

The next few lectures

Dynamical system models
What is a solution
Lipschitz Continuity

Linear Systems
Solution of linear Systems

Properties of dynamical systems

|— Equilibria
|— Invariants
|— Stability
|— Convergence

Verifying Dynamical Systems

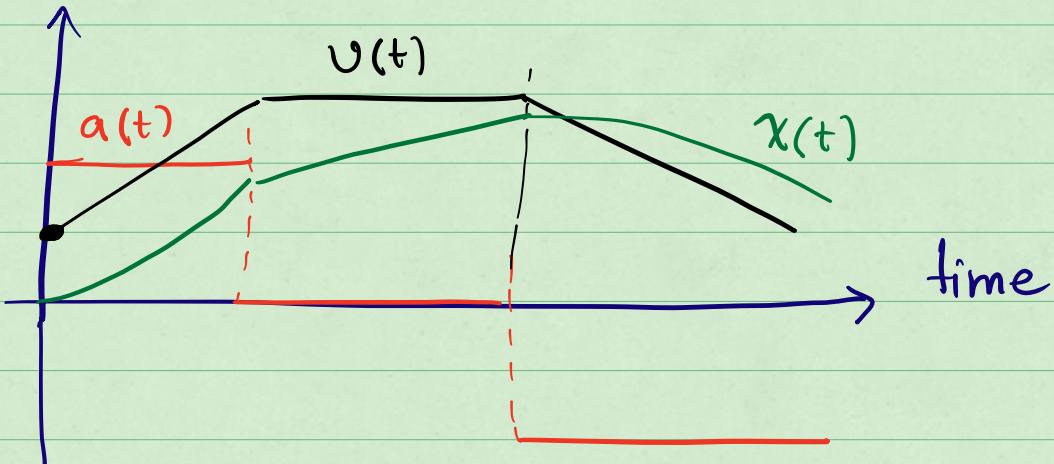
Lyapunov methods

Reachability

Modeling physical processes

Example model of a vehicle

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = v(t) \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = a(t)$$



General language for specifying
physical laws: Differential Equations

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x(t), u(t), t) \quad (1)$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$

$x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ state

$u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ input / control

$f: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

With no input and if f is
not time dependent time invariant
then

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x(t)) \quad \dot{x} = f(x)$$

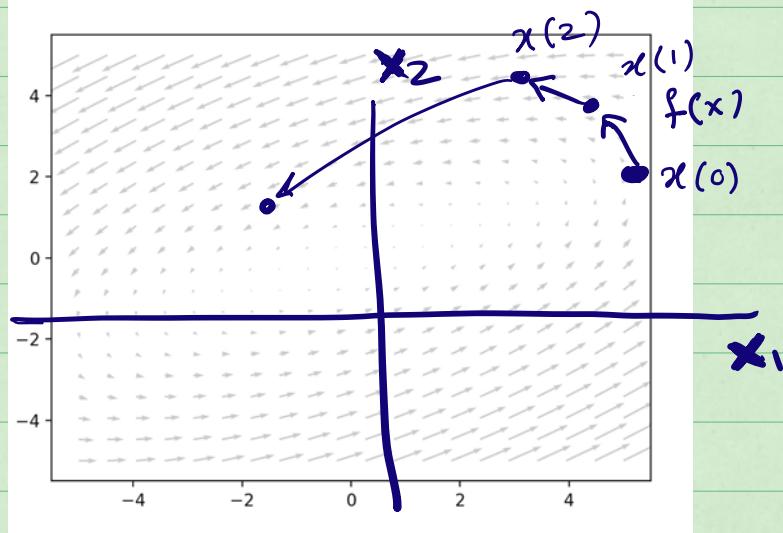
Used for modeling

Vehicles, Weather, Circuits, Planetary motion
Biological processes, Neurons to populations
Medical devices



Discrete time analog

$$x(t+1) = f(x(t))$$



What is a solution of (1)?

Given an initial state $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

and an input signal $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ a
function $\xi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a solution f (1)
iff $\xi(0) = x_0$ and

$$\forall t \frac{d}{dt} \xi(t) = f(\xi(t), u(t), t)$$

Problems with this definition?

