



LYAPUNOV STABILITY THEORY: FUNDAMENTALS

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The Lyapunov System Stability

The Lyapunov stability is useful in nonlinear control systems and it expresses the condition for which a state system starts and remain close enough to the equilibrium

System state $x(t) \in X \subseteq R^n$

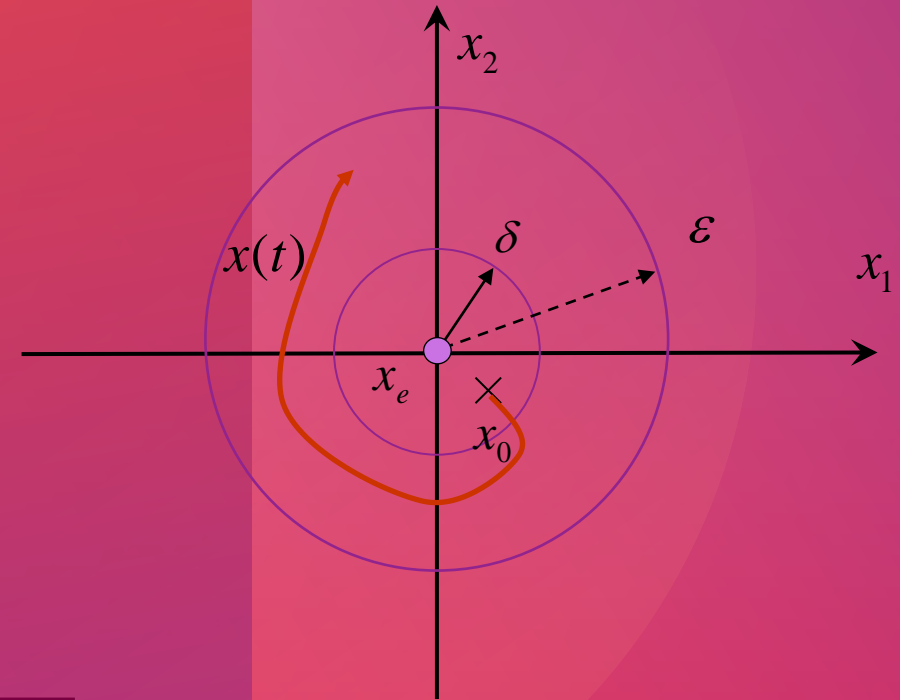
System function $\dot{x} = f(x), f: X \rightarrow R^n$



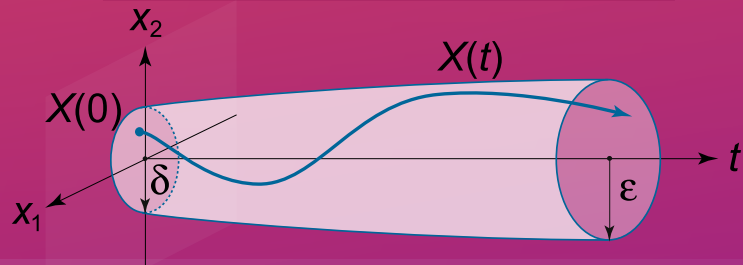
Equilibrium Condition

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0,$$

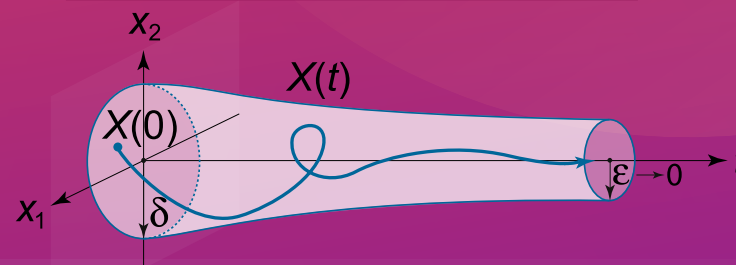
$$\|x(0) - x_e\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t) - x_e\| < \epsilon, \forall t > 0$$



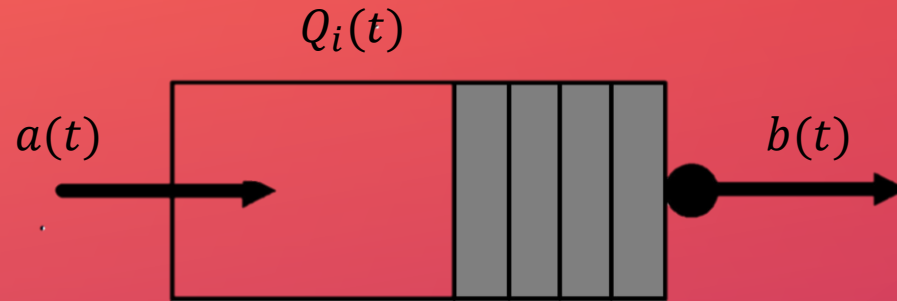
Lyapunov Stability



Asymptotic Stability



The Lyapunov in Wireless Queueing Systems



$$Q(t+1) = \max[Q(t) - b(t), 0] + a(t) \quad \text{Queue dynamic}$$

1. Rate Stable: A queue $Q_i(t)$ is rate stable if

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Q_i(\tau)}{\tau} = 0 \quad \text{with probability 1}$$

