Introduction to Nonlinear Control

Stability, control design, and estimation

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Introductory Examples: (Example 1)

Consider (nonlinear system)

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

Goal:

• Stabilize the state/output y = x = 0.

Solution:

- Linear Controller Design:
 - Linearization about the origin:

 $\dot{x} = u$

Natural stabilizing controller selection

 $u = -kx \qquad (k > 0)$

Nonlinear closed loop dynamics:

 $\dot{x} = x(x^2 - k), \quad x^e \in \{0, \pm \sqrt{k}\}.$

• Note that:

- Origin is locally asymptotically stable.
- Region of attraction increases with k.

- Nonlinear Controller Design:
 - Consider the nonlinear feedback

 $u = -x^3 + v$, v to be designed

Closed-loop system

 $\dot{x} = v$

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Closed-loop system with globally asymptotically stable origin k:

 $\dot{x} = -kx$

Overall feedback law:

 $u = -x^3 - kx$

- Note that:
 - Coordinate transformation in the input *u* leads to a linear system.
 - Locally both control laws stabilize the origin, but the coordinate transformation provides a stronger result.

Consider second-order system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + x_1^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -2x_1^3 - 2x_1x_2 + u \\ y &= x_1, \end{aligned}$$

Consider change of coordinates

$$z_1 = x_1$$
$$z_2 = x_2 + x_1^2$$

System in new coordinates:

$$\dot{z}_1 = z_2$$

 $\dot{z}_2 = \dot{x}_2 + 2x_1\dot{x}_1 = u$
 $y = z_1,$

Note that: The system is linear in z!

Globally exponentially stabilizing feedback law:

$$u = -k_1 z_1 - k_2 z_2$$

= -k_1 x_1 - k_2 (x_2 + x_1^2)

for $k_1, k_2 > 0$.

(Can be easily verified by checking the eigenvalues of the closed-loop system.)

Note that:

- Coordinate transformation allows us to stabilize and analyze a linear system instead of a nonlinear system.
- $x \to 0$ is equivalent to $z \to 0$.
- For the input-output behavior it is not important if the dynamics are written in terms of *x* or *z*.

Introductory Examples: (Example 3)

Consider third-order nonlinear system:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_3^3 + u \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_1 + x_3^3 \end{array} \qquad \qquad y = x_1, \\ \end{array}$$

Consider change of coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} &z_1 = x_3 \\ &z_2 = x_1 + x_3^3 \\ &z_3 = x_2 + 3x_1x_3^2 + 3x_3^5. \end{aligned}$$

and initial feedback (with \boldsymbol{v} to be designed):

$$u = -x_3^3 - 3x_2x_3^2 - 6x_1^2x_3 - 21x_1x_3^4 - 15x_3^7 + v,$$

Leads to linear states (but a nonlinear output):

$$\dot{z}_1 = z_2$$

 $\dot{z}_2 = z_3$
 $\dot{z}_3 = v$
 $y = z_2 - z_1^3.$

The feedback law

$$u = -x_3^3 + v$$

Leads to linear input-output relationship from v to y:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = v \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_1 + x_3^3 \end{array} \qquad \qquad y = x_1, \\ \end{array}$$

Here,

- the "internal" x_3 dynamics, which are not visible through the output, are nonlinear.
- we are able to partially linearize the dynamics
- For the linear dynamics, v can be defined such that the origin z = 0 is asymptotically stable (i.e., y converges to zero).
- For the nonlinear dynamics a controller guaranteeing $y(t) \rightarrow 0$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$ can be defined using pole placement. But is the origin asymptotically stable?

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- This also allows us to talk about
 - nonlinear controllability (accessibility)

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- 4. Frequency Domain Analysis
- 5. Discrete Time Systems
- 6. Absolute Stability
- 7. Input-to-State Stability

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- 9. Control Lyapunov Functions
- 10. Sliding Mode Control
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