

# Embedded Systems - #2



## Review on continuous processes

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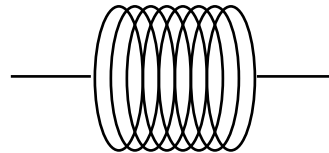
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Resistor



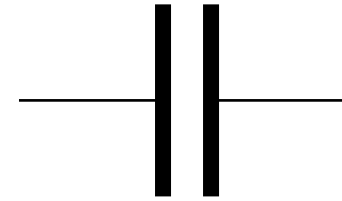
$$V(t) = R \cdot I(t)$$

Inductor



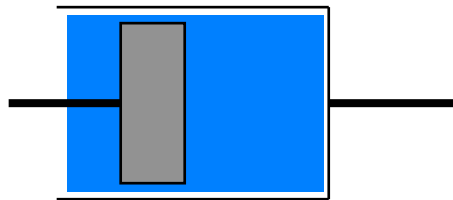
$$V(t) = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

Capacitor



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

Damper



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

Mass

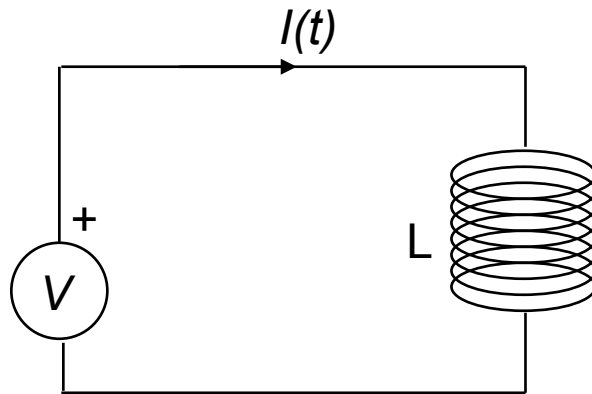


$$F(t) = M \frac{dv}{dt}$$

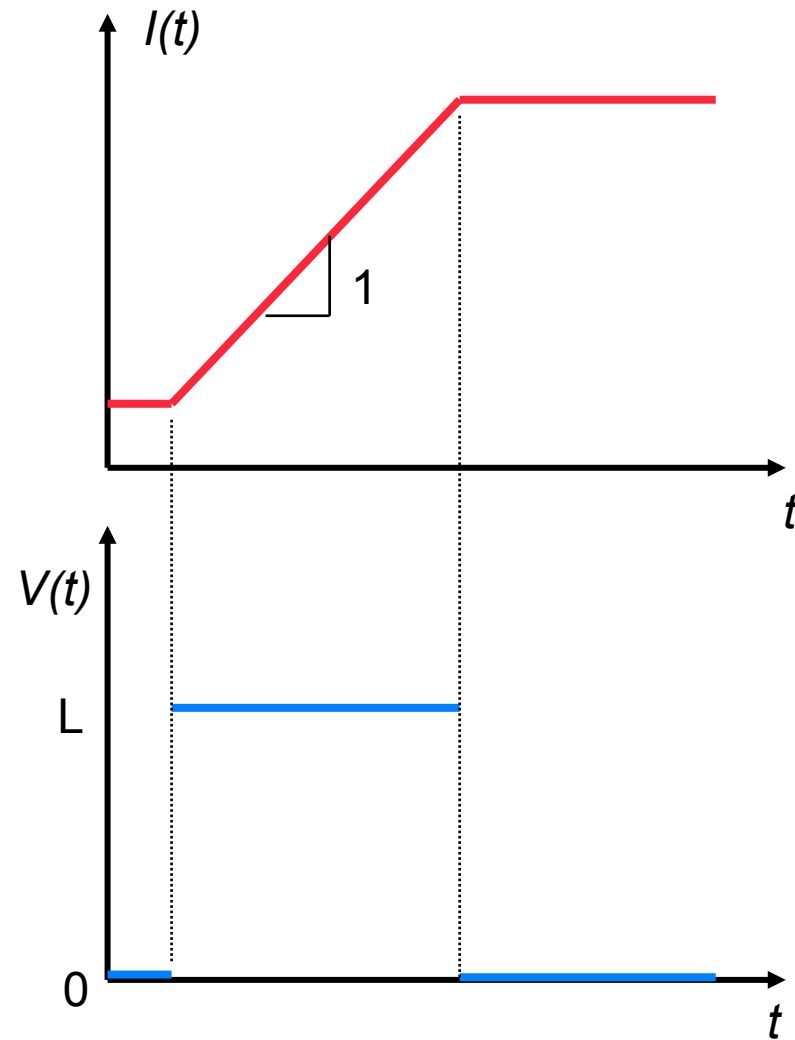
Spring



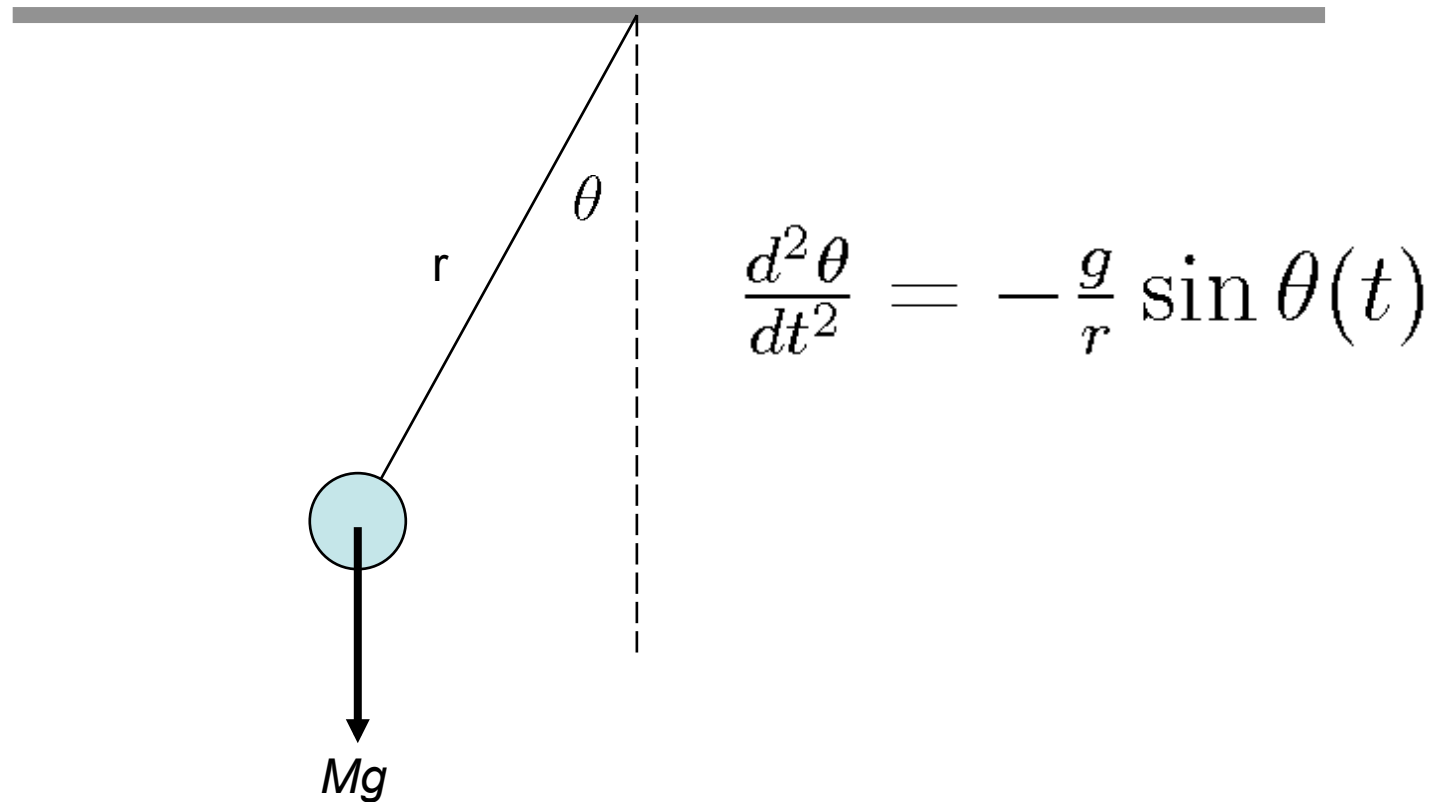
$$v(t) = \frac{1}{k} \frac{dF}{dt}$$



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



# A pendulum



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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:

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

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.

