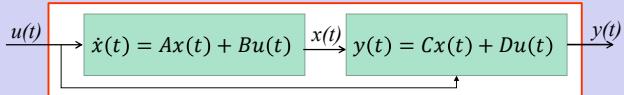


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## Equilibrium

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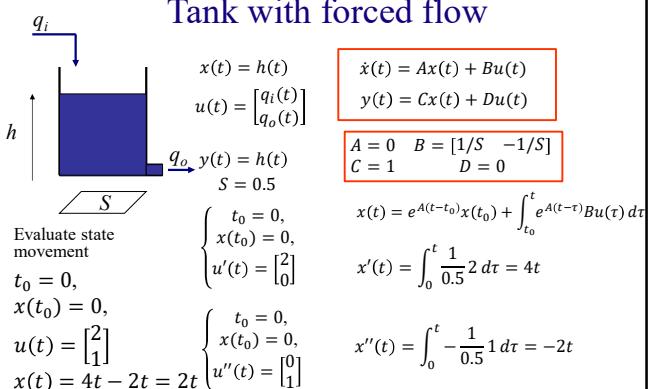
## Superposition principle- LTI



- Simulation 1      • Simulation 2      • Simulation 3
  - $t_0 = 0,$       -  $t_0 = 0,$       -  $t_0 = 0,$
  - $x(t_0) = x'_0,$       -  $x(t_0) = x''_0,$       -  $x(t_0) = \alpha x'_0 + \beta x''_0,$
  - $u(t) = u'(t)$       -  $u(t) = u''(t)$       -  $u(t) = \alpha u'(t) + \beta u''(t)$
- Solution 1      • Solution 2      • Solution 3
  - $x(t) = \phi'(t)$        $x(t) = \phi''(t)$        $x(t) = \alpha\phi'(t) + \beta\phi''(t)$

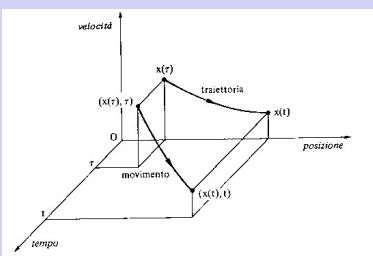
The result holds for time varying Linear System

## Tank with forced flow



## Trajectory

The state movement projection on the state plane is called *State Trajectory*



Likewise, the *Output Trajectory* is the projection of the output movement on the output plane

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## Equilibrium

- An notable behaviour for the system is the Constant movement  $x(t) = x_{eq}$
- This correspond to single a point as trajectory  $(x_{eq})$
- A common problem is to find a constant input  $u(t) = u_{eq}$  that generate this equilibrium

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t), t) \rightarrow 0 = f(x_{eq}, u_{eq}, t)$$

*Equilibrium point*  $(x_{eq}, u_{eq})$  such that  $f(x_{eq}, u_{eq}, t) = 0, t > t_0$

*LTI*  $(x_{eq}, u_{eq})$  such that  $f(x_{eq}, u_{eq}) = 0$  *TI*

*LTI*  $(x_{eq}, u_{eq})$  such that  $Ax_{eq} + Bu_{eq} = 0 \rightarrow u_{eq} = -B^{-1}Ax_{eq}$

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## An economic model - Equilibrium

$$Y = \text{Gross Domestic Product} = y(t)$$

$$I = \text{Investment} = u(t)$$

$$C = \text{Family Consumption} = x(t)$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = (b - a)x(t) + bu(t)$$

$$y(t) = x(t) + u(t)$$

Evaluate the constant investment amount  $\bar{u}$  to keep a constant consumption level of  $\bar{x}$

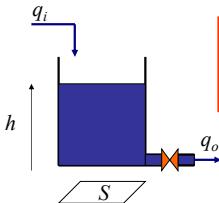
$$(b - a)\bar{x} + b\bar{u} = 0 \quad \bar{u} = -\frac{b - a}{b}\bar{x}$$

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## Tank with forced inflow - Equilibrium



