

# A Run Through Nonlinear Control Topics

Stability, control design, and estimation

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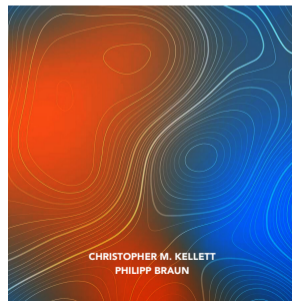
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## Introduction to Nonlinear Control

STABILITY, CONTROL DESIGN, AND ESTIMATION



# 1. Nonlinear Systems – Fundamentals (Dynamical Systems)

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## Definition (Equilibrium, $\dot{x} = 0$ )

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$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = f(x^e) = 0,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = f(t, x^e) = 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}.$$

The pair  $(x^e, u^e) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$  is called an **equilibrium pair** of the system  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$  if

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = f(x^e, u^e) = 0.$$

- Without loss of generality  $x^e = 0$  (or  $(x^e, u^e) = 0$ ).
- Achieved through **coordinate transf.**  $z = x - x^e$ , i.e.,

$$\hat{f}(z) \doteq f(z + x^e) \quad \text{yields} \quad \dot{z} = \hat{f}(z)$$

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# 1. Nonlinear Systems – Fundamentals (Comparison Functions)

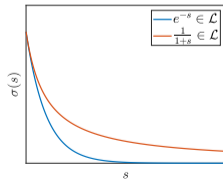
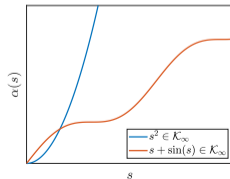
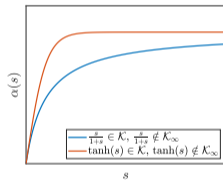
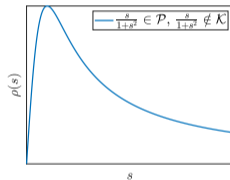
## Definition (Class- $\mathcal{P}$ , $\mathcal{K}$ , $\mathcal{K}_\infty$ , $\mathcal{L}$ , $\mathcal{KL}$ functions)

- A continuous function  $\rho : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is said to be **positive definite** ( $\rho \in \mathcal{P}$ ) if  $\rho(0) = 0$  and  $\rho(s) > 0 \forall s \in \mathbb{R}_{> 0}$ .
- $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$  is said to be of **class- $\mathcal{K}$**  ( $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$ ) if  $\alpha$  strictly increasing.
- $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$  is said to be of **class- $\mathcal{K}_\infty$**  ( $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$ ) if  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(s) = \infty$ .
- A continuous function  $\sigma : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is said to be of **class- $\mathcal{L}$**  ( $\sigma \in \mathcal{L}$ ) if  $\sigma$  is strictly decreasing and  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(s) = 0$ .
- A continuous function  $\beta : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is said to be of **class- $\mathcal{KL}$**  ( $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$ ) if for each fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $\beta(\cdot, t) \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  and for each fixed  $s \in \mathbb{R}_{> 0}$ ,  $\beta(s, \cdot) \in \mathcal{L}$ .

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{K}_\infty \subset \mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{P}$$

## Some properties:

- Class- $\mathcal{K}_\infty$  functions are invertible.
- If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  then 
$$\alpha(s) \doteq \alpha_1(\alpha_2(s)) = \alpha_1 \circ \alpha_2(s) \in \mathcal{K}_\infty.$$
- If  $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\sigma \in \mathcal{L}$  then  $\alpha \circ \sigma \in \mathcal{L}$ .



