Mathematical Modelling

APM348 Slides*

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Exercise 1

1.1 What is modelling?

- A precise description of a system
- A formal summary of knowledge
- A tool that enables prediction
- An abstraction suitable for a particular purpose or question
- Modelling is a scientific method with “hypothesis” in a mathematical form

1.2 Modelling Procedure – DABAR[a]

Step 1. **D**efine the problem

(ask a question)

Step 2. make **A**ssumptions

(select a modelling approach)

Step 3. **B**uild a model

(formulate the model)

Step 4. **A**ssess the model

(solve the model)

Step 5. **R**eport results

(answer the question)

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[a] based on the https://m3challenge.siam.org/wp-content/uploads/siam-guidebook-final-press.pdf.

1.3 Course topics:

- Optimization models
- Dynamics models
- Probability models

Optimization Models

Optimization Problem[a]**.** A pig weighting 90 kg gains 3 kg per day and cost 45 cents a day to keep. The market price for pigs is 65 cents/kg, but is falling at 1 cent per day. When should the pig be sold?

[a] Adapted from "Mathematical Modelling" by Meerschaert.

Introduce variables:

- t = time at which the pig is sold (in days)
- w = weight of the pig (in kg)
- m = market price of a pig (in $/kg)
- C = cost of keeping the pig (in $)
- R = revenue from selling the pig (in $)
- P = profit from the sale of the pig (in $)

2.1 Which of these variables depend on t? Based on the statement, what do we know about their values?

2.2 What is our goal?

2.3 Solve the problem.

2.4 Answer the question: when should the pig be sold and what is the profit?

Parameter Sensitivity.
Parameter sensitivity is a measure of how a model's response is affected by its parameters.
We quantify the **sensitivity** for the model output x and model parameter p by

$$S(x,p) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{p}{x},$$

which is dimensionless.

Example: If the time to sell or the profit depends strongly on a parameter, then the model is not very useful. If the model said to sell at $t = 1$ if the daily maintenance cost changed to 46 cents, then the recommendation would be very suspect!

2.5 Let $(t^\star, P^\star)$ be the optimal values found before.

What is the sensitivity of P over the parameter $c_d =$ the daily maintenance cost of keeping a pig?

2.6 Is $S(P^\star, c_d)$ positive/negative? What does that mean? Does that make sense?

2.7 What is the sensitivity of P over the parameter $m_0 =$ the initial market price of a pig (in \$/kg)?

2.8 Is $S(P^\star, m_0)$ positive/negative? What does that mean? Does that make sense?

Solutions:

2.1
- $w(t) = 90 + 3t$
- $m(t) = 0.65 - 0.01t$
- $C(t) = 0.45t$
- $R(t) = p(t) \cdot w(t)$
- $P(t) = R(t) - C(t)$

2.2 The goal is to maximize $P(t)$ over $t \geq 0$.

2.3 $P(t) = (90 + 3t)(0.65 - 0.01t) - 0.45t$
$\dfrac{dP}{dt} = 3(0.65 - 0.01t) - 0.01(90 + 3t) - 0.45 = 0$
$t^\star = 10$
$P^\star(10) = 61.50$

2.4 The pig should be sold on day 10, which will give a profit of \$61.50.

2.5 We have $P = (90 + 3t)(0.65 - 0.01t) - c_d t$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} S(P^\star, c_d) &= \frac{\partial P^\star}{\partial c_d} \frac{c_d}{P^\star} \Big|_{c_d = 0.45} \\ &= -t^\star \frac{c_d}{P^\star} \Big|_{c_d = 0.45} = -0.0731707 \end{aligned}$$

This model is insensitive with respect to the maintenance cost! =)

2.6 It is negative, which means that increasing the daily maintenance cost will decrease the profit, which makes sense.

2.7 We get $S(P^\star, m_0) = 1.26829$, so this model is moderately sensitive to the initial price for a pig. =/

2.8 The sensitivity is positive since increasing the initial price of a pig increases the profit also.

Robustness. How do the results depend on the assumptions?

We assumed:

- a linear increase in weight of the pig
- a linear decrease in the price of the pig

What happens if these were nonlinear? The prediction of prices is notoriously uncertain.

Prices are often modelled as stochastic processes (like Brownian motion). This would necessitate a different modelling approach.

In particular, we might then want to maximize the expected (average) profit. But if the variance is very large, then the farmer might prefer a lower expected profit if that means lowering the risk (variance). The farmer might consider maximizing the expected profit with a constraint on the variance of the profit.

Exercise 3

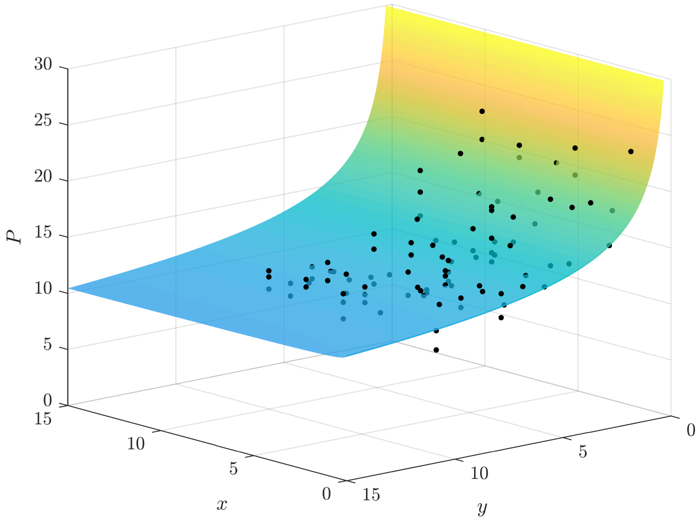
A manufacturer of lawn furniture makes two types of chairs, one with a wood frame and the other with an aluminum frame. The wood frame chair costs \$18 per unit to manufacture and aluminum frame chair costs \$10 per unit to manufacture. The company operates in a market where the number of units that can be sold depends on price. It is estimated that in order to sell x units per day of the wood chair and y units per day of the aluminum chair, the selling price cannot exceed $10+31x^{-0.5}+1.3y^{-0.2}$ dollars per unit for the wood chair and $5+15y^{-0.4}+0.8x^{-0.08}$ dollars per unit for the aluminum chair.

Let us first investigate the selling price model for **one type of** chair.

3.1 As more chairs of both types are sold in the market: $x \to \infty$, what do you expect will happen to their selling price?

3.2 As chairs become scarce: $x \to 0^+$, what happens to the price?

3.3 What family of functions satisfies both these conditions?



Historical prices and fitting surface $p = f(x, y)$.

Exercise 4

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4.1 We want to maximize the manufacturer's profit. What is the function to maximize?

4.2 This is a two-dimensional function, so we need to solve the system

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

Write down this system.