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= \frac{1}{S}(u(t) - \sqrt{2gx(t)}) \\ y(t) &= x(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$x(t) = h(t)$$

$$u(t) = q_i(t)$$

$$y(t) = h(t)$$

$$S = 2m^2$$

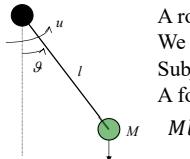
$$g = 10 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

Evaluate the constant inflow  $\bar{u}$  to keep the level at 80 m

$$(x_{eq} = 80, u_{eq} = \bar{u}): f(80, \bar{u}) = 0 \quad 0 = \frac{1}{S}(\bar{u} - \sqrt{2 \cdot g \cdot 80})$$

$$0 = \bar{u} - \sqrt{160g} \quad \bar{u} = 4\sqrt{10g} = 4\sqrt{10 \cdot 10} = 40$$

## Pendulum



A rod pivoted at a fulcrum with a mass  $M$ . We are interested in the rod angle  $\vartheta$ .

Subject to a friction proportional to speed  $\dot{\vartheta}$ . A force couple  $u$  may be applied to the rod.

$$Ml^2\ddot{\vartheta}(t) = -glMs\sin(\vartheta(t)) - k\dot{\vartheta}(t) + u(t)$$

Find equilibrium point/s when the couple is not in place ( $u=0$ )

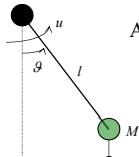
Assuming

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= \vartheta(t) \\ x_2(t) &= \dot{\vartheta}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t)$$

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## Pendulum - Classification



Assuming  $x_1(t) = \vartheta(t)$   $x_2(t) = \dot{\vartheta}(t)$

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$$y(t) = x_1(t)$$

*Dynamic system (n=2)*

*Order 2*

*SISO (m=1, q=1)*

*Not linear*

*Time invariant*

*Strictly Proper*

## Pendulum - Equilibrium

Assuming  $x_1(t) = \vartheta(t)$      $x_2(t) = \dot{\vartheta}(t)$

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Find equilibrium  
Points for  $\bar{u} = 0$   
 $Eq: (\bar{x}; \bar{u}) s.t. f(\bar{x}; \bar{u}) = 0$

$$0 = -\frac{g}{l} \sin(x_1(t))$$

$$Eq_1: ((0; 0); 0) \quad Eq_2: ((\pi; 0); 0)$$

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## Pendulum - Consideration

$Eq_1: ((0; 0); 0)$      $Eq_2: ((\pi; 0); 0)$

Are the two Equilibrium points equivalent?

Consider to apply the *same input* (no force applied) but a *small variation* to equilibrium state:  
 $Eq_1$  : nothing change  
 $Eq_2$  : the system move away from

Stability exploits this difference

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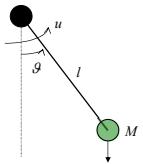
*Stability definition & theorem for LTI system*

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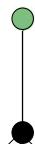
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## Dynamic System *equilibrium stability* - I

### Concept

$\bar{x}$  is a **stable equilibrium state** if the state signals generated by every "small" perturbation of  $\bar{x}$  is always close to  $\bar{x}$

- "small" perturbation of  $\bar{x}$        $\|x_0 - \bar{x}\| < \varepsilon$
- always close to  $\bar{x}$        $\|x(t) - \bar{x}\| < \delta$

### Definition

An equilibrium  $\bar{x}$  is defined *stable* if, given an  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that for each initial state  $x_0$  fulfilling  $\|x_0 - \bar{x}\| < \varepsilon$  results in  $\|x(t) - \bar{x}\| < \delta$  for every  $t > 0$ .

