

## Main Topic: System ID + Stability

### Administrivia:

- HW 7 due Fri, 3/5
- Anonymous Feedback:  
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- Midterm coming up (oof<sup>tm</sup>)
  - Staff, ESM/HKN Review Sessions next week
  - Scope up to 3/4 Lec
  - Logistics out Friday or Monday

### Agenda:

- Least Squares Review
  - Q1: System ID via Least Squares
- Stability
  - Q2: D.T. Stability Plots
  - Q3: Circuit Stability

# Least Squares Review

## "Overdetermined System"

- "Tall" matrix  $\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
- Not invertible
- No <sup>(unique)</sup> exact solution - best we can do is approx. + min. error:

$$\vec{y} = \begin{matrix} \leftarrow n \rightarrow \\ \uparrow m \\ \downarrow \\ \leftarrow n \rightarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} \vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

We try approximating  $\vec{p}$  with  $\hat{\vec{p}}$  s.t.  $D\hat{\vec{p}} \approx \vec{y}$

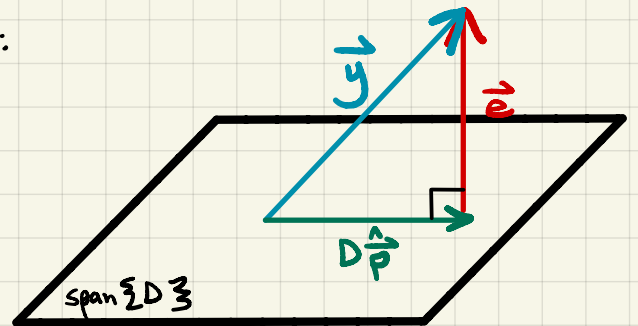
$\Rightarrow$  pick  $\hat{\vec{p}}$  to minimize  $\|\vec{y} - D\hat{\vec{p}}\|_2^2$ , i.e. the error  $\vec{e} = \vec{y} - D\hat{\vec{p}}$

$$\vec{y}_{m \times 1} = D_{m \times n} \hat{\vec{p}}_{n \times 1} + \vec{e}_{m \times 1}$$

Measurements (Data)      known tall matrix      unknown parameters      uncertainty (error)

Consider this from a geometric perspective:

- We do a vector projection of  $\vec{y}$  onto  $\text{span}\{D\}$   $\rightarrow D\hat{\vec{p}}$
- $\vec{y}$  = actual output vector
- $D$  = input matrix ( $D$  = "Data")
- $\hat{\vec{p}}$  = potential parameters



$$\vec{y} = D\hat{\vec{p}} + \vec{e}$$

$$\vec{e} \perp \text{span}\{D\}$$

$$D^T (\vec{y} - D\hat{\vec{p}} = \vec{e}) \rightarrow D^T \vec{y} - D^T D \hat{\vec{p}} = \underline{D^T \vec{e}}$$

$$(D^T D)^{-1} (D^T \vec{y} = \underline{D^T D} \hat{\vec{p}}) \quad \text{"D"}$$

$$\hat{\vec{p}} = (D^T D)^{-1} D^T \vec{y} \rightarrow (D^T D) \text{ is invertible}$$

$D$  must have lin. indep. col.

# System ID Motivation

General Form:  $\vec{x}[i+1] = A\vec{x}[i] + B\vec{u}[i] + \vec{w}[i]$

Goal: Learn parameters A and B (or scalars a, b)

- Use input/output data to learn relationship

## 1. System identification by means of least squares

Working through this question will help you understand better how we can use experimental data taken from a (presumably) linear system to learn a discrete-time linear model for it using the least-squares techniques you learned in 16A. You will later do this in lab for your robot car.

As you were told in 16A, least-squares and its variants are not just the basic workhorses of machine learning in practice, they are play a conceptually central place in our understanding of machine learning well beyond least-squares.

Throughout this question, you should consider measurements to have been taken from one long trace through time.

(a) Consider the scalar discrete-time system

$$x[i+1] = ax[i] + bu[i] + w[i] \tag{1}$$

Where the scalar state at time  $i$  is  $x[i]$ , the input applied at time  $i$  is  $u[i]$  and  $w[i]$  represents some external disturbance that also participated at time  $i$ .

Assume that you have measurements for the states  $x[i]$  from  $i = 0$  to  $m$  and also measurements for the controls  $u[i]$  from  $i = 0$  to  $m - 1$ .

