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Advanced Control Systems I

Lecture 12 – Stability

Part III The Lyapunov Equation

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Lyapunov stability theorems (LTI)

The origin 0 of the n-th order LTI system

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

is **stable in the sense of Lyapunov** if there exists a **Lyapunov function** $V(x)$ for some for some $r > 0$, *i.e.*

$$V(x) \succ 0, \quad \forall |x| < r$$

$$\dot{V}(x) \preceq 0, \quad \forall |x| < r$$

Lyapunov stability theorems (LTI)

The origin 0 of the n-th order LTI system

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

is **asymptotically stable** if there exists a **Lyapunov function** $V(x)$ such that

$$V(x) \succ 0 \quad \text{PDF}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) \prec 0 \quad \text{NDF}$$

Lyapunov stability theorems (LTI)

Lets consider a quadratic Lyapunov function candidate:

$$V(x) = x^T P x$$

where

$$P^T = P \quad P \succ 0$$

and compute $\dot{V}(x)$ along $\dot{x} = A x$

Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (CT)

$$V(x) = x^T P x \quad P^T = P \quad \dot{x} = \boxed{A x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= \dot{x}^T P x + x^T P \dot{x} \\ &= \dot{x}^T P x + x^T P \underbrace{A x} \\ &= \underbrace{x^T A^T P x} + x^T P A x \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x^T \left[A^T P + P A \right] x$$

Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (CT)

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Thus,

$$V(x) = x^T P x$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^T &= P \\ P &\succ 0 \end{aligned}$$

is a Lyapunov function for the system $\dot{x} = A x$
when

$$\left[A^T P + P A \right] \preceq 0 \quad (\text{negative semi-definite})$$

and the origin is **stable in the sense of Lyapunov**.

Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (CT)

Therefore, the origin of the system

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

is **stable in the sense of Lyapunov**, if

there exists a symmetric matrix

$$P \succ 0 \quad (\text{positive definite})$$

such that

$$\left[A^T P + P A \right] \preceq 0 \quad (\text{negative semi-definite})$$

Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (CT)

Moreover, the origin of the system

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

is **globally asymptotically stable**, if

there exists a symmetric matrix

$$P \succ 0 \quad (\text{positive definite})$$

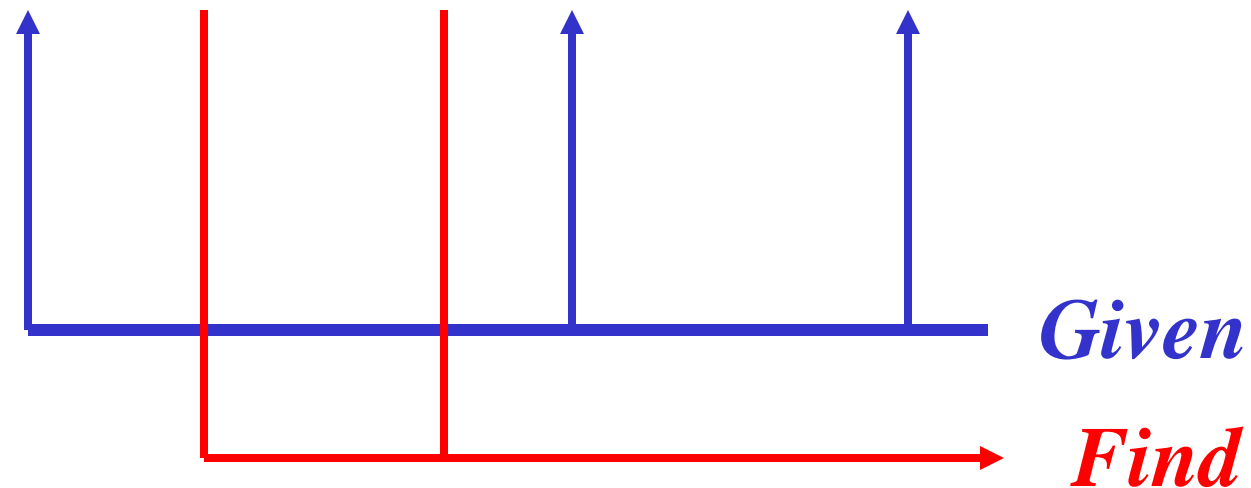
such that

$$\left[A^T P + P A \right] \prec 0 \quad (\text{negative definite})$$

The Lyapunov Equation

It turns out that much stronger stability results can be obtained for CT LTI systems by analyzing the following Lyapunov equation,

