

def  $\bar{x} = 0$  is

• uniformly stable if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta(\epsilon) > 0$   
independent of  $t_0$  s.t.

$$\|x(t_0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

• uniformly asymptotically stable if it is  
uniformly stable and  $\exists \bar{\epsilon} > 0$  independent  
of  $t_0$  s.t.

$$\|x(t_0)\| < \bar{\epsilon} \rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0 \text{ unif. in } t_0$$

i.e. for each  $\eta > 0 \exists T = T(\eta) > 0$  s.t.  $\|x(t)\| < \eta \quad \forall t > t_0 + T(\eta)$   
 $\forall \|x(t_0)\| < \bar{\epsilon}$

• globally uniformly ~~and~~ asymptotically stable  
if it is uniformly stable and  $\forall x(t_0)$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \bar{x} = 0 \text{ uniformly in } t_0$$

i.e. for each pair  $\eta, \epsilon > 0 \exists T = T(\eta, \epsilon) > 0$  s.t.

$$\|x(t)\| < \eta \quad \forall t \geq t_0 + T(\eta, \epsilon) \quad \forall \|x(t_0)\| < \epsilon$$

example

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{x}{1+t}$$

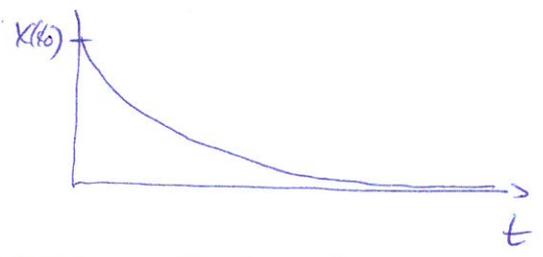
solution  $x(t) = x(t_0) \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \frac{-1}{1+s} ds\right) = x(t_0) \frac{1+t_0}{1+t}$

$|x(t)| < |x(t_0)| \forall t \geq t_0 \Rightarrow \bar{x} = 0$  is stable.

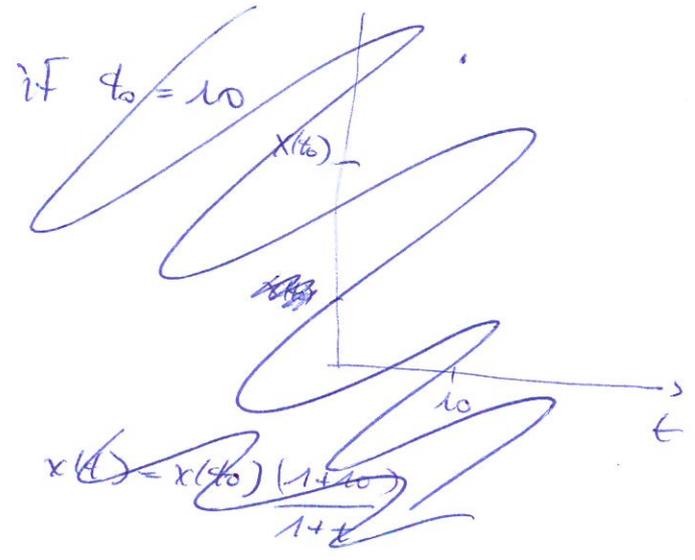
clearly  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

