

# E\_E 505 Nonlinear System Theory

## Homework 7

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## Problem 4.27

Consider the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_2x_3 + 1, \quad \dot{x}_2 = x_1x_3 - x_2, \quad \dot{x}_3 = x_3^2(1 - x_3)$$

- (a) Show that the system has a unique equilibrium point.
- (b) Using linearization, show that the equilibrium point is asymptotically stable. Is it globally asymptotically stable?

### Solution

- (1) To find the equilibrium point(s), we need to set all the  $\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2$  and  $\dot{x}_3$  to zero.

$$0 = -x_2x_3 + 1 \quad 0 = x_1x_3 - x_2 \quad 0 = x_3^2(1 - x_3)$$

The third equation has two solutions:  $x_3 = 0$ ,  $x_3 = 1$ . However,  $x_3 = 0$  will not be consistent with equation 1. Therefore When  $x_3 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 1$  and  $x_1 = 1$ . Therefore, the system has a unique equilibrium point at  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

- (2) The Jacobian evaluated at  $(1, 1, 1)$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Which has negative real part. Therefore, the equilibrium point is Asymptotically stable but not globally Asymptotically stable because when  $\dot{x}_3 = 0$  then,  $\dot{x}_1 = 1$  and  $\dot{x}_1(t)$  grows unbounded away from the equilibrium point

## Problem 4.28

Consider the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 \quad \dot{x}_2 = (x_1 x_2 - 1)x_2^3 + (x_1 x_2 - 1 + x_1^2)x_2$$

- (a) Show that  $x = 0$  is the unique equilibrium point.
- (b) Show by linearization that  $x = 0$  is asymptotically stable.
- (c) Show that  $\Gamma = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 x_2 \geq 2\}$  is a positively invariant set.
- (d) Is  $x = 0$  globally asymptotically stable?

## Solution

- (a) we set  $\dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_2 = 0$  and solve for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . We see that  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$ . Therefore,  $x = 0$  is an equilibrium.

- (b) The jacobian is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ x_2(2x_1 + x_2) + x_2^4 & 2x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_2^3 + x_1^2 + 3x_2^2(x_1 x_2 - 1) - 1 \end{pmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

with eigenvalues at  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , Therefore the equilibrium is **Asymptotically stable**.

- (c) Suppose that  $x(t_0) \in \Gamma$ , that is,  $x_1(t_0)x_2(t_0) \geq 2$ . Then, for  $t \geq t_0$ , Let

$$V = x_1 x_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= x_2(t) \frac{d}{dt} x_1(t) + x_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} x_2(t) \\ &= x_2(t)(-x_1(t)) + x_1(t)((x_1(t)x_2(t) - 1)x_2(t)^3 + (x_1(t)x_2(t) - 1 + x_1(t)^2)x_2(t)) \\ &= x_1(t)^2 x_2(t)^4 - x_2(t)^3 + x_1(t)^2 x_2(t)^2 \\ &= 4x_2^2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $x_1(t)x_2(t) = 2$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma$  is a positively invariant set.

- (d) The origin  $x = 0$  is not globally Asymptotically stable, because trajectories starting in  $\Gamma$  does not go to the origin.

## Problem 4.29

Consider the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1 - x_1^3 + x_2 \quad \dot{x}_2 = 3x_1 - x_2$$

- Find all the equilibrium point of the system.
- Using linearization, study the stability of each equilibrium point.
- Using quadratic functions, estimate the region of attraction of each asymptotically stable equilibrium point. Try to make your estimate as large as possible.
- Construct the phase portrait of the system and show on it the exact regions of attraction as well as your estimates.

## Solution

- The equilibrium points of the system are given by  $(0 \ 0)$ ,  $(-2 \ -6)$ ,  $(2 \ 6)$
- The Jacobian is given by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 - 3x_1^2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  When it is evaluated at the equilibrium points  $= (0 \ 0)$ , it is unstable, while  $(-2 \ -6)$ ,  $(2 \ 6)$  are **Asymptotically stable**.
- Linearizing the system about each equilibrium points, we see that  $(0 \ 0)$  is unstable while  $(-2 \ -6)$ ,  $(2 \ 6)$  are Asymptotically stable.