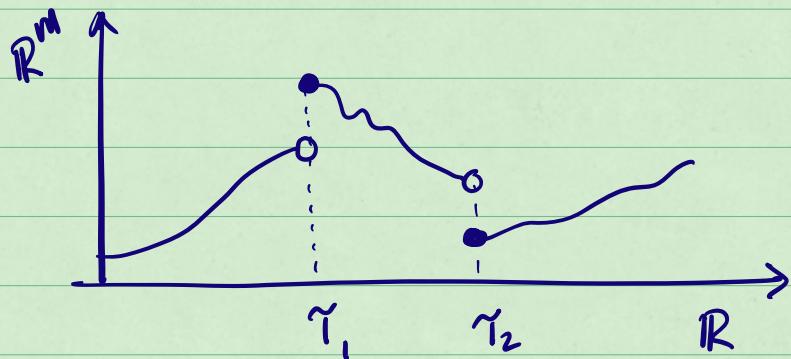
- Assumes $\xi(t)$ is differentiable at all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- If $u(t)$ is discontinuous then $\xi(t)$ cannot be differentiable everywhere

Def. $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is piece-wise continuous with a set of discontinuity points $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ if

(1) $\forall \gamma \in D \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \gamma^+} u(t) < \infty \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \gamma^-} u(t) < \infty$
Limits exist

(2) Continuous from right $\lim_{t \rightarrow \gamma^+} u(t) = u(\gamma)$

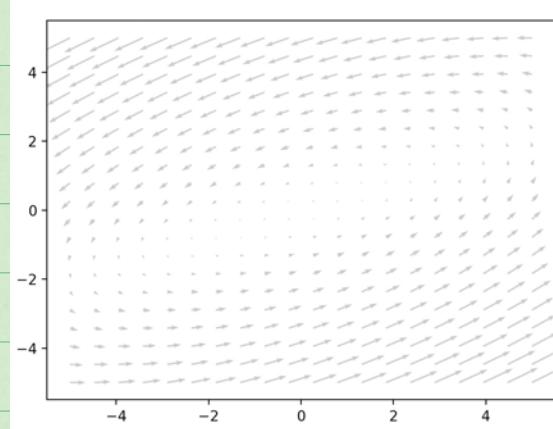
(3) $\# t_0 < t_1 \in \mathbb{R} \quad [t_0, t_1] \cap D$ is finite



Modified definition of solution (2) $\forall t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus D$.

Examples / Code

Vehicle



Economy model. x : national income

y : rate of consumer Spend

g : rate of govt expenditure

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x - \alpha y \\ \dot{y} &= \beta(x - y - g)\end{aligned}$$

$$g = g_0 + kx$$

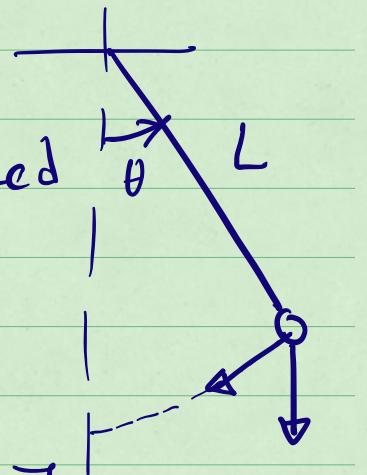
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y} &= \beta(x - y - g_0 - kx) \\ &= \beta[(1 - k)x - y - g_0]\end{aligned}$$

Pendulum mass m , length l

$$x_1 = \theta \quad x_2 = \dot{\theta} \quad \text{angular speed}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} x_2 = -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{k}{m} x_2$$

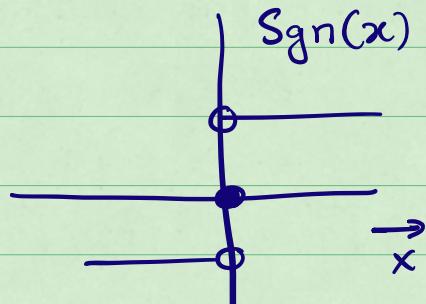
$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{k}{m} x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



Do solutions exist?

Example $\dot{x} = f(x)$

$$f(x) = -\operatorname{sgn}(x)$$

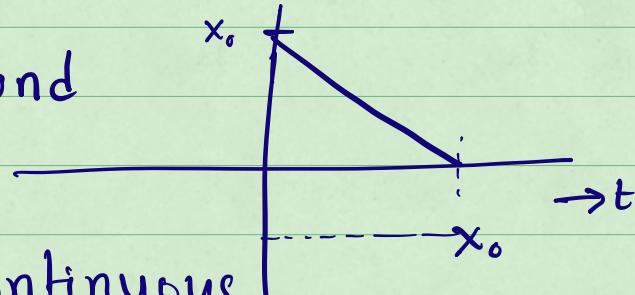


Solution: $\xi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\xi(t) = x_0 - t, x_0 > 0$$

$$\text{check } \frac{d\xi(t)}{dt} = -1 = -\operatorname{sgn}(\xi(t))$$

Not defined beyond
 $t \geq x_0$



problem f is discontinuous

Example: $\dot{x} = x^2 \quad x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Solution. } \xi(t) = \frac{x_0}{1-tx_0}$$

$$\text{Check } \frac{d\xi(t)}{dt} = \frac{(-1)x_0 \cdot (-x_0)}{(1-tx_0)^2} = (\xi(t))^2$$

But as $t \rightarrow 1/x_0$ $\xi(t) \rightarrow \infty$

Problem $f(x)$ grows too fast.

