

# Nonlinear Systems

## Lecture 16

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Stability of time varying systems  
(Uniform)

Lyapunov based characterization

$$W_1(x) \leq V(x,t) \leq W_2(x) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) \leq -W_3(x) \quad (2)$$

Question: What happens when  $W_3$  is only positive semi-definite?

Note! LaJalle's invariance principle doesn't hold, but the following is true:

Thm

Suppose (1) and (2) hold with:

- $W_1, W_2$  : positive definite
- $W_3$  : positive semi-definite

Suppose further that  $W_1$  is radially unbounded and  $f(t, x)$  is locally Lipschitz (in  $x$ ) and bounded in  $t$ .

Then  $W_3(x(t)) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

Note! Much weaker than invariance principle  
(convergence to the largest invariant set)

In time invariant case - we had as an example for LaSalle's

$$\dot{x}_1 = \ddot{x}_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_1 - x_2$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 \equiv 0 \quad (\dot{x}_2 \equiv 0 = -\sin x_1 - 0 = 0)$$

$(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$ : largest invariant set  
 $\Rightarrow x_1 = 0$

Ex

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + w(t)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -w(t)x_1$$

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \Rightarrow \dot{V} = -x_1^2 + x_1 w(t)x_2 - x_2 w(t)x_1$$

$$W_3(x) = x_1^2 + 0x_2^2 > 0$$

$$W_3(x) = x^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$

Conclusion :

Uniform Stability  $\oplus x_1(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$

Note! Later - conditions on  $\dot{x}(t)$  that allow us to conclude uniform asymptotic stability.

Key result that allow us to prove this Thm

Barbalat's Lemma :  $\int_0^{\infty} \phi(t) dt < \infty$

[Translation  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \phi(t) dt$  exists and is bounded]

Uniform continuity  $|t_1 - t_2| < \delta \Rightarrow |\phi(t_1) - \phi(t_2)| < \epsilon$   
 $\delta, \epsilon$  independent on  $t_1, t_2$



$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t) = 0$$

- Note!
1. If  $\phi(t)$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow \phi$  is uniformly cts.
  2. Uniform continuity CANNOT be relaxed.

Ex  $\phi(t)$  sequence of pulses centered @  $K=1,2,3,\dots$   
of amplitude  $K$  and width  $\frac{1}{K^3}$ .

$$\int_0^\infty \phi(t) dt = \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{K^2} < +\infty \quad (\text{but } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t) \neq 0)$$

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

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

$$K_1 I \leq P(t) \leq K_2 I$$

Let  $Q(t) = \underbrace{C^T(t)C(t)}_{\text{fat matrix}} \geq 0$

Aside

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - bx_2 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \\ \dot{V}(x) = -bx_2^2 = -[x_1 \ x_2] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}}_Q \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

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$$Q = C^T C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{b} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

Observability matrix  $W_o = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{b} \\ -\sqrt{b} & * \end{bmatrix}$

Thm If  $(A(t), C(t))$  is uniformly observable  
then  $\bar{x}=0$  is uniformly asymptotically  
(exponentially) stable.

If  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$  ;  $V = x^T P(n) x$



$$\dot{V} = -C^T(t) C(t)$$

Def: The pair  $(A(t), C(t))$  is unif. observable if  
there exists  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that,

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_0+\delta} \underbrace{\Phi^T(\tau, t_0) C^T(\tau) C(\tau) \Phi(\tau, t_0)}_{\text{state transition matrix of } A(t)} d\tau \geq \alpha I$$

scaled identity matrix

for all  $t_0$ .

state transition matrix of  $A(t)$

in time invar.  
case we had  $\int e^{A^T(\tau-t_0)} C^T C e^{A(\tau-t_0)} d\tau$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \Phi(t, t_0)}{\partial t} = A(t) \Phi(t, t_0) \\ \Phi(t_0, t_0) = I \end{array} \right.$$

Ex Gradient Algorithm for Estimation of  
Parameters (identification)

$y(t)$ : scalar output ;  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}$

$y(t) = \underbrace{\Psi^T(t)}_{\text{"regressor", vector of time dependent function}} \theta$   $\rightarrow$  vector of constant but unknown parameters

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^P \quad (1)$$

$$\Psi(t) \in \mathbb{R}^P$$

Note! linear dependence ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> unknown parameters

for example covers

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_i y^{(i)}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i u^{(i)}(t) ; a_n = 1 \quad n > m \quad (2)$$

Next time we'll show how to go from (2) to (1).

Objective: estimate unknown parameters.

$\hat{\theta}(t)$  : vector of parameter estimates

$$\text{estimation error} \quad \tilde{\theta}(t) = \theta - \hat{\theta}(t)$$

$\downarrow$   
constant but unknown

$$\dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) = -\dot{\hat{\theta}}(t)$$

$$e(t) = y(t) - \hat{y}(t)$$

↓  
 real output      ↗ estimated output

$$= \Psi^T(t) \theta - \Psi^T(t) \hat{\theta}(t)$$

$$= \Psi^T(t) \cdot \tilde{\theta}(t)$$

cost function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} e^T(t) = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\tilde{\theta}^T(t)}_{e^T(t)} \psi(t) \underbrace{\psi^T(t)}_{e(t)} \tilde{\theta}(t)$$

Gradient-based algorithm :

$$\tilde{\theta}(t) = -\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{\theta}}(t) = -\psi(t)\psi^T(t)\tilde{\theta}(t)$$

linear differential  
equation

$$y(t) = \psi(t)\theta$$

$$\dot{\tilde{\theta}}(t) = A(t)\tilde{\theta}(t)$$

$$\tilde{\theta}(0) = \theta - \hat{\theta}(0)$$

$$A(t) = -\psi(t)\psi^T(t)$$

So in order to study the behavior of  $\tilde{\theta}$  and if our estimate converges to  $\theta$ , we must study this linear differential equation.

Since we don't know  $\theta$  and  $\tilde{\theta}(0) = \theta - \hat{\theta}(0)$  we can't simulate the behavior of  $\tilde{\theta}$  but we can analyse it.

$$\dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) = -\tilde{\theta}(t) = +\psi(t)\psi^T(t)\tilde{\theta}(t) \stackrel{(E)}{=} \psi(t)e(t)$$

$\hat{\theta}(0)$  : our choice

$\psi(t)$  : known regressor vector

$$e(t) = y(t) - \psi^T(t)\hat{\theta}(t)$$

$$\hat{\theta}(t) = -\Psi(t)\Psi^T(t)\hat{\theta}(t) + \Psi(t)y(t)$$

↑  
measured output

Summary:

Convergence of ~~the~~ parameters depends on properties of :

$$\tilde{\theta}(t) = A(t)\tilde{\theta}(t)$$

$$A(t) = -\Psi(t)\Psi^T(t)$$

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$$\int_{t_0}^{t+\delta} \Phi^T(\tau, t_0) C^T(\tau) C(\tau) \Phi(\tau, t_0) d\tau \succcurlyeq \alpha I$$

\* If  $P = \frac{1}{2}I \Rightarrow Q(t) = A(t) = \Psi(t)\Psi^T(t) = C^T(t)C(t)$

$$\Rightarrow C(t) = \Psi^T(t)$$

If  $(A(t), C(t))$  is uniformly observable, so is  $(A(t) + K(t)C(t), C(t))$ , with a bounded  $K(t)$ , i.e., observability is preserved after feedback.