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Chaos :

- * Phase-Space
- * Phase-Portrait
- * Harmonic Oscillator : damped + driven
- * Attractors, limit cycles + fixed points
- * "Chaotic" \rightarrow Lyapunov exponents
 \hookrightarrow KAM Theorem
- * Iterative maps / bifurcation
- * Poincaré maps / surfaces

Simple Harmonic Motion

* Physical examples :

- i) Mass on a spring
(Hooke's Law $F = -kx$)
- ii) Pendulum w/ small-angle approximation
- iii) Quantum Mechanics

$$\text{SHO: } \ddot{x} = -\omega_0^2 x$$

\hookrightarrow Frequency of motion

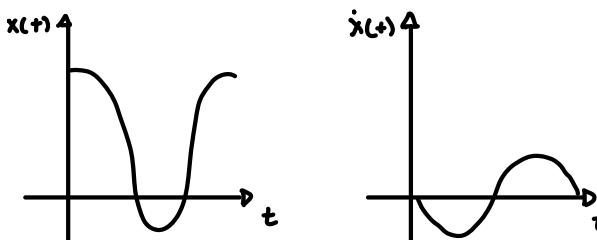
$F = m\ddot{x} = -kx \therefore \omega_0^2 = k/m$: Force has some associated potential,

$$F = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \rightarrow V(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} m\omega_0^2 x^2$$

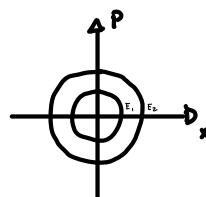
$$\text{Solution: } x(t) = a_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) + b_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) = A_0 \cos(\omega_0 t - \phi)$$

Energy is conserved :

$$E = KE + PE = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{A_0^2}{2} k \sin^2(\omega_0 t - \phi) + \frac{A_0^2}{2} k \cos^2(\omega_0 t - \phi) = \frac{A_0^2 k}{2}$$

Phase Space

$(x, p) \Rightarrow$ Position-momentum phase space : $p = m\dot{x}$



$$\bar{x} = \sqrt{k/m} x, \quad \bar{p} = \sqrt{1/m} p$$

$$E_2 > E_1 : \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{kx^2}{2} = E : \bar{p}^2 + \bar{x}^2 = E$$

$$p(t) = m\dot{x}(t) = \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} : t_2 > t_1 (=0) : x(t_2) - x(t_1) > 0 \longrightarrow p(t_2) > 0$$

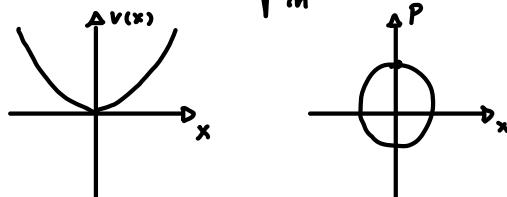
Phase Portrait

=> A collection of trajectories / orbits in phase-space is called a phase portrait and provides a dense illustration of a system's allowed dynamics

Generic Recipe : (Energy is conserved)

$$E = T + V = \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} + V(x) : \dot{x} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{m}} \sqrt{E - V(x)} : p(x) = \pm \sqrt{2m[E - V(x)]}$$

$$\text{HO: } V(x) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$



Damping

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

Viscous damping $\propto \dot{x}$

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Recap :

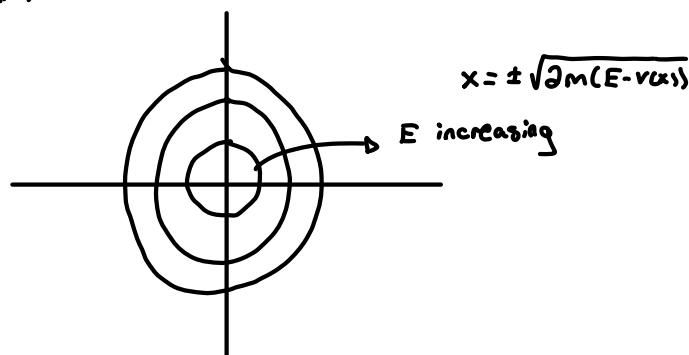
* Harmonic motion : $\ddot{x} = -\omega_0^2 x$, Restoring force : $F = -kx$, Associated potential : $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

