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Review on continuous processes

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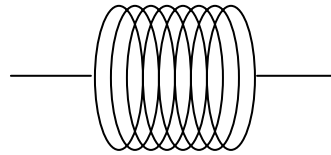
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Resistor



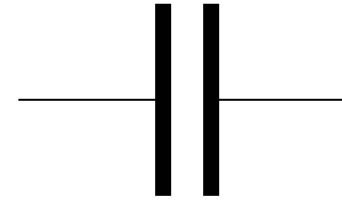
$$V(t) = R \cdot I(t)$$

Inductor



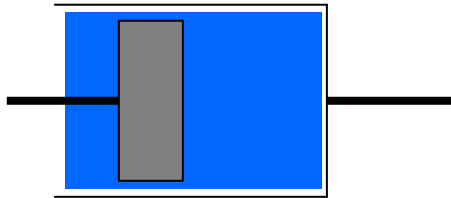
$$V(t) = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

Capacitor



$$I(t) = C \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Damper



$$F(t) = b \cdot v(t)$$

Mass

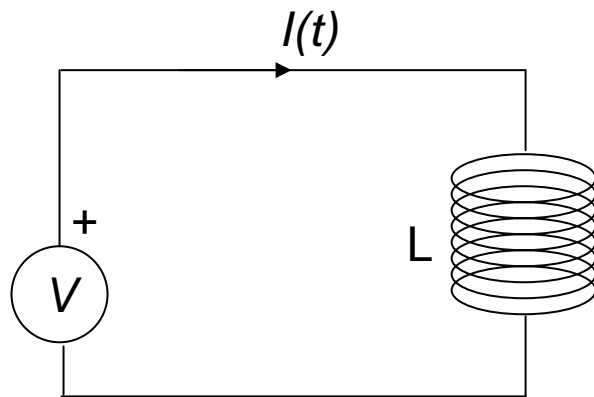


$$F(t) = M \frac{dv}{dt}$$

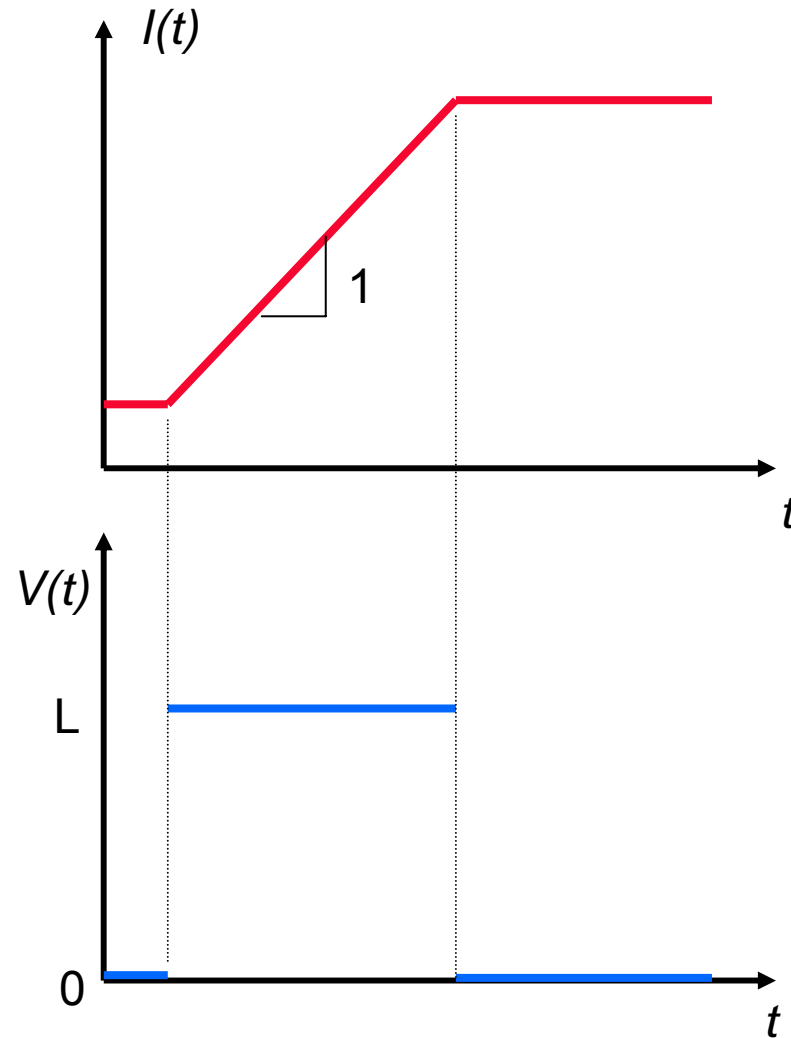
Spring



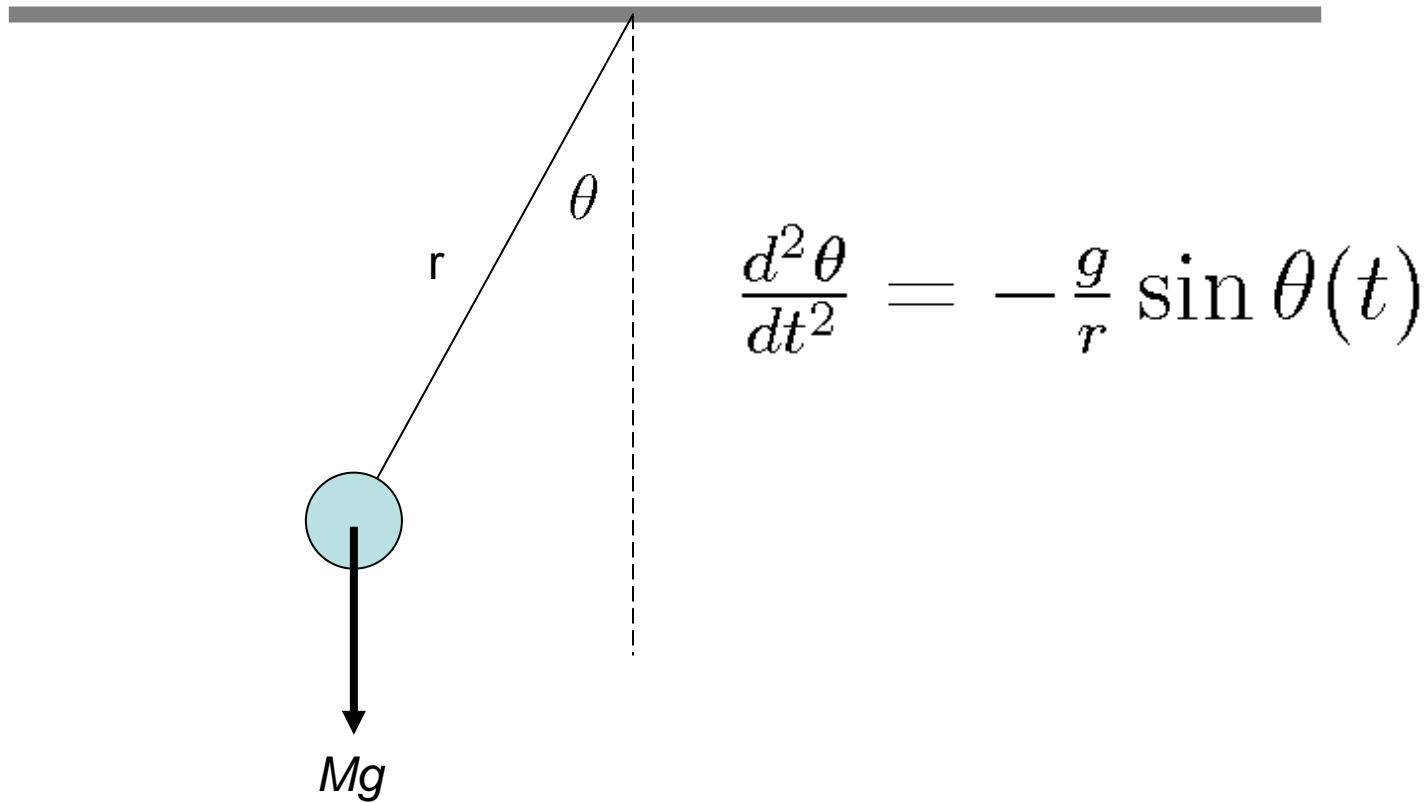
$$v(t) = \frac{1}{k} \frac{dF}{dt}$$



$$V(t) = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$



A pendulum



$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{r} \sin \theta(t)$$

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- Linear systems: if the set of solutions is **closed under linear operation**, i.e. scaling and addition

