

# Stability of Differential Equations

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# Outline

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quantifies the rate at which trajectories spread.

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It is  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  that will ultimately give us our growth rate.

# The Lyapunov exponent

The *Lyapunov* exponent,  $\lambda(t)$ , is the exponential growth rate measuring sensitivity to initial conditions. It is classically computed as:

$$\|\mathbf{v}(t)\| \approx \exp(\lambda \cdot t) \|\mathbf{v}_0\|,$$

But what happens if we use **power series** approach?

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With MAPLE

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>> SOLN1 := y[0] * exp(int(alpha(tau),tau=0..t));  
>> check := taylor(SOLN1,t=0) - Yseries;
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>> Yy0 := taylor(diff(Yseries,y_0),t=0);
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# The Lyapunov exponent

We have

$$\partial_{y_0} y(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}) t^n$$

and so  $\lambda(t)$  is easy to compute:

```
>> simplify(taylor(ln(Yy0))/t);
```

$$\lambda(t) = a_0 + 1/2 a_1 t + 1/3 a_2 t^2 + O(t^3)$$

For our problem, a direct calculation verifies this:

$$\frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \alpha(\tau) d\tau.$$

This time average is the mean coefficient on  $[0, t]$



## Ex: A 2D planar system

Consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= -y + x(1 - x^2 - y^2) \\y' &= x + y(1 - x^2 - y^2)\end{aligned}$$

which can be recast (and decoupled!) as

$$\begin{aligned}r' &= r(1 - r^2) \\ \theta' &= 1\end{aligned}$$

with a stable orbit at  $r = 1$ .

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So  $v_r = \exp(-2t)v_0$ , and the Lyapunov exponent is -2 in the radial direction (and 0 in the tangential direction).

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We can use power series to explore the original cartesian system.

```
>> restart;
>> Order := 2:
>> F1 := (x,y) -> -y+x*(1-x^2-y^2);
>> F2 := (x,y) -> x+y*(1-x^2-y^2);
>> Planar := [diff(x(t),t) = F1(x(t),y(t)) , ...
              diff(y(t),t) = F2(x(t),y(t))];
>> ART := dsolve(Planar,[x(t),y(t)],type = 'series');
>> BOB := convert(subs({x(0)=x,y(0)=y},ART),polynom);
>> JacP := {x,y} -> Jacobian(BOB,[x,y]);
>> SingularValues(JacP(1,0));
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or evaluate the Jacobian at a specific time and then compute the singular values. Either way:

at  $t = 1e-7$ ,  $\lambda_1 \approx 0.00000005$  and  $\lambda_2 \approx -2.000000015$

## 3D: Lorenz

And now for the real work...

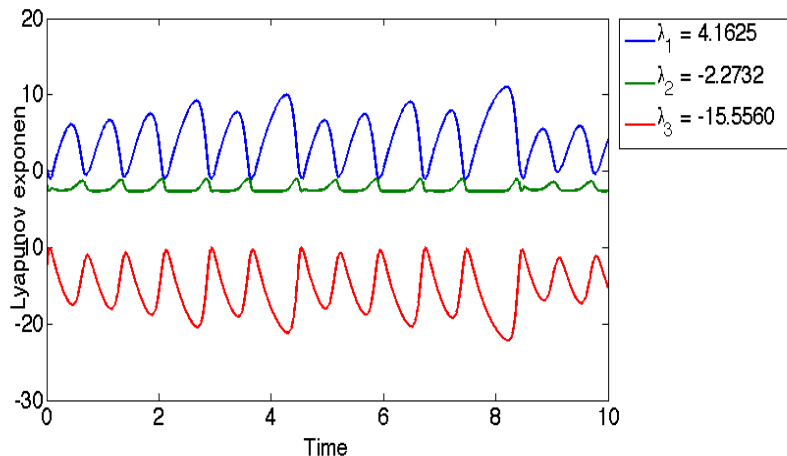
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With MAPLE and MATLAB



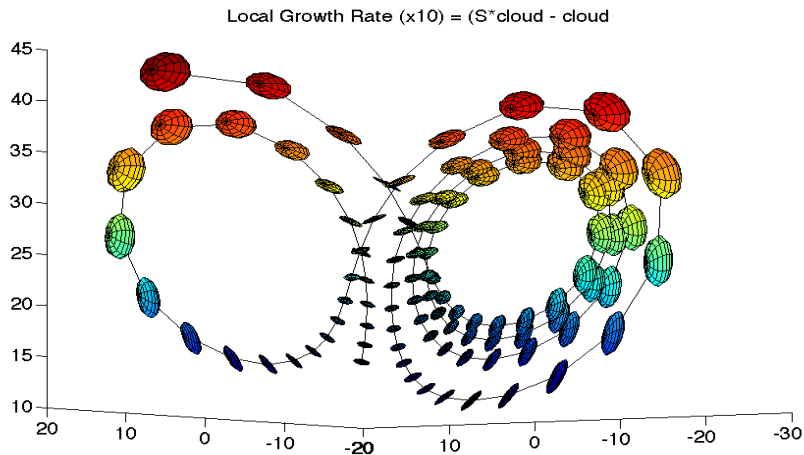
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Uhoh....



Sprott gets: 0.966, 0, -14.6. At least our trace, 13.6667, is right.

## Ex: Lorenz



# The PROCESS

Generate a polynomial (quadratic) system. (Reverse Polish)

Compute analytic series approximation  $Y(t; ic)$

Differentiate to find sensitivity to IC  $S(t; ic) := \partial_{ic} Y(t; ic)$

Build IC series  $y_0(T)$  'on' attractor.

Choose tau for local continuation length

20 WHILE  $T < T_{max}$

Evaluate  $D = \text{svd}(S(\tau; y_0(T)))$

Compute  $\lambda(T)$  (or mean) for local time interval

Advance:  $T = T + r$

GOTO 20

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Another series approach might be to compute

$$\|\phi(t; \mathbf{x}_0) - \phi(t; \mathbf{y}_0)\|$$

directly using the analytic (approximate) integrator.

# Conclusions

- Easy to find approximate solution operator as a function of  $t$ .
- Seems to provide information about local growth of variations.
- No need to evolve tangent space (a la Wolf)?
- Non-autonomous? No fear!
- Non-linear? No problem!

Thanks!

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