

# PERIODIC ORBITS

Non-autonomous ODE's  $\dot{x} = f_0(t, x) + \varepsilon f_1(t, x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

with  $f_0(t, x), f_1(t, x) \in C^1(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$

$T$  periodic in time:  $f_i(t, x) = f_i(t+T, x) \quad \forall t, x$

Assume the unperturbed equation

$$\dot{x} = f_0(t, x)$$

has  $T$ -periodic solution  $x_0(t)$

Q: Does the periodic solution persists, slightly deformed,  $\forall \varepsilon \neq 0$ , as a  $T$ -periodic solution of the complete system?

i.e. is there a periodic orbit of  
 $\dot{x} = f_0(t, x) + \varepsilon f_1(t, x)$   
 $\forall \varepsilon \neq 0$  small, close to  $x_0(t)$ ?

Put the problem in functional setting and apply IFT  
 look for a zero of

$$F: C_T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow C_T^\infty$$

$$(x(t), \varepsilon) \longrightarrow F(x(t), \varepsilon) = \dot{x}(t) - f_0(t, x(t)) - \varepsilon f_1(t, x(t))$$

here  $C_T^k = \{ x(t) \in C^k(\mathbb{R}): x(t+T) = x(t) \forall t \}$

↑ incorporates properties of sol (periodicity)  
 in functional space

$$\rightarrow F(x_0(t), 0) = \dot{x}_0(t) - f_0(t, x_0(t)) = 0$$

as  $x_0(t)$  sol

$$\rightarrow F \in C^1(C_+^1 \times \mathbb{R}, C_T^\circ) : F = F_1 + F_2 + F_3$$

$$\rightarrow F_1(x(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t) = A x(t) \quad \text{linear op}$$

If  $F_1$  is b.f., it is diff and  $\int F_1(x(t)) [h(t)] = A h(t)$

$$\|A h(t)\|_{C^\circ} = \left\| \frac{d}{dt} h(t) \right\|_{C^1} \leq \|h(t)\|_{C^1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\rightarrow F_2(x(t)) = f_0(t, x(t)) \quad \text{Nemitski operator!}$$

We know that since  $f_0 \in C^1$  and  $x(t) \in C_T^1$ , then

$$f_0(t, x(t)) \in C_T^1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_x F_2(x(t)) [h(t)] = \underbrace{D_x f_0(t, x(t))}_{\text{Jacobian}} [h(t)]$$

$\rightarrow F_3$  similar

$$\rightarrow \text{Invertibility of } \int_x F(x_0(t), 0) \in L(C_T^1, C_T^\circ)$$

$$\int_x F(x_0(t), \varepsilon) [h(t)] = \frac{d}{dt} h(t) - D_x f_0(t, x_0(t)) [h(t)] - \varepsilon D_x f_2(t, x_0(t)) [h(t)]$$

$$\rightarrow \int_x F(x_0(t), 0) [h(t)] = \frac{d}{dt} h(t) - D_x f_0(t, x_0(t)) [h(t)]$$

Invertibility:  $\forall g \in C_T^\circ$ , find  $\exists! h \in C_T^1$  sol of

$$\int_x F(x_0(t), 0) [h(t)] = g(t) \iff \frac{d}{dt} h(t) = D_x f_0(t, x_0(t)) \cdot h(t) + g(t)$$

$$P_0 + B(t) := D_x f_0(t, x_0(t)) \quad \text{linear op}$$

$T$ - periodic

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} h(t) = B(t) h(t) + g(t)$$

Denote by  $M(t) \in \text{Mat}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  the resolvent matrix of  
 $\frac{d}{dt} h(t) = B(t) h(t)$ , i.e., (homogeneous problem)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} M(t) = B(t) M(t) \\ M(0) = I \end{cases}$$

Then  $h(t) = M(t) z$  solves  $\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} h(t) = B(t) h(t) \\ h(0) = z \end{cases}$

Now consider inhomogeneous problem:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} h(t) = B(t) h(t) + g(t) \\ h(0) = z \end{cases}$$

By variations of constants the solution is

$$h(t) = M(t) z + M(t) \int_0^t M^{-1}(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

Need  $h(t)$  to be  $T$ -periodic

$$h(T) = M(T) z + M(T) \int_0^T M^{-1}(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau = h(0) = z$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(I - M(T))}_{} z = M(T) \int_0^T M^{-1}(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

need to invert this operator

$$1 - M(T) \text{ invertible} \Leftrightarrow 1 \notin \sigma(M(T))$$

Then  $\exists ! \ z$  s.t.  $\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} h = B(t) h + g \\ h(0) = h_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow h \in C^1_T$

Thm if  $1 \notin \sigma(M(T))$ , then  $\forall \varepsilon \text{ small enough}, \exists!$   
 $T$ -periodic sol  $x_\varepsilon(t)$  of perturbed eq close to  $x_0(t)$