Using the Lyapunov function  $V(y) = y^T P y$ ,  $\dot{V} = y^T (P A + A^T P) y + 2y^T P g(y)$

We move the equilibrium point to the stable origin and perform a change of variables. so that  $\dot{y} = \dot{x}$   
Let  $y_1 = x_1 - 2$  and  $y_2 = x_2 + 6$ , then

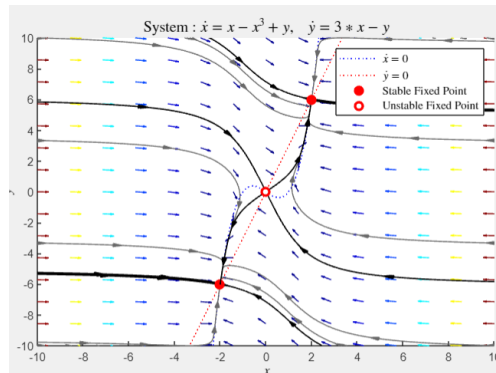
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_1 &= -11y_1 + y_2 - 6y_1^2 - y_1^3 \\ \dot{y}_2 &= 3y_1 - y_2 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the equation  $PA + A^T P = -Q$ , where  $Q = I$ , and  $\dot{V} = -y^T y - 2y^T P g(y)$  then we can get  
P=

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0938 & 0.1771 \\ 0.1771 & 0.6771 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can plot the region where  $\dot{V} > 0$  and  $V(x) \leq c$  We can choose  $c = 0.1$

- The phase portrait can be seen below:



## Problem 4.30

Repeat the previous exercise for the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = -\frac{1}{2}\tan\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{2} + x_2\right)\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - \frac{1}{2}\tan\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{2}\right)$$

### Solution

- (a) The equilibrium points of the system are given by many, considering the region within  $-3 < x, y < 3$  there are 5 equilibrium points, given by:  $[-2.672, -0.882, -0.5, -0.5, 0, 0, 0.5, 0.5, 2.672, 0.882]$

- (b) Linearizing about the equilibrium points  $(0,0)$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\pi}{4}\sec^2(\pi\frac{x_1}{2}) & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{\pi}{4}\sec^2(\pi\frac{x_2}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

with eigenvalues

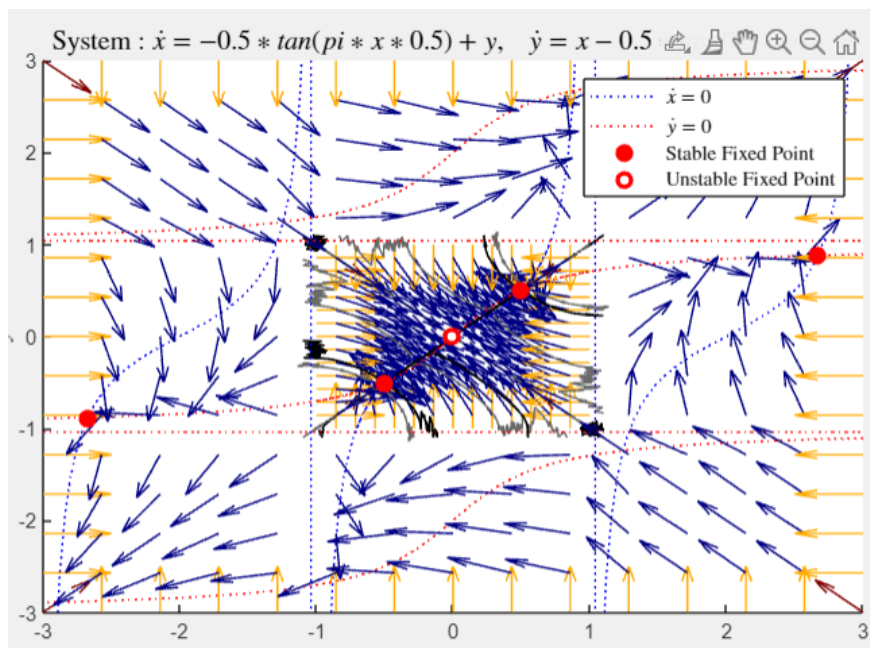
- (c) Using the stable equilibrium and making a variable change,

$$\dot{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\pi}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{bmatrix} y + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\tan(\frac{\pi}{2}y_1 + \frac{\pi}{4}) + \frac{\pi}{2}y_1 + \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\tan(\frac{\pi}{2}y_2 + \frac{\pi}{4}) + \frac{\pi}{2}y_2 + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

We choose  $V = y^T P y$  where  $PA + A^T P = -I$  Then  $\dot{V} = -y^T y + 2y^T P g(y)$ . We get

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5352 & 0.3407 \\ 0.3407 & 0.5352 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) The phase portrait is given by



### Problem 4.31

For each of the systems of Exercise 4.3, use linearization to show that the origin is asymptotically stable.

