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# On the Stability of Pseudo-Linear Systems

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## Abstract

A stability method for nonlinear systems of the form  $\dot{x} = A(x)x$  with the origin as the only equilibrium point has been obtained. Examples are given to demonstrate the method.

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# 1 Introduction

The Lyapunov approach to the stability of nonlinear systems has been widely studied by researchers. Due to the difficulty of finding a Lyapunov function which characterizes the nonlinear system in general, a new method has been developed to test the stability of a class of nonlinear systems. In this paper the nonlinear variation of parameters formula is used to derive a stability criterion for a nonlinear ordinary differential equation. In section 4 we prove a stability theorem for a class of nonlinear systems. Examples are given to illustrate the theorem. In the last section we consider the applications of this theorem to nonlinear systems which generate a semisimple Lie algebra.

## 2 Inequalities

The following inequality [1] will be used in the next section to derive a stability criterion for nonlinear systems.

*Theorem 2.1:* Assume that  $v_i(t)$  ( $i \in I$ ) are nonnegative continuous functions defined on  $[t_0, \infty)$ , which satisfy the inequality

$$\dot{v}_i(t) \leq \lambda_i(t)v_i(t) + \sum_{j \in I} a_j^i(t)v_j(t) \quad (1)$$

Where  $\lambda_i(t)$  is a nonpositive continuous function and  $a_j^i(t)$  are nonnegative continuous functions,  $I$  is a countable index set.

If there exist  $h > 0$ ,  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , and  $d_i > 0$  such that

$$-\lambda_i(t) \geq h > 0, \quad \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{j \in I} d_j \frac{a_j^i(t)}{-\lambda_i(t)} \leq \delta < 1, \quad \sup_{i \in I} \frac{v_i(t_0)}{d_i} < \infty \quad (2)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$  and  $i \in I$ , then there exist a constants  $\omega > 0$  and  $m \geq 1$  such that

$$\frac{v_i(t)}{d_i} \leq m \sup_{j \in I} \frac{v_j(t_0)}{d_j} \exp^{-\omega(t-t_0)} \quad (3)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ , and  $i \in I$ . For the proof of the above theorem see [1]  $\square$ .

### 3 Nonlinear Systems

We shall study the general nonlinear system

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x), x \in R^n \quad (4)$$

Where  $f(x)$  is analytic function, and we shall assume that  $x = 0$  is an isolated equilibrium point of (4), *i.e.*

$$f(0) = 0. \quad (5)$$

We can put the system (4) in the form

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(x)x, x \in R^n \quad (6)$$

where  $A:R^n \rightarrow R^{n^2}$  is a matrix valued function and merely continuous.

Let us consider the case when  $A(x)$  is a diagonal matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \cdot \\ \dot{x}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

and  $\lambda_i:R \rightarrow R, i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$  are analytic functions.  $x = 0$  is the only equilibrium point *i.e.*  $\dot{x} = 0$  for  $x = 0$ .

Since  $\lambda_i(x)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  are analytic functions,  $\dot{x}_i(t)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  can be put in the following form:

$$\dot{x}_i = \Gamma_i(x)x_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^i(x)x_j \quad (8)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\Gamma_i(x) < 0$  for  $x_i \neq 0$ .

*Definition:* The zero solution of (4) is said to be globally exponentially stable if there exist  $\omega > 0, \pi \geq 1$  such that

$$\|x\| \leq \pi e^{-\omega(t-t_0)} \|x_0\| \quad (9)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0, x(t_0) \in R^n$ .

## 4 Stability Theorem

Consider the nonlinear system (8)

$$\dot{x}_i = \Gamma_i(x)x_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^i(x)x_j \quad (10)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\Gamma_i(x) < 0$  for  $x_i \neq 0$ .

*Theorem 4.1:* The zero solution of (10) is globally exponentially asymptotically stable if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $x = 0$  is the only equilibrium point.

2. There exist constants  $h > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $d_i > 0$  such that

$$\Gamma_i(x) \leq -h \leq 0, \quad \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d_j |a_j^i(x)|}{|\Gamma_i(x)|} \leq \delta < 1 \quad (11)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $x_i \neq 0$  and for all  $t \geq t_0$ .