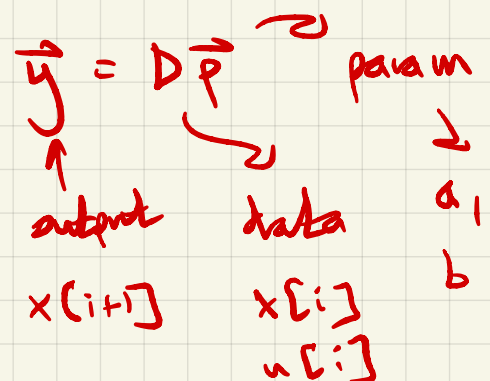
Set up a least-squares problem that you can solve to get an estimate of the unknown system parameters  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\begin{matrix} x[0] \dots x[m-1], x[m] \\ u[0] \dots u[m-1] \end{matrix}$$

$$x[i+1] = ax[i] + bu[i] + w[i]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x[1] \\ \vdots \\ x[m] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x[0] & u[0] \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x[m-1] & u[m-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{y}$                        $D$                        $\vec{p}$



(b) What if there were now **two distinct scalar inputs** to a scalar system

$$x[i+1] = ax[i] + b_1 u_1[i] + b_2 u_2[i] + w[i] \quad (2)$$

and that we have measurements as before, but now also for both of the control inputs.

**Set up a least-squares problem that you can solve to get an estimate of the unknown system parameters  $a, b_1, b_2$ .**

- (c) What could go wrong in the previous case? For what kind of inputs would make least-squares fail to give you the parameters you want?
- (d) Returning to the scalar case with only one input, what could go wrong? When would you be unable to use least-squares to get the parameters you want?

$$\begin{bmatrix} x[1] \\ \vdots \\ x[m] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x[0] & u_1[0] & u_2[0] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x[m-1] & u_1[m-1] & u_2[m-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$u_2[i]$   
 $b_2$

$\vec{y} \quad D \quad \hat{\vec{p}}$

ⓐ Bad if:  $D$  has linearly dependent columns  
 $D$  is not full rank

$$\vec{u}_1 = \alpha \vec{u}_2$$

ⓑ Ditto.  $\vec{x} = \alpha \vec{u}$



(e) Now consider the two dimensional state case with a single input.

$$\vec{x}[i+1] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1[i+1] \\ x_2[i+1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}[i] + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} u[i] + \vec{w}[i] \quad (3)$$

How can we treat this like two parallel problems to set this up using least-squares to get estimates for the unknown parameters  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}, b_1, b_2$ ? What work/computation can we reuse across the two problems?

$$\vec{x}_1[i+1] = [a_{11} \ a_{12}] \vec{x}[i] + b_1 u[i] + \vec{w}[i]$$

$$\vec{x}_2[i+1] = [a_{21} \ a_{22}] \vec{x}[i] + b_2 u[i] + \vec{w}[i]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1[1] \\ \vdots \\ x_1[m] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1[0] & x_2[0] & u[0] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1[m-1] & x_2[m-1] & u[m-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2[1] \\ \vdots \\ x_2[m] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1[0] & x_2[0] & u[0] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1[m-1] & x_2[m-1] & u[m-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{matrix} m \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} x_1[1] & x_2[1] \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1[m] & x_2[m] \end{array} \right] \\ 2 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} m \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} x_1[0] & x_2[0] & u[0] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1[m-1] & x_2[m-1] & u[m-1] \end{array} \right] \\ 3 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{array} \right] \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

# 1 Stability

A system is *stable* if  $\vec{x}(t)$  is bounded for any initial condition  $\vec{x}(0)$  and any bounded input  $u(t)$ . A system is *unstable* if there is an  $\vec{x}(0)$  and some bounded input  $u(t)$  for which  $|\vec{x}(t)| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Discrete time systems

A discrete time system is of the form:

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = A\vec{x}(t) + B\vec{u}(t)$$

