

Lipschitz continuity for $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$: A function is Lipschitz continuous if there are bounds on the first derivative of the function. This means that the function never increases more than a linear term with the constant L as the Lipschitz constant.

$$\|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})\| \leq L\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|, \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$$

Theorems from lecture notes

Theorem 1: Consider the ODE $\dot{x} = f(x)$ where f is continuous. If f is also Lipschitz continuous, then the solution of $\dot{x} = f(x)$ exists and is unique for all t .

Theorem 2: Consider the ODE $\dot{x} = f(x)$. Then if f is continuously differentiable (i.e. the Jacobian $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ exists and is continuous), then the solution to the ODE exists and is unique on some time interval.

Note: These two theorems are sufficient but not necessary to guarantee the existence of a solution. I.e. there might be a solution to the ODE even though it doesn't fulfil these two theorems.

Theorem 8 (Tikhonov): Consider the ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \\ \epsilon \dot{\mathbf{z}} &= \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})\end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ is very small. Let us label $\mathbf{x}_\epsilon(t)$, $\mathbf{z}_\epsilon(t)$ the solution to the ODE. Suppose that the dynamics $\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ are stable $\forall \mathbf{x}$ and that the matrix $\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$ is full rank (i.e. invertible) everywhere. Then

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{x}_\epsilon(t), \mathbf{z}_\epsilon(t) = \mathbf{x}_0(t), \mathbf{z}_0(t)$$

where $\mathbf{x}_0(t), \mathbf{z}_0(t)$ is the solution of

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \\ 0 &= \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})\end{aligned}$$

A **stiff system** does not have a precise definition, but a few takes:

- Different variables have different time scales (rapid vs. slow part of solution)
- Negative but highly different eigenvalues (large stiffness ratio)
- Explicit methods work poorly (limited by stability criterion)
- Stability requirement dominates the choice of the step size

$$SO(3) = \{ \mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{R} \in R^{3 \times 3}, \quad \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I} \quad \text{and} \quad \det(\mathbf{R}) = 1 \}$$

Implicit function theorem (IFT), simplified version: Let the function $\phi(x, y)$ be smooth, and consider a point (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) such that $\phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0$. Suppose that the Jacobian

$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi(x, y)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=\bar{x}, y=\bar{y}}$$

is full rank. Then there exists an open set Y around the point \bar{y} in which there exists a unique, smooth function $x(y)$ satisfying:

$$\phi(x(y), y) = 0, \quad \forall y \in Y$$

Moreover, the Jacobian of function $x(y)$ is given by

$$\frac{\partial x(y)}{\partial y} = - \left(\frac{\partial \phi(x, y)}{\partial x} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \phi(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{x=x(y), y}$$