

Stability of non-autonomous System:

Autonomous

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, t_0 \geq 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$$
$$\text{s.t. } \|\underline{x}(t_0)\|_2 < \delta \Rightarrow \|\underline{x}(t)\|_2 < \epsilon$$
$$\forall t \geq t_0$$

Non-autonomous

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, t_0 \geq 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon, t_0) > 0$$
$$\text{s.t. } \|\underline{x}(t_0)\|_2 < \delta \Rightarrow \|\underline{x}(t)\|_2 < \epsilon$$
$$\forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$$

Now,

- δ may depend on t_0
- S/AS/GAS all will depend on t_0 , in general

Special case:

If for non-autonomous, δ turns out to be independent of t_0 , then we say system is Uniformly stable (US) in time.

Example: (S but not US): 1D

$$\dot{x} = (6t \sin t - 2t)x \quad x^* = 0 \text{ is a fixed pt.}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t (6\tau \sin \tau - 2\tau) d\tau\right)$$

$$= x_0 \exp\left(\underbrace{6 \sin t - 6t \cos t - t^2}_{-6 \sin t_0 + 6t_0 \cos t_0 + t_0^2}\right)$$

Since t_0 is given/fixed, the term $(-t^2)$ inside $\exp(\cdot)$ will dominate as t becomes large

$\Rightarrow \exp(\underline{\hspace{2cm}})$ is bounded $\forall t \geq t_0$
by some constant $c(t_0)$

$\Rightarrow |x(t)| < |x_0| c(t_0) \quad \forall t \geq t_0$
 $\forall \epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta := \delta(\epsilon, t_0) = \frac{\epsilon}{c(t_0)} \Rightarrow$ proves
 $x^* = 0$ is stable.

Suppose $t_0 = 2n\pi$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\text{Then } x(t_0 + \pi) = \underbrace{x(t_0)}_{x_0} \exp((4n+1)(6-\pi)\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{whenever } x_0 \neq 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x(t_0 + \pi)}{x_0} \rightarrow +\infty$$

\therefore For any $\epsilon > 0$, $\nexists \delta$ that is indep. of t_0 ,
which can prove stability.

\therefore Origin is S but not US.

Conceptually, we understand:

S, US, UAS, GUAS

Theorems in the spirit of Lyapunov

Theorem (Lyapunov-like Theorem for non-autonomous)

(US / UAS / GUAS)

Suppose $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ contains $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$.

Let $V : [0, \infty) \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ be a $C^1(\mathcal{X})$ function of \underline{x} .

such that $\forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$, and $\forall \underline{x} \in \mathcal{X}$

① $W_1(\underline{x}) \leq V(t, \underline{x}) \leq W_2(\underline{x})$ ✓

where $W_1(\cdot), W_2(\cdot)$ are continuous pos. def. fⁿs of \underline{x} in \mathcal{X} .

② $\dot{V} = \frac{d}{dt} V(t, \underline{x}) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \langle \nabla V, \underline{f}(t, \underline{x}) \rangle \leq 0$

Then $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$ is US.

- If ① + ②' = $\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \langle \nabla V, f(t, \underline{x}) \rangle$ ✓
 $\leq -W_3(\underline{x}), \quad W_3(\cdot) \text{ pos. def.}$

then \underline{x}^* is UAS

- If $\mathcal{D} \equiv \mathbb{R}^n$ AND $W_1(\underline{x})$ is radially unbounded in \underline{x} , then $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$ is G UAS

ES (Exponential Stability)

①' $\rightarrow k_1 \|\underline{x}\|_2^a \leq V(t, \underline{x}) \leq k_2 \|\underline{x}\|_2^a$

+
 ②'' $\rightarrow \dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \langle \nabla V, f(t, \underline{x}) \rangle$
 $\leq -k_3 \|\underline{x}\|_2^a$

$\forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0, \forall \underline{x} \in \mathcal{D}$ where $k_1, k_2, k_3, a > 0$
 Then $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$ is ES. If $\mathcal{D} \equiv \mathbb{R}^n$, then GES

Example #1: (1D, G.U.A.S)

$$\dot{x} = - \frac{(1+g(t))x^3}{x(0)=x_0 \text{ given}}, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{where } g(t) \text{ is continuous in } t \\ \text{and } \underline{g(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \geq 0} \end{array} \right.$$

Prove that

- ① $x^* = 0$ is a fixed point ($f(t, 0) = 0 \quad \forall t \geq 0$)
- ② $x^* = 0$ is G.U.A.S.

