

ASEN 5044, Fall 2018

# Statistical Estimation for Dynamical Systems

## Lecture 5: Nonlinear Systems and Linearization

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# Announcements

- **HW 1 Due Thurs 9/13 at 11 am (before start of next lecture)**
- **Submit to Canvas –**
  - **All submissions must be legible!!! – zero credit otherwise**
  - **All submissions must have your name on them!!! – zero credit otherwise**
- **Advanced Questions:**
  - required for PhD students
  - optional/extra credit for everyone else
- **Office hours today: 3 pm – 4:30 pm , ECAE 175**

# Overview

## Last time: LTI State Space IVP Solutions and the Matrix Exponential

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ x(t_0) &= x_0 \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{A(t-t_0)} x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} B u(\tau) d\tau \\ e^{A(t-t_0)} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i \frac{(t-t_0)^i}{i!} = \Phi(t, t_0) \end{aligned}$$

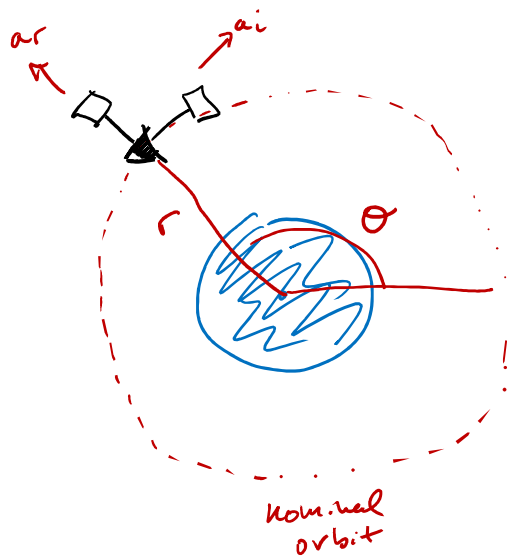
## Today:

- Nonlinear systems and “standard form” nonlinear state space models
- Linearization and transformation to linear SS models

**READ: Chapter 1.6-1.8 in Simon book**

# What to do about Nonlinear ODEs?

- Most systems have intrinsically nonlinear effects that are not obviously/easily modeled by linear physical relationships
- **What if a priori/first principles give nonlinear (NL) dynamics?**
- Example: equation for orbit plane motion of satellite



$$\ddot{r} - \dot{\theta}^2 r = -\frac{\mu}{r^2} + a_r$$

$$r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} = a_i$$

$a_i, a_r$  : in-track & radial accelerations  
 [due thrust, drag, SRP, grav. anomalies, etc.]

$r, \theta$  : states for s/c

# NL systems can get very nasty and weird...

- For now, only focus on NL sys with “sufficiently smooth” nonlinearities

- i.e. derivatives exist for state vars and are bounded

(Lipschitz continuity: For some  $f(x)$ ,  $\|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\| \leq c \cdot \|x_1 - x_2\| \quad \forall x_1, x_2$  “sufficiently close”  
for some constant  $c$ )

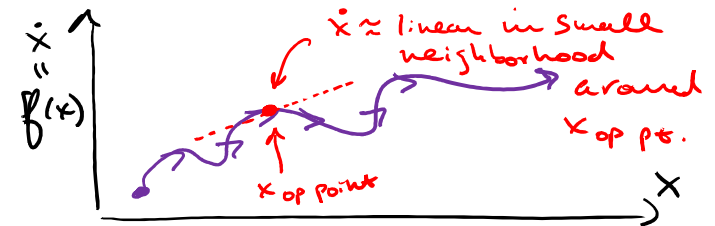
- Most cases: want to keep NL sys near operating point/condition

- Equilibrium: Set of  $x$  &  $u$  s.t.  $\dot{x} = 0$  (i.e. some  $\{x_{eq}, u_{eq}\}$  s.t.  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)|_{x_{eq}, u_{eq}} = 0$ )

- Nominal trajectory:  $\dot{x}_{nom}(t) = f(x, u)|_{x_{nom}(t), u_{nom}(t)}$  [ where  $\{x_{nom}(t), u_{nom}(t)\}$  are known solutions to the nonlinear ODE  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$  ]

- Can look at dynamics of “small” perturbations near op pt

- If perturbations small enough, system behaves (almost) linearly!