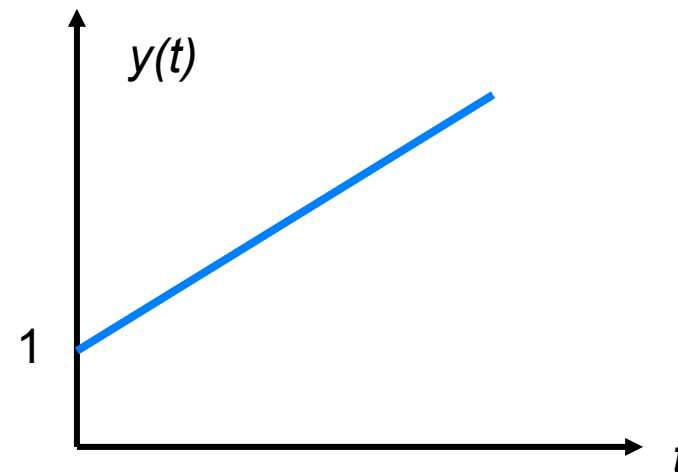
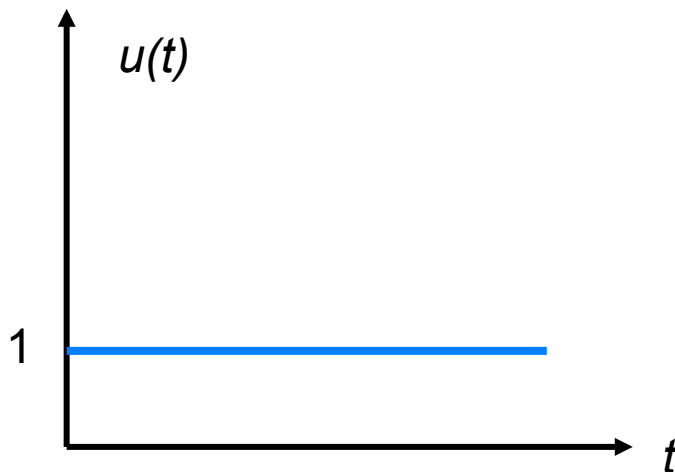
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(X(s)) = x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X(s)e^{st}ds$$

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

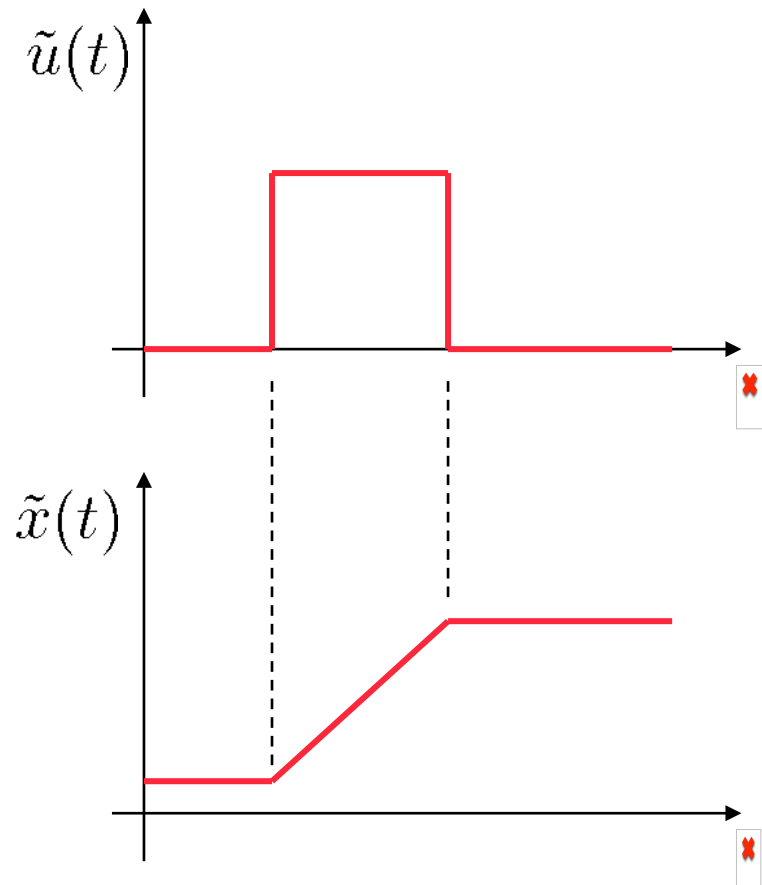
Suppose that  $\frac{dx}{dt} = u(t)$ .

