

# Nonlinear Control

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## 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 mathematic 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  $\dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad y = g(x, u)$

Input-output methods

Scope

[1] Khalil Nonlinear System, Prentice Hall, 2002

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

## 1 Differential equations

Consider differential equality

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)), \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad (1)$$

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

Solution to 1  $x : I_{x_0} \rightarrow D$ ,  $t \rightarrow x(t)$  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.

## 1.1 Existence of solutions

**Definition.** Function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  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  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is continuous on  $D$  if it's continuous at  $\forall x' \in D$

**Theorem 1.1** (Peano). If  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuous, then for each  $x_0 \in D \exists x : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow D$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  satisfying (1).

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 (1).

**Example.** 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?

## 1.2 Uniqueness of solutions

**Definition.** Function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  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.

$$\|f(x_1) - f(x_2)\| \leq L\|x_1 - x_2\| \quad (2)$$

For all  $x_1, x_2 \in N$ .

- Lipschitz on  $W \subset D$  if (2) holds  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in W$  (with same  $L$ )
- globally Lipschitz if (2) holds  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (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)

**Lemma 1** (Cromwall). Suppose that  $0 \leq \phi(t) \leq c + L \int_0^t \phi(\tau) d\tau$ ,  $c, L > 0$ ,  $\phi$  - continuous. Then  $\phi(t) \leq ce^{Lt}$ .

*Proof.*  $c + L \int_0^t \phi(\tau) d\tau := \psi(t)$ ,  $\dot{\psi}(t) = L\phi(t) \leq L\psi(t)$ .

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

□

**Theorem 1.2** (Picard Lindelof). 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 (1).

*Proof.* \* existence from Piano theorem

Proof of uniqueness

Consider two solutions  $x_1(\cdot)$  and  $x_2(\cdot)$  to (1).  $\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2 = f(x_1) - f(x_2)$ ,  $x_1(0) = x_2(0)$ . 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 Cromwall's lemma with  $c = 0$  and  $\phi(t) = |x_1(t) - x_2(t)|$ , then  $\phi(t) \leq 0$ , then  $x_1(t) = x_2(t)$ ,  $\forall t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$  □

**Example.**

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

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

Global existance & uniqueness

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

### 1.3 Lyapunov stability

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

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

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

**Theorem 1.3** (Lyapunov's direct method). Let  $x^* = 0 \in D$  be an equilibrium point of (1), 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

## 2 Nonlinear systems

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

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad t \geq t_0 \geq 0, \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \tag{3}$$

The origin  $x^* \in D$  is an equilibrium point for (3), if  $f(t, 0) = 0, \forall t \geq 0$ .

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  $f(t, 0) = 0, \forall t \geq 0$ .

Existence and uniqueness of solution to (3):

- 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.

**Definition.** 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  $\|x(t)\| < \epsilon$ ,  $\forall t \geq t_0$ .

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

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

**Definition.** 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  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$ .

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

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

**Example.** Consider next equation:

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

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.

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

## 2.1 Lyapunov's direct method

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

**Theorem 2.1** (Lyapunov's direct method). 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.

**Example.** 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.

## 2.2 Exponential stability

**Definition.** Point  $X^* = 0$  is an exponentially stable EP of (3) 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.

**Lemma 2** (Auxilarity result). 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  $\xi(t) \leq x(t) \quad \forall t \geq t_0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** 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  $V(t, x(t)) \leq$

$$V(t_0, x(t_0))e^{-\frac{k_3}{k_2}(t-t_0)}. \text{ Then } \|x(t)\| \leq [from 1)] \leq \left(\frac{V(t, x(t))}{k_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{a}} \leq \left(\frac{V(t_0, x(t_0))e^{-\frac{k_3}{k_2}(t-t_0)}}{k_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{a}} \leq \left(\frac{k_2\|x(t_0)\|^a e^{-\frac{k_3}{k_2}(t-t_0)}}{k_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{a}}$$

$$\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{a}} \|x(t_0)\| e^{-\frac{k_3}{k_2 a}(t-t_0)} \quad \square$$

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

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

## 2.3 Comparsion function

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

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

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

Function  $\alpha(r) = r^k$  – class  $K_\infty$

**Definition.** 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:  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \beta(r, s) = 0$

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

Properties of comparsion functions:

- If  $\alpha \in K$  on  $[0, \delta)$ , then  $\alpha^{-1}$  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  $K_\infty$
- 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.