but convergence to 0 is not uniform w.r.t.  $t_0$

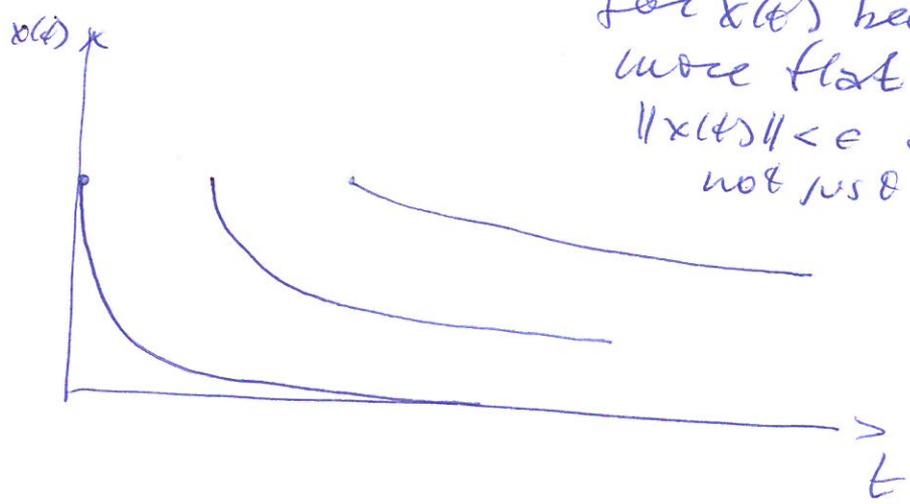
if  $t_0 = 0$



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



changing to



As  $t_0$  grows the curve for  $x(t)$  becomes more and more flat  $\Rightarrow \exists \delta$  such that  $\|x(t)\| < \epsilon$  depends also on  $t_0$  not just on  $\epsilon$

to better understand these definitions :  
comparison functions

def. class-K function

$\alpha : [0, a) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $C^0$ , is of class K if  $\alpha(0) = 0$   
and  $\alpha$  strictly increasing

• class  $K_\infty$  function

A class K function is said to be  $K_\infty$  if  $a = +\infty$  and  
 $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(r) = \infty$

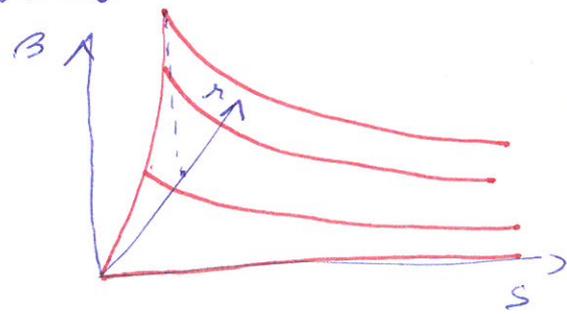
• class  $K_L$  function

$\beta : [0, a) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $C^0$ , is of class  $K_L$  if  
- for all fixed  $s$ ,  $\beta(r, s)$  is of class K w.r.t.  $r$   
- for all fixed  $r$ ,  $\beta(r, s)$  is decreasing w.r.t.  $s$  and  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \beta(r, s) = 0$

examples

- $\alpha(r) = r^c$  ( $c > 0$ ) is  $K_\infty$  (strictly increasing in  $[0, a)$ )
- $\alpha(r) = a \tan(r)$  is K but not  $K_\infty$
- all class K functions are invertible in  $[0, a)$
- $\beta(r, s) = r^c e^{-t}$  is  $K_L$

meaning of  $K_L$



- increasing in  $r$  (norm of  $\dot{x}$ )
- decreasing in  $s$  (time)

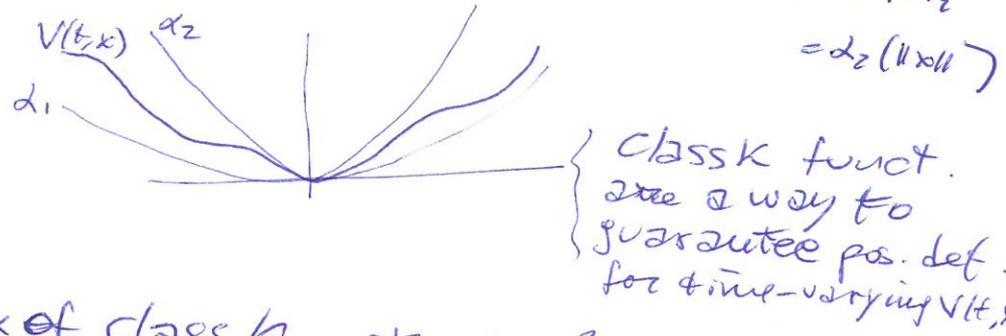
Prop. of comparison funct.

- $\alpha$  is  $k(k_\infty) \Rightarrow \alpha^{-1}$  is  $k(k_\infty)$
- $\alpha$  is  $k \Rightarrow \alpha$  is invertible in  $(0, \infty)$
- $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are  $k \Rightarrow \alpha_1 \circ \alpha_2$  is  $k$
- $V: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  pos. def.  $\Rightarrow \exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2$  of class  $k$  s.t.  $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$  in  $B_R$
- $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  pos. def, radially unbounded  $\Rightarrow \exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2$  of class  $k_\infty$  s.t.