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$



Exponential Stability Theorem (CT)

The origin of the n-th order LTI system

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

is globally exponentially stable **iff** (if and only if),

for **any** symmetric matrix $Q \succ 0$

there exist a symmetric matrix $P \succ 0$

which is the **unique** solution of the Lyapunov equation

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Exponential Stability Theorem (CT)

The matrix

$$A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$$

is Hurwitz **iff** (if and only if),

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there exist a symmetric matrix $P \succ 0$

which is the **unique** solution of the Lyapunov equation

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Stability Analysis (CT)

How to use the Lyapunov equation:

- Given a matrix A , select an arbitrary positive definite symmetric matrix Q (for example I) .
- Attempt to find a solution to the Lyapunov equation

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

1. If a solution P cannot be found, A is not Hurwitz.
2. If a solution P is found, check for its sign definiteness:
 - If P is positive definite, then A is Hurwitz.
 - If P is not positive definite, then A has at least one eigenvalue with a positive real part (unstable).

Lyapunov equation

It is important to note that the Lyapunov equation:

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

is a linear algebraic equation in P

Thus, it is easy to solve!

Solving the Lyapunov equation with matlab

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

Matlab functions:

- Lyapunov equation: `P = lyap(A',Q)`
(if P cannot be found, it returns an error message)
- The definiteness of P can be checked with the Cholesky factorization function: `N = chol(P)`
it returns a upper triangular matrix N , such that
$$P = N^T N \quad (\text{when } P \succ 0)$$

(otherwise it returns an error message)

Examples using matlab (CT)

1. A is Hurwitz

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\bullet P = \text{lyap}(A', Q)$$

$$\bullet N = \text{chol}(P)$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.50 & 0.25 \\ 0.25 & 0.75 \end{bmatrix}, N = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 & 0.3536 \\ 0 & 0.7906 \end{bmatrix} \quad P = N^T N$$

P is positive definite

2. A is not Hurwitz but limitedly stable

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\bullet P = \text{lyap}(A', Q)$$

P could not be found

Examples using matlab (CT)

3. A is not Hurwitz and has an unstable eigenvalue

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{array}{l} \bullet P = \text{lyap}(A', Q) \\ \bullet N = \text{chol}(P) \end{array}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.50 & -0.50 \\ -0.50 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N \text{ could not be found}$$

P is not positive definite

4. A is not Hurwitz and has an unstable eigenvalue

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bullet P = \text{lyap}(A', Q)$$

P could not be found

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

Lets consider the solution of the Lyapunov equation when

$$A \in \mathcal{R}^{2 \times 2},$$

Let: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix},$ and

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{first column of } Q}}{q_1} & q_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{second column of } P}}{p_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

we will latter generalize the result for $\mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$

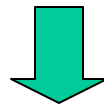
Solving the Lyapunov Equation

Expanding element by element the matrices in

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

we obtain

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_{A^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_P + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_P \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_A = - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_Q$$



$$A^T \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

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Lining up one column on top of the other

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T & 0 \\ 0 & A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}I & a_{21}I \\ a_{12}I & a_{22}I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A^T & 0 \\ 0 & A^T \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}I & a_{21}I \\ a_{12}I & a_{22}I \end{bmatrix} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

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$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I \otimes A^T + A^T \otimes I \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{L}_A} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where we have used the Kronecker product \otimes

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

The Kronecker product \otimes between two matrices is defined as follows:

Let $B \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times n}$ and C of arbitrary dimension,
is defined as

$$B \otimes C = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}C & b_{12}C & \cdots & b_{1n}C \\ b_{21}C & b_{22}C & \cdots & b_{2n}C \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ b_{m1}C & b_{m2}C & \cdots & b_{mn}C \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

We can now consider the solution of the Lyapunov equation

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

where

$$A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n} \quad P \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n} \quad Q \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$$

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

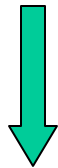
$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

First stack the columns of matrices P and Q

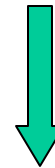
$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & \cdots & p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & \cdots & q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

as follows,



$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}^{n^2}$$



$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}^{n^2}$$

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$



$$\mathbf{L}_A \mathbf{P} = -Q$$

$$\mathbf{L}_A \in \mathcal{R}^{n^2 \times n^2}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \{A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T\}$$

There is a unique solution for \mathbf{P} iff \mathbf{L}_A is nonsingular.