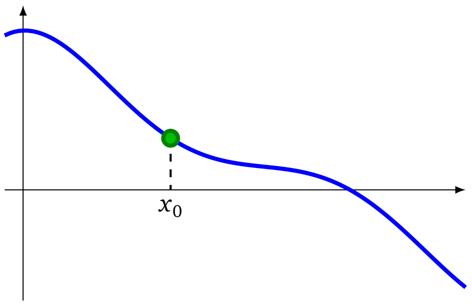
4.3 How can we find the solution?

Newton's Method.
This is a method to approximate the solution of the equation

$$f(x) = 0.$$

This is an iterative method, so we start with an initial approximation x_0.
For each successive approximation, take the linear approximation of f at x_i and take x_{i+1} to be the point where the linear approximation is 0.

4.4 From the description above, sketch the point x_1 on the graph on the right when using Newton's method.



4.5 What is the formula for x_1?

4.6 Leveraging python.

(a) Clone the file `chairs_newton.ipynb` into your Jupyter Notebook

(b) In the file, introduce the partial derivative functions and an initial guess.

(c) Run the script

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Minimum for  4.689577973016851  wooden chairs and  5.852031046491972  aluminum chairs
Profit =  52.072691798595706
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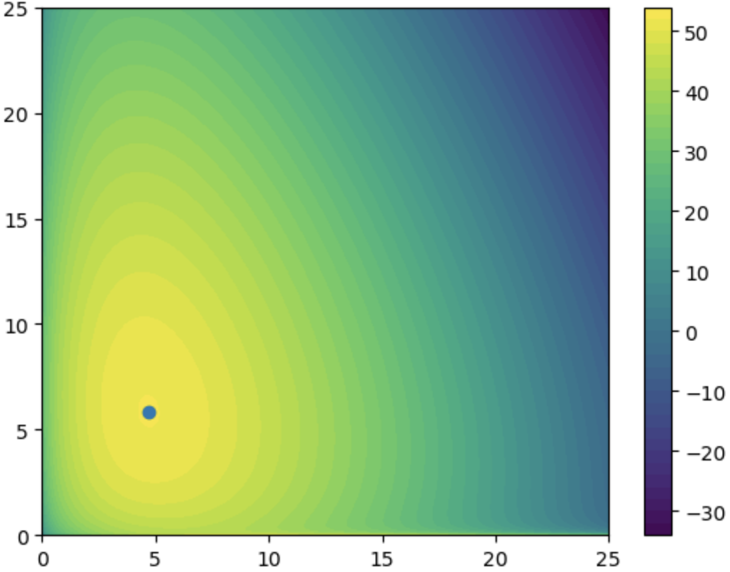


4.6 Leveraging python's minimization tools.

(a) Clone the file `chairs_fmin.ipynb` into your Jupyter Notebook

(b) In the file, introduce the profit function and an initial guess.

(c) Run the script

Exercise 5

A manufacturer of lawn furniture makes two types of chairs, one with a wood frame and the other with an aluminum frame. The wood frame chair costs \$18 per unit to manufacture and aluminum frame chair costs \$10 per unit to manufacture. The company operates in a market where the number of units that can be sold depends on price. It is estimated that in order to sell x units per day of the wood chair and y units per day of the aluminum chair, the selling price cannot exceed $10+31x^{-0.5}+1.3y^{-0.2}$ dollars per unit for the wood chair and $5+15y^{-0.4}+0.8x^{-0.08}$ dollars per unit for the aluminum chair.

Sensitivity. To compute $p^\star$, you can use `chairs_sensitivity.ipynb`.

5.1 How sensitive is the profit to the parameter $c=10$ (the production cost of the aluminum chair)

$$S(p^\star, c) \approx \frac{p^\star(c+h)-p^\star(c)}{h} \cdot \frac{c}{p^\star(c)}?$$

5.2 How sensitive is the profit to the parameter $b=0.4$ (the exponent of y in the selling price of the aluminum chair)

$$S(p^\star, b) \approx \frac{p^\star(b+h)-p^\star(b)}{h} \cdot \frac{b}{p^\star(b)}?$$

Note that we are using numerical derivatives, since calculating the partial derivatives analytically is usually impossible.

Constrained Optimization. How do we solve optimization problems with constraints?

Lagrange Multipliers.

We want to minimize (or maximize) a function $f(x)$ with several constraints:

$$g_1(x) = c_1$$
$$\vdots$$
$$g_k(x) = c_k$$

If $x^\star \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is a local optimal of $f(x)$ which satisfies the above constraints, and $\nabla g_1(x^\star), \dots, \nabla g_k(x^\star)$ are linearly independent, **then**

$$\nabla f(x^\star) = \lambda_1 \nabla g_1(x^\star) + \cdots + \lambda_k \nabla g_k(x^\star), \qquad \text{(LM)}$$

for some scalars $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$.

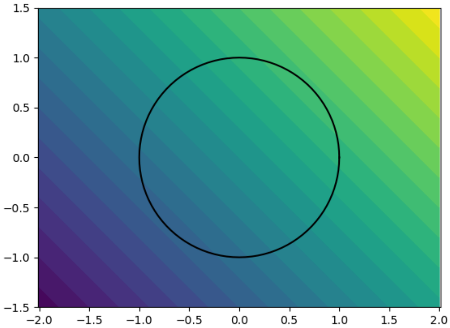
Notes:.

1. This is a necessary, but not sufficient condition.
2. To solve the optimization problem, find candidates x that satisfy it, and then pick the best one.
   - Points for which $\nabla g_1(x), \dots, \nabla g_k(x)$ are linearly dependent should also be candidates.
3. (LM) $\Leftrightarrow \nabla f(x^\star) \in \operatorname{span}\left\{\nabla g_1(x), \dots, \nabla g_k(x)\right\}$.
4. The "optimal" values for $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ give important insights on the problem, as we will see – don't ignore them!

Exercise 6

Example. Consider the problem:

- Maximize $x + y$ such that $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.



6.1 Use Lagrange Multipliers to find the maximum (and the minimum).

6.2 If the constraint was $x^2 + y^2 = c$, then what is:

(a) the maximizer point $(x^\star, y^\star)$?

(b) the Lagrange multiplier $\lambda^\star$?

(c) the maximum $f(x^\star, y^\star)$?

6.3 Compare $\lambda^\star$ with $\dfrac{\partial f(x^\star, y^\star)}{\partial c}$.

6.4 Based on this relation, give an interpretation for the Lagrange Multiplier.

6.1

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla g = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} 1 & = 2\lambda x \\ 1 & = 2\lambda y \\ 1 & = x^2 + y^2 \end{cases}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{2\lambda^2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lambda = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$x = y = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

6.2 $x^\star = y^\star = \frac{\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $\lambda^\star = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2c}}$

$$\max = x^\star + y^\star = \sqrt{2c}$$

6.3 $\dfrac{\partial f(x^\star, y^\star)}{\partial c} = \dfrac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{c}} = \lambda^\star$

6.4 This means that if the constraint increased from 1 to $1+\Delta = 1.1$, then we would expect the maximum to increase by approximately $\Delta\lambda^\star = \frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.07$.

