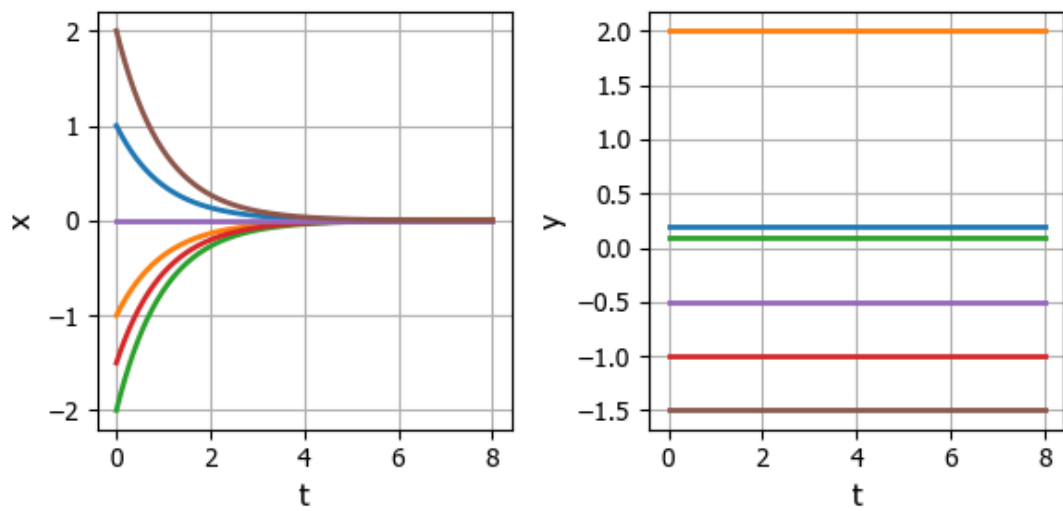


Fig. 2.2. Time evolution of the  $x$  and  $y$  parameters.

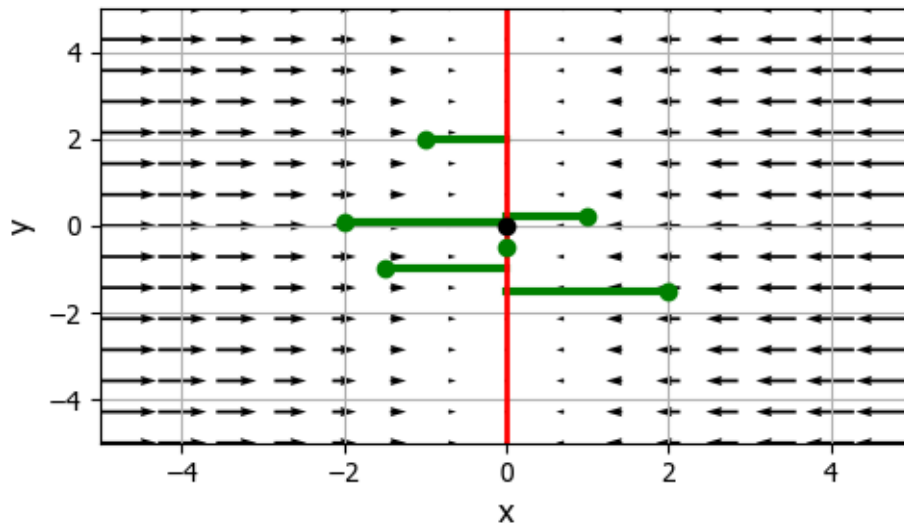


Fig. 2.4. Vector field: quiver plot. There are an infinite number of critical points lying along the **y-axis**.

Six trajectories (orbits) in phase space for a time interval  $\Delta t = 0.40$ .

The **black dot** is the equilibrium point at the Origin  $(0,0)$ , and the **green dots** are for the different initial conditions  $(x(0), y(0))$ .

Solutions of the ODEs are  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ . For all initial conditions:

$$t \rightarrow \infty \quad x(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad y(t) = y(0).$$

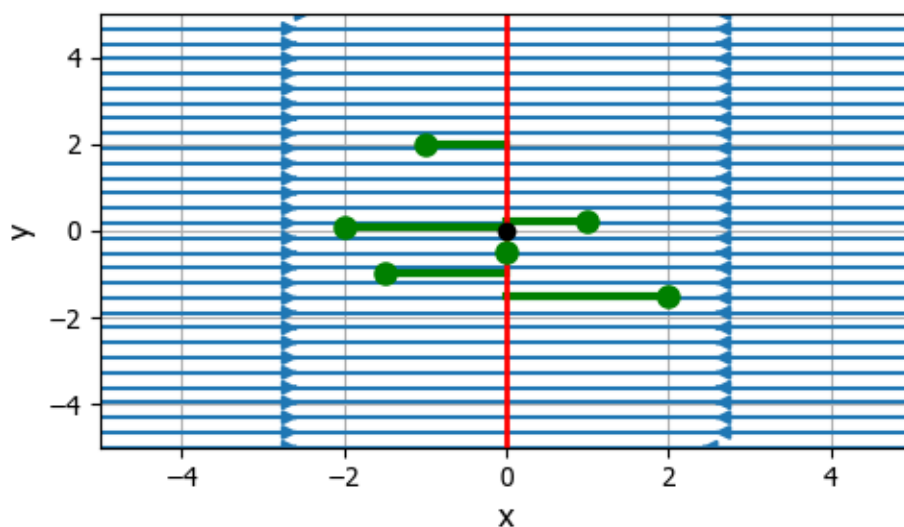


Fig. 2.5. Vector field: streamplot.



The determinant is zero  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$  and the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ . One eigenvalue is real and negative and the other is zero. Therefore, there is an infinite number of equilibrium points along the  $y$ -axis ( $x = 0$ ). All trajectories, head towards  $x = 0$  with constant  $y$ .