

Theory of ODEs

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Defⁿ. $F(s) = O(s)$ if $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $|F(s)| \leq cs$ for sufficiently small s .

Lemma. Cauchy's Law: $\alpha\beta \leq \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 + \frac{1}{2}\beta^2$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

Lemma. Cauchy-Schwarz: $x \cdot y \leq |x||y|$

Lemma. Triangle inequality: $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$

Defⁿ. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $C(U) := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ continuous}\}$
 $\underline{C(U; \mathbb{R}^m)} := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m : f_i \in C(U), i = 1, \dots, m\}$
 $\|f\|_{\infty, u} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)|$

Defⁿ. $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ -interval $\underline{C^j(I; \mathbb{R}^n)} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n : j \text{ times differentiable in } \text{int}(I) \\ \& f^{(k)} \in C(I; \mathbb{R}^n), k = 0, \dots \end{array} \right\}$

Defⁿ. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $f_j \in C(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \ni f$, $f_j \rightarrow f$ uniformly in U if $\|f_j - f\|_{\infty, u} \rightarrow 0$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$

Defⁿ. U is compact if $\forall (x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq U$, $\exists x_{j_k} \rightarrow x \in U$

Defⁿ. $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$, U is compact iff U is closed & bounded.

Defⁿ. $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + b(t)$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $b \in C([0, 1]; \mathbb{R}^n)$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x(0) = x_0$, $x : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a solution if $x \in C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ & satisfies the above.

Defⁿ. Operator norm: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $\|A\| := \sup_{\substack{h \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ |h| = 1}} |Ah|$

Defⁿ. Frobenius norm: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $\|A\|_{\mathcal{F}} := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m |A_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$

Lemma. $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a norm on $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

i) $\|A\|_{\mathcal{F}} \geq 0$, $\|A\|_{\mathcal{F}} = 0 \iff A = 0$

ii) $\|\lambda A\|_{\mathcal{F}} = |\lambda| \|A\|_{\mathcal{F}}$, $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

iii) $\|A + B\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq \|A\|_{\mathcal{F}} + \|B\|_{\mathcal{F}}$
Additionally:

iv) $|Ah| \leq \|A\|_{\mathcal{F}} |h|$, $h \in \mathbb{R}^m$

v) $\|AB\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq \|A\|_{\mathcal{F}} \|B\|_{\mathcal{F}}$, $\forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \forall B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times v}$

Th^m. .

a) Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!}$ converges in $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{F}}$ (each component is absolutely convergent).

b) Let $E(t) := e^{At}$ then $E \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n})$ & $\dot{E}(t) = AE(t)$.

Propⁿ. M-test: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\| \frac{t^n A^n}{n!} \right\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} m_n \leq +\infty \implies$ Converges uniformly.

Propⁿ. Duhamel's Formula: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $b \in C^k([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ & let $x(t) := e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}b(s).ds \implies x \in C^{k+1}([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ & solves $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + b \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ ($A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $b, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$)

Lemma. $f_m \in C^1(I; \mathbb{R})$, $g \in C(I; \mathbb{R})$, $f_m \rightarrow g$ uniformly, $f_m \rightarrow f$ pointwise $\implies f \in C^1(I; \mathbb{R})$ if $\dot{f} = g$.

Propⁿ. M-test: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|f\|_{\infty, I} < \infty \implies \sum_{n=0}^m f_n$ converges uniformly.

Propⁿ. \exists at most one $x \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ solving $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + b \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$

Cor^{ly}. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ & $S := \{x \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n) : \dot{x} = Ax\} \implies \dim(S) = n$

Propⁿ. Let $b \in C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, then $\{x \in C^1([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n) : \dot{x} = Ax + b\} = \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}b(s).ds + S = x_p(t) + \{x_h(t)\}$

Lemma. Gronwall's Lemma: $\dot{z} = Az$, $z = x - y$, $z_0 = x_0 - y_0$ so $\dot{\zeta} \leq a\zeta$, $\zeta(0) = \zeta_0 \implies \zeta(t) \leq e^{at}\zeta_0$, $|x(t) - y(t)| \leq e^{\|A\|_{\mathcal{F}}t}|x_0 - y_0|$

Defⁿ. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, f is a Lipschitz continuous in U if $\exists L \geq 0$ s.t. $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y| \quad \forall x, y \in U$

Defⁿ. f is locally Lipschitz in U if f is Lipschitz in $K \subseteq U$ for every compact $K \subseteq U$. (K closed & bounded.)