# Linearization of NL ODEs via Multivariable Taylor Series to Get Linear SS Models

- Idea: express NL ODEs in standard (non-linear) state vector form  $\rightarrow$  do Taylor expansion near operating point  $\rightarrow$  drop higher order terms (HOTs)

Given Set of NL ODEs & output relations, express in Standard NL SS form (after we pick state vars)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \\ f_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \rightarrow \text{Stack of } n \text{ NL ODEs}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \\ \vdots \\ h_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \rightarrow \text{Stack of } p \text{ NL algebraic eqs.}$$

Also, let  $\mathbf{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ u_m(t) \end{bmatrix}$  (m x 1 input vector)

# Linearization (cont'd)

- Suppose a nominal solution or operating point is known/given, i.e.  $x_{nom}(t)$  &  $u_{nom}(t)$

Define slight perturbations from nominal op. point:

$$\text{perturbation vectors } \begin{cases} \delta x(t) \triangleq x(t) - x_{nom}(t) \longrightarrow x(t) = x_{nom}(t) + \delta x(t) \\ \delta u(t) \triangleq u(t) - u_{nom}(t) \longrightarrow u(t) = u_{nom}(t) + \delta u(t) \end{cases}$$

→ Plug in expressions for  $x(t)$  &  $u(t)$  into NL ODEs & do vector Taylor Series expansion

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x, u, t) \iff \dot{x}(t) = \dot{x}_{nom}(t) + \delta \dot{x}(t) \iff f(x, u, t) = f\left(\begin{matrix} x_{nom}(t) + \delta x(t) \\ u_{nom}(t) + \delta u(t) \\ t \end{matrix}\right)$$

→ Vector Taylor series expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= f(x_{nom} + \delta x, u_{nom} + \delta u, t) \\ &= f(x_{nom}, u_{nom}, t) + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]_{\substack{x_{nom} \\ u_{nom}}} \cdot \delta x(t) + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right]_{\substack{x_{nom} \\ u_{nom}}} \cdot \delta u(t) + \text{HOTs} \\ &\quad \text{(Higher order terms)} \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, for output relations:

$$y(t) = y_{nom} + \delta y = h(x_{nom} + \delta x, u_{nom} + \delta u, t)$$

$$\text{(Taylor exp)} = h(x_{nom}, u_{nom}, t) + \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right]_{nom} \delta x + \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \right]_{nom} \delta u + \text{HOTs}$$

# Linearization (cont'd)

- Partial derivative matrices = **Jacobians** w.r.t.  $x$  and  $u$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{\substack{x_{nom} \\ u_{nom}}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \bigg|_{\substack{x_{nom} \\ u_{nom}}} \longrightarrow \underline{n \times n \text{ matrix}}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{\substack{x_{nom} \\ u_{nom}}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_m} \end{bmatrix} \bigg|_{\substack{x_{nom} \\ u_{nom}}} \longrightarrow \underline{n \times m \text{ matrix}}$$

$$\left( \text{Similarly for } \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \bigg|_{nom} \text{ \& } \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \bigg|_{nom} \right)$$

$$\begin{matrix} [p \times n] & [p \times m] \end{matrix}$$



# For small enough $\delta x$ , $\delta u$ , can neglect HOTs

- Get linearized eqs for dynamics of perturbations  $\delta x$ ,  $\delta y$  w.r.t.  $\delta u$  "near" nominal op point:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (i) \quad \dot{x}(t) &= \cancel{\dot{x}_{nom}(t)} + \delta \dot{x} \approx f(\cancel{x_{nom}, u_{nom}, t}) + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{nom} \delta x + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \Big|_{nom} \delta u + \text{HOTs} \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \text{cancel w/ RHS} \quad \text{cancel w/ LHS} \quad \text{ignore for small } \delta x, \delta u \\
 (ii) \quad y(t) &= \cancel{y_{nom}(t)} + \delta y \approx h(\cancel{x_{nom}, u_{nom}, t}) + \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Big|_{nom} \delta x + \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \Big|_{nom} \delta u + \text{HOTs} \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \text{cancel} \quad \text{cancel} \quad \text{ignore for small } \delta x, \delta u
 \end{aligned}$$

BUT:  $\dot{x}_{nom}(t) = f(x_{nom}, u_{nom}, t)$   
 $y_{nom}(t) = h(x_{nom}, u_{nom}, t)$  } so these terms cancel in LHS & RHS above!