Theorem LTI S-2

- Let the i^{th} eigenvalue of the matrix A be λ_i
- Let the l^{th} eigenvalue of the matrix \mathbf{L}_A be μ_l where,

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \left\{ A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T \right\}$$

Then, the n^2 eigenvalues μ_l 's are given by

$$\mu_l = \lambda_i + \lambda_j,$$

$$l = 1, 2, \dots, n^2$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Example:

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

$$\lambda_1 = -1$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \{A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T\} \quad \mu_l = \lambda_i + \lambda_j ,$$

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu_1 = -2 \\ \mu_2 = -2 \\ \mu_3 = -2 \\ \mu_4 = -2 \end{array} \quad \textit{Nonsingular}$$

$$\mu_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_1 = -2$$

$$\mu_3 = \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 = -2$$

$$\mu_2 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = -2$$

$$\mu_4 = \lambda_2 + \lambda_2 = -2$$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad L_A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = -L_A^{-1}Q \rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.75 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.50 & 0.25 \\ 0.25 & 0.75 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P \succ 0$

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$$\mu_l = \lambda_i + \lambda_j,$$

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu_1 = -2$$

$$\mu_2 = 0$$

$$\mu_3 = 0$$

$$\mu_4 = 2$$

Singular

$$\mu_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_1 = -2$$

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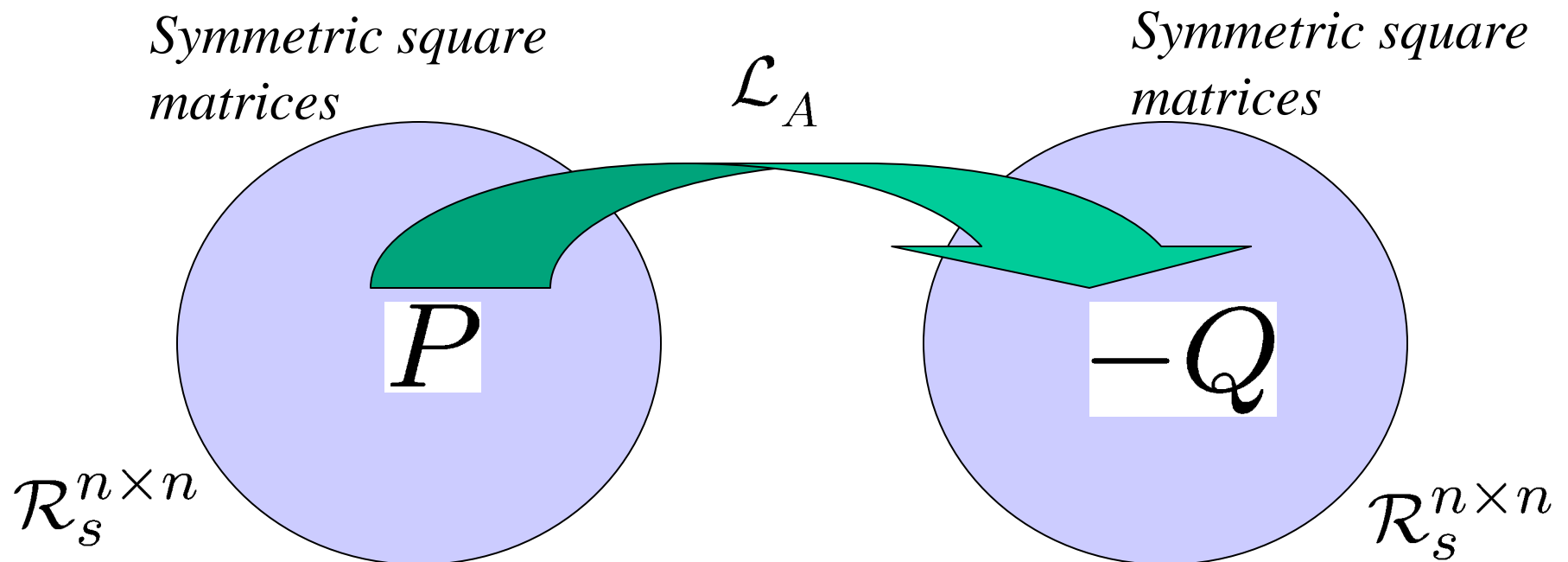
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Proof of Theorem LTI S-2:

Consider the Lyapunov equation in an abstract sense:

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The left hand side of this equation is a linear map:



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The left hand side of this equation is a linear map:

$$\mathcal{L}_A(P) = A^T P + P A$$

$$\mathcal{L}_A : \mathcal{R}_s^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_s^{n \times n}$$

where $\mathcal{R}_s^{n \times n}$ is the vector space of symmetric ***n* × *n*** matrices

Coordinate representations

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}^{n^2} \quad \text{is the coordinate representation of the vector} \quad P \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \left\{ A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T \right\}$$

is the matrix representation of the linear map $\mathcal{L}_A(\cdot)$

$$\mathbf{L}_A \mathbf{P} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_A(P) = A^T P + P A$$

Proof of Theorem LTI S-2:

Let λ_i and t_i be respectively an eigenvalue and corresponding eigenvector of A

$$At_i = \lambda_i t_i$$

Also, let λ_i and v_i be respectively an eigenvalue and corresponding eigenvector of A^T

$$A^T v_i = \lambda_i v_i$$

Remember that the eigenvalues of A are invariant under matrix transposition.

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \det(\lambda I - A^T)$$

Proof of Theorem LTI S-2:

If,

$$A^T v_i = \lambda_i v_i \quad \text{and} \quad A^T v_j = \lambda_j v_j$$

Then,


$$\mu_l = \lambda_i + \lambda_j \quad \text{and} \quad V_l = [v_i v_j^T + v_j v_i^T]$$


are respectively an eigenvalue and eigenvector of $\mathcal{L}_A(\cdot)$


$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = \mu_l V_l \quad A^T V_l + V_l A = \mu_l V_l$$


Proof of Theorem LTI S-2:

Lets compute: $\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = A^T V_l + V_l A$

$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = A^T [v_i v_j^T + v_j v_i^T] + [v_i v_j^T + v_j v_i^T] A$$


$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = [A^T v_i v_j^T + A^T v_j v_i^T] + [v_i v_j^T A + v_j v_i^T A]$$


$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = [\lambda_i v_i v_j^T + \lambda_j v_j v_i^T] + [v_i \lambda_j v_j^T + v_j \lambda_i v_i^T]$$


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$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = [\lambda_i + \lambda_j] v_i v_j^T + [\lambda_j + \lambda_i] v_j v_i^T$$

Proof of Theorem LTI S-2:

Lets compute: $\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = A^T V_l + V_l A$

$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = [\lambda_i + \lambda_j] v_i v_j^T + [\lambda_j + \lambda_i] v_j v_i^T$$

$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = [\lambda_i + \lambda_j] [v_i v_j^T + v_j v_i^T] = \mu_l V_l$$

$$\mathcal{L}_A(V_l) = \mu_l V_l \qquad A^T V_l + V_l A = \mu_l V_l$$

Q.E.D.

Solving the Lyapunov Equation, Examples

1. A is Hurwitz

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\mu_l = \lambda_i + \lambda_j,$$

$$\mu_1 = -2, \mu_2 = -2, \\ \mu_3 = -2, \mu_4 = -2,$$

\mathbf{L}_A is nonsingular and
 $\mathbf{P} = -\mathbf{L}_A^{-1}\mathbf{Q}$ is unique

2. A is not Hurwitz but limitedly stable

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\mu_1 = 0, \mu_2 = -1, \\ \mu_3 = -1, \mu_4 = -2,$$

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Solving the Lyapunov Equation, Examples

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$$\mu_l = \lambda_i + \lambda_j,$$

$$\mu_1 = -2, \mu_2 = 1, \\ \mu_3 = 1, \mu_4 = 4,$$

L_A is nonsingular and
 $P = -L_A^{-1}Q$ is unique

4. A is not Hurwitz and has an unstable eigenvalue

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\mu_1 = 0, \mu_2 = 0, \\ \mu_3 = -2, \mu_4 = 2,$$

L_A is singular

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

Corollary LTI S-1:

Let the matrix A be Hurwitz

Then the matrix

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \left\{ A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T \right\}$$

is also Hurwitz and

$$\mathbf{P} = -\mathbf{L}_A^{-1} \mathbf{Q} \quad \text{always exists and is unique}$$

Solving the Lyapunov Equation

Corollary LTI S-1:

Let the matrix A be Hurwitz

Then the solution P of the Lyapunov equation

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

Always exists and is unique for any matrix Q

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there exist a symmetric matrix $P \succ 0$

which is the **unique** solution of the Lyapunov equation

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

Proof of asymptotic stability:

Assume that, for a symmetric matrix $Q \succ 0$

there exists a symmetric matrix $P \succ 0$

which is the solution of the Lyapunov equation

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

We need to show that the origin of

$$\dot{x} = A x \quad \text{is asymptotically stable}$$

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Define the Lyapunov function candidate

$$V(x) = x^T P x \succ 0$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

Proof of asymptotic stability:

$$V(x) = x^T P x \succ 0$$

Taking the derivative along $\dot{x} = A x$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= x^T \{A^T P + P A\} x \\ &= -x^T Q x \prec 0 \end{aligned}$$

Global asymptotic stability follows from Lyapunov's theorem.

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

Proof of exponential stability: We have shown that

$$V(x) = x^T P x \succ 0$$

and

$$\dot{V}(x) = -x^T Q x \prec 0$$

We will now show that

$$\|x(t)\|_2 \leq e^{-\beta t} M \|x(0)\|_2$$

for $\beta > 0$ $0 < M < \infty$

Positive definite matrices

Let $P^T = P \quad P \succ 0$

We will use the following facts about symmetric matrices:

Fact 1: All eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix are real.

Fact 2: Distinct eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix are orthogonal

Fact 3: Symmetric matrices can always be diagonalized

Positive definite matrices

A consequence of these facts is:

$$P^T = P \quad P \succ 0 \quad \textbf{\underline{iff}}$$

there exists unitary and diagonal matrices

$$U^T = U^{-1} \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \succ 0$$

such that

$$U^T P U = \Lambda$$

Positive definite matrices

Let $P^T = P \quad P \succ 0$

and define its minimum and maximum eigenvalues

$$0 < (\lambda_P)_{min} \leq (\lambda_P)_i \leq (\lambda_P)_{max} < \infty$$

Then, for any vector $x \in \mathcal{R}^n$ $\|x\|_2^2 = x^T x$

$$(\lambda_P)_{min} \|x\|_2^2 \leq x^T P x \leq (\lambda_P)_{max} \|x\|_2^2$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

Proof of exponential stability: Define:

- $(\lambda_Q)_{min} > 0$ the minimum eigenvalue of Q
- $(\lambda_P)_{max} > 0$ the maximum eigenvalue of P
- $(\lambda_P)_{min} > 0$ the minimum eigenvalue of P

and

$$\alpha = \frac{(\lambda_Q)_{min}}{(\lambda_P)_{max}} > 0$$

Also remember that $\|x\|_2^2 = x^T x$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

Proof of exponential stability:

Notice that:

$$\dot{V}(x) = -x^T Q x$$

since

$$x^T Q x \geq (\lambda_Q)_{\min} \|x\|_2^2$$

$$-x^T Q x \leq -(\lambda_Q)_{\min} \|x\|_2^2$$

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq -(\lambda_Q)_{\min} \|x\|_2^2$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

also

$$V(x) = x^T P x$$

and

$$(\lambda_P)_{min} \|x\|_2^2 \leq x^T P x \leq (\lambda_P)_{max} \|x\|_2^2$$



$$\underbrace{(\lambda_P)_{min} \|x\|_2^2 \leq V(x) \leq (\lambda_P)_{max} \|x\|_2^2}$$

$$\|x\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{(\lambda_P)_{min}} V(x)$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

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and

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and

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$$-\|x\|_2^2 \leq -\frac{1}{(\lambda_P)_{max}} V(x)$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

since

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq -(\lambda_Q)_{min} \|x\|_2^2$$

$$-\|x\|_2^2 \leq -\frac{1}{(\lambda_P)_{max}} V(x)$$

therefore

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$$\alpha = \frac{(\lambda_Q)_{min}}{(\lambda_P)_{max}} > 0$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

