Kicks and flows: A dynamical systems approach to modeling resilience



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Image: Walker et al. (2004)



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Outline

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- 2. Defining resilience mathematically
- 3. A kick-flow system
 - a. Behavior in a linear system
 - b. Experiments in 2D nonlinear systems
- 4. Future Directions

1. The resilience paradigm



How can landscapes and communities absorb disturbance and maintain function?

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2. Defining resilience mathematically









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Linear 1D: Where is the attractor of this kick-flow system?

x'(t) = -x



Linear 2D

$$\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} -7/4 & -7/4 \\ 5/4 & -5/4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$



Linear 2D



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ODEs initial position kick size, directions flow time



Plot of discrete system



Nonlinear 2D

Predator-Prey model for species with limited growth

$$x'(t) = x(3 - y - x)$$

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$$x'(t) = x(3 - y - x) y'(t) = y(-0.5 + x - y)$$

kick size = 0.1 kick directions = π to $3\pi/2$

flow time = 0.1

iterations = 80



Nonlinear 2D

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= x(3 - y - x) \\ y'(t) &= y(-0.5 + x - y) \end{aligned}$$



- Kick-flow in interesting 2D systems
 - attracting periodic orbit
 - \circ excitable
 - o unstable linear
- Modify kick-flow
 - change potential
 - o multiple kick types
 - move towards stochastic kicks
- Your ideas?

Kick-flow in 2D system with attracting periodic orbit



Hopf bifurcation normal form

$$r' = r(1 - r^2)$$
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kick size: 0.5 flow time: 1



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Details on kick-flow-equilibrium plot for 1d linear system

Calculation of $x_e(\delta, k)$



MATLAB commands (a=1):

- >> [D,K]=meshgrid(0.5 : 0.02 : 4, 0 : 0.02 : 3);
- >> C=K./(1-exp(-D));
- >> surf(D,K,C,'EdgeColor','none')