



# Nonlinear Dynamics of structures and mechanical systems

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# Lesson 2.1

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# Elements of Stability Theory

Lagrangian formulation (recalling)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_r} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_r} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_r} = N_r, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



System of second-order differential equations (holonomic constraints)

$$\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t) \quad \ddot{q}_r = h_r(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2, \dots, \dot{q}_n, t)$$

Example: SDOF linear oscillator

$$\ddot{q} = \gamma(t) - \omega^2 q - 2\xi\omega\dot{q} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma(t) = \frac{R(t)}{m}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \xi = \frac{c}{2m\omega}$$

Example: MDOF linear system

$$\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} [\mathbf{R}(t) - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{q}}]$$

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Hamiltonian formulation (recalling)

Generalized momenta:  $p_r = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_r}$

Hamiltonian:  $H = \sum_{r=1}^n \dot{q}_r p_r - T + V$



System of first-order differential equations (holonomic constraints)

$$\dot{q}_r = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_r}$$

$$\dot{p}_r = N_r - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_r}$$

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Hamiltonian formulation (recalling)

Example: SDOF linear oscillator

$$p = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}} = m\dot{q}$$

$$H = p\dot{q} - T + V = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{kq^2}{2}$$

$$N = R(t) - c\dot{q} = R(t) - c\frac{p}{m}$$



$$\dot{q} = \frac{1}{m} p$$

$$\dot{p} = R(t) - kq - \frac{c}{m} p$$

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Lagrangian formulation:

from second- to first-order system of differential equations through change of variables

$$\ddot{q}_r = h_r(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2, \dots, \dot{q}_n, t)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y_r = q_r \\ y_{r+n} = \dot{q}_r \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{y}_r = y_{r+n} \\ \dot{y}_{r+n} = h_r(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{2n}, t) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}, t)$$

Example: SDOF linear oscillator

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1 = q \\ y_2 = \dot{q} \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{y}_1 = y_2 \\ \dot{y}_2 = \gamma(t) - \omega^2 y_1 - 2\xi\omega y_2 \end{array} \right.$$

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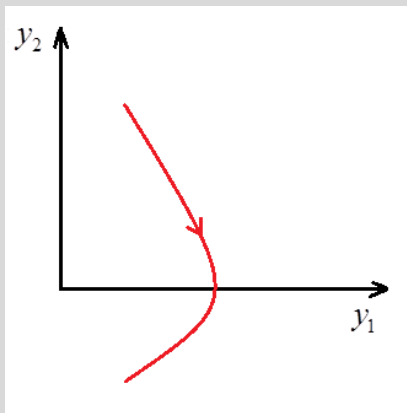
## Phase space

Autonomous systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$$

$n$ -dimensional space

$$y_1 \times y_2 \dots \times y_{2n}$$

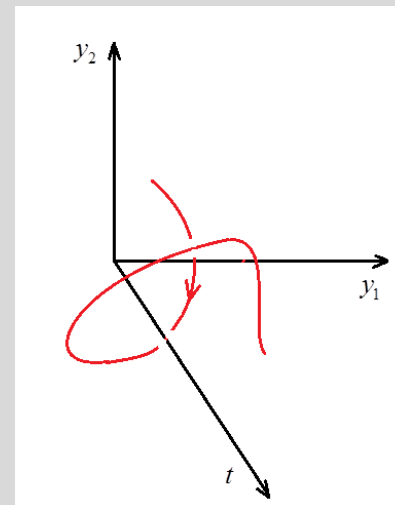


Non-autonomous systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}, t)$$

$(n+1)$ -dimensional space

$$y_1 \times y_2 \dots \times y_{2n} \times t$$



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## Phase space properties for SDOF autonomous systems

Singular phase points (equilibrium points)  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) = 0$

Regular phase points  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) \neq 0$

Phase trajectory tangent  $\frac{dy_2}{dy_1} = \frac{g_2(y_1, y_2)}{g_1(y_1, y_2)} = \frac{g_2(y_1, y_2)}{y_2}$

Tangent at singular phase points is indeterminate  $\frac{dy_2}{dy_1} = \frac{g_2(y_1, y_2)}{g_1(y_1, y_2)} = \frac{0}{0}$

Tangent at regular phase points with  $g_1(y_1, y_2) = y_2 = 0$  and  $g_2(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$  is orthogonal to the  $y_1$  axis

Through a regular phase point passes just one phase trajectory  
(Theorem of Cauchy-Lipschitz)



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Non-perturbed solution:  $y_r = y_r^0(t), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$

Perturbed solution:  $y_r = y_r^0(t) + \delta y_r(t), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$

$$\delta \dot{y}_r = g_r \left( y_1^0 + \delta y_1, y_2^0 + \delta y_2, \dots, y_{2n}^0 + \delta y_{2n}, t \right) - \dot{y}_r^0$$

Perturbation equations:

$$\delta \dot{y}_r = f_{0r}(\delta y_1, \delta y_2, \dots, \delta y_{2n}, t)$$

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}_0(\delta \mathbf{y}, t)$$

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}(t) \delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y}, t) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{A}(t) = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_0}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y}, t) = \mathbf{f}_0(\delta \mathbf{y}, t) - \mathbf{A}(t) \delta \mathbf{y}$$