Considering V as a function of time

$$\dot{V}(t) \leq -\alpha V(t) \quad \text{and} \quad V(t) \geq 0$$

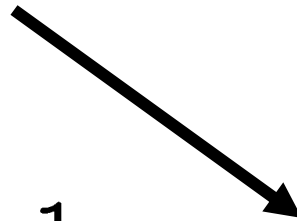
integrating the inequality we obtain,

$$V(t) \leq e^{-\alpha t} V(0)$$

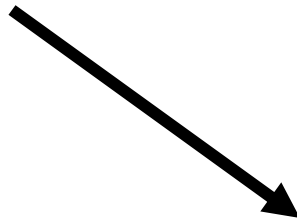
$$V(x(t)) \leq e^{-\alpha t} V(x(0))$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

$$V(x(t)) \leq e^{-\alpha t} V(x(0))$$



$$\|x(t)\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{(\lambda_P)_{min}} V(x(t))$$



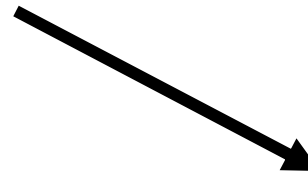
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Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

$$\|x(t)\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{(\lambda_P)_{min}} e^{-\alpha t} V(x(0))$$



$$V(x(0)) \leq (\lambda_P)_{max} \|x(0)\|_2^2$$



$$\|x(t)\|_2^2 \leq \frac{(\lambda_P)_{max}}{(\lambda_P)_{min}} e^{-\alpha t} \|x(0)\|_2^2$$

Proof of sufficiency \Leftarrow

$$\|x(t)\|_2^2 \leq e^{-\alpha t} \left(\frac{(\lambda_P)_{max}}{(\lambda_P)_{min}} \right) \|x(0)\|_2^2$$

Taking square roots, we obtain

$$\|x(t)\|_2 \leq e^{-\beta t} M \|x(0)\|_2$$

$$\beta = \frac{(\lambda_Q)_{min}}{2(\lambda_P)_{max}}$$

$$M = \left(\frac{(\lambda_P)_{max}}{(\lambda_P)_{min}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Q.E.D.

Exponential Stability Theorem (CT)

The origin of the n-th order LTI system

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

is globally exponentially stable **iff** (if and only if),

for **any** symmetric matrix $Q \succ 0$

there exist a symmetric matrix $P \succ 0$

which is the **unique** solution of the Lyapunov equation

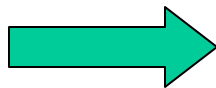
$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

Proof of necessity \Rightarrow

Part 1):

We will first show that

A is Hurwitz



There is a unique solution to

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

Corollary LTI S-1

Let the matrix A be Hurwitz

Then the matrix

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \left\{ A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T \right\}$$

is also Hurwitz and

$$\mathbf{P} = -\mathbf{L}_A^{-1}\mathbf{Q} \quad \text{always exists and is unique}$$

Proof of necessity \Rightarrow

- According to the Corollary LTI-S1, if the matrix A is Hurwitz, then the matrix

$$\mathbf{L}_A = \left\{ A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T \right\}$$

is Hurwitz and nonsingular.

- for every symmetric $Q \succ 0$
- there exists a symmetric P
- which is the unique solution of the Lyapunov equation

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We still need to prove two things:

- All elements of P are bounded

- $P \succ 0$

Proof of necessity \Rightarrow

Proof that all elements of P are bounded:

- $Q \succ 0$ has all bounded elements
- $L_A = \{A^T \otimes I + I \otimes A^T\}$ is Hurwitz
- $P = -L_A^{-1}Q$ is unique

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,
$$P^T P = Q^T \underbrace{[L_A^{-T} L_A^{-1}]}_{\succ 0} Q$$

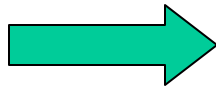
and

$$\|Q\|_2 < \infty \Rightarrow \|P\|_2 < \infty$$

Proof of necessity \Rightarrow

Part 2): We will now show that

A is Hurwitz



The unique solution to

$$A^T P + P A = -Q$$

is

$$P = \int_0^{\infty} e^{A^T t} Q e^{A t} dt$$

This result proves that $P \succ 0$

Aside

Notice that, if

$$P = \int_0^{\infty} e^{A^T t} Q e^{At} dt$$

Since:

- $Q \succ 0$
- $\Phi(t) = e^{At}$ is nonsingular

Then,

$$M(t) = \Phi(t)^T Q \Phi(t) \succ 0$$



$$P = \int_0^{\infty} M(t) dt \succ 0$$

Proof of necessity $\Rightarrow P = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{A t} dt$

Part 2):

$\dot{x} = A x$ is exponentially stable.

