

Linear Dynamics I

Intro example: Bacteria growing on medium

→ how many bacteria after time t ?

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_t = \text{number of bacteria at time } t \\ T = \text{doubling time} \end{array} \right\} x_{t+T} \approx 2x_t$$

$$\Delta x = x_{t+T} - x_t \approx x_t$$

$$\dot{x} = \alpha x$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta T} = \frac{x}{T}$$

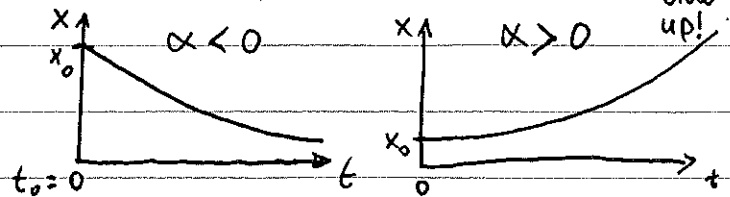
Understanding this equation (plus eigenvectors/eigenvalues) lets you understand ALL of N -dimensional linear differential eqns!

x is a function of time that determines STATE of system

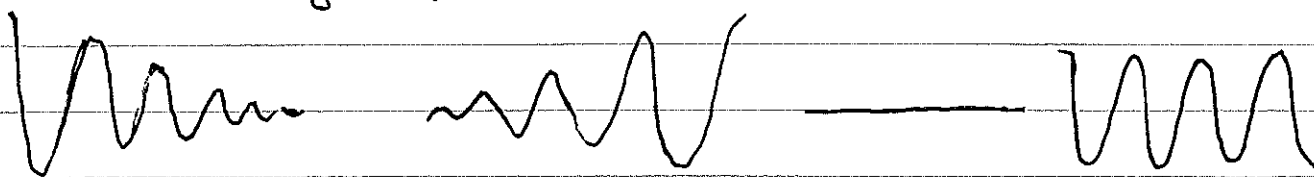
1-D solution: $\frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x \Leftrightarrow \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{x} = \int_{t_0}^t \alpha dt \Leftrightarrow \ln x = \alpha t$

$\Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$ verify solution!

Parameter analysis for α :



What are the following α 's?



$\Rightarrow \alpha$ can be pos/neg, real/imaginary, or zero!

Example: Damped oscillations $\rightarrow \alpha = -\alpha_{RE} + i\alpha_{IM}$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \underbrace{x_0}_{\text{Amplitude}} \underbrace{e^{-\alpha_{RE}t}}_{\text{damping}} \cdot \underbrace{e^{i\alpha_{IM}t}}_{\text{oscillations with freq. } \alpha_{IM}}$$

Remember:

$$e^{i\alpha} = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$$

Numerical Solution:

for small Δt : $x(t+\Delta t) \stackrel{\text{Taylor expansion}}{=} x + \frac{dx}{dt} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \Delta t^2$

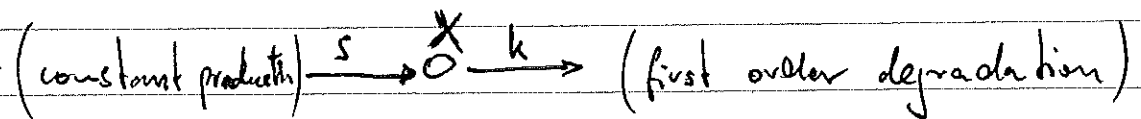
if we know state and its derivative (neglect, Δt small!) we know where to go next (approximating $x(t)$ to first-order in t)

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x \Rightarrow x(t+\Delta t) = x + \alpha x \Delta t = (1 + \alpha \Delta t) x$$

"Euler's Method" $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x(0+\Delta t) = (1 + \alpha \Delta t) x(0) \\ x(0+2\Delta t) = (1 + \alpha \Delta t) x(\Delta t) = (1 + \alpha \Delta t)^2 x(0) \\ \vdots \\ x(0+N\Delta t) = (1 + \alpha \Delta t)^N x(0) \end{array} \right.$

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not very precise + stable
but Matlab can do it better.