Note: the non-perturbed solution corresponds to the trivial solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  of the perturbation equations

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Example: SDOF linear oscillator

$$\begin{cases} \delta \dot{y}_1 = \delta y_2 \\ \delta \dot{y}_2 = -\omega^2 \delta y_1 - 2\xi\omega \delta y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\delta \mathbf{y})$$

or

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y}$$

with

$$\mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -2\xi\omega \end{bmatrix}$$

# Elements of Stability Theory

## Stability concept (Leipholz)

A non-perturbed solution  $\mathbf{y}^0(t)$  is stable if the distance  $\delta\mathbf{y}(t)$  to the perturbed solutions remains within prescribed bounds for all times and arbitrarily defined perturbations

Non-perturbed solution

}	<b>Equilibrium</b>	$\mathbf{y}^0 = \text{const.}$
	<b>Motion</b>	$\mathbf{y}^0(t)$

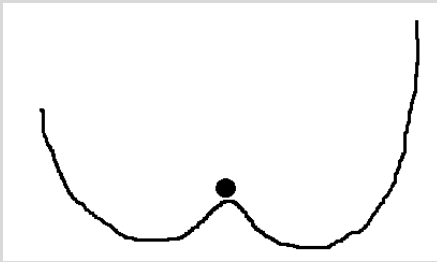
“Type” of perturbation

}	<b>Kinematical</b> (initial conditions): $\delta\mathbf{y}(0) \neq \mathbf{0}$
	<b>Topological</b> (perturbation of parameters or perturbation of mathematical model)

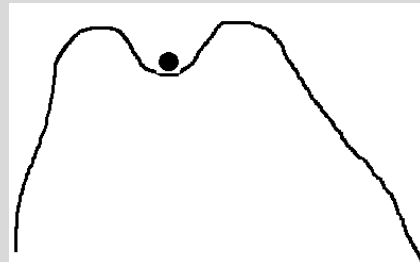
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Stability concept (Leipholz)

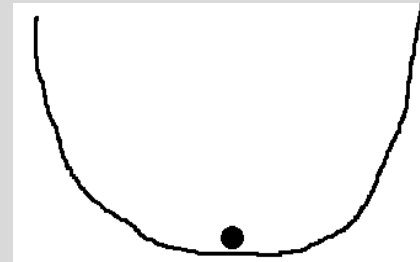
Perturbation “size”  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Local } \|\delta y(0)\| < \delta \\ \text{Global} \end{array} \right.$



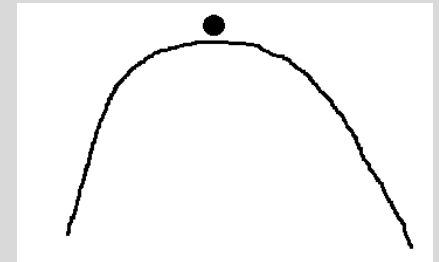
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Stability concept (Leipholz)

“Character” of perturbation

**Deterministic**  
**Stochastic**

Example: definition of stability in the quadratic mean:

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} E_{\tau} \|\delta \mathbf{y}(t)\|^2 < \varepsilon \quad \sigma_{\delta \mathbf{y}}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{\delta \mathbf{y}}(\omega) d\omega < \varepsilon$$

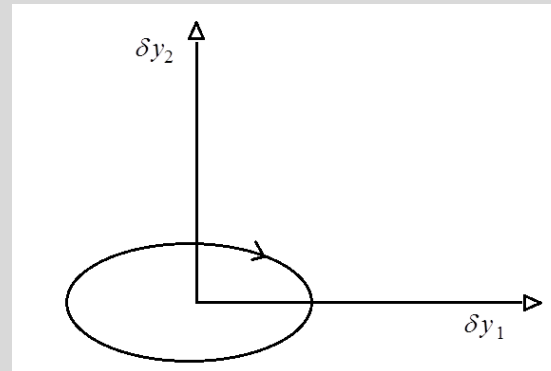
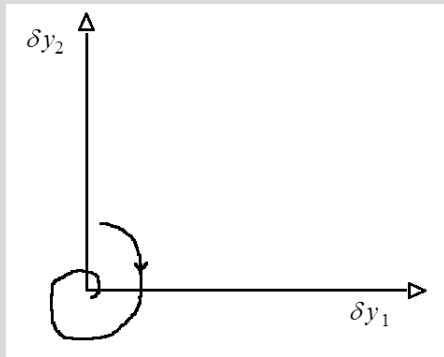
Stability x Reliability x Integrity

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## Stability concept (Leipholz)

