

Lecture 15: Modeling Physics (Part II: Linear systems)

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Deadlines

Homework 2 due 3/17, 11:59 pm CT

Two writing problems + two programming problems

Mid-term Project Presentation (3/25 and 3/27)

Schedule will be announced on Canvas (5min per team tentative)

All slides need to be uploaded on Canvas by 3/25 11:00 am

(before Tuesday's class)

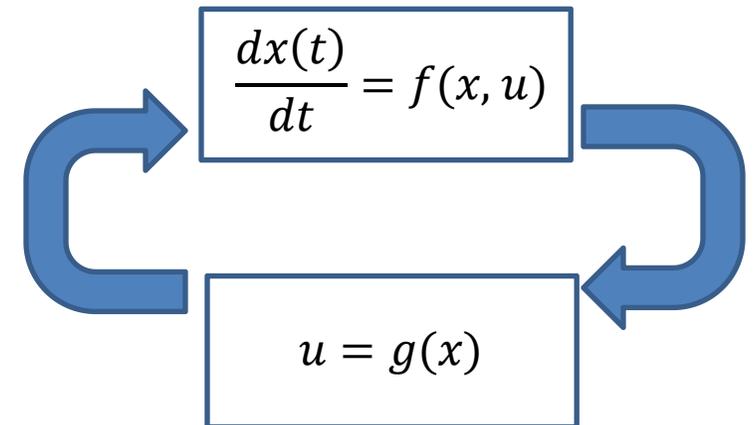
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where time $t \in \mathbb{R}$; **state** $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$; **input** $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$; $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

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Example. $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = v(t)$; $\frac{dv(t)}{dt} = -g$

Initial value problem: Given system (1) and initial state $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, and input $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, find a state trajectory or *solution* of (1).

Review: Existence and uniqueness of solutions

Theorem. If $f(x(t), u(t), t)$ is Lipschitz continuous in the first argument, and $u(t)$ is piece-wise continuous then (1) has unique solutions.

In general, for nonlinear dynamical systems we do not have closed form solutions, but there are numerical solvers

Linear system and solutions

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t) \quad (\text{Linear time varying})$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) \quad (\text{Linear time invariant})$$

For a given initial state $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u(t) \in PC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n)$ the *solution* is a function

$$\xi(t, x_0, u): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Note that **t is the variable.**

We studied several properties of ξ : continuity with respect to first and third argument, linearity, decomposition

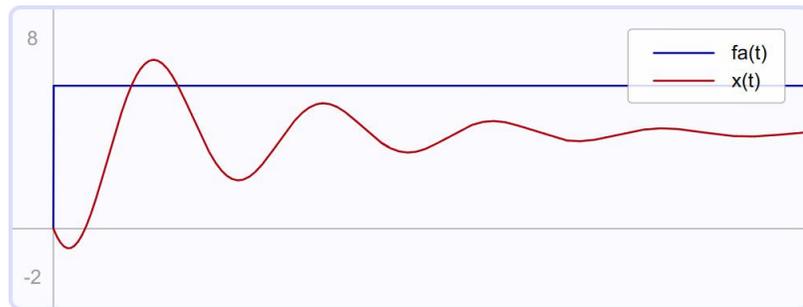
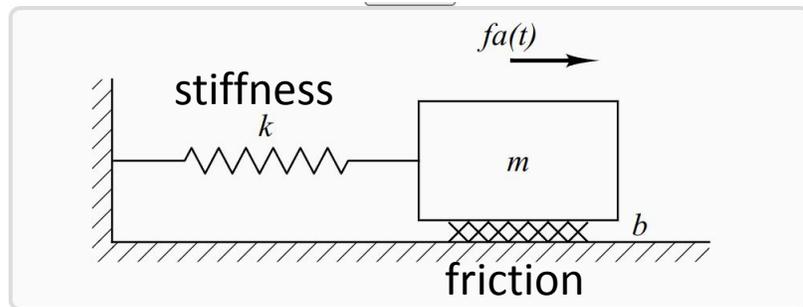
Example

