

# LECTURE 5: Non-Linear 2D Systems

(CH. 4.1)

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Start with the general 2D dynamical system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x, y) \\ \dot{y} &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

one suppose that  $(x^*, y^*)$  is a fixed point:

i.e.  $f(x^*, y^*) = 0$   
 $g(x^*, y^*) = 0$

We expand  $f$  and  $g$  about  $(x^*, y^*)$  in a Taylor series:

Let  $u = x - x^*$  with  $u, v$  small  
 $v = y - y^*$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{u} = \dot{x} = f(x, y) = f(x^* + u, y^* + v)$$

and  $\dot{v} = \dot{y} = g(x, y) = g(x^* + u, y^* + v)$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{u} = f(x^*, y^*) + u \overbrace{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)}^{f_x} \Big|_{x^*, y^*} + v \overbrace{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)}^{f_y} \Big|_{x^*, y^*} + \dots$$

$$\text{and } \dot{v} = g(x^*, y^*) + u \overbrace{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right)}^{g_x} \Big|_{x^*, y^*} + v \overbrace{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\right)}^{g_y} \Big|_{x^*, y^*} + \dots$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\underline{J} = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix} = \text{JACOBIAN MATRIX}$

## NOTES

1).  $\underline{J} = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix}$  is the jacobian around the point  $(x^*, y^*)$

You must evaluate  $\underline{J}$  around each fixed point to find their behaviour.

2) This only works for saddlepoints, nodes, and spirals.

The edge cases: centers, stars, and degenerate nodes are  $O(u^2, v^2)$ , and you need to examine higher-order terms in the Taylor series.

# Model of two interacting populations

≡ Lotka-Volterra model

≡ Predator-Prey "

≡ Rabbits - Foxes "

Let  $x = \#$  rabbits

$y = \#$  sheep

and assume rabbits breed faster than sheep,  
and they compete to eat grass.

$$\dot{x} = x (3 - x - y)$$

*Bigger for rabbits*

$$\dot{y} = y (2 - y - x)$$

*competition*

*Logistic growth*

NB  $x, y \geq 0$  as they are populations!

Where are the fixed points?

$(0, 0)$  is clearly one. cp  $\dot{N} = N \cdot R(N)$  from lecture 2.

If  $x = 0, y = 2$  is another:  $(0, 2)$

If  $y = 0, x = 3$  " " :  $(3, 0)$

Are there any more? Use the nullclines to find out.