We require f to be Lipschitz continuous.

$\exists L > 0$ such that

$$\forall x, x' \quad |f(x) - f(x')| \leq L |x - x'|$$

Examples. $f(x) = ax + b, \sin(x)$

Non Examples e^x, x^2, \sqrt{x}

Thm

If $f(x, u)$ is Lipschitz continuous in the first argument then (1) has unique solutions.

Recall a solution from a given initial state x_0 is a function of time

$\xi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ $\xi(t)$ is the state at time t , starting from x_0 .

If we want to make the dependence explicit then $\xi(x_0, t)$

$$\zeta: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

From a set of initial states $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
the set of Reachable states up to $T > 0$

$$\text{Reach}(\Theta, T) \triangleq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists x_0 \in \Theta, t \leq T, \zeta(x_0, t) = x\}$$

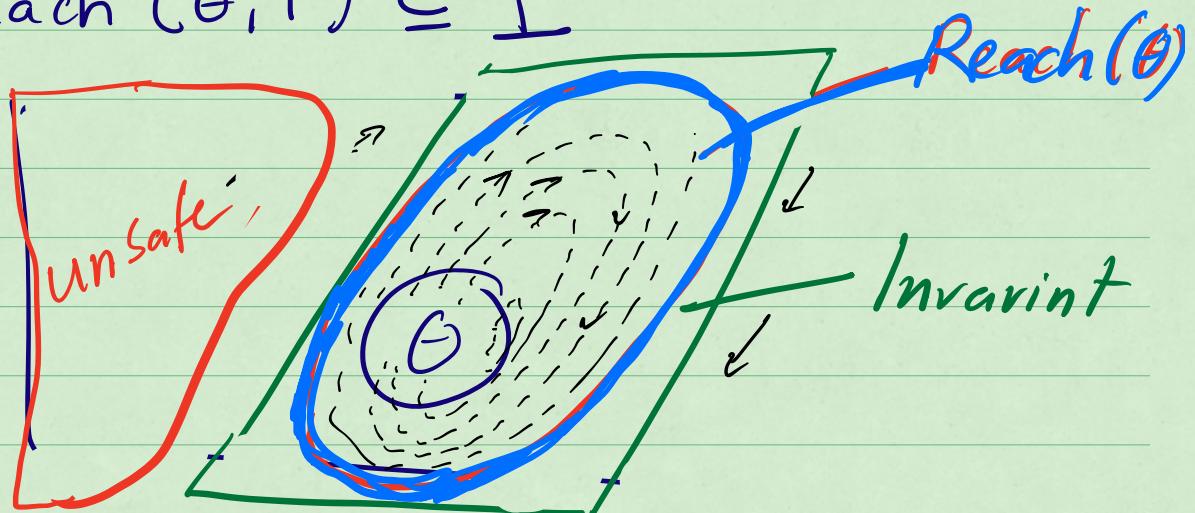
$$\text{Reach}(\Theta) = \bigcup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \text{Reach}(\Theta, T)$$

Unbounded time reach set / space

Related concept Controllable / space

An invariant of (1) is a set of states $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$\text{Reach}(\Theta, T) \subseteq I$$



If the system has input then
given x_0 , $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ the
solution is $\xi(x_0, u, t)$

