

## Critical function analysis

Suppose the strategy  $\xi$  is two-dimensional:  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Suppose further that  $x, z$  are not independent of one-another, but that they are connected via a trade-off such that  $z = \varphi(x)$  for some  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

### Examples:

- ① In the cannibalism time-budget model, the attack rate  $\beta$  is a function of the proportion  $x$  of time spent attacking others.
- ② In the cycling predators paper, the conversion constant  $\gamma$  is a function of the handling time  $h$ .

We can write the invasion fitness as

$$\textcircled{1} \quad s_x(y) = f(y, \varphi(y), x, \varphi(x))$$

If  $\varphi$  is known, we find the singular strategies from

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 0 = \partial_1 f + \partial_2 f \varphi' \quad \text{evaluated at } y=x$$

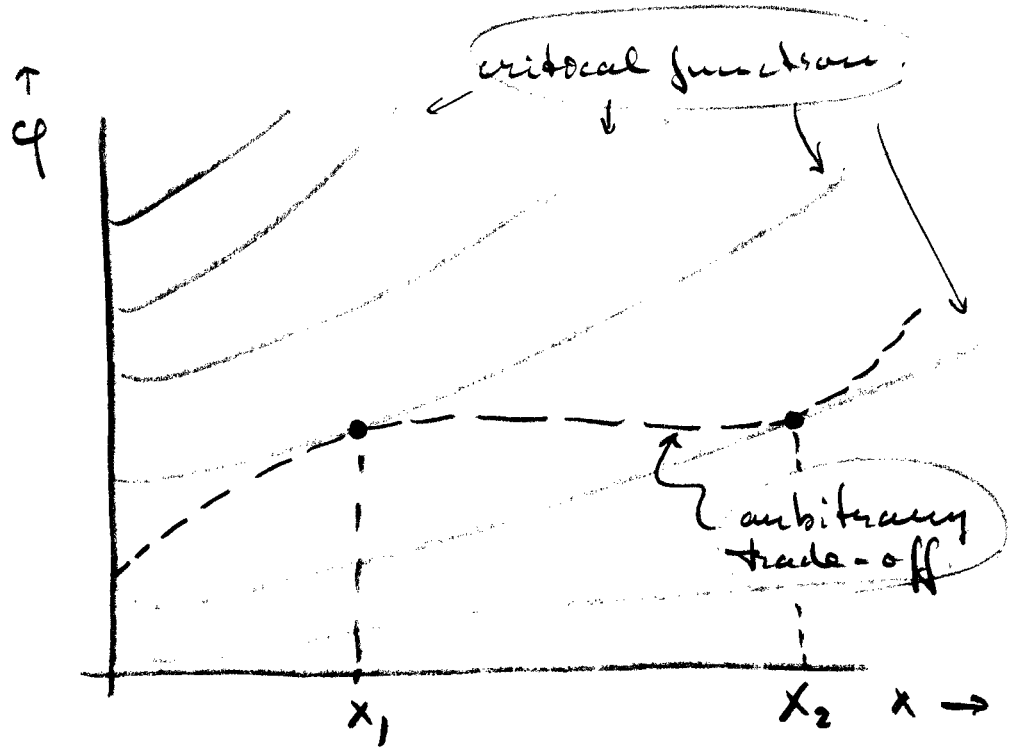
If  $\varphi$  is not known, and we want to know how the evolution depends on  $\varphi$ , consider  $\textcircled{2}$  as an ODE for  $\varphi$ .

Solving for  $\varphi$  we get a family of solutions  $\{\varphi_c\}$  which all satisfy  $\textcircled{2}$  for every  $x$ .

So, if we choose  $\varphi = \varphi_c$  for any choice of  $c$ , then all  $x$  are singular.

The functions  $\varphi_c$  are called critical functions (or trade-offs).

If we plot the critical functions in the  $(x, \varphi)$ -plane, we can immediately see, for any arbitrary trade off, which  $x$  are singular, and whether they are attracting or repelling.



(a) Whenever a given trade-off is tangent to a critical function, we have a singularity for that trade-off. (so,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are singular) in above figure

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⑥ If  $\partial_2^2 f > 0$ , then the singularity is attracting (repelling) if at the tangent point the trade-off is relatively concave (convex) with respect to the critical function.