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_1(t) = L \frac{dI_1}{dt} \\ V_2(t) = L \frac{dI_2}{dt} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha V_1(t) = L \frac{d(\alpha I_1)}{dt} \\ V_1(t) + V_2(t) = L \frac{d(I_1 + I_2)}{dt} \end{array} \right\}$$

- All the examples are linear systems, **except for the pendulum**

$$\left\{ \frac{d^2\theta_1}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{r} \sin \theta_1(t) \right\} \not\Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{d^2\alpha\theta_1}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{r} \sin \alpha\theta_1(t) \right\}$$

- Time invariant: the set of solutions is **closed under time shifting**

$$\left\{ \frac{d^2\theta_1}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{r} \sin \theta_1(t) \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{d^2\theta_1(t - \Delta)}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{r} \sin \theta_1(t - \Delta) \right\}$$

- Time varying: the set of solutions is **not** closed under time shifting

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = tx(t)$$

- Autonomous systems: given the past of the signals, the future is fixed

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{r} \sin \theta(t)$$

- Non-autonomous systems: there is possibility for **input**, **non-determinism**

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First order linear ODE:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \gamma x,$$
$$x(t) = k \cdot e^{\gamma t}.$$

Higher order linear ODEs, denote the differential operator by s ,

$$\left\{ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 0 \right\} \Rightarrow \{s^2 + 3s + 2 = 0\}$$

Take the roots of the characteristic polynomial.

$$x(t) = k_1 \cdot e^{-2t} + k_2 \cdot e^{-t}$$

Use Laplace transform,

$$\mathcal{L}(x(t)) = X(s) = \int_0^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) = sX(s) - x(0)$$

Obtain the solution in the frequency domain $X(s)$, and use inverse transform to time domain.

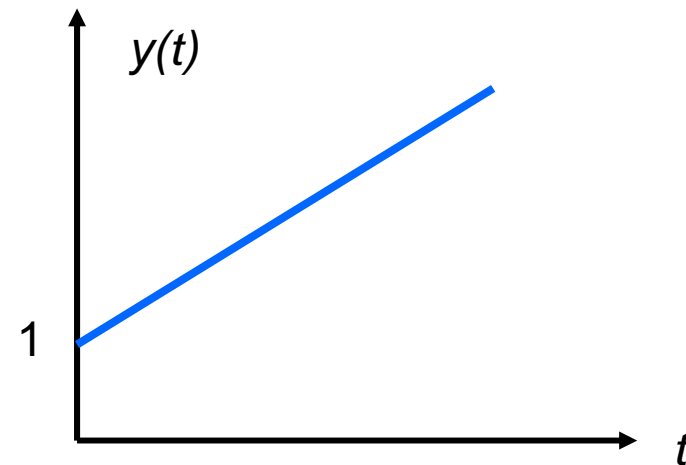
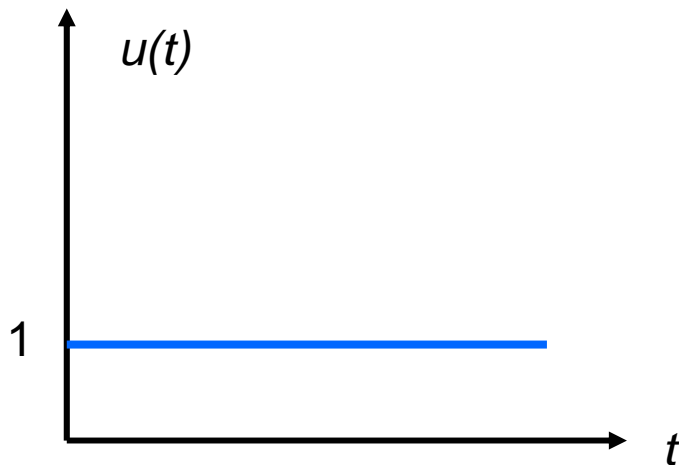
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(X(s)) = x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X(s)e^{st} ds$$

Example:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = u(t)$$

$$u(t) = \mathbb{1}(t), y(0) = 1.$$

$$sY(s) - 1 = \frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s}, y(t) = t\mathbb{1}(t) + \mathbb{1}(t).$$



