

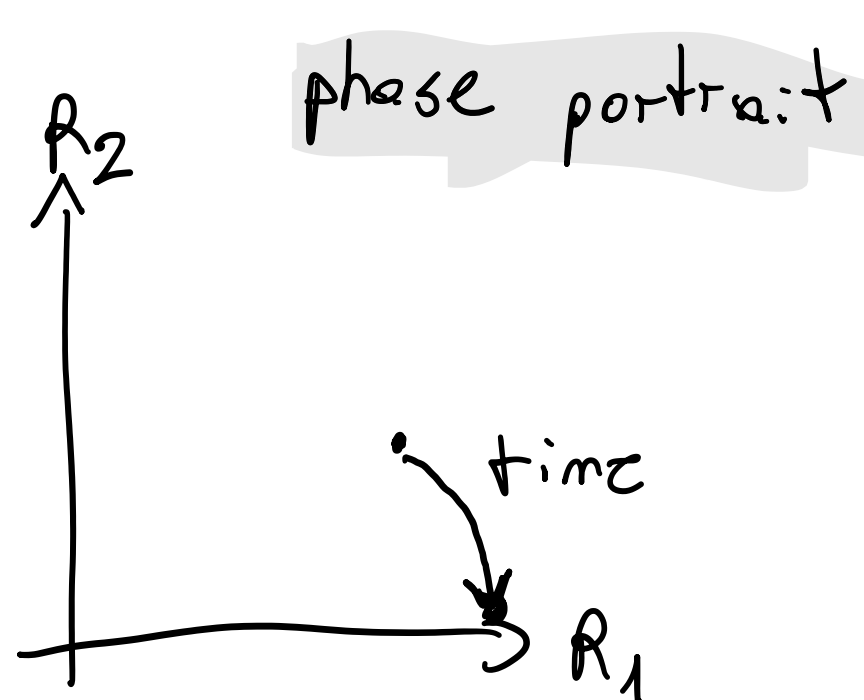
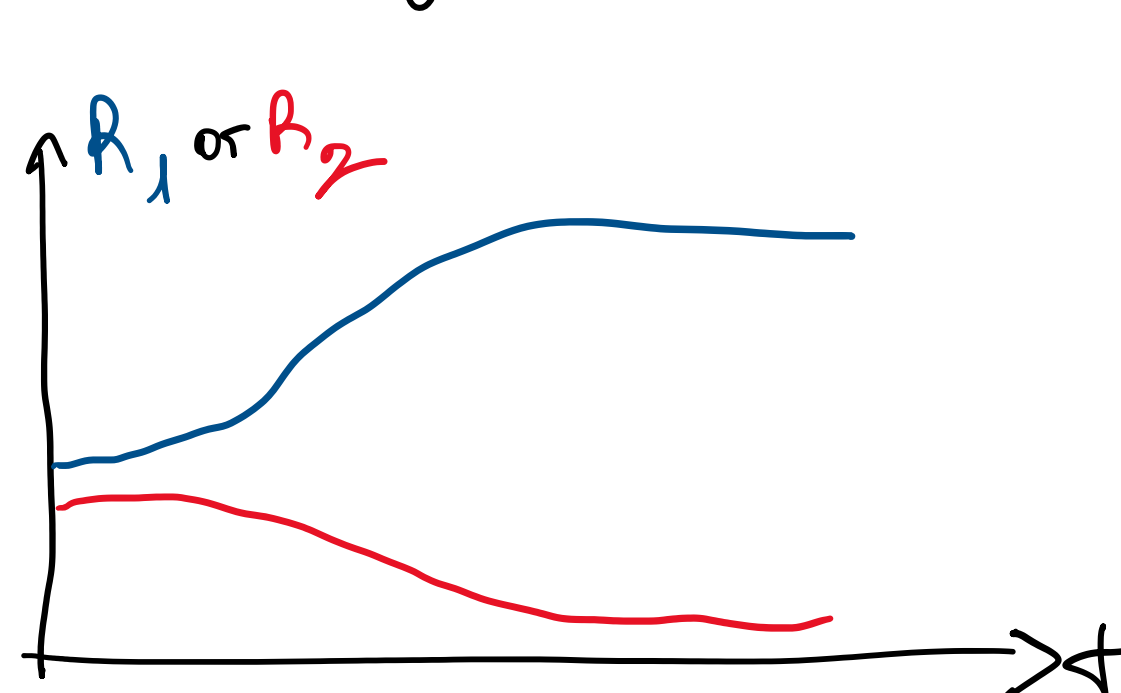
We start w/ our non-dimensional eqns. for mutual repression

$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_1}{d\tilde{t}} = \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + 2\tilde{r}_2 + \tilde{r}_2^2 \omega} - \tilde{r}_1$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_2}{d\tilde{t}} = \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + 2\tilde{r}_1 + \tilde{r}_1^2 \omega} - \tilde{r}_2$$

with
 $\tilde{t} = t \cdot \gamma$
 $\tilde{r}_1 = \frac{R_1}{k_d}$ $\tilde{r}_2 = \frac{R_2}{k_d}$
 $\tilde{r} = \frac{r}{k_d \gamma}$

What can we learn about the system's dynamics w/o doing much math/simulations?



