

## Ch. I Introduction

A dynamical system modeled by a finite number of (coupled) first-order ordinary differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(t, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(t, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p) \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{x}_n &= f_n(t, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p)\end{aligned}$$

→ state variables :  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$

→ input variables :  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p \in \mathbb{R}$

→ time :  $t \in [0, \infty)$

Define vectors  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_p \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $f(t, x, u) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t, x, u) \\ f_2(t, x, u) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(t, x, u) \end{bmatrix}$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^p, f : [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then we write  $\dot{x} = f(t, x, u)$  (1)

→  $x$ : state (vector)

→  $u$ : input (vector), forcing term

A nondifferential equation sometimes describes the output (measurement)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_1 &= h_1(t, x, u) \\ y_2 &= h_2(t, x, u) \\ &\vdots \\ y_q &= h_q(t, x, u) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> $y = h(t, x, u)$  (2)$$

Unforced system equation:  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$

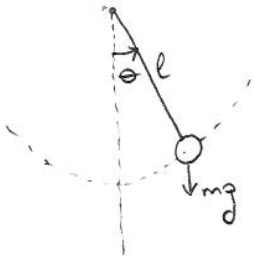
autonomous (time-invariant, unforced) system :  $\dot{x} = f(x)$

An equilibrium point  $x_{eq} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of an autonomous system is a real root of eqn.  $f(x) = 0$ . That is,  $f(x_{eq}) = 0$ .

For linear systems (1) & (2) can be written as  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u \\ y = C(t)x + D(t)u \end{array} \right.$

$\begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \\ \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{q \times n}} & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{q \times p}} \end{matrix}$

Note that  $x(0) = x_{eq} \Rightarrow x(t) = x_{eq} \forall t$

Example (pendulum)

equation of motion:  $m l \ddot{\theta} + m g \sin \theta + k l \dot{\theta} = 0$  (3)

} friction term

Note that eqn. (3) is time-invariant & unforced.

Let's put (3) into " $\dot{x} = f(x)$ " form.

Choose states as  $x_1 := \theta$  (angle)

$x_2 := \dot{\theta}$  (angular velocity)

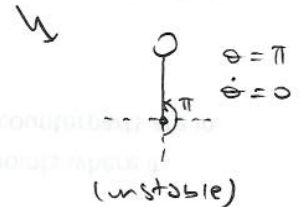
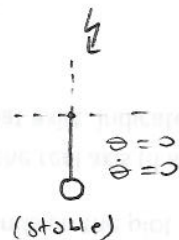
$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{k}{m} x_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{k}{m} x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equilibrium point(s)?

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{k}{m} x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_2 &= 0 \\ \& \sin x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \pm\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \pm 2\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots \quad \text{multiple equilibria}$$

physically we have two equil. points:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

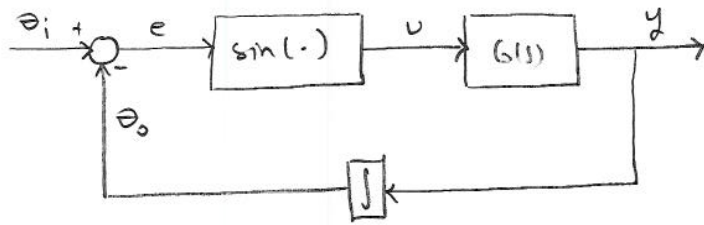


Remark: The equil. points  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are isolated. This is a nonlinear phenomenon. Linear systems cannot have multiple isolated equilibrium points.

Why? Because: let  $x_{eq}$  &  $z_{eq}$  be eq. points for the lin. sys.  $\dot{x} = Ax$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} Ax_{eq} &= 0 \\ Az_{eq} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} z_{eq} \\ \nearrow \\ x_{eq} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \text{line segment} \\ \text{connecting } x_{eq} \& z_{eq} : \left\{ \eta : \alpha x_{eq} + (1-\alpha) z_{eq} \right\} \Rightarrow A\eta = 0 \\ \alpha \in [0, 1] \end{array}$$

Example A phase-locked loop can be represented by the block diagram



Let  $(A, B, C)$  be a minimal realization of the scalar, strictly proper TF  $G(s)$ . Assume that all the eigenvalues of  $A$  have strictly negative real parts,  $G(0) \neq 0$ , and  $\theta_i = \text{constant}$ . Let  $z$  be the state of the realization  $(A, B, C)$

a) Show that the closed-loop system can be represented by the state eqn.

$$\dot{z} = Az + B \sin e$$

$$\dot{e} = -Cz$$

b) Find all equilib. points of the system

c) Show that when  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$ , the closed-loop model coincides with the model of the pendulum eqn.

Sol'n: a) 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{z} = Az + Bv \\ y = Cz \end{cases} \quad \left| \quad \begin{cases} v = \sin e \\ e = \theta_i - \int y \\ \Rightarrow \dot{e} = -y = -Cz \end{cases} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{z} = Az + B \sin e \\ \dot{e} = -Cz \end{cases}$$

b)  $0 = Az + B \sin e \Rightarrow z = -A^{-1}B \sin e$  (why  $A^{-1}$  exists?)

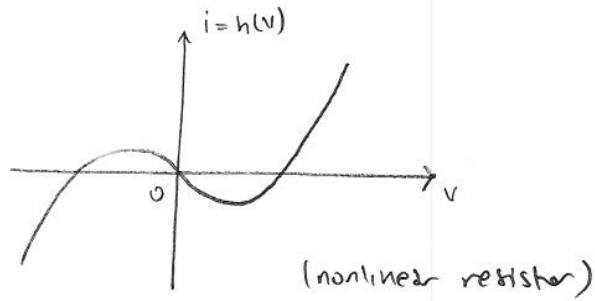
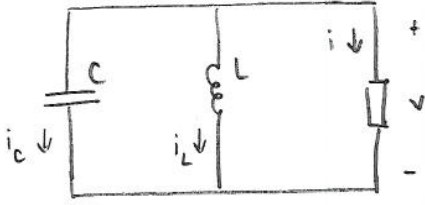
$$0 = -Cz \Rightarrow CA^{-1}B \sin e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -C(sI - A)^{-1}B \Big|_{s=0} \sin e = 0 \Rightarrow G(s) \Big|_{s=0} \sin e = 0 \Rightarrow \sin e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e = -k\pi, \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \Rightarrow z = -A^{-1}B \sin e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} z \\ e \end{bmatrix}_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\pi \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2\pi \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2\pi \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

c)  $\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{1}{s+1} \Rightarrow z\dot{y} + y = u \Rightarrow z\dot{y} + y = \sin e$  &  $\dot{e} = -y \Rightarrow \boxed{z\ddot{e} + \dot{e} + \sin e = 0}$

Example (Nonlinear oscillator)

$$KCL \Rightarrow i_C + i_L + i = 0 \Rightarrow C \frac{d}{dt} v + i_L + i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C \frac{d^2}{dt^2} v + \frac{d}{dt} i_L + \frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C \frac{d^2}{dt^2} v + \frac{1}{L} v + \underbrace{\frac{\partial h(v)}{\partial v}}_{h'(v)} \cdot \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{v} + \frac{h'(v)}{C} \dot{v} + \frac{1}{LC} v = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \text{let } LC=1 \text{ \& } \epsilon := \frac{1}{C} \end{array} \right\} \ddot{v} + \epsilon h'(v) \dot{v} + v = 0 \quad (1)$$

For  $h(v) = -v + \frac{1}{3}v^3$  (1) boils down to Van der Pol equation:

$$\boxed{\ddot{v} + \epsilon(v^2 - 1)\dot{v} + v = 0} \quad (\epsilon > 0)$$

$$\text{let } \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 = v \\ x_2 = \dot{v} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + \epsilon(1 - x_1^2)x_2 \end{array}$$

Equilibrium point(s)?

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 = x_2 \\ 0 = -x_1 + \epsilon(1 - x_1^2)x_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: VDP oscillator possesses a periodic solution that attracts every solution except the solution that sits at the equilibrium  $x(t) = 0 \forall t$ .

Hence, VDP oscillator is said to possess a stable limit cycle.

Pause: Simulate VDP, play with  $\epsilon$ , obtain the phase plot &  $x_1(t), x_2(t)$  separately.

## Ch. II

Second-Order Systems

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad \text{where} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \& \quad f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix} = f(x)$$

• Why study second-order systems?

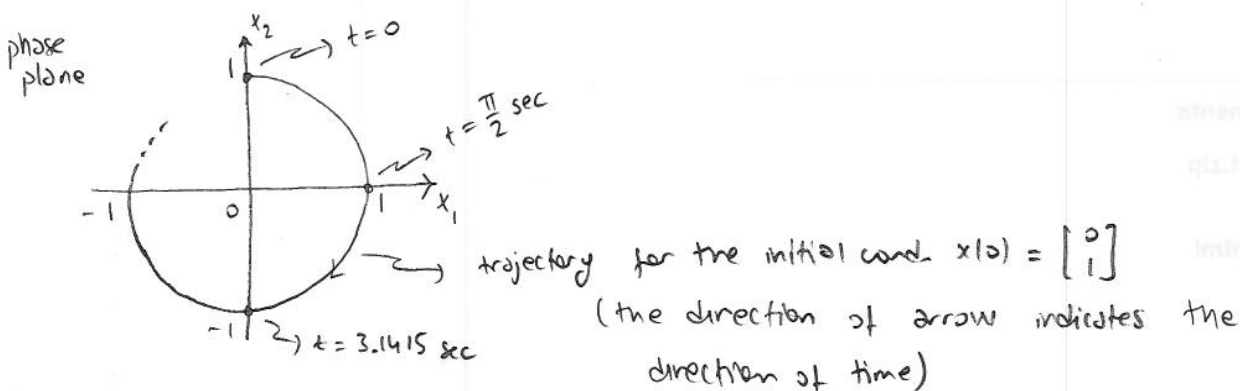
- Because :
- we can visualize the solutions
  - simple enough to study in detail
  - yet rich enough to be useful in understanding higher-order phenomena

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Let  $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$  be the solution of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  starting from an initial condition  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , that is,  $x(0) = x_0$ . The collection of points  $(x_1(t), x_2(t))$  for  $t \geq 0$  on  $x_1$ - $x_2$  plane is called a trajectory or orbit of the system. The  $x_1$ - $x_2$  plane is usually called the state plane or phase plane.

Ex: Let  $\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x = f(x)$

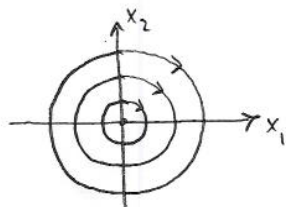
solution  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$



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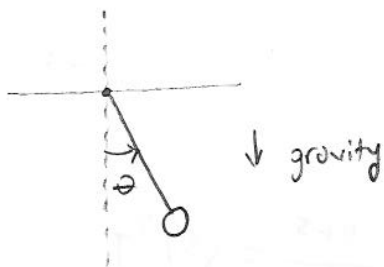
The family of all trajectories is called the phase portrait of the system

For an example:



Remark:  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  &  $\dot{x} = \alpha f(x)$  ( $\alpha > 0$ )  
have the same phase portraits.

### Example Pendulum with friction



$$x_1 = \theta$$

$$x_2 = \dot{\theta}$$

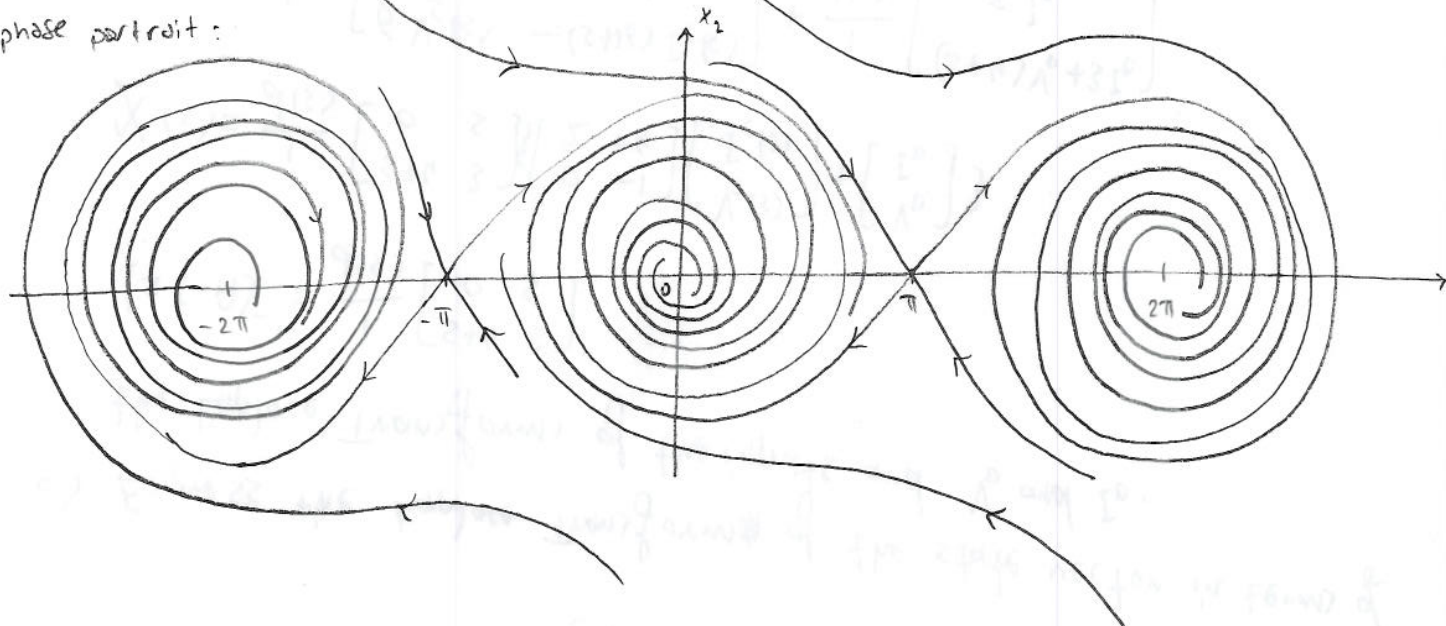
model:  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\cos x_1 - x_2 \end{cases}$  } equilibrium points?

$$x_e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \pm\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \pm 2\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \pm 3\pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

upward equilibrium

downward equilibrium

phase portrait:

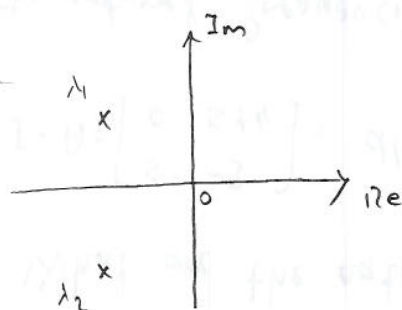


Question: How about the frictionless case?  $\dot{x}_1 = x_2$  &  $\dot{x}_2 = -\cos x_1$

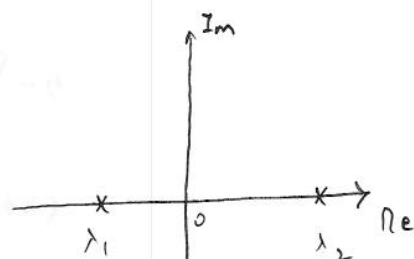
Remark: We could have used linearization to obtain the local behavior of the system around equilibria.

Phase portrait suggests the following eigenvalue locations for the linearization:

$$x_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Let's verify our guess.

$$\text{system } \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -10 \sin x_1 - x_2 \end{cases}$$

linearization at  $x_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Jacobian?  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -10 \cos x_1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}} = A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -10 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalues?  $|sI - A| = \begin{vmatrix} s & -1 \\ 10 & s+1 \end{vmatrix} = s^2 + s + 10 = \left(s + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{39}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \mp j \frac{\sqrt{39}}{2} \quad (\text{as expected})$$

linearization at  $x_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=\begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}} = A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 10 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |sI - A| = s^2 + s - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = -3.7, 2.7 \quad (\text{as expected})$$

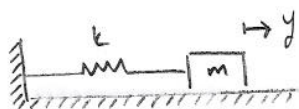


## Oscillations

Oscillation is the phenomenon displayed by systems that possess a nontrivial (i.e. nonconstant) periodic solution  $x(t+T) = x(t) \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad (T > 0 : \text{period})$

The image of a periodic solution in the phase portrait is a closed trajectory which is called a periodic orbit or closed orbit.

Example (Harmonic oscillator)



linear, frictionless mass-spring  
 $m\ddot{y} + ky = 0$

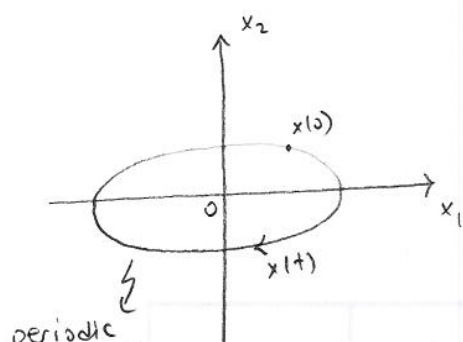
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 = y \\ x_2 = \dot{y} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\frac{k}{m} x_1 \end{array}$$

let  $E = \text{pot. ener.} + \text{kin. ener.}$

$$\Rightarrow E(x) = \frac{1}{2} k x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m x_2^2$$

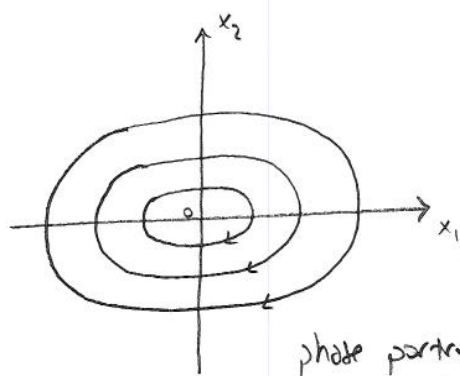
$$\dot{E} = \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k x_1(t)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m x_2(t)^2 \right\} = k x_1 \dot{x}_1 + m x_2 \dot{x}_2 = k x_1 \left\{ x_2 \right\} + m x_2 \left\{ -\frac{k}{m} x_1 \right\} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow E(x(t)) = \text{constant}$ , in particular  $E(x(t)) = \underbrace{E(x(0))}_{\text{initial energy}} \Rightarrow \text{energy is conserved.}$



periodic orbit  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{an ellipse defined by} \\ \frac{1}{2} k x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m x_2^2 = E(x(0)) \end{array} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow$



phase portrait

Remark: In general, a linear system cannot have an isolated periodic orbit. (WHY?)

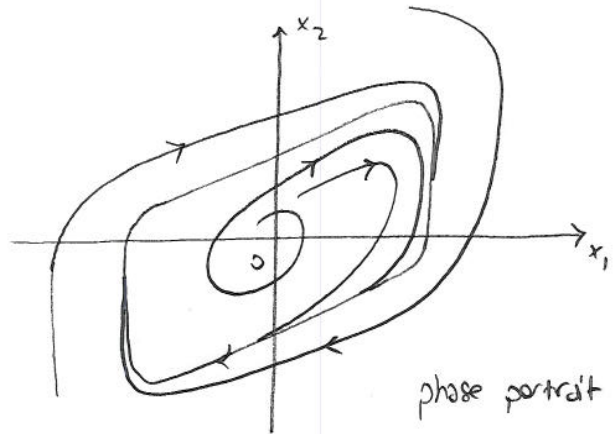
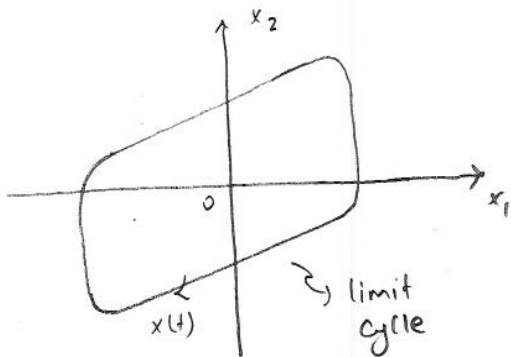
An isolated periodic orbit is called a limit cycle



### Example (VDP oscillator, revisited)

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + \epsilon(1-x_1^2)x_2 \quad (\epsilon > 0)$$



For second-order linear systems  $\dot{x} = Ax$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ) periodic orbits exist if and only if the eigenvalues of  $A$  are purely imaginary, i.e.,  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm j\omega$  ( $\omega > 0$ ) (WHY?) for nonlinear systems we have:

Poincaré-Bendixon Thm Consider the system

$$(1) \quad \dot{x} = f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \& \quad f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (\text{assume } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ exists})$$

Let  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a closed-bounded subset of the plane and satisfies:

→  $M$  is free of equilibrium points or contains a single equilibrium point  $x_{eq}$  where the Jacobian  $\left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]_{x=x_{eq}}$  has both of its eigenvalues with strictly positive real parts

→ Every trajectory starting in  $M$  stays in  $M$  for all future time. I.e.  $x(0) \in M \Rightarrow x(t) \in M \quad \forall t$  (Then,  $M$  is said to be "forward invariant" w.r.t. the system (1))

Then,  $M$  contains (at least) one periodic orbit of the system (1).

Example: 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_1 + x_2 - x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = -2x_1 + x_2 - x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{cases} \text{ system}$$

a) Show that there exists  $r > 0$  such that the disk  $D = \{x : x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq r^2\}$  is forward invariant. That is,  $x(0) \in D \Rightarrow x(t) \in D \quad \forall t \geq 0$ .

b) Discuss existence of periodic orbits using Poincaré-Bendixon Theorem.

