

E_E 505 Nonlinear System Theory
Homework 4

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Problem 3.14

Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -\frac{1}{\tau}x_1 \tanh(\lambda x_1) - \tanh(\lambda x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{1}{\tau}x_2 \tanh(\lambda x_1) - \tanh(\lambda x_2)\end{aligned}$$

where λ and τ are positive constants

- Derive the sensitivity equation as λ and τ vary from nominal values λ_0 and τ_0
- Show that $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$ satisfies the differential inequality $\dot{r} \leq -\frac{1}{\tau}r + 2\sqrt{2}$
- Using the comparison lemma, show that the solution of the state equation satisfies the inequality $\|x(t)\|_2 \leq e^{-t/\tau}\|x(0)\|_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\tau(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$

Solution

- Taking the partial derivative with respect to x and τ We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_2 (\tanh(\lambda x_2)^2 - 1) - x_1 (\tanh(\lambda x_1)^2 - 1) & \frac{x_1}{\tau^2} \\ -x_1 (\tanh(\lambda x_1)^2 - 1) - x_2 (\tanh(\lambda x_2)^2 - 1) & \frac{x_2}{\tau^2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \tau} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_2 (\tanh(\lambda x_2)^2 - 1) - x_1 (\tanh(\lambda x_1)^2 - 1) & \frac{x_1}{\tau^2} \\ -x_1 (\tanh(\lambda x_1)^2 - 1) - x_2 (\tanh(\lambda x_2)^2 - 1) & \frac{x_2}{\tau^2} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the derivatives at nominal, λ_0 and τ_0

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{nominal} &= \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_0 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_1)^2 - 1) - \frac{1}{\tau_0} & \lambda_0 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_2)^2 - 1) \\ -\lambda_0 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_1)^2 - 1) & -\lambda_0 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_2)^2 - 1) - \frac{1}{\tau_0} \end{bmatrix} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda}|_{nominal} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_2 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_2)^2 - 1) - x_1 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_1)^2 - 1) & \frac{x_1}{\tau_0^2} \\ -x_1 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_1)^2 - 1) - x_2 (\tanh(\lambda_0 x_2)^2 - 1) & \frac{x_2}{\tau_0^2} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{S} = AS + B, s(0) = 0$$

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$$r = (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$\text{Where } (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} = r^{-1}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \dot{r} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} * \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} * (2x_1\dot{x}_1 + 2x_2\dot{x}_2)$$

$$r.\dot{r} = x_1\dot{x}_1 + x_2\dot{x}_2$$

Substituting for x_1, x_2

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x_1\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}x_1\tanh(\lambda x_1) - \tanh(\lambda x_2)\right) + x_2\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}x_2\tanh(\lambda x_1) - \tanh(\lambda x_2)\right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\tau}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + x_1\tanh(\lambda x_1) - \tanh(\lambda x_2) + x_2\tanh(\lambda x_1) - \tanh(\lambda x_2) \\
 &(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = r^2 \\
 &- (1/\tau)r^2 + r\cos(\theta)(\tanh(\lambda x_1) - \tanh(\lambda x_2)) + r\sin(\theta)\tanh(\lambda x_1) + \tanh(\lambda x_1) \\
 &\leq -(1/\tau)r^2 + 2r(|\cos(\theta)|) + |\sin(\theta)| \\
 &\leq -(1/\tau)r^2 + 2\sqrt{2}r
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{v} &\leq \frac{-1}{\tau}v + 2\sqrt{2}, v = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = \|x\|_2 \\
 \dot{u} &= \frac{-1}{\tau}u + 2\sqrt{2}, u_0 = v_0 = \|x_0\| \\
 \|x\|_2 &\leq \exp^{-t/\tau} \|x_0\|_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\tau(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \\
 v &\leq e^{-t/\tau}v_0 + 2\sqrt{2}\tau(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \\
 \text{Solving } \dot{u} &= \frac{-1}{\tau}u + 2\sqrt{2} \\
 u(s) &= \frac{\|x_0\|}{s + 1/\tau} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{s(s + 1/\tau)} \\
 u(t) &= \|x_0\|_2 e^{-t/\tau} + 2\sqrt{2}\tau(1 - e^{-t/\tau})
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.15

Using the comparison lemma, show that the solution of the state equation

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + \frac{2x_2}{1+x_2^2},$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + \frac{2x_1}{1+x_1^2}$$

satisfies the inequality

$$\|x(t)\| \leq e^{-t} \|x(0)\|_2 + \sqrt{2}(1 - e^{-t})$$

Solution

By comparison $V(x)$ is continuous and positive definite for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$. $\dot{V}(x) \leq -kV(x)$ for some positive constant k and for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Let $V(x) = |x|^2$. Note that $V(x)$ is positive definite for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$. $V(x)$ along the trajectory of the system: let

