

TTK4150 Nonlinear Control Systems
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1. The system is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_2 \cos x_2\end{aligned}$$

and the Lyapunov function candidate is given by

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

which is positive definite if all leading principal minors of P are positive, that is

$$\begin{aligned}p_{11} &> 0 \\ p_{11}p_{22} - p_{12}^2 &> 0\end{aligned}$$

The derivative of the Lyapunov function candidate along the trajectories of the system is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= \dot{x}^T P x \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_2 \cos x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{12} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= p_{11}x_1x_2 + p_{12}x_2^2 + (p_{12}x_1 + p_{22}x_2)(-2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_2 \cos x_2) \\ &= p_{11}x_1x_2 + p_{12}x_2^2 - 2p_{12}x_1^2 - 3p_{12}x_1x_2 + p_{12}x_1x_2 \cos x_2 - 2p_{22}x_1x_2 - 3p_{22}x_2^2 + p_{22}x_2^2 \cos x_2 \\ &= -2p_{12}x_1^2 - (3p_{22} - p_{12} - p_{22} \cos x_2)x_2^2 + (p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12})x_1x_2 + p_{12}x_1x_2 \cos x_2 \\ &\leq -2p_{12}x_1^2 - (2p_{22} - p_{12})x_2^2 + (p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12})x_1x_2 + p_{12}x_1x_2 \cos x_2\end{aligned}$$

In the last line, we used the fact that $\cos x_2 \leq 1$ and that $p_{22} \geq 0$. Here, there are cross-terms with x_1x_2 and with $\cos x_2$ included. There is not possible to cancel out the cos-cross-term by choosing the value for $p_{12} = 0$, as that would erase the first term (x_1^2) as well, and keep the function from being positive definite. Therefore, we use Young's inequality:

$$xy \leq \epsilon x^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} y^2, \forall \epsilon > 0 \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &\leq -2p_{12}x_1^2 - (2p_{22} - p_{12})x_2^2 + (p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12})x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon}p_{12}^2x_1^2 + \epsilon x_2^2 \cos^2 x_2 \\ &\leq -2p_{12}x_1^2 - (2p_{22} - p_{12})x_2^2 + (p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12})x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon}p_{12}^2x_1^2 + \epsilon x_2^2 \\ &\leq -\left(2p_{12} - \frac{1}{4\epsilon}p_{12}^2\right)x_1^2 - (2p_{22} - p_{12} - \epsilon)x_2^2 + (p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12})x_1x_2\end{aligned}$$

We can now choose the values for P to cancel out the cross-term, keeping in mind that P needs to have positive leading principal minors and that the two first terms need to be negative:

$$p_{11} > 0 \quad (1)$$

$$p_{11}p_{22} - p_{12}^2 > 0 \quad (2)$$

$$2p_{12} - \frac{1}{4\epsilon}p_{12}^2 > 0 \leftrightarrow 8\epsilon p_{12} > p_{12}^2 \quad (3)$$

$$2p_{22} - p_{12} - \epsilon > 0 \leftrightarrow 2p_{22} - p_{12} > \epsilon \quad (4)$$

$$p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12} = 0 \leftrightarrow p_{11} = 2p_{22} + 3p_{12} \quad (5)$$

We choose $p_{11} = 5$, $p_{12} = 1$ and $p_{22} = 1$ to fulfil (1), (2) and (5). (3) and (4) give:

$$\frac{1}{8} < \epsilon < 1$$

Thus we have shown that the origin of the system is globally asymptotically stable.

ALTERNATIVELY: Returning to Young's inequality, while keeping p_{12} outside:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &\leq -2p_{12}x_1^2 - (2p_{22} - p_{12})x_2^2 + p_{22} + (p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12})x_1x_2 + p_{12} \left(\frac{1}{4\epsilon}x_1^2 + \epsilon x_2^2 \cos^2 x_2 \right) \\ &\leq -2p_{12}x_1^2 - (2p_{22} - p_{12})x_2^2 + p_{22} + (p_{11} - 2p_{22})x_1x_2 + \frac{p_{12}}{4\epsilon}x_1^2 + p_{12}\epsilon x_2^2 \\ &\leq -p_{12} \left(2 - \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \right) x_1^2 - (2p_{22} - p_{12}(1 + \epsilon))x_2^2 + (p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12})x_1x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Choosing values for P according to:

$$p_{11} > 0 \quad (6)$$

$$p_{11}p_{22} - p_{12}^2 > 0 \quad (7)$$

$$p_{12} \left(2 - \frac{1}{4\epsilon} \right) > 0 \quad (8)$$

$$2p_{22} - p_{12}(1 + \epsilon) > 0 \leftrightarrow 2p_{22} > p_{12}(1 + \epsilon) \quad (9)$$

$$p_{11} - 2p_{22} - 3p_{12} = 0 \leftrightarrow p_{11} = 2p_{22} + 3p_{12} \quad (10)$$

We choose $p_{11} = 5$, $p_{22} = 1$ and $p_{12} = 1$ to fulfil (6), (7) and (10). Then, (8) and (9) give:

$$\frac{1}{8} < \epsilon < 1$$

With these conditions, the system is globally asymptotically stable.