2. Mean Rate Stable: A queue $Q_i(t)$ is mean rate stable if

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E\{|Q_i(\tau)|\}}{\tau} = 0$$

3. Strongly Stable: A queue $Q_i(t)$ is strongly stable if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\tau=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i=1}^N E\{|Q_i(\tau)|\} < \infty \quad \text{Focuses on the expected time average}$$

$$V(x) = 0, \text{ if } x = x_e$$

$$V(x) > 0, \text{ if } x \neq x_e$$

Lyapunov function

$$\dot{V}(x) = \frac{d}{dt} V(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} f_i(x) = \nabla V \cdot f(x)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Lyapunov stability}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{asymptotic stability}$$

The Lyapunov in Wireless Queueing Systems

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{t=0}^{\tau-1} z(t)$$

$\bar{g}_m = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{t=0}^{\tau-1} g_m(t), \forall m \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$

$\min \bar{z}$

- $\bar{g}_m \leq 0, \forall m \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$
- other constraints within current time slot
- queue stability

$$\begin{aligned} L(Q(t+1)) - L(Q(t)) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N [Q_i^2(t+1) - Q_i^2(t)] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N [(\max[Q_i(t) - b_i(t)] + a_i(t))^2 - Q_i^2(t)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{a_i^2(t) + b_i^2(t)}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i(t) [a_i(t) - b_i(t)] \end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that

$$(\max[Q_i(t) - b_i(t)] + a_i(t))^2 \leq Q_i^2(t) + a_i^2(t) + b_i^2(t) + 2Q_i(t)[a_i(t) - b_i(t)]$$

Finally, we have

$$\Delta(Q(t)) = E(L(Q(t+1)) - L(Q(t)) | Q(t)) \leq B + \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i(t) E[a_i(t) - b_i(t) | Q_i(t)]$$

The Lyapunov Optimization and Lyapunov Drift

❖ Details

- **Lyapunov Function:**

$$L(Q(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^2(t)$$

- **Lyapunov Drift:**

i.i.d.: One-time slot

$$\Delta(Q(t)) = E(L(Q(t+1)) - L(Q(t)) | Q(t))$$

Non i.i.d.: T-time slot

$$\Delta(Q(t)) = E(L(Q(t+T)) - L(Q(t)) | Q(t))$$

➤ **Tackle the time average constraint $\overline{g_m} \leq 0, \forall m \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$: introducing the virtual queues**

$$Z_m(t+1) = \max\{Z_m(t), 0\} + g_m(t), \forall m \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$$

* "Virtual" means $Z_m(t)$ does not represent a real data backlog

* A way to turn the time average inequality constraint into a pure queue stability problem

- **Lyapunov Function:**

$$L(\Theta(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^2(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M Z_m^2(t)$$

- **Lyapunov Drift:**

i.i.d.: One-time slot

$$\Delta(\Theta(t)) = E(L(\Theta(t+1)) - L(\Theta(t)) | \Theta(t))$$

Non i.i.d.: T-time slot

$$\Delta(\Theta(t)) = E(L(\Theta(t+T)) - L(\Theta(t)) | \Theta(t))$$

The Lyapunov Optimization and Lyapunov Drift

- **Drift plus penalty (minus reward) function:**

$$\Delta(Q(t)) + \text{VE}(z(t)|Q(t))$$

- V: 1. non-negative control parameter
2. larger V leads to more emphasis on penalty minimization

$$\Delta(Q(t)) + \text{VE}(z(t)|Q(t)) \leq B + \text{VE}(z(t)|Q(t)) + \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i(t) \text{E}(a_i(t) - b_i(t)|Q(t))$$

Obtain the control decision by minimizing the **right-hand-side** of the inequality at every time slot t



The Lyapunov Optimization and Lyapunov Drift

- The time-average queue length yields:

i.i.d.
$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{t=0}^{\tau-1} \sum_{i=1}^N E\{Q_i(t)\} \leq \frac{B + V[z^{opt} - z_{min}]}{\epsilon}$$

Non i.i.d.
$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{t=0}^{\tau-1} \sum_{i=1}^N E\{Q_i(t)\} \leq \frac{DT}{\epsilon} + \frac{V[z^{opt} - z_{min}]}{\epsilon} + \frac{T-1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \max[a_i^{max}, b_i^{max}]$$

- Minimum penalty bound:

i.i.d.
$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{t=0}^{\tau-1} E\{z(t)\} \leq z^{opt} + \frac{B}{V}$$

Non i.i.d.
$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{t=0}^{\tau-1} E\{z(t)\} \leq z^{opt} + \frac{D}{V}$$

[O(V), O(1/V)] tradeoff

- Tuning V to be sufficiently large so that the minimum penalty can be achieved (+)
- Time average queue backlog bound increase linearly with V . (-)



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