



Characteristically Near Stable Vector Fields in the Polar Complex Plane

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Abstract

This paper introduces results for characteristically proximal vector fields that are stable or non-stable in the polar complex plane \mathbb{C} . All characteristic vectors (aka eigenvectors) emanate from the same fixed point in \mathbb{C} , namely, 0. Stable characteristic vector fields satisfy an extension of the Krantz stability condition, namely, the maximal eigenvalue of a stable system lies within or on the boundary of the unit circle in \mathbb{C} . An application is given for stable vector fields detected in motion waveforms in infrared video frames. AI is used to separate the changing from the unchanging parts of each video frame.

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1. Introduction

This paper introduces proximities of characteristic vector fields that are stable in the polar complex plane. A dynamical system is a 1-1 mapping from a set of points M to itself [1, §9.1.1], which describes the time-dependence of a point in a complex ambient system. In its earliest incarnation by Poincaré, the focus was on the stability of the solar system [2]. More recently, dynamical system behaviour is in the form of varying oscillations in motion waveforms [3,4]. Typically, vector fields are used to construct dynamical systems (see, e.g., [5, §4], [6]).

The focus here is on dynamical systems generated by stable characteristic vector fields (cVfs) in \mathbb{C} and their corresponding semigroups. Comparison of cVf characteristics leads to the detection of proximal cVf semigroups. In general, a characteristic of an object X is a mapping $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with values $\varphi(x \in X)$ that provide an object profile. Proximal objects X, Y require $|\varphi(x \in X) - \varphi(y \in Y)| = 0$. All characteristic vectors (aka eigenvectors) emanate from the same fixed point in \mathbb{C} , namely, 0. Stable characteristic vector fields satisfy the Krantz stability condition, namely, all eigenvalues lie inside the unit circle in \mathbb{C} .

An application of the proposed approach is given in measuring system stability in terms of vector fields emanating from oscillatory waveforms derived from the up-and-down movements of a walker, runner, or biker recorded in a sequence of infrared video frames. We prove that system stability occurs when its maximum eigenvalue occurs within or on the boundary of the unit circle in the complex plane (See Theorem 2.11). This result extends results in [7, 8]) as well as in [9–11].

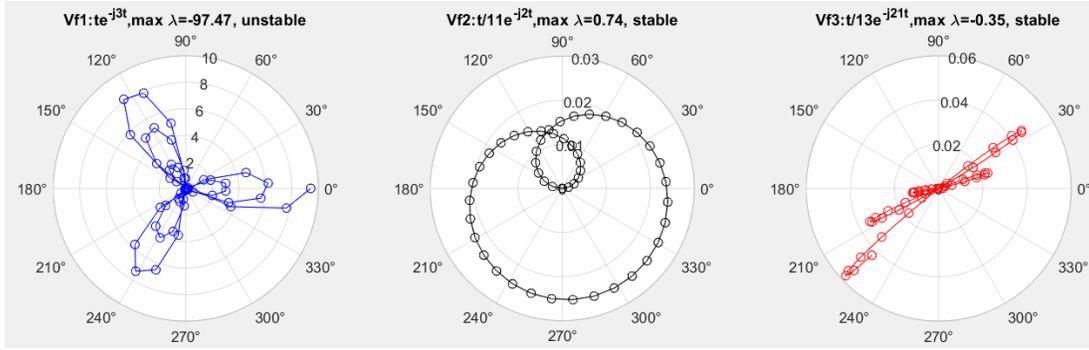


Figure 1.1. Three vector fields in polar complex plane: (leftmost,unstable) $\vec{V}f_1$, (middle,stable) $\vec{V}f_2$, (rightmost,stable) $\vec{V}f_3$

