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TTK4150 Nonlinear Systems and Control

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1 | SECOND-ORDER NONLINEAR TIME-INVARIANT SYSTEMS

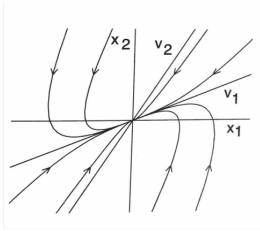
We first consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(x_1, x_2)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

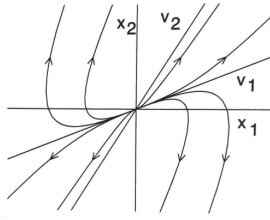
Phase-plane analysis: Determine the system behavior by constructing a phase portrait, i.e. plotting different IVP solutions in the phase space.

Local analysis:

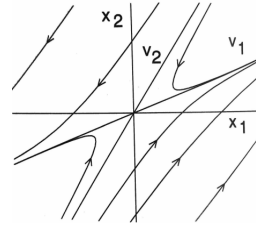
- * Linearize about x^* .
- * Find eigenvalues $\lambda(A)$.
- * Classify equilibrium points for $f(x^*) = 0$. If λ is real, then we either get a stable node ($\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$), unstable node ($0 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$) or a saddle point ($\lambda_2 < 0 < \lambda_1$). In the complex case $\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm \beta i$, then we either get a center focus ($\alpha = 0$), a stable focus ($\alpha < 0$) or an unstable focus ($\alpha > 0$).



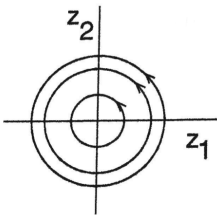
(a) Stable node



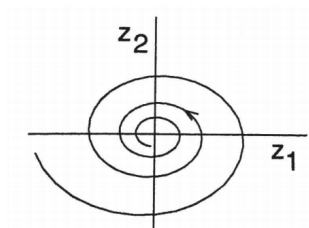
(b) Unstable node



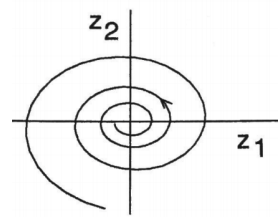
(c) Saddle point



(a) Center focus



(b) Stable focus



(c) Unstable focus

Topological equivalence: if the real part of the eigenvalues are nonzero, then the local phase-portrait corresponds to the phase portrait of the linearized system.

1.1 | Periodic orbits and limit cycles

Definition Periodic orbit: $\exists T > 0$ s.t. $x(t + T) = x(t) \quad \forall t \geq 0$.

Definition Limit cycle: non-trivial isolated periodic orbit.

Lemma 1 Poincaré-Bendixson criterion:

Let M be a closed bounded subset of the plane s.t.:

- * M contains no x^* , or it contains only one x^* with the property that the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix at x^* have positive real parts (unstable focus or unstable node).
 - * Every trajectory starting in M stays in $M \forall t > t_0$.
- Then M contains a periodic orbit of the system.

Lemma 2 Bendixson negative criterion:

If on a simply connected region D , $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}$ is not identically zero and does not change sign, then the system has no periodic orbits lying entirely in D .

Corollary 3 C is a periodic orbit $\implies \sum_i I = 1$ (sum of indeces of equilibrium points in C , where saddle points have index -1 and others have index 1)

2 | FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES

Lipschitz: $\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq L \|x - y\|$

Either locally Lipschitz on \mathbb{D} (L varies), Lipschitz in \mathbb{D} or globally Lipschitz.

Theorem 4 Local existence and uniqueness:

If

- * $f(t, x)$ is piecewise continuous in t ,
- * $f(t, x)$ is Lipschitz $\forall x, y \in B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - x_0\| \leq r\} \forall t \in [t_0, t_1]$,

Then there exists a unique solution of the IVP $x(t)$ on $t \in [t_0, t_0 + \delta]$.

3 | LYAPUNOV STABILITY

3.1 | Stability of equilibrium points

Asymptotic stabilization problem: Find $\gamma(t, e)$ s.t. $e = 0$ is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point.

Regulation vs. trajectory tracking.

Definition Stability: $x = 0$ is stable iff $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|x(0)\| < \delta \implies \|x(t)\| < \varepsilon \quad \forall t \geq 0$

Definition Asymptotic stability: $x = 0$ is (locally) asymptotically stable iff it is stable, and

$\exists r > 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|x(0)\| < r \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$

Definition Region of attraction: $B_r = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| < r\}$. We denote R_A as the union of all the regions of attraction.

Definition Global asymptotic stability: $x = 0$ is GAS iff it is stable, and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0 \quad \forall x(0)$

Definition Exponential stability: $x = 0$ is exponentially stable iff

$\exists r, k, \lambda > 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|x(0)\| < r \implies \|x(t)\| \leq k \|x(0)\| e^{-\lambda t} \quad \forall t \geq 0$

Definition Global exponential stability: $x = 0$ is GES iff $\exists k, \lambda > 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \forall x(0) \quad \|x(t)\| \leq k \|x(0)\| e^{-\lambda t} \quad \forall t \geq 0$

Remark It is useful to think in terms of stability + convergence to separate the different stability properties.

