
TMR4243 - MARINE CONTROL SYSTEMS II

Exam

Spring 2017

Notation: Throughout this exam $|x|$ means the vector 2-norm, i.e. $|x| = \sqrt{x^\top x}$. For a scalar x , this corresponds to the absolute value.

States and variables are scalars unless these are specifically defined as vectors, e.g., x_1 is a scalar while $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an n -dimensional vector.

1 Properties of nonlinear systems (20 pts)

1. Consider the three ordinary differential equations (ODEs):

$$\dot{z} = g_1(z) = -cz \tag{1}$$

$$\dot{z} = g_2(z) = -cz^3 \tag{2}$$

$$\dot{z} = g_3(z) = -c \sin(z) \tag{3}$$

where $z \in \mathbb{R}$, $z_0 = z(0)$, and c is a positive constant.

- (a) For each of the three ODEs, explain if these are *Locally Lipschitz* and/or *Globally Lipschitz* or not Lipschitz at all.
- (b) What can you say about *existence*, *uniqueness*, and *forward completeness* of the solutions for the three ODEs?

2. For each of the three systems

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_1 - 2x_2 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 \cos x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 \cos x_1 - x_2 (\cos x_1)^2 + x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 = -x_2^3 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = 3 \sin x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_2 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Find the equilibria of these systems, and explain what type of equilibria these are.

3. The scalar ODE

$$\dot{x} = -x^2, \quad x_0 = -1$$

admits the solution

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

(a) Discuss the Lipschitz properties of this ODE and the corresponding existence, uniqueness, and forward completeness of its solutions.

(b) Is it stable?

2 Lyapunov stability (27 pts)

1. For the nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -(x_1 + x_1^3) - 2x_1x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1^2x_2 - (x_2 + x_2^5)\end{aligned}$$

let a Lyapunov function candidate be

$$V(x_1, x_2) = c_1x_1^2 + c_2x_2^2$$

where $c_1 > 0$ and $c_2 > 0$ are constants.

- (a) Calculate the time derivative of V as a function of (x_1, x_2) .
- (b) Find values for c_1 and c_2 that proves UGES of $(x_1, x_2) = 0$.

2. Let a system be

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= 4x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -2 \operatorname{sat}(x_1) - \frac{x_2}{10}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\operatorname{sat}(y) := \begin{cases} -1; & y \leq -1 \\ y & -1 < y < 1 \\ +1 & 1 \leq y \end{cases}$$

Let a Lyapunov function candidate be

$$V(x_1, x_2) = \int_0^{x_1} \operatorname{sat}(y) dy + x_2^2$$

- (a) Draw $\operatorname{sat}(y)$ and show that it is globally Lipschitz.
- (b) Show that $\operatorname{sat}(0) = 0$, $\operatorname{sat}(y)y > 0$ for all $y \neq 0$, and that V is radially unbounded.
- (c) By differentiating V , what stability conclusion can you make for the origin by Lyapunov's direct method?
- (d) Show that the origin is UGAS.

3. Consider the nonlinear time-varying system:

$$\dot{x} = G(x - x_d(t)) + H(x)(x - x_d(t)) + \dot{x}_d(t)$$

where G is a constant matrix satisfying

$$G + G^\top < 0,$$

$H(x)$ is a nonlinear matrix satisfying

$$H(x) = -H(x)^\top,$$

and $(x_d(t), \dot{x}_d(t))$ are bounded reference signals.

Let a Lyapunov function candidate be

$$V(t, x) = (x - x_d(t))^\top P (x - x_d(t))$$

(a) Show that G satisfies the Lyapunov equation

$$PG + G^\top P = -Q$$

with $P = I$ (identity matrix). What becomes Q ?

(b) Show how to differentiate $V(t, x)$.

(c) What is the stability conclusion according to Lyapunov's direct method?

3 DP observer and control design (30 pts)

Consider the low-speed DP vessel model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\eta} &= R(\psi)\nu \\ M\dot{\nu} &= \tau - D\nu \\ z &= \eta\end{aligned}$$

where $\eta = \text{col}(x, y, \psi)$, $\nu = \text{col}(u, v, r)$, $M^\top > 0$ and $D > 0$ are the mass and damping matrices, respectively, $R(\psi)$ is the rotation matrix, and z is the measured output.