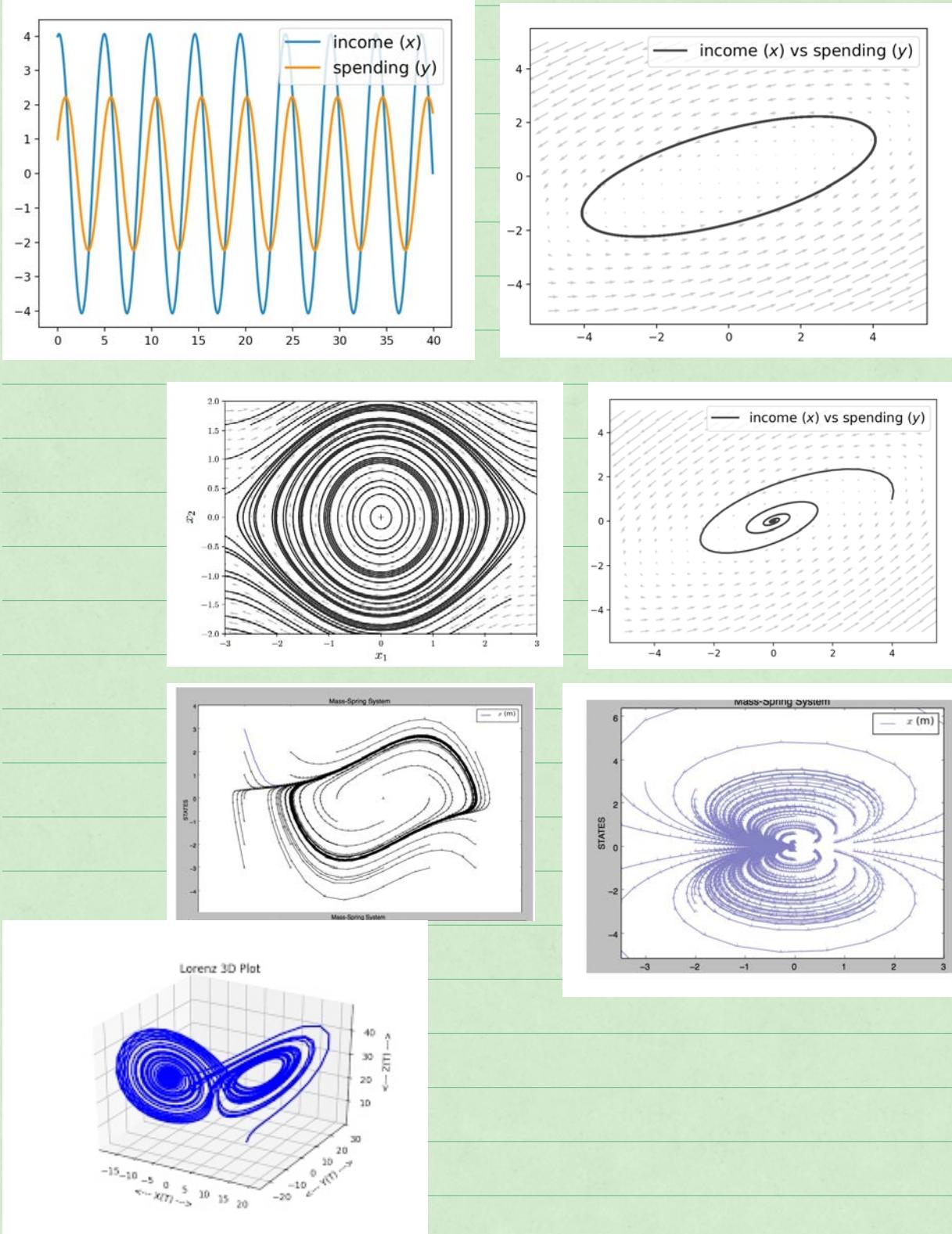
Linear Dynamical Systems

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x(t), u(t))$$

$u(t)$ is continuous $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}/D$

f is linear function

Therefore Lipschitz in $x(t)$



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t) \quad (2)$$

$A(t), B(t)$ are matrices of appropriate dimensions

Theorem Let $\xi(t, x_0, u)$ be the solution

of (2) with points of discontinuity D.

(1) $\forall x_0, u \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} / D \quad \xi(t, x_0, u)$ is continuous and differentiable w.r.t. t.

(2) $\forall t, u \quad \forall x_0 \quad \xi(t, x_0, u)$ is continuous w.r.t. x_0

(3) $\forall t \quad x_{01}, x_{02} \quad u_{01}, u_{02} \quad a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\xi(t, a_1 x_{01} + a_2 x_{02}, a_1 u_{01} + a_2 u_{02}) =$$

$$a_1 \xi(t, x_{01}, u_{01}) + a_2 \xi(t, x_{02}, u_{02})$$

$$(4) \quad \xi(t, x_0, u) = \xi(t, x_0, \vec{0}) + \xi(t, 0, u)$$

Theorem Linear time invariant (LTI)
System $A(t) = A \quad \forall t$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu(t)$$

Solution

$$x(t, x_0, u) = x_0 e^{A(t-t_0)} + \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

IF there are no inputs

$$\boxed{\dot{x} = Ax \quad x(t, x_0) = x_0 e^{At}}$$

IF the control input $u(t) = -Kx(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \dot{x} &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ &= Ax(t) - BKx(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (A - BK)x(t)$$

$$= A'x(t)$$

Requirements for Dynamical Systems

We focus on closed systems

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

What are the equilibria or stationary points?