2. The system is given by

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

and the Lyapunov function candidate is given by $V(x) = x^T P x$ where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

which is positive definite as the leading principal minors are positive and radially unbounded. The derivative of the Lyapunov function candidate along the trajectories of the system is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \dot{x}^T P x \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 \\ 2x_1 + (x_1^2 - 4)x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1x_2 - \frac{1}{4}x_1^3x_2 + x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^2x_2^2 - x_2^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 - \frac{1}{4}(x_1^3x_2 - x_1^2x_2^2) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}\|x\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{4}x_1x_1x_2(x_1 - x_2) \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2}\|x\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}|x_1||x_1x_2||x_1 - x_2| \end{aligned}$$

Using $|x_1| \leq \|x\|_2$, $|x_1x_2| \leq \|x\|_2^2/2$ and Cauchy-Schwarz: $|x_1 - x_2| \leq \sqrt{1+1}\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{2}\|x\|_2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &\leq -\frac{1}{2}\|x\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}\|x_1\|_2|x_1x_2||x_1 - x_2| \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2}\|x\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}\|x_1\|_2\|x\|_2^2\frac{1}{2}|x_1 - x_2| \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2}\|x\|_2^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}\|x\|_2\|x\|_2^2\|x\|_2 = -\frac{1}{2}\|x\|_2^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}\|x\|_2^4 \end{aligned}$$

We can then see that \dot{V} is negative definite on a ball D of radius given by $r^2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$, and according to Theorem 4.1, the origin is asymptotically stable.

3. (Khalil 4.54)

- (1) The system is not input-to-state stable (ISS) since with $u(t) \equiv c < -1$ and $x(0) > 1$ we have $x(t) \rightarrow \infty$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- (2) Let $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ which is positive definite and decrescent. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= -x^4 - ux^4 - x^6 \leq -x^6 + |u|x^4 \\ \dot{V} &\leq -(1-\theta)x^6 - \theta x^6 + |u|x^4 \end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \theta < 1$, and

$$\dot{V} \leq -(1-\theta)x^6 \quad \forall \quad \|x\| \geq \rho(|u|) > 0$$

where

$$\rho(|u|) = \sqrt{\frac{|u|}{\theta}}$$

By Theorem 4.19 in Khalil, the system is ISS.

- (3) The system is not ISS since with $u(t) \equiv 1$ and $x(0) > 0$ we have $x(t) \rightarrow \infty$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- (4) With $u(t) \equiv 0$, the origin of $\dot{x} = x - x^3$ is unstable. Hence, the system is not ISS.

4. (Khalil 4.55)

- (1) The system is given by

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

Let $V(x)$ be given by

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

which is a \mathcal{K}_∞ function. The time derivative along the trajectories of the system is

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

and upper bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(x) &\leq -\|x\|_2^2 + |u x_2| \\ &= -\|x\|_2^2 + |u| |x_2| \\ &\leq -\|x\|_2^2 + |u| \|x\|_2 \\ &= -\|x\|_2^2 + |u| \|x\|_2 + \theta \|x\|_2^2 - \theta \|x\|_2^2 \\ &= -(1 - \theta) \|x\|_2^2 + |u| \|x\|_2 - \theta \|x\|_2^2 \\ &= -(1 - \theta) \|x\|_2^2 - (\theta \|x\|_2 - |u|) \|x\|_2 \\ &\leq -(1 - \theta) \|x\|_2^2 \quad \forall \quad \theta \|x\|_2 - |u| \geq 0 \\ &= -(1 - \theta) \|x\|_2^2 \quad \forall \quad \|x\|_2 \geq \frac{|u|}{\theta}\end{aligned}$$

where $\theta \in (0, 1)$. Hence, by Theorem 4.19, the system is input-to-state stable (ISS) with $\rho(|u|) = \frac{|u|}{\theta}$.

(2) The system is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1^3 - x_2 + u\end{aligned}$$

Let $V(x)$ be given by

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$$

The time derivative along the trajectories of the system is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(x) &= x_1^3\dot{x}_1 + x_2\dot{x}_2 \\ &= x_1^3(-x_1 + x_2) + x_2(-x_1^3 - x_2 + u) \\ &= -x_1^4 + x_1^3x_2 - x_1^3x_2 - x_2^2 + ux_2 \\ &= -x_1^4 - x_2^2 + ux_2\end{aligned}$$

and upper bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(x) &= -x_1^4 - (1 - \theta)x_2^2 + ux_2 - \theta x_2^2 \\ &\leq -x_1^4 - (1 - \theta)x_2^2 \quad \forall |x_2| \geq \frac{|u|}{\theta}\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

where $\theta \in (0, 1)$. When $|x_2| \leq \frac{|u|}{\theta}$ have that

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(x) &= -x_1^4 - x_2^2 + ux_2 \\ &\leq -x_1^4 - x_2^2 + |x_2||u| \\ &\leq -x_1^4 - x_2^2 + \frac{|u|^2}{\theta} \\ &= -(1 - \theta)x_1^4 - x_2^2 - \left(\theta x_1^4 - \frac{|u|^2}{\theta}\right) \\ &\leq -(1 - \theta)x_1^4 - x_2^2 \quad \forall |x_1| \geq \sqrt{\frac{|u|}{\theta}}\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

By using (11) and (12) it follows that

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq -(1 - \theta)(x_1^4 + x_2^2) \quad \forall \|x\|_\infty \geq \rho(|u|)$$

where

$$\rho(r) = \max\left(\frac{r}{\theta}, \sqrt{\frac{r}{\theta}}\right)$$

Hence, the system is ISS.

(4) With $u = 0$ the system is given by

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

and it can be seen that it has an equilibrium set $\{x_1^2 = 1\}$. Hence, the origin is not globally asymptotically stable. It follows that the system is not ISS.

