

MEE5114 Advanced Control for Robotics

Lecture 10: Basics of Stability Analysis

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This lecture introduces basic concepts and results on Lyapunov stability of nonlinear systems.

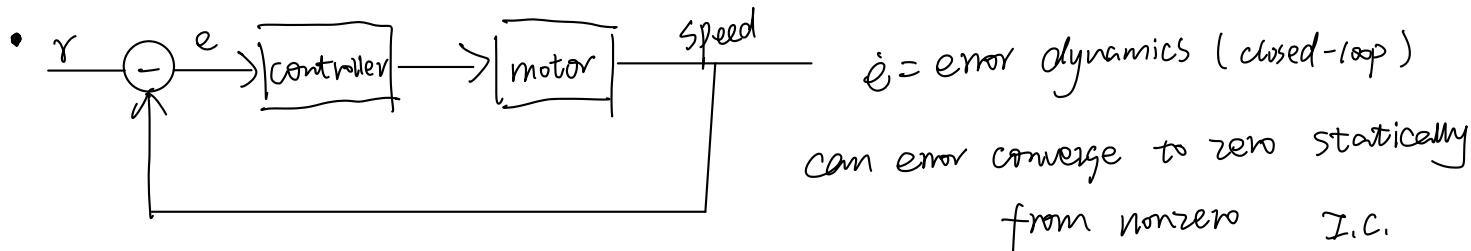
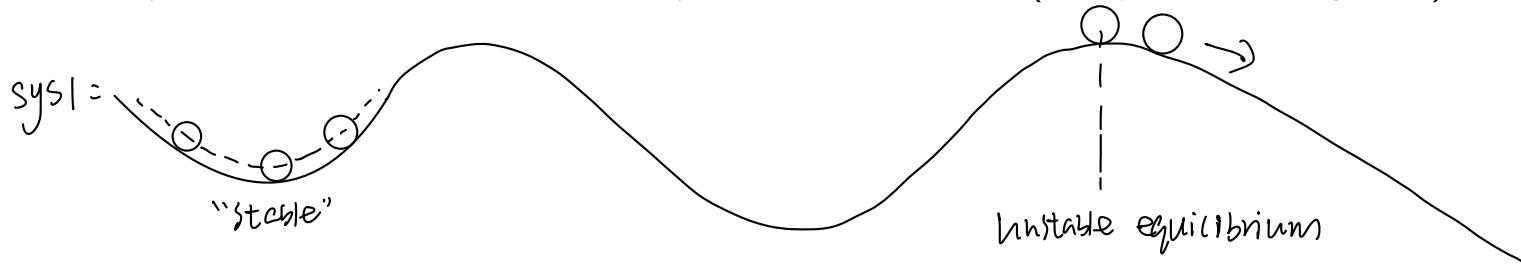
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What is Stability Analysis?

- system asymptotic behavior (not too much about transient)
- ability to return to the desired asymptotic behavior (not just convergence)



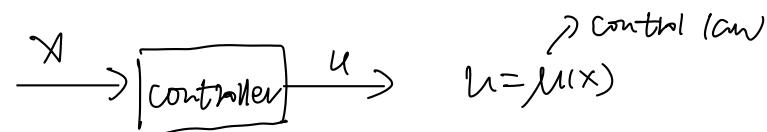
General ODE Models for Dynamical Systems

state-space form: 1st-order ODE in \mathbb{R}^n

- ODE: $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$, with $x(0) = x_0$
 - $x \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$: state
 - $u \in \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$: control input
 - $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$: (time-invariant) vector field

- System output $y = g(x, u)$

- Control law: $\mu : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$



- Closed-loop dynamics under μ :

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{f(x, \mu(x))}_{\text{closed-loop dynamics}} \Rightarrow \text{closed-loop dynamics}$$

- Autonomous system:

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \text{ with } x(0) = x_0$$

$$\dot{x} = f_{\text{aut}}(x)$$

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autonomous sys (1)

only func of state

Example: Pendulum

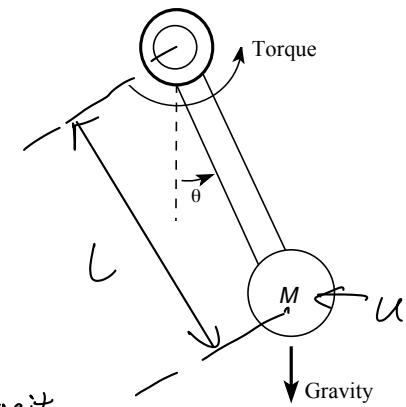
- Pendulum with driving force: $\ddot{\theta} = \frac{-\rho}{Ml^2}\dot{\theta} - \frac{\cos\theta}{Ml}u - \frac{g}{l}\sin\theta$

- Let $M=1$, $l=1$, $x_1=\theta$, $x_2=\dot{\theta}$

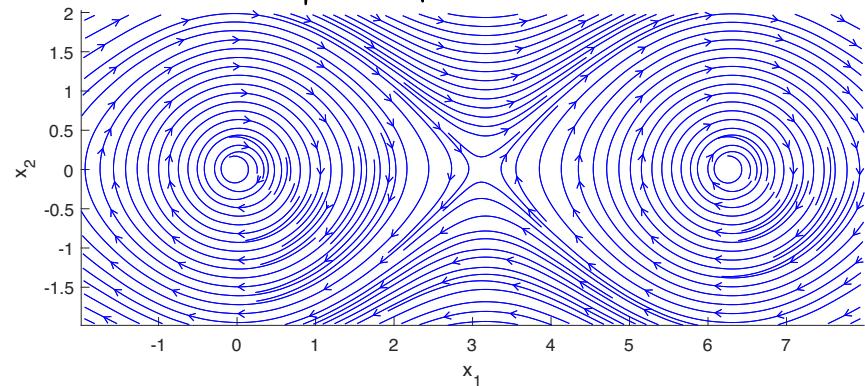
$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\rho x_2 - \cos x_1 u - g \sin x_1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow f(x, u)$$

\Rightarrow for simplicity, $\rho=0$ (undamped), $u=0$, $g=1$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 \end{bmatrix} = f(x)$$

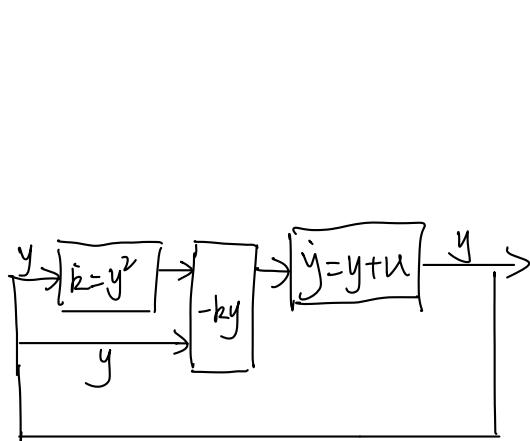


phase portrait



Examples: Adaptive Control

- Closed-loop dynamics under adaptive control:



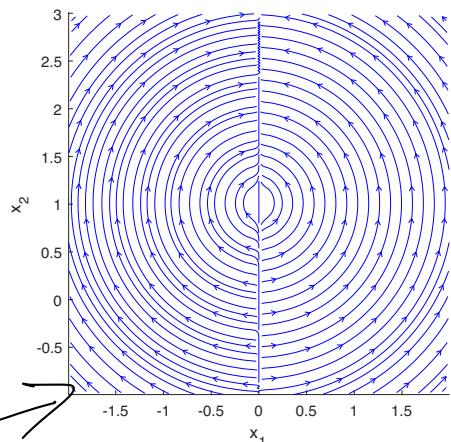
$$\begin{cases} \dot{y} = y + u \\ u = -ky, k = y^2 \end{cases}$$

\uparrow linear control law
 $u = -ky$

Closed-loop dynamics: $\dot{x}_1 = y, \dot{x}_2 = k, \dot{x} = f(x)$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_1 - px_1 = x_1 - x_2 x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_2^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x_1 \\ x_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



Equilibrium Point of Dynamical Systems

Definition 1 (Equilibrium Point).

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$

A state x^* is an *equilibrium point* of system (1) if once $x(t) = x^*$, it remains equal to x^* at all future time.