Autonomous ODEs  $\dot{x} = f_0(x) + \varepsilon f_1(x), \quad f_0, f_1 \in C^1(R^n, R^n)$

again assume  $\dot{x} = f_0(x)$  has  $T$ -periodic sol  $x_0(t)$

First attempt: apply previous result: check if  $1 \notin \sigma(M(T))$

where  $M(T)$  is the fundamental matrix  $\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} M(t) = B(t) M(t) \\ M(0) = I \end{cases}$

and  $B(t) = D_x f(x_0(t))$

Now system is time invariant:  $x_\theta(t) := x_0(t+\theta)$  is again a solution  $\forall \theta$  (before this was false since system not autonomous)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} x_\theta(t) = f_0(x_\theta(t)) \quad \forall t$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{take } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \Big|_{\theta=0}: \quad \frac{d}{dt} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} x_\theta(t)}_{x_0(t)} \Big|_{\theta=0} = \underbrace{D_x f_0(x_0(t))}_{B(t)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} x_0(t)}_{x_0'(t)}$$

So  $x_0(t)$  solves  $\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} h = B(t) h \\ h(0) = x_0(0) \end{cases}$

$$\rightarrow \dot{x}_0(t) = M(t) \dot{x}_0(0) \quad \text{if}$$

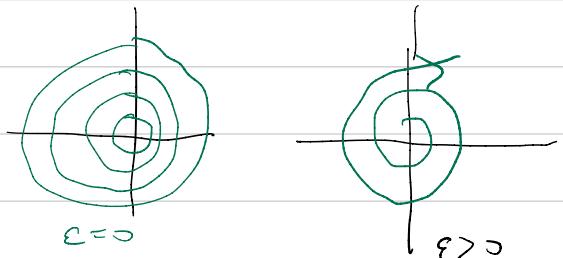
$$\rightarrow \underbrace{\dot{x}_0(T)}_{\parallel T-\text{periodic}} = M(T) \dot{x}_0(0) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \dot{x}_0(0) \text{ is eigen of } M(T)$$

$\dot{x}_0(0)$

with eigenvalue 1  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda \in \sigma(M(T))$ !

lem persistence of periodic orbits in autonomous system  
 might fail! there are systems where all periodic orbits  
 disappear

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = -y + \varepsilon x(x^2+y^2) \\ \dot{y} = x + \varepsilon y(x^2+y^2) \end{array} \right.$$



Need more freedom: allow periodic orbits to have an  
 different period  $T_\varepsilon$ , changing with  $\varepsilon$

So we look for solutions which are  $T_\varepsilon = \frac{T}{\omega_\varepsilon}$  periodic  
 with  $\omega_\varepsilon \rightarrow 1$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ :

Problem 1 the space  $C_T^\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  change with  $\varepsilon$ ! No good for FT

Time rescaling: look for

$$x_\varepsilon(t) = \tilde{x}_\varepsilon(\omega_\varepsilon t) \quad \text{with } \tilde{x}_\varepsilon \in C_T^\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$

then  $x_\varepsilon$  is  $T_\varepsilon$ -periodic sol

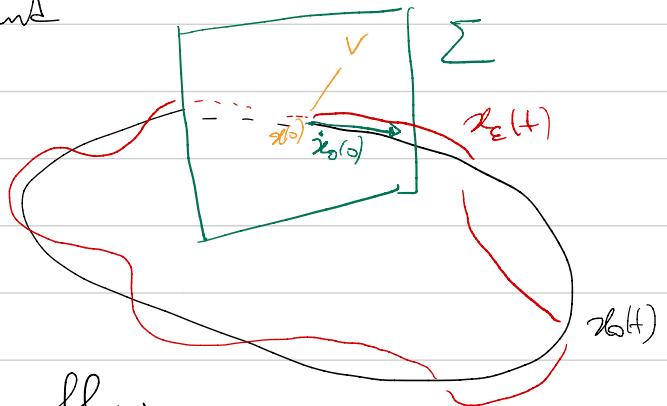
$\tilde{x}_\varepsilon$  is  $T$ -periodic sol of

$$\omega_\varepsilon \dot{\tilde{x}}_\varepsilon = f_0(\tilde{x}_\varepsilon(t)) + \varepsilon f_1(\tilde{x}_\varepsilon(t))$$

Going to look for zeroes of

$$\omega \dot{x} - f_0(x) - \varepsilon f_1(x) = 0$$

Problem 2 Still too much freedom! as in the previous case, we will want to select an initial state of periodic orbit close to  $x_0(t)$ . But  $x_{\varepsilon}(0)$  and  $x_{\varepsilon}(t)$  give rise to same orbit because of translation invariance.



Poincaré section: let

$\Sigma$  transversal section to the flow

$$\Sigma = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle v - x_0(0), \dot{x}_0(0) \rangle = 0 \}$$

We look for initial datum in  $\Sigma$ : the flow will be transverse to  $\Sigma$  in a small neighbourhood of  $x_0(0)$ , so in such neighbour any flow line cuts  $\Sigma$  in just 1-point.