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

example:  $V(x) = x^T P x \quad P = P^T > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1(\|x\|) = \lambda_{\min}(P) \|x\|_2^2 \leq V(x) \leq \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|_2^2 = \alpha_2(\|x\|)$$



• For  $y \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\alpha$  of class  $k$ , the scalar system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y} &= -\alpha(y) && \text{Lipsch. cont. on } [0, a) \\ y(t_0) &= y_0 && y_0 \in [0, a) \end{aligned}$$

has solution  $y(t) = \beta(y_0, t-t_0) \quad \forall t$

where  $\beta$  is of class  $k_2 \Rightarrow$  converges to 0 as  $t-t_0 \rightarrow \infty$

example:  $\dot{y} = -ky \Rightarrow y(t) = e^{-k(t-t_0)} y_0 \Rightarrow \beta(y_0, s) = e^{-ks}$

Comparison functions are used to give more transparent conditions (characteriz.) of uniform stab and unif. asympt. stab.

Lemma  $\bar{x} = 0$  is

• uniformly stable iff  $\exists$  a class  $K$  function  $\alpha$  and const  $c > 0$  (indep. of  $t_0$ ) s.t.  $\forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$  it is  $\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha(\|x(t_0)\|) \forall t \geq t_0$

• uniformly asympt. stable iff  $\exists$  a class  $KL$  function  $\beta$  and a const  $c > 0$  (indep. of  $t_0$ ) s.t.  $\forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$  it is  $\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0) \forall t \geq t_0$

When the  $KL$  function above has the form

$$\beta(r, s) = kr e^{-\lambda s}$$

then we have a "stronger type" of unif. as. stab.

def  $\bar{x} = 0$  is exponentially stable if  $\exists$  const  $c, k, \lambda > 0$  s.t.

$$\|x(t)\| \leq k \|x(t_0)\| e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} \quad \forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$$

and globally exponentially stable if this holds  $\forall c > 0$

• expon. stab = a linear-like convergence rate

# Example of non-autonomous system: switching syst.

A switching syst. is a collection of systems in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  indexed by an index set  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, \dots, m\}$   
 $f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x)$   
 indexed by an index set function

$$\dot{x} = f_p(x) \quad p \in \mathcal{P} = \text{index set} = \{1, \dots, m\}$$

When we choose a function for  $p$  (piecewise const. and containing a finite number of discontinuities)

$$\sigma: \underset{\text{time}}{[0, \infty)} \rightarrow \underset{\text{index set}}{\mathcal{P}}$$

ex:

$$\sigma = \begin{cases} 3 & t \in [0, 2) \\ 1 & t \in [2, 5) \\ 4 & t \in [5, 7) \\ 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots \end{cases}$$

index set of which of the vector fields in the family is taken at each time instant

switching times = jumps in  $\sigma$

$\Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) = f_{\sigma(t)}(x(t))$  is a time varying system -  $\Rightarrow$  non-autonomous

• If switching times "do not accumulate" in time and each  $f_p(x)$  is Lipschitz cont., then also

$$\dot{x}(t) = f_{\sigma(t)}(x(t)) \text{ is Lipschitz cont}$$

$\Rightarrow$  solution exists unique -

because of the time variance, even if each vector field  $f_1(x) \dots f_m(x)$  is asympt. st. the switching system need not be asympt. st.

example

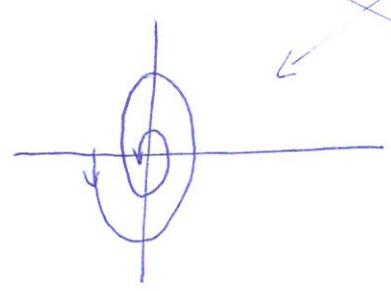
switching linear system,  $m=2$

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 10 \\ -100 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

