



Nonlinear Systems & Control  
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1. Given the linear time invariant system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= Ax + Bu + Dd \\ y &= Cx\end{aligned}$$

with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 & -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a. characterize all the disturbances that can be decoupled via feedback;  
b. discuss about the solvability of the disturbance-decoupling problem with stability.

2. Prove that a sufficient condition to achieve feedback stabilization of a nonlinear system is stabilizability in first approximation.

3. Given the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 + \epsilon \sin x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 &= x_4 \\ \dot{x}_4 &= \frac{\epsilon \cos x_3 [x_1 - \epsilon \sin x_3 (1 + x_4^2)] + u}{1 - \epsilon^2 \cos^2 x_3} \\ y &= (0 \quad -\frac{\epsilon}{2}(\epsilon^2 - 1) \quad 1 - \epsilon^2 \quad 0) x\end{aligned}$$

- a. Compute the feedback that solves the input-output linearization problem and stabilizes the input-output dynamics;  
b. Compute the zero dynamics;  
c. Discuss the stability of the closed-loop system.

4. High gain feedback.

5. Stabilize, if possible, the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - x_2 + x_2 x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 &= -x_2 + x_1^2 + u.\end{aligned}$$

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*Characterize all the disturbances that can be decoupled via feedback*

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + Dd$$

$$y = Cx$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 & -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = (-1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0)$$

Compute relative degree : 1<sup>st</sup> integer s.t.  $CA^{-1}B \neq 0$

$$r=1 \quad CB = (-1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$r=2 \quad CA\beta = (-1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{r=3} \quad CA^2B = CA \cdot AB = (0 \ -1 \ 1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$$

Compute  $V^*$ :  $V^* = \ker \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} -x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ -x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ -x_3 + x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = x_2 \\ x_2 = x_3 \\ x_3 = x_4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V^* = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Since for any  $D$  such that  $\text{Im } D \subset \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  the DDP admits a solution, the structure of  $D$  must be

$$D(s) = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ s \\ s \\ s \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } s \in \mathbb{R}$$

The feedback under which the system can be decoupled is:

$$U = F^* x = -\frac{CA^3}{CA^2B} x + v \quad F^* = (1 \ 4 \ 6 \ 5)$$

**Discuss about solvability of DDP with stability**

$$W(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1} B = \dots = \frac{-1+s}{1+4s+6s^2+6s^3+s^4}$$

$$\text{zero: } s = 1 \quad G(z) \in \mathbb{C}^+$$

To maintain stability we can't cancel this zero.

$$r = n = n$$

$$P \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ CA^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 & -6 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \text{ fully observable}$$

so no disturbance assures stability

③ Compute the FB which solves the I/O FL prob.  
and stabilizes the I/O dynamics

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + \varepsilon \sin(x_3) \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_4 \\ \dot{x}_4 = \frac{\varepsilon \cos(x_3) [x_1 - \varepsilon \sin(x_3) (1+x_4^2)] + u}{1 - \varepsilon^2 \cos^2(x_3)} \\ y = (0 \ -\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1) \ 1 - \varepsilon^2 \ 0) x \end{array} \right. \quad \mathcal{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon^2 \cos^2(x_3)} \end{pmatrix}$$

1) Compute the I/O feedback linearization

$$\dot{y} = -\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)x_2 + (1 - \varepsilon^2)x_3 = \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)x_1 - \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)\varepsilon \sin(x_3) + (1 - \varepsilon^2)x_4$$

$$\ddot{y} = \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)x_2 - \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)(\varepsilon \cos(x_3))x_4 + (1 - \varepsilon^2) \left[ \underbrace{\varepsilon \cos(x_3)}_{1 - \varepsilon^2 \cos^2(x_3)} \dots + \textcircled{1} \right]$$

So  $r=2$  for  $\varepsilon \neq \pm 1$ , otherwise there would be no output

$$u = (v - \varepsilon \cos(x_3) [x_1 - \varepsilon \sin(x_3) (1+x_4^2)]) (1 - \varepsilon^2 \cos^2(x_3))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{with } v &= -c_0 z_1 - c_1 z_2 = -c_0 b_1 - c_1 L g_1 = \\ &= -c_0 \left[ -\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)x_2 + (1 - \varepsilon^2)x_3 \right] - c_1 \left[ \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)x_1 - \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)\varepsilon \sin(x_3) + (1 - \varepsilon^2)x_4 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$c_0, c_1$  coeff. of the characteristic polynomial  
with  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}^-$