- (5) The unforced system ($u = 0$) has equilibrium points $(-1, -1)$, $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$. Hence, the origin is not globally asymptotically stable. Consequently, the system is not ISS.

5. (Khalil 4.56) The system is given by

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + x_2 \quad (13)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3 \quad (14)$$

We first show that the system $\dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + u$ is ISS using Theorem 4.19 with $V = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= x_1 (-x_1^3 + u) = -x_1^4 + x_1 u \\ &= -(1 - \theta) x_1^4 - \theta x_1^4 + x_1 u \\ &\leq -(1 - \theta) x_1^4 - \theta x_1^4 + |x_1| |u| \\ &\leq -(1 - \theta) x_1^4 \quad \forall \quad |x_1| \geq \left(\frac{|u|}{\theta} \right)^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \theta < 1$. The system $\dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + u$ is thus ISS.

Next we show that the system $\dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3$ is GAS at the origin using Theorem 4.2 with $V = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$.

$$\dot{V} = -x_2^4 < 0 \quad \forall \quad x \neq 0$$

Since V also is radially unbounded in x_2 , the system $\dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3$ is GAS at the origin. Hence, by Lemma 4.7 the cascade system (13) - (14) is GAS at the origin.

6. (Khalil 5.3)

- (a) Let $\alpha(r) = r^{1/3}$; α is a class \mathcal{K}_∞ function. We have

$$|y| \leq |u|^{1/3} \implies \|y_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty} \leq (\|u_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty})^{1/3} \implies \|y_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty} \leq \alpha(\|u_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty}).$$

Hence the system is \mathcal{L}_∞ stable with zero bias.

- (b) The two curves $|y| = |u|^{1/3}$ and $|y| = a|u|$ intersect at the point $|u| = (1/a)^{3/2}$. See Figure 1. Therefore, for $|u| \leq (1/a)^{3/2}$ we have

$$|y| \leq |u|^{1/3} \leq (1/a)^{3/2 \cdot 1/3} = (1/a)^{1/2}$$

while for $|u| > (1/a)^{3/2}$ we have

$$|y| \leq a|u|$$

Thus

$$|y| \leq a|u| + (1/a)^{1/2}, \quad \forall |u| \geq 0.$$

Setting $\gamma = a$ and $\beta = (1/a)^{1/2}$ we obtain

$$\|y_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty} \leq \gamma \|u_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty} + \beta.$$

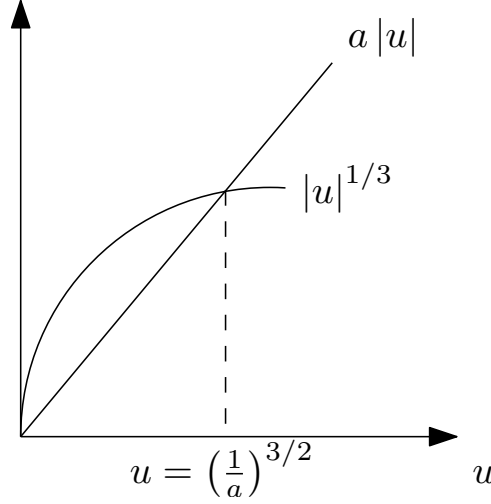


Figure 1: $y = a|u|$ and $y = |u|^{1/3}$.

- (c) To show finite-gain stability we must use nonzero bias. This example shows that a nonzero bias term may be used to achieve finite-gain stability in situations where it is not possible to have finite-gain stability with zero bias.

7. (Khalil 5.4)

- (1) Since the system is globally Lipschitz we can say that $h(0) = 0 \implies |h(u)| \leq L|u|$, $\forall u$. For $p = \infty$ we have

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} |y(t)| \leq L \sup_{t \geq 0} |u(t)|$$

which shows that the system is finite-gain \mathcal{L}_∞ stable with zero bias. For $p \in [1, \infty)$ we have

$$\int_0^\tau |y(t)|^p dt \leq L^p \int_0^\tau |u(t)|^p dt \implies \|y_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_p} \leq L \|u_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}.$$

Hence for each $p \in [1, \infty)$ the system is finite gain \mathcal{L}_p stable with zero bias.

- (2) Let $|h(0)| = k > 0$. Then $|h(u)| \leq L|u| + k$. For $p = \infty$ we have

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} |y(t)| \leq L \sup_{t \geq 0} |u(t)| + k$$

which shows that the system is finite gain \mathcal{L}_∞ stable. For $p \in [1, \infty)$ the integral $\int_0^\tau (L|u(t)| + k)^p dt$ diverges as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. The system is not \mathcal{L}_p stable for $p \in [1, \infty)$ as it can be seen by taking $u(t) \equiv 0$.

8. (Khalil 5.20) The closed-loop transfer functions are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s-1}{s+2} & \frac{-1}{s+2} \\ \frac{1}{s+2} & \frac{s+1}{(s-1)(s+2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s+1}{s+2} & \frac{-(s+1)}{(s-1)(s+2)} \\ \frac{s-1}{s+2} & \frac{s+1}{s+2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The closed-loop transfer function from (u_1, u_2) to (y_1, y_2) (or (e_1, e_2)) has four components. Due to pole-zero cancellation of the unstable pole $s = 1$, three of these components do not contain the unstable pole; thus, each component by itself is input-output stable. If we restrict our attention to any one of these components, we miss the unstable hidden mode. By studying all four components we will be sure that unstable hidden modes must appear in at least one component.