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

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

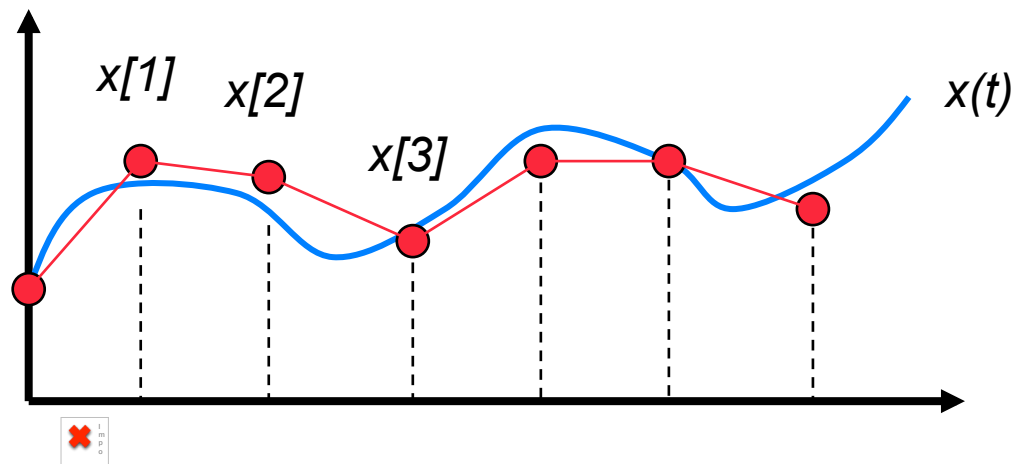
is a **weak solution** since

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



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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.

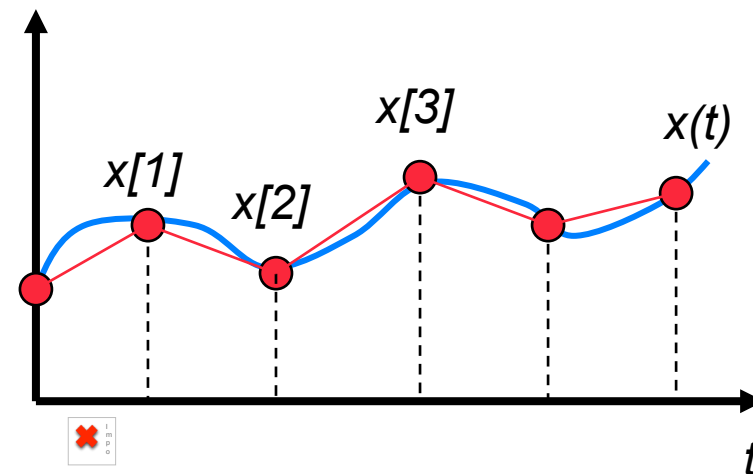
Alternative:  $\mathcal{L}(e^{At}) = (sI - A)^{-1}$



