

# Lecture 20

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Last time: Integrator backstepping

Today : Control Lyapunov Functions

Input-output stability (a start)

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

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

Objective :  $x_1(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} r(t)$

$$z_1 := x_1 - r$$

$$\dot{z}_1 = \dot{x}_1 - \dot{r} = x_1^2 + x_2 - \dot{r}$$

$$= (z_1 + r)^2 + x_2 - \dot{r}$$

$$V_1(z_1) = \frac{1}{2} z_1^2$$

... same as before

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reference  
signal

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need to know  $r$  and  
its derivative

# Control Lyapunov Function (CLF)

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

$u = \alpha(x)$  : control law that satisfies

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x)} + \cancel{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x)\alpha(x)} < 0$$

$\underbrace{\phantom{0}}_{L_f V(x)} \quad \underbrace{\phantom{0}}_{L_g V(x)}$

$$\Rightarrow L_f V(x) + L_g V(x) \cdot \alpha(x) < 0$$

If there are states  $x$  st.  $L_g V(x) = 0$  and  
 $L_f V(x) < 0$  at these points then control does  
not enter into the equations for the derivative  
of  $V$ .

Propose  $V(x)$ :

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)u] = L_f V(x) + \underbrace{L_g V(x)}_{\text{when } = 0} u$$

$$\Rightarrow L_f V(x) < 0$$

Def.

A smooth positive definite radially unbounded

function  $V(x)$  is called **CLF** for system  $\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$

if for all  $x \neq 0$ ,  $L_g V(x) = 0 \Rightarrow L_f V(x) < 0$ .

→ There are many ways to generate control laws from CLFs, e.g., Sontag's Formula

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & L_g V(x) = 0 \\ -\frac{L_f V(x) + \sqrt{(L_f V(x))^2 + (L_g V(x))^2}}{L_g V(x)} & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

## Comments

This control law is continuous if the CLF satisfies the "Small control property":

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  st. for each  $x \neq 0$  with  $\|x\| \leq \delta$

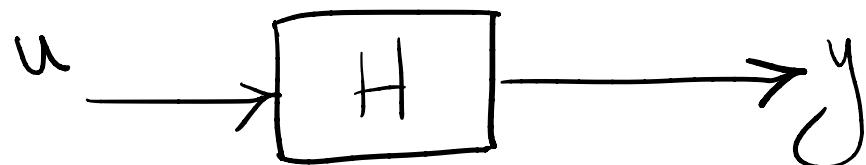
we can find  $u$  with  $\|u\| \leq \epsilon$  st.

$$L_f V(x) + L_g V(x) u < 0$$

Note ~~\*~~ System  $\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x) u$  is stabilizable  
by a continuous state-feedback control if  
it has a CLF.

\* If  $V$  is a CLF for  $\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x) u$  and  
we have  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}(0) = 0$ , Sontag's formula has  
a gain margin of  $[1/2, \infty)$ , i.e.,  $u = K \alpha(x)$   
is stabilizing for  $K \geq 1/2$ .