(4.3) For each of the following systems, use a quadratic Lyapunov candidate to show that the origin is asymptotically stable.

(1)

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_1 x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = -x_2$$

(2)

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_2 - x_1(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2), \quad \dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

(3)

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2(1 - x_1^2) \quad \dot{x}_2 = -(x_1 + x_2)(1 - x_1^2)$$

(4)

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - x_2 \quad \dot{x}_2 = 2x_1 - x_2^3$$

### Solution

(1) the Jacobian of the system is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 - 1 & x_1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Linearizing around it's equilibrium  $0, 0$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with eigenvalues at  $-1, -1$  Therefore the equilibrium is **Asymptotically Stable**.

(2)

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1 & 2x_1x_2 - 1 \\ 2x_1x_2 + 1 & x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearizing around it's equilibrium  $0, 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \lambda = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - i \\ -1 + i \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the equilibrium is **Asymptotically Stable**.

(3)

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_1x_2 & 1 - x_1^2 \\ 2x_1(x_1 + x_2) + x_1^2 - 1 & x_1^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearizing around the equilibrium,  $0, 0$  the eigenvalues are given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the equilibrium is **Asymptotically Stable**.

(4)

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -3x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearizing around the equilibrium point  $0, 0$  the eigenvalues are

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{7}i}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{7}i}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the equilibrium is **Asymptotically Stable**.

**4.32** For each of the following systems, investigate whether the origin is stable, asymptotically stable, or unstable:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{(1)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_1^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + x_3^2 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_3 - x_1^2 \end{array} & \text{(2)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_3 + x_1[-2x_3 - \text{sat}(y)]^2 \\ \dot{x}_3 = -2x_3 - \text{sat}(y) \\ \text{where } y = -2x_1 - 5x_2 + 2x_3 \end{array} \\
 \text{(3)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = -2x_1 + x_1^3 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + x_1^2 \\ \dot{x}_3 = -x_3 \end{array} & \text{(4)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_1x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 = (x_1 + 1)x_2 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Figure 1

## Problem 4.32

### Solution

(1)

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2x_3 \\ -2x_1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearizing around the equilibrium  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = -1, -1, 1$

Therefore the origin is **Not stable**

(2) Near the origin,  $\text{sat}(y) = y$ , taking the Jacobian,

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_{1,2,3} = -1, -1, -2$ . Therefore the origin is **Asymptotically Stable**

(3)

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 - 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x_1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearizing around the equilibrium  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = -2, -1, -1$

Therefore the origin is **Asymptotically Stable**

(4)

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -x_3 - 1 & -1 & -x_1 - 1 \\ x_2 & x_1 + 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearizing around the equilibrium  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = -1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}$  Therefore the origin is **Asymptotically Stable**

### Problem 4.33

Consider the second-order system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ , where  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(x)$  is twice continuously differentiable in some neighborhood of the origin. Suppose  $[\partial f / \partial x](0) = -B$ , where  $B$  be Hurwitz. let  $P$  be the positive definite solution of the Lyapunov equation  $PB + B^T P = -I$  and take  $V(x) = x^T P x$ . Show that there exists  $c^* > 0$  such that, for every  $0 < c < c^*$ , the surface  $V(x) = c$  is closed and  $[\partial V / \partial x]f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in V(x) = c$

### Solution

Since  $f(x)$  is twice differentiable, then for any  $c > 0$ ,  $V(x) = x^T P x = c$  is closed curve. And

$$\dot{V} = -x^T (PB + B^T P)x + 2x^T P g(x) = x^T x + 2x^T P g(x)$$

Taking the P2 norm,

$$\|\dot{V}\|_2 \geq \|x\|_2^2 + 2\|x^T P g(x)\|_2 \geq \|x\|_2^2 - 2\|x\|_2 \|P\|_2 \|g(x)\|_2$$

