# State Space 

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## Recap: Linear versus nonlinear

Process dynamics: uncontrolled and controlled

Example on stabilizing state feedback

Linear versus nonlinear dynamics

## Fixed points and stability ideas outside control

A common problem across science and engineering:

$$
\text { Find the solutions or roots of a nonlinear equation } f(x)=0
$$

Issue: may have multiple roots
Issue: usually no known analytical solutions

Question: how to design algorithms to calculate the roots using a computer?

Fixed point recursion: an algorithm to numerically solve $f(x)=0$

Idea: rewrite the original equation $f(x)=0$ in the form $x=g(x)$

Then iterate $x(t+1)=g(x(t))$ in a computer

Hope: if the iterations converge, then it must converge to a root of $f(x)=0$

Worry: the iterations may diverge or settle to oscillation

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Here $t$ denotes iteration index


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## Stabilizing state feedback control

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State space: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}=\mathbb{R}^{2}$

## Example: state space for simple pendulum



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State space: $[-\pi, \pi] \times \mathbb{R}$

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