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- Given a differential equation, $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, u)$, and a function $\tilde{x}(t)$. When can we say that $(\tilde{x}(t), \tilde{u}(t))$ is a **solution of the differential equation**?
- When $\tilde{x}(t)$ is **differentiable**, then it is straightforward. This is called a **strong solution** to the equation.
- When $\tilde{x}(t)$ is **not differentiable**, then $(\tilde{x}(t), \tilde{u}(t))$ is a solution if there exists an x_0 such that

$$\tilde{x}(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(\tilde{x}(\tau), \tilde{u}(\tau)) d\tau$$

This is called a **weak solution** to the equation.

Example of weak solution



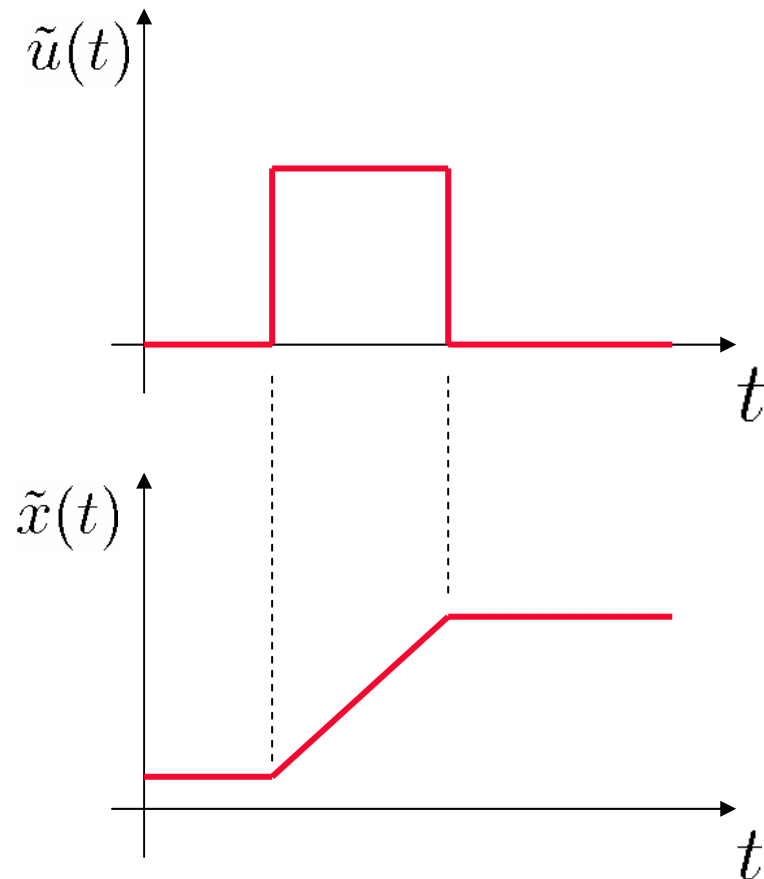
Suppose that $\frac{dx}{dt} = u(t)$.

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \begin{cases} 1/4, & t \leq 1 \\ t - 3/4, & 1 < t \leq 2 \\ 5/4, & t > 2 \end{cases},$$

$$\tilde{u}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq 1 \\ 1, & 1 < t \leq 2 \\ 0, & t > 2 \end{cases}.$$

