

1 Intro

Goals of Course

- overview over modern nonlinear analyses and control concepts
- modern methodologies to analyze nonlinear systems
- apply a wide range of nonlinear control methods learn the mathematical basis

Differential equations $\dot{x} = f(x)$

Nonlinear differential equation $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$

System with input $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$

System with input and output

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

$$y = g(x, u) \quad (1)$$

Input-output methods

Scope

[1] Khalil Nonlinear System, Prentice Hall, 2002

[2] Sepulchre Constructive Nonlinear Control, Springer-Verlag 1997

2 Differential equations

Consider differential equality

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)), \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad (2)$$

Where $f : D \rightarrow R^n$, $D \subset R^n$ is open, [here we should explain, what means open set].

Solution to 2 $x : I_{x_0} \rightarrow D$, $t \rightarrow x(t)$ is differentiable

Interval existence solution

Questions:

existence of solution

"how large" is I_{x_0}

uniqueness of solution

Usually we will add some restrictions on f functions, like continuous.

2.1 Existence of solutions

Function $f : D \rightarrow R^n$ is continuous at $x' \in D$ if for $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ such that for $\forall x \in D$, $\|x - x'\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|f(x) - f(x')\| < \epsilon$

Function $f : D \rightarrow R^n$ is continuous on D if it's continuous at $\forall x' \in D$

If $f : D \rightarrow R^n$ continuous, then for each $x_0 \in D \exists x : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow D$, $\epsilon > 0$ satisfying (2).

Further, given a compact set $U \subset D$, then $\exists \alpha > 0$ s.t. $\forall x_0 \in U \exists x : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow D$ satisfying (2).

Consider equation $\dot{x}(t) = x(t)^2$, $x(0) = x_0 = 0$. Solution $x(t) = -\frac{1}{t-c}$, $c = \frac{1}{x_0}$. In this example solution exist in interval $(-c, c)$.

But, what about the number of solutions? Which conditions we should add to guaranty uniqueness of solution?

2.2 Uniqueness of solutions

Function $f : D \rightarrow R^n$ is locally Lipschitz (continuous???) on D if $\forall x \in D$ there is a neighborhood $N(x) \subset D$ and $\exists L > 0$ s.t.

$$\|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\| \leq L\|x_1 - x_2\| \quad (3)$$

For all $x_1, x_2 \in N$.

- Lipschitz on $W \in D$ if (3) holds $\forall x_1, x_2 \in W$ (with same L)
- globally Lipschitz if (3) holds $\forall x_1, x_2 \in R^n$ (with same L)

We have

locally Lipschitz functions are continuous

differentiable functions are locally Lipschitz

locally Lipschitz functions are Lipschitz on each compact subset of D (Khalil Ex 3.19)

Suppose that $0 \leq \phi(t) \leq c + L \int_0^t \phi(\tau) d\tau$, $c, L > 0$, ϕ - continuous. Then $\phi(t) \leq c \exp Lt$. Proof. $c + L \int_0^t \phi(\tau) d\tau := \psi(t)$, $\dot{\psi}(t) = L\phi(t) \leq L\psi(t)$.

Consider $\frac{d}{dt} (\psi(t) \exp -Lt) = \exp -Lt \dot{\psi}(t) - L\psi(t) \leq 0$, thus $\psi(t) \exp -Lt$ is decreased, and as a result we have $\phi(t) \exp -Lt \leq \psi(t) \exp -Lt \leq \psi(0) = c$

If function $f : D \rightarrow R^n$ is locally Lipschitz then for $\forall x_0 \in D \exists !x : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow D$, $\epsilon > 0$ satisfying (2).

Proof:

* existence from Piano theorem

Proof of uniqueness

Consider two solutions $x_1(\cdot)$ and $x_2(\cdot)$ to (2). $\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2 = f(x_1) - f(x_2)$, $x_1(0) = x_2(0)$. Then we can integrate equality: $x_1(t) - x_2(t) = \int_0^t f(x_1(\tau)) - f(x_2(\tau)) d\tau$. $|x_1(t) - x_2(t)| \leq \int_0^t |f(x_1(\tau)) - f(x_2(\tau))| d\tau \leq L \int_0^t |x_1(\tau) - x_2(\tau)| d\tau$. Now we can apply Gronwall's lemma with $c = 0$ and $\phi(t) = |x_1(t) - x_2(t)|$, then $\phi(t) \leq 0$, then $x_1(t) = x_2(t)$, $\forall t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{else } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Solutions } x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(t - c)^2, & \text{if } t \geq c \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Global existence & uniqueness

- sufficient condition: f globally Lipschitz
- another sufficient condition: solution entirely lies in a convex set
- forward completeness has equivalent Lyapunov-like characterization: system is forward-complete iff \exists solution $V : R^n \rightarrow R \geq 0$ s.t. $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) \leq -V(x)$, $\forall x \in R^n$

2.3 Lyapunov stability

If functions $\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \in D \setminus \{0\}$, then x^* is asymptotically stable.