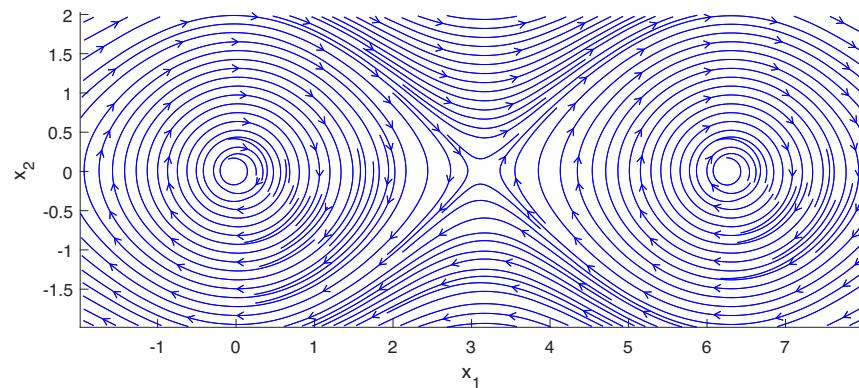
$$\dot{x} = 0, \text{ when } x = x^* \text{ (at the equilibrium point)}$$

- Mathematically: $f(x^*) = 0$
- E.g undamped pendulum with no driving force:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

to find equilibrium:

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ -\sin x_1 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2k\pi \end{bmatrix}$$



Invariant Set of Dynamical Systems

Definition 2 (Invariant Set). $\dot{x} = f(x)$

A set E is an *invariant set* of system (1) if every trajectory which starts from a point in E remains in E at all future time.

- Mathematically: If $x(t_0) \in E$, then $x(t) \in E, \forall t \geq t_0$
- E.g: closed-loop dynamics under adaptive control:

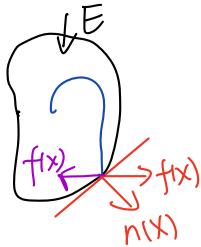
$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_1 x_2 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y} = y + u \\ u = -ky, k = y^2 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \text{ arbitrary}$$

$$\text{equilibrium set } E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2, x_1 = 0\}$$

General invariant set E

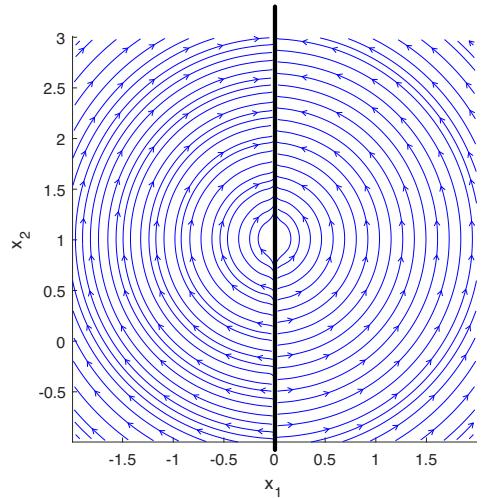


$$\text{angle}(f(x), n(x)) \geq 90^\circ$$

$$\langle f(x), n(x) \rangle \leq 0$$

$$f^T(x) n(x) \leq 0$$

$$\cdot \text{ equilibrium point: } \underline{f^T(x^*) n(x^*) = 0}$$



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 |- about equilibrium
 |- ability to stay close or
 return to equilibrium

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Lyapunov Stability Definitions (1/2)

or closed-loop system

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \dot{u}(x) = f_u(x)$$

Consider a time-invariant autonomous (with no control) nonlinear system:

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \text{ with I.C. } x(0) = x_0 \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{vectorfield} \\ \nearrow x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{matrix}$$

If equilibrium x^* is not at the origin
define $\tilde{x} = x - x^*$

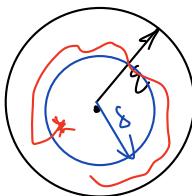
- Assumptions: (i) f Lipschitz continuous; (ii) origin is an isolated equilibrium
 $f(0) = 0$ \hookrightarrow existence uniqueness of ODE
- Stability Definitions: The equilibrium $x = 0$ is called
 - **stable** in the "sense of Lyapunov", if

"Stay close to equilibrium"

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \text{ s.t. } \|x(0)\| \leq \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \epsilon, \forall t \geq 0$$

ε, δ argument

- objectie: For any $\epsilon > 0$, ensure $\|x(t)\| \leq \epsilon$, for all t



Our choice: selecting initial state $x(0)$

stability: objective can be ensured by choosing I.C.
sufficient small.

