

Nonlinear System Analysis
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Stability Notions: Lyapunov and LaSalle's theorem Part 03

So, we will see some further extension of the Lyapunov's theorem in different contexts.

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Global asymptotic stability

If an equilibrium point is asymptotically stable, then inside a neighbourhood, it is the only equilibrium point.
(Locally) asymptotically stable.
Globally?
Can Lyapunov's theorem tell something?
Region of attraction (for an asymptotically stable equilibrium point).
Level sets of V give (possibly conservative) regions.



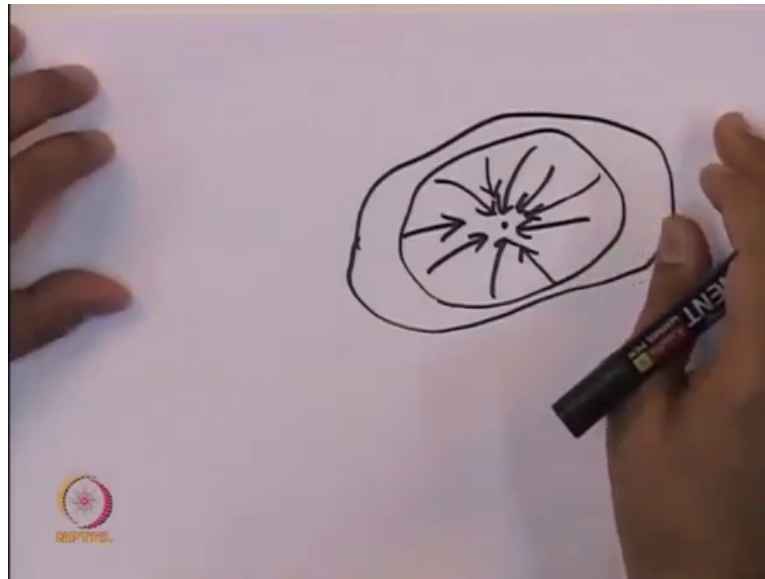
So, we will begin with global asymptotic stability. So, what is global about the asymptotic stability of an equilibrium point? If an equilibrium point is asymptotically stable, then we know that inside a small neighbourhood inside some neighbourhood it is in fact, the only equilibrium point.

We cannot make such a statement for stable equilibrium points, but for asymptotically stable equilibrium points we know that there is a neighbourhood such that all trajectories beginning within that neighbourhood all of these converge to that equilibrium point, hence that equilibrium point is the only equilibrium point inside a neighbourhood.

Hence this is also locally asymptotically stable and we are curious if this equilibrium point is a globally asymptotically stable equilibrium point, in other words no matter where the initial condition is all these trajectories starting from arbitrary initial conditions, all of them do they converge to the same equilibrium point asymptotically this would make it a globally asymptotically stable equilibrium point.

Can Lyapunov's theorem tell us something about this? So, for this purpose we need to see what is the region of attraction.

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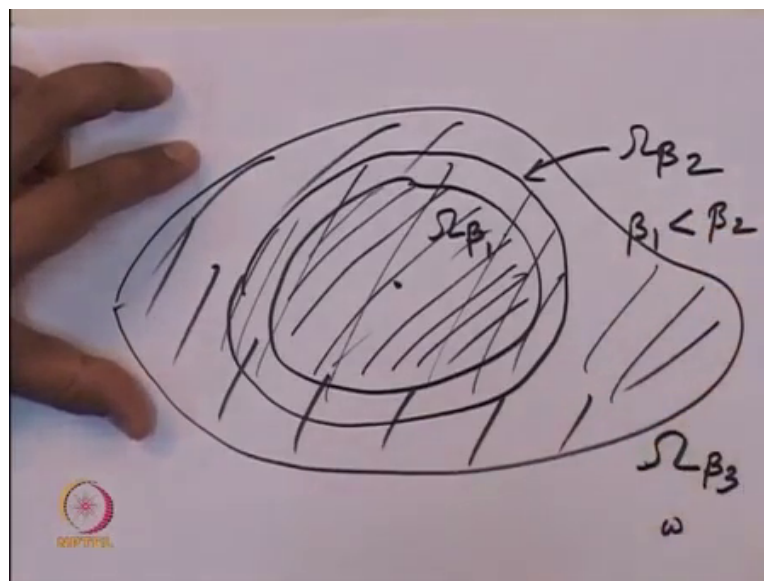


So, suppose this is an equilibrium point and trajectories are coming to this inside some neighbourhood, we would like to make this neighbourhood larger and larger in the context of equilibrium in the context of asymptotically stable equilibrium point we can speak about region of attraction.

No matter where the initial conditions starts inside this region, this equilibrium point is attractive, it attracts all these initial conditions so, that the trajectories converge to this equilibrium point. So, we would like to look for a larger set that is such that all initial conditions inside this set converge to the equilibrium point. So, we can speak of the region of attraction, which is a largest set of all initial conditions such that starting from the set starting anywhere from the set trajectories converge to the equilibrium point.

So, the region of attraction being the whole space is what makes that equilibrium point globally asymptotically stable equilibrium point. Of course, this rules out any other equilibrium point. So, of course, then there are some more equilibrium points than the equilibrium point cannot be a globally asymptotically stable equilibrium point, that time the region of attraction is something genuine the difficult to calculate, but Lyapunov's theorem can give us some estimates.

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So, let us go back to that particular proof on the Lyapunov's theorem. This was our equilibrium point and we had taken this set Ω_{β} . We are taken a value of β and we are taken all those particular points whose value is less than or equal to β , where all those points where the Lyapunov function has value at most β . Of course, we also saw the if we

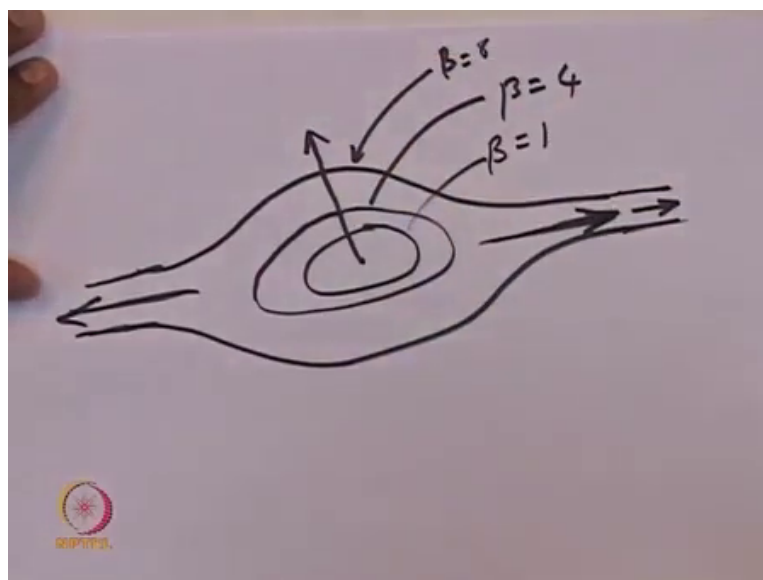
take a larger beta value then this omega beta could be will be larger, because it of course, contains this lower value beta set. This is omega beta 2 and this earlier one was omega beta 1.

