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Exponential Stability and Stabilization of Nonlinear Systems via Extended Linearizations

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Set-point control of an autonomous system

$$\left\{ \dot{\zeta} = f(\zeta) + Bu, \zeta(0) = z_0 \right\} \rightarrow \zeta(t) \rightarrow z^*, \text{ with } f(z^*) = 0$$

is the same as

$$\left\{ \dot{\xi} = \tilde{f}(\xi) + Bu, \xi(0) = x_0 \right\} \rightarrow \xi(t) \rightarrow 0, \text{ with } \tilde{f}(0) = 0,$$

where $\xi := \zeta - z^*$, and, accordingly, $\tilde{f}(\xi) = f(\xi + z^*)$.

If f is Lipschitz-continuous, then (since $\tilde{f}(0) = 0$) there is a **matrix valued function** A , such that

$$\tilde{f}(\xi) = A(\xi)\xi.$$

Subject:

- *Extended linearizations or state-dependent coefficient systems*

$$\dot{\xi}(t) = A(\xi(t))\xi(t), \quad \xi(0) = x_0 \in X_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Application:

- Set point control of nonlinear autonomous systems.

Related Work:

- Extends the approach of linearization based stabilization of *set points* as in [B./H. '15, BREITEN/KUNISCH '14]
- [BANKS ET AL. '07] – nonlinear feedback laws via state-dependent Riccati equations
- [HILL/ILCHMANN '11] – stability of linear time-varying systems



To describe exponential stability for the considered type of SDC systems

$$\dot{\xi}(t) = A(\xi(t))\xi(t), \quad (\text{SDC})$$

we adapt a definition for time varying systems:

Definition

System (SDC) is called *uniformly exponentially stable* if there exist positive constants K and ω such that for any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, a solution ξ of (SDC) with $\xi(0) = x_0$ satisfies

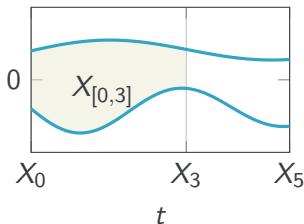
$$\|\xi(t)\| \leq Ke^{-\omega t} \|x_0\|, \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

It is called *uniformly exponentially stable on X_0* , if, for some $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, stability is given for any $x_0 \in X_0$.



Key observations:

- The coefficient A is stabilized together with the state.
- Linear time-varying systems are much more arbitrary.



Ideas:

- Consider the set $X_{[0,T]}$ in which the system evolves until a time T ,
- Assume that $\|e^{A(x)t}\| \leq Ke^{-\omega t}$ for any $x \in X_{[0,T]}$ and $t \leq 0$,
- If there is a t^* , such that $X_{t^*} \subsetneq X_0$, then all is good.



Lemma ([B./H. '16])

For a given $T > 0$, let A be differentiable and uniformly stable with constants K and ω on $X_{[0,T]}$ and for $0 \leq t \leq T$, let

$$m_t := \inf_{\rho \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}} \sup_{\xi \in \Xi_{[0,t]}} \frac{\int_0^t e^{-\omega(t-s)} \|A(\xi(s)) - A(\xi(\rho))\| \|\xi(s)\| \, ds}{\int_0^t e^{-\omega(t-s)} |s - \rho| \|\xi(s)\| \, ds}.$$

If for a t^* , with $0 < t^* \leq T$,

$$-\omega_{t^*} := \sqrt{K m_{t^*} \log 2} - \omega \quad \text{and} \quad -\omega^* := \frac{\log K}{t^*} - \omega_{t^*}$$

are negative, then the snapshots $\xi(t)$ of any solution ξ to (SDC) with $\xi(0) = x_0 \in X_0$ on the discrete grid $\mathcal{T}^* := \{t: t = N \cdot t^*, N = 0, 1, \dots\}$ decay exponentially in the sense that

$$\|\xi(t)\| \leq \|x_0\| e^{-\omega^* t}, \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathcal{T}^*.$$



New subject:

- Feedback stabilization of (SDC)

$$\dot{\xi}(t) = A(\xi(t))\xi(t) + Bu(t) :$$

find a (state-dependent) feedback gain F , such, that the closed loop system

$$\dot{\xi}(t) = [A(\xi(t)) - BF(\xi(t))]\xi(t)$$

is stable.

