Introduction to Nonlinear Control

Stability, control design, and estimation

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Sliding Mode Control



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We consider systems of the form

$$\begin{split} \dot{x} &= f(x, u, \delta(t, x)) \\ y &= h(x) \end{split}$$

with

- state $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\bullet \ \text{ input } u \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- output $y \in \mathbb{R}$
- potentially time and state dependent unknown disturbance $\delta: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$
- We will be interested in
 - stabilizing the origin
 - output tracking

despite the presence of the disturbance.

~ First we have to discuss *finite-time stability*.

Section 1

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ensure that the origin is attractive. It follows from the explicit solution that

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• Settling time
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For quadratic Lyapunov functions: $(a_1, a_2 > 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 |x|^2 &\le V(x) \le a_2 |x|^2 \\ |x(t)| &\le \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1}} \left(\sqrt{a_2} |x(0)| - \frac{\kappa t}{2} \right) \\ T(|x|) &\le |x| \frac{2\sqrt{a_2}}{\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

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Then, for all $x \neq 0$, it holds that

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 $\leadsto V$ is a Lyapunov function & the origin is finite-time stable Bound on the settling time

$$T(x) \le \frac{2}{\kappa} \sqrt{\alpha_2(|x|)} = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{|x|^{\frac{2}{3}}} = 3\sqrt[3]{|x|}$$

Section 2

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- \rightsquigarrow Convergence of $\sigma(t) \rightarrow 0$ is called the *reaching phase*.
- On the sliding surface the selection of u ensures that the dynamics behave like $\dot{x} = -x$.
- This is called *sliding phase* and guarantees asymptotic stability of the origin for the overall closed-loop system.



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Section 3

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Theorem

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Then for all disturbances δ satisfying the condition

$$|\delta(t, x, z)| \le L_{\delta} \qquad \forall (t, x, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}_{\ge 0}$$

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Section 4

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Introduction to Nonlinear Control

Estimation of δ through a low-pass filter:

 Idea: Apply low-pass filter to the chattering input

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• In particular, consider augmented dynamics ($\tau > 0$ small)

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(where we have replaced $sign(\sigma)$ by ξ)

 \rightsquigarrow The approximated equivalent control is an alternative to u

Remark (Low-pass filter)

The dynamics $\dot{\xi} = -\frac{1}{\tau}\xi + \frac{1}{\tau} \operatorname{sign}(z-k(x))$ represent a *low-pass filter*. To see this, consider the one-dimensional system

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{1}{\tau}x + \frac{1}{\tau}u$$
$$y = x$$

and its representation in the frequency domain

$$\hat{y}(s) = (s + \frac{1}{\tau})^{-1} \frac{1}{\tau} \hat{u}(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau}}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \hat{u}(s).$$

For $\tau > 0$ small we observe from the transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau}}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}}$$

that for low frequencies the system approximately satisfies $\hat{y}(s) \approx \hat{u}(s)$ and for high frequencies it holds that $\hat{y}(s) \approx 0$.

Estimating the Disturbance (Example)

Example

Original example with augmented state: ($\tau > 0$, small)

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- We follow the steps so far, define $z = k(x) = -x^3 x$, i.e., $\dot{x} = x^3 x^3 x = -x$ (i.e. x = 0 is exponentially stable).
- The sliding mode control law (from the theorem)

$$u = (-3x^2 - 1)(x^3 + z) - \left(\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}} + L_{\delta}\right)\operatorname{sign}(z + (x^3 + x))$$
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Here: $\delta(t, x, z) = \sin(t)$, $L_{\delta} = 1$, $\kappa = 2$ and $\tau = 0.1$.



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Section 5

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 $\dot{V}(\sigma) = \sigma(\psi(t, x, z) + v)$

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- Then $\dot{V}(\sigma)$ satisfies

$$\dot{V}(\sigma) = \sigma(\psi(t, x, z) - (L_{\psi} + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}})\operatorname{sign}(\sigma))$$
$$\leq |\sigma|L_{\psi} - |\sigma|\left(L_{\psi} + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = -\kappa\sqrt{V(x)}$$

Example

Consider the system

$$y = x,$$
 $\dot{x} = x^3 + z,$ $\dot{z} = u + \delta(t, x, z)$

with output together with the reference signal

 $y_r(t) = \begin{cases} 0.8 \sin(2t) & \text{for } t < 8, \\ 1.2 \sin(4t) & \text{for } t \ge 8. \end{cases}$

• y_r is twice continuously differentiable for all $t \neq 8$

• For the simulation, the disturbance $\delta(t,x,z)=\sin(t)$ is used

- The new disturbance $\psi = \ddot{y}_r + \dot{y}_r \delta$ satisfies $|\psi(t, x, z)| \le 25$ for all $t \ne 8$.
- Top figure: $L_{\psi} = 25$
- Bottom figure: $L_{\psi} = 1$
- Additionally: $\kappa = 2$



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