*Proof.* From (10) it follows that

$$x_i(t) = x_i(t_0) \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \Gamma_i(x(\tau)) d\tau\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{t_0}^t a_j^i(x(s)) x_j(s) \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \Gamma_i(x(\tau)) d\tau\right) ds \quad (12)$$

hence

$$|x_i(t)| \leq |x_i(t_0)| \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \Gamma_i(x(\tau)) d\tau\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{t_0}^t |a_j^i(x(s))| |x_j(s)| \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \Gamma_i(x(\tau)) d\tau\right) ds. \quad (13)$$

Let  $|x_i| = v_i$ , then we have

$$v_i \leq v_i(t_0) \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \Gamma_i(x(\tau)) d\tau\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{t_0}^t |a_j^i(x(s))| |v_j(s)| \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \Gamma_i(x(\tau)) d\tau\right) ds \quad (14)$$

and moreover, we have

$$\dot{v}_i(t) \leq \Gamma_i(x(t)) v_i(x(t)) + \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j^i(x(t))| v_j(t). \quad (15)$$

Let

$$\|x\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|. \quad (16)$$



Then, we have

$$\frac{v_i(t_0)}{d_i} = \frac{|x_i(t_0)|}{d_i} \leq \frac{\|x(t_0)\|}{d_i} \quad (17)$$

i.e.

$$\frac{v_i(t_0)}{d_i} \leq \frac{\|x(t_0)\|}{d_i} < \infty. \quad (18)$$

Hence

$$\sup_{j \in I} \frac{v_j(t_0)}{d_j} \leq \sup_{j \in I} \frac{\|x(t_0)\|}{d_j} < \infty. \quad (19)$$

By *Theorem 2.1*, there exist  $\omega > 0$  and  $m \geq 1$  such that

$$\frac{v_i(t)}{d_i} \leq m \sup_{j \in I} \frac{v_j(t_0)}{d_j} \exp^{-\omega(t-t_0)} \quad (20)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$  and  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then

$$\frac{|x_i(t)|}{d_i} \leq m \sup_{j \in I} \frac{\|x(t_0)\|}{d_j} \exp^{-\omega(t-t_0)} \quad |x_i(t)| \leq m d_i \sup_{j \in I} \frac{\|x(t_0)\|}{d_j} \exp^{-\omega(t-t_0)}$$

$$|x_1(t)| + |x_2(t)| + \dots + |x_n(t)| \leq m \sup_{j \in I} \frac{\|x(t_0)\|}{d_j} \exp^{-\omega(t-t_0)} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \quad (21)$$

$$\|x(t)\| \leq m \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \sup_{j \in I} \frac{\|x(t_0)\|}{d_j} \exp^{-\omega(t-t_0)}. \quad (22)$$

If

$$m \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \sup_{j \in I} \frac{\|x(t)\|}{d_j} = M \quad (23)$$

then

$$\|x(t)\| = M \exp^{-\omega(t-t_0)}. \quad (24)$$

This shows that the zero solution of (10) is globally exponentially asymptotically stable  $\square$ .

*Example 4.1:*

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1(t) &= -x_1^3 + 0.5x_1^2x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= -(1+x_2^2)x_2 + x_1x_2 \end{aligned}$$

This system can be put in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (-x_1^2 + 0.5x_2x_1) & 0 \\ 0 & -(1+x_2^2) + x_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The origin is the only equilibrium point,  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1(t) &= (-x_1^2)x_1 + 0.5(x_1^2)x_2 \\ &= \Gamma_1(x)x_1 + a_2^1(x)x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= -(1+x_2^2)x_2 + x_2x_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \Gamma_2(x)x_2 + a_1^2(x)x_1$$

$$\Gamma_1(x) = -x_1^2 < 0 \quad \text{for } x_1 \neq 0$$

$$\Gamma_2(x) = -(1 + x_2^2) < 0 \quad \text{for } x_2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{|a_2^1(x)|}{|\Gamma_1(x)|} = \frac{|0.5x_1^2|}{|-x_1^2|} = 0.5 \leq \delta < 1$$

$$\frac{|a_1^2(x)|}{|\Gamma_2(x)|} = \frac{0.5x_2}{|-(1 + x_2^2)|} \leq \delta < 1.$$

Hence, the two conditions are satisfied, and the zero solution of the above system is globally exponentially asymptotically stable. From this example we can see that for a nonlinear system to be stable it is not necessary that the eigenvalues be negative definite.