Symbol	Meaning
\mathbb{C}	Complex plane
j	Imaginary unit, defined by $j^2 = -1$
$\vec{0}$	Center of the unit circle in the complex polar plane
z	A complex number: $z = a + jb = e^{j\theta}$, where $a, jb \in \mathbb{C}$
2^X	Collection of subsets in set X
$A \tilde{\delta}_\Phi B$	A is characteristically near B
$\varphi(a \in A) \in \mathbb{C}$	Characteristic value of element $a \in A$
$\Phi(A)$	$\{\varphi(a_1), \dots, \varphi(a_n) : a_1, \dots, a_n \in A\} \in 2^{\mathbb{C}}$
$d^{\tilde{\Phi}}(A, B)$	Characteristic distance between sets A and B

Table 1.1. Principal symbols used in this study

2. Preliminaries

Detected affinities between vector fields for stable systems result from determining the infimum of the distances between pairs of system characteristics.

Definition 2.1. (Vector)

A **vector** v (denoted by \vec{v}) is a quantity that has magnitude and direction in the complex plane \mathbb{C} .

Definition 2.2. (Vector Field in the Complex Plane)

Let $U = \{p \in \mathbb{C}\}$ be a bounded region in the complex plane containing points $p(x, jy) \in U$. A **vector field** is a mapping $F : U \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{C}}$ defined by

$$F(p(x, jy)) = \{\vec{v}\} \in 2^{\mathbb{C}} \text{ denoted by } \vec{V}f.$$

Remark 2.3. A complex number z in polar form (discovered by Euler [12]) is written $z = re^{j\theta}$.

Example 2.4. Three examples of vector fields in polar form are given in [Figure 1.1](#).

Definition 2.5. (Vector Field in the Complex Plane)

Let $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C}\}$ be a bounded region in the complex plane containing points $z(x, jy) \in U \subset \mathbb{C}$. A **vector field** is a mapping $F : U \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{C}}$ defined by

$$F(z(x, jy)) = \{\vec{v} \in 2^{\mathbb{C}}\} \text{ denoted by } \vec{V}f.$$

Definition 2.6. (Eigenvalue λ (aka Characteristic value))

The eigenvalues (characteristic values) of a matrix A are solutions to the determinant $\mathbf{det}(A - \lambda \mathbf{I})$, $\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ identity matrix.

Example 2.7. (Sample Eigenvalues)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 6 & 26 \end{bmatrix}, I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : \mathbf{det}(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 8 \\ 6 & 26 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4 - \lambda)(26 - \lambda) - (8)(6) = 0$$

$$104 - 30\lambda + \lambda^2 - 48 = \lambda^2 - 30\lambda + 56 = (\lambda - 28)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$\lambda_1 = 28, \lambda_2 = 2$ (eigen values of) A

Definition 2.8. (Eigenvector)

Given a matrix A , then \vec{v} is an eigenvector, provided $A\vec{v} - \lambda\vec{v} = 0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

1 st \mathbb{C} quadrant	1 st \mathbb{C} quadrant	3 rd \mathbb{C} quadrant
$\vec{z}_{11} = 0.1500 + 0.0498j$	$\vec{z}_{12} = 0.0106 + 0.0035j$	$\vec{z}_{13} = -0.0754 - 0.0250j$
$\vec{z}_{21} = 0.1586 + 0.0471j$	$\vec{z}_{22} = 0.0333 + 0.0091j$	$\vec{z}_{23} = -0.0418 - 0.0124j$

Table 2.1. Eigenvectors derived from $\frac{t}{11}e^{j2t}Vf$

Example 2.9. (Sample eigenvectors in center $\frac{t}{11}e^{j2t}\vec{V}f$ in Figure 1.1)

A selection of eigenvectors from the first and third quadrants in the polar complex plane in the center vector field in Figure 1.1 are given in Table 2.1.

Definition 2.10. (Krantz Vector Field Stability Condition [1])

A vector field $\vec{V}f$ in the complex plane is stable, provided all of the eigenvalues of $\vec{V}f$ are either within or on the boundary of the unit circle centered 0 in \mathbb{C} .

Theorem 2.11. (Vector Field Stability Condition)

A vector field $\vec{V}f$ in the complex plane is stable, provided the maximal eigenvalue of $\vec{V}f$ lies within or on the boundary of the unit circle in \mathbb{C} .