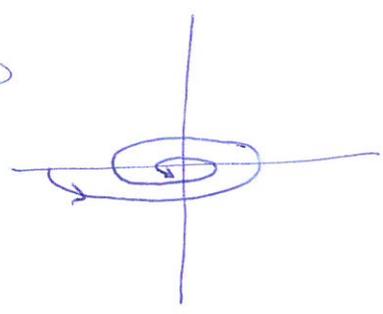
$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 100 \\ -10 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -1 \pm j\sqrt{10^3}$$

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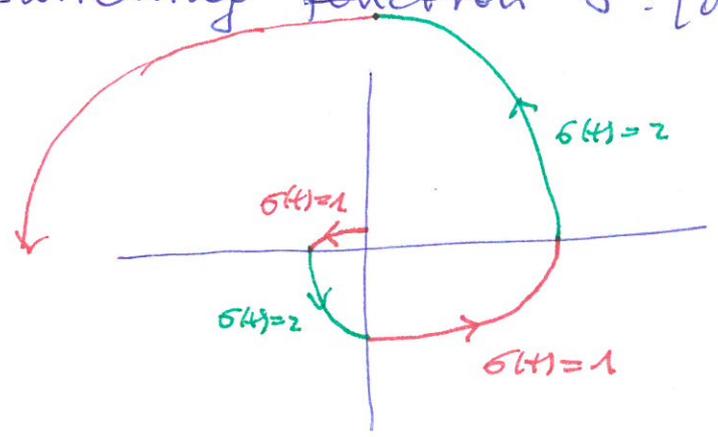


$$\dot{x} = A_2 x$$



$$\dot{x} = A_1 x$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  a switching function  $\sigma: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$  s.t.



$\Rightarrow$  system diverges

$\Rightarrow$  stability of each mode is not enough to guarantee stability of the switched system -

concept that one needs here is uniform asympt. stable

the switched system  $\dot{x} = f_p(x)$   $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is unif. asympt. stable if  $\exists c > 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$

s.t.  $\forall$  switching signals  $\sigma: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$

the solutions of  $\dot{x} = f_{\sigma(t)}(x(t))$  are s.t.

$\|x(0)\| < c \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(0)\|, t) \forall t \geq 0$

$$\|x(0)\| < c \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(0)\|, t) \forall t \geq 0$$

def uniform asympt. stable is global if it holds  $\forall x(0)$

# Generalizing Lyapunov direct method: time-varying Lyapunov functions

Thm Let  $\bar{x}=0$  be equil point of  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$

$0 \in \mathcal{D}$ . Let  $V: [t_0, \infty) \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^1$  funct. such that

$$W_1(x) \leq V(t, x) \leq W_2(x)$$

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq 0 \quad (*)$$

$\forall t \geq t_0, \forall x \in \mathcal{D}$ , where  $W_1(x), W_2(x) C^0$  pos. def in  $\mathcal{D}$  - then  $\bar{x}=0$  is uniformly stable

If instead of (\*) we have

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq -W_3(x)$$

where  $W_3(x) C^0$  pos. def. in  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $\bar{x}=0$  is uniformly asympt. stable -

Finally, if  $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $W_1(x)$  is radially unbounded, then  $\bar{x}=0$  is globally uniformly asympt. stable -

Proof

Construct a bounded invariant set in which  $V$  is decreasing - From  $B_r$ , consider

$$\alpha \text{ s.t. } \alpha < \min_{\|x\|=r} W_1(x)$$

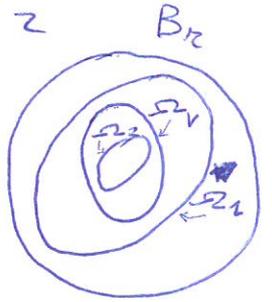
and define sets

$$\Omega_V = \{ x \in B_r \text{ s.t. } V(t, x) \leq \alpha \} \quad (\text{a time varying set})$$

$$\Omega_i = \{ x \in B_r \text{ s.t. } W_i(x) \leq \alpha \} \quad i=1, 2$$

$\Omega_V$  is sandwiched between sets that do not depend on time  $\Rightarrow$  can treat it!

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_2 \subset \Omega_V \subset \Omega_1 \subset B_r$$



Assume  $x(t_0) \in \Omega_2 \Rightarrow x(t_0) \in \Omega_V$

$$\Rightarrow V(t_0, x(t_0)) \leq \alpha \Rightarrow V(t, x(t)) \leq \alpha \quad \forall t$$

Choose class K functions  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  s.t.

