

Internal Stability Analysis of Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) Systems

LTI homogeneous state eq. (no input)

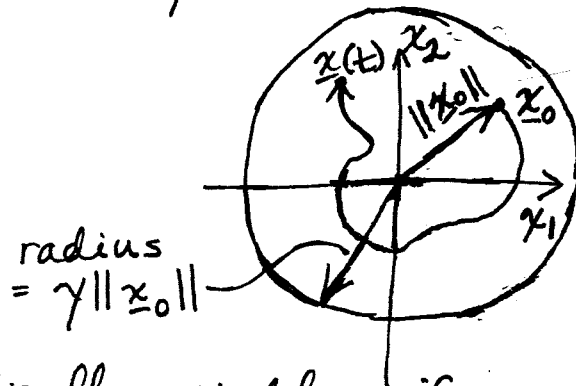
$$\dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \underline{A} \underline{x}(t), \quad \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0.$$

$$\det(\underline{A}) \neq 0: \quad \dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{0} = \underline{A} \underline{x}_{eq} \Rightarrow \underline{x}_{eq} = \underline{0}$$

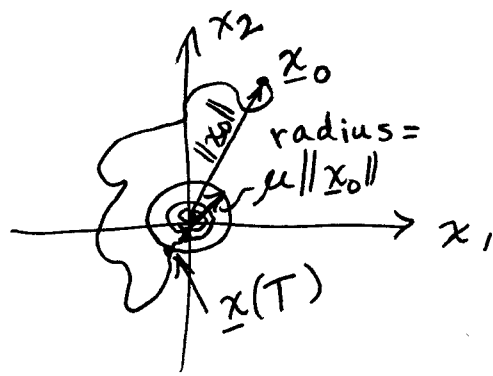
equilibrium state

The equil. state \underline{x}_{eq} is:

- Stable if there exists a finite constant $\gamma > 0$ such that for any initial state \underline{x}_0 ,
 $\|\underline{x}(t)\| \leq \gamma \|\underline{x}_0\|$ for all $t \geq 0$.



- Asymptotically stable if given any $\mu > 0$, there exists at $T > 0$ such that for any \underline{x}_0 ,
 $\|\underline{x}(t)\| \leq \mu \|\underline{x}_0\|$ for all $t \geq T$.



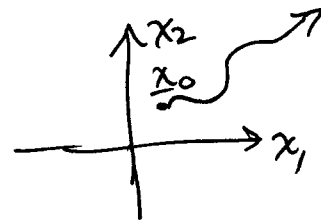
- Exponentially stable: if there exist positive constants k and λ such that for any \underline{x}_0 ,

$$\|\underline{x}(t)\| \leq k e^{-\lambda t} \|\underline{x}_0\| \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

LTI sys's: asymp stable equil. point is exponentially stable

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}, \quad \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0: \quad \underline{x}(t) = e^{\underline{A}t} \underline{x}_0$$

- Unstable: if it is not stable.



The equilibrium $\underline{x}_{eq} = \underline{0}$ of $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}$, $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$ is:

- Stable iff all eigenvalues of \underline{A} have a nonpositive real part and for all eigenval's ν the geometric multiplicity = algebraic multiplicity, with zero real part,

- When \underline{A} has nonrepeated λ 's with $\text{Re}(\lambda) = 0$,

$\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}$ is a (marginally) stable system.

- Asymptotically stable iff all λ 's of \underline{A} are in the LHP (negative real parts).

- $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}$ is an asymp. stable system.

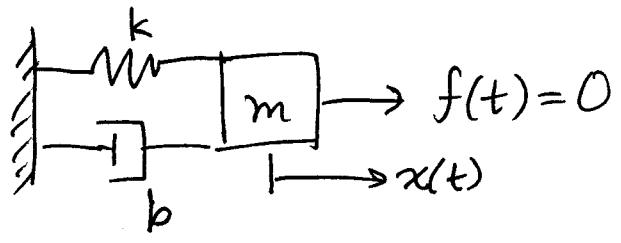
- Unstable iff \underline{A} has λ 's with positive real parts.

- $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}$ is an unstable system.

Energy-Based Analysis of Internal Stability

(Lyapunov)

- analyze stability of an equilibrium using a class of energy-like functions.