Sol'n a) Let  $V(x) := x_1^2 + x_2^2$ . Now let us compute the evolution of  $V(x)$  along the trajectories of the system. That is, evaluate  $\dot{V} = \frac{d}{dt} \{V(x(t))\}$ .

$$\dot{V} = \frac{d}{dt} \{V(x_1(t), x_2(t))\} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} \cdot \frac{dx_1}{dt} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} \cdot \frac{dx_2}{dt} = \underbrace{\left[ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} \right]}_{(\nabla V)^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{f(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = \langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 - x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ -2x_1 + x_2 - x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

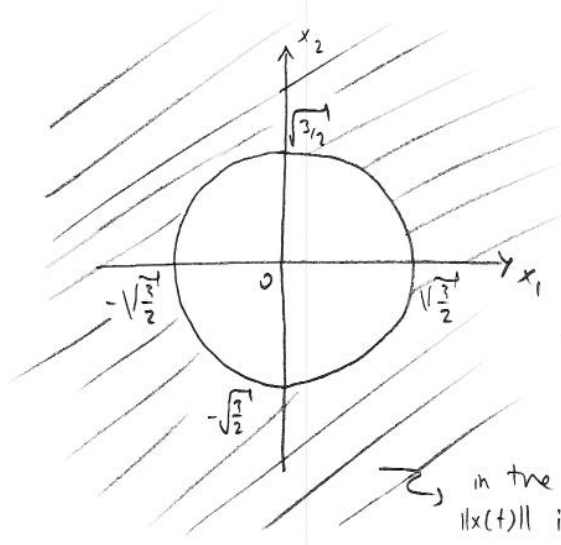
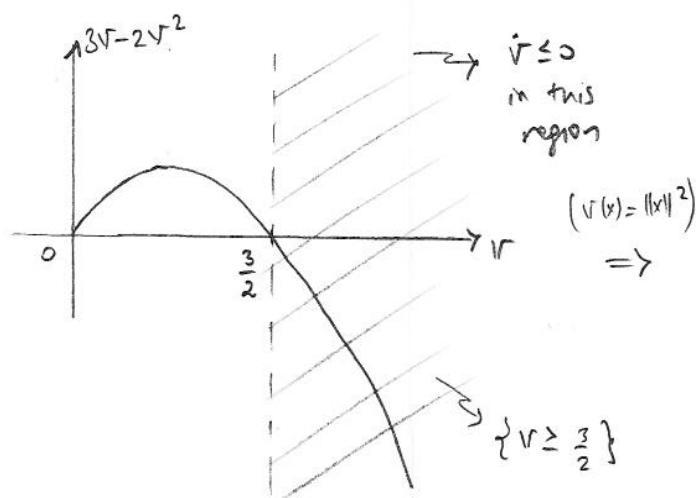
$$= 2x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1^2 V(x) - (4x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 - 2x_2^2 V(x))$$

$$= 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 - 2V(x)^2$$

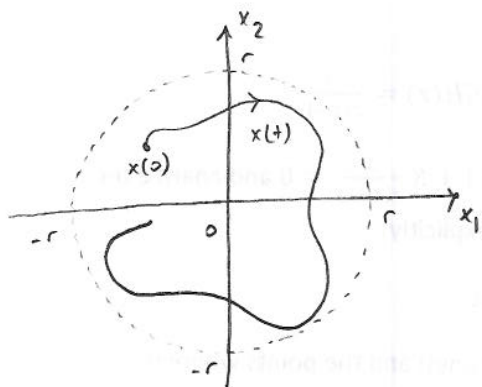
$$\leq 3x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 - 2V(x)^2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} |2x_1x_2| \leq x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

$$= 3V(x) - 2V(x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{V} \leq 3V - 2V^2} \Rightarrow \text{meaning of this inequality?}$$



Hence, for any  $r \geq \sqrt{3/2}$ ,  $x(0) \in \{V(x) \leq r^2\} = D \Rightarrow x(t) \in D \quad \forall t \geq 0$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) Equilibria? } f(x) = 0 & \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 - x_1 \cdot \|x\|^2 = 0 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 - x_2 \cdot \|x\|^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \|x\|^2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 - \|x\|^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\det \neq 0} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is the only equilibrium.

Linearization at  $x_{eq} = 0$  ?

$$\left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |sI - A| = (s-1)^2 + 2 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = 1 \mp j\sqrt{2}$$

Now, we've gathered:

$\rightarrow D = \{x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq r^2\}$  is forward invariant (choose any  $r \geq \sqrt{3/2}$ )

$\rightarrow D$  contains a single equilibrium  $x=0$

$\rightarrow$  The eigenvalues of the linearization at  $x=0$  satisfy  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} > 0$ .

Hence,  $D$  contains a periodic orbit by Poincaré-Bendixon Thm.  $\square$

Example (2.18) Consider the second-order system

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{x}_2 = -g(x_1)$$

where  $g$  is continuously differentiable &  $zg(z) > 0$  for  $z \neq 0$ . Let

$$V(x) := \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + G(x_1) \quad \text{where} \quad G(y) = \int_0^y g(z) dz$$

a) Show that  $V(x)$  remains constant along the solutions of the system.

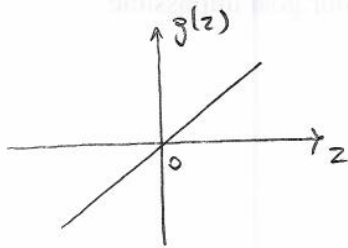
b) Show that, for sufficiently small  $\|x(0)\|$ , every solution is periodic.

Sol'n a)  $\dot{V} = x_2 \dot{x}_2 + g(x_1) \dot{x}_1 = -x_2 g(x_1) + g(x_1) x_2 = 0$

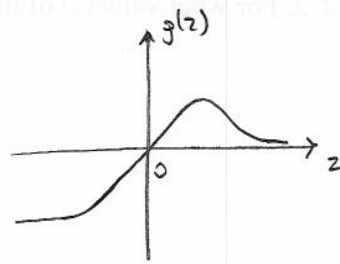
$$\Rightarrow V(x(t)) = V(x(0)) \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0$$

b) Note that  $zg(z) > 0$  means  $g$  visits only the first & third quadrants.

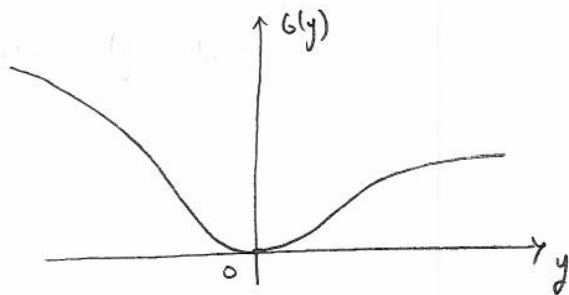
For instance



or



Then  $G(y)$  looks like



That is,  $G(y) > 0$  for all  $y \neq 0$

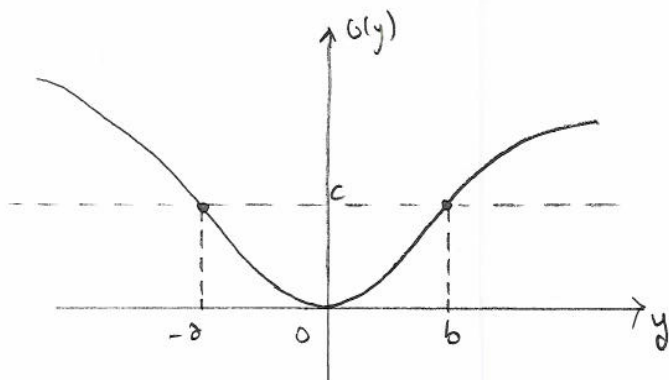
$$G(0) = 0$$

$G(y)$  strictly decreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$

$G(y)$  strictly increasing on  $(0, \infty)$

Hence, we can find  $\bar{c} > 0$  such that for each  $c \in (0, \bar{c}]$  there exists

a unique pair  $(a, b) > 0$  such that  $G(-a) = G(b) = c$



claim: There exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\|x\| \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow V(x) \leq \bar{c}$ .

proof. Let  $a_1, b_1 > 0$  be such that  $G(-a_1) = G(b_1) = \frac{\bar{c}}{2}$ .

Let  $\epsilon_1 := \min\{a_1, b_1\}$ . Note that  $|y| \leq \epsilon_1 \Rightarrow -a_1 \leq y \leq b_1 \Rightarrow G(y) \leq \frac{\bar{c}}{2}$

Finally, choose  $\epsilon := \min\{\epsilon_1, \sqrt{\bar{c}}\}$

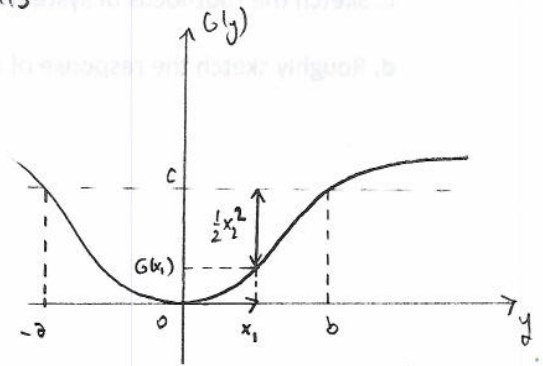
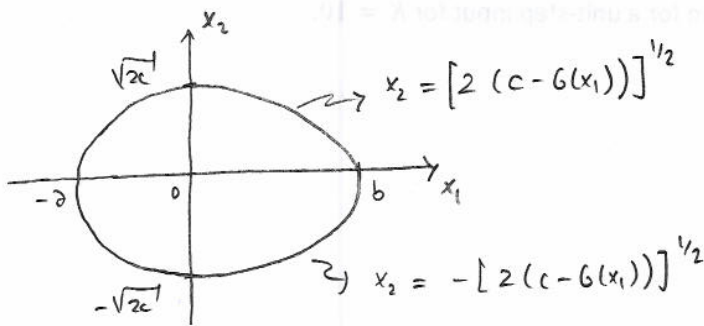
Now we have  $\|x\| \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow V(x) \leq \bar{c}$

because  $\max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \leq \|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \leq \epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} |x_1| \leq \epsilon \leq \epsilon_1 &\Rightarrow G(x_1) \leq \frac{\bar{c}}{2} \\ \text{also, } |x_2| \leq \epsilon \leq \sqrt{\bar{c}} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \leq \frac{\bar{c}}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + G(x_1) \leq \bar{c} \quad \square$$

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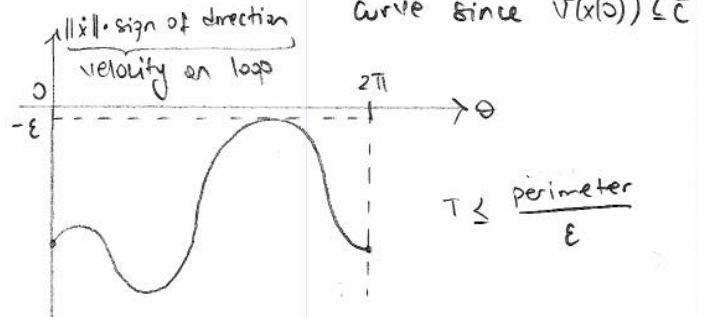
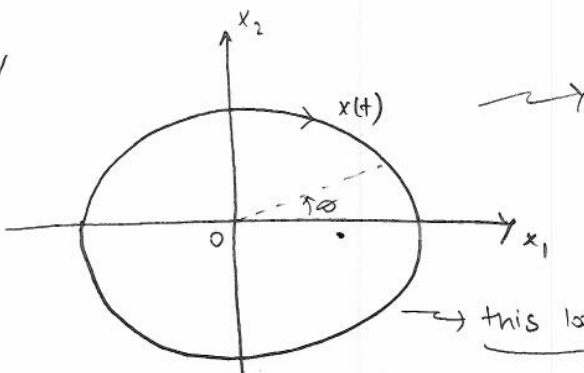
Now, note that for each  $c \in (0, \bar{c}]$  the set of points  $\{x : V(x) = c\}$  defines a closed curve, symmetric w.r.t. the horizontal axis



We establish periodicity for small initial conditions ( $\|x(0)\| \leq \epsilon$ ) as follows:

$\|x(0)\| \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow V(x(0)) \leq \bar{c}$   
by part a,  $V(x(t)) = V(x(0))$  }  $x(t) \in \{x : V(x) = V(x(0))\}$  } this set is a closed curve since  $V(x(0)) \leq \bar{c}$

Hence,



this loop contains no equilibrium point  $\Rightarrow x(t)$  is periodic!  
WHY?

Question: Why cannot we guarantee periodicity for arbitrary initial conditions?

## Ch. III

On Existence & Uniqueness of Solutions

System:  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$       $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$      ( $t$ : time)

Initial cond.  $x(t_0) = x_0$

Solution: A continuous function  $x: [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be a solution of the system  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$  if  $x(t)$  exists and satisfies  $\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = f(t, x(t))$  for all  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$

Existence: When does a solution exist?

A sufficient condition: If  $f(t, x)$  is continuous w.r.t. its arguments  $(t, x)$  then a solution  $x: [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  exists for some  $t_1 > t_0$ .

Uniqueness: Can  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$  have multiple solutions?

Yes, consider  $\dot{x} = x^{1/3}$  with  $x(0) = 0$

Solution 1:  $x(t) \equiv 0$

Solution 2:  $x(t) = \left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)^{3/2} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} x(t) = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \left[\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)^{3/2}\right]^{1/3} = [x(t)]^{1/3}$

Solution 3:  $x(t) = -\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)^{3/2}$

A sufficient condition for uniqueness is Lipschitz continuity:

Theorem: Let  $f(t, x)$  be piecewise continuous in  $t$  and satisfy the Lipschitz condition

$$\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad (\text{for some } L > 0)$$

for all  $x, y \in \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|z - x_0\| \leq r\}$  and for all  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ . Then we can find  $\delta > 0$  such that the equation  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$  with init. cond.  $x(t_0) = x_0$  has a unique solution over  $[t_0, t_0 + \delta]$

Exercise: Show that the system  $\dot{x} = x^{1/3}$  fails to satisfy the Lipschitz cond.

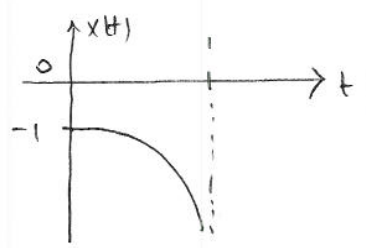
Exercise: Consider the system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  with  $f(0) = 0$ . A solution  $x(\cdot)$  is known to satisfy  $x(0) \neq 0$  &  $x(T) = 0$  for some finite  $T > 0$ . Show that  $f$  does not satisfy the Lipschitz condition. [Hint: consider sol'n of  $\dot{x} = -f(x)$ ]

Example (Finite escape time) Consider

$\dot{x} = -x^2$  with  $x(0) = -1$

The solution is unique:  $x: [0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$x(t) = \frac{1}{t-1}$



solution is undefined for  $t \geq 1$

Note that as  $t \rightarrow 1$   $|x(t)| \rightarrow \infty$ . This phenomenon is called "finite escape time". One way to rule out finite escape times is the global Lipschitz condition:

Theorem: Let  $f(t, x)$  be piecewise continuous in  $t$  and satisfy

$\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq L \|x - y\|$  (for some  $L > 0$ )

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , for all  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ . Then, the state equation  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$ , with  $x(t_0) = x_0$  has a unique solution over  $[t_0, t_1]$ .

Exercise: Consider the linear system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$  where  $A$  is a continuous function of time. Show that for all  $x_0, t_0$  a unique solution  $x: [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , exists.

## Ch. IV Lyapunov Stability

The (autonomous) system

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad (1)$$

with  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

[Unless otherwise stated the solution  $x(t)$  of (1) uniquely exists for all initial conditions  $x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and for all times  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ]

Goal Study and characterize the stability of an equilibrium  $\bar{x}$  of the system (1), i.e.,  $f(\bar{x}) = 0$ . Without loss of generality we will let  $\bar{x} = 0$ .

Definition The equilibrium  $x=0$  of the system (1) is said to be

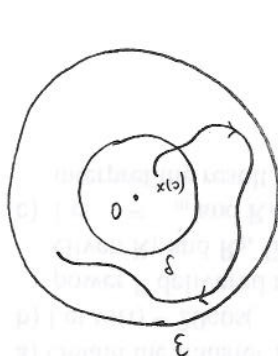
1) stable if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

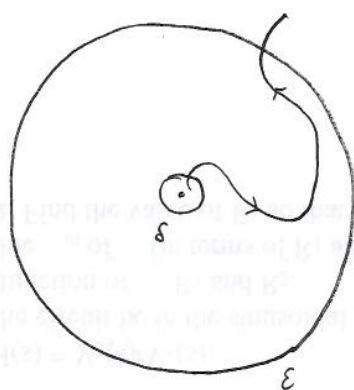
2) unstable if not stable.

3) Asymptotically stable if stable and  $\delta$  can be chosen so that

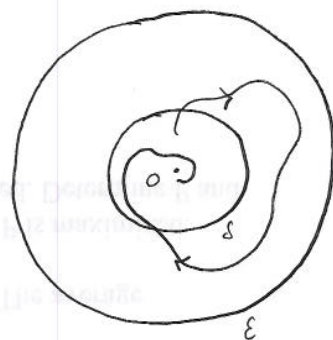
$$\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{attractivity})$$



stable



unstable



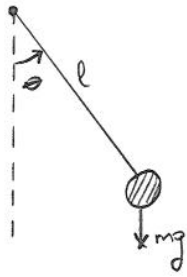
asy. stable

Question: Can an attractive equilibrium be unstable?

Answer: YES! ex:  $\dot{x}_1 = \frac{x_1^2(x_2 - x_1) + x_2^5}{r^2(1+r^4)}$  &  $\dot{x}_2 = \frac{x_2^2(x_2 - 2x_1)}{r^2(1+r^4)}$  (Vinograd 1957)

( $r^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ ) The origin is unstable, yet every solution converges to it.



Example (pendulum, revisited)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= \theta \\ x_2 &= \dot{\theta} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{k}{m} x_2$$

Equilibria?

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

downright equilibrium, stable

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

upright equilibrium, unstable

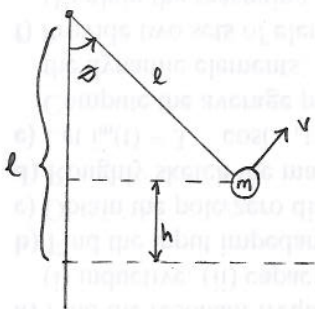
Let us establish the stability of  $x=0$ . [For simplicity ignore friction, i.e., take  $k=0$ .]

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1$$

Total energy of the system?

$$E = \underbrace{\text{kin. energy}}_{\frac{1}{2}mv^2} + \underbrace{\text{pot. energy}}_{mgh}$$



$$v = \dot{\theta} \cdot l = lx_2$$

$$h = l - l \cos \theta = l(1 - \cos x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(x) = \frac{1}{2} ml^2 x_2^2 + mgl(1 - \cos x_1)$$

Let's check the evolution of energy along the solutions of the system.

That is,  $E(x(t)) \rightarrow ?$  as  $t: 0 \rightarrow \infty$

Let us compute  $\frac{d}{dt} E(x(t))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(x(t)) &= \frac{d}{dt} E(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_1} \cdot \frac{dx_1}{dt} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_2} \cdot \frac{dx_2}{dt} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \langle \nabla E, \dot{x} \rangle = \dot{E} \\ &\quad \underbrace{\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = (\nabla E)^T}_{\dot{x} = f(x)} \end{aligned}$$

In general, given a function  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  ( $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ )  
we have  $\frac{d}{dt} V(x(t)) = \langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle =: \dot{V}$

$$\text{Now, } \dot{E} = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} mgl \sin x_1 \\ ml^2 x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = mgl \sin x_1 \cdot x_2 - ml^2 x_2 \cdot \frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 = 0$$

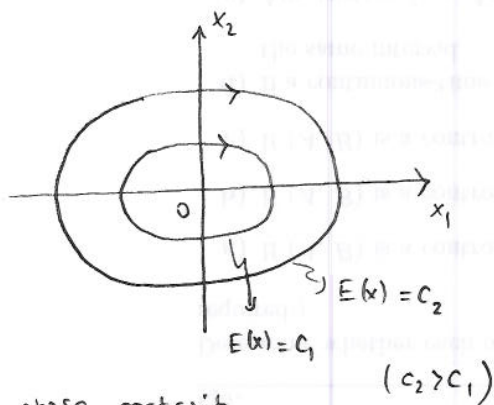
Meaning of  $\dot{E} = 0$ : the trajectories will always move along the  $\{E(x) = \text{constant}\}$  curves, where constant = initial energy  $E(x(0))$

Shape of  $E(x) = c$ ?

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{2} ml^2 x_2^2 + mgl(1 - \cos x_1)$$

$$\& \cos x_1 = 1 - \frac{x_1^2}{2} + \frac{x_1^4}{4!} - \frac{x_1^6}{6!} + \dots \Rightarrow \cos x_1 \approx 1 - \frac{x_1^2}{2} \text{ for small } |x_1|$$

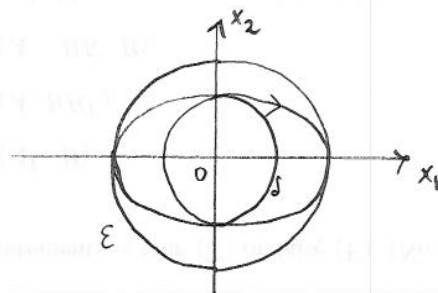
$$\Rightarrow \text{For small } \|x\| \text{ we can write } E(x) = \frac{1}{2} ml^2 x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} mgl x_1^2$$



phase portrait

for small  $\|x(0)\|$

Now, recall definition of stability



$$\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon \text{ for all } t \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  the origin is stable!

Observe

→ Without explicitly computing the solution  $x(t)$ , we have determined the stability of  $x=0$  through an "energy" function  $E(x)$ .