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq W_1(x) \leq V(t, x) \leq W_2(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|) \quad \forall t$$

Since  $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq 0, \Rightarrow V(t, x(t)) \leq V(t_0, x(t_0))$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(t, x(t)) \leq V(t_0, x(t_0)) \leq \alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|)$$

apply  $\alpha_1^{-1}$  to all unequal

$$\|x\| \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|))$$

from previous lemma, uniform stability follows

To show uniform asympt. stable :

take  $\alpha_3$  of class  $K$  s.t.  $\alpha_3(\|x\|) \leq W_3(x)$

then

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq -W_3(x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|)$$

from before :

$$V \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|) \Leftrightarrow \alpha_2^{-1}(V) \leq \|x\|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha_3(\alpha_2^{-1}(V)) \leq \alpha_3(\|x\|)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} \leq -\alpha_3(\alpha_2^{-1}(V))$$

$\Rightarrow V$  is bounded above by the scalar system  
(comparison Lemma)

$$\dot{z} = -\alpha_3(\alpha_2^{-1}(z))$$

class  $K$  function

for this system, the solution is a class  $KL$  function, s.t.  $z \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq \underbrace{\sigma(V(t_0, x(t_0)), t-t_0)}_{KL \text{ funct.}}$$

$\Rightarrow V$  must decrease to 0, and from above

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(V(t, x(t))) \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\sigma(V(t_0, x(t_0)), t-t_0))$$

$$\leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\sigma(\alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|), t-t_0))$$

class  $KL$  function  $\Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

When the functions  $W_i(x)$  are norms of  $\|x\|$ ,

i.e.  $W_i(x) = \|x\|^{\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha > 0$  constant

then we have (local) exponential stability

Thm Let  $\bar{x} = 0$  be equil p. of  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$ ,  $0 \in \mathcal{D}$

Let  $V: [0, \infty) \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^1$  function s.t.

$$k_1 \|x\|^{\alpha} \leq V(t, x) \leq k_2 \|x\|^{\alpha}$$

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq -k_3 \|x\|^{\alpha}$$

for some  $k_1, k_2, k_3, \alpha$  posit. const.

then  $\bar{x} = 0$  is locally exp. stable (or global if all assumptions hold globally) -

Proof From  $\frac{V(t, x)}{k_2} \leq \|x\|^{\alpha}$  one gets  $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq -\frac{k_3}{k_2} V(t, x)$

$\Rightarrow$  from comparison Lemma,  $V$  bounded above by

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq V(t_0, x(t_0)) e^{-\frac{k_3}{k_2}(t-t_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \left( \frac{k_2}{k_1} \right)^{1/\alpha} \|x(t_0)\| e^{-\frac{k_3}{\alpha k_2}(t-t_0)}$$

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \left( \frac{V(t, x)}{k_1} \right)^{1/\alpha} \leq \left( \frac{V(t_0, x(t_0)) e^{-\frac{k_3}{k_2}(t-t_0)}}{k_1} \right)^{1/\alpha} \leq \left( \frac{k_2 \|x(t_0)\|^{\alpha} e^{-\frac{k_3}{k_2}(t-t_0)}}{k_1} \right)^{1/\alpha}$$

example  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - g(t)x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2 \end{cases} \quad \bar{x} = 0 \text{ equil}$

where  $g(t) \in C^1$  s.t.  $0 \leq g(t) \leq k$ ,  $\dot{g}(t) \leq g(t) \forall t$

Take  $V(t, x) = x_1^2 + (1+g(t))x_2^2$  as candid. Lyap. funct.

$$\Rightarrow x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \|x\|_2^2 \leq V(t, x) \leq x_1^2 + (1+k)x_2^2 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\leq (1+k)\|x\|_2^2$$

$\Rightarrow V(t, x)$  pos. def., decreascent in time, radially unbound. bounded by quadratic functions

