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# Stability, control design, and estimation

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# Section 1

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#### Example

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Then

$$
\beta(s,t) \doteq s \|e^{At}\|; \quad \gamma(s) \doteq \left(\|E\|\int_0^\infty \left\|e^{A\tau}\right\|d\tau\right)s,
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The ISS-gain is linear and the transient bound is given by the product of the identity and an exponentially decaying function of time.

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#### Example

Consider the nonlinear/bilinear system:

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- The system is 0-input globally asymptotically stable (since  $w = 0$  implies  $\dot{x} = -x$  and so  $x(t) = x(0)e^{-t}$ )
- However, consider the bounded input/disturbance  $w = 2$ . Then  $\dot{x} = x$  and so  $x(t) = x(0)e^{t}$ .
- **Consequently, it is impossible to find**  $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$  and  $\gamma \in \mathcal{K}$  such that

 $|x(t)| = |x(0)|e^t \leq \beta(|x(0)|, t) + \gamma(2).$ 

# Section 2

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#### "ISS-Lyapunov function =⇒ ISS":

- First show that  $S_w = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq \chi(|w|)\}\$ is forward invariant
- Once solutions enter  $S_w$  they remain there  $\forall t \geq 0$ .
- $\bullet$  The "size" of this set is dependent only on  $|w|$  scaled via  $\chi \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ .
- $\bullet$  Outside the set  $S_w$ , the decrease condition holds
- Apply the comparison principle to obtain a transient bound  $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$ .
- $\bullet$  Combine  $S_{\omega}$  and the transient bound to derive

 $|x(t)| \leq \max \{\beta(|x(0)|, t), \gamma(||w||_{\mathcal{L}_{\infty}})\}\.$ 

 $\rightarrow$  The converse direction is significantly more difficult (See the book for a reference)

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#### Further comments:

• The decrease condition is equivalent to ( $\sigma \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ )

 $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w) \rangle \leq -\alpha_3(|x|) + \sigma(|w|)$ 

("storage function V with supply pair  $(\alpha_3, \sigma)$ " in some references)

or (*(exponential) dissipation-form ISS-Lyapunov function*)

 $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w) \rangle \leq -V(x) + \sigma(|w|)$ 

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 $|x| > \chi(|w|) \Rightarrow \langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w) \rangle < -V(x)$ 

• Note that the functions in the different representations are not the same!

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→ Observe that  $\dot{x} = -x - x^3 + xw$  is ISS while  $\dot{x} = -x + xw$  is not ISS (even though the linearizations are the same)

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,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then\n
$$
a^T b = (\varepsilon a)^T \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} b\right) \le \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} |a|^2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} |b|^2
$$

• Consider

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n\dot{x}_1 &=& -x_1 + w \\
\dot{x}_2 &=& -x_2^3 + x_1 x_2\n\end{array}
$$

• Candidate ISS-Lyapunov function

$$
V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2.
$$

• Then 
$$
(\frac{1}{2}|x|^2 \leq V(x) \leq \frac{1}{2}|x|^2
$$
 and)  
\n $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w) \rangle = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 + w \\ -x_2^3 + x_1 x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$   
\n
$$
= -x_1^2 + x_1 w - x_2^4 + x_2^2 x_1
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq -x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_1^2 + w^2 - x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_1^2
$$
  
\n
$$
= -\frac{1}{4}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2^4 + w^2.
$$

[Young's inequality applied to the terms  $x_1w$  and  $x_2^2x_1$ .] • Define

$$
\alpha(s) \doteq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}s^4, & s \le 1\\ \frac{1}{8}s^2, & s > 1 \end{cases} \text{ and } \sigma(s) \doteq s^2
$$

• Then  $\dot{V}(x) \le -\alpha(|x|) + \sigma(|w|) \rightsquigarrow$  the system is ISS.

# Section 3

<span id="page-23-0"></span>[System Interconnection](#page-23-0)

#### <span id="page-24-0"></span>**Consider**

$$
\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, w_1)
$$
  

$$
\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2)
$$

#### Note that:

• We don't specify the dimensions but assume that the dimensions match in the following!

