

Math 677.  
Lecture 10.

Def.  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  - open  $f \in C^1(E)$   
 $\varphi_t: E \rightarrow E$  flow of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$   
 $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$

Then  $S \subset E$  is called invariant under flow  $\varphi_t$  if  $\varphi_t(S) \subset S$  for all  $t$ .

If  $\varphi_t(S) \subset S$  for all  $t \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  positively invariant.  
 $\varphi_t(S) \subset S$  for  $\forall t \leq 0 \Rightarrow$  negatively invariant.

In linear case, we had  $E^s, E^u, E^c$  - stable, unstable, center manifolds - all invariant under the flow  $\varphi_t$ .

True in general.

Ex.  $f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_2 + x_1^2 \end{pmatrix}$   $x(0) = c$   $\dot{x} = f(x)$

$$\varphi_t(c) = \varphi(t, c) = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 e^{-t} \\ C_2 e^t + \frac{C_1^2}{3} (e^t - e^{-2t}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E^s = \{c \in \mathbb{R}^2 / C_2 + \frac{C_1^2}{3} = 0\} \quad \parallel \quad (C_2 + \frac{C_1^2}{3}) e^t - \frac{C_1^2}{3} e^{-2t}$$

$$E^u = \{c \in \mathbb{R}^2 / C_1 = 0\} \\ = \{x_2\text{-axis}\}$$

Suppose  $c \in E^s = \{C_2 = -\frac{C_1^2}{3}\}$

$$\varphi_t(c) = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 e^{-t} \\ -\frac{C_1^2}{3} e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \in E^s \text{ since } \left( \frac{C_1 e^{-t}}{3} \right)^2 = -C_2$$

We want to be able to classify equilibria of any nonlinear system, i.e. analyze its stability.

2 methods: 1) linearization  
2) Lyapunov stability theory

### Linearization.

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

autonomous system

$x_0$  - equilibrium if  $f(x_0) = 0$ .  
Critical point

$$\dot{x} = D_f(x_0)x$$

Jacobian at  $x_0$ .

Def.  $x_0$  - hyperbolic equilibrium, if  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i(D_f(x_0)) \neq 0$  for all  $i$  (all eigenvalues have nonzero real part).

$x_0$  - sink if  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i(D_f(x_0)) < 0$

source if  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i(D_f(x_0)) > 0$

Saddle if  $\lambda_i(D_f(x_0))$  have both positive & negative Re parts

Let  $y = x - x_0 \Rightarrow \dot{y} = D_f(x_0)y$  is the linearization of (1) at  $x_0$ , has  $y_0 = 0$  as its equilibrium.

If  $x_0$  - equilibrium of (1),  $\varphi_t$  - flow of (1)  
then  $\varphi_t(x_0) = x_0$  so  $x_0$  - fixed point of  $\varphi_t$ .

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

$$(2) \quad \dot{x} = D_f(x_0)x$$

$$f(x) = D_f(x_0)x + \frac{1}{2} D^2 f(x_0)x^2 + \dots$$

for  $x$  - close to  $x_0$  by Taylor.

Are the solutions close? in terms of stability, the answer is yes, but not always.

Stability of (1) is nonlinear stability  
of (2) is linearized stability.

Claim: Linearized stability implies nonlinear stability at  $x_0$  for any hyperbolic equilibrium  $x_0$ .

Ex. 1 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 - x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{cases} \quad (0,0)\text{-equilibrium}$$

$$A = D_f(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} -(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - 2x_1^2 & 1 - 2x_1x_2 \\ -1 - 2x_1x_2 & -(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - 2x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\dot{y} = Ay \quad \lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\omega$   
(0,0) - center (stable)

$$\dot{x}_1 \cdot x_1 + \dot{x}_2 \cdot x_2 = -(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2$$

$$r^2(t) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \text{ (radius)} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} r^2(t) = -r^4(t)$$

vector

$$\Rightarrow r^2(t) = \frac{c}{1+2ct}, \quad c = x_1^2(0) + x_2^2(0) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \text{asymptotic stability}$$

Ex. 2  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 + x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{cases}$   $\swarrow$  system (1)  $(0,0)$

$A_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times (0,0)$  - center for linearized system  
(stable in first approximation)

$$\frac{d}{dt} r^2(t) = 2(r^2(t))^2$$

$$r^2(t) = \frac{r^2(0)}{1 - 2r^2(0) \cdot t}$$

$r(t) \rightarrow \infty$  in finite time (solution blows up in finite time).  
as  $t \rightarrow t^* > 0$

Want to show: this does not happen for hyperbolic critical pts.