*Example 4.2:*

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = (-2x_1 + x_2)x_1^2$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -(1 + x_2^2 - x_1 + x_2^2x_3^2)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_3(t) = -(1 + x_3^2 + x_2^2 + x_1)x_3$$

This system can be put in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (-2x_1^2 + x_2)x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(1 + x_2^2 - x_1 + x_2^2x_3^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1 + x_3^2 + x_2^2 + x_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The origin is the only equilibrium point,  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1(t) &= -2x_1^2x_1 + x_1^2x_2 \\ &= \Gamma_1(x)x_1 + a_1^1(x)x_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_2(t) &= -(1 + x_2^2 + x_2^2x_3^2)x_2 + x_1x_2 \\ &= \Gamma_2(x)x_2 + a_1^2(x)x_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_3(t) &= -(1 + x_3^2 + x_2^2)x_3 - x_1x_3 \\ &= \Gamma_3(x)x_3 + a_1^3(x)x_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_1(x) = -2x_1^2 < 0 \quad \text{for } x_1 \neq 0$$

$$\Gamma_2(x) = -(1 + x_2^2 + x_2^2x_3^2) < 0 \quad \text{for } x_2 \neq 0$$

$$\Gamma_3(x) = -(1 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) < 0 \quad \text{for } x_3 \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{|a_1^1(x)|}{|\Gamma_1(x)|} &= \frac{|x_1^2|}{|-2x_1^2|} \leq \delta < 1 \\ \frac{|a_1^2(x)|}{|\Gamma_2(x)|} &= \frac{|x_2|}{|-(1 + x_2^2 + x_2^2x_3^2)|} \leq \delta < 1 \\ \frac{|a_1^3(x)|}{|\Gamma_3(x)|} &= \frac{|-x_3|}{|-(1 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)|} \leq \delta < 1.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the zero solution is globally exponentially asymptotically stable.

Now we will consider the following nonlinear system

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) \quad (25)$$

where  $f(x):R^n \rightarrow R^n$  is analytic function. Then

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) = B(x)x + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x)x_j \quad (26)$$

where  $B(x):R^n \rightarrow R^n$  is a diagonal matrix and  $a_j(x):R^n \rightarrow R^n$  are column vectors. We can write the above system in the form

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = b_{ii}(x)x_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^i(x)x_j. \quad (27)$$

*Theorem 4.2:* The zero solution of the above nonlinear system is globally exponentially asymptotically stable if the following conditions are met:

1.  $x = 0$  is the only equilibrium point.
2. There exist constants  $h < 0$ ,  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and  $d_i > 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} b_{ii}(x) &\leq h < 0, x \neq 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d_j |a_j^i(x)|}{d_i |b_{ii}(x)|} &\leq \delta < 1. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

*Proof:* The proof of the theorem is as in *Theorem 4.1*

□.

*Example 4.3:*

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = -(2 + x_2^2)x_1 + x_2x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -(1 + \exp^{(x_1)})x_2 + 0.5x_1$$

$x = 0$  is an isolated equilibrium point,  $f(0) = (0)$ . let  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ .

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = -(2 + x_2^2)x_1 + x_2x_2$$

$$= b_{11}(x)x_1 + a_2^1(x)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -(1 + \exp^{(x_1)})x_2 + 0.5x_1$$

$$= b_{22}(x)x_2 + a_1^2(x)x_1$$

$$b_{11}(x) < 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq 0,$$

$$b_{22}(x) < 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq 0.$$

$$\frac{|a_2^1(x)|}{|b_{11}(x)|} = \frac{|x_2|}{|-(2 + x_2^2)|} \leq \delta < 1$$

$$\frac{|a_1^2(x)|}{|b_{22}(x)|} = \frac{0.5}{|-(\exp^{(x_1)} + 1)|} \leq \delta < 1.$$

Hence the zero solution is globally exponentially asymptotically stable.