Proof. From Definition 2.10, all eigenvalues $D = \{\lambda\}$ for a stable vector field lie either within or on the boundary of the unit circle in \mathbb{C} . Hence, $\max(\lambda) \in D$ lies either within or on the boundary of the unit circle in \mathbb{C} . \square

λ_{\max}	$\lambda_{\max-1}$	$\lambda_{\max-2}$	$\lambda_{\max-3}$	$\lambda_{\max-4}$
-0.7384	-0.2328	-0.0823	-0.0488	-0.0298

Table 2.2. Eigenvalues derived from $\frac{t}{11}e^{j2t}Vf$

Example 2.12. (Largest λ values for the center $\frac{t}{11}e^{j2t}$ vector field in Figure 1.1)

The 5 biggest eigenvalues derived from the center vector field Vf in Figure 1.1 are given in Table 2.2. From Theorem 2.11, Vf is stable, since $\lambda_{\max} = -0.7384$ in Table 2.2 lies within the unit circle in the complex plane \mathbb{C} .

Definition 2.13. A characteristic of an object (aka sets, systems) X is a mapping φ :

$$\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ defined by } \varphi(x \in X) \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Definition 2.14. (Characteristic Distance)

Let X, Y be nonempty sets and $a \in A \in 2^X, b \in B \in 2^Y$ and let $\varphi(a), \varphi(b)$ be numerical characteristics inherent in A and B . The nearness mapping $d^\Phi : 2^X \times 2^Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$d^\Phi(A, B) = \inf_{\substack{\varphi(a) \in \Phi(A) \\ \varphi(b) \in \Phi(B)}} \{|\varphi(a) - \varphi(b)|\} = \varepsilon \in [0, 1] \in \mathbb{C}.$$

In effect, A and B are characteristically near, provided $0 \leq d^\Phi(A, B) \leq 1$ in the first quadrant of the unit circle in the complex plane \mathbb{C} .

Definition 2.15. (Characteristic Nearness of Systems [13])

Let X, Y be a pair of systems. For nonempty subsets $A \in 2^X, B \in 2^Y$, the characteristic nearness of A, B (denoted by $A \tilde{\delta}_\Phi B$) is defined by

$$A \tilde{\delta}_\Phi B \Leftrightarrow d^\Phi(A, B) = \varepsilon \in [0, 1].$$

Theorem 2.16. (Fundamental Theorem of Near Systems)

Let X, Y be a pair of systems with $A \in 2^X, B \in 2^Y$.

$$A \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} B \Leftrightarrow \exists a \in A, b \in B : |\varphi(a) - \varphi(b)| = \varepsilon \in [0, 1]$$

Proof. \Rightarrow : From Definition 2.14, $A \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} B$ implies that there is at least one pair $a \in A, b \in B$ such that $d^{\Phi}(A, B) = |\varphi(a) - \varphi(b)| = \varepsilon \in [0, 1]$.

\Leftarrow : Given $d^{\Phi}(A, B) = \varepsilon \in [0, 1]$, we know that $\inf_{a \in A} \sup_{b \in B} |\varphi(a) - \varphi(b)| = \varepsilon \in [0, 1] \in \mathbb{C}$. Hence, from Definition 2.15, $A \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} B$, also. That is, sufficient nearness of at least one pair characteristics $\varphi(a \in A), \varphi(b \in B) \in [0, 1] \in \mathbb{C}$ indicates the characteristic nearness of the sets, i.e., we conclude $A \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} B$. \square

Theorem 2.17. (Characteristically Close Systems)

Systems X, Y are characteristically near if and only if X, Y contain subsystems that are characteristically near.

Proof. Immediate from Theorem 2.16. \square

Theorem 2.18. (Stable Systems Extreme Closeness Condition)

Let $\vec{V}f_1, \vec{V}f_2$ be vector fields representing a pair of stable systems and let $\max \lambda_{\vec{V}f_1}, \max \lambda_{\vec{V}f_2}$ be the maximum λ (eigenvalues) for the pair of systems. If $|\max \lambda_{\vec{V}f_1} - \max \lambda_{\vec{V}f_2}| \in [0, 0.5]$, then $\vec{V}f_1 \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} \vec{V}f_2$.

