

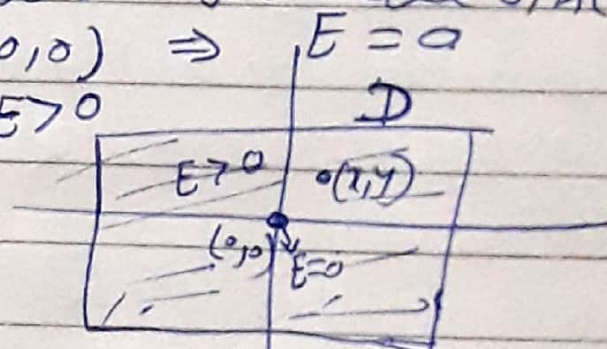
* Liapunov's Direct Method :- Consider the Non-linear autonomous system $\frac{dx}{dt} = P(x,y)$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = Q(x,y)$

Assume that this system has an isolated critical point at $(0,0)$. [i.e. $(0,0)$ is isolated critical point, it is not a limit point] and P and Q have continuous 1st partial derivatives for all (x,y) .

Liapunov's method is used for studying the stability of more general autonomous system

Def:- Let $E(x,y)$ have continuous first partial derivatives at all points (x,y) in a domain D containing the point $(0,0)$. Then

(i) The function E is called positive definite in D if $E(0,0) = 0$ and $E(x,y) > 0$ for all other points (x,y) in D . i.e. at $(0,0) \Rightarrow E = 0$
at $(x,y) \neq (0,0) \Rightarrow E > 0$



(ii) The function E is called positive semi-definite (P.S.D.) in D if $E(0,0) = 0$ and $E(x,y) \geq 0$ for all other points (x,y) in D .
i.e. at $(0,0) \quad E = 0$
at $(x,y) \neq (0,0) \quad E \geq 0$

(iii) The function E is called Negative definite in D if $E(0,0) = 0$ and $E(x,y) < 0$ for all other points in D .

(iv) The function E is called Negative semi-definite in D if $E(0,0) = 0$ and $E(x,y) \leq 0$ for all other points (x,y) in D .

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For e.g. (i) $E(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$; $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Here, $E = 0$ iff $x = 0, y = 0$

\therefore at $(0, 0)$ $E = 0$

at any other point $(x, y) \neq (0, 0) \Rightarrow E > 0$

$\therefore E$ is Positive definite.

(ii) $E(x, y) = x^2$; $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Here at $(0, 0) \Rightarrow E = 0$

but if we take $(x, y) = (0, y) \neq (0, 0)$

Then $E = 0$

Also ; if we take $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$

Then $E > 0$

$\therefore E(x, y) \geq 0$ for any other point $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$

$\therefore E$ is P.S.D.

Def:- Let $E(x, y)$ have continuous 1st partial derivative at all points (x, y) in a domain D containing $(0, 0)$. The derivative of E with respect to systems

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = P(x, y), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = Q(x, y)$$

is the function \dot{E} (denotes derivt of E)

is defined as

$$\dot{E}(x, y) = \frac{\partial E(x, y)}{\partial x} \cdot P(x, y) + \frac{\partial E(x, y)}{\partial y} \cdot Q(x, y)$$

* Liapunov's Function :- Consider the system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = P(x, y), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = Q(x, y) \quad \text{Ⓣ}$$

Assume that this system has isolated critical point at origin $(0, 0)$ and that P and Q have its first partial derivative for all (x, y)

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Let $E(x, y)$ be positive definite for all (x, y) in a domain D containing the origin and such that the derivative $\dot{E}(x, y)$ of E with respect to the system ① is Negative semi-definite for all $(x, y) \in D$.

Then E is called Liapunov's Function for system ① in D .

→ Now; we Prove two important things on the stability of critical point $(0, 0)$.

