

# Mathematics 3F03

## Advanced Differential Equations

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Lecture 14

*Topological Classification of Planar Linear Systems (continued)*  
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# Announcements

- Assignment 3 will be posted at the end of the week and will be due on Friday 18 Oct 2013.
- TA office hours on Wednesday afternoon will probably be held in the corridor outside HH-403, not in HH-403 itself. Look for Dora in the vicinity of the office if she is not at her desk.

# Hyperbolicity and Topological Equivalence

## Definition (Hyperbolic Linear System, Hyperbolic Matrix)

Linear systems  $X' = AX$  in which all eigenvalues of  $A$  have non-zero real parts are called **hyperbolic**. The matrix  $A$  is also said to be hyperbolic in this case.

## Theorem (Hyperbolicity and Conjugacy of Planar Linear Systems)

*If two  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are hyperbolic then the associated planar linear systems  $X' = A_i X$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are conjugate if and only if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  have the same number of eigenvalues with negative real part.*

In order to prove this theorem (cf. §4.2 of textbook), we need to express the pizza dough idea in precise mathematical terms.

# Recall Important Properties of Functions

## Definition (One-to-one or injective)

A function  $h : M \rightarrow N$  is **one-to-one** if no two points in the domain ( $M$ ) are mapped to the same point in the range ( $N$ ), *i.e.*,

$$h(X) = h(Y) \implies X = Y.$$

## Definition (Onto or surjective)

A function  $h : M \rightarrow N$  is **onto** if every point in the range ( $N$ ) is mapped to from at least one point in the domain ( $M$ ), *i.e.*,

$$\forall Y \in N, \exists X \in M \text{ such that } h(X) = Y.$$

# Recall Important Properties of Functions

## Definition (Continuous)

A function  $h : M \rightarrow N$  is **continuous at the point**  $X_0 \in M$  if

$$\lim_{X \rightarrow X_0} h(X) = h(X_0).$$

$h$  is **continuous** if it is continuous at every point in its domain, *i.e.*,

$$\lim_{X \rightarrow X_0} h(X) = h(X_0) \quad \forall X_0 \in M.$$

# Homeomorphism

## Definition

A function  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  that is one-to-one, onto, continuous, and has a continuous inverse  $h^{-1}$  is said to be a **homeomorphism** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Question:** *Do we need to state that  $h^{-1}$  must also be continuous?*

**Answer:** *No, continuity of  $h^{-1}$  follows automatically  
in this particular context.*

## Theorem (Brouwer's Domain Invariance Theorem)

*If  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is 1:1 and continuous then  $f^{-1}$  is continuous.*

## Theorem (More General Domain Invariance Theorem)

*If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a one-to-one and continuous map between  $n$ -manifolds without boundary, then  $f$  is an open map.*

# Flow of a differential equation

If the initial value problem  $X' = F(X, t)$ ,  $X(0) = X_0$ , has a unique solution  $\forall X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (true for  $F(X, t) = AX$ ) then we can define:

## Definition (Flow of a differential equation)

The flow of  $X' = F(X, t)$  is the function  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  for which  $\phi(t, X_0)$  (thought of as a function of  $t$  for given  $X_0$ ) gives the solution curve that goes through  $X_0$  at time  $t = 0$ .

## Definition (Time- $t$ map)

For each time  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define the time- $t$  map  $\phi_t$  via

$$\phi_t(X_0) = \phi(t, X_0).$$

For each point  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\phi_t$  specifies where  $X_0$  moves to, a time  $t$  in the future (or the past if  $t < 0$ ).

# Conjugacy

We can now make the pizza dough idea precise:

Two flows are conjugate if there is a homeomorphism between them that preserves solutions. More precisely:

## Definition (Conjugacy)

Flows  $\phi^A$  and  $\phi^B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are conjugate if there is a homeomorphism  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\phi^B(t, h(X_0)) = h(\phi^A(t, X_0)) \quad \forall X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (*)$$

We then call  $h$  a conjugacy.

## Proposition

*If  $h$  is a conjugacy then so is  $h^{-1}$ .*



$h$  is a conjugacy  $\iff h^{-1}$  is a conjugacy

Proof.

If  $h$  is a conjugacy then

$$\phi^B(t, h(X_0)) = h(\phi^A(t, X_0)) \quad \forall X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (*)$$

Applying  $h^{-1}$  to both sides, we have

$$h^{-1}(\phi^B(t, h(X_0))) = \phi^A(t, X_0) \quad \forall X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

For each  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $Y_0 = h(X_0)$ . Then  $X_0 = h^{-1}(Y_0)$  and

$$h^{-1}(\phi^B(t, Y_0)) = \phi^A(t, h^{-1}(Y_0)) \quad \forall Y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (**)$$

i.e.,  $h^{-1}$  is a conjugacy. □

# Conjugacy is an equivalence relation

Theorem (Conjugacy of flows of differential equations is an *equivalence relation*)

Suppose  $\phi^A$ ,  $\phi^B$  and  $\phi^C$  are flows in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and write  $\phi^A \sim \phi^B$  to mean “the flow  $\phi^A$  is conjugate to the flow  $\phi^B$ ”. Then

- (i)  $\phi^A \sim \phi^A$  (*reflexivity*),
- (ii)  $\phi^A \sim \phi^B \implies \phi^B \sim \phi^A$  (*symmetry*),
- (iii) if  $\phi^A \sim \phi^B$  and  $\phi^B \sim \phi^C$  then  $\phi^A \sim \phi^C$  (*transitivity*).

