

Review : So far

- We introduced dyn. sys. $\dot{x} = f(x)$
- And learned phase portrait method
- Today: linearization

explains local behavior of

a nonlinear system by a linear system.

Plan for today:

- review lin. sys.
- Taylor expansion
- Linearization procedure
- Stability result.

Review of lin. sys.:

1-dim example:

$$\dot{x} = \alpha x$$

money in bank
 \hookrightarrow interest rate / inflation rate
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- The solution is explicitly known:

$$x(t) = e^{\alpha t} x_0 \quad \text{because}$$

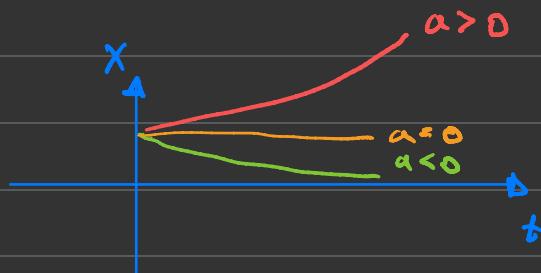
$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} e^{\alpha t} \right) x_0 = \alpha e^{\alpha t} x_0 = \alpha x(t)$$

- The sign of α determines asymptotic behavior as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

- if $\alpha > 0$: $x(t) \rightarrow \infty$

- if $\alpha = 0$: $x(t) = x_0$

- if $\alpha < 0$: $x(t) \rightarrow 0$



- This observation almost holds in multi dimensional case as well.

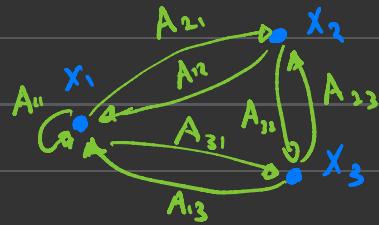
Multi-dim linear sys. :

- Suppose you want to model the dyn.

over a network of n agents (sensor network
robots, power grid)

- Let $x_{i(t)}$ denote the state of i^{th} agent at time t .
- Its dynamics is linearly related to the state of other agents.

$$\dot{x}_{i(t)} = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_{j(t)}$$



- We can represent it in matrix-vector notation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_{1(t)} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n(t)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The solution is explicitly known in terms of matrix exponential:

$$X(t) = e^{tA} X(0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{tA} = A e^{tA}$$

why?

$$\frac{d}{dt} X(t) = \frac{d}{dt} e^{tA} X(0) = A e^{tA} X(0) = A X(t) \quad \checkmark$$

- The asymptotic behavior of $X(t)$ depends

on the eigenvalues of A .

- We say A is Hurwitz if all eig. values

have negative real part:

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0, \forall \text{ eig. value } \lambda$$

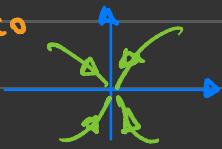
- Main result in lin. sys. theory:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} X(t) = 0, \forall X(0) \iff A \text{ is Hurwitz}$$

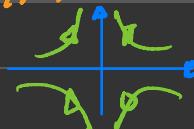
- Example:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x(t) = C_1 e^{a_1 t} + C_2 e^{a_2 t}$$

$a_1, a_2 < 0$



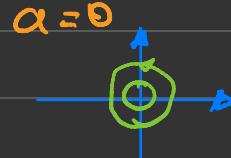
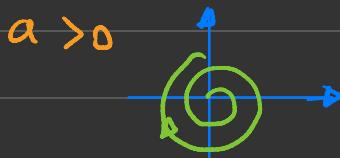
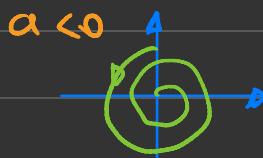
$a_2 > 0, a_1 < 0$



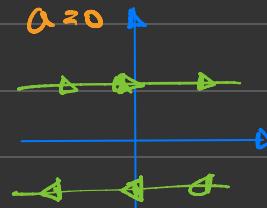
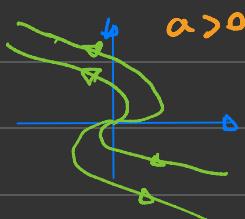
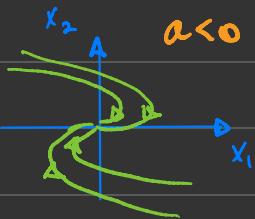
$$\textcircled{2} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x(t) = C e^{(a-i)b} + C^* e^{(a+i)b} t$$

rotate scale

$$= C_1 e^{at} \sin(bt) + C_2 e^{at} \cos(bt)$$



$$\textcircled{3} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x(t) = (C_1 + C_2 t) e^{at}$$

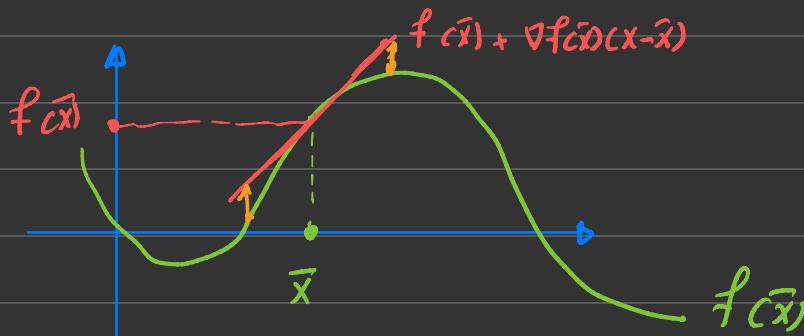


First-order Taylor series expansion: (1-dim)

- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $f \in C^2 \rightsquigarrow$ twice diff. with cont. derivative

Then,

$$f(x - \bar{x}) = \underbrace{f(\bar{x})}_{\text{red}} + \underbrace{f'(\bar{x})(x - \bar{x})}_{\text{red}} + o(|x - \bar{x}|^2) \quad \text{orange}$$



- Extension to multi-dim. $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

First-order Taylor series expansion: (multi-dim)

- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, and $f \in C^2$. Then,

$$f(x - \bar{x}) = f(\bar{x}) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\bar{x})(x - \bar{x})}_{\text{linear part}} + o(\|x - \bar{x}\|^2)$$

↑ norm

where

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}, & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}, & \dots, & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1}, & \dots, & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
Jacobian

- With this results, we are ready to formalize
the linearization procedure:

- Linearization of a general nonlinear dyn.

System:

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Say \bar{x} is an eq/b. point

therefore $f(\bar{x}) = 0$



- define $\vec{z}(t) = x(t) - \bar{x}$ and assume \vec{z} is small.

$$\dot{\vec{z}} = f(\bar{x} + \vec{z})$$

Taylor expansion

$$= f(\bar{x}) + \underbrace{\nabla f(\bar{x})}_{\textcircled{O''}} \vec{z} + O(\|\vec{z}\|^2)$$

ignore because
it is small

$$\approx A \vec{z}$$

$$\approx 0$$

$$x = f(x) \quad \text{linearize} \quad \dot{\vec{z}} = A \vec{z} \quad \text{where} \\ f(\bar{x}) = 0 \quad \overbrace{\text{around } \bar{x}}^D \quad A = \nabla f(\bar{x})$$

Example : (Pendulum)

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\omega^2 \sin(x_1) - \gamma x_2 \end{bmatrix} = f(\bar{x})$$

- Cq/b. points

$$f(\bar{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- linearize around $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\nabla f(\bar{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 \cos(x_1) & -\gamma \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \nabla f(\bar{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

linearization
 $\Rightarrow \dot{\bar{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -\gamma \end{bmatrix} \bar{z}$

- Around $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} : \nabla f(\bar{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & -\gamma \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\bar{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & -\gamma \end{bmatrix} \bar{z}$$

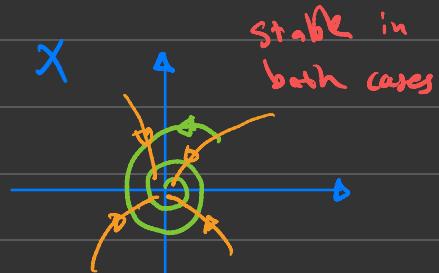
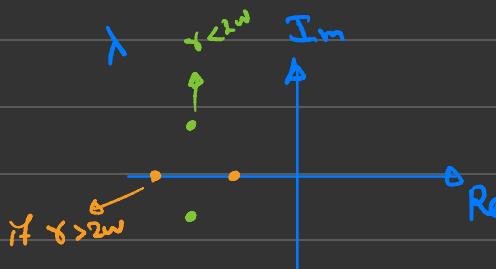
- So what? after linearization, we use our
knowledge from linear sys. theory to conclude
about local behavior of nonlinear sys.

Pendulum example (continued):

- eq/b. point 1: $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{\bar{z}} = A\bar{z} \text{ with } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

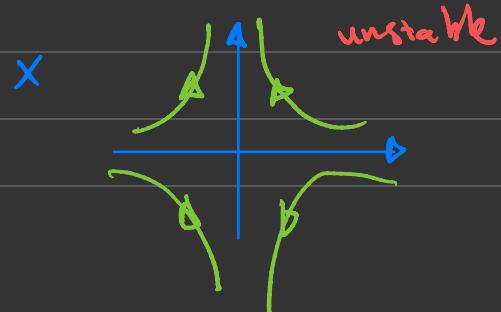
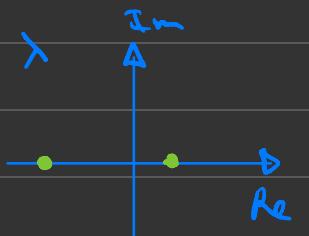
charact. eq.: $\lambda^2 + \gamma\lambda + \omega^2 = 0$



- eq/b. point 2: $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{\bar{z}} = A\bar{z} \text{ with } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & -\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

char. eq.: $\lambda^2 + \gamma\lambda - \omega^2 = 0$



Thm :

- let \bar{x} be eq/b. point of $\dot{x} = f(x)$ and
 $A = \nabla f(\bar{x})$.

① if $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ for all eig. values of A

then \bar{x} is A.S.

② if $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > 0$ for any eig. value of A

then \bar{x} is not "stable"

③ if $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \leq 0$ for all but $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) = 0$ for some

eig. values of A. Then no conclusion can

be made!