

Lecture 1

Tools for Analysis of Nonlinear Systems

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Learning outcomes: Concepts of stability of a motion. Stable cycles of nonlinear systems. Tools for analysis – Lyapunov lemma, Poincare first return map, small parameter and Krylov-Bogolyubov methods for approximate integration. Examples.

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Let $\Gamma_{x^*} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ denote the orbit of $x^*(\cdot)$

$$\Gamma_{x^*} = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \xi = x^*(t), \quad t \in [0, T]\}.$$

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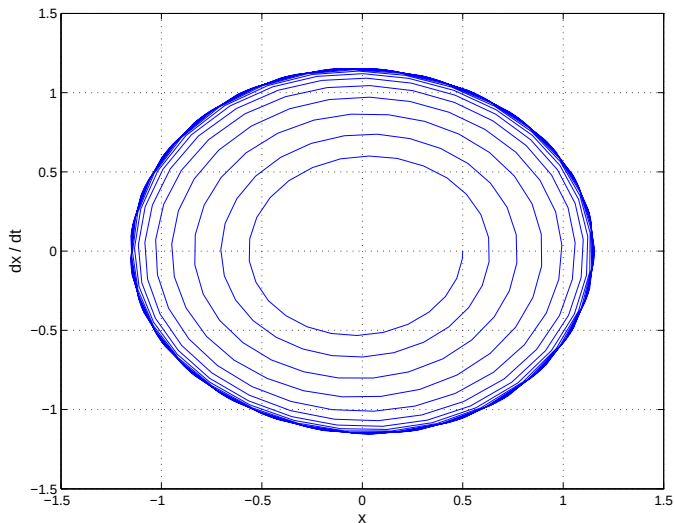


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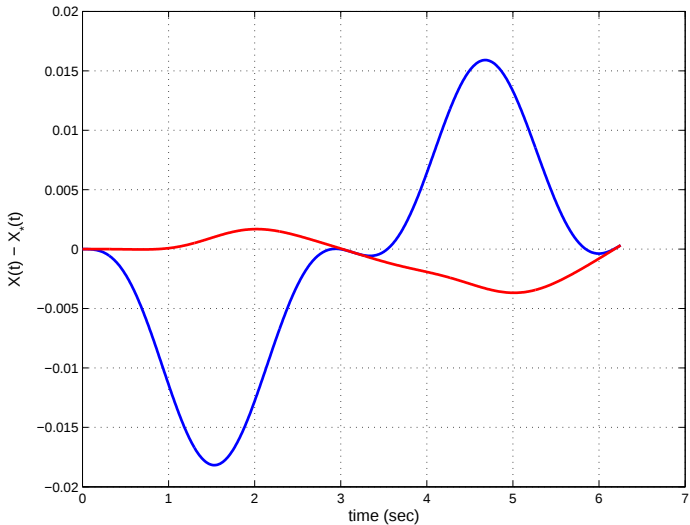


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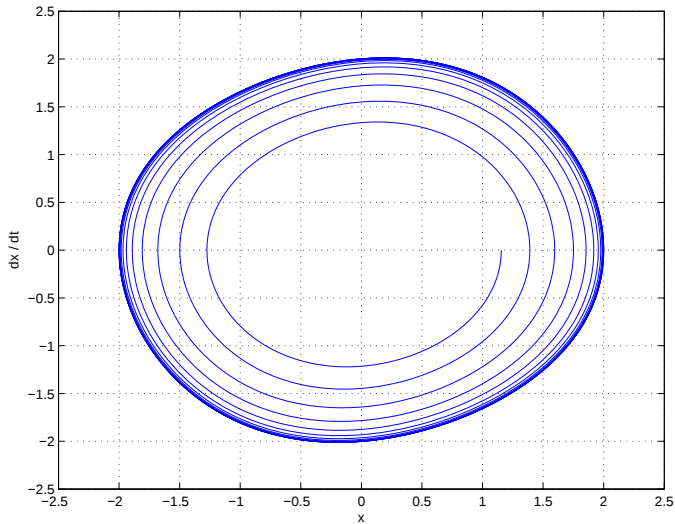


Figure 3: The simulated solution of the system when $\omega = 1$ and $\mu = 0.1$.

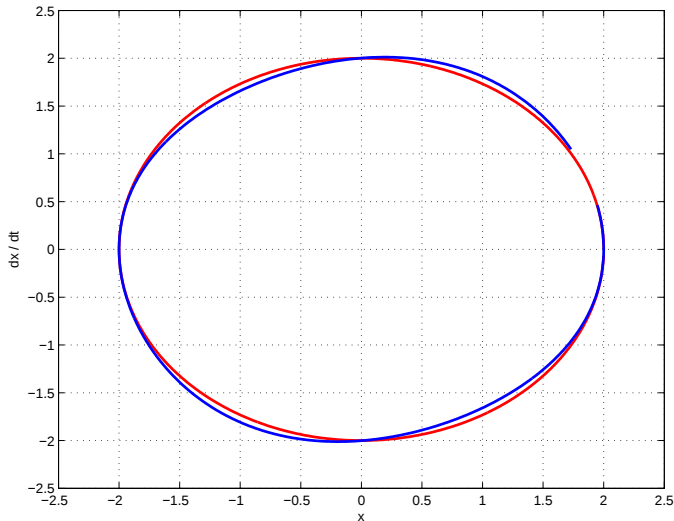


Figure 4: The simulated periodic solution $x_*(t)$ vs. its improved 0-order approximation, when $\omega = 1$ and $\mu = 0.1$