

# Linearization & eps

## Example 1

A second-order differential equation of the sort occurring in robotic systems is

$$m\ddot{q} + mL\dot{q}^2 + mgL \sin q = \tau$$

where  $q(t)$  is an angle and  $\tau(t)$  is an input torque. By defining the state  $x = [x_1 \ x_2]^T$  as

$$x_1 = q(t), \quad x_2 = \dot{q}(t)$$

one may write the state equation

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -Lx_2^2 - gL \sin x_1 + \frac{1}{m}u$$

where the control input is  $u(t) = \tau(t)$ . To solve the second-order differential equation one requires two initial conditions, e.g.  $q(0), \dot{q}(0)$ . Thus, there are two state components. The state components correspond to energy storage variables. For instance, in this case one could think of potential energy  $mgh$  (the third term in the differential equation, which involves  $q(t)$ ), and rotational kinetic energy  $m\omega^2$  (the second term, which involves  $\omega = \dot{q}(t)$ ).

This is a nonlinear state equation. One can place it into the form (1) simply by noting that  $x = [x_1 \ x_2]^T$  and writing

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -Lx_2^2 - gL \sin x_1 + \frac{1}{m}u \end{bmatrix} \equiv f(x, u)$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}$$

This defines  $f(x, u)$  as the given nonlinear function 2-vector.

By computing the Jacobians, the linear SV representation is found to be

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -gL \cos x_1 & -2Lx_2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u = Ax + Bu, \quad A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Evaluating this at a nominal equilibrium point of  $x=0, u=0$  yields the linear time-invariant state description

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -gL & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u = Ax + Bu$$

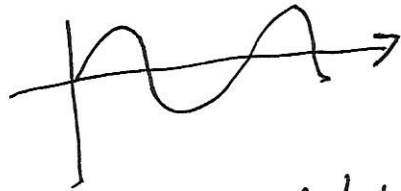
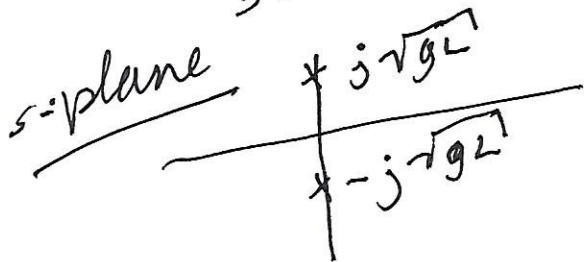
which describes small excursions about the origin.

$$\Delta(s) = |sI - A| = \begin{vmatrix} s & -1 \\ gL & s \end{vmatrix} = s^2 + gL = 0$$

$$s^2 = -gL$$

$$s = \pm j\sqrt{gL} = \pm j\beta$$

time Domain

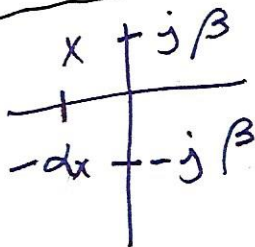


$$k_1 \sin \beta t + k_2 \cos \beta t$$

~~e-ax~~  $\sin \beta t = \sin \frac{2\pi t}{T}$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{gL}}$$

s plane



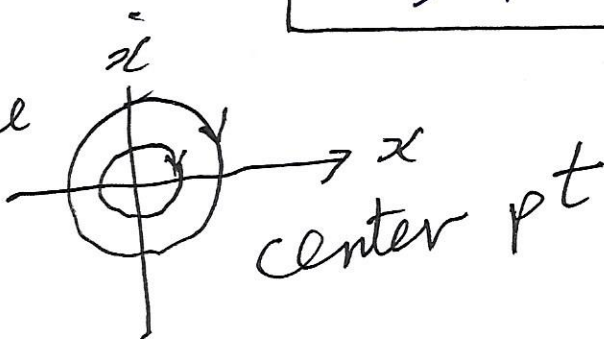
$$(s^2 + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2 = 0$$

review

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \underbrace{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}_{\omega_n^2} = 0$$

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_n^2$$

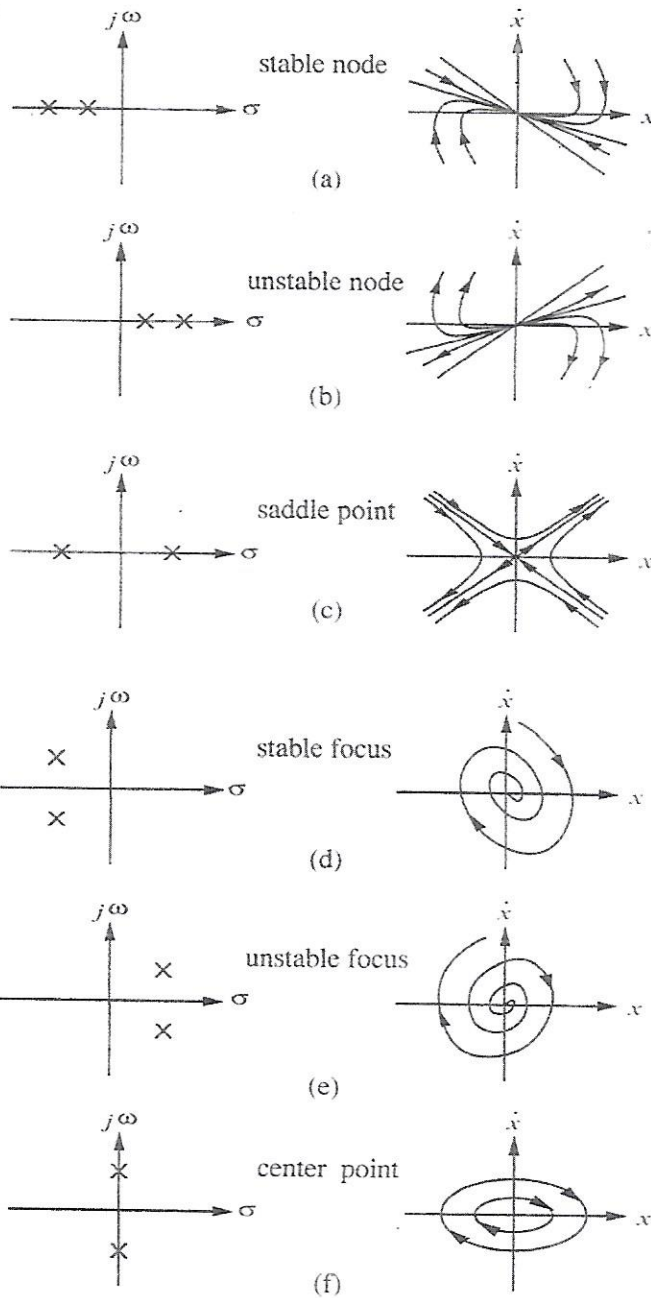
phase plane



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$x = x_1 e^{-\alpha_1 t} + x_2 e^{-\alpha_2 t}$



$$S = M^{-1} A M$$
  

$$A = M S M^{-1}$$
  

$$[v_1 \ v_2] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
  

$$x(t) = M \sum_{i=1}^n v_i e^{\lambda_i t}$$

Figure 2.9 : Phase-portraits of linear systems