$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} x_1 = x \\ x_2 = \dot{x} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k/m & -b/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}$$

$$\det(\lambda \underline{I} - \underline{A}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k/m & -b/m \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ k/m & \lambda + b/m \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda + \frac{b}{m}) + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \frac{b}{m}\lambda + \frac{k}{m} = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-b/m \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{m^2} - 4(1)(\frac{k}{m})}}{2} \quad (\text{characteristic eq.})$$

$$= -\frac{b}{2m} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{m^2} - \frac{4k}{m}}$$

Potential energy: $\frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2$ ④

Kinetic energy: $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2}mx_2^2$

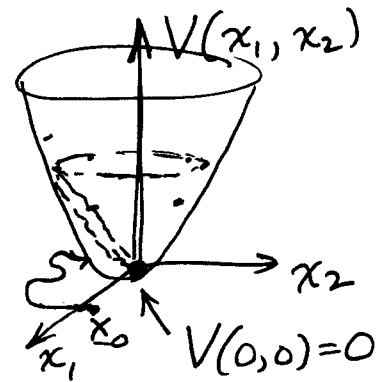
Total Energy of system: $E(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}mx_2^2$

$$= [x_1 \ x_2] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}k & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{x} \quad (\text{quadratic form})$$

- Consider real-valued functions $V(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = V(\underline{x})$ that have continuous partial derivatives in each x_i and are positive definite:

$V(\underline{0}) = 0, \quad V(\underline{x}) > 0$ for all $\underline{x} \neq \underline{0}$ at least in a neighborhood of $\underline{0}$.



- Time derivative of $V(\underline{x})$ along the trajectories of $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}, \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$:

$$\dot{V}(\underline{x}) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} \frac{dx_1}{dt} + \dots + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} \frac{dx_n}{dt}$$

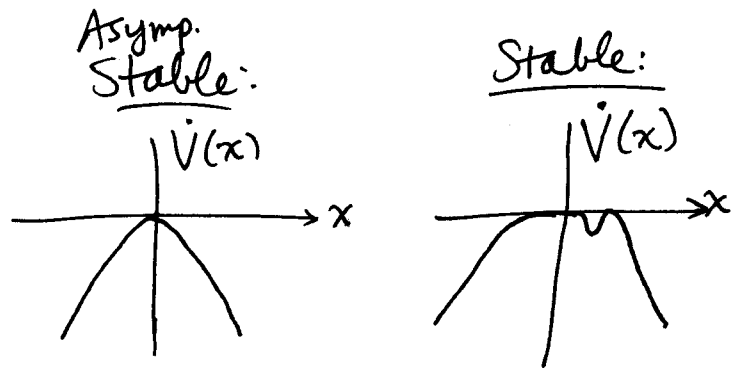
$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}}_{\nabla V(\underline{x})} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{A}\underline{x} = \dot{\underline{x}}} = \nabla V(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{f}(\underline{x})$$

$\dot{V}(\underline{x})$ is called the Lie derivative of $V(\underline{x})$ along $\underline{f}(\underline{x})$.

In general:
 $\hookrightarrow \dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{f}(\underline{x})$
 $= \underline{A}\underline{x}$ for LTI sys's

Lyapunov's Direct Method :

- Positive definite $V(\underline{x})$, $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i}$ are continuous
- The equilibrium \underline{x}_{eq} is :
- Stable if $\dot{V}(\underline{x})$ is negative semidefinite:
 $\dot{V}(\underline{x}) \leq 0$ for all \underline{x} in a neighborhood of 0 .
- Asymptotically stable if $\dot{V}(\underline{x})$ is negative definite:
 $\dot{V}(\underline{x}) < 0$ for all \underline{x} " " "
- Unstable otherwise.



