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Fixed points

Definition. Fixed point

For a flow on \mathbb{R}^n $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$, \mathbf{x} is a **fixed point** if $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$.

[1]

| | sign of real part of eigenvalues | | stability |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| | all 0 | | |
| hyperbolic | all > 0 | source | unstable |
| hyperbolic | all < 0 | sink | asymptotically stable |
| hyperbolic | mixed but $\neq 0$ | saddle | unstable |
| | mixed with 0 | | |

for $n = 2$

| | sign of real part of eigenvalues | | stability | complex parts are all 0, so $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ | complex parts are $\neq 0$, so $\lambda \pm \mu$ | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| | both 0 | | | | stable center | |
| hyperbolic | both > 0 | source | unstable | | unstable spiral | |
| hyperbolic | both < 0 | sink | asymptotically stable | | stable spiral | |

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| hyperbolic | mixed but $\neq 0$ | saddle | unstable | | (not possible) | |
| | mixed with 0 | | | | (not possible) | |

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