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LECTURE 25 - Linearization continued

Given nonlinear system $\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = \vec{f}(\vec{x}(t), \vec{u}(t))$, where

$$\vec{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \vec{f}(\vec{x}, \vec{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m) \end{bmatrix}, \vec{f}(\vec{x}^*, \vec{u}^*) = 0.$$

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

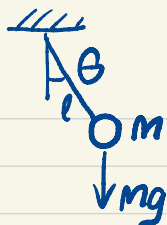
$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \vec{x}(t) = A \delta \vec{x}(t) + B \delta \vec{u}(t)$$

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

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

(i,j) entry of A and B given by:
$$\begin{cases} A(i,j) = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*) \\ B(i,j) = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j}(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*). \end{cases}$$

Example 1:



$$x_1(t) := \theta(t)$$

$$x_2(t) := \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_2(t) \\ -\frac{k}{m}x_2(t) - \frac{g}{l}\sin(x_1(t)) \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{f_1(x_1(t), x_2(t)) \\ f_2(x_1(t), x_2(t))}}$$

$$f_1(x_1, x_2) = x_2$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{k}{m}x_2 - \frac{g}{l}\sin x_1$$

Downward pointing equilibrium: $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$

Upward " " " $(x_1, x_2) = (\pi, 0)$

$$J_{\vec{x}} \vec{f}(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}(x_1, x_2) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{l}\cos x_1 & -\frac{k}{m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = J_{\vec{x}} \vec{f}(\vec{x}^*) \quad A_{\text{down}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{l} & -\frac{k}{m} \end{bmatrix} = J_{\vec{x}} \vec{f}(0, 0)$$

$$A_{\text{up}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} & -\frac{k}{m} \end{bmatrix} = J_{\vec{x}} \vec{f}(\pi, 0)$$

Stability Criteria (continuous-time) for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - a_{11} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & \lambda - a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - a_{11})(\lambda - a_{22}) - a_{12}a_{21} = \lambda^2 - \underbrace{(a_{11} + a_{22})}_{-\text{tr}(A)}\lambda + \underbrace{(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})}_{\det(A)}$$

Recall trace of A : $\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} \quad -\text{tr}(A) \quad \det(A)$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\text{tr}(A) - \sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)}}{2} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{\text{tr}(A) + \sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)}}{2}$$

(i) $\det(A) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{unstable}$

because $\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)} \geq \sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2} = |\text{tr}(A)|$

therefore $\lambda_2 \geq \frac{\text{tr}(A) + |\text{tr}(A)|}{2} \geq 0$

(ii) $\text{tr}(A) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{unstable}$

- If $\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A) < 0$ then $\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)}$ imaginary and $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) = \text{Re}(\lambda_2) = \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} \geq 0$.
- If $\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A) \geq 0$ then $\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)} \geq 0$ and $\lambda_2 \geq \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} \geq 0$.

(iii) $\det(A) > 0$ and $\text{tr}(A) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{stable}$

- If $\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A) < 0$ then $\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)}$ imaginary and $\text{Re}(\lambda_1) = \text{Re}(\lambda_2) = \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} < 0$.
- If $\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A) \geq 0$, then $\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)} \in [0, |\text{tr}(A)|]$ where the upper bound follows from $\det(A) > 0$. Thus, $\lambda_1 = \frac{\text{tr}(A) - \sqrt{\cdot}}{2} \leq \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} < 0$, $\lambda_2 = \frac{\text{tr}(A) + \sqrt{\cdot}}{2} < \frac{\text{tr}(A) + |\text{tr}(A)|}{2} \leq 0$.

Combining (i)-(iii): stable if and only if $\det(A) > 0$ and $\text{tr}(A) < 0$.

$$A_{\text{down}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{\ell} & -\frac{k}{m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(A_{\text{down}}) = -\frac{k}{m} < 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\det(A_{\text{down}}) = \frac{g}{\ell} > 0 \quad \checkmark$$

stable

$$A_{\text{up}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{\ell} & -\frac{k}{m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(A_{\text{up}}) = -\frac{k}{m} < 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\det(A_{\text{up}}) = -\frac{g}{\ell} < 0 \quad \times$$

unstable

Look at evalues of A_{up} for more insight:

$$\det(\lambda I - A_{up}) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ -\frac{g}{\ell} & \lambda + \frac{k}{m} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \lambda^2 + \frac{k}{m}\lambda - \frac{g}{\ell}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-\frac{k}{m} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^2 + 4\frac{g}{\ell}}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{-\frac{k}{m} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^2 + 4\frac{g}{\ell}}}{2} > 0 \text{ since } \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^2 + 4\frac{g}{\ell}} > \left(\frac{k}{m}\right) = \frac{k}{m}$$

Note: λ_2 becomes more positive (therefore instability more severe) when ℓ is smaller. Try balancing a shorter stick in your hand!

Linearization in Discrete Time:

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

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

$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \vec{u}) \approx \underbrace{\vec{f}(\vec{x}^*, \vec{u}^*)}_{\vec{x}^*} + A \underbrace{(\vec{x} - \vec{x}^*)}_{\delta \vec{x}} + B \underbrace{(\vec{u} - \vec{u}^*)}_{\delta \vec{u}} \quad (2)$$

where A and B are obtained as in page 1.