Defⁿ. U open in \mathbb{R}^n , $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is (Frechet) differentiable at $x \in U$ if $\exists A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

s.t. $\frac{f(x+h) - (f(x) + Ah)}{|h|} \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. $\partial f(x) := \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(x) \right)_{\substack{i=1, \dots, m \\ j=1, \dots, n}}$

Propⁿ. Chain Rule: $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open, $f \in C^1(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \implies \frac{d}{dt}f(x(t)) = \partial f(x(t))\dot{x}(t)$

Propⁿ. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open & convex, $f \in C^1(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \implies f$ is Lipschitz in U iff $\|\partial f\|_{\infty, U} < +\infty$ & $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \|\partial f\|_{\infty, U}|x - y|$

Defⁿ. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex if $\forall x, y \in U \forall s \in [0, 1]$, $(1-s)x + sy \in U$.

Propⁿ. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ closed & convex, $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \bar{U}_i$, U_i open & disjoint. If $\{(1-s)x + sy : s \in [0, 1]\} \subset U \implies \exists s_1 < \dots < s_k$ s.t. $\{(1-s)x + sy : s \in [s_{k-1}, s_k]\} \subset \bar{U}_{i_k}$ for some $i_k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. If $f \in C(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^m C^1(U_i; \mathbb{R}^m)$ & $L := \max_{m=1, \dots, m} \|\partial f\|_{\infty, U_i} < \infty \implies f$ is Lipschitz in U & $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|$

Remark. $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \omega(|x - y|)$. ω -modulus of continuity, $\omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

•Lipschitz: $\omega(r) = Lr$, •Hölder: $\omega(r) = cr^\alpha$

Lemma. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ be a Banach (complete, normed, linear) space. $U \subseteq X$ closed, $T : U \rightarrow U$ contraction. i.e: $\exists k \in [0, 1)$ s.t. $\|T(x) - T(y)\|_X \leq k\|x - y\|_X \quad \forall x, y \in U \implies \exists! x \in U$ s.t. $T(x) = x$

Note. X is complete if $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq X$ Cauchy $\implies \exists x \in X$ s.t. $x_n \rightarrow x$

Remark. $X = C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ is Banach when equipped with $\|\cdot\|_X = \|\cdot\|_{\infty, [0, T]}$

Let $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x), t \in [0, T] \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \dots$ (IVP)

Propⁿ. $x \in C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ s.t. $x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(s, x(s)).ds \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$ (weak solution), $f \in C([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n) \implies x \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ & solves (IVP).

Th^m. Picard's Theorem: Suppose $f \in C([0, T] \times B_R(x_0); \mathbb{R}^n)$ where $T_1, R > 0$ & $|f(t, x) - f(t, y)| \leq L|x - y| \quad t \in [0, T]$, $x, y \in B_R(x_0) \implies \exists T > 0$ & unique $x \in C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ s.t. $x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(s, x(s)).ds \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$ (weak solⁿ)

Let $f \in C([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n) \dots$ (GLL)

Lemma. $x(t) = x_n(t)$, $t \in [T_{n-1}, T_n]$ defined for $t \in [T_0, T_*)$ where $T_* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n \in (T_0, \infty) \implies x \in C^1([T_0, T_*]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ & solves (IVP) on $[T_0, T_*)$.

Def^m. $x \in C^1([0, T_*]; \mathbb{R}^n)$, $T_* \in (0, \infty)$ is a maximal solution of (IVP) if $\forall y \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ solution of (IVP) $T \rightarrow T_*$ & $x = y$ on $[0, T]$ then $T = T_*$.

Th^m. .

1) (GLL) $\implies \exists!$ maximal solution to (IVP).