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Input $u(t)$: Force $f_a(t) = 6$ Newtons

$$m \frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = u(t) - b \frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} - kx_1(t)$$

$$x_2(t) = \frac{dx_1(t)}{dt}$$



Write it in the standard form (homework):

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

Linear system and solutions

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$u(t)$ continuous everywhere except D_x

Theorem. Let $\xi(t, x_0, u)$ be the solution for (2) with points of discontinuity, D_x

1. $\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in PC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m), \xi(\cdot, x_0, u): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous and differentiable $\forall t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus D_x$
2. $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, u \in PC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m), \xi(t, \cdot, u): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous
3. **linearity/superposition:** $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, x_{01}, x_{02} \in \mathbb{R}^n, u_1, u_2 \in PC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m), a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \xi(t, a_1x_{01} + a_2x_{02}, a_1u_1 + a_2u_2) = a_1\xi(t, x_{01}, u_1) + a_2\xi(t, x_{02}, u_2)$
4. **decomposition:** $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in PC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m), \xi(t, x_0, u) = \xi(t, x_0, \mathbf{0}) + \xi(t, \mathbf{0}, u)$
Zero inputZero state

Linear system and solutions

- $\xi(\cdot, x_0, u): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a **linear function** of the initial state x_0
- Proof: given initial state x_{01} and x_{02} and solution at time t : $\xi(t, x_{01}, 0), \xi(t, x_{02}, 0)$. Due to the linearity:
$$\xi(t, \alpha x_{01} + \beta x_{02}, 0) = \alpha \xi(t, x_{01}, 0) + \beta \xi(t, x_{02}, 0)$$
- Thus ξ must be a linear function w.r.t its second parameter.

Linear system and solutions

- **Define** $\Phi(\cdot)x_0 = \xi(\cdot, x_0, 0)$ (this is a matrix-vector product, and the matrix is a function of time)
- This $\Phi(\cdot): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is called the state transition matrix

Linear time invariant system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

A and B are not function of t.

Solution of the system ξ can be explicitly derived. How to do that?

Consider the decomposition property, we solve two problems:

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in PC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m), \xi(t, x_0, u) = \xi(t, x_0, \mathbf{0}) + \xi(t, 0, u)$$

Linear time invariant system

First set input $u(t)$ to 0 (we do this due to the decomposition)

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = Ax(t), x(t=0) = x_0$$

Due to linearity, the solution is in this form:

$$x(t) = \phi(t)x_0 = (E + \phi_1 t + \phi_2 t^2 + \dots + \phi_n t^n + \dots)x_0$$

Taylor expansion of $\Phi(t)$

Substitute into the differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\phi(t)x_0) &= A\phi(t)x_0 \\ (\phi_1 + 2\phi_2 t + \dots + n\phi_n t^{n-1} + \dots)x_0 &= (A + A\phi_1 t + A\phi_2 t^2 + \dots + A\phi_n t^n + \dots)x_0 \end{aligned}$$

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Now we want to solve $\Phi(t)$, by comparing the terms:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1 &= A \\ \phi_2 &= \frac{1}{2}A\phi_1 = \frac{1}{2!}A^2 \\ \phi_3 &= \frac{1}{3}A\phi_2 = \frac{1}{3!}A^3 \\ &\dots \\ \phi_n &= \frac{1}{n!}A^n.\end{aligned}$$

Linear time invariant system

$$\phi_1 = A$$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{2} A \phi_1 = \frac{1}{2!} A^2$$

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...

$$\phi_n = \frac{1}{n!} A^n.$$

$$\phi(t) = e^{At} = E + At + \frac{1}{2!} A^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} A^3 t^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} A^n t^n + \dots$$

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in PC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m), \xi(t, x_0, u) = \boxed{\xi(t, x_0, \mathbf{0})} + \xi(t, 0, u)$$