9. (Khalil 6.2) Using $V(x) = a \int_0^x h(\sigma)$, we have

$$\dot{V} = ah(x)\dot{x} = h(x) \left[-x + \frac{1}{k}h(x) + u \right] = \frac{1}{k}h(x) [h(x) - kx] + h(x)u$$

By using the sector condition $h \in [0, k]$ and Definition 6.2 (in Khalil on p. 232), we know that

$$h(x) [h(x) - kx] \leq 0$$

which leads to

$$\dot{V} = \frac{1}{k}h(x) [h(x) - kx] + h(x)u \leq yu$$

Thus, by definition 6.3 the system is passive.

10. (Khalil 6.4) The system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -h(x_1) - ax_2 + u \\ y &= kx_2 + u \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &> 0 \\ k &> 0 \\ h &\in [\alpha_1, \infty] \\ &\Rightarrow zh(z) \geq \alpha_1 z^2 \\ \alpha_1 &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

A storage function is given by

$$V(x) = k \int_0^{x_1} h(z) dz + x^T P x$$

where $p_{11} = ap_{12}$, $p_{22} = \frac{k}{2}$ and $0 < p_{12} < \min \{2\alpha_1, \frac{ak}{2}\}$. The time derivative of the

storage functions along the trajectories of the system is found as

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V}(x) &= k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left(\int_0^{x_1} h(z) dz \right) \dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}^T P x + x^T P \dot{x} \\
&= kh(x_1) \dot{x}_1 + 2x^T P \dot{x} \\
&= kh(x_1) x_2 - h(x_1) kx_2 + kux_2 - 2h(x_1) x_1 p_{12} + 2ux_1 p_{12} - akx_2^2 + 2x_2^2 p_{12} \\
&= -akx_2^2 + 2p_{12}x_2^2 - 2p_{12}h(x_1) x_1 + 2p_{12}ux_1 + kux_2 \\
&= -akx_2^2 + 2p_{12}x_2^2 - 2p_{12}h(x_1) x_1 + 2p_{12}ux_1 + (kx_2 + u)u - u^2 \\
&= -akx_2^2 + 2p_{12}x_2^2 - 2p_{12}h(x_1) x_1 + 2p_{12}ux_1 - u^2 + yu
\end{aligned}$$

By rewriting this last expression it can be seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
yu &= \dot{V}(x) + akx_2^2 - 2p_{12}x_2^2 + 2p_{12}h(x_1) x_1 - 2p_{12}ux_1 + u^2 \\
&= \dot{V}(x) + (ak - 2p_{12}) x_2^2 + 2p_{12}h(x_1) x_1 + (u - p_{12}x_1)^2 - p_{12}^2 x_1^2 \\
&\geq \dot{V}(x) + (ak - 2p_{12}) x_2^2 + 2p_{12}\alpha_1 x_1^2 - p_{12}^2 x_1^2 + (u - p_{12}x_1)^2 \\
&= \dot{V}(x) + (ak - 2p_{12}) x_2^2 + (2p_{12}\alpha_1 - p_{12}^2) x_1^2 + (u - p_{12}x_1)^2 \\
&\geq \dot{V}(x) + (ak - 2p_{12}) x_2^2 + (2p_{12}\alpha_1 - p_{12}^2) x_1^2 \\
&= \dot{V}(x) + \psi(x)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\psi(x) = (ak - 2p_{12}) x_2^2 + p_{12} (2\alpha_1 - p_{12}) x_1^2$$

Since $0 < p_{12} < \min \{2\alpha_1, \frac{ak}{2}\}$ we have that $\psi(x)$ is positive definite. Hence, by definition 6.3 the system is strictly passive.

11. (Duckmaze)

(a) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V} &= \tilde{x}_1 \dot{\tilde{x}}_1 + m \tilde{x}_2 \dot{\tilde{x}}_2 \\
&= \tilde{x}_1 \tilde{x}_2 + \tilde{x}_2 [-f_3 [(\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1d})^3 - x_{1d}^3] - f_1 \tilde{x}_1 - d\tilde{x}_2 + \tilde{u}]
\end{aligned}$$

Selecting \tilde{u} as

$$\tilde{u} = f_3 [(\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1d})^3 - x_{1d}^3] + f_1 \tilde{x}_1 - \tilde{x}_1 + v$$

yields

$$\dot{V} = -d\tilde{x}_2^2 + \tilde{x}_2 v \quad (15)$$

This means that the system is passive from the input v to the output $y = \tilde{x}_2$.

(b) The zero state observability is checked:

$$y = 0 \implies \tilde{x}_2 = 0 \implies \dot{\tilde{x}}_2 = 0 \implies -f_3 [(\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1d})^3 - x_{1d}^3] - f_1 \tilde{x}_1 = 0 \quad (16)$$

This means that $\tilde{x}_1 = 0$, so the system is zero state observable.

- (c) We have shown that the system is passive and zero-state observable, and it is clear that the storage function $V = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{x}_1^2 + m\tilde{x}_2^2)$ is radially unbounded and positive definite. Hence, according to Theorem 14.4 in Khalil, the origin can be globally stabilized by $v = -\phi(y)$ where ϕ is any locally Lipschitz function such that $\phi(0) = 0$ and $y\phi(y) > 0$ for all $y \neq 0$.