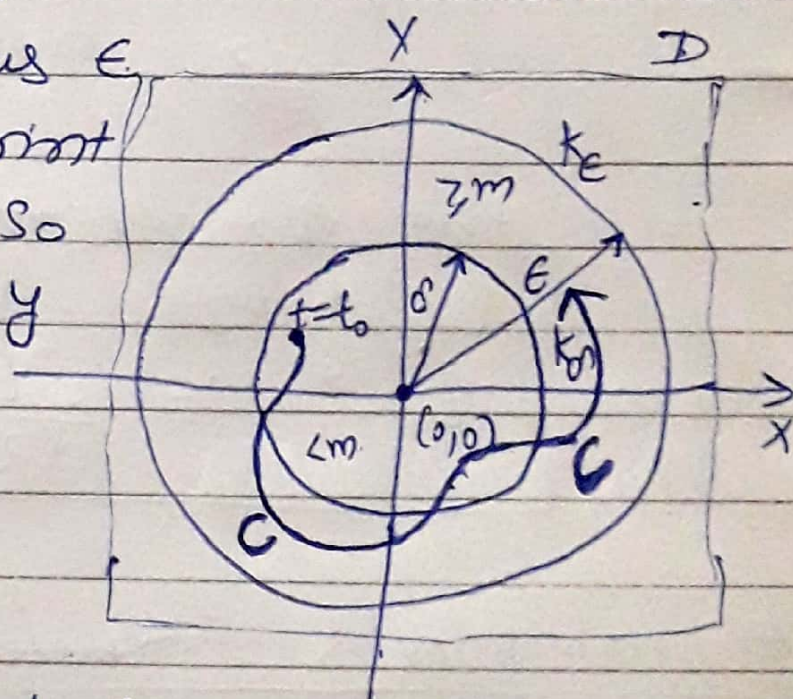
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Thm 1)

Consider the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = P(x, y)$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = Q(x, y)$ ①

Assumes that this system has an isolated critical point at origin $(0, 0)$ and P and Q have its first order partial derivative for all (x, y) . If there exist a Liapunov's function E for the system ① in some domain D containing $(0, 0)$, then the critical point $(0, 0)$ of ① is stable.

Proof:- Let K_ϵ be a circle of radius ϵ with the centre at critical point $(0, 0)$. where $\epsilon > 0$ is small enough, so that this circle K_ϵ lies entirely in the domain D



From Real-analysis thm.

"A real-valued function

which is continuous on a closed bounded set assumes both a maximum value and minimum value on that set". Since the circle K_ϵ is closed.

bounded set in the plane and E is continuous in D and hence on K_ϵ .

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∴ By Real analysis thm; E must have maximum as well as minimum on K_ϵ .

So; in particular E assumes minimum value on K_ϵ . (ie $E > 0$ on K_ϵ). [$\because E > 0$ on D]

Thus E assumes a +ive minimum (m) on the circle K_ϵ .

Next: observe that since E is continuous at $(0,0)$ and $E(0,0) = 0$, \exists a +ive number δ satisfying $\delta < \epsilon$ such that $E(x,y) < m$ for all (x,y)

within on circle K_δ of radius δ and centre at $(0,0)$.

Now, let C be any path of (1) ; let $x = f(t)$,

$y = g(t)$ be an arbitrary solution of (1) defined by path C parametrically. and suppose C defined by $[f(t), g(t)]$ is at a point within the "inner" circle K_δ at $t = t_0$. Then.

$$E[f(t), g(t)]|_{t=t_0} < m.$$

$$\Rightarrow E[f(t_0), g(t_0)] < m.$$

since \dot{E} is negative semi-definite in D

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} E[f(t), g(t)] \leq 0$$

for $[f(t), g(t)] \in D$.

[$\because E$ is Liapunov's Function
 $\Rightarrow E > 0 \rightarrow P.D.$
and $\dot{E} \leq 0 \rightarrow N.S.D$]

Thus $E[f(t), g(t)]$ is non-increasing function.

[$\because \dot{E} \leq 0 \rightarrow$ Non-increasing] of t on C .

Hence $E[f(t), g(t)] \leq E[f(t_0), g(t_0)] < m$ for all $t \geq t_0$

$$\Rightarrow E[f(t), g(t)] < m \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

Since $E[f(t), g(t)]$ must have to be $\geq m$

E is dec.
Then for $t \geq t_0$
 $E(t) \leq E(t_0)$

on the outer circle K_ϵ . \therefore we see that the path C defined by $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$ must remain within K_ϵ for all $t > t_0$. Thus proved. of stability. $(0,0)$ is a stable point.