• Lyapunov function :
 pos. def. $V(\underline{x})$
 and $\dot{V}(\underline{x}) \leq 0$ or $\dot{V}(\underline{x}) < 0$

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x}, \quad \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x} \quad (\text{LTI})$$

• Can construct Lyapunov fns. in a systematic way.

$$V(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{x} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} x_i x_j$$

$V(\underline{x})$ must be positive definite

$\Rightarrow \underline{P}$ must be positive definite symmetric matrix

- A symmetric pos. def. matrix \underline{P} has eigenvalues that are all real and positive. ⑥
- Its n leading principal minors are all positive. (Sylvester's criterion):

$$\underline{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & \dots & p_{1n} \\ p_{21} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ p_{n1} & \dots & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad p_{11} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{vmatrix} > 0, \dots$$

$$|\underline{P}| > 0$$

Note: \underline{P} is symmetric ($\underline{P} = \underline{P}^T$):

$$\underline{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{12} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{V}(\underline{x}) = \nabla V(\underline{x}) \cdot \dot{\underline{x}} = \nabla V(\underline{x}) \cdot (\underline{A}\underline{x})$$

$$\nabla V(\underline{x}) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{x}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} [\underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{x}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} x_i x_j \right]$$

$$= 2 \underline{x}^T \underline{P} \quad (\text{see next page for derivation})$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(\underline{x}) = 2 \underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{A} \underline{x}$$

$$\underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{A} \underline{x} \text{ is scalar} \Rightarrow \underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{A} \underline{x} = (\underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{A} \underline{x})^T$$

$$= \underline{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{P}^T \underline{x}$$

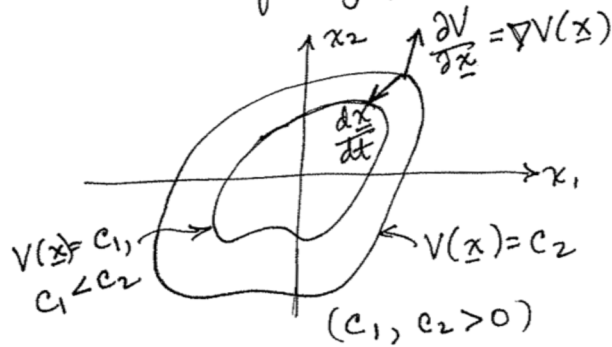
$$= \underline{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{P} \underline{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{A} \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{P} \underline{x} = \underline{x}^T (\underline{A}^T \underline{P} + \underline{P} \underline{A}) \underline{x}$$

quadratic form

Extra material

Illustration of Lyapunov's stability theorem:



• $V(\underline{x}) = c$ are level sets of a Lyapunov fn. $V(\underline{x})$

• If $\frac{d\underline{x}}{dt}$ points inward to these sets at all points along the contours, then the system trajectories will always cause $V(\underline{x})$ to decrease along the trajectories.

• If \dot{V} is negative definite, then \underline{x} must approach $\underline{0}$.

• The gradient of $V(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{x}$ is:

$$\frac{\partial V(\underline{x})}{\partial \underline{x}} = \frac{\partial [\underline{x}^T \underline{P} \underline{x}]}{\partial \underline{x}} = \frac{\partial \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} x_i x_j \right]}{\partial \underline{x}}$$

$$= \left[\frac{\partial [\sum p_{ij} x_i x_j]}{\partial x_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial [\sum p_{ij} x_i x_j]}{\partial x_n} \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{\partial \left[2 \sum_{j=2}^n p_{1j} x_1 x_j + \sum_{\substack{2 \leq i \leq n, \\ 2 \leq j \leq n}} p_{ij} x_i x_j \right]}{\partial x_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial \left[2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} p_{nj} x_n x_j + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}} p_{ij} x_i x_j \right]}{\partial x_n} \right]$$

$$= \left[2p_{11}x_1 + 2 \sum_{j=2}^n p_{1j} x_j \quad \dots \quad 2p_{nn}x_n + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} p_{nj} x_j \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[\sum_{j=1}^n x_j p_{1j} \quad \dots \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_j p_{nj} \right] = 2 \left[\sum_{j=1}^n x_j p_{j1} \quad \dots \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_j p_{jn} \right]$$

$$= 2 \underline{x}^T \underline{P}$$

- For any symmetric pos. definite \underline{Q} , the equation $\underline{A}^T \underline{P} + \underline{P} \underline{A} = -\underline{Q}$ (Lyapunov eq.) has a unique, symm. pos. def. solution \underline{P} iff all λ 's of \underline{A} have strictly negative real parts. (sys. is asymptotically stable) ⑦

- ① Choose a symm. pos. def. \underline{Q} (could be \underline{I})
- ② Solve Lyap. matrix eq. for \underline{P}
- ③ Check whether \underline{P} is positive definite

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(\underline{x}) < 0 &\Leftrightarrow \dot{V} = \underline{x}^T (\underline{A}^T \underline{P} + \underline{P} \underline{A}) \underline{x} = \underline{x}^T (-\underline{Q}) \underline{x} \\ &= -\underline{x}^T \underline{Q} \underline{x} < 0 \\ &\quad (-\underline{Q} \text{ is negative definite})\end{aligned}$$

Dynamical Behavior of LTI Systems

◦ Here, the equilibrium is referred to as a center.

