

2D-Continuous Dynamical Systems (Assignment Sheet 4)

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Introduction: Example of a 2D continuous dynamical system

Before starting the exercises, let's analyze a simple **2D continuous dynamical system** and learn how to:

- Solve it numerically using `ode45`
- Visualize its trajectories in **phase space** using `ggquiver`

Consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -px\end{aligned}$$

which describes a **harmonic oscillator** with a parameter p controlling the oscillation frequency. To solve and visualize this system in R, follow these steps:

1. **Load required libraries:**

```
library(deSolve)
```

```
## Warning: package 'deSolve' was built under R version 4.1.3
```

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
library(ggquiver)
```

2. Define the system of ODEs with a parameter:

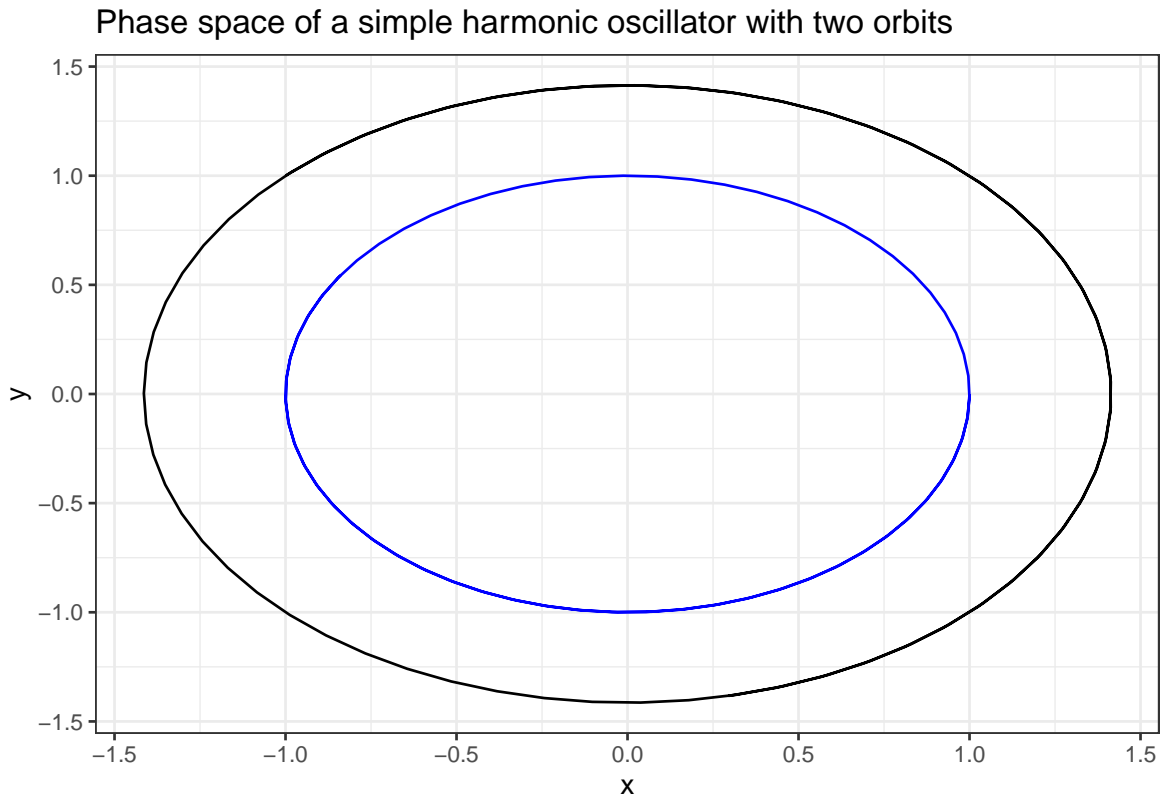
```
harmonic_oscillator <- function(t, state, parameters) {  
  x <- state[1]  
  y <- state[2]  
  p <- parameters["p"]  
  
  dxdt <- y  
  dydt <- -p * x  
  
  list(c(dxdt, dydt))  
}
```

3. Solve the system using ode45 with different initial conditions:

```
parameters <- c(p = 1) # Set parameter p  
initial_state1 <- c(x = 1, y = 0) # First initial condition  
initial_state2 <- c(x = -1, y = 1) # Second initial condition  
times <- seq(0, 10, by = 0.1)  
  
solution1 <- ode(y = initial_state1, times = times,  
  func = harmonic_oscillator,  
  parms = parameters, method = "ode45")  
solution2 <- ode(y = initial_state2, times = times,  
  func = harmonic_oscillator,  
  parms = parameters, method = "ode45")  
  
solution_df1 <- as.data.frame(solution1)  
solution_df2 <- as.data.frame(solution2)
```

4. Plot the phase space with two orbits using ggplot2:

```
ggplot() +  
  geom_path(data = solution_df1, aes(x = x, y = y), color = "blue") +  
  geom_path(data = solution_df2, aes(x = x, y = y), color = "black") +  
  xlab("x") +  
  ylab("y") +  
  ggtitle("Phase space of a simple harmonic oscillator with two orbits") +  
  theme_bw()
```



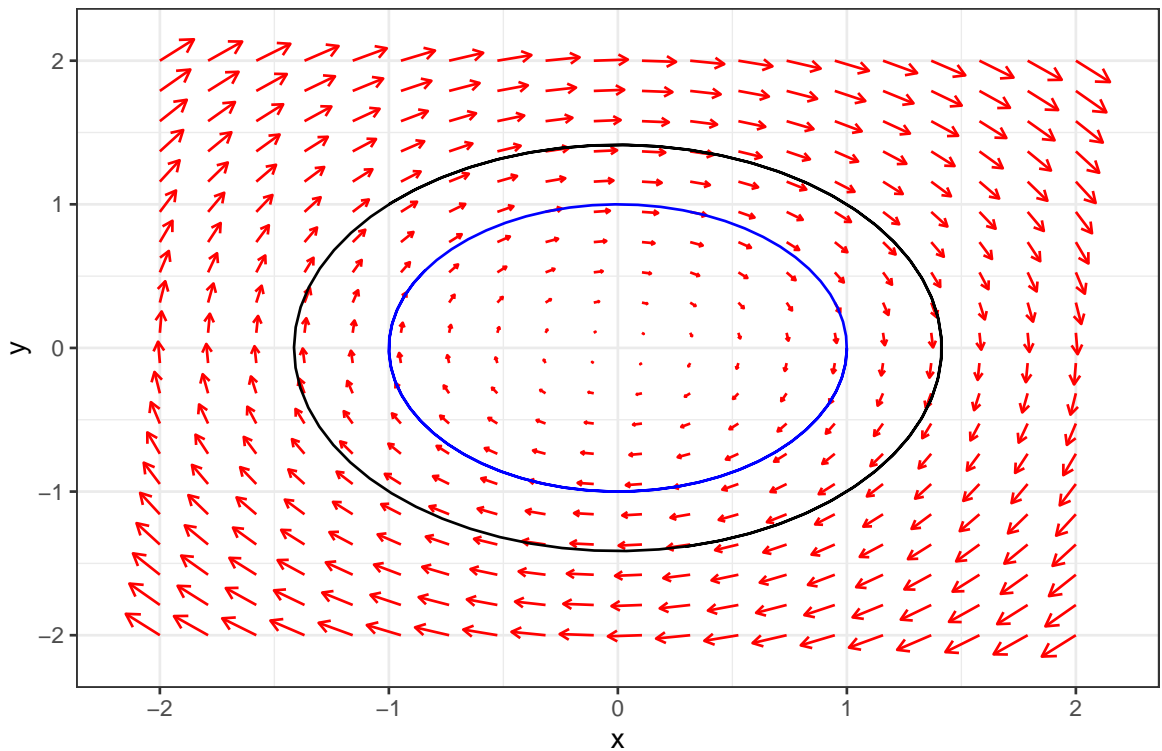
5. Visualizing the vector field with ggquiver along with the orbits:

```
grid <- expand.grid(x = seq(-2, 2, length.out = 20), y = seq(-2, 2, length.out = 20))
p_value <- 1
grid$dx <- grid$y
grid$dy <- -p_value * grid$x

ggplot() +
  geom_quiver(data = grid, aes(x = x, y = y, u = dx, v = dy), color = "red", scale = 0.2) +
  geom_path(data = solution_df1, aes(x = x, y = y), color = "blue") +
  geom_path(data = solution_df2, aes(x = x, y = y), color = "black") +
  xlab("x") +
  ylab("y") +
  ggtitle("Vector field and orbits of the harmonic oscillator") +
  theme_bw()
```