Proof of part (2): Take $V(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2$

radially
unbounded

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \\ &= -(1+g(t))x^4 \leq -\cancel{W_3(x)} \quad \text{where } W_3(x) = x^4 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Origin is G.U.A.S $\quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall t \geq 0$

Example (GES) $\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - g(t)x_2$
 $\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2$

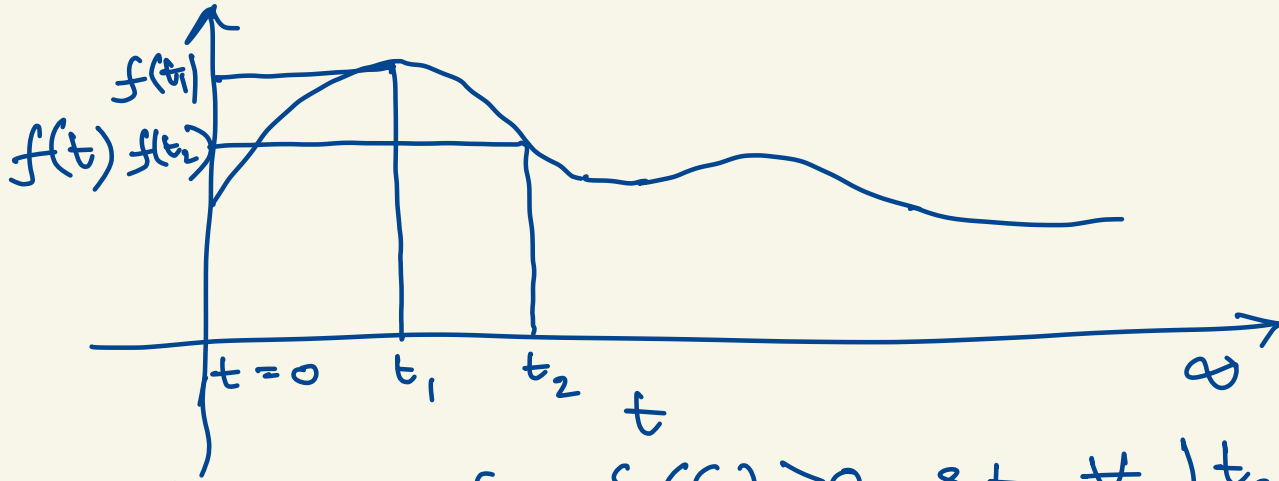
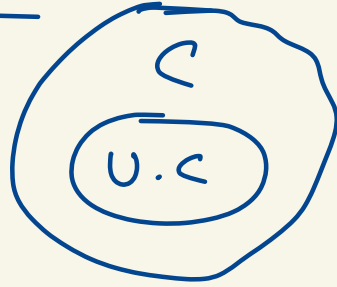
where $g(t)$ is \mathcal{C}^1 in t , and $0 \leq g(t) \leq \frac{k}{>0}$,
and $\dot{g}(t) \leq g(t) \quad \forall t \geq 0$.

By taking $V(t, \underline{x}) = x_1^2 + (1 + g(t)) x_2^2$
prove that origin is GES.

What if in UAS theorem, we can only
show $\dot{V} \leq 0$?

Barbalat's Lemma (1959) comes in here.

Uniformly Continuous function of time :



$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0, \text{ s.t. } \forall |t_2 - t_1| < \delta \\ \Rightarrow |f(t_2) - f(t_1)| < \epsilon$$

Barbalat's Lemma (1959) :

Let $f : [0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$ be a uniformly continuous f^{th} with $\int_0^{\infty} f(t) dt < \infty$. Then

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

In the control context, apply Barbalat's Lemma
for $f \mapsto \dot{f}$
Explicitly:

If $f(t)$ is C^1 in time,
and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) < \infty$,

and $\dot{f}(t)$ is uniformly continuous,

Then $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{f}(t) = 0$.