Equilibrium point $x = 0$ is stable if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. from $\|x_0\| < \delta$ follows $\|x(t)\| \leq \epsilon, \forall t \geq 0$.

Equilibrium point $x = 0$ is asymptotically stable if it is stable and exist $\delta > 0$ s.t. from $\|x_0\| < \delta$ follows $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) \rightarrow 0$.

Let $x^* = 0 \in D$ be an equilibrium point of (2), i.e., $f(0) = 0$. Let $f : D \rightarrow R^n$ is continuous. If there exist a differentiable $V : D \rightarrow R$ s.t.

1. $V(x^*) = 0, V(x) > 0, \forall x \in D \setminus \{0\}$
2. $\dot{V}(x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) \leq 0, \forall x \in D$

then $x^* = 0$ is stable.

Proof. Fix compact $U = \{x : V(x) \leq c\}$ s.t. $U \in D$. By Poincaré: exist $\alpha > 0$ s.t. any solution x with $x_0 \in U$ exists at least on the interval $[0, \alpha)$.

TODO proof is not full

Lyapunov's direct method gives us:

- stability
- convergence (if $V < 0$)
- subset of the region of attraction (all compact $U = \{x : V(x) \leq c\} \in D$)
- existence of solution for all times

3 Nonlinear systems

In this section we consider function $f : R \times D \rightarrow R^n$, where $D \subseteq R^n$, and D is open.

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad t \geq t_0 \geq 0, \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \quad (4)$$

The origin $x^* \in D$ is an equilibrium point for (4), if $f(t, 0) = 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0$.

Remark: EP (equilibrium point) $x^* = 0$ can be translation of a nonzero solution.

Suppose \bar{y} is a solution of $\dot{y} = g(t, y)$.

Change of coordinates: $x(t) = y(t) - \bar{y}(t)$, then $\dot{x}(t) = \dot{y}(t) - \dot{\bar{y}}(t) = g(t, x(t) + \bar{y}(t)) - \dot{\bar{y}}(t) := f(t, x(t))$.
Since $\dot{\bar{y}}(t) = g(t, \bar{y}(t))$, then $f(t, 0) = 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0$.

Existence and uniqueness of solution to (4):

- if f continuous, then exist local solution
- if f continuous and locally Lipschitz in x^* , then exist local unique solution

Now we need new stability definitions.

Point $x^* = 0$ is stable if $\forall \epsilon > 0$ and $\forall t_0 \geq 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. from $\|x_0\| < \delta$ follows $\|x(t)\| < \epsilon, \quad \forall t \geq t_0$.

Point $x^* = 0$ is uniformly stable if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0$, s.t $\forall t_0 \geq 0$, from $\|x_0\| < \delta$ follows $\|x(t)\| < \epsilon, \quad \forall t \geq t_0$.

Point $x^* = 0$ asymptotically stable if it is stable and $\forall t_0 \geq 0 \quad \exists c > 0$, s.t from $\|x_0\| < c$ follows $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$.

Point $x^* = 0$ uniformly asymptotically stable if it is uniformly stable and $\exists c > 0$, s.t $\forall t_0 \geq 0$ from $\|x_0\| < c$ follows $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$.

Convergence: $\forall \eta > 0 \quad \forall t_0 \geq 0, \exists T > 0$ such that $\forall t \geq t_0 + T$ follows $\|x(t)\| < \eta$.

Uniform convergence: $\forall \eta > 0 \quad \exists T > 0$ such that $\forall t_0 \geq 0$ and $\forall t \geq t_0 + T$ follows $\|x(t)\| < \eta$.

Consider next equation:

$$\dot{x}(t) = -\frac{x(t)}{1+t}, \quad t_0 \geq 0 \quad (5)$$

Solution $x(t) = x(t_0) \frac{1+t_0}{1+t}$. It is uniformly stable, because we can choose $\delta = \epsilon$. But does $x(t)$ converge uniformly? Answer is no.

Point $x^* = 0$ is globally uniformly asymptotically stable if it is uniformly stable with $\delta \rightarrow \infty$ for $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$ and $\forall c, \eta \quad \exists T > 0$ such that $\forall t_0 \geq 0$ from $\|x_0\| < c$ follows $\|x(t)\| < \eta, \quad \forall t \geq t_0 + T$.

3.1 Lyapunov's direct method

Consider some function $V : [0, \infty) \times D \rightarrow R$, $(t, x) \rightarrow V(t, x)$ such that $\dot{V}(t, x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}V(t, x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}V(t, x)f(t, x)$.

