

# Brilliant: Differential Equations II

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## 1 Chapter 1: Basics

### 1.1 Chapter 1: Nonlinear Equations

The two types of problems in this course are:

- Nonlinear equations (several equations on one independent variable)
- Partial differential equations (single equation with several independent variables)

**Linear** equations have solutions like  $y_1, y_2$  that can be combined using any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  like  $y_1 + cy_2$ .

**Example:** Bacteria in a dish with a lot of food, no deaths

- $b'(t) = r_b b(t), r_b > 0$ .  $r_b$  would be the rate of growth.
- This is linear. Reason 1:  $\frac{d}{dt}(y_1 + cy_2) = y_1' + cy_2' = r_b(y_1 + cy_2)$  since  $y' = r_b y(t)$ , and same for  $y_2$ .
- Also, this works because the solution is  $b(t) = b(0)e^{r_b t}$ , so  $b_1(t) + cb_2(t) = b_1(0)e^{r_b t} + cb_2(0)e^{r_b t} = (b_1(0) + cb_2(0))e^{r_b t}$

**Example: Logistic** equation: Bacteria in a dish with a lot of food, limited by carrying capacity  $M$ .

- $b'(t) = r_b b(t)[M - b(t)]$ .
- This is nonlinear. Reason:  $\frac{d}{dt}(y_1 + cy_2) = y_1' + cy_2' = r_b[y_1 + cy_2][M - y_1 - cy_2] = My_1 + Mcy_2 - y_1^2 - 2cy_1y_2 - cy_1^2y_2^2$
- $\neq My_1 - y_1^2 + Mcy_2 - c^2y_2^2$  because of the extra  $-2cy_1y_2$  term.

Sidebar: Note that this equation  $b' = r_b b[M - b]$  is *separable*, so it can be solved.

- $\frac{db}{dt} = rb[M - b]$
- $\frac{db}{b(M-b)} = rdt$
- $\frac{1}{M}(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{M-b})db = rdt$  after partial fractions work
- $(\ln(b) - \ln(M - b)) = Mrt + C \Rightarrow \ln(\frac{b}{M-b}) = Mrt + C$
- $\frac{b}{M-b} = e^{Mrt} e^C$
- Initial conditions  $b = b(0), t = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{b}{M-b} = \frac{b(0)}{M-b(0)} e^{Mrt}$
- $b(1 + \frac{b(0)}{M-b(0)} e^{Mrt}) = M \frac{b(0)}{M-b(0)} e^{Mrt}$
- $b(M - b(0) + b(0)e^{Mrt}) = Mb(0)e^{Mrt}$
- $b = \frac{Mb(0)e^{Mrt}}{M+b(0)[e^{Mrt}-1]}$

This logistic solution will taper off to  $M$  at some point. Note that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} b(t) = M$  since the non-exponential terms stop mattering. Also  $b(t) = M$  sticks as a constant solution or **equilibrium** immediately. *These equilibria tell us what matters - the long-term behavior of solutions!*

Another **Example**: Lotka-Volterra equation pairs: Bacteria ( $b$ ) and bacteria-killing phages ( $p$ ), with kill rate  $k$ .

- The “product”  $kb(t)p(t)$  measures the interactions and kills resulting from this.
- $b'(t) = r_b b(t) - kp(t)b(t)$ , or the normal growth rate minus kill rate
- $p'(t) = kp(t)b(t)$  since its population grows as it kills bacteria.
- Equilibria include  $b = 0, p = 0$  and  $b = 0, p > 0$ , since these are *constant* solutions, or places where  $b'(t) = 0, p'(t) = 0$ .

**Direction fields**, with vector pointing towards  $\langle b'(t), p'(t) \rangle$  (TODO - I think) let us follow the arrows to determine the curve over time. In this case, the bacteria will always go extinct.

However, if we add a new death rate term  $-d_p p(t)$  so  $p'(t) = -d_p p(t) + kp(t)b(t)$ :

- We get an equilibrium at  $b = \frac{d_p}{k}, p = \frac{r_b}{k}$ . (Since  $0 = b'(t) = r_b b - kpb, (\Rightarrow pk = r_b), 0 = p'(t) = -d_p p + kpb, (\Rightarrow bk = d_p)$ )
- But otherwise the solutions swirl around this point. This is called a **cycle**. TODO What is a **limit cycle**?

Note that there are systems where the “solution particle” neither reaches an equilibrium or cycles around one point. The **Lorenz system** famously has this owl-eye shaped double attractor (an example of **strange sets**) where initially close particles diverge unpredictably if the constants  $\rho, \sigma, b$  are chosen right:

- $x'(t) = \sigma(y - x)$
- $y'(t) = x(\rho - z) - y$
- $z'(t) = xy - bz$
- TODO

## 1.2 Chapter 1.2: PDEs

Many methods of attack for PDEs

- Separation of variables
- Power series (Note: did we actually touch on this?)
- Fourier Transform

**Example:** Standing wave, where one end of a rope is fixed.

- Vertical displacement from a line of rope:  $u(x, t)$  depends on where ( $x$ ) and when ( $t$ ).
- Rope’s **wave equation** is  $u_{tt} = v^2 u_{xx}$ , where  $v$  is the “constant wave speed”, and the others are the space, time partials.
- Note that  $u = \cos(vt)\sin(x)$  and  $u = \sin(vt)\cos(x)$  both work.
- If you guess the solution has split variables like  $u = X(x)Y(y)T(t)$ , then, upon substitution and division by  $X(x)Y(y)T(t)$ ,  $\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta t^2} = v^2[\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2} + \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta y^2}]$  yields  $\frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = v^2[\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} + \frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)}]$
- This method may or may not work. But if it does, it means that since  $x, y$ , and  $t$  are independent variables, each individual piece must be constant.
- So, for example, if we know  $\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -4\pi^2$ , we can get to  $X(x) = \sin(2\pi x)$
- The wave equation is similar in 3D:  $u_{tt} = v^2[u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}]$ , or using the Laplacian,  $u_{tt} = v^2 \nabla^2 u$ . Here,  $u$  measures not displacement but expansion/compression of air at  $(x, y, z)$ , time  $t$ .

Using Fourier transforms helps turn difficult PDEs into an easier problem like an ODE. *Fourier transforms work best when*

- The domain is all of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- The function  $u$  vanishes at infinity.

The Fourier transform changes the domain of  $x$  to that of  $\omega$ . It comes with the (highly simplified) rule (see Vector Calculus course):  $F[\frac{\delta f}{\delta x}] = i\omega F[f]$ . **Example:** Drunkard's walk.

- One dimensional: moves left or right in a random way. Starts at  $x = 0, t = 0$ .
- $u(x, t)$  is probability of being at point  $x$  at time  $t$ . Naturally,  $\int_{x=-\infty}^{x=\infty} u(x, t) dx = 1$ .
- Also, it obeys the 1-dD diffusion equation  $\frac{\delta u}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2}$
- The Fourier transform doesn't affect  $t$  at all.
- So by taking Fourier transform of both sides of diffusion equation we get
  - $F(u_t) = \frac{\delta}{\delta t} F(u)$  since  $F$  doesn't care about  $t$ .
  - $\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2} = i\omega F(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x}) = -\omega^2 F(u)$
  - So  $\frac{\delta}{\delta t} F(u) = -\omega^2 F(u)$
  - This is solvable as  $F(u) = ce^{-\omega^2 t}$ . Take it on faith that  $c = \frac{1}{2\pi}$  for now. TODO
  - Known fact:  $F[Ae^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}}] = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi a}} Ae^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2a}}$
  - This means  $t = \frac{1}{2a}$  and  $a = \frac{1}{2t}$
  - $F(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\omega^2 t}, F[Ae^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}}] = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi a}} Ae^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2a}}$  so  $u = Ae^{-\frac{ax^2}{2}}$
  - Solving, you get  $A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi t}}, a = \frac{1}{2t}$ , so  $u(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}}$

## 2 Chapter 2: Nonlinear Equations

### 2.1 2.1: Lotka-Volterra I

Major ideas:

- **phase plane:** TODO
- **nullcline:** TODO
- **direction field:** TODO
- **equilibria:** TODO

**Example:** Bacteria vs. phages (again)

- Bacteria unrestrained grow in proportion to their population, so  $\frac{db}{dt} = r_b b(t)$  (solved:  $b(t) = b(0)e^{r_b t}$ )
- Phages unfed decrease in proportion to current size, so  $\frac{dp}{dt} = -d_p p(t)$  (solved:  $p(t) = p(0)e^{-d_p t}$ )
- Bacteria die with likelihood of meeting a phage, and phages increase with likelihood of meeting a bacterium. So the set of equations, for constant  $k$ , becomes:
  - $b'(t) = r_b b(t) - kb(t)p(t)$
  - $p'(t) = -d_p p(t) + kb(t)p(t)$
  - *The product of  $p$  and  $b$  makes our equations nonlinear (WHY?)*
  - I guess, very generally,  $b_1 p_1 = k, b_2 p_2 = k$ , but  $(b_1 + b_2)(p_1 + p_2) = b_1 p_1 + b_2 p_2 + b_1 p_2 + b_2 p_1 = 2k + b_1 p_2 + b_2 p_1 \neq 2k$ , so the last two “mixed” terms mean you can’t just add solutions  $(b_1, p_1)$  and  $(b_2, p_2)$ .