* Generic Solution : $x(t) = A_0 \sin(\omega t - \delta)$, $E = T + V = \frac{A_0^2 k}{2}$

* Phase Space => Dynamics in terms of trajectories in (x, p)

* Identifying periodic motion, look for closed trajectories orbit

* Phase-portraits $E = p^2/2m + V(x)$



Damping

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0 \quad \text{w/ } \omega_0^2 = k/m$$

↳ viscous damping $\propto \dot{x}$

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0 : \beta = b/2m \rightarrow \text{damping parameter}$$

Solutions

$x(t) = e^{rt} \Rightarrow$ final $x(t)$ should be real

$$r^2 x + 2\beta r x + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \rightarrow r^2 + 2\beta r + \omega_0^2 = 0 \therefore r = -\beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

① sign of $\beta^2 - \omega_0^2$ matters

② $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

③ 2 Solutions

Solution \rightarrow combination of 2 linearly independent solutions:

$$x(t) = e^{-\beta t} \left[A_1 e^{-i\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}t} + A_2 e^{i\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}t} \right]$$

\hookrightarrow Decaying \hookrightarrow oscillatory

1) Underdamped: $\beta^2 < \omega_0^2$

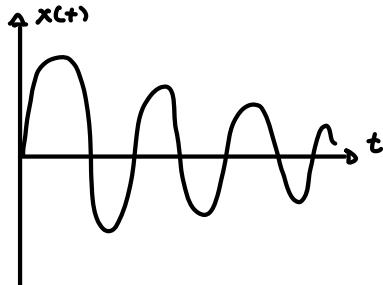
2) Critical damping: $|\beta| = |\omega_0|$

3) Over damping: $\beta^2 > \omega_0^2$

1) Underdamped

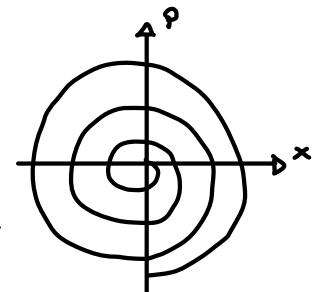
$$\text{Set } \omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2} : x(t) = A e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega_1 t - \delta) : A \in \mathbb{R}$$

Typical Dynamics:



$$x(t), \dot{p} = m \dot{x}$$

decaying spiral \Rightarrow
 $(x, p) = (0, 0)$ is called
 an attractor



\Rightarrow Fixed point of motion that attracts trajectories

\Rightarrow This case: Independent of initial conditions

damping \rightarrow energy is not conserved:

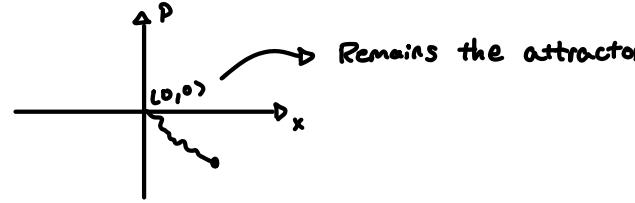
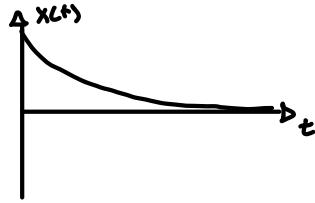
$$E = \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} + \frac{m\omega_0^2 x^2}{2} \rightarrow E(t) = \frac{m}{2} \left(-\beta A e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega_1 t - \delta) - A e^{-\beta t} \sin(\omega_1 t - \delta) \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 \left(A e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega_1 t - \delta) \right)^2$$

$$E(t) = e^{-2\beta t} [\dots]$$

3) Over damping

$$x(t) = A_1 e^{-\beta t} e^{-\omega_1 t} + e^{-\beta t} e^{\omega_1 t} : \text{Here } \omega_1 = \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Dynamics: pure decay

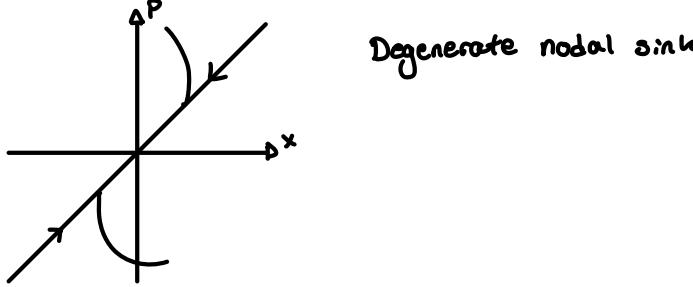


2) Critical damping : Assignment Q2

$$\omega_0 \rightarrow 0, x(t) = (A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\beta t} \Rightarrow \text{Repeated real roots}$$

$$x(t) = t e^{-\beta t} : \text{Final solution } x(t) = A e^{-\beta t} + B t e^{-\beta t}$$