*Example 4.4:*

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = -(1 + x_2^2)x_1 + x_2^2x_3$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_3(t) = \frac{x_2^2 x_1}{2} + \frac{x_1^2 x_2}{2} - (2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)x_3$$

$x = 0$  is an isolated equilibrium point,  $f(0) = (0)$ . let  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = 1$ .

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = -(1 + x_2^2)x_1 + x_2^2 x_3$$

$$= b_{11}(x)x_1 + a_3^1(x)x_3$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)x_2$$

$$= b_{22}(x)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_3(t) = -(2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)x_3 + \frac{x_2^2}{2}x_1 + \frac{x_1^2}{2}x_2$$

$$= b_{33}(x)x_3 + a_1^3(x)x_1 + a_2^3(x)x_2$$

$$b_{11}(x) < 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq 0$$

$$b_{22}(x) < 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq 0$$

$$b_{33}(x) < 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq 0$$

$$\frac{|a_3^1(x)|}{|b_{11}(x)|} = \frac{|x_2^2|}{|-(1 + x_2^2)|} \leq \delta < 1$$

$$\frac{0}{|b_{22}(x)|} = \frac{0}{|(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)|} \leq \delta < 1$$

$$\frac{|a_1^3(x)| + |a_2^3(x)|}{|b_{33}(x)|} = \frac{|(x_1^2 + x_2^2)|}{2|(2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)|} \leq \delta < 1.$$

Hence the zero solution is globally exponentially asymptotically stable.

## 5 The Application of Semisimple Lie Algebras

We shall consider in this section the nonlinear system

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(x)x \quad (29)$$

where  $A(x):R^n \rightarrow R^{n^2}$ ,  $x \in R^n$ .

If the Lie algebra generated by  $A(x)$ , (see [3]), is a semisimple Lie algebra, then the nonlinear system (29) can be put in the form

$$\dot{x}(t) = H(x)x + \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} e_{\alpha}(x)F_{\alpha}x \quad (30)$$

where  $H(x)$  is the Cartan subalgebra and  $F_{\alpha}$  are the roots.  $H(x)$  can be diagonalized by a linear transformation, say  $P$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y &= P^{-1}x \\ \dot{y} &= P^{-1}H(y)Py + \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} e_{\alpha}(y)P^{-1}F_{\alpha}Py \\ \dot{y} &= \Lambda(y)y + \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} e_{\alpha}(y)E_{\alpha}y \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

In general, by this transformation, the original system is transformed to a simpler one. Then we can use the result obtained in the previous sections to test for the stability of the system. We can arrange the equations of the



above system to be in the form

$$\dot{y}_i = \beta_i(y)y_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^i(y)y_j \quad (32)$$

by splitting the coefficient of  $y_i$  in the equation  $\dot{y}_i(t)$  into a negative definite part ( $\beta_i(y)$ ) and the rest can be accommodated in the  $a_j^i$  functions.

*Theorem 5.1:* The zero solution of (32) is globally exponentially asymptotically stable if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $x = 0$  is the only equilibrium point.
2. There exist constants  $h > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $d_i > 0$  such that

$$\beta_i(x) \leq -h \leq 0, \quad \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d_j |a_j^i(x)|}{|\beta_i(x)|} \leq \delta < 1 \quad (33)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $x \neq 0$  and for all  $t \geq t_0$ .

*Proof:* as in *Theorem 4.1*

□.

*Example 5.1:* Let us consider the semisimple Lie algebra  $A_2$ , (other types of semisimple Lie algebras  $B_n, D_n, \dots$  etc can be applied similarly). Consider the following two dimensional nonlinear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) & f_{12}(x) \\ f_{21}(x) & -f_1(x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$f_1(x) = -x_1^4 + x_2^2$$

$$f_{12}(x) = -2x_1x_2$$

$$f_{21}(x) = -2x_1^3x_2 + 0.5x_1^4$$

The functions  $f_1(x)$ ,  $f_{12}(x)$  and  $f_{21}(x)$  are functionally independent. The Lie algebra generated by  $A(x)$  is semisimple of the type  $A_n$  and spanned by the following matrices:

$$h_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, E_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, E_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $h_1$  spans the Cartan subalgebra.  $E_{12}$  and  $E_{21}$  span the root spaces of the semisimple Lie algebra. By splitting the coefficient of  $x_i$  in the equation  $\dot{x}_i(t)$  into a negative definite part (call it  $\beta_i(x)$ ) and the rest into the functions

