Preliminaries for the ''Nullclines that are not lines'' example in section 5.2

$$\begin{bmatrix} > \text{ with(linalg):} \\ > x1 := 2^{x} (1-x/2) - x^{y}; \\ x1 := 2x \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x\right) - xy \\ > y1 := y^{*} (9/4 - y^{2}) - x^{2} y; \\ y1 := y \left(\frac{9}{4} - y^{2}\right) - x^{2} y \\ \begin{bmatrix} > \text{ stapt}:= \text{solve}(\{x1, y1\}, \{x, y\}); \\ stapt := \{x = 0, y = 0\}, \{y = 0, x = 2\}, \{y = \frac{3}{2}, x = 0\}, \{y = \frac{-3}{2}, x = 0\}, \\ \{x = 2 - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{RootOf}(7 + 2 Z^{2} - 8 Z, label = L2), y = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{RootOf}(7 + 2 Z^{2} - 8 Z, label = L2)\} \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

These should be all stationary points. However, the fourth point is on the negative part of the y-axis, while the analysis in the text was confined to the first quadrant. The fifth point is a little troublesome, since it is a single expression that stands for two points. \\ \end{bmatrix}

> vecfld:=vector([x1,y1]);

vecfld :=
$$\left[2x \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x \right) - xy, y \left(\frac{9}{4} - y^2 \right) - x^2y \right]$$

L This introduces a single vector expression for the right side of the equation.

Building the Jacobian matrix.

The origin.

> stapt[1];

$$\{x=0, y=0\}$$

[> subs(stapt[1],op(J));

 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{9}{4} \end{bmatrix}$ > eigenvects(%); $[2, 1, \{[1, 0]\}], \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{4}, 1, \{[0, 1]\} \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues are both positive and the eigenvectors point along the axes. The origin is an ordinary source.

On the positive x-axis.

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\begin{bmatrix} > \text{ stapt[2];} & \{y=0, x=2\} \\ > \text{ subs(stapt[2],op(J));} & \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 0 & \frac{-7}{4} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} > \text{ eigenvects(%);} & \\ & \begin{bmatrix} -2, 1, \{[1,0]\}\}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-7}{4}, 1, \{[-8,1]\} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}
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[Two negative eigenvalues. The point is a sink.

On the positive y-axis.

On the negative y-axis.

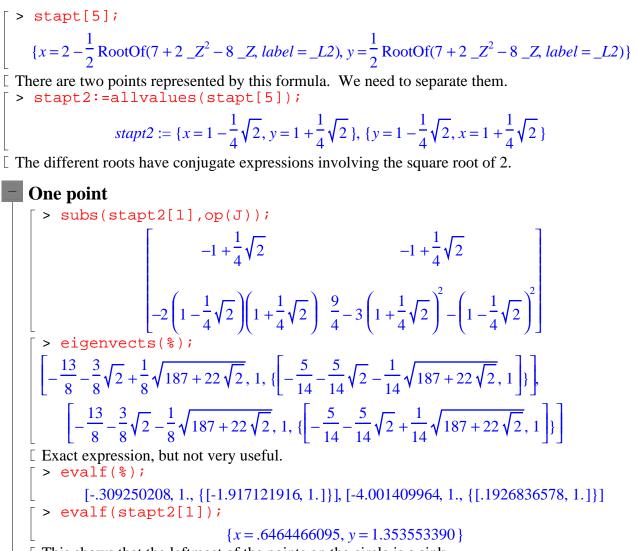
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> stapt[4];
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> subs(stapt[4],op(J));

 $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-9}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ > eigenvects(%); $\left[\frac{7}{2}, 1, \{[1,0]\}\right], \left[\frac{-9}{2}, 1, \{[0,1]\}\right]$

[Another saddle point.

On the circle.



 $\{y = \frac{-3}{2}, x = 0\}$

This shows that the leftmost of the points on the circle is a sink.

The other point. > subs(stapt2[2],op(J)); $-1 - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2} \qquad -1 - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}$ $-2\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}\right) \quad \frac{9}{4} - 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}\right)^{2} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}\right)^{2}\right]$ eigenvects(%); $\frac{13}{8} + \frac{3}{8}\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{8}\sqrt{187 - 22\sqrt{2}}, 1, \left\{ \left[-\frac{5}{14} + \frac{5}{14}\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{14}\sqrt{187 - 22\sqrt{2}}, 1 \right] \right\} \right],$ > eigenvects(%); $\left[-\frac{13}{8} + \frac{3}{8}\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{8}\sqrt{187 - 22\sqrt{2}}, 1, \left\{-\frac{5}{14} + \frac{5}{14}\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{14}\sqrt{187 - 22\sqrt{2}}, 1\right\}\right]$ If you look closely, you will see that the sign of the square root of 2 has changed in all formulas. > evalf(%); $[.466015541, 1., \{[-.7438868450, 1.]\}], [-2.655355369, 1., \{[1.039753675, 1.]\}]$ > evalf(stapt2[2]); $\{x = 1.353553390, y = .6464466095\}$ [This shows that the rightmost point on the circle is a saddle point. [Here is a uniform expression for the Jacobian matrix at the two points. > simplify(subs(stapt[5],op(J))); $-2 + \frac{1}{2}$ RootOf(7 + 2 _Z² - 8 _Z, *label* = _L2), $-2 + \frac{1}{2}$ RootOf(7 + 2 _Z² - 8 _Z, *label* = _L2) $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{7}{4}, \frac{7}{4} - 2 \operatorname{RootOf}(7 + 2 Z^2 - 8 Z, label = L2) \end{bmatrix}$

Regions in the first quadrant.

Region A. A triangular region along the positive y-axis

Arrows on the boundary of the region point down and to the right. If you have a computer, another approach is to find an interior point and evaluate the diection field there.

> subs({x=3/2,y=1/4},op(vecfld));

 $\left\lfloor \frac{3}{8}, \frac{-1}{64} \right\rfloor$

Note the first entry is positive (to the right) and the second is negative (down). The left side of the region is a trajectory. On the other two sides, the arrows point into the region. The point on the positive y-axis was a saddle: solutions approach the point along the axis, but are repelled horizonally. The point at the right end of the base is the leftmost point on the circle, which we saw to be a sink. There would be trouble if this were not the case, since we have found many ways into the region, but no way out. This poit is the way out. There is one more feature to describe. Some points are on paths entering along the line at the top; others ar on paths entering along the circle on the bottom. The boundary between these types is a separatrix connecting the two stationary vertices of the region.