This part done

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Now the second part

Now for $\xi(t, \mathbf{0}, u)$, assume $x_0 = \mathbf{0}$, solve $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$

Rearrange: $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} - Ax(t) = Bu(t)$

Multiply a common factory: $e^{-At} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} - e^{-At} Ax(t) = e^{-At} Bu(t)$

Note the perfect differential: $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{-At}x(t)) = e^{-At} Bu(t)$

Linear time invariant system

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{-At}x(t)) = e^{-At}Bu(t)$$

Integration on both sides:

$$\int_0^t \frac{d}{d\tau}(e^{-A\tau}x(\tau)) = \int_0^t e^{-A\tau}Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

$$e^{-At}x(t) - e^{A0}x(0) = \int_0^t e^{-A\tau}Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

Since $x(0) = 0$:

$$x(t) = e^{At} \int_0^t e^{-A\tau}Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

$$x(t) = \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

Linear time invariant system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

Define Matrix exponential:

$$e^{At} = 1 + At + \frac{1}{2!}(At)^2 + \dots = \sum_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}(At)^k$$

Theorem. $\xi(t, x_0, u) = \underbrace{\Phi(t)x_0}_{\text{Zero input}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau}_{\text{Zero state}}$

Here $\Phi(t) := e^{At}$ is the **state-transition** matrix

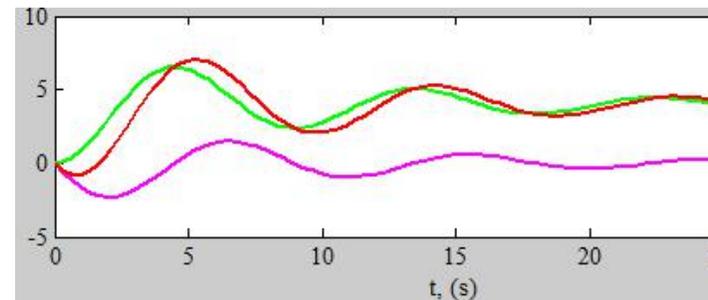
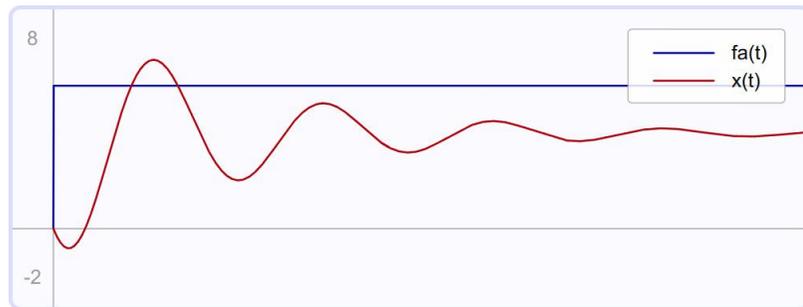
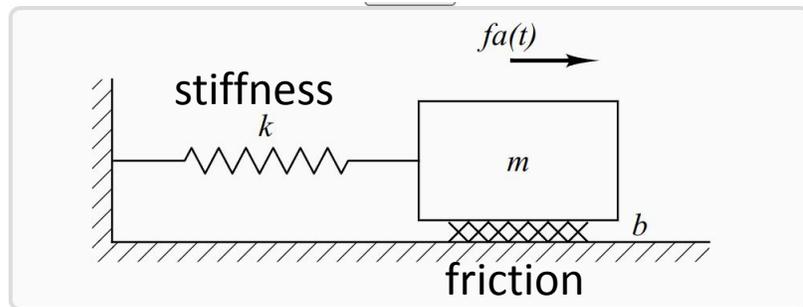
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Zero state
Complete
Zero input

Solution of linear time-varying systems in Φ

More generally, for time varying systems we have

Theorem.

$$\xi(t, t_0, x_0, u) = \Phi(t, t_0)x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \Phi(t, \tau)B(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau$$