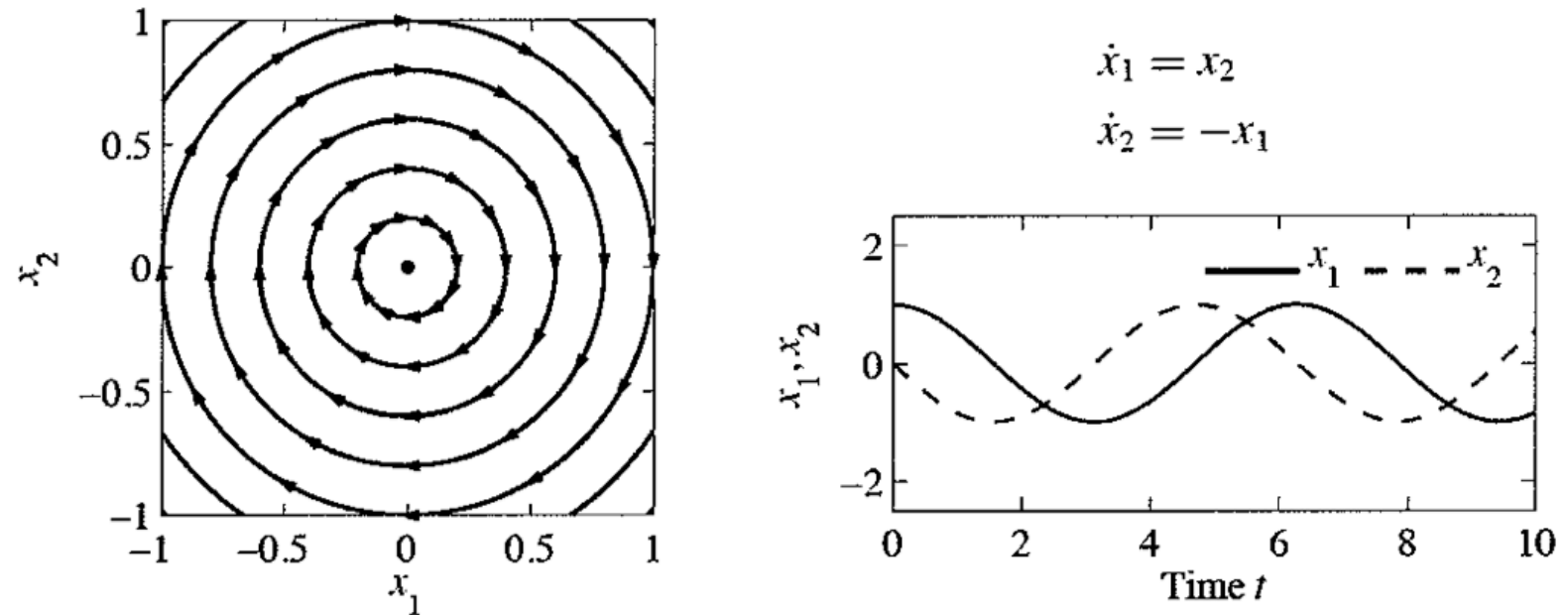


Figure 4.7: Phase portrait and time domain simulation for a system with a single stable equilibrium point. The equilibrium point x_e at the origin is stable since all trajectories that start near x_e stay near x_e .

Dynamical Behavior of LTI Systems

- The equilibrium point here is called a stable focus, a sink, or an attractor.