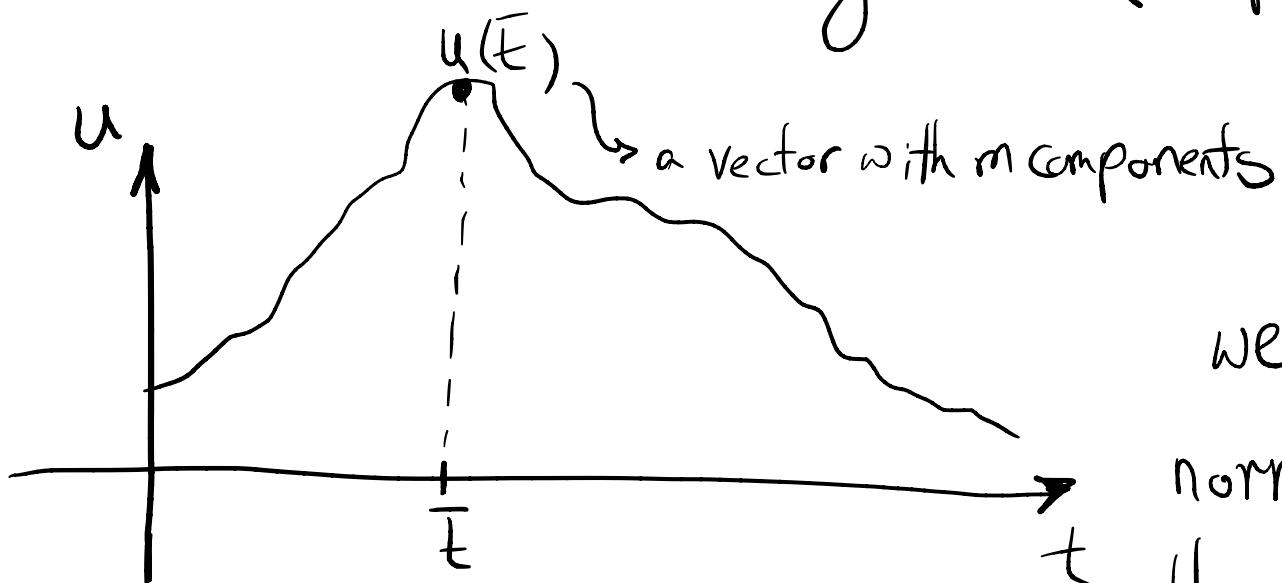
# Input-output stability



$u$ : input signal

$y$ : output signal

$H$ : system (mapping from inputs to outputs)



We can use traditional norms to get a measure of the signal at a specific time.

$L_p$ -norm for SISO system

$$\|u\|_p^p = \int_0^\infty |u(t)|^p dt$$

**$L_p$  space**: A signal  $u \in L_p$ ;  $p \in [1, +\infty)$

if

$$\int_0^\infty |u(t)|^p dt < +\infty$$

$$\sup_t |u(t)| < +\infty$$

Ex.  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ;  $p=2$

$$\|u\|_2^2 = \int_0^\infty u^*(t) u(t) dt$$

Important inequalities

$$\int_0^\infty |f(t)g(t)| dt \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 2$$

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 $\|f\|_p$  signal norm  
 $\|f(t)\|_p$  vector norm

Holder inequality

special case: Cauchy-Schwarz  $p=q=1$

Minkowski:

$$\|f+g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$$

Ex.  $u(t) = \frac{1}{1+t} \quad t \geq 0$

$$\|u\|_\infty = 1 \quad (\text{achieved @ } t=0)$$

Is  $u \in L_1$ ?

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{1+t} = \log(t+1) \Big|_0^\infty = +\infty$$

No, but  $u \in L_2$

## • Extended $L_p$ space:

$$L_{p_e} = \left\{ u ; u_T \in L_p, \forall T \in [0, +\infty) \right\}$$

$$u_T(t) = \begin{cases} u(t) & 0 \leq t \leq T \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

truncation operator

Ex.  $\frac{1}{1+t} \in L_{1e}$  but not  $L_1$ .

Definition : An operator  $H: L_{pe} \rightarrow L_{pe}$  is causal

if  $[H(u)]_T = [H(u_T)]_T$

$$\forall u \in L_{pe}$$

$$\forall T \in [0, +\infty)$$

Definition A causal operator  $H: L_p \rightarrow L_p$

is  $L_p$ -stable if

$$\|y_T\|_p \leq \alpha (\|u_T\|_p) + \beta$$

class K function

const.

for all  $u \in L_p$  and  $T \in [0, \infty)$

\* The operator  $H$  is finite-gain  $L_p$  stable if:

$$\|y_T\|_p \leq K \|u_T\|_p + \beta$$

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Const. ↓

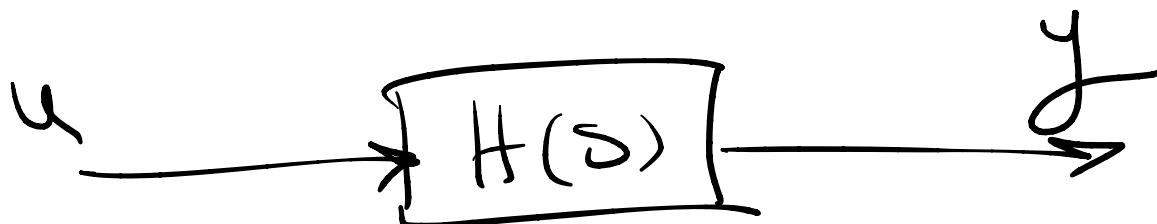
The smallest possible  $K$  is called  $L_p$  gain of  $H$ .

