



# Construction of Lyapunov function

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## ➤ Major issues

- 1. If above to methods i.e.  $V(X) = \frac{1}{2}X^T X$  Or  $V(X) = \text{Kinetic Energy} + \text{Potential Energy}$  fails, what should we do now? Is there any standard procedure to find out the Lyapunov function? Answer to this is yes
- 2. If system is nsdf then there may be issues related to system whether it is stable or asymptotically stable.

## ➤ There are two methods to construct the Lyapunov function

- 1. By Variable Gradient method
- 2. By Krasovskii's Method

## Variable Gradient method

- We know  $\dot{V}(X) = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)^T \dot{X} = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)^T f(X)$
- Instead of selecting  $\dot{V}(X)$  we will select  $\Delta V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$  and then find out condition for  $V(X)$

# Variable Gradient method...

\* Select a  $\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} = g(X)$  that contains some adjustable parameters

\* Then  $dV(X) = \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} \right)^T dX$

$$\int_{\tilde{X}=0}^X dV(\tilde{X}) = \int_{\tilde{X}=0}^X \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial \tilde{X}} \right)^T d\tilde{X}$$

$$V(X) - \underset{\text{0}}{V(0)} = \int_{\tilde{X}=0}^X g(\tilde{X}) d\tilde{X}$$

However, note that the integral value depends on the initial and final states (not on the path followed). Hence, integration can be conveniently done along each of the co-ordinate axes in turn; i.e.

Note:

To recover a unique  $V$ ,  $\nabla V = g(X)$  must satisfy the "Curl Condition":

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial x_i}$$

# Variable Gradient method...

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) = & \int_0^{x_1} g_1(\tilde{x}_1, 0, \dots, 0) d\tilde{x}_1 \\ & + \int_0^{x_2} g_2(x_1, \tilde{x}_2, 0, \dots, 0) d\tilde{x}_2 \\ & \vdots \\ & + \int_0^{x_n} g_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \tilde{x}_n) d\tilde{x}_n \end{aligned}$$

Note: The free parameter of  $g(X)$  are constrained to satisfy the symmetric condition, which is satisfied by all gradients of a scalar functions.

- Curl Condition means

$$\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_1}$$

This will result  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$  matrix as a symmetrical matrix

- integration can be conveniently done along each of the co-ordinate axes means, we can move first along  $x_1$  axis than  $x_2$  axis than  $x_3$  & so on that means we can integrate first w.r.t  $x_1$  than w.r.t.  $x_2$  & so on



# Variable Gradient method...

Theorem: A function  $g(X)$  is the gradient of a scalar

function  $V(X)$  if and only if the matrix  $\left[ \frac{\partial g(X)}{\partial X} \right]$

is symmetric; where

$$\left[ \frac{\partial g(X)}{\partial X} \right] \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Proof:** Please see Marquez book  
(Appendix)

# Variable Gradient method...

Proof : (Necessity)

Assume:  $g(X) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial X}$

$$\frac{\partial g(X)}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial X^2}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_n^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Variable Gradient method...

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial x_i}}$$

Hence, the matrix  $\left[ \frac{\partial g(X)}{\partial X} \right]$  should be symmetric.

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$$

⇒ Take partial derivative in any sequence



## Variable Gradient method...

Sufficiency: Assume  $\frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial x_i}$

$$\left[ \text{To show } \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} = g_i(X) \quad \forall i \right]$$

# Variable Gradient method...

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= \int_0^x g(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x} \\ &= \int_0^{x_1} g_1(\tilde{x}_1, 0, \dots, 0) d\tilde{x}_1 \\ &\quad + \int_0^{x_2} g_2(x_1, \tilde{x}_2, 0, \dots, 0) d\tilde{x}_2 \\ &\quad + \int_0^{x_n} g_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \tilde{x}_n) d\tilde{x}_n \end{aligned}$$

Take partial  
derivate of  $V(X)$   
w.r.to  $x_1$

# Variable Gradient method...

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} &= g_1(x_1, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &\quad + \int_0^{x_2} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_1}(x_1, \tilde{x}_2, 0, \dots, 0) d\tilde{x}_2 \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + \int_0^{x_n} \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \tilde{x}_n) d\tilde{x}_n \\ &= g_1(x_1, 0, \dots, 0) + \int_0^{x_2} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_2}(x_1, \tilde{x}_2, 0, \dots, 0) d\tilde{x}_2 + \dots \\ &\quad + \int_0^{x_n} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \tilde{x}_n) d\tilde{x}_n\end{aligned}$$

using  
 $\frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_2}$   
And so on



