

HOMEWORK THREE: SOLUTIONS

Exercise 1

a.

$$V(x) = x_1^2 - x_1^4 + x_2^2$$

For $x^e = (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$

$$DV(x) = (x_1 - 4x_1^3, 2x_2)$$

$$DV(x^e) = 0$$

$$D^2V(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 12x_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D^2V(x^e) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The above function is *lpd* about one of its equilibrium at the origin.

b.

$$V(x) = x_1 + x_2^2$$

For $x^e = (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$

$$DV(x) = (x_1, 2x_2)$$

$$DV(x^e) = 0$$

$$D^2V(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D^2V(x^e) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The above function is *lpd* about one of its equilibrium at the origin.

c.

$$V(x) = 2x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2$$

For $x^e = (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$

$$DV(x) = (4x_1 - 3x_1^2 + x_2, x_1 + 2x_2)$$

$$DV(x^e) = 0$$

$$D^2V(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 - 3x_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D^2V(x^e) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues for this matrix is $\lambda_1 = 1.5858$, $\lambda_2 = 4.4152$. Thus, the function is *lpd* about one of its equilibrium at the origin.

Exercise 2

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

Consider $V(x) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$ as a candidate Lyapunov function. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}DV(x) &= \{x_1^3, x_2\} \\ DV(0) &= \{0, 0\} \\ D^2V(x) &= \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ DV(0) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

The V is LPD and we have

$$DV(x)f(x) = x_2x_1^3 - x_2x_1^3 = 0$$

By **Theorem 1**, we conclude that the system is stable about zero state.

Exercise 3

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

Consider $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$ as a candidate Lyapunov function. We have:

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

The V is LPD and we have

$$DV(x)f(x) = x_2(x_1 - x_1^3) + x_2(-x_1 + x_1^3) = 0 \quad (1)$$

By **Theorem 1**, we conclude that the system is stable about zero state.

Exercise 4

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2^3 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_2^2 x_1\end{aligned}$$

Consider $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ as a candidate Lyapunov function. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}DV(x) &= \{2x_1, 2x_2\} \\ DV(0) &= \{0, 0\} \\ D^2V(x) &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ DV(0) &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

The $V(x)$ is LPD and we have

$$DV(x)f(x) = 2x_1(x_2^3) + 2x_2(-x_1x_2^2) = 0 \quad (2)$$

By **Theorem 1**, we conclude that the system is stable about zero state.

Exercise 5

$$\dot{x} = -(2 + \cos x)x$$

Consider $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ as a candidate Lyapunov function. We have:

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

Thus $DV(x)f(x) < 0$ for all $x \neq 0$, by **Theorem 4**, the system is GAS about zero.

Exercise 6

$$\dot{x} = -(2 + \cos x)(x - 1)$$

Consider $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^2$ as a candidate Lyapunov function. We have:

$$DV(x)f(x) = -(2 + \cos x)(x - 1)^2$$

Because $2 + \cos x > 1$, and $(x - 1)^2 > 0$ for all $x \neq 1$. Thus $DV(x)f(x) < 0$ for all $x \neq 1$, by **Theorem 4**, the system is GAS about 1.