

Lecture 5 - 2/12

- Intro to Hamiltonian dynamics
- Symplectic structure
- Machine learning (continuous) Hamiltonians
- the discrete gradient method

In Monday's lecture, we stepped through coding up a generic FD nonlinear stencil fitter

It worked (most of the time) - but why?

Today we'll talk about building in energy conservation exactly

Lemma If $A = -A^T$, $x^T A x = 0 \quad \forall x$

PF

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= \frac{1}{2} x^T (A + A) x = \frac{1}{2} x^T (A - A^T) x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^T (A - A) x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Conservation of Energy

Let $q \in \mathbb{R}^N$ be vector of generalized position
 $p \in \mathbb{R}^N$ be vector of generalized momentum

$x = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$ be the state of system

The system is canonically Hamiltonian if

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dp}{dt} &= - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \\ \frac{dq}{dt} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \end{aligned} \quad \text{for } H(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thm A canonically Hamiltonian system conserves H , i.e.

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = 0$$

Pf

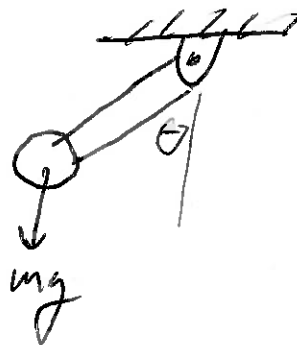
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH}{dt} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \frac{dp}{dt} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \frac{dq}{dt} \\ &= - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Ex Nonlinear pendulum

- Newton

$$m\ddot{x} = -mg \sin \theta$$

$$\text{sat. } \|x\| = L$$



- Can enforce constraint by switching to polar coordinates and assuming $x = L \theta(t)$

$$mL \ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\lambda^2 \sin \theta, \quad \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

Small θ limit

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\lambda^2 \theta$$

Letting $q = \theta$

$$p = \dot{\theta}$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} p^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 q^2$$

Then

$$\partial_p H = p, \quad \partial_q H = \lambda^2 q$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\partial_q H = -\lambda^2 q$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \partial_p H = q$$

For the nonlinear case, there is a trick to identify Hamiltonians of the form of dynamics

$$\ddot{\theta} + F(\theta) = 0$$

if F is a function w/ simple antiderivative

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{2} \dot{\theta}^2 + \int^{\theta(\epsilon)} F(\phi) d\phi \right] = [\ddot{\theta} + F(\theta)] \dot{\theta}$$

Recall

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f = f(x)$$

Motivated by this, multiply our eqn by $\dot{\theta}$

$$\ddot{\theta} \dot{\theta} + \lambda^2 \dot{\theta} \sin \theta = 0$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{\theta}^2 - \lambda^2 \cos \theta \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \dot{\theta}^2 - \lambda^2 \cos \theta = \text{const.}$$

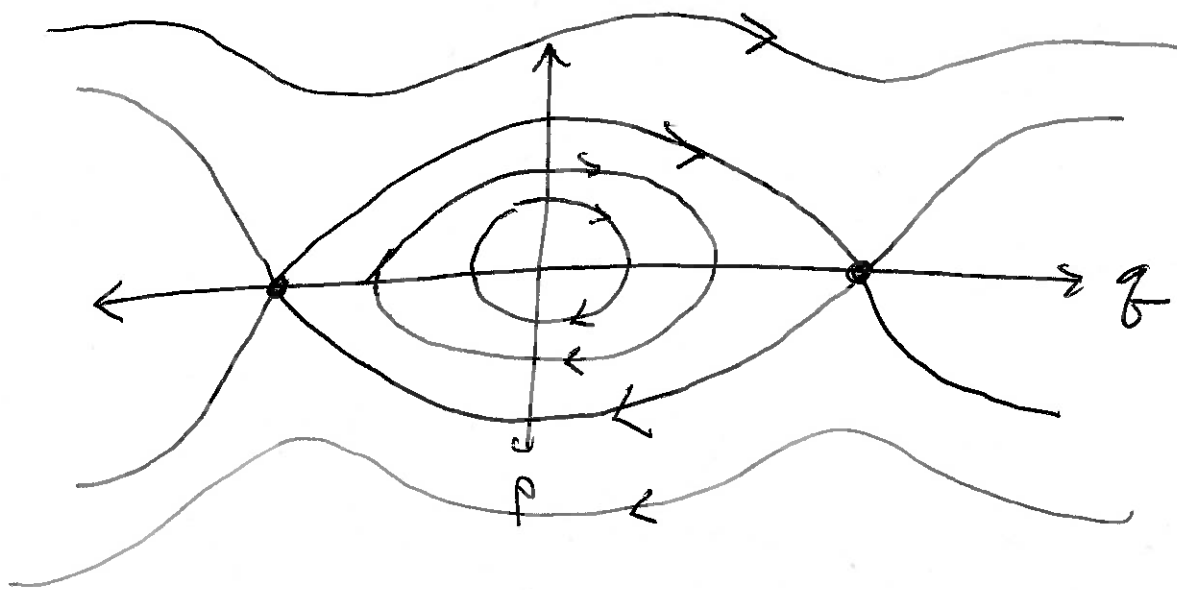
Taking $H = \frac{1}{2} p^2 - \lambda^2 \cos q$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\partial_q H = -\lambda^2 \sin q$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \partial_p H = p$$