Example: Production and Degradation of a gene product



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \text{production} - \text{degradation} = s - kx$$

↑ parameters ↑ state

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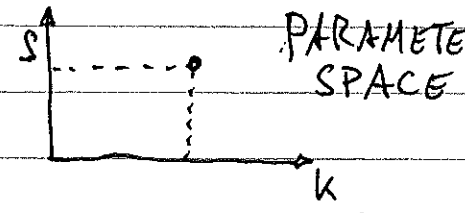
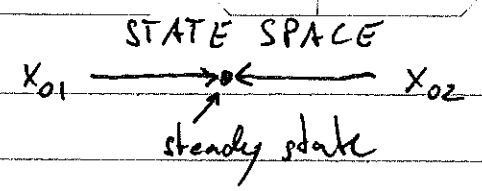
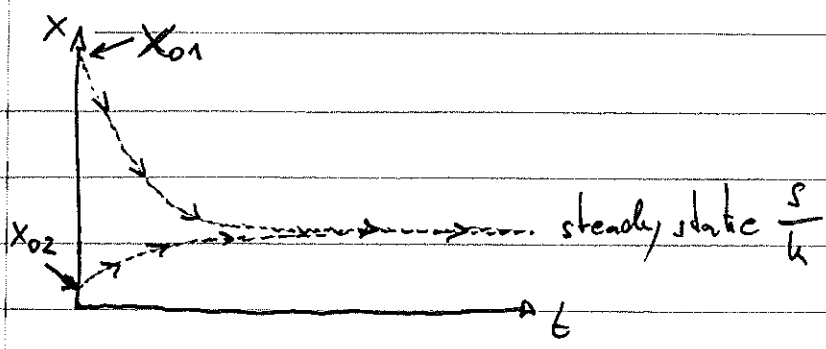
Ansatz $x(t) = B + A e^{-kt}$

substitute $-kA e^{-kt} = s - kB - kA e^{-kt} \Rightarrow B = \frac{s}{k}$

Solution: $x(t) = \frac{s}{k} + A e^{-kt}$ $x(0) = x_0 = \frac{s}{k} + A \Rightarrow A = x_0 - \frac{s}{k}$
initial condition

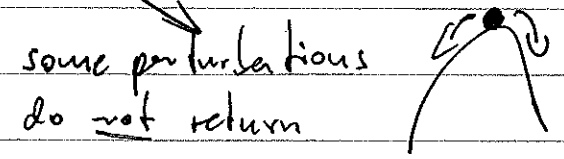
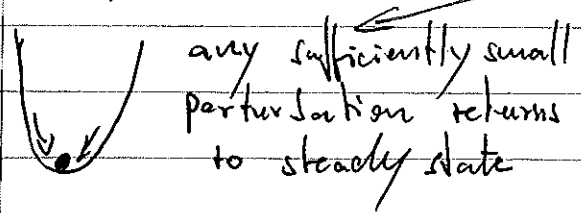
$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{s}{k} + \left(x_0 - \frac{s}{k}\right) e^{-kt}$$

for $t \rightarrow \infty$: $x(t) = \frac{s}{k} \Rightarrow$ steady state $\Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$



Stability analysis:

steady states can be stable or unstable (Examples?)



$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x$$

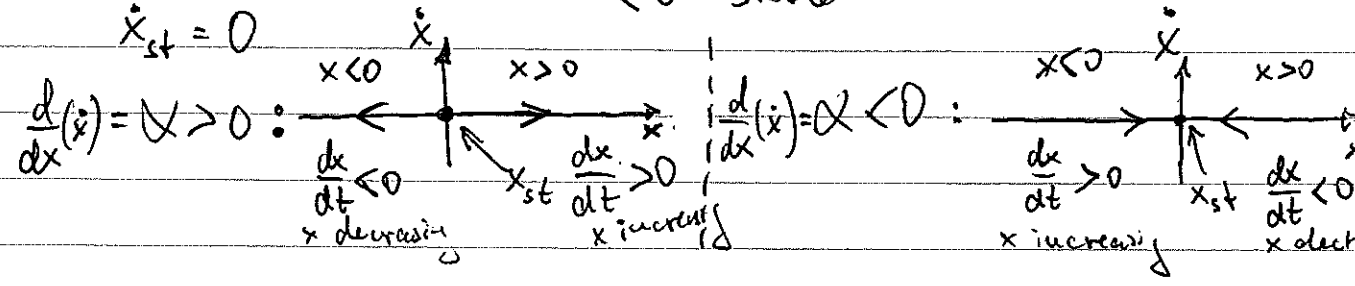
1) find steady state $x = x_{st}$ via $\frac{dx}{dt} \Big|_{x=x_{st}} = 0$