## 2. Nonlinear Systems – Stability Notions (Definitions)

Consider

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad (\text{with } f(0) = 0)$$

### Definition (Stability)

The origin is (*Lyapunov*) *stable* if, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that if  $|x(0)| \leq \delta$  then, for all  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$|x(t)| \leq \varepsilon.$$

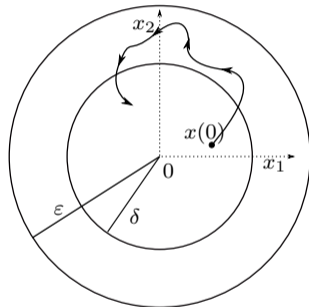
### Equivalent Definition:

The origin is *stable* if there exists  $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$  and an open neighborhood around the origin  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , such that

$$|x(t)| \leq \alpha(|x(0)|), \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad \forall x_0 \in \mathcal{D}.$$

### Definition (Instability)

The origin is *unstable* if it is not stable.



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### Definition (Exponential stability)

The origin is *exponentially stable* for  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  if there exist  $\delta, \lambda, M > 0$  such that if  $|x(0)| \leq \delta$  then for all  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$|x(t)| \leq M|x(0)|e^{-\lambda t}. \quad (2)$$

**Example:** The origin of

- $\dot{x} = x$  is unstable
- $\dot{x} = 0$  is stable
- $\dot{x} = -x^3$  is asymptotically stable
- $\dot{x} = -x$  is exponentially stable

## 2. Nonlinear Systems – Stability Notions (Lyapunov's Second Method)

Consider  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  with  $f(0) = 0$

### Theorem (Lyapunov stability theorem)

Let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , cont. differentiable and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  such that, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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### Theorem (Exponential stability theorem)

Let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , cont. differentiable, constants  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, c > 0$  and  $p \geq 1$  such that, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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### Theorem (Partial Convergence)

Let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , cont. differentiable,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$ , and  $W : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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Then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} W(x(t)) = 0$ .

### Theorem (Lyapunov theorem for instability)

Let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  cont. differentiable and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon \setminus \{0\}$$

Then the origin is (completely) unstable.

### Theorem (Chetaev's theorem)

Let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be cont. differentiable with  $V(0) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{O}_r = \{x \in \mathcal{B}_r(0) \mid V(x) > 0\} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $r > 0$ . If for certain  $r > 0$ ,

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then the origin is unstable.

## 2. Nonlinear Systems – Stability Notions (Lypunov's Second Method)

### Intuition:

- Lyapunov functions represent energy associated with the state of a system
- If energy is (strictly) decreasing, then an equilibrium is (symptotically) stable

$$\dot{V}(x(t)) = \langle \nabla V(x), f(x) \rangle < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

### Extensions:

- (LaSalle's) Invariance principles
- Similar results for time-varying systems
- Converse Lyapunov results (i.e., asymptotic stability implies existence of Lyapunov function)

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$$A = \left[ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0}$$

Linearization of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ :

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Semidefinite programming:

$$A^T P + PA \leq -\varepsilon I \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \varepsilon |x|^2 \leq V(x) \leq \langle \nabla V(x), Ax \rangle \leq -\varepsilon |x|^2$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Construction can be extended to systems with polynomial right-hand side

## 5. Discrete Time Systems (Fundamentals)

Discrete time systems:

$$\begin{aligned}x_d(k+1) &= F(x_d(k), u_d(k)), & x_d(0) &= x_{d,0} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\y_d(k) &= H(x_d(k), u_d(k))\end{aligned}$$

Time-varying discrete time system ( $k \geq k_0 \geq 0$ ):

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Time invariant discrete time systems without input:

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- The pair  $(x_d^e, u_d^e) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$  is called equilibrium pair of the system if  $x_d^e = F(x_d^e, u_d^e)$  holds.

Again, without loss of generality we can shift the equilibrium (pair) to the origin.

### Definition (Equilibrium, $\dot{x} = 0$ )

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$$x^+ = F(x), \quad x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

### Definition ( $\mathcal{KL}$ -stability)

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$$|x(k)| \leq \beta(|x(0)|, k), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N},$$

is satisfied for all  $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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Suppose there exists a continuous function  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and functions  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  such that, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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Suppose there exists a smooth function  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and functions  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  such that, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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$$A^T P A - P = -Q.$$

A matrix  $A$  which satisfies  $|\lambda_i| < 1$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$  is called a *Schur matrix*.