2) Either $T_* = \infty$ or $|x(t)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow T_*$

Def^m. T_* above is called a maximal existence time or if $T_* < \infty$ blowup time.

Note. F is conservative if $\exists E \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$ s.t. $F(x) = -\nabla E(x)$. So $\ddot{x} = -\nabla E(x) \iff \begin{cases} \dot{x} = p \\ \dot{p} = -\nabla E(x) \end{cases}$

& $H(t) := \frac{1}{2}|\dot{x}| + E(x(t))$ is conserved ($\dot{H} \equiv 0$).

Prop^m. Suppose ∇E satisfies (GLL) & $\{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : E(y) \leq \varepsilon_0\}$ is bounded where $\varepsilon_0 := \frac{1}{2}|\dot{x}| + E(x_0) \implies \begin{cases} \ddot{x} = -\nabla E(x) \\ x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = \dot{x}_0 \end{cases}$ has a unique solution

Lemma. Gronwall 0: $\xi \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$, $\dot{\xi} \leq \alpha\xi + \beta$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \implies \xi(t) \leq e^{\alpha t}\xi(0) + \beta \left(\frac{e^{\alpha t} - 1}{\alpha} \right)$

Lemma. Gronwall 1: $\alpha, \beta \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$, $\xi \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$, $\dot{\xi} \leq \alpha\xi + \beta$, $t \in (0, T) \implies \xi(t) \leq e^{\int_0^t \alpha(r) \cdot dr} \xi(0) + \int_0^t e^{\int_s^t \alpha(r) \cdot dr} \beta(s) \cdot ds$

Th^m. Global existence for linear IVPs: $A \in C^k([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^{n \times n})$, $b \in C^k([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^n)$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \implies \exists! x \in C^1([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^n)$ s.t. $\begin{cases} \ddot{x} = Ax + b, t > 0 \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ & $x \in C^{k+1}([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^n)$.

Lemma. Generalised Gronwall:

a) $\alpha, \beta, \xi \in C([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$, $\alpha(t) > 0 \forall t$, $\xi(t) \leq \beta(t) + \int_0^t \alpha(s)\xi(s) \cdot ds \forall t \in [0, t] \implies \xi(t) \leq \beta(t) + \int_0^t \alpha(s)\beta(s)e^{\int_s^t \alpha(r) \cdot dr} \cdot ds$

b) Assuming (a) & $\beta(t)$ monotonically increasing $\implies \xi(t) \leq \beta(t)e^{\int_0^t \alpha(s) \cdot ds}$

Th^m. Suppose $x, y \in C^1([0, T]; U)$

• f is Lipschitz: $|f(t, x) - f(t, x')| \leq L|x - x'|$, $t \in [0, T]$, $x, x' \in U$

• $\varepsilon_M := \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |f(t, x) - g(t, x)| = \|f - g\|_{\infty, [0, T] \times U}$

for (IVP)_s $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{y} = g(t, y) \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases} \implies |x(t) - y(t)| \leq e^{Lt}|x_0 - y_0| + te^{Lt}\varepsilon_M$

Let $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_\varepsilon = f(\varepsilon; t, x_\varepsilon) \\ x_\varepsilon(0) = z(\varepsilon) \end{cases} \dots (\text{IVP}_\varepsilon) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x}_0 = f(0; t, x_0) \\ \cdot \end{cases} \dots (\text{IVP}_0) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_\varepsilon f(0, t, x_0) + \partial_x f(0, t, x_0)x_1 \\ \cdot \end{cases} \dots (\text{IVP}_1)$

Th^m. $f(\varepsilon, t, x) \in C^2([0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$, $z \in C^2([0, 1]; \mathbb{R}^n) \implies \exists T' \leq T$, $x_\varepsilon, x_0, x_1 \in C^1([0, T']; \mathbb{R}^n)$ solutions to (IVP)_ε, (IVP)₀, (IVP)₁ & $\|x_\varepsilon - (x_0 - \varepsilon x_1)\|_{\infty, [0, T']} \leq C\varepsilon^2$ where C is independent of ε .

