

[AMv2 ch 3 & 4]

goal: further develop modeling tools
& apply them to physical phenomena

topics:

1°. modeling

[AMv2 ch 3]

1°. concepts

[Nv7 ch 3,4,5]

1°. state space models

1°. numerical simulation

2°. examples

2°. RLC circuit

2°. quadrotor

2°. cruise control

} [AMv2 ch 4]

2°. population dynamics

} from prior year;
not required Fa19

1°. modeling

1°. concepts

- a model is a mathematical representation of a physical phenomenon, eg
 - mechanical - electrical - biological
 - computational system

→ we've already seen 3 types of model:

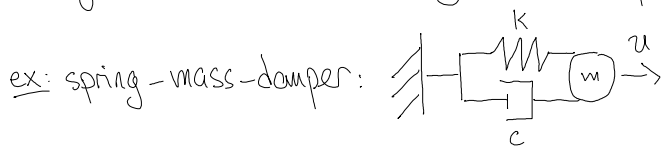
i) differential equation

ii) transfer function

iii) block diagram

- some models are simple, instantaneous relationships, e.g. given a closed circuit, the voltages & currents in each lumped element are related mathematically via Kirchhoff's laws
- we'll focus instead on dynamical models

wherein quantities of interest
(positions & velocities; currents & voltages)
change over time - we've already seen an example:



position q and velocity \dot{q} interact over time
via (DE) $m\ddot{q} + c\dot{q} + kq = u$ - input force
mass' damping (stiffness)

note: given initial $(q(0), \dot{q}(0))$ and input
force $u: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the (DE)
 $: t \mapsto u(t)$

determines $(q(t), \dot{q}(t))$ for all $t \geq 0$

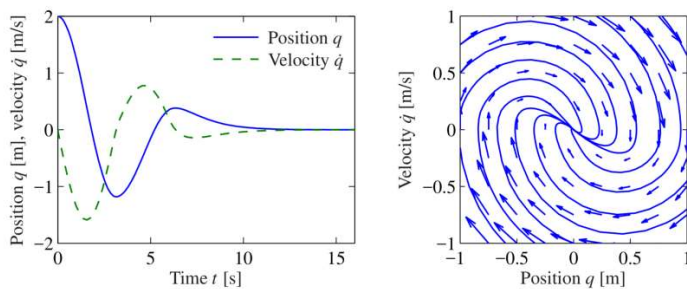
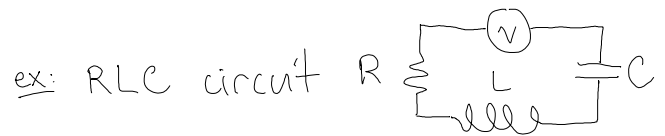


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capacitor charge q & current \dot{q}
interact over time

via (DE) $L\ddot{q} + R\dot{q} + \frac{1}{C}q = v$

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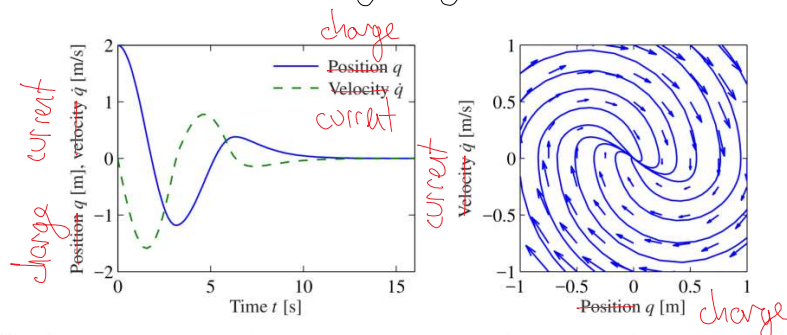


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1.2 state-space models

• generalizing the preceding example,

let $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ denote state vector

and $u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_p \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ denote input vector

- then the state could change in time
according to a

differential equation $\frac{d}{dt}x = \dot{x} = f(x, u)$

or

difference equation $x^+ = f(x, u)$

- we'll refer to both as a (DE);
to distinguish them notationally,
write $x(t)$ for state of differential
eqn. at continuous time $t \in \mathbb{R}$
and $x[k]$ for state of difference
eqn. at discrete time $k \in \mathbb{N}$

- in either case, $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 $: (x, u) \mapsto \dot{x}$ or x^+

is assumed to be a smooth function
so that derivatives $\frac{d}{dx}f, \frac{d}{du}f$ exist

