

Nonlinear Sys. Quiz 4

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Problem 1: True or False? Explain why.

- a) $\dot{x} = -g(t)x^5$; $g(t) \geq 1 \quad \forall t \geq t_0$. is GUES. F
- b) $\dot{x} = -g(t)x$; $g(t) \geq 1 \quad \forall t \geq t_0$. is GUES. T
- c) An LTI system with a dynamic generator A with $\text{Re}\{\lambda_i(A)\} < 0 \quad \forall i$ is Exponentially Stable T

Problem 2: Comment on the convergence properties of the gradient-based algorithm $\dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) = \Psi(t)\Psi^\top(t)(\hat{\theta}(t) - \Psi(t)y(t))$ in obtaining the value of the true constant parameters $\theta = [\theta_1 \ \theta_2]$ when we only have access to linear measurements:

$$y(t) = \theta_1 + 2\theta_2.$$

$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\rightarrow \Psi\Psi^\top \text{ not Hurwitz}$
 $\text{rank } 1$
 $\text{not PE} \rightarrow \text{no VO} \rightarrow \text{no Convergence}$

Problem 1)

a) $V = \frac{1}{2}x^2 > 0, \dot{V} = -g(t)x^6 < 0$ F

$$W_1 = W_2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

GUAS but not GUES

$$W_3 = x^6$$

b) LTV

$$V = \frac{1}{2}x^2 > 0, \dot{V} = -g(t)x^2 < 0$$
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\downarrow
GUAS \equiv GUES

c) True for LTI systems

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Problem 2) Sol'n on first page

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Last time: Model reference adaptive control (MRAC)

Goal: Design u so that unknown dynamics $\dot{y} = ay + u$
follows reference model $\dot{y}_m = -a_m y_m + r$

ref.
signal
positive const.

Today: Integrator Backstepping

* A few words on Lyapunov-based control design

first-order nonlinear system:

$$\dot{x} = \alpha x^2 + u \quad x(t), u(t) \in \mathbb{R}$$

α : constant parameter

Goal: Design $u = \alpha(x)$ st. $\dot{x} = \alpha x^2 + \alpha(x)$
is GAS.

Note: nonlinear version of $y = ay + u$

If $a = \text{const.}$ is known, then

$$u(t) = -ax^2(t) - Kx(t) \quad K > 0$$

Closed-loop system : LTI

$$\dot{x} = ax^2 + u = -Kx \Rightarrow x(t) = e^{-Kx} x(0)$$

Note this is a special case of Lyapunov based control design framework.

$$\dot{x} = ax^2 + u$$

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

$$\dot{V} = x\dot{x} = x(ax^2 + u)$$

$$= x[\cancel{ax^2} - \cancel{ax^2} - Kx^{2i+1}]$$

$$= -Kx^{2i} < 0$$

$x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

$K > 0$

$i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Q. How can we use a Lyapunov-based approach to design $u = \alpha(x)$ to stabilize system of the form:

$$\dot{x}_1 = ax_1^2 + x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = u$$

One integrator separates u from ax_1^2 !!!



Cannot cancel ax_1^2 by control

Key tool: Integrator Backstepping

Backstepping

Consider

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{vector field}} + \underbrace{g(x) u}_{\text{vector field}}$$

Scalar control input

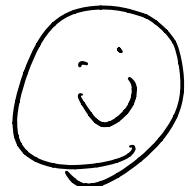
$$x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

assume $u = \alpha(x)$ such that we have

$V(x)$: pos. definite radially unbounded

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)\alpha(x)] \leq -W(x) < 0$$

\Rightarrow GAS



Now consider :