Def^m. Forward Euler method: for (IVP) $x_{n+1} := x_n + hf(nh, x_n)$

Lemma. Discrete Gronwall: $\xi_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha, \beta_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha > 0$, $\xi_{n+1} \leq \alpha\xi_n + \beta_n \implies \xi_n \leq \alpha^n \xi_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{n-1-i} \beta_i$

Th^m. $f \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$, x is the solution to (IVP). Suppose $|x(t)|, |x_n| \leq R$, R independent of $h \in (0, 1]$ for $t, t_n \leq T \implies \exists C$ independent of $h \in (0, 1]$ s.t. $|x(t_n) - x_n| \leq Ch$ for $t_n \leq T$.

Def^m. Implicit Euler method: for (IVP) $x_{n+1} = x_n + hf(t_{n+1}, x_{n+1})$

Th^m. Peano's Theorem: $f \in C([0, T'] \times B_R(x_0)) \implies \exists T > 0, x \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ s.t. $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$

Th^m. Arzela-Ascoli compactness theorem: $x^h \in C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n), \|x^h\|_{\infty, [0, T]} \leq C$ (Uniform, Bounded), $|x^h(t) - x^h(s)| \leq L|t - s|$ (Uniform, Lipschitz) $\implies \exists h_j \downarrow 0, x \in C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n), \|x^{h_j} - x\|_{\infty, [0, T]} \rightarrow 0$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$

Let $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \dots$ (A-IVP) $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ locally Lipschitz.

Defⁿ. $x \in C^1((T_-, T_+); \mathbb{R}^n)$ solution to (A-IVP) is maximal if $\forall y \in C^1((T'_-, T'_+); \mathbb{R}^n)$ solution to (A-IVP), $T'_- \leq T_-, T'_+ \geq T_+, y = x$ on $(T_-, T_+) \implies T'_- = T_-, T'_+ = T_+$.

Lemma. Let x be a maximal solution to $\dot{x} = f(x)$

- 1) $t_0 \in \mathbb{R} \implies y(t) = x(t - t_0)$ is a maximal solution with existence interval $(T_- - t_0, T_+ - t_0)$
- 2) $z \in C^1((T'_-, T'_+); \mathbb{R}^n)$ is a maximal solution $\& z(t_0) = x(t'_0) \implies T_{+/-} - t_0 = T'_{+/-} - t_0 \& x(t - t_0) = z(t - t_0) \forall t$.

Defⁿ. $x \in C^1((T_-, T_+); \mathbb{R}^n)$ is a maximal solution then $\{x(t) : t \in (T_-, T_+)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called the orbit. {orbits}=phase portrait.

Cor^{ly}. .

- a) $\exists!$ maximal solution with $y(0) = y_0$
- b) If $|T_{+/-}| < +\infty \implies |x(t)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow T_{+/-}$

Th^m. $\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists!$ orbit passing through x_0 . Let $x(t)$ be an associated maximal solution. Then one of three cases hold:

- 1) Equilibrium: $\dot{x}(t_0) = 0$ for some $t_0 \implies \dot{x} \equiv 0$
- 2) Periodic: $\dot{x}(t_0) \neq 0 \forall t, \exists t_1 > 0$ s.t. $x(t_1) = x(0) \implies T_{+/-} = \pm\infty, x$ is periodic with period t_1
- 3) Other: $x(t) \neq x(s) \forall t, s \in (T_-, T_+)$

Lemma. Let $x \in C^1((T_-, T_+); \mathbb{R}^n)$ be a maximal solution of $\dot{x} = f(x)$. If $x(t) \rightarrow x_+$ as $t \rightarrow T_+ \implies T_+ = \infty \& f(x_+) = 0$.

Defⁿ. Flow map: $\Phi(t, x_0) := x(t) \quad t \in (T_-, T_+)$

1. $\Phi : \text{domain}(\Phi) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
2. $\Phi(0, x) = x$
3. $\Phi(s, \Phi(t, x)) = \Phi(t + s, x)$

If $G = \mathbb{Z} \implies$ discrete dynamical system.