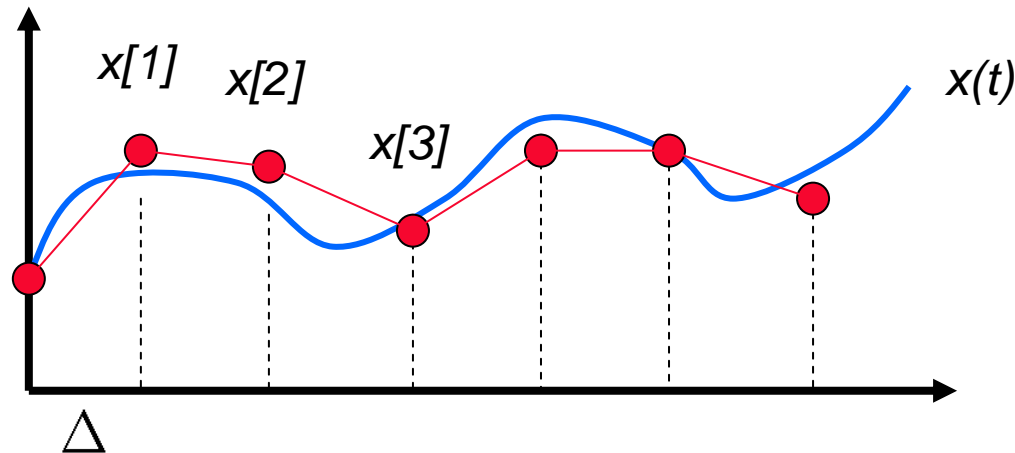
is a **weak solution** since

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \frac{1}{4} + \int_0^t \tilde{u}(\tau) d\tau.$$



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- Given a differential equation $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t)$.
- To simulate, i.e. numerically compute the solution, we need to **discretize**.



Forward difference method (Euler) : $\frac{dx}{dt} \approx \frac{x[k+1]-x[k]}{\Delta}$

$$x[k + 1] = x[k] + \Delta \cdot f(x[k], k\Delta)$$

- Backward difference method: $\frac{dx}{dt} \approx \frac{x[k] - x[k-1]}{\Delta}$

$$x[k] = x[k-1] + \Delta \cdot f(x[k], k\Delta)$$

- In each iteration we need to solve an implicit function of $x[k]$. Advantage: the algorithm is more **stable**.
- **Exact discretization** is possible for linear time invariant systems.
- There are more sophisticated algorithm, e.g. Runge-Kutta, etc. Most popular algorithms are built in features in most programming/simulation packages, such as MATLAB, MAPLE, etc.

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One of the most important representations of **linear time invariant** systems.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= Ax(t) + Bu(t), \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t).\end{aligned}$$

$x(t)$ is called the **state** of the system, $u(t)$ is the **input** and $y(t)$ is the **output** of the system. All variables are **vector valued**.

A, B, C, D are matrices with appropriate dimensions.

This representation is sometime also called **input/state/output** representation.

- Higher order input/output systems can be cast in state space representation.

$$\ddot{y}(t) + 6\dot{y}(t) + 8y(t) = u(t),$$
$$x_1(t) = y(t), x_2(t) = \dot{y}(t).$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -8 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t),$$
$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Thus, we can transform scalar high order ODE to vector first order ODE.

Solution to state space representation



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= Ax(t) + Bu(t), \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t).\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= e^{At}x(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau) d\tau, \\ y(t) &= Ce^{At}x(0) + \int_0^t e^{CA(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau) d\tau + Du(t).\end{aligned}$$

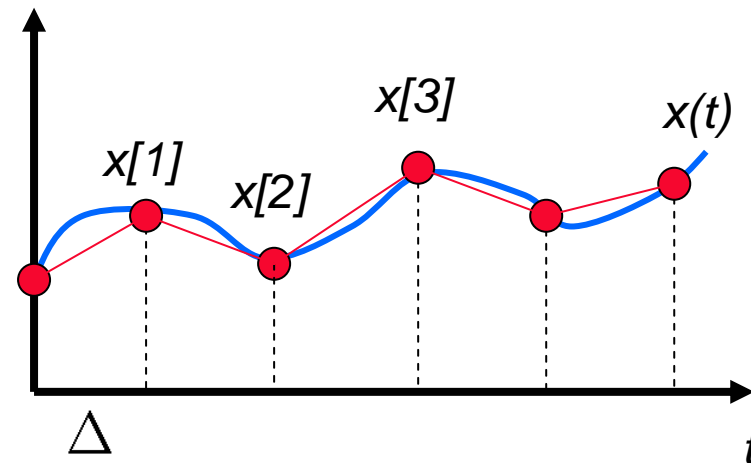
Matrix exponential: $e^A := I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{A^n}{n!} + \dots$.

Easy to compute if A is diagonal.

Alternative: $\mathcal{L}(e^{At}) = (sI - A)^{-1}$

- Consider $\dot{x} = Ax(t)$. The solution to this equation is $x(t) = e^{At}x(0)$.
- We sample the system with sampling interval Δ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned}x(\Delta) &= e^{A\Delta}x(0), \\x((k+1)\Delta) &= e^{A\Delta}x(k\Delta), \\x[k+1] &= e^{A\Delta}x[k].\end{aligned}$$



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- A system is **stable** if with zero input, starting from any initial condition, the state trajectory converges to zero.