#### If system 1 and system 2 are ISS

- is the cascade interconnection ISS?
- is the feedback interconnetion ISS?





$$
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, w_1) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix} \qquad w_1 \qquad w_2 = x_1
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, w_1) & w_2 = x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2) & \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2) \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
\begin{aligned} \text{Definition (Big } \text{O notation)}\\ \text{Consider two positive functions } \rho_1, \rho_2 \in \mathcal{P} \text{ and let} \\ c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}. \text{ We say that } \rho_1(s) = \mathcal{O}[\rho_2(s)] \text{ as } s \to c \text{ if} \\ \text{and only if} \\ \limsup_{s \to c} \left| \frac{\rho_1(s)}{\rho_2(s)} \right| < \infty. \end{aligned}
$$
\nExample:  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ ,

\n
$$
\alpha_1(s) = 4s^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_2(s) = \begin{cases} s^2, & s \leq 1, \\ s^4, & s > 1. \end{cases}
$$
\nThen

\n
$$
\limsup_{s \to 0} \left| \frac{\alpha_1(s)}{\alpha_2(s)} \right| = \limsup_{s \to 0} \left| \frac{4s^2}{s^2} \right| = \limsup_{s \to 0} 4 = 4 < \infty
$$

i.e., 
$$
\alpha_1(s) = \mathcal{O}[\alpha_2(s)]
$$
 as  $s \to 0$ .



$$
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, w_1) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow w_1 \longrightarrow w_1 \longrightarrow w_1 = f_1(x_1, w_1) \longrightarrow w_2 = x_1 \longrightarrow w_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2) \longrightarrow w_2 = x_2 \longrightarrow w_1
$$

### Definition (Big  $\mathcal O$  notation)

Consider two positive functions  $\rho_1, \rho_2 \in \mathcal{P}$  and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We say that  $\rho_1(s) = \mathcal{O}(\rho_2(s))$  as  $s \to c$  if and only if

 $\limsup_{s\to c}$  $\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \end{array} \end{array}$  $\rho_1(s)$  $\rho_2(s)$   $< \infty$ .

Example:  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ ,

$$
\alpha_1(s) = 4s^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_2(s) = \begin{cases} s^2, & s \le 1, \\ s^4, & s > 1. \end{cases}
$$

Then

$$
\limsup_{s\to 0}\left|\frac{\alpha_1(s)}{\alpha_2(s)}\right|=\limsup_{s\to 0}\left|\frac{4s^2}{s^2}\right|=\limsup_{s\to 0}4=4<\infty
$$

i.e., 
$$
\alpha_1(s) = \mathcal{O}[\alpha_2(s)]
$$
 as  $s \to 0$ .   
\n**Similarly**  $\alpha_1(s) = \mathcal{O}[\alpha_2(s)]$  as  $s \to \infty$ .   
\n**The converse, namely**  $\alpha_2(s) = \mathcal{O}[\alpha_1(s)]$  as  $s \to c, c \in \{0, \infty\}$ , does not need to be true, in general.

# Theorem (Changing supply pairs)

*Consider two systems,*  $[x_1^T, x_2^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , with the cascade *interconnection*  $w_2 = x_1$ . *Assume that*  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\sigma, \alpha_3 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  satisfy  $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w_1) \rangle \leq -\alpha_3(|x|) + \sigma(|w_1|)$ 

**1** Suppose that  $\tilde{\sigma} \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  satisfies  $\sigma(r) = \mathcal{O}[\tilde{\sigma}(r)]$  as  $r \to \infty$ . Then there exists  $\tilde{\alpha}_3 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  so that  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\alpha}_3)$ *satisfy*

 $\langle \nabla \widetilde{V}(x), f(x, w_1) \rangle \leq -\tilde{\alpha}_3(|x|) + \tilde{\sigma}(|w_1|)$ 

