

# MA543 Lecture 1 (What are ODEs/Eqs/Dyn Sys)

[M, Ch. 1]

ODEs (Ordinary Differential Eqs)

(1) Single equation, 1<sup>st</sup> order

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t), & x = x(t) \\ x(0) = x_0 \leftarrow \text{initial condition} \end{cases}$$

$t$  : independent variable

$x = x(t)$  : dependent variables, unknown

(2) 2x2 system, 1<sup>st</sup> order

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y, t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y, t) \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} x = x(t), \\ y = y(t) \end{matrix}$$

$x(0) = x_0, y(0) = y_0 \leftarrow \text{initial condition}$

(3)  $n \times n$  system,  $K^+$  or der (most general form)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dx_n}{dt} = f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \end{cases}$$

$$x_i(0) = x_{i0}$$

In vector form:  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

$$F(X, t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} X = F(X, t), \quad X(0) = X_0$$

(4) Non-autonomous

$F = F(X, t)$  depends on  $t$  explicitly.

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = F(X, t)$$

vs

Autonomous  $F = F(X)$ ,

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = F(X)$$

Non-autonomous can be converted to autonomous

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ introduce } x_{n+1} = t, \quad \tilde{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \\ x_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ x_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dX}{dt} = F(X, x_{n+1}) \\ \frac{dx_{n+1}}{dt} = 1 \end{cases} \iff \frac{d\tilde{X}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} F(X, x_{n+1}) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{F}(\tilde{X})$$

# Illustrative Examples of ODEs

## (1) Population growth (Single species)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = r x, \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{dt} = r \quad \leftarrow \text{rate of growth per capita}$$

Separable equation:

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \int r dt$$

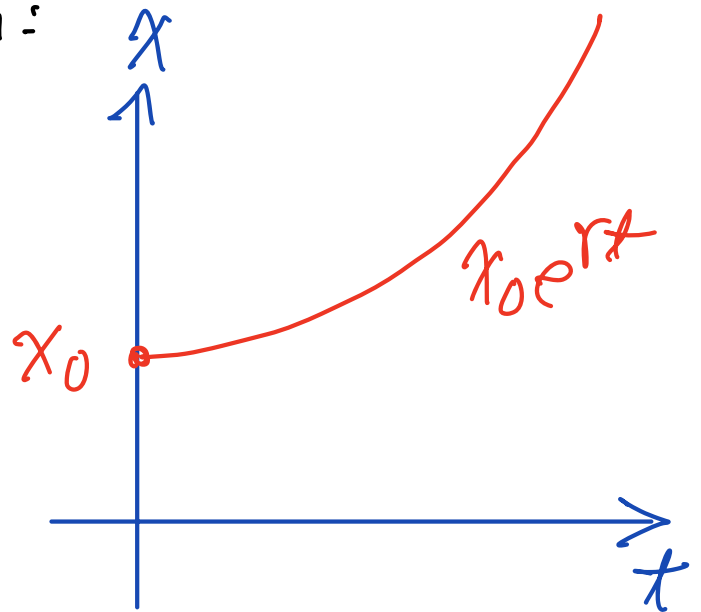
$$\ln|x| + C_1 = rt + C_2$$

$$\ln|x| = rt + C$$

$$|x| = e^{rt+C} = (e^C) e^{rt}$$

$$x = (\pm e^C) e^{rt}$$

$$x = C e^{rt} \Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{rt}$$



## (2) Logistic Growth

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = rx(1 - bx)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{dt} = r(1 - bx)$$

growth  
rate

↓  
depreciated by  
reduced / consumed  
resources

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) \quad K = \frac{1}{b}$$

$K$  = carrying capacity

↓  
Solve, separable equation

$$\frac{dx}{x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right)} = r dt$$

$$\frac{1}{x(1 - \frac{x}{K})} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\frac{1}{K}}{1 - \frac{x}{K}}$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x(1 - \frac{x}{K})} = \int \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\frac{1}{K}}{1 - \frac{x}{K}} \right) dx$$

