

Goal: present a recipe to construct Lyapunov funct.

for lin. sys.. Important for analysis of "nearly linear sys"

- It is easy to construct a Lyapunov funct.

for a one-dim lin. system

$$\dot{x} = -x, \quad V(x) = x^2 \rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = -2x^2 < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

- $V(x) = x^2$ works for any stable lin. sys. $\dot{x} = -\alpha x$ with $\alpha > 0$

$$\dot{V}(x) = -\alpha x^2 < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

- However, the construction is not as easy for a multi-dim. sys.

- Let's consider a 2-dim example: (mass-spring)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Hurwitz}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - 2x_2 \end{array}$$

Try 1: let $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \rightarrow$ satisfies pd. condition

$$\dot{V}(x) = 2x_1(x_2) + 2x_2(-x_1 - 2x_2)$$

$$= 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_2 - 4x_2^2$$

$$= -4x_2^2 \leq 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{but we can not say } V(x) < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

$$\text{Try 2: } V(x) = A x_1^2 + 2Bx_1 x_2 + C x_2^2$$

then,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= 2Ax_1 x_2 - 2Cx_1 x_2 - 4Cx_2^2 \\ &\quad + 2Bx_2^2 - 2Bx_1^2 - 4Bx_1 x_2 \\ &= (2A - 2C - 4B)x_1 x_2 - (4C - 2B)x_2^2 - 2Bx_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

- we choose A, B, C so that $\dot{V}(x) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}, \quad C = \frac{1}{2}, \quad A = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 < 0, \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

- To check if V is p.d.

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= \frac{3}{2}x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \\ x_1 x_2 &> -\frac{1}{4}x_2^2 - x_1^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- This try and error is messy and difficult to track.
- Let's automate the procedure.
- Need to introduce positive quadratic functions.

Quadratic function

- General form of a quadratic function of n variables

wlog, assume $P_{ij} = P_{ji}$

$$f(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n P_{ij} x_i x_j$$

$$= [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & \dots & P_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P_{n1} & \dots & P_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_P \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_x$$

$$= x^T P x$$

↳ symmetric $n \times n$ matrix

- Example:

$$f(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_1 x_2 = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + \frac{3}{2} x_1 x_2 + \frac{3}{2} x_2 x_1$$

$$\geq [x_1 \ x_2] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_P \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

positive definite matrices:

$$P \succ 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_{\min}(P) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x^T P x > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

- we have the ineq.

$$\lambda_{\min}(P) \|x\|_2^2 \leq x^T P x \leq \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|_2^2, \quad \forall x$$

- A 2×2 matrix $P = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix}$ is p.d. iff

$$A > 0 \text{ and } AC - B^2 > 0$$

Lyapunov method for lin. systems:

- Consider the n-dim. linear sys. $\dot{x} = Ax$
- Let $V(x) = x^T Px$ be a candidate Lyapunov func.
- To conclude GAS, we need
 - V to be p.d. and radially unbd
This is true when $P > 0$.
 - $\frac{d}{dt} V(x(t)) < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$.
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} V(x(t)) &= \frac{d}{dt} (x_{(t)}^T P x_{(t)}) \\ &= \dot{x}_{(t)}^T P x_{(t)} + x_{(t)}^T P \dot{x}_{(t)} \\ &= x_{(t)}^T (A^T P + P A) x_{(t)}\end{aligned}$$

This is true when $Q := -A^T P + PA > 0$

- Therefore, it is enough to find a $P \succ 0$

$$\text{s.t. } Q = -A^T P - PA \succ 0.$$

I_{hm}: (Thm. 4.6 in Khalil)

- If A is Hurwitz, then the eq.

Lyapunov eq.¹⁵

$$A^T P + PA + Q = 0$$

has a solution $P \succ 0$ for all $Q \succ 0$.

- The solution is

$$P = \int_0^\infty e^{tA} Q e^{tA} dt$$

- Conversely, if Lyp. eq. has a solution $P \succ 0$, for any $Q \succ 0$ then, A is Hurwitz

A is Hurwitz $\iff X \succ 0$ is GAS \iff Lyp. eq. has a pd. solution

Q1 Why is P a solution

- let $S(t) = e^{tA^T} e^t A$. Then

$$\frac{d}{dt} S(t) = A^T S(t) + S(t) A$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} S(t) dt = \int_0^T (A^T S(t) + S(t) A) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow S(T) - S(0) = A^T \int_0^T S(t) dt + \int_0^T S(t) dt A$$

Let $T \rightarrow \infty$. if A is Hurwitz, then

$$S(T) = e^{TA^T} Q e^{tA} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

and $\int_0^T S(t) dt = \int_0^T e^{tA^T} Q e^{tA} dt \rightarrow P \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty$

- Therefore,

$$Q - P = A^T P + PA \quad \checkmark$$

② why is $P \geq 0$?

$$\begin{aligned}x^T P x &= \int_0^\infty \underbrace{x^T e^{tA^T}}_{\text{y}(t)} Q e^{tA} \underbrace{x}_{\text{y}(t)} dt \\&= \int_0^\infty \underbrace{y(t)^T Q y(t)}_{>0} dt > 0 \quad \text{when } x \neq 0 \\&\quad \text{because } Q \succeq 0 \\&\quad \text{and } y(t) \neq 0 \\&\quad \text{when } x \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Example :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A \text{ is Hurwitz}$$

- Let $Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and find $P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

such that $A^T P + P A + Q = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2p_{12} + 1 & p_{11} - 2p_{12} - p_{22} \\ p_{11} - 2p_{12} - p_{22} & 2p_{12} - 4p_{22} + 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p_{12} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad p_{22} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad p_{11} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{pos. definite.}$$

Summary:

- Consider the lin sys $\dot{x} = Ax$ $\forall Q > 0, \exists P > 0$ s.t.

$$x \geq 0 \text{ is } \Leftrightarrow A \text{ is Hurwitz} \Leftrightarrow PA + A^T P + Q = 0$$

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$V(x) = x^T Px$ is
the Lyapunov Func.

- We use this Lyapunov Func. to analyze stability of nearly lin. systems.