

Fundamental Properties: Existence and Uniqueness of solution

Normed linear space: A linear space X equipped with an operator $\|\cdot\|: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a normed linear space if:

1. $\|x\| \geq 0$, $\forall x \in X$ and $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$
2. $\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$, $\forall x, y \in X$ (triangular inequality)
3. $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|$, $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x \in X$

Examples: $= \mathbb{R}^n$ equipped with Euclidean norm

- space of ~~se~~ real sequences $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1, \dots, \infty}$ with l_1 norm (Prove it!)

$$\|x\| \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|$$

- space of continuous functions $x: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with L_2 norm

$$\|x\| = \left[\int_0^{\infty} x^2(t) dt \right]^{1/2}$$

Ball: $B(x_0, r) \triangleq \{x \mid \|x - x_0\| \leq r\}$

Convergence: A sequence $\{x_k\}$ in a normed linear space X converges to $\bar{x} \in X$ if

$$\|x_k - \bar{x}\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Closed set: A subset $S \subset X$ is closed if and only if every convergent sequence in S has a limit in S .

Cauchy sequence: A sequence $\{x_n\} \in X$ is a Cauchy sequence if

$$\|x_n - x_m\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty$$

Note: convergence \implies Cauchy

Banach space: is a complete normed space, i.e., every Cauchy sequence converges to element of the space.

Example: Rational numbers are not complete
Real numbers are complete

Contraction Mapping Thm: Let S be a closed subset of a Banach space X and let

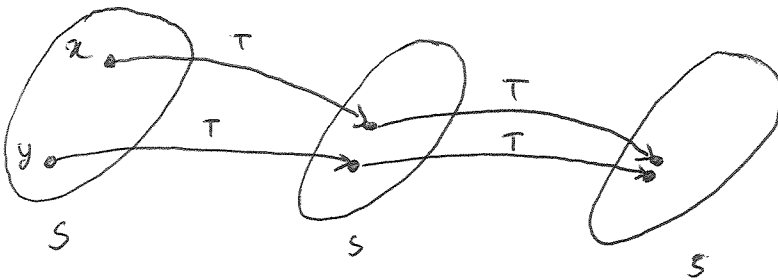
$T: S \rightarrow S$. Suppose that

$$\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq p\|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in S \text{ for some } 0 \leq p < 1$$

then there exists a unique $x^* \in S$ such that $x^* = T(x^*)$.

Note: x^* is called a fixed point of the map T .

Proof:



Take any $x_1 \in S$ and form the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1, \dots, \infty}$ by

$$x_{k+1} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} T(x_k), \text{ then}$$

$$\|x_{k+1} - x_k\| = \|T(x_k) - T(x_{k-1})\| \leq p\|x_k - x_{k-1}\| \leq p^{k-1}\|x_2 - x_1\|$$

We'll show that $\{x_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k+r} - x_k\| &\leq \|x_{k+r} - x_{k+r-1}\| + \|x_{k+r-1} - x_{k+r-2}\| + \dots + \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \\ &\leq [p^{k+r-2} + p^{k+r-3} + \dots + p^{k-1}] \|x_2 - x_1\| \\ &\leq \frac{p^{k-1}}{1-p} \|x_2 - x_1\| \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{p^{k-1}}{1-p} \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, the sequence is Cauchy, and since X is Banach,

$$\cancel{x_k} \rightarrow x^* \in X \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Since S is closed, $x^* \in S$ too.

Show that $x^* = T(x^*)$: Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^* - T(x^*)\| &\leq \|x^* - x_k\| + \|x_k - T(x_k)\| \\ &\leq \|x^* - x_k\| + \rho (\|x_{k-1} - x^*\|) \end{aligned}$$

The r.h.s can be made arbitrarily small, thus $\|x^* - T(x^*)\| = 0$, i.e. $x^* = T(x^*)$

Uniqueness. Suppose that $x^* = T(x^*)$, $y^* = T(y^*)$, then $\|x^* - y^*\| \leq \rho \|x^* - y^*\|$

which implies that $\|x^* - y^*\| = 0$, since $\rho < 1$.

Local existence and uniqueness theorem

Consider a system: $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$, $t \geq 0$, $x(0) = x_0$ (*)

A solution of (*) is a continuously differentiable function of time $x(t)$ satisfying

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x(\tau), \tau) d\tau$$

Observe: Fixed point flavor!

Theorem for local existence & uniqueness

Suppose that $f(x, t)$ is continuous in x and t , and that there exist T, r, k, h such that for all $t \in [0, T]$ we have:

$$|f(x, t) - f(y, t)| \leq k|x - y|, \quad \forall x, y \in B(x_0, r)$$

$$|f(x_0, t)| \leq h$$

then (*) has exactly one solution on some time interval $[0, \delta]$.

Proof: Use contraction mapping thm for the space of continuous functions

Define: $X_0 = [0, \delta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x_0(t) \equiv x_0, \forall t$.

Define a norm $\|x\| \triangleq \sup_{t \in [0, \delta]} |x(t)|$

Define a closed set S as an r -ball around the function x_0

$$S \triangleq \{x(\cdot) \in C^n[0, \delta] \mid |x(\cdot) - x_0(\cdot)| \leq r\}$$

Define a mapping $T: C^n[0, \delta] \rightarrow C^n[0, \delta]$:

$$[T(x)](t) \triangleq (Tx)(t) \triangleq x_0 + \int_0^t f(x(\tau), \tau) d\tau$$

Goal 1: show that if δ is small enough, T is a contraction mapping on S .

Take any $x, y \in S$:

$$(Tx)(t) - (Ty)(t) = \int_0^t f(x(\tau), \tau) - f(y(\tau), \tau) d\tau$$

$$|(Tx)(t) - (Ty)(t)| \leq \int_0^t k |x(\tau) - y(\tau)| d\tau$$

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \int_0^t k \|x - y\| d\tau \leq k\delta \|x - y\|, \text{ so choose}$$

$$\delta < \frac{1}{k}$$

Goal 2: show that T maps S into S .

$$\text{Take any } x \in S: Tx(t) - x_0 = \int_0^t f(x(\tau), \tau) d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^t f(x(\tau), \tau) - f(x_0, \tau) + f(x_0, \tau) d\tau$$

$$|Tx(t) - x_0| \leq \int_0^t k |x(\tau) - x_0| d\tau + \int_0^t |f(x_0, \tau)| d\tau$$

$$\leq \underbrace{k \cdot r \cdot \delta + h \cdot \delta}_{\text{needs to be } \leq r}$$

$$k \cdot r \cdot \delta + h \delta \leq r, \quad \delta \leq \frac{r}{kr + h}$$

thus pick $\delta < \min \left[\frac{1}{k}, \frac{r}{kr + h} \right]$. Therefore (*) has a unique solution in S