

## HOMEWORK FOUR: SOLUTIONS

### Exercise 1

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= x_1^4 - x_1^2 x_2 + x_2^2 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}' P \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $P = P' > 0$ , the function is positive definite.

### Exercise 2

With the following candidate Lyapunov function:

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

we have

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x)f(x) &= x(-x(1 + \sin x)) \\ DV(x)f(x) &= -x^2(1 + \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1 + \sin x > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $|x| < \pi/2$ , we have  $DV(x)f(x) < 0$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $|x| < \pi/2$ . Hence the system is AS about 0.

### Exercise 3

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

Consider the following candidate Lyapunov function:

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

where  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x) &= [x_1 - x_1^3 + \lambda x_1 + \lambda x_2 \quad x_2 + \lambda x_1] \\ DV(x^e) &= [0, 0] \\ D^2V(x) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 3x_1^2 + \lambda & \lambda \\ \lambda & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ D^2V(x^e) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \lambda & \lambda \\ \lambda & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $D^2V(x^e) > 0$  because  $\lambda$  is positive. Therefore  $V$  is **lpd** about the origin and we have the following,

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x)f(x) &= [x_1 - x_1^3 + \lambda x_1 + \lambda x_2 \quad x_2 + \lambda x_1] \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -x_1 + x_1^3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ DV(x)f(x) &= (x_1x_2 - x_1^3x_2 + \lambda x_1x_2 + \lambda x_2^2) - (x_1x_2 + x_1^3x_2 - x_2^2 - \lambda x_1^2 + \lambda x_1^4 - \lambda x_1x_2) \\ DV(x)f(x) &= \lambda x_1^2(x_1^2 - 1) + x_2^2(\lambda - 1) \end{aligned}$$

which  $DV(x)f(x) < 0$  for  $|x| < 1$  and  $x \neq [0, 0]$ . Therefore the system is asymptotically stable about the origin.

## Exercise 4

Given the linear controller of the form  $u = -k_1x_1 - k_2x_2$ , we can write the close loop system as:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 - x_1^3 - k_1x_1 - k_2x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Consider

$$V(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda k_2^2 x_1^2 + \lambda k_2 x_1 x_2 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 x_1^2$$

as a candidate Lyapunov function, where  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} V(0) &= 0 \\ DV(x) &= \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 + x_1^3 + \lambda k_2^2 x_1 + \lambda k_2 x_2 + k_1 x_1 \\ x_2 + \lambda k_2 x_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ DV(0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ D^2V(x) &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 + 3x_1^2 + \lambda k_2^2 + k_1 & \lambda k_2 \\ \lambda k_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} > \begin{bmatrix} k_1 - 1 + \lambda k_2^2 & \lambda k_2 \\ \lambda k_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P \end{aligned}$$

Considering

$$k_1 > 1, \quad k_2 > 0$$

and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ,  $P$  is a positive definite symmetric matrix. Therefore  $V(x)$  is pd. Then we proceed to calculate  $DV(x)f(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x)f(x) &= \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 + x_1^3 + \lambda k_2^2 x_1 + \lambda k_2 x_2 + k_1 x_1 & x_2 + \lambda k_2 x_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_1^3 - k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -x_1 x_2 + x_1^3 x_2 + \lambda k_2^2 x_1 x_2 + \lambda k_2 x_2^2 + k_1 x_1 x_2 + (x_2 + \lambda k_2 x_1)(x_1 - x_1^3 - k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2) \\ &= -\lambda k_2 x_1^2 (k_1 - 1 + x_1^2) - k_2 x_2^2 (1 - \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $1 - k_1 < 0$ ,  $k_2 > 0$ ,  $DV(x)f(x) < 0$  for  $x \neq (0, 0)$ . Then, by **Theorem 1**, we conclude that the system is **GAS** with the linear controller  $u = -k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2$  with  $k_1 > 1$  and  $k_2 > 0$ . Phase portrait for the open-loop and a sample closed-loop system are shown.