*for some*  $\widetilde{V}: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

2 *Suppose that*  $\tilde{\alpha}_3 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  *satisfies*  $\tilde{\alpha}_3(r) = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_3(r))$  *as*  $r \to 0$ . Then there exists a  $\tilde{\sigma} \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  so that  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\alpha}_3)$ *satisfies*  $\langle \nabla \widetilde{V}(x), f(x, w_1) \rangle \leq -\tilde{\alpha}_3(|x|) + \tilde{\sigma}(|w_1|)$ *for some*  $\widetilde{V}: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

$$
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, w_1) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix} \qquad w_1 \qquad w_2 = x_1 \qquad w_2 = x_2 \qquad w_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2) \qquad x_2 \qquad w_2 = x_2 \
$$

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#### $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w_1) \rangle \leq -\alpha_3(|x|) + \sigma(|w_1|)$

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 $\langle \nabla \tilde{V}(x), f(x, w_1) \rangle \leq -\tilde{\alpha}_3(|x|) + \tilde{\sigma}(|w_1|)$ 

*for some*  $\widetilde{V}: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

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We can freely choose the gain  $\sigma$  for small arguments or we can freely choose the decrease  $\alpha_3$  for large arguments:

$$
\limsup_{s \to \infty} \left| \frac{\sigma(s)}{\tilde{\sigma}(s)} \right| < \infty, \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{s \to 0} \left| \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_3(s)}{\alpha_3(s)} \right| < \infty.
$$

(We cannot modify the gain  $\sigma$  for large arguments or the decrease rate  $\alpha_3$  for small arguments.)

$$
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, w_1) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, w_1) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_2 = x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, w_1) \end{bmatrix}
$$

#### Theorem (Changing supply pairs)

*Consider two systems,*  $[x_1^T, x_2^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , with the cascade *interconnection*  $w_2 = x_1$ . *Assume that*  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  *and*  $\sigma, \alpha_3 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  satisfy

#### $\langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w_1) \rangle \leq -\alpha_3(|x|) + \sigma(|w_1|)$

**1** Suppose that  $\tilde{\sigma} \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  satisfies  $\sigma(r) = \mathcal{O}[\tilde{\sigma}(r)]$  as  $r \to \infty$ . Then there exists  $\tilde{\alpha}_3 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$  so that  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\alpha}_3)$ *satisfy*

 $\langle \nabla \tilde{V}(x), f(x, w_1) \rangle \leq -\tilde{\alpha}_3(|x|) + \tilde{\sigma}(|w_1|)$ 

*for some*  $\widetilde{V}: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

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$$

(We cannot modify the gain  $\sigma$  for large arguments or the decrease rate  $\alpha_3$  for small arguments.)

#### Theorem (ISS Cascade)

*Consider the system with*  $[x_1, x_2]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $w_2 = x_1$ . If each *of the subsystems are ISS, then the cascade interconnection is ISS with*  $w_1$  *as input and* x *as state.* 

Proof relies on:

$$
\dot{V}_1(x_1) \le -\alpha_{3,1}(|x_1|) + \sigma_1(|w_1|)
$$
\n
$$
\dot{V}_2(x_2) \le -\alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) + \sigma_2(|w_2|)
$$
\n
$$
\varphi(s) = \begin{cases}\nO[\alpha_{3,1}(s)], & \text{as } s \to 0 \\
O[2\sigma_2(s)], & \text{as } s \to \infty\n\end{cases}
$$

$$
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, w_1) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, w_1) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_2 = x_1 \\ w_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2) \end{bmatrix}
$$

Example

Consider

 $\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + w_1$  $\dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3 + x_2w_2$ Two Lyapunov functions  $V_1(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2$  and  $V_2(x_2) = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$  satisfy:  $\dot{V}_1(x_1) = -x_1^2 + x_1w_1 \leq -x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}w_1^2 = -\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}w_1^2$  $V_2(x_2) = -x_2^4 + x_2^2 w_2 \le -x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}w_2^2 = -\frac{1}{2}x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}w_2^2$ 