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## Dynamic System equilibrium stability - II

### Concept

$\bar{x}$  is an **asymptotically stable equilibrium state** if the state signals generated by applying the equilibrium input to every “small” perturbation of  $\bar{x}$  tend to return to  $\bar{x}$

### Definition

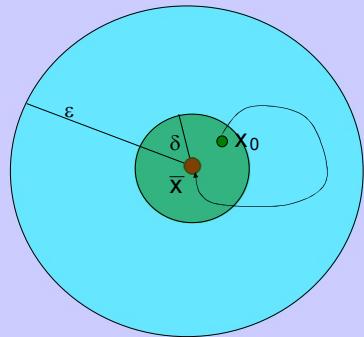
An equilibrium  $\bar{x}$  is defined **asymptotically stable** if it is stable and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t) - \bar{x}\| = 0.$$

### Definition

An equilibrium  $\bar{x}$  is **unstable** if it is not stable

## Asymptotic stability

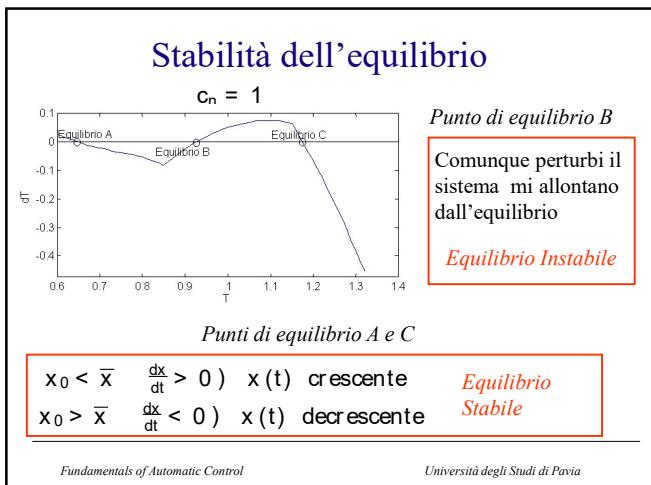


$\delta$ : *region of attraction*

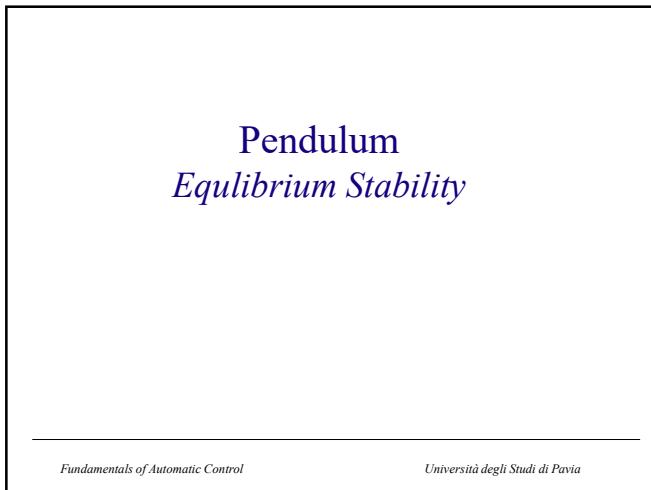
$\delta$  can be really small

if  $\delta$  is the whole state space  
↓  
 $\bar{x}$ : **global** asymptotical stable equilibrium state

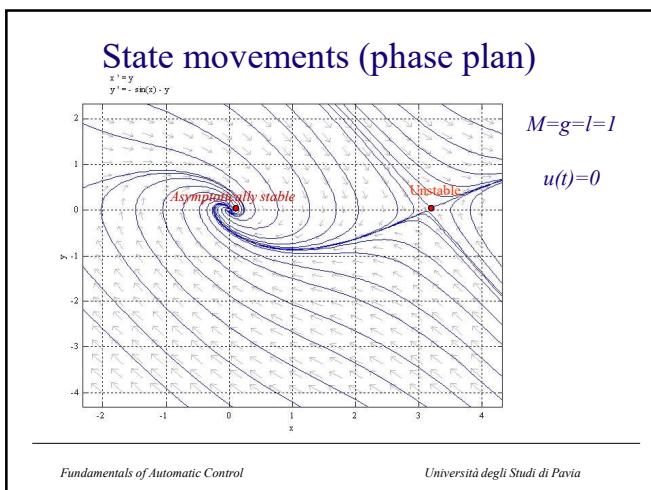
## Temperatura della terra stabilità dell'equilibrio



