

It's a basic tool in the control Lyapunov Function (CLF) approach.

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad f(0) = 0$$

If $x_0 = 0$ is AS then $\exists V$ positive definite such that $\dot{V} < 0$ around zero.

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

If $\exists v = \alpha(x) \ni f + g\alpha$ is AS then $\exists V$ such that

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

CLF approach :

Solve the previous inequality w.r.t. $\alpha(x)$ for a given V or (at the same time) compute V and $\alpha(x)$ such that the previous inequality holds true.

According to the inverse Lyapunov theorem, if a system is Globally Asymptotically stabilized by a smooth feedback $v = \alpha(x)$, then $\exists V$ positive and proper such that

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} (f + g\alpha) = L_f V + \alpha L_g V < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow L_f V < 0 \text{ at each } x \ni L_g V = 0$$

Then a necessary condition for a system to be globally asymptotically stabilizable (via smooth feedback) is the existence of a positive and proper V with the property that $L_g V(x) = 0 \rightarrow L_f V(x) < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$

Such a function is called Control Lyapunov Function (CLF).

This condition is also sufficient for the existence of a stabilizer, $v = \alpha(x)$, $\alpha(0) = 0$, smooth in $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ and continuous at $x=0$.

Such a function is called also "almost smooth function".

Theorem: (f, g) be smooth, $f(0) = 0$

\exists an almost smooth $\alpha(x)$ which solves the GAS problem iff $\exists V$ positive and proper such that:

$$(i) \quad L_g V(x) = 0 \Rightarrow L_f V(x) < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

i.e. V is a CLF

$$(ii) \quad \forall \varepsilon \exists \delta: \text{ if } x \neq 0, \|x\| < \delta \text{ then } \exists \text{ some } v, \|v\| \leq \varepsilon \ni$$

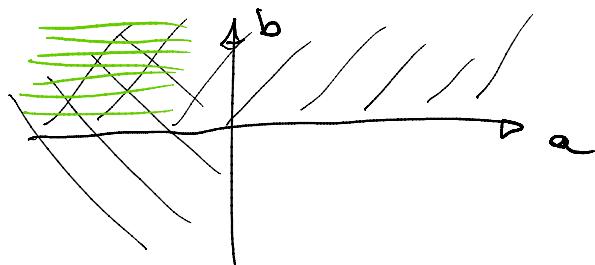
$$L_f V + \varepsilon L_g V < 0$$

i.e., the control is small and continuous around $x=0$
(small control property)

Proof:

- Necessity: is obvious. For (ii) is continuity.
- Sufficiency:

$$S = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : b \geq 0 \text{ or } a < 0\}$$



and let ϕ in S

$$\underline{\Phi}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } b=0 \text{ and } a < 0 \\ \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{b} & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

it is needed to prove that $\underline{\Phi}$ is real analytic in S

For this:

$$F(a, b, p) = bp^2 - 2ap - b$$

$$p_{1,2} = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{b}$$

note that $F(a, b, p) = 0 \quad \forall (a, b) \in S$

for which $p = \underline{\Phi}(a, b)$ (at one value of the parameter
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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} \Big|_{p=\phi(a,b)} = (2pb - 2a) \Big|_{\phi} = 2(pb - a) \Big|_{\phi} = \\ = 2 \left(b \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{b} - a \right) \neq 0$$

it is never zero or 5.

This definitely implies, by the implicit function theorem, that ϕ is real analytic; because $\phi(a,b)$ is the solution of $F(a,b,p)=0$ with F real analytic. If V satisfy (i), $\forall p \in (a,b) : (L_f V, (L_g V)^2)$ is in S , setting $\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=0 \\ -L_g V \phi(L_f V, (L_g V)^2) & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

This feedback, which is the composition of real analytic functions is real analytic itself (smooth).

Moreover (ii) $\Rightarrow \alpha(x)$ is continuous at $x=0$.

By construction $\alpha(x)$ is such that

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} (f + g \alpha) = L_f V + L_g V \left(-L_g V \frac{L_f V + \sqrt{(L_f V)^2 + (L_g V)^4}}{(L_g V)^2} \right) \\ = -\sqrt{(L_f V)^2 + (L_g V)^4} < 0$$

This implies GAS.

And the final form of the feedback is

$$\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } L_g V = 0 \\ -\frac{L_f V + \sqrt{(L_f V)^2 + (L_g V)^4}}{(L_g V)} & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$