Evolution of perturbed solution

Asymptotic  
Non-asymptotic



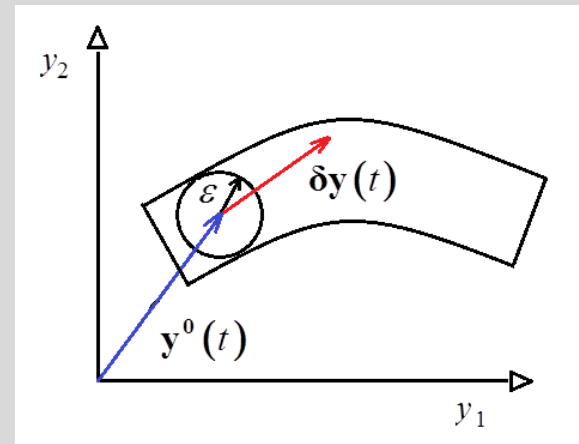
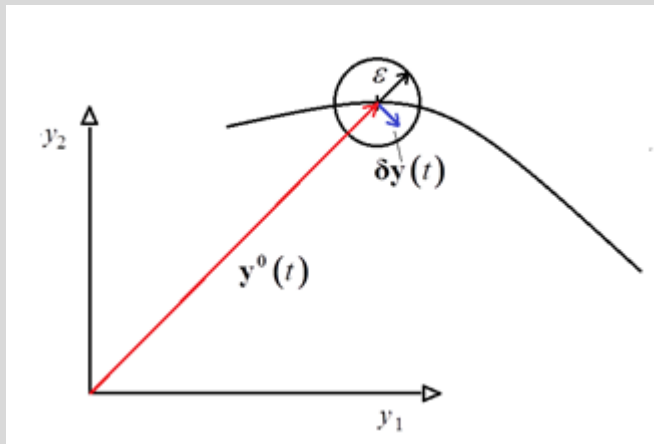
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## Stability concept (Leipholz)

Admissible region for perturbed solution

Kinetic

Geometric



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## Stability definitions

### Liapunov

Stability of equilibrium of autonomous systems in the sense:  
kinematical, local, deterministic, non-asymptotic, kinetic

### Poincaré

Stability of motion of autonomous systems in the sense:  
kinematical, local, deterministic, non-asymptotic, geometric

Particular case: orbital stability of periodic motions

### Structural

Stability of equilibrium or motion in the sense:  
topological, local, deterministic, asymptotic

Particular cases: parametric stability; Mathieu stability

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## Liapunov stability

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ , such that,  
if  $\|\delta\mathbf{y}(0)\| < \delta(\varepsilon)$  then  $\|\delta\mathbf{y}(t)\| < \varepsilon$  for  $t > 0$

Liapunov's methods

First method (indirect)

Second method (direct)

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## Liapunov's first method

Perturbation equation for the analysis of the stability of equilibrium of the trivial solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}_0(\delta \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y})$$

with  $\mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_0}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|_0$  and  $\mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f}_0(\delta \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y}$

Consider the associated linearized problem

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y}$$

Solução geral

$$\delta \mathbf{y} = \delta \mathbf{y}_0 e^{\lambda t}$$

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## Liapunov's first method

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \delta \mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{0}$$

For non-trivial solutions it is required that

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0$$

It is the classic eigenvalue problem for matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

$$b_0 \lambda^{2n} + b_1 \lambda^{2n-1} + \dots + b_{2n-1} \lambda + b_{2n} = 0$$

In the general case, there exists  $2n$  complex roots for the characteristic equation

$$\lambda_k = R_k + iI_k, \quad R_k \text{ and } I_k \text{ are real numbers}$$

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## Liapunov's first method

**Theorem 1 (Liapunov):** If  $R_k < 0 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, 2n \Rightarrow \delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-stable

**Theorem 2 (Liapunov):** If  $\exists R_k > 0 \Rightarrow \delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-unstable

**Definition of L-critical case:** there exists at least one eigenvalue with zero real part  $R_k = 0$ , yet none of them with positive real part.

**Theorem 3 (Leipholz):** In the critical case, if the multiplicity  $p_k$  of all the eigenvalues with null real part ( $R_k = 0$ ) is equal to the rank decrement  $d_k$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \lambda_k \mathbf{I}$ , then the solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-stable for the **linear** system. If  $p_k > d_k$ , then the solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-unstable for the **linear** system.

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## Liapunov's first method

**Theorem 4 (Routh-Hurwitz):** If all principal minors of the matrix **B** (below) are positive, then the solution  $\delta\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-stable. The reciprocal is also true.

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{2n} & b_{2n-1} & b_{2n-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{2n} \end{bmatrix} \quad b_{r>2n} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b_{r<0} = 0$$

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## Liapunov's first method

**Theorem 5 (Liapunov):** Except for the L-critical case, the conclusions drawn from Theorems 1 and 2 for the linearized system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y}$  can be extended to the non-linear system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{N}(\delta\mathbf{y})$

## Dynamical systems theory

**Theorem 5' (Hartman-Grobman):** If a singularity of the linear system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y}$  is hyperbolic, then the linearized system is topologically equivalent to the non-linear system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{N}(\delta\mathbf{y})$  in the singularity neighbourhood, that is, between the phase space flows of the non-linear and the linear systems there exists a diffeomorphism (transformation that is continuous with continuous derivative)