

Rated Stability

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A.M. Lyapunov (1857-1918) and the first page of his thesis



Dynamic Systems and Stability

Pendulum Equation

Consider the pendulum equation

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) + k\dot{\theta}(t) + \frac{g}{r} \sin(\theta(t)) = 0$$

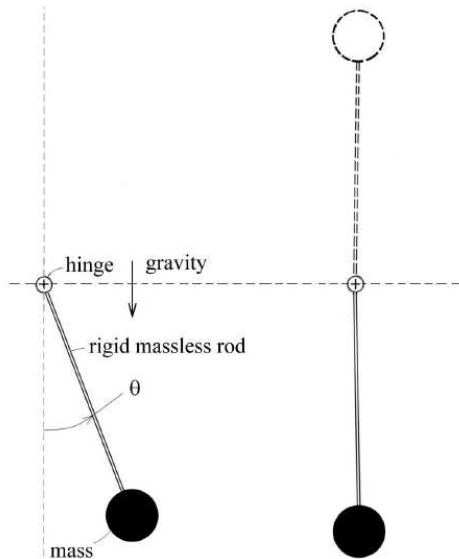
where

θ – an inclination angle,

k – a friction coefficient

r – a length of pendulum,

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Exponential, Finite-time and Fixed-time Stability

(Erugin 1951, Zubov 1957, Hahn 1961, Roxin 1966, Demidovich 1974, Bhat & Bernstein 2000, Orlov 2005, Levant 2005, Moulay & Perruquetti 2005, Andrieu et al 2008, Cuz, Moreno, Fridman 2010, Polyakov 2012,...)

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Assumption

$$0 \in F(t, 0) \quad \text{for} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Notation

$\Phi(t, t_0, x_0)$ – **Set of all solutions** of the Cauchy problem (Sys);

$x(t, t_0, x_0) \in \Phi(t, t_0, x_0)$ – **a solution** of (Sys)-(IC).

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- If $k_1 > k_2 > 0 \rightarrow x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$ is finite stable equilibrium point
- If $k_2 > |k_1| \rightarrow x_1(t) = \text{constant}, x_2 = 0$ is a solution.

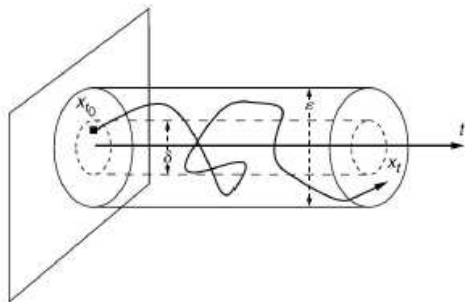
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Lyapunov Stability

Definition (Stability, Lyapunov 1892)

The origin of the system (Sys) is said to be **Lyapunov stable** if $\forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and $\forall t_0 \in \mathbb{R} : \exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon, t_0) \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{B}(\delta)$

- 1 any solution $x(t, t_0, x_0)$ of Cauchy problem (Sys)-(IC) exists for $t > t_0$;
- 2 $x(t, t_0, x_0) \in \mathbb{B}(\epsilon)$ for $t > t_0$.



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Definition (Instability)

The origin, which does not satisfy any condition from Lyapunov Stability definition, is called **unstable**.

Example (Uniformly Lyapunov Stable System)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 \in \overline{\text{sign}}[-x_2], \\ \dot{x}_2 \in \overline{\text{sign}}[x_1] \end{cases}, \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

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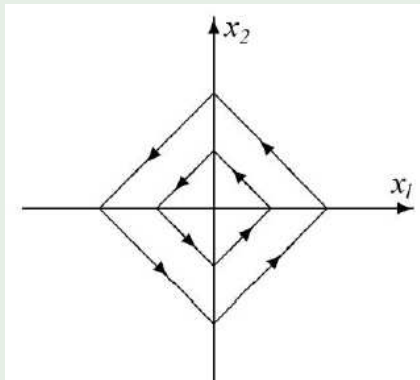
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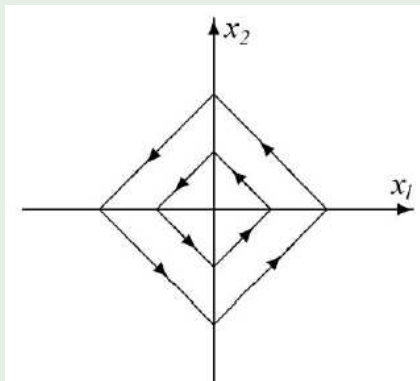
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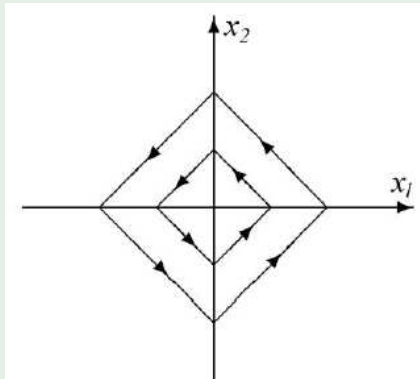
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Definition (Asymptotic attractivity)