Proof. From Theorem 2.11, for the vector field $\vec{V}f$ for a stable system, $\max \lambda_{\vec{V}f} \in [0, \pm 1]$. For a pair of system vector fields $\vec{V}f_1, \vec{V}f_2$, assume that $|\max \lambda_{\vec{V}f_1} - \max \lambda_{\vec{V}f_2}| \in [0, 0.5] \in [0, 1]$. Hence, from Theorem 2.16, we have $\vec{V}f_1 \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} \vec{V}f_2$. \square

Remark 2.19. (Magiros Stable System Motions Condition)

Let the extreme closeness stability condition Theorem 2.18 corresponds to a pair of vector fields $\vec{V}f_1, \vec{V}f_2 : \vec{V}f_1 \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} \vec{V}f_2$ derived from motion waveforms of a pair of physical systems. In that case, the maximal λ different requirement would represent a pair of motion waveforms that are very stable. That is, any small disturbance results in a small variation in the original waveform [14].

Remark 2.20. (Vector Field Characteristics)

We have the following characteristics for a vector field $(\vec{V}f, +)$ to work with. Let $\vec{V}f =$ vector field in \mathbb{C} . $S_g = (\vec{V}f, +)$ Surface group in \mathbb{C} .

$$\varphi_1(S_g) = (\max \varphi(\lambda)) \notin \text{unit circle} \Rightarrow \text{unstable vector field.}$$

$$\varphi_2(S_g) = (\max \varphi(\lambda)) \in \text{unit circle} \Rightarrow \text{stable vector field.}$$

$$\varphi_3(S_g) = \left\| \varphi(\lambda_{\vec{V}f_1}) - \varphi(\lambda_{\vec{V}f_2}) \right\| \in [0, 0.5] \Rightarrow \vec{V}f_1 \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} \vec{V}f_2.$$