Lyapunov Stability Definitions (2/2)

Stay close + convergence

- asymptotically stable if it is stable and δ can be chosen so that

$$\|x(0)\| \leq \delta \Rightarrow \underbrace{x(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty}_{\text{convergence}}$$

- **exponentially stable** if there exist positive constants δ, λ, c such that



$$\|x(t)\| \leq c\|x(0)\|e^{-\lambda t}, \quad \forall \|x(0)\| \leq (\delta)$$

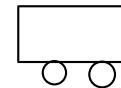
- **globally asymptotically/exponentially stable** if the above conditions holds for all $\delta > 0$

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global

- "Region of Attraction": $R_A \triangleq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \text{whenever } x(0) = x, \text{ then } x(t) \rightarrow 0\}$

Globally asym stable $\Rightarrow R_A = \mathbb{R}^n$

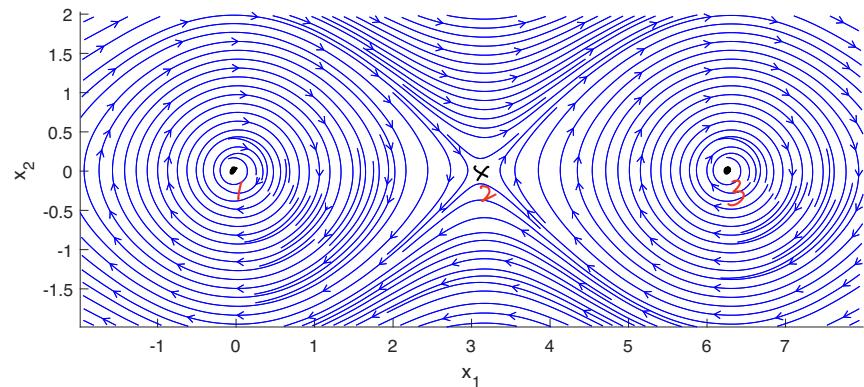


Stability Examples using 2D Phase Portrait (1/2)

- Undamped pendulum with no driving force

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 2\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

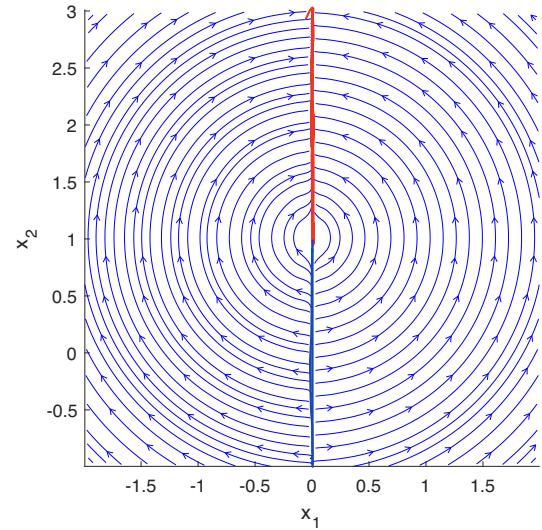


- Closed-loop dynamics under adaptive control:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 = 0\}$$



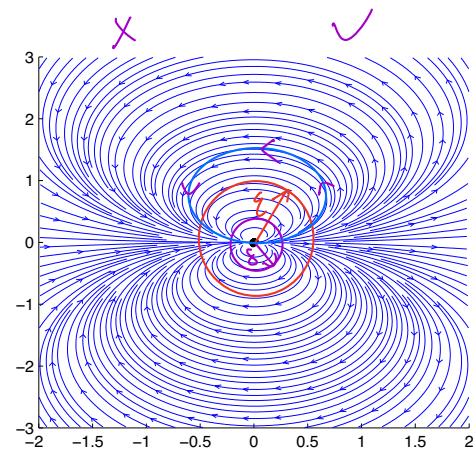
Stability Examples using 2D Phase Portrait (2/2)

Does attractiveness implies stable in Lyapunov sense?