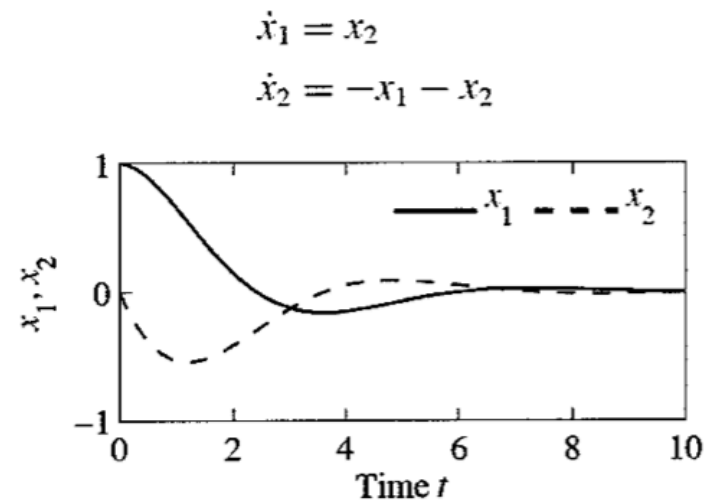
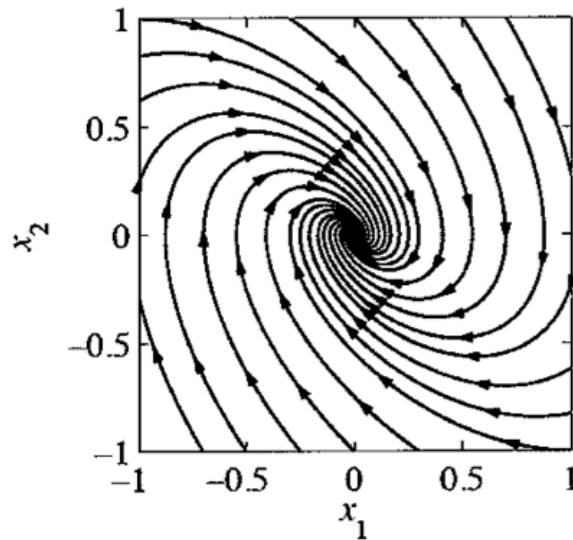
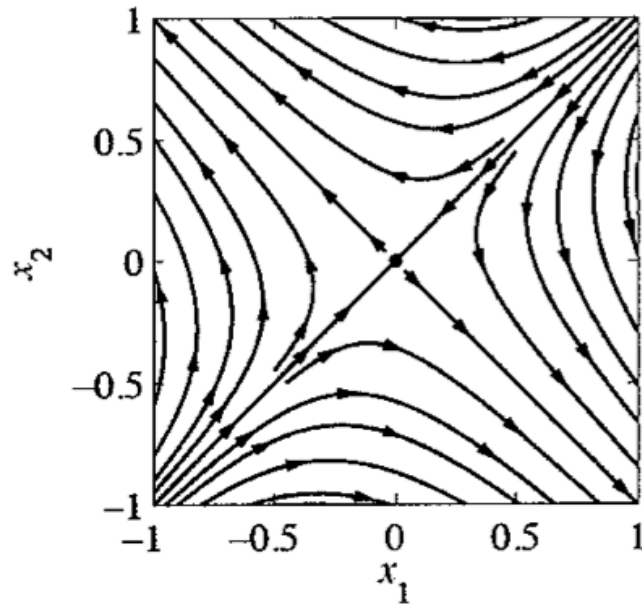


Figure 4.8: Phase portrait and time domain simulation for a system with a single asymptotically stable equilibrium point. The equilibrium point x_e at the origin is asymptotically stable since the trajectories converge to this point as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Dynamical Behavior of LTI Systems

- The equilibrium point here is called a saddle.



$$\dot{x}_1 = 2x_1 - x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + 2x_2$$