The origin of the system (Sys) is said to be asymptotically attractive if $\forall t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ exists a set $\mathbb{U}(t_0) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbb{U}(t_0) \setminus 0$ is non-empty and $\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{U}(t_0)$

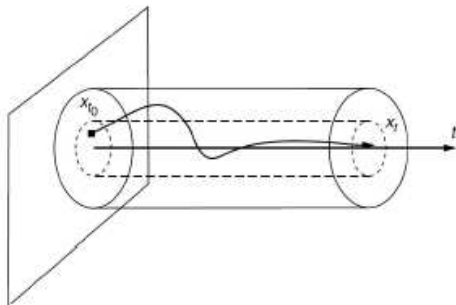
- any solution $x(t, t_0, x_0)$ of Cauchy problem (Sys)-(IC) exists for $t > t_0$;
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The set $\mathbb{U}(t_0)$ is called attraction domain.

Definition (Asymptotic stability)

The origin of the system (Sys) is said to be asymptotically stable if it is

- Lyapunov stable;
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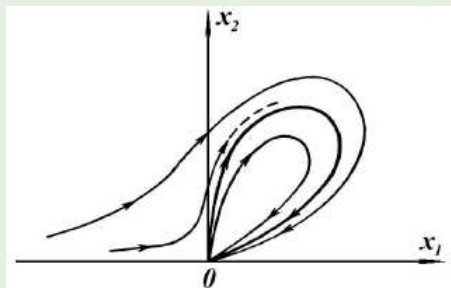
Asymptotic attractivity may not imply Asymptotic Stability

Example (R.E. Vinograd 1957)

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{x_1^2 (x_2 - x_1) + x_2^5}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2) (1 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2)}$$

and

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{x_2^2 (x_2 - 2x_1)}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2) (1 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2)}$$



Definition (Uniform Asymptotic Attractivity)

The origin of the system (Sys) is said to be uniformly asymptotically attractive

- if it is asymptotically attractive with a time-invariant attraction domain $\mathbb{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$;
- $\forall R \in \mathbb{R}_+, \forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_+$ there exists $T = T(R, \epsilon) \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that the inclusions $x_0 \in \mathbb{B}(R) \cap \mathbb{U}$ and $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ imply $x(t, t_0, x_0) \in \mathbb{B}(\epsilon)$ for $t > t_0 + T$.

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Proposition (Clarke, Ledyaev, Stern 1998)

Let a set-valued function $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be defined and upper-semicontinuous in \mathbb{R}^n . Let $F(x)$ be nonempty, compact and convex for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

If the origin of the system

$$\dot{x} \in F(x)$$

is asymptotically stable then it is **uniformly asymptotically stable**.

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Definition (Exponential stability)

The origin of the system (Sys) is said to be exponentially stable if there exist an attraction domain $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n : 0 \in \text{int}(\mathcal{U})$ and numbers $C, r \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\|x(t, t_0, x_0)\| \leq C \|x_0\| e^{-r(t-t_0)}, t > t_0.$$

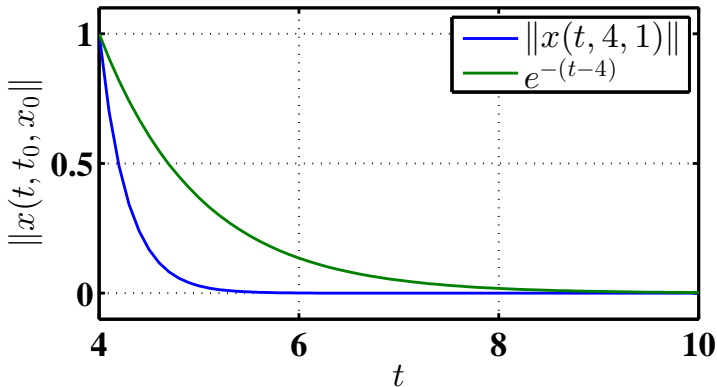
for $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x_0 \in \mathcal{U}$.

The theory of Linear Control Systems deals with exponential stability

Example (Linear Variable Structure System)

$$\dot{x} = -(2 - \text{sign}[\sin(x)])x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$\|x(t, t_0, x_0)\| \leq |x_0|e^{-(t-t_0)}, \quad t > t_0$$



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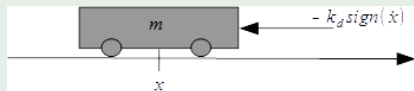
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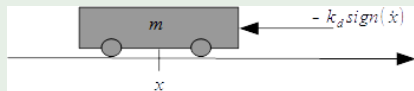
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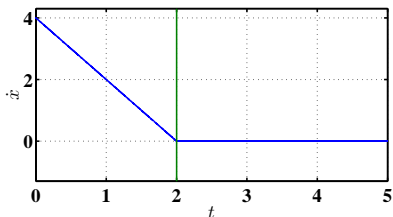
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The set $\mathbb{V}(t_0)$ is called **finite-time attraction domain**.