Proof.

See instructor's solutions to Problem 1 on 2012 Assignment 3. □

# Topological classification of phase portraits

Now recall theorem stated earlier...

## Theorem (Hyperbolicity and Conjugacy of Planar Linear Systems)

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## Proof.

See §4.2 in the textbook.



However, let's sketch a different proof in the “difficult” case of conjugacy of sinks and spiral sinks...

## Recall (?) definitions from analysis

Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of functions defined on a set  $S$ , and let  $f$  be a function that is also defined on  $S$ .

### Definition (Pointwise Convergence)

If, for all  $x \in S$ ,  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ , then we say that  $\{f_n\}$  **converges pointwise to  $f$  on  $S$** .

### Definition (Uniform Convergence)

$f$  is called the **uniform limit of  $\{f_n\}$  on  $S$**  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is some  $N$  such that for all  $x \in S$ ,

$$n > N \implies \|f(x) - f_n(x)\| < \varepsilon.$$

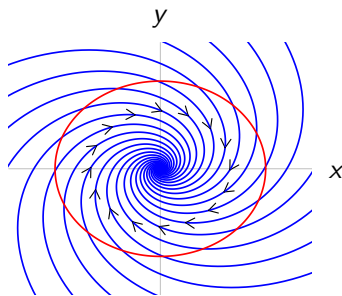
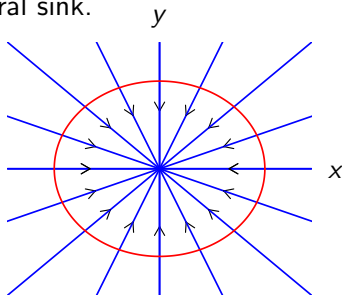
We also say that  $\{f_n\}$  **converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $S$**  or that  $f_n$  **approaches  $f$  uniformly on  $S$** .

# Recall (?) theorem from analysis

## Theorem (Uniform convergence of continuous functions)

*Suppose that  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of functions that are continuous on a compact set  $S$  (such as a closed interval  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ ), and suppose that  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $S$  to  $f$ . Then  $f$  is also continuous on  $S$ .*

Now consider a closed disk around the origin of a stable star and a spiral sink.



# Conjugacy of stable star and spiral sink

Sketch of proof (formalizing twisting pizza dough).

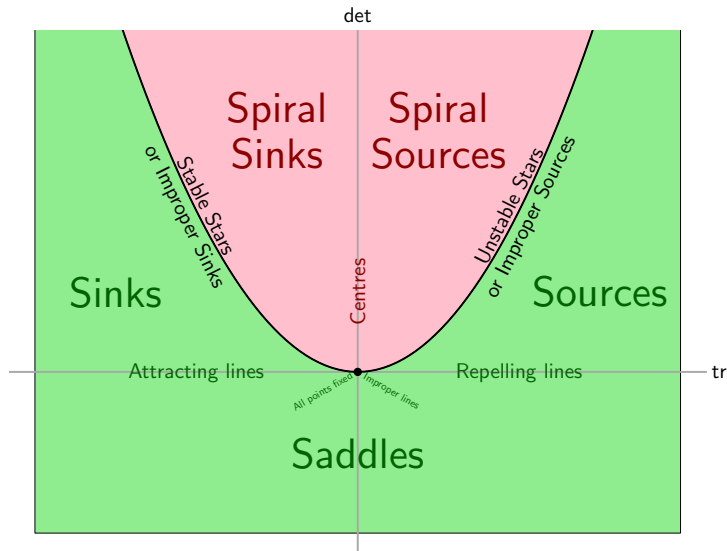
The challenge is to show that there is a continuous mapping between the star and spiral inside the red (unit) circle.

Consider a sequence of radii  $r_n = 1/2^n$  and note that  $r_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Define a homeomorphism  $h_n$  to twist the star to the spiral exactly between  $r_n$  and  $r_{n+1}$ , preserving what was done for smaller  $n$ , and define the function  $h$  via  $h(X) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n(X) \forall X \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

This sequence of functions  $h_n$  converges *uniformly* to  $h$ , since for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $\|h - h_n\| < \varepsilon$  (just choose  $N$  such that  $1/2^N < \varepsilon$ ). □

Colours  $\implies$  real (green) or complex (red) eigenvalues



Colours  $\implies$  conjugacy classes

