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Last Time: Numerical integration.

Today: Linear stability

* Numerical solutions are good, but we can only gain intuition on the problem after the simulation has finished running

* Can build up intuition using Linear Stability.

Ex] $\frac{dy}{dt} = ay$ $y(t=0) = y_0$ (single input system)

at

$y = y_0 e^{at}$

Let $\alpha = \sigma + j\omega$ $\Rightarrow y = (y_0 e^{\alpha t}) e^{j\omega t}$

$\sigma > 0$ exponential growth: unstable

$\sigma < 0$ exponential decay: stable

$\sigma = 0$ pure oscillations: marginally stable

Ex] $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ $x(t=0) = x_0$ (multiple input system)

$x = \exp(At) x_0$

$\exp(At) = I + At + \frac{1}{2}(At)^2 + \dots$

How to determine stability? Eigenvalues of A obtained from $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$\text{Re}\{\lambda\} < 0$ for all λ : stable

$\text{Re}\{\lambda\} > 0$ for 1 λ : unstable

Proof: $Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow Av = v\Lambda$ $v = [v_1 | v_2 | \dots | v_n]$ $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

$A = v\Lambda v^{-1}$ $v v^{-1} = I$

$\exp(At) = I + (v\Lambda v^{-1})t + \frac{1}{2}(v\Lambda v^{-1})^2 t^2 + \dots \Rightarrow \exp(At) = v \left[I + \Lambda t + \frac{1}{2}\Lambda^2 t^2 + \dots \right] v^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow \exp(At) = v \left(I + \Lambda t + \frac{1}{2}\Lambda^2 t^2 + \dots \right) v^{-1} \Rightarrow \exp(At) = v \begin{pmatrix} \exp(\lambda_1 t) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(\lambda_2 t) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \exp(\lambda_n t) \end{pmatrix} v^{-1}$

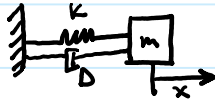
$\Rightarrow x = v \begin{pmatrix} \exp(\lambda_1 t) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(\lambda_2 t) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \exp(\lambda_n t) \end{pmatrix} v^{-1} x_0$

x_0, v, v^{-1} all constant, so for stability

$\text{Re}\{\lambda_i\} < 0$ for all i .

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Ex] Spring mass damper system



$$m\ddot{x} = -kx - D\dot{x} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -\frac{k}{m}x - \frac{D}{m}\dot{x}$$

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

$$\frac{d\dot{x}}{dt} = -\frac{k}{m}x - \frac{D}{m}\dot{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{D}{m} \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{A}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{D}{m} - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$-\lambda \left(-\frac{D}{m} - \lambda\right) - \left(-\frac{k}{m}\right) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda \frac{D}{m} + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-\frac{D}{m} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{D}{m}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)}}{2}$$

Case 1: $D=0$

$$\lambda = \pm j\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

marginally stable

$$\lambda = \frac{-\frac{D}{m} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{D^2}{m} - 4k\right)}}{2}$$

Case 2: $0 < \frac{D^2}{m} < 4k$

$$\lambda = \frac{-\frac{D}{m} \pm j\sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \left(4k - \frac{D^2}{m}\right)}}{2}$$

Stable

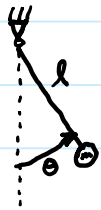
Case 3: $\frac{D^2}{m} > 4k$

$$\lambda = \frac{-\frac{D}{m} \pm \frac{D}{m} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4k}{D^2/m}}}{2}$$

Stable

* All previous examples were linear. What if system of interest is non-linear?

Ex



$$m\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta \Rightarrow \ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin(\theta)$$

Equilibrium: $\dot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta} = 0$

$$-\frac{g}{l} \sin(\theta_e) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\theta_e = 0, \pi}$$

- Steps:
- 1) Find equilibrium points
 - 2) Make equations linear about the equilibrium points (Linearization)
 - 3) Find the Eigenvalues
 - 4) Determine stability

Linearize about $\theta_e = 0$: $\theta = \theta_e + \Delta\theta \Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = \sin(\theta_e + \Delta\theta)$

Taylor series expand: $\sin(\theta_e + \Delta\theta) = \sin(\theta_e) + \Delta\theta \cos(\theta_e) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta\theta^2 \sin(\theta_e) - \frac{1}{6} \Delta\theta^3 \cos(\theta_e) + \dots$

$$= 0 + \Delta\theta - 0 - \frac{\Delta\theta^3}{6} + \dots$$

$$= \Delta\theta + O(\Delta\theta^3) \approx \Delta\theta$$

$$\boxed{\Delta\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{l} \Delta\theta}$$

Linearize about $\theta_e = \pi$: $\theta = \theta_e + \Delta\theta \Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = \sin(\theta_e + \Delta\theta)$

Taylor series expand: $\sin(\theta_e + \Delta\theta) = \sin(\theta_e) + \Delta\theta \cos(\theta_e) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta\theta^2 \sin(\theta_e) - \frac{1}{6} \Delta\theta^3 \cos(\theta_e) + \dots$

$$= 0 - \Delta\theta + 0 + \frac{\Delta\theta^3}{6} + \dots$$

$$= -\Delta\theta + O(\Delta\theta^3) \approx -\Delta\theta$$

$$\boxed{\Delta\ddot{\theta} = \frac{g}{l} \Delta\theta}$$

$$\theta_{eq} = 0 : \frac{d\Delta\theta}{dt} = \Delta\dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d\Delta\dot{\theta}}{dt} = -\frac{g}{l} \Delta\dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\theta \\ \Delta\dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{l} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{A}} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\theta \\ \Delta\dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{l} & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - \left(-\frac{g}{l}\right) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{g}{l} = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm j \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$$

$$\theta_{eq} = \pi : \frac{d\Delta\theta}{dt} = \Delta\dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d\Delta\dot{\theta}}{dt} = \frac{g}{l} \Delta\dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\theta \\ \Delta\dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{A}} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\theta \\ \Delta\dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - \frac{g}{l} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{g}{l}$$

$$\lambda = \pm \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$$

$\theta_{eq} = 0$: marginally stable

$\theta_{eq} = \pi$: unstable