

# Fundamental properties of Dyn. Sys.:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

- state  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f: [t_0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
vector field

- special case:

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_i) \quad - \text{autonomous}$$

→ Objective: Specify sufficient condition on  $f$   
so that a unique solution exists

Ex 1:

$$\dot{x} = \alpha x, \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} x_0$$

solution exists for all  $t$

Ex2:

$$\dot{x} = \sqrt{x}, \quad x(0) = 0$$

solution 1:  $x(t) = 0$

checks  $\dot{x}(t) = 0 = \sqrt{x(t)}$  ✓

solution 2:  $x(t) = \frac{t^2}{4}$

checks  $\dot{x}(t) = \frac{t}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{t^2}{4}} = \sqrt{x(t)}$  ✓

so solution exists, but not unique

Ex3:  $\dot{x} = x^2, \quad x(0) = x_0 > 0$

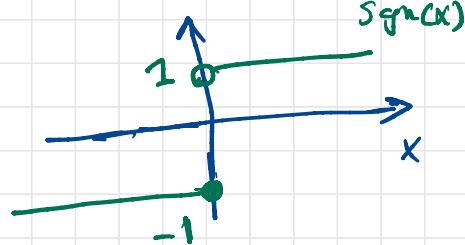
$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x_0} - t}$$

solution blows up at  $t = \frac{1}{x_0}$

Ex 4:

$$\dot{x} = -\text{sgn}(x),$$

$$x(0) \leq 0$$



$$\text{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ -1, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Argue that a solution can not exist.

$$x(0) = -\text{sgn}(0) = 1$$

$\Rightarrow x(t) > 0$  for sufficiently small  $t$

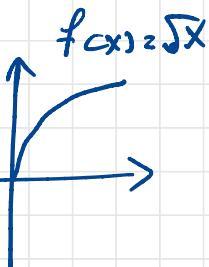
however

$$x(t) = - \int_0^t \underbrace{\text{sgn}(x(s))}_{=1} ds < 0$$

Contradiction

Let's discuss what goes wrong relative to linear

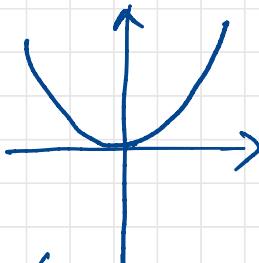
Ex 2



$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \rightarrow \infty$$

as  $x \rightarrow 0$

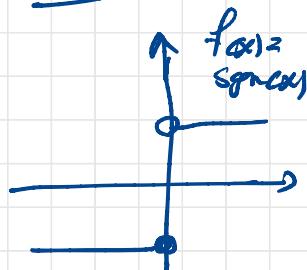
Ex 3



$$f'(x) = 2x \rightarrow \infty$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

Ex 4



$f$  is not continuous at  $x=0$

⇒ the rate of growth of  $f$  affects existence and uniqueness of the solution.

Some definitions:

-  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is locally Lipschitz if

for every compact set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\exists L > 0$  s.t.  
closed and bounded

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L\|(x-y)\|, \quad \forall x, y \in D$$

- It can be defined w.r.t different norms.

we use Euclidean norm

-  $f$  is globally Lipschitz if  $\exists L > 0$  s.t.

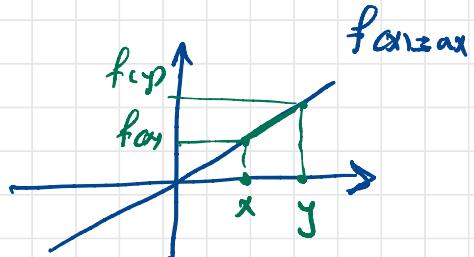
$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Global Lip.  $\Leftrightarrow$  local Lip.

- Equivalently:  $\frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|}{\|x - y\|} \leq L \quad \forall x, y$

- Ex 1:

$$f(x) = \alpha x$$



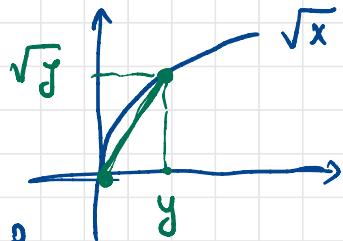
$$|f(x) - f(y)| = |\alpha x - \alpha y|$$

$$\leq |\alpha| \|x - y\| \Rightarrow \text{Globally Lip.}$$

Ex 2:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

$$x > 0, y > 0,$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{y} - 0}{y - 0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow 0$$



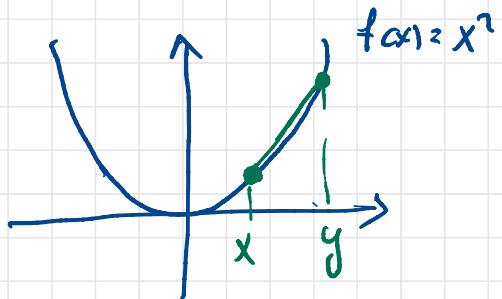
$\Rightarrow$  Not locally Lip.

Ex3 :  $f(x) = x^2$

$$\frac{|f(y)-f(x)|}{|y-x|} = \frac{|y^2-x^2|}{|y-x|}$$

$= |y+x|$  is bounded if  $x, y$  are bdd.

$\Rightarrow$  Locally Lip.



- Observation:

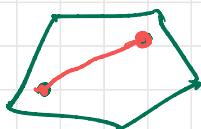
- if  $|f'(x)|$  is bdd on any compact set then,  $f$  is Locally Lip.
- if  $|f'(x)|$  is bdd globally  $\Rightarrow f$  is globally Lip.

Lemma : (Lemma 3.1 in Khalil)

if  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is differentiable and for convex set  $W$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x) \right\| \leq L \quad \forall x \in W \Rightarrow \|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in W$$

- Convex set: any two points are connected with a line inside the set



Examples:

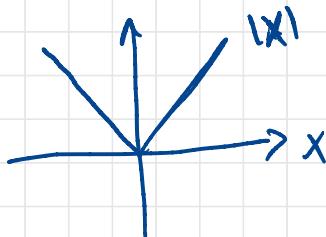
$$f(x) = ax \Rightarrow |f'(x)| = |a| \Rightarrow \text{globally Lip}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow |f'(x)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \rightarrow \text{Not bdd.}$$

$$f(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow |f'(x)| = 2x \Rightarrow \text{Locally Lip.}$$

- A non-differentiable example:

$$f(x) = |x|$$



$$|f(x) - f(y)| = ||x| - |y||$$

$$\leq |x - y| \Rightarrow \text{globally Lip.}$$

- How strong is Lip. assumption?

differentiable  
with bdd  
derivative

$\Rightarrow$  Lip.  $\Rightarrow$  Continuous

-  $f(t, x)$  is Lip. in  $x$  uniformly in  $t \in [a, b]$  if

$$\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in D, \forall t \in [a, b]$$

Thm: (Existence and uniqueness)

- Assume

1.  $f(t, x)$  is piecewise continuous in  $t$
2. Locally Lip. in  $x$ , uniformly in  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$

- Then, for  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

there exists a unique solution on  $[t_0, t_0 + \delta]$

for  $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$

- If  $f$  is globally Lip.  $\Rightarrow$  solution exists  
for all  $t > t_0$