- By the preceding theory, we need bounds on decay and transient behavior uniformly in $x \in X$:

Definition

We say that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ is in class $\mathcal{S}_{K,\omega}$ for given constants K and ω , if

$$\|e^{At}\| \leq Ke^{-\omega t},$$

for $t > 0$.



Regression:

- If $A(x) - BF(x) \in \mathcal{S}_{K,\omega}$, where $F(x) = R^{-1}B^T P$ and where $P = P(x)$ solves the Riccati equation

$$PA(x) + A(x)^T P - PBR^{-1}B^T P + Q = 0,$$

for given $R \succ 0$ and $Q \succcurlyeq 0$,

- then

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(x) & -BR^{-1}B^T \\ -Q & A(x)^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ P \end{bmatrix} Z,$$

and $Z = A(x) - BR^{-1}B^T P \in \mathcal{S}_{K,\omega}$.



Lemma ([B./H. '16])

Consider the Riccati based feedback so that $A(x) - BR^{-1}B^T P = Z \in \mathcal{S}_{K,\omega}$. If for a $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$, there exist $Q_\delta \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$, R_δ^{-1} , and $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(x) + \delta & -B[R^{-1} + R_\delta^{-1}]B^T \\ -Q - Q_\delta & A(x)^T + \delta^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I + E \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I + E \\ P \end{bmatrix} Z,$$

and if $\|E\| < 1$, then $(I + E)$ is invertible and with $P_\delta := P(I + E)^{-1}$ it holds that

$$A(x) + \delta - B[R^{-1} + R_\delta^{-1}]B^T P_\delta \in \mathcal{S}_{\tilde{K},\omega},$$

with $\tilde{K} = \frac{1+\|E\|}{1-\|E\|} K$.



$$\begin{bmatrix} A(x) + \delta & -B[R^{-1} + R_\delta^{-1}]B^\top \\ -Q - Q_\delta & A(x)^\top + \delta^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I + E \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I + E \\ P \end{bmatrix} Z$$

- If there is a solution E with $\|E\| < 1$, then Q_δ is not a design parameter.
- Thus, it is sufficient to find R_δ^{-1} such that

$$(A(x) + \delta)E - EZ = -\delta + BR_\delta^{-1}B^\top P$$

has a small solution E .

- Known estimates indicate that E is small if δ and R_δ^{-1} are small.
- Existence of E is a harder problem.



Numerical Example

A 5D example from [BANKS ET AL. '07] with the SDC system $\dot{\xi} = A\xi + Bu$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\xi}_1 \\ \dot{\xi}_2 \\ \dot{\xi}_3 \\ \dot{\xi}_4 \\ \dot{\xi}_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi_4^2 & 0 \\ -\xi_1 & 0 & 0 & \xi_4^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \\ \xi_5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} u, \quad \xi(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^5.$$

We add the observation $\eta = C\xi$, defined as

$$\eta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \\ \xi_5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

And integrate on $(0, 3]$ starting from

$$x_0 = [-1.3 \quad -1.4 \quad -1.1 \quad -2.0 \quad 0.3]^T.$$



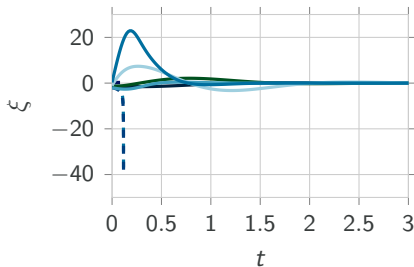
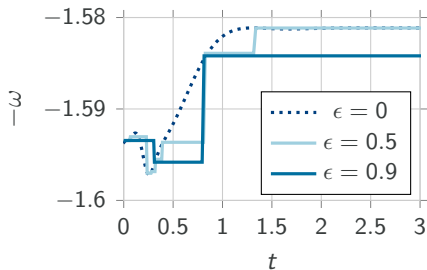
- The p-update-Algorithm:

- (1) Start with a Riccati feedback P_0 .
- (2) At every time instance, solve a Sylvester equation for an update E of the feedback.
- (2a) If $\|E\|$ exceeds a threshold ϵ , reset the current feedback with a new Riccati feedback $P_0 \leftarrow P_{\text{new}}$.