Proof: (contradiction)

Background: f converges $\nRightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{f} \rightarrow 0$

e.g. $f(t) = \exp(-t) \sin(\exp(2t))$.

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = 0 < \infty$. BUT $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{f}$ does not exist.

So, what additional assumption is needed to guarantee that f converges $\Rightarrow \dot{f}$ converges

Ans: Uniform continuity of \dot{f} .

Corollary of Barbalat's Lemma:

If ① $f(t)$ is \mathcal{C}^1

② $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) < \infty$ exists

replaces
uniform
continuity

③ $\dot{f}(t)$ exists and is bounded
 $\Leftrightarrow |\dot{f}(t)| < \infty \forall t$

Then, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{f}(t) = 0$

Application: Take $V(t, \underline{x})$

Check if ① $\dot{V}(t, \underline{x}) \leq 0$

② $\dot{V}(t, \underline{x})$ is uniformly continuous

($\Rightarrow \ddot{V}$ exists and bounded)

Then $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{V}(t, \underline{x}) = 0$.

Example: (closed-loop dynamics of adaptive control systems)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e} &= -e + \theta w(t) \\ \dot{\theta} &= -e w(t) \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} e \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} \right.$$

$w(t)$ is bounded and continuous in t ($|w| < \infty$ $\forall t$)

Prove: $\boxed{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = 0}$

Proof: Consider $V(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} (e^2 + \theta^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \langle \nabla V, \underline{f}(t, \underline{x}) \rangle$$

$$= -2e^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V(t) \leq V(0)$$

$\Rightarrow e(t)$ and $\theta(t)$ are bounded
 (NOT clear what if anything will converge)

BUT cannot apply LaSalle

Let's check uniform continuity of \dot{V}

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{V} = -4e(-e + \theta w) < \infty$$

Since $w < \infty$ given & e, θ bounded
proved

$\Rightarrow \dot{V}$ is uniformly continuous

\Rightarrow Barbalat's Lemma says $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{V}(t, \underline{x}) = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-2e^2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{e(t)} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

But \nRightarrow A.S.

because $\theta(t)$ is only bounded.

Stability Conditions for Linear Systems

Linear Time Invariant
(LTI)

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{f}(\underline{x}) \equiv A \underline{x}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ constant matrix}$$
$$\underline{x}(t_0) = \underline{x}_0$$

$$S \Leftarrow AS \Leftrightarrow GAS \Leftrightarrow ES$$



A is Hurwitz



$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i(A)) < 0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\underline{x}(t) = \exp(A(t-t_0)) \underline{x}_0$$

Linear Time Varying
(LTV)

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{f}(\underline{t}, \underline{x}) = A(\underline{t}) \underline{x}$$

$$\underline{x}(t_0) = \underline{x}_0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Phi(t, t_0) = A(t) \Phi(t, t_0)$$
$$\Phi(t, t_0) = I$$

State transition matrix

$$\underline{x}(t) = \Phi(t, t_0) \underline{x}_0$$

In general, we can write Φ as Peano-Baker series:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(t, t_0) = I &+ \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) d\tau_1 + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) d\tau_2 d\tau_1 \\ &+ \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_2} A(\tau_3) d\tau_3 d\tau_2 d\tau_1 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Two special cases:

• A matrix is constant $\Leftrightarrow \Phi(t, t_0) = \exp(A(t - t_0))$

• If $A(t)$ and $\int_{t_0}^t A(\tau) d\tau$ commute, then

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t A(\tau) d\tau\right)$$

Counterexamples for LTV stability:

$$A(t) = P(t) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Hurwitz} \\ (\text{constant matrix})}}{B} P(t)^{-1}, \quad P \text{ invertible}$$

$\exp(\text{Skew symm.}) = \text{orthogonal}$

$$\Omega := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underbrace{\exp(t\Omega)}_{P(t)} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{A(t)}} = e^{t\Omega} \underline{\underline{B}} e^{-t\Omega}$$