**Lemma 3.** 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  $\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha(\|x(t_0)\|)$ .

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

**Lemma 4.** 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  $\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0)$ .

(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.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.** 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  $\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0)$ .

(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.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** 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 comparison functions and Lyapunov functions

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

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  $x \in R^n$ .

**Lemma 7** (Auxiliary). 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:

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

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 comparison 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 auxiliary 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  $\bar{\beta} \in KL$ .

## 2.4 Converse theorems

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $X^* = 0$  be an EP of  $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$  with  $f : [0, \infty) \times R^n \rightarrow R^n$  continuously 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 stable, 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  $\|\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\| \leq c_4\|x\|$ .

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

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

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



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

### 3 System with inputs

Consider equation:

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

where  $f : R^n \rightarrow R^n$ .

Assumption:  $f$  in localy Lipschitz.

Exogeneous signa  $u : R \rightarrow R^n$ .

Input can be "bad" (disturbance) or "good" (control).

#### 3.1 Input-to-state stability

Motivation: LTI system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ ,  $x(0) = x_0$ .

Solution:  $x(t) = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau$ . If  $A$  is Hurwitz, then  $\|e^{At}\| \leq ce^{-\lambda t}$  for some  $c, \lambda > 0$ .

How large can  $x$  grow for some bounded  $u$ ?  $\|x(t)\| \leq \|e^{At}\| \|x_0\| + \int_0^t \|e^{A(t-\tau)}\| \|B\| \|u(\tau)\| d\tau \leq e^{-\lambda t} c \|x_0\| + \int_0^t e^{-\lambda(t-\tau)} c \|B\| \|u(\tau)\| d\tau = ce^{-\lambda t} \|x_0\| + (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) \frac{c}{\lambda} \|B\| \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\|$ .

- $ce^{-\lambda t} \|x_0\|$  class  $KL$  in  $(\|x_0\|, t)$
- $(1 - e^{-\lambda t})$  less than 1
- $\frac{c}{\lambda} \|B\| \sup \|u(\tau)\|$  class  $K$

If  $\sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\|$  is bounded than  $\dot{x}$  remains bounded. Even more: the smaller  $\sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\|$ , the smaller  $\|x(t)\|$ .

**Definition.** System (4) is input-to-state stable (ISS) if  $\exists \beta \in KL, \gamma \in K$  s.t.  $\forall x_0 \in R^n, \forall t \geq 0$  follows  $\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x_0\|, t) + \gamma(\sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\|)$ .

Remarks:

- From ISS follows O-GAS (global asymptotical stability of  $x = 0$  for  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$ )
- $\gamma$  can be interpreted as "gain" w.r.t.  $u$

- if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = 0$  then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$

**Example.** Consider equation  $\dot{x} = -x + xu$ . System is O-GASS, not ISS (for example  $u \equiv \alpha \Rightarrow \dot{x} = x(\alpha - 1)$  all solution diverge).

**Example.** Consider equation  $\dot{x} = -3x + (1 + 2x^2)u$ . System is O-GASS, not ISS (for example  $u \equiv 1, x_0 = 2, x(t) = \frac{3-e^t}{3-2e^t}$  has a finite escape time).