General thoughts on this solution:

- So a solution  $(b(t), p(t))$ , traces out a curve on the bp-phase plane (b is x-axis, p is y-axis) as time (unrepresented in the plane) continues.
- If we add a unit tangent vector at every point  $(B, P)$  aligned with  $(b'(t), p'(t)) = (r_b B - kBP, -d_p P + kBP)$ , we can follow the arrows to see the solution over time.
- The above is called a **direction field**
- This is sometimes hard to sketch analytically, so we can look to the **nullclines**: places where one of the components of the direction field is zero.
- In this case,  $r_b B - kBP = (r_b - kP)B = 0$  when  $P = 0$  or  $P = \frac{r_b}{k}$ , and  $-d_p P + kBP = (kB - d_p)P = 0$  when  $P = 0$  or  $B = \frac{d_p}{k}$ .
- The **upshot of nullclines** (since we don’t care about  $P, B \leq 0$ ): The lines  $B = \frac{d_p}{k}, P = \frac{r_b}{k}$  divide the plane into pieces where the components of this (continuous) function pair can’t change sign.
- For instance,  $B > \frac{d_p}{k}, P < \frac{r_b}{k}$  means  $r_b b - kbp > 0, -d_p p + kdp > 0$ , so both populations are growing here. This helps to sketch the curve.
- The curve looks like a counterclockwise whirlpool around the  $(B, P) = (\frac{d_p}{k}, \frac{r_b}{k})$ . (bacteria grow with low but growing phages; bacteria decrease as phages overwhelm; both decrease as phages starve; bacteria start coming back)
- The center point is a (constant **equilibrium**) solution, and other solutions swirl around it but don’t get attracted or repelled.

There are a few types of equilibria:

- This one is a **center** around which solutions circle.
- A **stable equilibrium** would see small upsets come back to an unchanging state.
- An **unstable equilibrium** would see small upsets create wildly divergent paths.

## 2.2 2.2: Lotka-Volterra II

In the Bacteria-Phage system, we can't yet prove everything rotates around the **center**. Let's do that.

Developing a **conserved quantity** will help to do that. **Example:** Block on a horizontal spring with mass  $m$ , spring constant  $k_s$ :

- $x(t)$ : Displacement from rest position.
- $v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}$ : Horizontal velocity
- $\frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{k_s}{m}x(t)$  by Hooke's law, I think.
- Suppose there's some Energy function  $E(x, v)$ . By chain rule  $\frac{d}{dt}E(x(t), v(t)) = \frac{dE}{dx}\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dE}{dv}\frac{dv}{dt}$
- $= \frac{dE}{dx}v - \frac{k_s}{m}\frac{dE}{dv}x$ . If we set  $E$  as conserved, as in  $E'(t) = 0$ , then  $\frac{dE}{dx}v = \frac{k_s}{m}\frac{dE}{dv}x$
- We can eyeball and see that  $E = \frac{1}{2}k_s x^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  solves this equation, or we can assume  $E(x, v) = F(x) + G(v) \Rightarrow 0 = E'(t) = F'(x)v - \frac{k_s}{m}G'(v)x = 0$  from the above equations and guess from there.
- This means in the  $xv$  phase space, that there's a fixed  $E$  such that the particle follows the ellipse  $E = \frac{1}{2}k_s x^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  in phase space around the solution point  $(0,0)$ .

**Extended Example:** Continuing on finding a conserved quantity for Bacteria / Phage:

- We need to find  $U(b(t), p(t))$  such that  $U'(t) = 0$ , or by chain rule  $\frac{\delta U}{\delta b}\frac{\delta b}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta U}{\delta p}\frac{\delta p}{\delta t} = 0$
- Subbing in,  $\frac{\delta U}{\delta b}[r_b b - kbp] + \frac{\delta U}{\delta p}[-d_p p + kbp] = 0$
- A hint suggests finding  $U$  such that  $\frac{\delta U}{\delta b} = -\frac{d_p}{b} + k$ ,  $\frac{\delta U}{\delta p} = -\frac{r_b}{p} + k$  to make terms cancel.
- Integrating these gives us  $U$  as both  $-d_p \ln(b) + kb + Q(p)$  and  $-r_b \ln(p) + kp + R(b)$  so  $U = -d_p \ln(b) - r_b \ln(p) + kb + kp$ . This weird curve constitutes a level set in  $pb$ -space upon which a solution sits.
- The spring example has an elliptic paraboloid solution. There's an absolute minimum ( $E = 0$  at  $(0,0)$ ) but level sets become closed loops away from it.

- For the Lotka example, there is a critical point ( $\nabla U = \vec{0}$ ) when  $\nabla U(b, p) = (\frac{\delta U}{\delta b}, \frac{\delta U}{\delta p}) = (k - \frac{d_p}{b}, k - \frac{r_b}{p})$ , which is  $(0, 0)$  at our known center  $(\frac{d_p}{k}, \frac{r_b}{k})$
- Showing that we always increase going away from the point  $(\frac{d_p}{k}, \frac{r_b}{k})$  should guarantee us closed level sets.
- One method: Assume we're picking a unit vector  $\vec{v} = \langle \hat{v}_b, \hat{v}_p \rangle$  so that our line from our center is  $\vec{v} = \langle \frac{d_p}{k} + tv_b, \frac{r_b}{k} + tv_p \rangle$ .  $U = F(b) + G(p)$  in this case, so sub the  $b$  part into  $F$  to get  $F(\frac{d_p}{k} + tv_b) = d_p[1 - \ln(\frac{d_p}{k} + tv_b)] + kt\vec{v}$ . Taking derivative of that w.r.t  $t$  shows it is always positive. Same goes for the  $G(p)$  portion of  $U$ .
- Another (DF) method: Note that  $\nabla U = (k - \frac{d_p}{b}, k - \frac{r_b}{p})$ 's grad (second derivative) is always positive. So derivative always has positive curvature (maybe using that term wrong), and we'll always increase around this point.
- Also, we know that the particle travels around the level set (loop) and doesn't reverse course, because then,  $b'(t) = p'(t) = 0$ , and we only have that at the center point (nullcline intersection).

## 2.3 2.3: Linearization

**Extended Example:** Suppose there's a limit to bacterial growth, so we cap our population at  $M_b$ .

- If  $b(t) \ll M_b$ , things should be similar. If  $b(t)$  is nearly  $M_b$ , then growth should approach 0. So, this implies  $\frac{db}{dt} = r_b b(t) \rightarrow \frac{db}{dt} = r_b b(t)(1 - \frac{b(t)}{M_b})$ . Note: This isn't the only possibility but we'll use it.
- This updates our Lotka-Volterra model to something more complicated:
  - $b'(t) = r_b b(t)(1 - \frac{b(t)}{M_b}) - kb(t)p(t)$
  - $p'(t) = -d_p p(t) + kb(t)p(t)$
- Other than  $b = 0, p = 0$ , the meaningful nullclines are solved by setting  $b'(t) = 0$  (yielding  $r_b(1 - \frac{b}{M_b}) - kp = 0$ ) and  $p'(t) = 0$  (yielding  $b = \frac{d_p}{k}$ )
- Note: We'll clean up through some MAGIC non-dimensionalization (how to derive?) to simplify:
  - $x(t) = \frac{1}{M_b} b(\frac{t}{r_b}), y(t) = \frac{k}{r_b} (\frac{t}{r_b}), \alpha = \frac{d_p}{r_b}, \beta = \frac{kM_b}{r_b}$
  - Gives us new equations:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(t)[1 - x(t)] - x(t)y(t), \frac{dy}{dt} = -\alpha y(t) + \beta x(t)y(t)$
  - And new nullclines:  $x + y = 1, x = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$

- So there's an equilibrium point in the positive xy quadrant if:  $y = 1 - x = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  and  $y > 0$  implies  $1 - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} < 1$
- Looking at the direction field, it appears solutions swirl around and are attracted *into* the center point  $(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\beta})$ , making it a **stable equilibrium**

This is similar to the block-spring example, if a damping term  $-\frac{\gamma}{m}v$  is added.

- $\frac{dx}{dt} = v, \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{k_s}{m}x - \frac{\gamma}{m}v$
- This can be thought of in matrix terms:  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k_s}{m} & -\frac{\gamma}{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix}$  Call the matrix  $A$ .
- From Diff Eq I, the solution is  $\exp(tA)$  (matrix exponential), making  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  a linear combination of  $e^{\lambda t}$  or possibly  $te^{\lambda t}$  terms, with the eigenvalues as  $\lambda$ s.
- The eigenvalues in this case, using the quadratic formula, could be:
  - Two real, distinct, negative roots. So, these  $e^{\lambda t}$  terms decay, and  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  levels off.
  - Two distinct complex roots with real part  $-\frac{\gamma}{2m} < 0$ . This ends up being some sines and cosines multiplied by  $e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2m}}$ , which decays too.
  - Finally, if we have a repeated negative real eigenvalue, we have solution  $x(t) = Ae^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2m}} + Bte^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2m}}$ , also decaying.
  - So any disturbance in the spring will oscillate and come to rest at  $x(t) = v(t) = 0$  quickly.

So with linear systems  $\vec{x}'(t) = A\vec{x}(t)$ , the eigenvalues determine what happens around the equilibrium point. However, the **bacteria-phage model is non-linear**. Here is **how we linearize** for nearby solutions in a nonlinear system:

- Set small disturbance  $\delta x(t) \ll 1, \delta y(t) \ll 1$  so  $x(t) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \delta x(t), y(t) = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \delta y(t)$
- Since they're small, all powers like  $\delta x(t)^2$  and  $\delta x(t)\delta y(t)$  are considered basically zero.
- So substitute  $x(t) \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \delta x(t), y(t) \rightarrow 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \delta y(t)$  into our  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  equations.
- This gives us the A solving  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x(t) \\ \delta y(t) \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \delta x(t) \\ \delta y(t) \end{pmatrix}$ , which is  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} & -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \\ \beta - \alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  after working through the substitution.



- Finding the eigenvalues here yields the same situation as the block-spring example: decays in all situations.