Indeed, $\Delta f = \sqrt{2.2} - \sqrt{2} \approx 0.069$.

Define the problem.

> The production side of the electrical power grid[a] consists of hundreds or thousands of power plants that vary in fuel sources (coal, nuclear, hydroelectric, solar, wind, stored energy in the batteries of electric vehicles, etc.) and characteristics (age, efficiency, automated, etc.).
> How can the power consumption load be allocated to these plants to minimize cost?
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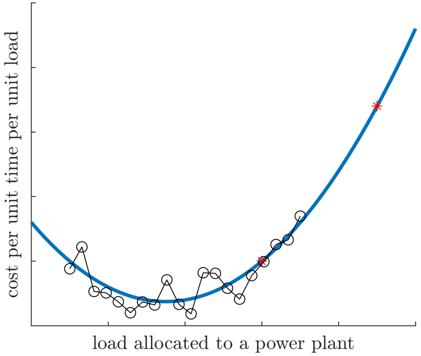
> [a]This example is based on Huijuan Li in 'Lagrange Multipliers and their Applications'.



Make Assumptions.

- Each power plant is summarized by a cost curve which tells how much a given load costs. Generally, the cost per unit time per unit load of operating a power plant is a concave function of load as in the figure below: small and large loads are expensive.
- For simplicity, we will approximate these quadratics by a linear function with one parameter: the cost per unit time per unit load is $c(x) = ax + 1$, so the cost rate function has the form $f(x) = (ax+1)x = ax^2 + x$.

- N = number of power plants
- x_i = load assigned to power plant i (in MW)
- X = total load (in MW)(In Toronto the average total load is 2500 MW.).
- C = cost rate of power generation (in \$/h)
- $f_i(x_i)$ = cost rate function for power plant i (in \$/h)

Build a model.

7.1 Find an equation relating X and x_i.

7.2 Find a formula for C.

7.3 Formulate the problem we want to solve.

Assess the model.

We are going to assume the following:

- Three power plants identified with the parameters:
  - $a_1 = 0.0625$
  - $a_2 = 0.0125$
  - $a_3 = 0.0250$
- The total load is 925 MW

7.4 Solve the problem.

Report the results.

7.5 What is the interpretation of $\lambda^\star$ the "optimal" Lagrange multiplier?

7.6 What is the sensitivity of the cost with respect to the parameters a_i and X? What does that mean about the model?

7.3 Objective: $\min \sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i x_i^2 + x_i$

Constraint: $\sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i = X$

7.4 Define:

$$C(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i x_i^2 + x_i$$

$$g(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i = X$$

So we have

$$\nabla C(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1x_1 + 1 \\ 2a_2x_2 + 1 \\ 2a_3x_3 + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \nabla g(\vec{x}) = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a_1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2a_2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2a_3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ X \end{bmatrix}$$

And we get the unique solution:

- $x_1 = 112$ MW
- $x_2 = 560$ MW
- $x_3 = 280$ MW
- $\lambda = \$15$ /h/MW (shadow cost)

We used: `power-plants.ipynb`

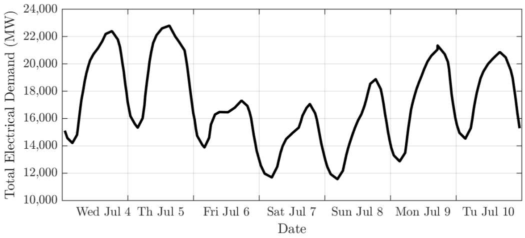
7.5 If we reduce the total load (X) by 1 MW, it would approximately reduce the total cost of operating the three power plants by \$15/h.

So the operator of the power plants should be willing to pay consumers who pump electricity back to the grid up to \$15/h for each megawatt.

7.6
- $S(C, X) \approx 1.875$
- $S(C, a_1) \approx 0.000015$
- $S(C, a_2) \approx 0.00017$
- $S(C, a_3) \approx 0.00007$

Robustness.

8.1 The parameter X varies significantly (regularly by over 50% in a day), so understanding it is very important.



It is crucial to understand how the optimal cost and loads change with X.

8.2 Is the quadratic model for f_i good? You can try different functions.

8.3 Should there be other constraints on x_i? We only imposed $x_i > 0$, but we probably should impose upper bounds too.

8.4 What about transportation costs? There can be losses of up to 20% on high-tension transmission lines.

8.5 We have a static model, where the power plants operate always at the same load. We might want to consider a dynamic optimization model.

Linear Programming[a]**.** A family farm has 1250 hectares[b] of land for planting. Possible crops that they could plant are corn, wheat, and oats. There are 400 hectare-m (a volume) of water available for irrigation and 600 hours of labour per week available. The requirements and expected yields are shown below.

	corn	wheat	oats
irrigation (ha-m / ha)	1.0	0.3	0.5
labour (person-h / week / ha)	1.6	0.4	0.6
yield ($/ha)	1400	420	700

We want to maximize the total yield.

[a] based on a problem from Meerschaert's 'Mathematical Modeling'.
[b] 1 hectare = 1 ha = 10 000 m^2.

Introduce the following variables:

- x_i = hectares planted of $i = 1$ corn, $i = 2$ wheat, $i = 3$ oats
- w = the total irrigation used in ha-m
- ℓ = the total labour used in person-h / week
- a = the total area planted in hectares
- y = the total yield in $

9.1 Find expressions for w, ℓ, a, y

9.2 What are the constraints on the variables defined?

9.3 Formulate the optimization problem we want to solve in standard linear programming form:

$$\text{Objective:} \quad \max\ \vec{c}^T\vec{x}$$
$$\text{Constraints:} \quad \begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &\le \vec{b} \\ \vec{x} &\ge \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

9.4 Use `farm-linearprog.ipynb` to find the solution.

9.1
- $w = 1x_1 + 0.3x_2 + 0.5x_3$
- $\ell = 1.6x_1 + 0.4x_2 + 0.6x_3$
- $a = \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i$
- $y = 1400x_1 + 420x_2 + 700x_3$

