# Zubov's method for interconnected systems

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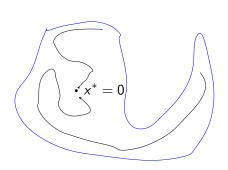
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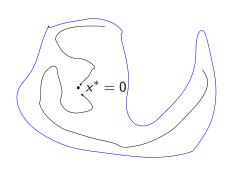
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$$\mathcal{A}(0) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \varphi(t;x) \to 0, \text{ as } t \to \infty\}$$
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Here  $\varphi(\cdot; x)$  denotes the solution of (1).







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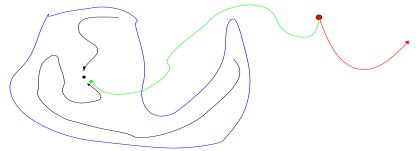




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### A robust version of Zubov's theorem

**Theorem:**[Zubov's theorem for perturbed systems, SICON 2001] Under suitable growth conditions on g there is a unique viscosity solution of

$$\begin{cases} \inf_{d \in D} \{-Dv(x)f(x,d) - (1-v(x))g(x,d)\} = 0 \\ v(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The robust domain of attraction satisfies

$$A_D(0) = v^{-1}([0,1)).$$







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Fixed points:

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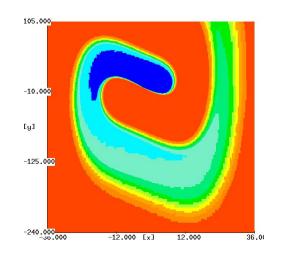






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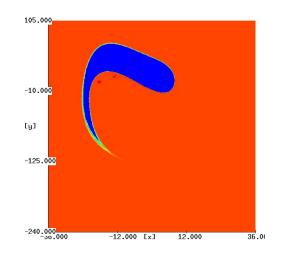




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View systems in larger dimension as interconnection of low-dimensional systems.







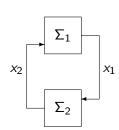
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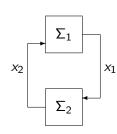
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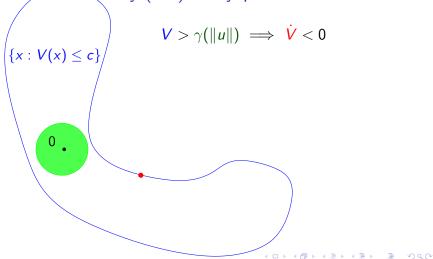


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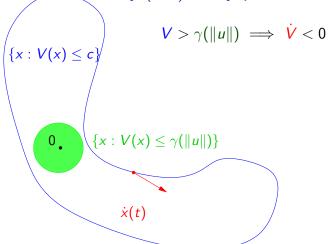








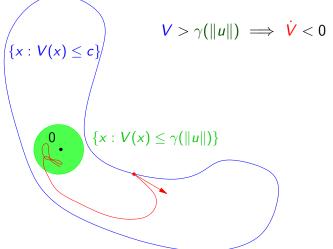
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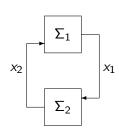
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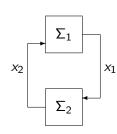
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# The ISS small gain theorem

### Theorem (Jiang, Mareels, Wang 1996)

If there exist  $\mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ -functions  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  such that

$$(\mathrm{i}d + \rho_1) \circ \gamma_{12} \circ (\mathrm{i}d + \rho_2) \circ \gamma_{21} < \mathrm{id},$$

then

$$\dot{x} = f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $x = (x_1, x_2)^{\top}$  is asymptotically stable in  $(x_1^*, x_2^*) = (0, 0)$ .

See also [Jiang, Teel, Praly 1994] [Grüne 2002] and [Dashkovskiy, Rüffer, W. 2007, 2009].





ISS and Lyapunov functions

### Goal

Can we compute ISS Lyapunov functions using a Zubov approach?







### Zubov and ISS Lyapunov functions

Choose a gain  $\gamma \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  and define

$$ilde{f}_{\gamma} : \mathbb{R}^n \times B(0,1) \to \mathbb{R}^n \ (x,d) \mapsto f(x,\gamma(\|x\|)d)$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x, \gamma(\|x\|)d) := \tilde{f}_{\gamma}(x, d), \qquad (3)$$

#### **Proposition**

Let  $\gamma \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  be locally Lipschitz on  $(0, \infty)$ .

If V is a robust Lyapunov function for (3) it is an ISS Lyapunov function for

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

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- (vi) Use this function to estimate the domain of attraction.







### Conclusions

- ► An approach for the computation of lower estimates for the domain of attraction of interconnected systems has been presented.
- ▶ The idea still needs a lot of tuning:
  - ightharpoonup which  $\gamma$  do you choose
  - is  $\gamma \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  really necessary ? (Angeli and Astolfi, 2007) says clearly that this is not the case
  - ▶ Do state transformations help ?