The because beta 1 is less than beta 2 is omega beta 2 set will contain omega beta 1 set and we also saw that this omega beta set is positively invariant and hence starting inside this trajectories will remain inside this set moreover if the Lyapunov function is strictly decreasing at all points except the equilibrium point, then anywhere it starts inside this omega beta set it converges. So, we could consider taking larger and larger values of beta and consider the corresponding omega beta set.

This particular Greek alphabet is omega its capital omega unlike the smaller omega we are seen, this capital omega is what we also use for ohms. So, if we take a beta 3 value that is very large then the corresponding omega beta three set could look something like this which is itself another estimate of the region of attraction. So, can we take this beta set larger and larger and construct this omega beta sets that is a next question.

So, this cannot be done for all Lyapunov functions unfortunately. But whenever we can find the beta value such that the omega beta set is a bounded set, it is automatically closed by the definition, but it is also bounded set this is known guaranteed for large values of beta. If it is a bounded set then that particular set is guarantee to be a region of attraction. So, let us see what can happen for large values of beta, why would this not be a bounded set for larger values also.

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So, this particular this is an equilibrium point its interior and this particular contour itself is what we call omega beta set. Consider only the contour now, a larger value of beta will have a large contour that encircles this that encloses this, but for this beta value little larger, it is possible that this contour does not close it could go and become very large, we will see some problems about how this beta for this contour sets corresponding to larger values may not close.

So, this is some possibility that can happen because of which our region of attraction estimate cannot be obtained from the omega beta set. So, this was suppose for beta equal to 1, this one was for beta equal to 4 while for beta equal to 8; for beta equal to 8 suppose it turns out that this particular contour does not closed in this direction nor in this direction.

So, if its not a close contour than that omega beta set would not be a compact set and we will not be able to use our result that this compact set is positively infinite hence a solution exist

for all future time. Due to these difficulties we are not able to get a good bound for the region of try good estimate for the region of attraction. So, what do we do in this case? Can we have a Lyapunov function that rules out such contour sets? That is the next question we will ask. So, what is the problem before we formulate the problem property of such Lyapunov functions?

So, notice that when we take when we go along this direction as we go farther and farther from this equilibrium point, the value of beta is not increasing. For example, if this contour does not closed for beta equal to 8 then no matter how far you go along these direction beta equal to 8 value is never reach similarly in this direction beta equal to 8 value is not reached when you go arbitrarily far along this direction here. However, when we go along this direction along this particular radial direction the beta value does increase it could become arbitrarily large it appears along this direction but not in this direction.

This is what motivates us to define a property called radially unbounded. So, as I said level sets of the Lyapunov function give us some estimates of the region of attraction, this could be possibly conservative in the sense that the region of attraction might be larger, but this level set gives us only a conservative estimate gives us a smaller estimate this is possible.

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Some property of V ensures global asymptotic stability?
Is V 'radially unbounded' ?
 V is called radially unbounded if along any radial direction, V becomes unbounded. i.e.

$$\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad V(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

Not-closed contours for any level set is ruled out.



So, the next question is can we ensure that the Lyapunov function has some property such that these close sets these contour sets will automatically close will be bounded? So, this is what we will call radially unbounded. So, we will call a Lyapunov function V radially unbounded, if along any radial direction V become unbounded; in other words whenever the norm of x becomes very large which means that we are going very far from the origin.

If we are going far from the origin then going very far from any other finite point also whenever we are going very far, then it implies that the Lyapunov function value also becomes arbitrarily large. So, this is what we with this property at the norm becoming large implies that the Lyapunov function was becomes large is called radially unbounded said is unbounded along every radial direction.

This is precisely the problem we had seen in the previous contour set because of which contours were not closing; however, if we ensure that this Lyapunov function is radially unbounded, then it is ruled out that some contour will not be closed. So, not closed contours for any level set are all ruled out by ensuring that this Lyapunov function is radially unbounded.

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Lyapunov's theorem for global asymptotic stability

Theorem: Let $x = 0$ be an equilibrium point for $\dot{x} = f(x)$. Let $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuously differentiable function such that

- $V(0) = 0$ and $V(x) > 0, \forall x \neq 0$
- $\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \neq 0$
- $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow V(x) \rightarrow \infty$

then $x = 0$ is **globally asymptotically stable**.
(Not just asymptotically stable but, in fact, **globally asymptotically stable**.)



So, what is the Lyapunov's theorem on global asymptotic stability? This is also again a sufficient condition let x equal to 0 be an equilibrium point for this differential equation \dot{x} is equal to f of x and let V be a function \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} which is continuously differentiable. Continuously differentiable functions are also called C^1 why because they are differentiable once and the derivative is continuous. Suppose exists of function V there is continuously differentiable such that V of 0 is equal to 0 and V of x is greater than 0 for all non 0 x of

course, this is like we saw before $V \cdot x$ is strictly less than 0 for all non-equilibrium for all points other than 0.

And this important third properties that the Lyapunov function V is also radially unbounded then the point x equal to 0 is globally asymptotically stable. It is asymptotically stable was already implied by the first two of these three conditions by including the radially unbounded condition, it is also globally asymptotically stable. So, it is not just asymptotically stable, but in fact, globally asymptotically stable ok.

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Linear systems

A is called Hurwitz if all its eigenvalues have real part negative.

$\dot{x} = Ax$ has origin as an equilibrium point.

Origin is asymptotically stable if and only if A is Hurwitz.

For linear systems, Lyapunov's theorem is necessary and sufficient.



Let us now come to the case of linear systems, why because this is one situation where the asymptotically stable equilibrium point is in fact, globally asymptotically stable. Also this is a situation where the condition is Lyapunov's theorem is not just sufficient, but also necessary.

So, a matrix A a square matrix A is called Hurwitz if all its eigenvalues have their real part negative. So, if all the real parts of all the eigenvalues are in the open left half complex plane then that matrix A is called Hurwitz. So, $\dot{x} = Ax$ has its origin as an equilibrium point certainly, this origin is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point if and only if the matrix A is Hurwitz.

This is a standard result for linear systems; for linear systems what happens to the Lyapunov Lyapunov's theorem we will very soon state a theorem that says that this Lyapunov's theorem is necessary and sufficient.

