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- nonlinear systems
- linearization

So far discussed linear systems:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = A \vec{x}(t) + B \vec{u}(t) \quad \vec{x}[i+1] = A \vec{x}[i] + B \vec{u}[i]$$

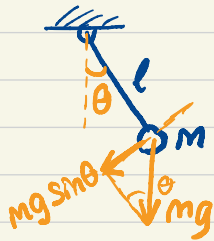
Today nonlinear:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = \vec{f}(\vec{x}(t), \vec{u}(t)) \quad \vec{x}[i+1] = \vec{f}(\vec{x}[i], \vec{u}[i])$$

where $\vec{f}: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a vector-valued function of state $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and input $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Linear systems are a special case: $\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \vec{u}) = A \vec{x} + B \vec{u}$

Example 1:



$$m l \frac{d^2 \theta(t)}{dt^2} = -k l \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} - mg \sin \theta(t) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \theta(t) \\ \omega(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad \omega(t) = \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} \quad (\text{angular velocity})$$

$$\frac{d\vec{x}(t)}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ \frac{d\omega}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega(t) \\ \frac{d^2\theta(t)}{dt^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega(t) \\ -\frac{k}{m}\omega(t) - \frac{g}{l}\sin\theta(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \theta, \quad x_2 = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_2(t) \\ -\frac{k}{m}x_2(t) - \frac{g}{l}\sin(x_1(t)) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \vec{f}(\vec{x}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

Equilibrium (Operating) Points:

For a continuous-time system with no input

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}(t) = \vec{f}_c(\vec{x}(t)) \quad -(2)$$

the solutions of the static eq'n $\vec{f}_c(\vec{x})=0$ are called equilibrium points. If $\vec{x}^*$ is an equilibrium i.e. if $\vec{f}_c(\vec{x}^*)=0$, then $\vec{x}(t)=\vec{x}^*$ is a solution of diff. eq'n above with $\vec{x}(0)=\vec{x}^*$: substitute $\vec{x}(t)=\vec{x}^*$ in (2):

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}^*}_{=0} = \underbrace{\vec{f}_c(\vec{x}^*)}_{=0}$$

bc / $\vec{x}^* = \text{const.}$

Pendulum example: $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\frac{k}{m}x_2 - \frac{g}{l}\sin x_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 & \text{--- (3)} \\ -\frac{k}{m}x_2 - \frac{g}{L} \sin x_1 = 0 & \text{--- (4)} \end{cases}$$

Substitute (3) in (4): $\sin x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0, \pi$

Two equilibrium points: $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$ downward pointing

$(x_1, x_2) = (\pi, 0)$ upward pointing

What about discrete time equilibria?

$$\vec{x}[i+1] = \vec{f}_d(\vec{x}[i]) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$\vec{x}^*$ is an equilibrium if : $\vec{x}^* = \vec{f}_d(\vec{x}^*)$.

$\vec{x}[i] = \vec{x}^*$ for all i is a solution of (5) because

$$\vec{x}[i] = \vec{x}^* \Rightarrow \vec{x}[i+1] = \vec{f}_d(\vec{x}[i]) = \vec{f}_d(\vec{x}^*) = \vec{x}^*.$$

Systems with inputs:

$(\vec{x}^*, \vec{u}^*)$ is an "operating point" of

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = \vec{f}_c(\vec{x}(t), \vec{u}(t)) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

if $\vec{f}_c(\vec{x}^*, \vec{u}^*) = 0$. --- (7)

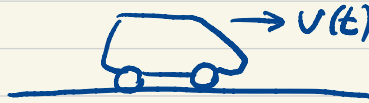
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$$\vec{x}[i+1] = \vec{f}_d(\vec{x}[i], \vec{u}[i])$$

if $\vec{x}^* = \vec{f}_d(\vec{x}^*, \vec{u}^*)$

If we apply the Constant input $\vec{u}(t) = \vec{u}^*$ then $\vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}^*$ is a solution of (6) with $\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}^*$.

Example 2:



$$M \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = -\beta v(t)^2 + \frac{1}{R} u(t)$$

$x = v$ is the (single) state, $f(x, u) = \frac{-\beta}{M} x^2 + \frac{1}{RM} u$.