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## 5. Discrete Time Systems (Sampling)

Derivative for continuously differentiable function:

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t + \Delta) - x(t)}{\Delta}$$

Difference quotient (for  $\Delta > 0$  small):

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or equivalently

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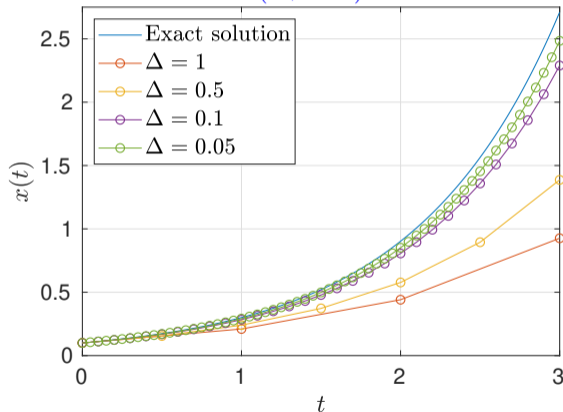
Approximated discrete time system (identify  $t$  with  $k \cdot \Delta$ )

$$x_d^+ = F(x_d, u_d) \doteq x_d + \Delta f(x_d, u_d)$$

↪ This discretization is known as (explicit) *Euler method*.

Approximation of  $\dot{x} = 1.1x$

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$c_s$	$a_{s1}$	$a_{s2}$	$\dots$	$a_{s(s-1)}$	
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$\rightsquigarrow c_i$  is only necessary for time-varying systems

- Examples: The Euler and the Heun method

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \hline & 1 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & \\ & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

- Heun Method: Update of  $x$  in three steps

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## 5. Discrete Time Systems (Runge-Kutta Methods in Matlab)

The function `ode23.m` relies on the Butcher tableaux

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc}
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- One scheme is used to approximate  $x(t + \Delta)$ .
- The second scheme is needed to approximate the error, to select the step size  $\Delta$ .

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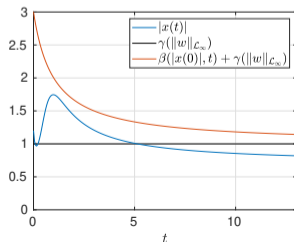
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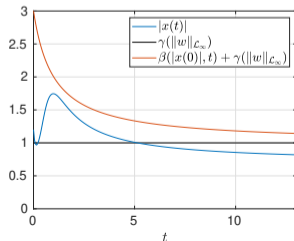
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### Example

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

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The candidate ISS-Lyapunov function  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \nabla V(x), f(x, w) \rangle &= \langle x, -x - x^3 + xw \rangle \\ &= -x^2 - x^4 + x^2w \\ &\leq -x^2 - x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}w^2 \\ &= -x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}w^2 \end{aligned}$$

- The inequality follows from [Young's inequality](#):

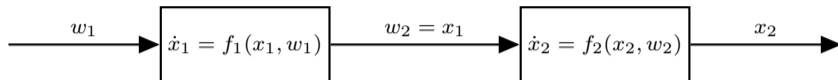
$$yz \leq \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \frac{1}{2}z^2$$

- Define  $\alpha(s) \doteq s^2 + \frac{1}{2}s^4$  and  $\sigma(s) \doteq \frac{1}{2}s^2$ . Then

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq -\alpha(|x|) + \sigma(|w|)$$

i.e.,  $V$  is an ISS-Lyapunov function, the system is ISS.