It turns out through the **Hartman-Grobman Theorem** that  $\vec{x}'(t) = \vec{F}(\vec{x}(t))$ , for some continuously differential vector field  $F$ , if we linearize near equilibrium  $x_0$ , then what falls out of this  $A$  approach works if the eigenvalues *aren't all purely imaginary*.

It turns out the uncapped bacteria system from before looks like  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x(t) \\ \delta y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ \alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x(t) \\ \delta y(t) \end{pmatrix}$ , with characteristic equation  $\lambda^2 + \alpha = 0, \alpha > 0$ . This means both values are imaginary, and we had to use the conserved quantity approach!

## 2.4 2.4: Hartman-Grobman Theorem

**Extended Example:** Consider a phage that dies off quickly:

- $\frac{db}{dt} = r_b b(t) - k_b b(t)p(t), \frac{dp}{dt} = -r_p p(t) = 0 \cdot b(t)p(t)$ , where  $k_p$  is the zero (phages don't increase), and  $k_b$  is still the kill factor for the bacteria.
- In this base,  $b(t) = p(t) = 0$  is the only equilibrium.
- Non-dimensionalize as  $x(t) = b(\frac{t}{r_b}), y(t) = \frac{k_b}{r_b} p(\frac{t}{r_b}), \alpha = \frac{r_p}{r_b}$
- This makes the equations  $x'(t) = x(t) - x(t)y(t), y'(t) = -\alpha y(t)$ , and the nullclines therefore  $x(t) = 0, y(t) = 1, y(t) = 0$
- Looking at this six-section direction field, we see that solutions exactly on the y-axis are attracted to equilibrium  $(0, 0)$ , and other are repelled.
- This makes sense since if the bacteria is 0, the phage die and approach  $(0, 0)$ , otherwise the bacteria multiply and win (so it's a *saddle point*)
- The way to tell: linearize the equations.  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}$  since, if  $x(t), y(t) \ll 1, x(y)t(t) = 0$ .
- Then the eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 1, -\alpha$  so the solution is  $Ae^t, Be^{-\alpha t}$  for  $x(t), y(t)$  (TODO respectively?) **Hartman-Grobman ensures this is the general solution.**

However, let's solve directly and see if we come to the same result.

- $y'(t) = -\alpha y(t), y(0) = y_0 \Rightarrow y(t) = y_0 e^{-\alpha t}$
- With this in hand,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(t) - x(t)y(t) = x(t)[1 - y_0 e^{-\alpha t}], x(0) = x_0$  separates out to
  - $\frac{dx}{x} = [1 - y_0 e^{-\alpha t}] dt$

- $\ln(x) = [t + \frac{y_0}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t}] + C$
- $x = e^C e^t \exp(\frac{y_0}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t})$
- $x(0) = x_0 \Rightarrow e^C = x_0 e^{-\frac{y_0}{\alpha}}$
- $\Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^t \exp(\frac{y_0}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha t} - 1))$

But how do we deform the phase plane so this looks linear? We need some mapping  $\vec{h}(x, y) = \langle u(x, y), v(x, y) \rangle$  that is continuous and invertible (so we don't "damage" the phase plane). This is called a **homeomorphism**.

- So near the equilibrium  $(0, 0)$ , the equations  $y'(t) = -\alpha y(t), y(0) = y_0 \Rightarrow y(t) = y_0 e^{-\alpha t}$  linearized for  $\delta x, \delta y$  must be similar to those for  $u(x(t), y(t), v(x(t), y(t)))$
- This means we need  $\frac{du}{dt} = u, \frac{dv}{dt} = -\alpha v$
- After doing the substitution, we see that  $v = v_0 e^{-\alpha t}$  exactly mimics  $y(t) = y_0 e^{-\alpha t}$  for the phage solution. So we take  $v = y$ .
- Therefore, we know that since  $u = u_0 e^t$  and  $x(ty) = x_0 \exp(t + \frac{y_0}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha t} - 1))$ , that we need  $u(x(t), y(t)) = u(x_0, y_0) e^t$
- And this is satisfied if we guess  $u(x, y) = x e^{-y} \alpha$  and work it out.
- This function  $\vec{h}(x, y) = (u, v) = \langle x e^{-\frac{y}{\alpha}}, y \rangle$  is invertible by  $(x, y) = \langle u e^{\frac{v}{\alpha}}, v \rangle$ , which is continuous.

## 2.5 2.5: Application - Lasers

Lasers create excited atoms, which then emit photons while transitioning to an unexcited state. This system has a close analogue with the previous phages (like photons) and bacteria (like atoms) model.

- $n(t)$ : number of photons in the laser;  $r_g$ : rate of photons gained (created by excited atoms transitioning to unexcited state);  $r_l$ : rate of photons lost (emitted)
- $\Rightarrow \frac{dn}{dt} = r_g - r_l$  by definition.
- We can assume we're losing a constant  $k$  (kill?) portion of photons per unit time, so  $\frac{dn}{dt} = r_g - kn(t)$
- $e(t)$ : number of excited atoms (that will maybe create photons). Atoms are excited by external energy pump.
- Excited atoms radiate when meeting a photon (which survives the meeting)
- So we can use the same setup from the bacteria: with  $I$  the constant of meeting (intersect?),  $r_g = Ie(t)n(t) \Rightarrow n'(t) = Ie(t)n(t) - kn(t)$

**Mini example: Assume no photons leave** (cap the end of the laser)

- $k = 0$  in this scenario.
- So every meeting creates one more photon ( $n \rightarrow n + 1$ ) while enervating one excited atom ( $e \rightarrow e - 1$ ). This implies, equivalently:
  - $e + n$  is a conserved quantity,
  - $e(t) + n(t) = e(0) + n(0)$ ,
  - $[e(t) + n(t)]' = 0$
  - Then, if  $k = 0$ ,  $n'(t) = Ie(t)n(t) - kn(t)$ , and coupled with  $e'(t) + n'(t) = 0$  above, we have  $e'(t) = -Ie(t)n(t)$

**Extended example: Atoms spontaneously lose energy.** This is actually what happens

- From quantum physics, we have a rate  $s$  of atoms just (s)pontaneously losing energy.
- We also have an energy (p)ump that energizes atoms with quantity  $p$ .
- Then, our change in (e)xcited atoms is  $e'(t) = p - s - Ie(n)(t)$
- So our **final laser equations** are  $e'(t) = p - s - Ie(n)(t)$ ,  $n'(t) = Ie(t)n(t) - kn(t)$
- If we want to find the smallest  $p$  guaranteeing  $n \geq 1$  (there's at least one photo) at equilibrium ( $e'(t) = n'(t) = 0$ ):
  - $n'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow Ien = kn \Rightarrow n(Ie - k) = 0$ . If  $n \neq 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow e = \frac{k}{I}$
  - $e'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow Ien = p - se$
  - Together,  $p - se = Ien = kn \Rightarrow kn + se = p \Rightarrow kn + s\frac{k}{I} = p$
  - $n \geq 1 \Rightarrow p \leq k + \frac{ks}{I}$
  - **Another tactic:** We could also assume we *start out at equilibrium*, so  $n_0, e_0$  are constant solutions.
  - Solving  $n' = 0 = Ie_0n_0 - kn_0$ ,  $e' = 0 = Ie_0n_0 - se_0 + p$ , we find equilibria  $n_0 = \frac{p}{k} - \frac{s}{I}$ ,  $e_0 = \frac{k}{I}$
  - Then,  $n_0 \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{p}{k} - \frac{s}{I} \geq 1 \Rightarrow p \geq k + \frac{ks}{I}$

**Non-dimensionalization time:**

- Scale against  $e_0 (= \frac{k}{I})$ ,  $n_0 (= \frac{p}{k} - \frac{s}{I})$  like this:  $x(t) = \frac{n(\alpha t)}{n_0}$ ,  $y(t) = \frac{e(\alpha t)}{e_0}$

- NOTE: What does this do? This makes (1,1) the equilibrium, as  $x(t) = \frac{n_0}{e_0} = 1, y(t) = \frac{e_0}{e_0} = 1$  !
- What  $\alpha$  lets us take  $n' = Ien - kn, e' = -Ien - se + p$  and write
  - $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(t)y(t) - x(t)$
  - $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{k}(\frac{pI}{k} - s)[1 - x(t)y(t)] + \frac{s}{k}[1 - y(t)]$
  - $x' = \frac{\alpha n'(\alpha t)}{n_0} = xy - x = \frac{Ie(\alpha t)n(\alpha t)}{kn_0} - \frac{n(\alpha t)}{n_0}$
  - $\frac{\alpha Ien - \alpha kn(\alpha t)}{n_0} = \frac{Ie(\alpha t)n(\alpha t)}{kn_0} - \frac{n(\alpha t)}{n_0}$
  - $\alpha Ie - \alpha k = \frac{Ie(\alpha t)}{k} - 1 \Rightarrow \alpha(Ie - k) = \frac{Ie - k}{k} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{k}$
  - This solves the x equation, and I suppose it can be validated in the y equation (tediously).
  - If we chunk up our (somehow positive?) constants as  $c = \frac{1}{k}(\frac{pI}{k} - s), d = \frac{s}{k}$ , we end up with  $y' = c[1 - xy] + d[1 - y]$
  - We only care about  $x, y > 0$ , so  $x' = 0 = xy - x = x(y - 1)$  implies  $y = 1$  is a nullcline
  - $y' = 0 = c[1 - xy] + d[1 - y] = c - cxy + d - dy \Rightarrow c + d = y(d + cx) \Rightarrow y = \frac{c+d}{d+cx}$ , a scaled and shifted hyperbola.