( If  $\partial_2^2 f < 0$ , then it is the other way around. )

Point ① should be obvious: at the point of tangency, ② is satisfied for the given trade off.

Point ⑥ becomes clear if one looks at the sign of the selection gradient

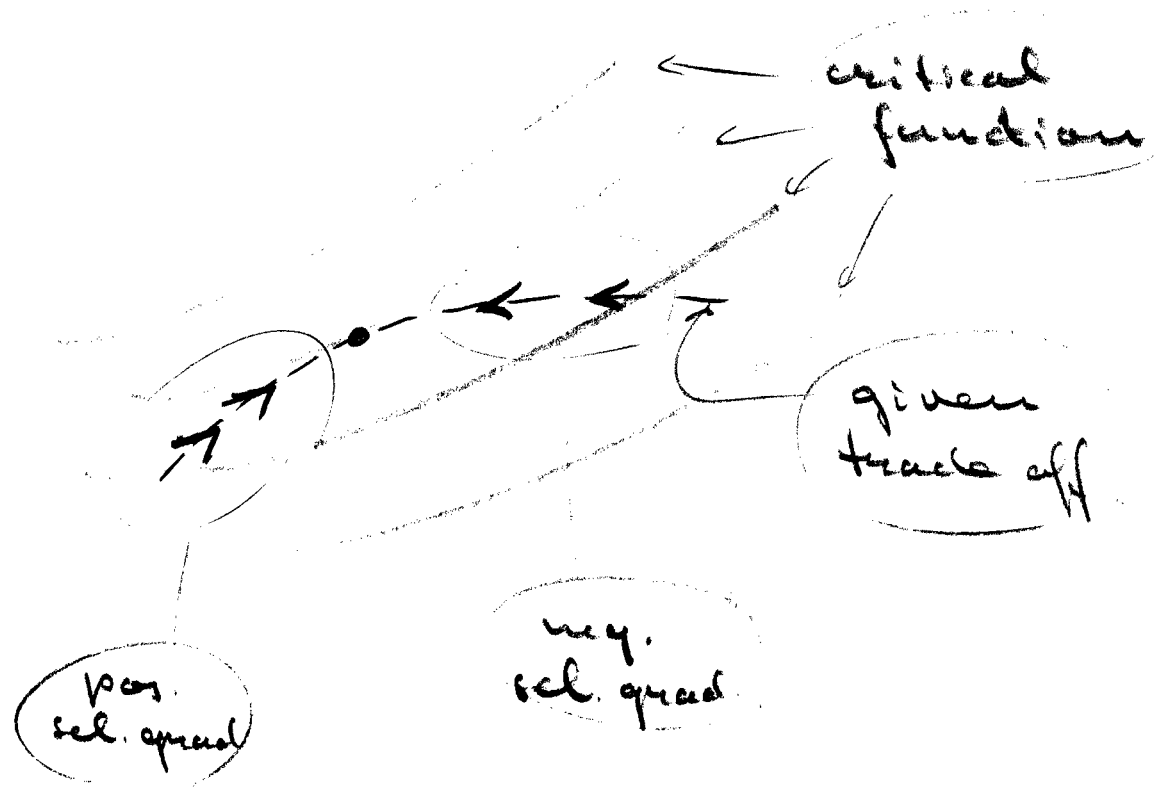
$$\partial_y S_x(y) \Big|_{y=x} = \partial_1 f + \partial_2 f \varphi' \stackrel{(\ast)}{> 0} \iff$$

$$\varphi' \stackrel{(\ast)}{> 0} - \frac{\partial_1 f}{\partial_2 f}$$

(for  $\partial_2^2 f > 0$ ).

← which is the slope of the critical function everywhere

So, if  $\partial_2 f > 0$ , and the slope of the given trade-off is larger (smaller) than the slope of the critical functions, then the selection gradient is positive (negative).



⇒ Suppose  $\partial_2 f > 0$  on page 2. Then  $x_1$  is attracting and  $x_2$  is repelling. (if  $\partial_2 f < 0$ , then it is the other way around.)

## Evolutionary branching

Given the critical functions, we can always construct a trade-off that gives us an attracting singularity wherever we want.