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Lyapunov's theorem

Theorem: Consider $\dot{x} = Ax$ for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Then A is Hurwitz if and only if there exists $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a continuously differentiable function such that

- $V(0) = 0$ and $V(x) > 0, \forall x \neq 0$
- $\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \neq 0$



So, what is the result? Consider the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ where A is a n by n matrix then the matrix A is Hurwitz if and only if there exists a function V from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} which is continuously differentiable such that $V(0) = 0$ at the equilibrium point and it is positive

everywhere else and its rate of change is strictly decreasing. Its rate of change is strictly negative in other words the Lyapunov function is strictly decreasing along every trajectory.

So, please note that we have if and only if here which means that equilibrium point is asymptotically stable if and only if such a Lyapunov function exists.

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Lyapunov's theorem


For linear systems, take $V(x) = x^T P x$, for some symmetric matrix P .

A symmetric matrix P is called positive definite if $x^T P x > 0$ for all nonzero vectors x .

$$V(x) > 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad P > 0$$

$\dot{V}(x) = x^T Q x$ for some symmetric matrix Q .

Linear systems: for every prescribed rate \dot{V} of strict decrease of energy, there exists an energy function V that decreases at this rate



In fact, the Lyapunov's theorem can be utilize in a more nicer way where the rate of change rate of decrease can be specified. For Lyapunov for linear systems take V of x equal to x transpose P x for some symmetric matrix P . So, a symmetric matrix P is called positive definite if x transpose P x is greater than 0 for all non zero vectors x .

So, V of x is a positive definite function if and only if the matrix P is a positive definite matrix. So, what is the rate of change? Rate of changed also turn for linear systems where the

Lyapunov function V of x is a quadratic function coming from a symmetric matrix. It turns out the rate of change is also again coming from such a symmetry from another symmetric matrix x transpose Q x this will verify very quickly.

So, it turns out for linear systems for every prescribed rate of decrease for every prescribed rate \dot{V} of strict decrease of energy then in fact, exists an energy function V that decreases at this prescribed rate this is possible such a such a Lyapunov function V exists that decreases at a prescribed rate if and only if the linear system is asymptotically stable.

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Lyapunov equation solvability

Theorem: Consider $\dot{x} = Ax$ for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Then A is Hurwitz if and only if for every $Q \prec 0$, there exists a matrix P such that

$$\text{Eqn(1) } P \succ 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Eqn(2) } A^T P + PA = Q$$

Eqn(1) says $V(x) > 0$ and

Eqn(2) says $\dot{V}(x) = x^T Q x$.

Verify this.



So, this is something about solubility of a so, called Lyapunov equation. So, consider the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ for A a square matrix n by n then A is Hurwitz if and only if for every symmetric matrix $Q \prec 0$. So, what was less than 0? We will quickly review

the definition of less than 0; less than 0 is just a negative of greater than 0. So, Q being negative definite, negative definite just means that minus Q is positive definite.

So, A is Hurwitz if and only if for every Q that is negative definite that exists some matrix P such that P is symmetric and positive definite. So, please note that we have use a word positive definite only for symmetric matrices that is this is the main convention if and only if there exists a P such that P is greater than 0 and $A^T P + P A$ is equal to Q.

So, equation 1 says that the Lyapunov function is positive which is required for Lyapunov function and the second condition says that the rate of change of the Lyapunov function is equal $x^T Q x$ which is guaranteed to be negative for all non zero x because Q was a negative definite matrix. So, this is something we will quickly verify.

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Handwritten mathematical derivation on a whiteboard:

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

$$V(x) = \cancel{x^T A x} \quad x^T P x \quad , P > 0$$

$$(P = P^T)$$

$$x^T P x = (x^T P x)^T = (x^T P^T x) \quad \frac{(P + P^T)}{2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (x^T P x) = \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^T P x + x^T P \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = (x^T Q x) = (Ax)^T P x + x^T P A x$$

$$= x^T (A^T P + P A) x$$

So, consider the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ in which the Lyapunov function is defined as $V(x) = x^T P x$. It was defined as $x^T P x$ where P was positive definite we are already assume that P was symmetric which means $P = P^T$. So, what is the meaning of $P = P^T$ in the context of this function? Because this is a scalar this is just a real number $x^T P x$ transpose of this is same as the number itself.

What happens when you take transpose of such a product? We can take transpose of all the individual elements and also reverse the order. So, first we will write this factor x and put a transpose, then we will write this matrix here and put a transpose and finally, we will write this particular vector x here, transpose again transpose that leaves only x .

So, because P was symmetric even if P were not symmetric it appears like as per as the effect on $x^T P x$ is concerned whether you take P or P^T it is a same, hence we could as well assume without loss of generality that P was symmetric otherwise we could have considered its so, called symmetric part.

So, this is our Lyapunov function, we avoid a assume P to be symmetric in this case let us see what happens when you differentiate the Lyapunov function with respect to time. Here we get by the rule when we have a function depending on x on a product of such functions, you will differentiate this, this is nothing, but $\frac{d}{dt} (x^T P x) = \frac{d}{dt} x^T P x + x^T P \frac{d}{dt} x$.

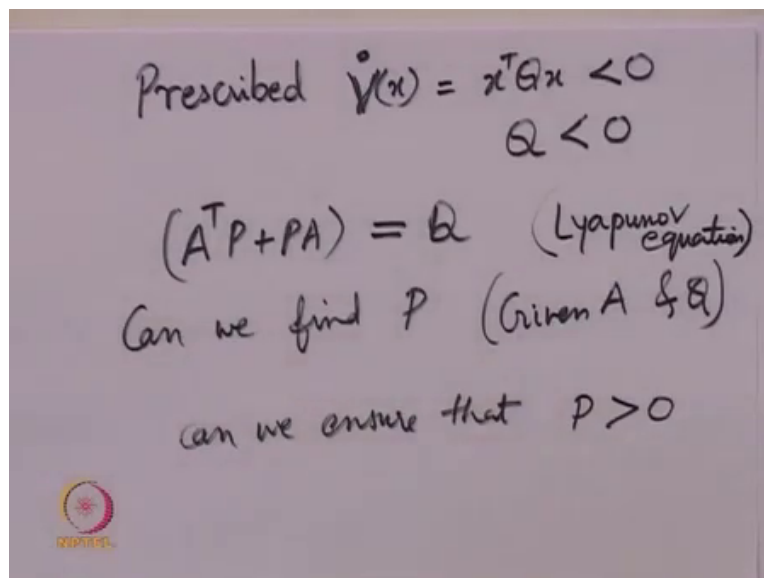
In this particular term we have differentiated this x in this particular term, we have differentiated this x whether you take the derivative first and then take the transpose or you take the transpose and then differentiate it is the same. So, this $\frac{d}{dt} x^T$ is nothing, but $\frac{d}{dt} x^T = A^T x^T$ this is our dynamical system. So, this is nothing, but $A^T x^T P x + x^T P \frac{d}{dt} x$; $\frac{d}{dt} x$ again is nothing, but Ax . So, we see that this can be simplified as $x^T (A^T P + P A) x$.