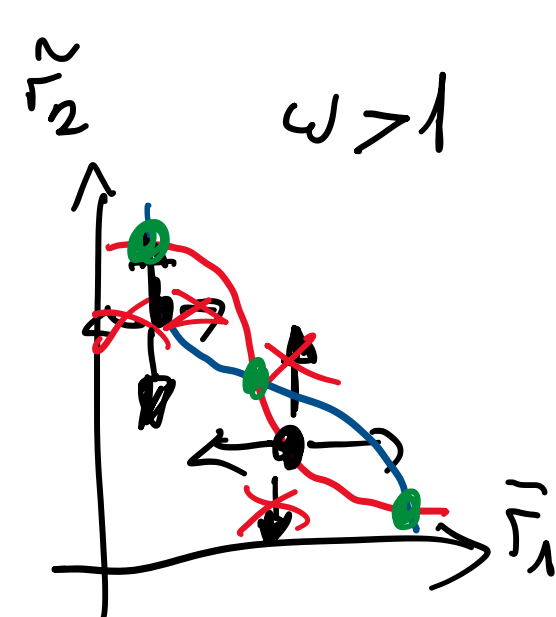
Calculate the nullclines

Nullclines

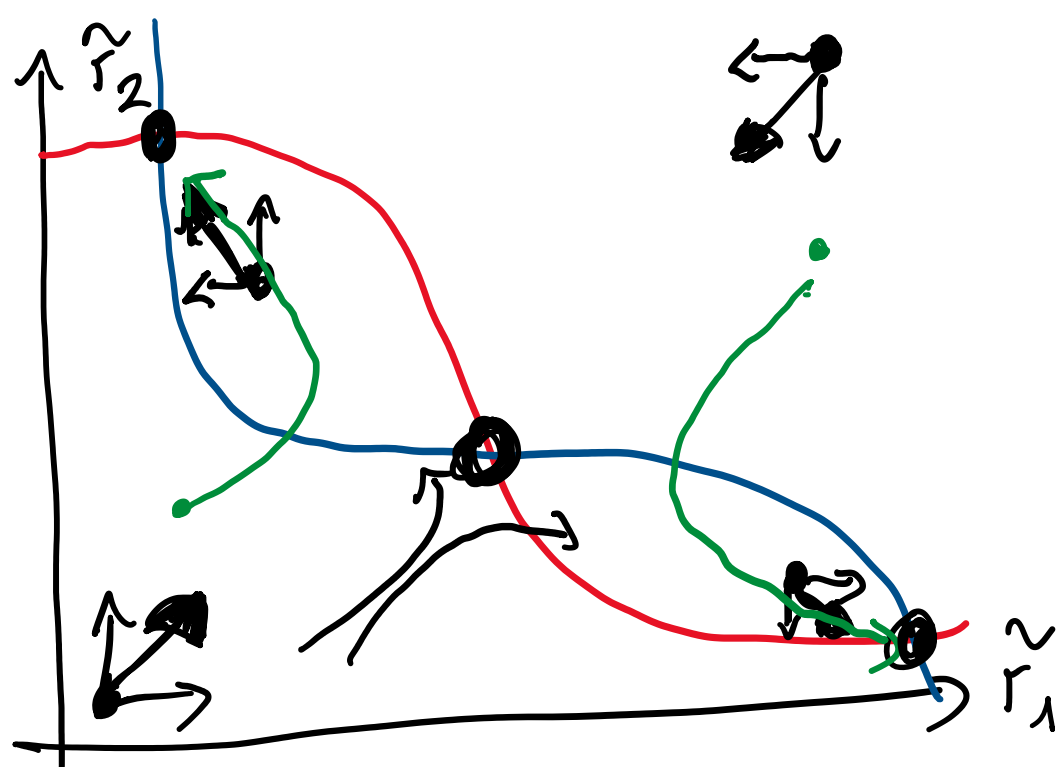
$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_1}{d\tilde{t}} = 0 = \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + 2\tilde{r}_2 + \tilde{r}_2^2 \omega} - \tilde{r}_1$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_2}{d\tilde{t}} = 0 = \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + 2\tilde{r}_1 + \tilde{r}_1^2 \omega} - \tilde{r}_2$$

$$\tilde{r}_2 = \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + 2\tilde{r}_1 + \tilde{r}_1^2 \omega}$$



Phase portrait



$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_1}{d\tilde{t}} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_2}{d\tilde{t}} = 0$$