Dynamics:



Driven-damped oscillator:

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega t) \quad \text{Rewrite as, } \ddot{x} + 2\beta\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos(\omega t) \quad A = F_0/m$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Homogeneous} + \text{Particular solution}, \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ x_H(t) \qquad x_p(t) \end{array} \qquad \beta = \frac{b}{2m}$$

$$x_p(t) = D \cos(\omega t - \delta) \rightarrow \text{trig identities} : D = \frac{A}{[\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 + (2\omega\beta)^2]^{1/2}} : \delta = \arctan \left[\frac{2\omega\beta}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right]$$

$$x(t) = x_H(t) + x_p(t) : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = x_p(t)$$

$\Rightarrow x_H(t)$ encodes transient dynamics that are sensitive to initial conditions

$\Rightarrow x_p(t)$ is the long-time ($t > 1/\beta$) steady-state response, insensitive to initial conditions.

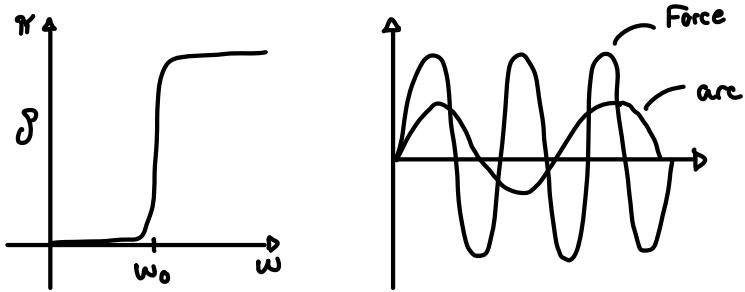
\rightarrow Modulated force leads to periodic response of oscillator at the driving frequency.

Features of interest :

① Driving @ $\omega = \omega_0$: commonly called resonance $\Rightarrow E = \text{const}$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m D^2 [\omega^2 \sin^2(\omega t - \delta) + \omega_0^2 \cos^2(\omega t - \delta)] = \frac{1}{2} m D^2 \omega_0^2 @ \omega = \omega_0$$

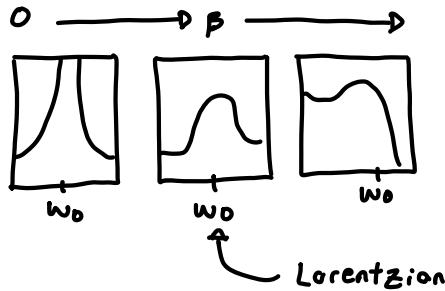
② Phase lag $\rightarrow \delta$



③ The amplitude "response" is maximal @ $\omega = \pm \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - 2\beta^2}$ $\left[\Rightarrow \text{Solving } \frac{\partial D}{\partial \omega} = 0 \right]$

\Rightarrow For $\beta \rightarrow 0$: D diverges

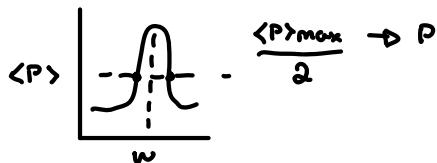
$\Rightarrow \beta \neq 0$: broadening



Subtlety:

$$P = \text{rate of work} = F \dot{x} : \langle P \rangle_{\text{cycle}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T P(t) dt \xrightarrow{\delta T / \omega} = \frac{F_0}{2} D \omega \sin(\varphi) : \frac{\beta \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (2\omega\beta)^2}$$

$$\langle P \rangle_{\text{max}} \rightarrow \omega = \omega_0$$



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Recap:

* Damped oscillator

\Rightarrow Under, over-damped, critical

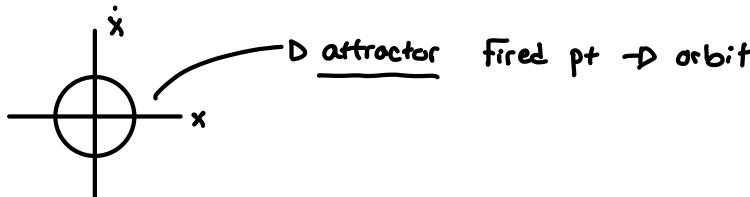
\Rightarrow Independent of initial conditions $\Rightarrow (0,0) \rightarrow$ Attractor

* Damped - driven oscillator

\Rightarrow Stabilized oscillations @ long time:

$$x(t) = x_c(t) + x_p(t)$$

Why do we care:



Van der Pol oscillator:

- => Electrical engineering
- => Biology
- => Quantum sensing

Equation of motion:

$$m\ddot{x} - \epsilon(x_0^2 - x^2)\dot{x} + m\omega_0^2x = F_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$$

Goldstein:

$$m\ddot{x} - \epsilon(1 - x^2) + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) : x \rightarrow x/x_0, m \rightarrow m/x_0, \epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon x_0, k \rightarrow m\omega_0^2/x_0, F_0 \rightarrow F_0/x_0^2$$

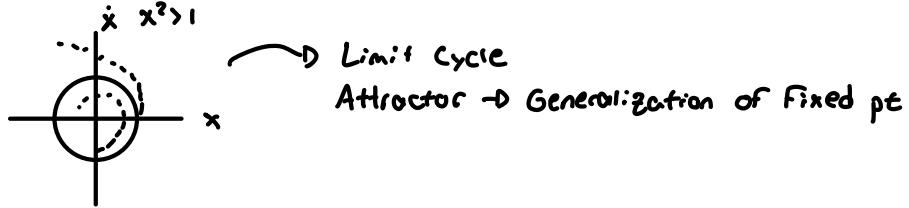
Kick The Tyres:

- * $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$: driven oscillator
- * $F \rightarrow 0, \epsilon \rightarrow 0$: simple harmonic oscillator
- * $F=0, \epsilon \neq 0$: nonlinear damped oscillator
- * $F \neq 0, \epsilon \neq 0$

$F=0, \epsilon \neq 0$: $x_0 = 1$

$$x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow \text{damping} < 0$$

$$x^2 > 1 \Rightarrow \text{damping} > 0$$



Definition: Limit Cycle

=> Closed trajectory (orbit) where at least one another trajectory flow into it as $t \rightarrow \infty$ or $t \rightarrow -\infty$

* Stable limit cycle:

a) A trajectory on the limit cycle will not leave.

b) Small perturbation of the trajectory will flow back to the limit cycle as $t \rightarrow \infty$

=> Generalization of a fixed point to an orbit w/ periodic motion

* Unstable limit cycle:

=> Nearby trajectories "spiral" into it as $t \rightarrow -\infty$

=> Many (most) complex systems exhibit unstable limit cycles

VDP oscillator w/ : $F=0$ & $\varepsilon \neq 0$ but "small"

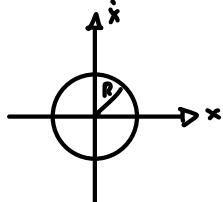
\Rightarrow Obtain analytic solution for a stable limit cycle

\Rightarrow Limit cycle \rightarrow Circular orbit

\Rightarrow "Method of averaging"

EOM: $K=m=1$

$$\ddot{x} - \varepsilon(1-x^2)\dot{x} + x = 0 \quad \text{for } F_0=0 : \varepsilon \ll 1 \rightarrow \text{"small"}$$



$$x(t) = a(t) \cos(t + \psi(t)) \quad (i)$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = -a(t) \sin(t + \psi(t)) \quad (ii)$$

\Rightarrow Choose (ii) so that orbit in phase-space is approx circular.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(i) = (ii) \Rightarrow \dot{a} + \dot{\psi} : (i) + (ii) \Rightarrow (*) \quad [\text{use } \dot{x} \text{ obtained for (ii)}]$$

We obtain two coupled equations and we solve for \dot{a} & $\dot{\psi}$

$$\dot{a} = -\varepsilon a [\alpha^2 \cos^2(t + \psi(t))] \sin^2(t + \psi(t)) \quad (iii)$$

$$\dot{\psi} = -\varepsilon [\alpha^2 \cos^2(t + \psi(t)) - 1] \sin(t + \psi(t)) \times \cos(t + \psi(t)) \quad (iv) : \text{Exact up to here}$$