**Look at the solutions:**

- It appears we have a counterclockwise swirl around (1,1), and nearby solutions tend toward this equilibrium.
- Hartman-Grobman: rewrite our linearized solution in neighborhood of (1,1) as  $x(t) = 1 + \delta x(t), y(t) = 1 + \delta y(t)$
- Using  $x' = xy - x, y' = c[1 - xy] + d[1 - y]$  and  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x(t) \\ \delta y(t) \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \delta x(t) \\ \delta y(t) \end{pmatrix}$ , we can solve and write  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -c & -c - d \end{pmatrix}$
- Eigenvalues:  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}(-c - d \pm \sqrt{(c+d)^2 - 4c})$ 
  - \* If square root term is zero, we have repeated eigenvalue, so  $\delta x(t), \delta y(t)$  are combos of  $e^{-\frac{c+d}{2}}, te^{-\frac{c+d}{2}}$ , which decays
  - \* If square root term is greater than zero, we have two distinct real, negative eigenvalues (since c, d are positive), so this decays.

- \* If square root term is less than zero, we have distinct complex eigenvalues, but combos of  $e^{-\frac{c+d}{2}} \cos(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-(c+d)^2+4c})$ ,  $e^{-\frac{c+d}{2}} \sin(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-(c+d)^2+4c})$  decay too
- \* Note : I suppose Hartman-Grobman can't work in purely imaginary eigenvalue scenario, because these kinds of functions don't converge or diverge without a term outside the sin or cos
- \* And in any case, since these lambdas aren't strictly imaginary, Hartman-Grobman works.

## 2.6 2.6: Liapunov Equations

We had some intuition that “nearby” solutions would fall into an equilibrium, but what does “nearby” mean? **Liapunov Equations** help us here. What is the “basin of attraction”?

- Suppose we turn the pump off ( $p = 0$ ), and set spontaneous enervation equal to photon leak  $s = k$ .
- (TODO?) Somehow we can rescale to  $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ie(t)n(t) - kn(t)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -Ie(t)n(t) - kn(t)$  which (TODO??) gives us  $\frac{dx}{dt} = xy - x$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = xy - y$
- This means equilibria ( $x' = y' = 0$ ) exist at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$
- If we're turning the pump off, we're looking at equilibrium  $(0, 0)$ . Linearizing, we get  $x' = -\delta x$ ,  $y' = -\delta y$ , so a matrix of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
- With repeated non-imaginary (H-G applies!) eigenvalues  $-1, -1$ , we can see that both  $e^{-t}$ ,  $te^{-t}$  decay, and we get sucked into the origin.

But how do we prove this? Let's find a conserved quantity  $U'(x(t), y(t)) = 0$

- $U'(x(t), y(t)) = \frac{\delta U}{\delta x} \frac{\delta x}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta U}{\delta y} \frac{\delta y}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta U}{\delta x} x(y - 1) + \frac{\delta U}{\delta y} y(x - 1)$
- Setting  $\frac{\delta U}{\delta x} x = -x + 1$ ,  $\frac{\delta U}{\delta y} y = y - 1$  makes this zero
- Solving those two by separating variables and combining, we get  $U = -x + y + \ln(|\frac{x}{y}|)$
- So if we're stabilizing  $f = (x - y)$  (why?), we see  $(x - y)' = x' - y' = (xy - x) - (xy - y) = x - y = f \Rightarrow f = e^{-t}$
- With  $x(0) = x_0$ ,  $y(0) = y_0 \Rightarrow f(0) = x_0 - y_0$ ,  $f = x(t) - y(t) = (x_0 - y_0)e^{-t}$
- How to express  $y(t)$  while eliminating  $x(t)$ , knowing  $x(y) - y(t) = (x_0 - y_0)e^{-t}$  and  $U(x, y) = y - x + \ln(|\frac{x}{y}|)$  is conserved? **The trick:**  $U(x_0, y_0) = U(x, y)$  since it doesn't change!

- $y_0 - x_0 + \ln(|\frac{x}{y}|) = y - x + \ln(|\frac{x}{y}|) = -(x_0 - y_0)e^{-t} + \ln(|\frac{x}{y}|)$
- $(1 - e^{-t})(y_0 - x_0) = \ln(\frac{x/y}{x_0/y_0})$
- Defining for convenience,  $f = \exp((1 - e^{-t})(y_0 - x_0))$ , then  $f \frac{y}{y_0} = \frac{x}{x_0}$
- Sub in to  $x - y = (x_0 - y_0)e^{-t} : y[\frac{x_0}{y_0}f - 1] = (x_0 - y_0)e^{-t}$
- Solve for  $y : y = \frac{y_0(x_0 - y_0)e^{-t}}{x_0f(t) - y_0}$
- Combine with above to get  $x = \frac{x_0(x_0 - y_0)e^{-t}f(t)}{x_0f(t) - y_0}$
- So with equilibria  $(0, 0), (1, 1)$ , the direction field computer plot shows us attracted to  $(0, 0)$  (no laser action) pretty much anywhere left and down from  $(1, 1)$  in the  $x, y$  phase plane.
- Apparently the linearized solutions near  $0, 0$  are  $x_{lin} = x_0e^{-t}, y_{lin} = y_0e^{-t}$  (WHY?)
- Looking above, if  $(x_0 - y_0) \approx 0$ , then  $f(t) \approx 1$ , and  $x, y \rightarrow x_{lin}, y_{lin}$

On to **Liapunov** functions, which will tell us perhaps the size of the “basin of convergence”, unlike Hartman-Grobman, which just says there is a neighborhood.

A **Liapunov** function  $U(x, y)$  is

- Continuously differentiable
- With a unique minimum  $(x_0, y_0)$ , usually aligned to be  $U$ ’s only zero.
- $U'(x(t), y(t)) \leq 0$ . Everything “flows downhill”;
- Tailor made for the problem, hard to find.

**Back to the rescaled laser example**

- $x'(t) = x(t)y(t) - x(t)$
- $y'(t) = c[1 - x(t)y(t)] + d[1 - y(t)], c, d > 0$ 
  - **Analogy: The damped-block spring system**  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k_s}{m} & -\frac{\gamma}{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix}$
  - When  $\gamma = 0$ , we know  $E(x, v) = \frac{1}{2}k_s x^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  is conserved when looking at  $E'$
  - $\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow x' = v, v' = -\frac{k_s}{m}x$
  - $\frac{dE}{dt} = (\frac{1}{2}k_s x^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2)' = 0$  since  $\frac{1}{2}(k_s x x' + mv v') = \frac{1}{2}(k_s x v + mv \frac{-k}{m}x) = 0$
  - But if  $\gamma \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt}E(x(t), v(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}[\frac{1}{2}k_s x^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2] = k_s x x' + mv v'$

- $= kx(v) + mv(\frac{-k_s}{m}x - \frac{\gamma}{m}v) = -\gamma v(t)^2 = \frac{dE}{dt}$
- Total spring energy is then decreasing in the fluid.
- Brilliant has Cool visualization of spiraling down into the "bowl" of  $x, y$  with  $E$  as the  $z$  dimension, equilibrium  $(0, 0, 0)$
- We need to choose a  $\gamma$ -fied  $E$ -like function that decreases for pairs  $\delta x(t), \delta y(t)$ . We can choose, like  $E$ , some  $u(\delta x, \delta y) = \frac{1}{2}C_1[\delta x]^2 + C_2[\delta y]^2$ .
- Choosing  $C_1 = c, C_2 = 1$  gives us  $\frac{d}{dt}u(\delta x(t), \delta y(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(\frac{c}{2}[\delta x(t)]^2 + \frac{1}{2}[\delta y(t)]^2)$
- $= c(dx)(dx)' + dy(dy)' = c(dx)(dy) + dy(-c(dx) - (c+d)(dy)) = -(c+d)[\delta y(t)]^2$
- So  $u = \frac{d}{dt}(\frac{c}{2}[\delta x(t)]^2 + \frac{1}{2}[\delta y(t)]^2)$  is an energy function that could work for the laser.

Finally, we want to construct a function that

- Doesn't increase (derivative negative) on any pairs  $x, y > 0$  (pulls down)
- Is near equal to  $u = \frac{c}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(y-1)^2$  near  $(1, 1)$ . (the energy function for block-spring above)
- With  $x' = xy - x, y' = c - cxy + d - dy$ , plus the identity near  $z \approx 1$  of  $\ln(z) \approx (z-1) - \frac{1}{2}(z-1)^2 \dots$
- You can find  $U(x, y) = c(x-1) + (y-1) - c\ln(x) - \ln(y)$  that satisfies all of these
- It therefore shows that pumped laser solutions tend to equilibrium  $(1, 1)$  in the long term.

TODO: So this is enough to establish a convergence to an equilibrium?

- Find an equilibrium  $(x_0, y_0)$
- Find an energy function  $u$  that decreases for all pairs  $(\delta x(t), \delta y(t))$  near the minimum.
- Find a Liapunov function  $U$  function that decreases EVERYWHERE along  $x(t), y(t)$  (in our domain, like  $x, y > 0$ )
- Ensure that  $U = u$  in the neighborhood of the equilibrium.
- Then Liapunov's theorem somehow makes this work (TODO)?

## 2.7 2.7: Dog chasing a duck (Limit Cycles)

This is a pair of nonlinear equations to determine if a dog in the pond's interior catches a duck who skates along the border.