The function ϕ is selected as $\phi = k_2 y = k_2 \tilde{x}_2$ which gives the controller

$$v = -k_2 \tilde{x}_2 \quad (17)$$

This controller makes the origin globally asymptotically stable. The coordinates are transformed back to the original coordinates x_1, x_2 by using the relationships $\tilde{x}_1 = x_1 - x_{1d}, \tilde{x}_2 = x_2$. Recall from assignment 2 that $u = u_0 + \tilde{u}$ where u_0 was found to be

$$u_0 = f_3 x_{1d}^3 + f_1 x_{1d} + mg \quad (18)$$

The result is

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_0 + \tilde{u} \\ &= f_3 x_{1d}^3 + f_1 x_{1d} + mg + f_3 [(\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1d})^3 - x_{1d}^3] + f_1 \tilde{x}_1 - \tilde{x}_1 + v \\ &= f_3 x_{1d}^3 + f_1 x_{1d} + mg + f_3 (\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1d})^3 - f_3 x_{1d}^3 + f_1 \tilde{x}_1 - \tilde{x}_1 + v \\ &= f_3 (\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1d})^3 + f_1 (\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1d}) - \tilde{x}_1 + v \\ &= f_x x_1^3 + f_1 x_1 - (x_1 - x_{1d}) - k_2 x_2 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

- (d) In Assignment 2 the input u was biased to move the equilibrium point to a desired equilibrium point. The disturbance w can be seen on as a contribution to this bias. This means that the input u is now described by $u = (u_0 + w) + \tilde{u}$, not $u = u_0 + \tilde{u}$ as before and the equilibrium point will not be moved to $(x_{1d}, 0)$ but to another equilibrium point which will be called $(x_{1d,w}, 0)$. A similar change of coordinate as in Assignment 2 (Exercise 1b) will show that the controller $u = (u_0 + w) + \tilde{u}$ makes the equilibrium point $(x_{1d,w}, 0)$ globally asymptotically stable. The conclusion is therefore that in the presence of the constant disturbance $w \neq 0$ the controller (19) will give a stationary deviation in the position x_1 from the reference value x_{1d} since $x_{1d,w} \neq x_{1d}$ when $w \neq 0$.

12. (Khalil 6.6) A parallel connection, as seen in Figure 2, is characterized by

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_1 = u_2 \\ y &= y_1 + y_2 \end{aligned}$$

where the two systems is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, u_1) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(x_2, u_2) \end{aligned}$$

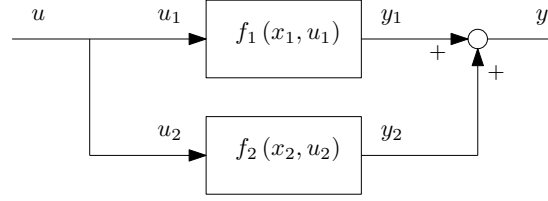


Figure 2: Parallel connected systems.

with the storage functions $V_1(x_1)$ and $V_2(x_2)$.

Suppose the overall storage function $V(x) = V_1(x) + V_2(x)$ where $x = [x_1 \ x_2]^T$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V(x) f(x, u) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial V_1(x_1)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial V_2(x_2)}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, u_1) \\ f_2(x_2, u_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\partial V_1(x_1)}{\partial x_1} f_1(x_1, u_1) + \frac{\partial V_2(x_2)}{\partial x_2} f_2(x_2, u_2) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

We know that the passivity properties of the interconnected systems may be expressed as

$$\dot{V}_1 = \frac{\partial V_1(x_1)}{\partial x_1} f_1(x_1, u_1) \leq u_1^T y_1 - u_1^T \varphi_1(u_1) - y_1^T \rho_1(y_1) - \psi_1(x_1) \quad (21)$$

$$\dot{V}_2 = \frac{\partial V_2(x_2)}{\partial x_2} f_2(x_2, u_2) \leq u_2^T y_2 - u_2^T \varphi_2(u_2) - y_2^T \rho_2(y_2) - \psi_2(x_2) \quad (22)$$

Inserting (21) and (22) into (20) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V(x) f(x, u) &\leq u_1^T y_1 - u_1^T \varphi_1(u_1) - y_1^T \rho_1(y_1) - \psi_1(x_1) \\ &\quad + u_2^T y_2 - u_2^T \varphi_2(u_2) - y_2^T \rho_2(y_2) - \psi_2(x_2) \\ &= u^T y - u^T \varphi(u) + y_1^T \rho_1(y_1) + y_2^T \rho_2(y_2) + \psi(x) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where

$$\varphi(u) = \varphi_1(u_1) + \varphi_2(u_2) = \varphi_1(u) + \varphi_2(u) \quad (24)$$

$$\psi(x) = \psi_1(x_1) + \psi_2(x_2) \quad (25)$$

From (23)–(25) it can be seen that the parallel connection keeps the passivity properties of passive, input strictly passive and strictly passive from the interconnected systems.