$$\Phi(S_g) = \{ \varphi_1(S_g), \varphi_2(S_g), \varphi_3(S_g) \}.$$

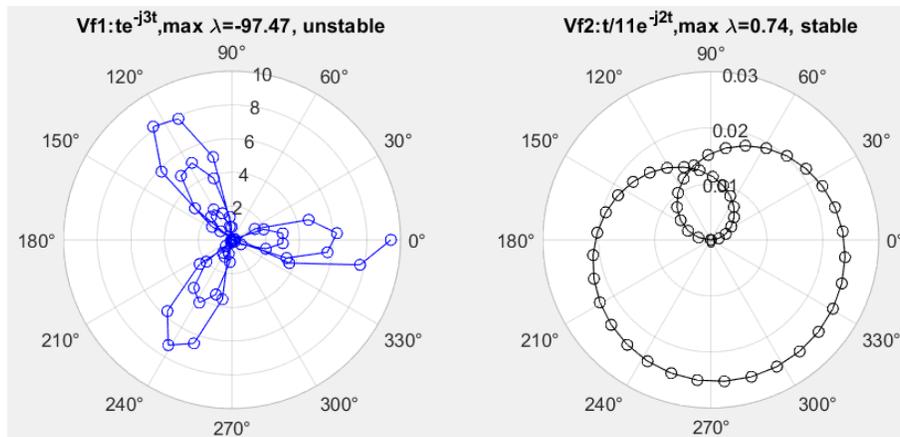


Figure 2.1. Case 1: Characteristically non-near vector fields

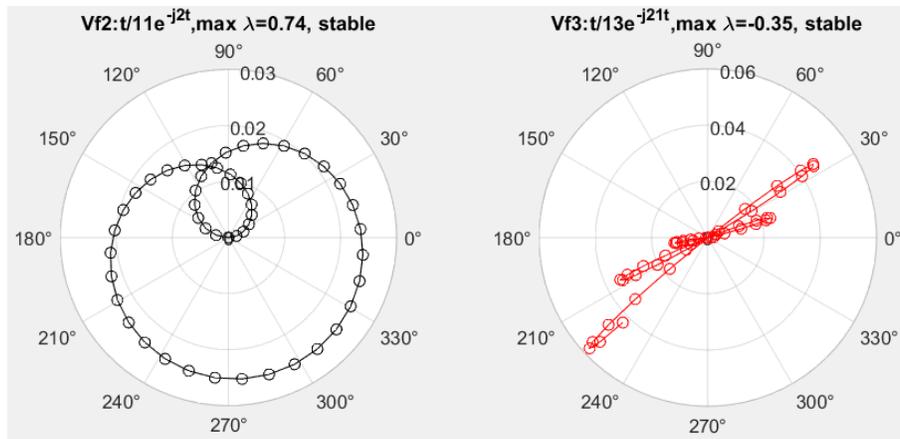


Figure 2.2. Case 2: Characteristically near vector fields

Example 2.21. (Characteristically Non-Near Vector Fields)

In Figure 2.1, (not) $(Vf1 \tilde{\delta}_\Phi Vf2)$, since

$$\varphi_6(Sg_{Vf1})(\max)\lambda = -97.47 \Rightarrow \text{unstable vector field}$$

$$\varphi_6(Sg_{Vf2})(\max)\lambda = 0.74 \Rightarrow \text{stable vector field.}$$

Example 2.22. (Characteristically Near Vector Fields)

In Figure 2.2, $Vf2 \tilde{\delta}_\Phi Vf3$, since

$$\varphi_5(Sg_{Vf2,Vf3}) = \left\| \varphi((\max)\lambda_{\tilde{V}f_2} = 0.74) - \varphi(\lambda_{\tilde{V}f_3} = -0.035) \right\| \in [0, 0.5] \Rightarrow \text{stable vector field.}$$

$$\varphi_6(Sg_{Vf2})(\max)\lambda = 0.74 \Rightarrow \text{stable vector field.}$$

$$\varphi_6(Sg_{Vf3})(\max)\lambda = -0.35 \Rightarrow \text{stable vector field.}$$

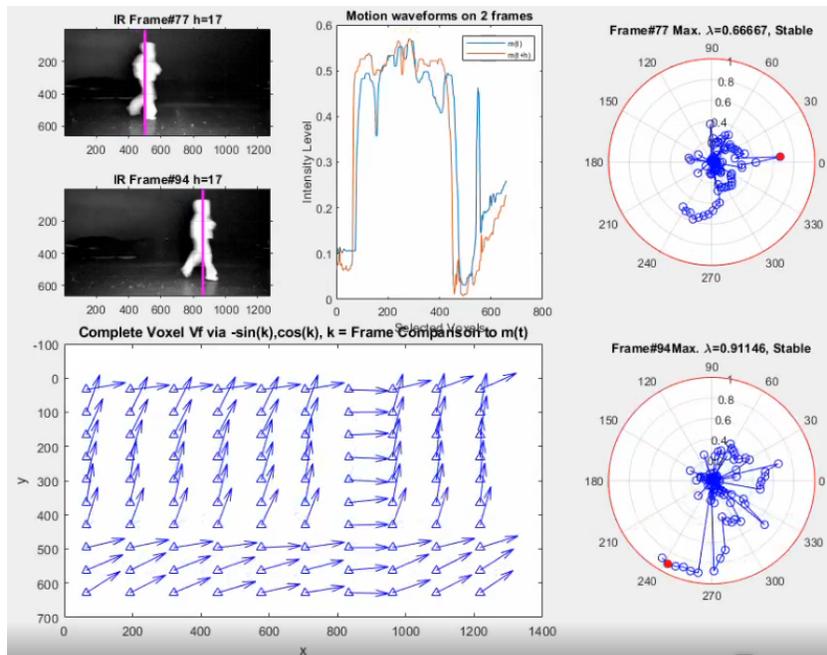


Figure 2.3. Case 1: Characteristically near stable vector fields

Theorem 2.23. (Characteristically Close Systems Are Proximally Close)
 Characteristic close systems are proximal.