Conclusion: look for zeroes of

$$F: C^1_+ \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow C^0_+ \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x(t), \omega, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} \omega \dot{x} - f_0(x(t)) - \varepsilon f_1(x(t)) \\ \langle x(t) - x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t) \rangle \end{array} \right)$$

$$\therefore F(\underline{1}, x_0(t), 0) = \left( \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_0 - f_0(x_0(t)) \\ \langle x_0(t) - x_0(0), \dot{x}_0(t) \rangle \end{array} \right) = 0$$

$$\cdot) F \in C^1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\circ) \text{ invertibility of } \partial_{x_0(0)} F(s, x_0(t), 0)$$

$$(\partial_{x_0(0)} F)(s, x_0(t), 0)[h, \varphi] = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda x_0(t) + h - D_x f_0(x_0(t)) \cdot h(t) \\ \langle h(0), \dot{x}_0(0) \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

given  $\begin{pmatrix} g \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} \in C_T^\alpha \times \mathbb{R}$ , find  $(h, \varphi) \in C_T^1 \times \mathbb{R}$

Solving  $\begin{cases} \dot{h} = B(t)h - \lambda x_0(t) + g(t) \\ \langle h(0), \dot{x}_0(0) \rangle = \alpha \end{cases}$

1st eq by variation of constants: the sol with initial

item  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is

$$h(t) = M(t)z + M(t) \int_0^t M^{-1}(\tau)g(\tau)d\tau - \lambda \underbrace{\int_0^t M(\tau) \dot{x}_0(\tau)d\tau}_{\dot{x}_0(0) + \tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(t) = M(t)z + M(t) \int_0^t M^{-1}(\tau)g(\tau)d\tau - \lambda t M(t) \dot{x}_0(0)$$

we want  $h(T) = h_0$

$$\rightarrow z = M(T)z + M(T) \underbrace{\int_0^T M^{-1}(\tau)g(\tau)d\tau}_{b \in \mathbb{R}^n} - \lambda T M(T) \underbrace{\dot{x}_0(0)}_{\dot{x}_0(0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - M(T))z = b - \lambda T \dot{x}_0(0) \quad (\#)$$

We know that  $s \in \sigma(M(T))$

Assume that  $\lambda$  is simple eigenvalue,

then  $\mathbb{R}^n = \underbrace{\ker(\mathbb{I} - M(T))}_{\text{span}\{\dot{x}_0(0)\}} \oplus \text{Im}(\mathbb{I} - M(T))$  (exercise!)  $\hookrightarrow \ker(\mathbb{I} - M(T)) \cap \text{Im}(\mathbb{I} - M(T)) = \{0\}$

write  $\vec{z} = a_0 \dot{x}_0(0) + \hat{\vec{z}}$ ,  $\hat{\vec{z}} \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{I} - M(T))$

$$b = b_0 \dot{x}_0(0) + \hat{b} \quad \hat{b} \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{I} - M(T))$$

then  $(*)$  and  $\langle h(0), \dot{x}_0(0) \rangle = \alpha$  become

$$\begin{cases} (\mathbb{I} - M(T)) \hat{\vec{z}} = (b_0 - \alpha T) \dot{x}_0(0) + \hat{b} \\ a_0 \|\dot{x}_0(0)\|^2 + \langle \hat{\vec{z}}, \dot{x}_0(0) \rangle = \alpha \end{cases}$$

unknown:  $\hat{\vec{z}}$ ,  $a_0$ ,  $\alpha$ . To solve 1<sup>st</sup> eq need r.h.s in  $\text{Im}(\mathbb{I} - M(T))$

$$\leadsto \begin{cases} b_0 = \alpha T & \leftarrow \text{select } \alpha \\ (\mathbb{I} - M(T)) \hat{\vec{z}} = \hat{b} & \leftarrow \text{1! sol } \hat{\vec{z}} \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{I} - M(T)) \\ a_0 = (\alpha - \langle \hat{\vec{z}}, \dot{x}_0(0) \rangle) / \|\dot{x}_0(0)\|^2 & \leftarrow \text{select } a_0 \end{cases}$$

$$(\hat{\vec{z}}_1, \hat{\vec{z}}_2 \text{ solve 2nd eq} \Rightarrow \hat{\vec{z}}_1 - \hat{\vec{z}}_2 \in \ker(\mathbb{I} - M(T)) \cap \text{Im}(\mathbb{I} - M(T)) = \{0\})$$

Thm (Poincaré continuation theorem) Assume that  $\lambda$  is a simple eigenval. of  $M(T)$ , then  $\forall \varepsilon$  small enough,  
 $\exists T_\varepsilon$ -periodic sol  $x_\varepsilon(t)$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x) + \varepsilon f_1(x)$   
with  $x_\varepsilon \rightarrow x_0$  in  $C^1$  and  $T_\varepsilon \rightarrow T \Rightarrow \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$