- Variables:
  - $r_p$ : Radius of pond.
  - $r_H$ : Distance of duck to center (always the radius of the pond)
  - $\vec{l}$ : Displacement of dog from duck, which is of some length  $R$  at any point.
  - $\theta$ : Duck's position in the lake (think polar coordinates)
  - $\phi$ : Angle between  $r_H$  and  $\vec{l}$ .
  - Duck always swims at speed  $r_p\theta'(t)$ , and dog swims at  $k > 0$  times this, or  $kr_p\theta'(t)$ .
- Therefore  $r_H = \langle r_p \cos(\theta), r_p \sin(\theta) \rangle$ . It's just the polar coordinates.
- Doing some geometry gets you  $\vec{l} = R\langle \cos(\theta + \phi), \sin(\theta + \phi) \rangle$
- We can establish  $\vec{T} = r_H - \vec{l}$  and dog's speed squared  $\|T'(t)\|^2 = (r_H' - \vec{l}') \cdot (r_H' - \vec{l}') = \|r_H'\|^2 + \|\vec{l}'\|^2 - 2r_H'\vec{l}'$
- Naturally, this  $\|T'\|^2$  is also equal to the constant  $(kr_p\theta')^2$ . Our diff equations will fall out of these.
- $r_H'^2 = r_p^2[\theta'(t)]^2$  since duck's speed is constant.  $\vec{l}' = (R')^2 + R^2[\theta' + \phi']^2$  after working it out.
- Finally, after using identities  $\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos(\theta)\cos(\phi) - \sin(\theta)\sin(\phi)$ ,  $\sin(\theta + \phi) = \cos(\theta)\sin(\phi) + \sin(\theta)\cos(\phi)$ , we can work out  $-2r_H'\vec{l}' = -2r_p\theta'[R\cos(\phi)(\theta' + \phi') + \sin(\phi)R']$
- After rescaling  $R$  to  $\rho$  such that  $\frac{R}{r_p} = \rho$  and diving our speed equation by constant  $r_p\theta'$ , we end up with speed equation  $k^2 = [\rho(1 + \frac{d\phi}{d\theta} - \cos(\phi))]^2 + (\frac{d\rho}{d\theta} - \sin(\phi))^2$
- We propose that there are some solutions here for the **pursuit equations**. We'll ignore the generalized form and focus on one set
  - $\rho(1 + \frac{d\phi}{d\theta}) - \cos(\phi) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\rho}{d\theta} - \sin(\phi) = -k$  do work in the above. (Doesn't prove others don't work)
  - This leaves our equations as  $\frac{d\phi}{d\theta} = \frac{\cos(\phi)}{\rho} - 1$ ,  $\frac{d\rho}{d\theta} = -k + \sin(\phi)$
  - However, there *aren't simple equilibria here*. In no world with  $k \neq 0$  does the dog sit still (or the duck).



- Supposing  $k < 1$  and  $R, \phi$  are fixed (dog never gets closer and just loops), this means he's going in a circle, since the two legs of a triangle ( $\vec{l}, \vec{r}_p$ ) and the interior angle ( $\phi$ ) are fixed, so this fixes length of the third leg, which is a radius
- You can also use dog's position vectors  $x(t) = r_p \cos(\theta) - R \cos(\theta + \phi), y(t) = r_p \sin(\theta) - R \sin(\theta + \phi)$  and trig identities to prove  $x(t)^2 + y(t)^2 = r_p^2 + R^2 - 2r_p R \cos(\phi)$
- If  $k < 1$ , then solving  $\frac{d\rho}{d\theta} = 0 = -k + \sin(\phi) \Rightarrow \sin(\phi) = k \Rightarrow \phi = \sin^{-1}(k)$  and  $\rho = \cos(\phi) = \cos(\sin^{-1}(k)) = \sqrt{1 - k^2}$ 
  - \* Quick proof of  $\cos(\sin^{-1}(k)) = \sqrt{1 - k^2}$ :
  - \*  $\cos^2(\sin^{-1}(k)) + \sin^2(\sin^{-1}(k)) = 1 \Rightarrow \cos^2(\sin^{-1}(k)) = 1 - \sin^2(\sin^{-1}(k))$
  - \*  $= 1 - k^2 \Rightarrow \cos(\sin^{-1}(k)) = \sqrt{1 - k^2}$
- When  $k < 1$ , the direction field seems to have attractive equilibria but **GOTCHA**: there are  $\phi$  angles that differ by  $2\pi$  units, so they're the same. The direction field is a cylinder with circumference  $2\pi$ , and there are other solutions tracking toward  $(\sin^{-1}(k), \sqrt{1 - k^2})$
- Linearizing, assume we are near our equilibrium point and  $\phi = \sin^{-1} k + \delta\phi, \rho = \sqrt{1 - k^2} + \delta\rho$ .
- We can also remember that  $f(x + \delta x) \approx f(x) + f'(x)\delta x$  from calculus.
- $\frac{d}{d\theta}[\delta\rho] = \frac{d}{d\theta}[\rho - \sqrt{1 - k^2}] = \frac{d\rho}{d\theta} - \frac{d}{d\theta}\sqrt{1 - k^2} = -k + \sin(\phi)$
- $= -k + \sin(\sin^{-1}(k) + \delta\phi)$  and by the calculus rule  $\frac{d}{d\theta}[\delta\rho] = -k + \sin(\sin^{-1}(k)) + \cos(\sin^{-1}(k))\delta\phi = \sqrt{1 - k^2}\delta\phi$
- And for  $\frac{d}{d\theta}[\delta\phi] = \frac{d}{d\theta}\phi - \frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin^{-1}(k)) = \frac{\cos(\phi)}{\rho} - 1$
- Using multivariable hint  $f(x + \delta x, y + \delta y) \approx f(x, y) + \frac{\delta f}{\delta x}\delta x + \frac{\delta f}{\delta y}\delta y$ ,
- $f = \frac{\cos(\sin^{-1}(k) + \delta\phi)}{\sqrt{1 - k^2} + \delta\rho} - 1 \approx \frac{\sqrt{1 - k^2}}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}} - 1 + \frac{-\sin(\sin^{-1}(k))\delta\phi}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}} - \frac{\cos(\sin^{-1}(k))\delta\rho}{1 - k^2}$
- $= -\frac{k\delta\phi + \delta\rho}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}}$
- So  $\frac{d}{d\theta} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi \\ \delta\rho \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{k}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - k^2}} \\ \sqrt{1 - k^2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi \\ \delta\rho \end{pmatrix}$ , and the eigenvalues aren't purely imaginary, and the real part is negative, so all decay. Therefore, the equilibrium at  $(\sin^{-1}(k), \sqrt{1 - k^2})$  attracts nearby solutions.

- There aren't solutions (for  $K < 1$ ?), but numerically solved, the dog catches at  $k > 1$ , and for  $k \leq 1$ , swims out to a path approaching a circle. This is a **limit cycle**, an isolated trajectory that closes on itself.

## 2.8 Poincare-Bendixson Theorem

Limit cycles in the real world: a chemical reaction in perpetual oscillation!

Key concept - **trapping region**: a region in phase plane on some region  $D$ , with differential solutions touching every point, where the direction field sees every boundary arrow point IN. This means:

- The solution has to stay in  $D$ .
- Any solution that self-intersects forms a cycle in the phase plane.
- The three conceivable ways a solution can “snake” around forever (the **Poincare-Bendixson theorem** says it):
  - Approaches a closed loop in  $D$ .
  - Approaches a fixed point in  $D$  (possibly a special case of the last bullet)
  - Cycle: Snake eats its own tail
- A non-cycling solution is the only other possibility - just a point equilibrium.

**Example:** Chemical oscillatory reaction.

- $x$  is concentration of  $I^-$ ,  $y$  is concentration of  $ClO_2^-$  ions in some reaction.
- $a$  is positive, and clearly  $x, y \geq 0$  in the physical world.
- Otherwise meaningless equations:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5a - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2}$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\frac{4y}{1+x^2})$
- Solve for equilibria by setting  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ 
  - Denote  $Q = \frac{y}{1+x^2}$
  - First equation implies  $x(1 + 4Q) = 5a$
  - Second equation, plus knowing  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow x(1 - Q) = 0 \Rightarrow Q = 1$
  - $Q = 1 \Rightarrow 5x = 5a \Rightarrow x = a$
  - $\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{y}{1+x^2} \Rightarrow y = 1 + a^2$
  - Only solution pair is  $(a, 1 + a^2)$

Linearizing the solution around  $(a, 1 + a^2)$

- $x = a + \delta x, y = 1 + a^2 + \delta y \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d[\delta x]}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d[\delta y]}{dt}$
- Call  $f = \frac{d[\delta x]}{dt} = 5a - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2}$ ,
- Approximate  $f(x + \delta x, y + \delta y) \approx f(x, y) + \frac{\delta f}{\delta x} \delta x + \frac{\delta f}{\delta y} \delta y$
- $f(x, y)(a, 1 + a^2) = 5a - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2}(a, 1 + a^2) = 5a - a - 4(a \frac{1+a^2}{1+a^2}) = 0$
- $\frac{\delta f}{\delta x} \delta x(a, 1 + a^2) = (-1 - \frac{(1+x^2)(4y-2x4xy)}{(1+x^2)^2})\delta x(a, 1 + a^2) = (-1 - 4 - \frac{8a^2}{1+a^2})\delta x = \frac{-5+3a^2}{1+a^2} \delta x$
- $\frac{\delta f}{\delta y} \delta y(a, 1 + a^2) = \frac{-4x}{1+x^2} \delta y(a, 1 + a^2) = \frac{-4a}{1+a^2} \delta y$
- Call  $g = \frac{d[\delta y]}{dt} = x - \frac{xy}{1+x^2}$
- Approximate  $g(x + \delta x, y + \delta y) \approx g(x, y) + \frac{\delta g}{\delta x} \delta x + \frac{\delta g}{\delta y} \delta y$
- $g(x, y)(a, 1 + a^2) = x - \frac{xy}{1+x^2}(a, 1 + a^2) = a - a \frac{1+a^2}{1+a^2} = 0$
- $\frac{\delta g}{\delta x} \delta x(a, 1 + a^2) = (1 - \frac{(1+x^2)y-xy2x}{(1+x^2)^2})\delta x = (1 - \frac{(1+a^2)^2-2a^2(1+a^2)}{(1+a^2)^2})\delta x = 2a^2 \delta x$
- $\frac{\delta g}{\delta y} \delta y(a, 1 + a^2) = \frac{-x}{1+x^2} \delta y = \frac{-a}{1+a^2} \delta y$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{1+a^2} \begin{pmatrix} 3a^2 - 5 & -4a \\ 2a^2 & -a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \end{pmatrix}$
- Let's arbitrarily choose  $a = 2 \Rightarrow (a, 1 + a^2) = (2, 5)$ . The coefficient matrix ends up being  $\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -8 \\ 8 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , which has eigenvalues with a positive real  $\pm$  some  $i$  component. So, Hartman-Grobman applies and we don't decay into our point but push away.