- Answer is NO. e.g.:
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 - x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = 2x_1x_2 \end{cases}$$

- By inspection of its vector field, we see that $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ for all $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$
- However, there is no δ -ball satisfying the Lyapunov stability condition

Asymp stable
D stable ② convergence



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How to verify stability of a system? (1/2)

- Find explicit solution of the ODE $\dot{x}(t)$ and check stability definitions
 - typically not possible for nonlinear systems
- Numerical simulations of ODE do not provide stability guarantees and offer limited insights
- Need to determine stability without explicitly solving the ODE
- Preferably, analysis only depends on the vector field

$$x(t) = e^{-t} x_0$$

How to verify stability of a system? (2/2)

- The most powerful tool is: *Lyapunov function*
- State trajectory $x(t)$ governed by complex dynamics in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t))$$


- Lyapunov function $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ maps $x(t)$ to a scalar function of time $V(x(t))$

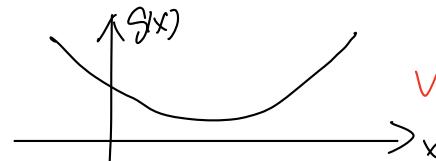
$$\underbrace{V(x(t))}_{\text{Scalar}} \leftarrow \dot{V}(x(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} V(x(t)) = g(V(t)) \leftarrow \text{scalar ODE}$$

- If the function is designed such that: $[x(t) \rightarrow \text{equilibrium}] \Leftrightarrow [V(x(t)) \rightarrow 0]$. Then we can study $V(x(t))$ as function of time t to infer stability of the state trajectory in \mathbb{R}^n .

Sign Definite Functions

Assume that $0 \in D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

- $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called positive semidefinite (PSD) on D if $\underline{g(0) = 0}$ and $\underline{g(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in D}$
 - For quadratic function: $g(x) = x^T Px$: $[g \text{ is PSD}] \Leftrightarrow [P \text{ is a PSD matrix}]$
$$g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} P \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + 3x_2^2$$
- $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called positive definite (PD) on D if $\underline{g(0) = 0}$ and $\underline{g(x) > 0, \forall x \in D \setminus \{0\}}$
 - Similarly, if $\underline{g(x) = x^T Px}$ is quadratic, then $[g \text{ is PD}] \Leftrightarrow [P \text{ is a PD matrix}]$
- g is negative semidefinite (NSD) if $-g$ is PSD
- $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is radically unbounded if $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$



Lyapunov Stability Theorem

Continuously differentiable
eg. $V(x) = x_1^2$ (PSD)

[Lyapunov Theorem]: Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set containing an open neighborhood of the origin. If there exists a C^1 function $V : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

"observable condition"
the value of V along sys state trajectory non increasing

$$\dot{V}(x(t)) = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right)^T \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$\triangleright \nabla V(x)^T f(x)$

V is PD

$\dot{V}(x) \triangleq \nabla V(x)^T f(x)$ is NSD

(3)

$$D(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

(4)

then the origin is stable. If in addition,

$\hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}[V]$ Lie derivative

$\dot{V}(x) \triangleq \underbrace{\nabla V(x)^T f(x)}$ is ND of V with vector field f

(5)

then the origin is asymptotically stable.

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Value of V along sys state traj is decreasing

Remarks:

- A PD C^1 function satisfying (4) or (5) will be called a **Lyapunov function**
- Under condition (5), if V is also radially unbounded
 \Rightarrow globally asymptotically stable

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Proof of Lyapunov Stability Theorem (1/3)

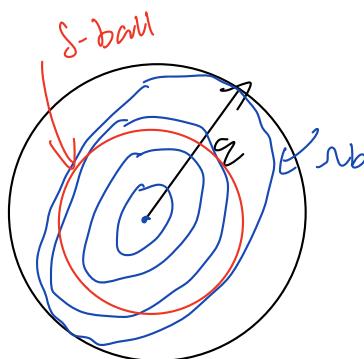
Main idea: (3)+(4) \Rightarrow stability

- Fact: Suppose the V function satisfies (3)+(4), then the sublevel set

$\mathcal{L}_b(V) \triangleq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : V(x) \leq b\}$ is (forward) invariant.