We can pull out this x this particular term evaluates to $x^T (A^T P + P A) x$ and this is nothing, but and the x here has gone here and this transpose has come here and as I said this is

nothing, but $x^T A^T P$. So, the rate of change of this Lyapunov function, we have prescribed as equal to $x^T Q x$ yeah this is what V want?.

What is that Q ? It is precisely $A^T P + P A$. If P was symmetric you can check that this particular matrix inside the bracket here is also symmetric, you can take transpose of this whole thing and see that you get back the same two terms. So, it is kindly to be symmetric and it is precisely equal to V dot of x that is equal to $x^T Q x$.

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So, now in other words prescribed prescribe V dot of x equal to $x^T Q x$ our rate of change of the Lyapunov function is negative for all nonzero x , which is nothing, but the definition of Q less than 0 Q negative definite matrix. If this is prescribed it means that a transpose P plus $P A$ is prescribed to be equal to Q of course, the dynamical system A is already given.

Can we find P such that this equation is satisfied? After we are given with A and Q to be given with A is just to be given the dynamical system while to be given Q is to be given a prescribed rate of decrease of the Lyapunov function. So, given A and Q in this matrix equation each of these three matrices A , P and Q are n by n matrices in which P and Q are symmetric matrices if A and Q are given can we find a P such that this equation is satisfied? That is the first question.

This particular equation is called the Lyapunov equation this is called motivated by Lyapunov's theorem of course, Lyapunov equation it is a matrix equation. So, we are interested in solubility of this equation given A and Q find a P moreover we are also interested can we ensure; can we ensure that this P that we have found also satisfy P positive definite, that is what we want from Lyapunov functions they should also be positive definite functions.

So, to this particular result it says that you can find such a P if and only if the matrix A was Hurwitz. So, let us look at this particular equation slide again. So, consider the system \dot{x} is equal to A of x for A and n by n matrix, then A is Hurwitz which means all its eigenvalues are in the left half open left half plane if and only if for every prescribed V dot in other words for every Q negative definite there exists a matrix P such that P is positive definite and P satisfies the Lyapunov equation in other words $A^T P + P A$ is equal to $-Q$.

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Lyapunov theorem: only sufficient

Back to nonlinear systems

We take a candidate $V(x) > 0$ and

check if, along the trajectories of $\dot{x} = f(x)$, $\dot{V}(x) < 0$.

In case $\dot{V}(x) \not< 0$, then either

- the equilibrium point is not asymptotically stable, or
- we didn't choose our candidate $V(x)$ carefully, look for another V .

Lyapunov theorem is only a sufficient condition for stability/asymptotic stability.

Converse?

So, we are now back to non-linear systems, we have seen what happens about Lyapunov theorem for linear systems there it was necessary and sufficient. So, we are here to the situation of non-linear systems again. So, here it was only sufficient. So, we take a candidate V of x greater than 0 and we check if along the trajectories of \dot{x} is equal to f of x whether \dot{V} of x is less than 0.

In case \dot{V} of x is not less than 0 then there are two possibilities the equilibrium point is not asymptotically stable this is one possibility, other possibility is that we did not choose our candidate V of x carefully which means that we should look for another V , we might have some physical reason some intuition why the differential equation equilibrium point is in fact, asymptotically stable.

But our candidate Lyapunov function did not satisfy strictly less than 0 hence we should not go and conclude that is not asymptotically stable because less than Lyapunov function not negative definite implies any one of these two possibly both. Whether it can be possibly both or not is a good exercise to think about. So, because a Lyapunov's theorem is only a sufficient condition for either stability or asymptotically stability, it can be any one of these two cases.

So, an important question is what about the converse? If we knew for sure that the system is asymptotically stable and can we say that they should exit a Lyapunov function?.

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Converse Lyapunov theorem

Under some conditions on $f(x)$, and knowing that equilibrium point is stable (or asymptotically stable):
can we guarantee existence of Lyapunov function?

The linear system obtained by **linearizing** at an equilibrium point: **linearized system**.

Suppose $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an equilibrium point, i.e. $f(a) = 0$.

$A := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{x=a}$ the Jacobian matrix of f at a

Consider the linear system $\dot{z} = Az$. equilibrium point(s)?

If A is Hurwitz, then the linear system's equilibrium point $z = 0$ is asymptotically stable.

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For the case of linear system we have already seen. So, under some conditions on f of x and knowing that the equilibrium point is already stable by knowing by some other means whether

its possible that we know that the equilibrium point is stable or asymptotically stable, can we guarantee the existence of a Lyapunov function?


So, one way to do it is since we already know that we can find Lyapunov functions for linear systems, the linear system that is obtained by linearizing the non-linear system at an equilibrium point, that linear system also can be studied for studying the stability of the equilibrium point. So, suppose a small a is an equilibrium point which means that f evaluated at a is equal to the 0 vector. Define A as the matrix A as the Jacobian matrix of f at the point a at the point x equal to a .

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$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
A is the Jacobian matrix of f evaluated at a .

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{array} \right]_{x=a}$$

z of the linear system $\dot{x} = Az$ is like deviations from a .
 $z = x - a$.
A is Hurwitz \Rightarrow the point $x = a$ is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point for the nonlinear system $\dot{x} = f(x)$.



So, we have we will very soon see a big matrix definition of this. $\text{Del } f \text{ by } \text{del } x$ evaluated at x equal to a . So, consider the linear system $\dot{z} = Az$ what are the equilibrium

points for this? z equal to 0 is certainly one equilibrium point it is the only equilibrium point we have seen if and only if A is a non-singular matrix..

If A is Hurwitz then the linear systems equilibrium point it has only one equilibrium point if A is Hurwitz why because if A is Hurwitz all the eigenvalues are in the open left half plane, in particular no eigenvalue can be at the origin and hence it is non-singular. Then the linear system has only one equilibrium point z equal to 0 and we have already seen that this equilibrium point is asymptotically stable if and only if A is Hurwitz.

Then we can use the conclusion from A we can use a Lyapunov function from A for the non-linear system also. So, let us see this in little more detail. So, f was a map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^n A is a so, called Jacobian matrix of f evaluated at A . So, what is the Jacobian matrix? The first row is to differentiate the first component of f first with respect to x_1 , then x_2 etcetera. Second row of the matrix A is the derivative of f_2 with respect to x_1 x_2 etcetera similarly we construct the last row of the matrix A as a derivative of f_n because f was a map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^n f itself had n components we call them f_1 up to f_n .