→  $E(x)$  (locally) satisfies:  $E(x) > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  &  $E(0) = 0$ . (pos. definiteness)

→  $\dot{E}(x)$  satisfies  $\dot{E}(x) \leq 0$ . (neg. semi definiteness)

Generalization is due to A. Lyapunov:

Lyapunov's stability Theorem: Let  $x=0$  be an equilibrium of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  and

$D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open subset containing  $x=0$ . Let  $V: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously differentiable function satisfying

$$\rightarrow V(0) = 0 \text{ \& } V(x) > 0 \text{ in } D - \{0\} \quad (1)$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{V}(x) \leq 0 \text{ in } D \quad (2)$$

$$[\dot{V}(x) = \langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle]$$

Then  $x=0$  is stable. Moreover, if

$$\rightarrow \dot{V}(x) < 0 \text{ in } D - \{0\} \quad (3)$$

Then  $x=0$  is asymptotically stable.

Proof: Given  $\epsilon > 0$  choose  $r \in (0, \epsilon)$  s.t.  $B_r = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| \leq r\}$  is contained in  $D$ .

Let  $\alpha = \min_{\|x\|=r} V(x)$ . Then  $\alpha > 0$  by (1).

choose  $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$  and define  $\Omega_\beta := B_r \cap \{V(x) \leq \beta\}$  (note that  $\Omega_\beta \subset B_r$ )

Claim  $x(0) \in \Omega_\beta \Rightarrow x(t) \in \Omega_\beta \quad \forall t \geq 0$

Because Suppose not. Then for some  $x(0) \in \Omega_\beta$  we can find some  $t_1 > 0$  such that  $x(t_1) \notin \Omega_\beta$ . Now,  $x(0) \in \Omega_\beta \Rightarrow V(x(0)) \leq \beta \Rightarrow V(x(t)) \leq \beta \quad \forall t \geq 0$  by (2).

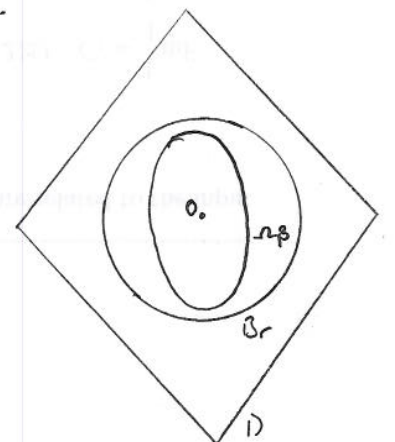
Then  $x(t_1) \notin \Omega_\beta$  &  $V(x(t_1)) \leq \beta \Rightarrow x(t_1) \notin B_r$ , i.e.,  $\|x(t_1)\| > r$ .

But  $\|x(0)\| \leq r$ . Hence  $\exists t_2 \in [0, t_1)$  such that  $\|x(t_2)\| = r$ . (\*)

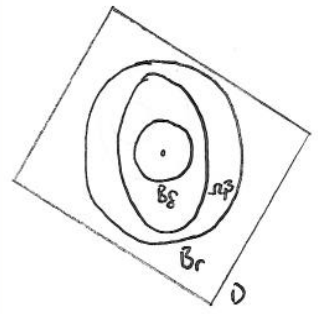
Moreover,  $V(x(t_2)) \leq \beta$  (\*\*)

$$(*) \& (**) \Rightarrow \beta \geq \min_{\|x\|=r} V(x) = \alpha$$

However, we had chosen  $\beta < \alpha$ . Contradiction!  $\square$



$V(x)$  continuous }  $\Rightarrow \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $\|x\| \leq \delta \Rightarrow V(x) < \beta$   
 $V(0) = 0$



Then:  $B_\delta \subset \Omega_\beta$

Because: Note that  $\delta < r$ , for otherwise ( $\delta \geq r$ ) we would have

$$\beta > \max_{\|x\| \leq \delta} V(x) > \min_{\|x\|=r} V(x) = \alpha \Rightarrow \beta > \alpha \Rightarrow \text{contradiction!}$$

Hence  $x \in B_\delta \Rightarrow x \in B_r$  and  $V(x) < \beta \Rightarrow x \in \Omega_\beta$ .  $\square$

Now, we can write

$$x(0) \in B_\delta \Rightarrow x(0) \in \Omega_\beta \Rightarrow x(t) \in \Omega_\beta \Rightarrow x(t) \in B_r \quad (\text{recall } r < \epsilon)$$

That is,  $\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \forall t \geq 0$ . Hence,  $x=0$  is stable.

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Asy. stability under (1) & (3) we need to establish  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

claim: for each  $b \in (0, \beta)$  there exists  $T > 0$  such that

$$\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow V(x(t)) \leq b \quad \text{for } t \geq T.$$

because Define  $-\gamma := \max_{\{x \in \Omega_\beta : V(x) \geq b\}} \dot{V}(x)$ . By (3),  $\gamma > 0$ .

Define  $T := \frac{\beta - b}{\gamma}$ . Then  $V(x(t)) \leq b$ , for otherwise  $V(x(t)) > b$  for  $t \in [0, T]$

and  $\dot{V}(x(t)) \leq -\gamma$  for  $t \in [0, T]$

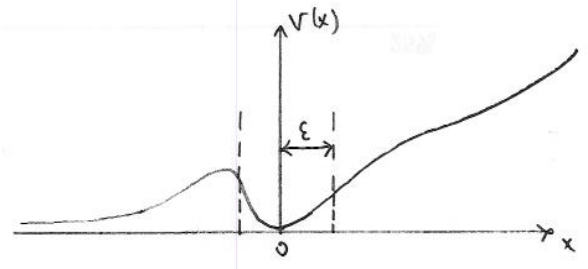
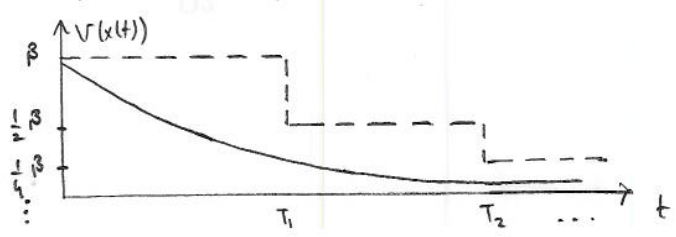
$$\text{We can write } V(x(T)) = \underbrace{V(x(0))}_{\leq \beta} + \int_0^T \underbrace{\dot{V}(x(z))}_{\leq -\gamma} dz \leq \beta - \gamma T = b \Rightarrow \text{contradiction!}$$

$\dot{V} < 0 \Rightarrow V(x(t)) \leq b$  for  $t \geq T$ .  $\square$

The claim implies that  $\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow V(x(t)) \rightarrow 0$ . Since the solution is bounded

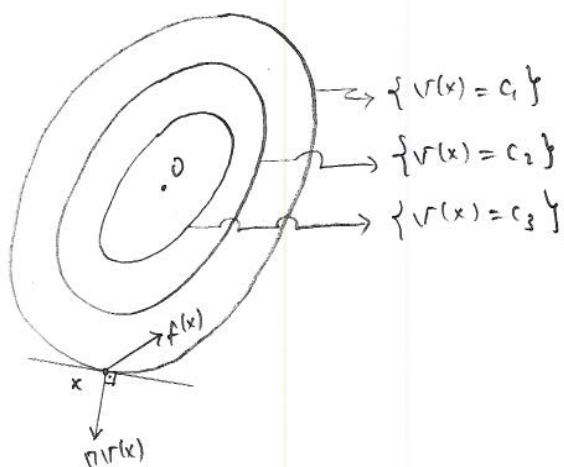
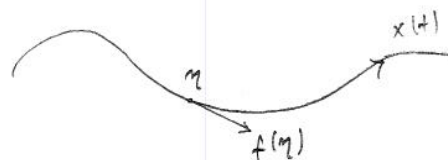
( $\|x(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \forall t \geq 0$ ),  $V$  is continuous, and pos. def;  $V(x(t)) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \rightarrow 0$ .

Hence,  $x=0$  is asy. stable.



## Geometric meaning of $\dot{V} < 0$

$$\dot{V}(x) = \langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle \quad \text{where} \quad f(x) = \dot{x}$$



$$c_1 > c_2 > c_3$$

level surfaces of a Lyapunov func.  $V(x)$

$\langle \nabla V, f(x) \rangle < 0$  means that the angle between the vectors  $\nabla V$  and  $f(x)$  is greater than  $90^\circ$ . That implies  $f(x)$  is pointing to the interior of the surface  $\{V(x) = c\}$ . Therefore once the trajectory enters the region  $\{V(x) \leq c\}$ , it cannot leave it.

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A Lyapunov function candidate should satisfy  $V(x) > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $V(0) = 0$ .

Such functions are called positive definite.

Definition A scalar function  $V: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ) with  $V(0) = 0$  is said to be

→ positive definite if  $V(x) > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$

→ positive semidefinite if  $V(x) \geq 0$

→ negative (semi)definite if  $-V(x)$  is positive (semi)definite

→ indefinite if neither of the above.

checking pos. definiteness of a function may not be easy unless it is quadratic:

Definition A quadratic function  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that it can be written as  $V(x) = x^T P x$  where  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric, i.e.,  $P = P^T$ . We say the matrix  $P$  is positive (semi)definite and write  $P > 0$  ( $P \geq 0$ ) when  $x \mapsto x^T P x$  is pos. (semi) def.  $P$  is said to be negative (semi)definite  $P < 0$  ( $P \leq 0$ ) when  $-P$  is pos. (semi) def.

Fact Given  $P^T = P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $P > 0$  ( $P \geq 0$ ) if and only if all the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $P$  satisfy  $\lambda_i > 0$  ( $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ) for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Equivalently,  $P > 0$  ( $P \geq 0$ ) iff all the leading principal minors of  $P$  are positive (nonnegative).

leading principal minors?

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{LPM are: } a, \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{bmatrix}, \det(A)$$

Example: Consider  $V(x) = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & a \end{bmatrix}}_P \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x^T P x$

lead. principal minors of  $P$ :  $a, a^2, a^3 - 5a$

For  $P > 0$  we need  $a > 0$ ,  $a^2 > 0$ , and  $a(a^2 - 5) > 0$

Hence, for  $a > \sqrt{5}$   $V(x)$  is a positive def. function.

Example: Pendulum with friction

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 & (a, b > 0) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -a \sin x_1 - b x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Lyapunov function candidate:  $V(x) = a(1 - \cos x_1) + \frac{1}{2} x_2^2$

Note that  $V$  is pos. def. in a neighborhood of the origin  $x=0$ .

$$\dot{V}(x) = a \sin x_1 \cdot \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = -b x_2^2 = -x^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -b \end{bmatrix}}_Q x \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) \leq 0$$

$Q$  is pos. semi def.  $\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x)$  is neg. semi def.  $\Rightarrow$  the origin is stable

[Note that  $\dot{V}$  is not negative definite because we can find points  $\eta \neq 0$  that are arbitrarily close to the origin for which  $\dot{V}(\eta) = 0$ , e.g.  $\eta = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .]

Question: How about asy. stability?

Answer: Search for a new Lyapunov function.

New  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T P x + \alpha (1 - \cos x_1)$  with  $P > 0$  to be determined

Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ d & e \end{bmatrix}$ . For  $P > 0$  we need  $c > 0$  &  $ce > d^2$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x^T P \dot{x} + \alpha \dot{x}_1 \sin x_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ d & e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\alpha \sin x_1 - b x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha x_2 \sin x_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c x_1 + d x_2 & d x_1 + e x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\alpha \sin x_1 - b x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha x_2 \sin x_1$$

$$= c x_1 x_2 + d x_2^2 - \alpha d x_1 \sin x_1 - b d x_1 x_2 - \alpha e x_2 \sin x_1 - e b x_2^2 + \alpha x_2 \sin x_1$$

$$= \alpha (1-e) x_2 \sin x_1 - \alpha d x_1 \sin x_1 + (c-bd) x_1 x_2 + (d-eb) x_2^2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{let } e=1 \text{ \& } c=bd$$

$$= -\alpha d x_1 \sin x_1 - (b-d) x_2^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{let } d = \frac{b}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{\alpha b}{2} x_1 \sin x_1 - \frac{b}{2} x_2^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \sin x_1 = x_1 - \frac{x_1^3}{3!} + \frac{x_1^5}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\approx -\frac{\alpha b}{2} x_1^2 - \frac{b}{2} x_2^2 \quad (\text{for } \|x\| < \epsilon)$$

Hence  $\dot{V}(x)$  is (locally) negative definite

Is  $V(x)$  pos. def. ?  $P = \begin{bmatrix} b^2/2 & b/2 \\ b/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  LPM:  $\frac{b^2}{2} > 0$  &  $\frac{b^2}{2} - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 > 0$

$$\Rightarrow P > 0$$

By Lyapunov Thm  $x=0$  therefore is asy. stable.  $\square$

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The origin of the pendulum  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\alpha \sin x_1 - b x_2 \end{cases}$  is asy. stable, but

not every solution satisfies the convergence property  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

Take for instance the solution starting from the other equil. point

$x = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . This observation motivates the following definition.

## Region of attraction

Let  $x=0$  be an asymptotically stable equilibrium of the system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  ( $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ). The region of attraction is the set of all points  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with the property  $x(0) = y \Rightarrow x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . When the region of attraction is the entire space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the origin is said to be "globally asymptotically stable" (GAS).

Remark If  $x=0$  is GAS then it is the unique equilibrium of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ .

Lyapunov Thm for GAS Let  $x=0$  be an equilibrium of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ . Let

$V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable and satisfy

- 1)  $V(0) = 0$  &  $V(x) > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  ( $V$  pos. def.)
- 2)  $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow V(x) \rightarrow \infty$  ( $V$  radially unbounded)
- 3)  $\dot{V}(x) < 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  ( $\dot{V}$  neg. def.)

Then  $x=0$  is GAS.

Reading assignment Read the discussion in the text about the importance of radial unboundedness of  $V$  for GAS. [p122-123]

Lyapunov function is a tool to establish stability. To establish instability we need another tool:

Chetaev's (Instability) Thm Consider the system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  with  $f(0) = 0$ .

Suppose there exists  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , continuously differentiable,  $V(0) = 0$ .

$$\text{let } U = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : V(x) > 0\}$$

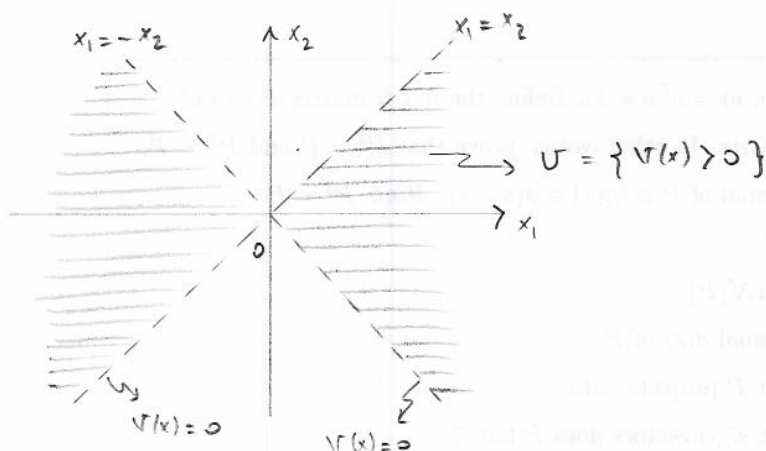
Suppose the following hold:

- 1) There exists  $r > 0$  such that  $\dot{V}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in U \cap \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| \leq r\}$
- 2)  $U$  has points arbitrarily close to the origin. [That is, for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $x \in U$  with  $\|x\| < \epsilon$ ]

Then the origin is unstable.



Example:  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 - x_2^2)$  (Note that  $V$  is indefinite!)



Consider the system 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_1 + g_1(x) \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + g_2(x) \end{cases}$$
 with  $|g_i(x)| \leq k\|x\|^2$   $i=1,2$  in some neighborhood  $D$  of the origin.

(Note that  $g_i(0) = 0$  &  $x=0$  is an equilibrium!)

$$\dot{V}(x) = \langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle = [x_1 \quad -x_2] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + g_1(x) \\ -x_2 + g_2(x) \end{bmatrix} = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_1 g_1(x) - x_2 g_2(x)$$

For  $x \in D$  we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_1 g_1(x) - x_2 g_2(x) \\ &\geq x_1^2 + x_2^2 - |x_1| \cdot |g_1(x)| - |x_2| \cdot |g_2(x)| \\ &\geq \|x\|^2 - \|x\| \cdot |g_1(x)| - \|x\| \cdot |g_2(x)| \\ &= \|x\|^2 - \|x\| (|g_1(x)| + |g_2(x)|) \\ &\geq \|x\|^2 - \|x\| \cdot (2k\|x\|^2) \\ &= \|x\|^2 (1 - 2k\|x\|) \end{aligned}$$

Now, choose  $r \in (0, \frac{1}{4k}]$  such that  $B_r = \{\|x\| \leq r\} \subset D$

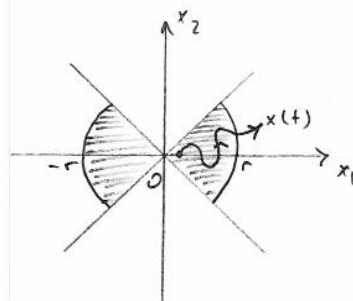
Then for  $x \in U \cap B_r$  we have

$$\dot{V}(x) \geq \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^2 > 0$$

Hence by Chetaev's Thm the origin is unstable

That is, we can never find  $\delta > 0$  small enough

such that  $\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < r$  for all  $t \geq 0$



Example: Euler equations for a rotating rigid spacecraft.

$$J_1 \dot{\omega}_1 = (J_2 - J_3) \omega_2 \omega_3 + u_1$$

$$J_2 \dot{\omega}_2 = (J_3 - J_1) \omega_3 \omega_1 + u_2$$

$$J_3 \dot{\omega}_3 = (J_1 - J_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 + u_3$$

$\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ : components of the angular velocity  $w \in \mathbb{R}^3$  along principal axes

$J_1, J_2, J_3$ : principal moments of inertia ( $J_i > 0$ )

$u_1, u_2, u_3$ : torque inputs

a) Consider the torque free case ( $u_i = 0$ ). Show that the origin  $w = 0$  is stable.

Is it asymptotically stable?

b) Let  $u_i = -k_i \omega_i$  with  $k_1, k_2, k_3 > 0$ . Show that the origin is GAS.

Sol'n Energy?

$$E(w) = \frac{1}{2} w^T J w = \frac{1}{2} J_1 \omega_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_2 \omega_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_3 \omega_3^2 \quad (\text{diag}(J_1, J_2, J_3) = J \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{E}(w) = J_1 \omega_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + J_2 \omega_2 \dot{\omega}_2 + J_3 \omega_3 \dot{\omega}_3$$

$$= \omega_1 \{ (J_2 - J_3) \omega_2 \omega_3 \} + \omega_2 \{ (J_3 - J_1) \omega_3 \omega_1 \} + \omega_3 \{ (J_1 - J_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 \}$$

$$= \{ (J_2 - J_3) + (J_3 - J_1) + (J_1 - J_2) \} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 = 0 \quad (\text{Energy is conserved})$$

Conclusion:  $\dot{E} \leq 0 \Rightarrow w = 0$  stable

$\dot{E} = 0 \Rightarrow E(w(t)) = E(w(0)) \Rightarrow w(t) \not\rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  NOT asy. stable

How about the angular momentum  $M$ ?

$$M(w) = \|Jw\| \Rightarrow M^2(w) = w^T J^2 w = J_1^2 \omega_1^2 + J_2^2 \omega_2^2 + J_3^2 \omega_3^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \{ M^2(w(t)) \} = 2J_1^2 \omega_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + 2J_2^2 \omega_2 \dot{\omega}_2 + 2J_3^2 \omega_3 \dot{\omega}_3$$

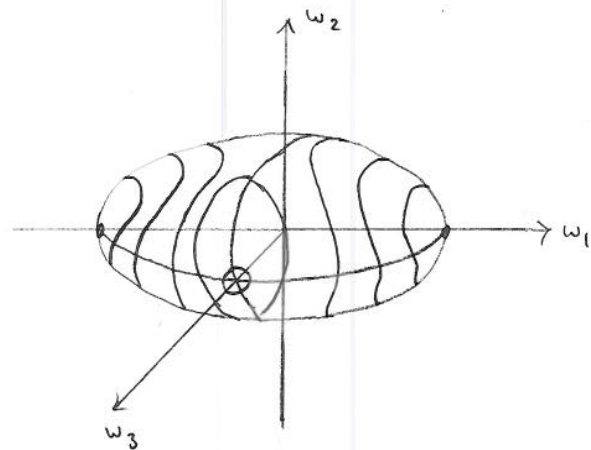
$$= 2J_1 \omega_1 \{ (J_2 - J_3) \omega_2 \omega_3 \} + 2J_2 \omega_2 \{ (J_3 - J_1) \omega_3 \omega_1 \} + 2J_3 \omega_3 \{ (J_1 - J_2) \omega_1 \omega_2 \}$$

$$= 2 \{ J_1 (J_2 - J_3) + J_2 (J_3 - J_1) + J_3 (J_1 - J_2) \} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 = 0$$

(angular momentum is conserved)

Conclusion: Both the energy and the angular momentum are conserved.  
Hence each trajectory  $w(t)$  must traverse the intersection of two Lyapunov surfaces; i.e.

$$w(t) \in \left\{ \Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3 : E(\Omega) = E(w(0)) \right\} \cap \left\{ \Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3 : M^2(\Omega) = M^2(w(0)) \right\}$$



b) [ $v_i = -k_i w_i$ ] This time we have  $\dot{E}(w) = -k_1 w_1^2 - k_2 w_2^2 - k_3 w_3^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \dot{E}(w)$  is neg. definite throughout  $\mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow w=0$  is GAS.

### LaSalle's Invariance Principle

Pendulum with friction:  $\dot{x}_1 = x_2$   
 $\dot{x}_2 = -\partial \sin x_1 - b x_2 \quad (b > 0)$

Lyapunov function:  $V(x) = \partial(1 - \cos x_1) + \frac{1}{2} x_2^2$

$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = -b x_2^2 \Rightarrow \dot{V}$  neg. semi definite &  $x=0$  is stable.