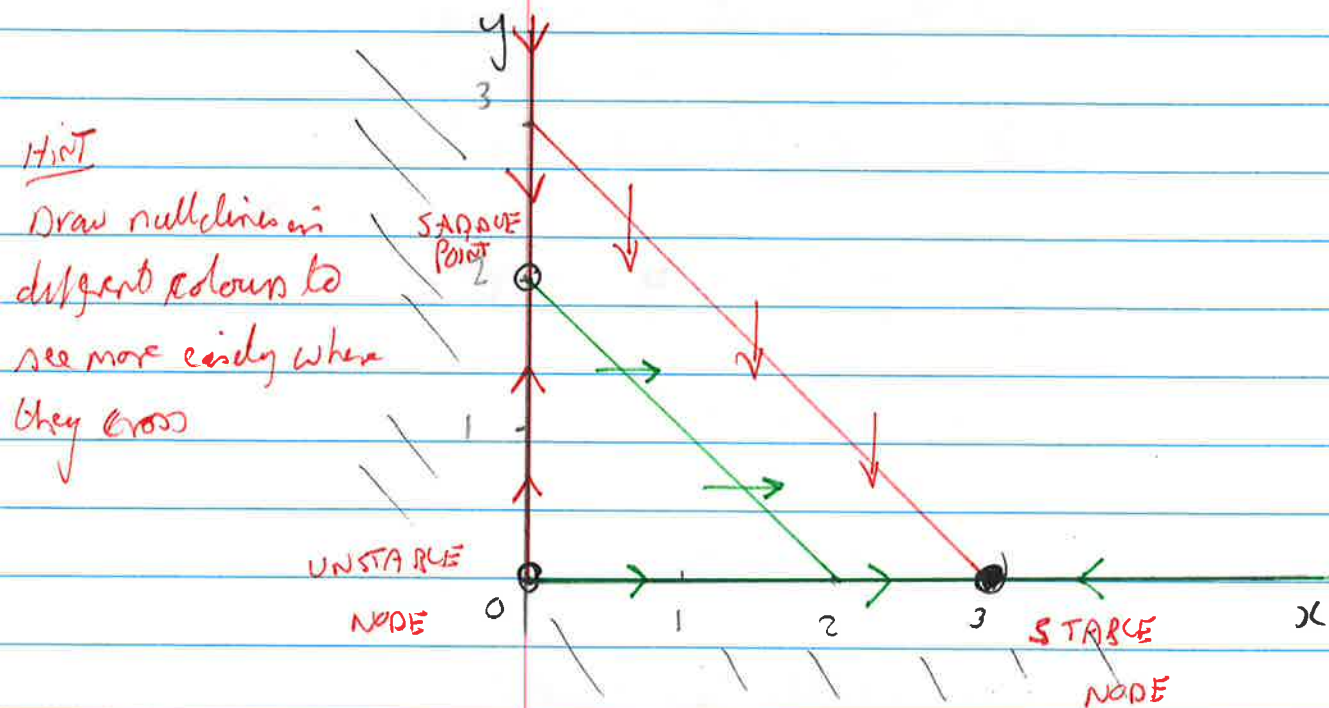
Find the nullclines

$$\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow x \cdot (3 - x - y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x = 0 \text{ or } y = 3 - x} \quad \text{NB Two curves!}$$

$$\dot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow y \cdot (2 - y - x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y = 0 \text{ or } y = 2 - x}$$



Fixed points are where the nullclines intersect (not necessarily at the origin now!)

We see that  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(3, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$  are only F.P.s

What is the direction of the vector field along the nullclines?

x nullcline 1)  $\dot{x} = 0 ; x = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{y} (\text{along } x=0) = y/(2-y)$

$> 0$  for  $y < 2$

$< 0$  for  $y > 2$

2)  $y = 3 - x \Rightarrow \dot{y} = (3-x)/(2 - (3-x) - x)$

$= (3-x)/(-1) = x-3$

$> 0$  for  $x > 3$

$< 0$  for  $x < 3$

y nullcline 1)  $\dot{y} = 0, y = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x} (\text{along } y=0) = x/(3-x)$

$> 0$  for  $x < 3$

$< 0$  for  $x > 3$

2)  $y = 2 - x \Rightarrow \dot{x} = x/(3-x - (2-x))$

$= x/(1) \quad > 0$  for  $x > 0$

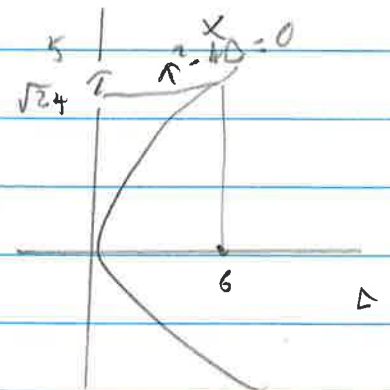
Now add arrows to the nullclines in the phase portrait.

Next analyze each fixed point using the Jacobian at the FP.