For  $\dot{V} > 0$  we require  $\|g(x)\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  faster than  $\|x\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  and

$$\|g(x)\|_2 \leq \gamma \|x\|_2^2$$

is inside a ball with radius  $c^*$  for all  $\gamma > 0$ . The radius is given by solving

$$\|x\|_2 - 2\|P\|_2 \|g(x)\|_2 \geq \|x\|_2 - 2\|P\|_2 \gamma \|x\|_2^2 > 0$$

and

$$c^* = \|x\|_2 < \frac{1}{2\gamma\|P\|_2}$$

Since  $f(x)$  is a second order twice differentiable function,  $\|g(x)\|_2 \leq \gamma \|x\|_2^2$  and we can decompose  $f(x)$  into  $g(x) + Ax$  We know that  $g(x)$  is a second order twice differentiable function. therefore by Mean Value Theorem, we have  $|g_i(x)| \leq k\|x\|^2 \leq \gamma\|x\|^2$



### Problem 4.34

Prove Lemma 4.2 which states that

Let  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  be class  $\mathcal{K}$  functions on  $[0, a)$ ,  $\alpha_3$  and  $\alpha_4$  be class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$  functions, and  $\beta$  be a class  $\mathcal{KL}$  function. Denote the inverse of  $\alpha_i$  by  $\alpha_i^{-1}$ , Then

- .  $\alpha_i^{-1}$  is defined on  $[0, \alpha_i(a))$  and belongs to class  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- .  $\alpha_3^{-1}$  is defined on  $[0, \infty)$  and belongs to class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$
- .  $\alpha_1.\alpha_2$  belongs to class  $\mathcal{K}$
- .  $\alpha_3.\alpha_4$  belongs to class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$
- .  $\sigma(r, s) = \alpha_1(\beta(\alpha_2(r), s))$  belongs to class  $\mathcal{KL}$

### Solution

- . By definition, a function  $\alpha$  is in class  $\mathcal{K}$  if it is continuous, strictly increasing,  $\alpha(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(r) = \infty$ . Since  $\alpha_i$  is in class  $\mathcal{K}$ , it is continuous, strictly increasing, and  $\alpha_i(0) = 0$ . Since  $\alpha_i$  is continuous and strictly increasing, Therefore, its inverse  $\alpha_i^{-1}$  is also continuous and strictly increasing.  $\alpha_i^{-1}(0) = 0$ : Since  $\alpha_i(0) = 0$ , we have  $\alpha_i^{-1}(0) = 0$ .
- . By similar argument, Since  $\alpha_3$  is in class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$ , it is continuous, strictly increasing, and  $\alpha_3(0) = 0$ , therefore  $\alpha_3^{-1}$  is continuous and strictly increasing, and  $\alpha_3^{-1}(\infty) = \infty$  therefore  $\alpha_3^{-1}$  is a class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$
- . Since  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are both in class  $\mathcal{K}$ , they are both continuous, strictly increasing,  $\alpha_1(0) = \alpha_2(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i(r) = \infty$ . Therefore, their composition  $\alpha_1.\alpha_2$  is also continuous, strictly increasing,  $(\alpha_1.\alpha_2)(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha_1.\alpha_2)(r) = \infty$ . Thus,  $\alpha_1.\alpha_2$  belongs to class  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- . Since  $\alpha_3$  is in class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$  and  $\alpha_4$  is in class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$ , they are both continuous, strictly increasing,  $\alpha_3(0) = \alpha_4(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i(r) = \infty$ . Therefore, their composition  $\alpha_3.\alpha_4$  is also continuous, strictly increasing,  $(\alpha_3.\alpha_4)(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha_3.\alpha_4)(r) = \infty$ . Thus,  $\alpha_3.\alpha_4$  belongs to class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$ .
- . For fixed  $s$ , the function is strictly increasing with respect to  $r$ , and zero when  $r = 0$ . For fixed  $r$ , the function  $\beta(., s) \rightarrow$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, the function belongs to class  $\mathcal{KL}$

**Problem 4.35**

Let  $\alpha$  be a class  $\mathcal{K}$  function on  $[0, a)$ . Show that

$$\alpha(r_1 + r_2) \leq \alpha(2r_1) + \alpha(2r_2), \forall r_1, r_2 \in [0, \frac{a}{2}]$$

**Solution**

Since  $\alpha$  is a class  $\mathcal{K}$  function on  $[0, a)$ , we know that it is non-decreasing and continuous, and that  $\alpha(0) = 0$ .

