

New trends in Air Traffic Complexity

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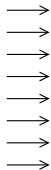
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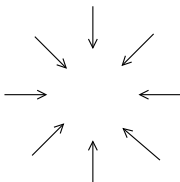
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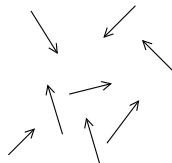
Sensitivity-interdependance



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Linear Dynamical System Modeling

The key idea is to model the set of aircraft trajectories by a linear dynamical system which is defined by the following equation :

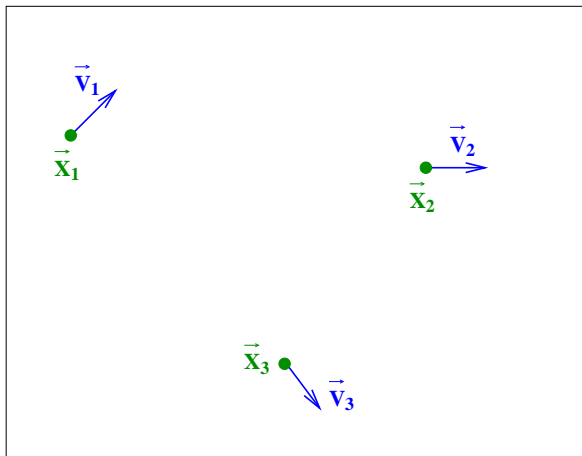
$$\dot{\vec{X}} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \vec{X} + \vec{B}$$

where \vec{X} is the state vector of the system :

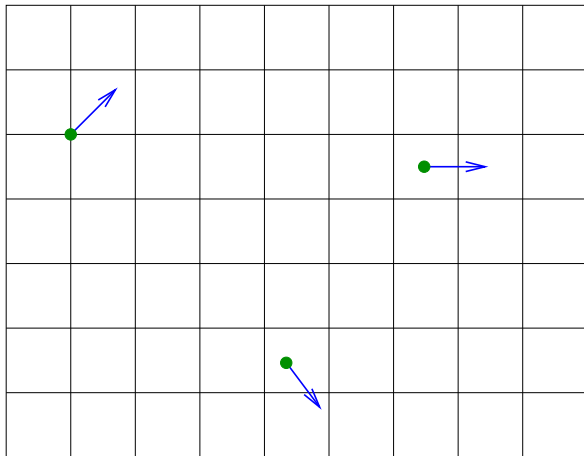
$$\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix \mathbf{A} and vector \vec{B} are the parameters of the model.

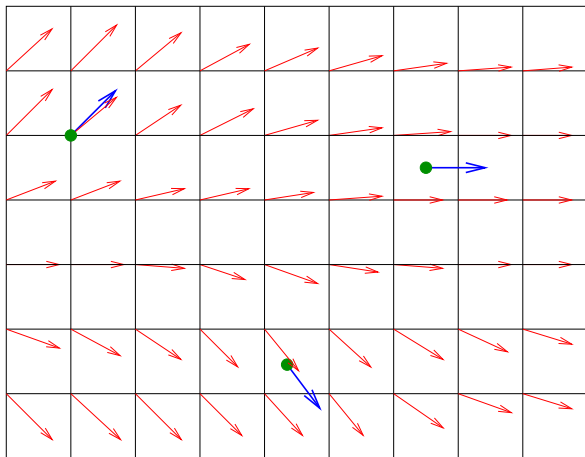
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- A LMS procedure is applied in order to extract the matrix \mathbf{A} and the vector \vec{B} .

