

→ NITMB Workshop (4th - 8th)

→ HW3 (11/11, Sunday)

→ 1-page proposal (11/14) Week of 19th

• Email to set up a 10-minute meeting³

• Dynamical system + computation

→ perturbations

→ stability / control theory

→ Dimension reduction / feature extraction

→ optimization (parameter or optimization dynamics)

→ data assimilation / inverse problems

→ Reinforcement learning X

• Introduction

solution strategy

learning outcome

Plan: linear stability (target equations)

→ Lyapunov function method

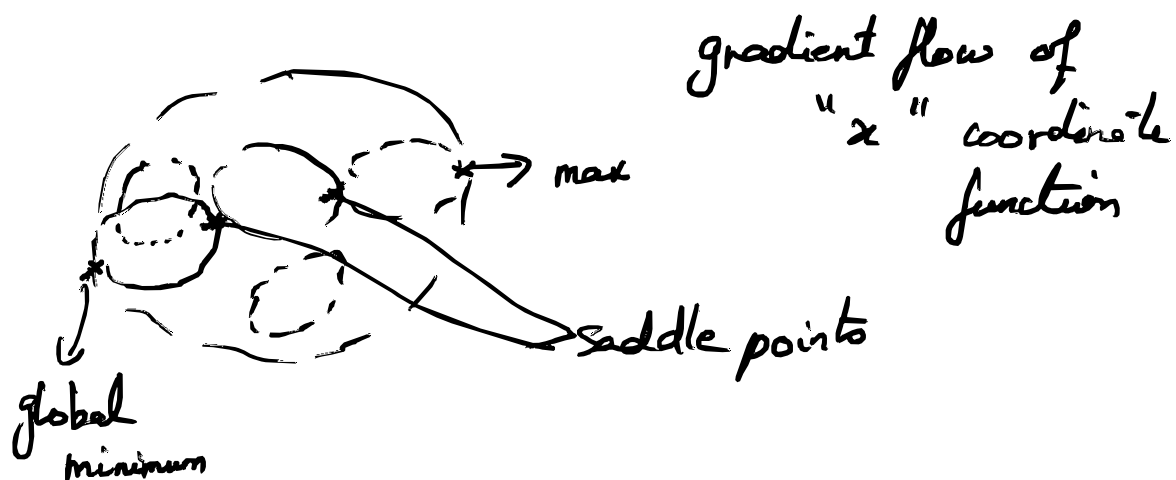
└ uniform
└ asymptotic

Oseledec's multiplicative^{ergodic} Theorem

(infinite-dim) → spectral methods
for operators
associated with dynamical
systems

(finite-dim) → Most general linear
perturbation analysis

Homework 3



Recap

Theorem: $\frac{dF^t x}{dt} = v(F^t x)$
 $v(0) = 0$

Define $x \mapsto V(x)$ that is the definite
 $V(0) = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V \circ F^t(x) \leq 0 \quad \text{uniform stability}$$

$= 0$ at $x = 0$

$\forall x \in N$.

All orbits asymptotically go to 0.
(asymptotic stability)

Domain of attraction : "Largest"
subset of \mathbb{R}^d that goes to 0 asymptotically
 $(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F^t x = 0\})$.

How to obtain Lyapunov functions?

$$\frac{dF_x^t}{dt} = A F_x^t \quad (\text{ODE form})$$

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = A x(t)$$

Ansatz: $V(x) = x^T K x$

$$K \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

$$V(x) \geq 0 \iff K \text{ is SPD.}$$

(SPD is a cone)

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(F_x^t) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla V(F_x^t) A F_x^t < 0$$

$$V(x) = x^T K x$$

$$x^T (AK + KA^T) x < 0$$

Want K s.t. $AK + KA^T$

$$\nabla V(x) = (K^T x + K x)^T$$

$$(K^T x + K x)^T A x$$

$$AK + KA^T = -C$$

C is +ve definite

• "mildly nonlinear"

$$\frac{d}{dt} F_x^t = A(F_x^t) + h(F_x^t)$$

where $h(0) = 0$ and $\nabla h(0) = 0$

is stable whenever $\frac{dF_x^t}{dt} = A(F_x^t)$

Proof: $V(x) = x^T K x$

is a Lyapunov function

Solving for Lyapunov functions

Lyapunov equation

solve K SPD

$$AK + KA^T = -C$$

$$C > 0$$

$$K_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

linear system of equations for d^2 variables

$$O(d^6)$$

when no solution:

• A has +ve eigenvalues

• $A = A^T$

$$\text{if } T_\sigma(AK + KA) > 0$$

Thm: if A is negative definite,

$$AK + KA^T = -C \text{ has}$$

a soln for any $C > 0$.