Let  $r_1, r_2 \in [0, \frac{a}{2}]$

1.  $\alpha(0) = 0$ ;
2.  $\alpha$  is continuous and non-decreasing;
3.  $\lim_{r \rightarrow a} \alpha(r) = \infty$ .

Let  $r_1, r_2 \in [0, \frac{a}{2}]$  be arbitrary. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(r_1 + r_2) &\leq \alpha(a - \frac{a}{2} + a - \frac{a}{2}) \\ &= \alpha(2a - \frac{a}{2} - \frac{a}{2}) \leq \alpha(2a - \frac{a}{2}) + \alpha(2a - \frac{a}{2}) \\ &= \alpha(2r_1) + \alpha(2r_2), \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\alpha r_1 + \alpha r_2 \leq \alpha(2r_1) + \alpha(2r_2)$  is always satisfied.

### Problem 4.36

Is the origin of the scalar system  $\dot{x} = \frac{-x}{(t+1)}, t \leq 0$ , uniformly asymptotically stable?

#### Solution

Let

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= x^2 \\ \dot{V}(x) &= \frac{d}{dt}(x^2) \\ &= 2x \frac{dx}{dt} = 2x \frac{-x}{t+1} = -\frac{2x^2}{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

For any  $x \neq 0$ , we have  $\frac{d}{dt}V(x) < 0$  for all  $t \leq 0$ . This means that  $V(x)$  is a decreasing function along the trajectories of the system, except at  $x = 0$  where it is constant. Therefore it is stable. As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} V(x(t)) &= x_0^2 \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t -\frac{2}{\tau+1} d\tau\right) \\ &= x(t_0)^2 \frac{1+t_0}{1+t} \end{aligned}$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  for all non-zero initial conditions  $x_0$ . This means that the trajectories of the system approach the origin as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and do so at an exponential rate. Therefore, the origin of the system is **Uniformly Asymptotically stable**.

### Problem 4.37

For each of the linear systems, use a quadratic Lyapunov function to show that the origin is exponentially stable.

(1)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \alpha(t) \\ \alpha(t) & -2 \end{bmatrix} x, |\alpha(t)| \leq 1$$

(2)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \alpha(t) \\ -\alpha(t) & -2 \end{bmatrix} x$$

(3)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -\alpha(t) \end{bmatrix} x, \alpha(t) \geq 2$$

(4)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ \alpha(t) & -2 \end{bmatrix} x$$

### Solution

(1) Choose  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= x_1(-x_1 - 2x_2\alpha(t)) + x_2(-2x_1\alpha(t) - 2x_2) \\ &= -x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2\alpha(t) - 2x_2^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2\alpha(t) + 2x_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = -V(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|\alpha(t)| \leq 1$  hence we can obtain the inequality. Therefore,  $\dot{V}(x) \leq -\frac{1}{2}V(x)$ , where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, the origin of the system is **Exponentially Stable**

(2) Choose  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= x_1\dot{x}_1 + x_2\dot{x}_2 \\ &= x_1(-1x_1 + \alpha(t)x_2) + x_2(-\alpha(t)x_1 - 2x_2) \\ &= -x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 - \alpha(t)x_1x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the origin is **Exponentially Stable**

(3)

$$\dot{V}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -\alpha(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -\alpha(t)x_2^2$$

Since  $\alpha(t) \geq 2$ ,  $\dot{V}(x) \leq -2x_2^2$  for all  $x \neq 0$ . Therefore, the origin is **Exponentially Stable**

(4) Choose  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^T P x)$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 P_{11} - 2x_1x_2 P_{12} - x_2^2 P_{22} - \alpha(t)x_1x_2 P_{21}$$

Choose P to be positive definite, then  $\dot{V} \leq 0$  herefore, the origin is **Exponentially Stable**

4.38 ([95]) An *RLC* circuit with time-varying elements is represented by

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{1}{L(t)}x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = -\frac{1}{C(t)}x_1 - \frac{R(t)}{L(t)}x_2$$

Suppose that  $L(t)$ ,  $C(t)$ , and  $R(t)$  are continuously differentiable and satisfy the inequalities  $k_1 \leq L(t) \leq k_2$ ,  $k_3 \leq C(t) \leq k_4$ , and  $k_5 \leq R(t) \leq k_6$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , where  $k_1$ ,  $k_3$ , and  $k_5$  are positive. Consider a Lyapunov function candidate

$$V(t, x) = \left[ R(t) + \frac{2L(t)}{R(t)C(t)} \right] x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + \frac{2}{R(t)}x_2^2$$

- (a) Show that  $V(t, x)$  is positive definite and decrescent.
- (b) Find conditions on  $\dot{L}(t)$ ,  $\dot{C}(t)$ , and  $\dot{R}(t)$  that will ensure exponential stability of the origin.