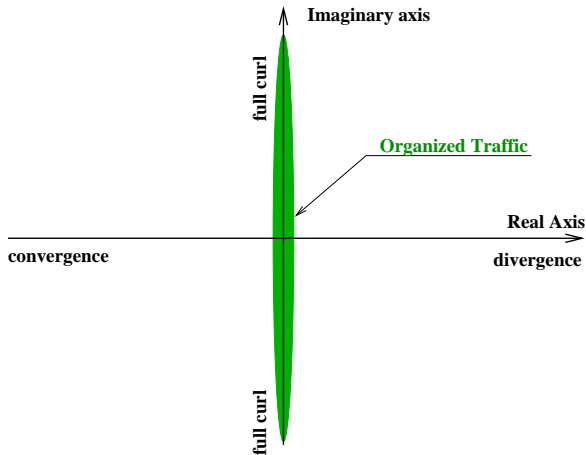
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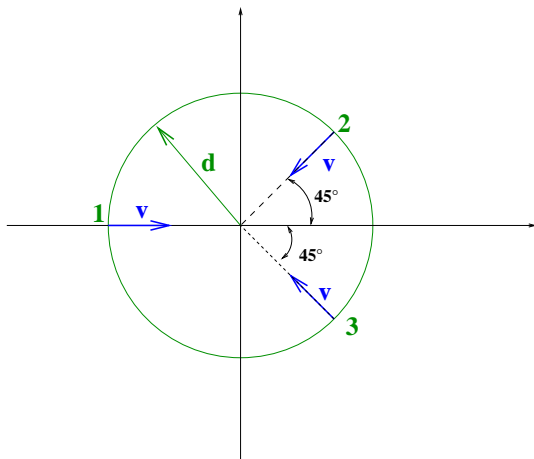
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- Furthermore, the imaginary part of such eigenvalues are related with curl intensity of the field.

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Situation 1 Parallel trajectories (relative speed=0)	Situation 2 Convergent trajectories	Situation 3 Divergent trajectories	Situation 4 Round about trajectories (relative speed=0)
Position of the eigenvalues of matrix A in the complex coordinate system × eigenvalues			

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with

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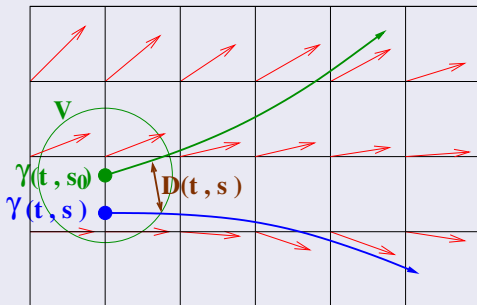
$$\Phi(r, t) = \mathbf{diag} \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \cdot \text{erf} \left[\frac{r}{\sigma} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 + \theta \cdot |t|}} \right] \right)$$

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Dynamical system trajectories



- Let $t \mapsto \gamma(t, s_0)$ be a nominal dynamical system trajectory (s_0 initial point)
- A perturbed trajectory is $t \mapsto \gamma(t, s)$ with $s \in V$ (V is an open neighborhood of a given s_0).

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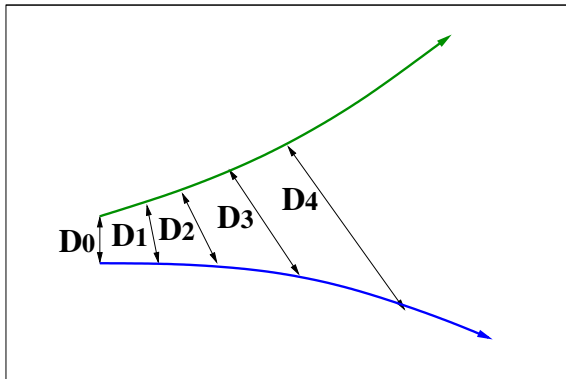
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Computing $D(t, s)$

Main idea : when $t \mapsto \gamma(t, s)$ is the solution of a differential equation with initial condition $\gamma(0, s) = s$, it is possible to show that D itself satisfies a differential equation.

Local behaviour of trajectories



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- then divergence of nearby trajectories can be found by solving :

$$\frac{\partial D(t, s)}{\partial t} = DF(t, \gamma(t, s_0)) \cdot D(t, s) \quad D(0, s) = \|s - s_0\|$$

with DF the jacobian matrix of F (with respect to s).

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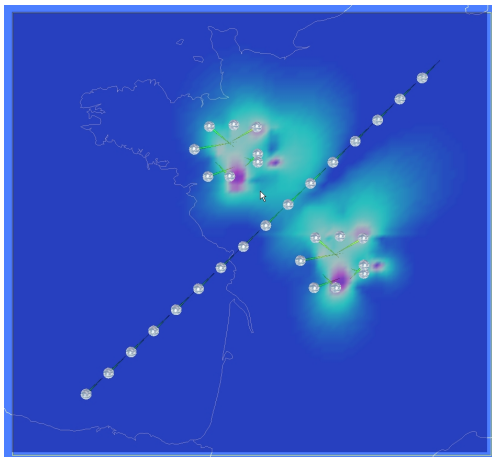
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