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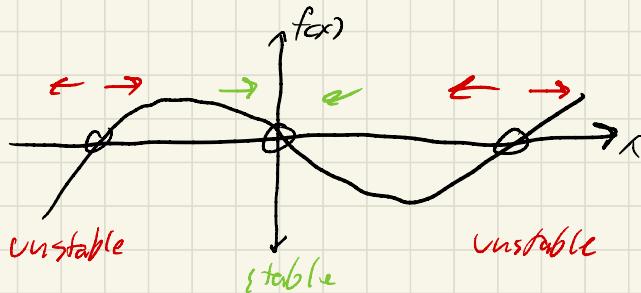
- Euler Integration
- Energy
- Lyapunov Stability
- Local Stability

Today:

- Finish Local Stability
- Taylor Integration
- Runge-Kutta Methods

* Local Stability

- 1D Picture



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x^*} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{locally stable}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x^*} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unstable}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x^*} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{inconclusive}$$

- This picture generalizes easily to \mathbb{R}^n
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ is now a Jacobian matrix $\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and we look at its eigenvalues:

if all $\text{Re}[\text{eig}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{x^*}\right)] < 0 \Rightarrow$ locally stable

if any " $> 0 \Rightarrow$ unstable

if any " $= 0 \Rightarrow$ inconclusive

- For the Pendulum

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ -\frac{g}{l} \sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} \cos(\theta) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the upward ($\theta=\pi$) equilibrium we get:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eig}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \Rightarrow \text{unstable}$$

- For the downward ($\theta=0$) equilibrium we get:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{l} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eig}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right) = 0 \pm i\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \Rightarrow \text{inconclusive}$$

(but we already know it's Lyapunov stable)

* Local Stability in Discrete Time:

- We can do similar analysis in discrete time
- For a discrete-time system:

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

- Equilibrium $\Rightarrow x^* = f(x^*)$ (fixed point)
- Think about an iterated map

$$x_N = f(f(f(\dots f(x_0)$$

- Stable $\Rightarrow \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} x_N = f(f(f(\dots f(x^* + \varepsilon) = x^*$
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"small"
- Assuming small ε , use the chain rule:

$$f(x^* + \varepsilon) \approx f(x^*) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x^*} \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow x_N \approx x^* + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x^*} \right)^{N-1} \varepsilon = x^*$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x^*} \right)^{N-1} \varepsilon = 0 \quad \forall \varepsilon$$

\Rightarrow if all $|\text{eig}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*))| < 1 \Rightarrow$ locally stable

if any " $> 1 \Rightarrow$ unstable

if any " $= 1 \Rightarrow$ inconclusive

* Higher-Order Integrators

- Explicit Euler is equivalent to taking a 1st order Taylor expansion for the solution $X(t_{n+1})$ about $X(t_n)$:

$$X_{n+1} = X(t_n + h) \approx X_n + \underbrace{\frac{dx}{dt}|_{t_n}}_{hf(x_n)} h + \dots$$

- An obvious way to get a better answer is to take more terms in this expansion:

$$X_{n+1} \approx X(t_n) + h \frac{dx}{dt}|_{x_n} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}|_{t_n} + \frac{h^3}{6} \frac{d^3x}{dt^3} + \dots$$

- Expanding the derivatives in terms of $f(x)$:

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

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} f(x) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} f(x)$$

$$\frac{d^3x}{dt^3} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} f(x) \right] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} f(x) + \underbrace{\left[\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} f(x) \right]}_{\text{rank 2}} f(x)$$

3rd-rank tensor

- In theory, as long as $f(x)$ is smooth, we can compute solutions to arbitrary accuracy this way
- Not very popular due to need to compute high-order derivatives of $f(x)$ (high-rank tensors)

- Definition: "Order of accuracy" of an ODE solver is the number of Taylor-series terms that its approximate solution matches.

\Rightarrow Euler is a 1st-order method

* Runge-Kutta Methods:

- We want to achieve higher order without computing higher derivatives of $f(x)$
- Key idea: use multiple evaluations of $f(x)$ over the time step to fit a polynomial to $x(t)$
- Number of $f(x)$ evaluations per time step = number of "stages"
- What's the best we can do with one stage (linear interpolation over the time step)??

$$x_{n+1} \approx x_n + h f((1-\alpha)x_n + \alpha x_{n+1}), \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

* $\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow$ explicit (forward) Euler

* $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$ implicit (backward) Euler

- Let's Taylor expand about x_n :

$$x_{n+1} \approx x_n + h f((1-\alpha)x_n + \alpha[x_n + h f(x_n)] + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_n))$$

$$\approx x_n + h f(x_n) + \alpha h^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_n) + O(h^3)$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ gives a 2nd-order method!

* Implicit Midpoint:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h f\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n + \frac{1}{2}x_{n+1}\right)$$

- x_{n+1} appears on RHS inside $f(x) \Rightarrow$ "implicit"
- We need to solve for x_{n+1} with Newton's method:

$$r(x_{n+1}) = x_{n+1} - x_n - h f\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n + \frac{1}{2}x_{n+1}\right) = 0$$

$$r(x_{n+1} + \Delta x_{n+1}) \approx r(x_{n+1}) + \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \Delta x_{n+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x_{n+1} = -\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x}\right)_{x_{n+1}}^{-1} r(x_{n+1})$$

$$x_{n+1} \leftarrow x_{n+1} + \Delta x_{n+1}$$

(repeat until convergence)

- Downside: solving root-finding problem is expensive.

* Explicit Midpoint

- Avoid root finding

- Let's evaluate the midpoint using an Euler step:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h f\left(x_n + \underbrace{\frac{h}{2} f(x_n)}_{\text{midpoint approximation}}\right)$$

- Taylor expand:

$$x_{n+1} \approx x_n + hf(x_n) + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x) + O(h^3)$$

\Rightarrow Explicit midpoint is 2nd order

- Explicit midpoint has 2 stages