- The parameters for the definition of the feedback and the updates:

$$R = 10^{-3}I_{2 \times 2}, \quad Q = CC^T, \quad \text{and} \quad R_\delta^{-1} = 0.$$

- The code for the example is available from gitlab.mpi-magdeburg.mpg.de/heiland/code-ext-lin-stab.



Scheme	ϵ	#fb-switches	#f-eva	comp-time
sdre	0	—	339	0.079s
p-update	0.1	33	1577	0.330s
p-update	0.5	7	619	0.130s
p-update	0.9	2	425	0.090s



Chaffee Infante equation

For the spatial coordinate $z \in (0, 2)$ and time $t \in (0, 3]$, consider the autonomous PDE

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\xi} &= \partial_{zz}\xi + 5(1 - \xi^2)\xi, & x_0 &= 0.2 \sin(0.5\pi z), \\ \partial_z \xi(t)|_{z=2} &= u(t) \\ \xi(t)|_{z=0} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

which we turn into a SDRC system of order N via a spatial finite element discretization with N degrees of freedom.



Set point control of *Chaffee Infante* equation

The *Chaffee Infante* equation has an **unstable** set point at $\xi(t, z) = 0$ and to stable set points.

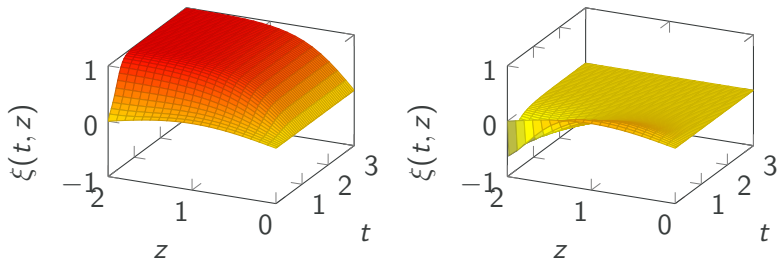


Figure : The uncontrolled (left) and the stabilized (right) evolution of the solution to the *Chaffee Infante* equation.

Task: force the system into the unstable set point.



	Scheme	ϵ	#fb-switches	#f-eva	comp-time
$N = 20$	sdre	0	—	442	1.921s
	p-update	0.5	2	838	3.266s
	p-update	0.9	0	451	1.756s
$N = 60$	sdre	0	—	1194	15.426s
	p-update	0.5	4	2240	18.379s
	p-update	0.9	2	1770	14.140s
$N = 100$	sdre	0	—	2106	90.148s
	p-update	0.5	7	3778	68.080s
	p-update	0.9	4	2423	43.816s

Table : Influence of ϵ on the number of switches #fb-switches in the feedback definition, on the number of function evaluations #f-eva in the time integrator, and on the overall computation time comp-time for the simulation of the stabilized *Chaffee Infante* equation with finite element discretizations on varying mesh sizes N .



on the numerical results

- The p-update scheme
 - comes with theoretical backing and
 - bases on (linear) Sylvester rather than on (nonlinear) Riccati equations,
 - which pays off for larger systems.



and Outlook

- Sufficient conditions for stability of SDC systems:
 - Adaption of known results for linear time-varying systems with
 - localized estimates
 - based on integral mean values.
- The needed uniform bounds on the decay and the transient behavior
 - can be achieved by updating Riccati based feedback
 - by solutions to Sylvester equations.
- Proof of concept for a numerical example.
- Next steps:
 - Solvability of the Sylvester equation for the updates,
 - implementation in large scale settings.



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Thank you!

Thank you for your attention!

I am always open for discussion

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