## Problem 4.38

### Solution

- (a) To show that  $V$  is decrescent, we use the bounds on the time varying elements

$$V \leq \left[ k_6 + \frac{2K_2}{k_3k_5} \right] x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + \frac{2}{k_5}x_2^2$$

Next we show that  $V$  is bounded below by some class  $\mathcal{K}$  function.

$$V \geq \left[ k_5 + \frac{2k_1}{k_4k_6} \right] x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + \frac{2}{k_6}x_2^2 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & 1 \\ 1 & p_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

is positive definite when  $p_{11}p_{22} > 1$  or equivalently,  
 $\frac{2k_5}{k_6} + \frac{4k_1}{k_4k_6^2} > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \left[ R + \frac{2L}{RC} \right] 2x_1\dot{x}_1 + \left[ \dot{R} + \frac{2RC\dot{L} - 2L\dot{R}C - 2LR\dot{C}}{R^2C^2} \right] x_1^2 + 2x_1\dot{x}_2 \\ &\quad + 2\dot{x}_1x_2 + \frac{4}{R}x_2\dot{x}_2 - \frac{2}{R^2}x_2^2\dot{R} \\ &= x_1^2 \left[ \dot{R} + \frac{2RC\dot{L} - 2L\dot{R}C}{R^2C^2} - \frac{2}{C} \right] + x_2^2 \left[ \frac{2}{L} - \frac{4}{L} - \frac{2}{R^2}\dot{R} \right] \\ &= x_1^2 \left[ \dot{R} + \frac{2\dot{L}}{RC} - \frac{2L\dot{R}}{R^2C} - \frac{2L\dot{C}}{RC^2} - \frac{2}{C} \right] + x_2^2 \left[ \frac{-2}{L} - \frac{-2}{L} - \frac{2}{R^2}\dot{R} \right] \\ &= x_1^2 \left( \frac{-2}{C} \right) \left[ 1 + \dot{R} \left( \frac{-C}{2} + \frac{L}{R^2} \right) + \frac{L\dot{C}}{RC} - \frac{\dot{L}}{R} \right] + \frac{-2}{L} \left[ 1 + \frac{L\dot{R}}{R^2} \right] x_2 \\ -\dot{V} &= \frac{2}{C}C_1x_1^2 + \frac{2}{L}C_2x_2^2 \geq \frac{2C_1}{k_3}x_1^2 + \frac{2C_2}{k_1}x_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) For  $\dot{L}(t)$ ,  $\dot{C}(t)$ , and  $\dot{R}(t)$  to be exponentially stable,  $-\dot{V}$  is bounded above by some class  $\mathcal{K}$  function of the same order as the bounds on  $V$ , taking a derivative and factoring, we get

$$-\dot{V} = \frac{2c_1}{C}x_1^2 + \frac{2c_2}{L}x_2^2 \geq \frac{2C_1}{K_3}x_1^2 + \frac{2C_2}{k_1}x_2^2$$

where

$$c_1 = 1 + \dot{R} \left( \frac{L}{R^2} - \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{L\dot{C}}{RC} - \frac{\dot{L}}{R} > 0$$

and  $C_2 = 1 + \frac{L\dot{R}}{R^2} > 0$  which makes the origin **UES**.

4.39 ([154]) A pendulum with time-varying friction is represented by

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_1 - g(t)x_2$$

Suppose that  $g(t)$  is continuously differentiable and satisfies

$$0 < a < \alpha \leq g(t) \leq \beta < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{g}(t) \leq \gamma < 2$$

for all  $t \geq 0$ . Consider the Lyapunov function candidate

$$V(t, x) = \frac{1}{2}(a \sin x_1 + x_2)^2 + [1 + ag(t) - a^2](1 - \cos x_1)$$

- (a) Show that  $V(t, x)$  is positive definite and decrescent.
- (b) Show that  $\dot{V} \leq -(\alpha - a)x_2^2 - a(2 - \gamma)(1 - \cos x_1) + O(\|x\|^3)$ , where  $O(\|x\|^3)$  is a term bounded by  $k\|x\|^3$  in some neighborhood of the origin.
- (c) Show that the origin is uniformly asymptotically stable.