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t, x) &= 2x_1\dot{x}_1 + \dot{g}(t)x_2^2 + 2(1+g(t))x_2\dot{x}_2 \\ &= 2x_1(-x_1 - g(t)x_2) + \dot{g}(t)x_2^2 + 2(1+g(t))x_2(x_1 - x_2) \\ &= -2x_1^2 - 2g(t)x_1x_2 + \dot{g}(t)x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2g(t)x_1x_2 \\ &\quad - 2x_2^2 - 2g(t)x_2^2 \\ &= -2x_1^2 - (2 + 2g(t) - \dot{g}(t))x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2 + 2g(t) - \dot{g}(t) \geq 2 + 2g(t) - g(t) \geq 2$

$$\dot{V}(t, x) \leq -2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 = -[x_1 \ x_2] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -x^T Q x$$

with  $Q = Q^T > 0$  pos. def

$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(t, x)$  neg. def.  $\Rightarrow \bar{x} = 0$  (globally) unif. asympt. st.

Since  $V(t, x)$  bounded by quadratic funct. and also  $\dot{V}(t, x)$  then  $\bar{x} = 0$  is (globally) exponentially asympt. stable -

For a linear system: asymptotic stability is always exponential

$$\dot{x} = Ax \quad x(t) = e^{At} x_0 \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq e^{\max(\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\})t} \|x_0\|$$

where  $\max \operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} < 0$  because of asympt. st.

• For an autonomous real linear system, if Jacobian linearization is asympt. stable then  $\bar{x} = 0$  of the nonlinear system is locally exponentially stable (we said earlier asympt. stable) (it is iff cond, see below)

to show it: use quadratic Lyapunov eq., which is bounded by min/max eig of P  $V = x^T P x$  with  $\lambda_{\min}(P) \|x\|^2 \leq V(x) \leq \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|^2$

• For linear time-varying systems

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t)$$

uniform asymptotic stability  $\Leftrightarrow$  exponential stab.

provided that  $A(t)$  is bounded and Lipschitz

However it cannot be characterized by the eigenvalues of  $A(t)$ ! (It could be  $\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i(t)\} < 0$  and  $\bar{x} = 0$  unstable)

one can use instead the time-varying Lyapunov function  $V(t, x) = x^T P(t) x$

where  $0 < c_1 I \leq P(t) \leq c_2 I \forall t$

and  $\dot{P}(t) = A^T(t)P(t) + P(t)A(t) + Q(t)$

with  $Q(t) = Q^T(t) \geq c_3 I > 0 \forall t$

• then nonlinear non-autonomous system

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x)$$

has  $\bar{x} = 0$  locally exponentially stable iff

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x \text{ with } A(t) = \left. \frac{\partial f(t, x)}{\partial x} \right|_{\bar{x}=0}$$

has  $\bar{x} = 0$  as an exponentially stable equib. (i.e. uniformly asympt. st.)   
 bounded and Lipschitz, uniform, in t

Summary:

AUTONOMOUS

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

$\bar{x} = 0$  loc. asympt. st

$\iff \uparrow$

$\bar{x} = 0$  loc. exp. st.

~~MAN~~  $(\iff)$  see p. 166

$A = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{\bar{x}=0}$  is as. st.

$\Leftarrow$

$A = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{\bar{x}=0}$  is exp. st.

NON-AUTONOMOUS

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x)$$

ok  $\bar{x} = 0$  is loc. unif. as. st. ok!

$\iff \uparrow$

$\bar{x} = 0$  is loc. exp. stable

see p. 165 ~~MAN~~  $(\iff)$

$A(t) = \left. \frac{\partial f(t, x)}{\partial x} \right|_{\bar{x}=0}$  is loc. unif. as. st.

$\Leftarrow$

$A(t) = \left. \frac{\partial f(t, x)}{\partial x} \right|_{\bar{x}=0}$  is loc. exp. st.

# Autonomous system

nonlinear  
 $\dot{x} = f(x)$

$\bar{x} = 0$  loc. as. st.  
 $\uparrow$   
 $\bar{x} = 0$  loc. exp. st.

(From Lyap. method)

Jacobian lineariz.

$\dot{x} = Ax$   $A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_0$   
 $\bar{x} = 0$  as. st.

$\bar{x} = 0$  exp. st.

# Non autonomous system

nonlinear

$\dot{x} = f(t, x)$

$\bar{x} = 0$  loc. <sup>unif.</sup> as. st.

$\bar{x} = 0$  loc. exp. st.

