

## \_4-linearization-and-linearity

goal: qualitative & quantitative  
analysis of linear system behavior  
& relation to nonlinear system behavior

don't be scared!  
in class { • midterm exam Thu Oct 31  
→ review Tue Oct 29

topics:

1°. linear systems

1<sup>1</sup>. linearization

1<sup>2</sup>. linearity

1<sup>3</sup>. matrix exponential

1<sup>4</sup>. input/output response

1<sup>5</sup>. frequency response

watch  
lec 3 video! → • HW 3 assigned  
• mid-quarter assessment Thu Oct 24

[Nv7 ch 2.1] [AMv2 ch 6.4]

[Nv7 ch 2.10, 3] [AMv2 ch 6.1]

[AMv2 ch 6.2]

[AMv2 ch 6.3]

[Nv7 ch 10]

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1°. linear systems

*Few physical elements display truly linear characteristics. For example the relation between force on a spring and displacement of the spring is always nonlinear to some degree. The relation between current through a resistor and voltage drop across it also deviates from a straight-line relation. However, if in each case the relation is reasonably linear, then it will be found that the system behavior will be very close to that obtained by assuming an ideal, linear physical element, and the analytical simplification is so enormous that we make linear assumptions wherever we can possibly do so in good conscience.*

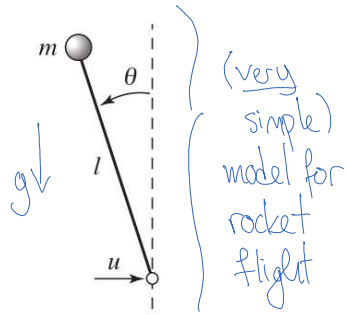
Robert H. Cannon, *Dynamics of Physical Systems*, 1967 [Can03].

\* the important question is not "is my system linear?"  
but rather "is linearity a useful approximation?"  
→ if yes, then leverage linearity in analysis & synthesis

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1<sup>1</sup>. linearization

ex: inverted pendulum



$$f(\theta, \dot{\theta}, u) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

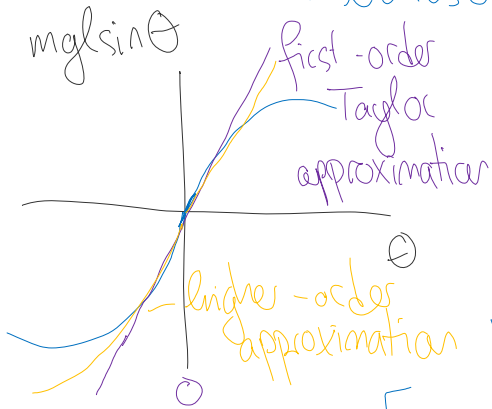
— previously determined dynamics  $ml^2 \ddot{\theta} = mgl \sin \theta - \gamma \dot{\theta} + l u \cos \theta$

have equilibria at:  $\dot{\theta}_e = 0, \theta_e = k \cdot \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$   $k=0, 1, -1, \dots$

→ compute first-order Taylor series about equilibrium  $(\theta_e, \dot{\theta}_e) = (k\pi, 0), u_e = 0$   
other-order

$$ml^2 \ddot{\theta} = mgl \sin \theta \simeq \overbrace{\ddot{\theta}(\theta_e, \dot{\theta}_e, u_e)}^{\text{other-order}} = 0$$

$$- \gamma \dot{\theta} + l u \cos \theta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ddot{\theta}(\theta_e, \dot{\theta}_e, u_e) \cdot (\theta - \theta_e) \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \ddot{\theta}(\theta_e, \dot{\theta}_e, u_e) \cdot (\dot{\theta} - \dot{\theta}_e) \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \ddot{\theta}(\theta_e, \dot{\theta}_e, u_e) \cdot (u - u_e) \end{array} \right. + mgl \cdot (\theta - \theta_e) - \gamma \cdot (\dot{\theta} - \dot{\theta}_e) + l \cos \theta_e \cdot (u - u_e) - l u_e \sin \theta_e \cdot (\theta - \theta_e)$$



$$ml^2 \ddot{\theta} = mgl \sin \theta - \gamma \dot{\theta} + l u \cos \theta$$

$$\left[ \Rightarrow ml^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ddot{\theta} = mgl \cos \theta - l u \sin \theta \right]_{\theta=\theta_e=k\pi} = \pm mgl$$