```
## Warning in geom_quiver(data = grid, aes(x = x, y = y, u = dx, v = dy), color =
## "red", : Ignoring unknown parameters: 'scale'
```

Vector field and orbits of the harmonic oscillator



Exercise 1: Solving a linear system with ode45

Using the `ode45` command, solve the linear system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -ax \\ \dot{y} &= ax - by\end{aligned}$$

for $a = 2$, $b = 3$, and initial conditions $x(0) = 1$, $y(0) = 1$. Try different parameter values and initial conditions. Plot the **phase space trajectory**.

Exercise 2: Harmonic oscillator

Consider the harmonic oscillator:

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

with initial conditions $x(0) = A$, $\dot{x}(0) = 0$, where $\omega_0^2 = k/m$, with k as the spring constant and m the mass.

- Rewrite the system as a **2D continuous dynamical system** in terms of $x_1 = x$ and $x_2 = \dot{x}$.
- Use `ggquiver` to **sketch the phase space**.

- Find the **fixed points**.
 - Solve using `ode45` and **plot the trajectories** in phase space for different values of A .
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Exercise 3: Non-linear pendulum

The non-linear pendulum equation is:

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 \sin(x) = 0$$

where $\omega_0^2 = g/L$, with g as the gravity acceleration and L as the length of the rope. The variable x represents the **angle with the vertical**.

Perform the **same calculations** as in Exercise 2 (2D system, phase space, fixed points, numerical solution, and trajectory plots).

Exercise 4: Damped oscillator

Consider the damped oscillator:

$$\ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

with initial conditions $x(0) = A$, $\dot{x}(0) = 0$.

- Rewrite as a **2D continuous dynamical system**.
 - Use `ggquiver` to **sketch the phase portrait**.
 - Find the **fixed points**.
 - Solve using `ode45` and **plot trajectories** in phase space for different values of A .
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Exercise 5: Damped non-Linear pendulum

Compare the results of **Exercise 4** with the **damped non-linear pendulum**, given by:

$$\ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 \sin(x) = 0$$

Perform the same **phase space analysis and numerical solution**.

Exercise 6: Van der Pol oscillator

Consider the **Van der Pol oscillator**:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -\mu y(x^2 - 1) - x\end{aligned}$$

- Use `ggquiver` to **sketch the phase space**.
 - Solve with `ode45` for $\mu = 2$ and $x(0) = 0.1, y(0) = 0.1$.
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Exercise 7: The Lotka-Volterra flow

Consider the **Lotka-Volterra predator-prey model** defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \alpha x - \beta xy \\ \dot{y} &= \delta xy - \gamma y\end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are **positive constants**.

1. **Use typical parameter values**, such as:
 - $\alpha = 1.1, \beta = 0.4, \gamma = 0.4, \delta = 0.1$
 - $\alpha = 0.5, \beta = 0.2, \gamma = 0.3, \delta = 0.15$
 2. **Try different initial conditions**, such as:
 - $x_0 = 10, y_0 = 5$ (moderate prey, low predator)
 - $x_0 = 30, y_0 = 10$ (higher prey and predator populations)
 3. **Draw the phase portrait**.
 4. **Plot some solution trajectories** for different initial values.
 5. **Analyze how changing parameters affect the system's behavior**.
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Exercise 8: RLC circuit

Consider an **RLC series circuit** driven by a constant voltage source ε . The circuit follows the differential equation:

$$L \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + R \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} i = \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt}$$

where $i(t) = \dot{q}$ is the current at time t and $q(t)$ is the charge in the capacitor at time t . Since ε is constant, the **equivalent 2D dynamical system** is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -\frac{R}{L}y - \frac{1}{LC}x\end{aligned}$$

where $x = i$ and $y = \frac{di}{dt}$. Consider the parameter values:

$$\frac{R}{2L} = 2, \quad \frac{1}{LC} = 1, \quad \frac{\varepsilon}{L} = 1$$

and the initial conditions:

$$i(0) = 0, q(0) = 0, \frac{di}{dt}(0) = \frac{\varepsilon}{L} = 1$$

- Solve using `ode45` for $x(0) = 0$ and $y(0) = 1$ over the interval $t \in [0, 10]$.
 - Compare the numerical solution with the **analytical solution** by plotting $i(t)$ vs. t .
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Exercise 9: RLC circuit with oscillations

Now, modify the parameters to:

$$\frac{R}{2L} = 1, \quad \frac{1}{LC} = 2, \quad \frac{\varepsilon}{L} = 1$$

The RLC circuit **oscillates** in this case.

- Solve using `ode45` for $i(0) = 0$ and $\frac{di}{dt}(0) = 1$ in $t \in [0, 10]$.
 - Compare with the **analytical solution**.
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Exercise 10: Nonlinear System from Strogatz (Ex. 6.3.2)

Consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y + ax(x^2 + y^2) \\ \dot{y} &= +x + ay(x^2 + y^2)\end{aligned}$$

- Use `ggquiver` to **sketch the phase portrait** for $a < 0$, $a = 0$, and $a > 0$.
 - Draw some **trajectories** for all values of a .
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Note: Ensure that your plots use sufficient iterations and data points to observe the system's long-term behavior.