

An introduction to switched systems

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- Important models in physics, engineering, applied maths...

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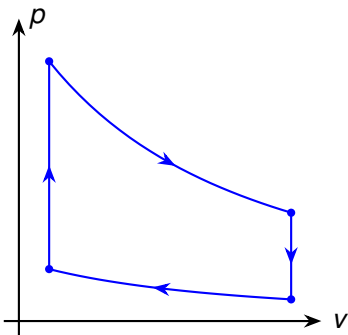
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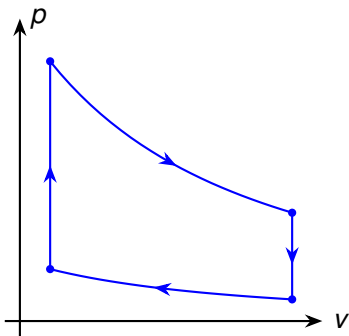


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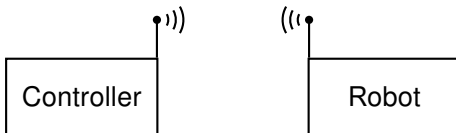
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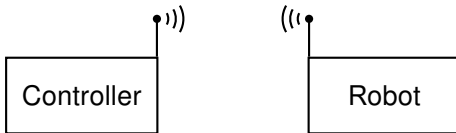
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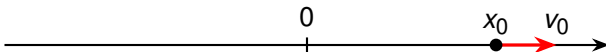
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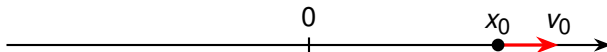


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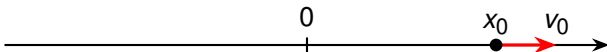


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- Very often, optimal control problems lead to switched systems!
- More on **optimal control**: M2 course (2nd semester) “Geometric Control”.

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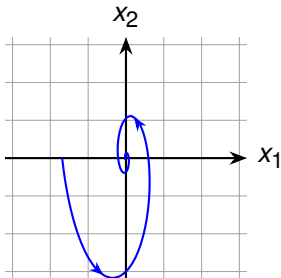
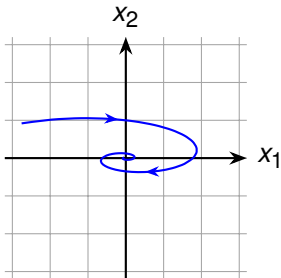
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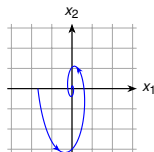
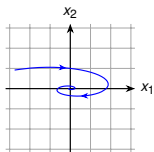
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Eigenvalues: $\lambda_{1,2} = -1 \pm 3i$.



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- Switching between stable subsystems may lead to instability!
- Similarly, unstable subsystems may sometimes be stabilized by a suitable switching law.
- It is important to provide criteria in order to characterize the stability of switched systems.

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Other criteria: [Shorten, Narendra; 1999 and 2002], [Shorten, Narendra, Mason; 2003], [Gurvits, Shorten, Mason; 2007], [Laffey, Šmigoc; 2007]...

More on Lie algebraic stability criteria: [Agrachev, Liberzon; 2001], [Agrachev, Baryshnikov, Liberzon; 2012].

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- Write $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & q \\ q & r \end{pmatrix}$. Using Sylvester's criterion for positive-definiteness, one must have

$$\frac{(r-3)^2}{8} + q^2 < 1, \quad \frac{(r-300)^2}{80000} + \frac{q^2}{100} < 1.$$

- These two ellipses do not intersect: no CQLF.

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- Main idea: for a given initial condition x_0 , find the switching signal σ such that the solution goes as far away from the origin as possible, using the techniques of **optimal control**.
- If such trajectory converges, all other trajectories also converge, and one has stability. Otherwise, the system is unstable.
- Very useful in dimension 2, much harder in dimension ≥ 3 .

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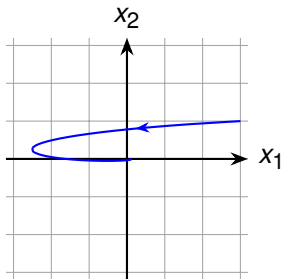
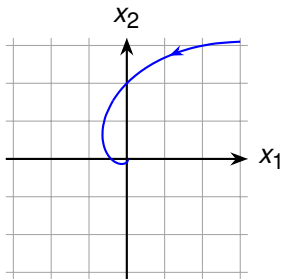
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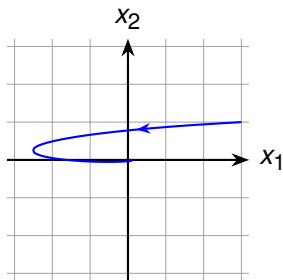
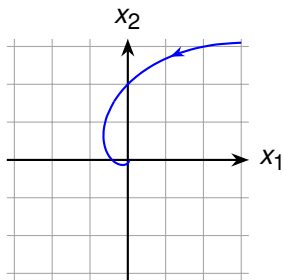
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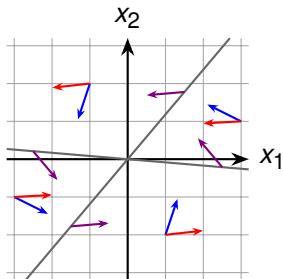
Example: $N = 2$, $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -10 \\ \frac{1}{10} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.



- Both trajectories turn counterclockwise around the origin.
- The “worst trajectory” should be the one chosen such that, at each point, we pick the vector field directed further away from the origin (to justify this: M2 course “Geometric Control”).

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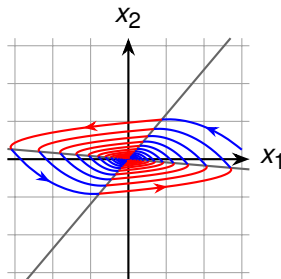
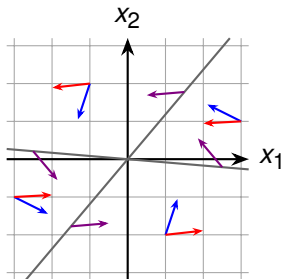
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$$k = \frac{2\tau_1\tau_2}{\text{Tr}(A_1)\text{Tr}(A_2)} \left(\text{Tr}(A_1A_2) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(A_1)\text{Tr}(A_2) \right),$$

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$$R = \frac{2\Gamma(A_1, A_2) + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2\sqrt{\det(A_1)\det(A_2)}} e^{\tau_1 t_1 + \tau_2 t_2}.$$

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