This Jacobian matrix itself is a function of x_1 up to x_n we evaluate that matrix at x equal to a , then it becomes a constant matrix for this constant matrix we consider its eigenvalues and check whether they are Hurwitz whether this matrix A is Hurwitz or not. So, z of the linear system I am sorry about this mistake here. So, we need here \dot{z} is equal to $A(z - a)$ of \dot{z} equal to $A(z - a)$. So, z of the linear system is like deviations from a . So, z equal to $x - a$. So, A is Hurwitz implies that the point x equal to a is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point for the non-linear system \dot{x} is equal to $f(x)$.

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Lyapunov function?

Lyapunov function for the linear system (existence guaranteed) is also a Lyapunov function for the nonlinear system also.

Thus, linearized system asymptotically stable implies nonlinear system also asymptotically stable at that point

In fact, exponentially stable. A fairly good type of asymptotically stable equilibrium point

(Linear systems when asymptotically stable are, in fact, exponentially stable) will see later.



What about the Lyapunov function for the non-linear system? Lyapunov function for the linear system already exists you know because for linear system the Lyapunov theorem is necessary and sufficient. So, for the non-linear system also we will consider using this Lyapunov function. So, the Lyapunov function for the linear system whose existence was guaranteed is also a Lyapunov function for the non-linear system.

This is a great part about non-linear systems and we linearize if the linearized system is asymptotically stable, then the non-linear system also is asymptotically stable and we can in fact, use the Lyapunov function from the linear system as Lyapunov function for the non-linear system also.

Thus the linearized system asymptotically stable implies that the non-linear system also is asymptotically stable at that equilibrium point at another equilibrium point we might consider

again linearizing whose eigenvalues may or may not be in the left half plane. As far as this equilibrium point is concerned which when we linearize we get a matrix A that is Hurwitz that equilibrium point is what we will call is so, called exponentially stable.

So, this is some good type of asymptotically stable equilibrium point which is automatically satisfied for linear systems. Whenever the linear system is asymptotically stable then that equilibrium point is also exponentially stable we will see this in little more detail later.

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Lyapunov's theorem statement on instability

Theorem: Let $x = 0$ be an equilibrium point for $\dot{x} = f(x)$. Let $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuously differentiable function such that

1. $V(0) = 0$.
2. $V(x_0) > 0$, for some x_0 with arbitrarily small $\|x_0\|$.
3. Let $U := \{x \in B_r \mid V(x) > 0\}$ for some small enough $r > 0$.

Suppose $\dot{V}(x) > 0$ in U . Then $x = 0$ is an **unstable** equilibrium point.

If for **some** points sufficiently close to an equilibrium point, a function V and \dot{V} are both nonzero and have same sign, then instability.

So, as I said this Lyapunov's theorem is only a sufficient condition if one particular candidate fails to be less than or equal to 0 or strictly less than 0, then we might consider another Lyapunov candidate, but after some time when various candidates do not work, we could consider trying to prove instability using one or more of these candidates.

So, here we have a sufficient theorem on for instability. So, what should that function we satisfy? So, that we conclude instability. After we have failed to conclude stability for some time we could consider instability proving since none of our candidates worked. So, this is again a sufficient condition. So, let x equal to 0 been equilibrium point for the differential equation \dot{x} is equal to f of x and let V be a map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} suppose it is continuously differentiable and V of 0 is equal to 0 .

Suppose \dot{V} of x is greater than 0 for some point x that is having arbitrarily small length. So, no matter what length some no matter how smaller positive length somebody specifies, suppose we can find the x point whose length is smaller than that particular specification such that \dot{V} of x is greater than 0 at that point x . Construct the set of all x such that construct a set U which is a set of all points inside the ball B_r where the function V is positive for some small enough r for some small enough radius r greater than 0 .

Suppose it turns out that this function V of x is increasing inside the set U , then this x equal to 0 is an unstable equilibrium point. So, if we can show that inside some set u that comes arbitrarily close to the equilibrium point 0 , if this Lyapunov function and also the rate of change of the Lyapunov function are both positive, then this particular equilibrium point which we initially aimed for proving stable is now unstable yeah.

So, this is a sufficient condition to show that a equilibrium point is unstable. So, the fact that V is positive and \dot{V} is positive is nothing very important about positive both could be negative also because then we could have taken minus V instead of plus V . So, if for some point sufficiently close to an equilibrium point and a function V and \dot{V} have the same sign and are both nonzero, then that particular equilibrium point is unstable. This is the same theorem reworded in plain words ok.

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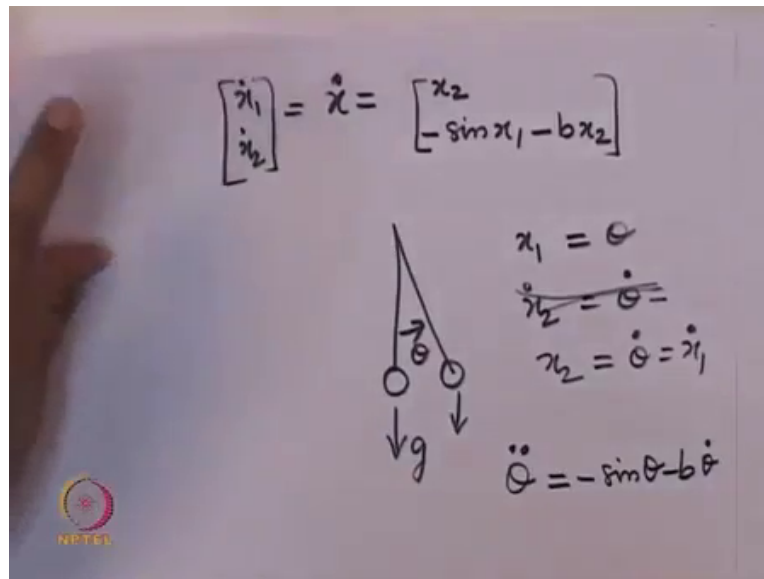
Equilibrium 'sets'

What if trajectories are converging:



So, now that completes Lyapunov theorem and its various extensions. There is one important extension called the LaSalle's invariance principle that we will now see. Before we go to this particular principle we will see an example.

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So, consider the system \dot{x} is equal to this particular example, for example, this example comes when studying the differential equation of a pendulum. Suppose, there is a pendulum and there is this deflection θ and this is how gravitation acts here. So, then we have two states let us call this x_1 equal to θ x_2 equal to $\dot{\theta}$ x_2 equal to $\dot{\theta}$ is nothing, but sorry this x_2 we want to call as $\dot{\theta}$ which is nothing, but x_1 dot.