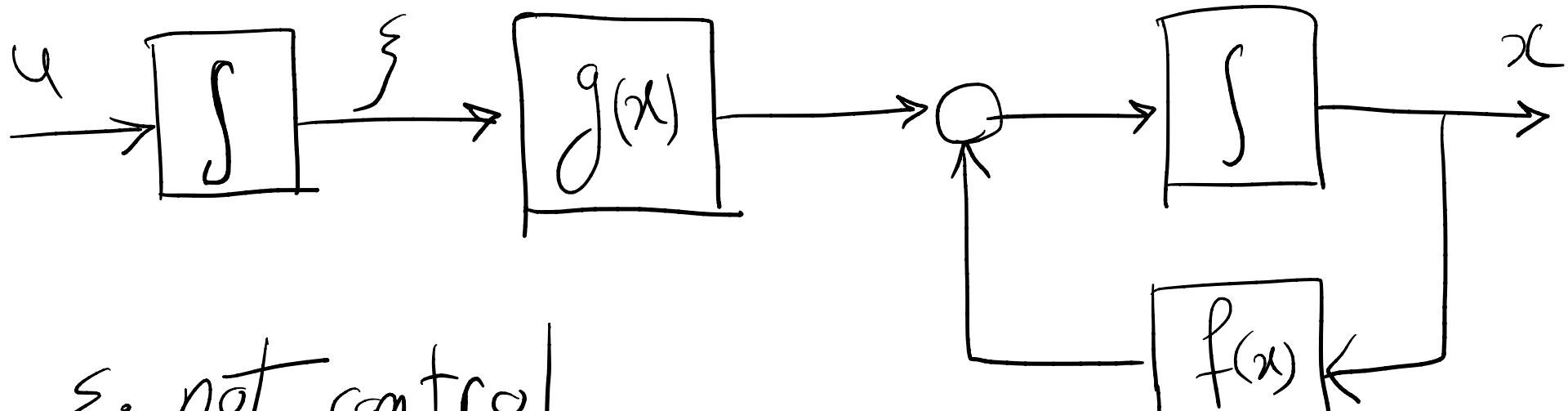
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = f(x) + g(x) \\ \dot{y} = u \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{I})$$

$$\text{with } g = \alpha(x)$$

satisfying above condition.

Q. Can we design $u = \beta(x, \xi)$ st. the origin of (I)-(II), i.e., $(\bar{x}, \bar{\xi}) = (0, 0)$, is GAS?

Answer: Yes, Approach \rightarrow backstepping



ξ : not control

↳ think of it as a virtual control which results from an approach that aims

to minimize difference between ξ and $\alpha(x)$.

In order for this penalization of the difference

$\xi - \alpha(x)$ to happen we may

augment $V(x)$ $\left[\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}(f(x) + g(x)\alpha(x)) = -W(x) < 0 \right]$

with $(\xi - \alpha(x))^2$:

$$V_a(x, \xi) = V(x) + \frac{1}{2} (\xi - \alpha(x))^2$$

$$Z := \xi - \alpha(x)$$

$$\dot{Z} = \dot{\xi} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x}(x)} = u - \cancel{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x}}(f(x) + g(x)\xi)$$

$$V_a(x, Z) = V(x) + \frac{1}{2}Z^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}_a(x, Z) &= \dot{V} + Z \dot{Z} = \cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}} [f(x) + g(x)(\cancel{\alpha(x)} + Z)] \\ &\quad + Z \left[u - \cancel{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x}}(f(x) + g(x)\xi) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{V}_a = \cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)\alpha(x)]} + Z \left[u - \cancel{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)\xi]} + \cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x)} \right]$$

$\cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)\alpha(x)]}$
 $\cancel{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)\xi]}$
 $\cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x)}$

$$-W(x) \checkmark +$$

Since we can measure Z
 there is no need to set
 this to zero!

design u so that we get $-KZ^2$

Made possible by:

$$u = \cancel{\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)\xi]} - \cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x)} - KZ ; K > 0$$

Ex. $\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 + x_2$

$$\dot{x}_2 = u$$

Step 1: Consider $\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 + x_2$ and think of x_2 as a control

propose: $V_1(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2$

$$\dot{V}_1 = \dot{x}_1 \dot{x}_1 = x_1(x_1^2 + x_2)$$

e.g. $\dot{x}_2 = -x_1^2 - K_1 x_1$ ($K_1 > 0$)

or $\dot{x}_2 = -x_1^2 - K_1 x_1^{937}$ ($K_1 > 0$)

abstractly: $x_2 = \alpha(x_1)$

if x_2 was the control \Rightarrow done!

