

# Non-linear

Part I

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*Love Affairs and Dynamical Systems*

*Love* WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet (1996)

# ROMEO + JULIET

# Romeo & Juliet

## as Linear Dynamical System

$R(t)$  : Romeo's love / hate for Juliet at time  $t$

$J(t)$  : Juliet's love / hate for Romeo at time  $t$

In general,

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = a R + b J$$

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = c R + d J$$

Parameters  $a, b, c, d$  can be +ve or -ve

$a, d$  : measures of cautiousness  
each try to avoid throwing themselves at the other

$b, c$  : measures of responsiveness  
each get excited by the other's advances

Different choices will yield different dynamics

# Romeo & Juliet

## The Eternal Cycle

$$a = 0, b = 1, c = -1, d = 0$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = J$$

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = -R$$

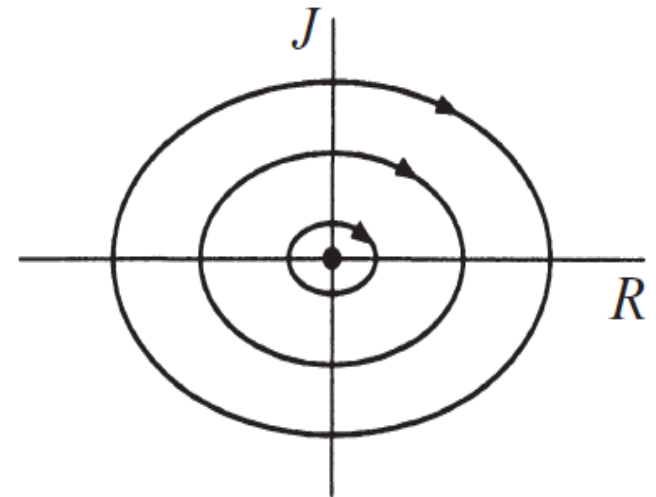
Juliet adopts hard-to-get strategy.

The more Romeo loves her, the more Juliet avoids him.

When Romeo gets discouraged and backs off, Juliet begins to attract him.

Romeo tries to coordinate with Juliet's actions  
Romeo warms up when she loves him, and grows distant when she avoids him.