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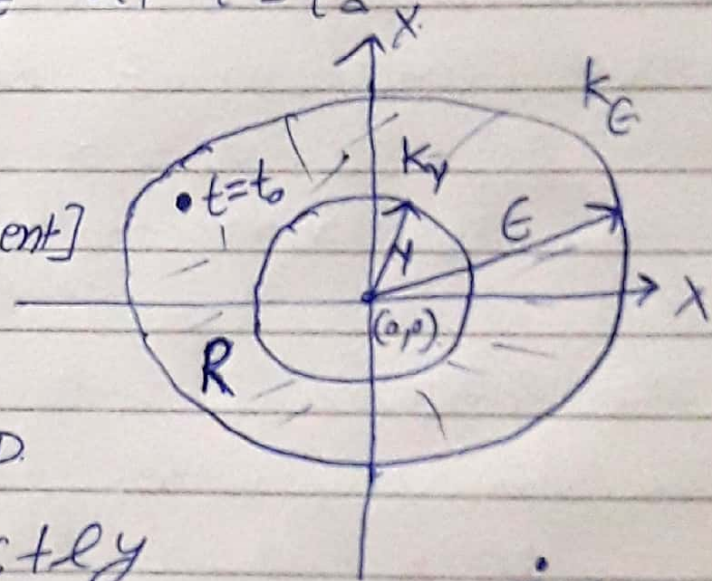
Thm 2) Consider the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = P(x,y), \frac{dy}{dt} = Q(x,y)$ (1)

Assume that this system has an isolated critical point at the origin $(0,0)$ and that P and Q have its first partial derivative for all (x,y) . If \exists a Lyapunov's function E for the system (1) in some domain D containing $(0,0)$ such that $\dot{E} < 0$, also has the property that E is negative definite in D . then the critical point $(0,0)$ of (1) is asymptotically stable.

Proof:- As in the Prev. thm., Let K_ϵ be a circle of radius $\epsilon > 0$ with centre at the critical point $(0,0)$ and lying entirely in D . Also, let G be any path of (1) let $x=f(t), y=g(t)$ be any arbitrary sol. of (1) defining G parametrically and suppose G defined by $[f(t), g(t)]$ is at a point within K_ϵ at $t=t_0$.

Now, since \dot{E} is negative definite in D [given in statement]
 $\therefore \frac{dE[f(t), g(t)]}{dt} < 0$

for $[f(t), g(t)] \in D$



Thus $E[f(t), g(t)]$ is strictly decreasing function of t along G [$\because \dot{E} < 0$ is str. \downarrow]
Since E is +ive definite [$\because E$ is Lyapunov's Funct.] in D . $\therefore E[f(t), g(t)] \rightarrow 0$ for $[f(t), g(t)] \in D$.

Thus $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[f(t), g(t)]$ exist and is some no. $L \geq 0$.

i.e $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[f(t), g(t)] = L$

We will show that $L=0$

suppose, if possible let us assume that $L > 0$

Since E is +lve definite. There exist a +ive no. γ satisfying $\gamma < \epsilon$ such that $E(x, y) < L$ for all (x, y) within the circle K_γ of radius γ .

Now, applying the result of Real-analysis thm. on maximum and minimum values that we used to the prev. thm. to the continuous function \dot{E} on the closed region R between and on the two circles K_ϵ and K_γ .

Since \dot{E} is negative definite in D and hence in this region R which does not include $(0, 0)$.

We see that \dot{E} assumes a negative maximum $-k'$ on R . Since $E[p(t), q(t)]$ is strictly decreasing function of 't' along \dot{C} and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[p(t), q(t)] = L.$$

The path defined by $x = p(t)$, $y = q(t)$ cannot enter the domain within K_γ for $t > t_0$ and so remain in R for all $t \geq t_0$.

Thus we have $\dot{E}[p(t), q(t)] \leq -k$ for all $t \geq t_0$.