Can we make this singularity into a branching point?

(i.e., is branching possible?)

A branching point is characterized by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_y S_x(y) |_{y=x} = 0 \quad (\text{singularity}) \\ c_{22} > 0 \quad (\text{non-ESS}) \\ c_{12} + c_{22} < 0 \quad (\text{attracting}) \end{array} \right.$$

where

$$\left( c_{22} = \partial_{yy} S_x(y) |_{y=x}, \quad c_{12} = \partial_{xy} S_x(y) |_{y=x} \right)$$

⊛

$$C_{22} = \partial_{11}f + 2\partial_{12}f \varphi' + \partial_{22}f (\varphi')^2 + \partial_2 f \varphi''$$

and

$$C_{12} = \partial_{13}f + \partial_{14}f \varphi' + \partial_{23}f \varphi' + \partial_{24}f (\varphi')'$$

Note, that if we fix the position of the singularity and whether it is attracting, we fix the slope  $\varphi'$  at the singularity, and hence we fix  $C_{12}$ .

However,  $C_{22}$  can still be varied by varying the local curvature  $\varphi''$ .

Suppose that  $C_{12} < 0$ . Then, for small  $C_{22} > 0$  we still have  $C_{12} + C_{22} < 0$ , and hence we have a branching point.

Suppose  $\partial_2 f > 0$ , then we can make  $C_{22}$  slightly positive

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(and hence create a branching point) by making  $\varphi'' > 0$  sufficiently large (convex), (but not too large, because then the singularity becomes repelling).

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If  $|\partial_2 f| < 0$ , we must make  $\varphi$  sufficiently concave to get a branching point, but not too concave, otherwise we get that  $c_{12} + c_{22} > 0$ , i.e., we've got a repeller.

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### Conclusion

- If  $c_{12} < 0$ , we can choose a trade-off  $\varphi$  such that we get branching.
- If  $c_{12} > 0$ , then we cannot have branching, because  $c_{12} + c_{22} > 0$  (repelling) for  $c_{22} > 0$ .



Plot in the  $(x, \varphi)$  - plane  
where  $c_{12} < 0$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 c_{12} &\stackrel{(p.7)}{=} \partial_{13}f + \partial_{14}f\varphi' + \partial_{23}f\varphi' + \partial_{24}f(\varphi')^2 \\
 \varphi' &\stackrel{(p.2)}{=} -\frac{\partial_1 f}{\partial_2 f}
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_{12} = \partial_{13}f - (\partial_{14}f + \partial_{23}f) \frac{\partial_1 f}{\partial_2 f} + \partial_{24}f \left( \frac{\partial_1 f}{\partial_2 f} \right)^2$$

which is a function of  $(x, \varphi)$ .

Plot the zero-contour  
of  $c_{12}$  in the  $(x, \varphi)$  plane.

# Example: Cannibalism time budget.

## Critical function analysis:

Reset:

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In[22]:= Clear[α, β, γ, δ, ε, r, k];
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## Critical functions:

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In[23]:= dsmo[x] == 0;
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**Simplify[%]**

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Out[24]= (r (-γ δ + k α γ ε + x (-δ + γ δ - k α γ ε)) β[x] +
  (-1 + x) (k α2 δ ε + r x γ (δ + k (-1 + x) α ε) β'[x])) /
  ((-1 + x) (k (-1 + x) α2 ε + r x (-1 + γ) β[x])) == 0
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In[25]:= DSolve[dsmo[x] == 0, β[x], x];
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**Simplify[%]**

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Out[26]= {{β[x] →  $\frac{1}{r x (-1 + \gamma)} (\delta + k (-1 + x) \alpha \epsilon)^{-1/\gamma} \left( r (-1 + x)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} (-1 + \gamma) \delta C[1] - k (-1 + x) \alpha \epsilon \left( \alpha (\delta + k (-1 + x) \alpha \epsilon)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} - r (-1 + x)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} (-1 + \gamma) C[1] \right) \right)}}$ 
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In[27]:= βcrit[x_] :=
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$$\frac{1}{r x (-1 + \gamma)} (\delta + k (-1 + x) \alpha \epsilon)^{-1/\gamma} \left( r (-1 + x)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} (-1 + \gamma) \delta C[1] - k (-1 + x) \alpha \epsilon \left( \alpha (\delta + k (-1 + x) \alpha \epsilon)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} - r (-1 + x)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} (-1 + \gamma) C[1] \right) \right);$$

