

Ex. 7.17: Suppose  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x, \\x(0) &= x_0.\end{aligned}$$

The solution is given by  $x(t) = x_0 e^t$ .

Want an analog of what we had in the discrete case:  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$  gives a sequence of points from  $x_0$  as " $t \rightarrow \infty$ ".

Define a function  $\Phi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\Phi(t, x_0) := \underline{x_0 e^t},$$

for  $(t, x_0) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . The function  $\Phi$  is cont. and it satisfies:

1.  $\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\underline{\Phi(0, x_0) = x_0} \quad @ t=0, \text{ we are at the init. pt.}$$

2.  $\forall x_0, s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(s+t, x_0) &= x_0 e^{s+t} \\&= \underline{x_0 e^t} e^s \\&= \underline{\Phi(t, x_0)} e^s \\&= \Phi(s, \Phi(t, x_0)). \\&= \Phi(t, \Phi(s, x_0)).\end{aligned}$$

This defines a flow.  $\square$

Def. Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ . A continuous map  $\Phi: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$  is a flow if

1.  $\forall x \in M$ .  $\Phi(0, x) = x$ . time init.pt.

DEFINITION

1.  $\forall x \in M, \Phi(0, x) = x$ . time init.pt.
2.  $\forall s, t \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x \in M, \Phi(s+t, x) = \Phi(s, \Phi(t, x))$ .

May see notation  $\Phi^t(x)$ . (exponential notation)

If we have an autonomous system

$$x' = f(x),$$

$$x(0) = x_0,$$

where  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous, then we can define a flow from the solution.

Def. Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\Phi: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$  a flow. For  $x_0 \in M$ ,

func.  $\rightarrow$  1.  $x(t) = \Phi(t, x_0)$  is the orbit through  $x_0$ ,

set  $\rightarrow$  2. The set  $T(x_0) = T_{\Phi}(x_0) = \{\Phi(t, x_0) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  of outputs is the trajectory through  $x_0$ .

$\Phi(t, x_0)$ . Ex:  $x(t) = 2e^t$  is a solution to above example. This also defined a flow. Therefore, this is the orbit through  $x_0 = 2$ . The trajectory is

Trajectory of the orbit through  $x_0 = 2 \rightarrow T(2) \supseteq \{2, 2e, 2e^e, 2e^{\bar{e}}\}, \dots$

through  $x_0 = 2$  
$$T(2) = (0, \infty)$$

Def. Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\Phi: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$  a flow.

1. A point  $\bar{x} \in M$  is a fixed point if

$$\Phi(t, \bar{x}) = \bar{x}$$

$$\underline{\Phi}(t, \bar{x}) = \bar{x}$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2. A point  $\bar{x} \in M$  is a periodic pt if  $\exists \bar{t} > 0$  such that

$$\underline{\Phi}(\bar{t}, \bar{x}) = \bar{x}.$$

The period of  $\bar{x}$  is the smallest positive  $\bar{t}$ .

Recall, if  $x' = f(x)$  and  $\bar{x}$  is a fixed pt of this system, then  $f(\bar{x}) = 0$ . A flow is a solution: thus,

$$\frac{d\underline{\Phi}}{dt}(t, \bar{x}) = \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = 0.$$

Because  $\underline{\Phi}$  is a solution to system

Thus,  $\underline{\Phi}(t, \bar{x}) = \bar{x}$  ( $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ ) and  $f(\bar{x}) = 0$  really are equivalent.

Def. Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\underline{\Phi}: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$  is a flow.  
Assume  $\bar{x} \in M$  is a fixed pt.

1. The pt  $\bar{x}$  is **Lyapunov stable** if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$   $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\|\bar{x} - y\| < \delta$  implies that  $\forall t > 0$   $\|\underline{\Phi}(t, \bar{x}) - \underline{\Phi}(t, y)\| < \varepsilon$ .

Compare with discrete case: almost identical

2. The point  $\bar{x}$  is **asymptotically stable**

2. The point  $\bar{x}$  is asymptotically stable if  $\bar{x}$  is stable and  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\|\bar{x} - y\| < \delta$  implies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t, y) = \bar{x}.$$

Compare with attracting fixed pt.

Ex: Fix  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and consider

$$x' = -x, \quad \rightarrow f(x) = -x$$

$$x(0) = x_0.$$

The solution is

$$x(t) = x_0 e^{-t} = \Phi(t, x_0).$$

Notice the point  $x=0$  is a fixed point:

$$\Phi(t, 0) = 0, \quad f(0) = 0.$$

Thus, for  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \geq 0$ :

$$|0 - y| (= |y|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi(t, 0) - \Phi(t, y)| &= |ye^{-t}| \\ &= |e^{-t}| \cdot |y| \\ &= \underline{e^{-t}} \cdot \boxed{|y|} \\ &\leq \underline{1} \cdot |y| \\ &= |y|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $|\Phi(t, 0) - \Phi(t, y)| \leq |y|$ .

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $\delta = \varepsilon$  so that

$$|y| < \delta$$

implies that

$$|\Phi(t, 0) - \Phi(t, y)| \leq |y| < \delta = \varepsilon.$$

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Thus,  $x=0$  is a stable fixed point. For asymptotically stable, note that

$$\Phi(t, y) = y \cdot e^{-t}.$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\Phi(t, y) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus,  $x=0$  is asymptotically stable.

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## Ch 8: Linear ODEs of higher order.

This is essentially linear algebra. We look at systems of the form:

$$x'_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n$$

$$x'_2 = a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$x'_n = a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n$$

Now we write

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, our ODE system is  $x' = Ax$ .

Remember, when  $A = (a)$  (so 1-dimensional)

$$x' = ax.$$

$$x(t) = C e^{at} = C e^{At}$$

Actually, this always works for higher dimensions!

We will show that  $x(t) = C e^{At}$  is the solution for arbitrary  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$ , but first, we define  $e^A$ .