Proof of this fact: If $x_0 \in \mathcal{L}_b$ for some $b > 0$, we have $V(x(t)) \leq \underbrace{V(x_0)}_{\leq b} \leq b$
 $\Rightarrow x(t) \in \mathcal{L}_b(V)$

Proof of stability: Given $\varepsilon > 0$, goal is to find $\delta > 0$ such that $\|x_0\| \leq \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \varepsilon$



1. $\mathcal{L}_b = \{0\}$, if $b=0$

2. As $b \uparrow$ increases, level set \mathcal{L}_b grows in size until hitting
B_b at the fix $b = \hat{b}$

3. Find B_δ inside \mathcal{L}_b (because V is continuous at 0)

then $x_0 \in B_\delta \Rightarrow x_0 \in \mathcal{L}_b \Rightarrow x(t) \in \mathcal{L}_b$

\mathcal{L}_b is invariant

Proof of Lyapunov Stability Theorem (2/3)

Sketch of proof of Lyapunov stability theorem:

- First show stability under condition (4):

- Define sublevel set: $\Omega_b = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : V(x) \leq b\}$. Condition (4) implies $V(x(t))$ nonincreasing along system trajectory \Rightarrow If $x(0) \in \Omega_b$, then $x(t) \in \Omega_b, \forall t$.
- Given arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$, if we can find δ, b such that $B(0, \delta) \subseteq \Omega_b \subseteq B(0, \epsilon)$. Then the Lyapunov stability conditions are satisfied. Below is to show how we can find such b and δ .
- V is continuous $\Rightarrow m = \min_{\|x\|=\epsilon} V(x)$ exists (due to Weierstrass theorem). In addition, V is PD $\Rightarrow m > 0$. Therefore, if we choose $b \in (0, m)$, then $\Omega_b \subseteq B(0, \epsilon)$.
- $V(x)$ is continuous at origin \Rightarrow for any $b > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|V(x) - V(0)| = V(x) < b, \forall x \in B(0, \delta)$. This implies that $B(0, \delta) \subseteq \Omega_b$.

Proof of Lyapunov Stability Theorem (3/3)

- Second, show asymptotic stability under condition (5):
 - We know $V(x(t))$ decreases monotonically as $t \rightarrow \infty$ and $V(x(t)) \geq 0, \forall t$. Therefore, $c = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(x(t))$ exists. So it suffices to show $c = 0$. Let us use a contradiction argument.
 - Suppose $c \neq 0$. Then $c > 0$. Therefore, $x(t) \notin \Omega_c = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : V(x) \leq c\}, \forall t$. We can choose $\beta > 0$ such that $B(0, \beta) \subseteq \Omega_c$ (due to continuity of V at 0).
 - Now let $a = -\max_{\beta \leq \|x\| \leq \epsilon} \dot{V}(x)$. Since V is ND, then $a > 0$
 - $V(x(t)) = V(x(0)) + \int_0^t \dot{V}(x(s))ds \leq V(x(0)) - a \cdot t < 0$ for sufficiently large t .
⇒ contradiction!

Exponential Lyapunov Function

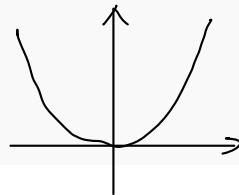
Lyapunov stability: $\exists C^1$ function

Important for applications

Definition 3 (Exponential Lyapunov Function).

$\begin{cases} V \text{ is positive definite} \\ \dot{V} \text{ is NPD/NSD} \end{cases}$ "observable"

$V : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called an Exponential Lyapunov Function (ELF) on $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ if $\exists k_1, k_2, k_3, \alpha > 0$ such that



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_1 \|x\|^\alpha \leq V(x) \leq k_2 \|x\|^\alpha \quad \text{--- (1)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} V \text{ is p.d.} \\ V \text{ is radially unbounded} \end{cases} \\ \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_f V(x)}_{\dot{V}(x(t))} \leq -k_3 V(x) \quad \text{--- (2)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{V} \text{ is N.P.} \\ \dot{V} \leq -k_3 V \rightarrow \text{保证渐近稳定性} \end{cases} \end{array} \right.$$

Theorem 1 (ELF Theorem).