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of the fundamental near systems Theorem 2.16. □

3. Application: Detection of Characteristically Near Stable Vector Fields on Motion Waveforms in Infrared Video Frames

This section illustrates how to identify characteristically near motion waveforms in stable or unstable vector fields recorded in sequences of infrared video frames. This application presents an advance over the method of evaluating motion waveforms in video frames that was introduced in [16]. In the following example, the vector fields emanate from sequences of runner waveforms is recorded in frame sequences in infrared videos. By comparing the stability characteristics of the runner vector fields in pairs of video frames, we can then determine the overall stability of the runner. This approach carries over in assessing the characteristic closeness of the overall stability of the vector fields emanating from any vibrating system at different times. For simplicity, we consider only the maximum eigenvalues of the vector field in each video frame.

Example 3.1. (Case 1: Pair of Characteristically Close Stable Vector Fields)

In Figure 2.3, contains a pair of characteristically near stable vector fields $\vec{V}_{f_{r77}}, \vec{V}_{f_{r94}}$ in frames 77 and 94. Observe

$$\max \lambda_{f_{r77}} = 0.67,$$

$$\max \lambda_{f_{r94}} = 0.91,$$

$$\|0.67 - 0.91\| = 0.24 \in [0, 0.5]; \text{ Hence, from characteristic } \varphi_3(S_g),$$

$$\vec{V}_{f_{r77}} \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} \vec{V}_{f_{r94}}.$$

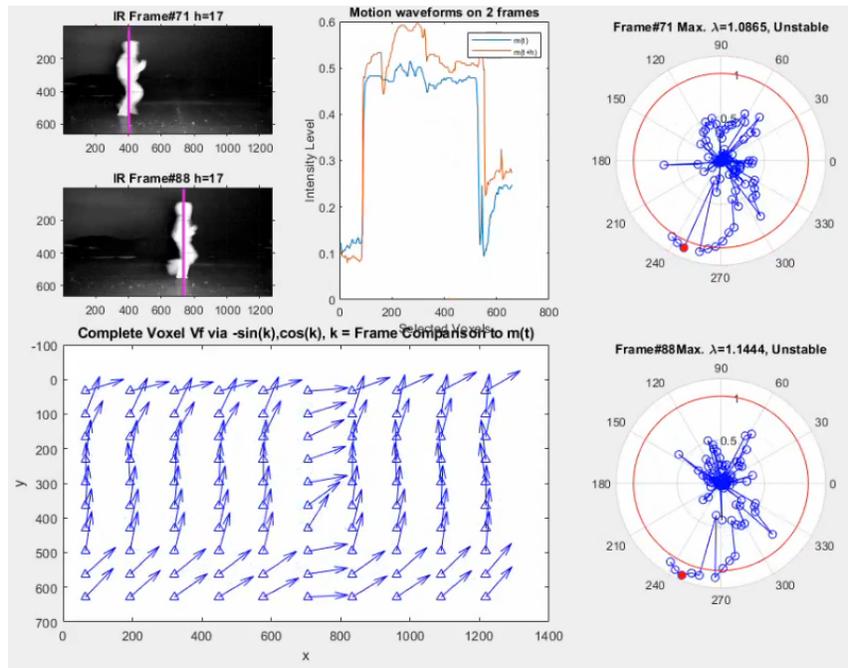


Figure 3.1. Case 2: Pair of Characteristically near unstable vector fields

Example 3.2. (Case 2: Pair of Characteristically Close Unstable Vector Fields)

In Figure 3.1, contains a pair of unstable vector fields $\vec{V}_{f_{r71}}, \vec{V}_{f_{r88}}$ in frames 71 and 88. Observe

$$\max \lambda_{f_{r71}} = 1.09,$$

$$\max \lambda_{f_{r88}} = 1.44,$$

$$\|1.09 - 1.44\| = 0.35 \in [0, 0.5]; \text{ Hence, from characteristic } \varphi_3(S_g),$$

$$\vec{V}_{f_{r71}} \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} \vec{V}_{f_{r88}}.$$