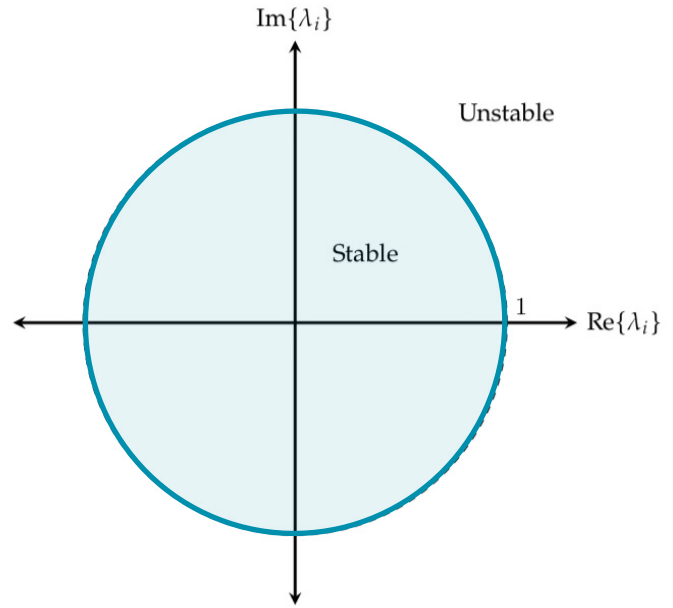
$$\vec{x}[t+1] = A\vec{x}[t] + B\vec{u}[t]$$

Let  $\lambda$  be any particular eigenvalue of  $A$ .

This system is stable if for all  $\lambda$ ,  $|\lambda| < 1$ .

This system is unstable if there exists an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ ,  $|\lambda| \geq 1$ .

$$x[t+1] = \lambda x[t] + bu[t]$$



$$x[k] = \lambda^k x[0] + \dots$$

## Continuous time systems

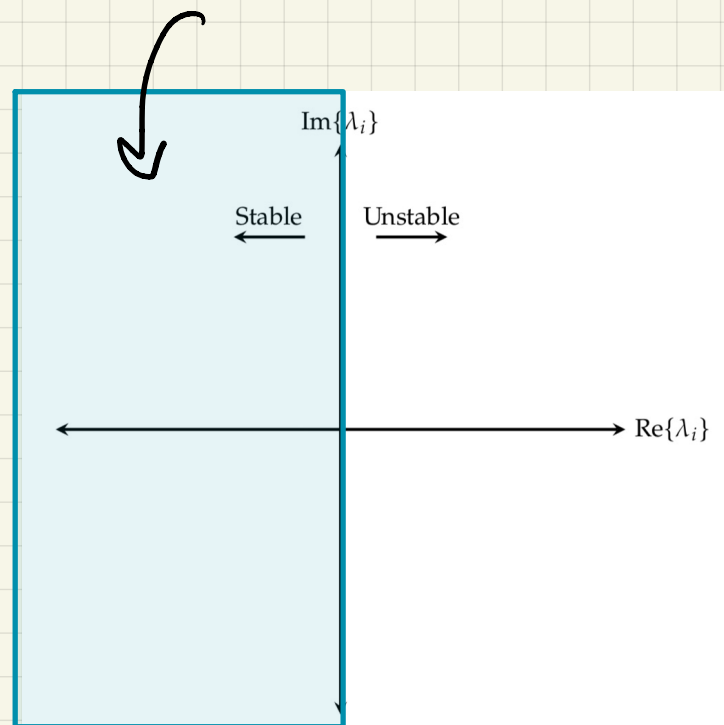
A continuous time system is of the form:

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}(t) = A\vec{x}(t) + B\vec{u}(t)$$

Let  $\lambda$  be any particular eigenvalue of  $A$ .

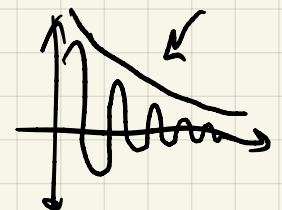
This system is stable if for all  $\lambda$ ,  $\text{Re}\{\lambda\} < 0$ .

This system is unstable if there exists an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ ,  $\text{Re}\{\lambda\} \geq 0$ .