How about asy. stability?

$\dot{V} \leq 0 \Rightarrow V(x(t)) \rightarrow c$ , some constant ( $c \geq 0$ )

"By continuity" there exists a solution  $\eta(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$  that satisfies

$$V(\eta(t)) \equiv c \Rightarrow \dot{V}(\eta(t)) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow -b \eta_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \eta_2(t) \equiv 0$$

$$\eta_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\eta}_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow -\partial \sin \eta_1(t) - b \eta_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \eta_1(t) \equiv 0$$

Hence  $\eta(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow c = V(\eta(t)) = V(0) = 0$

$V(x(t)) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  the origin is asy. stable (without a neg. def.  $\dot{V}$ )

We've made use of the following observation

solutions  $x(t)$  must converge to the set  $\{ \eta : x(0) = \eta \Rightarrow \dot{v}(x(t)) = 0 \text{ for all } t \geq 0 \}$   
 (for pendulum system, this set is the origin!)

Here is the generalization:

Theorem 4.4 [LaSalle] Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a compact set that is positively invariant with respect to the system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ , i.e.,  $x(0) \in \Omega \Rightarrow x(t) \in \Omega \quad \forall t \geq 0$ . Also let

- $\rightarrow v: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable function with  $\dot{v}(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in \Omega$
- $\rightarrow E := \{ x \in \Omega : \dot{v}(x) = 0 \}$
- $\rightarrow M := \{ \eta \in E : x(0) = \eta \Rightarrow x(t) \in E \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$M$  is called "the largest invariant set in  $E$ ".

Then  $x(0) \in \Omega \Rightarrow x(t) \rightarrow M$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Corollary 4.1 Consider  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  with  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $v: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously differentiable, positive definite function on the open set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  containing the origin  $x=0$  such that  $\dot{v}(x) \leq 0$  for  $x \in D$ . Let  $S = \{ x \in D : \dot{v}(x) = 0 \}$  and suppose that no solution can stay identically in  $S$  other than  $x(t) \equiv 0$ . Then the origin is asymptotically stable.

Corollary 4.2 Let the conditions in Corollary 4.1 hold with  $D = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v$  radially unbounded. Then the origin is GAS.

Example 4.23 Consider  $\dot{x} = [A - B_1 B_1^{-1} B_1^T P] x$  where  $P = P^T > 0$  satisfies the Riccati eqn.  $PA + A^T P + Q - P B_1 B_1^{-1} B_1^T P = 0$  with  $R = R^T > 0$  and  $Q = Q^T \geq 0$ . Let  $v(x) = x^T P x$  and show that the origin is GAS when

- a)  $Q > 0$
- b)  $Q = C^T C$  and the pair  $(C, A)$  is observable.

Sol'n  $\dot{v}(x) = x^T P \dot{x} + \dot{x}^T P x$

$$= x^T \{ P[A - B R^{-1} B^T P] + [A - B R^{-1} B^T P]^T P \} x$$

$$= x^T \{ P A + A^T P - 2 P B R^{-1} B^T P \} x$$

$$= -x^T [Q + P B R^{-1} B^T P] x \quad (1)$$

a)  $Q > 0$   $(1) \Rightarrow \dot{v}(x) \leq -x^T Q x$

$\Rightarrow \dot{v}$  is neg. def. (&  $V$  rad. unbounded)

$\Rightarrow$  the origin is GAS

b)  $Q = C^T C$   $(1) \Rightarrow \dot{v}(x) = -x^T C^T C x - x^T P B R^{-1} B^T P x \leq 0$

Let  $S = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \dot{v}(x) = 0 \}$

Then  $x \in S \Rightarrow Cx = 0$  &  $B^T P x = 0$  (WHY?)

Claim No solution can stay identically in  $S$  other than  $x(t) \equiv 0$ .

Because Suppose not. Then there exists a solution  $x(t) \neq 0$  satisfying  $x(t) \in S$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Then  $\dot{x}(t) = A x(t) - \underbrace{B R^{-1} B^T P x(t)}_{=0} \Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) = A x(t)$  &  $Cx(t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

$\Rightarrow C e^{A t} x(0) = 0 \quad \forall t \geq 0 \Rightarrow x(0) = 0$  by observability (WHY?)

$x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow$  contradiction.

Therefore  $x(t) \equiv 0$  is the only solution that stays in  $S$  identically.

The origin is GAS by Corollary 4.2. □

Assignment Read Section 4.3 ("Linear Systems & Linearization")

Theorem 4.7 [Stability check by linearization] Consider  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  with  $f(0) = 0$ .

Let  $A = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0}$ . Then

- 1) The origin is asy. stable if  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} < 0$  for all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $A$ .
- 2) The origin is unstable if  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} > 0$  for at least one eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ .

Remark The conditions of Thm 4.7 are sufficient only. When  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} \leq 0$  for all  $i$  and there exist at least one eigenvalue on the imaginary axis  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} = 0$ , Thm 4.7 says nothing. In such case the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  can display any behaviour (asy. stable, stable, or unstable)

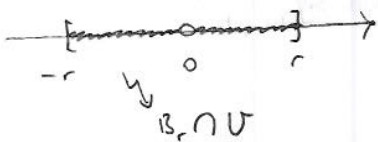
Example #1 System:  $\dot{x} = x^3$

Linearization:  $\dot{\eta} = [0]\eta \Rightarrow \eta = 0$  is stable (but not asy. stable)

How about  $x=0$ ?

Let  $v(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ ,  $U = \{x : v(x) > 0\}$ ,  $U$  has points arbitrarily close to  $x=0$ .

$\dot{v}(x) = x\dot{x} = x^4 \Rightarrow \dot{v} > 0$  on  $B_r \cap U$  for any  $r > 0$  ( $B_r = \{x : \|x\| \leq r\}$ )



Hence  $x=0$  is unstable by Chetaev's Thm.

In fact  $x(t) = \frac{x(0)}{\sqrt{1 - 2x(0)^2 t}} \Rightarrow$  the system suffers finite escape times.

Example #2 System:  $\dot{x} = -x^3$

Linearization:  $\dot{\eta} = [0]\eta \Rightarrow \eta = 0$  is stable (but not asy. stable)

Let  $v(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \Rightarrow \dot{v}(x) = -x^4 \Rightarrow \dot{v} < 0 \Rightarrow x=0$  is asy. stable.

Example #3

$$\text{system: } \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{linearization: } \dot{\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \eta \Rightarrow \eta = 0 \text{ is unstable}$$

$$\text{Let } V(x) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = x_1^3 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = x_1^3 x_2 + x_2(-x_1^3) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x=0$  is stable (but not asy. stable because  $V(x(t)) = \text{constant}$ )

Example #4

$$\text{system } \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1^3 - x_2^3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{linearization: } \dot{\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \eta \Rightarrow \eta = 0 \text{ is unstable}$$

$$\text{Let } V(x) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = -x_2^4 \Rightarrow \dot{V} \leq 0 \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ is stable}$$

$$\dot{V}(x(t)) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow -x_1(t)^3 - x_2(t)^3 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_1(t) \equiv 0$$

Hence  $\dot{V} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x=0$  is asy. stable by LaSalle's invariance principle.

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Summary: All of the below cases are possible.

( $x=0$ : the origin of the actual system;  $\eta=0$ : the origin of the linearization)

	$x=0$	$\eta=0$
Ex #1	unstable	stable
Ex #2	asy. stable	stable
Ex #3	stable	unstable
Ex #4	asy. stable	unstable

## Nonautonomous Systems

System:  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$ ,  $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t$ : time

Equilibrium:  $x_{eq} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an equil. point if  $f(t, x_{eq}) = 0 \quad \forall t \geq 0$ .

Stability concept becomes subtler for time-varying case:

Definition 4.4 Let  $x=0$  be an equilibrium of  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$ .

Then the origin is said to be

→ stable if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $t_0 \geq 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|x(t_0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0$$

→ unstable if not stable

→ uniformly stable if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  (independent of  $t_0$ )

such that

$$\|x(t_0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } t_0 \geq 0 \text{ and all } t \geq t_0$$

→ asymptotically stable if stable and for each  $t_0 \geq 0$  there exists

$c > 0$  such that

$$\|x(t_0)\| < c \Rightarrow x(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

→ uniformly asymptotically stable if uniformly stable and there exists

$c > 0$  and for each  $d > 0$  there exists  $T > 0$  such that

$$\|x(t_0)\| < c \quad \& \quad t \geq t_0 + T \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < d \quad (\text{for all } t_0 \geq 0)$$

→ globally uniformly asymptotically stable if uniformly stable  $\forall t_0$  for each

$\delta > 0$  there exists  $\epsilon < \infty$  such that  $\|x(t_0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon$  for all  $t \geq t_0$

$\forall t_0$  for each pair  $(c, d)$  of positive numbers there exists  $T > 0$

such that

$$\|x(t_0)\| < c \quad \& \quad t \geq t_0 + T \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < d \quad (\text{for all } t_0 \geq 0)$$



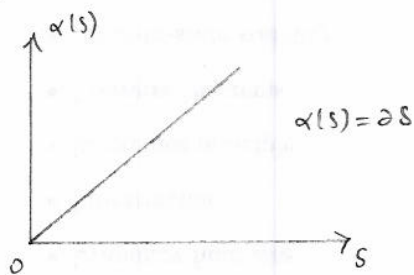
## Comparison Functions

class-K A continuous function  $\alpha: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to belong to class-K ( $\alpha \in K$ ) if it is strictly increasing and  $\alpha(0) = 0$ .

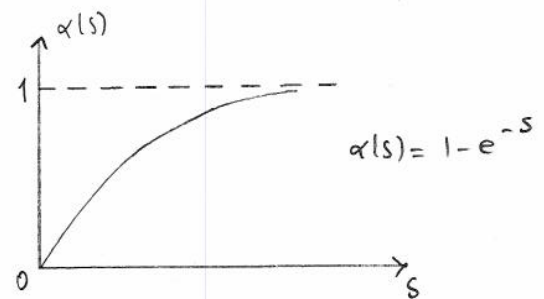
class- $K_\infty$  Let  $\alpha \in K$ . If  $\alpha(s) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\alpha$  is said to belong to class  $K_\infty$  ( $\alpha \in K_\infty$ ). Note that  $K_\infty \subset K$ .

class-KL A continuous function  $\beta: [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to belong to class KL ( $\beta \in KL$ ) if for each fixed  $\bar{t}$  the function  $\beta(\cdot, \bar{t})$  is class K and for each fixed  $\bar{s}$  the function  $\beta(\bar{s}, \cdot)$  is nonincreasing and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\bar{s}, t) = 0$ .

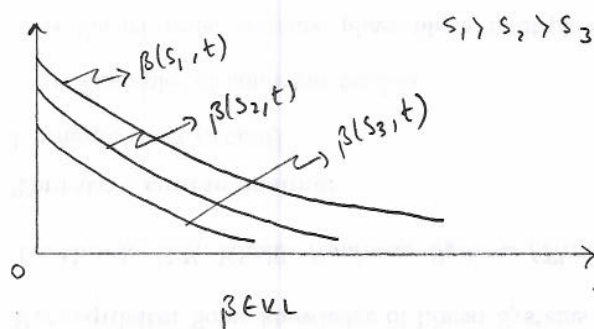
Example:



$\alpha \in K_\infty$



$\alpha \in K$  but  $\alpha \notin K_\infty$



$\beta \in KL$

Comparison functions are useful tools in characterization of uniform stability:

Lemma 4.5 The equilibrium  $x=0$  of  $\dot{x}=f(t,x)$  is

→ US if and only if there exist  $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$  &  $c > 0$  (both independent of  $t_0$ )

such that  $\|x(t_0)\| < c \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \alpha(\|x(t_0)\|)$  for all  $t \geq t_0$

→ UAS if and only if there exist  $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$  &  $c > 0$  (both independent of  $t_0$ )

such that  $\|x(t_0)\| < c \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t-t_0)$  for all  $t \geq t_0$

→ GUAS if and only if there exists  $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$  (independent of  $t_0$ ) such that

$\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t-t_0)$  for all  $t \geq t_0$

Definition [Exp. stability] The equilibrium  $x=0$  of  $\dot{x}=f(t,x)$  is exponentially stable if there exist positive constants  $c, k, \lambda$  such that

$\|x(t_0)\| < c \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq k \|x(t_0)\| e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}$  for all  $t \geq t_0$

and globally exp. stable if we can let  $c = \infty$ .

Example 4.17 system:  $\dot{x} = [6t \sin t - 2t]x$  first-order LTV

solution:  $x(t) = x(t_0) \exp \left\{ \underbrace{6s \sin t - 6t \cos t - t^2 - 6s \sin t_0 + 6t_0 \cos t_0 + t_0^2}_{g(t, t_0)} \right\}$

Let  $\bar{g}(t_0) := \max_{t \geq t_0} g(t, t_0)$ . Then for each  $t_0$ ,  $\bar{g}(t_0) < \infty$ . (WHY?)

Hence, given  $\epsilon > 0$  we can choose  $\delta(t_0) = \frac{\epsilon}{\bar{g}(t_0)}$  and write

$\|x(t_0)\| < \delta(t_0) \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \bar{g}(t_0) \|x(t_0)\| < \bar{g}(t_0) \frac{\epsilon}{\bar{g}(t_0)} < \epsilon$  for all  $t \geq t_0$

The origin therefore is stable.

Uniform stability?

For  $t_0 = 2n\pi$  &  $t = (2n+1)\pi$  we have  $\underbrace{x(t)}_{< \epsilon} = \underbrace{x(t_0)}_{< \delta} \exp[(2n+1)(6-\pi)\pi]$

$\Rightarrow$  Given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is no  $\delta > 0$  that works for all  $t_0 \Rightarrow$  the origin is not unif. stable!

Remark For autonomous case  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  (asy.) stability  $\equiv$  unif. (asy.) stability.

Example 4.18

$$\text{system: } \dot{x} = -\frac{1}{1+t} x \quad (t \geq 0)$$

$$\text{solution: } x(t) = x(t_0) \frac{1+t_0}{1+t}$$

Unif. stable? YES,  $\|x(t)\| \leq \|x(t_0)\|$  for all  $t \geq t_0$  ( $\delta = \varepsilon$ )

Asy. stable? YES,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t)\| = 0$

Unif. asy. stable? NO. Suppose otherwise. Then there exist  $c > 0$  and  $T > 0$  (independent of  $t_0$ ) such that

$$\|x(t_0)\| < c \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \frac{c}{4} \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0 + T \quad (*)$$

Take  $\|x(t_0)\| = \frac{c}{2}$  and  $t_0 = 2T$ . Then

$$\|x(t)\|_{t=t_0+T} = \left\| x(t_0) \frac{1+t_0}{1+t_0+T} \right\| = \left\| x(t_0) \frac{1+2T}{1+3T} \right\| > \|x(t_0)\| \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{c}{3}$$

This contradicts with (\*).

### Lyapunov characterization of uniform stability

Theorem 4.9 [GUAS] Let  $x=0$  be an equilibrium point for  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$  and let  $v: [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously differentiable function such that

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq v(t, x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$$

$$\text{and } \dot{v}(t, x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|)$$

$$[\text{Note that } \dot{v}(t, x) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} f(t, x)]$$

for all  $t \geq 0$  and all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  &  $\alpha_3 \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then  $x=0$  is GUAS.

Theorem 4.10 [GES] Suppose the conditions in Thm 4.9 hold. Suppose further that we can let  $\alpha_1(s) = k_1 s^r$ ,  $\alpha_2(s) = k_2 s^r$ , and  $\alpha_3(s) = k_3 s^r$  for some  $k_1, k_2, k_3, r > 0$ . Then the origin is globally exp. stable.

Remark When the conditions of the above theorems hold only for  $x \in D$  where  $D$  is an open set containing the origin, we have local results: UAS & ES (instead of GUAS & GES)

## Proof of Thm 4.10

given  $\begin{cases} k_1 \|x\|^r \leq v(t, x) \leq k_2 \|x\|^r \\ \dot{v}(t, x) \leq -k_3 \|x\|^r \end{cases}$  , establish  $\|x(t)\| \leq c e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} \|x(t_0)\|$

$$\dot{v} \leq -k_3 \|x\|^r \leq -\frac{k_3}{k_2} v \quad (\text{let } \mu := \frac{k_3}{k_2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{v} \leq -\mu v$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t, x(t)) \leq e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} v(t_0, x(t_0)) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{comparison lemma}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 \|x(t)\|^r \leq e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} k_2 \|x(t_0)\|^r$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right)^{1/r} e^{-\frac{\mu}{r}(t-t_0)} \|x(t_0)\|$$

The result follows with  $c = \left[\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right]^{1/r}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{k_3}{k_2 r}$ .  $\square$

Comparison lemma  $\dot{v}(t) \leq \delta v(t) \Rightarrow v(t) \leq e^{\delta(t-t_0)} v(t_0)$

proof Define  $u(t) := e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} v(t)$ . Note that  $u(t_0) = v(t_0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \dot{u} &= -\delta e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} v + e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} \dot{v} \\ &\leq -\delta e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} v + e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} \cdot \delta v \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \dot{u} \leq 0 &\Rightarrow \underbrace{u(t)} \leq \underbrace{u(t_0)} \\ &\Rightarrow e^{-\delta(t-t_0)} v(t) \leq v(t_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t) \leq e^{\delta(t-t_0)} v(t_0) \quad \square$$

Example (4.20) system:  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - j(t)x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2 \end{cases}$ , assume:  $\begin{cases} 0 \leq j(t) \leq k \\ \dot{j}(t) \leq j(t) \end{cases}$  for all  $t$

Show that  $x=0$  is GES using  $V(t,x) = x_1^2 + [1+j(t)]x_2^2$

Sol'n We can write

$$\|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq V(t,x) \leq x_1^2 + (1+k)x_2^2 \leq (1+k)\|x\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\|^2 \leq V(t,x) \leq (1+k)\|x\|^2 \quad (1)$$

As for  $\dot{V}$  we have

$$\dot{V}(t,x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t,x)$$

$$= j(t)x_2^2 + \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 2[1+j(t)]x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 - j(t)x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= j(t)x_2^2 - 2x_1^2 - 2j(t)x_1x_2 + 2[1+j(t)]x_1x_2 - 2[1+j(t)]x_2^2$$

$$= -2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 - x_2^2 \underbrace{(2j(t) - j(t))}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\leq -2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2$$

$$= -x_1^2 - x_2^2 - (x_1 - x_2)^2$$

$$\leq -\|x\|^2$$

That is,  $\dot{V}(t,x) \leq -\|x\|^2 \quad (2)$ .

By (1), (2), and Thm 4.10 the origin is GES.  $\square$

Exercise Let  $x=0$  be UAS for LTV system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ . Show that  $x=0$  is GES.

Exercise Let  $x=0$  be an equilibrium of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ . Suppose  $A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0}$  exists, and

$g(x) := f(x) - Ax$  satisfies  $\|g(x)\| \leq L\|x\|^2$  for some  $L > 0$  in some neighborhood of the origin. Show that if  $A$  is Hurwitz then the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  is exp. stable. [Recall:  $A$  Hurwitz  $\Leftrightarrow \exists P = P^T > 0$  s.t.  $A^T P + P A + I = 0$ .]

## A Converse Lyapunov Theorem

We know: Existence of a Lyapunov function  $\Rightarrow$  stability

We wonder: stability  $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$  existence of a Lyap function

First, study the linear case:

system:  $\dot{x} = Ax$       Suppose: the origin is asy. stable.

Solution  $\phi_x(t) = e^{At}x$       (Here, we treat  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as our initial cond.  $\phi_x(0) = x$ )

Asy. stability  $\Rightarrow \|\phi_x(t)\| \leq ke^{-\lambda t} \|x\|$  (1)

Define  $V(x) = \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \|\phi_x(t)\|^2 dt}_{\text{well-defined due to (1)}} = \int_0^\infty x^T e^{A^T t} e^{At} x dt = x^T \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} e^{At} dt \right\} x$

$\rightarrow$  Note that  $V$  is pos. def. (WHY?)

How about  $\dot{V}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= \dot{x}^T \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} e^{At} dt \right\} x + x^T \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} e^{At} dt \right\} \dot{x} \\ &= x^T \left\{ \int_0^\infty \underbrace{[A^T e^{A^T t} e^{At} + e^{A^T t} e^{At} A]}_{d(e^{A^T t} e^{At})} dt \right\} x \\ &= x^T \left\{ e^{A^T t} e^{At} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \right\} x \\ &= -\|x\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \dot{x} = Ax$$

WHY?

$\rightarrow$  Here  $\dot{V}$  is neg. def.

Conclusion  $V(x) = \int_0^\infty \|\phi_x(t)\|^2 dt$  works as a Lyap function.

This or similar ideas lie behind the converse Lyapunov theorems. [See, for instance, "A smooth Lyapunov function from a cbss-LL estimate..." A.R. Teel & L. Praly, ESAIM:COCV, 2000]

Theorem 4.17 Let  $x=0$  be the GAS equilibrium of  $\dot{x}=f(x)$  where  $f$  is locally Lipschitz. Then there exist a Lyapunov function  $V:\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  along with  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  and  $\alpha_3 \in \mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$$

$$\text{and } \langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Example 4.45

$$\text{System: } \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = h(t)x_2 - g(t)x_1^3 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -h(t)x_1 - g(t)x_2^3 \end{cases}$$

$h(t), g(t)$ : bounded, differentiable. Moreover,  $g(t) \geq k > 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

a) Is  $x=0$  UAS?

b) Is  $x=0$  ES? [Use Thm 4.15: the origin of  $\dot{x}=f(t,x)$  is ES if and only if the linearization  $\dot{x}=A(t)x$ , with  $A(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(t,x)|_{x=0}$ , is ES.]

c) Is  $x=0$  GUAS?

d) Is  $x=0$  GES?