→ in spring-mass-damper:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } \frac{d}{dt}x = \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \ddot{q} \end{bmatrix} = f(x, u)$$

$$\text{where } \ddot{q} = \frac{1}{m}(u - c\dot{q} - kq)$$

→ in RLC circuit:

$$\ddot{q} = \frac{1}{L}(u - R\dot{q} - \frac{1}{C}q)$$

- the (DE) is linear if f is linear:

$$f(x, u) = Ax + Bu, \quad A \text{ \& B are matrices}$$

→ determine shapes of matrices A, B

ex: we previously saw linear (DE)

$$\frac{d^n}{dt^n}y + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1}}{dt^{n-1}}y + \dots + a_n y = u$$

$$\text{- letting } x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dt^{n-1}}y \\ \frac{d^{n-2}}{dt^{n-2}}y \\ \vdots \\ \frac{d}{dt}y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ x_{n-1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} y \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

yields

$$\dot{x} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n-1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 x_1 & \dots & -a_n x_n \\ & x_1 & \\ & \vdots & \\ & x_{n-2} & \\ & x_{n-1} & \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & -a_2 & \dots & -a_{n-1} & -a_n \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}} u$$

$$= Ax + Bu$$

↳ so the two notions of linear (DE) coincide

ex: embedded system

- consider the PI controller

$$u(t) = k_p e(t) + k_I \int_0^t e(z) dz$$

$$= k_p e(t) + k_I x(t)$$

so that $\dot{x}(t) = e(t)$ (DE)

↳ i.e. $x(t) = \int_0^t e(z) dz$

is the controller's state

- to implement on an embedded system, microprocessor will measure error at sampling intervals $t = \Delta, 2\Delta, 3\Delta, \dots$

- approximating derivative in (DE) yields

$$\frac{x((k+1)\Delta) - x(k\Delta)}{\Delta} \simeq \dot{x}(k\Delta) = e(k\Delta)$$

where the digital controller satisfies

$$\tilde{x}[k+1] = \tilde{x}[k] + \Delta \tilde{e}[k]$$

where $\tilde{x}[k] \simeq x(k\Delta)$, $\tilde{e}[k] \simeq e(k\Delta)$

* digital controller easy to implement on microprocessor since it requires only addition and multiplication operations

→ how does performance depend on Δ ?
 - think about the limits as $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ or ∞

1° numerical simulation

• the discrete approximation employed in the digital controller suggests a computational approach to study dynamical systems in state-space form:

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

- approximating derivative in (DE) yields

$$\frac{x((k+1)\Delta) - x(k\Delta)}{\Delta} \simeq \dot{x}(k\Delta) = f(x(k\Delta), u(k\Delta))$$

where the difference equation

$$(\tilde{DE}) \quad \tilde{x}[k+1] = \tilde{x}[k] + \Delta f(\tilde{x}[k], u(k\Delta))$$

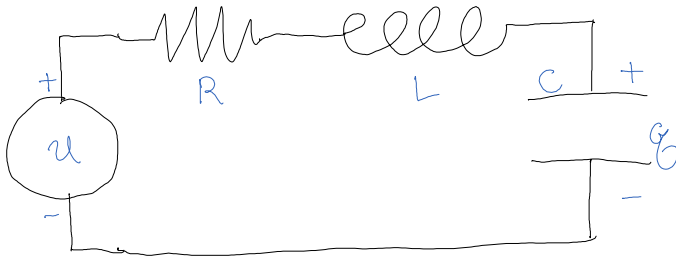
yields the approximation $\tilde{x}[k] \simeq x(k\Delta)$

* importantly, (\tilde{DE}) can be inductively applied on a computer to compute \tilde{x} , whereas given a nonlinear function f , you generally can't determine solution x to (DE)

→ how does approximation depend on Δ ?
 - think about the limits as $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ or ∞

2° examples

2! RLC circuit



- treating voltage u as input and capacitor charge q as output,

$$L\ddot{q} + R\dot{q} + \frac{1}{C}q = u$$

- letting $x = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ denote circuit state,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q} \\ (-R\dot{q} - \frac{1}{C}q + u)/L \end{bmatrix} \\ &= f(q, \dot{q}, u) = f(x, u) \end{aligned}$$

→ show that f is linear:

$$f(x, u) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{LC} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix}}_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}}_{x} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix}}_{B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}} u$$