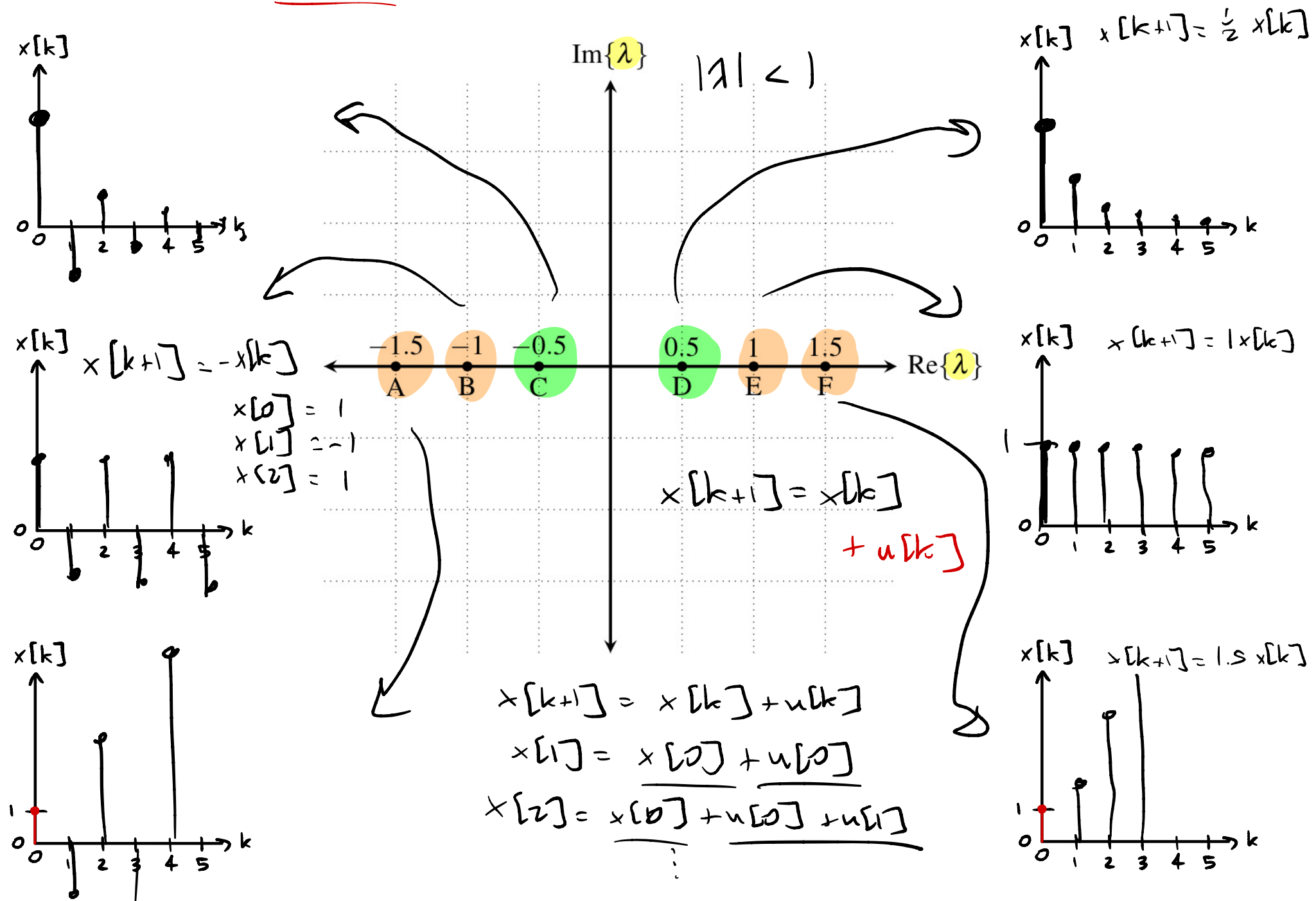
Solution is of the form  $\underline{\underline{Ae^{\lambda t}}}$

$$\lambda = \underbrace{\text{Re}\{\lambda\}}_{\text{"envelope"}} + j \underbrace{\text{Im}\{\lambda\}}_{\text{"oscillation"}}$$



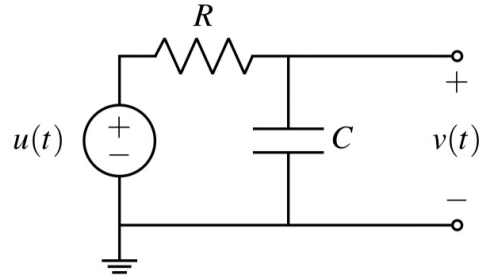
## 2. Discrete time system responses

We have a system  $x[k+1] = \lambda x[k]$ . For each  $\lambda$  value plotted on the real-imaginary axis, sketch  $x[k]$  with an initial condition of  $x[0] = 1$ . Determine if each system is stable.