- H is often called an integral or invariant of the dynamics
- The whole game is to reverse engineer an H which, for a good choice of P, Q , gives out dynamics (typically, an energy)
- This is hard in general, and will become involved for PDEs
- This is not hard if we machine learn H , and use it to steer the system dynamics

Phase Diagram of Soln



Qualitative features of soln

- Separatrix denotes switch between small rocking oscillations and pendulum flying around forever
- Inner loops are closed so that solutions should repeat forever

We'd like to be able to recover this in an ML model

Symplectic structure

Note that we can compactly write

$$\dot{x} = S(x) \nabla_x H$$

$$S(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \nabla_x H = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_p H \\ \partial_q H \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall the Gauss div theorem

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot F = \int_{\partial\Omega} F \cdot dA$$

Taking $F = x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} x \cdot dA = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot x = d |\Omega|$$

So that $\int x \cdot dA$ corresponds to the area of Ω times dimension

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\partial\Omega} x \cdot dA = \int_{\partial\Omega} \dot{x} \cdot dA$$

$$= \int_{\partial\Omega} S \nabla H \cdot dA$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot S \nabla H \, dx$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} \int \partial_{q_i} \partial_{p_j} H - \partial_{p_i} \partial_{q_j} H \, dx$$

$$= 0$$

Thus, area in phase space is conserved

This is exactly the property that's violated when we over damp our system

Non-Canonical Hamiltonian

In general, we can consider arbitrary S .

$$\dot{x} = S(x) \nabla_x H$$

$$S(x) = -S(x)^T$$

S is often referred to as a Poisson matrix

Thm A non-canonical Hamiltonian preserves H

$$\text{pf } \frac{dH}{dt} = \nabla_x H^T \dot{x}$$

$$= \nabla_x H^T S(x) \nabla_x H$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x H^T S(x) \nabla_x H + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x H^T S(x)^T \nabla_x H$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x H^T S(x) \nabla_x H - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_x H^T S(x) \nabla_x H$$

$$= 0$$

Machine learning dynamics

In continuous setting we can easily learn a Hamiltonian

$$Q = NN_1(x), \quad NN_1: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

$$S(x) = Q - Q^T$$

$$H = NN_2(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = (NN_1(x) - NN_1(x)^T) \nabla_x NN_2(x)$$

But to fit to data, we need to
finite difference $\dot{x} = \frac{x^{n+1} - x^n}{K}$, which
will either grow area in phase space (EE)
or shrink (FE)

To discretely conserve H , we turn to
"geometric integration" theory

Ref "Geometric Numerical
Integration"

Hairer, Lubich, Wanner

Discrete Gradient Method

"On the construction of
discrete gradients"
Marsfield, Quispel

Consider $\dot{x} = S(x) \nabla H(x)$ (I'll drop x -dep)

Discretize $\frac{x^{n+1} - x^n}{K} = \tilde{S}(x^{n+1}, x^n) \overline{\nabla} H(x^{n+1}, x^n)$

where $\lim_{x^{n+1} \rightarrow x^n} \tilde{S}(x^{n+1}, x^n) = S(x^n)$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{consistency} \\ \lim_{x^{n+1} \rightarrow x^n} \overline{\nabla} H(x^{n+1}, x^n) = \nabla H(x^n) \end{array} \right.$

\tilde{S} skew-sym

and $(x^{n+1} - x^n) \cdot \overline{\nabla} H = H(x^{n+1}) - H(x^n)$

$$\overline{\nabla} H(x^n, x^n) = \nabla H(x^n)$$

Then $H(x^{n+1}) - H(x^n) = 0$

pf $H(x^{n+1}) - H(x^n) = \overline{\nabla} H^T (x^{n+1} - x^n)$

$$= \overline{\nabla} H^T \frac{\tilde{S}(x^{n+1}, x^n)}{K} \overline{\nabla} H$$
$$= 0$$

This gives a "wishlist" for how to build \tilde{S} , $\overline{\nabla} H$

Ex 1 Harten, Lax, Van Leer, 1983

Denote

$$\nabla H = (H_{x_1}, \dots, H_{x_n}), \quad H_{x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} H$$

Define

$$\bar{\nabla} H(x, y) = (\bar{H}_{x_1}, \dots, \bar{H}_{x_n})$$

$$\bar{H}_{x_i} = \int_0^1 H_{x_i}((1-s)x + sy) ds$$

Then

$$\bar{\nabla} H(x, y) \cdot (y - x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\nabla} H_i(x, y) (y_i - x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^1 H_{x_i}[(1-s)x + sy] (y_i - x_i) ds$$

Reverse the
chain
rule

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{d}{ds} H[(1-s)x + sy] ds$$

$$= H(y) - H(x)$$

Ex 2 Itoh & Abe, 1988

Ex 3 Gonzalez, 1996