Suppose D satisfies

$$D + D^\top > 0.$$

1. Assume that $R = I$ (constant identity matrix) and investigate if the “linearized system” is *uniformly completely observable*.
2. Let an observer be

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\hat{\eta}} &= R(\psi)\hat{\nu} + K_1(z - \hat{\eta}) \\ M\dot{\hat{\nu}} &= \tau - D\hat{\nu} + R(\psi)^\top K_2(z - \hat{\eta}),\end{aligned}$$

where $K_1 = K_1^\top > 0$ and $K_2 = K_2^\top > 0$ are injection gain matrices.

- (a) Write down the equations for the corresponding observer error dynamics $\tilde{\eta} := \eta - \hat{\eta}$ and $\tilde{\nu} := \nu - \hat{\nu}$.

- (b) Let a Lyapunov function candidate be

$$V_o = \tilde{\eta}^\top K_2 \tilde{\eta} + \tilde{\nu}^\top M \tilde{\nu},$$

and find the time derivative of V_o as a function of the error states.

- (c) Derive and give conditions on the injection gain matrices K_1 and K_2 that ensures that the error dynamics is UGES.

3. Disregarding the observer for now, let a state feedback control law to control $(\eta, \nu) \rightarrow 0$, be

$$\tau = -R(\psi)^\top L_1 \eta - L_2 \nu$$

where $L_1 = L_1^\top > 0$ and $L_2 = L_2^\top > 0$.

- (a) Write down the closed-loop system with this state feedback.

- (b) Let a Lyapunov function candidate be

$$V_c = \eta^\top L_1 \eta + \nu^\top M \nu,$$

and find the time derivative of V_c as a function of (η, ν) .

- (c) What stability conclusion can you make from Lyapunov's direct method?

- (d) Use Krasovskii-LaSalle's invariance principle to show that $(\eta, \nu) = (0, 0)$ is in fact UGAS.

4. Using output feedback, by including the observer, let the feedback control law be

$$\tau = -R(\psi)^\top L_1 \hat{\eta} - L_2 \hat{\nu}.$$

- (a) Write down the overall closed-loop system in $(\tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\nu}, \eta, \nu) \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$.

- (b) Show that the closed-loop system is a cascade between the UGES observer error system and the UGAS feedback control system. What is the interconnection terms?

- (c) These interconnection terms will in fact satisfy a linear growth condition, which together with UGES+UGAS proves that the overall cascaded system is UGAS. Explain and discuss the *separation principle*, given this fact.

4 Adaptive control design (23 pts)

Consider a nonlinear mechanical system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + v_0 \\ M\dot{x}_2 &= -D(x_1, x_2)x_2 + u\end{aligned}$$

where $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ contains e.g. positions and angles of the system, $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a relative velocity state, $v_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a constant unknown velocity reference, $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is the control input (e.g. typically forces and torques), $M = M^\top > 0$ is a constant mass matrix, and $D(x_1, x_2)$ is a nonlinear matrix.

Let the control objective be to control $x_1 \rightarrow x_d(t)$.

1. Assume $x_2 \equiv \alpha_1$ is a control input for the 1st equation and v_0 is an unknown constant vector to be adaptively estimated.

Let \hat{v}_0 be an estimate, $\tilde{v}_0 := v_0 - \hat{v}_0$, and $z_1 := x_1 - x_d(t)$.

- (a) Using the control Lyapunov function

$$V_1 := \frac{1}{2}z_1^\top z_1 + \frac{1}{2\gamma}\tilde{v}_0^\top \tilde{v}_0$$

design a control law for α_1 and an adaptive update law for \hat{v}_0 that solves the control objective.

- (b) What is the closed-loop system in (z_1, \tilde{v}_0) ?
- (c) What stability and convergence property will you get for the origin $(z_1, \tilde{v}_0) = 0$?

2. Assume M and $D(\cdot, \cdot)$ are fully known, and let $z_2 := x_2 - \alpha_1$ and

$$V_2 := V_1 + \frac{1}{2} z_2^\top M z_2$$

- (a) With your α_1 as you defined it above, and $z_2 = x_2 - \alpha_1$, what is now your closed-loop equation for \dot{z}_1 and the resulting derivative of \dot{V}_1 ?
- (b) Differentiate Mz_2 and \dot{V}_2 , and design a control law for u by the (adaptive) *backstepping* control design method, that solves the control objective for the complete system.
- (c) Write down the closed-loop system in the states (\tilde{v}_0, z_1, z_2) and conclude what stability and convergence you get.