For the output strictly passive property, we assume

$$y_i^T \rho_i(y_i) \geq \delta_i y_i^T y_i \quad (26)$$

for some positive δ_i . Using (26) and $\delta = \min \{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ we may rewrite $y_1^T \rho_1(y_1) + y_2^T \rho_2(y_2)$ according to

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1^T \rho_1(y_1) + y_2^T \rho_2(y_2) &\geq \delta_1 y_1^T y_1 + \delta_2 y_2^T y_2 \\
&\geq \delta y_1^T y_1 + \delta y_2^T y_2 \\
&= \delta (y_1^T y_1 + y_2^T y_2) \\
&\geq \delta \left(\frac{1}{2} (y_1 + y_2)^T (y_1 + y_2) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \delta y^T y
\end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that

$$(y_1 + y_2)^T (y_1 + y_2) \leq 2 (y_1^T y_1 + y_2^T y_2)$$

Then (23) will be expressed as

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V(x) f(x, u) \leq u^T y - u^T \varphi(u) + \frac{1}{2} \delta y^T y + \psi(x) \quad (27)$$

We see that the parallel connection also keeps the property of output strictly passive from the interconnected systems.

13. (Khalil 6.1) Let the input to the system be denoted \tilde{u} and the output be denoted \tilde{y} . From the block diagram we have the following relations

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{y} &= h(t, u) - K_1 u \\
\tilde{u} + \tilde{y} &= K u
\end{aligned}$$

From the sector condition we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
(h(t, u) - K_1 u)^T (h(t, u) - K_2 u) &\leq 0 \\
K &= K_2 - K_1 = K^T > 0
\end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Evaluating the block diagram it can be seen that

$$h(t, u) - K_1 u = \tilde{y} \quad (29)$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned}
h(t, u) - K_2 u &= h(t, u) - K_2 u - K_1 u + K_1 u \\
&= \tilde{y} - (K_2 - K_1) u \\
&= \tilde{y} - K u \\
&= \tilde{y} - \tilde{u} - \tilde{y} \\
&= -\tilde{u}
\end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Using (29), (30) and the sector condition (28) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(h(t, u) - K_1 u)^T (h(t, u) - K_2 u) &= \tilde{y}^T (-\tilde{u}) \\
&= -\tilde{u}^T \tilde{y} \\
&\leq 0 \\
&\Rightarrow \tilde{u}^T \tilde{y} \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that the system is passive from \tilde{u} to \tilde{y} , which corresponds to being in sector $[0, \infty]$.

14. The system is given by

$$h(s) = 1.5 \frac{(1 + 2s)(1 + s)}{(1 + 3s)(1 + 0.5s)}$$

which has poles with real parts less than zero.

(a) An upper bound on the magnitude of $h(j\omega)$ is found as

$$\begin{aligned}
|h(j\omega)| &= \left| 1.5 \frac{(1 + j2\omega)(1 + j\omega)}{(1 + j3\omega)(1 + j0.5\omega)} \right| \\
&= 1.5 \left| \frac{1 + j2\omega}{1 + j3\omega} \right| \left| \frac{1 + j\omega}{1 + j0.5\omega} \right| \\
&= 3 \left| \frac{1 + j2\omega}{1 + j3\omega} \right| \left| \frac{1 + j\omega}{2 + j\omega} \right|
\end{aligned}$$

The absolute value of $h(j\omega)$ is given as

$$|h(j\omega)|^2 = h(j\omega) h(-j\omega) \quad (31)$$

which results in

$$\left| \frac{1 + 2j\omega}{1 + j3\omega} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{1 + 2^2\omega^2}{1 + 3^2\omega^2}} \leq 1$$

and

$$\left| \frac{1 + j\omega}{2 + j\omega} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \omega^2}{2^2 + \omega^2}} \leq 1$$

An upper bound on $|h(j\omega)|$ is therefore given by

$$|h(j\omega)| \leq 3 = \frac{K_p \beta}{\alpha} \quad (32)$$

(b) We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
h(j\omega) &= 1.5 \frac{(1 + j2\omega)(1 + j\omega)}{(1 + j3\omega)(1 + j0.5\omega)} \\
&= 1.5 \frac{(1 + j2\omega)(1 + j\omega)(1 - j3\omega)(1 - j0.5\omega)}{(1 + 3^2\omega^2)(1 + 0.5^2\omega^2)}
\end{aligned}$$

where the numerator is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 + j2\omega)(1 + j\omega)(1 - j3\omega)(1 - j0.5\omega) &= (1 + j3\omega + j^22\omega^2)(1 - j3.5\omega + j^21.5\omega^2) \\
&= 1 - j0.5\omega - j^27\omega^2 - j^32.5\omega^3 + j^43\omega^4 \\
&= (1 + 7\omega^2 + 3\omega^4) + j(2.5\omega^3 - 0.5\omega)
\end{aligned}$$

The real value of $h(j\omega)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] &= 1.5 \frac{1 + 7\omega^2 + 3\omega^4}{(1 + 3^2\omega^2)(1 + 0.5^2\omega^2)} \\
&= \frac{1.5 + 10.5\omega^2 + 4.5\omega^4}{1 + 9.25\omega^2 + 1.5\omega^4} \\
&= \frac{1 + 9.25\omega^2 + 1.5\omega^4 + 1.25\omega^2 + 3\omega^4}{1 + 9.25\omega^2 + 1.5\omega^4}
\end{aligned}$$

and it can be recognized that to prove

$$\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq 1 = K_p \quad (33)$$

is the same as proving

$$(1.25\omega^2 + 3\omega^4) \geq 0$$

which is true.