• more generally, consider nonlinear system

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

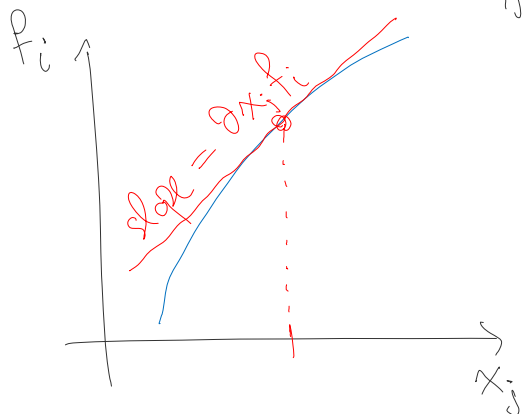
— assume  $f$  is continuously differentiable (smooth)

— assume there is an equilibrium  $x_e \in \mathbb{R}^n, u_e \in \mathbb{R}^p: f(x_e, u_e) = 0$

• consider the (Jacobian) derivative n columns

$$\partial f = \begin{bmatrix} \partial f \\ \partial f \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{x_1} f_1 & \partial_{x_2} f_1 & \dots & \partial_{x_n} f_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \left[ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right]_{i,j=1}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1 f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial x_2 f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n f_1}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_1 f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial x_2 f_2}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n f_2}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_1 f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial x_2 f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n f_n}{\partial x_1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} n \text{ rows} \\ \\ \end{array}$$



$$\text{let } A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_e, u_e) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$p \text{ columns}$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = \left[ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_k} \right]_{\substack{i=1 \\ k=1}}^{\substack{i=n \\ k=p}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1 f_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial u_2 f_1}{\partial u_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial u_p f_1}{\partial u_1} \\ \frac{\partial u_1 f_2}{\partial u_1} & \cdot & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \\ \frac{\partial u_1 f_n}{\partial u_1} & \dots & & \frac{\partial u_p f_n}{\partial u_1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} n \text{ rows} \\ \\ \end{array}$$

• let  $A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_e, u_e) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(x_e, u_e) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$

- then trajectories  $\delta \dot{x} = A \cdot \delta x + B \cdot \delta u$  (L),  $\delta x \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 approximate trjs of (NL) near  $(x_e, u_e)$ :  $\delta u \in \mathbb{R}^p$

\* if  $\|x(t) - x_e\|, \|u(t) - u_e\|$  small then

$$x(t) \simeq x_e + \delta x(t)$$

fact: (L) is stable  $\iff$  (NL) is stable near  $(x_e, u_e)$

1.2. linearity • a linear time-invariant system in state-space form:

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

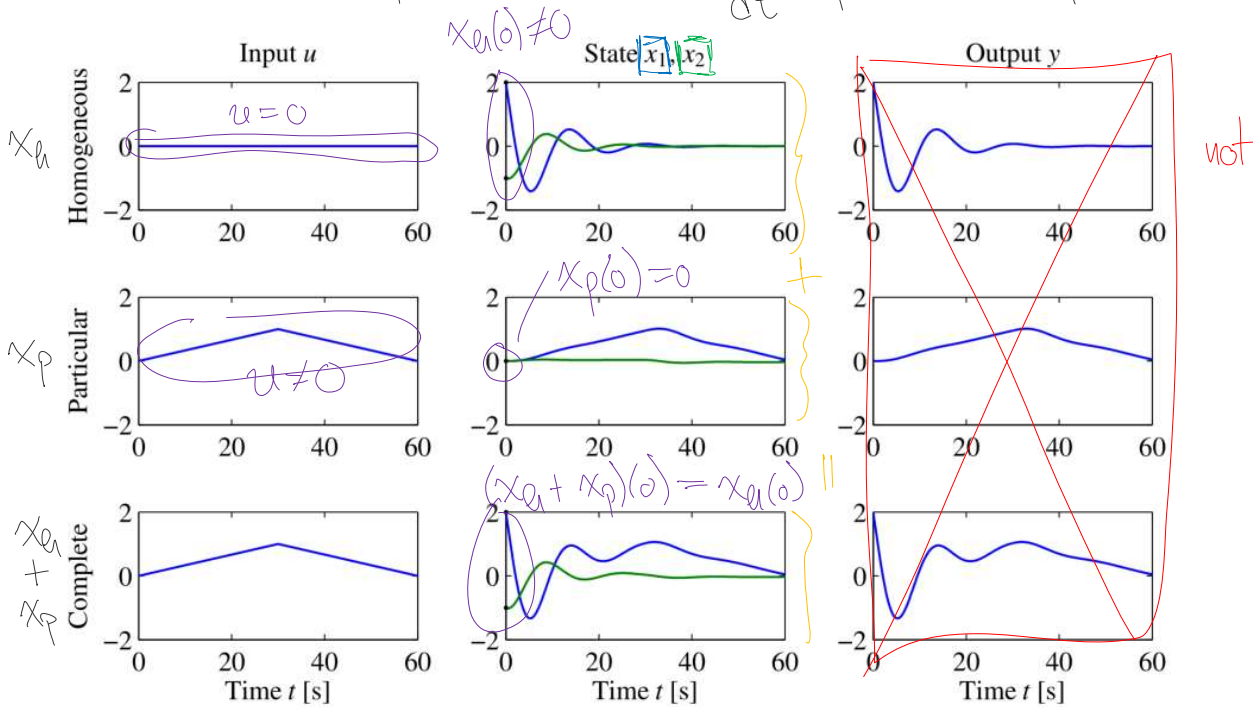
$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$u \in \mathbb{R}^p \Rightarrow B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$$

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

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^p \Rightarrow B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$$

- given initial state  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  & control input  $u: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$   
 $t \mapsto u(t)$ 
  - $x_h: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is the homogeneous solution  
if  $x_h(0) = x_0$  and  $\frac{d}{dt} x_h(t) = A x_h(t)$   
i.e.  $x_h$  satisfies (L) with zero input ( $u=0$ )
  - $x_p: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is the particular solution (associated with)  
if  $x_p(0) = 0$  and  $\frac{d}{dt} x_p(t) = A x_p(t) + Bu(t)$



**Figure 6.1:** Superposition of homogeneous and particular solutions. The first row shows the input, state, and output corresponding to the initial condition response. The second row shows the same variables corresponding to zero initial condition but nonzero input. The third row is the complete solution, which is the sum of the two individual solutions.

ex: scalar system

• consider  $\dot{x} = ax + bu$  with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u = \alpha \sin \omega t$

→ homogeneous solution  $x_h(t) = e^{at} x_0$

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→ particular solution  $x_p(t) = -\frac{a}{a^2 + \omega^2} (-\omega e^{at} + \omega \cos \omega t + a \sin \omega t)$

→ verify  $x_h(0) = x_0, \quad \frac{d}{dt} x_h(t) = a x_h(t)$

$x_p(0) = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dt} x_p(t) = a x_p(t) + b u(t)$

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1.3 matrix exponential (i.e. the homogeneous solution)