Sol'n a, c) Take  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 = \|x\|^2/2$ .

$$\text{Then } \dot{V} = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2$$

$$= x_1 \{ h(t)x_2 - g(t)x_1^3 \} + x_2 \{ -h(t)x_1 - g(t)x_2^3 \}$$

$$= -g(t) \{ x_1^4 + x_2^4 \}$$

$$\leq -k(x_1^4 + x_2^4) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{because: } (x_1^2)^2 + (x_2^2)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2 - x_1^2 x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_2^2)^2 \\ \geq \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^4 + \frac{1}{2}[x_1^2 - x_2^2]^2 \\ \geq \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^4 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\leq -\frac{k}{2}\|x\|^4$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^4 + \frac{1}{2}[x_1^2 - x_2^2]^2$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^4$$

Hence we have  $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$  &  $\dot{V}(x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|)$  with  $\alpha_1(s) = \alpha_2(s) = s^2/2$

and  $\alpha_3(s) = s^4/2$ . ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$ ) Then Thm 4.9  $\Rightarrow$  GUAS.  $\Rightarrow$  UAS

$$b,d) A(t) = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & h(t) \\ -h(t) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is the LTV system  $\dot{\eta} = A(t)\eta$  ES? [Note that the eigenvalues of  $A(t)$  tell nothing for  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ , see Ex 4.22.]

$$\text{Try } V(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}\eta_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\eta_2^2.$$

$$\dot{V} = \langle \nabla V, A(t)\eta \rangle = [\eta_1 \quad \eta_2] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & h(t) \\ -h(t) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V(\eta(t)) = \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow V(\eta(t)) \not\rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta(t) \not\rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta=0 \text{ is NOT AS}$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta=0 \text{ is NOT ES}$$

$$\Rightarrow x=0 \text{ is NOT ES}$$

$$\Rightarrow x=0 \text{ is NOT GES}$$

} Thm 4.15



Backstepping

$$\text{System: } \begin{cases} \dot{\eta} = f(\eta) + g(\eta)\xi \\ \dot{\xi} = u \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n, \xi \in \mathbb{R} \\ u: \text{control input} \end{array}$$

Assume: there is a known feedback law  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (with  $\phi(0) = 0$ ) under which the origin  $\eta = 0$  of the subsystem

$$\dot{\eta} = f(\eta) + g(\eta)\phi(\eta)$$

is asymptotically stable. Moreover, we know a (smooth, pos. def.) Lyapunov function  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies

$$\langle \nabla V(\eta), f(\eta) + g(\eta)\phi(\eta) \rangle \leq -W(\eta)$$

with some pos. def.  $W: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Goal: find a suitable control input  $u$  to stabilize the origin  $\begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} = 0$ .

Sol'n: first, rewrite the system as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\eta} &= [f(\eta) + g(\eta)\phi(\eta)] + g(\eta)[\xi - \phi(\eta)] \\ \dot{\xi} &= u \end{aligned}$$

Under change of variables  $z = \xi - \phi(\eta)$  we have

$$\dot{\eta} = [f(\eta) + g(\eta)\phi(\eta)] + g(\eta)z$$

$$\dot{z} = u - \dot{\phi}(\eta) = u - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} [f(\eta) + g(\eta)\xi]$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} := \nabla \phi(\eta)^T \right)$$

let's call this term  $v$

treat it as the "control input"

Finally we have

$$\dot{\eta} = [f(\eta) + g(\eta)\phi(\eta)] + g(\eta)z$$

$$\dot{z} = v$$

To design a stabilizing  $v$  (and eventually a stabilizing  $u$ ) let's use the <sup>composite</sup> Lyap function

$$V_c(\eta, \xi) = V(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}z^2$$

Then,

$$\dot{V}_c = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} [f(\eta) + g(\eta)\phi(\eta)] + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} g(\eta)z + 2V$$

$$\leq -W(\eta) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} g(\eta)z + 2V$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \leq -W(\eta) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} g(\eta)z + 2V \\ \leq -W(\eta) - kz^2 \end{array} \right\} \text{choose } v = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} g(\eta) - kz \quad (k > 0)$$

To summarize:

$$V_c(\eta, \xi) = V(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}(\xi - \phi(\eta))^2$$

$V_c$  is pos. def.

$$\dot{V}_c \leq -W(\eta) - k(\xi - \phi(\eta))^2$$

$\dot{V}_c$  is neg. def.

Hence, the origin  $\begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} = 0$  is asy. stable under the feedback

$$u(\eta, \xi) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} [f(\eta) + g(\eta)\xi] + v$$

$$= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} [f(\eta) + g(\eta)\xi] - \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} g(\eta) - k(\xi - \phi(\eta))$$

Moreover, if

→ all assumptions hold globally

→  $V(\eta)$  radially unbounded

then the origin is GAS.

Example 14.8 Stabilize the origin of

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2$$

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

} Note that  $\eta = x_1$  &  $\xi = x_2$  here!

Step 1 Find a feedback law  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that the origin of

$$\begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = \phi(x_1) \end{array} \quad (1) \quad \text{is asy. stable}$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 potentially            useful  
 harmful term        term

Let  $\phi(x_1) = -x_1^2 - x_1$ . Then (1) becomes

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - x_1^3 \quad (2)$$

For  $V(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2$ , subsystem (2) yields

$$\dot{V}(x_1) = -x_1^2 - x_1^4 =: -W(x_1)$$

$\dot{V} < 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0$  is asy. stable. (Indeed,  $x_1 = 0$  is GES. Why?)

Step 2 Apply backstepping. Consider the original system.

$$\text{Let } z = x_2 - \phi(x_1) = x_2 + x_1 + x_1^2$$

Dynamics of the  $(x_1, z)$  system?

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2 + \phi(x_1) - \phi(x_1) = \underbrace{x_1^2 - x_1^3 + \phi(x_1)}_{-x_1 - x_1^3} + \underbrace{x_2 - \phi(x_1)}_z$$

$$\dot{z} = \dot{x}_2 + (1+2x_1)\dot{x}_1 = u + (1+2x_1)[-x_1 - x_1^3 + z]$$

$$\text{Hence, } \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - x_1^3 + z$$

$$\dot{z} = u + (1+2x_1)[-x_1 - x_1^3 + z]$$

$$\text{Take } V_c(x_1, z) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}z^2 \quad \text{i.e. } \boxed{V_c = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_2 + x_1 + x_1^2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{V}_c &= x_1 \dot{x}_1 + z \dot{z} = -x_1^2 - x_1^4 + x_1 z + z u + z(1+2x_1)[-x_1 - x_1^3 + z] \\ &= -x_1^2 - x_1^4 + z \underbrace{[u + x_1 + (1+2x_1)(-x_1 - x_1^3 + z)]} \end{aligned}$$

choose a proper  $u$  to make this term negative

$$\text{Let } u = -x_1 - (1+2x_1)(-x_1 - x_1^3 + z) - z \quad \text{i.e. } \boxed{u = -x_1 - (1+2x_1)(x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2) - (x_2 + x_1 + x_1^2)}$$

$$\text{Then } \dot{V}_c = -x_1^2 - x_1^4 - z^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{\dot{V}_c = -x_1^2 - x_1^4 - (x_2 + x_1 + x_1^2)^2}$$

Finally,  $V_c > 0$  & rad unbounded }  $x=0$  is GAS  
 $\dot{V}_c < 0$

Example 14.9      $\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2$      Stabilize the origin. [Recursive design]

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_3$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = u$$

Sol'n From the previous example we know that the subsystem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_3 \end{cases} \quad x_3 = \phi(x_1, x_2)$$

for  $\phi(x_1, x_2) := -x_1 - (1+2x_1)(x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2) - (x_2 + x_1 + x_1^2)$  has an asy. stable origin, where

$$V(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_2 + x_1 + x_1^2)^2 \quad \text{works as a Lyapunov function.}$$

This time we let  $z = x_3 - \phi(x_1, x_2)$ . Then

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = \phi(x_1, x_2) + z$$

$$\dot{z} = u - \left[ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} (x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2) + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} (\phi(x_1, x_2) + z) \right] = u - \square$$

Letting  $V_c(x_1, x_2, z) = V(x_1, x_2) + \frac{1}{2}z^2$  we have

$$\dot{V}_c = \underbrace{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} (x_1^2 - x_1^3 + x_2) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} \phi(x_1, x_2)}_{\text{negative def. w.r.t. } (x_1, x_2)} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} z + z u - z \square$$

from the previous example

choosing  $u = \square - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} z - z$  we obtain

$$\dot{V}_c = -x_1^2 - x_1^4 - (x_2 + x_1 + x_1^2)^2 - z^2$$

We have  $V_c > 0$  & rad unbounded }  $\Rightarrow x=0$  is GAS.  $\square$

$$\dot{V}_c < 0$$

Recursive backstepping can be adapted to the systems in "strict feedback" form:

$$\dot{\eta} = f(\eta) + g(\eta) \xi_1$$

$$\dot{\xi}_1 = h_1(\eta, \xi_1) + \ell_1(\eta, \xi_1) \xi_2$$

$$\dot{\xi}_2 = h_2(\eta, \xi_1, \xi_2) + \ell_2(\eta, \xi_1, \xi_2) \xi_3$$

⋮

$$\dot{\xi}_{k-1} = h_{k-1}(\eta, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_{k-1}) + \ell_{k-1}(\eta, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_{k-1}) \xi_k$$

$$\dot{\xi}_k = h_k(\eta, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) + \ell_k(\eta, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) u$$

Conditions:

$$\rightarrow \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n, \xi_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad i=1,2,\dots,k$$

$$\rightarrow \ell_i(\cdot) \neq 0 \quad i=1,2,\dots,k$$

$$\rightarrow \text{There exist } \phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ with } \phi(0) = 0$$

$$\text{and } V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, W: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ both pos. def. such that}$$

$$\langle \nabla V(\eta), f(\eta) + g(\eta)\phi(\eta) \rangle = -W(\eta)$$

Exercise Develop the procedure (or read the text)

Remark: For real-world engineering applications of backstepping see the book "Nonlinear & Adaptive Control" by Krstic et al., 1995. Examples include active suspension problem in cars & jet engine stabilization in planes.



## Input-to-state stability

Consider the LTI system

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

where  $\rightarrow A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is Hurwitz [i.e. all the eigenvalues of  $A$  satisfy  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} < 0$ ]

$\rightarrow$  the input  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$  represents the undesired disturbance (as opposed to control input)

Question: the effect of input on the input-free behaviour  $\|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$ ?

solution:  $x(t) = e^{At}x(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} Bu(\tau) d\tau$

$A$  Hurwitz  $\Rightarrow \|e^{At}\| \leq k e^{-\lambda t}$  for some  $k, \lambda > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \|x(t)\| &\leq k e^{-\lambda t} \|x(0)\| + \int_0^t k e^{-\lambda(t-\tau)} \|B\| \|u(\tau)\| d\tau \\ &\leq k e^{-\lambda t} \|x(0)\| + k \|B\| \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\| \cdot e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t e^{\lambda \tau} d\tau \\ &\leq k e^{-\lambda t} \|x(0)\| + \frac{k \|B\|}{\lambda} \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\| \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Inequality (1) implies:

$\rightarrow$  For zero init. state  $x(0) = 0$ , small input  $\Rightarrow$  small state

$\rightarrow$  For nonzero init. state, small input  $\Rightarrow$  eventually small state

This behaviour of linear systems motivated the below definition

Definition 4.7 The system  $\dot{x} = f(t, x, u)$  is said to be input-to-state stable

(ISS) if there exist  $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$  and  $\gamma \in \mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0) + \gamma\left(\sup_{\tau \in [t_0, t]} \|u(\tau)\|\right) \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0$$

Remark If  $\dot{x} = f(t, x, u)$  is ISS, then the origin of the system  $\dot{x} = f(t, x, 0)$  is GUAS. [The reverse is not true in general.]

Example: Consider  $\dot{x} = -x + u$ . For  $u(t) \equiv 0$ , the system becomes  $\dot{x} = -x$ , for which the origin is GAS. This system however is not ISS because bounded input can result in unbounded state. Take for instance  $u(t) \equiv 2$ . Then  $\dot{x} = x$  and  $\|x(t)\| \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x(0) \neq 0$ .

Example 4.58 Let  $\dot{x} = f(t, x, u)$  be ISS. Show that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ .

Sol'n

$$\text{ISS} \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0) + \gamma \left( \sup_{\tau \in [t_0, t]} \|u(\tau)\| \right) \quad (1)$$

Let  $x(t_0), u(t)$  be given.

$u(t) \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow$  for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$  we can find  $T_k > t_0$  such that

$$\|u(t)\| < \frac{1}{2k} \quad \text{for all } t \geq T_k \quad (2)$$

$x(t) \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find  $T_\varepsilon > t_0$  such that

$$\|x(t)\| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } t \geq T_\varepsilon \quad (3)$$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , first choose  $k$  such that

$$\gamma \left( \frac{1}{2k} \right) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (4)$$

Then, choose  $M$  such that

$$M \geq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, T_k - t_0) + \gamma \left( \sup_{\tau \in [t_0, T_k]} \|u(\tau)\| \right) \quad (5)$$

Finally, choose  $\Delta$  such that

$$\beta(M, \Delta) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (6)$$

$$(1) \& (5) \Rightarrow \|x(T_k)\| \leq M \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \& (7) \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| &\leq \beta(M, t - T_k) + \gamma \left( \sup_{\tau \in [T_k, t]} \|u(\tau)\| \right) && \text{for } t \geq T_k \\ &\leq \beta(M, t - T_k) + \gamma \left( \frac{1}{2k} \right) && \text{by (2)} \\ &< \beta(M, t - T_k) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} && \text{by (4)} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Let  $T_\varepsilon := T_k + \Delta$ . Then (6) & (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). because for  $t \geq T_\varepsilon$  we have

$$\|x(t)\| < \sup_{t \geq T_\varepsilon} \beta(M, t - T_k) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \beta(M, \Delta) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

Theorem 4.19 Let  $V: [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a cont. diff. func. such that

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(t, x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x, u) \leq -W_3(x) \quad \forall \|x\| \geq \rho(\|u\|) > 0$$

for all  $(t, x, u) \in [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{K}$ , and  $W_3$  is a continuous pos. def. function. Then the system is ISS with  $\gamma = \alpha_1^{-1} \circ \alpha_2 \circ \rho$ .

Example 4.27 Consider 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + u \end{cases}$$

Establish ISS by the Lyapunov function candidate  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_2^4$

Sol'n Note that  $V$  is pos. def. & radially unbounded. Therefore (by Lemma 4.3) there exist  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  satisfying 
$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^2. \quad (1)$$

Moreover,  $\dot{V} = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2^3 \dot{x}_2$

$$= -x_1^2 + x_1 x_2^2 - x_2^4 + x_2^3 u$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^4) - \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 - 2x_1 x_2^2 + x_2^4) + x_2^3 u$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^4) - \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2^2)^2 + x_2^3 u$$

$$\leq -\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^4) + x_2^3 u$$

$$\leq \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4}(x_1^2 + x_2^4)}_{W_3(x)} - \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{4}(x_1^2 + x_2^4) - |x_2|^3 \cdot |u| \right\}}_{g(x, u)} = -W_3(x) - g(x, u)$$

( $W_3$  is pos. def.)

Claim  $\max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \geq \max\{|u|, |6u^2|\} \Rightarrow g(x, u) \geq 0$

$$\underbrace{\|x\|_\infty}_{\|x\|_\infty} \geq \underbrace{\max\{|u|, |6u^2|\}}_{\rho(\|u\|)} \Rightarrow g(x, u) \geq 0 \quad (\rho(s) := \max\{s, |6s^2|\} \in \text{class-}\mathcal{K})$$

proof if  $\max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \geq \max\{|u|, |6u^2|\}$  then

• either " $|x_2| \geq |u|$ "  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}(x_1^2 + x_2^4) - |x_2|^3 \cdot |u| \geq \frac{1}{4}x_2^4 - |x_2|^3 |u| = \frac{1}{4}|x_2|^3 (|x_2| - |u|) \geq 0$

• or " $|x_2| < |u|$ "  $\Rightarrow |x_1| \geq |6u^2| \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}(x_1^2 + x_2^4) - |x_2|^3 |u| \geq \frac{1}{4}x_1^2 - |x_2|^3 |u| > \frac{1}{4}x_1^2 - 6|u|^4 \geq \frac{1}{4}(6u^2)^2 - 6|u|^4 = 0$

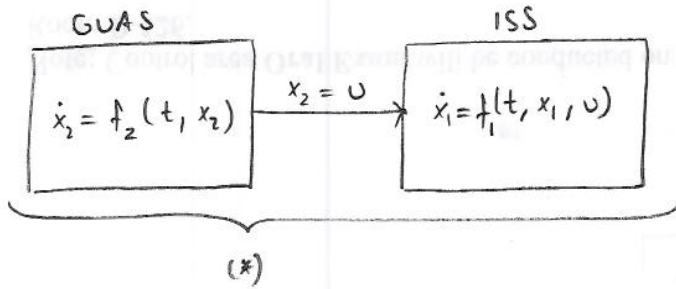


Hence we can write

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq -W_3(x) \quad \text{for all } \|x\| \geq \rho(\|u\|) \quad (2)$$

ISS follows by (1), (2), and Thm 4.19.  $\square$

ISS plays an important role in the stability analysis of cascade systems. In particular:



$\Rightarrow$  The origin of the overall system (\*) is GUAS.

Lemma 4.7 Consider  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$  where

$$\dot{x} = \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(t, x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(t, x_2) \end{cases} = f(t, x) \quad x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$$

If  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \bullet \dot{x}_1 = f_1(t, x_1, u) \text{ is ISS \& } \\ \bullet \text{ The origin of } \dot{x}_2 = f_2(t, x_2) \text{ is GUAS} \end{array} \right\}$  then the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$  is GUAS.

Example 4.56 Show that the origin is GAS for  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3 \end{cases}$

Sol'n First, consider  $\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, u) := -x_1^3 + u$ . Take  $V_1(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2$ .

$$\dot{V}_1 = x_1 \dot{x}_1 = -x_1^4 + x_1 u = -\frac{1}{2}x_1^4 - \frac{1}{2}(x_1^4 - 2x_1 u)$$

Note that  $|x_1| \geq 2^{1/3} |u|^{1/3} \Rightarrow x_1^4 - 2x_1 u \geq 0$ . Therefore  $\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, u)$  is ISS since

$$\dot{V}_1(x_1) \leq -\frac{1}{2}x_1^4 \quad \text{for } |x_1| \geq 2^{1/3} |u|^{1/3} =: \rho(|u|)$$

Now consider  $\dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3$  with  $V_2(x_2) = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$ . Then  $\dot{V}_2 = -x_2^4$  (neg. def.) Therefore

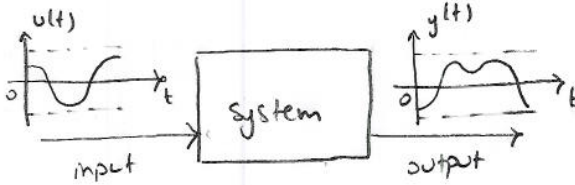
the origin of  $x_2$ -system is GUAS

Hence (by Lemma 4.7) the origin of the cascade system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3 \end{cases}$  is GAS.  $\square$

## Ch. II Input-Output Stability

Input-output stability is concerned with the following question:

→ (When) is the output "well-behaved" under "well-behaved" input?



In particular, we desire: bounded input  $\Rightarrow$  bounded output.

Recall BIBO stability for LTI systems:

$$(1) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ y = Cx + Du & y \in \mathbb{R}^p \end{cases}$$

System (1) is BIBO stable if there exists  $g > 0$  such that for  $x(0) = 0$

we can write  $\sup_{t \geq 0} \|y(t)\| \leq g \sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t)\|$  for all input functions  $u: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

Recall For system (1):

→ BIBO stability  $\Leftrightarrow$  All the poles of the TF matrix  $[C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D]$  are with negative real parts

→ A Hurwitz  $\Rightarrow$  BIBO stability

→ If system (1) is both controllable & observable then

A Hurwitz  $\Leftrightarrow$  BIBO stability

Generalization of BIBO stability: " $\mathcal{L}_2$ -stability"

## Signal Norms

Signal:  $u: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$L_2\text{-norm: } \|u\|_{L_2} := \left[ \int_0^{\infty} u(t)^T u(t) dt \right]^{1/2}$$

$$L_\infty\text{-norm: } \|u\|_{L_\infty} := \sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t)\| \quad \rightarrow \text{vector norm}$$

$$L_p\text{-norm: } \|u\|_{L_p} := \left[ \int_0^{\infty} \|u(t)\|^p dt \right]^{1/p} \quad (p \geq 1)$$

" $L_p^m$ " denotes the space of all signals  $u: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with finite  $L_p$ -norms.

## L-stability

Definition: Consider the system

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x, u) & , \quad x(0) = x_0 \\ y = h(t, x, u) \end{cases}$$

The system (1) is said to be  $L_p$ -stable if there exists  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$  and for each  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists  $\beta \geq 0$  such that

$$\|y\|_{L_p} \leq \alpha (\|x_0\|_{L_p}) + \beta$$

where  $y: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  is the output produced by the initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$

and the forcing signal  $u: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . The system is said to be finite-gain

$L_p$ -stable if we can find  $\gamma \geq 0$  such that

$$\|y\|_{L_p} \leq \gamma \|u\|_{L_p} + \beta$$

The smallest possible  $\gamma$  (if well-defined) is called the  $L_p$ -gain of the system.