## Variable Gradient method...

$$\begin{aligned} &= g_1(x_1, 0, \dots, 0) + g_1(x_1, \tilde{x}_2, 0, \dots, 0) \Big|_{\tilde{x}_2=0}^{x_2} \\ &\quad + \dots + g_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \tilde{x}_n) \Big|_{\tilde{x}_n=0}^{x_n} \\ &= \cancel{g_1(x_1, 0, \dots, 0)} + [g_1(x_1, \tilde{x}_2, 0, \dots, 0) - \cancel{g_1(x_1, 0, \dots, 0)}] \\ &\quad + \dots + [g_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - g_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 0)] \\ &= g_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\boxed{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} = g_1(X)}$

Similarly  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} = g_i(X) \quad , \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$

Rest terms  
will cancel  
out



# Variable Gradient Method: Example

Problem: Analyze the stability behaviour of the following system

$$\dot{x}_1 = -ax_1$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = bx_2 + x_1x_2^2$$

Solution:  $X = 0$  is an equilibrium point

Assume  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial X} = g(X) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} k_1 & k \\ k & k_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{A symmetric matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

A symmetric matrix

$$\left( \text{Note: } \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_1} = k \right)$$

**Note:** For equilibrium point

$$\dot{x}_1 = -ax_1 = 0$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = bx_2 + x_1x_2^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \text{ \& } x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 0$$

# Variable Gradient Method: Example

Further, let us assume

$$\therefore \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(X) \\ g_2(X) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 x_1 \\ k_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Taking  $k=0 \Rightarrow g(x)$  will be diagonal symmetrical matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V(X) &= \int_0^{x_1} g_1(\tilde{x}_1, 0) d\tilde{x}_1 + \int_0^{x_2} g_2(x_1, \tilde{x}_2) d\tilde{x}_2 \\ &= \int_0^{x_1} k_1 \tilde{x}_1 d\tilde{x}_1 + \int_0^{x_2} k_2 \tilde{x}_2 d\tilde{x}_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (k_1 x_1^2 + k_2 x_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

## Variable Gradient Method:

Choose  $\boxed{k_1, k_2 > 0}$

Then  $V(X) > 0 \quad \forall X \neq 0$  and  $V(0) = 0$

$V(X)$  is a Lyapunov function candidate.

$$\dot{V}(X) = g^T(X) f(X) = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 x_1 & k_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -ax_1 \\ bx_2 + x_1 x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -k_1 a x_1^2 + k_2 (b + x_1 x_2) x_2^2$$

Let us choose  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$ . Then

$$\dot{V}(X) = -ax_1^2 + (b + x_1 x_2) x_2^2$$



# Variable Gradient Method:

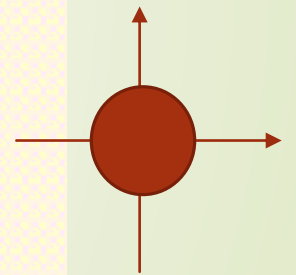
Unless we know about  $a, b$  at this point nothing can be said about  $\dot{V}(X)$ . Let us assume  $a > 0, b < 0$ . Then

$$\dot{V}(X) = -ax_1^2 - \underbrace{(|b| - x_1x_2)}_{>0 \text{ (for small } x_1x_2)} x_2^2$$

$\therefore \dot{V}(X) < 0$  in some domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $0 \in D$

i.e  $\dot{V}(X)$  is negative definite in  $D$

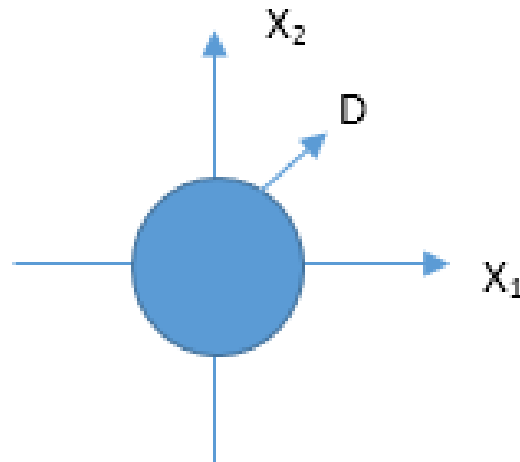
$\therefore$  The system is locally asymptotically stable!