If system (2) has an ELF, then it is exponentially stable.

Proof sketch: Recall: $\exists t \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \epsilon < k_3 \epsilon$ $\exists t \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow z(t) = e^{-k_3 t} z(0)$

By comparison theorem: $\dot{V} \leq -k_3 V \Rightarrow V(t) \leq e^{-k_3 t} \cdot V(0)$

$$\downarrow$$

$$V(x(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x(t)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{k_1} V(x(t)) \leq \frac{1}{k_1} e^{-k_3 t} V(x(0)) \leq \frac{k_2}{k_1} e^{-k_3 t} \|x(0)\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq C e^{-\beta t} \|x(0)\|^2$$

Stability Analysis Examples (1/2)

Example 1. $t \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 + x_1 x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^3 \end{cases} \stackrel{=f(x)}{\quad} \text{Try } V(x) = \|x\|^2 \quad \text{Candidate}$$

• Equilibrium $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

• Check Lyapunov conditions

(1) $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$, if P.D. and C^T

$$= x^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x$$

(2) $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right)^T f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{1(x)} \\ f_{2(x)} \end{bmatrix} = 2x_1(-x_1 + x_2 + x_1 x_2) + 2x_2(x_1 - x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^3)$
 $= 2[-(x_1 - x_2)^2 - x_2^4]$

ND

\Rightarrow System is "asym stable"
(3) + (5)

Stability Analysis Examples (2/2)

Example 2.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_1 x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2 \end{cases}$$

- Can we find a simple quadratic Lyapunov function? First try: $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$

① $V \geq 0$

② If $V(x) = -2(x_1 - \gamma)^2 - \delta$ not ND

- In fact, the system does not have any (global) polynomial Lyapunov function. But it is GAS with a Lyapunov function $V(x) = \ln(1 + x_1^2) + x_2^2$.

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Stability of Linear Systems

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

Consider autonomous linear system: $\dot{x} = f(x) = Ax$.

- Recall solution to the linear system: $x(t) = \underbrace{e^{At}x(0)}$

If isolated equilibrium

- Only possible equilibrium is origin $\underbrace{x = 0}$

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow Ax = 0$$

① If A is non-singular $\Rightarrow A = 0$

② If A singular $\Rightarrow \text{Null}(A)$ is the set of equilibrium

- Fact: Origin asympt. stable \Leftrightarrow $Re(\lambda_i) < 0$ for all eigenvalues λ_i of A

Suppose we have isolated equilibrium $\emptyset \neq \underbrace{x^*}_{\neq 0}$

For simplicity, consider a simple case, when A is diagonalizable

$$A = TDT^{-1}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{At} = Te^{Dt}T^{-1} = T \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}$$

If $Re(\lambda_i) < 0$

\Rightarrow every entry of $e^{At} \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow e^{At}x(0) \rightarrow 0$, exponentially

$$e^{\lambda_i t} = e^{(-\lambda_i)t}$$

- Discrete time system: $x(k+1) = Ax(k)$ is asympt. stable iff eig(A) inside unit circle



Lyapunov Function of Linear Systems

$$V(x) = \|x\|^2 = x^T I x$$

- Consider a quadratic Lyapunov function candidate: $V(x) = \underbrace{x^T P x}_{P > 0}$, with $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- V is PD $\Rightarrow P > 0$ P is a p.d. matrix

- $\mathcal{L}_f V$ is ND $\Rightarrow 2fV(x) \stackrel{e}{=} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)^T A x = (2Px)^T A x = 2x^T P^T A x \dots \textcircled{a}$

or equivalently, $\dot{V}(x(t)) = \cancel{x^T P x} + \cancel{x^T P \dot{x}} = \cancel{x^T A^T P x} + x^T P A x = x^T (A^T P + P A) x \dots \textcircled{b}$

$$\cancel{x^T P A X} = \cancel{x^T A^T P X}$$

Scalar Scalar

$$= x^T (A^T P + P^T A) x = 2x^T P^T A x \quad \textcircled{a} = \textcircled{b}$$

P is symmetric. ($P = P^T$)

$$A^T P = P^T A$$

eg $\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, g(x) = x^T \Omega x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
 $= x_1^2 + x_2^2 = x^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$

$\Rightarrow V$ is L.F. if P is p.d., and $A^T P + P A$ is N.D.

