Introduction to Nonlinear Control

Stability, control design, and estimation

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Section 1

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$$\beta(s,t)\doteq s\|e^{At}\|;\quad \gamma(s)\doteq \left(\|E\|\int_0^\infty \left\|e^{A\tau}\right\|\,d\tau\right)s,$$

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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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

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

Section 2

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"ISS-Lyapunov function \implies ISS":

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

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→ 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 ($\sigma \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$)

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

("storage function V with supply pair (α_3,σ) " in some references)

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 $|x| \geq \chi(|w|) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle \nabla V(x), f(x,w) \rangle \leq -V(x)$

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

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

Candidate ISS-Lyapunov function

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

 \bullet Then ($\frac{1}{2}|x|^2 \leq V(x) \leq \frac{1}{2}|x|^2$ and)

$$\begin{split} \langle \nabla V(x), f(x,w) \rangle &= \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} -x_1 + w \\ -x_2^3 + x_1 x_2 \end{array} \right] \right\rangle \\ &= -x_1^2 + x_1 w - x_2^4 + x_2^2 x_1 \\ &\leq -x_1^2 + \frac{1}{4} x_1^2 + w^2 - x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2} x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} x_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} x_2^4 + w^2. \end{split}$$

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

$$\alpha(s) \doteq \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{1}{8}s^4, & s \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{8}s^2, & s > 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(s) \doteq s^2$$

 \bullet Then $\dot{V}(x) \leq -\alpha(|x|) + \sigma(|w|) \leadsto$ the system is ISS.

Section 3

System Interconnection

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?





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Definition (Big O notation)

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 $\limsup_{s \to c} \left| \frac{\rho_1(s)}{\rho_2(s)} \right| < \infty.$

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

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

Then

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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:

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

Example

Consider

$$\begin{split} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + w_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_2^3 + x_2 w_2 \end{split}$$

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:
 $\dot{V}_1(x_1) &= -x_1^2 + x_1 w_1 \le -x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}w_1^2 = -\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}w_1^2 \\ \dot{V}_2(x_2) &= -x_2^4 + x_2^2 w_2 \le -x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}w_2^2 = -\frac{1}{2}x_2^4 + \frac{1}{2}w_2^2 \end{split}$

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Consider matched ISS-Lyapunov functions satisfying

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

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Asymptotic stability of the origin?

 $\sigma_1(|k(x_2)|) \le (1-\bar{\varepsilon})\alpha_{3,2}(|x_2|) \implies \dot{V}(x(t)) < 0 \ \forall x(t) \neq 0$ (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 $k : \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \to \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$ satisfies

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

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



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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

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

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

To conclude asymptotic stability the condition

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

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 $\varepsilon = \overline{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2}$.

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Example: Consider the dynamical system

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

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Section 4

Integral-to-Integral Estimates and \mathcal{L}_2 -gain

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With $\alpha_{3}(s) = s^{2}, \, \alpha_{2}(s) = \lambda_{\max}s^{2}$ and $\sigma(s) = \|PE\|^{2}s^{2}$:
$$\int_{0}^{t} \alpha_{3}(|x(t)|) d\tau \leq \alpha_{2}(|x(0)|) + \int_{0}^{t} \sigma(|w(\tau)|) d\tau$$

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Recall Parseval's relation:

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This can be further rewritten

$$\begin{split} \|y\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2} &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(jw)|^{2} |\hat{w}(j\omega)|^{2} d\omega \\ &\leq \operatorname{ess\,sup} |G(j\omega)|^{2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{w}(j\omega)|^{2} d\omega \\ &= \|G\|_{\infty}^{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} |w(\tau)|^{2} d\tau \\ &= \|G\|_{\infty}^{2} \|w\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2}. \end{split}$$

 \rightsquigarrow 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}_∞ -norm for multi-input, multi-output systems has to be used.

System Interconnections

We assume that:

x(0) = 0

It holds that:

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

Closed loop system

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \dot{x}_1\\ \dot{x}_2 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} f_1(x_1, x_2 + \tilde{w}_1)\\ f_2(x_2, x_1 + \tilde{w}_2) \end{array}\right]$$

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

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



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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2} &= \|x_{1}\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2} + \|x_{2}\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_{1}^{2}\gamma_{2}^{2}} (\gamma_{1}^{2}\|\tilde{w}_{1}\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2} + \gamma_{2}^{2}\|\tilde{w}_{2}\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2} + \gamma_{1}^{2}\gamma_{2}^{2}(\|\tilde{w}_{1}\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2} + \|\tilde{w}_{2}\|_{\mathcal{L}_{2}}^{2})) \end{aligned}$$

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