Proof: $K = -\int_0^\infty e^{tA^T} C e^{tA} dt$

$$(e^{tA} = I + tA + \frac{t^2 A^2}{2} + \dots)$$

$$e^{tA^T} = (e^{tA})^T$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{tA} = A e^{tA}$$

classical approach (matrix computation)

- K is symmetric so $O(\frac{d^2}{2})$

variables

$$AK + KA^T = -C$$

- Sylvester equation:

$$\text{Solve for } K \text{ in } AK + KB = C$$

- $Q^T A Q = U$ Schur decomposition

$$U^T = Q^T A^T Q$$

U is upper triangular / hermitian

$$(Q^T = Q^T) \quad Q \text{ is unitary.}$$

let

- $K = Q X Q^T$ for some X

$$AK + KA^T = -C$$

$$Q U^T Q^T Q X Q^T + Q X Q^T Q U^T Q^T$$

$$= Q U X Q^T + Q X U^T Q^T = -C$$

$$\Rightarrow U X + X U^T = -Q^T C Q$$

Solve for X .

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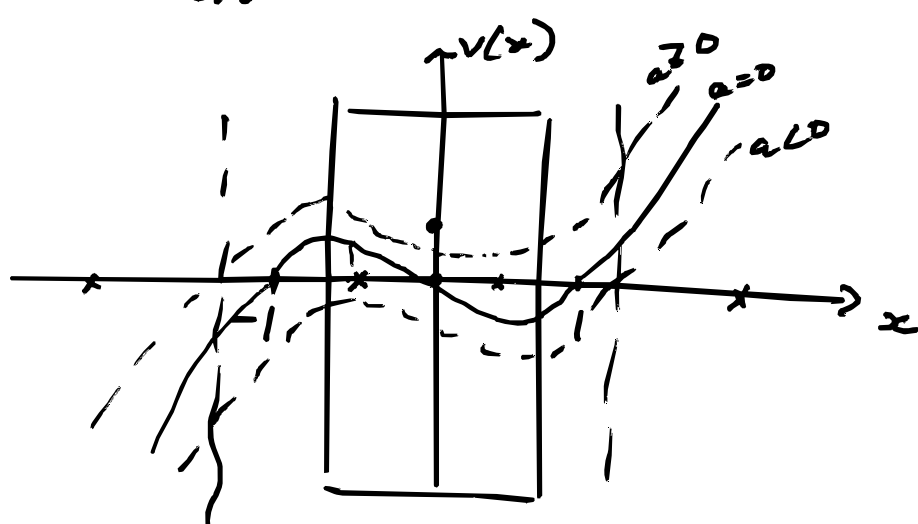
$$O((d^2)^2) \text{ algorithm.}$$

Example

(Source: Underactuated robotics
Tedrake)

$$-c \leq a \leq c$$

$$\frac{d x(t)}{dt} = -x(t) + (x(t))^3 + a$$



$$\bullet \quad V(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} \geq 0$$

$$\bullet \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} V(x(t)) &= x(-x + x^3 + a) \\ &= -x^2 + x^4 + ax \end{aligned}$$

$$< 0$$

• quadratic: good ansatz

• Pessimistic estimate / "inner" estimate of region of attraction can be found from defn of Lyapunov function

Barrier function

$$\frac{d B \circ F^t(x)}{dt} < 0$$

$$B(\text{bad } x) = 1$$

e.g. robot falls down
self-driving car
brakes suddenly

$$B(0) = 0$$

Then, if x is such that $B(x) < 1$,
 $F^t x \neq \text{bad}$ for any t .

$$\{x : B(x) = 0\} : \text{barrier}$$

Remark: Proof of Lyap function method, sub-level sets of V are invariant.

$$\{x : V(x) \leq \epsilon\} \text{ is invariant}$$

Applications of finding Lyapunov function

- is 0 asymptotically stable?
- "inner" region of attraction
- Barrier functions to avoid bad regions.

Sum-of-squares optimization

Polynomial ansatz:

$$V(x) = a_0 + a_1 x^{(1)} + a_2 x^{(2)} + \dots + a_d x^{(d)^2} + \dots$$

For poly. of degree r ,

solve for coefficients

$$c = (a_0, a_1, \dots)$$

$V(x)$ is a sum of squares

$$\min_{c \in \mathbb{R}^D} V(x) \text{ is SOS}$$

$$\text{and } -\frac{d}{dt} V \circ F^+(x) \text{ is SOS}$$

Convex optimization: semi-definite programming