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## LTI system - stability

State dynamic  $x(t) = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}B\bar{u} d\tau$

Equilibrium dynamic  $\bar{x} = e^{At}\bar{x} + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}B\bar{u} d\tau$

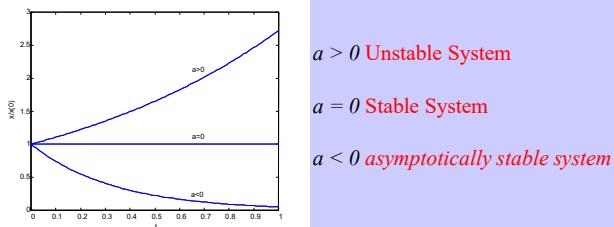
$$x(t) - \bar{x} = e^{At}(x_0 - \bar{x})$$

*Stability is related ONLY to the matrix A*  $\rightarrow$  *For LTI Stability is a Property of the System instead of the equilibrium point*

## Ist Order LTI - Stability

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = ax(t)$$

La matrice  $A = a$  coincide con il suo autovalore



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$$Eq(\bar{x}, \bar{u})$$

$$\bar{u} = -\frac{b-a}{b}\bar{x}$$

Dynamic matrix  
 $A = b-a$

$b-a > 0$  Unstable System

$b-a = 0$  Stable System

$b-a < 0$  asymptotically stable system

## LTI system stability - I

We need to evaluate the stability of the perturbation

$$x(t) - \bar{x} = e^{At}(x_0 - \bar{x})$$

**Hypothesis:** eigenvalues of  $A$  are *distinct*

**Reminder** the eigenvalues of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  are the  $n$  roots of the characteristic equation

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$$

## LTI system stability - II

For each distinct eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  there is an eigenvector  $v_i$  such that

$$Av_i = \lambda_i v_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

given  $T = [v_1 \ \dots \ v_n]$  we have:  $AT^{-1} = T^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

Introducing  $x = T^{-1}\tilde{x}$ , the state equation  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$ , become

$$T^{-1} \frac{d\tilde{x}(t)}{dt} = AT^{-1}\tilde{x}(t) \rightarrow \frac{d\tilde{x}(t)}{dt} = TAT^{-1}\tilde{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(t)$$

## LTI system stability - III

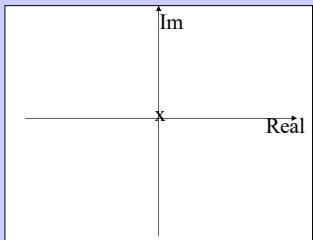
$$\frac{d\tilde{x}_i(t)}{dt} = \lambda_i \tilde{x}_i(t) \Rightarrow \tilde{x}_i(t) = e^{\lambda_i t} \tilde{x}_i(0)$$

$$x(t) = T^{-1}\tilde{x}(t) = T^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(0)$$

$$x(t) = T^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} Tx(0)$$

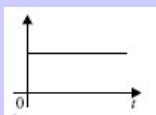
Free dynamic is a linear combination of exponential called modes

## LTI systems modes

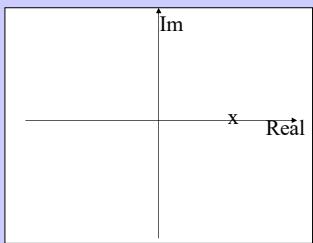


$$\lambda_i = 0$$

$$\tilde{x}_i(t) = e^{0t} \tilde{x}_i(0)$$

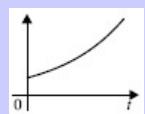


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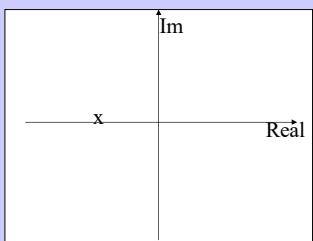