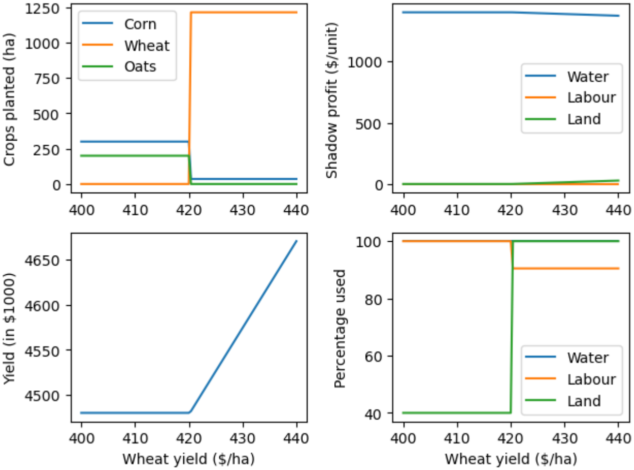
9.2
- $x_i \geq 0$
- $w \leq 400$
- $\ell \leq 600$
- $a \leq 1250$

9.3 Objective: $\max \begin{bmatrix} 1400 & 420 & 750 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

Constraints:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.3 & 0.5 \\ 1.6 & 0.4 & 0.6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 400 \\ 600 \\ 1250 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\vec{x} \geq \vec{0}$$

Exercise 9

We ran the same model with the Wheat Yield ranging from \$400/ha to \$440/ha and obtained the following graphs.



9.5 Interpret the results and the shadow profit (— shadow cost).

Exercise 10

Modified farming problem. We modify the original optimal farming problem to include the notion of plots. The 1250 hectares farm is broken down into 5 plots of 240 hectares each and one 50 hectare plot. For convenience, the farmers want to plot only one crop on each plot. As before, 400 ha-m of water and 600 hours of labour are available. The requirements and expected yields are shown below.

	corn	wheat	oats
irrigation (ha-m / ha)	1.0	0.3	0.5
labour (person-h / week / ha)	1.6	0.4	0.6
yield ($/ha)	1400	420	700

We want to maximize the total yield.

Introduce the variables:

- x_1, x_2, x_3 are the number of large plots of corn, wheat, and oats respectively;
- x_4, x_5, x_6 are the number of small plots of corn, wheat, and oats respectively.

10.1 Set up and solve the problem.

10.2 Interpret the results.

Ice Cream[a].

Suppose a manufacturing company receives an order for B units to be delivered at time T, e.g. Sobeys has placed an order for $B = 100$ pallets of Chapman's vanilla ice-cream for a promotion starting in $T = 10$ days. Chapman's Ice Cream must decide when to produce their tasty product. They don't want to produce it early since they will have to pay to keep it frozen until the order is due. They also do not want to produce it the day before it is due since running the production line fast might have a large cost.

[a] Based on an example from Kamien and Schwartz's 'Dynamic Optimization'

Let $x(t)$ be the inventory at time t and suppose that $x(0) = 0$ and to fill the order we need $x(T) = B$ (boundary conditions).

11.1 Let us divide the time interval $[0, T]$ into N "chunks". What is the length Δt of each?

11.2 Let Δx_n be the number of units produced during the n^{th} time interval. Find a formula relating Δx_n with $x(t)$. Find an equation relating Δx_n with B.

11.3 We need to consider the cost of storing the produced units in inventory: assume that each unit has a cost of c_2 per unit time. What is the total inventory cost?

11.4 We want to model the fact that running machines faster is more costly. What is a model for the cost of producing Δx_n units during a time interval of length Δt that quantifies this?

11.5 What is the total production cost?

11.6 What is the total cost?

11.7 What are the constraints for the variables?

11.8 Approximate the solution.

11.1 Let us break the time interval $[0, T]$ into $\Delta t = T/N$ "chunks" and consider $t_n = n\Delta t$. We need to decide how many units Δx_n to produce at each time interval.

11.2 We then have:

- $x(t_{n+1})) = x(t_n) + \Delta x_n$
- $\Delta x_1 + \cdots + \Delta x_N = B$

11.3 We need to consider the cost of storing the produced units in inventory: assume that each unit has a cost of c_2 per unit time:

- Inventory Cost $= \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{N} \Delta x_n (T - t_n) c_2$

11.4 If the production cost was: $\displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{N} c\Delta x_n$, then $c =$ the cost of producing 1 unit in Δt time. If this is constant, then there is no penalty in running the machines faster, so we need to consider c that is not constant and depends on Δx_n: we make the modelling assumption $c = c_1 \frac{\Delta x_n}{\Delta t}$, so that c is proportional to the rate of production. We get

- Production Cost $= \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\Delta x_n^2}{\Delta t} c_1$

11.5 So the total cost is

- Total Cost $= \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left[\Delta x_n^2 c_1 + \Delta x_n (N - n) c_2 \right]$

11.6 The constraints are

- $\Delta x_1 + \cdots + \Delta x_N = B$
- $\Delta x_n \geq 0$

11.7 The solution is here: `IceCream.ipynb`

Exercise 12

In the previous problem, instead of modelling it using **discrete time**, we can model it using **continuous time**.

Then, we have the following:

- $\frac{dx}{dt}(t) =$ units produced per unit time (at time t)
- Inventory cost $= \displaystyle\int_0^T c_2 \frac{dx}{dt}(t)(T-t)\,dt = \int_0^T c_2 x(t) dt$ (why?)
- Production cost $= \displaystyle\int_0^T c_1 \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 dt$ (why?)

We can formulate the problem as

Objective: $\displaystyle \min \int_0^T c_1(x'(t))^2 + c_2 x(t)\,dt$

Constraints:
$$x(0) = 0 \text{ and } x(T) = B$$
$$x'(t) \geq 0$$

The goal here is to find a function $x(t)$. This is a problem in **Calculus of Variations**.

Euler-Lagrange Equation.
We want to find a function $x : [t_0, t_1] \to \mathbb{R}$ that minimizes the functional:

$$\min \int_{t_0}^{t_1} F(t, x(t), x'(t))\, dt$$

and $x(t_0) = x_0$ and $x(t_1) = x_1$.

When we want to find a minimizer of a function, *we set the derivative to zero.*

13.1 The definition of derivative for a real function is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{f(x+\varepsilon) - f(x)}{\varepsilon}$$

We only have one direction for ε, so this limit suffices. For a function of multiple variables, we introduced the notion of partial derivative:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{x}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{f(\vec{x} + \varepsilon \vec{e}_i) - f(\vec{x})}{\varepsilon}$$

Our case is similar, but instead of having vectors as inputs, our inputs are functions $x(t)$, so our definition must be adapted to:

- Let $y(t) = x(t) + \varepsilon v(t)$

What are conditions on $v(t)$ that guarantee that $y(t)$ is an admissible function for the problem formulated in the blue box above?

13.2 Let $g(\varepsilon) = \displaystyle\int_{t_0}^{t_1} F(t, y(t), y'(t))\, dt$. Expand the formula for $g(\varepsilon)$.

13.3 Expand $g'(0)$.

13.4 Set $g'(0) = 0$ and solve.

Hint: If $\int_a^b f(t) v(t)\, dt = 0$ for every function $v(t)$ satisfying $v(a) = v(b) = 0$, then $f(t) = 0$ for all $t \in (a, b)$.