# Exact discretization of autonomous systems

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

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

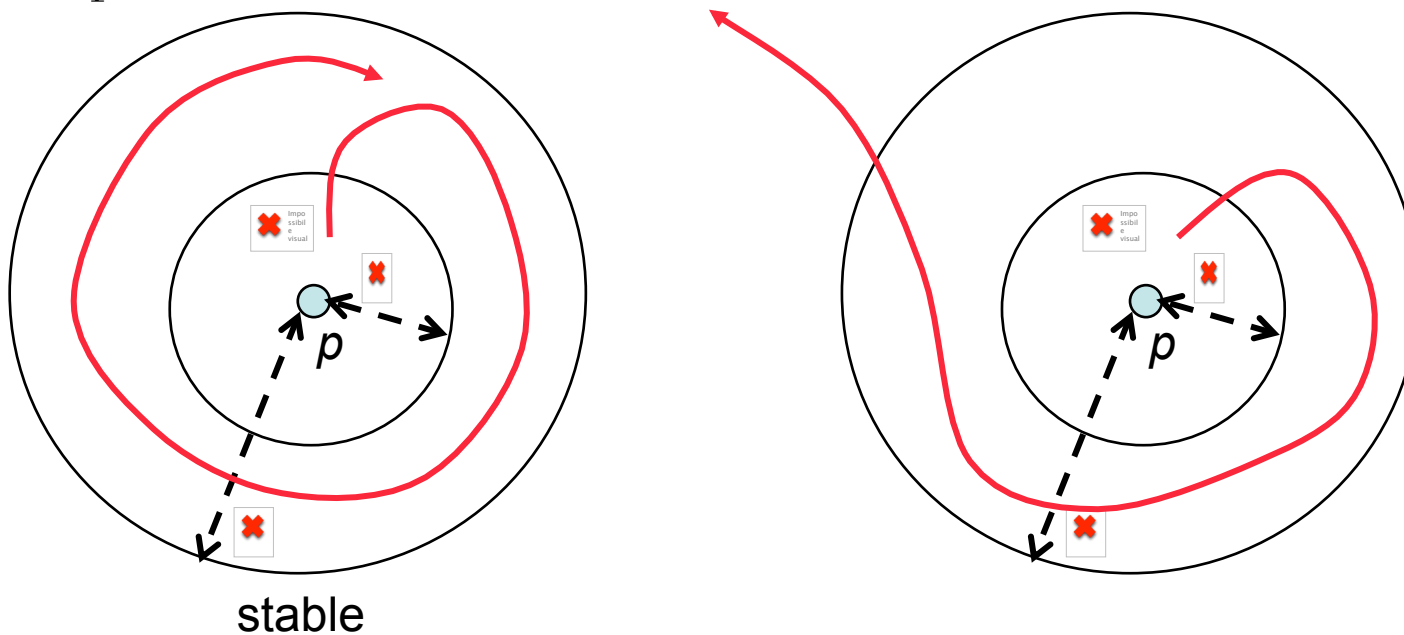
- $\mathcal{L}(e^{At}) = (sI - A)^{-1}$ . The polynomial  $\det(sI - A)$  is called the **characteristic polynomial**.
- The system is stable **if and only if** all the roots of the characteristic polynomial have **negative real part**.
- Stability also implies that **bounded input** will produce **bounded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

In the following we focus on the following stability notions:

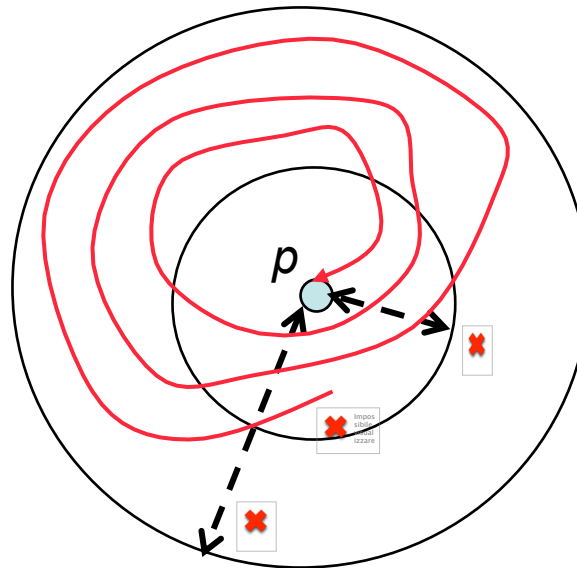
- Global Asymptotic Stability (GAS)
- Input-to-State Stability (ISS)
- Incremental Global Asymptotic Stability ( $\delta$ -GAS)
- Incremental Input-to-State Stability ( $\delta$ -ISS)

# Global Asymptotic Stability

- 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  $\epsilon$  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  $\epsilon$  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  $K_\infty$  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  $\infty$ .

