

## Historical overview:

1666 - Newton invents ODEs,  
Solves planetary orbits,  
2-body problem

Late 1800 - Poincaré introduces the concept of  
phase space and shows the problem  
of solving chaotic systems.

Chaos: Aperiodic, seemingly unpredictable behaviour  
in deterministic systems that display "sensitive  
dependence on initial conditions."

1920 - 1950: Nonlinear oscillators in physics,  
Engineering - radio, radar, phase-locked loops, lasers.

1950: Computer power rapidly improved.

1960's: Lorenz @ MIT - chaotic system of convection rolls in the atmosphere  
(Famous paper published in meteorological journal

"Deterministic aperiodic flow.")

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- Work by Smale, KAM (Pure mathematical work)  
on Chaos.

1975: May, a biologist, notices chaos in iterated maps  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$   
- wrote a paper, "Complicated dynamics in simple dynamic systems."

Mandelbrot - developed fractals...

Winfree - non-linear oscillators in biology.

Ruelle and Takens - Link between chaos and turbulence.

1978: Feigenbaum discovered universal route to chaos for completely unrelated  
system (connections to phase transitions in statistical physics)

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Renormalization.

1980s: Chaos, non-linear dynamics, fractals get HOT!

1990s: Engineering applications of chaos, subject starts to peak and drift to systems  
with many variables called complex systems.

2000s: Networks...

## Logical map of dynamics:

- Differential eq<sup>n</sup>s:

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{f}(\vec{x})$$

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

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$$\dot{x}_n = f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

A system is linear if all  
 $x_i$  on RHS appear only to  
the first power. (no products,

$$x_2^2, x_1 x_2 \dots)$$

- Only considering autonomous  
system.

} Other systems are  
called non-linear.

} Better to visualising  
phase space geometry.

Example: Basic harmonic oscillator

$$m\ddot{x} + kx = 0, \text{ Let } \vec{z}_1 = x, \vec{z}_2 = \dot{x}$$

$$\dot{\vec{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_2 \\ -kx \end{bmatrix} \text{ (linear).}$$

Suppose the solution to a system is known: We have  $x_1(t), x_2(t)$ . There could be a point that moves along a  $(x_2, x_1)$  space, tracing out ~~the~~ a trajectory.

Without solving the differential eq<sup>n</sup> analytically we can qualitatively plot all the different trajectories, called a phase portrait.

	$n=1$	$n=2$	$n=3$	$n = \text{a lot}$	$n = \infty$
Linear	RC	SHM			wave eq <sup>n</sup> , EM, Schrodinger eq <sup>n</sup>
Non-linear	<u>Logistic</u>	<u>Pendulum</u>	<u>fractals</u> , <u>iterated maps</u> , <u>Lorenz</u> (chaos).	Networks, Complex systems... [Not alot known about them...]	General relatively, turbulence fibrillation..

\* Plan for the course are underlined.

### 1-D systems:

Example:  $\dot{x} = \sin(x)$

Traditional way,

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sin x} = \int dt = t + C$$

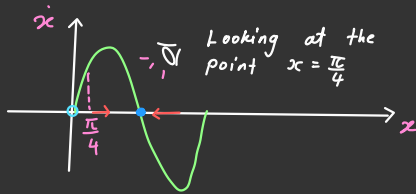
$$- \ln |\csc(x) + \cot(x)| = t + C$$

At  $t=0$ ,  $x = x_0$

$$t = \ln \left| \frac{\csc(x_0) - \cot(x_0)}{\csc(x) - \cot(x)} \right|$$

This result is not that helpful.  
Suppose  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , what is the limit of  $x(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ? It's not obvious from the sol<sup>n</sup>.

Picture method:

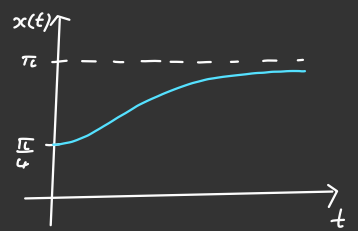


Looking at the point  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\dot{x} = \sin(x)$$

$x$  at  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  has a  $\dot{x} > 0$ , so  $x$  moves to the right. It's changing at the fastest rate when  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , after which it's rate starts to drop (but still positive.) Eventually the velocity of  $x$ , drops to 0 at  $\pi$ .

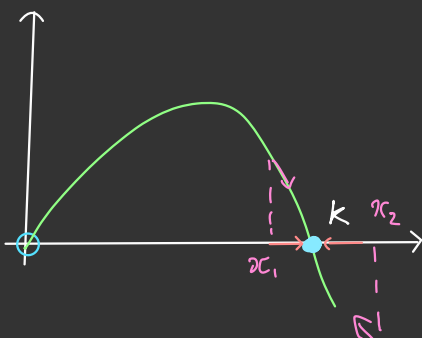
We can sketch this description.