Euler-Lagrange Equation.
The minimizer $x^\star(t)$ of the functional

$$\min \int_{t_0}^{t_1} F(t, x(t), x'(t))\, dt$$

with $x(t_0) = x_0$ and $x(t_1) = x_1$ satisfies the **Euler-Lagrange Equation**:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(t, x^\star, x^{\star\prime}) = \frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial F}{\partial x'}(t, x^\star, x^{\star\prime}).$$

We will look back to **Exercise 12**.

14.1 Use the Euler-Lagrange Equation to obtain a Differential equation for $x(t)$.

14.2 Solve the differential equation with the boundary conditions.

14.3 We required $x'(t) \geq 0$. Does this solution satisfy this condition?

14.4 To get a solution that satisfies $x' \geq 0$, we need to consider a solution that doesn't produce any units for a while:

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < t_1 \\ z(t) & \text{if } t_1 \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

What is t_1 and what is the function $z(t)$?

14.5 If we add a constraint $x'(t) \leq M$, how would that modify the solution? What does this restriction mean in the ice-cream context?

14.1

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = c_2$$
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x'} = c_1 2x'(t)$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial F}{\partial x'} = 2c_1 x''(t)$$

So the Euler-Lagrange equation yields $x''(t) = \frac{c_2}{2c_1}$.

14.2 The general solution of the ODE is: $x(t) = \frac{c_2}{4c_1}t^2 + v_0 t + x_0$

Using the boundary conditions we get:

$$x(t) = \frac{c_2}{4c_1}t^2 + \frac{4c_1 B - c_2 T^2}{4c_1 T}t$$

14.3 If $B < \frac{c_2 T^2}{4c_1}$, then x' can be negative at the beginning:

$$x'(t) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{c_2}{2c_1}t + \frac{4c_1 B - c_2 T^2}{4c_1 T} \leq 0$$
$$\Leftrightarrow t \leq \frac{c_2 T^2 - 4c_1 B}{c_2 T}$$

This only happens for small values of B. Intuitively, this means that since the order is small, the producer would be better off by selling more of their product to save on inventory (inventory cost becomes negative) and produce the required order later.

14.4 The solution is is decreasing when $c_2T^2 - 4c_1B > 0$, so to make sure that this doesn't happen for the new solution, we choose t_1 such that $c_2(T-t_1)^2 - 4c_1B = 0$:

$$t_1 = T - \sqrt{\frac{4c_1B}{c_2}}$$

The function $z(t)$ is the optimal function $x(t)$ just translated by t_1 and with $T \to T - t_1$:

$$z(t) = \frac{c_2}{4c_1}(t-t_1)^2 + \frac{4c_1B - c_2(T-t_1)^2}{T-t_1}(t-t_1)$$

`https://www.desmos.com/calculator/ny2frmc2ov`

14.5 If B is not too large: $B \leq MT - \frac{c_2}{4c_1}T^2$, then the original solution holds.

If B is too large, then we have too many units to produce in the time provided, so we would need to produce as many as we could ($x'(t) = M$) at the end to be able to complete the order. Before that time, we could produce at the optimal rate.

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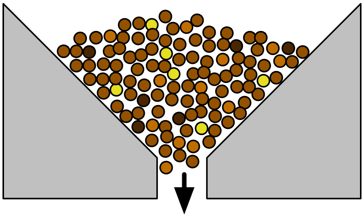
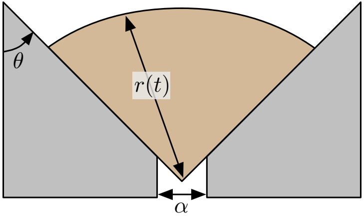
Dynamical Models





The following ordinary differential equation models a crowd leaving a stadium through an exit

$$2\theta r\frac{dr}{dt} = -k\alpha\sqrt{r}$$

based on the premise

(TL) Torricelli's Law: The area of the region occupied by the crowd decreases proportionally to the width of the exit times the square root of its radius.

16.1 How is the premise expressed in the differential equation?

16.2 Sketch a slope field for this model

`https://www.desmos.com/calculator/1xb4g6cuiz`

and use it to study how the time it would take to evacuate that section depends on the parameters.

16.3 Using Euler's method, estimate how long it would take to evacuate a stadium with $\alpha = k = 1$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{5}$ and $r(0) = 2$.

Exercise 17

Ladd Peebles Stadium

According to the paper “`A study of stadium exit design on evacuation performance`” studying the Ladd Peebles stadium:

- The average person occupies 0.15m^2.
- The stadium fits 1200 people in one section.
- The exits are 1.5m wide.

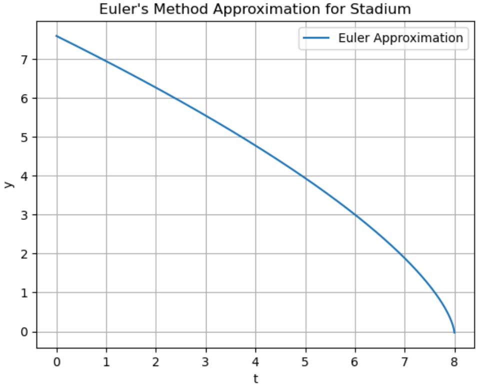
17.1 According to an experiment in the paper, it took 8 minutes to evacuate the stadium. Use this to estimate k for Ladd Peebles.

17.2 In the same paper, “for safety, the maximum flow through an exit is 109 people per meter-width per minute.” Does Ladd Peebles satisfy this safety concern?

Solution:

- $\theta r^2(0) = 1200 \cdot (0.15) \quad \Rightarrow \quad r(0) \approx 7.6m$
- $\theta = \pi$
- $\alpha = 1.5$
- To get everyone out in 8 minutes $\Rightarrow k = 7.33$ (time units are minutes)
- $p(t) = A(r(t))/(0.15 \cdot 1.5) =$ people per meter-width
- $p(t) = 2\theta \frac{1}{2} r^2(t)/(0.15 \cdot 1.5) = \frac{\theta}{0.225} r^2(t)$
- $p'(t) = \frac{1}{0.225} \underbrace{2\theta r \frac{dr}{dt}}_{-k\alpha\sqrt{r}} = -\frac{k\alpha}{0.225}\sqrt{r(t)} = -\frac{152}{3}\sqrt{r(t)}$

- Max at $t = 0$ when $|p'(t)| \approx 139.678$
- The solution is here: `Stadium-Euler.ipynb`

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Max sqrt(y) is  2.756809750418044
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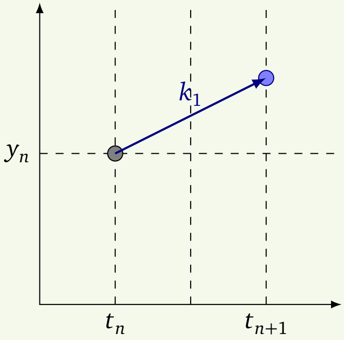
Numerical Methods for:

$$y' = f(t, y)$$

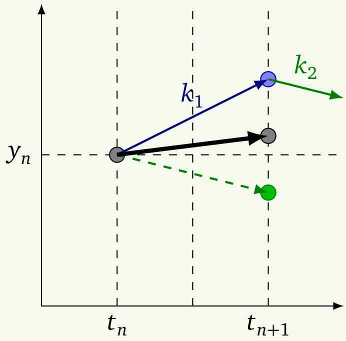
Euler Method.