We want to **build the trapping region**.

- Remember,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 10 - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2}$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = x(1 - \frac{y}{1+x^2})$  subbing in 2 for  $a$ )
- On the left, if  $x = 0$  we see  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 10$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ . So we're pointing right (into the first quadrant region)
- On the bottom, if  $y = 0$ , we're pointing at  $\langle 10 - x, x \rangle$  (into the region).
- On the right, for some  $x = b$ ,  $10 - b - \frac{4b}{1+b^2}y$  will make sure we point left.
- On the top, for some  $y = c$ ,  $x(1 - \frac{c}{1+x^2}) < 0$  makes sure we point down.
- Assume, since we're encircling  $(2, 5)$ , that  $b \geq 3, c \geq 6$  for comfort.
- To satisfy all of these, note  $x(1 - \frac{c}{1+x^2}) < 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{c}{1+x^2} < 0 \Rightarrow c > 1 + x^2, 0 < x < b \Rightarrow c > 1 + b^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{c-1} > b$

- And for  $0 < y < c$ , note that  $10 - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2} < 10 - b < 0$ .
- Pick  $b = 11$ , say, implying  $11 < \sqrt{c-1}$ , so then  $123 < c$ . So  $(b, c) = (11, 124)$  ensures oscillation around  $(2, 5)$  without leaving that region.

Tricky: How to reduce this region? No real way except simulation or some tricks. If we PRESUME a cycle, we can prove the cycle extends to the left of  $x = 3$  or  $x_{min} < 3$

- **META trick:** Don't worry if you have unsolvable integrals - maybe you can cancel them out. **Run with what you have.**
- Trick: Assume  $x(t+T) = x(t), y(t+T) = y(t)$  for some  $T > 0$ , or that there's a PERIOD  $T$ .
- $\int_0^T \frac{dx}{dt} dt = x(T) - x(0) = 0, \int_0^T \frac{dy}{dt} dt = y(T) - y(0) = 0$  by fundamental theorem.
- Our equations again:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 10 - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2}, \frac{dy}{dt} = x(1 - \frac{y}{1+x^2})$
- So  $0 = \int_0^T [10 - \int x(t) - 4 \int \frac{x(t)y(t)}{1+x(t)^2}] dt$  by the first equation
- $0 = \int x(t) - \int \frac{x(t)y(t)}{1+x(t)^2} dt$  by the second.
- Subtract four times the second from the first to get  $0 = 10T - 5 \int_0^T x(t) \Rightarrow 2T = \int_0^T x(t) dt \geq \int_0^T x_{min} dt = Tx_{min}$
- So  $2 \geq x_{min}$

## 2.9 Chaos and the Lorenz Equation

What enabled mathematical **chaos** (unpredictability in nonlinear differential equations) was really computers and seeing simulated solutions.

The (simplified) **Lorenz system** are these equations

- $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x)$
- $\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\rho - z) - y$
- $\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - bz$
- All with  $\sigma, \rho, b > 0$

Solving the equations, we see equilibria for these are:

- $(0, 0)$  always
- The two solutions  $(\pm \sqrt{b(\rho-1)}, \pm \sqrt{b(\rho-1)}, \rho-1)$  when  $\rho > 1$ .

Looking at  $0 < \rho < 1$  specifically:

- Linearizing is simple, with  $x(t) = \delta x(t), y(t) = \delta y(t), z(t) = \delta z(t)$  and linearized system:
- $\frac{d[\delta x]}{dt} = \sigma(\delta y - \delta x)$
- $\frac{d[\delta y]}{dt} = \rho\delta x - \delta y$
- $\frac{d[\delta z]}{dt} = -b\delta z$
- $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \\ \delta z \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma & \sigma & 0 \\ \rho & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \\ \delta z \end{pmatrix}$
- Characteristic equation is  $(-b - \lambda)[(1 + \lambda)(\sigma + \lambda) - \sigma\rho] = 0$
- Eigenvalues are  $-b < 0$  and  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}[-(\sigma + 1) \pm \sqrt{(\sigma + 1)^2 - 4\sigma(1 - \rho)}]$
- If  $\rho < 1$ , we have distinct, real, negative eigenvalues, and a locally attractive equilibrium by Hartman-Grobman.

But if  $\rho < 1$  globally attractive? Find a Liapunov function.

- Requirement is that the function  $U(x(t), y(t), z(t))$  is minimized at the equilibrium, and that as time progresses,  $U$  decreases (so we're sucked into the bowl)
- We suppose that  $U(x, y, z) = ax^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and using  $xy \leq \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2$ :
  - Identity derivation:  $0 \leq (x - y)^2 \Rightarrow 0 \leq x^2 - 2xy + y^2 \Rightarrow xy \leq \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$
- $\frac{\delta U}{\delta x} x'(t) + \frac{\delta U}{\delta y} y'(t) + \frac{\delta U}{\delta z} z'(t) = 2a\sigma\sigma(y - x) + 2yx(\rho - z) - 2y^2x + 2zxy - 2bz^2$
- $= 2(a\sigma + \rho)xy - 2a\sigma x^2 - 2y^2 - 2bz^2$
- **GOTHCA:** We can't choose  $a = -\frac{\rho}{\sigma}$  since then  $U = -\frac{\rho}{\sigma}x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  isn't minimized at  $(0, 0, 0)$ ! So  $a$  needs to be positive.
- Choosing  $a = \frac{1}{\sigma} \Rightarrow a\sigma = 1$ , with  $\rho < 1 \Rightarrow 2(a\sigma + \rho)xy - 2a\sigma x^2 - 2y^2 - 2bz^2 < 2a\sigma(2xy - x^2 - y^2) - 2bz^2 \leq -2bz^2$  by the identity above.
- Then  $U = \frac{1}{\sigma}x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  decreases as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and is minimized at the globally attractive  $(0, 0, 0)$

If  $\rho > 1$  things get chaotic. Instead of one equilibrium, we have two new ones at  $(\pm\sqrt{b(\rho - 1)}, \pm\sqrt{b(\rho - 1)}, \rho - 1)$ . Everything **bifurcates**, or qualitatively shifts when inching past  $\rho = 1$ :

- We have three equilibria.
- The origin turns into a saddle equilibrium.

- Linearizing around  $(\alpha, \alpha, \rho - 1)$  with  $\alpha$  denoting  $\sqrt{b(\rho - 1)}$  (pretty straightforward), we get characteristic equation for  $A$  of  $-\lambda^3 - (\sigma + b + 1)\lambda^2 - b(\sigma + \rho)\lambda - 2\sigma b(\rho - 1) = 0$
- Problem is, setting  $\rho = 1$  drops the  $(\rho - 1)$  term and we have  $-\lambda(\lambda^2 + (\sigma + 1 + b)\lambda + b(\sigma + 1)) = 0$ , with solutions  $\lambda = 0, -b, -\sigma - 1$ .
- The last two solutions are attractive, but the zero doesn't work for Hartman-Grobman.
- If we set  $\lambda = (\rho - 1)\Delta r$  when nudging  $\rho$  just over 1, we ignore all  $\lambda^2, \lambda^3 \dots$  as negligible and get  $-b(\sigma + \rho)(\rho - 1)\Delta r - 2\rho b(\rho - 1) \approx 0$
- This means  $\Delta r \approx -\frac{2\rho}{\rho + \sigma}$ , or that this nudged root has to be negative when  $\rho$  is near 1.
- More rigorously, we could have proven the roots of the equation are negative for small  $\rho - 1 > 0$
- In any case, this means that the near-zero root is negative, so  $(\alpha, \alpha, \rho - 1)$  attracts locally.
- We can show that this applies the same for  $(-\alpha, -\alpha, \rho - 1)$

How do equilibria change as we change  $\rho$ ?

- We saw the What about as we dial past  $\rho = 1$ , our origin equilibrium changes from globally attractive to saddle point.
- In going from a stable equilibrium with negative real-part eigenvalues (attractors) to  $(0, 0, 0)$  as a saddle (mix of negative and positive real parts), we necessarily have a point where the eigenvalues' real parts are zero.
- In other words,  $\lambda = ia$  for some real  $a$ .
- Subbing  $ia$  into our  $-\lambda^3 - (\sigma + b + 1)\lambda^2 - b(\sigma + \rho)\lambda - 2\sigma b(\rho - 1) = 0$ , we end up getting  $[(\sigma + b + 1)a^2 - 2\sigma b(\rho - 1)] + i[a^3 - (b(\sigma + \rho)a)] = 0$
- Then we need  $a^3 - b(\sigma + \rho)a = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0, a = \pm \sqrt{b(\sigma + \rho)}$
- If  $a = 0$ . the real part isn't zero. But subbing  $a = \pm \sqrt{b(\sigma + \rho)}$  gives us solutions for a set of  $\rho = \frac{\sigma(\sigma + b + 3)}{\sigma - b - 1}$
- So, when moving past this value, our two new equilibria change from locally attractive to saddles too.