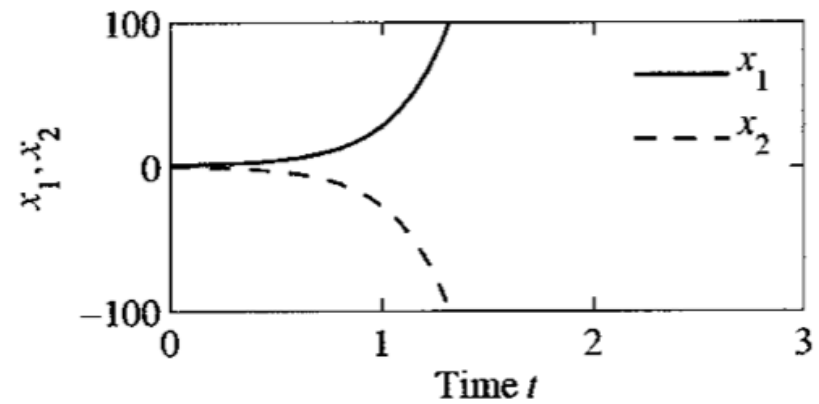
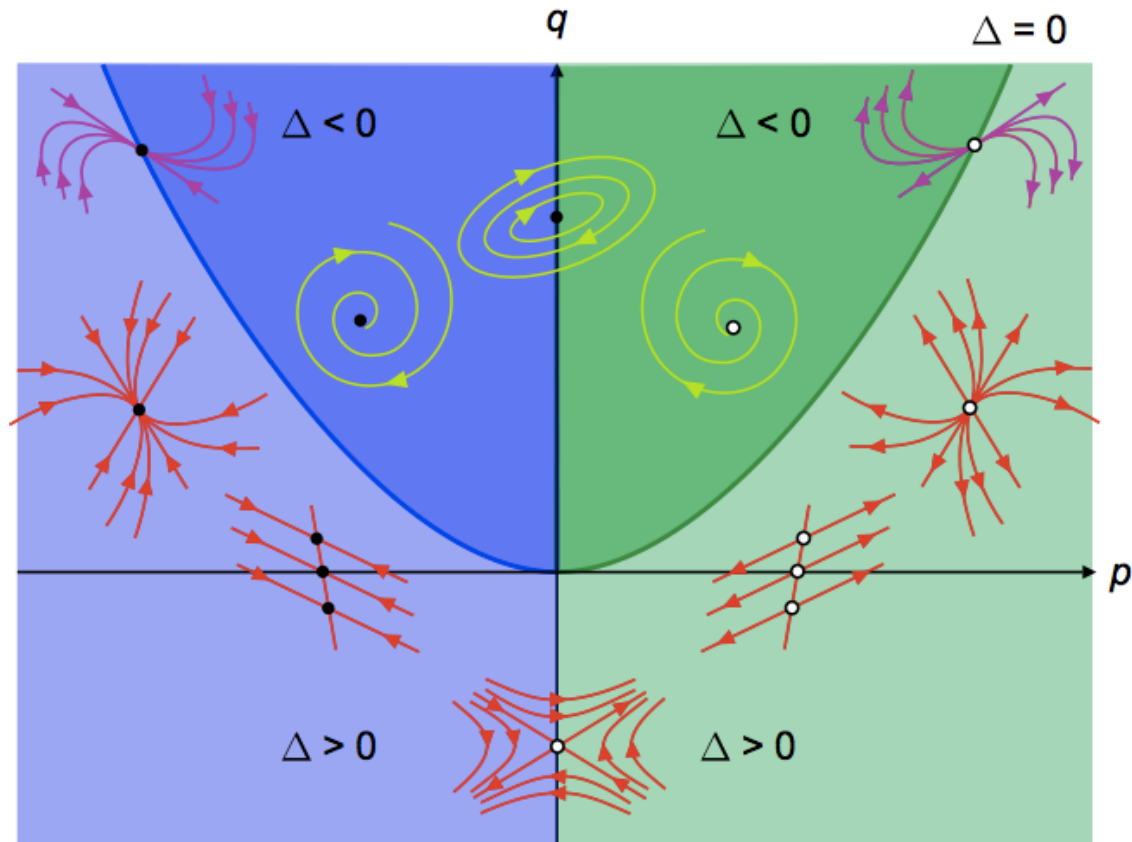


Figure 4.9: Phase portrait and time domain simulation for a system with a single unstable equilibrium point. The equilibrium point x_e at the origin is unstable since not all trajectories that start near x_e stay near x_e . The sample trajectory on the right shows that the trajectories very quickly depart from zero.

Dynamical Behavior of LTI Systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



Characteristic polynomial:

$$\lambda^2 - (A + D)\lambda + (AD - BC) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}(p \pm \sqrt{\Delta})$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax + By$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = Cx + Dy$$

$$p = A + D$$

$$q = AD - BC$$

$$\Delta = p^2 - 4q$$