Method of averaging, \dot{a} , $\dot{\psi}$ are "small" \Rightarrow Replace $\cos()$ & $\sin()$ with "average" values

$$\dot{a} \approx -\varepsilon a \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \sin^2 \phi (\alpha^2 \cos^2 \phi - 1) : \dot{\psi} \approx -\varepsilon \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi (\alpha^2 \cos^2 \phi - 1) \sin \phi \cos \phi$$

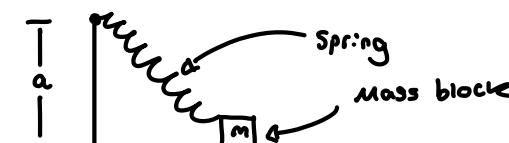
$$\dot{a} \approx \frac{\varepsilon a}{8} (4 - \alpha^2) @ a=2, \dot{a}=0 : \dot{\psi} \approx 0$$

$$x(t) = a \cos(t + \psi_0)$$

$$\frac{a^2(\alpha - a)}{2+a} = e^{-\varepsilon(t+t_0)} : a < 2 : t_0 = 0$$

Go back a little : Fixed pts

Example:



$$F_s = -k \Delta L \rightarrow L_{eq} = L$$

$$F_s = -k(\sqrt{a^2+x^2} - L)$$

$$V(x) = \frac{k}{2} (\sqrt{a^2+x^2} - 1)^2 : m\ddot{x} = F_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -kx(1 - L/\sqrt{a^2+x^2})$$

$F_x = 0 \rightarrow$ Fixed points of motion : Solutions $x=0$ or $x = \pm \sqrt{l^2 - a^2}$

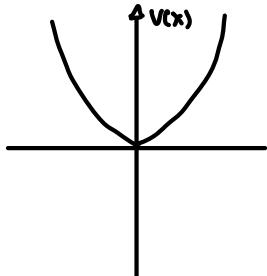
$x=0$: Spring will push/pull vertically only $\rightarrow F_x=0$

$l > a$: unstable , $l < a$: stable : $x = \pm \sqrt{l^2 - a^2}$ will exist

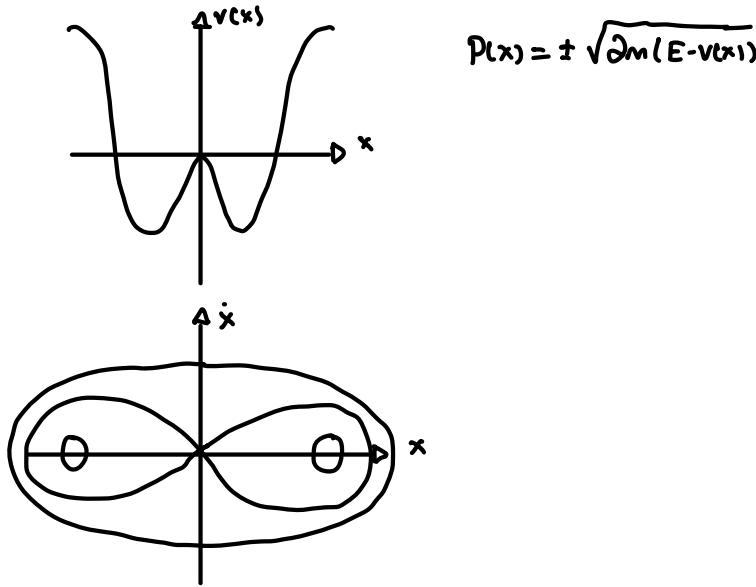
Particle in a potential picture:

\Rightarrow "Marble" sitting in $V(x)$: $KE = \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2}$

i) $l < a$ stable fixed point at $x=0$



ii) $l > a$ 3 fixed points. 1 unstable @ $x=0$ 2 stable @ $x = \pm \sqrt{l^2 - a^2}$

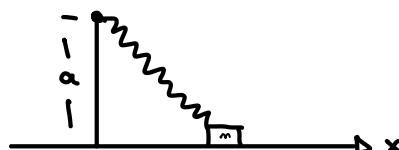


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Recap

Limit Cycles : Attractor \Rightarrow nearby trajectory flows into as $t \rightarrow \pm \infty$, + Stable, - Unstable