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= 2x^T \dot{x} \\ &= 2(x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 + \frac{2x_2}{1+x_2^2} \\ -x_2 + \frac{2x_1}{1+x_1^2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\leq -2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + 4(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = 2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ &= -2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + 4(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ &= 2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

We use the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x_2}{1+x_2^2} &\leq \sqrt{2}, \\ \frac{2x_1}{1+x_1^2} &\leq \sqrt{2} \text{ and} \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 &= |x(t)|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

By comparison lemma,

$$\|x(t)\|_2^2 \leq e^{2t} \|x(0)\|_2^2$$

Taking the square root of both sides, we get

$$\|x(t)\|_2 \leq e^t \|x(0)\|_2$$

Using the inequality,

$$\|x(t)\|_2 \leq \|x(t)\|_1 \leq \sqrt{2}$$

Therefore

$$\|x(t)\|_2 \leq \sqrt{2} \|x(t)\|_2 \leq \sqrt{2e^t} \|x(0)\|_2$$

Problem 3.16

Using the comparison lemma, find an upper bound on the solution of the scalar equation $\dot{x} = -x + \frac{\sin t}{1+x^2}$, $x(0) = 2$

Solution

By comparison lemma, we need to find a function $V(x)$ that is continuous and positive definite for all $x \in [0, \infty)$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= 1 + x^2 \\ \dot{V} &= 2x\dot{x} \\ &= 2x\left(-x + \frac{\sin t}{1+x^2}\right) \\ &= -2x^2 - 2x \frac{\sin t}{1+x^2} \leq -2x^2 + 2x = -2x(x-1) \quad \text{Since} \quad \frac{\sin t}{1+x^2} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and $x(t)$ is positive $\forall t \geq 0$, then

$$0 \leq x(t) \leq x(0) = 2 \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Therefore

$$0 \leq x(t) - 1 \leq 1 \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} -2x(x-1) &\leq -4x(x-1) \quad \forall x \in [0, \infty) \\ 0 &\leq x(t) \leq x(0) = 2, \\ 0 &\leq x(t) - 1 \leq 1, \\ -2x(x-1) &\leq -4x(x-1) \end{aligned}$$

We used the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin t}{1+x^2} &\leq 1 \\ 0 &\leq x(t) \leq x(0) = 2 \leq x(t) - 1 \leq 1 \\ -2x(x-1) &\leq -4x(x-1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq -4x(x-1) \quad \forall x \in [0, \infty)$$

Problem 3.17

Consider the initial value problem (3.1) and let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a domain that contains $x = 0$. Suppose $x(t)$, the solution of (3.1), belongs to D for all $t \geq 0$ and

$$\|f(t, x)\|_2 \leq L\|x\|_2 \text{ on } [t_0, \infty) \times D$$

show that

(a)

$$\frac{d}{dt}[x^T(t)] \leq 2L\|x(t)\|_2^2$$

(b)

$$\|x_0\|_2 \exp[-L(t - t_0)] \leq \|x(t)\|_2 \leq \|x_0\|_2 \exp[L(t - t_0)]$$

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

Solution

(a)

$$\frac{d}{dt}[x^T(t)] = \dot{x}^T(t)x(t) + x^T(t)\dot{x}(t)$$

$$f^T(t, x(t))x(t) + x^T(t)f(t, x(t)) = 2x^T(t)f(t, x(t))$$

From Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$|2x^T(t)f(t, x(t))| \leq 2\|x(t)\|_2 \cdot \|f(t, x(t))\|_2 \leq 2L\|x(t)\|_2^2$$

Therefore

$$\left| \frac{d}{dt}[x^T(t)] \right| \leq 2L\|x(t)\|_2^2$$

(b) Let $Z(t) = x^T(t)x(t)$ and $V_0 = x_0^T x_0$. We can show that

$$-2LZ(t) \leq \dot{Z}(t) \leq 2LZ(t)$$

Integrating both sides

$$-2L(t - t_0) \leq \ln\left(\frac{V}{V_0}\right) \leq 2L(t - t_0)$$

$$V_0 e^{[-2L(t-t_0)]} \leq V(t) \leq V_0 e^{[2L(t-t_0)]}$$

taking the square root

$$\|x_0\|_2 e^{-L(t-t_0)} \leq \|x(t)\|_2 \leq \|x_0\|_2 e^{L(t-t_0)} \quad \square$$

Problem 3.18

Let $y(t)$ be a nonnegative scalar function that satisfies the inequality

$$y(t) \leq k_1 e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)} [k_2 y(\tau) + k_3] d\tau$$

Where k_1, k_2 and k_3 are non negative constants and α is a positive constant that satisfies $\alpha \geq k_2$. Using the Gronwall-Bellman inequality, show that

$$y(t) \leq k_1 e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} + \frac{k_3}{\alpha - k_2} [1 - e^{-(\alpha - k_2)(t-t_0)}]$$

Hint: Take

$$z(t) = y(t) e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$$

and find the inequality satisfied by z .