Notice that this equation is precisely the first equation that is written here. So, also this is a pendulum with some friction in other words whenever it is moving at some velocity $\dot{\theta}$, the time there is some rate of decrease of $\dot{\theta}$ coming from frictional force this b times x_2 has a interpretation that there is some deceleration because of friction. In other words the second differential equation says that this is coming from just one second ordered differential equation.

So, this particular differential equation is what we want to study now in the context of Lyapunov's theorem and also the next principle that we will see.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 V(x) &= (1 - \cos \theta) + \frac{(\dot{\theta})^2}{2} \\
 &= (1 - \cos x_1) + \frac{x_2^2}{2} \\
 \dot{V}(x) &= \frac{d}{dt} (-\cos x_1) + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{x_2^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= (+\sin x_1) \cdot \dot{x}_1 + \cancel{x_2} \dot{x}_2 \\
 &= x_2 \sin x_1 + \cancel{x_2} (-\sin x_1 - b x_2) \\
 &= \cancel{x_2 \sin x_1} - \cancel{x_2} b x_2^2 \\
 &\quad \boxed{x_2 \sin x_1 > 0?} \quad b > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So, from physical principles we can consider a Lyapunov function as, this is nothing, but our potential energy plus the kinetic energy. Assume for now then the kinetic energy is just taken as theta dot square whether this is a good Lyapunov function or not we will decide soon. Of course, I have written theta and theta dot here x we will write this back in terms of x 1 and x 2.

1 minus cos of x 1 plus x 2 square. So, let us see what happens to V dot of x V dot of x is the rate of change of this with respect to time. So, this is nothing, but d by d t of minus cos of x 1 plus d by d t of x 2 square. So, derivative of cos of something is minus sin of that. So, this becomes plus sin x 1, but x 1 itself is a function of time and we were differentiating with

respect to time this times \dot{x}_1 plus 2 times x_2 times \dot{x}_2 and this is a rate derivative of this term.

So, now we will use \dot{x}_1 and \dot{x}_2 from our dynamical system equations and put that here. Sin of x_1 \dot{x}_1 is nothing, but x_2 plus 2 times x_2 and \dot{x}_2 was equal to minus sin of x_1 minus $b x_2$ this was \dot{x}_2 . So, when we evaluate this, it seems like sin x_1 times x_2 is also here, but with a factor 2 and it is not cancelling well. So, we are not able to conclude. So, this whole thing is equal to minus x_2 sin x_1 minus $2 b x_2$ square.

Of course, the frictional element b is such that b is greater than 0. So, this term is helping us to show that this less than or equal to 0 unfortunately this one is guaranteed to be always less than 0? Can we say that x_2 times sin x_1 is always positive? Can we say that x_2 times sin of x_1 is always greater than 0? If we could say this then this would always be less than 0 and we would show that the pendulum is a stable has x_1 and x_2 equal to 0 0 as a stable asymptotically stable equilibrium point.

In fact, we are not able to say this. Of course that only means that this that could mean that this Lyapunov function was not a good candidate, but then we could also go back and see that, look this was not really kinetic energy while this is potential energy this is not kinetic energy we could consider dividing by 2. So, let me make a change on the same slide with a different colour pen. So, here we have this divided by 2 we have this again divided by 2, this cancels of these 2 these cancels of this 2 also because of which we perfectly have a cancellation here now because of which this 2 is gone, but that is not a problem.

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$$V(x) = (1 - \cos x_1) + x_2^2$$

not a Lyap. fn.

$$V(x) = (1 - \cos x_1) + \frac{x_2^2}{2}$$
$$\text{has } \dot{V}(x) = -b x_2^2 \leq 0$$

Hence eq. pt.
(0,0) is stable

So, now we have that this is equal to; we will see the same example in a different context also, but at least here it appears that V of x equal to $1 - \cos$ of x_1 plus x_2 square not a Lyapunov function. But V of x equal to $1 - \cos$ of x_1 plus x_2 square by 2 has \dot{V} of x equal to minus $b x_2$ square which is less than or equal to 0 hence equilibrium point 0 comma 0 is stable.

Of course, we should have checked that the equilibrium point whether 0 comma 0 is an equilibrium point to begin with, one can verify in the system of equations that 0 0 is indeed an equilibrium point that is why we are trying to study whether this equilibrium point is stable, unstable, asymptotically stable. So, the pendulum with some friction has been shown to be a stable equilibrium point is this asymptotically stable? Can we say that this is strictly less than 0

whenever x_1 and x_2 are both not equal to 0, can we say strictly less than 0? For the second candidate and the first one was not a Lyapunov function for the second one.

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$$\dot{V}(x) < 0 ?$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0) ?$$

$$-b x_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

x_1 - arbitrary

In other words if we say $\dot{V}(x) = 0$ does that imply that when would we say that this Lyapunov function is, rate of change of the Lyapunov function is negative definite if the only point where it was equal to 0, where the rate of change was equal to 0 happened at $(0, 0)$. So, if $-b x_2^2 = 0$ then $x_2 = 0$. So, the question mark here sorry.

It only implies that x_2 is equal to 0 we cannot say anything about x_1 . So, x_1 can be arbitrary. In other words when the pendulum is not moving when the pendulum is stationary at all those places the Lyapunov function rate of change is equal to 0, the Lyapunov function is not strictly

decreasing at those points, but that does not imply that the x_1 component itself is also 0 only the x_2 component is 0.

So, there are various points where the rate of change of the Lyapunov function becomes equal to 0 its not necessarily only the equilibrium point and hence this Lyapunov candidate does not help us to prove asymptotic stability however. Do we think that the equilibrium point is asymptotically stable? We could consider linearizing it at the equivalent point and checking.

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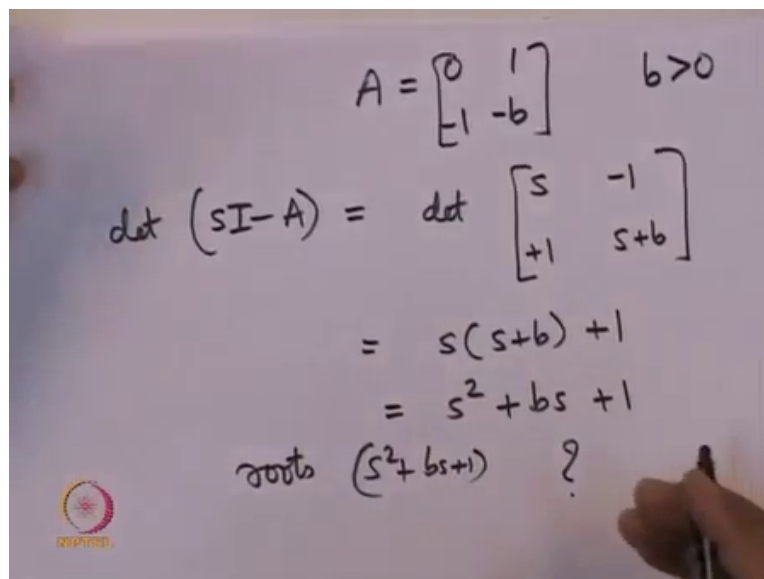
The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. At the top, the equations $\dot{x}_1 = x_2 = f_1(x_1, x_2)$ and $\dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_1 - bx_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2)$ are written. Below these, the equilibrium point is identified as $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$. The Jacobian matrix A is then calculated at this point, shown as $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos x_1 & -b \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)}$, which simplifies to $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -b \end{bmatrix}$. A small logo for 'RIPTRON' is visible in the bottom left corner of the whiteboard.