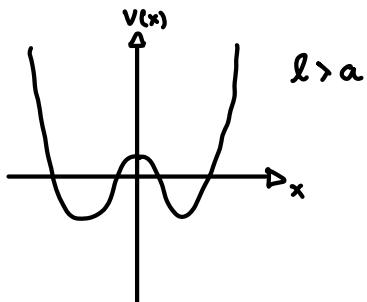
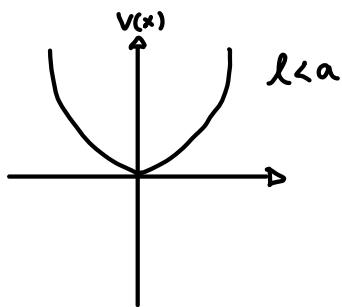
Fixed points :



$F = m\ddot{x} \Rightarrow$ Fixed points have $F_x = 0$, ($\ddot{x} = 0$), $x=0$ or $x = \pm \sqrt{l^2 - a^2}$

Graphical

$$-\frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} = F_x \Rightarrow V(x) = \frac{K}{2} \left(\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - l^2 \right)^2$$



2nd Derivative test:

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x=x_f} > 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Stable} \\ (\text{minimum}) \end{matrix} \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x=x_f} < 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Unstable} \\ (\text{maximum}) \end{matrix}$$

Chaotic trajectories (11.4)

- * Everything we talked about so far: Regular dynamics
- * Chaotic dynamics: most real systems \Rightarrow property of deterministic dynamics

Properties of chaotic dynamics

- \Rightarrow Exponentially sensitive to initial conditions
- \Rightarrow Mixing
- \Rightarrow Dense orbits
- \Rightarrow Feature of nonlinear dynamics

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Dense - (quasiperiodic) "orbits"

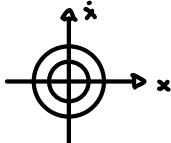
\Rightarrow Trajectories do not close to pass through all available phase space

Mixing: Define regions I_1, I_2 that are part of the available phase space.

\Rightarrow Any trajectory that passes through $I_1 \rightarrow$ Passes through I_2

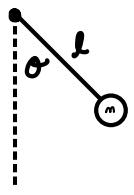
Sensitivity to initial conditions

Example: Harmonic oscillator, $\ddot{x} = -\omega_0^2 x$

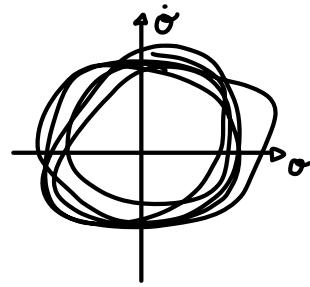


$$|\delta \dot{x}(t)| = \text{const.} \longrightarrow \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2} = \text{const.} \longrightarrow \text{Linear System}$$

Example: Driven pendulum w/ damping.



$$\ddot{\theta} + b\dot{\theta} + \sin\theta = F \cos(\omega t)$$



Poincaré-Bendixson Theorem: "Chaos requires 3 variables + nonlinearity"

$$\dot{x} = 6y - 6x, \dot{y} = \rho x - x^5 - y, \dot{z} = xy - \beta z$$

Iterative processes & chaos (11.8)

Iterative map: $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ ← Rule that connects $x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow x_2$

Examples:

⇒ Logistic map [logistic equation]

⇒ Quadratic map

⇒ Tent map

⇒ Gauss iterated map (nonlinear map)

Rich Behavior

⇒ Fixed points (stable/unstable)

⇒ Limit cycles (Periodic)

⇒ Bifurcations

⇒ Chaos

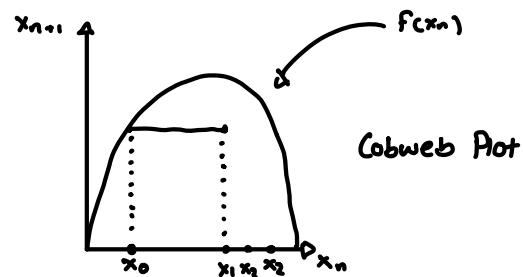
Example: Logistic Map

Rule: $x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n(1-x_n) : x_n \in [0,1], \alpha \in [0,4]$

