

Lecture 12

Linear Systems

10/16/12

last time:

Modal conditions for stability of

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) \quad \dots \quad (*)$$

$$1) \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0 \quad \text{for all } i=1, \dots, n$$

$\Rightarrow (*)$ stable

translation: all trajectories bounded and converge to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$ (exponentially fast)

$$2) \text{ There is } i \text{ st. } \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) > 0$$

or

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) = 0 \quad \text{w/ multiplicity} \geq 2$$

$\Rightarrow (*)$ unstable

translation: you can find $x(0)$ st. $x(t) = e^{At}x(0)$ becomes unbounded as $t \rightarrow \infty$

3) $\text{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0$ and there are simple e-values on jw-axis

$\Rightarrow (*)$ is marginally stable

translation: all trajectories are bounded for all time

* Stability of equilibrium points of

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$\bar{x}$ is an ep. of (1) if it solves $f(\bar{x}) = 0$

In linear case: $A\bar{x} = 0$ (we look for the nullspace of A)

$$\bar{x} = 0 \quad \text{unique e.p.}$$



$\det(A) \neq 0$ (i.e. A doesn't have any e-values @ the origin)

If $\det A = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Null}(A)$ determines e-points of a linear system (there are ∞ many of them)

In nonlinear case (nonlinear systems) there are many options

1) $\bar{x}$ is a unique e.p.

Ex $\dot{x} = x^3$

$$f(x) = x^3$$

$$f(\bar{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x}^3 = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x} = 0 \text{ is a unique e.p.}$$

2) Multiple e.p.

$$\dot{x} = x(x-1)$$

$$f(x) = x(x-1) \Rightarrow f(\bar{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x}(\bar{x}-1) = 0$$

$$(2 \text{ e.g. points}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \bar{x}_1 = 0 \\ \bar{x}_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

3) Infinitely many

$$\begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3 \end{array} \Rightarrow f(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_2 \\ -\bar{x}_2^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \bar{x}_1 \in \mathbb{R} \\ \bar{x}_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$ e.p.'s are given by:

$$(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) = (\text{anything}, 0)$$

4) None

$$\dot{x} = x^2 + 1$$

$$\bar{x}^2 + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{over } \mathbb{R})$$

We'll assume that $\bar{x} = 0$ is an eq. point of $\dot{x} = f(x)$

Suppose that $\bar{x} \neq 0$ solves $f(\bar{x}) = 0$

Introduce a change of coordinates: $z = x - \bar{x}$

$$(z(t) = x(t) - \bar{x})$$

$$\boxed{\dot{z}(t)} = \dot{x}(t) - \dot{\bar{x}} = f(x) - \underbrace{f(\bar{x})}_0 = f(x) = \boxed{f(z + \bar{x})}$$

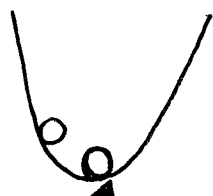
In z -coordinates: $\dot{z} = f(z + \bar{x})$

E.g. points solve: $f(\bar{z} + \bar{x}) = 0$

Note! Since $f(\bar{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow f(\underbrace{0}_{\bar{z}} + \bar{x}) = 0$

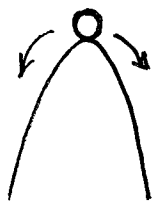
$\Rightarrow \bar{z} = 0$ is an e.g. point in z -coordinates.

* Initial condition perturbations away from e.p.

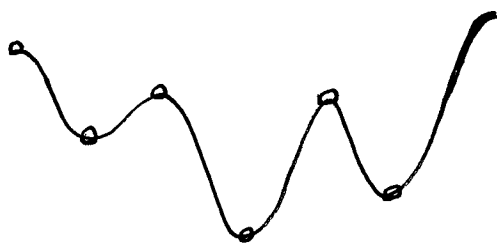


e.q. point

→ this e.p. is asymptotically stable



→ e.q point unstable



no notion of global stability here.

$\bar{x}=0$ is (locally) asymptotically stable



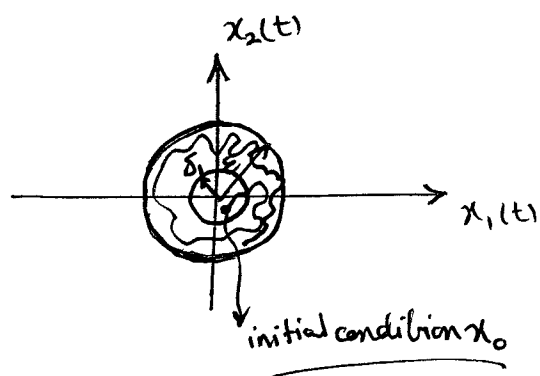
1) for any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta_1 > 0$ ($\delta_1 \leq \epsilon$)

such that

$$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \text{norm of a vector } x(0) \end{array} \|x(0)\| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon \text{ for all } t$$