Neutrally stable equilibrium at (0,0) : a center

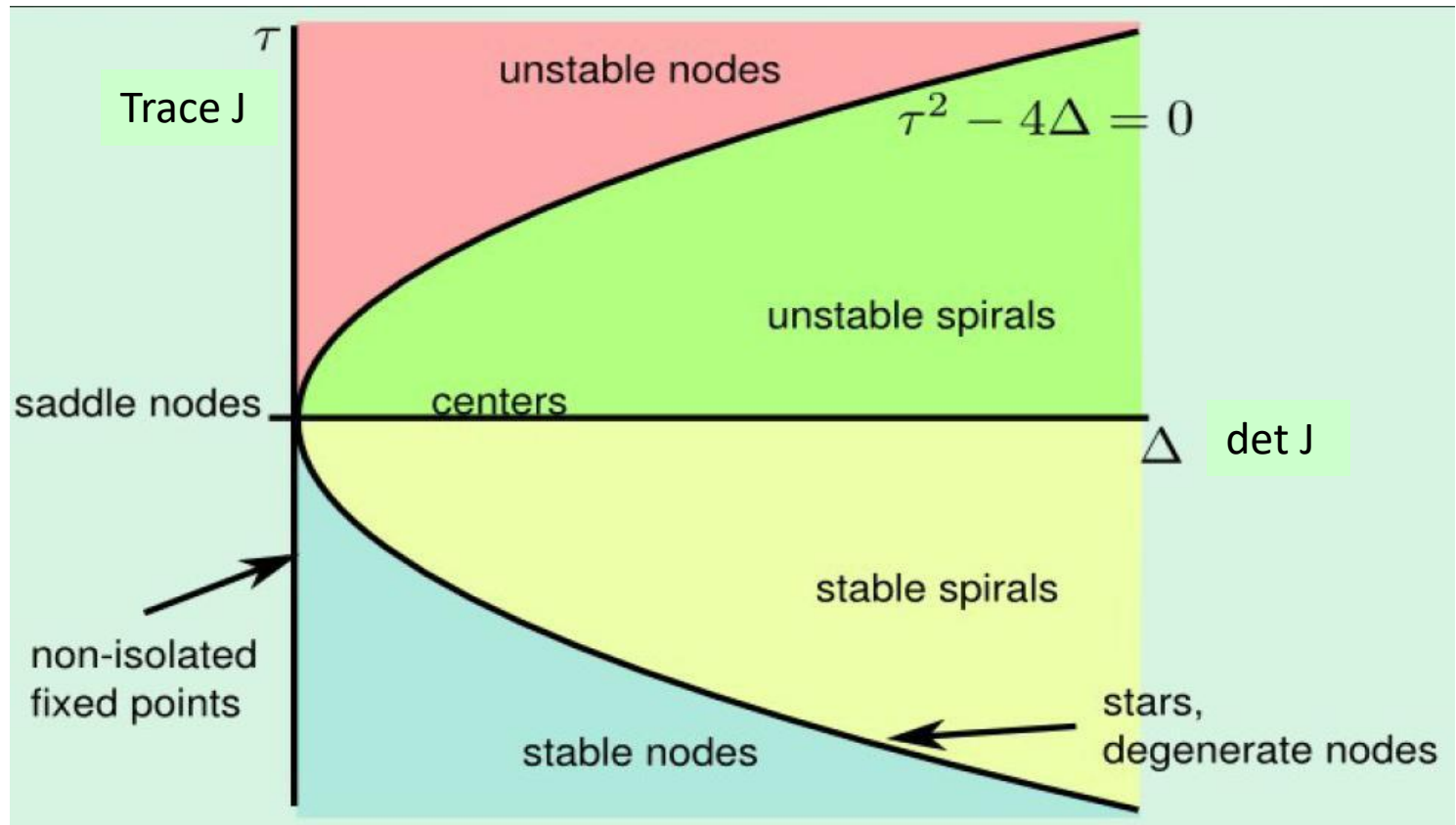


In general, the nature of behaviour around the equilibrium is given by the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the Jacobian

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - (\text{trace})\lambda + \text{determinant}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \frac{\text{trace} \pm [(\text{trace})^2 - 4 \det]^{1/2}}{2}$ .



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Identically Cautious Lovers

$$a = d < 0, \quad b = c > 0$$

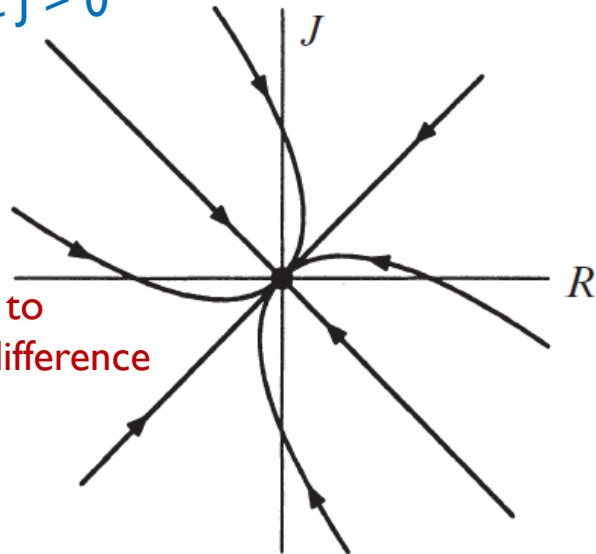
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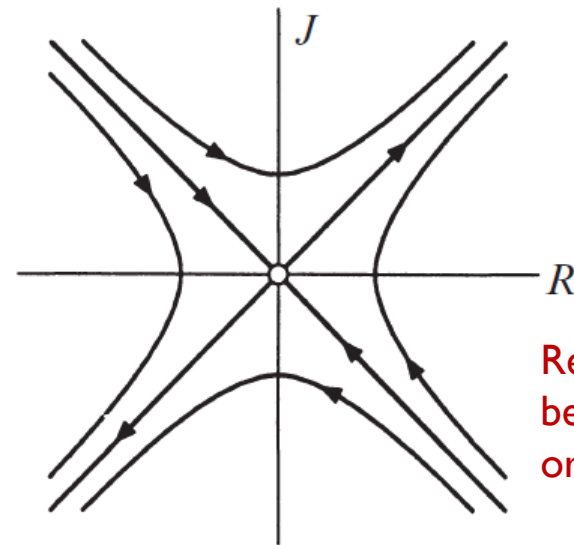
$$\lambda_1 = a + b, \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1), \quad \lambda_2 = a - b, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = (1, -1) \quad \text{Tr } J = 2a, \det J = (a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$$