Can we create a trapping region?

- The hint: The solutions have to pass through every ellipsoid of form  $R^2 = \rho x^2 + \sigma y^2 + \sigma(z - 2p)^2$

- What we need to prove: At every point on the boundary, the direction field points “in”, or more specifically, *the angle between inward normal and direction field is acute.*
- This also means that the gradient  $\nabla g$  of the level set  $R^2 = \rho x^2 + \sigma y^2 + \sigma(z - 2\rho)^2$  is the normal. This is  $\langle 2\rho, 2\sigma, 2(z - 2\rho) \rangle$
- So  $-\nabla g \cdot \langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \rangle > 0 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow 2\rho\sigma x^2 + 2\sigma y^2 + 2\sigma z^2 - 4\rho\sigma z > 0$
- Use  $R^2 - \rho x^2 - \sigma(z - 2\rho)^2 = \sigma y^2 \Rightarrow \rho\sigma x^2 + 2\sigma y^2 + 2\sigma z^2 - 4\rho\sigma z > 0$
- This simplifies the dot product to  $2R^2 - 8\rho^2\sigma + 4\sigma\rho z + 2\rho(\sigma - 1)x^2 > 0$
- Since the  $x^2$  term is always positive, we just need to set  $R$  to clear zero when  $z$  is its most negative ( $x = 0, y = 0, z = 2\rho - \frac{R}{\sqrt{\sigma}}$ ). If we churn a little more we can see that setting  $R > 2\sqrt{\sigma}\rho$  will provide a trapping region.

Question: Do the confined solutions fill up the whole (ellipsoid) container?

- Looking at the divergence (volume change of a cube over time) of the solution will tell us.
- For unspecified reasons,  $\frac{1}{v(t)}v'(t) = \nabla \cdot \langle \sigma(y - x), x(\rho - z) - y, xy - bz \rangle = -\sigma - 1 - b$
- Solving,  $v(t) = v(0)e^{-t(\sigma+1+b)}$
- This means the volume decays to 0, so therefore, our line is confined to a smaller and smaller space (but not just a point, I guess?)

### 3 Partial Differential Equations

#### 3.1 1D Wave Equation and D’Lambert’s Formula

General set up: A rope with a fixed right end (boundary condition and a moving left end), moving up and down.

Start out with special case: no boundary condition (infinite rope, pulse in the middle)

- $u(x, t)$  measures the vertical displacement from the x-axis of the rope at point  $x$ , time  $t$
- Physical observation gives us the PDE rule  $\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2} = \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta t^2}$  (or  $u_{xx} = u_{tt}$ )
- $g(x) = u(x, 0)$  is the initial shape of the rope.
- It’s assumed that the rope is not moving initially, so  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$

Beginning to solve this:

- $u_{tt} = u_{xx} \Rightarrow u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$
- Sort of like  $a^2 - b^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (a + b)(a - b) = 0$ , we have  $0 = (\frac{\delta}{\delta t} \pm \frac{\delta}{\delta x})(u_t \mp u_x) = u_{tt} - u_{xt} + u_{tx} - u_{xx} = u_{tt} - u_{xx}$
- This means the solution is either  $u_+ = u_t + u_x$  or  $u_- = u_t - u_x$ . Note - we don't solve these simultaneously, since that just gives us  $u(x, t) = 0$ .
- These can be written as, e.g.  $0 = u_t + u_x = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle u_x, u_t \rangle = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \nabla u$
- TRICK: This is a directional derivative along  $\langle 1, 1 \rangle$ . Introducing a variable like  $s$  (accelerant along  $\langle 1, 1 \rangle$ ?) below does nothing interesting:
  - $\frac{d}{ds}[u(x+sb, t+sc)] = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}(x+sb, t+sc)b + \frac{\delta u}{\delta t}(x+sb, t+sc)c = \langle b, c \rangle \cdot \nabla u(x+sb, t+sc)$
  - So if we set  $b = c = 1$ , we see that  $\frac{d}{ds}[u(x+s, t+s)] = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \nabla u(x+s, t+s)$
  - However, since in our world,  $u_x + u_t = 0$ , then this dot product is zero, and  $\frac{d}{ds}u = 0$ . This is then *constant in s*.
  - So then  $u(x, t) = u(x+s, t+s)$ , and shifting  $x$  forward by  $s$  (seconds?) and  $t$  by the same changes nothing. *Interpretation:  $u(x, t) = u(x+s, t+s)$  means that  $s$  (“shift”) seconds later, the point  $x+s$  will see the same displacement as  $x$ . The wave goes “right” down the line.*
  - From this, we see that  $u_+(x, t) = u_+(x-t, 0)$  as well. So, our function at  $t$  is what happened  $t$  seconds ago at the origin.
- Note: We can't have one solution satisfy both conditions  $u_+ = g(x)$ ,  $(u_+)_t = 0$ , since then  $g'(x) = 0$  which only works if  $g$  is a constant.
- Also,  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$  is a linear PDE, in that solutions  $u_1(x, t), u_2(x, t)$  see that  $\frac{\delta^2}{\delta t^2}[c_1 u_1(x, t) + c_2 u_2(x, t)] - \frac{\delta^2}{\delta x^2}[c_1 u_1(x, t) + c_2 u_2(x, t)] = 0$ . Multiply by a constant or add solutions together and it's still zero.
- If we set  $t = 0$ , we get  $u(x, t) = c_+ g(x+t) + c_- g(x-t) \Rightarrow u(x, 0) = c_+ g(x+0) + c_- g(x-0) = (c_+ + c_-)g(x) = u(x, 0)$ , so  $(c_+ + c_-) = 1$
- Differentiating by  $t$ ,  $u_t(x, t) = c_+ g'(x+t) - c_- g'(x-t)$  so  $u_t(x, 0) = (c_+ - c_-)g'(x) \Rightarrow (c_+ - c_-) = 0$ . So  $c_+ = c_- = \frac{1}{2}$ , and **our solution with initial shape  $g(x)$  with  $g'(x) = u_t(x, 0) = 0$  is  $u = \frac{1}{2}g(x+t) - \frac{1}{2}g(x-t)$**
- **This no-initial-velocity wave function translates** into “my displacement at time 3, say, is the average of the initial displacements 3 to my left and 3 to my right” (as those urges meet at “me” 3 seconds from the start). Conceptually, along the fixed initial curve  $g(x)$ , each point sends out two sensors, one left, one right, and averages



the initial values at those points to find itself at time  $t$ . So the top of a hill will start dipping down, becoming two hills pushing out, for example.

With inverted conditions  $u(x, 0) = 0, u_t(x, 0) = f(x)$ , we can use the fact that  $u(x, t)$  solving the wave equation implies  $u_t$  solves it as well!

- $\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta t^2} - \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\delta}{\delta t} [\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta t^2} - \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x^2}] = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\delta^2 u_t}{\delta t^2} - \frac{\delta^2 u_t}{\delta x^2} = 0.$
- Therefore,  $u_t(x, 0) = f(x)$  admits the same solution  $u_t(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x+t) - f(x-t)]$
- Since  $u(x, t) - u(x, 0) = \int \frac{1}{2}[f(x+t) - f(x-t)]dt$ , and  $u(x, 0) = 0$  by assumption in this setup,  $u(x, t) = \int_{s=0}^{s=t} [f(x+s) - f(x-s)]ds$ , which is  $\frac{1}{2} \int f(s)$  from  $x-t$  to  $x+t$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \int_{s=x-t}^{s=x+t} f(s)ds$

And because the region of the integral for a point  $x$  gets wider as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , on a flat rope with a pulse in the middle at  $x = 0$ , we see  $u(x, t)$  sitting at 0 until the wave meets it, at which point it rises and then stays at the peak (integral of the whole thing).

So **d'Alembert's formula** is the superposition of the initially flat wave with the initially still wave, which accomodates *all* solutions:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[g(x+t) + g(x-t)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{s=x-t}^{s=x+t} f(s)ds$$

For the case of no boundary conditions, this solves  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$  for  $u(x, 0) = g(x), u_t(x, 0) = f(t)$ . In this instance, the propagation speed is clearly finite.

*Note: This complete of a PDE solution is unusual.*

### 3.2 Sources and Boundary conditions

**Scenario 1: Here, we fix the infinite rope at the origin**, with the wave coming in from the negative x-axis.

Looking at **boundary conditions**, or constraints on spatial edges of a PDE problem:

- A free boundary (a loop that can shift up and down a pole) will cause a reflected wave to travel backwards.
- A fixed boundary (setting  $u(0, t) = 0, t \geq 0$ ) will cause an inverted pulse backwards.

We set up a function  $\tilde{u}(x, t) = \{u(x, t), x \leq 0; = -u(-x, t), x \geq 0\}$  using **extension by odd reflection**. So an inverted ghost rope exists to the right of the origin.

*Note:* This seems to be more about cleverly encoding a boundary behavior (we will invert our wave) with this ghost rope than proving we'll have that behavior with math.