- (c) To prove that h is passive is the same as proving $\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq 0 \forall \omega$ (see Appendix A in Assignment 5). Since $\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq K_p > 0 \forall \omega$ we conclude that the control law is passive.
- (d) To prove that h is input strictly passive is the same as proving that $\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq \delta \geq 0 \forall \omega$ for some positive δ (see Appendix A in Assignment 5). Since $\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq K_p > 0 \forall \omega$ we conclude that the control law is input strictly passive.
- (e) To prove that the system is output strictly passive is the same as proving that $\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq \varepsilon |h(j\omega)|^2 \forall \omega$ for some positive ε (see Appendix A in Assignment 5). From the assumptions in the exercise we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
|h(j\omega)| &\leq \frac{K_p\beta}{\alpha} \\
\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] &\geq K_p
\end{aligned}$$

Using these inequalities, an upper bound on $|h(j\omega)|^2$ is found as

$$\begin{aligned}
|h(j\omega)|^2 &\leq \left(\frac{K_p\beta}{\alpha}\right)^2 \\
&= \frac{K_p\beta^2}{\alpha^2} K_p \\
&\leq \frac{K_p\beta^2}{\alpha^2} \operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)]
\end{aligned}$$

which is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] &\geq \frac{\alpha^2}{K_p\beta^2} |h(j\omega)|^2 \\ &= \varepsilon |h(j\omega)|^2\end{aligned}$$

and output strictly passivity of the control law is concluded.

(f) The system is given by

$$h(s) = \frac{u(s)}{e(s)} = K_p\beta \frac{(1+T_is)(1+T_ds)}{(1+\beta T_is)(1+\alpha T_ds)}$$

where e is the input and u is the output. When investigating if a system is zero-state observable, the system is analyzed with inputs set to zero, $e = 0$. This leads to the equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{u(s)}{e(s)} &= K_p\beta \frac{(1+T_is)(1+T_ds)}{(1+\beta T_is)(1+\alpha T_ds)} \\ \Leftrightarrow u(s)(1+\beta T_is)(1+\alpha T_ds) &= K_p\beta (1+T_is)(1+T_ds)e(s) \\ \Rightarrow u(s)(1+\beta T_is)(1+\alpha T_ds) &= 0 \text{ when } e(s) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow u(s)(1+\beta T_is+\alpha T_ds+\beta T_i\alpha T_ds^2) &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow u + \beta T_i\dot{u} + \alpha T_d\dot{u} + \beta T_i\alpha T_d\ddot{u} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Let $z_1 = u$, $z_2 = \dot{u}$ and $y = z_1$, then the control law with zero input can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z}_1 &= z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= \frac{1}{\beta T_i\alpha T_d} (-z_1 - (\beta T_i + \alpha T_d) z_2) \\ y &= z_1\end{aligned}$$

To show that the system is zero-state observable we require that no solution can stay identical in $y = 0$ other than the trivial solution $z \equiv 0$ (see Definition 6.5 on p. 243 in Khalil). This is done as

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &\equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow z_1(t) \equiv 0 \\ \dot{z}_1(t) &= 0 \Rightarrow z_2(t) \equiv 0 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= 0 \Rightarrow z_2 = \frac{1}{(\beta T_i + \alpha T_d)} z_1 = 0\end{aligned}$$

by which we conclude that the PID control law is zero-state observable.

15. (Khalil 6.11) The system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 \dot{\omega}_1 &= (J_2 - J_3) \omega_2 \omega_3 + u_1 \\ J_2 \dot{\omega}_2 &= (J_3 - J_1) \omega_3 \omega_1 + u_2 \\ J_3 \dot{\omega}_3 &= (J_1 - J_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 + u_3 \end{aligned}$$

where $u = [u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3]^T$ and $\omega = [\omega_1 \ \omega_2 \ \omega_3]$.

(a) Let $V(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}J_1\omega_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}J_2\omega_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}J_3\omega_3^2$ be a candidate for a storage function. The time derivative along the trajectories of the system is found as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(\omega) &= J_1 \dot{\omega}_1 \omega_1 + J_2 \dot{\omega}_2 \omega_2 + J_3 \dot{\omega}_3 \omega_3 \\ &= ((J_2 - J_3) \omega_2 \omega_3 + u_1) \omega_1 \\ &\quad + ((J_3 - J_1) \omega_3 \omega_1 + u_2) \omega_2 \\ &\quad + ((J_1 - J_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 + u_3) \omega_3 \\ &= (J_2 - J_3) \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 + (J_3 - J_1) \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 + (J_1 - J_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 \\ &\quad + u_1 \omega_1 + u_2 \omega_2 + u_3 \omega_3 \\ &= (J_2 - J_3 + J_3 - J_1 + J_1 - J_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 + u_1 \omega_1 + u_2 \omega_2 + u_3 \omega_3 \\ &= u^T \omega \end{aligned}$$

which shows that the map from u to ω is lossless with the storage function $V(\omega)$.

(b) With $u = -K\omega + v$ where $K = K^T$ where we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(\omega) &= u^T \omega \\ &= (-K\omega + v)^T \omega \\ &= -\omega^T K^T \omega + v^T \omega \\ &= v^T \omega - \omega^T K \omega \\ &\leq v^T \omega - \lambda_{\min}(K) \omega^T \omega \\ &\Rightarrow v^T \omega \geq \dot{V}(\omega) + \lambda_{\min}(K) \omega^T \omega \end{aligned}$$

From the last equation it can be seen that the system is output strictly passive from v to ω with $v^T \omega \geq \dot{V}(\omega) + \lambda_{\min}(K) \omega^T \omega$. Hence, the map from v to ω is finite gain L_2 stable with L_2 gain less than or equal to $\frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}(K)}$ (Lemma 6.5).