$$= \ln |x| - \ln \left| 1 - \frac{x}{K} \right|$$

$$= \ln \frac{|x|}{\left| 1 - \frac{x}{K} \right|}$$

Hence

$$\ln \frac{|x|}{\left| 1 - \frac{x}{K} \right|} = rt + C$$

$$\frac{x}{1 - \frac{x}{K}} = Ce^{rt} \quad \left( C = \frac{x_0}{1 - \frac{x_0}{K}} \right)$$

$$x = ce^{rt} - \frac{ce^{rt}x}{K}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{ce^{rt}}{K}\right)x = ce^{rt}$$

$$x = \frac{ce^{rt}}{1 + \frac{ce^{rt}}{K}}$$

$$x = \frac{Kce^{rt}}{K + ce^{rt}}, \quad C = \frac{x_0}{1 - \frac{x_0}{K}}$$

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) = \frac{KC}{C} = K$$

carrying capacity

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \underline{rx\left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right)} = f(x)$$

$\frac{dx}{dt}$  = slope of  $x(t)$   
(rate of change)

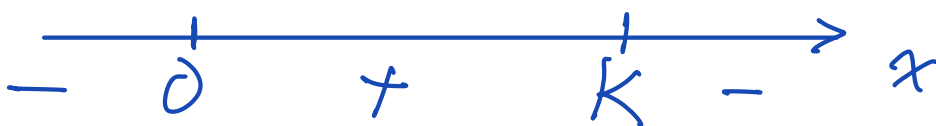
$$f(x) > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} > 0 \Rightarrow x \uparrow \text{ in } t$$

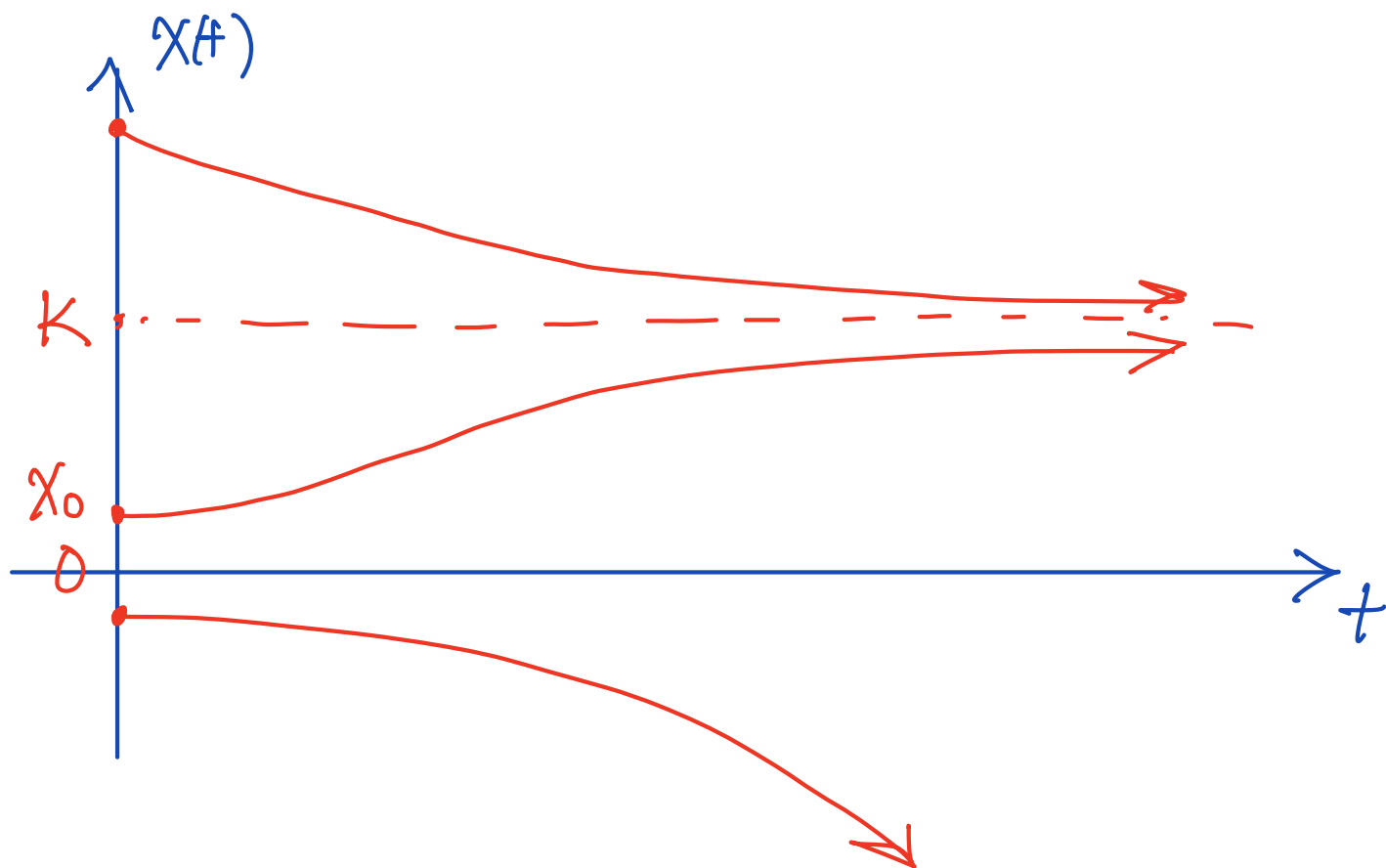
$$f(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} < 0 \Rightarrow x \downarrow \text{ in } t$$