## Default parameter values:

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In[28]:= α = 1; γ = 0.2; δ = 0.1; ε = 0.1; r = 1; k = 10;
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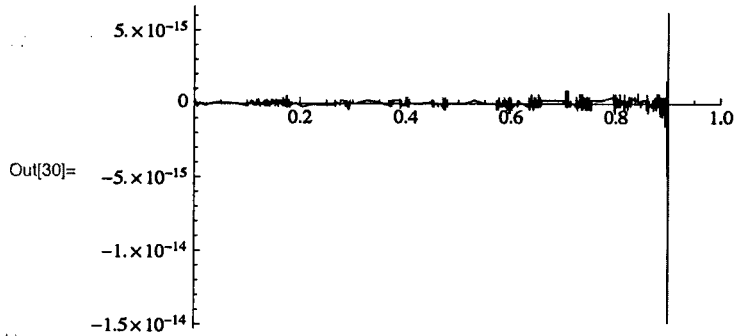
**Test critical functions:**

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In[29]:=  $\beta[x\_]$  :=  $\beta_{crit}[x]$ ;

Plot[If[(n[x] /. {C[1] → -1}) > 0, dsmo[x] /. {C[1] → -1}],
{x, 0, 1}, PlotRange → {{0, 1}, All}]

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**Plot critical functions:**

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In[31]:= Limit[beta_crit[x], x → 0]

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Out[31]= DirectedInfinity[(-1. + 0. i) - (1.21933 + 0. i) C[1]]

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In[32]:= Solve[(-1. + 0. i) - (1.2193263222069808 + 0. i) C[1] ==
0, C[1]]

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Out[32]= {{C[1] → -0.820125 + 0. i}}

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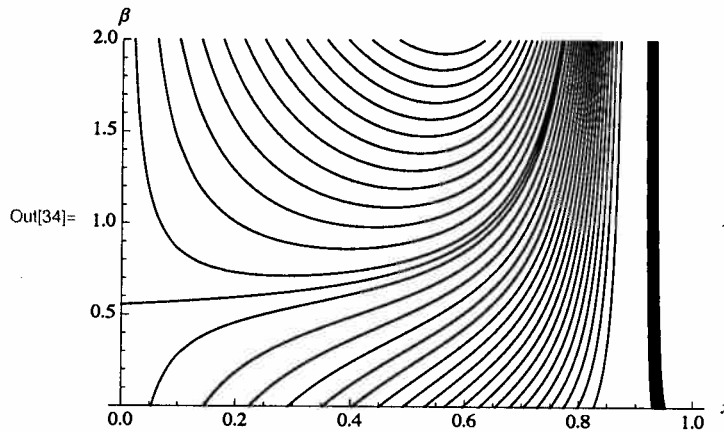
In[33]:= crit =
Plot[
beta_crit[x] /.
{C[1] → Join[{-0.8201249999999999},
Table[-i/25, {i, 1, 50}]}], {x, 0, 1},
AxesOrigin → {0, 0}, PlotRange → {0, 2},
AxesLabel → {x, beta}, PlotStyle → {Black}];

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In[34]:= Show[crit]
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Branching possible?

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In[124]:= RRes = - 
$$\frac{k (\alpha \delta - r xRes (-1 + \gamma) \beta Res)}{k (-1 + xRes) \alpha^2 \epsilon + r xRes (-1 + \gamma) \beta Res};$$

(* resource density *)
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nRes = 
$$-\frac{r (\delta + k (-1 + xRes) \alpha \epsilon)}{(-1 + xRes) (k (-1 + xRes) \alpha^2 \epsilon + r xRes (-1 + \gamma) \beta Res)};$$

(* population density *)
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f = 
$$\epsilon \alpha (1 - xMut) RRes - \delta + \gamma \beta Mut xMut (1 - xRes) nRes - (1 - xMut) \beta Res xRes nRes;$$