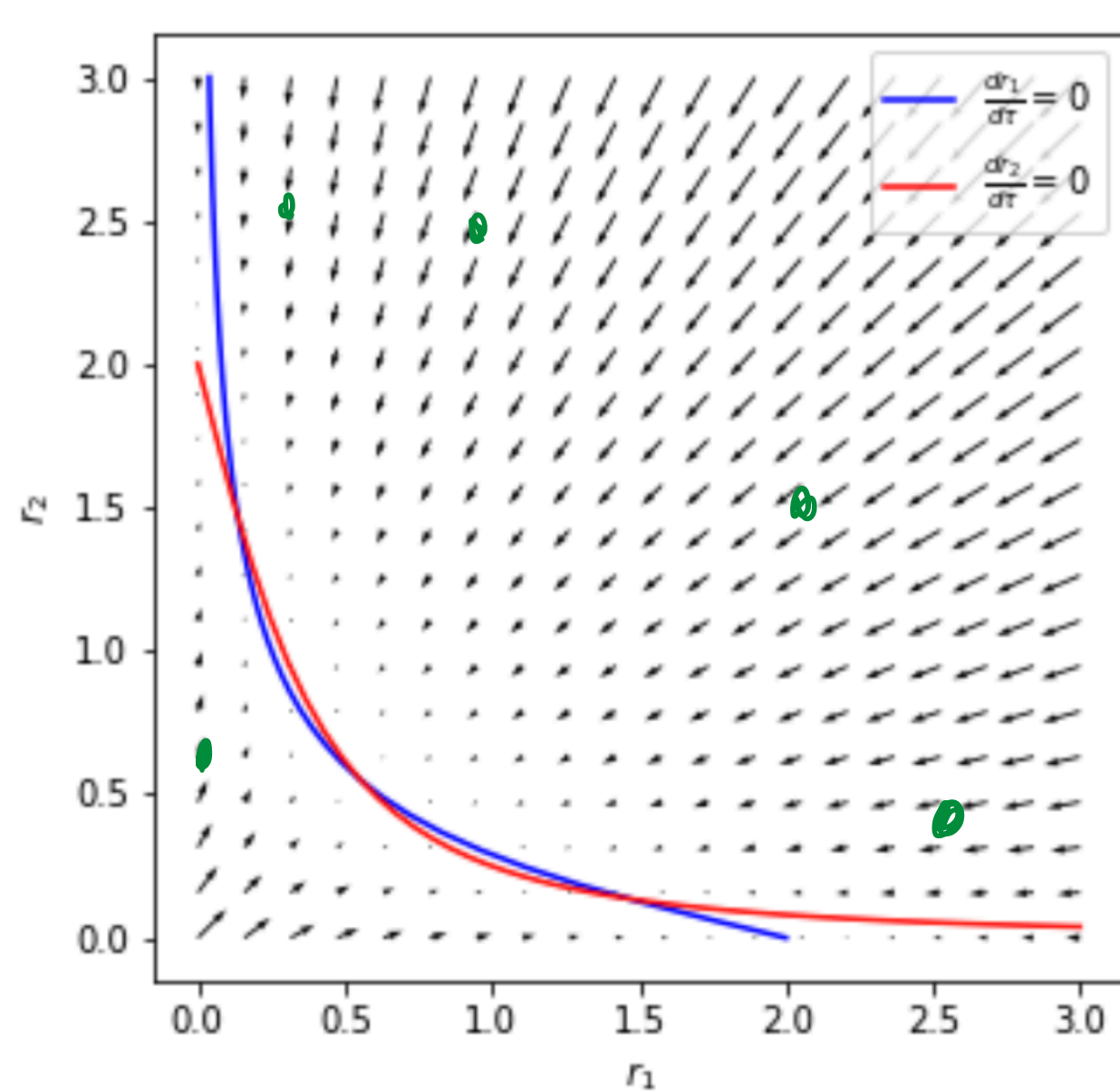
if \tilde{r}_1, \tilde{r}_2 are large

$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_1}{d\tilde{t}} < 0 \quad \frac{d\tilde{r}_2}{d\tilde{t}} < 0$$

if $\tilde{r}_1, \tilde{r}_2 \approx 0$

$$\frac{d\tilde{r}_1}{d\tilde{t}} > 0 \quad \frac{d\tilde{r}_2}{d\tilde{t}} > 0$$

We computed the vector field in Python



- Calculate $\tilde{r}_1(t)$ and $\tilde{r}_2(t)$ given some init cond and given $\omega = 5$ $\tilde{r} = 2$

- Plot $\tilde{r}_1(t)$ and $\tilde{r}_2(t)$

- Plot $(\tilde{r}_1, \tilde{r}_2)$ on the phase portrait

$$\tilde{r}_1(\tilde{t} + \Delta\tilde{t}) = \tilde{r}_1(\tilde{t}) + \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + 2\tilde{r}_2(\tilde{t}) + \tilde{r}_2^2(\tilde{t})\omega} \cdot \Delta\tilde{t} - \tilde{r}_1(\tilde{t}) \Delta\tilde{t}$$

$$\tilde{r}_2(\tilde{t} + \Delta\tilde{t}) = \tilde{r}_2(\tilde{t}) + \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + 2\tilde{r}_1(\tilde{t}) + \tilde{r}_1^2(\tilde{t})\omega} \cdot \Delta\tilde{t} - \tilde{r}_2(\tilde{t}) \Delta\tilde{t}$$