→ i.e. find $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$

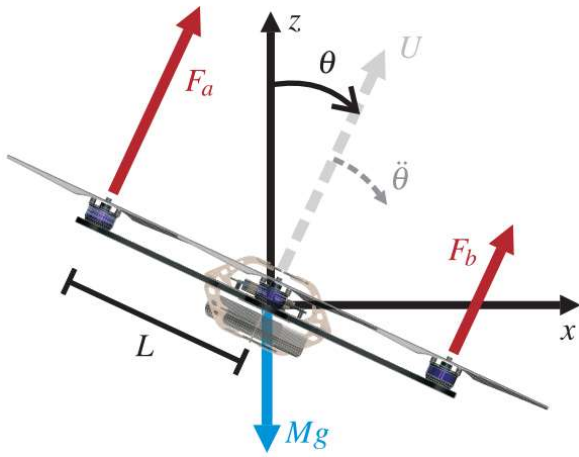
2². quadrotor

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[ICRA]

A Simple Learning Strategy for High-Speed Quadcopter Multi-Flips

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$$M\ddot{z} = (F_a + F_b + F_c + F_d) \cos \theta - Mg \quad (1)$$

$$M\ddot{x} = (F_a + F_b + F_c + F_d) \sin \theta \quad (2)$$

$$I_{yy}\ddot{\theta} = L(F_a - F_b), \quad (3)$$

$\eta = x$ (horizontal)

$\nu = z$ (vertical)

$$M\ddot{\eta} = F \sin \theta$$

$$M\ddot{\nu} = -Mg + F \cos \theta$$

$$I\ddot{\theta} = \tau$$

- where $F = F_a + F_b + F_c + F_d$ is the sum of thrusts from all 4 rotors
 $\tau = L(F_a - F_b)$ is the net torque around the roll axis

- with $\mathcal{G} = (\eta, \nu, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ denoting positions and

$\dot{\mathcal{G}} = \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{G} = (\dot{\eta}, \dot{\nu}, \dot{\theta}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ denoting velocities,

the state is $x = (\mathcal{G}, \dot{\mathcal{G}}) \in \mathbb{R}^6$, input is $u = (F, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

so dynamics are $\dot{x} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{G} \\ \dot{\mathcal{G}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathcal{G}} \\ \ddot{\mathcal{G}}(x, u) \end{bmatrix} = f(x, u)$

$$\text{where } \ddot{\mathcal{G}}(x, u) = \begin{bmatrix} F/M \sin \theta \\ -g + F/M \cos \theta \\ \tau/I \end{bmatrix}, \quad f: \mathbb{R}^6 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^6$$

$$: (x, u) \mapsto \dot{x}$$

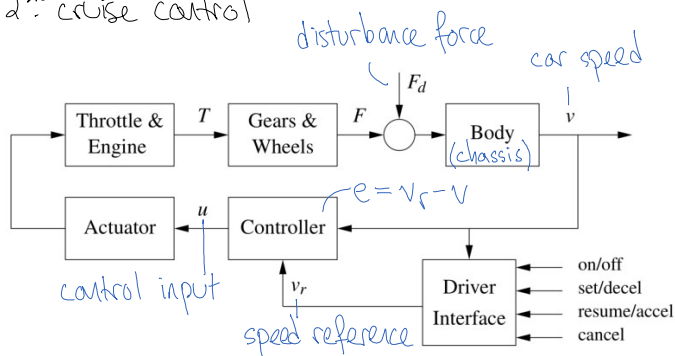
- if we measure positions (η, ν) , eg with GPS or motion capture,

the output function is $y = (\eta, \nu) = h(x)$ where $h: \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
 $: x \mapsto (\eta, \nu)$

→ determine an equilibrium (x^*, u^*) s.t. that $f(x^*, u^*) = 0$

* determine all equilibria

2*: cruise control



• force balance on car chassis yields

$$m \dot{v} = F - F_d$$

- m is mass of car, passengers, load
- v is velocity / speed of car
- F is engine force, proportional to control signal $0 \leq u \leq 1$ that specifies throttle position (which in turn specifies fuel injection rate), and varying with engine (angular) speed ω :

$$F = \frac{R u}{r} T(\omega), \quad \omega = \frac{R}{r} v$$

$$T(\omega) = T_m \cdot \left(1 - \beta \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_m} - 1 \right)^2 \right)$$

where: T_m - max torque @ speed ω_m
 R - gear ratio r - wheel radius

- $F_d = F_g + F_r + F_a$ is disturbance force.