Example: Logistic eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\dot{x} = r \left( 1 - \frac{x}{k} \right)$$

The phase plot would then be,



Starting on the left of  $k$ , the population would increase until it reaches  $k$ . Starting on the right it would decrease...

Linearization: Suppose we want to write the dynamics around a fixed point  $x^*$ ,  $f(x^*) = 0$ .

$$x(t) = x^* + \eta(t)$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{d}{dt}(x^* + \eta(t)) = \dot{\eta}(t)$$

$$f(x) = f(x^* + \eta(t)) = f(x^*) + \eta f'(x^*) + \frac{\eta^2}{2} f''(x^*)$$

use Taylor expansion

can be neglected IF: ①  $\eta$  is small  
②  $f'(x) \neq 0$ .

If  $f'(x^*) = 0$ , then we cannot get any insight on the stability of the system, the fixed point could be stable, unstable, ..., half-stable.

We then get,

$$\dot{x}(t) = \dot{\eta}(t) = \eta f'(x^*) = \eta r$$

If  $r > 0$ , exponential growth since

$$\dot{\eta} = r\eta$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\eta} d\eta = \int r dt \Rightarrow \ln \eta = rt + c$$

$$\eta = Be^{rt}, \quad r > 0$$

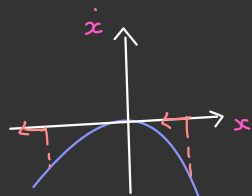
If  $r < 0$ , we have the opposite of exponential decay.

$$\eta = Be^{-rt}, \quad r < 0.$$

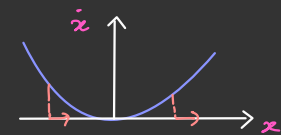
\* Example of how we can't conclude anything from  $f'(x^*) = 0$

Consider,  $\dot{x} = x^2$

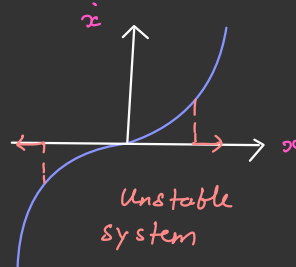
$\Rightarrow x^* = 0$ , since  $f(x^*) = 0$



Opposite to the case when  $f(x) = x^2$ , stable from the right, unstable from the left.



Stable from the left, but unstable from the right.



Unstable system

Example: Logistic eq<sup>1</sup>:

$$\dot{x} = rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{k}\right)$$

$\dot{x} = 0$  is satisfied when

$$x = 0, \quad x = k$$

$x_1^*$                        $x_2^*$

$$f'(x_1^*) = r - \frac{2rx}{k} = r > 0 \quad [\text{Unstable}]$$

$$f'(x_2^*) = r - \frac{2rx}{k} = -r < 0 \quad [\text{Stable}]$$

Consistent with what was seen earlier, with the point at the origin being unstable, and the point at  $x = k$  was stable.

Existence of uniqueness:

Solutions to  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  exist and are unique

IF:  $f(x)$  and  $f'(x)$  are continuous.

\* There are milder conditions for existence and uniqueness, but for this course this would suffice.

## Impossibility of oscillations:

Possible behaviour of  $x(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for  $\dot{x}(t) = f(x)$ ?

Only two possibilities exist:

- (i)  $x(t) \rightarrow \pm \infty$   
 (ii)  $x(t) \rightarrow x^*$
- This is because  $x(t)$  always increases monotonically or stays fixed } Any function you draw in the  $\dot{x}, x$  space for 1D systems would have this.

Bifurcations: (In the context of 1-D systems).

- Think of it as changing a parameter of a system, the qualitative structure of the vector field may change dramatically (fixed points changed or destroyed, stability changed).

↳ Such a change is called bifurcation...

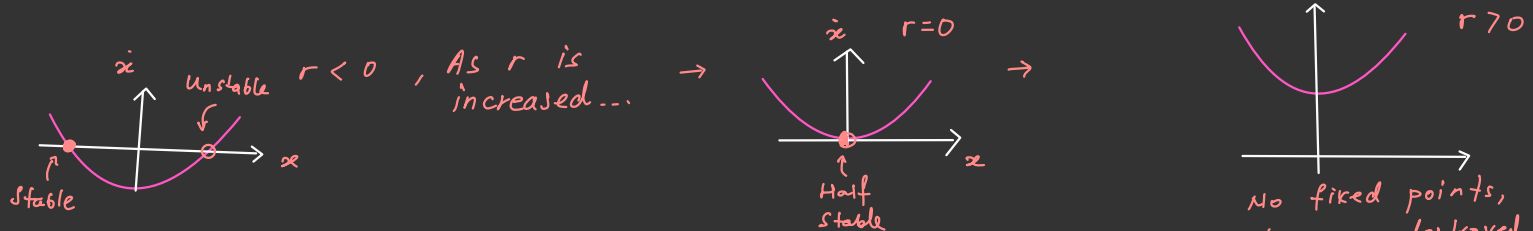
- The value of the parameter at which the change occurs are called bifurcation points.