Jacobian lineariz.

$\dot{x} = A(t)x$   $A(t) = \frac{\partial f(t, x)}{\partial x} \Big|_0$

$\bar{x} = 0$  unif. as. st.

$\bar{x} = 0$  exp. st.

# Stability of perturbed systems (Khaliq 9.1) (161)

Consider a system with vanishing perturbation

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

where vanishing means  $g(t, 0) = 0$

If the nominal system,  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$  has an exponentially stable equilibrium point, then it is robust to perturbations which are bounded

thm Let  $\bar{x} = 0$  be an exponentially stable equilibrium of  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$ . Let  $V(t, x)$  be Lyapunov funct.  $V: [0, \infty) \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, C^1, s.t.$

$$c_1 \|x\|^2 \leq V(t, x) \leq c_2 \|x\|^2$$

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq -c_3 \|x\|^2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \forall x \in \mathcal{D} \\ \forall t \in [0, \infty) \\ \text{for some} \\ c_i > 0 \end{array}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\| \leq c_4 \|x\| \quad \leftarrow \text{extra growth bound}$$

Suppose the perturbation term  $g(t, x)$  satisfies

$$\|g(t, x)\| \leq \gamma \|x\| \quad \forall t > 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{D}$$

with  $\gamma < c_3/c_4$

then  $\bar{x} = 0$  is an exponentially stable equilibrium of  $\dot{x} = f(t, x) + g(t, x)$

Proof compute the total derivative of  $V$ :

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = \underbrace{\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x)}_{\dot{V} \text{ for nominal system}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(t, x)}_{\text{effect of the perturbation}}$$

$$\text{System } \leq -c_3 \|x\|^2$$

With the growth bound  $\|\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\| \leq c_4 \|x\|$   
 we can make a worst-case analysis bounding  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g$  by a normed term.

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(t, x) \leq -c_3 \|x\|^2 + \|\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\| \|g(t, x)\| \leq -c_3 \|x\|^2 + c_4 \gamma \|x\|^2$$

If  $\gamma < \frac{c_3}{c_4} \Rightarrow \dot{V}(t, x) \leq \underbrace{(-c_3 + c_4 \gamma)}_{< 0} \|x\|^2 \leq -\epsilon \|x\|^2$

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example

$$\dot{x} = Ax + g(t, x)$$

$A$  Hurwitz,  $g$  s.t.  $\|g(t, x)\|_2 \leq \gamma \|x\|_2 \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

take  $Q = Q^T > 0$  and solve

$$PA + A^T P = -Q \Rightarrow P = P^T > 0$$

use  $V(x) = x^T P x$  as Lyapunov function

for it it is  $\lambda_{\min}(P) \|x\|_2^2 \leq V(x) \leq \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|_2^2$

for the nominal system:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} Ax = -x^T Q x \leq -\lambda_{\min}(Q) \|x\|_2^2$$

plus

$$\left\| \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\|_2 = \|2x^T P\|_2 \leq 2 \|P\|_2 \|x\|_2 = 2 \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|_2$$

hence  $\dot{V}$  for the perturbed system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &\leq -\lambda_{\min}(Q) \|x\|_2^2 + 2\gamma \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x\|_2^2 \\ &= \left( -\lambda_{\min}(Q) + 2\gamma \lambda_{\max}(P) \right) \|x\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

if  $\gamma < \frac{\lambda_{\min}(Q)}{2 \lambda_{\max}(P)}$  it is  $\dot{V} < 0$

$\Rightarrow \bar{x}=0$  is exponentially stable for the perturbed system.

If  $Q=I$ , the ratio  $\frac{\lambda_{\min}(Q)}{\lambda_{\max}(P)}$  is maximized (i.e. I can take the largest perturbation)

- when  $\bar{x}=0$  is uniformly asympt. stable (but not exponentially for the nominal system) then stability of perturbed system is more involved
- when perturbation is not vanishing but just bounded, then stability is more involved also.

# Converse Theorems

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Converse theorems should answer the following:

- 1) if equil is stable (asympt. st., unif. as. st., exp. st.) does it always  $\exists$  a Lyapunov funct.  $V$ ?
- 2) How to construct it?