Defⁿ. $x_* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a critical point of f if $f(x_*) = 0$ (of fixed point of Φ or equilibrium of $\dot{x} = f(x)$). Call x_* :

- i) Stable (in the sense of Lyapunov) if $\forall \delta > 0 \exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $x_0 \in B_\varepsilon(x_*) \implies \Phi(t, x_0) \in B_\delta(x_*) \forall t > 0$
- ii) Asymptotically stable if $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $x_0 \in B_\varepsilon(x_*) \implies \Phi(t, x_0) \rightarrow x_*$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- iii) Exponentially Stable if $\exists \varepsilon, C, \alpha > 0$ s.t. $x_0 \in B_\varepsilon(x_*) \implies |\Phi(t, x_0) - x_*| \leq Ce^{\alpha t} |x_0 - x_*|$
- iv) Unstable if not stable.

Remark. (i) \Leftarrow (iii) \iff (ii) \nRightarrow (i)

Th^m. $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$, $f(x_*) = 0$, $\partial f(x_*) = A$ has eigenvalues $\text{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0 \implies x_*$ is exponentially stable.

Lemma. (Propⁿ) $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, eigenvalues $\text{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0 \implies \exists C, \alpha > 0$ s.t. $\|e^{At}\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq Ce^{\alpha t}$

Remark. Linearisation can only establish exponential stability, but nothing weaker.

Remark. Hartman-Grobman: x_* critical point of $f \in C^1$, $\text{Re}(\lambda_i) \neq 0$ eigenvalues of $\partial f(x_*) \implies \exists$ homeomorphism $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\varphi(e^{At}u) = \Phi(t, \varphi(u))$ for $u, e^{At}u \in B_\varepsilon(x_*)$.

Th^m. Lyapunov's Theorem:

- $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$, x_* critical point of f .
 - $L \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$, $L(x_*) = 0$, x_* is an isolated local minimiser of L .
- 1) If $\exists \delta_0 > 0$ s.t. $\nabla L \cdot f(x) \leq 0$ for $x \in B_{\delta_0}(x_*) \implies x_*$ is stable (Call L a Lyapunov function for x_*)
 - 2) If $\exists \delta_0 > 0$ s.t. $\nabla L \cdot f(x) < 0$ for $x \in B_{\delta_0}(x_*) \setminus \{x_*\} \implies x_*$ is asymptotically stable (Call L a strict Lyapunov function for x_*)
 - 3) If $\exists \delta_0 > 0$ s.t. $\nabla L \cdot f(x) > 0$ for $x \in B_{\delta_0} \setminus \{x_*\} \implies x_*$ is unstable.

Def^m. x_* -critical point of f (locally Lipschitz) then the basin of attraction of x_* is $\Sigma(x_*) := \{x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n : \Phi(t, x_0) \rightarrow x_* \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty\}$

Prop^m. Let L be a strict Lyapunov function for x_* -critical point of f (locally Lipschitz) $K_\mu \subseteq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : L(x) \leq \mu\}$ connected component containing x_* for $\mu > L(x_*)$. If K_μ is compact (closed & bounded) $\implies \text{int}(K_\mu) \subseteq \Sigma(x_*)$.

Cor^{ly}. Let x_* be an isolated local minimum of $E \implies (x_*, 0)$ is stable in the sense of Lyapunov.

Cor^{ly}. Let $E \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$, $\nabla E(x_*) = 0$, $\nabla^2 E(x_*)$ positive definite $\implies (x_*, 0)$ is an exponentially stable equilibrium of $\begin{cases} \ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + \nabla E(x) = 0 \\ x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = p_0 \end{cases}$

Th^m. La Salle's Invariance Principle: $f \in C(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$ locally Lipschitz $L \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$

- i) x_* is an isolated local minimum of L & an isolated critical point of L
- ii) $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\nabla L \cdot f(x) \leq 0$ for $x \in B_\delta(x_*)$
- iii) If x is a maximal solution contained in $B_\delta(x_*)$ & $\nabla L(x(t)) \cdot f(x(t)) \equiv 0 \forall t > 0 \implies x = x_*$
 $\implies x_*$ is an asymptotically stable equilibrium.

Cor^{ly}. x_* isolated local minimum & critical point of E , C positive definite $\implies (x_*, 0)$ is asymptotically stable.