Note that $\Phi(t, t_0)$ here also includes t_0 as an parameter

Discrete time models / discrete transition systems

- $x(t + 1) = f(x(t), u(t))$
- $x(t + 1) = f(x(t))$ No input (autonomous)
- Execution defined as: $x_0, f(x_0), f^2(x_0), \dots$
- Can be define as an automaton $A = \langle Q, Q_0, T \rangle$
 - $Q = \mathbb{R}^n, Q_0 = \{x_0\}$
 - $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n; T(x) = f(x)$
- Deterministic

Discretized or sampled-time model

- Given a continuous time system $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$
- Assume: $u \in PC(\mathbb{R}, U)$ where $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is a finite set
- Given the solution $\xi(t, x_0, u)$
- Fix a sampling period $\delta > 0$, we get a sampled-time model:
- $A_\delta = \langle Q, Q_0, U, T \rangle$
 - $Q = \mathbb{R}^n$, $Q_0 = \{x_0\}$, $Act = U$,
 - $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times U \times \mathbb{R}^n$; $(x, u, x') \in T$ iff $x' = \xi(\delta, x, u)$

Properties for dynamical systems

What type of properties are we interested in?

- Invariance (as in the case of automata)
- State remains bounded
- Converges to target
- Bounded input gives bounded output (BIBO)

Requirements: Stability

- We will focus on time invariant autonomous systems (closed systems, systems without inputs)
- $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t))$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t_0 = 0$
- $\xi(t)$ is the solution

- $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an **equilibrium point** if $f(x^*) = 0$.
- For analysis we will assume **0** to be an equilibrium point without loss of generality

Example: Pendulum

Pendulum equation

$$x_1 = \theta \quad x_2 = \dot{\theta}$$

$$x_2 = \dot{x}_1$$

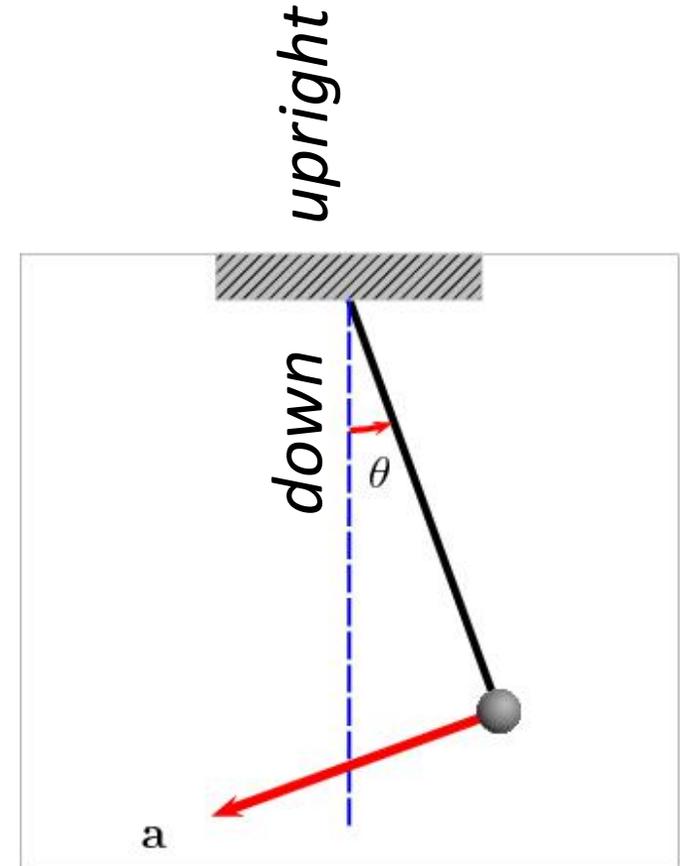
$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{g}{l} \sin(x_1) - \frac{k}{m} x_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{g}{l} \sin(x_1) - \frac{k}{m} x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

k : friction coefficient

Two **equilibrium points**: $(0,0)$, $(\pi, 0)$

Which one is **stable**? (next lecture)



CW

x (m)

speed=0

stable

unstable

down

upright

CCW