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Hint: Take $z(t) = y(t) e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$ and find the inequality satisfied by z .

Solution

Let $z(t) = y(t) e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= y(t) e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} \leq k_1 e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} + k_1 \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\alpha(t-\tau) + \alpha(t-t_0)} e^{\alpha(\tau-t_0)} [k_2 y(\tau) + k_3] d\tau \\ &= k_1 + k_2 \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)} [z(\tau) d\tau + \frac{k_3}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} - 1)] \end{aligned}$$

Apply the Gronwall-Bellman inequality

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &\leq k_1 + k_2 \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)} k_1 e^{-\alpha(\tau-t_0)} + \frac{k_3}{\alpha} e^{(\alpha(t-t_0)-1)} d\tau + \frac{k_3}{\alpha} e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} - 1 \\ &= k_1 e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} + \frac{k_3}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} - 1) + k_1 k_2 \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)} e^{-\alpha(\tau-t_0)} d\tau + \frac{k_2 k_3}{\alpha} \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)} e^{-\alpha(\tau-t_0)-1} d\tau \\ &= k_1 e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)-1} + \frac{k_1 k_2}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} - 1) + \frac{k_2 k_3}{\alpha^2} (e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)-1} \end{aligned}$$

Then, $z(t) \leq k_1 e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} + \frac{k_3 + k_2 k_1}{\alpha} (e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} - 1) + \frac{k_2 k_3}{\alpha^2} (e^{\alpha(t-t_0)} - 1)$ therefore
 $y(t) \leq k_1 e^{-(\alpha - k_2)(t-t_0)} + \frac{k_3}{(\alpha - k_2)} [1 - e^{-(\alpha - k_2)(t-t_0)}]$

Problem 3.19

Let $f : R^n \rightarrow R^n$ be locally Lipschitz in a domain $D \subset R^n$. Let $S \subset D$ be a compact set. Show that there is a positive constant L such that for all $x, y \in S$

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|$$

Hint: The set S can be covered by a finite number of neighborhoods

$$S \subset N(a_1, r_1) \cup N(a_2, r_2) \cup \dots \cup N(a_k, r_k)$$

Consider the following two cases separately:

(a)

$$x, y \in S \cap N(a_i, r_i) \text{ for some } i$$

$$x, y \notin S \cap N(a_i, r_i)$$

for any i ; in this case

$$\|x - y\| \leq \min_i r_i$$

In the second case, use the fact that $f(x)$ is uniformly bounded on S

Solution

Since f is locally Lipschitz in D , for each i , there exists a Lipschitz constant $L_i > 0$ such that for any

$$x, y \in N(a_i, r_i) \cap S, \text{ there is } |f(x) - f(y)| \leq L_i |x - y|$$

Let

$$L = \max_{i=1}^k L_i.$$

Then for any $x, y \in S$, there exist $i, j \in 1, 2, \dots, k$ such that

$$x \in N(a_i, r_i) \text{ and } y \in N(a_j, r_j)$$

Case 1:

$$x, y \in S \cap N(a_i, r_i)$$

for some i . Then,

$$|x - y| \leq |x - a_i| + |a_i - a_j| + |a_j - y| \leq r_i + |a_i - a_j| + r_j$$

follows from the triangle inequality. Moreover, we have

$$f(x) \in N(a_i, r_i) \text{ and } f(y) \in N(a_j, r_j)$$

so we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L_j |f(x) - f(y)| \leq L_j |x - y| \leq L_j (r_i + |a_i - a_j| + r_j)$$

Then,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \max L_i, L_j (r_i + |a_i - a_j| + r_j) \leq L (r_i + |a_i - a_j| + r_j)$$

where we have used the fact that

$$L = \max_{i=1}^k L_i$$

Case 2:

$$x, y \notin S \cap N(a_i, r_i) \text{ for any } i; \text{ in this case } |x - y| \leq \min_i r_i$$

In this case, we can use the fact that f is uniformly bounded on S , that is, there exists a constant $L > 0$ such that $|f(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in S$. Then, we have

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L_i \|x - y\|$$
$$\text{whenever } \|x - y\| \geq \min_i r_i, \|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \frac{C}{\min_i r_i} \|x - y\|$$