Let $f : [0, \infty) \times D \rightarrow R^n$ is continuous and let $x^* = 0$ be equilibrium point. If there is a differentiable function $V : [0, \infty) \times D \rightarrow R$ with:

- $W_1(x) \leq V(t, x) \leq W_2(x), \forall t \geq 0, x \in D$
- $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq 0, \forall t \geq 0, x \in D$

where $W_1, W_2 : D \rightarrow R$ continuous and positive definite, then $x^* = 0$ is uniformly stable.

If further $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq -W_3(x), \forall t \geq 0, x \in D$ with $W_3 : D \rightarrow R$ continuous and positive definite, the $x^* = 0$ is uniformly asymptotically stable.

If $D = R^n$ and W_1 is radially unbounded then $X^* = 0$ is globally uniformly asymptotically stable.

Consider the equation $\dot{x}(t) = -(1+t)x(t)$.

Check function $V(t, x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ as candidat for Lyapunov's function. Then $W_1(x) = W_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ and $\dot{V}(t, x) = -(1+t)x^2 \leq -x^2(t) =: W_3(x)$. Then from theorem we have, that $X^* = 0$ is globally uniformly asymptotically stable.

3.2 Exponential stability

Point $X^* = 0$ is an exponentially stable EP of (4) if $\exists \lambda, c, k > 0$ s.t. $t \geq t_0 \geq 0$ and all $\|x_0\| < c$ follows $\|x(t)\| \leq K\|x(t_0)\|e^{\lambda(t-t_0)}$.

Remark: from exponential stability follows uniformly asymptotical stability.

Let $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$, f scalar and $\dot{\xi}(t) \leq f(t, \xi(t))$ with $\xi(t_0) \leq x(t_0)$. Then $\xi(t) \leq x(t) \quad \forall t \geq t_0$.

Let $f : [0, \infty) \times D \rightarrow R^n$ be continuous and $x^* = 0 \in D$ be an EP.

If there is a differentiable function $V : [0, \infty) \times D \rightarrow R$ and constants $k_1, k_2, k_3, a > 0$ s.t.

1. $k_1\|x\|^a \leq V(t, x) \leq k_2\|x\|^a, \forall t \geq 0, x \in D$
2. $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq -k_3\|x\|^a$

then $x^* = 0$ is exponentially stable.

If $D = R^n$, then X^* is globally exponential stable.

Proof. For $c > 0$ small enough, trajectories initialized in $\{x : k_2 \|x\|^a < c\}$ remain bounded and in D . From 1) and 2) we can conclude $\dot{V} \leq -\frac{k_3}{k_2} V$. Then from previous Lemma $V(t, x(t)) \leq V(t_0, x(t_0)) \exp -\frac{k_3}{k_2} (t - t_0)$. Then $\|x(t)\| \leq [from 1)] \leq \left(\frac{V(t, x(t))}{k_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{a}} \leq \left(\frac{V(t_0, x(t_0)) \exp -\frac{k_3}{k_2} (t - t_0)}{k_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{a}} \leq \left(\frac{k_2 \|x(t_0)\|^a \exp -\frac{k_3}{k_2} (t - t_0)}{k_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{a}} = \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{a}} \|x(t_0)\| \exp -\frac{k_3}{k_2 a} (t - t_0)$

Consider the equation $\dot{x}(t) = -(1+t)x(t)$.

Here $V(t, x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ then X^* is exponentially stable.

3.3 Comparsion function

A function $\alpha : [0, \delta) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is (of) "class K " if it is continous, strictly increasing, and $\alpha(0) = 0$.

A function $\alpha : [0, \delta) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is "class K_∞ " if $\alpha \in K$ and $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(r) = \infty$.

Function $\alpha(r) = \tan^{-1}(r)$ - class K

Function $\alpha(r) = r^k$ - class K_∞

A function $\beta : [0, \delta) \times [0, \delta) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is "class KL " if it is continuous, $\beta(\cdot, s) \in K$ for all fixed s , and for each fixed r , $\beta(r, \cdot)$ is strictly decreasing: $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \beta(r, s) = 0$

Function $\beta(x, s) = \max(r, r^2) \exp s$ belong class KL .

Properties of comparsion functions:

- If $\alpha \in K$ on $[0, \delta)$, then α^{-1} is defined on $[0, \alpha(\delta))$ and $\alpha^{-1} \in K$.
- If $\alpha \in K_\infty$, then $\alpha^{-1} \in K_\infty$
- If $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in K$, then $\alpha_1 \circ \alpha_2 \in K$ (same for K_∞)
- If $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in K$, $\beta \in KL$ then $\alpha_1(\beta(\alpha_2(r), s)) \in KL$

Now we conseider comparsion functions and stability definitions.

The equilibrium $x^* = 0$ of $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$ is uniformly stable iff $\exists \alpha \in K$ and $c > 0$ s.t. $\forall t \geq t_0$, $\forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$ and $\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha(\|x(t_0)\|)$.