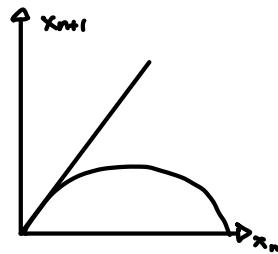
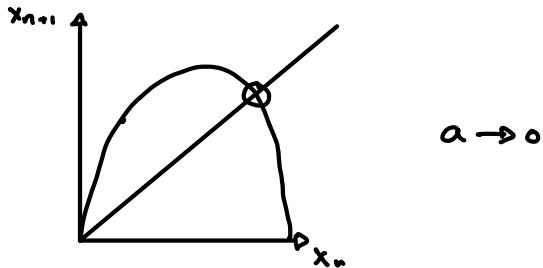
Demographic model (population dynamics)

* Reproduction: $x_n \ll 1 \rightarrow x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n$

* Starvation: $x_n \rightarrow \text{"large"}$



Fixed point : $x_f = f(x_f)$



Fixed Points of Logistic Map

$$x_f = \alpha x_f (1 - x_f)$$

$$1) x_f = 0$$

$$2) 1 = \alpha(1 - x_f) \Rightarrow x_f = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

$$\alpha \in [0, 4] \text{ for } x_n \in [0, 1] \text{ for } \alpha > 1$$

Stability of fixed points

$$\text{Stable : } x_0 = x_f + \delta, x_1 = x_f + \delta' \quad \delta' < \delta$$

Small perturbations flows back to x_f

Unstable : Small perturbation flows further away

Logistic map :

$$i) x_f = 0 : x_0 = \delta, x_1 = \alpha \delta (1 - \delta) \approx \alpha \delta : \alpha < 1 \text{ stable } \alpha > 1 \text{ unstable}$$

$$ii) x_f = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} : x_0 = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} + \delta, x_1 = \alpha(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} + \delta)(\delta - \frac{1}{\alpha}) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} + \delta(2 - \alpha)$$

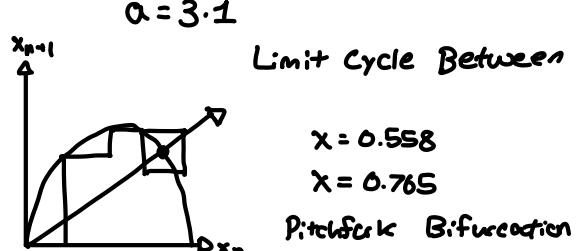
$$\alpha < 3 \text{ Stable } [12 - \alpha < 1], \alpha > 3 \text{ Unstable } [12 - \alpha > 1]$$

Generic Recipe :

$$x_f \text{ is } x_{n+1} = f(x_n) \Rightarrow \text{stable if } \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x_f} < 1, \text{ unstable if } \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x_f} > 1$$

$$x_{n+1} \approx x_f + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_f} \delta + O(\delta^2)$$

α :	0	$\alpha < 1$	$1 < \alpha < 3$	$\alpha > 3$
x_f :	$x_f = 0$	$x_f = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}$: stable	$x_f = 0$: unstable	no stable
Stable	Stable	Stable	Unstable	Fixed pts.



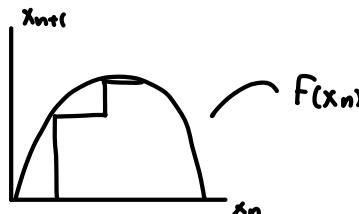
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Chaos :

Exponential sensitivity to initial conditions \longrightarrow Lyapunov exponent

- Iterative maps: $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$
- Logistic maps: $x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n(1-x_n)$

Cobweb Plots



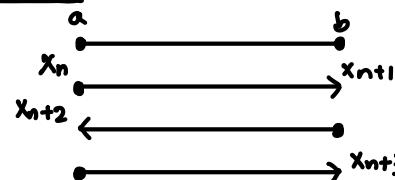
Fixed points: unstable, stable

$$x_f + \delta, \quad \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_f} < 1$$

Logistic model: fixed points

@ $x_f = 0$, Stable for $\alpha < 1$
 $x_f = 1 - \alpha$, Stable for $\alpha < 3$

Limit Cycles



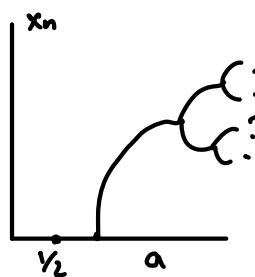
Limit Cycle of 3 points "Pitchfork"