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that there exists a continuously differentiable function  $V : R^n \rightarrow R$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in K_\infty$  and  $\alpha_3, \rho \in K$  such that  $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|), \forall x \in R^n$  and  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x, u) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|), \forall x : \|x\| \geq \rho(\|u\|)$ . Then (4) is ISS with  $\gamma = \alpha_1^{-1} \circ \alpha_2 \circ \rho$

*Proof.* Idea: same as Lyapunov's direct method when  $x$  is "outside" of ball  $\{x : \|x\| \leq \rho(\|u\|)\}$

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**Example.** Consider equality  $\dot{x} = -x^3 + u$ . Let  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ , then  $\dot{V} = -x^4 + xu = [0 < \Theta < 1] = -(1 - \Theta)x^4 - \Theta x^4 + xu \leq -(1 - \Theta)x^4$  for all  $x : \|x\| \geq \left(\frac{\|u\|}{\Theta}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . Thus, system is ISS with  $\gamma(v) = \rho(v) = \left(\frac{v}{\Theta}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

## 4 Backstepping

These remarks from the last lecture, so should be added to the last chapter

$$\forall x \neq 0 : \inf_u \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x, u) < 0 \quad \dot{x} = f(x) + G(x)u$$

So this leads to

$$\forall x \neq 0 : L_G V(x) = 0 \Rightarrow L_f V(x) \neq 0$$

Remark: The last formula is "optimal" if minimize:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2} p(x) b(x)^T b(x) + \frac{1}{2p(x)} u^T u dt$$

$$b(x) := (L_G V(x))^T$$

where  $c > 0$

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} c + \frac{a(x) + \sqrt{a(x)^2 + (b(x)^T b(x))^2}}{b(x)^T b(x)} & b(x) \neq 0 \\ c & b(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

It still works if  $u = \lambda h(x)$  with  $\lambda \in [\frac{1}{2}; \infty)$  is applied (large "gain margin")

This is Backstepping

Integrator backstepping

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1) + g_1(x_1)x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= u\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

where  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $x_2, u \in \mathbb{R}$  (single input)

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Assumption: we know (smooth) "feedback"  $\alpha_1 : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and positive definite, differentiable  $v_1 : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

s.t.  $L_{f_1+g_1\alpha_1}V_1(x)$  is negative definite  $\Rightarrow$  origin of  $\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1) + g_1(x_1)\alpha_1(x_1)$  is asymptotically stable

Goal: Compute feedback  $u = k(x)$  which stabilises (5). Backstepping constructs  $u = \alpha_2(x_1, x_2)$  s.t.  $(e_1, e_2) = (x_1 - 0, x_2 - \alpha_1(x_1)) = 0$  error coordinates

Rewrite (5) :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1) + g_1\alpha_1(x_1) + g_1(x_1)(x_2 - \alpha_1(x_1)) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= u\end{aligned}$$

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In error coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{e}_1 &= f_1(e_1) + g_1(e_1)\alpha_1(e_1) + g_1(e_1)e_2 \\ \dot{e}_2 &= u - \dot{\alpha}_1 = u - \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial e_1} \dot{e}_1 = u - \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial e_1}\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

"backstepping"  $\alpha_1$  through the integrator

Define  $V_2(e_2) := \frac{1}{2}e_2^2$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}V(e_1, e_2) &= V_1(e_1) + V_2(e_2) \\ \dot{V}(e_1, e_2) &= \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial e_1}(f_1(e_1) + g_1(e_1)\alpha_1(e_1)) + \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial e_1}g_1(e_1)e_2 + \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial e_2}(u - \dot{\alpha}_1)\end{aligned}$$

as far as  $L_{f_1+g_1\alpha_1}V_1$  -negative definite and  $\frac{\partial V_2}{\partial e_2} \rightarrow e_2$

Choose

$$u = \left(-\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial e_1}g_1(e_1) + \dot{\alpha}_1\right)(\text{"canaling terms"}) - k_2e_2(\text{"stabilizing term"})k_2 > 0\tag{7}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Then  $\dot{V}(e_1, e_2) = L_{f_1+g_1\alpha_1}V_1(e_1) - k_2e_2^2 < 0, \forall (e_1, e_2) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Then  $\dot{V}(e_1, e_2) = L_{f_1+g_1\alpha_1} V_1(e_1) - k_2 e_2^2 < 0 \forall (e_1, e_2) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow (e_1, e_2) = (0, 0)$  is an asymptotically stable EP for (6) with  $u$  as in (7)