$\det J > 0$



fizzles out to mutual indifference

$\det J < 0$



Relationship either becomes a love fest or a war

$a + b > a - b \Rightarrow$  eigenvector  $(1, 1)$  spans the slow eigendirection when equilibrium  $(0,0)$  is a stable node and spans the unstable manifold when equilibrium  $(0,0)$  is a saddle point

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## Identical “Eager Beavers” in Love

$a = d > 0$ ,  $b = c > 0$  encouraged by their own feelings ( $a > 0$ ) and excited by their partner's love ( $b > 0$ ).

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = aR + bJ$$

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = bR + aJ$$

Do it and find out

Tr J = ?, det J = ?

# Romeo & Juliet

## “Eager Beaver” vs “Cautious Lover”

$$a = -d > 0, b = c > 0$$

Romeo is encouraged by his own feelings ( $a > 0$ )  
But Juliet doesn't want to throw herself at him ( $d < 0$ )  
Both reciprocate their partner's love ( $b, c > 0$ ).

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = aR + bJ$$

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = bR - aJ$$

Do it and find out

Tr J = ?, det J = ?

# Laura and Petrarch : Love and Nonlinear Dynamics



Marie Spartali Stillman, The First Meeting of Petrarch and Laura, 1889

# Introducing Nonlinearity

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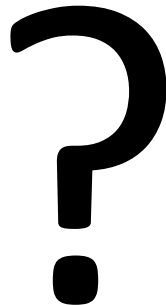
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dL(t)}{dt} &= \underbrace{-\alpha_1 L(t)}_{\text{Decay or forgetting}} + \underbrace{R_L(P(t))}_{\text{Reaction function to Petrarch}} + \beta_1 \underbrace{A_P}_{\text{Petrarch's appeal}}, \\
 \frac{dP(t)}{dt} &= -\alpha_2 P(t) + \underbrace{R_P(L(t))}_{\text{Reaction function to Laura}} + \beta_2 \frac{\underbrace{A_L}_{\text{Laura's appeal}}}{1 + \delta Z(t)}, \\
 \frac{dZ(t)}{dt} &= -\alpha_3 Z(t) + \underbrace{\beta_3 P(t)}_{\text{Inspiration is a function of Petrarch's love}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$R_L(P) = \beta_1 P \left( 1 - \left( \frac{P}{\gamma} \right)^2 \right)$   
 $R_P(L) = \beta_2 L$