- $\rightarrow$  The two systems are ISS
- The input and state dimensions match  $\bullet$
- The cascade interconnection  $w_2 = x_1$  is ISS
- $\rightsquigarrow$  The cascade interconnection  $w_1 = x_2$  is ISS



Consider matched ISS-Lyapunov functions satisfying

$$
\dot{V}_1(x_1) \le -\varphi(|x_1|) + \sigma_1(|w_1|)
$$
  
\n
$$
\dot{V}_2(x_2) \le -\alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) + \varepsilon \varphi(|w_2|), \qquad [\varepsilon \in (0, 1)]
$$

Here, matched refers to

 $\lceil x_1 \rceil$  $\dot{x}_2$ 

$$
\varphi(s) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}[\alpha_{3,1}(s)], & \text{as } s \to 0\\ \mathcal{O}\left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\sigma_2(s)\right], & \text{as } s \to \infty \end{cases}
$$

Define:  $V(x) = V_1(x_1) + V_2(x_2)$ . Then

$$
\dot{V}(x) = \dot{V}_1(x_1) + \dot{V}_2(x_2) \n\leq -\varphi(|x_1|) + \sigma_1(|k(x_2)|) - \alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) + \varepsilon\varphi(|x_1|) \n= -(1 - \varepsilon)\varphi(|x_1|) - \alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) + \sigma_1(|k(x_2)|)
$$

$$
w_1 = k(x_2)
$$
  
 $w_2 = x_1$   
 $x_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2)$   
 $x_2$   
 $k(x_2)$ 

$$
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, k(x_2)) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix}
$$

Consider matched ISS-Lyapunov functions satisfying

$$
\dot{V}_1(x_1) \le -\varphi(|x_1|) + \sigma_1(|w_1|)
$$
\n
$$
\dot{V}_2(x_2) \le -\alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) + \varepsilon \varphi(|w_2|), \qquad [\varepsilon \in (0, 1)]
$$
\nand

Here, matched refers to

$$
\varphi(s) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}[\alpha_{3,1}(s)], & \text{as } s \to 0\\ \mathcal{O}\left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\sigma_2(s)\right], & \text{as } s \to \infty \end{cases}
$$

Define:  $V(x) = V_1(x_1) + V_2(x_2)$ . Then

$$
\dot{V}(x) = \dot{V}_1(x_1) + \dot{V}_2(x_2)
$$
\n
$$
\leq -\varphi(|x_1|) + \sigma_1(|k(x_2)|) - \alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) + \varepsilon\varphi(|x_1|)
$$
\n
$$
= -(1 - \varepsilon)\varphi(|x_1|) - \alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) + \sigma_1(|k(x_2)|)
$$

#### Asymptotic stability of the origin?

 $\sigma_1(|k(x_2)|) \leq (1-\bar{\varepsilon})\alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) \Rightarrow V(x(t)) < 0 \,\forall x(t) \neq 0$ (for  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in (0,1)$ )

#### Theorem (ISS small-gain)

*Consider the feedback interconnection. Suppose we have matched ISS-Lyapunov functions for the subsystems. If the nonlinear function*  $k : \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$  *satisfies* 

$$
|k(x_2)| \leq \sigma_1^{-1} \left( (1 - \bar{\varepsilon}) \alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) \right)
$$

*for some*  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in (0, 1)$ *, then the origin of the closed-loop system is asymptotically stable.*



#### Note that:

 $\lceil x_1 \rceil$  $\dot{x}_2$ 

**•** The condition

 $|k(x_2)| \leq \sigma_1^{-1} ((1 - \bar{\varepsilon}) \alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|))$ 

is called small-gain condition

- Small-gain theorems place limits on the loop-gain of a feedback system so that signals are not amplified as they traverse the feedback loop.
- Small-gain theorems present sufficient conditions (not necessary conditions)

1

 $=\begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, k(x_2)) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix}$  $f_2(x_2, x_1)$ 