Remark:  $(e_1, e_2) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  doesnot necessarily imply that  $(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow 0$  for  $u = \alpha_2(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial x_1} g_1(x_1) + \dot{\alpha}_1 - k_2(x_2 - \alpha_1(x_1))$

where  $u \leftarrow (7)$  the original coordinates and  $\dot{\alpha}_1 \leftarrow \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x_1}(f_1(x_1) + g_1(x_1)x_2)$

But  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$  is asymptotically stable if  $\alpha_1(0) = 0$  why?  $(e_1, e_2) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow 0 \ x_2 \rightarrow \alpha_1(0) = 0$

**Example.**

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1 x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = u$$

Choose  $\alpha_1(x_1) = -k$  ( $k > 0$ )  $\rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = -k x_1 \Rightarrow V_1(x_1) = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2$

Then:

$$e_1 = x_1 - 0 \ \dot{e}_1 = e_1(e_2 - k)$$

$$e_2 = x_2 + k \ \dot{e}_2 = u$$

Backstepping yields:  $u = -e_1^2 - k_2 e_2$   $k_2 > 0 \Rightarrow (e_1, e_2) = (0, 0)$  is asymptotically stabilized

$(x_1, x_2) = (0, -k)$  is asymptotically stabilized

Can we choose different  $\alpha_1$  s.t.  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$  is stabilized?

Yes, e.g.

$$\alpha_1(x_1) = -x_1^2 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 \ V_1(x_1) = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2$$

So we have equations

$$e_1 = x_1 - 0 \ \dot{e}_1 = e_1(e_2 - e_1^2)$$

$$e_2 = x_2 + x_1^2 \ \dot{e}_2 = u + 2e_1^2(e_2 - e_1^2)$$

Backstepping results in

$$u = -e_1^2 - 2e_1^2(e_2 - e_1^2) - k_2 e_2, \ k_2 > 0 \Rightarrow (e_1, e_2) \rightarrow (0, 0), \ (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (0, 0)$$

Generalization-1

$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1) + g_1(x_1)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2) + g_2(x_1, x_2)u$$

Assumption:  $g_2(x_1, x_2) \neq 0 \forall x_1, x_2 \Rightarrow$  Input transformation:  $u = \frac{1}{g_2(x_1, x_2)}(V - f_2(x_1, x_2)) \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1) + g_1(x_1)x_2$   $\dot{x}_2 = V \Rightarrow$  can apply integrator backstepping to determine  $V$  results in

$$u = \alpha_2(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{g_2(x_1, x_2)} \left( -\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial x_1} g_1(x_1) + \dot{\alpha}_1 - k_2(x_2 - \alpha_1(x_1)) - f_2(x_1, x_2) \right)$$

## 5 Practice Exercise 3

Motivation: Lyapunov Theory

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

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

**Definition.** (CLF) A function  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a CLF if it is continuous differentiable, positive definite, radially unbounded and  $\forall x \neq 0 \inf_u < \nabla V(x), f(x, u) > < 0$

In order to find CLFs, we restrict our analysis to input -affine systems

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + G(x)u$$

$$\text{where } f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

Proposition: A continuous, differentiable, positive definite and radially unbounded.  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a CLF iff

$$\forall x \neq 0 L_G V(x) = 0 \Rightarrow L_f V(x) < 0$$

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Problem 1

Consider  $\dot{x} = \cos(x) + (1 + e^x)u$  where  $f(x) = \cos(x)$ - drift and  $g(x) = 1 + e^x$

Let  $V : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto \frac{1}{2}x^2$ . Clearly, continuous differentiable, positive definite and radially unbounded. Moreover, for any nonzero  $x$ , we have  $L_G V(x) \neq 0$ .

Thus, for any  $x \neq 0$ , there exists a control that renders  $< \nabla V(x), f(x) + g(x)u >$  negative. Given this CLF, there exists a state feedback  $u = u(x)$ , e.g.

$$u(x) = -\frac{kx + \cos(x)}{1 + e^x}, k > 0$$

Problem

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -x_1^3 + x_2 e^{x_1} \cos(x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1^5 \sin(x_2) + u\end{aligned}$$

Take  $V : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x_1, x_2) \mapsto \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$

For any  $x \neq 0$ , we have

$$\inf_{u \in \mathbb{R}} (L_f V(x) + L_G V(x)u) = \begin{cases} L_f V(x), & \text{if } L_G V(x) = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}L_f V(x) &= \dots = x_1(-x_1^3 + x_2 e^{x_1} \cos(x_2)) + x_2 x_1^5 \sin(x_2) \\ L_G V(x) &= \dots = x_2\end{aligned}$$

However,

$$L_f V(x)|_{x_2=0} = -x_1^4 < 0 \quad \forall x_1 \neq 0$$

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Concluding that  $V$  is a CLF.