- And if  $u_t(x, 0) = 0, g(0) = 0, u(x, 0) = g(x)$  extended to  $x > 0$  as  $\tilde{g}(x)$ , then d'Alembert's applies:  $\tilde{u}(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{g}(x+t) + \tilde{g}(x-t)]$

- So when  $x \leq 0, x \leq t \Rightarrow -t \leq x \leq 0$ : (meaning, negative  $x$ , close enough to the origin to be affected by time  $t$ )
  - $\tilde{u}(x, t) = u(x, t)$  here, since there's no inversion on the left side.
  - $(x + t)$  is positive, so  $\tilde{g}(x + t) = -g(-(x + t))$  by definition of  $\tilde{u}$ .
  - $(x - t)$  is negative, so  $\tilde{g}(x - t) = g(x - t)$  by definition of  $\tilde{u}$ .
  - So d'Alembert's reduces to  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[-g(-(x + t)) + g(x - t)]$ . This means *I'm the average of the starting position to my left  $t$  seconds ago, and the inverted right-of-origin ghost position to my right  $t$  seconds ago*

This means that for the part of the rope we care about,  $x \leq 0$ :

- For  $x \leq -t$  (parts of the line unaffected by the reflection so far),  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[g(x + t) + g(x - t)]$
- For  $x \geq -t$  (parts affected by the reflection)  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[-g(-(x + t)) + g(x - t)]$
- The intuition, still hard to visualize: if I'm zero at point -10, and wave crests at -11, then
  - First my left sensor will eat the left wave and I'll go up and over.
  - Then much later my right sensor will eat the right shadow wave and I'll do the inverted behavior.
  - These in total mean I'll get a reflection.
  - For the intuition, keep moving my point closer to the origin - nothing changes.

**Scenario 2: Here, we let the rope slide up and down at the origin**, but bound the total energy:

- One hand on the rope at  $x = -L$ , very far away:
- Our energy is the sum of kinetic (change in  $u$  based on time?) and elastic (change in  $u$  based on  $x$ ?) energies.
- $E = \int_{x=-L}^{x=0} [(\frac{\delta u}{\delta t})^2 + (\frac{\delta u}{\delta x})^2] dx$
- We can't gain or lose energy. This means  $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$ . Solving that:
  - $0 = \frac{d}{dt} (\frac{1}{2} \int_{x=-L}^{x=0} [(\frac{\delta u}{\delta t})^2 + (\frac{\delta u}{\delta x})^2] dx) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x=-L}^{x=0} [\frac{\delta}{\delta t} (\frac{\delta u}{\delta t})^2 + \frac{\delta}{\delta t} (\frac{\delta u}{\delta x})^2] dx$
  - $= \int_{x=-L}^{x=0} [u_t u_{tt} + u_x \frac{\delta u_t}{\delta x}] dx$ .
  - (Do integration by parts on the second term with  $U = u_x, dV = \frac{\delta u_t}{\delta x}$ ):  $0 = \int_{x=-L}^{x=0} [u_t u_{tt}] dx + u_x u_t - \int_{x=-L}^{x=0} [u_t u_{xx}] dx = \int_{x=-L}^{x=0} u_t [u_{tt} - u_{xx}] dx + u_x u_t$

- Since  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$  (REMEMBER YOUR PROBLEM-SPECIFIC IDENTITIES!),  $u_x(0, t)u_t(0, t) = 0$
- Saying the displacement can't change with respect to  $t$  there gives us the fixed rope case above, so that's uninteresting.
- Therefore, if there's no energy change as the rope vibrates, we know  $u_x(0, t) = 0$

Note: Dirichlet conditions are constraints on the value of the function at the boundary (like  $u(0, t) = 0$ ). Neumann constraints are on the derivatives at the boundary.

So redoing d'Alembert with the energy conservation, and therefore the "Neumann" condition  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ :

- We know if  $u$  solves  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$ , then  $u_x$  does too, since  $0 = u_{tt} - u_{xx} \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{d}{dx}[u_{tt} - u_{xx}] = [[u_x]_{tt} - [u_x]_{xx}] = 0$ .
- We know  $u_x(0, t) = 0$  by given constraints, so then we enforce this through odd reflection on  $u_x$  as well:  $\tilde{u}_x = \{u_x(x, t), x \leq 0; -u_x(-x, t), x \geq 0\}$
- By D'Alembert, this solves the wave equation with  $u_x(x, 0) = g'(x)$ , so  $\tilde{u}_x = \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{g}'(x+t) + \tilde{g}'(x-t)]$
- Therefore at  $-t \leq x \leq 0$ ,  $\tilde{u}_x(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{g}'(x+t) + \tilde{g}'(x-t)] = \frac{1}{2}[-g'(-x-t) + g'(x-t)]$
- Then integrating, we drop the minus sign in the first term!  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[g(-x-t) + g(x-t)] + C$ . Note that  $u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2}[g(x) + g'(x)] \Rightarrow C = 0$ !

(Note: a nonzero initial velocity profile  $u_t(x, 0) = f(x)$  can be handled as well. We skip it).

Remember the 1D springs Wave Equation, where springs are initially  $l$  apart, have displacement from this measured by  $u(x, t)$ , have Hooke's coefficient  $k$ ?

- Force pushing from the left on ball  $x$ :  $F_L = k[u(x-l, t) - u(x, t)]$
- Force pushing from the right on ball  $x$ :  $F_R = k[u(x+l, t) - u(x, t)]$
- Additional "source" force  $F(x, t)$  means total force  $F_{tot} = F_L(x, t) + F_R(x, t) + F(x, t)$
- $F_{tot} = ma = mu_{tt}$
- The Taylor-ish formula  $f(x + \delta x) \approx f(x) + f'(x)(\delta x) + f''(x)(\delta x)^2$  means  $F_L + F_R \approx kl^2 f''(x) = kl^2 u_{xx}$
- Therefore,  $mu_{tt} = kl^2 u_{xx} + F(x, t) \Rightarrow F(x, t) = u_{tt} - \frac{kl^2}{m} u_{xx}$ . Set  $1 = v = \frac{kl^2}{m}$ ,  $f(x, t) = \frac{F(x, t)}{m}$  to get a simplified all-purpose wave equation.  $f(x, t) = u_{tt} - u_{xx}$ , with  $f$  as the source force-per-unit-mass.

**New setup: Source force**  $f(x, t)$ , ignore boundary conditions, and set  $u(x, 0) = 0, u_t(x, 0) = 0$  (still, flat (infinite) rope).

- Part 1: We can relate  $f(x, t)$  to a made-up intermediate function  $I(x, t)$  which has properties motivated by  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = (\frac{\delta}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta}{\delta x})(\frac{\delta u}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta u}{\delta x})$
- $I(x, t) = (\frac{\delta u}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta u}{\delta x})$
- $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = f(x, t) \Rightarrow (\frac{\delta I}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta I}{\delta x}) = f(x, t)$
- We can derive that  $u(x, 0) = 0, u_t(x, 0) = 0$  means that at  $x = 0, I(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) + u_x(x, 0) = u_x(x, 0)$
- Since  $u(x, 0) = 0$  and  $I(x, 0) = u_x(x, 0), I(x, 0) = 0$ .

We can relate  $f(x, t)$  and  $I(x, t)$ :

- Use the dummy variable trick, and look at  $f(x - s, t + s)$ . We know also that  $\frac{\delta I}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta I}{\delta x} = f(x, t)$
- $f(x - s, t + s) = \frac{\delta I}{\delta t}(x - s, t + s) - \frac{\delta I}{\delta x}(x - s, t + s) = \frac{d}{ds}[I(x - s, t + s)]$  by chain rule.
- Integrating both sides:  $\int_{s=-t}^{s=0} f(x - s, t + s) ds = I(x, t) - I(x + t, 0) = I(x, t)$
- We can rewrite, using  $k = -s$ , as  $I(x, t) = \int_{k=t}^{k=0} f(x + k, t - k) d(-k) = \int_{s=0}^t f(x + s, t - s) ds$

Using the same technique, we can relate  $I(x, t)$  and  $u(x, t)$  since  $I(x, t) = (\frac{\delta u}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta u}{\delta x})$

- Use the dummy variable trick with variable  $s'$  and look at  $f(x - s', t - s')$ . We know also that  $\frac{\delta u}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} = I(x, t)$
- $I(x - s', t - s') = \frac{\delta u}{\delta t}(x - s', t - s') + \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}(x - s', t - s') = \frac{d}{ds'}[u(x - s', t - s)']$  by chain rule.
- Integrating both sides:  $\int_{s'=-t}^{s'=0} f(x - s', t - s') ds' = u(x, t) - I(x - t, 0) = u(x, t)$
- We can rewrite, using  $j = -s'$ , as  $u(x, t) = \int_{j=t}^{j=0} f(x - j, t - j) d(-j) = \int_{j=0}^t I(x - j, t - j) dj$
- So,  $u(x, t) = \int_{s'=t}^{s'=0} f(x - s', t - s') ds' = \int_{s'=0}^t I(x - s', t - s') ds'$

Combining these,  $u(x, t) = \int_{s'=0}^t I(x - s', t - s') ds'$ , and  $I(x, t) = \int_{s=0}^t f(x + s, t - s) ds$ :

- $I(x - s', t - s') = \int_{s=0}^t f(x + s - s', t - s - s') ds$ :
- So  $u(x, t) = \int_{s'=0}^t \int_{s=0}^t f(x + s - s', t - s - s') ds ds'$

- Change of variables,  $y = x + s - s', w = s' + s \Rightarrow u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{w=0}^t \int_{y=x-w}^{y=x+w} f(y, t - w) dy dw$ 
  - TODO: The  $\frac{1}{2}$  term apparently comes from the Jacobian (TODO)  $\|\frac{\delta(s', s)}{\delta(w, y)}\|$
- This together means that the *points that can influence*  $u(x, t)$  in the  $xt$ -plane are a triangle with  $(x, t)$  as the top, reaching down to  $t = 0$ , slope 1. So the “wave speed” in this setup is 1.

Notes to self:

- Need a clear intuition for a lot of things. What do the variables and their derivatives physically mean?
- Need more symbolic comfort with how integration works.
- TODO