$$\lambda_i = a \quad a > 0$$

$$\tilde{x}_i(t) = e^{at} \tilde{x}_i(0)$$

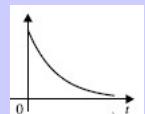


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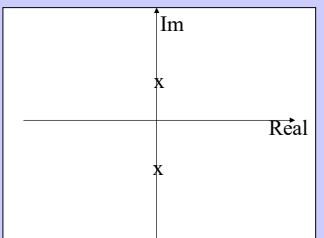


$$\lambda_i = a \quad a < 0$$

$$\tilde{x}_i(t) = e^{at} \tilde{x}_i(0)$$

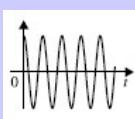


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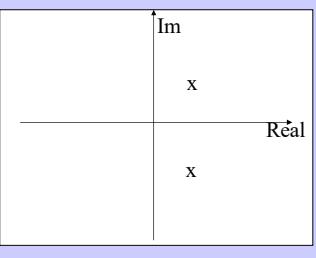


$$\lambda_1 = bi \quad \lambda_2 = -bi$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{x}_1(t) \\ \widetilde{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{bit} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-bit} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{x}_1(0) \\ \widetilde{x}_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$



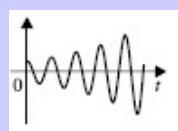
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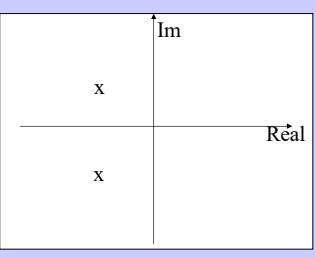
$$\lambda_1 = a + bi \quad a > 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = a - bi$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{x}_1(t) \\ \widetilde{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = e^{at} \begin{bmatrix} e^{bit} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-bit} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{x}_1(0) \\ \widetilde{x}_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$



## LTI systems modes



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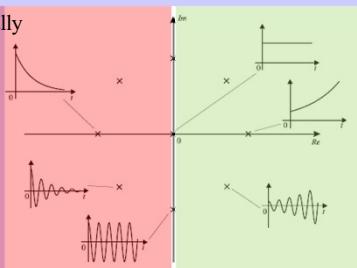


## LTI systems

### modes

Hypothesis: eigenvalues of  $A$  are *distinct*

Asymptotically stable



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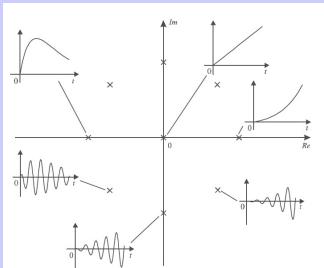
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## LTI systems

### modes

Hypothesis: eigenvalues of  $A$  have multiplicity = 2



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## LTI system: Stability - II

A LTI system is asymptotically stable if every eigenvalue has real part lower than zero.

A LTI system is unstable if at least one of the eigenvalues has a STRICTLY positive real part

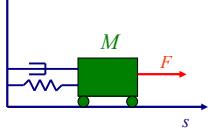
If the eigenvalues of a LTI system are not positive, the system can be stable or unstable but it can not be asymptotically stable.

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## Mass-spring



$$M\ddot{s}(t) = -ks(t) - h\dot{s}(t) + F(t)$$

Set  $x_1(t) = s(t)$ ,  $x_2(t) = \dot{s}(t)$ ,  $u(t) = F(t)$  and  $y(t) = s(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1(t) &= x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= \frac{1}{M} \{-kx_1(t) - hx_2(t) + u(t)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = x_1(t)$$

## Mass-spring stability

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{h}{M} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{M} \end{bmatrix} u(t) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{h}{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ \frac{k}{M} & \lambda + \frac{h}{M} \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda + \frac{h}{M}) - (-1)\frac{k}{M} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{h}{M}\lambda + \frac{k}{M} = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1/2} = \frac{-\frac{h}{M} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{h}{M}\right)^2 - 4\frac{k}{M}}}{2}$$

$$\text{Re}(\lambda_{1,2}) < 0 \text{ iff } h, k > 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{asymptotically stable}$$