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:

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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$$x_1(t+1) = \frac{1}{2}x_1(t) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x_2(t)$$
$$x_2(t+1) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x_1(t) + \frac{1}{2}x_2(t)$$



Example: state space for simple pendulum



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

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Cylinder

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