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= y_n + hk_1 \\ k_1 &= f(t_n, y_n) \end{aligned}$$



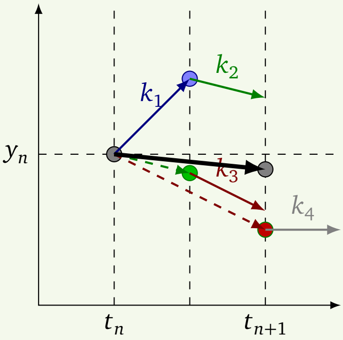
Heun Method (Improved Euler).

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= y_n + h\frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} \\ k_1 &= f(t_n, y_n) \\ k_2 &= f(t_n + h, y_n + hk_1) \end{aligned}$$



Runge-Kutta Method (4^{th} order).

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h\frac{k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4}{6}$$
$$k_1 = f(t_n, y_n)$$
$$k_2 = f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_1)$$
$$k_3 = f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_2)$$
$$k_4 = f(t_n + h, y_n + hk_3)$$



Desmos with all these three methods: `https://www.desmos.com/calculator/haolaltd9s`

Consider the ODE $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 2x\sin(x^2)$.

18.1 Recall the meaning of the line segments in the slope field for this ODE.

18.2 Consider the solution satisfying $y(0) = 0$. With a step $h = 0.1$, find the largest interval that the approximations stay within 0.1 distance of the exact solution.

The exact solution is

$$y = 1 - \cos(x^2).$$

And by observing it on Desmos:

`https://www.desmos.com/calculator/qflikqjufs`

We conclude that

- Euler: $x < 1.2$
- Heun: $x < 5.6$
- Runge-Kutta: all x ?

Dimensional Analysis

Seven Fundamental Dimensions.

There are seven fundamental dimensions:

Dimension	Symbol	SI Unit	
length	L	metre	m
mass	M	kilogram	kg
time	T	second	s
electric current	I	ampere	A
temperature	Θ	kelvin	K
amount	N	mole	mol
light intensity	J	candela	cd

Note: Sometimes, we use charge Q (SI Unit coulomb C) as a fundamental dimension instead of current.

19.1 When can we add/subtract quantities? With different dimensions? With the same dimensions?

19.2 When can we equate quantities? With different dimensions? With the same dimensions?

19.3 When can we multiply/divide quantities? With different dimensions? With the same dimensions?

19.4 It is convenient to define some functions as a power series (e.g. $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \cdots$). What condition on the dimension of x is required to be able to do this?

19.5 What are the dimensions of a derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$? What are the dimensions of an integral $\int y\,dx$?

Modelling: Relationship between the variables in a model must be dimensionally consistent.

Non-Dimensionalization. Consider the model for a mass undergoing radioactive decay:

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -km$$

with $m(0) = m_0$.

20.1 What are the units of k? What are the units of $t_c = \frac{1}{k}$?

20.2 Introduce new variables: $\tau = \frac{t}{t_c}$ and $\overline{m}(\tau) = \frac{m(t)}{m_0}$. What is the ODE satisfied by $\overline{m}(\tau)$? What are its units? What are the parameters for this equation?

Exercise 20

20.1 The units of m are mass M, so the units of $\frac{dn}{dt}$ are $\frac{M}{T}$.

This means that the units of k must be $\frac{1}{T}$, so that km matches the units on the other side of the equation.

This implies that t_c has the units of time T.

20.2 $\frac{d\overline{m}}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{m_0}\frac{dm}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{m_0}\frac{dm}{dt}\frac{dt}{d\tau} = \frac{t_c}{m_0}\frac{dm}{dt}$

So we get

$$\frac{d\overline{m}}{d\tau} = \frac{t_c}{m_0}\frac{dm}{dt} = -\frac{t_c}{m_0}km(\tau) = -\frac{1}{m_0}m(\tau) = -\overline{m}$$

and $\overline{m}(0) = 1$.

Spruce Budworm Outbreak. Consider the model for spruce budworm outbreak in Eastern Canada.[a]

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = RN\left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) - \frac{BN^2}{A^2 + N^2}.$$

The first term accounts for resource-limited population growth within a tree and the second term accounts for the predation of the budworms by birds.

[a] See "Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos" by Strogatz.

21.1 What are the units of N, A, B, K?

21.2 To "non-dimensionalize" this ODE, what variable would you consider instead of N? What ODE is satisfied by your new variable? How many parameters do you have now?

21.1
- $[N]=$ budworm population (N)
- $[K]=$ carrying capacity of budworm population (N)
- $[R]=\frac{1}{T}$
- $[A]=N$
- $[B]=\frac{N}{T}$

21.2 Consider the new variables[a]:

- $x=N/A$ the non-dimensional budworm population
- $\tau=\frac{Bt}{A}$ the non-dimensional time
- $r=\frac{RA}{B}$ the non-dimensional growth rate
- $k=\frac{K}{A}$ the non-dimensional carrying capacity

[a]This is not the only way to do this.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{dx}{d\tau} &= \frac{1}{A}\frac{dN}{dt}\frac{dt}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{B}RN\left(1-\frac{N}{K}\right)-\frac{N^2}{A^2+N^2}\\
&= \frac{1}{B}ARx\left(1-A\frac{x}{K}\right)-\frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)}\\
&= rx\left(1-\frac{x}{k}\right)-\frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)}
\end{aligned}
$$

OR consider the new variables:

- $x=N/K$ non-dimensional budworm population (fraction of its carrying capacity)
- $b=B/K$ with units $1/(\text{amount}^2\times$ time
- $a=A/K$ non-dimensional

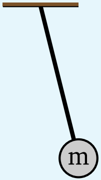
$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{dx}{d\tau} &= \frac{1}{K}\frac{dN}{dt}\frac{dt}{d\tau} = Rx(1-x)-\frac{1}{K}\frac{BN^2}{A^2+N^2}\\
&= Rx(1-x)-\frac{bx^2}{a+x^2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Dimensional Matrix. The dimensional matrix $\mathcal{D}$ is a matrix where its (i,j) entry gives the power of the i^{th} dimension of the j^{th} variable.