Linearization: replace $\vec{f}$ in (1) with approximation in (2):

$$\vec{x}[i+1] = \vec{x}^* + A \delta \vec{x}[i] + B \delta \vec{u}[i]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{\vec{x}[i+1] - \vec{x}^*}_{= \delta \vec{x}[i+1]} &= A \delta \vec{x}[i] + B \delta \vec{u}[i] \\ &= \delta \vec{x}[i+1] \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Population growth model

$$x[i+1] = r x[i]$$

population of a species in generation i

Assume $r > 1 \Rightarrow$ exponential, unbounded growth.

Unrealistic because resources run out when x gets large.

A more realistic model where cst. r is replaced with x -dependent growth rate $r(1 - \frac{x}{N})$:

$$x[i+1] = \underbrace{r \left(1 - \frac{x[i]}{N}\right)}_{f(x[i])} x[i] \quad \text{nonlinear}$$

$$f(x) = r \left(1 - \frac{x}{N}\right) x = rx - \frac{r}{N} x^2, \quad f'(x) = r - \frac{2r}{N} x \quad (3)$$

Equilibrium (discrete time): $x = f(x)$

$$x = r \left(1 - \frac{x}{N}\right) x$$

$$x \left(1 - r + \frac{r}{N} x\right) = 0$$

Two roots: $x = 0$ (extinct) $x = \frac{N}{r} (r - 1) > 0$
since $r > 1$

Linearized model:

$$i) \text{ around } x^* = 0: \delta x[i+1] = \underbrace{f'(0)}_{=r \text{ from (3)}} \delta x[i]$$

$r > 1 \Rightarrow$ unstable

ii) around $x^* = \frac{N}{r}(r-1)$:

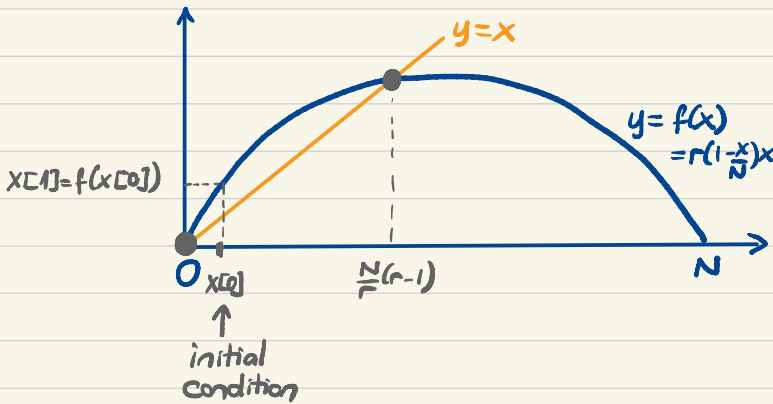
$$f'\left(\frac{N}{r}(r-1)\right) = r - \frac{2\cancel{N}}{\cancel{N}}\left(\frac{\cancel{N}}{\cancel{N}}(r-1)\right) = r - 2r + 2 = 2 - r$$

$$\delta x[i+1] = (2-r) \delta x[i]$$

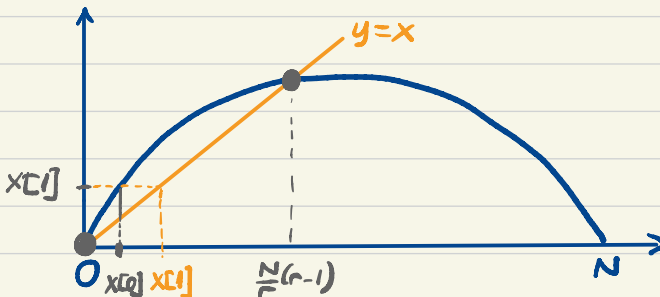
$\in (-1, 1)$ for stability

i.e. $r \in (1, 3)$ " "