Proof. (only sufficiency) Given $\epsilon > 0$ choose $\delta < \min(c, \alpha^{-1}(\epsilon))$. Then from $\|x(t_0)\| < \delta$ follows $\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha(\|x(t_0)\|) < \alpha(\alpha^{-1}(\epsilon)) = \epsilon$.

The equilibrium $x^* = 0$ of $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$ is uniformly asymptotically stable iff $\exists \beta \in KL$ and $c > 0$ s.t. $\forall t \geq t_0$, $\forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$ and $\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0)$.

Proof. (only sufficiency) Let $\|x(t_0)\| < c$. Then $\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0) < \beta(c, t - t_0)$. This mean uniform convergence. $\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0) < \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, 0)$. This gives us uniform stability.

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The equilibrium $x^* = 0$ of $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$ is globally uniformly asymptotically stable iff previous lemma holds for all $x_0 \in R^n$.

Now consider comparsion functios and Lyapunov functions

If $W : R^n \rightarrow R$ is continuous and positive definite, then $\forall r > 0 \exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in K$ s.t. $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq W(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$ for all $x \in B_r(0) = \{x | \|x\| \leq r\}$.

If W is radially unbounded, then $\exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in K_\infty$ s.t. $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq W(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$ for all $x \in R^n$.

Consider $\dot{y} = \alpha(y), y(t_0) = y_0 > 0, \alpha \in K$. Then $\exists \beta \in KL$ s.t. $y(t) = \beta(y_0, t - t_0)$.

Sketch of proof of Lyapunov's direct method:

$$\begin{cases} W_1(x) \leq V(t, x) \leq W_2(x) \\ \dot{V} \leq -W_3(x) \end{cases}$$

Where W_1, W_2, W_3 – continuous and positive defined.

Then $\exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in K$ such that $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(t, x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$ and $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|)$.

Proof uniform stability:

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(V(t, x(t))) \leq [\alpha_1 in K] \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(V(t_0, x(t_0))) \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|)).$$

Proof uniform convergence

$\dot{V} \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|) \leq -\alpha_3(\alpha_2^{-1}(V))$. We know, that $\alpha_3 \circ \alpha_2^{-1} \in K$. By comparsion lemma, $V(t, x(t)) \leq W(t)$, where W solves $\dot{W} = -\alpha_3(\alpha_2^{-1}(W))$ with $W(t_0) = V(t_0, x(t_0))$. By auxility lemma $\exists \beta \in KL$ s.t. $V(t, x(t)) \leq \beta(V(t_0, x(t_0)), t - t_0)$, then $\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(V(t, x(t))) \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\beta(V(t_0, x(t_0)), t - t_0)) \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\beta(\alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|), t - t_0)) =: \bar{\beta}(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0)$. From this follows uniform asymptotic stability since $\bar{\beta} \in KL$.

3.4 Converse theorems

Let $X^* = 0$ be an EP of $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$ with $f : [0, \infty) \times R^n \rightarrow R^n$ continously differentiable and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ bounded in R^n , uniformly in t ($\|\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x)\| \leq L$ for all $x \in R^n, t \geq 0, L > 0$).

If $x^* = 0$ is globally exponentially stale, then exists differentiable $V : [0, \infty) \times R^n \rightarrow R$ and

$c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 > 0$ s.t. $c_1\|x\|^2 \leq V(t, x) \leq c_2\|x\|^2$, $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq -c_3\|x\|^2$ and $\left\|\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right\| \leq c_4\|x\|$.

Proof. Let $\Phi(\tau; t, x)$ – solution to $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$ which static at (t, x) .

$V(t, x) = \int_t^{t+\delta} \Phi^T(\tau; t, x) \Phi(\tau; t, x) d\tau$, $\delta > 0$. Upper bound: $V(t, x) = \int_t^{t+\delta} \|\Phi(\tau; t, x)\|_2^2 d\tau \leq$
[exponential stability] $\leq \int_t^{t+\delta} k^2 \exp -2\lambda(\tau - t) d\tau \|x\|_2^2 = \frac{k^2}{2\lambda} (1 - \exp -2\lambda\delta) \|x\|_2^2$.

Lower bound: since $\left\|\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right\| \leq L$, then $\|f(t, x)\|_2 \leq L\|x\|_2$. Thus by comparison lemma $\|\Phi(\tau; t, x)\|_2^2 \geq$
 $\|x\|_2^2 \exp -2L(\tau - t)$. Set it in $V(t, x) \geq \int_t^{t+\delta} \exp -2L(\tau - t) d\tau \|x\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2L} (1 - \exp -2L\delta) \|x\|_2^2$.

Decrease conditions: $\dot{V}(t, x) = \dots \leq -(1 - k^2 \exp -2\lambda\delta) \|x\|_2^2$.