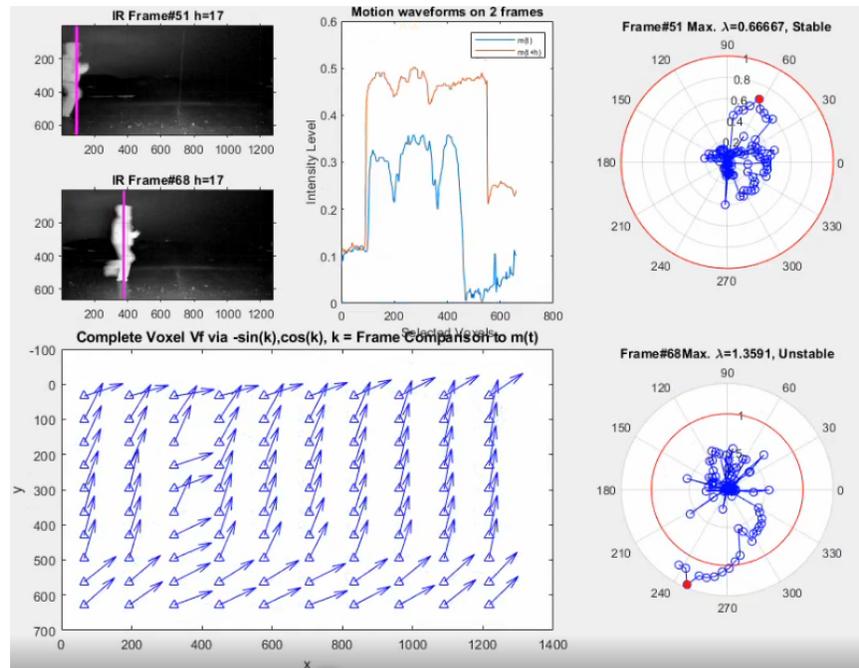


Figure 3.2. Case 3: Pair of Characteristically near stable and unstable vector fields

Example 3.3. (Case 3: Characteristically Close Stable and Unstable Vector Fields)

In Figure 3.2, contains a stable vector field $\vec{V}_{f_{r51}}$ and unstable $\vec{V}_{f_{r68}}$ in frames 51 and 68. Observe

$$\max \lambda_{f_{r51}} = 0.67,$$

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$$\max \lambda_{f_{r68}} = 1.36,$$

$$\|0.67\| - \|1.36\| = 0.69 \notin [0, 0.5]; \text{ Hence, from characteristic } \varphi_3(Sg),$$

$$\vec{V}_{f_{r51}} \text{ (not) } \tilde{\delta}_{\Phi} \vec{V}_{f_{r68}}.$$

Remark 3.4. (Significance of Characteristically Non-Close Stable and Unstable Vector Fields in Case 3)

Stable vector fields characteristically non-close to unstable vector fields are represented in Case 3 in Figure 3.2. The vector fields in Example 3.3 have underlying systems that have the potential to be modulated to obtain a pair of characteristically close stable systems, since

$$\|0.67\| - \|1.36\| = 0.69 \in [0, 1] \text{ (satisfies Theorem 2.16).}$$

That is, even though the vector field $\vec{V}_{f_{r68}}$ is unstable in Case 3, it is characteristically close to the stable vector field $\vec{V}_{f_{r51}}$ in Figure 3.2. That characteristic closeness suggests the possibility of modulating the waveform slightly to change the vector field $\vec{V}_{f_{r68}}$ from unstable to stable.

Unlike the temporal proximities of systems in the study in [8], the characteristically close systems in Figure 3.2 are within the same video, but are separated by 10 frames and, hence, are not temporally close. The form of characteristic closeness introduced in this paper corroborates the results in [13]. Cases 1 and 2 illustrate the result in Theorem 2.23, namely, characteristically close systems are proximal.

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