Simulation Tools

Unit 2: Implicit ODEs

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2.1 Classification

Explicit ODE:

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x) \quad x(0) = x_0$$

Implicit ODE:

$$F(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0$$

Initial conditions ?

Special cases:

Nonlinear equation system

$$F(t, x) = 0 \text{ or even } \quad F(x) = 0$$

Linearly implicit ODE

$$E(x)\dot{x} - f(t, x) = 0$$

2.2 Classification (Cont.)

Special cases:

Linear singularly implicit ODE

$$\det(E) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1)\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(t, x_1, x_2) \\ 0 &= f_2(t, x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

"differential algebraic equation (DAE)", "differential variables x_1", "algebraic variables x_2".

See also

$$F(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \det(F_3'(t, x, \dot{x})) = 0$$

(derivative with respect to the "third slot")

2.3 Occurence

These types of equations occur

- in rigid body mechanics
- in chemical engineering
- in electrical engineering (circuit simulation)

See also the overdetermined case:

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1)\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(t, x_1) \\ 0 &= f_2(t, x_1) \end{aligned}$$

for all cases of applications with invariants (i.e. conservation properties)

2.4 Example: Pendulum

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\begin{aligned}
\dot{p}_1 &= v_1 \\
\dot{p}_2 &= v_2 \\
\dot{v}_1 &= -\lambda p_1 \\
\dot{v}_2 &= -g - \lambda p_2 \\
0 &= p_1^2 + p_2^2 - l^2
\end{aligned}
$$

The last equation is a (position-) constraint.
It can be replaced by a velocity constraint:

$$0 = 2(v_1 p_1 + v_2 p_2)$$

or an acceleration constraint

$$0 = \dot{v}_1 p_1 + \dot{v}_2 p_2 + v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

2.5 Example: Pendulum (Cont.)

.... or an acceleration constraint

$$0 = \dot{v}_1 p_1 + \dot{v}_2 p_2 + v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

That is equivalent with

$$0 = -\lambda(p_1^2 + p_2^2) - g + v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

(by inserting the differential equation)

or

$$0 = -\lambda l^2 - g + v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

and after a further differentiation we get

$$\dot{\lambda} = ...$$

a differential equation for λ.

2.6 The (differention) index of an implicit ODE

The number of differentiations needed to transform a singularly implicit ODE
(in particular a differential algebraic equation)
into a regularly implicit ODE
(in particular an explicit ODE)
is called the differentiation index.

Mechanical systems with position constraints have index 3 (in general).

2.7 The index affects...

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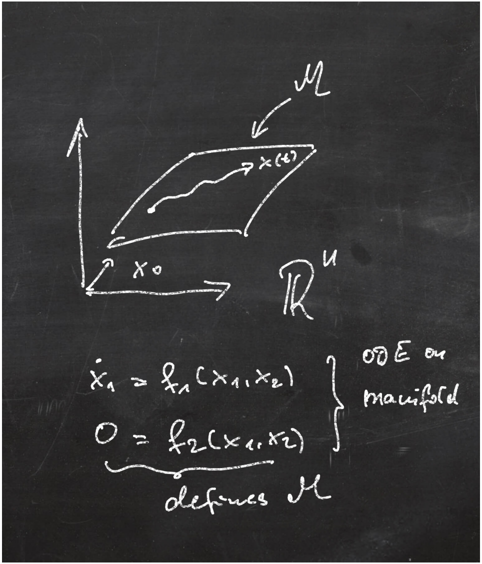
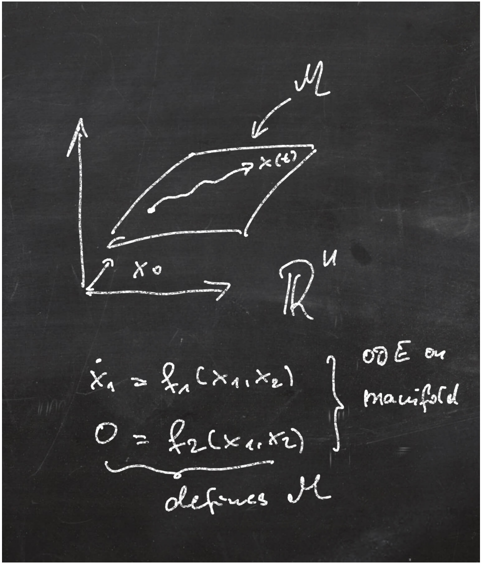
- stabiity
- the freedom in choosing initial conditions
- the performance (and the success) of the numerical method
  - Newton's method might fail to converge
  - Linear systems might get ill-conditioned
  - Error estimation might be wrong
  - Step size control might fail

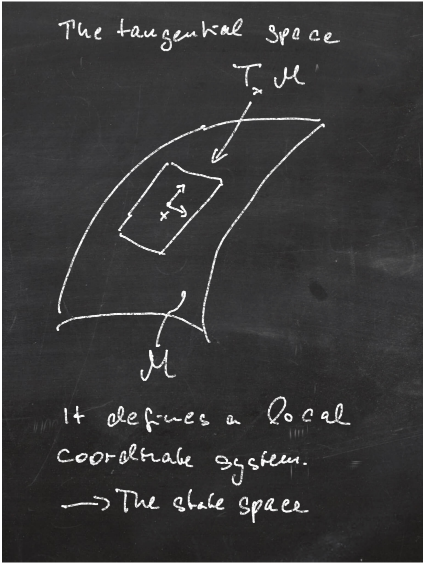
2.8 Differential Equations on Manifolds



2.9 Higher Index Systems have hidden manifolds



2.10 The state space



Minimal coordinate formulation $\leftarrow$ state space formulation.

2.11 Initial Values - 2 examples

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\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_2 &= x_1 \\
0 &= x_1 - f_2
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_2 &= x_1 - f_1 \\
0 &= x_2 - f_2
\end{aligned}
$$

Discuss the options to choose initial conditions. Determine the index first.