

## Nonlinear ODE Systems:

↳ linear systems  $\dot{x} = Ax$  where  $A$  is some constant matrix

$$\dot{\vec{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(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  $\dot{x} = Ax$  there is always EQ point at  $(0,0)$ .

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

Ex:

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

$$y'(t) = x + y + \alpha \quad \text{set } x'(t) \text{ and } y'(t) \text{ equal to 0 and solve for } x \text{ and } y.$$

$$1. 0 = xy$$

$$2. 0 = x + y + \alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) & xy = 0 \\ & \begin{cases} x=0 \\ y=0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x=-\alpha \\ y=-\alpha \end{cases} \quad (0, -\alpha) \quad (-\alpha, 0) \end{aligned} \quad \text{2 EQ points}$$

$$\text{Ex: } x'(t) = (x-y)(x+y)$$

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

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

$$2. 0 = x(y+1) \rightarrow x=y \quad x=-y \quad (0,0) \quad (1, -1)$$

$$y=0 \quad y=-1 \quad x=-1 \quad 3 \text{ EQ points}$$

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

## 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

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

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

→ 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.

Asymptotically

unstable:

nodal source

spiral source

saddle

stable:

center

stable:

nodal sink

spiral sink

Ex:  $x'(t) = xy$

$$y'(t) = x + y + \alpha$$

1. Find eq. pts.  $(0, -\alpha)$   $(-\alpha, 0)$

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = (-\alpha - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{real and opposite sign so} \\ \lambda = -\alpha, 1 \end{matrix}$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} f=0 \quad 1-y=0 \\ \quad y=1 \\ \quad \downarrow \\ \quad 2+x=0 \quad x-2y=0 \\ \quad x=-2 \quad x=1 \\ (-2,1) \quad (1,1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2x-y=0 \\ y=2x \\ \downarrow \\ y=2(-2) \quad x-2(2x)=0 \\ y=-4 \quad x-4x=0 \\ (-2,-4) \quad -3x=0 \\ x=0 \\ (0,0) \end{array}$$

② jacobian

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

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

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

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

center, stable

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

nodal sink, asymptotically stable

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

spiral source, unstable

need to know signs

$$J(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

saddle, unstable

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ -1-\sqrt{5} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ -1+\sqrt{5} \end{array}$$

negative

$$\sqrt{4} \leq \sqrt{5} \leq \sqrt{9}$$

$$2 \leq \sqrt{5} \leq 3$$

positive