

Univariate linear discrete-time

model

$$x(t+1) = Rx(t)$$

fixed points

$$x_\star = 0, \text{ if } R \neq 1,$$

otherwise x_\star can be any number

stability

$$x_\star = 0 \text{ stable if } |R| < 1$$

solution

$$x(t) = R^t x(0)$$

Univariate affine discrete-time

model

$$x(t+1) = a + bx(t)$$

fixed points

$$x_\star = \frac{a}{1-b}, \text{ if } b \neq 1,$$

x_\star is any real if $b = 1, a = 0$,
otherwise x_\star doesn't exist

stability

$$x_\star \text{ stable if } |b| < 1$$

solution

$$x(t) = b^t x(0) + (1 - b^t) \frac{a}{1-b},$$

or $x(t) = x(0) + at$, if $b = 1$

Univariate nonlinear discrete-time

model

$$x(t+1) = f(x(t))$$

fixed points

$$x_\star = f(x_\star), \text{ no general sol'n}$$

stability

$$x_\star \text{ stable if } |f'(x_\star)| < 1$$

solution

$$\text{use a computer}$$

Univariate linear continuous-time

model

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = rx$$

fixed points

$$x_\star = 0 \text{ if } r \neq 0,$$

otherwise x_\star can be any number

stability

$$x_\star = 0 \text{ stable if } r < 0$$

solution

$$x(t) = x(0)e^{rt}$$

Univariate affine continuous-time

model

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a + bx$$

fixed points

$$x_\star = \frac{-a}{b} \text{ if } b \neq 0,$$

x_\star is any real if $a = b = 0$,
otherwise, x_\star doesn't exist

stability

$$x_\star \text{ stable if } b < 0$$

solution

$$x(t) = x(0)e^{bt} + \frac{-a}{b}(1 - e^{bt}),$$

or $x(t) = at$, if $b = 0$

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model

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$$

fixed points

$$0 = f(x_\star), \text{ no general sol'n}$$

stability

$$x_\star \text{ stable if } f'(x_\star) < 0$$

solution

$$\text{use a computer unless 1. piecewise linear, 2. partial fractions help, 3. table of integrals after separation, or 4 maybe change of variables if you're feeling brave}$$

Bivariate linear discrete-time

model

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(t+1) \\ y(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

fixed points

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^\star \\ y^\star \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ if } \tau \neq \Delta + 1, \text{ otherwise } \begin{bmatrix} x^\star \\ y^\star \end{bmatrix}$$

any vector in a $(2 - r)$ -dimensional space

stability

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^\star \\ y^\star \end{bmatrix}$$
 is stable if $|\tau| < \Delta + 1$ and $\Delta < 1$

solution

See general multivariate affine case below

notation

$\tau = a + d, \Delta = ad - bc$

Multivariate affine discrete-time

model

$\mathbf{x}(t+1) = \mathbf{Ax}(t) + \mathbf{b}$

fixed points

$\mathbf{x}^\star = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{b}$, if $r = n$,
otherwise \mathbf{x}^\star can be any vector in an $(n - r)$ -dimensional space spanned by the \mathbf{v}_i associated with $\lambda_i = 1$

stability

\mathbf{x}^\star is stable if $|\lambda_i| < 1 \ \forall i$

solution

If the \mathbf{v}_i are linearly independent,
 $\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_i \phi_i \lambda_i^t \mathbf{v}_i + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{b}$, otherwise use a computer

notation

\mathbf{v}_i and λ_i the i th eigenvector and eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} .
 ϕ_i are components of $\mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}(0) - (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{b})$ if it exists, where \mathbf{V} has the \mathbf{v}_i as columns
 n and r are the size and rank of $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}$, for identity matrix, \mathbf{I} .

Multivariate nonlinear discrete-time

model

$\mathbf{x}(t+1) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t))$

fixed points

$\mathbf{x}^\star = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^\star)$, no general sol'n

stability

\mathbf{x}^\star stable if $|\lambda_i| < 1 \ \forall i$

solution

use a computer

notation

λ_i is the i th eigenvalue of the Jaccobian matrix of partial derivatives of $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ with respect to \mathbf{x} at \mathbf{x}^\star

Bivariate linear continuous-time

model

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

fixed points

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^\star \\ y^\star \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ if } \Delta \neq 0, \text{ otherwise } \begin{bmatrix} x^\star \\ y^\star \end{bmatrix}$$

any vector in a $(2 - r)$ -dimensional space

stability

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^\star \\ y^\star \end{bmatrix}$$
 stable if $\tau, -\Delta < 0$

solution

See general multivariate affine case below

notation

$\tau = a + d, \Delta = ad - bc$

Multivariate affine continuous-time

model

$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}$

fixed points

$\mathbf{x}^\star = -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ if $r = n$,
otherwise \mathbf{x}^\star can be any vector in an $(n - r)$ -dimensional space spanned by the \mathbf{v}_i associated with $\lambda_i = 0$

stability

$\mathbf{x}^\star = \mathbf{0}$ stable if $\text{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0 \ \forall i$

solution

If the \mathbf{v}_i are linearly independent,
 $\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_i \phi_i e^{\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$,
otherwise use a computer

notation

\mathbf{v}_i and λ_i the i th eigenvector and eigenvalue of \mathbf{A}
 ϕ_i are components of $\mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}(0) - \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})$ if it exists, where \mathbf{V} has the \mathbf{v}_i as columns
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$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^\star)$, no general sol'n

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solution

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notation

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