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow x \text{ -stationary (critical pt.)}$$

$$f(x) = rx\left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) = \begin{cases} > 0 & 0 < x < K \\ = 0 & x = 0, K \\ < 0 & x > K \\ < 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$(r, K > 0)$

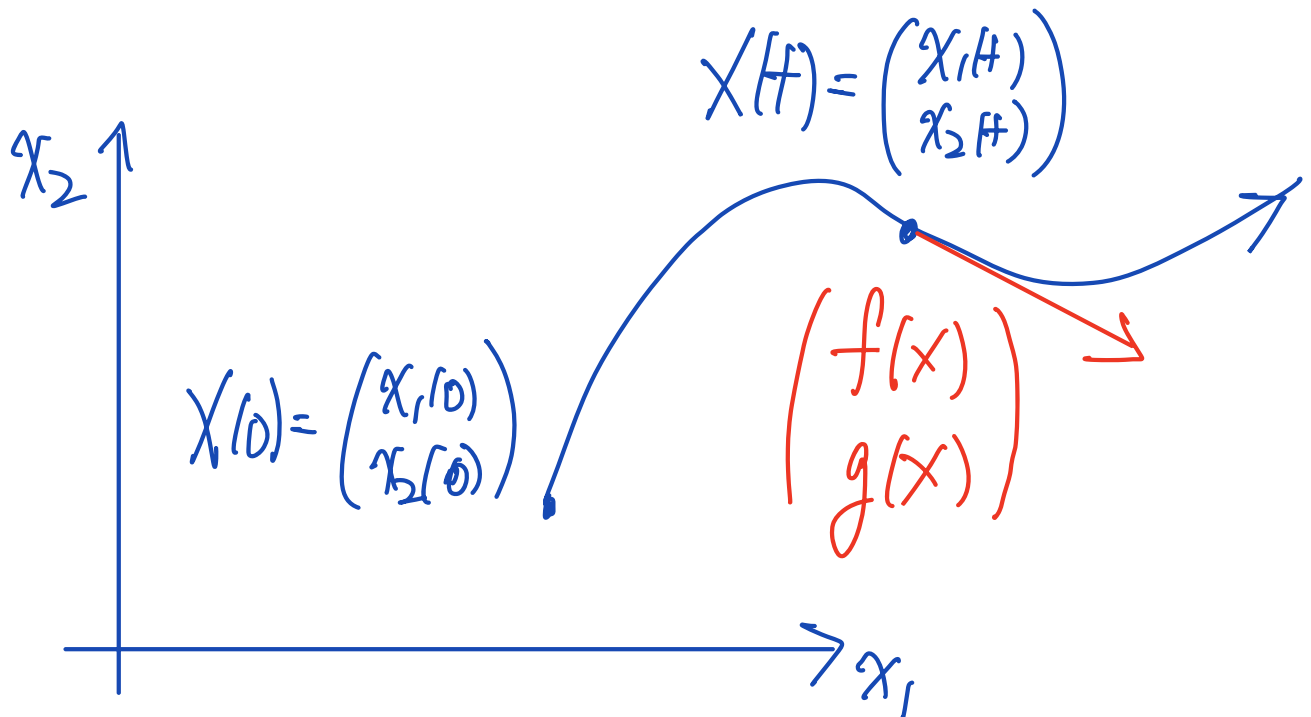




# Plotting two (or higher) dimensional systems

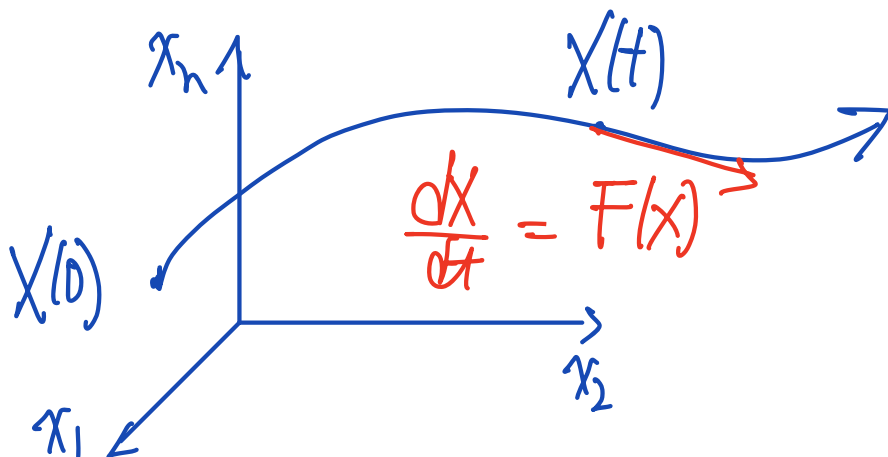
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = f(x_1, x_2) \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = g(x_1, x_2) \end{cases}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\frac{dX}{dt} = F(X)$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$



(3) Population Growth (Interacting species)

(i) Competition models

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(A - Bx - Cy)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(D - Ex - Fy)$$

(ii) Predator-Prey

x - prey  
y - predator

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(A - Bx - Cy)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(Dx - Ey)$$

#### (4) Conversion of higher order ODE to 1st order system

$$g\left(x, \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \dots, \frac{d^nx}{dt^n}, t\right) = 0$$

(solve for  $\frac{d^nx}{dt^n}$ )

$$\frac{d^nx}{dt^n} = f\left(t, x, \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \dots, \frac{d^{n-1}x}{dt^{n-1}}\right)$$

Introduce new variables

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= x \\ y_2 &= \frac{dx}{dt} \\ y_3 &= \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \\ &\vdots \\ y_n &= \frac{d^{n-1}x}{dt^{n-1}} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2 \\ \frac{dy_2}{dt} = y_3 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dy_n}{dt} = f(t, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \\ f(t, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

(5) Hamiltonian flow:

Hamiltonian function

$$H: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad H(x, y)$$

*position*

*momentum*

$$\dot{x} = + \nabla_y H(x, y)$$

$$\dot{y} = - \nabla_x H(x, y)$$

(Often  $H(x, y) = V(x) + T(y)$  )

*potential energy*

*kinetic energy*

$$\dot{x} = \nabla_y T(y)$$

$$\dot{y} = - \nabla_x V(x)$$

$H$  is constant along solution.