(c) With $u = -K\omega$, we have that

$$\dot{V}(\omega) \leq -\lambda_{\min}(K) \omega^T \omega$$

for the system $\dot{\omega} = f(\omega, -K\omega) = f'(\omega)$. Since $V(\omega)$ is positive definite and radially unbounded and $\dot{V}(\omega)$ is negative definite, we conclude that the system is globally asymptotically stable.

16. (Khalil 6.14) Two systems

$$H_1 : \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - h_1(x_2) + e_1 \\ y_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$H_2 : \begin{cases} \dot{x}_3 = -x_3 + e_2 \\ y_2 = h_2(x_3) \end{cases}$$

are connected as shown in Figure 6.11 in Khalil. The functions $h_i(\cdot)$ are locally Lipschitz and $h_i(\cdot) \in (0, \infty]$. Further, the function $h_2(z)$ satisfies $|h_2(z)| \geq \frac{|z|}{(1+z^2)}$.

- (a) First the passivity properties of H_1 is investigated. Let $V_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ be a candidate for a storage function. The time derivative along the trajectories of the system is found as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1(x_1, x_2) &= x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 \\ &= x_1 x_2 + x_2 (-x_1 - h_1(x_2) + e_1) \\ &= x_1 x_2 - x_1 x_2 - h_1(x_2) x_2 + e_1 x_2 \\ &= -h_1(x_2) x_2 + e_1 x_2 \\ &= -h_1(y_1) y_1 + e_1 y_1 \\ &\Rightarrow e_1 y_1 = \dot{V}_1(x_1, x_2) + y_1 h_1(y_1) \end{aligned}$$

Since $h_1 \in (0, \infty]$, we know that $y_1 h_1(y_1) > 0 \quad \forall y_1 \neq 0$ (See Definition 6.2 in Khalil on pp. 232–233). Thus, H_1 is output strictly passive.

The passivity properties of H_2 is investigated by using $V_2(x_3) = \int_0^{x_3} h_2(z) dz$ as a candidate for a storage function. The time derivative along the trajectories of the system is found as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2(x_3) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \left(\int_0^{x_3} h_2(z) dz \right) \dot{x}_3 \\ &= h_2(x_3) (-x_3 + e_2) \\ &= -x_3 h_2(x_3) + h_2(x_3) e_2 \\ &= -x_3 h_2(x_3) + y_2 e_2 \\ &\Rightarrow y_2 e_2 = \dot{V}_2(x_3) + x_3 h_2(x_3) \end{aligned}$$

Since $h_2 \in (0, \infty]$, we know that $x_3 h_2(x_3) > 0 \quad \forall x_3 \neq 0$ (See Definition 6.2 in Khalil on pp. 232–233). Thus, H_2 is strictly passive.

By Theorem 6.1 we conclude that the feedback connection is passive.

- (b) Asymptotic stability of the unforced system is shown by using Theorem 6.3 from Khalil. Since we have one strictly passive system and one output strictly passive system, we need to show that the system which is output strictly passive

also is zero-state observable. It can be recognized that no solution can stay identical in $S = \{x_2 = 0\}$ other than the trivial solution $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$. That is

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &\equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow x_2 \equiv 0 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -h_1(x_2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the unforced system is asymptotically stable. To prove global results, we need to show that the storage functions are radially unbounded. The first storage function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\|(x_1, x_2)\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

which clearly is radially unbounded. The second storage function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(x_3) &= \int_0^{x_3} h_2(z) dz \\ &\geq \int_0^{x_3} \frac{|z|}{(1+z^2)} dz \\ &= \int_0^{x_3} \frac{z}{(1+z^2)} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x_3^2) \end{aligned}$$

where it can be recognized that $V_2(x_3) \rightarrow \infty$ as $|x_3| \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, the unforced system is globally asymptotically stable.

17. (Khalil 6.15) Two systems

$$H_1 : \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1^3 - x_2 + e_1 \\ y_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$H_2 : \begin{cases} \dot{x}_3 = -x_3 + e_2 \\ y_2 = x_3^3 \end{cases}$$

are connected as shown in Figure 6.11 in Khalil.

- (a) First the passivity properties of H_1 is investigated. Let $V_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$ be a candidate for a storage function. The time derivative along the trajectories

of the system is found as

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V}_1(x_1, x_2) &= x_1^3 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 \\
&= x_1^3(-x_1 + x_2) + x_2(-x_1^3 - x_2 + e_1) \\
&= -x_1^4 + x_1^3 x_2 - x_1^3 x_2 - x_2^2 + x_2 e_1 \\
&= -x_1^4 - x_2^2 + e_1 y_1 \\
&\Rightarrow e_1 y_1 = \dot{V}_1(x_1, x_2) + x_1^4 + x_2^2
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, H_1 is strictly passive with storage function $V_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$.

The passivity properties of H_2 is investigated by using $V_2(x_3) = \frac{1}{4}x_3^4$ as a candidate for a storage function. The time derivative along the trajectories of the system is found as

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V}_2(x_3) &= x_3^3 \dot{x}_3 \\
&= x_3^3(-x_3 + e_2) \\
&= -x_3^4 + x_3^3 e_2 \\
&= -x_3^4 + e_2 y_2
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, H_2 is strictly passive with storage function $V_2(x_3) = \frac{1}{4}x_3^4$, and the feedback connection is passive.

- (b) Since both systems are strictly passive with radially unbounded storage functions, it follows from Theorem 6.3 that the origin of the unforced system is asymptotically stable.