#### Note that:

 $\lceil x_1 \rceil$  $\dot{x}_2$ 

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#### Theorem

*Consider the feedback interconnection with*  $w_2, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ *and*  $w_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$  *and*  $w_1 = k(x_2) = x_2$  *and*  $w_2 = x_1$ *. If each of the systems is ISS with ISS-Lyapunov functions*

$$
\dot{V}_1(x_1) \le -\alpha_{3,1}(V_1(x_1)) + \sigma_1(V_2(x_2))
$$
  

$$
\dot{V}_2(x_2) \le -\alpha_{3,2}(V_2(x_2)) + \sigma_2(V_1(x_1))
$$

*(and*  $\alpha_{3,1}, \alpha_{3,2}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ *) and if, for all*  $s \geq 0$ *,* 

 $\alpha_{3,1}^{-1} \circ \sigma_2(s) < s, \hspace{1cm} \alpha_{3,2}^{-1} \circ \sigma_1(s) < s$ 

*then the origin of the feedback interconnection is asymptotically stable.*

1

 $=\left[ \begin{array}{c} f_1(x_1, k(x_2)) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{array} \right]$  $f_2(x_2, x_1)$ 



Example: Consider

 $\lceil x_1 \rceil$  $\dot{x}_2$ 

$$
\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + w_1
$$
  

$$
\dot{x}_2 = -x_2^3 + x_2w_2
$$

Consider  $V_1(x_1) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} x_1^2$  for  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $V_2(x_2) = \frac{1}{2} x_2^2$ . With  $\alpha_{3,1}(s) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}s^4$ ,  $\sigma_2(s) = \frac{1}{2}s^2$  and  $\varphi(s) = \frac{1}{2}s^2$  it holds that (verify!)

$$
V_2(x_2) \le -\varphi(|x_2|) + \sigma_2(|w_2|)
$$
  

$$
V_1(x_1) \le -\alpha_{3,1}(|x_1|) + \varepsilon \varphi(|w_1|)
$$

Feedback interconnection  $w_2 = k(x_1), w_1 = x_2$ 

To conclude asymptotic stability the condition

$$
|k(x_1)| \le \sqrt{2(1-\bar{\varepsilon})\frac{\varepsilon}{2}|x_1|^4} = \sqrt{(1-\bar{\varepsilon})\varepsilon}x_1^2
$$

needs to be satisfied. (Here  $\sigma_2^{-1}(s) = \sqrt{2s}$ .)

Since in this example the selection of  $\varepsilon \in (0,1)$  in the ISS-Lyapunov function as well as  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in (0,1)$  in the Theorem are arbitrary, all of the feedback functions

$$
k(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2, \ \ k(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{sign}(x_1)x_1^2, \ \ k(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{sat}(x_1^2)
$$

satisfy the condition for  $\varepsilon = \bar{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Note that: For  $w_1 = k(x_2), w_2 = x_1$ , the Lyapunov functions  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are not matched.

$$
w_1 = k(x_2)
$$

$$
x_1 = f_1(x_1, w_1)
$$

$$
w_2 = x_1
$$

$$
x_2 = f_2(x_2, w_2)
$$

$$
k(x_2)
$$

 $\lceil x_1 \rceil$  $\dot{x}_2$  $=\begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, k(x_2)) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix}$  $f_2(x_2, x_1)$ 1

Example: Consider the dynamical system

$$
\dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + x_1 w_1, \n\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + \frac{1}{2} w_2^2.
$$

The functions  $V_1(x_1) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2$  and  $V_2(x_2) = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$  satisfy the estimates

$$
\dot{V}_1(x_1) = -x_1^4 + x_1^2 w_1 \le -x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}w_1^2 = -2V_1(x_1)^2 + V_2(w_1),
$$
  
\n
$$
\dot{V}_2(x_2) = -x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2w_2^2 \le -x_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}w_2^4 = -\frac{3}{2}V_2(x_2) + V_1(w_1)^2.
$$