## 7. Input-to-State Stability (Cascade Interconnections)

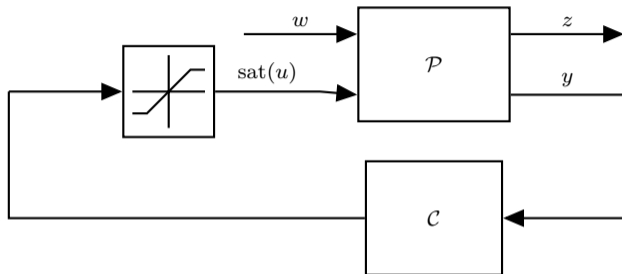


$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, w_1) \\ f_2(x_2, x_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

### 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.*

## 8. LMI Based Controller and Antiwindup Designs



Plant & Controller:

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Compact representation:  $(x = [x_p^T, x_c^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n)$

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### In other words

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**Note that:** Formula known as

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  - Sontag's formula
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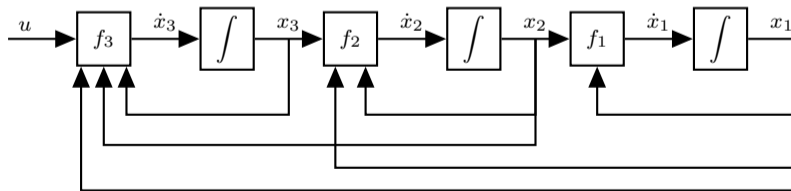
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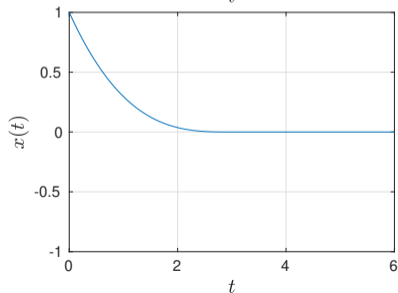
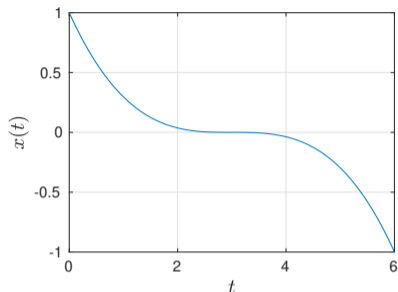
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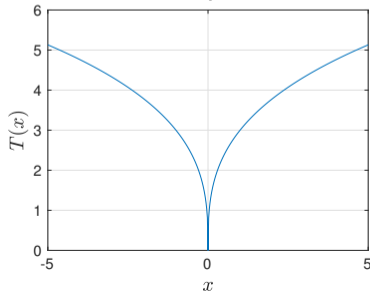
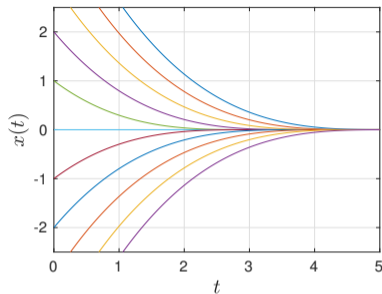
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ensure that the origin is attractive.

It follows from the explicit solution that

- The origin is finite-time stable
- Settling time  $T(x) = 3 \sqrt[3]{|x|}$



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### Theorem (Lyapunov fcn for finite-time stability)

Consider  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  with  $f(0) = 0$ . Assume there exist a continuous function  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , which is continuously differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  and a constant  $\kappa > 0$  such that

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*Then the origin is globally finite-time stable.*

Moreover, the *settling-time*  $T(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is upper bounded by

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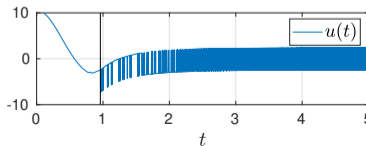
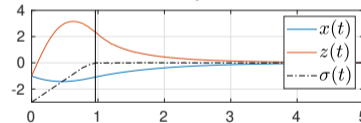
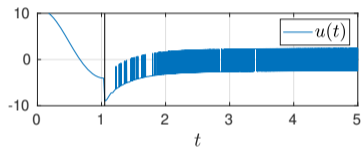
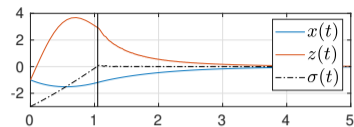
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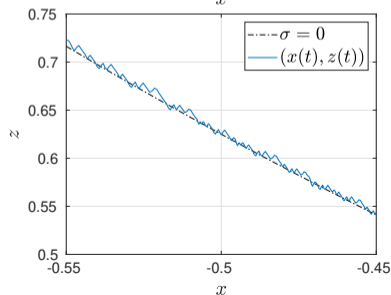
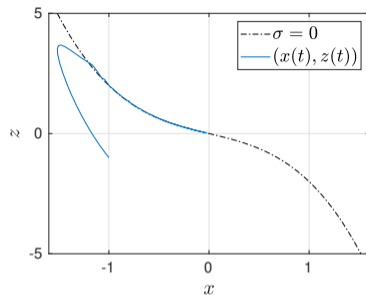
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- Lyapunov function  $V(x, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\theta}^2$ ;