F_g - gravitational force from road slope

F_r - rolling / road friction

F_a - aerodynamic drag

$$F_g = m g \sin \theta, \quad \theta - \text{road slope}$$

g - gravitational constant

$$F_r = m g C_r \frac{v}{|v|}, \quad C_r - \text{coefficient of friction}$$

$$F_a = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_d A |v| v, \quad \rho - \text{air density}$$

C_d - aerodynamic drag (shape-dependent)
 A - frontal area of car

* see [AMv2, Ch 4.1] for parameter values

- taken together,

$$m \dot{v} = \frac{R}{r} u T\left(\frac{R}{r} v\right) \} F$$

$$F_d \left\{ \underbrace{-m g \sin \theta}_{F_g} - \underbrace{m g C_r \frac{v}{|v|}}_{F_r} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho C_d A v^2}_{F_a} \right.$$

→ what is the system state? control input?

• let's apply PI control:

$$u(t) = k_p e(t) + k_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau, \quad e = v_r - v$$

with $z = \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau$ denoting control state,

$$\dot{z} = v_r - v, \quad u = k_p(v_r - v) + k_I z$$

• applying analysis of PI control from previous lecture yields nice conclusions:

- when disturbance force F_d is constant, the steady-state error will be zero,

$$e = v_r - v = 0 \Rightarrow v = v_r \quad \checkmark$$

- this conclusion is valid in the presence of unmodeled dynamics, so long as

i) they're stable

ii) the PI gains aren't too large

relative to their characteristic
time constant

→ (why) does the prior analysis of
PI control apply to this nonlinear system?

2*. population dynamics

• let x denote population of an organism

- assuming birth & death rates are
proportional to the current population,

$$\dot{x} = b x - d x = (b - d) x,$$

where b is birth rate, d is death rate;

→ how does this model behave over time?

this is a linear model that diverges
to $+\infty$ if $b > d$, converges to 0 if $b < d$

→ (when) is this a reasonable model?

(when) isn't it " " ?

- more realistically, the environment permits
a carrying capacity $k > 0$, and the birth
rate decreases as the population approaches k :

$$\dot{x} = r x \left(1 - \frac{x}{k}\right) \text{ where } r > 0 \text{ is growth rate}$$

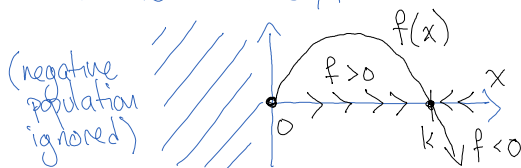
→ termed the logistic growth model

→ how does this model behave over time?

- the graph of f in $\dot{x} = f(x)$

tells us a lot about model's behavior:

- since $r, k > 0$, f is a concave parabola
with roots at 0, k :



* $x(t) \rightarrow k$ from any $x(0) > 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

→ $x=0$ or k termed equilibria; why?

• now we'll consider two interacting populations:

let $H \geq 0$ denote number of hares (prey),
 $L \geq 0$ " lynxes (predator)

and consider the state-space DE

$$\begin{cases} \dot{H} = r H \left(1 - \frac{H}{k}\right) - \frac{a H L}{c + H} \\ \dot{L} = b \frac{a H L}{c + H} - d L \end{cases}$$

↳ note: first term is logistic growth

where r - growth rate of hares k - carrying capacity of hares

a - predation rate c - limits predation at low H

b - growth rate of lynxes d - death rate of lynxes

• with $x = (H, L)$, $\dot{x} = f(x)$, it's not as easy to visualize graph of f

→ how many dimensions are needed to graph $\{(x, f(x))\}$?

• however, it's still helpful to visualize salient features of f , eg equilibria, that is, x_e s.t. $\dot{x}_e = f(x_e) = 0$

- second equation is simpler, so start there:

$$\dot{L} = 0 \Leftrightarrow L_e = 0 \text{ or } H_e = \frac{cd}{ab-d}$$

- substituting into first eqn,

$$(H_e, L_e) = (0, 0), (0, k),$$

$$\left(\frac{cd}{ab-d}, \frac{bcr(abk - cd - dk)}{(ab - d^2)k} \right)$$

are all equilibria

→ which of these 3 are ecologically feasible?

* important practical note: all models are inaccurate; the robustness inherent in feedback enables us to use simple models to control complex phenomena (see previous lecture on unmodeled dynamics)

"all models are wrong but some are useful"
- George Box (statistician), 1978