Define

$$
\alpha_{3,1}(s) = 2s^2
$$
,  $\sigma_1(s) = \frac{1}{2}s$ ,  $\alpha_{3,2}(s) = \frac{3}{2}s$ ,  $\sigma_2(s) = s^2$ 

It holds that

 $\dot{V}_1(x_1) \leq -\alpha_{3,1}(V_1(x_1)) + \sigma_1(V_2(x_2))$  $\dot{V}_2(x_2) \leq -\alpha_{3,2}(V_2(x_2)) + \sigma_2(V_1(x_1))$ 

and

$$
\alpha_{3,1}^{-1} \circ \sigma_2(s) < s
$$
\n
$$
\alpha_{3,2}^{-1} \circ \sigma_1(s) < s
$$

 $\rightsquigarrow$  The origin of the feedback interconnection  $(w_1 = x_2, w_2 = x_1)$  is asymptotically stable.

### Section 4

# <span id="page-38-0"></span>[Integral-to-Integral Estimates and](#page-38-0)  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -gain

# <span id="page-39-0"></span>Integral-to-Integral Estimates and  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -gain

Derivation of an alternate ISS estimate:

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#### Recall Parseval's relation:

$$
||y||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 = \int_0^\infty |y(\tau)|^2 d\tau = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty |\hat{y}(jw)|^2 dw
$$

This can be further rewritten

$$
||y||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(jw)|^2 |\hat{w}(j\omega)|^2 d\omega
$$
  
\n
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 $\rightarrow$  With  $\gamma = ||G||_{\infty}$  the  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -gain of a linear system is the peak magnitude of the transfer function and can be read off from the Bode Plot.

#### Note that:

The estimate also holds for multi-input, multi-output systems. However, in this case the definition of the  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ -norm for multi-input, multi-output systems has to be used.

# System Interconnections

We assume that:

 $x(0) = 0$ 

It holds that:

$$
\|v_1+v_2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2\leq \|v_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2+\|v_2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2,
$$

Closed loop system

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}\n\dot{x}_1 \\
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# Theorem  $(\mathcal{L}_2$  small-gain)

*Consider the closed loop system. If each of the subsystems is*  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -stable with gains  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 > 0$ , then closed *loop system with*  $w_1 = x_2 + \tilde{w}_1$  *and*  $w_2 = x_1 + \tilde{w}_2$  *is*  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -stable if  $\gamma_1\gamma_2 < 1$ .

Proof:  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -stability implies

$$
\begin{aligned} \|x_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 &\leq \gamma_1^2 \|w_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 = \gamma_1^2 \|\tilde{w}_1 + x_2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 \\ &\leq \gamma_1^2 \|\tilde{w}_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 + \gamma_1^2 \gamma_2^2 \|\tilde{w}_2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 + \gamma_1^2 \gamma_2^2 \|x_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 \end{aligned}
$$



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||x_1||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 (1 - \gamma_1^2 \gamma_2^2) \leq \gamma_1^2 ||\tilde{w}_1||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 + \gamma_1^2 \gamma_2^2 ||\tilde{w}_2||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2.
$$
 If  $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 < 1$  then  $\gamma_1^2 \gamma_2^2 < 1$  and

$$
||x_1||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 \le \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_1^2 \gamma_2^2} \left( \gamma_1^2 ||\tilde{w}_1||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 + \gamma_1^2 \gamma_2^2 ||\tilde{w}_2||_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2 \right)
$$

Same bound on the  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -norm of  $x_2$  can be derived The bounds on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  can be combined as

$$
\begin{aligned} &\|x\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2=\|x_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2+\|x_2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2\\ &\leq\tfrac{1}{1-\gamma_1^2\gamma_2^2}\big(\gamma_1^2\|\tilde{w}_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2\!\!+\!\gamma_2^2\|\tilde{w}_2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2\!\!+\!\gamma_1^2\gamma_2^2(\|\tilde{w}_1\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2\!\!+\!\|\tilde{w}_2\|_{\mathcal{L}_2}^2))\end{aligned}
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