### 3. Stability Examples and Counterexamples

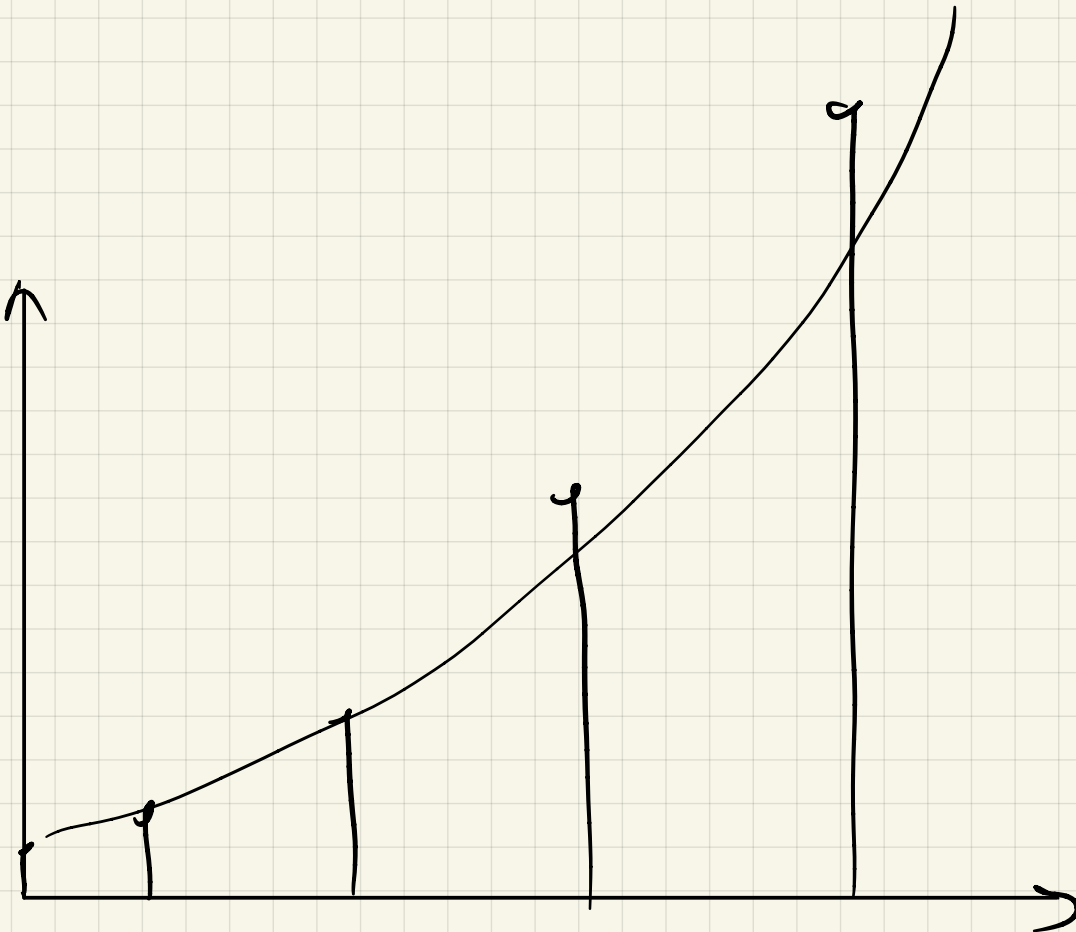
- (a) Consider the circuit below with  $R = 1\Omega$ ,  $C = 0.5F$ , and  $u(t) = \cos(t)$ . Furthermore assume that  $v(0) = 0$  (that the capacitor is initially discharged).



This circuit can be modeled by the differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}v(t) = -2v(t) + 2u(t) \quad (4)$$

Show that the differential equation is always stable. Consider what this means in the physical circuit.



(b) Consider the discrete system

$$x[k+1] = 2x[k] + u[k] \quad (5)$$

with  $x[0] = 0$ .

Is the system stable or unstable? If unstable, find a bounded input sequence  $u[k]$  that causes the system to "blow up". If unstable, is there still a (non-trivial) bounded input sequence that does not cause the system to "blow up"?

$$x[k+1] = \frac{1}{2} x[k] + u[k]$$

$$x[1] = \frac{1}{2} x[0] + u[0]$$

$$x[2] = \frac{1}{2} (x[1]) + u[1]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x[0] + \frac{1}{2} u[0] + u[1]$$



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