$$\dot{V}(x, \hat{\theta}) = (-\xi - \theta)x - k_1x^2 + (\xi - \theta)x^2 = -k_1x^2$$

↪  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty \forall x(0) \in \mathbb{R}, \xi(0) \in \mathbb{R}$   
(LaSalle-Yoshizawa theorem)

- $\xi(t) \rightarrow \theta$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  is not guaranteed

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- For  $\bar{A}$  Hurwitz,  $u^e$  defines the asymptotically stable equilibrium

$$\bar{x}^e = -\bar{A}^{-1}\bar{B}u^e$$

- Control law:

$$u = M(\theta)u^e + L(\theta)x,$$

parameter dependent matrices  $M(\cdot)$ ,  $L(\cdot)$ , to be designed

- Closed-loop dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= Ax + B(M(\theta)u^e + L(\theta)x) \\ &= (A + BL(\theta))x + BM(\theta)u^e \\ &= A_{cl}(\theta)x + B_{cl}(\theta)u^e\end{aligned}$$

where

$$A_{cl}(\theta) = A + BL(\theta), \quad B_{cl}(\theta) = BM(\theta)$$

- Compatibility conditions

$$\begin{aligned}A_{cl}(\theta) = \bar{A} &\iff BL(\theta) = \bar{A} - A, \\ B_{cl}(\theta) = \bar{B} &\iff BM(\theta) = \bar{B}.\end{aligned}$$

- Overall system dynamics

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{\bar{x}} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (A + BL(\theta))x + BM(\theta)u^e \\ \bar{A}\bar{x} + \bar{B}u^e \\ \Psi(x, \bar{x}, u^e) \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $\Psi$  defined appropriately

# 11. Adaptive Control (Adaptive Backstepping)

Systems in *parametric strict-feedback form*:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 + \phi_1(x_1)^T \theta$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_3 + \phi_2(x_1, x_2)^T \theta$$

$\vdots$

$$\dot{x}_{n-1} = x_n + \phi_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})^T \theta$$

$$\dot{x}_n = \beta(x)u + \phi_n(x)^T \theta$$

where  $\beta(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

## Theorem

Let  $c_i > 0$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Consider the adaptive controller

$$u = \frac{1}{\beta(x)} \alpha_n(x, \vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_n)$$

$$\dot{\vartheta}_i = \Gamma \left( \phi_i(x_1, \dots, x_i) - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{\partial \alpha_{i-1}}{\partial x_j} \phi_j(x_1, \dots, x_j) \right) z_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $\vartheta_i \in \mathbb{R}^q$  are multiple estimates of  $\theta$ ,  $\Gamma > 0$  is the adaptation gain matrix, and the variables  $z_i$  and the stabilizing functions

$$\alpha_i = \alpha_i(x_1, \dots, x_i, \vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_i), \quad \alpha_i : \mathbb{R}^{i+q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

are defined by the following recursive expressions (and  $z_0 \equiv 0$ ,  $\alpha_0 \equiv 0$  for notational convenience)

$$z_i = x_i - \alpha_{i-1}(x_1, \dots, x_i, \vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i = & -c_i z_i - z_{i-1} - \left( \phi_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{\partial \alpha_{i-1}}{\partial x_j} \phi_j \right)^T \vartheta_i \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_{i-1}}{\partial x_j} x_{j+1} + \frac{\partial \alpha_{i-1}}{\partial \vartheta_j} \Gamma \left( \phi_j - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \alpha_{j-1}}{\partial x_k} \phi_k \right) z_j \right). \end{aligned}$$