Problem 2:

$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ , input defined system where  $(A, B)$  is stabilizable, there exists  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  s.t.  $A + BK$  is Hurwitz (cf. KRT). The latter is equivalent to the existence  $P = P^T > 0$  s.t.  $P(A + BK) + (A + BK)^T P < 0$  (cf. Khalil theorem 4,6)

Let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \mapsto \langle x, Px \rangle$ . Moreover,  $\forall x \neq 0 \exists u = Kx$  s.t.  $\langle \nabla V(x), Ax + Bu \rangle < 0$ , since

$$\langle \nabla V(x), Ax + Bu \rangle = \langle u = Kx, (P(A + BK) + (A + BK)^T P)x \rangle < 0$$

In addition,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\|K\|} > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0, \|x\| < \delta \exists u = Kx \quad \|u\| < \epsilon$$

s.t.  $L_f V(x) + L_G V(x)u < 0$  since  $\|u\| = \|Kx\| \leq \|K\|\|x\| < \|K\|\delta = \epsilon$

Problem 3

Let  $P : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous, differentiable consider

$$m\dot{v} = -g\nabla P(q) + F, \quad m, g > 0$$

a) Hamiltonian form. Let  $x := (q, v)$ . Then  $\dot{x} = (-\frac{g}{m}\nabla P(q) + \frac{1}{m}F) = \begin{bmatrix} -I & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{g}{m}\nabla P(q) \\ V \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m}I \end{bmatrix} F = \begin{bmatrix} -I & I \end{bmatrix} \nabla H(x) + G(x)$  given  $H(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|v\|^2 + \frac{g}{m}P(q)$

b) "CLF". Take  $H$  as a CLF candidate. Then, for any  $x$

$$\langle \nabla H(x), \begin{bmatrix} I \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \nabla H(x) + G(x)F \rangle = \langle \nabla H(x), \begin{bmatrix} I \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \nabla H(x) \rangle + \langle \nabla H(x), G(x)F \rangle = [\langle \nabla H(x), \begin{bmatrix} I \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \nabla H(x) \rangle + \langle \nabla H(x), G(x)F \rangle]$$

Strictly speaking,  $H$  is no CLF, but it reveals how to choose  $F$  s.t. the origin is GAS.

For any point  $x$  for which there exists no control  $F$  s.t.  $\langle \nabla H(x), \begin{bmatrix} I \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \nabla H(x) + G(x)F \rangle < 0$

Choose  $F = 0$ . Why? Using the Krasovskiy-Lasalle inv. principle, we conclude that the origin is GAS, since any solution in  $\{x | \dot{H}(x) = 0\}$  verifies  $v(t) \equiv 0$ , implying  $\dot{v}(t) \equiv 0$  s.t.

$$0 = -\frac{g}{m} \nabla P(q(t)) + \frac{1}{m} P(t)$$

The last part equals 0. Since  $F = 0$  (by choice) and  $\nabla P(q) = 0$  iff  $q = 0$  we conclude that  $\dot{H}(x) = 0$  can only be "maintained" at the origin.

Problem 4

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -ux_2 + u^3 \end{aligned}$$

show that  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2)^2$  is CLF and let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$\ddot{x} + u\dot{x} - u^3 = 0$$

For any  $x$  and  $u$ , we have  $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, u) \rangle = \dots = x_1(2x_2 - ux_2 + u^3) + x_2(x_2 - ux_2 + u^3) = x_1h_1 + x_2h_2$

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Hence if  $u < 0$  and  $-u$  "large", then we can render  $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, u) \rangle < 0$ .