So, equilibrium point is x_1 comma x_2 equal to 0 comma 0. So, we can differentiate this and consider A matrix a the first function is not a function of x_1 hence we have 0 here, this is a function of x_2 rate of change of this partial derivative of this function with respect to x_2 is equal to 1.

Second function this is our f_2 . So, this is equal to f_1 of x_1 comma x_2 and the second one is equal to f_2 of x_1 comma x_2 . So, we are going to use our big matrix that we saw in the slide here the component the value that comes here is derivative of f_2 , partial derivative of f_2 with respect x_1 in other words derivative of this with respect to x_1 . So, this is equal to minus cos of x_1 and what comes here is derivative of this f_2 with respect to x_2 which is equal to minus b and this is expected to be a function of x_1 and x_2 .

So, we have to be evaluating at x_1 comma x_2 equal to 0 comma 0 . So, when evaluation at this point we get this equal to 0 , 1 , minus 1 , minus b cos of 0 is equal to 0 ; cos of 0 is equal to 1 sorry. So, what about this matrix? Is it have eigenvalues in the open left half plane?.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. At the top, a matrix A is defined as $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -b \end{bmatrix}$ with the condition $b > 0$. Below this, the determinant of $sI - A$ is calculated: $\det(sI - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ +1 & s+b \end{bmatrix}$. This is then simplified to $= s(s+b) + 1$ and further to $= s^2 + bs + 1$. The final line asks for the roots of $(s^2 + bs + 1)$ with a question mark.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -b \end{bmatrix} \quad b > 0$$
$$\det(sI - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ +1 & s+b \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= s(s+b) + 1$$
$$= s^2 + bs + 1$$

roots $(s^2 + bs + 1)$?

At least our Lyapunov function could not prove its asymptotically stable, but the linearized system that is investigate the eigenvalues of the linearized system eigenvalues of A in other words eigenvalues of this matrix.

Assuming b itself the friction is caused by some b that is positive. Only then it is deceleration due to friction. So, eigenvalues of a can be found by finding the determinant of $sI - A$, in other words determinant of $s - 1$ plus $1 - s + b$ this is equal to $s^2 + bs + 1$ this is $s^2 + bs + 1$. So, what can we say about the eigen about the roots of this polynomial? Roots of these polynomial is precisely the eigenvalues of this matrix a .

We have constructed the characteristic polynomial and found the determinant of the $sI - A$ matrix and its roots, root of $s^2 + bs + 1$. Of course, we could use the quadratic equation and find the roots by using that b is positive, it will turn on that the roots are in the left half complex plane why? The roots have product equal to plus 1 we could evaluate this. So, that we do not need to discuss in detail why the roots are in the left half plane.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical notes. At the top, the quadratic formula is written as $\text{roots} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2}$. Below this, it is simplified to $= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}$. To the left of the second formula, the word "Complex" is written. In the center, the condition $b^2 < 4$ is written. To the right, it says "roots in \mathbb{C}^- " and "(open left complex plane)". A small logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the whiteboard.

Roots are equal to minus b plus minus square root of b square minus 4 a c. So, that is precisely b square minus a and c are both equal to 1 divided by 2. So, suppose the roots need not be real roots could either real or complex, if the roots are complex which means b square is less than 4 then because b itself is positive then roots in yeah we will call this open left half complex plane.

If the roots are complex complex roots when would we have complex roots? If this discriminant is negative in other words b square is less than 4 that is when this quantity within the square root back with under the square root sign becomes negative, in that case the imaginary part is pi positive for 1 negative for other but the real part is minus b by 2 and we already assumed that b is positive and hence clearly the roots are in the left half complex plane

and their complex, but what about when the roots are real? That means, b^2 is greater than or equal to 4.

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Handwritten mathematical derivation on a whiteboard:

$$b^2 \geq 4$$

then $|\sqrt{b^2-4}| < |b|$

$$\nexists (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4}) \nexists < 0$$
$$-b + \sqrt{b^2-4} < 0$$
$$-b - \sqrt{b^2-4} < 0$$

again roots in \mathbb{C}^-

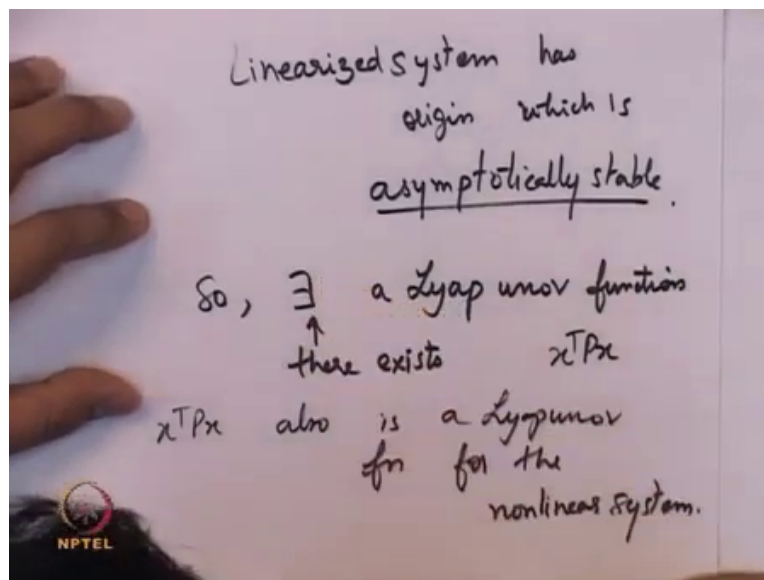
And b^2 is greater than or equal to 4 then can we say that square root of $b^2 - 4$ in absolute value is less than or strictly less than b strictly less than b again absolute value?.

Why because you see this b^2 is greater than 4 and this is some number from which we subtracted 4 and then taking the square root and it cannot be even equal to b will be strictly less than b . In other words this minus b plus minus square root of $b^2 - 4$ this quantity itself in absolute value will be less than 0. Here when $b^2 - 4$ we take positive root and we add that to minus b , I am sorry without the absolute sign.