This adaptive controller guarantees global boundedness of  $x(\cdot)$ ,  $\vartheta_1(\cdot)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\vartheta_n(\cdot)$ , and  $x_1(t) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $x_i(t) \rightarrow x_i^e$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  where

$$x_i^e = -\theta^T \phi_{i-1}(0, x_2^e, \dots, x_{i-1}^e), \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

## 12. Optimal Control (Definitions)

We consider continuous time system

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t)), \quad x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (4)$$

By assumption

- $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  locally Lipschitz continuous

Set of inputs and set of solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{U} &= \{u(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \mid u(\cdot) \text{ measurable}\} \\ \mathbb{X} &= \{x(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \mid x(\cdot) \text{ is absolutely continuous}\} \end{aligned}$$

We say that

- $(x(\cdot), u(\cdot)) \in \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{U}$  is a *solution pair* if it satisfies (4) for almost all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

Note that:

- If the initial condition is important (or not clear from context), we use  $x(\cdot; x_0) \in \mathbb{X}$  and  $u(\cdot; x_0) \in \mathbb{U}$
- $x_0$ , and  $u(\cdot)$  are sufficient to describe  $x(\cdot)$

For  $(x(\cdot), u(\cdot)) \in \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{U}$  we define

- *Cost functional* (or performance criterion)  
 $J : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  as

$$J(x_0, u(\cdot)) = \int_0^\infty \ell(x(\tau), u(\tau)) d\tau.$$

- *Running cost*:  $\ell : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- *(Optimal) Value function*:  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ,

$$V(x_0) = \min_{u(\cdot) \in \mathbb{U}} J(x_0, u(\cdot))$$

subject to (4).

(We assume that the minimum exists!)

- *Optimal input*:

$$u^*(\cdot) = \arg \min_{u(\cdot) \in \mathbb{U}} J(x_0, u(\cdot))$$

subject to (4).

## 12. Optimal Control (Linear Quadratic Regulator)

Linear system:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Quadratic cost function:

$$J(x_0, u(\cdot)) = \int_0^{\infty} \left( x^T(\tau)Qx(\tau) + u^T(\tau)Ru(\tau) \right) d\tau$$

### Theorem

Let  $Q \geq 0$ ,  $R > 0$ . *If there exists  $P > 0$  satisfying the continuous time algebraic Riccati equation*

$$A^T P + PA + Q - PBR^{-1}B^T P = 0$$

and *if  $A - BR^{-1}B^T P$  is a Hurwitz matrix, then*

$$\mu(x) = -R^{-1}B^T P x$$

*minimizes the quadratic cost function and the optimal value function is given by*

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Linear system

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Quadratic cost function:

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### Theorem

Let  $Q \geq 0$ ,  $R > 0$ . *If there exists  $P > 0$  satisfying the discrete time algebraic Riccati equation*

$$Q + A^T P A - P - A^T P B \left( R + B^T P B \right)^{-1} B^T P A = 0$$

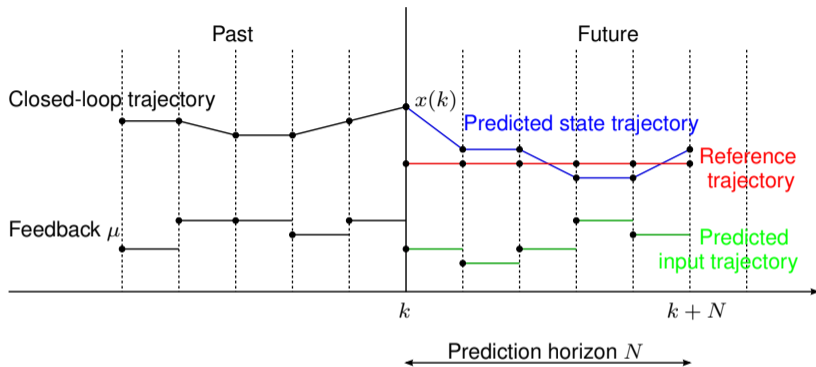
and *if  $A - B(R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A$  is a Schur matrix, then*

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### 13. Model Predictive Control (Receding Horizon Principle)



MPC is also known as

- *predictive control*
- *receding horizon control*
- *rolling horizon control*

Here, we consider **discrete time systems**

$$x^+ = f(x, u), \quad x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

with  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   $f(0, 0) = 0$ .