But it is not \rightarrow need to account for the fact that
 x_2 is a state variable (not control)

step 2) $Z_2 = x_2 - \alpha(x_1)$

$$\dot{Z}_2 = \dot{x}_2 - \dot{\alpha}(x_1)$$

$$= u - \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} \dot{x}_1 = u - \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} [x_1^2 + x_2]$$

$$Z_2 = x_2 - \alpha(x_1)$$



to eliminate x_2

$$\dot{Z}_2 = u - \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x_1} \left[x_1^2 + Z_2 + \alpha(x_1) \right]$$

Augment Lyapunov function from step (1) :

$$V_a(x_1, Z_2) = V_1(x_1) + \frac{1}{2} Z_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} Z_2^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_a(x_1, Z_2) &= \dot{V}_1 + Z_2 \dot{Z}_2 = x_1(x_1^2 + \alpha(x_1) + Z_2) + Z_2(u - \dot{\alpha}) \\ &= x_1(x_1^2 + \alpha(x_1)) + Z_2(u - \dot{\alpha} + x_1) \\ &\quad \underbrace{- W_1(x_1)}_{\text{red line}} \end{aligned}$$

Choose : $U = -x_1 + \dot{x} - K_2 Z_2$ $(K_2 > 0)$

\downarrow will yield (*)

$$\dot{V}_a = -W_1(x_1) - K_2 Z_2^2 < 0$$

GAS of the origin of (I)-(II) ✓

Note! No reason to explicitly differentiate \dot{x} in the expression for control (*). Use instead the

analytical expression for \dot{x} :

$$\cancel{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \cancel{\frac{\partial x}{\partial x_1}} x_1 = \cancel{\frac{\partial x}{\partial x_1}} (x_1^2 + x_2)$$

Thus, ' u ' given by (*) is indeed a static nonlinear state feedback control law, which provides GAS.

(it is $u = \beta(x_1, x_2)$
in the form

Therefore, backstepping provides a family of control laws in a constructive manner to achieve GAS.

Note

Backstepping yields:

→ A family of globally stabilizing control laws
(parameterized by different choices of the
stabilizing function)

Finally, Control Lyapunov Function (CLF) can
be used to obtain additional control laws

↓
(later)

Additional comment:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = f(x) + g(x) \\ \dot{\xi} = f_a(x, \xi) + g_a(x, \xi) u \end{array} \right.$$

if $g_a(x, \xi) \neq 0$ for all x, ξ (same as before)

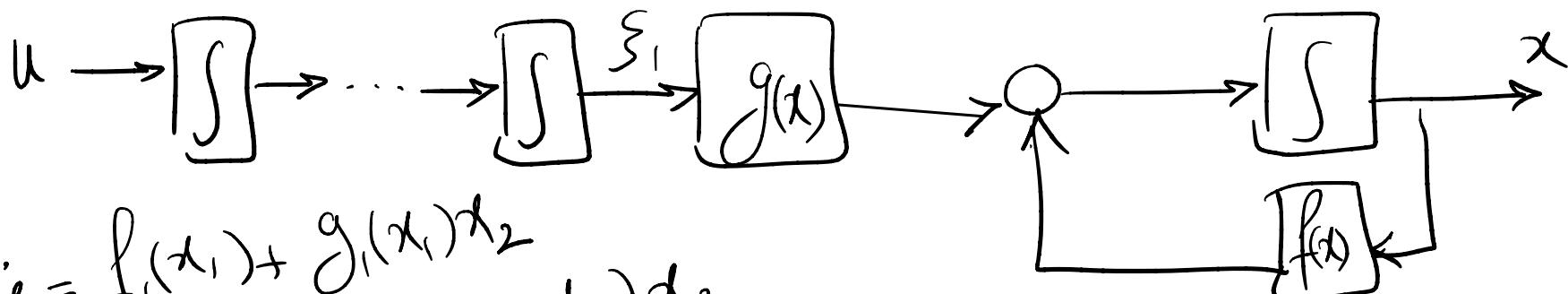
$$u = \frac{1}{g_a(x, \xi)} (\dots)$$

Ex $\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 + x_2$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_3$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = u$$

$$z_3 = x_3 - \alpha_2(x_1, x_2) \text{ and } \dots \quad (\text{same as before})$$



$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1) + g_1(x_1)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2) + g_2(x_1, x_2)x_3 + u$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) + g_3(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$