(* invasion fitness *)
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d1f = (D[f, xMut]) /. {xMut -> xRes, betaMut -> betaRes};
d2f = (D[f, betaMut]) /. {xMut -> xRes, betaMut -> betaRes};
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d13f = (D[f, xMut, xRes]) /. {xMut -> xRes, betaMut -> betaRes};
d14f = (D[f, xMut, betaRes]) /. {xMut -> xRes, betaMut -> betaRes};
d23f = (D[f, betaMut, xRes]) /. {xMut -> xRes, betaMut -> betaRes};
d24f = (D[f, betaMut, betaRes]) /. {xMut -> xRes, betaMut -> betaRes};
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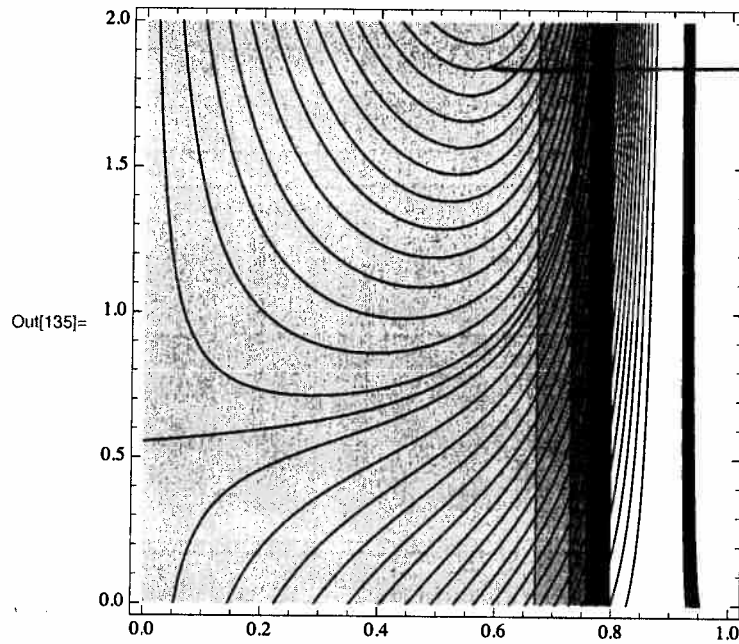
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c12 = 
$$d13f - (d14f + d23f) \frac{d1f}{d2f} + d24f \left( \frac{d1f}{d2f} \right)^2;$$

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branch = ContourPlot[If[nRes > 0, c12], {xRes, 0, 1},
  {betaRes, 0, 2}, PlotPoints -> 50];
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Show[branch, crit]
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Superimpose  $\beta$  on the critical functions:

Case as we had in the PIP above:

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 $\beta[x_] := \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^p; \beta_0 = 0.185; \beta_1 = 1.5; p = 1;$ 
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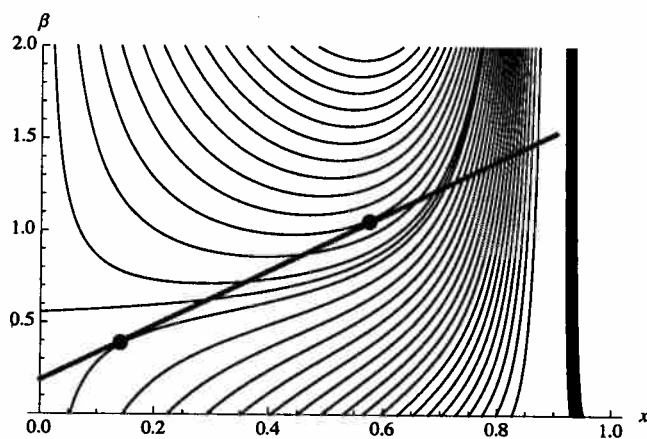
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 $\betaNES = \text{Plot}[\text{If}[\text{dds}_{mo}[x] > 0 \&\& n[x] > 0, \beta[x]], \{x, 0, 1\}, \text{PlotStyle} \rightarrow \{\text{Red}, \text{Thick}\}];$ 
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 $\betaES = \text{Plot}[\text{If}[\text{dds}_{mo}[x] \leq 0 \&\& n[x] > 0, \beta[x]], \{x, 0, 1\}, \text{PlotStyle} \rightarrow \{\text{Black}, \text{Thick}\}];$ 
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Show[crit,  $\betaNES$ ,  $\betaES$ ]
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Case with three singular strategies:

