

Begin with:

$$v(x, t) = v_0(x) + u(t)w(x) \quad (1)$$

Require a fixed point at $v(x, t) \Big|_{x=v_c t} = v_c$ so that

$$v_c = v_0(x) + u(t)w(x) \Big|_{x=v_c t} = v_0(v_c t) + u(t)w(v_c t) \quad .$$

Now we take $\frac{d}{dt}$ of both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left(\frac{\delta v_0(x)}{\delta x} \dot{x} + \dot{u}(t)w(x) + u(t) \frac{\delta w(x)}{\delta x} \dot{x} \right) \Big|_{x=v_c t} \\ 0 &= v_c \left(\frac{\delta v_0(x)}{\delta x} + u(t) \frac{\delta w(x)}{\delta x} \right) \Big|_{x=v_c t} + \dot{u}(t)w(v_c t) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Separately, we take $\frac{\delta}{\delta x}$ of (1) and evaluate at $x = v_c t$, yielding

$$\frac{\delta v(x, t)}{\delta x} \Big|_{x=v_c t} = \left(\frac{\delta v_0(x)}{\delta x} + u(t) \frac{\delta w(x)}{\delta x} \right) \Big|_{x=v_c t} \quad . \quad (3)$$

For the fixed velocity attractor to be stable, we require

$$\frac{\delta v(x, t)}{\delta x} \Big|_{x=v_c t} < 0 \quad . \quad (4)$$

Combining (2) and (3) yields

$$-v_c \frac{\delta v(x, t)}{\delta x} \Big|_{x=v_c t} = \dot{u}(t)w(v_c t) \quad .$$

We require that $v_c > 0$ and use (4) to determine:

$$\dot{u}(t)w(v_c t) > 0$$

which can always be made true with choice of $w(x)$

$$w(x) \propto \dot{u} \left(\frac{x}{v_c} \right)$$