Bifurcation Diagram

→ Want to visualize the "long-time" behavior our map

→ Identify fixed points, limit cycle, chaos

Typical Figure



i) x_0 in available domain: Logistic $\rightarrow x \in [0,1]$

ii) $\{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{100}, x_n\}$

"trajectory"

$\alpha < 1 : 0$

$\alpha > 1 : 1 - \alpha$

$\alpha > 3 :$

Lyapunov Exponent

→ Quantifier of chaos or butterfly effect

→ Sensitivity to initial conditions

$$\Delta x(t) \sim \Delta x(0) e^{\lambda t}$$

$\xrightarrow{x-x', \quad x'=x+\varepsilon}$ Lyapunov exponent

$\lambda > 0$ chaotic dynamics, $\lambda < 0$ no chaos

$$\lambda = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log \left(\frac{\Delta x(t)}{\Delta x(0)} \right) : \text{Chaos} \rightarrow \lambda > 0$$

$\hookrightarrow t > t_2$

Generic (numeric recipe)

1) Set initial conditions $x(0) + x'(0) = x(0) + \varepsilon$

2) Integrate EOM to obtain $x(t) \neq x'(t)$, $\Delta x(t) = x'(t) - x(t)$

"Direct approach"

Lyapunov exponent for iterative map: $E_n = \varepsilon_0 e^{n\lambda}$

$C_n = |x_n - x'_n|$, $\varepsilon_0 = |x_0 - x'_0|$, $n = \text{time}, t$, $\lambda > 0$ chaos : $\lambda \leq 0$ no chaos

$$\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \left(\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_0} \right)$$

Better approach: consider x_0

$$x_0' = x_0 + \varepsilon_0, \quad \varepsilon_0 = |x_0 - x_0'|$$

Take $n=1$ $[x_{n+1} = f(x_n)] \rightarrow$ map

$$x_1 = f(x_0), \quad x_1' = f(x_0') = f(x_0 + \varepsilon_0)$$

$$x_1' = x_1 + \varepsilon_1, \quad [\varepsilon_1 = |x_1 - x_1'|]$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = x_1' - x_1 = f(x_0 + \varepsilon_0) - f(x_0) = \varepsilon_0 [f(x_0 + \varepsilon_0) - f(x_0)] / \varepsilon_0 \rightarrow \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0}$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_0 \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} \text{ for } \varepsilon_0 \rightarrow 0$$

Now $n=2$

$$x_2 = f(x_1) = f(f(x_0))$$

$$x_2' = f(f(x_0 + \varepsilon_0))$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = x_2' - x_2 = \varepsilon_0 \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_1} \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0}$$

$$\varepsilon_n = \varepsilon_0 \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_{n-1}} \dots \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0}$$

Claim: $\varepsilon_n = \varepsilon_0 e^{n\lambda}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \left(\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_0} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \left(\left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_{n-1}} \dots \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \log \left(\left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_j} \right) \\ &\quad \xrightarrow{\{x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}\}}\end{aligned}$$

Direct Approach: alternative \rightarrow tangent space

Poincaré Sections

plot $\vec{x}(t) \rightarrow$ hard to tell if it is chaotic
 $\vec{x}'(t) \rightarrow$ still hard

use phase portrait approach

poincaré sections: 4D phase-space: ex (x, y, p_x, p_y) $p_x = m\dot{x}$

Recipe for a poincaré section

1) Pick an initial condition, $(x(0), y(0), p_x(0), p_y(0))$

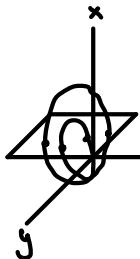
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Initial energy $E_0 = \text{const} : E(x, y, p_x, p_y)$

$E(x, y, p_x, p_y) = E_0 : E$ eliminate $p_x = p_x(x, y, p_y, E_0)$

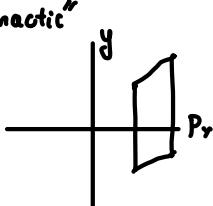
2) Consider a plane set by choosing $x=0$, plane exists (y, p_y)

\rightarrow Every time the trajectory $(y(t), p_y(t), x(t))$ cuts through the $x=0$ plane we plot the coordinates

"visually"



"Periodic/Not Chaotic"



"Chaotic"