Note If  $H$  is  $L_p$  stable,

$$u \in L_p \implies y \in L_p$$

Question. When is stability in Lyapunov sense  
different than input-output sense?

Input-output stability  $\rightarrow$  all  $\lambda$ -values in LHP  
but there may be pole zero cancellations.



$$\text{If } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Re}\{\lambda_i(A)\} < 0 \\ \forall i=1, \dots, n \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_p \text{ stability}$$

BIBO stability

$$y(t) = \int_0^{\infty} h(t-\tau) u(\tau) d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} h(\tau) u(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$|y(t)| \leq \int_0^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau \sup_t |u(t)|$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{L_{\infty}}$  input signal

for linear systems with  $h \in L^1$ , for any  $p \in [1, \infty)$

we have  $\|y_T\|_p \leq \|h\|_1 \|u_T\|_p$ .

\* What is the induced  $L_2$  gain for linear system?

aside  
induced norm of  $H$   
 $\sup \|H u\|_2 / \|u\|_2$   
Self study...

$H_\infty$  norm → aside  
 $H_\infty$  norm:  $\sup_\omega |H(j\omega)|$ ; SISO  
 $\sup_\omega \sigma_{\max}(H(j\omega))$ ; MIMO

this is not the tightest bound  
but it is when considering  
input-output stability...

an induced  $L_p$  gain  $\leq \|h\|_1$

Tightest bound is obtained for  $p=\infty$

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Lyapunov-like conditions for  $L_p$  stability

(Khalil, Thm 5.1)

Consider the state-space model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

If the following two assumptions hold, then the system

(\*) is finite gain,  $L_p$  stable for any  $p \in [1, \infty)$

A1) There is Lyapunov function  $V(x)$  st.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} C_1 \|x\|^2 \leq V(x) \leq C_2 \|x\|^2 \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x, 0) \leq -C_3 \|x\|^2 \end{array} \right\} \text{stability}$$

$$\left. \left\| \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\| \leq C_4 \|x\| \right\} \nabla V$$

$$A2) \|f(x, u) - f(x, 0)\| \leq C_5 \|u\|$$

$$\|h(x, u)\| \leq C_6 \|x\| + C_7 \|u\|$$

for some constants  $C_i > 0$ .  $i = 1, \dots, 7$

Ex.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x - x^3 + u \\ y = \tanh(x) + u \end{cases}$$

if  $u$  is zero  $\rightarrow$  system is stable?

(A1) holds with  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2$

as a Lyap. function

$$A2) \|f(x, u) - f(x, 0)\| = \|u\|$$

holds with  $C_5 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x, u) &= \tanh(x) + u & |\tanh(x) + u| \\ \|h(x, u)\| &= \|\tanh(x) + u\| \nearrow \uparrow & \leq |\tanh(x)| + |u| \\ &\leq |x| + |u| \end{aligned}$$

$$C_6 = 1 \quad C_7 = 1$$

Ex.

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

$$y = x$$

A1)  $u=0 \rightarrow$  stable ✓  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x \\ y = x \end{cases}$

but what about input-output sense?

Choose  $u = \text{const.} \Rightarrow$  finite escape time  
 $\Rightarrow$  not  $L_p$  stable!

A2)  $|f(x, u) - f(x, 0)| = |-\cancel{x} + \cancel{x^2 u} - (-x) - x^2 \cdot 0| = |x^2 u|$

$C_5 = C_5(x)$   
not uniform const.

$= |x^2| |u|$