Then \dot{E} is negative definite

$$\text{and we have } \frac{dE[p(t), q(t)]}{dt} = \dot{E}[p(t), q(t)] \leq -k \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

for all $t \geq t_0$

Now consider the Identity

$$E[p(t), q(t)] - E[p(t_0), q(t_0)] = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{dE[p(t), q(t)]}{dt} dt \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Then (2) gives. [using (2) in (3)]

$$E[p(t), q(t)] - E[p(t_0), q(t_0)] \leq \int_{t_0}^t -k dt.$$

$$\Rightarrow E[f(t), g(t)] \leq E[f(t_0), g(t_0)] - k(t-t_0)$$

for all $t \geq t_0$

Now, let $t \rightarrow \infty$, since $-k < 0$, we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[f(t), g(t)] = -\infty$$

But this contradicts the hypothesis that E is +ive definite in D

and the assumption that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[f(t), g(t)] = L > 0$$

\therefore our supposition is wrong i.e. $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[f(t), g(t)] > 0$

$$\therefore L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[f(t), g(t)] = 0$$

Since E is positive definite in D , $E(x, y) = 0$

iff $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ [By def. of positive definite]

Thus

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E[f(t), g(t)] = 0 \text{ iff and only iff}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = 0$$

But, from the def. of asymptotically stable point; the critical point $(0, 0)$ of $\textcircled{1}$ is asymptotically stable.

Example! - Determine the stability of the critical

$$\text{point of } \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -y + x^2$$

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by Lapunov's direct method.

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Solution:- The given autonomous system is

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -x + y^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -y + x^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

Let the function E is defined by

$$E = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

For given system (1) we have $P = -x + y^2$
and $Q = -y + x^2$

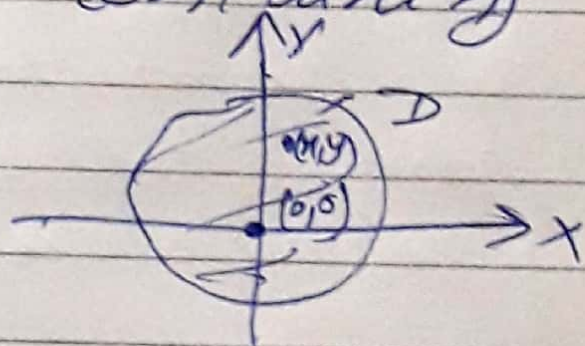
and also for function E defined by (2), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} &= 2x \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial y} &= 2y \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (3)}$$

Now, we will show that function E defined by (2) is a Liapunov's Function.

For given system (1); origin $(0,0)$ is an isolated critical point and P and Q has its first order partial derivatives for all $(x,y) \in D$. Where D is the domain for system (1) which containing origin $(0,0)$

Now; to show E is Liapunov's Function, we have to prove that



- (i) $E(x,y)$ is a positive definite for all (x,y)
- (ii) $\dot{E}(x,y)$ is negative semi-definite for all $(x,y) \in D$.

Now, (i) $E(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 \quad \forall (x,y) \in D$

Here $E = 0$ iff $x = 0, y = 0$

\therefore at $(0,0)$ we have $E = 0$

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Also; at other points $(x, y) \neq (0, 0) \in D$
we have E is always positive
i.e. $E > 0$ for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0) \in D$.

\therefore we have $E = 0$ when $(x, y) = (0, 0) \in D$

and $E > 0$ when $(x, y) \neq (0, 0) \in D$

Thus E is positive definite for all $(x, y) \in D$.

(ii) We know that $\dot{E}(x, y) = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} \cdot P(x, y) + \frac{\partial E}{\partial y} \cdot Q(x, y)$
 $= 2x \cdot [-x + y^2] + 2y \cdot [-y + x^2]$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}(x, y) &= -2x^2 + 2xy^2 - 2y^2 + 2yx^2 \\ &= -2(x^2 + y^2) + 2(x^2y + xy^2) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

for all $(x, y) \in D$

Now; if \dot{E} is negative semi-definite for all (x, y)
in some domain D containing $(0, 0)$, then E
defined by (2) is a Liapunov function for system (1)
clearly; $E(0, 0) = 0$

Now observe the following; if $x < 1$ and $y \neq 0$, then
 $xy^2 < y^2$; if $y < 1$ and $x \neq 0$, then $x^2y < x^2$.

Thus if $x < 1, y < 1$ and $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$

$$\text{Then } x^2y + yx^2 < x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2y + yx^2) < 2(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2y + yx^2) - 2(x^2 + y^2) < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{E}(x, y) < 0$$

[Using (4)]

Thus in every domain D containing $(0, 0)$ and such
that $x < 1$ and $y < 1$, $\dot{E}(x, y)$ given by (4)
is negative semi-definite.

Hence, E defined by (2) is Liapunov function
 \Rightarrow By thm. (1) $(0, 0)$ is a stable point.