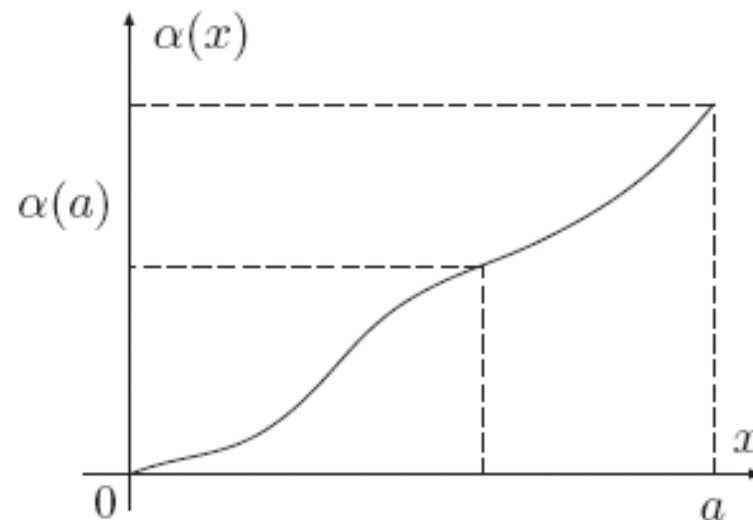


Figura 8 – Funzione di classe  $\mathcal{K}$

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

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

## 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  $\beta$  and a  $K_\infty$  function  $\gamma$  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:

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- 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  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$

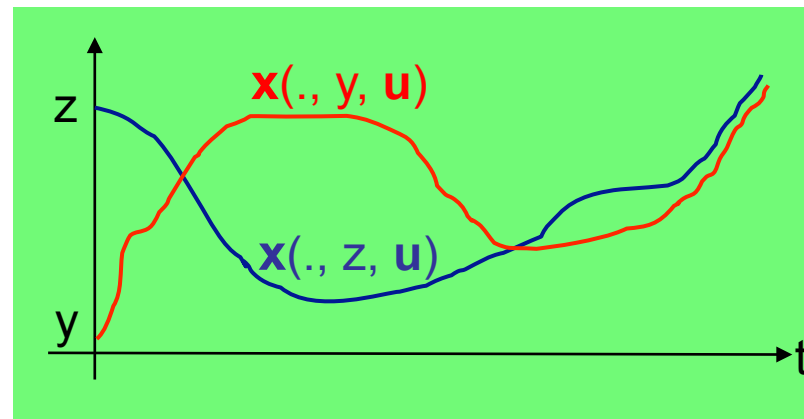
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# Incremental Global Asymptotic Stability



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

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



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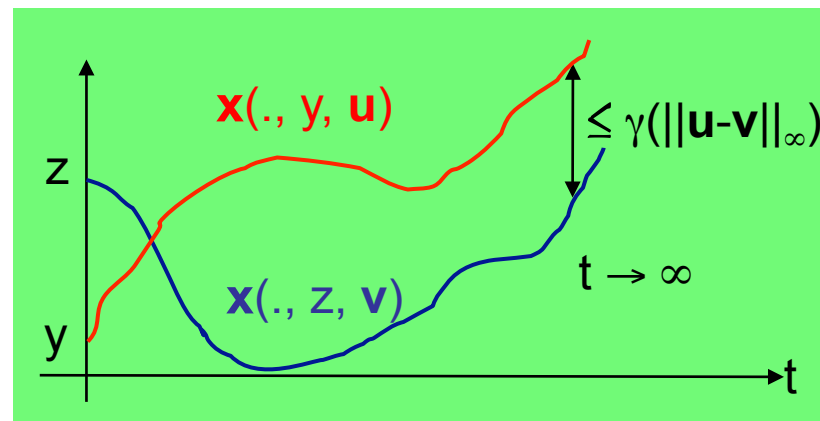
i)  $\alpha_1(\|x - y\|) \leq V(x, y) \leq \alpha_2(\|x - y\|)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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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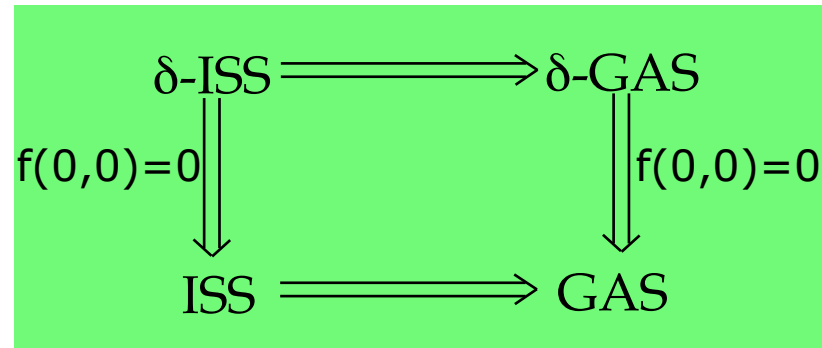
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# Connections among Stability Notions



## Homework:

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