Theorem 5.4 Consider the LTI system

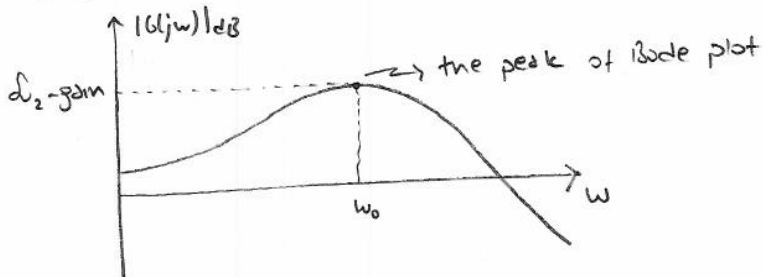
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \end{cases} \quad \text{where } A \text{ is Hurwitz.}$$

Let  $G(s) = C[sI - A]^{-1}B + D$ . The system is  $d_2$  stable with  $d_2$  gain given as

$$\gamma = \sup_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} \|G(j\omega)\|_2 \quad \rightarrow \text{induced 2-norm, i.e., the largest singular value of } G(j\omega)$$

Remark For a single-input single-output LTI system with Hurwitz  $A$  matrix,

the  $d_2$ -gain can be read from the Bode plot:



Theorem 5.3 Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{cases} \quad (1) \quad f: \text{locally Lipschitz}, \quad h: \text{continuous}$$

Assume:  $\rightarrow$  The system (1) is ISS

$\rightarrow$  There exist  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\eta \geq 0$  such that

$$\|h(x, u)\| \leq \alpha_1(\|x\|) + \alpha_2(\|u\|) + \eta \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Then the system (1) is  $d_\infty$ -stable.

Proof ISS  $\Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(0)\|, t) + \gamma \left( \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \|u(\tau)\| \right)$  for some  $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathcal{K}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|y(t)\| &\leq \alpha_1 \left\{ \beta(\cdot) + \gamma(\cdot) \right\} + \alpha_2(\|u(t)\|) + \eta && \left. \begin{aligned} &\alpha_1(a+b) \leq \alpha_1(a) + \alpha_1(b) \text{ (WHY?)} \\ &\alpha_1(2\beta(\cdot)) \leq 2\alpha_1(\beta(\cdot)) \end{aligned} \right\} \\ &\leq \alpha_1 \left\{ 2\beta(\cdot) \right\} + \alpha_1 \left\{ 2\gamma(\cdot) \right\} + \alpha_2(\|u(t)\|) + \eta \\ &\leq \underbrace{\alpha_1 \left( 2\gamma \left( \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\| \right) \right)}_{=: \gamma_0 \left( \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u(\tau)\| \right)} + \underbrace{\alpha_1 \left( 2\beta(\|x(0)\|, 0) \right)}_{=: \beta_0} + \eta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|y\|_{d_\infty} \leq \gamma_0(\|u\|_{d_\infty}) + \beta_0 \quad \square \quad [\text{Note: } \gamma_0(s) = \alpha_1(2\gamma(s)) + \alpha_2(s). \text{ Hence } \gamma_0 \in \mathcal{K}]$$

Example: 
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_1^3 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - x_2^3 + u \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad y = x_1 + x_2 \right.$$

Lyapunov function  $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = -2x_1^4 + 2x_1x_2^3 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2^4 + 2x_2u$$

$$= -(x_1^4 + 2x_1^2x_2^2 + x_2^4) - (x_1^4 - 2x_1^2x_2^2 + x_2^4) + 2x_2u$$

$$= -(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2 - (x_1^2 - x_2^2)^2 + 2x_2u$$

$$\leq -\|x\|^4 + 2\|x\|\|u\|$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\|x\|^4 - \frac{1}{2}\|x\|(\|x\|^3 - 4\|u\|)$$

Therefore  $\dot{V}(x) \leq -\frac{1}{2}V(x)^2$  when  $\|x\| \geq 4^{1/3}\|u\|^{1/3} \Rightarrow$  system ISS

Also,  $\|h(x,u)\| = \|x_1 + x_2\| \leq |x_1| + |x_2| \leq \sqrt{2}\|x\|$

By Thm. 5.3 the system is  $L_\infty$ -stable.

Lemma Consider the system

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f(x,u) \\ y &= h(x,u) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad f: \text{locally Lipschitz}, \quad h: \text{continuous}$$

Let  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a positive semi-definite function such that

$$\langle \nabla V, f(x,u) \rangle \leq \alpha (\gamma^2 \|u\|^2 - \|y\|^2) \quad \text{where } \alpha, \gamma > 0$$

Then the system is finite-gain  $L_2$  stable with  $L_2$ -gain no larger than  $\gamma$ . In particular,

$$\|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|u\|_{L_2} + \sqrt{\frac{V(x(0))}{\alpha}}$$

proof  $\dot{v} \leq \alpha (\gamma^2 \|u\|^2 - \|y\|^2)$

$$\Rightarrow v(x(t)) - v(x(0)) \leq \alpha \gamma^2 \int_0^t \|u(z)\|^2 dz - \alpha \int_0^t \|y(z)\|^2 dz \quad (1)$$

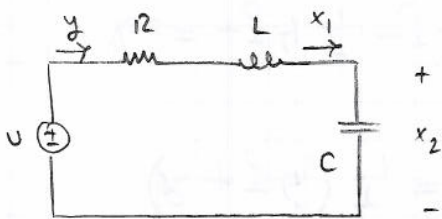
$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \int_0^t \|y(z)\|^2 dz &\leq \alpha \int_0^t \|y(z)\|^2 dz + v(x(t)) \\ &\leq \alpha \gamma^2 \int_0^t \|u(z)\|^2 dz + v(x(0)) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_0^t} \right\} \text{by (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^t \|y(z)\|^2 dz \leq \gamma^2 \int_0^t \|u(z)\|^2 dz + \frac{v(x(0))}{\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \int_0^t \|y(z)\|^2 dz \right)^{1/2} \leq \gamma \left( \int_0^t \|u(z)\|^2 dz \right)^{1/2} + \left( \frac{v(x(0))}{\alpha} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|u\|_{L_2} + \sqrt{v(x(0))/\alpha} \quad \square$$

Example [RLC circuit]



$$L \dot{x}_1 = v_L = u - R x_1 - x_2$$

$$C \dot{x}_2 = x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R}{L} & -\frac{1}{L} \\ \frac{1}{C} & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u, \quad y = [1 \ 0] x$$

Total stored energy  $v(x) = \frac{1}{2} L x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} C x_2^2 = x^T \begin{bmatrix} L/2 & 0 \\ 0 & C/2 \end{bmatrix} x$

Conservation of power  $\Rightarrow P_s = P_R + P_L + P_C \Rightarrow u y = \dot{v} + R y^2 \quad (1)$

$\frac{1}{2} u y$        $\frac{1}{2} R y^2$        $\dot{v}$

Claim: Eq. (1)  $\Rightarrow L_2$  gain =  $\frac{1}{R}$ .  $\left( G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{1}{Z(s)} \right)$ . Thm 5.4  $\Rightarrow L_2$  gain =  $\max_{\omega} |G(j\omega)|$

$|G(j\omega)|_{\max} = |G(j\omega)|_{\omega=1/\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{R}$

Because:  $\dot{v} = uy - ky^2 = -\frac{1}{2k}(u - ky)^2 + \frac{1}{2k}u^2 - \frac{k}{2}y^2 \leq \frac{k}{2} \left( \frac{1}{k^2}u^2 - y^2 \right)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{v} \leq \frac{k}{2} \left( \frac{1}{k^2}u^2 - y^2 \right) \\ \& \text{ previous lemma} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 \text{ gain} = \frac{1}{k} \quad \square$$

In general:

Lemma 6.5 If the system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{array} \right. \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n; u, y \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad (\text{input \& output are of same dimension})$$

is "output strictly passive" with

$$u^T y \geq \dot{v} + \delta y^T y$$

where  $\delta > 0$  and  $v: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is pos. semidefinite, then it is finite-gain

$\mathcal{L}_2$  stable with  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -gain no larger than  $1/\delta$ .

Example:

$$\begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\alpha x_1^3 - kx_2 + u \\ y = x_2 \end{array}$$

$$\alpha, k > 0$$

$$\text{let } v(x) = \frac{\alpha}{4} x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2} x_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{v} = \alpha x_1^3 x_2 - \alpha x_2 x_1^3 - kx_2^2 + x_2 u$$

$$= -kx_2^2 + x_2 u$$

$$= -ky^2 + yu$$

$$\Rightarrow uy = \dot{v} + ky^2$$

Therefore by Lem 6.5 the system is  $\mathcal{L}_2$  stable with  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -gain  $\leq \frac{1}{k}$ .

Example (LTI system)

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

$$y = Cx$$

Suppose there exists  $P = P^T \geq 0$  satisfying the Riccati equation

$$A^T P + PA + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} PB B^T P + C^T C = 0$$

for some  $\gamma > 0$ . Then the system is finite-gain  $L_2$  stable with  $L_2$  gain  $\leq \gamma$ .

Because: Let  $V(x) = x^T P x$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = x^T P A x + x^T A^T P x + 2 x^T P B u$$

$$\& \quad 2 x^T P B u = -\gamma^2 \|u\|^2 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \|B^T P x\|^2 + \gamma^2 \|u\|^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} x^T P B B^T P x$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = x^T \left( \underbrace{A^T P + PA + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} P B B^T P}_{-C^T C} \right) x + \gamma^2 \|u\|^2 - \gamma^2 \|u\|^2 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \|B^T P x\|^2$$

$$\leq -x^T C^T C x + \gamma^2 \|u\|^2$$

$$= \gamma^2 \|u\|^2 - \|y\|^2.$$

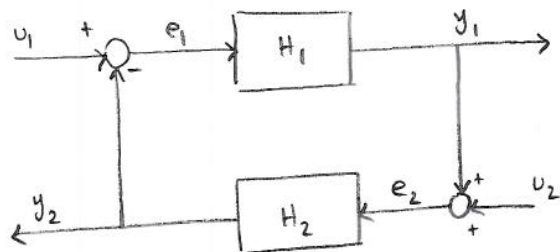
The result follows by the lemma.



## The Small Gain Theorem

" $\mathcal{L}$ -stability tools are useful in studying the stability of feedback connections."

Consider



Assume

- (A1) The feedback connection is well-defined. That is, for each pair of input signals  $(u_1, u_2)$  the signals  $e_1, e_2, y_1, y_2$  uniquely exist.
- (A2) Systems  $H_1$  &  $H_2$  are both finite-gain  $\mathcal{L}$ -stable. That is, there exist  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 > 0$  and

$$\|y_1\|_{\mathcal{L}} \leq \gamma_1 \|e_1\|_{\mathcal{L}} + \beta_1$$

$$\|y_2\|_{\mathcal{L}} \leq \gamma_2 \|e_2\|_{\mathcal{L}} + \beta_2$$

where  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  are determined by the initial conditions.

Now, we can consider the overall feedback connection as a single system whose input is  $u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and output is either  $y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $e = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let

$H_3$  &  $H_4$  denote the corresponding systems:



Theorem 5.6 Under assumptions (A1) & (A2), both systems  $H_3$  &  $H_4$  are finite gain  $\mathcal{L}$ -stable if  $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 < 1$ .

proof:  $e_1 = u_1 - y_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|e_1\|_d &\leq \|u_1\|_d + \|y_2\|_d \\ &\leq \|u_1\|_d + \gamma_2 \|e_2\|_d + \beta_2 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$e_2 = u_2 + y_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|e_2\|_d &\leq \|u_2\|_d + \|y_1\|_d \\ &\leq \|u_2\|_d + \gamma_1 \|e_1\|_d + \beta_1 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \&(2) \Rightarrow \|e_1\|_d &\leq \|u_1\|_d + \gamma_2 \left\{ \|u_2\|_d + \gamma_1 \|e_1\|_d + \beta_1 \right\} + \beta_2 \\ &= \|u_1\|_d + \gamma_2 \|u_2\|_d + \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \|e_1\|_d + \gamma_2 \beta_1 + \beta_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2) \|e_1\|_d \leq \|u_1\|_d + \gamma_2 \|u_2\|_d + \gamma_2 \beta_1 + \beta_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|e_1\|_d \leq \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2} \left( \|u_1\|_d + \gamma_2 \|u_2\|_d \right) + \frac{\gamma_2 \beta_1 + \beta_2}{1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Likewise, } \|e_2\|_d \leq \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2} \left( \|u_2\|_d + \gamma_1 \|u_1\|_d \right) + \frac{\gamma_1 \beta_2 + \beta_1}{1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Note that } \|e\|_d = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_d \leq \left\| \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_d + \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_d = \|e_1\|_d + \|e_2\|_d$$

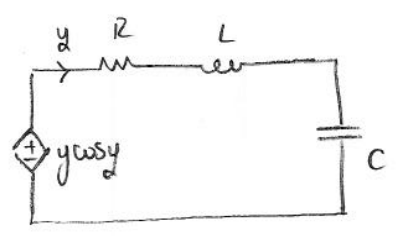
$$\text{Also, } \max \{ \|u_1\|_d, \|u_2\|_d \} \leq \|u\|_d$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } (3) \&(4) \Rightarrow \|e\|_d &\leq \underbrace{\frac{2 + \gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2}}_{=: \gamma_0} \|u\|_d + \underbrace{\frac{\gamma_2 \beta_1 + \gamma_1 \beta_2 + \beta_1 + \beta_2}{1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2}}_{=: \beta_0} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, system  $H_3$  is finite-gain  $d$ -stable.  $\square$

(Proving  $H_4$  is finite-gain  $d$  stable is similar.)

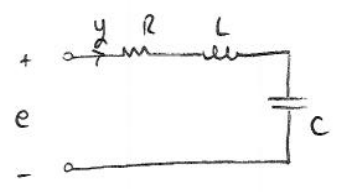
Example



Find conditions on  $R, L, C > 0$  so that the heat dissipated on the resistor is finite. That is,  $\int_0^\infty R y(t)^2 dt < \infty$ .

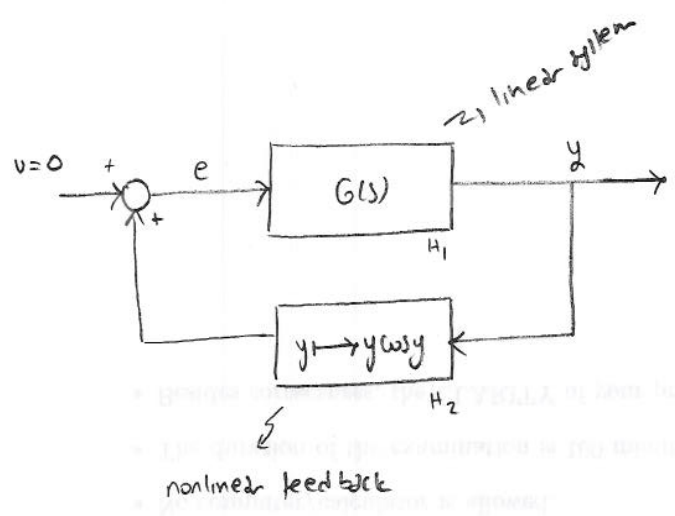
Sol'n

Consider



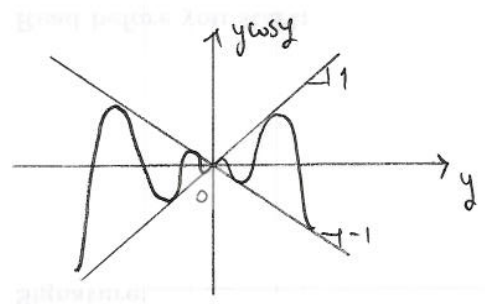
$$\Rightarrow G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{E(s)} = \frac{1}{R + Ls + \frac{1}{Cs}} = \frac{\frac{1}{L}s}{s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC}}$$

Now, the original circuit admits the following block diagram



$$\gamma_1 = \sup_{\omega} |G(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow H_1 \text{ is finite-gain } \mathcal{L}_2\text{-stable with } \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{R}$$

$\gamma_2 = ?$



$$|y \cos y| \leq 1 \cdot |y| \text{ for all } y \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \gamma_2 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow H_2$  is finite-gain  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -stable with  $\gamma_2 = 1$

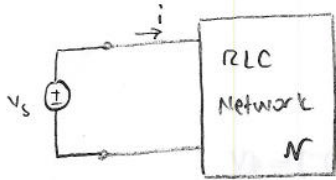
Now, for  $\boxed{R > 1}$  we have  $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 < 1$  and the closed-loop system is  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -stable

$$\Rightarrow \|y\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq \underbrace{\gamma_0}_{0} \|u\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} + \beta_0 \Rightarrow \|y\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} \leq \beta_0 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty R y^2 dt = R \beta_0^2 < \infty$$

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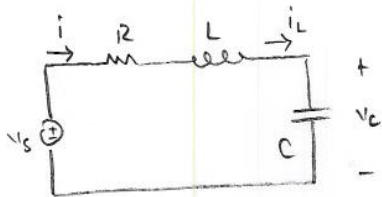
Passivity

Motivation: electrical networks



The circuit  $N$  is passive if the energy absorbed by the network during any time interval  $[0, T]$  is no less than the energy stored (by the energy storing components) in the network over the same interval.

Example: [series RLC circuit]



$$\text{Energy absorbed} = \int_0^T v_s(t) i(t) dt$$

$$\text{Energy stored} = \{E_C(T) + E_L(T)\} - \{E_C(0) + E_L(0)\}$$

$$\text{where } E_C = \frac{1}{2} C v_c^2 \quad \& \quad E_L = \frac{1}{2} L i_L^2$$

Let input  $u = v_s$       states  $x_1 = i_L$   
 output  $y = i$              $x_2 = v_c$

$$\text{Model: } \left. \begin{aligned} R x_1 + L \dot{x}_1 + x_2 &= u \\ C \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R}{L} x_1 - \frac{1}{L} x_2 + \frac{1}{L} u \\ \frac{1}{C} x_1 \end{bmatrix} =: f(x, u) \\ y &= x_1 =: h(x, u) \end{aligned}$$

Define "the storage function"  $V(x) = E_L + E_C = \frac{1}{2} L x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} C x_2^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{V} &= L x_1 \dot{x}_1 + C x_2 \dot{x}_2 = L x_1 \left\{ -\frac{R}{L} x_1 - \frac{1}{L} x_2 + \frac{1}{L} u \right\} + C x_2 \left\{ \frac{1}{C} x_1 \right\} \\ &= -R x_1^2 + x_1 u \\ &= u y - R y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } u y = \dot{V} + R y^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{u y \geq \dot{V}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underbrace{\int_0^T u(t) y(t) dt}_{\text{Energy absorbed}} \geq \underbrace{V(x(T)) - V(x(0))}_{\text{Energy stored}}$$

Definition 6.3 The system (assume  $f(0,0) = 0$  &  $h(0,0) = 0$ )

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x,u) & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ y = h(x,u) & u, y \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases} \quad (\text{Note: input \& output are of same dim.})$$

is said to be passive if there exists a continuously differentiable pos. semidef. function  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (called the storage function) such that

$$\underbrace{\langle u, y \rangle}_{u^T y} \geq \underbrace{\langle \nabla V, f \rangle}_{\dot{V}} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ \& } u \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

In particular, a passive system is called:

→ lossless if  $u^T y = \dot{V}$ ;

→ output strictly passive if  $u^T y \geq \dot{V} + y^T p(y)$  for some  $p: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  satisfying  $y^T p(y) > 0$  for all  $y \neq 0$ ;

→ strictly passive if  $u^T y \geq \dot{V} + \Psi(x)$  for some pos. def.  $\Psi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

— 0 —

For memoryless systems  $u \rightarrow \boxed{h(\cdot)} \rightarrow y = h(u)$  we have the following def:

Definition 6.1 The system  $y = h(u)$  with  $h: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be

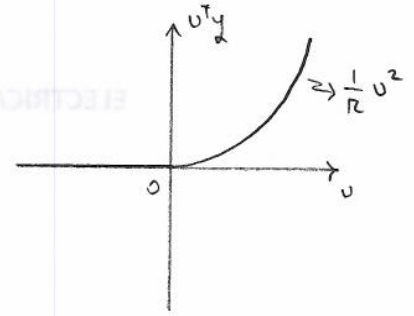
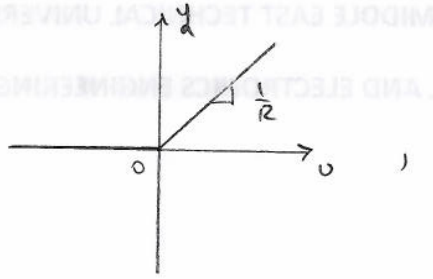
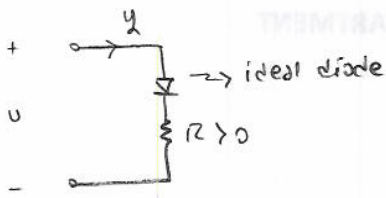
→ passive if  $u^T y \geq 0$ ;

→ lossless if  $u^T y = 0$ ;

→ output strictly passive if  $u^T y \geq y^T p(y)$  where  $y^T p(y) > 0$  for all  $y \neq 0$ .