$(\|x(0) - \bar{x}\|)$ $(\|x(t) - \bar{x}\|)$

Euclidean norm: $\|x(t)\| = \sqrt{x_1^2(t) + \dots + x_n^2(t)}$

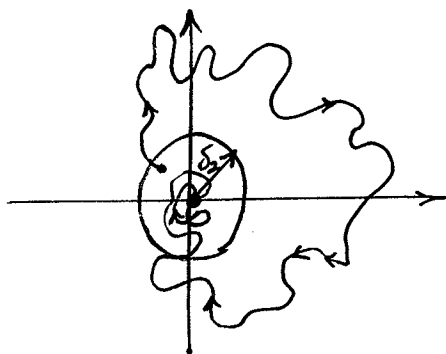


for all times if we start within the ball w/ radius δ_1
we will never go out of the ball of radius ϵ

2) There is $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$\|x(0)\| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

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



Important!

(1) + (2) $\Rightarrow$ locally asymptotically stable

(1) + (2) (with $\delta_2 = +\infty$) $\Rightarrow$ globally asymptotically stable

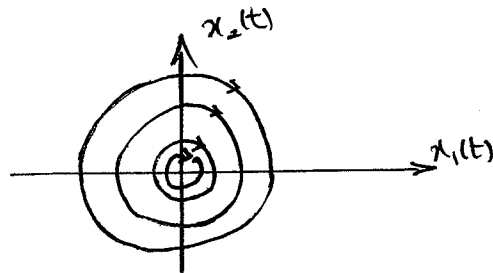
(1) $\checkmark$ but $(2) \times$ $\Rightarrow$ stable (in the sense of Lyapunov)

$(2) \checkmark$ but $(1) \times$ $\Rightarrow$ attractive

$(1) \times$ $\Rightarrow$ unstable

Ex 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

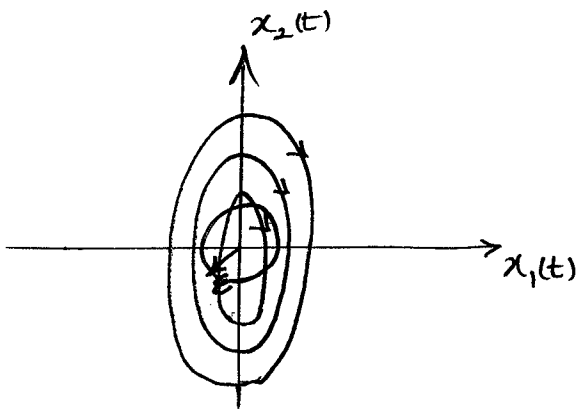


(1) ✓
(2) X } $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = 0$
stable in the sense
of Lyapunov
(but not asymptotically stable)

corresponding linear system is marginally stable

Ex 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k/m & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



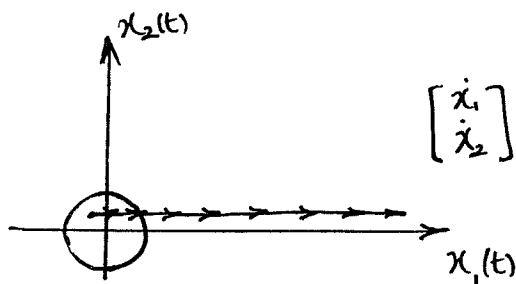
* determining direction of arrows:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$x_2 > 0 \Rightarrow x_1 \uparrow$$

you can find ϵ st. by starting from the ϵ ball we will always stay inside the ball $\rightarrow$ if the ϵ ball lies across an ellipsoid holding x_0 .

Ex 3



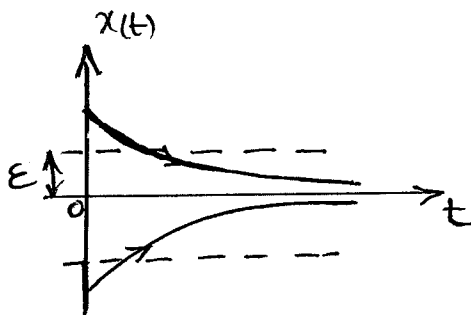
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

unstable

Ex 4

$$\dot{x} = -x^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} x > 0 &\Rightarrow \dot{x} < 0 \Rightarrow x \downarrow \\ x < 0 &\Rightarrow \dot{x} > 0 \Rightarrow x \uparrow \end{aligned}$$



locally & globally asymptotically
stable