Therefore,

$$x(t) = e^{A t} x(0)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$$

Proof of necessity $\Rightarrow P = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{A t} dt$

Part 2): since,

$$x(t) = e^{A t} x(0) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$$

Then,

$$V(t) = x^T(t) P x(t)$$

Satisfies:

$$V(0) = x^T(0) P x(0) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(t) = 0$$

Proof of necessity $\Rightarrow P = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{A t} dt$

Part 2): also since,

$$V(t) = x^T(t) P x(t) \quad A^T P + P A = -Q$$

Then,

$$\dot{V}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \{x^T(t) P x(t)\}$$

$$= x^T(t) \underbrace{\{A^T P + P A\}}_{-Q} x(t)$$

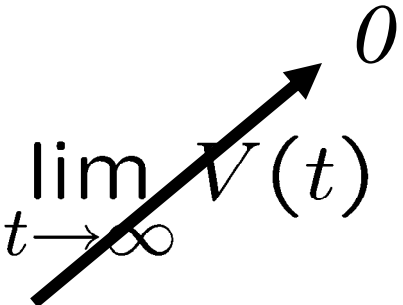
$$\dot{V}(t) = -x^T(t) Q x(t)$$

Proof of necessity $\Rightarrow P = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{At} dt$

Part 2): Integrate with respect to time

$$\dot{V}(t) = -x^T(t) Q x(t)$$

$$\int_0^\infty \dot{V}(t) dt = - \int_0^\infty x^T(t) Q x(t) dt$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(t) - V(0) = - \int_0^\infty x^T(t) Q x(t) dt$$


$$V(0) = \int_0^\infty x^T(t) Q x(t) dt$$

Proof of necessity $\Rightarrow P = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{At} dt$

Part 2): Evaluate both sides

$$V(0) = \int_0^\infty x^T(t) Q x(t) dt$$

using

$$x(t) = e^{At} x(0)$$

$$x^T(0) P x(0) = \int_0^\infty \overbrace{x^T(0) e^{A^T t}}^{x^T(t)} Q \overbrace{e^{At} x(0)}^{x(t)} dt$$

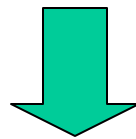
$$x^T(0) P x(0) = x^T(0) \left[\int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{At} dt \right] x(0)$$

Proof of necessity $\Rightarrow P = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{At} dt$

Part 2): Examine both sides

$$x^T(0) P x(0) = x^T(0) \left[\int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{At} dt \right] x(0)$$

Since $x(0)$ is completely arbitrary



$$P = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{At} dt$$

Q.E.D.

Lyapunov stability theorems (DT)

The origin 0 of the n-th order LTI system

$$x(k+1) = A x(k)$$

is **stable in the sense of Lyapunov** if there exists a **Lyapunov function** $V(x)$ for some for some $r > 0$, *i.e.*

$$V(x) \succ 0, \quad \forall |x| < r$$

$$\Delta V(x) \preceq 0, \quad \forall |x| < r$$

Lyapunov stability theorems (DT)

The origin 0 of the n-th order LTI system

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is **asymptotically stable** if there exists a **Lyapunov function** $V(x)$ such that

$$V(x) \succ 0 \quad \text{PDF}$$

$$\Delta V(x) \prec 0 \quad \text{NDF}$$

Lyapunov stability theorems (DT)

Lets consider a quadratic Lyapunov function candidate:

$$V(x) = x^T P x$$

where

$$P^T = P \quad P \succ 0$$

and compute $\Delta V(x)$ along $x(k+1) = A x(k)$

Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (DT)

$$V(x) = x^T P x \quad P^T = P \quad x(k+1) = A x(k)$$

$$\Delta V(x(k)) = V(x(k+1)) - V(x(k))$$

$$\Delta V(x(k)) = V(Ax(k)) - V(x(k))$$

$$\Delta V(x) = V(Ax) - V(x)$$

$$= x^T A^T P A x - x^T P x$$

$$\Delta V(x) = x^T [A^T P A - P] x$$

Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (DT)

Thus,

$$V(x) = x^T P x$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^T &= P \\ P &\succ 0 \end{aligned}$$

is a Lyapunov function
for the system
when

$$x(k+1) = A x(k)$$

$$\left[A^T P A - P \right] \preceq 0 \quad (\text{negative semi-definite})$$

and the origin is **stable in the sense of Lyapunov**.

Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (DT)

Therefore, the origin of the system

$$x(k+1) = A x(k)$$

is **stable in the sense of Lyapunov**, if

there exists a symmetric matrix

$$P \succ 0 \quad (\text{positive definite})$$

such that

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Lyapunov stability theorem for LTI systems (DT)

Moreover, the origin of the system

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is **globally asymptotically stable**, if

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such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T P A - P \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad (\text{negative definite})$$

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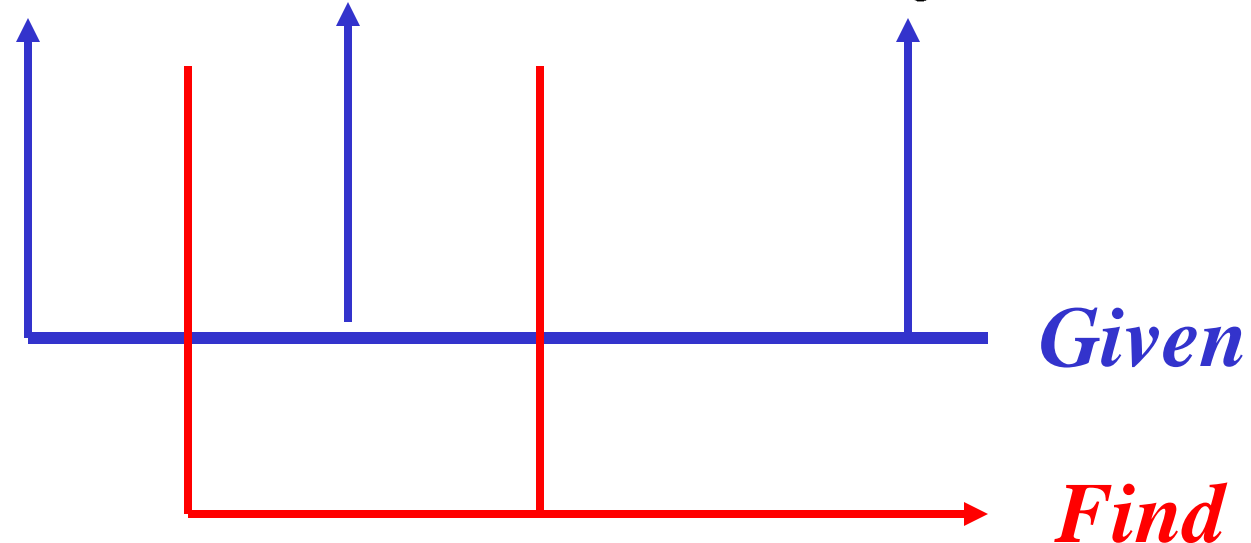
such that

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The Lyapunov Equation

It turns out that much stronger stability results can be obtained for DT LTI systems by analyzing the following discrete time Lyapunov equation,

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Stability Analysis (DT)

How to use the discrete time Lyapunov equation:

- Given a matrix A , select an arbitrary positive definite symmetric matrix Q (for example I) .
- Attempt to find a solution to the Lyapunov equation

$$A^T P A - P = -Q$$

1. If a solution P cannot be found, A is not Hurwitz.
2. If a solution P is found, check for its sign definiteness:
 - If P is positive definite, then A is Hurwitz.
 - If P is not positive definite, then A has at least one eigenvalue outside the unit circle (unstable).

Stability Analysis (DT)

It is important to note that the Lyapunov equation is a linear algebraic equation. Thus, it is easy to solve!

$$A^T P A - P = -Q$$

Matlab functions

- Discrete time Lyapunov equation: `P = dlyap(A',Q)`
(if P cannot be found, it returns an error message)
- The definiteness of P can be check with the Cholesky factorization function: `N = chol(P)`
- which returns a upper triangular matrix N , such that $P = N^T N$ when P is positive definite (otherwise it returns an error message)