

Problem in continuous time system

7 Differential equations

7.1 Basic Definition

Definition 7.1 Terms

Autonomous: The time variable t does not explicitly appear, for instance

$$\text{Autonomous: } \dot{x} = ax, \text{ Nonautonomous: } \ddot{x} = -c\dot{x} - \sin x + \rho \sin x$$

Initial Value The number $x_0 = x(0)$ is called the **initial value** of the function x .

Flow The **flow** F of an autonomous differential equation is the function of time t and initial value x_0 which represents the set of solutions. Thus $F(t, x_0)$ is the value at time t of the solution with initial value x_0 . We will often use the slightly different notation $F_t(x_0)$ to mean the same thing.

Equilibrium A constant solution of the autonomous differential equation $\dot{x} = f(x)$ is called an **equilibrium** of the equation.

Sink An equilibrium solution is called **attracting** or a **sink** if the trajectories of nearby initial conditions converge to it.

Source It is called **repelling** or a **source** if the solutions through nearby initial conditions diverge from it.

* I. One dimension system.

Example 7.1 Logistic differential equation

Consider a differential equation $\dot{x} = ax(1 - x)$ where $a > 0$ is a constant.

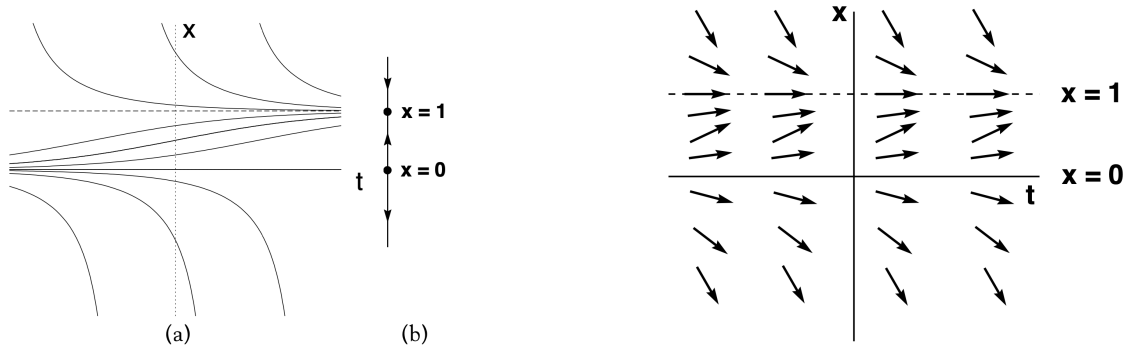


Figure 56: $x_0 - t$ plot of logistic DE

[i] **Existence** Each point in the (t, x) -plane has a solution passing through it. The solution has slope given by the differential equation at that point.

[ii] **Uniqueness** Only one solution passes through any particular (t, x) .

[iii] **Continuous dependence** Solutions through nearby initial conditions remain close over short time intervals. In other words, the flow $F(t, x_0)$ is a continuous function of x_0 as well as t . Using the first concept, we can draw a **slope field** in the (t, x) -plane by evaluating $\dot{x} = ax(1 - x)$ at several points and putting a short line segment with the evaluated slope at each point

* II. High dimension linear system.

Definition 7.2 Lyapunov Stable An equilibrium point \mathbf{v} is called **stable or Lyapunov stable** if every initial point \mathbf{v}_0 that is chosen very close to \mathbf{v} has the property that the solution $F(t, \mathbf{v}_0)$ stays close to \mathbf{v} for $t \geq 0$.

More formally, for any neighborhood N of \mathbf{v} there exists a neighborhood N_1 of \mathbf{v} , contained in N , such that for each initial point \mathbf{v}_0 in N_1 , the solution $F(t, \mathbf{v}_0)$ is in N for all $t \geq 0$.

An equilibrium is called **asymptotically stable** if it is both stable and attracting.

An equilibrium is called **unstable** if it is not stable.

Finally, an equilibrium is **globally asymptotically stable** if it is asymptotically stable and all initial values converge to the equilibrium.

Theorem 7.1 Stability of Origin Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix, and consider the equation $\dot{\mathbf{v}} = A\mathbf{v}$. If the real parts of all eigenvalues of A are negative, then the equilibrium $\mathbf{v} = 0$ is globally asymptotically stable. If A has n distinct eigenvalues and if the real parts of all eigenvalues of A are nonpositive, then $\mathbf{v} = 0$ is stable.

