

LECTURE 9 - DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

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→ Planar dynamical systems (cont)

The transformation of a planar system in polar coordinates

We consider a planar system:

$$(1) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = f_1(x, y) \\ \dot{y} = f_2(x, y) \end{cases} \quad \text{where } f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2), X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

To transform (1) in polar coord. means to consider new unknowns $(p(t), \theta(t))$ related to the old unknowns by $x(t) = p(t) \cdot \cos \theta(t)$ and find a system in (p, θ) only, without x and y .

$$y(t) = p(t) \cdot \sin \theta(t)$$

Practically, first we write $\dot{p}^2 = x^2 + y^2$. Then we derivate w.r.t. "t": $\begin{cases} \dot{p}\dot{p} = x\dot{x} + y\dot{y} \\ \frac{\dot{\theta}}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{y\cdot x - y\cdot x}{x^2} \end{cases}$

→ We replace $x = f_1(x, y)$

$$y = f_2(x, y)$$

→ We get: $\dot{p}\dot{p} = p \cos \theta f_1(p \cos \theta, p \sin \theta) + p \sin \theta f_2(p \cos \theta, p \sin \theta)$

→ We replace $\begin{cases} x = p \cos \theta \\ y = p \sin \theta \end{cases}$

$$\frac{\dot{\theta}}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{p^2 \cos^2 \theta} \cdot (p \cos \theta f_2(p \cos \theta, p \sin \theta) - p \sin \theta f_1(p \cos \theta, p \sin \theta))$$

Example: $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x - y \\ \dot{y} = x + y \end{cases}$ (i) Find the flow HW $e^{t \cos t} e^{t \sin t}$

(ii) Check (using the def) that the eq. point $(0, 0)$ is a global repellor. HW $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{t \cos t} = 0$

(iii) Transform to polar coordinates.

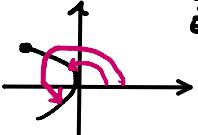
(iv) Find the shape of the orbit and represent the phase portrait.

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{w}) \quad & \begin{cases} \dot{p}^2 = x^2 + y^2 \\ \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{p}\dot{p} = x\dot{x} + y\dot{y} \\ \frac{\dot{\theta}}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{y\dot{x} - x\dot{y}}{x^2} \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{p}\dot{p} = x(x-y) + y(x+y) \\ \frac{\dot{\theta}}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{x(x+y) - y(x-y)}{p^2 \cos^2 \theta} \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad & \begin{cases} \dot{p}\dot{p} = x^2 + y^2 \\ \dot{\theta} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{p^2} \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{p} = p \dot{t} \\ \dot{\theta} = 1 \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p = p_0 e^{t \cos t} \\ \theta = t + \theta_0 \end{cases}, \quad p_0 > 0, \theta_0 \in [0, 2\pi], \text{ arbitrarily} \end{aligned}$$

(v) Note that $p > 0 \Rightarrow p \nearrow$, this means that we go further from the origin

$\dot{\theta} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta \nearrow$, this means that it rotates counterclockwise.



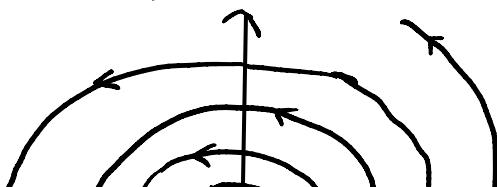
Remark: $p < 0 \Rightarrow p \searrow$ approaches the origin when moving along the orbit

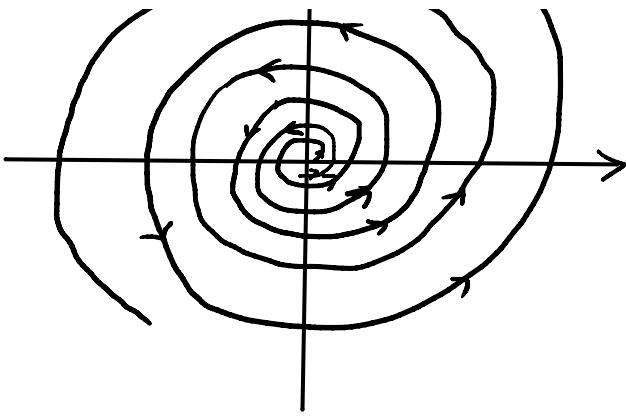
$\dot{\theta} < 0 \Rightarrow \theta \searrow$ clockwise rotation

$p = p_0 \Rightarrow$ the orbit is a circle of radius p_0

$\theta(t) = \theta_0 \Rightarrow$ the angle is constant, the orbit is a straight line through $(0, 0)$ of slope $\tan \theta_0$.

For our system $p > 0, \theta > 0$





Remark: The formulation "study the stability of an equilibrium point means to decide whether the eq. point is: attractor, repeller, stable or unstable."

Def: Let η^* be an eq. pt. of (1). We say that it is stable if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t whenever $\|\eta - \eta^*\| < \delta$ we have $\|f(t, \eta) - \eta^*\| < \epsilon, \forall t \in [0, \infty)$.

An eq. point is unstable when it is not stable.

Type and stability of linear planar systems

(2) $\dot{x} = Ax$, where $A \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$, $\det A \neq 0$. Denote by $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ the eigenvalues of A .

We know that $\det A = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2$.

Remark: $\det A \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ the only eq. point of (2) is $0_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$\det A \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 \neq 0$ and $\lambda_2 \neq 0$.