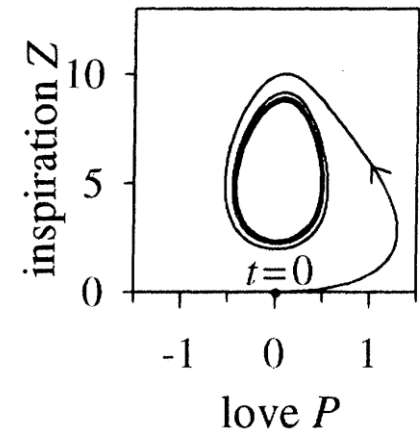
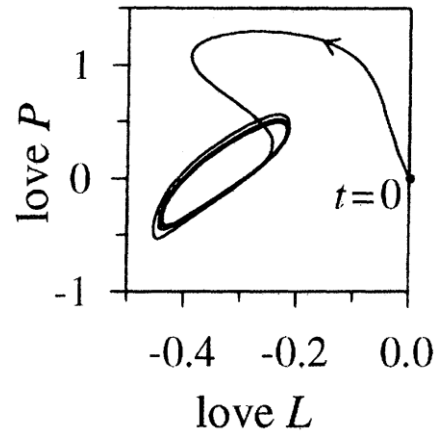
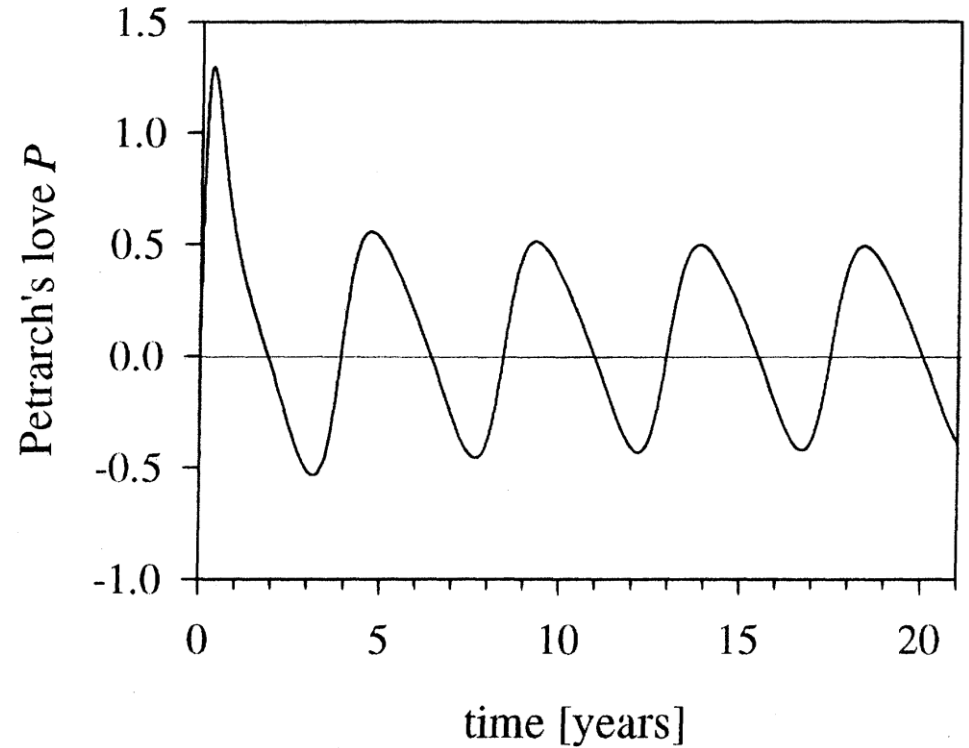
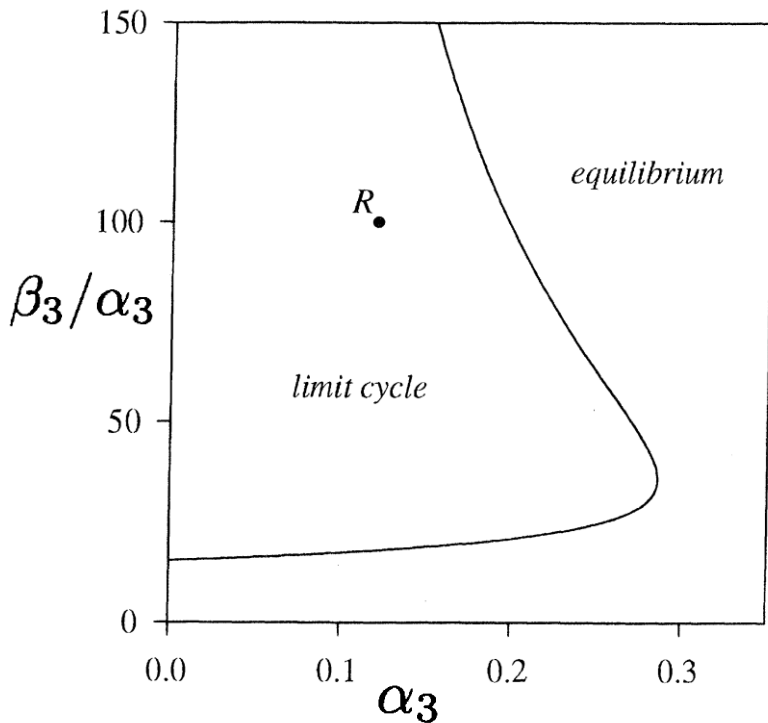
# Cyclical Love Dynamics

## Parameters

$\alpha_2 = 3,$	$\alpha_2 = 1,$	$\alpha_3 = 0.1,$
$\beta_1 = 1,$	$\beta_2 = 5,$	$\beta_3 = 10,$
$\gamma = \delta = 1,$	$A_L = 2,$	$A_P = -1$

## Initial Conditions

$$L(0) = 0, \quad P(0) = 0, \quad Z(0) = 0.$$



Laura & Petrarch's love was unconsummated...

... but the reason evolution came up with this complex emotion is so that...

Organisms can breed & population increases