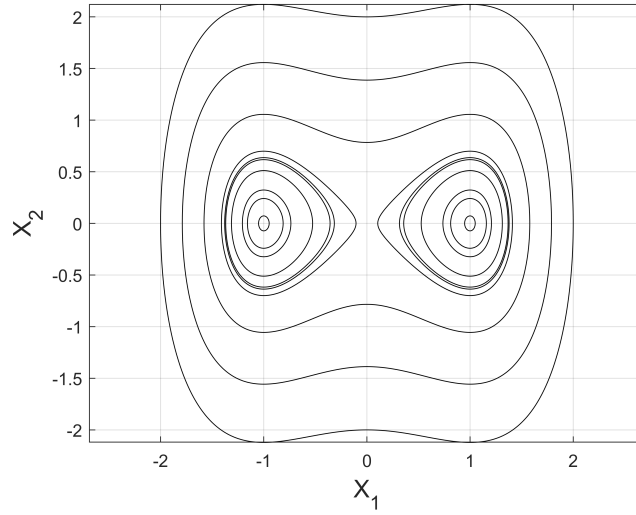


Figure 1: Open loop Duffing system

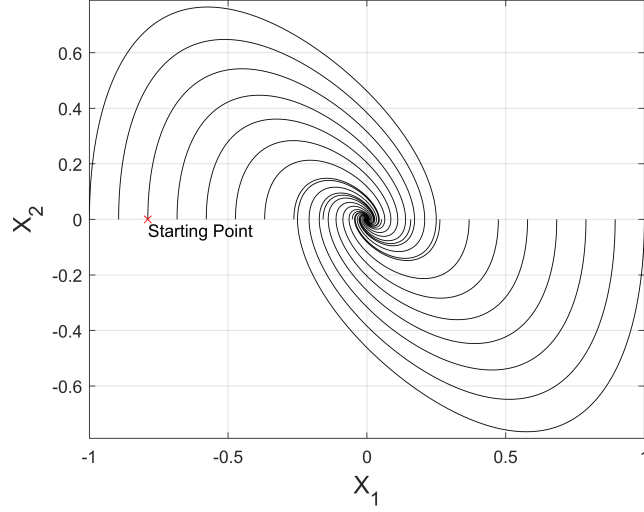


Figure 2: Closed loop Duffing system,  $k_1 = 2, k_2 = 1$

## Exercise 5

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= x_1 - x_1^3 + x_1^4 - x_2^2 + x_2^4 \\ &= V_1(x_1) + V_2(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $V_1 = x_1 - x_1^3 + x_1^4$  and  $V_2 = -x_2^2 + x_2^4$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow \infty} V_1(x_1) &= \infty \\ \lim_{x_2 \rightarrow \infty} V_2(x_2) &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

$V$  is radially unbounded.

## Exercise 6

Consider the following candidate Lyapunov function :

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

where  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Let

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda c^2 & \lambda c \\ \lambda c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $c > 0$ ,  $P = P' > 0$  and we see that

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= x^T P x - \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 \\ &= x^T P x + \left(\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \\ &\geq x^T P x - \frac{1}{4} \\ &\geq \lambda_{\min}(P) \|x\|^2 - \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda_{\min}(P) > 0$ ,  $V$  is radially unbounded.

$$DV(x) = (\lambda c^2 x_1 + x_1^3 + \lambda c x_2 - x_1 \quad x_2 + \lambda c x_1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x)f(x) &= (\lambda c^2 x_1 + x_1^3 + \lambda c x_2 - x_1)x_2 + (x_2 + \lambda c x_1)(x_1 - x_1^3 - c x_2 + 1) \\ &= -\lambda c(x_1^4 - x_1^2 - x_1) - (1 - \lambda)c x_2^2 + x_2 \\ &= -L_1(x_1) - L_2(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L_1(x_1) = \lambda c(x_1^4 - x_1^2 - x_1), \quad L_2(x_2) = (1 - \lambda)c x_2^2 + x_2$$

Since

$$\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow \infty} L_1(x_1) = \infty, \quad \lim_{x_2 \rightarrow \infty} L_2(x_2) = \infty$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} DV(x)f(x) = -\infty$$

Hence  $DV(x)f(x) \leq 0$  when  $\|x\| \geq R$  and  $R$  is sufficiently large. It now follows that all solutions are bounded.

## Exercise 7

With  $V(x) = x^2$  as a candidate Lyapunov function, we have

$$DV(x)f(x) = 2xx \cos x - 2x^4 + 200x$$

The term  $-x^4$  term dominates when  $|x| > R$  and  $R$  is sufficiently large. Therefore, all solutions of the system are bounded.

## Exercise 8

As a candidate Lyapunov function, consider

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 - \sin x_1 - 100x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$$

This function is radially unbounded and

$$DV(x)f(x) = 0$$

Hence all solutions of this system are bounded.

## Exercise 9

With  $V(x) = x^2$  as a candidate Lyapunov function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x)f(x) &= -2x(2 + \sin x)x \\ &= -2(2 + \sin x)x^2 \end{aligned}$$

since  $2 + \sin x \geq 1$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x)f(x) &\leq -2x^2 \\ &= -2V(x) \end{aligned}$$

Considering the inequality form in **Theorem 5** to conclude the rate of convergence:  $DV(x)f(x) \leq -2\alpha V(x)$ . We have the rate of convergence of 1.

## Exercise 10

Letting  $y = x - 1$ , we can rewrite the original equation as:

$$\dot{y} = f(y) := -(2 + \sin(y + 1))y$$

With  $V(y) = y^2$  as a candidate Lyapunov function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} DV(y)f(y) &= -2y(2 + \sin(y + 1))y \\ &= -2(2 + \sin(y + 1))y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2 + \sin(y + 1) \geq 1$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} DV(y)f(y) &\leq -2y^2 \\ &= -2V(y) \end{aligned}$$

Considering the inequality in **Theorem 5** to conclude the rate of convergence:  $DV(y)f(y) \leq -2\alpha V(y)$ . We have the rate of convergence of 1.

## Exercise 11

Considering as  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)$  as a candidate Lyapunov function we have

$$\begin{aligned} DV(x)f(x) &= -x_1^2 + (I_2 - I_3)x_1x_2x_3 - 2x_2^2 + (I_3 - I_1)x_1x_2x_3 - 3x_3^2 + (I_1 - I_2)x_1x_2x_3 \\ &= -x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 - 3x_3^2 \\ &\leq -x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2 \\ &= -2V(x) \end{aligned}$$

Considering the inequality in **Theorem 5** to conclude the rate of convergence:  
 $DV(y)f(y) \leq -2\alpha V(y)$ . We have the rate of convergence of 1.