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-y-2x & -x \\ -y & 2-x-2y \end{pmatrix}$$

1)  $(0,0)$

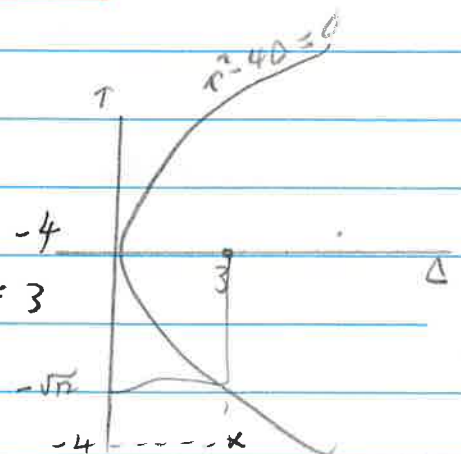
$$J|_{(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \tau = 5 \\ \Delta = 6$$



$\therefore$  unstable node at  $(0,0)$

2)  $(3,0)$

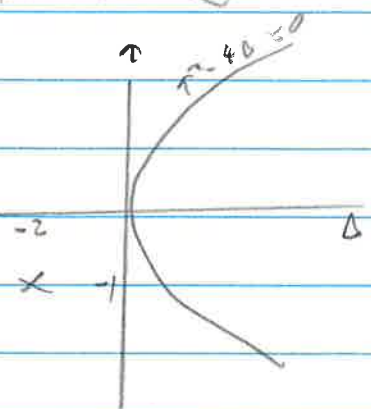
$$J|_{(3,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \tau = -4 \\ \Delta = 3$$



$\therefore$  stable node at  $(3,0)$

3)  $(0,2)$

$$J|_{(0,2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \tau = -1 \\ \Delta = -2$$



$\therefore$  saddle point at  $(0,2)$

(Label/color FPs in the phase portrait).

Find eigenvalues/eigenvectors for each F.P.

$$1) \quad |0,0) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(2-\lambda) = 0 \quad \therefore \lambda = 2, 3$$

Eigenvectors:

$$\lambda = 2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = 0 \quad \therefore v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 3 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -v_2 = 0 \quad \therefore v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

slow eigenvector

fast eigenvector

$$2) \quad |3,0) \quad \begin{vmatrix} -3-\lambda & -3 \\ 0 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-3-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+\lambda)(3+\lambda) = 0 \quad \therefore \lambda = -1, -3$$

Eigenvektoren:

$$\lambda = -1 \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{array} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2u_1 - 3u_2 = 0 \quad \therefore u_2 = -\frac{2}{3}u_1 \quad \therefore \underline{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -3 \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{array} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3u_2 = 0 \quad \therefore u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2/3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

slow eigenvector

Fast eigenvector

$$3) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ -2 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\therefore \underline{\lambda = 1, -2}$$

Eigenvektoren:

$$\lambda = 1 \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{array} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2u_1 - 3u_2 = 0 \quad \therefore u_2 = -\frac{2}{3}u_1$$

$$\lambda = -2 \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 0 & u_1 \\ -2 & 0 & u_2 \end{array} \right) = 0$$