Buckingham Pi Theorem. Any physical relation involving N dimensional variables can be written in terms of a complete set of $N-r$ independent dimensionless variables, where r is the rank of the dimensional matrix $\mathcal{D}$.
The notational convention for the Buckingham Pi Theorem is that the "pi's", $\Pi_1,\ldots,\Pi_{N-r}$ represent dimensionless variables and a relation between them is given by $F(\Pi_1,\ldots,\Pi_{N-r})=0$.

Consider a pendulum. We make assumptions:

- The pivot is frictionless
- The rod is massless
- Air resistance is neglected
- The ceiling is infinitely rigid
- ...



22.1 What are the units of the following variables of interest?

(a) Period of the swing $[P]=$

(b) Pendulum mass $[m]=$

(c) Pendulum rod length $[\ell]=$

(d) Gravitational acceleration $[g]=$

(e) Amplitude of the swing $[\Theta]=$

Exercise 22

22.2 Let us create the dimensional matrix:

- One column for each variable of interest
- One row for each dimension
- Each term contains the power of the corresponding dimension for the corresponding variable

$$\mathcal{D} = \begin{array}{cc} \begin{array}{ccccc} [P] & [m] & [\ell] & [g] & [\Theta] \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{array} & \\ \begin{bmatrix} \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} & \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow M \\ \leftarrow L \\ \leftarrow T \end{array} \end{array}$$

22.3 What is the rank of this matrix?

22.4 What is the dimension of the null space?

22.5 Find a basis for the null space.

For each vector of the null space basis,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Buckingham Pi Theorem states that these correspond to non-dimensional variables Π_1 and Π_2:

$$\Pi_1 = \frac{P^2 g}{\ell} \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_2 = \Theta$$

and that there is a relation between them:

$$F(\Pi_1, \Pi_2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \Pi_1 = f(\Pi_2) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{P^2 g}{\ell} = f(\Theta)$$

which implies that

$$P = \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}} \cdot \overline{f}(\Theta),$$

or in other words, the fact that the *period of the pendulum is proportional to the square root of its length* is a consequence of a pure dimensional analysis of the variables in the problem.

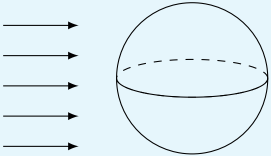
22.6 Recall the ODE for the pendulum: $\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{\ell}\sin(\theta)$. Linearize[a] it near the equilibrium $\theta = 0$.

22.7 Solve the linearized pendulum ODE, and compare the period of the linearized model to the nonlinear one.

[a] If you are not comfortable with linearization of an ODE, check exercise 61 on `https://raw.githubusercontent.com/siefkenj/IBLODEs/main/dist/odes.pdf`.

Exercise 23

Consider the flow past a sphere.



You don't need to know much about fluid dynamics to be able to deduce some properties of the flow.

The sphere is in a fluid (water) and we measure the force necessary to keep the sphere from moving downstream.
We want to understand how the drag force depends on the upstream velocity.

23.1 What are the units of the variables of interest[a]?

(a) drag force $[F] =$

(b) upstream velocity $[v] =$

(c) fluid density $[\rho] =$

(d) sphere diameter $[D] =$

(e) fluid viscosity[b] $[\mu] =$

23.2 Create a dimension matrix $\mathcal{D}$.

23.3 What is its rank? What is the dimension of its null space? Find a basis for its null space.

23.4 What are the non-dimensional variables Π's from Buckingham Pi Theorem?

23.5 What relations do you obtain?

[a] This choice is part of the modelling process.

[b] Fluid viscosity is the sphere's resistance to deformation by shear stress. To help with the units, the formula for the Force from viscosity is $F = \mu \cdot A \cdot u/y$, where A is area, u is velocity and y is position.

Solution:

$$\mathcal{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for rows M, L, T.

Its rank is 3, so there are 2 independent null vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

corresponding to

$$\Pi_1 = \frac{\rho v D}{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_2 = \frac{F}{\frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 D^2}$$

- $\Pi_1 =$ Reynolds number (Re) which determines the relation between inertia and viscous forces in a fluid flow.
- $\Pi_2 =$ is the drag coefficient (C_d)

So dimensional analysis reveals:

$$\Pi_2 = f(\Pi_1)$$

which means that the drag coefficient depends on the fluid's Reynolds number.

Could have also obtained

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which gives a different Π_2 and a different relation.

Exercise 23

Using python to find the null space gives yet another set of different Π_1 and Π_2.

```
import numpy as np
from numpy.linalg import matrix_rank
from sympy import Matrix, nsimplify

D = np.array([[1,0,1,0,1],[1,1,-3,1,-1],[-2,-1,0,0,-1]])
Ds = Matrix([[1,0,1,0,1],[1,1,-3,1,-1],[-2,-1,0,0,-1]])

print(D)

print("\nRank(D)=",matrix_rank(D))

print("\nNull Space Basis for D is \n",-2*nsimplify(Ds, rational=True).nullspace(
```

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[[ 1  0  1  0  1]
 [ 1  1 -3  1 -1]
 [-2 -1  0  0 -1]]