So, minus b plus b square minus 4 is also negative and because b square minus 4 quantity itself is less than b in absolute value. Of course, when both are negative it will only be further negative. So, whether as long as b is positive whether the roots are real or complex, they are in the left half complex plane. So, again roots in c minus.

So, we have investigated both the cases where the roots are real or complex, we know that the eigenvalues of that matrix are in the open left half plane. Open meaning it is not on the imaginary axis also in the strictly in the left half complex plane.

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So, what did we conclude from this? Linearized system linearized system for this differential equation has origin that is which is asymptotically stable. Even though our Lyapunov function constructed from physical principles what physical principle, we use a Lyapunov function as a notion of energy in which we added the potential energy and the kinetic energy in the kinetic

energy term we ensured that the number two is important to divide by 2, divide the velocity square by 2 was required. In spite of constructing the energy function from physical principles, we could not prove that the origin is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point we could only show that it is stable.

But the linearized system has eigenvalues that are in the open left half complex plane because of which the origin for the linearized system is asymptotically stable. So, there should exist a Lyapunov function this particular symbol just says there exists. As soon as the linear system is asymptotically stable that matrix A was Hurwitz hence you were early saw that they should exist a Lyapunov function because for linear systems is a Lyapunov theorem is not just sufficient, but also necessary.

So, if we know that the origin is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point, then there is a guarantee that there is a Lyapunov function and this Lyapunov function we can in fact, construct as $x^T P x$. So, $x^T P x$ also is a Lyapunov function for the non-linear system. So, we know that they should exist some Lyapunov function even though that did not could not be motivated from physical energy principles, they should exist a Lyapunov function which can in fact, prove asymptotic stability. So, how do we actually find this?.

This is something that we can do as an exercise because we know that for linear systems we can prescribe the rate of decrease and still be able to find energy function that has precisely that decrease. The energy function is also guaranteed to be positive definite simply because the matrix A was Hurwitz. So, we will see an example of such a prescribed rate of decrease and solve the Lyapunov equation in an exercise.

So, the next thing to do is we could consider using that same Lyapunov function which could prove only stability, but not asymptotic stability. To arrive at the conclusion of asymptotic stability by using a so, called LaSalle's invariance principle. So, LaSalle's invariance principle helps us for example, in this situation where the Lyapunov theorem could only prove stability, but not asymptotic stability, it can prove at elsewhere places also we will see now.

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Equilibrium 'sets'

What if trajectories are converging: not to a point but to a set?

Stability/instability is spoken so far only for equilibrium points

Convergence to sets?



So, for example, there could be a situation where we want convergence to not an equilibrium point, but to a set yeah. So, what are the equilibrium sets? What is the trajectories are converging not to a point, but to a set? We could speak about stability instability for sets also. So, far we spoke only for equilibrium points, but we could also consider speaking for sets.

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LaSalle's Invariance principle

Theorem:

Let $\Omega \subset D$ be a **compact** set that is **positively invariant**.

Let $V : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^1 such that $\dot{V}(x) \leq 0$ in Ω .

Let E be the set of all points in Ω where $\dot{V}(x) = 0$.

Let M be the largest invariant set in E .

Then, **Every solution starting in Ω approaches M as**

$t \rightarrow \infty$

(C^1 : continuously differentiable (at least once))



So, in this context there is a LaSalle's invariance principle. So, let Ω be a compact set that is positively invariant. Positively invariant means its positively invariant with respect to the dynamics of the function f . We are considering the system $\dot{x} = f(x)$ here and in that context we have constructed a set Ω that is a compact set. Suppose you could find a function V from this domain D to \mathbb{R} and suppose this function V is C^1 ; C^1 we already saw means it means continuously differentiable and this function V satisfies the property that its rate of decrease this rate of change is less than or equal to 0.

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Every solution starting in Ω approaches M as $t \rightarrow \infty$?
For every $x(0) \in \Omega$, $x(t) \rightarrow M$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
Converging to a set?
Distance of a point p from a set : shortest distance

$$d(p, M) = \inf_{q \in M} \|p - q\|$$

(the point q in M which is closest to p)

$$d(x(t), M) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$



So, it is strictly decreasing is not what we are assuming non increasing on ω . Now, concerning the set E of all those points in this set ω where $V \dot{\text{ of }} x$ is in fact, equal to 0. Inside the set E we will now look for an invariant set we will now look for the largest invariant set in E . Suppose we construct the set M which is an largest invariant set sitting inside E then Lassalle's invariance principle says that every solution that starts in ω approaches M as t tends to infinity as times tends to infinity it approaches this set n . So, C^1 as I said is set of is a function that is continuously differentiable.

So, one stands for at least once. So, what does it mean for a solution to approach a set M ? This is something we have not seen yet. So, every solution starting in ω approaches set M as t tends to infinity what is the meaning of this statement? So, we see this quickly before we end today's lecture. So, for every initial condition x_0 in ω , x of t tends to m approaches M as t tends to infinity is nothing, but x of t tends to M as t tends to infinity. So, this x of t

tends to m means converging to a set. So, for that purpose we are yet to define what is the meaning of converging to a set M .

So, distance of a point P we can speak of the distance of point P not just from another point, but from a set. So, it is a shortest distance of p shortest with respect to various points Q you can take in that set m . So, consider the set M and distance this is nothing, but distance distance of the point $p \in$ from the set M is the infimum. For infimum you can think of minimum for the time being this is the infimum of this norm you take different different points q and find the distance of p distance between p and q and you look at the minimum such value as you vary this point q across the set M .

So, the point q and M we just closes to p we take and we take the distance between p and q and this distance we will call as a distance of p from the set M . So, to converge to a set M means the distance of x of t of the vector x of t at any time t , distance of that vector from the set m this distance is some real number now its a positive number, it goes to 0 as t tends to infinity. So, you can check that if this point p sitting inside the set m this distance is 0 why because it is at distance 0 from itself which is already inside the set.

So, it is with respect to this notion of distance of a point p from a set M and this distance going to 0, this is a notion of approaching a trajectory approaching a set M using this we look back at LaSalle's invariance principle. So, both these conditions are satisfied that you could find a compact set, that is positively invariant with respect to the dynamics of f . If you can find a function V that is continuously differentiable and non increasing its rate of change is less than or equal to 0 on this set ω , inside this set ω is construct the set of all points E that are such that $V \dot{}$ is equal to 0.

Inside this E you constructs the largest invariant set M , LaSalle's invariance principal says at every solution starting in ω approaches M as $t \rightarrow \infty$. So, we will see that this invariance principle allows us to use that same Lyapunov function motivated by physical principles to conclude in fact, asymptotic stability. This we will see in the following lecture.

Thank you.