3.2 | Lyapunov's indirect method

Theorem 5 *Lyapunov's indirect method:*

Let $x = 0$ be an equilibrium point for

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad f : \mathbb{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{is } C^1 \quad (2)$$

1. Linearize about $x = 0$, $\dot{x} = Ax$, where $A = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0}$.
2. Find the eigenvalues $\lambda_1(A), \dots, \lambda_n(A)$.
3. Categorize the eigenvalues:
 - * $\forall i \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{asymptotically(exponentially) stable}$
 - * $\exists i \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unstable}$
 - * $\forall i \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{inconclusive}$

While Lyapunov's indirect method is simple to use, the results are only local and often inconclusive. Let's see if we can do better.

3.3 | Lyapunov's direct method

Definition Lyapunov function:

V is a Lyapunov function for $x = 0$ iff

- * V is C^1
- * $V(0) = 0, \quad V(x) > 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$
- * $\dot{V}(0) = 0, \quad \dot{V}(x) \leq 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$

If $\dot{V}(x) < 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$ then V is a strict Lyapunov function for $x = 0$.

Theorem 6 *Lyapunov's stability theorem:*

- * If $\exists V(x)$ for $x = 0$, then $x = 0$ is stable.
- * If \exists strict $V(x)$ for $x = 0$, then $x = 0$ is asymptotically stable.

Theorem 7 *Chetaev's instability theorem:*

If $\dot{V}(x) > 0$ in a set $U = \{x \in B_r \mid V(x) > 0\}$, then $x = 0$ is unstable.

Definition Radially unboundedness: $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \implies V(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Theorem 8 If \exists strict $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $x = 0$ and V is radially unbounded, then $x = 0$ is GAS.

Theorem 9 If there exist a function $V : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and constants $a, k_1, k_2, k_3 > 0$ s.t.

- * V is C^1
- * $k_1 \|x\|^a \leq V(x) \leq k_2 \|x\|^a \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{D}$
- * $\dot{V}(x) \leq -k_3 \|x\|^a \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{D}$

then $x = 0$ is exponentially stable. If these conditions hold for $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{R}^n$, then $x = 0$ is GES.

Remark $\lambda_{\min}(P) \|x\|^2 \leq x^\top P x \leq \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|^2$

Remark How to deal with indeterminate signs in \dot{V} ?

- * Completion of squares: $x_1 x_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$
- * Young's inequality: $x_1 x_2 \leq \epsilon x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} x_2^2$
- * Cauchy-Schwarz' inequality: $|a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n| \leq \sqrt{(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2)} \|x\|_2$

3.4 | The invariance principle

Definition Invariant set: $x(0) \in M \implies x(t) \in M \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$

Definition Positively invariant set: $x(0) \in M \implies x(t) \in M \quad \forall t \geq 0$

Definition Level set: $\Omega_c = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : V(x) \leq c\}$

Theorem 10 La Salle's theorem:

If $\exists V : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

- * V is C^1
- * $\exists c > 0$ such that $\Omega_c = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | V(x) \leq c\} \subset \mathbb{D}$ is bounded
- * $\dot{V}(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in \Omega_c$

Let $E = \{x \in \Omega_c | \dot{V}(x) = 0\}$. Let M be the largest invariant set contained in E . Then $x(0) \in \Omega_c \implies x(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} M$.

Definition Region of attraction:

Let $x = 0$ be an asymptotically stable equilibrium point of the system $\dot{x} = f(x)$, where $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is locally Lipschitz and $\mathbb{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ contains the origin. Let $\phi(t, x_0)$ be the solution. Then the region of attraction is

$$R_A = \{x_0 \in \mathbb{D} \mid \phi(t, x_0) \text{ is defined } \forall t \geq 0 \text{ and } \phi(t, x_0) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty\} \quad (3)$$

(I.e. all the points with a corresponding solution that converges to the origin).

Remark GAS iff $R_A = \mathbb{R}^n$.

Estimate of R_A : choose the largest set Ω_c in \mathbb{D} which is bounded, and only the connected component of Ω_c that contains the origin. Then this subset is a subset of R_A .

3.5 | Stability analysis of time-variant systems

4 | INPUT-TO-STATE STABILITY

4.1 | Input-to-state stability

4.2 | Input-output stability

5 | PASSIVITY

6 | NONLINEAR CONTROL

6.1 | Passivity-based control

6.2 | Feedback linearization

6.3 | Adaptive control

6.4 | Backstepping

A | LINEAR METHODS

Definition We define the p-norm as:

$$\|x\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad p \in [1, \infty] \quad (4)$$

Theorem 11 Schwarz' inequality:

$$| \langle x, y \rangle | \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\| \quad (5)$$

Definition $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, then the Jacobian is defined as:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Which in the scalar case $m = 1$ is the gradient.