2) calculate derivatives $\frac{d}{dx} \dot{x} \Big|_{x=x_{st}}$

$\rightarrow > 0$ unstable
 $\rightarrow < 0$ stable

$$x_{st} = 0$$

$$\dot{x}_{st} = 0$$

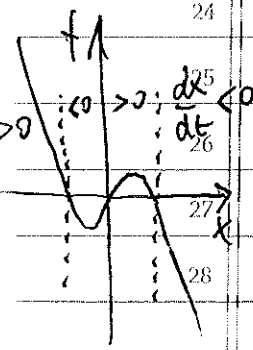


Linearization Theorem: The dynamics of $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$ is qualitatively similar to that of its linearization:

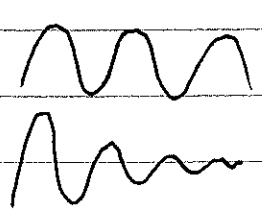
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \left[\frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_{st}} \right] \cdot x$$

in the local vicinity of a steady state x_{st} ,

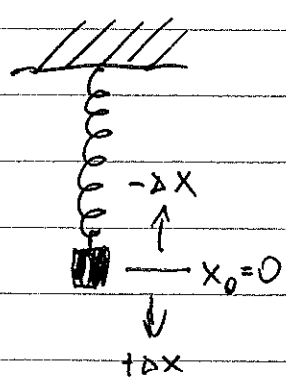
Example: $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) = x - x^3$ 1) $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow 3$ "fixed points" $x_{st} = \{0, 1, -1\}$
 2) $\frac{df}{dx} = 1 - 3x^2 \Rightarrow f'(1) = -2 < 0$ stable $f'(0) = 1 > 0$ unstable



ODE's in 2-dimensions:



let's look at these dynamics under different light



acceleration $\ddot{x} = -\alpha x$
 position x
 2nd derivative

define vector $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ then $\dot{\vec{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha x \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix}$ or $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = f(\vec{x})$

looks familiar! using Euler we can integrate vectors:

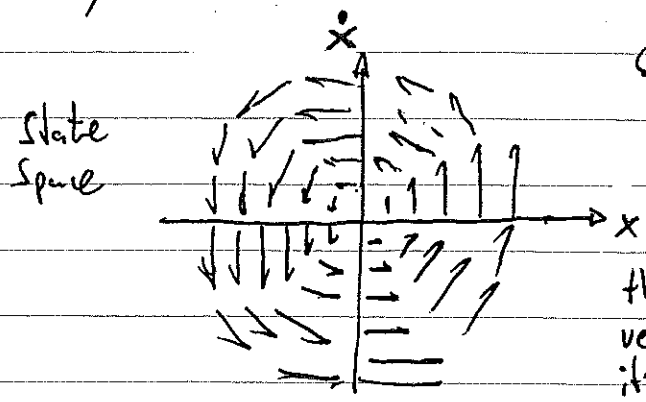
$$\vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = \vec{x}(t) + \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} \Delta t$$

\Rightarrow we can write any N^{th} order dynamics as N first order ones

Example: $\ddot{x} = -\dot{x} + x \rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ x \end{pmatrix}; \dot{\vec{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\dot{x} + x \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix}$

Analytic solution of $\ddot{x} = -\alpha x$ is $x(t) = x_0 \sin(\sqrt{\alpha} t)$

check: $\dot{x}(t) = x_0 \sqrt{\alpha} \cos(\sqrt{\alpha} t)$
 $\ddot{x}(t) = -x_0 \alpha \sin(\sqrt{\alpha} t) = -\alpha x(t)$ ✓



the base of each vector is at $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ and it points in direction $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}$

What if accel. also depends on speed \dot{x} ? $\ddot{x} = -\gamma \dot{x} - \alpha x$

$\Rightarrow \dot{\vec{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\gamma \dot{x} - \alpha x \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix}$ apply Euler $\vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = \vec{x}(t) + \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} \Delta t$