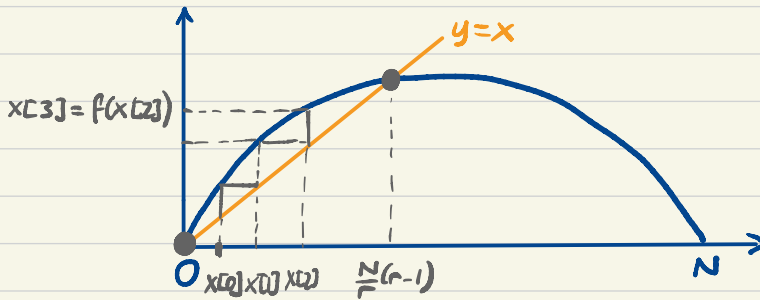
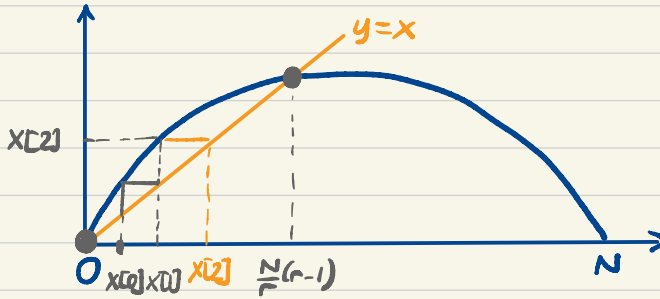
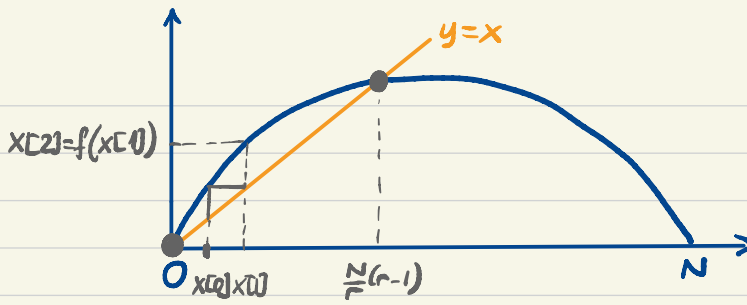
"Cobweb diagrams": graphical method to visualize how solutions of scalar discrete-time equations evolve (beyond scope for this course but kinda fun):



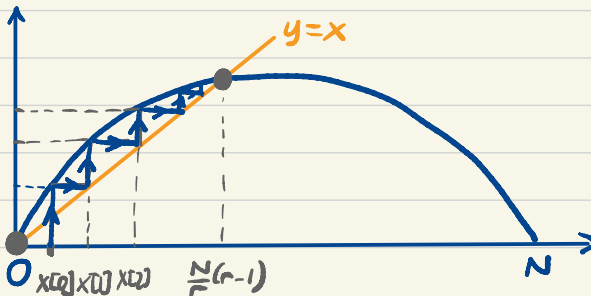
intersections of $y = f(x)$ and $y = x$ are equilibrium points b/c $f(x) = x$ at those points



used $y = x$ axis to bring value $x[1]$ from vertical to horizontal axis



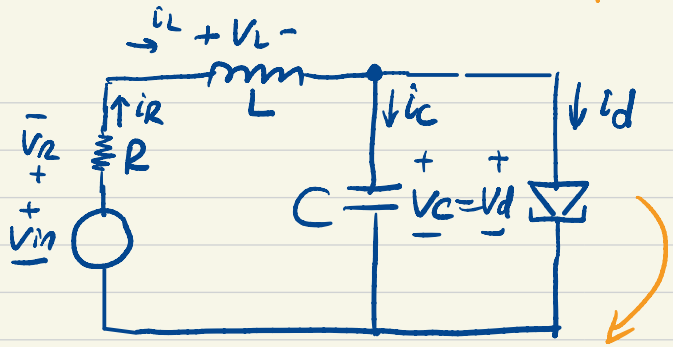
Continuing in this manner, you can see that the solution from $x[0]$ evolves as shown below, indicating convergence to $x^* = \frac{N}{r-1}$.



Examples above didn't have inputs. Ex. 3 below has V_{in} as input.

Example 3:

tunnel diode circuit



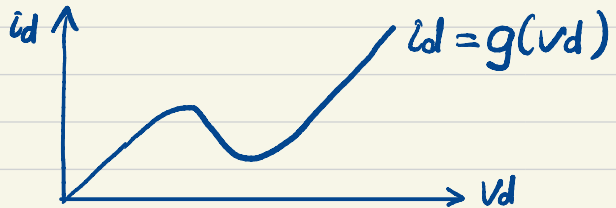
KCL:

$$(3) \quad i_R = i_L = i_C + i_d$$

KVL:

$$(4) \quad V_{in} = V_R + V_L + V_C$$

$$(5) \quad V_d = V_C$$



tunnel diode voltage-current characteristic

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} V_C \\ i_L \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C \frac{dV_C}{dt} = i_C(t) \stackrel{(3)}{=} i_L(t) - i_d(t) \stackrel{(5)}{=} i_L(t) - g(V_C(t))$$

$$L \frac{di_L}{dt} = V_L(t) \stackrel{(4)}{=} V_{in}(t) - V_R(t) - V_C(t)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{resistor eq'n}}{=} V_{in}(t) - R i_R(t) - V_C(t)$$

$$\stackrel{(3)}{=} V_{in}(t) - R i_L(t) - V_C(t)$$

Variables in orange above are neither state nor input variables. We use the substitutions indicated above each equation to make sure the right hand side depends only on $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} V_C \\ i_L \end{bmatrix}$ and $u = V_{in}$, so we get a model of the form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = \vec{f}(\vec{x}(t), u(t)).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t) &= \frac{1}{C} i_L(t) - \frac{1}{C} g(V_C(t)) \\ \frac{d}{dt} i_L(t) &= \frac{1}{L} V_{in}(t) - \frac{R}{L} i_L(t) - \frac{1}{L} V_C(t) \end{aligned}$$

Can't write in matrix/vector form because of nonlinearity $g(\cdot)$.