III. High dimension nonlinear system.

CONCLUSION 7.1 For all high dimension ODE, it can be transformed into a first-order system.

So if we consider a high dimension nonlinear equation, that is same as consider a 1-dim ODE system.

Theorem 7.2 Existence and Uniqueness

Consider the first-order differential equation $\dot{\mathbf{v}} = f(\mathbf{v})$ where both f and its first partial derivatives with respect to v are continuous on an open set U . Then for any real number t_0 and real vector v_0 , there is an open interval containing t_0 , on which there exists a solution satisfying the initial condition $v(t_0) = v_0$, and this solution is unique.

Definition 7.3 Lipschitz Constant

Let U be an open set in \mathcal{R}^n . A function f on \mathcal{R}^n is said to be Lipschitz on U if there exists a constant L s.t.

$$\forall v, w \in U, \|f(v) - f(w)\| \leq L\|v - w\|$$

The constant L is called a Lipschitz constant for f .

Theorem 7.3 Continuous dependence on initial conditions

Let f be defined on the open set U in \mathcal{R}^n , and assume that f has Lipschitz constant L in the variables v on U . Let $v(t)$ and $w(t)$ be solutions of $\dot{\mathbf{v}} = f(\mathbf{v})$, and let $[t_0, t_1]$ be a subset of the domains of both solutions. Then

$$\forall t \in [t_0, t_1], \|v(t) - w(t)\| \leq \|v(t_0) - w(t_0)\| \exp(L(t - t_0))$$

Next two definition introduced the sink, source and saddle in continuous problem.

Definition 7.4 An equilibrium v_0 of $\dot{v} = f(v)$ is called hyperbolic if none of the eigenvalues of $Df(v_0)$ has real part 0.

Definition 7.5 Let v_0 be an equilibrium of $\dot{v} = f(v)$. If the real part of each eigenvalue of $Df(v_0)$ is strictly negative, then v_0 is asymptotically stable. If the real part of at least one eigenvalue is strictly positive, then v_0 is unstable.

7.2 Energy Function, Lyapunov Function

Definition 7.6 Level curve

Given a real number c and a function $E : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$, the set $E_c = \{(x, y) | E(x, y) = c\}$ is called a **level curve** of the function E .

Definition 7.7 Lyapunov Function

Let v_0 be an equilibrium of $\dot{\mathbf{v}} = f(\mathbf{v})$. A function $E : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ is called a *Lyapunov function* for v_0 if for some neighborhood $N(v_0)$, the following conditions are satisfied:

[i] $\forall v \in N(v_0) \setminus \{v_0\}, E(v_0) = 0 \wedge E(v) > 0$

[ii] $\forall v \in N(v_0), \dot{E}(v) \leq 0$

If the stronger inequality

$$[\text{ii}'] \forall v \in N(v_0), \dot{E}(v) < 0$$

holds, then E is called a *strict Lyapunov function*.

Theorem 7.4 Let v_0 be an equilibrium of $\dot{\mathbf{v}} = f(\mathbf{v})$. If there exists a Lyapunov function for v , then v is stable. If there exists a strict Lyapunov function for v , then v is asymptotically stable.

Definition 7.8 Basin of attraction

Let v_0 be an asymptotically stable equilibrium of $\dot{\mathbf{v}} = f(\mathbf{v})$. Then the basin of attraction of v_0 , denoted $B(v_0)$, is the set of initial conditions v_{init} s.t.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t, v_{init}) = v_0$$

Definition 7.9 A set $U \subset \mathcal{R}^n$ is called a *forward invariant set* for $\dot{\mathbf{v}} = f(\mathbf{v})$ if for each $v_0 \in U$, the forward orbit $\{F(t, v_0) : t \geq 0\}$ is contained in U . A forward invariant set that is bounded is called a **trapping region**. We also require that a trapping region be an n -dimensional set.

CONCLUSION 7.2 Barbashin-LaSalle

Let E be a Lyapunov function for v_0 on the neighborhood $N(v_0)$. Let $Q = \{v \in N : \dot{E}(v) = 0\}$. Assume that N is forward invariant. If the only forward-invariant set contained completely in Q is v_0 , then v_0 is asymptotically stable. Furthermore, N is contained in the basin of v_0 ; that is, $\forall v \in N, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t, v) = v_0$