

## Lecture #6

From Lecture #5, we need  
Locally Lip + "Something"



Thm: Let  $\underline{f}(\underline{x}, t)$  be p.w. continuous  
in time  $t$  & locally Lip. in  $\underline{x} + \underline{t} \geq t_0$ ,  
and  $\forall \underline{x} \in \bar{\omega} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\omega \subset \bar{\omega}$  be a compact  
(closed & bdd.)  
set such that  $\underline{x}_0 \in \omega$ .

Suppose  $\omega$  is (+ve)-ly invariant  
in time.



(This is the "something")

[Recall def<sup>n</sup> of (+ve)-ly  
invariant from earlier  
lectures]

Then  $\exists!$  sol<sup>n</sup>  $\forall t \geq t_0$ .

$\underline{x}(t, \underline{x}_0)$

whenever

$\underline{x}_0 \in \omega$

Example :  $\dot{x} = -x^3 = f(x)$  (again)

Notice that  $\text{sgn}(x(t))$  is  
opposite to

$\text{sgn}(\dot{x}(t))$

$$\text{sgn}(y) := \frac{y}{|y|}$$

$\therefore$  If  $x_0 = a \in \mathbb{R}$

then the sol<sup>n</sup>  $\begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ -a \end{matrix} \rightarrow 0 \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ x+a \end{matrix}$   
cannot leave  
the set

$$\omega := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| \leq a\}$$

$\omega$  is compact

$\therefore$  Without computing the sol<sup>n</sup>  
of ODE, we conclude  $\exists! x(t)$   
 $\forall t \geq 0$

# Lyapunov Stability Theory

Setup: Autonomous ODEs  $\dot{\underline{x}} = f(\underline{x})$ ,  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$  (given) } WHOA! Let  $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$  be a fixed pt.

Def<sup>n</sup>: → Stronger

Stable (S)

$\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$  is STABLE if  
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$   
 s.t.  
 $\|\underline{x}(0)\|_2 < \delta \Rightarrow \|\underline{x}(t)\|_2 < \epsilon$   
 $\quad \Downarrow \quad \forall t \geq 0$

Start from  
 $\underline{x}(0) \in B(\underline{x}^*, \delta)$

$\Downarrow$   
 don't leave  $\underline{x}(t) \in B(\underline{x}^*, \epsilon)$

If  
 Stay ARBITRARILY close  
 (staying close is NOT enough for stability)

If  
 NOT stable = Unstable

Asymptotically Stable (A.S.)

$\|\underline{x}(0)\| < \delta$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \underline{x}(t) = \underline{0} (\Leftrightarrow \underline{x}^*)$   
 (Convergence in time)

When A.S., we say

$B(\underline{0}, \delta)$  is a region of attraction (ROA)

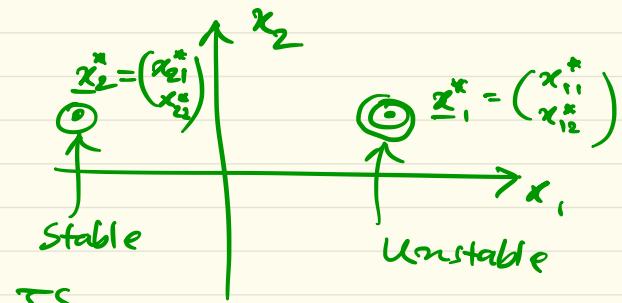
"The" ROA = Largest such  $B(\underline{0}, \delta)$

Globally Asymp. Stable (G.A.S.)

Replace  $B(\underline{0}, \delta)$  by  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , in A.S.

$\forall \underline{x}(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}$

Example (A.S. but NOT G.A.S.)



$\underline{x}_2^*$  A.S. ?

IS  $\underline{x}_2^*$  G.A.S. ?

Example (Pendulum)

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\underbrace{\alpha \sin x_1}_{\text{gravity}} - \underbrace{\beta x_2}_{\text{damping}}$$

Suppose,

$$\beta = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\underline{x}_1^* = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11}^* \\ x_{12}^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}_2^* = \begin{pmatrix} x_{21}^* \\ x_{22}^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Stable  
but NOT A.S.

$\beta > 0 \rightarrow$  stable  
A.S.

A.S. does not say rate-of-convergence

except LTI  $\Rightarrow$  A.S. implies E.S.

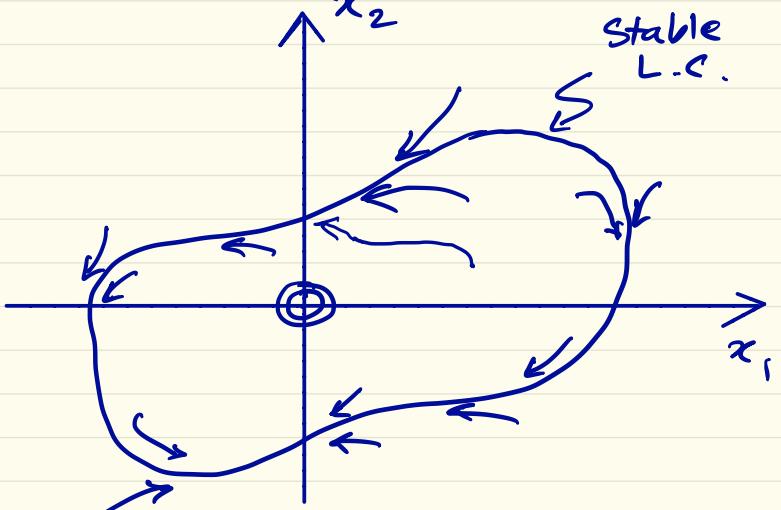
(exponential convergence)