Left with

perturbation  
vector  
dynamics  
& output  
relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta \dot{x} &= \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{nom} \right] \delta x(t) + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \Big|_{nom} \right] \delta u(t) \\
 \delta y &= \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Big|_{nom} \right] \delta x(t) + \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \Big|_{nom} \right] \delta u(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  
 $\tilde{x} = \delta x$   
 $\tilde{y} = \delta y$   
 $\tilde{u} = \delta u$

"A<sub>nom</sub>" =  $\left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{nom} \right]$   
 "B<sub>nom</sub>" =  $\left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \Big|_{nom} \right]$   
 "C<sub>nom</sub>" =  $\left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Big|_{nom} \right]$   
 "D<sub>nom</sub>" =  $\left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \Big|_{nom} \right]$

only valid if  
 $\delta x$  &  $\delta u$  "small enough"

looks like linear SS model!  
 But  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  matrices  
 now depend on  
 $x_{nom}(t)$  &  $u_{nom}(t)$  !!

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\tilde{x}} &= A_{nom} \tilde{x}(t) + B_{nom} \tilde{u}(t) \\
 \tilde{y} &= C_{nom} \tilde{x}(t) + D_{nom} \tilde{u}(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> order NL ODE (no input)

$$\ddot{z} + (1+z)\dot{z} - 2z + 0.5z^3 = 0 \quad \left( \rightarrow \dot{\tilde{z}} = 2z - 0.5z^3 - (1+z)\dot{z} \right)$$

F ← rewrite w/  $x_1$  &  $x_2$

Step 1: define state variables and put into standard NL SS form:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= z \\ x_2 &= \dot{z} \end{aligned} \rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 2x_1 - 0.5x_1^3 - (1+x_1)x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 2x_1 - 0.5x_1^3 - (1+x_1)x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \dot{x} \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{std. NL} \\ \text{SS form} \end{array} \right)$$

Define output  $y = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$  No linearization needed!

→ Suppose now we linearize dynamics around equilibrium points . . .

# Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> order NL ODE (cont'd)

Step 2: look for eq. points to use as  $x_{\text{nom}}$  op. point:

Eq. points: solns of  $\begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \end{bmatrix} \big|_{(x_1, x_2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$

→ So we must have :  $x_2 = 0$   
and  $2x_1 - 0.5x_1^3 - (1+x_1)x_2 = 0$

→ Solve for the roots of the 2<sup>nd</sup> equation [since  $x_2 = 0$  is known via 1<sup>st</sup> eq.]

→ get 3 equilb. pts. :  $x_{eq,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix})$   
 $x_{eq,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $x_{eq,3} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Now we take  
Jacobians  
of NL ODE w.r.t.  
 $x$  & evaluate  
@ these different  
known op. pts.

# Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> order NL ODE (cont'd)

Step 3: Find Jacobians at  $x_{nom}$  points

$$\left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]_{x_{eq}} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{array} \right]_{x_{eq}} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 2 - \frac{3}{2}x_1^2 - x_2 & -(1+x_1) \end{array} \right]_{x_{eq}} \quad \{2 \times 2\}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{for } x_{eq,1} : A_1|_{nom} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{eq,2} : A_2|_{nom} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{eq,3} : A_3|_{nom} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{\tilde{x}} = A_i \tilde{x} \text{ for } \tilde{x} = \delta x \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(where } i=1,2,3 \text{ for} \\ \text{eq. pts)} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 3 \text{ different linearized ODEs} \\ \text{for different eq. pts} \end{array}$$

# Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> order NL ODE (cont'd)

Step 4: Put into LTI SS form: **what is the state vector?**

$$\tilde{x} = \delta x = \begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1 \\ \delta x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{perturbation state vector} \neq \text{total state vector } x(t)!$$

→ What is Actual total state of NL system @ any time (w.r.t. op.pt.)?

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_{nom}(t) + \delta x(t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_{nom,1}(t) \\ x_{nom,2}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1 \\ \delta x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} z_{nom,i} \\ \dot{z}_{nom,i} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \delta z \\ \delta \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad (\text{for eq. pt. } i \text{ in example}) \end{aligned}$$