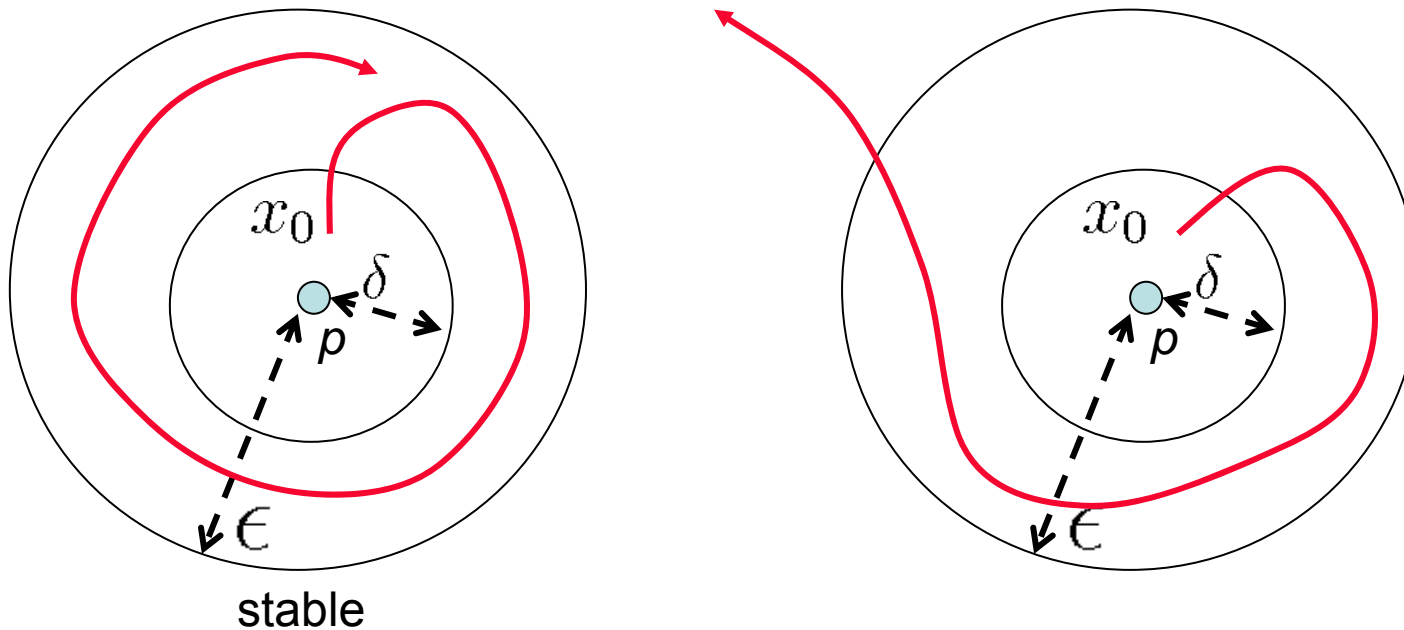
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{At} x(0) = 0.$$

- $\mathcal{L}(e^{At}) = (sI - A)^{-1}$. The polynomial $\det(sI - A)$ is called the **characteristic polynomial**.
- The system is stable **if and only if** all the roots of the characteristic polynomial have **negative real part**.
- Stability also implies that **bounded input** will produce **bounded output**.

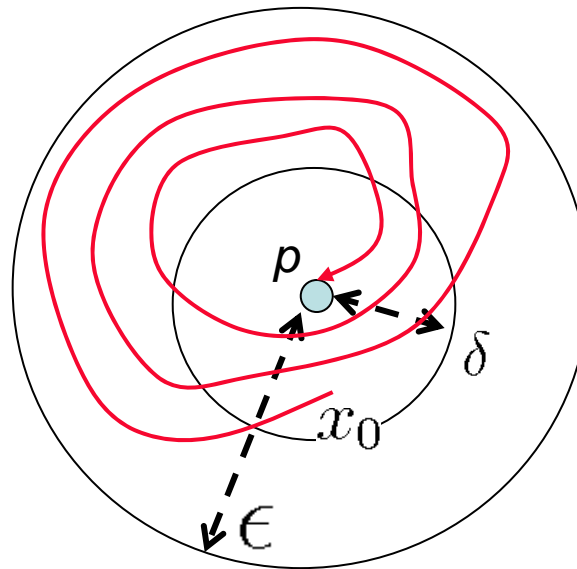
In the following we focus on the following stability notions:

- Global Asymptotic Stability (GAS)
- Input-to-State Stability (ISS)
- Incremental Global Asymptotic Stability (δ -GAS)
- Incremental Input-to-State Stability (δ -ISS)

- Given $\dot{x} = f(x)$, let p be an **equilibrium**, i.e. $f(p) = 0$.
- The equilibrium p is **stable** if for any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta(\epsilon)$, such that the trajectory with initial condition x_0 , with $\|x_0 - p\| < \delta(\epsilon)$ remains within ϵ distance from p .



- The equilibrium p is **asymptotically stable** if for any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta(\epsilon)$, such that the trajectory with initial condition x_0 , with $\|x_0 - p\| < \delta(\epsilon)$ remains within ϵ distance from p and **converge to p** .



Asymptotically stable

1- A continuous function $\alpha: [0, a) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be a class K function if it is strictly increasing and $\alpha(0) = 0$. Function $\alpha: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be a class K_∞ if it is a class K function and $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(r) = \infty$.

2- A continuous function $\beta: [0, a) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be a class KL function if for each fixed s , function $\beta(r, s)$ is a class K function and for each fixed r , function $\beta(r, s)$ is decreasing and tends to zero as s goes to ∞ .

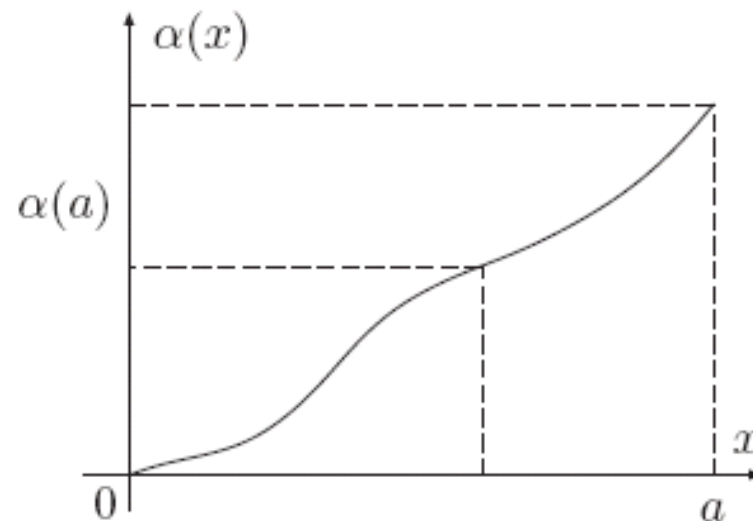


Figura 8 – Funzione di classe \mathcal{K}

The equilibrium $x=0$ of $\dot{x} = f(x,0)$ is Globally Asymptotically Stable (GAS) if there exists a KL function β so that for any $t \geq 0$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\| \mathbf{x}(t,y,0) \| \leq \beta(\|y\|, t)$$

Theorem:

The equilibrium $x=0$ of $\dot{x} = f(x,0)$ is GAS if there exists a smooth function $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ such that:

- i) $V(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $V(x) = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$
- ii) $dV/dx f(x,0) < 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Further details from H. K. Khalil, Nonlinear Systems, Prentice Hall, 1996

A control system $\dot{x} = f(x,u)$ is Input-to-State Stable (ISS) if there exist a KL function β and a K_∞ function γ so that for any $t \geq 0$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and u

$$\|x(t,y,u)\| \leq \beta(\|y\|, t) + \gamma(\|u\|_\infty)$$

Theorem:

A control system $\dot{x} = f(x,u)$ is ISS if there exists a smooth function $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ and K_∞ functions $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \rho, \sigma$ such that:

- i) $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- ii) $dV/dx f(x,u) < -\rho(\|x\|) + \sigma(\|u\|)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$