$x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an equilibrium if $f(x^*) = 0$

examples.

Pendulum. $f : \begin{bmatrix} -g/l \sin(x_1) - k/m x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Economy : $\dot{x} = x - \alpha y = 0 \quad x = \alpha y$
 $\dot{y} = \beta(x - y - g_0 - kx) = 0$

$$\beta(\alpha - 1 - k\alpha)x = g_0\beta$$
$$x^* = \frac{g_0}{\alpha - 1 - k\alpha}$$

W.l.o.g we assume that $\vec{0}$ is an equilibrium point

Stability: How does the system behave near an equilibrium?

Does it stay bounded, converge or diverge? Are there invariants?

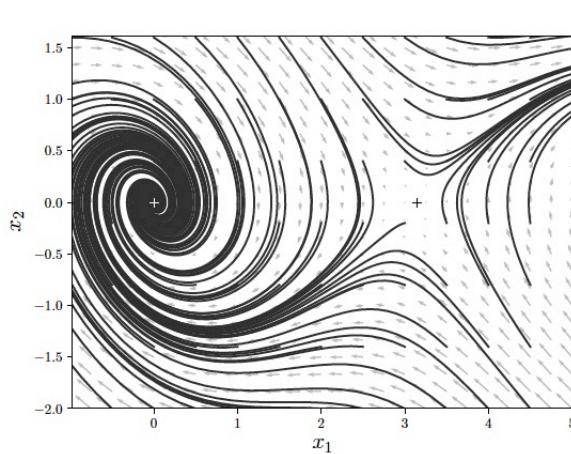
Def

A dynamical system is stable (Lyapunov stable) at the origin if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta_\varepsilon > 0 \text{ if } |x_0| \leq \delta_\varepsilon \text{ then } \forall t \geq 0 \quad |\dot{x}(x_0, t)| \leq \varepsilon$$

Otherwise (1) is said to be Unstable.

How is Lyapunov stability related to invariance?



Asymptotic Stability : A dynamical system

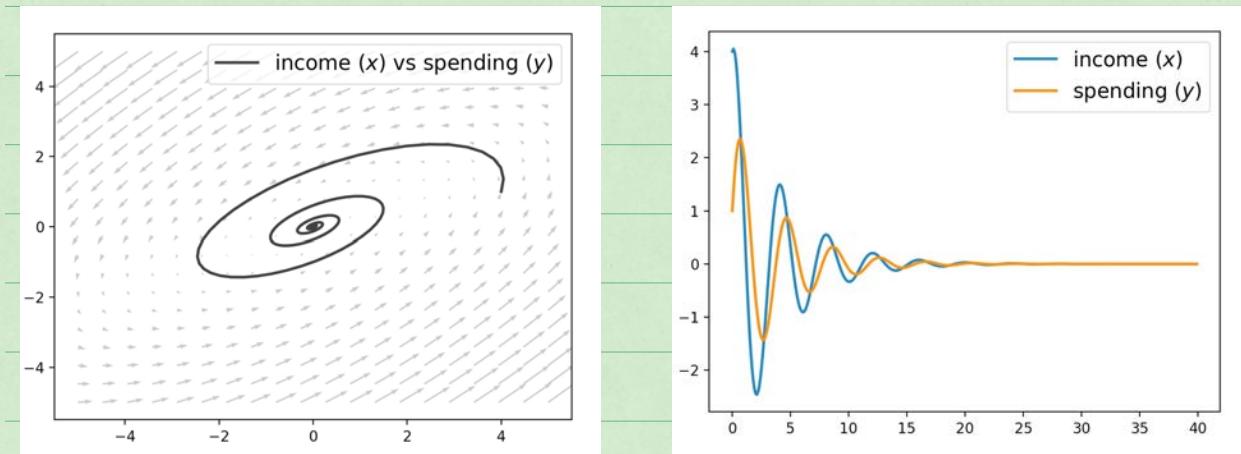
is asymptotically stable if

(1) it is Lyapunov stable and

(2) $\exists \delta_2 > 0$ s.t. $|x_0| \leq \delta_2 \Rightarrow \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty |\xi(x_0, t)| \rightarrow 0$

If (2) holds for all δ_2 then

Globally Asymptotically Stable (GAS).



Exponentially stable if $\exists \delta_3, c, \lambda > 0$

such that $|\xi(t)| \leq c |\xi(0)| e^{-\lambda t}$

for any $|\xi(0)| \leq \delta_3$.