- Examples: Reynold's number in fluid dynamics, Arrhythmia, ...

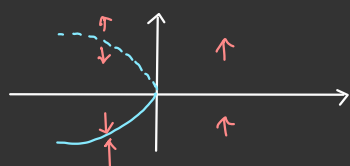
Saddle-node bifurcation: Basic mechanism for creation and destruction of fixed points..

$$\text{Let, } \dot{x} = f(x) = r + x^2$$

We can then plot the phase plot,



The above series of pictures can be represented by a bifurcation diagram:



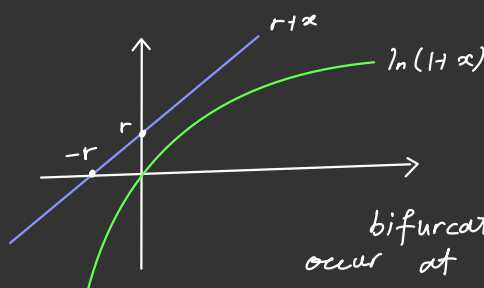
Example:

$$\dot{x} = r + x - \ln(1+x)$$

To find fixed points,

$$r + x = \ln(1+x)$$

Difficult to solve analytically. Just use a graphical approach.



As  $r$  is reduced, the blue curve would eventually intersect. The bifurcation would occur at

$$r + x = \ln(1+x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(r+x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(1+x))$$

Solving the gradient eq<sup>n</sup>:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(r+x) = 1 = \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(1+x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^*} \Rightarrow x^* = 1. \text{ From the eq<sup>n</sup> then } r + x^* = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0.$$

Bifurcation at  $(x, r) = (0, 0)$

$$x = x^* + \eta$$

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{\dot{x}^*}_{\text{constant}} + \dot{\eta}$$

$$\dot{x} = \dot{\eta} = r + \underbrace{x}_0 - \ln(1+x)$$

$$= r + x - \left( x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \right) = r + \frac{x^2}{2} + \underbrace{O(x^3)}_{\text{small.}}$$

Normal form of saddle node bifurcation.

Transcritical bifurcations:

Let,

$$\dot{x} = rx - x^2$$

$$= x(r-x)$$

$$x_1^* = 0, \quad x_2^* = r$$

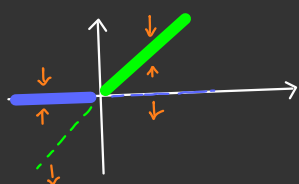
$$f'(x_1^*) = r - 2x$$

$$= r, \quad r < 0 \text{ (stable)}$$

$$f'(x_2^*) = r - 2x$$

$$= -r, \quad r > 0 \text{ (stable)}$$

The bifurcation diagram then is,

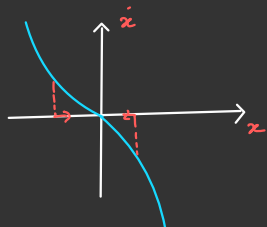


Pitchfork bifurcation:

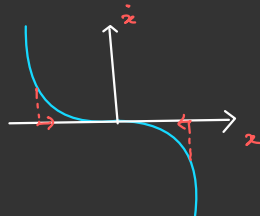
$$\text{Let } \dot{x} = rx - x^3$$

Drawing the phase plot,

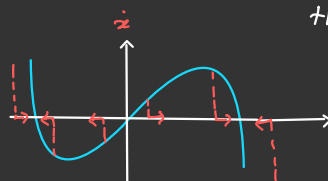
If  $r < 0$ ,



If  $r = 0$



If  $r > 0$

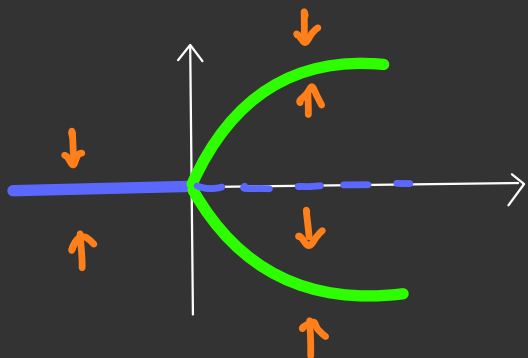


- We find that there is a symmetric pair of fixed points

And the origin is unstable...

The above is called a super-critical pitchfork...

The bifurcation diagram is then:



At  $x=0, r < 0$ , stable —  
 $x = \sqrt{r}, x = -\sqrt{r}$  are not fixed points

At  $r > 0, x=0$  is unstable — — —  
 and  $x = \sqrt{r}, x = -\sqrt{r}$  are stable — .