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Finite-time Stability (Erugin 1991, Zubov 1957, etc)

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Proposition (Bhat & Bernstein 2000)

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- it is finite-time attractive with a time-invariant attraction domain $\mathbb{V} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$;
- $T(t_0, x_0)$ is locally bounded on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{V}$ uniformly on $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, i.e.

$$\forall y \in \mathbb{V} : \exists \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_+ \Rightarrow \sup_{\substack{t_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \\ x_0 \in \{y\} + \mathbb{B}(\epsilon) \subset \mathbb{V}}} T(t_0, x_0) < +\infty.$$

Uniform Finite-time Stability (Roxin 1966, Praly 1997, etc)

Definition (Uniform finite-time stability (Orlov 2005))

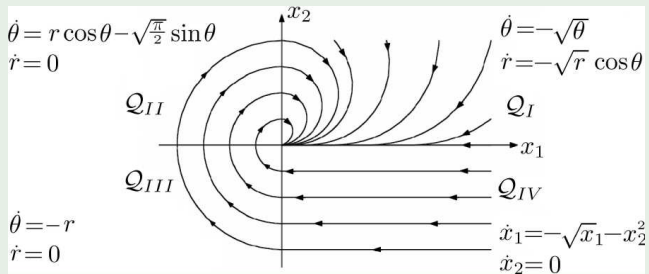
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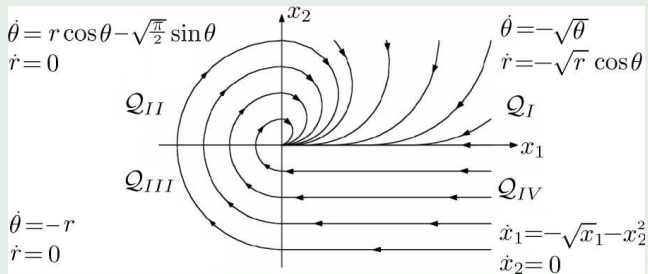
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Denote $x_0^i = (0, \frac{-1}{i})^T$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$x_0^i \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } T(x_0^i) \rightarrow +\infty$$

Example

Two uniformly finite-time stable systems Consider two systems²

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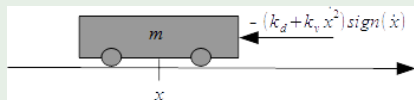
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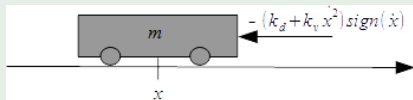
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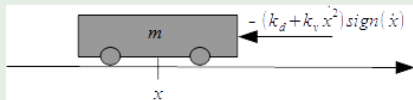
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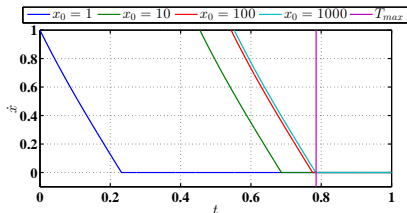
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Fixed-time Stability (Balakrishan 1996, Andrieu et al 2008, Cruz, Moreno, Fridman 2010,...)

Definition (Fixed-time attractivity)

The origin of the system (Sys) is said to be fixed-time attractive if

- it is uniformly finite-time attractive with an attraction domain \mathbb{V} ;
- $T(t_0, x_0)$ is bounded on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{V}$, i.e.

$$\exists T_{max} \in \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ such that } T(t_0, x_0) \leq T_{max} \text{ if } t_0 \in \mathbb{R}, x_0 \in \mathbb{V}$$

Definition (Fixed-time stability, Polyakov 2012)

The origin of the system (Sys) is said to be fixed-time stable if it is Lyapunov stable and fixed-time attractive with an attraction domain $\mathbb{V} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n : 0 \in \text{int}(\mathbb{V})$.

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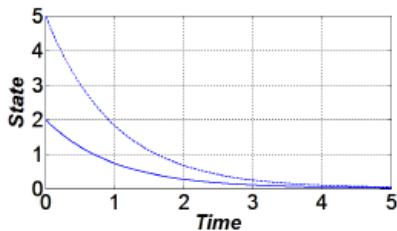
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$$x(t) = e^{-t} x_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } t \rightarrow +\infty$$



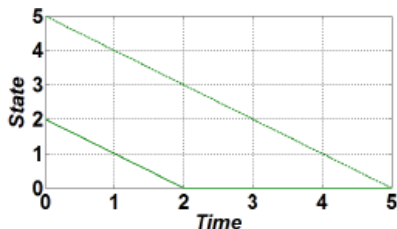
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$$u(t) = -[x(t)]^0$$

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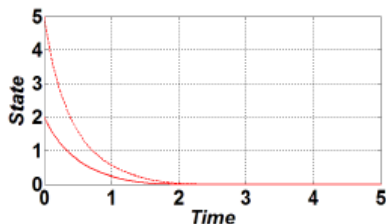
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independently of x_0



Summary

- In general case, attractivity does not imply stability.
- Strong stability is more preferable for control applications.
- Control theory is mainly interested in rated stability.