

Nonlinear Control
Lecture # 10
Input-Output Stability

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Input-Output Models

- Consider the input-output model

$$y = Hu$$

where $u(t)$ and $y(t)$ are both piecewise continuous function of t and H is an operator.

- Norm of a signal $\|u\|$

$$\|u\| \geq 0 \text{ and } \|u\|=0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$$

$$\|au\|=\alpha\|u\| \text{ for any } \alpha>0$$

$$\text{Triangle Inequality: } \|u_1 + u_2\| \leq \|u_1\| + \|u_2\|$$

\mathcal{L}_p spaces

- $\mathcal{L}_p: \|u\|_{\mathcal{L}_p} = \left(\int_0^\infty \|u(t)\|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty, 1 < p < \infty$
- $\mathcal{L}_2: \|u\|_{\mathcal{L}_2} = \sqrt{\int_0^\infty u^\top(t)u(t) dt} < \infty$
- $\mathcal{L}_\infty: \|u\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t)\| < \infty$
- $\mathcal{L}_p^m: p$ is the type of p -norm used to define the space and m is the dimension of u .

Extended Space

- $\mathcal{L}_e = \{u \mid u_\tau \in \mathcal{L}, \forall \tau \in [0, \infty)\}$

where u_τ is a truncation of u : $u_\tau(t) = \begin{cases} u(t), & 0 \leq t \leq \tau \\ 0, & t > \tau \end{cases}$

- \mathcal{L}_e is a linear space and $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{L}_e$

- Example

$$u(t) = t, \quad u_\tau(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \leq t \leq \tau \\ 0, & t > \tau \end{cases}$$

$$u \notin \mathcal{L}_\infty \quad \text{but} \quad u_\tau \in \mathcal{L}_{\infty e}$$

Causality

- A mapping $H : \mathcal{L}_e^m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^q$ is causal if the value of the output $(Hu)(t)$ at any time t depends only on the values of the input up to time t

$$(Hu)_\tau = (Hu_\tau)_\tau$$

- A scalar continuous function $g(r)$, defined for $r \in [0, a)$, is a gain function if it is nondecreasing and $g(0) = 0$.
- A class K function is a gain function but not the other way around. By not requiring the gain function to be strictly increasing we can have $g = 0$.

\mathcal{L} Stability

- A mapping $H : \mathcal{L}_e^m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^q$ is \mathcal{L} stable if there exist a gain function g , defined on $[0, \infty)$, and a nonnegative constant β such that

$$\|(Hu)_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}} \leq g(\|u_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}}) + \beta, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{L}_e^m \text{ and } \tau \in [0, \infty)$$

- It is *finite-gain* \mathcal{L} stable if there exist nonnegative constants γ and β such that

$$\|(Hu)_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}} \leq \gamma \|u_\tau\|_{\mathcal{L}} + \beta, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{L}_e^m \text{ and } \tau \in [0, \infty)$$

In this case, we say that the system has \mathcal{L} gain γ .

- The bias term β is included in the definition to allow for systems where Hu does not vanish at $u = 0$.

Example

- Consider the memoryless function $y = h(u)$.
- Suppose $|h(u)| \leq a + b|u|, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, the system is finite-gain \mathcal{L}_∞ stable with $\beta = a$ and $\gamma = b$.
- If $a = 0$, then for each $p \in [1, \infty)$

$$\int_0^\infty |h(u(t))|^p dt \leq (b)^p \int_0^\infty |u(t)|^p dt$$

The system is finite-gain \mathcal{L}_p stable with $\beta = 0$ and $\gamma = b$.

- Prove $h(u) = u^2$ is \mathcal{L}_∞ but not finite-gain \mathcal{L}_∞ stable.

h is \mathcal{L}_∞ stable with zero bias and $g(r) = r^2$. It is not finite-gain \mathcal{L}_∞ stable

because $|h(u)| = u^2$ cannot be bounded by $\gamma|u| + \beta$ for all $u \in \mathbb{R}$.

Small-signal \mathcal{L} Stability

Definition

A mapping $H : \mathcal{L}_e^m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^q$ is **small-signal \mathcal{L} stable** (respectively, **small-signal finite-gain \mathcal{L} stable**) if there is a positive constant r such that the condition for **\mathcal{L} stability** (respectively, **finite-gain \mathcal{L} stability**) is satisfied for all $u \in \mathcal{L}_e^m$ with

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq \tau} \|u(t)\| \leq r.$$

Example

Consider the system

$$y = \tan u$$

The output $y(t)$ is defined only when the input signal is restricted to $|u(t)| < \pi/2$ for all $t \geq 0$

$$u(t) \in \left\{ |u| \leq r \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \right\} \Rightarrow |y| \leq \left(\frac{\tan r}{r} \right) |u|$$

$$\|y\|_{\mathcal{L}_p} \leq \left(\frac{\tan r}{r} \right) \|u\|_{\mathcal{L}_p}, \quad p \in [1, \infty)$$

y is small-signal finite-gain \mathcal{L}_p stable.

Lyapunov Theorem for \mathcal{L} Stability

Consider the system:

$$\dot{x} = f(x,u), \quad y = h(x,u), \quad 0 = f(0,0), \quad 0 = h(0,0)$$

Theorem

Suppose, $\forall \|x\| \leq r, \forall \|u\| \leq r_u$

$$C_1 \|x\|^2 \leq V(x) \leq C_2 \|x\|^2$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x, 0) \leq -C_3 \|x\|^2, \quad \left\| \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\| \leq C_4 \|x\|$$

$$\|f(x, u) - f(x, 0)\| \leq L \|u\|, \quad \|h(x, u)\| \leq \eta_1 \|x\| + \eta_2 \|u\|$$

Then, for each x_0 with $\|x_0\| \leq r\sqrt{C_1/C_2}$, the system is small-signal finite-gain \mathcal{L}_p stable for each $p \in [1, \infty)$. It is finite-gain L_p stable $\forall x_0 \in R^n$ if the assumptions hold globally [See your textbook for β and γ].

Example

- Consider the system

$$\dot{x} = -x - x^3 + u, \quad y = \tanh x + u$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \Rightarrow \dot{V} = x(-x - x^3) \leq -x^2$$

$$c_1 = c_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad c_3 = c_4 = 1, \quad L = \eta_1 = \eta_2 = 1$$

- Finite-gain L_P stable for each $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}$ and each $p \in [1, \infty]$

ISS \rightarrow L_∞ Stable

Theorem

Suppose that, for all (x, u) , f is locally Lipschitz and h is continuous and satisfies

$$\|h(x, u)\| \leq g_1(\|x\|) + g_2(\|u\|) + \eta, \eta \geq 0$$

For some gain functions g_1, g_2 . If $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ is ISS, then for each $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad y = h(x, u)$$

is \mathcal{L}_∞ stable.

Example

- Consider the system

$$\dot{x} = -x - 2x^3 + (1 + x^2)u^2, \quad y = x^2 + u$$

- The system is ISS from Example 4.13.
- Let

$$g_1(r) = r^2, \quad g_2(r) = r, \quad \eta = 0$$

- The system is \mathcal{L}_∞ stable