Example : (Van der pol Oscillator)

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + (1-x_1^2)x_2$$

$\{ \begin{matrix} x^* = (0, 0) \text{ is} \\ \text{unique fixed pt.} \end{matrix} \}$



Even though  $x(t) \rightarrow \infty$

still we say Origin is NOT stable

Staying close is NOT enough,  
("arbitrarily" close)

Example : (HW1P2)

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - \frac{x_2}{\ln \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + \frac{x_1}{\ln \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$$

half-stable  
L.C.



Origin Unique F.P.

→ Stable ✓

→ A.S. ✓

→ But not G.A.S

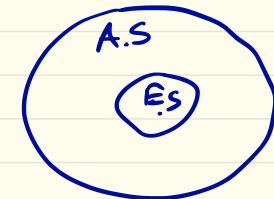
→ The ROA: open unit disc

## Exponential Stability (Def $\Leftrightarrow$ )

$\underline{x}^* = 0$  is Exp. Stable (E.S.)

if  $\forall \underline{x}(0) \in B(0, S)$ ,  
 $\exists \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2$  s.t.  $\forall t > 0$ ,

$$\|\underline{x}(t)\|_2 \leq \epsilon_1 e^{-\epsilon_2 t}$$



Example: (NOT E.S.)

$$\dot{x} = -x^2, x(0) = 1$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{1+t}$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$   
(A.S.) ✓

BUT slower than  $e^{-t}$   
Rate of convergence

### How to prove Stability / A.S. / G.A.S. etc.

Theorem (Lyapunov, 1892)

Let  $\underline{x}^* = 0$  be a fixed pt. for  $\dot{\underline{x}} = f(\underline{x})$ ,  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

and  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a domain containing  $\underline{x}^*$

Let  $V: \mathcal{D} \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  be a  $C^1$  function of  $\underline{x}$   
such that  $(V(\underline{x}))$

Positive semi-definite  $\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} V(0) = 0 \quad (\text{here } 0 \equiv \underline{x}^*) \\ \textcircled{2} V(\underline{x}) > 0 \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{\underline{x}^*\} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{3} \dot{V}(\underline{x}) \leq 0 \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{\underline{x}^*\} \end{cases}$$

If  $\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}'$   
then we say  
 $V(\underline{x})$  is  
positive definite

If  $V(\underline{x})$  is P.S.D. then  $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$  is STABLE

If  $V(\underline{x})$  is P.D. then  $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0}$  is A.S.

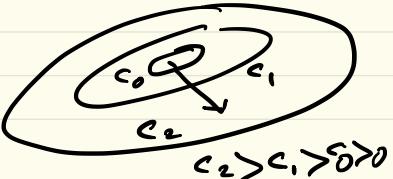
The function  $V(\underline{x})$  is called  
Lyapunov f<sup>n</sup>.

Interpretation of the cond  $\dot{V} \leq 0$

$\dot{V} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  whenever a traj. crosses  
a level set of  $V(\underline{x})$ ,  
( $V(\underline{x}) = c$  for some  $c > 0$ )  
 $\begin{cases} \text{(+) ly invariant} \\ \text{in time} \end{cases}$  if then moves inside  
the set

$\mathcal{S}_c := \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : V(\underline{x}) \leq c \}$   
& can never come out of  $\mathcal{S}_c$  again.

① As  $c$  decreases,  
the set  $V(\underline{x}) = c$   
shrinks to origin  
 $x(t) \rightarrow \underline{0}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$



} Level sets of Lyapunov  
function shown

If  $\dot{V} \leq 0$ ,  
then  
we are  
NOT sure  
if  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}$  or  
N.D.

(A-S.)

but still  
can guarantee  
"stable".

Example: (Pendulum in air)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\alpha \sin x_1 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta = 0 \\ \uparrow \end{array} \right\} V(\underline{x}) = V(x_1, x_2) = \alpha(1 - \cos x_1) + \frac{1}{2} x_2^2$$

*without damping* *Potential energy* *Kinetic energy*

$$V(0, 0) = 0$$

$$V(x_1, x_2) \geq 0 \quad \forall x_1, x_2$$

$$> 0 \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \neq x_1^*, x_2^*$$

$$\dot{V}(\underline{x}) := \frac{d}{dt} V(\underline{x})$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} V(\underline{x}) \cdot \left( \frac{d \underline{x}}{dt} \right)$$

$$= (\nabla V)^T f(\underline{x})$$

$$= (+\alpha \sin x_1 \hat{e}_{x_1} + x_2 \hat{e}_{x_2})^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -\alpha \sin x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \alpha x_2 \sin x_1 - \alpha x_2 \sin x_1 = 0 \text{ but } \text{NOT} < 0$$

$(0, 0)$  is  
STABLE but NOT A.S.