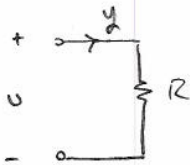
Examples

piecewise linear resistor



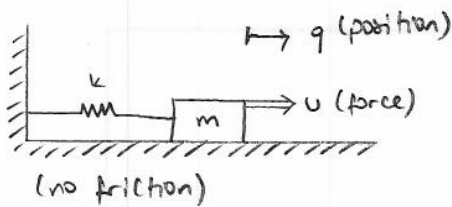
$u^T y \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  passive

LTI resistor



$u^T y = R y^2 \Rightarrow$  output strictly passive

mass-spring



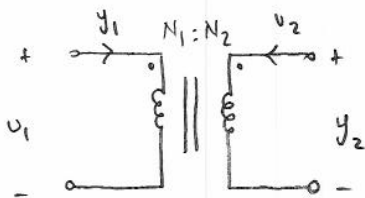
$y = \dot{q}$  (velocity)

model:  $m\ddot{q} + kq = u$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \text{pot. energy} + \text{kin. energy} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k q^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \dot{q}^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \dot{V} = k q \dot{q} + m \dot{q} \ddot{q} = k q \dot{q} + \dot{q} \{ -kq + u \} = \dot{q} u = y u$$

$\Rightarrow u y = \dot{V} \Rightarrow$  lossless

ideal transformer



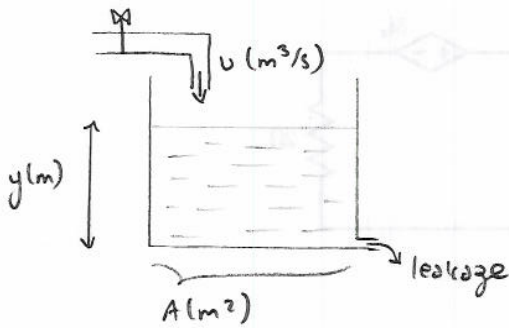
$\frac{u_1}{N_1} = \frac{u_2}{N_2}$

$N_1 y_1 + N_2 y_2 = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{u_1}{N_1} &= \frac{u_2}{N_2} \\ N_1 y_1 + N_2 y_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{N_2}{N_1} \\ \frac{N_2}{N_1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
 H (skew-symmetric,  $H^T = -H$ )

$\Rightarrow u^T y = u^T H u = \frac{1}{2} u^T H u + \frac{1}{2} u^T H^T u = u^T \left[ \frac{H+H^T}{2} \right] u = 0 \Rightarrow$  lossless.

water reservoir



model:  $A\dot{y} = u - \alpha y$

→ leakage term ( $\alpha y$ )

storage function (pot. energy of the water)  $V = (Ay) \cdot \frac{y}{2}$   
 ↳ total mass      ↳ average height

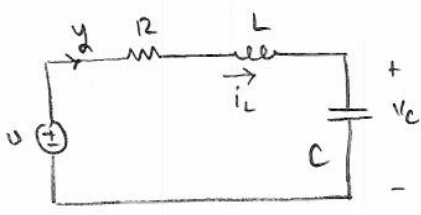
$\Rightarrow \dot{V} = yA\dot{y} = y(u - \alpha y) \Rightarrow u y = \dot{V} + \alpha y^2$

$\Rightarrow$  output strictly passive (also, strictly passive since  $x=y$ )

Lemma 6.5 (revisited) If the system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x,u) \\ y = h(x,u) \end{cases}$  is output strictly passive

with  $u^T y \geq \dot{V} + \delta y^T y$  ( $\delta > 0$ ), then it is finite-gain  $\mathcal{L}_2$  stable with  $\mathcal{L}_2$  gain  $\leq \frac{1}{\delta}$ .

Example (revisited)



for  $V = \frac{1}{2} L i_L^2 + \frac{1}{2} C v_c^2$

we've obtained  $u y = \dot{V} + R y^2$  (1)

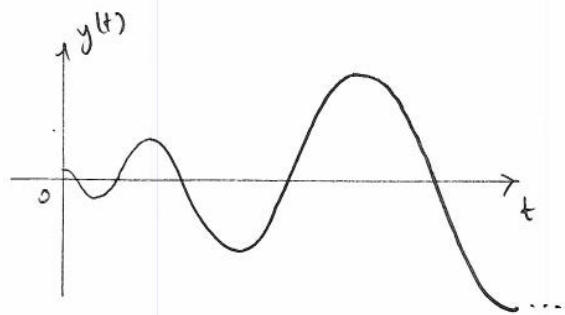
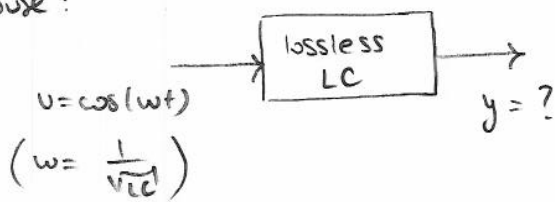
(1)  $\Rightarrow$  DSP & finite-gain  $\mathcal{L}_2$  stable with  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -gain  $\leq \frac{1}{R}$ .

How about  $R=0$  case?

$R=0 \Rightarrow u y = \dot{V} \Rightarrow$  lossless

Note that the lossless case is not

$\mathcal{L}_2$  stable because:



## Positivity & Stability

Lemma 6.6 If the system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{cases}$  is passive with a positive definite storage function  $V$ , then the origin of the unforced system  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$  is stable.

proof passivity  $\Rightarrow \dot{V} \leq u^T y$   $\left| \begin{array}{l} V \text{ pos. def.} \\ \& \dot{V} \leq 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \text{origin stable.}$

$u=0 \Rightarrow \dot{V} \leq 0$  ▣

Lemma 6.7 (a) If the system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{cases}$  is strictly passive then the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$  is asy. stable. Furthermore, if the storage function is radially unbounded then the origin is GAS.

proof strict passivity  $\Rightarrow u^T y \geq \langle \nabla V, f(x, u) \rangle + \Psi(x)$  with pos. def.  $\Psi$

$u=0 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) \leq -\Psi(x)$  (1)

Claim : (1)  $\Rightarrow V$  is pos. def.

Because : let  $\phi(t, \eta)$  denote the solution of  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$  starting from  $\eta$ , that is,  $\phi(0, \eta) = \eta$ . Let us integrate (1):

$$V(\phi(T, \eta)) - \underbrace{V(\phi(0, \eta))}_{V(\eta)} \leq - \int_0^T \Psi(\phi(t, \eta)) dt$$

since  $V \geq 0$  we have  $V(\eta) \geq \int_0^T \Psi(\phi(t, \eta)) dt$  (2)

Suppose  $V$  is not pos. def. Then there should exist  $\eta \neq 0$  such that  $V(\eta) = 0$ . Then

(2)  $\Rightarrow \int_0^T \Psi(\phi(t, \eta)) dt = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(t, \eta) = 0$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$  because  $\Psi$  pos. def.

$\Rightarrow 0 = \phi(t, \eta) \Big|_{t=0} = \eta$ . But  $\eta \neq 0$ . Contradiction. Hence  $V$  is pos. def.

Finally,  $V$  pos. def. & (1)  $\Rightarrow$  AS;

$V$  pos. def. & (1) &  $V$  rad. unbounded  $\Rightarrow$  GAS. ▣



Question: output strict passivity  $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$  the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$  AS

Answer: Not necessarily. We further need "some sort of" observability property.

Recall: LTI system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax \\ y = Cx \end{cases}$  observable  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, \delta] \Rightarrow x(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, \delta] \end{cases}$

where  $\delta > 0$  is arbitrary. This motivates:

Definition 6.5 [ZSO] The system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{cases}$  is said to be zero-state observable

if for all  $\delta > 0$  and all solutions  $x(t)$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$  we can write

$$x(t) \in \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : h(z, 0) = 0\} \quad \forall t \in [0, \delta] \Leftrightarrow x(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, \delta]$$

Lemma 6.7(b) If the system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{cases}$  is output strictly passive and

zero state observable then the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$  is asy. stable. Furthermore, if the storage function is radially unbounded then the origin is GAS.

proof OSP  $\Rightarrow u^T y \geq \langle \nabla V, f(x, u) \rangle + y^T p(y)$  with  $y^T p(y) > 0 \quad \forall y \neq 0$

$$u=0 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) \leq -y^T p(y) \quad (1)$$

claim: (1) + ZSO  $\Rightarrow V$  is pos. def.

Because: let  $\phi(t, \eta)$  be the solution of  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$  starting from  $\eta$ . Integrate (1):

$$V(\phi(T, \eta)) - V(\phi(0, \eta)) \leq -\int_0^T h^T(\phi(t, \eta), 0) p(h(\phi(t, \eta), 0)) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow V(\eta) \geq \int_0^T h^T(\phi(t, \eta), 0) p(h(\phi(t, \eta), 0)) dt \quad (2)$$

Suppose  $V$  is not pos. def. Then we can find  $\eta \neq 0$  such that  $V(\eta) = 0$ . Then

$$(2) \Rightarrow h(\phi(t, \eta), 0) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T]$$

$\downarrow$  by ZSO

$$\Rightarrow \phi(t, \eta) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T]$$

$\Rightarrow \eta = 0$ . Contradiction to  $\eta \neq 0$ . Hence  $V$  is pos. def.

Return to eqn. (1) :  $\dot{v} \leq -y^T p(y)$

$\dot{v} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow y(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \equiv 0$  by ZSO. Hence, we've obtained :

(a) No solution except  $x(t) \equiv 0$  can identically stay in  $\{\dot{v} = 0\}$

(b)  $V$  pos. def

(1)+(a)+(b)  $\Rightarrow$  origin is AS (by Corollary 4.1)

(1)+(a)+(b) +  $V$  rad. unb.  $\Rightarrow$  the origin is GAS (Corollary 4.2)  $\square$

Example

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\alpha x_1^3 - kx_2 + u$$

$$y = x_2$$

$$\alpha, k > 0$$

storage function :  $v(x) = \frac{1}{4}\alpha x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$  (pos. def. & radially unbounded)

$$\dot{v} = \alpha x_1^3 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = \alpha x_1^3 x_2 + x_2 \{-\alpha x_1^3 - kx_2 + u\} = -kx_2^2 + x_2 u$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{v} = -ky^2 + uy \quad (\text{output strictly passive})$$

When  $u \equiv 0$

$$y(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_1(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \equiv 0$$

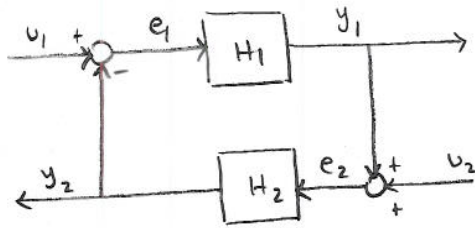
Therefore the system is zero-state observable.

Stability of the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x, 0)$

OSP + ZSO +  $V$  rad. unb.  $\Rightarrow$  GAS.

## Analysis of Feedback systems via Passivity

Feedback connection of two systems:



Each system  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  is represented

either by 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_i = f_i(x_i, e_i) \\ y_i = h_i(x_i, e_i) \end{cases} \quad (\text{dynamic})$$

or by 
$$y_i = h_i(e_i) \quad (\text{memoryless})$$

Assume: The feedback connection is well-defined. That is, for all inputs  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  the solution uniquely exist. Also,  $f_i(0,0) = 0$  &  $h_i(0,0) = 0$  ( $h_i(0) = 0$ )  $i=1,2$ .

Theorem 6.1 The feedback connection of two passive systems is passive.

Proof Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be the storage functions for  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ . (If the system is memoryless, take  $v_i = 0$ .) Then

$$e_i^T y_i \geq \dot{v}_i$$

Define the overall storage function  $V(x) := v_1(x_1) + v_2(x_2)$ ,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \dot{V} &= \dot{v}_1 + \dot{v}_2 \leq e_1^T y_1 + e_2^T y_2 \\ &= (v_1 - y_2)^T y_1 + (y_1 + v_2)^T y_2 \\ &= v_1^T y_1 + v_2^T y_2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= v^T y \end{aligned}$$

□

How about  $L_2$ -stability?

Lemma 6.8 The feedback connection of two output strictly passive systems

with  $e_i^T y_i \geq \dot{v}_i + \delta_i y_i^T y_i$ ,  $\delta_i > 0$

is finite-gain  $\mathcal{L}_2$  stable with  $\mathcal{L}_2$  gain no larger than  $\frac{1}{\min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}}$ .

Proof Let  $v := v_1 + v_2$  &  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} v^T y &= e_1^T y_1 + e_2^T y_2 \\ &\geq \dot{v}_1 + \dot{v}_2 + \delta_1 y_1^T y_1 + \delta_2 y_2^T y_2 \\ &\geq \dot{v} + \delta y^T y \end{aligned}$$

The result then follows from Lemma 6.5.

Example Consider the feedback connection of

$$H_1: \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -ax_1^3 - bx_2 + e_1 \\ y_1 = x_2 \end{cases} \quad \& \quad H_2: y_2 = ke_2$$

with  $a, b, k > 0$ . Let  $v_1(x) = \frac{a}{4} x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2} x_2^2$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{v}_1 = ax_1^3 x_2 - ax_1^3 x_2 - bx_2^2 + x_2 e_1 = -by_1^2 + e_1 y_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } e_2 y_2 = \frac{1}{k} y_2^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Then (1) \& (2) } \Rightarrow \dot{v}_1 = -by_1^2 - \frac{1}{k} y_2^2 + e_1 y_1 + e_2 y_2$$

$$\leq -\min\left\{b, \frac{1}{k}\right\} (y_1^2 + y_2^2) + v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{v}_1 + \min\left\{b, \frac{1}{k}\right\} y^T y \leq v^T y \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 \text{ gain} \leq \frac{1}{\min\left\{b, \frac{1}{k}\right\}}$$

Theorem 6.4

Let  $\begin{cases} H_1: \text{strictly passive} \\ H_2: \text{memoryless, passive} \end{cases}$

Then the origin of the closed-loop system when  $u=0$  is asymptotically stable. Furthermore, if the storage function of  $H_1$  is radially unbounded then the origin is GAS.

Proof Let  $V_1$  be the storage function for  $H_1: \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, e_1) \\ y_1 = h_1(x_1, e_1) \end{cases}$

Then  $\dot{V}_1 \leq e_1^T y_1 - \Psi_1(x_1)$  for some pos. def  $\Psi_1$

Note that  $e_1^T y_1 + e_2^T y_2 = u^T y = 0$  since  $u=0$ .

Therefore  $\dot{V}_1 \leq -e_2^T y_2 - \Psi_1(x_1)$  "

Also,  $H_2$  passive  $\Rightarrow e_2^T y_2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \dot{V}_1(x_1) \leq -\Psi_1(x_1)$  (1)

From the proof of Lemma 6.7 we recall: strict passivity  $\Rightarrow V_1$  pos. def.

The result then follows by (1).  $\square$

Theorem 6.3 Consider the feedback connection of two dynamic systems

$$H_i: \begin{cases} \dot{x}_i = f_i(x_i, e_i) \\ y_i = h_i(x_i, e_i) \end{cases} \quad i=1,2 \quad (f_i(0,0)=0 \text{ \& } h_i(0,0)=0)$$

The origin of the closed-loop system when  $u=0$  is asy. stable if one of the following conditions hold

- 1) both systems  $(H_1, H_2)$  are strictly passive
- 2) both systems are output strictly passive and zero state observable
- 3) one of the systems is SP and the other is OSP & ZSO.

Moreover, if both storage functions  $(V_1, V_2)$  are rad. unbd., then the origin is GAS.

proof Define  $V(x) := V_1(x_1) + V_2(x_2)$ .

From the proof of Lemma 6.7 we know:  $V_1, V_2$  pos. def. w.r.t.  $x_1, x_2$ .

Hence  $V(x)$  is pos. def. w.r.t.  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$[\text{case 1}] \quad \dot{V}(x) \leq \underbrace{e_1^T y_1 + e_2^T y_2}_{u^T y = 0} - \Psi_1(x_1) - \Psi_2(x_2), \quad \Psi_i \text{ pos. def. w.r.t. } x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) \leq -\Psi_1(x_1) - \Psi_2(x_2) =: -\Psi(x), \quad \Psi \text{ pos. def. w.r.t. } x$$

Hence,  $\dot{V}(x) \leq -\Psi(x) \Rightarrow$  AS.

$$[\text{case 3}] \quad \dot{V}(x) \leq -\Psi_1(x_1) - y_2^T \rho_2(y_2), \quad y_2^T \rho_2(y_2) > 0 \text{ for all } y_2 \neq 0$$

Let us study the solutions that stay identically in the set  $\{\dot{V}(x) = 0\}$

$$\dot{V}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ y_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now, } y_2 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow q \equiv 0$$

$$\text{Then } \{q \equiv 0 \text{ \& } x_1 \equiv 0\} \Rightarrow y_1 \equiv 0 \text{ (because } h_1(0,0) = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow e_2 \equiv 0$$

$$\text{Also, } \{e_2 \equiv 0 \text{ \& } y_2 \equiv 0\} \Rightarrow x_2 \equiv 0 \text{ (by ZSO)}$$

Therefore the only solution that can stay identically in  $\{\dot{V}(x) = 0\}$  is the trivial solution  $x(t) \equiv 0$ . The result follows by invariance principle (Cor 4.1).

[case 2] Exercise.  $\square$

Example 6.9 Let

$$H_1 : \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -ax_1^3 - kx_2 + e_1 \\ y_1 = x_2 \end{cases} \quad \& \quad H_2 : \begin{cases} \dot{x}_3 = x_4 \\ \dot{x}_4 = -bx_3 - x_4^3 + e_2 \\ y_2 = x_4 \end{cases}$$

$a, b, k > 0$ .

Establish the GAS of the origin  $x=0$  of the interconnection  $\begin{cases} e_1 = -y_2 \\ e_2 = y_1 \end{cases}$

Sol'n Let  $V_1 = \frac{a}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{V}_1 &= ax_1^3 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 \\ &= ax_1^3 x_2 - ax_1^3 x_2 - kx_2^2 + x_2 e_1 \\ &= -ky_1^2 + y_1 e_1 \Rightarrow H_1 \text{ is OSP (A)} \end{aligned}$$

When  $e_1 \equiv 0$  &  $y_1 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_2 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_1 \equiv 0$

Hence,  $H_1$  is ZSO. (B)

Now, let  $V_2 = \frac{b}{2}x_3^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_4^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{V}_2 &= bx_3 \dot{x}_3 + x_4 \dot{x}_4 \\ &= bx_3 x_4 - bx_3 x_4 - x_4^4 + x_4 e_2 \\ &= -y_2^4 + y_2 e_2 \Rightarrow H_2 \text{ is OSP (C)} \end{aligned}$$

When  $e_2 \equiv 0$  &  $y_2 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_4 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_4 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_3 \equiv 0$

Hence,  $H_2$  is ZSO. (D)

Finally, note that both  $V_1$  &  $V_2$  are radially unbounded. (E)

Then (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)  $\Rightarrow$  the origin  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$  is GAS.  $\square$

## Passivity-Based Control

$$\text{System } \begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f(0,0) = 0$ ,  $h(0) = 0$ ,  $f, h$  locally Lipschitz.

WANT: stabilize the origin  $x=0$  by output feedback  $u = -\phi(y)$ . That is, the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x, -\phi(h(x)))$  is (asy-) stable.

Theorem 14.4 Suppose the system (1) is

- passive with a radially unbounded pos. def. storage function, and
- zero-state observable.

Then the origin  $x=0$  can be stabilized by  $u = -\phi(y)$ , where  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is any locally Lipschitz function satisfying  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $y^T \phi(y) > 0$  for all  $y \neq 0$ . In particular, the origin of  $\dot{x} = f(x, -\phi(h(x)))$  is GAS.

proof Let  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the storage function. Set  $u = -\phi(y)$ . Then

$$\dot{V} \leq u^T y = -y^T \phi(y) \leq 0$$

⇒  $\dot{V}$  is neg. semidef. &  $\dot{V} = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$

By ZSO we can write

$$y(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow u(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \equiv 0.$$

Hence we have

- $V$  pos. def. & rad. unbounded
  - $\dot{V}$  neg. semidef.
  - $\dot{V} = 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \equiv 0$
- } ⇒  $x=0$  is GAS by invariance principle. □

Question What if the assumptions of Thm 14.4 are not directly satisfied?

Answer Then we may try to

- choose (if possible) a different output or
- redefine the input



Consider a special case of the system (1)

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

Suppose:  $\rightarrow$  there exists radially unb. pos. def.  $V$  such that  $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle \leq 0$

$\rightarrow$  we are free to choose the output  $y = h(x)$ .

Suggestion: Choose  $h(x) := G(x)^T \nabla V(x)$

$$\text{Then: } \dot{V} = \langle \nabla V, f(x) + G(x)u \rangle = \langle \nabla V, f(x) \rangle + \langle \nabla V, G(x)u \rangle$$

$$\leq u^T G(x)^T \nabla V(x)$$

$$= u^T h(x)$$

$$= u^T y$$

Hence,  $\dot{V} \leq u^T y$  and the system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) + G(x)u \\ y = h(x) \end{cases}$  is passive.

If it is also ZSO then the assumptions of Thm 14.4 are satisfied.

Example

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1^3 + u$$

Let  $V(x) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$ . Then

$$\dot{V} = x_1^3 x_2 - x_2 x_1^3 + x_2 u = x_2 u$$

Choose  $y = x_2$ . Then  $\dot{V} = u^T y$  & the system is passive. How about ZSO?

$$u \equiv 0 \text{ \& } y \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_2 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2 \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_1 \equiv 0$$

Hence the system is ZSO from the output  $y = x_2$ .

Choose, for instance,  $u = -kx_2$  or  $u = -bsat(x_2)$  with  $k, b > 0$ . Then

the origin of the closed-loop is GAS by Thm 14.4.

Question : what if the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) + G(x)u \\ y = h(x) \end{cases}$$

is not passive with a pos. def. rad. unbounded storage function?

Answer : We can try "feedback passivation". That is, choose (if possible)

$$u = \alpha(x) + \beta(x)v \quad (v: \text{the new input})$$

such that the new system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) + G(x)\alpha(x) + G(x)\beta(x)v \\ y = h(x) \end{cases}$$

satisfies the assumptions of Thm 14.4.

Example [n-link robot manipulator]

$$\text{system: } M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + D\dot{q} + g(q) = u$$

$$\begin{aligned} & q \in \mathbb{R}^m, g: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, M, C, D \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \\ & M = M^T > \epsilon I, \dot{M} - 2C \text{ skew-symmetric}, D = D^T \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

WANT: stabilize the point  $\begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $q_r$ : fixed reference position

Define the error  $e = q - q_r \Rightarrow \dot{e} = \dot{q}$ . (Now we want  $\begin{bmatrix} e \\ \dot{e} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow M(q)\ddot{e} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{e} + D\dot{e} + g(q) = u \quad (1)$$

sys. (1) is not passive (regardless of the output) with pos. def. rad unbounded storage function because  $\begin{bmatrix} e \\ \dot{e} \end{bmatrix} = 0$  is not an equilibrium point (for  $u=0$ ).