- **State constraints**  $x \in \mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- **Input constraints**  $u \in \mathbb{U}(x) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

## 13. Model Predictive Control (The Basic MPC Formulation)

- Prediction horizon:  $N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$
- Set of feasible input trajectories of length  $N$  (depending on  $x_0$ ):

$$\mathbb{U}_{x_0}^N = \left\{ u_N(\cdot) : \mathbb{N}_{[0, N-1]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \left| \begin{array}{l} x(0) = x_0, \\ x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k)) \\ (x(k), u(k)) \in \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{U}(x) \\ \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_{[0, N-1]} \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

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$$J_N(x_0, u_N(\cdot)) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \ell(x(i), u(i))$$

(with running costs  $\ell : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )

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- **Optimal open-loop input trajectory**  $u_N^*(\cdot; x_0) \in \mathbb{U}_{x_0}^N$  s.t.  $x(N) \in \mathbb{X}_F$  &  $V_N(x_0) = J_N(x_0, u_N^*(\cdot; x_0)) + F(x(N))$
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$$\mu_N(x_0) = u_N^*(0; x_0)$$

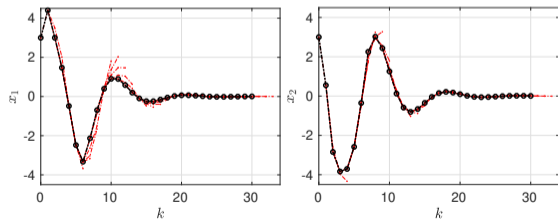
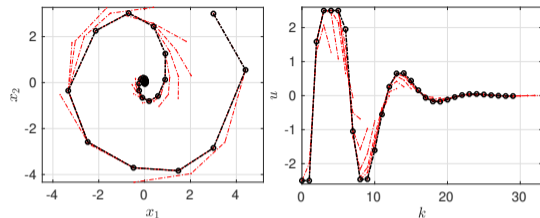
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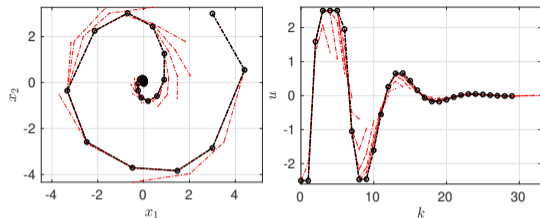
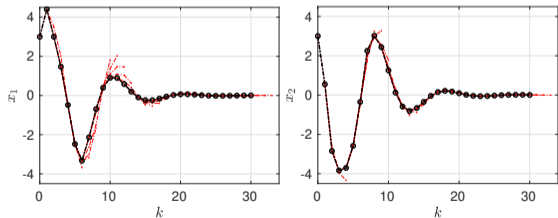


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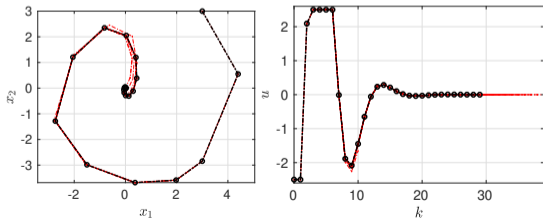
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- Now, use the terminal constraint  $\mathbb{X}_F = \{0\}$  (which makes  $F(x)$  superfluous)
- Prediction horizon  $N = 11$  (since for  $N < 11$  the OCP is not feasible for  $x_0 = [3 \ 3]^T$ )



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