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β[x_] := 2 - 9 (0.03 + x)p (1 - x)q; p = 1; q = 2.5;
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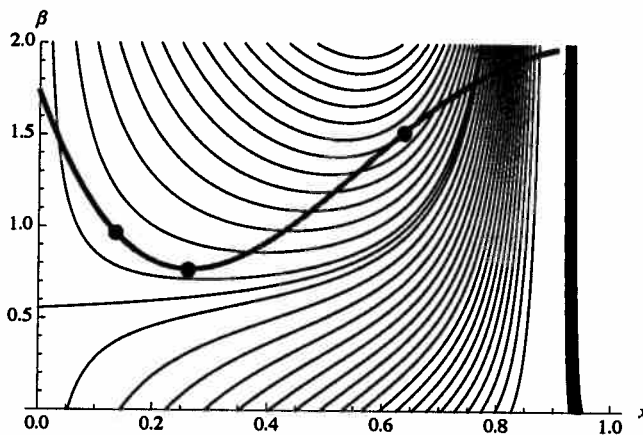
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βNES = Plot[If[ddsmo[x] > 0 && n[x] > 0, β[x]],  
  {x, 0, 1}, PlotStyle → {Red, Thick}];
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βES = Plot[If[ddsmo[x] ≤ 0 && n[x] > 0, β[x]], {x, 0, 1},  
  PlotStyle → {Black, Thick}];
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Show[crit, βNES, βES]
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Pairwise invadability plot for the latter case:

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PIPbnd = ContourPlot[If[n[x] > 0, smo[x, y]],  
  {x, 0, 1}, {y, 0, 1}, Contours → {0},  
  ContourStyle → {Black, Thick},  
  ContourShading → False, PlotPoints → 100];
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PIPint = DensityPlot[  
  If[smo[x, y] > 0 && n[x] > 0, smo[x, y]], {x, 0, 1},  
  {y, 0, 1}, PlotPoints → 50];
```

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nPos = ContourPlot[n[x], {x, 0, 1}, {y, 0, 1},  
  Contours → {0}, ContourStyle → {Black, Thick},  
  ContourShading → False, PlotPoints → 10];
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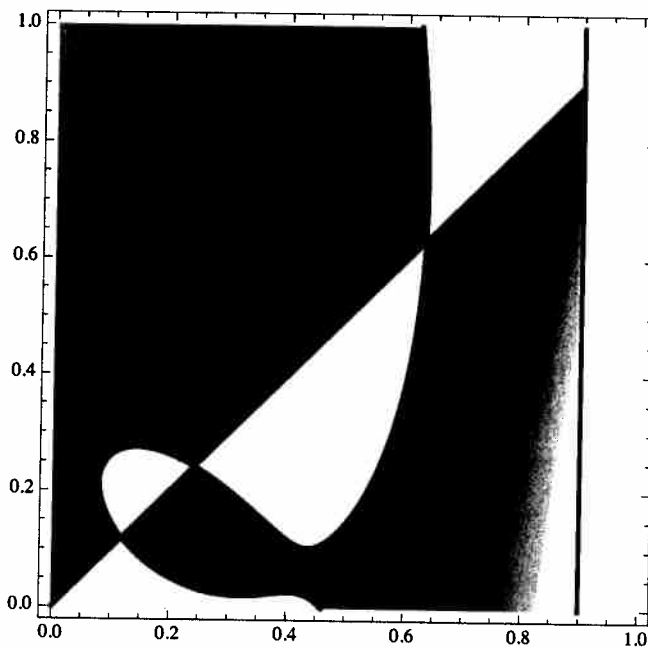
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Follows

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Show[PIPint, PIPbnd, nPos]

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**Canonical equation:**

**Mutation rate:**

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$$\mu[x_] := 1;$$


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**Standard deviation of the mutation step distribution:**

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$$\sigma[x_] := 0.04 x (1 - x);$$


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**Deterministic drift:**

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$$\text{drift}_{\text{mo}}[x_] := \frac{1}{2} \mu[x] \sigma[x]^2 n[x] \text{ds}_{\text{mo}}[x];$$


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