Ex. 3  $\dot{x} = f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_2 + x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$  (1)  $\dot{x} = Ax$  (2)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Consider  $H(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 + \frac{x_1^2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$  - cts map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$H^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 - \frac{y_1^2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H^{-1}(H(x)) = H^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 + \frac{x_1^2}{3} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 + \frac{x_1^2}{3} - \frac{x_1^2}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$H$  transforms (1) into (2).

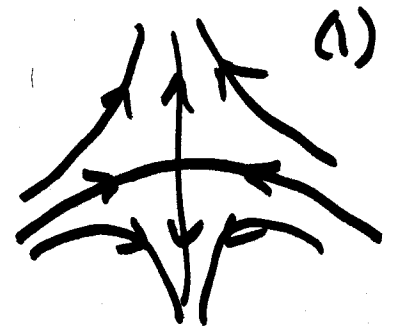
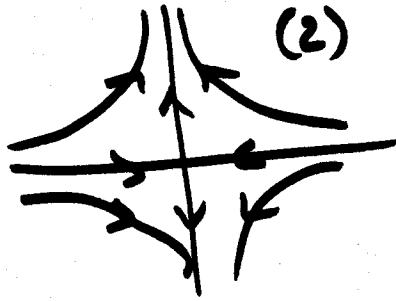
$$y = Hx \Rightarrow \dot{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 + \frac{2x_1}{3} \dot{x}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_2 + \frac{2}{3}x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\parallel$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 + \frac{x_1^2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 + \frac{2}{3}x_1 \cdot \dot{x}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_2 + x_1^2 + \frac{2}{3}x_1(-x_1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{y} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} y \leftarrow$$



Recall:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A(t)x + g(t) \\ x(\tau) = \xi \end{cases} \leftarrow \varphi(t, \tau, \xi) - \text{solution}$$

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x \leftarrow \Phi(t) - \text{fundam. matrix of solutions}$$

$$= [\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n]$$

$\varphi_i$  - solution of  $\dot{x} = Ax$   
 $\{\varphi_i\}$  - lin. indep.

Variation of constants formula:

$$\varphi(t, \tau, \xi) = \Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(\tau)\xi + \int_{\tau}^t \Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(\eta)g(\eta)d\eta$$

Thm. (Linearized Stability Principle)

$x^0$  - equilibrium of autonomous system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i(D_f(x^0)) < 0$  for all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i \Rightarrow x^0$  - asymp. stable equilibrium for  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ .

Proof.  $A = D_f(x)$   $y = x - x^0$

$$y' = f(x) = f(y + x^0) = Ay + g(y)$$

$$g(y) = o(|y|) \text{ as } y \rightarrow 0 \quad g(0) = 0.$$

involves  
higher  
powers  
of  
starting  
with  $y^0$

Since  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda(A) < 0 \Rightarrow$

from linear stability we know

that  $\exists M, \delta > 0$  s.t.  $|e^{At}| \leq M e^{-\delta t}, t \geq 0$

Variation of constants formula:

$$y(t) = e^{A(t-t_0)} y(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-s)} g(y(s)) ds$$

$$|y(t)| \leq M |y(t_0)| \cdot e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} + M \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} |g(y(s))| ds$$

Since  $g(y) = o(|y|) \forall 0 < \varepsilon < \delta \rightarrow \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|g(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M} |y| \text{ for all } |y| < \delta \quad (*)$$

Take  $0 < d < \min(\frac{\delta}{2M}, \frac{\delta}{2})$

Claim: if  $|y(t_0)| < d \Rightarrow |y(t)| < \frac{\delta}{2} - (\delta - \varepsilon)(t - t_0)$   
 $|y(t)| \leq \frac{\delta}{2} e^{-\delta(t-t_0)}$   $\forall t \geq t_0$

Suppose  $|y(t)| < \frac{\delta}{2}$  for  $t_0 \leq t < t^*$ ,  $y(t^*) = \frac{\delta}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$  from  $(*)$   $|y(t)| \leq M |y(t_0)| \cdot e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} + \varepsilon \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\delta(t-s)} |y(s)| ds$

Apply Gronwall lemma to  $e^{\delta t} y(t)$ :

$$\Rightarrow |y(t)| \leq M |y(t_0)| e^{-(\delta - \varepsilon)(t-t_0)} < \frac{\delta}{2} e^{-(\delta - \varepsilon)(t-t_0)}$$

$\Rightarrow y(t)$  - asymp. stable at  $(0, 0)$ .  
(exponentially stable)