$\downarrow$   
 $H(X(H), Y(H))$

$$\frac{d}{dt} H(X(H), Y(H))$$

$$= (\nabla_X H) \dot{X} + (\nabla_Y H) \dot{Y}$$

$$= (\nabla_X H)(\nabla_Y H) + (\nabla_Y H)(-\nabla_X H) = 0$$

Hamiltonian flow with friction

$$\dot{X} = \nabla_Y H(X, Y)$$

$\uparrow$   
(dissipation)  
 $\downarrow$

$$\dot{Y} = -\nabla_X H(X, Y) - \gamma \dot{X}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} H(X, Y) = (\nabla_X H) \dot{X} + (\nabla_Y H) \dot{Y}$$

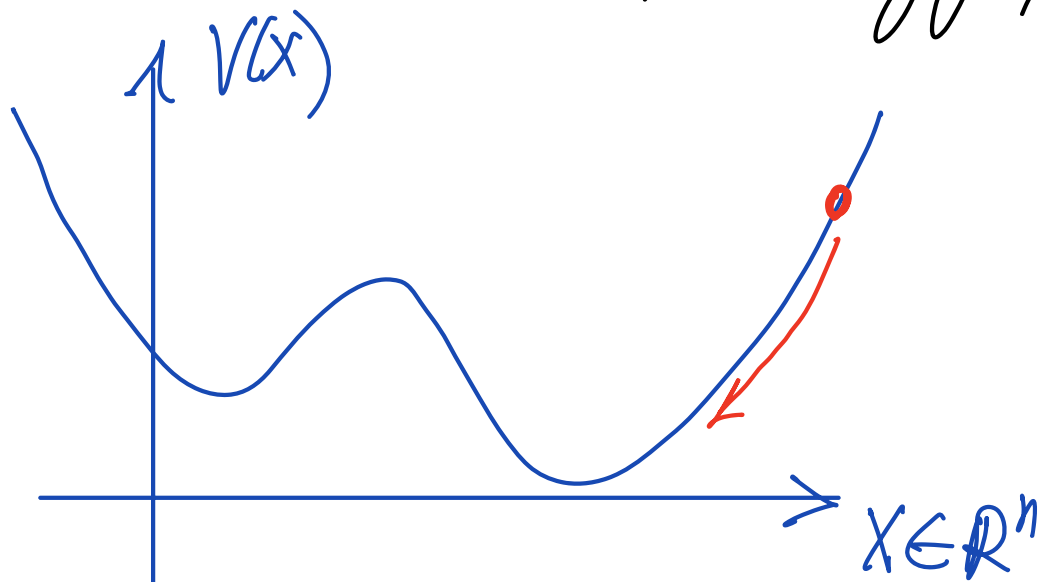
$$= (\nabla_X H) \cancel{(\nabla_Y H)} + (\nabla_Y H) (\cancel{-\nabla_X H} - \gamma \dot{X})$$

$$= -\langle \nabla_Y H, \gamma \dot{X} \rangle$$

$$= -\gamma \langle \nabla_Y H, \nabla_Y H \rangle < 0 \quad \forall \gamma > 0$$

## (b) Gradient flow

$V: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , energy fct



$$\dot{X} = -\nabla V(X)$$

V decreases along solution  
↓  
 $V(X(t))$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} V(X(t)) &= \langle \nabla V(X(t)), \dot{X} \rangle \\ &= \langle \nabla V(X(t)), -\nabla V(X(t)) \rangle \\ &= -\langle \nabla V(X(t)), \nabla V(X(t)) \rangle \\ &< 0 \quad (\text{unless } \nabla V(X) = 0) \\ &\quad \text{(critical pt.)} \end{aligned}$$

# Goal of Studying Dynamical Systems

$$\dot{X} = F(X), \quad X(0) = X_0$$

① Understand/Classify long time behaviors

$$X(t) \longrightarrow ? \text{ as } t \longrightarrow +\infty$$

eg. - fixed/stationary pt.?

- periodic orbit?

- chaotic behavior (with statistical properties?)

② Stability of descriptions?

③ Dependence of descriptions w.r.t.  
underlying parameters?  
(bifurcation?)