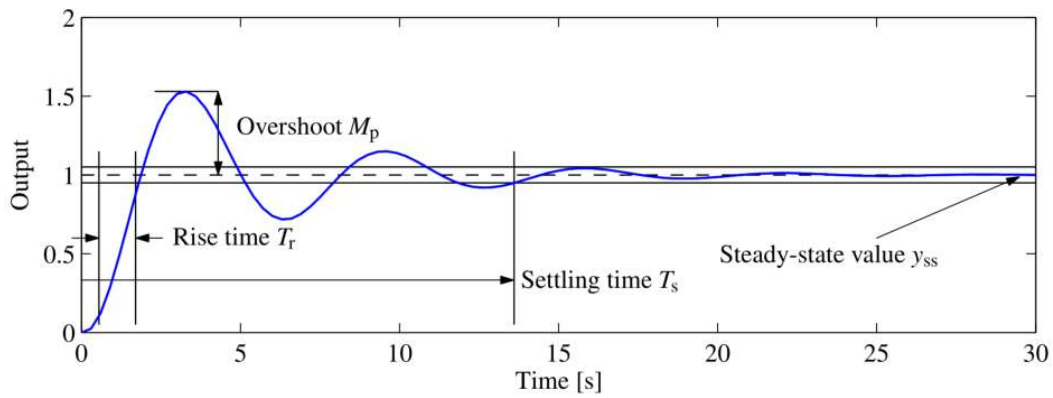
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→ read [AMr2 "Eigenvalues and Modes"]

↳ interesting discussion of eigenvalues,  
eigenvectors, and coordinate choice

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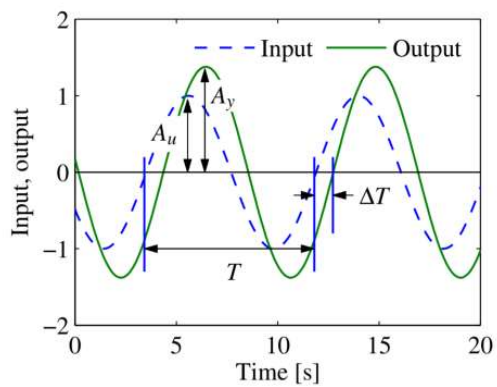
14. input/output response



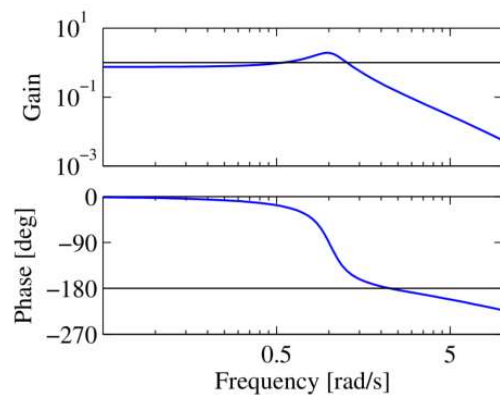
**Figure 6.9:** Sample step response. The rise time, overshoot, settling time, and steady-state value give the key performance properties of the signal.

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15. frequency response

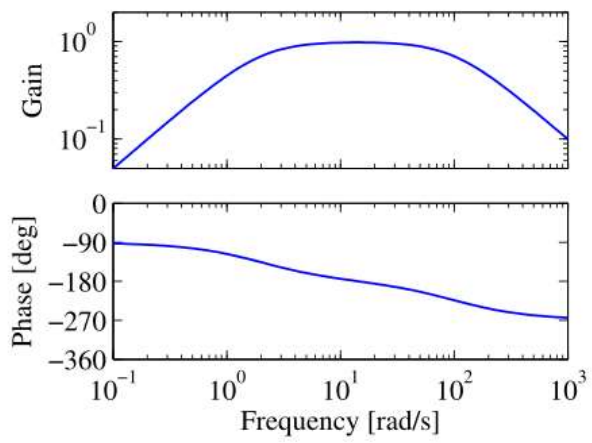


(a) Input/output response



(b) Frequency response





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