## Problem 4.39

### Solution

- (a) We notice that  $1 + ag(t) - a^2 > 1$  since  $g(t) \geq \alpha$  then

$$V \leq \frac{1}{2}(a \sin x_1 + x_2)^2$$

so  $V$  is positive definite.

$$g(t) \leq \beta$$

and

$$1 - \cos x_1 \leq x_1^2$$

$$V \leq \frac{1}{2}(a \sin x_1 + x_2)^2 + (1 + a\beta - a^2)x_1^2$$

Therefore,  $V$  is bounded above by a class  $\mathcal{K}$  function.

(b)

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(a \sin x_1 + x_2)^2 + [1 + ag(t) - a^2](1 - \cos x_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= a^2 \sin x_1 \cos x_1 x_2 + a \sin x_1 (-\sin x_1 - g(t)x_2) + ax_2^2 \cos x_1 + \\ & x_2(-\sin x_1 - g(t)x_2) + x_2 \sin x_1 + ag(t)x_2 \sin x_1 - a^2 x_2 \sin x_1 + a\dot{g}(t) - a\dot{g}(t)\cos x_1 \\ &= x_2^2(a \cos x_1 - g(t)) + a(1 - \cos x_1)\dot{g}(t) - a \sin^2 x_1 - a^2(1 - \cos x_1)x_2 \sin x_1 \leq x_2^2(a - \alpha) + a\gamma(1 - \cos x_1) - a \sin^2 x_1 + 0(\|x\|^3) \\ &= -x_2^2(\alpha - a) - a(1 - \cos x_1)(2 - \gamma) + a(2(1 - \cos x_1) - \sin^2 x_1) + 0(\|x\|^3) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(1 - \cos x_1)x_2 \sin x_1 \text{ and } 2(1 - \cos x_1) - \sin^2 x_1 \text{ are } o(\|x\|^3)$$

- (c) The origin is AS because  $V$  is bounded above and below by a class  $\mathcal{K}$  function, and  $-\dot{V}$  is bounded below by a class  $\mathcal{K}$  function.

### Problem 4.40

(Floquet theory) Consider the linear system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ , where  $A(t) = A(t + T)$ . Let  $\phi(.,.)$  be the state transition matrix. Define a constant matrix  $B$  via the equation  $\exp(BT) = \Phi(T, 0)$ , and let  $P(t) = \exp(Bt)\Phi(0, t)$ . Show that

- (1)  $P(t+T) = P(t)$ .
- (2)  $\Phi(t, \tau) = P^{-1}(t)\exp[(t - \tau)B]P(\tau)$
- (3) The origin of  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$  is exponentially stable if and only if  $B$  is Hurwitz.

### Solution

- (a) To show that  $P(t + T) = P(t)$ , we use the periodicity of  $A(t)$ , which implies that  $\Phi(t + T, s) = \Phi(t, s)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t + T) &= \exp(B(t + T))\Phi(0, t + T) \\
 &= \exp(BT)\exp(Bt)\Phi(0, t + T) \\
 &= \exp(Bt)\Phi(T, 0)\Phi(0, t + T) \\
 &= \exp(Bt)\Phi(T, t + T) \\
 &= \exp(Bt)\Phi(0, t) \\
 &= P(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t) &= \exp(Bt)\phi(0, t) \\
 \phi(0, t) &= \exp(-Bt)P(t) \\
 \phi(t, 0) &= P^{-1}(t)\exp(Bt) \\
 \phi(t, \tau) &= \phi(t, 0)\phi(0, \tau) = P^{-1}(t)\exp(B(t - \tau))P(\tau)
 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) The solution to the differential equation is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \phi(t, t_0)x(t_0). \\
 \|x(t)\| &\leq \|\phi(t, t_0)\|\|x(t_0)\| \\
 &\leq \|P^{-1}(t)\|\|\exp(B(t - t_0))\|\|P(t_0)\|\|x(t_0)\| \\
 &\leq c_1 c_2 \|\exp(B(t - t_0))\|\|x(t_0)\|
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P(t)$  and  $P^{-1}(t)$  are bounded for all  $t \geq 0$ . If  $B$  is Hurwitz, then  $\|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$  exponentially and the origin is exponentially stable. The origin is Uniformly Exponentially stable if and only if  $B$  is Hurwitz.