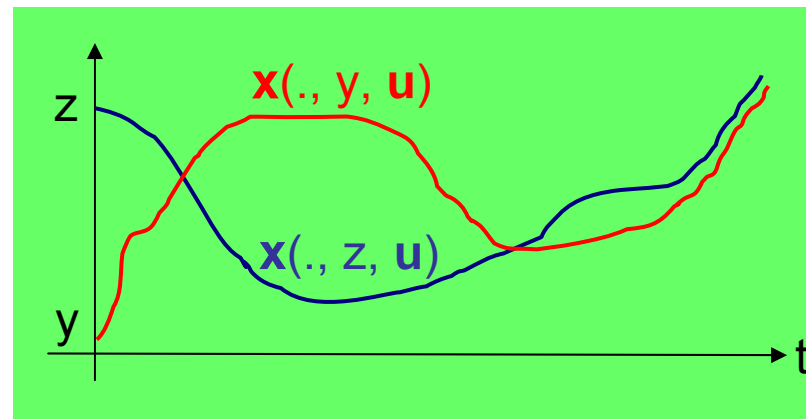
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Incremental Global Asymptotic Stability



A control system $\dot{x} = f(x,u)$ is Incrementally Globally Asymptotically Stable (δ -GAS) if there exists a KL function β so that for any $t \geq 0$, $y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and u

$$\| \mathbf{x}(t,y,u) - \mathbf{x}(t,z,u) \| \leq \beta(\|y-z\|, t)$$



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i) $\alpha_1 (\|x - y\|) \leq V(x, y) \leq \alpha_2 (\|x - y\|)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

ii) $dV/dx f(x,u) + dV/dy f(y,u) < -\rho (\|x - y\|)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$

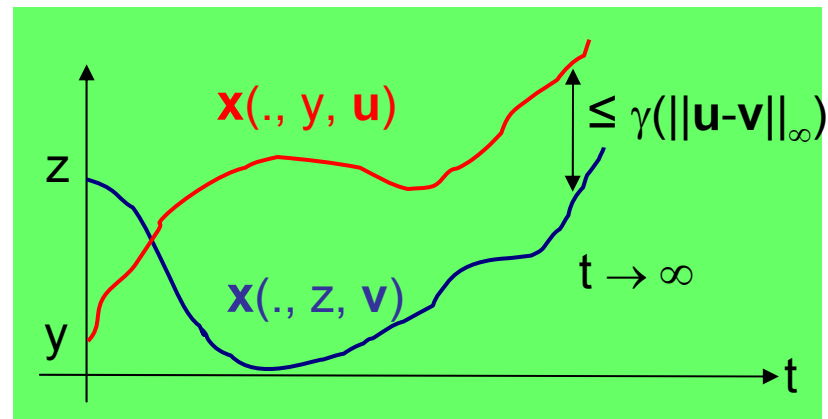
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Incremental Input-State Stability



A control system $\dot{x} = f(x,u)$ is Incrementally Input-to-State Stable (δ -ISS) if there exist a KL function β and a K_∞ function γ so that for any $t \geq 0$, $y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}

$$\| \mathbf{x}(t,y,\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{x}(t,z,\mathbf{v}) \| \leq \beta(\|y - z\|, t) + \gamma(\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_\infty)$$



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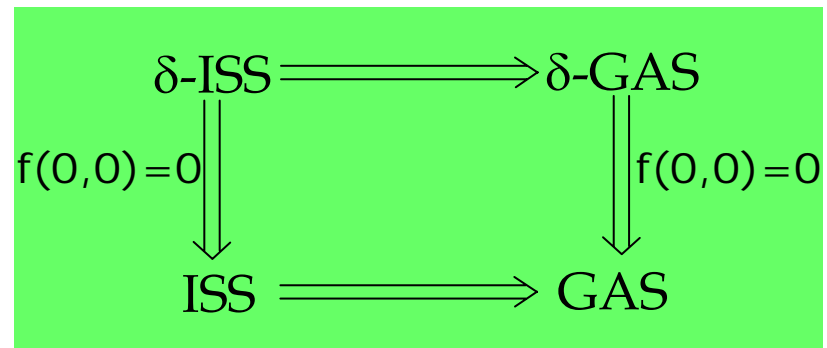
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and $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^m$

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Connections among Stability Notions



Homework:

- 1) Prove such connections!
- 2) How do these notions specialize to the case of linear control systems?