# Variable gradient method...

## ➤ Explanation



⇒ There exist a small domain  $D$  which include equilibrium point, where sys is asymptotically stable

# Krasovskii's Method

Let us consider the system  $\dot{X} = f(X)$

Let  $A(X) \triangleq \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \right]$  : Jacobian matrix

## Theorem :

If the matrix  $F(X) \triangleq A(X) + A^T(X)$  is ndf for all  $X \in D$  ( $0 \in D$ ), then the equilibrium point is locally asymptotically stable and a Lyapunov function for the system is

$$V(X) = f^T(X) f(X)$$

Note: If  $D = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V(X)$  is radially unbounded, then the equilibrium point is globally asymptotically stable.

## Krasovskii's Method

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(X) &= f^T \dot{f} + \dot{f}^T f \\ &= f^T \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \right]^T \dot{X} + \dot{X}^T \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \right] f \\ &= f^T (A^T + A) f \\ &= f^T F f\end{aligned}$$

Hence, if  $F(X)$  is negative definite,  $\dot{V}(X)$  is ndf.

So, by Lyapunov's theorem,  $X = 0$  is asymptotically stable.



# Krasovskii's Method

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**Note:** The global asymptotic stability of the system is guaranteed by the Global version of Lyapunov's direct method.

**Comment:** While the usage of this result is fairly straight forward, its applicability is limited in practice since  $F(X)$  for many systems do not satisfy the negative definite property.



# Generalized Krasovskii's Theorem

## Theorem :

Let 
$$A(X) \triangleq \left[ \frac{\partial f(X)}{\partial X} \right]$$

A sufficient condition for the origin to be asymptotically stable is that

$\exists$  two pdf matrices  $P$  and  $Q$ :  $\forall X \neq 0$ , the matrix

$$F(X) = A^T P + P A + Q$$

is negative semi-definite in some neighbourhood  $D$  of the origin.

In addition, if  $D = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V(X) \triangleq f^T(X) P f(X)$  is radially unbounded, then the system is globally asymptotically stable.

# Generalized Krasovskii's Theorem

**Proof:**  $V(X) = f^T(X) P f(X)$

$$\dot{V}(X) = \left[ f^T P \dot{f} + \dot{f}^T P f \right]$$

$$= f^T P \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \right)^T \dot{X} + \left[ \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \right)^T \dot{X} \right]^T P f$$

$$= f^T P A^T f + f^T A P f$$

$$= f^T (P A^T + A P + Q - Q) f$$

$$= \underbrace{f^T (P A^T + A P + Q) f}_{nsdf} - \underbrace{f^T Q f}_{ndf}$$

$$< 0 \text{ (ndf)}$$

Hence, the result.

## Example

Problem: Analyze the stability behaviour of the following system

$$\dot{x}_1 = -6x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 2x_1 - 6x_2 - 2x_2^3$$

Solution:

$$A = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 2 \\ 2 & -6 - 6x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = A + A^T = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & 4 \\ 4 & -12 - 12x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example

Eigen values of  $F$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 12 & -4 \\ -4 & \lambda + 12 + 12x_2^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 12)^2 + (\lambda + 12)12x_2^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 24\lambda + 144 + 12x_2^2\lambda + 144x_2^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + (24 + 12x_2^2)\lambda + (128 + 144x_2^2) = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -(24 + 12x_2^2) \pm \sqrt{(24 + 12x_2^2)^2 - 4(128 + 144x_2^2)} \right]$$



## Example

$$= -(12 + 6x_2^2) \pm \underbrace{\sqrt{(12 + 6x_2^2)^2 - (128 + 144x_2^2)}}_{0 < (*) < (12 + 6x_2^2)}$$

$$< 0 \quad \forall x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore A$  is ndf in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Moreover,  $V(X) = f^T(X)f(X)$

$$= (-6x_1 + 2x_2)^2 + (2x_1 - 6x_2 - 2x_2^3)^2$$

$$\rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \|X\| \rightarrow \infty$$

$\therefore X = 0$  is globally asymptotically stable.



# Thanks

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