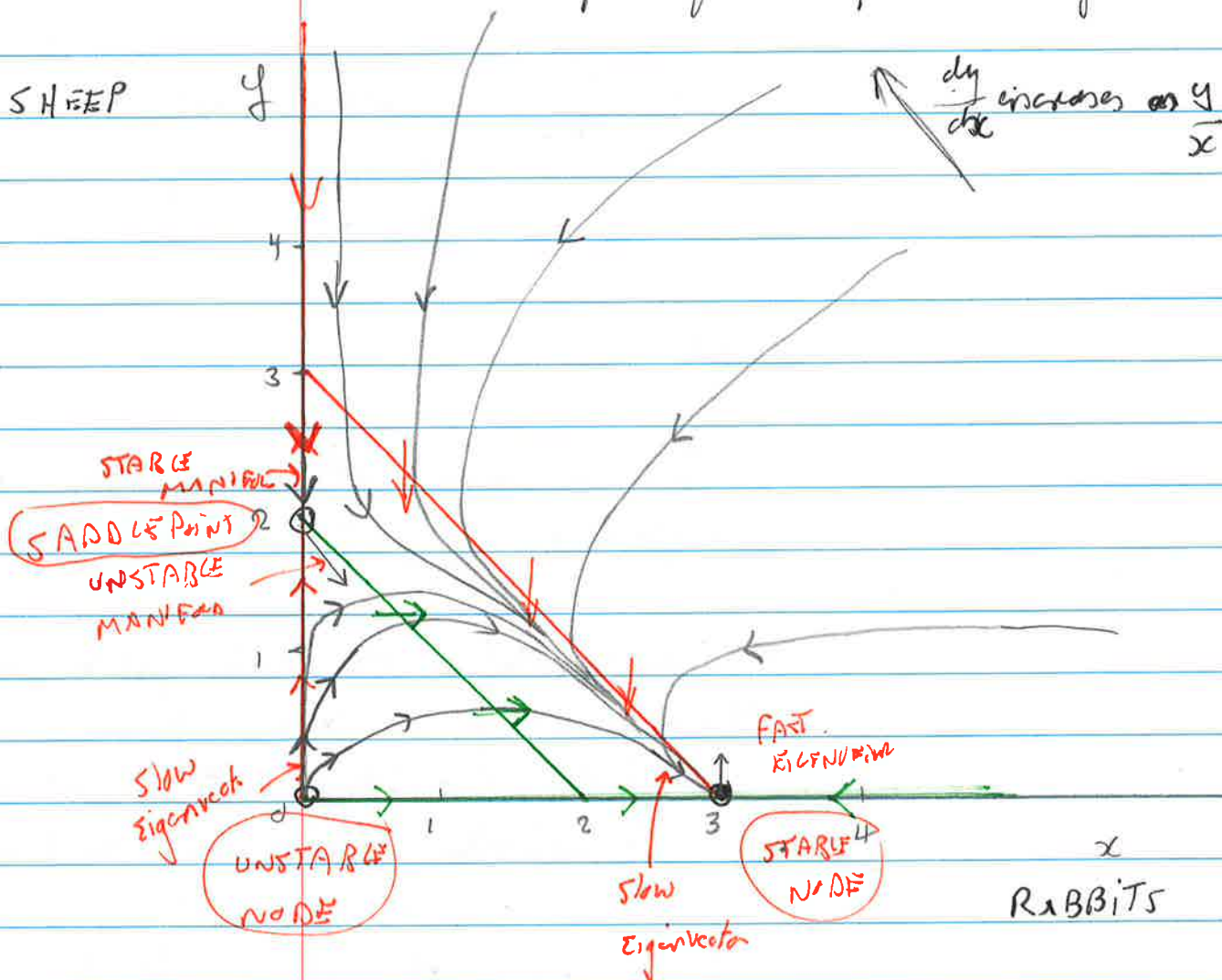
$$\Rightarrow 3u_1 = 0 \therefore u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

UNSTABLE MANIFOLD

STABLE MANIFOLD

Lets' draw the phase portrait from this information.



conc: sheep go extinct due to pressure from rabbits breeding faster

What are  $\dot{x}, \dot{y}$  for large  $x, y$ ?

$$\dot{x} = x(3 - x - y)$$

$$\dot{y} = y(2 - y - x)$$

$\Rightarrow$  As  $x, y \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} = \frac{y(2 - y - x)}{x(3 - x - y)} \rightarrow \frac{y(-y)}{x(-x)} = \frac{y}{x} > 0$$

and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}}$  so, both  $\dot{x}, \dot{y}$  are negative and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is positive

## NOTES

1. For a non-linear problem, eigenvalues and manifolds are only straight lines close to the F.P.
2. When calculating the vector field far from the origin (e.g.  $x, y \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $dy/dx$  is the slope of the trajectory with respect to  $x$  (axis), not the direction of time along the trajectory.
3. The only stable node is at  $(3, 0)$  the rabbits dominate and sheep go extinct!