Rank(D)= 3

Null Space Basis for D is
 Matrix([[1], [-2], [-1], [-2], [0]])
 Matrix([[1], [0], [1], [0], [-2]])
```

Exercise 24

24.1 Use Buckingham Pi Theorem on Exercise 20 about radioactive decay.

24.2 Use Buckingham Pi Theorem on Exercise 21 about the budworm population.

Dog Shampoo. Scientists are testing the effect of different dog shampoos. Let

- F = number of fleas (in millions)
- D = number of dogs (in thousands)
- a = effect of different dog shampoos

and consider the model:

$$F' = -(1+a)F + D - 2$$
$$D' = -2F + (1-a)D + 1$$

which is based on the following premises:

($P1_F$) Ignoring all else, the number of parasites decays in proportion to its population (with constant $1+a$).

($P2_F$) Ignoring all else, parasite numbers grow in proportion to the number of hosts (with constant 1).

($P1_D$) Ignoring all else, hosts numbers grow in proportion to their current number (with constant $1-a$).

($P2_D$) Ignoring all else, host numbers decrease in proportion to the number of parasites (with constant 2).

($P1_C$) Anti-flea collars remove 2 million fleas per year.

($P2_C$) Constant dog breeding adds 1 thousand dogs per year.

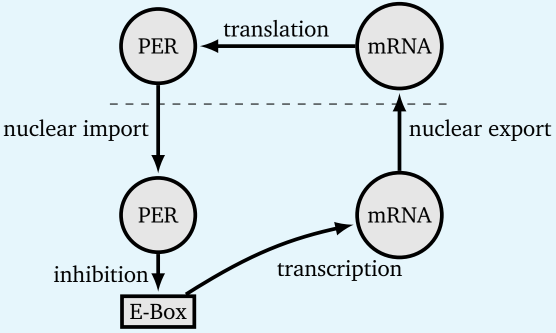
25.1 How are the premises expressed in the differential equations?

25.2 Find the equilibrium solutions for each value of $-1 \leq a \leq 1$.

25.3 Use `fleas_dogs.ipynb` and eigenvalues to check the stability[a] of the equilibrium points for different values of $-1 \leq a \leq 1$.

[a] If you are not comfortable with studying the stability of the equilibrium solutions of a system of ODEs, then check exercises 32–61 of the same textbook. You can also check sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the textbook ‘`Diffy Qs`’ `by Jiri Lebl`.

Mammalian Circadian Clock.



When the enhancer-box (E-Box) on the DNA is active, messenger RNA (mRNA) is produced. The mRNA is exported from the nucleus where it is translated into PER protein. The protein is imported into the nucleus where it inhibits the E-Box.

We get the model:

- x_1 = enhancer box on the DNA (E-box)
- x_2, x_3 = mRNA inside/outside the nucleus
- x_4, x_5 = PER outside/inside the nucleus

We get:

$$x_1' = -x_1 + e^{-\alpha x_5} \qquad x_4' = -x_4 + x_3$$
$$x_2' = -x_2 + x_1 \qquad x_5' = -x_5 + x_4$$
$$x_3' = -x_3 + x_2$$

where the exponential term represents the fact that the PER protein inhibits the E-box with "strength" α.

26.1 Find an approximation for the equilibrium solution for $\alpha = 1$.

26.2 This is a nonlinear problem. To linearize[a] it around an equilibrium solution, find the Jacobian (or total derivative) J.

26.3 Use `circadian.ipynb` and eigenvalues to check the stability of the equilibrium points for different values of $\alpha \in [0, 100]$.

[a] If you are not comfortable with linearization of a system of ODEs, check exercise 61 on `https://raw.githubusercontent.com/siefkenj/IBLODEs/main/dist/odes.pdf`.

Exercise 26

26.1 We get: $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5$ and

$$x_5 = e^{-\alpha x_5}$$

We have to approximate the solutions to this equation, e.g. using Newton's method.

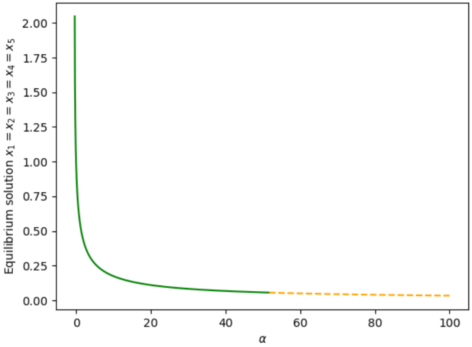
26.2 The Jacobian is:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha e^{-\alpha x_5} \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

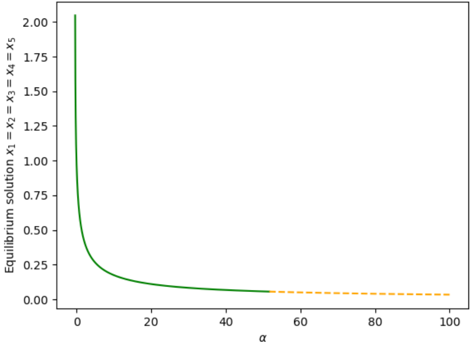
26.3 The solutions are in `circadian5-sol.ipynbcircadia`

Basically we need to find the (5) eigenvalues for each value of $\alpha \in [0, 100]$ and check when:

- All negative $\Rightarrow$ stable equilibrium
- One positive $\Rightarrow$ unstable equilibrium



From the previous question, we obtained equilibrium solutions that changed from stable to unstable as we changed the parameter α – see the graph below.



This is called a **bifurcation**.

Another type of bifurcation involves the creation of disappearance of equilibria as a parameter changes.

There are several typical types of bifurcations.

Bifurcations.

A (local) **bifurcation** occurs when a parameter change causes the stability of an equilibrium to change.
We will study four typical types of bifurcations.

1. **Saddle-node bifurcation**. Two equilibria collide and annihilate each other.
2. **Transcritical bifurcation**. An equilibrium exists for all values of a parameter and is never destroyed. However, the equilibrium interchanges its stability with another equilibrium as the parameter changes.
3. **Pitchfork bifurcation**. One equilibrium transitions to three equilibria as a parameter changes.
4. **Hopf bifurcation**. A periodic orbit appears (or disappears) through a change in the stability of an equilibrium point – this means that we transition from purely imaginary to complex eigenvalues.

Decide on the type of bifurcation for each ODE.

27.1 The ODE from Exercise 25.

27.2 The system of ODEs from Exercise 26.

27.3 The ODE $\frac{dx}{dt} = rx - x^2$.

27.4 The ODE $\frac{dx}{dt} = r + x^2$.

27.5 The ODE $\frac{dx}{dt} = rx - x^3$.

27.6 The following system of ODEs as μ changes:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \mu x - \omega y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \omega x + \mu y \end{cases}$$

27.7 The Lotka-Volterra model for $0 < a < 1$:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} &= axy - x - 2 + \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= y - \frac{1}{2}xy - 2 + \frac{1}{a} \end{cases}$$

27.1 Change of stability bifurcation

27.2 Change of stability bifurcation

27.3 Transcritical bifurcation: $x(r-x)=0$ so $x=0$ and $x=r$ are equilibria and they swap stability at $r=0$.

27.4 Saddle-node bifurcation: equilibria only exist for $r<0$, one stable and one unstable.

27.5 Pitchfork bifurcation: $x(r-x^2)=0$ implies

- $r \leq 0$: equilibria at $x=0$
- $r>0$: equilibria at $x=0$ and $x=\pm\sqrt{r}$

See `https://www.desmos.com/calculator/p4c44owr9l` about pitchfork perturbation.

27.6 Hopf bifurcation: Equilibrium at $(0,0)$ and with eigenvalues $\mu \pm \omega i$, so

- $\mu<0$: stable spiral
- $\mu=0$: stable centre (periodic orbit)
- $\mu>0$: unstable spiral

27.7 Equilibrium at $(\frac{1}{a},2)$ and

- $a<1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\approx 0.134$: two negative eigenvalues (stable)
- $1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}<a<\frac{1}{2}$: stable spiral
- $a=\frac{1}{2}$: stable centre (periodic orbit)
- $a>\frac{1}{2}$: unstable spiral

Change in qualitative behaviour at $a=1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and Hopf at $a=\frac{1}{2}$.

Calculations at `bifurcation-LotkaVolterra.i`

Visualize also here `https://www.desmos.com/calculator/aydzcpccy4`