(x^*, u^*) is an operating point if (from Eq'n 7):

$$f(x^*, u^*) = 0 \Rightarrow u^* = \beta R x^{*2}$$

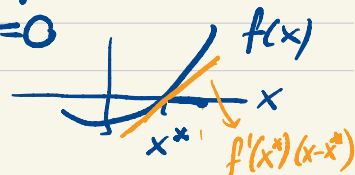
If we want speed x^* we must apply torque u^* to overcome drag $\beta R x^{*2}$,

Linearization: linear approximation of nonlinear model around an operating point

Easy when $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

1) no input: $\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = f(x(t))$, $f(x^*) = 0$ (8)

Taylor approximation: $f(x) \approx \underbrace{f(x^*)}_{=0} + f'(x^*)(x - x^*)$



Define $\delta x(t) = x(t) - x^*$. Then:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (x(t) - x^*) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t) - \frac{d}{dt} x^* = f(x(t)) \downarrow (8) \approx f'(x^*) \delta x(t)$$

Linearized model:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta x(t) = \underbrace{f'(x^*)}_{=: \lambda} \delta x(t)$$

2) with input $u \in \mathbb{R}$: $\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$

Suppose (x^*, u^*) operating point: $f(x^*, u^*) = 0$

$$f(x, u) \approx \underbrace{f(x^*, u^*)}_{=0} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, u^*)}_{=: \lambda} (x - x^*) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(x^*, u^*)}_{=: b} (u - u^*)$$

b.c. / operating pt.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t) - \frac{d}{dt} x^* = \lambda \delta x(t) + b \delta u(t)$$

Example 2: $f(x, u) = -\frac{\beta}{M} x^2 + \frac{1}{RM} u$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, u) = -\frac{2\beta}{M} x \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(x, u) = \frac{1}{RM}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, u^*) = -\frac{2\beta}{M} x^* \quad b = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(x^*, u^*) = \frac{1}{RM}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta x(t) = \lambda \delta x(t) + b \delta u(t)$$

where $\delta x(t) = x(t) - x^*$, $\delta u(t) = u(t) - u^*$,

$u^* = \beta R x^{*2}$. Assume we apply $\delta u = 0$

$$(u(t) = u^*) : \quad \frac{d}{dt} \delta x(t) = \lambda \delta x(t) \\ \Rightarrow \delta x(t) = e^{\lambda t} \delta x(0)$$

$\lambda = -\frac{2\beta}{M} x^* < 0$ so $\delta x(t) \rightarrow 0$, i.e., $x(t) \rightarrow x^*$.

If λ not negative enough (slow convergence to x^*) we can apply feedback:

$$\delta u(t) = k \delta x(t)$$

Closed-loop system: $\frac{d}{dt} \delta x(t) = (\lambda + bk) \delta x(t)$

We can choose k to make $\lambda + bk$ as negative

as we wish: $\delta x(t) = e^{(\lambda + bk)t} \delta x(0)$
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ faster}}$

$$u(t) = u^* + \delta u(t)$$

$$= \beta R x^{*2} + k \delta x(t)$$

$$u(t) = \beta R x^{*2} + k (x(t) - x^*)$$

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Next assume $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $u \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\vec{f}(\vec{x}, u) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, so we can write $\vec{f}(\vec{x}, u)$ as $\begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2, u) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, u) \end{bmatrix}$ where f_1, f_2 are scalar valued functions.

As before,

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, u) \approx \underbrace{f_1(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*)}_{=0} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \underbrace{(x_1 - x_1^*)}_{\delta x_1} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \underbrace{(x_2 - x_2^*)}_{\delta x_2} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \underbrace{(u - u^*)}_{\delta u} \quad (9)$$

Similarly,

$$f_2(x_1, x_2, u) \approx \underbrace{f_2(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*)}_{=0} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \underbrace{(x_1 - x_1^*)}_{\delta x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \underbrace{(x_2 - x_2^*)}_{\delta x_2} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \underbrace{(u - u^*)}_{\delta u} \quad (10)$$

Combining (9)-(10) in matrix/vector form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2, u) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, u) \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{f}(\vec{x}, u)} \approx \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \end{bmatrix}}_{=: A} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1 \\ \delta x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{=: B} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u}(x_1^*, x_2^*, u^*) \end{bmatrix}}_{=: B} \delta u \quad (11)$$

Then, $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1(t) \\ \delta x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} - \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \end{bmatrix} = \vec{f}(\vec{x}(t), u(t))$

and substitution of (11) gives linearized model:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1(t) \\ \delta x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} \delta x_1(t) \\ \delta x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + B \delta u(t),$$

where A, B are as defined in (11).

Easily generalizable to $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \vec{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m) \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearized model at a given operating point $(\vec{x}^*, u^*)$ is:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \vec{x}(t) = A \delta \vec{x}(t) + B \delta \vec{u}(t)$$

where, $\delta \vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}^*, \delta \vec{u}(t) = \vec{u}(t) - \vec{u}^*,$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) \end{bmatrix},$$

that is, $A(i, j) = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*),$ and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_1}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_m}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_1}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_m}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B(i, j) = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*).$$