Fact: for linear system, quadratic form of L.F. is all we need to consider.

$\Rightarrow A$ is asym stable if and only if

Fact ① \Leftrightarrow ② (HW5)

- ① $\exists P > 0$, such that $A^T P + P^T A < 0$
 \Rightarrow PD

- ② Equivalently, for any $Q \stackrel{J^T}{\rightarrow} 0$, $\exists P$ such that
 $A^T P + P A = -Q \Rightarrow$ Lyapunov equation

Stability Conditions for Linear Systems

Theorem 2 (Stability Conditions for Linear System).

For an autonomous Linear system $\dot{x} = Ax$. The following statements are equivalent.

- System is (globally) asymptotically stable
 - System is (globally) exponentially stable
 - $Re(\lambda_i) < 0$ for all eigenvalues λ_i of A lie on open left half complex plane OLHP
 - System has a quadratic Lyapunov function
$$U(x) = x^T P x$$
 - For any symmetric $Q \succ 0$, there exists a symmetric $P \succ 0$ that solves the following Lyapunov equation:
$$PA + A^T P = -Q$$

$Q \succ 0$ is given
 P is the variable to be solved
- and $V(x) = x^T P x$ is a Lyapunov function of the system.

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When There is a Lyapunov Function?

- Converse Lyapunov Theorem for Asymptotic Stability

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{origin asymptotically stable;} \\ f \text{ is locally Lipschitz on } D \\ \text{with region of attraction } R_A \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \exists V \text{ s.t. } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \text{ is continuous and PD on } R_A \\ \mathcal{L}_f V \text{ is ND on } R_A \\ V(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow \partial R_A \end{array} \right.$$

converse result that is not constructive

- Converse Lyapunov Theorem for Exponential Stability

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{origin exponentially stable on } D; \\ f \text{ is } \mathcal{C}^1 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \underbrace{\exists \text{ an ELF } V \text{ on } D}_{\text{不知道, 不知道具体形式}}$$

- Proofs are involved especially for the converse theorem for asymptotic stability
- **IMPORTANT:** proofs of converse theorems often assume the knowledge of system solution and hence are not constructive.

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What about Discrete Time Systems?

- So far, all our definitions, results, examples are given using continuous time dynamical system models.
- All of them have discrete-time counterparts. The ideas and conclusions are the "same" (in spirit)
- For example, given autonomous discrete-time system: $x(k+1) = f(x(k))$ with $f(0) = 0$ (origin is an equilibrium).

- Rate of change of a function $V(x)$ along system trajectory can be defined as:

L.T. $\frac{d}{dt}V(x(t)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\partial V^T}{\partial x} f(x) \quad \in V(x(k+1)) - V(x(k))$

$$\Delta_f V(x) \triangleq V(f(x)) - V(x)$$

- Asymptotically stable requires: "observable"
"V is PD" and $\Delta_f V$ is ND
 $\delta V(x) < 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n / \{0\}$
- Exponentially stable requires:

$$\underbrace{k_1 \|x\|^\alpha \leq V(x) \leq k_2 \|x\|^\alpha}_{-\dots\dots\dots} \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{\Delta_f V(x) \leq -k_3 V(x)}_{\dots\dots\dots}$$

Concluding Remarks

- We have learned different notions of internal stability, e.g. stability in Lyapunov sense, asymptotic stability, globally asymptotic stability (G.A.S), exponential stability, globally exponential stability (G.E.S)
- Sufficient condition to ensure stability is often the existence of a properly defined Lyapunov function
- Key requirements for a Lyapunov function:
 - positive definite and is zero at the system equilibrium
 - decrease along system trajectory
- For linear system: $\boxed{\text{G.A.S} \Leftrightarrow \text{G.E.S} \Leftrightarrow \text{Existence of a quadratic Lyapunov function}}$
- The definitions and results in this lecture have sometimes been stated in simplified forms to facilitate presentation. More general versions can be found in standard textbooks on nonlinear systems
- **Next Lecture:** Semidefinite Programming and computational stability analysis

More Discussions

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