Zero dynamics

coord. transf.

$$z_1 = b_1 = -\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)x_2 + (1 - \varepsilon^2)x_3$$

$\text{D.C. m.} = -\frac{2}{3}\varepsilon \cos(\gamma_2) + 1$

$$x_2 = L_g h = \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)x_1 - \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)\varepsilon \sin(\gamma_2) + (1 - \varepsilon^2)x_4$$

$$\gamma_1 = x_1$$

$$\gamma_2 : \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{e} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_4} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon^2 \cos^2(\gamma_2)} \right) = 0$$

$$\gamma_2 = x_3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{x_1 - (1 - \varepsilon^2)\gamma_2}{-\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)} = \underbrace{x_1 - (1 - \varepsilon^2)\gamma_2}_{\frac{2}{3}(1 - \varepsilon^2)} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{x_1}{(1 - \varepsilon^2)} - \frac{3}{2}\gamma_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \gamma_1, \quad x_3 = \gamma_2, \quad x_4 = \frac{\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)\varepsilon \sin(\gamma_2) - \frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)\gamma_1}{(1 - \varepsilon^2)} \\ &= -\frac{\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon^2 - 1)(\varepsilon \sin(\gamma_2) - \gamma_1)}{(\varepsilon^2 - 1)} \\ &= -\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon \sin(\gamma_2) - \gamma_1) \end{aligned}$$

So the zero dynamics is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\gamma}_1 = \dot{x}_1 = x_2 = -\frac{3}{2}\gamma_2 \\ \dot{\gamma}_2 = \dot{x}_3 = x_4 = \frac{2}{3}(\gamma_1 - \varepsilon \sin(\gamma_2)) \end{cases}$$

$$Q = \left. \frac{\partial q(0, \gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right|_0 = \left. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3}\varepsilon \cos(\gamma_2) \end{pmatrix} \right|_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3}\varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3}\varepsilon - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right| = -\lambda(-\frac{2}{3}\varepsilon - \lambda) + 1 = +\frac{2}{3}\varepsilon\lambda + \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-\frac{2}{3}\varepsilon \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}\varepsilon^2 - 4}}{2} = \quad \text{for } \varepsilon > 0$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0$$

So the dynamics is LAS and also the closed loop sys is stable.

## (5) Stabilize the system (if possible)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2 + x_2 x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 = -x_2 + x_1^2 + u \end{cases}$$

Applying  $u = x_2 - x_1^2 + v$  I get  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2 + x_2 x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 = v \end{cases}$

The first subsystem can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_2 x_3$$

Considering  $x_3$  as a virtual input

I trivially choose  $x_3 = \gamma(x_1, x_2) = 0$ , so I have

$$V(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \Rightarrow \dot{V} = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = x_1 x_2 - x_1 x_2 - x_2^2 + x_2^2 x_3$$

with  $\gamma(x_1, x_2) = x_3 = 0$ , I have  $\dot{V}(x_1, x_2) = -x_2^2 \leq 0$

Applying LaSalle

$$\{(x_1, x_2) : \dot{V} = 0\} \equiv \{(x_1, x_2) : x_2 = 0\}$$

Hence  $(x_1, x_2)$  is GAS.

Then I go on with backstepping:

$$x_3 = \gamma(x_1, x_2) = 0 \quad \text{so } x_3 = c \quad (\text{no change of coord.})$$

$$V(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)$$

$$\dot{V}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 + x_3 \dot{x}_3 = x_1 x_2 - x_1 x_2 + x_2^2 x_3 + x_3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Setting } v = -x_3 - x_2^2, \text{ I get } \dot{V}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -x_2^2 - x_3^2 \leq 0$$

Applying LaSalle again:

$$\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : \dot{V} = 0\} \equiv \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_2 = x_3 = 0\}$$

So  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0, 0)$  is GAS under  $v = -x_3 - x_2^2$