

# Nonlinear ODE systems:

↳ linear systems  $x' = Ax$  where  $A$  is some constant matrix

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 \\ b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(note this is 2 linear ODEs)

## Nonlinear (but locally linear)

(we will only see 2D  $x, y$ )

- Autonomous (independent var.  $t$  does not appear explicitly)
- This is also called a planar system.

## Equilibrium points of nonlinear systems.

for linear systems  $x' = Ax$  there is always EQ point at  $(0,0)$ .

For nonlinear there could be multiple EQ points at any location.

Ex:

$$x'(t) = xy \quad \leftarrow \text{nonlinear bc multiplication}$$

$$y'(t) = x + y + 2$$

set  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  equal to 0 and solve for  $x$  and  $y$

1  $0 = xy$

2  $0 = x + y + 2$

1)  $xy = 0$

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 $x=0 \quad y=0$

2)

$x = -2 \quad (0, -2)$   
 $y = -2 \quad (-2, 0)$

} 2 EQ points

Ex:  $x'(t) = (x-y)(x+y)$

$$y'(t) = x(y+1)$$

1.  $0 = (x-y)(x+y) \rightarrow x-y=0 \quad x+y=0$

$x=y$

$x=-y$

2.  $0 = x(y+1)$

$y(y+1)=0$

$y=0$

$y=-1$

$x=-1$

$(0,0) \quad (1,-1)$

3 EQ points

$(0,0) \quad (-1,-1)$

## Classifying Equilibrium points

- For  $x' = Ax$  we classified eq at  $(0,0)$  based on the eigenvalues of  $A$ .  
\* Can't do this for nonlinear system.
- For nonlinear systems we can get an approximation, using a Taylor series, of our system around each equilibrium that is linear.

### 2 Variable Taylor series for the system

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= f(x, y) \\ y'(t) &= g(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad \text{with the series centered at the eq pt.}$$

$$\begin{cases} f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \cdot (x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \cdot (y - y_0) + \dots \text{(higher order terms)} \\ g(x, y) = g(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \cdot (x - x_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \cdot (y - y_0) + \dots \end{cases}$$

Note: • Since  $(x_0, y_0)$  is an eq. point  $f(x_0, y_0) = 0$ ,  $g(x_0, y_0) = 0$   
∴ we can ignore the first term in the Taylor series.

- Since we only need approximation close to  $(x_0, y_0)$  the  $(x_0, y_0)$  will be small, so the higher order terms will be much smaller than the 1st order terms. ∴ we only need the first order terms.

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$g(x, y) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

now use change of variables:

$$u = x - x_0 \quad u(t) = x(t) - x_0 \quad u'(t) = x'(t) = f(x, y)$$

$$v = y - y_0 \quad v(t) = y(t) - y_0 \quad v'(t) = y'(t) = g(x, y)$$

$$\therefore u'(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)u + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)v$$

$$v'(t) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)u + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)v$$

this is a linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \text{this is the jacobian usually } J(x_0, y_0)$$

so if we want to classify eq points  
of a system  $x'(t) = f(x, y)$

$$y'(t) = g(x, y)$$

- find eq points

- find jacobian

$$J(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix with functions  
as the entries.

- For each EQ. Pt. Plug into

$J$ , get matrix, then find  
eigenvalues.

# Classify nonlinear system eq pts.

Still have the ones from linear systems

↳ nodal, source, saddle, center.

We will define 3 types of stability:

1. **Unstable** → some solutions that start close to eq. pt. move away.

2. **Stable** → solutions that start close to eq. pt. stay close.

3. **Asymptotically stable** → solutions that start close to eq. pt. approach it.

unstable:

Nodal source

Spiral source

Saddle

stable:

Center

Asymptotically

stable:

Nodal sink

Spiral sink

**EX:**  $x'(t) = xy$

$$y'(t) = x + y + 2$$

1. Find eq. pts.  $(0, -2)$   $(-2, 0)$

2. solve jacobian

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y & x \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Plug in equilibria and compute eigenvalues

$$J(0, -2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{locally linear system around } (0, -2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2-2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = (-2-2)(1-2) \quad \text{real and opposite sign so } (-2, 0) \text{ is saddle pt.}$$

$\lambda = -2, 1$

$$J(-2, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (-2)(1-2)+2 \\ 2-2+2 \end{matrix} \quad \lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-8}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{7}}{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{spiral source at } (-2, 0)$$

Ex:  $x'(t) = (1-y)(2x-y)$   
 $y'(t) = (2+x)(x-2y)$  Classify eq pts and determine their stability.

① for finding equilibria, better to have  $f$  and  $g$  factored

$$f=0 \quad 1-y=0$$

$$y=1$$

$$2+x=0 \quad x-2y=0$$

$$x=-2$$

$$(-2, 1)$$

$$x=2$$

$$(2, 1)$$

$$2x-y=0$$

$$y=2x$$

$$y=2(-2)$$

$$y=-4$$

$$(-2, -4)$$

$$x-2(2x)=0$$

$$x-4x=0$$

$$-3x=0$$

$$x=0$$

$$(0, 0)$$

② Jacobian

$$f(x, y) = (1-y)(2x-y) = 2x-y-2xy+y^2$$

$$g(x, y) = (2+x)(x-2y) = 2x-4y+x^2-2xy$$

$$J(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2-y & -1-2x+2y \\ 2+x-2y & -4-2x \end{bmatrix}$$

③  $J(-2, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = \pm \sqrt{20}i$   
 center, stable

$J(2, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = -6, -2$   
 nodal sink, asymptotically stable

$J(-2, -4) = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -5 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = 5 \pm \sqrt{5}i$   
 spiral source, unstable

need to know signs

$J(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{7}$

saddle, unstable

$-1-\sqrt{7}$   
 negative

$-1+\sqrt{7}$

$\sqrt{4} \leq \sqrt{7} \leq \sqrt{9}$   
 $2 \leq \sqrt{7} \leq 3$

positive