Def: We say that the eq. point $0_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ of (2) is a:

NODE when $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 \leq \lambda_2 < 0$ or $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$



SADDLE when $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$



CENTER when $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \pm i\beta$, where $\beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \neq 0$



FOCUS when $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta, \alpha \neq 0, \beta \neq 0, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$



Th. 1: i) If $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) < 0$ and $\text{Re}(\lambda_2) < 0$ then the eq. point $0_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ of (2) is a global attractor.

ii) If $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) > 0$ and $\text{Re}(\lambda_2) > 0$ then the eq. point $0_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ of (2) is a global repeller.

iii) Any center is stable.

iv) Any saddle is unstable.

The linearization method to study the stability of the eq. point of nonlinear systems

(1) $\dot{x} = f(x), f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2; \mathbb{R}^2)$

Recall that $\eta^* \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is an eq. of (1) $\Leftrightarrow f(\eta^*) = 0$

We consider the linear system (3) $\dot{x} = J_f(\eta^*)x$ the linearization of (1) around the eq. η^* .

For a function $f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ the Jacobian matrix of f is

$$J_f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}(x, y) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}(x, y) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}(x, y) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y}(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

Def: We say that the eq. point η^* is hyperbolic if $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) \neq 0$ and $\text{Re}(\lambda_2) \neq 0$, where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ are the eigenvalues

∂x ∂y

Def: We say that the eq. point η^* is hyperbolic if $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_1) \neq 0$ and $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_2) \neq 0$, where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ are the eigenvalues of $Jf(\eta^*)$.

Theorem: Let η^* be a hyperbolic eq. of $\dot{x} = f(x)$. If the linear system $\dot{x} = Jf(\eta^*)x$ is an attractor/repeller then the eq. η^* of $\dot{x} = f(x)$ is also an attractor/repeller. If the linear system $\dot{x} = Jf(\eta^*)x$ is a saddle then the eq. η^* of $\dot{x} = f(x)$ is unstable.

Important remark: In order to study the stability of the eq. points of a second order nonlinear scalar $\ddot{x} = f(x, \dot{x})$ we transform it to a planar system with unknowns x and $y = \dot{x}$. So, the planar system is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = f(x, y) \end{cases}$$

First integrals of planar systems

Prop: ⁱ⁾ Let η^* be an eq. point $\dot{x} = f(x)$. If η^* is an attractor/repeller then there is no first integral in a neighborhood of η^* . ⁱⁱ⁾ In particular, if $\eta^* = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is an attractor/repeller of $\dot{x} = Ax$ then this system does not have a first global integral.

Pf: Let η^* be an attractor of $\dot{x} = f(x)$.

Def: $\exists p > 0 \Delta. t$. whenever $\|\eta - \eta^*\| < p$ we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|p(t, \eta) - \eta^*\| = 0$ i.e. $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t, \eta) = \eta^*$

Assume, by contradiction that $\exists V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ a neighborhood of η^* and $H: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a first integral of $\dot{x} = f(x)$. Then, by def. $H(p(t, \eta)) = H(\eta), \forall t \Delta. t \quad p(t, \eta) \in V$.

So, take p small enough s.t. $B_p(\eta^*) \subset V$, we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} H(p(t, \eta)) = H(\eta), \forall \eta \Delta. t \quad \|\eta - \eta^*\| < p$

$\begin{aligned} &\because H(\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t, \eta)) = H(\eta), \forall \eta \Delta. t \quad \|\eta - \eta^*\| < p \Rightarrow H(\eta^*) = H(\eta), \forall \eta \in B_p(\eta^*) \rightarrow H \text{ is const. in } B_p(\eta^*) \\ &\text{contrad. with the def. of first integral (it must not be locally constant)} \end{aligned}$

(ii) η^* is an attractor of $\dot{x} = Ax \Rightarrow \eta^*$ is a global attractor $\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t, \eta) = \eta^*, \forall \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Assume, by contrad., that $H: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a global f $\Rightarrow H(p(t, \eta)) = H(\eta), \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} H(p(t, \eta)) = H(\eta), \forall \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow H(\eta^*) = H(\eta), \forall \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2$; i.e. H is const on \mathbb{R}^2 , contrad.

H cont

Prop (How to check that H is a first integral without having the flow)

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be open, connected, nonempty and $H \in C^1(U)$ be a non-locally const. function.

We have that H is a first integral in U of $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f_1(x, y) \\ \dot{y} = f_2(x, y) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x, y) \cdot f_1(x, y) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}(x, y) \cdot f_2(x, y) = 0, \forall (x, y) \in U$

Pf: $\because H(\gamma(t, \eta)) = H(\eta), \forall t, \forall \eta \in U \Delta. t \quad \gamma(t, \eta) \in U$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} H(\gamma(t, \eta)) = 0 \quad \dots \quad \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(\gamma(t, \eta)) \cdot \dot{\gamma}_1(t, \eta) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}(\gamma(t, \eta)) \cdot \dot{\gamma}_2(t, \eta) = 0 \quad \dots$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(\gamma(t, \eta)) \cdot f_1(\gamma(t, \eta)) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}(\gamma(t, \eta)) \cdot f_2(\gamma(t, \eta)) = 0 \quad \dots$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x, y) \cdot f_1(x, y) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}(x, y) \cdot f_2(x, y) = 0, \forall (x, y) \in U$$

A method to find a first integral of some system $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f_1(x,y) \\ \dot{y} = f_2(x,y) \end{cases}$

Step 1: Write $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f_2(x,y)}{f_1(x,y)}$

Step 2: Integrate the above DE and write its general soln

$$H(x,y) = c, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Step 3: Find a domain U for the function H and check that this is a first integral of (1)

A method to integrate the DE found at Step 1, in case that it is a separable DE, i.e., if has the form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g_1(x) \cdot g_2(y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{g_2(y)} = g_1(x) dx \quad \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{g_2(y)} = \int g_1(x) dx \quad G_2(y) = G_1(x) + c, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Now, if it is possible, simplify the previous relation, if not $H(x,y) = G_2(y) - G_1(x)$.