Only the first question can be answered satisfactorily, but not the construction (except for e.g. linear systems or other special classes)

A typical converse thm (similar results hold for uniform asympt. stability)

Thm Let  $\bar{x}=0$  be equil point for  $\dot{x}=f(t,x)$

with  $f: [0, \infty) \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $C^1$

Assume

1)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  bounded in  $B_{r_0}$  (for some  $r_0$ ), uniformly bounded in  $t$

2)  $\bar{x}$  is exponentially stable:  $\exists K, \lambda, r_0 > 0$  s.t.  
 $\|x(t)\| \leq K \|x(t_0)\| e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} \quad \forall x(t_0) \in B_{r_0} \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$

there  $\exists$  a  $C^1$  function  $V: [0, \infty) \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  
 $c_1 \|x\|^2 \leq V(t,x) \leq c_2 \|x\|^2$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t,x) \leq -c_3 \|x\|^2$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\| \leq c_4 \|x\| \quad \text{for some } c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 > 0$$

Switching systems

how do we use uniform asympt-stab for the switching system

$$\dot{x} = f_p(x) \quad p \in \mathcal{P}$$

Time dependence is in the switching signal  $\sigma: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$   
~~App~~ not explicitly in the  $f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x)$

A possibility is to look for a common Lyapunov function i.e. a Lyapunov function valid for all the  $m$  vector fields  $f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x)$ .

Since each  $f_p(x)$  is time-indep. then also  $V(x)$  can be chosen time-indep. However as in a non-autonomous system  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f_p(x)$  has to be bounded above by  $-W(x)$  with  $W(x)$  p.d. Saying  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f_p(x) < 0$  is not enough.

def  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $C^1$ , pos. def is a common Lyapunov function for the switched system  $\dot{x} = f_p(x) \quad p \in \mathcal{P}$  if  $\exists W: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C^0$ ,  $W$  pos. def. s.t.  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f_p(x) \leq -W(x) \quad \forall x \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}$

if  $\mathcal{P}$  = finite set or a compact  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f_p(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{P}$  is enough!

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suff. cond. for global uniform asympt. stab.

Thm If in the switching system  $\dot{x} = f_p(x)$   $p \in \mathcal{P}$  all  $f_p(x)$  share a radially unbounded common Lyapunov function then the switching system is globally uniformly asympt. -st.

Proof: very similar to Lyapunov direct method  
(Having  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f_p(x) \leq -W(x)$  with  $W(x)$  guarantees that the rate of decrease of  $V(x)$  never vanishes even if switching happens in  $\mathcal{P}$  non-compact)

How to construct a common Lyapunov function?  
In general it is difficult.

For switching linear system it corresponds to solving  $n$  Lyapunov eq. simultaneously by the same  $P$

ex : switched linear system

$$f_p(x) = A_p x \quad p \in \mathcal{P} = \{1, \dots, m\}$$

search for  $V(x) = x^T P x$  (common quadratic Lyapunov function)  
 $P = P^T > 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  CQLF

s.t.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_k^T P + P A_k \leq -Q \\ P = P^T > 0 \end{array} \right.$  ,  $Q = Q^T > 0 \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{P}$

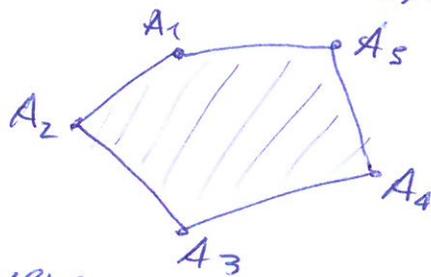
or a compact

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_k^T P + P A_k \leq 0 \\ P = P^T > 0 \end{array} \right.$$

is enough -

P can be found by LMI

intrusive wording of CQLF : if the same QLF holds for all vertices  $A_1, \dots, A_m$  of the polytope,



then it has to hold

for all convex

combinations inside the polytope -  $\dot{x} = A_0(x)$  can be anything inside the polytope -

All convex comb.  $\dot{x} = (1-\alpha) A_1 x + \alpha A_2 x$  must be asymptotically stable -

$$\dot{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i A_i x \quad \begin{array}{l} \alpha_i \geq 0 \\ \alpha_i \leq 1 \\ \sum \alpha_i = 1 \end{array}$$