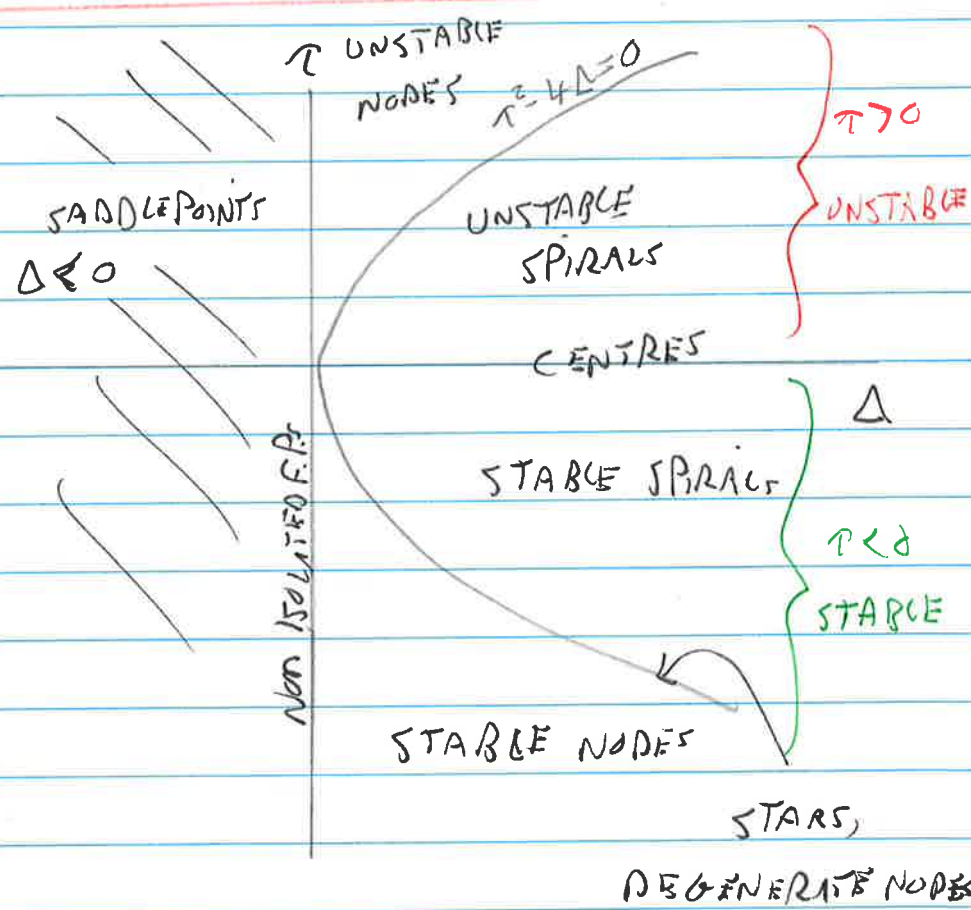
## 2) Linear Reife (Side Blackboard)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = ax + by \\ \dot{y} = cx + dy \end{cases} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau = \text{Tr } M = a + d$$

$$\Delta = \det. M = ad - bc$$

$$\text{Then: } \underline{x}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \underline{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \underline{v}_2$$



You find the type and stability of the fixed point first from  $\tau, \Delta$ .

## Recipe for solving any 2D linear system

1 Given  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = ax + b \\ \dot{y} = cx + d \end{cases} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

2 Find  $\tau = \text{Tr } M = a + b$

$$\Delta = \det M = ad - bc$$

Draw the  $\tau, \Delta$  plot and find point  $(\Delta, \tau)$  x-axis y-axis

and read off the type and stability of the F.P.  
(Stop here if all you need is F.P.)

3 Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $M$ .

4 Find the nullclines:  $x$  nullcline is  $\dot{x} = 0$   
 $y$  nullcline is  $\dot{y} = 0$ .

And find the direction of the vector field along the nullclines.

5 Draw the nullclines, eigenvectors and some representative trajectories on the phase portrait.  
(Stop here if you only need a qualitative solution.)

6 Write the general solution as:

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \underline{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \underline{v}_2$$

and find  $c_1, c_2$  from the initial point  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \underline{v}_1 + c_2 \underline{v}_2$$