Let  $u = g(q) - k_p e + v$  with  $k_p \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $k_p = k_p^T > 0$

$$\text{Then we have } M\ddot{e} + C\dot{e} + D\dot{e} + k_p e = v \quad (2)$$

Storage function?

$$\text{Let } V(e, \dot{e}) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T M(q) \dot{e} + \frac{1}{2} e^T K_p e$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} = \dot{e}^T M(q) \ddot{e} + \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T \dot{M}(q) \dot{e} + e^T K_p \dot{e}$$

$$= \dot{e}^T \left\{ -C \dot{e} - D \dot{e} - K_p e + v \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T \dot{M} \dot{e} + e^T K_p \dot{e}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T (\dot{M} - 2C) \dot{e} - \dot{e}^T D \dot{e} + \dot{e}^T v \leq \dot{e}^T v \quad (\text{recall: } D \text{ is pos. semidef.})$$

= 0 because

$\dot{M} - 2C$  is skew-sym

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} \leq \dot{e}^T v$$

choose  $y = \dot{e}$ . Then sys. (2) is passive with pos. def. rdd. lmb.  $V$ .

How about ZSO?

$$v \equiv 0 \ \& \ y \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{e} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{e} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow e \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \text{sys. (1) is ZSO.}$$

choose  $v = -\phi(\dot{e})$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\dot{e}^T \phi(\dot{e}) > 0$  for  $\dot{e} \neq 0$ .

Then the origin  $\begin{bmatrix} e \\ \dot{e} \end{bmatrix} = 0$  is GAS by Thm 14.4.

Now, the original input reads:  $u = g(q) - K_p e - \phi(\dot{e})$

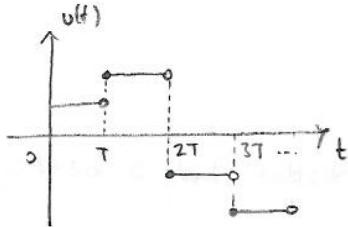
$$= g(q) - K_p (q - q_r) - \phi(\dot{q})$$

Special case:  $u = g(q) - K_p (q - q_r) - K_d \dot{q}$  with  $K_d \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $K_d = K_d^T > 0$ .

## DISCRETE-TIME SYSTEMS

Continuous-time LTI system:  $\dot{x} = \tilde{A}x + \tilde{B}u$

WANT: control by piecewise constant input  $u(t)$



$$u(t) = u(kT) \quad \text{for all } t \in [kT, (k+1)T)$$

where  $T > 0$  is fixed

Solution  $x(t) = ?$

$$x(t) = e^{\tilde{A}(t-t_0)} x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{A}(t-\tau)} \tilde{B}u(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow x[(k+1)T] = e^{\tilde{A}T} x(kT) + \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} e^{\tilde{A}[(k+1)T-\tau]} \tilde{B}u(kT) d\tau$$

$$= e^{\tilde{A}T} x(kT) + \left[ e^{\tilde{A}T} \int_0^T e^{-\tilde{A}w} \tilde{B} dw \right] u(kT)$$

$$\downarrow w = \tau - kT$$

Define  $A := e^{\tilde{A}T}$  &  $B := e^{\tilde{A}T} \int_0^T e^{-\tilde{A}w} \tilde{B} dw$

Then we have the discrete-time linear system:

$$x[(k+1)T] = Ax(kT) + Bu(kT)$$

For simplicity take  $T=1$  then  $x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Shorthand notation:  $x^+ = Ax + Bu$  DT LTI system

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m, A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

We've obtained  $\{ \dot{x} = \tilde{A}x + \tilde{B}u \} \rightarrow \{ x^+ = Ax + Bu \}$

How about  $\{ x^+ = Ax + Bu \} \xrightarrow{?} \{ \dot{x} = \tilde{A}x + \tilde{B}u \}$ . That is, can an arbitrary

DT system always be obtained from a CT system? NO. (WHY?)

Remark DT linear systems can display peculiar behaviours that are absent for CT linear systems.

Ex 1 Solutions of  $x^+ = Ax$  may converge to the origin in finite-time. That is, we can have  $x(0) \neq 0$  and  $x(N) = 0$  for some  $N < \infty$ . No such thing can happen for  $\dot{x} = Ax$ .

Ex 2 First order linear system  $\dot{x} = ax$  does either of the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |x(t)| \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } a > 0 \\ x(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } a < 0 \\ x(t) = x(0) \text{ if } a = 0 \end{array} \right. , \text{ but it never oscillates. However,}$$

take  $x^+ = -x$ . Then  $x(k) = [-1]^k x(0)$ . That is, a first order DT linear system can display oscillations.

DT nonlinear autonomous sys.

$$x^+ = f(x), \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Solution:

$$x(k) = f^k(x(0)) = \underbrace{f(f(\dots f(x(0))\dots))}_{k \text{ times}}$$

Equilibrium point?  $x_e$  is an equilibrium of the system if

$x(k) = x_e$  for  $k=0,1,2,\dots$  is a solution. Equivalently, if

$$\boxed{f(x_e) = x_e}$$

Henceforth, without loss of generality, we will let  $x=0$  be an equilibrium point of our system, i.e.,  $f(0) = 0$ . We will also assume  $f$  continuous.

Definition [stability] Consider the system  $x' = f(x)$ . The equilibrium  $x=0$  is

→ stable if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(k)\| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

→ unstable if not stable.

→ asy. stable if stable and  $\delta$  can be chosen such that

$$\|x(0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x(k)\| = 0$$

→ globally asy. stable if stable and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x(k)\| = 0$  for all  $x(0)$ .

→ globally exp. stable if there exist  $c > 0$  and  $0 < \gamma < 1$  such that

$$\text{all solutions satisfy } \|x(k)\| \leq c\gamma^k \|x(0)\| \quad \text{for all } k \geq 0$$

Theorem The origin of the linear system  $x' = Ax$  is stable if and only if all the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $A$  satisfy  $|\lambda_i| \leq 1$  and whenever  $|\lambda_i| = 1$ , the corresponding Jordan block is of size 1.

Theorem For  $x' = Ax$  the following are equivalent

- (1) The origin is asy. stable.
- (2)  $|\lambda_i| < 1$  for all eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- (3) For each  $Q = Q^T > 0$  there exists  $P = P^T > 0$  that uniquely satisfies  $A^T P A - P + Q = 0$ .
- (4) The origin is GES.

Let us prove (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4)

$$(4) \Rightarrow (3) \quad x=0 \text{ GES} \Rightarrow \|x(k)\| \leq c\gamma^k \|x(0)\| \quad \text{with } c > 0 \text{ \& } 0 < \gamma < 1$$

$$\text{Given } Q = Q^T > 0, \text{ define } P_N := \sum_{k=0}^N A^{kT} Q A^k$$

Claim  $(P_N)_{N=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence. That is, for each  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find  $K$  such that for all  $N, M > K$  we have  $\|P_N - P_M\| < \epsilon$ .

Because Since  $x(k) = A^k x(0)$ , we can write for  $x(0) \neq 0$

$$\frac{\|A^k x(0)\|}{\|x(0)\|} = \frac{\|x(k)\|}{\|x(0)\|} \leq c \gamma^k \quad (*)$$

Note that  $x(0)$  can be chosen arbitrarily. Hence (\*) implies

$$\|A^k\| \leq c \gamma^k.$$

Now, given  $\epsilon > 0$  choose  $K$  large enough so that

$$\frac{\|Q\| c^2 \gamma^{2K}}{1 - \gamma^2} < \epsilon$$

Let  $N, M$  satisfy  $N, M > K$ . We can write

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_N - P_M\| &= \left\| \sum_{k=M+1}^N A^{kT} Q A^k \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} \|A^{kT}\| \cdot \|Q\| \cdot \|A^k\| \\ &\leq \|Q\| \cdot \sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} [c \gamma^k]^2 \\ &= \frac{\|Q\| c^2 \gamma^{2K}}{1 - \gamma^2} < \epsilon \quad \square \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{)} \\ \text{)} \end{array} \right\} \|A^{kT}\| = \|A^k\|$$

Since  $(P_N)_{N=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence,  $P := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_N$  exists.

By definition,  $P = P^T > 0$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} A^T P A - P + Q &= A^T \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^{kT} Q A^k \right) A - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^{kT} Q A^k + Q \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A^{kT} Q A^k - \left\{ Q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A^{kT} Q A^k \right\} + Q \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Uniqueness? Suppose not. Then there would exist  $P_1 \neq P_2$  both satisfying

$$A^T P_i A - P_i + Q = 0 \quad i=1,2$$

which implies

$$A^T (P_1 - P_2) A - (P_1 - P_2) = 0$$

yielding

$$A^{kT} (P_1 - P_2) A^k = P_1 - P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow P_1 - P_2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^{kT} (P_1 - P_2) A^k \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow A^k \rightarrow 0 \text{ because } \|A^k\| \leq c \gamma^k \\ \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow P_1 = P_2$ , contradiction.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Suppose we have  $P = P^T > 0$  &  $Q = Q^T > 0$  satisfying  $A^T P A - P + Q = 0$

Define  $V(x) = x^T P x$ . Then  $\lambda_{\min}(P) \|x\|^2 \leq V(x) \leq \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|^2$ . Given any solution

$x(k) = A^k x(0)$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} V(x(k+1)) - V(x(k)) &= x(k)^T A^T P A x(k) - x(k)^T P x(k) \\ &= x(k)^T \{A^T P A - P\} x(k) \\ &= -x(k)^T Q x(k) \\ &\leq -\lambda_{\min}(Q) \|x(k)\|^2 \\ &\leq -\frac{\lambda_{\min}(Q)}{\lambda_{\max}(P)} V(x(k)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow V(x(k+1)) \leq \underbrace{\left[1 - \frac{\lambda_{\min}(Q)}{\lambda_{\max}(P)}\right]}_{=: \beta < 1} V(x(k)) \quad \Rightarrow V(x(k)) \leq \beta^k V(x(0)) \quad (**)$$

$$(**) \Rightarrow \|x(k)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}(P)} V(x(k)) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}(P)} \beta^k V(x(0)) \leq \frac{\lambda_{\max}(P)}{\lambda_{\min}(P)} \beta^k \|x(0)\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x(k)\| \leq \left[ \frac{\lambda_{\max}(P)}{\lambda_{\min}(P)} \right]^{1/2} \left[ \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{\min}(Q)}{\lambda_{\max}(P)}\right)^{1/2} \right]^k \|x(0)\|$$



## Lyapunov Theory for DT Systems

Theorem Consider the system  $x^+ = f(x)$  with  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuous &  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous pos. def. function. Define  $\Delta V(x) := V(f(x)) - V(x)$ . Then

- 1) If  $\Delta V$  is negative semi def. then the origin is stable.
- 2) If  $\Delta V$  is negative def. then the origin is asy. stable.
- 3) If  $\Delta V$  is neg. def. and  $V$  radially unbounded then the origin is GAS.

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$$c_1 \|x\|^2 \leq V(x) \leq c_2 \|x\|^2$$

$$\& \quad V(f(x)) - V(x) \leq -c_3 \|x\|^2$$

for some positive constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ . Then the origin is globally exp. stable.

Theorem [Invariance] Consider  $x^+ = f(x)$  with  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuous &  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous pos. def. function. Suppose  $\Delta V$  is neg. semidef.

and  $\Delta V(x(t)) \equiv 0$  only when  $x(t) \equiv 0$ . Then the origin is asy. stable.

Furthermore, if  $V$  is rad. unbounded then the origin is globally asy. stable.

Example [output coupled oscillators]

$$\text{oscillator 1: } x_1^+ = A(x_1 + \lambda_1 C^T(y_2 - y_1)), \quad y_1 = Cx_1$$

$$\text{oscillator 2: } x_2^+ = A(x_2 + \lambda_2 C^T(y_1 - y_2)), \quad y_2 = Cx_2$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \text{ orthogonal: } A^T A = I$$

$$C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0, \text{ coupling strength}$$

Assume:  $\rightarrow (C, A)$  observable

$$\rightarrow 0 < \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \leq 1$$

$$\rightarrow CC^T = I_{m \times m}$$

Claim The oscillators synchronize. That is,  $\|x_1(t) - x_2(t)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Define the error:  $e = x_1 - x_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } e^+ = x_1^+ - x_2^+ &= Q[x_1 + \lambda_1 C^T C(x_2 - x_1)] - Q[x_2 + \lambda_2 C^T C(x_1 - x_2)] \\ &= Q[x_1 - x_2 + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) C^T C(x_2 - x_1)] \\ &= Q[I - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) C^T C] e =: Ae \end{aligned}$$

Let  $V(e) = \|e\|^2 = e^T e$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V(e^+) - V(e) &= (e^+)^T e^+ - e^T e = e^T A^T A e - e^T e \\ &= e^T \left\{ [I - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) C^T C] \underbrace{Q^T Q}_I [I - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) C^T C] \right\} e - e^T e \\ &= e^T \left\{ [I - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) C^T C]^2 - I \right\} e \\ &= e^T \left\{ \cancel{I} - 2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) C^T C + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2 C^T C \cancel{I} \right\} e \\ &= -e^T \left\{ \underbrace{[2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2]}_{=: \gamma > 0} C^T C \right\} e \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow V(e^+) - V(e) = -\gamma \|e\|^2 \quad (1) \Rightarrow$  the origin  $e=0$  of  $e^+ = Ae$  is stable.

How about asy. stability?

Suppose  $\Delta V(e(k)) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow Ce(k) \equiv 0 \quad (2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } e(k+1) &= Q[I - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) C^T C] e(k) \\ &= Qe(k) - \underbrace{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) Q C^T C e(k)}_{=0} \\ &= Qe(k) \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

Now, (2) & (3) imply  $e(k) \equiv 0$  because  $(Q, Q)$  observable. Hence:

$$\Delta V(e(k)) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow e(k) \equiv 0 \quad (4)$$

By invariance principle (1) & (4)  $\Rightarrow e(k) \rightarrow 0$ .

That is,  $\|x_1(k) - x_2(k)\| \rightarrow 0$  & the oscillators (asymptotically) synchronize.

## An Easy Way to Design observers

observer: Given the system  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) \\ y = h(x) \end{cases}$  with  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

the system  $\hat{x}^{\dot{}} = g(\hat{x}, y)$  with  $g: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be an observer

if the solution of the following coupled system in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) \\ \dot{\hat{x}} = g(\hat{x}, h(x)) \end{cases}$$

satisfies  $\|x(k) - \hat{x}(k)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for all initial conditions  $x(0), \hat{x}(0)$ .

Recall the Luenberger observer for linear systems

system:  $\dot{x} = Ax, y = Cx$

observer:  $\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + L(y - C\hat{x})$

error:  $e = \hat{x} - x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{error dynamics: } \dot{e} &= \dot{\hat{x}} - \dot{x} \\ &= A\hat{x} + L(y - C\hat{x}) - Ax \\ &= A(\hat{x} - x) + L(Cx - C\hat{x}) \\ &= [A - LC](\hat{x} - x) \\ &= [A - LC]e \end{aligned}$$

Now, the dynamics  $\dot{e} = [A - LC]e$  imply that if the eigenvalues of  $[A - LC]$  satisfy  $|\lambda| < 1$  then  $e(k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . That is,  $\|\hat{x}(k) - x(k)\| \rightarrow 0$ . Hence to design an observer, choose the "observer gain"  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  such that the eigenvalues of  $[A - LC]$  satisfy  $|\lambda| < 1$ .

Question: When can we choose such  $L$ ?

Answer: When  $(C, A)$  is detectable.

Glad's Observer

$$\text{system } \begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) \\ y = h(x) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Assumptions:

A1) The output  $y$  is scalar

A2) The inverse mapping  $f^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  exists. ( $f$  is invertible)

A3) For each  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the following equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} h(x) \\ h(f^{-1}(x)) \\ h(f^{-2}(x)) \\ \vdots \\ h(f^{-(n-1)}(x)) \end{bmatrix} = \xi$$

has a unique solution  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Under these assumptions Glad proposes the following observer structure

$$\text{Observer: } \dot{\hat{x}} = f(\eta) \quad (2)$$

where  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$  solves the following set of equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} h(\eta) &= y \\ h(f^{-1}(\eta)) &= h(f^{-1}(\hat{x})) \\ h(f^{-2}(\eta)) &= h(f^{-2}(\hat{x})) \\ &\vdots \\ h(f^{-(n-1)}(\eta)) &= h(f^{-(n-1)}(\hat{x})) \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

Remark Note that  $\eta$  is a function of  $\hat{x}$  &  $y$ , i.e.,  $\eta = \eta(\hat{x}, y)$ .

Theorem System (2) is an observer for system (1). In particular, for all initial conditions, we have  $\hat{x}(k) = x(k)$  for all  $k \geq n$ .

Note: This type of observer, where equality  $\hat{x}(k) = x(k)$  is achieved in finite time, is called "deadbeat observer."

Proof of Thm. Let's use shorthand notation:  $x_k = x(k)$ ,  $\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}(k)$ ,  $\eta_k = \eta(k)$

and drop the parentheses:  $x_{k+1} = f x_k$ ,  $y_k = h x_k$ ,  $\hat{x}_{k+1} = f \eta_k$ .

time  $k=0$

$$(*) \Rightarrow h \eta_0 = y_0 = h x_0$$

time  $k=1$

$$h \eta_1 = h x_1$$

$$h f^{-1} \eta_1 = h f^{-1} \hat{x}_1 = h f^{-1} f \eta_0 = h \eta_0 = h x_0 = h f^{-1} x_1$$

time  $k=2$

$$h \eta_2 = h x_2$$

$$h f^{-1} \eta_2 = h f^{-1} x_2$$

$$h f^{-2} \eta_2 = h f^{-2} \hat{x}_2 = h f^{-2} f \eta_1 = h f^{-1} \eta_1 = h f^{-1} x_1 = h f^{-2} x_2$$

⋮

time  $k=n-1$

$$h \eta_{n-1} = h x_{n-1}$$

$$h f^{-1} \eta_{n-1} = h f^{-1} x_{n-1}$$

⋮

$$h f^{-(n-1)} \eta_{n-1} = h f^{-(n-1)} x_{n-1}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} h \eta_{n-1} = h x_{n-1} \\ h f^{-1} \eta_{n-1} = h f^{-1} x_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ h f^{-(n-1)} \eta_{n-1} = h f^{-(n-1)} x_{n-1} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \eta_{n-1} = x_{n-1} \text{ by (A3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{x}_n = f \eta_{n-1} = f x_{n-1} = x_n$$

Once  $\hat{x}_n = x_n$ , (\*) guarantees that  $\hat{x}_k = x_k$  for all  $k \geq n$ .  $\square$

Example [Chaotic Oscillator]

$$x_1^+ = 1 + x_2 - ax_1^2$$

$$x_2^+ = bx_1 + x_3$$

$$x_3^+ = -bx_1$$

From "Chaos from switched circuits: discrete maps"

Chua et al. Proceedings of the IEEE, 1987.

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + x_2 - ax_1^2 \\ bx_1 + x_3 \\ -bx_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{b}x_3 \\ -1 + \frac{a}{b^2}x_3^2 + x_1 \\ x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{WHY?})$$

For this system, suppose we can measure  $y = x_3 =: h(x)$ . Design an observer  $\hat{x}^+ = \mathcal{J}(\hat{x}, y)$ .

Sol'n Apply Glad's method.

Solve for  $\eta = [\eta_1 \ \eta_2 \ \eta_3]^T$  in  $[h\eta \ hf^{-1}\eta \ hf^{-2}\eta]^T = [y \ hf^{-1}\hat{x} \ hf^{-2}\hat{x}]^T$

$f^{-2}(x) = ?$

$$f^{-2}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{don't care} \\ \text{don't care} \\ -1 + \frac{a}{b^2}x_3^2 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow hf^{-2}(x) = -1 + \frac{a}{b^2}x_3^2 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} h\eta \\ hf^{-1}\eta \\ hf^{-2}\eta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_3 \\ \eta_2 + \eta_3 \\ -1 + \frac{a}{b^2}\eta_3^2 + \eta_1 + \eta_2 + \eta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \hat{x}_2 + \hat{x}_3 \\ -1 + \frac{a}{b^2}\hat{x}_3^2 + \hat{x}_1 + \hat{x}_2 + \hat{x}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_3 = y$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_2 = \hat{x}_2 + \hat{x}_3 - y$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_1 = \hat{x}_1 + \frac{a}{b^2}\hat{x}_3^2 - \frac{a}{b^2}y^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \eta_3 = y \\ \Rightarrow \eta_2 = \hat{x}_2 + \hat{x}_3 - y \\ \Rightarrow \eta_1 = \hat{x}_1 + \frac{a}{b^2}\hat{x}_3^2 - \frac{a}{b^2}y^2 \end{array} \right\} \eta(\hat{x}, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 + \frac{a}{b^2}(\hat{x}_3^2 - y^2) \\ \hat{x}_2 + \hat{x}_3 - y \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, the observer dynamics read :

$$\hat{x}^+ = f(\eta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \eta_2 - 2\eta_1^2 \\ b\eta_1 + \eta_3 \\ -b\eta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \hat{x}_2 + \hat{x}_3 - y - a \left[ \hat{x}_1 + \frac{a}{b^2} (\hat{x}_3^2 - y^2) \right]^2 \\ b\hat{x}_1 + \frac{a}{b} (\hat{x}_3^2 - y^2) + y \\ -b\hat{x}_1 - \frac{a}{b} (\hat{x}_3^2 - y^2) \end{bmatrix} =: g(\hat{x}, y)$$

□

Exercise Verify experimentally (in MATLAB) that this observer works.