$a_j^i$ , the system equations can be put in the following form:

$$\dot{x}_1 = \beta_1(x)x_1 + a_1^1(x)x_1 + a_2^1(x)x_2,$$

where  $a_j^1(x) = 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  and  $\beta_1(x) = -(x_1^4 + x_2^2)$ , and

$$\dot{x}_2 = \beta_2(x)x_2 + a_1^2(x)x_1 + a_2^2(x)x_2$$

where  $\beta_2(x) = -(x_1^4 + x_2^2)$ ,  $a_1^2(x) = 0.5x_1^4$  and  $a_2^2(x) = 0$ . The origin is an isolated equilibrium point. Let  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ . From the above equations we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1(x) &= -(x_1^4 + x_2^2) < 0 \\ \frac{0}{|\beta_1(x)|} &< \delta < 1 \\ \beta_2(x) &= -(x_1^4 + x_2^2) < 0 \\ \frac{|a_1^2(x)|}{|\beta_2(x)|} &= \frac{0.5x_1^4}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} < \delta < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the zero solution of the system is globally exponentially asymptotically stable.

*Example 5.2:* Consider the following nonlinear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(x) - f_{21}(x) + f_{31}(x) & a_{12}(x) & a_{13}(x) \\ f_{21}(x) + f_{31}(x) & a_{22}(x) & a_{23}(x) \\ f_{31}(x) & f_{31}(x) + f_{32}(x) & f_{22}(x) - 3f_{31}(x) - f_{32}(x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$a_{12}(x) = 2f_{11}(x) + f_{22}(x) + f_{12}(x) - f_{21}(x) + 2f_{31}(x) + 2f_{32}(x)$$

$$a_{13}(x) = -4f_{11}(x) + f_{22}(x) - f_{12}(x) + 3f_{21}(x) + f_{13}(x) - 6f_{31}(x) - 2f_{32}(x) - f_{23}(x)$$

$$a_{22}(x) = -f_{11}(x) - f_{22}(x) + f_{21}(x) + f_{31}(x) + f_{32}(x)$$

$$a_{23}(x) = f_{11}(x) + 2f_{22}(x) - 3f_{21}(x) - 3f_{31}(x) - f_{32}(x) + f_{23}(x).$$

Let  $f_{11}(x), f_{22}(x), f_{12}(x), f_{21}(x), f_{13}(x), f_{31}(x), f_{32}(x), f_{23}(x)$  be functionally independent. Then the Lie algebra generated by  $A(x)$  is semisimple with the following matrices as its basis:

$$h_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, h_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, F_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, F_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, F_{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -6 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{32} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  span the Cartan subalgebra. There exists a linear transformation  $P$ , which diagonalizes the Cartan subalgebra:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let

$$f_{11} = -(1 - (x_2 - x_3)^2)$$

$$f_{22} = -(1 + x_3^2)$$

$$f_{12} = -3(x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3)(x_2 - x_3)$$

$$f_{21} = \frac{-(2 + 2x_3^2 + (x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3)^2)}{(x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3)}(x_2 - x_3)$$

$$f_{31} = x_3^2$$

$$f_{13} = -0.5(1 + 2(x_2 - x_3)^2)$$

$$f_{32} = -x_3^3(x_2 - x_3)$$

$$f_{23} = -x_3(x_2 - x_3).$$

The above system can be put in the following form:

$$\dot{x} = A(x)x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} = & f_{11}(x)h_1 + f_{22}(x)h_2 + f_{12}(x)F_{12} + f_{21}(x)F_{21} + f_{13}F_{13} + f_{31}(x)F_{31} \\ & + f_{32}(x)F_{32} + f_{23}(x)F_{23} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = Py$$

$$\dot{y} = P^{-1}\dot{x} = (P^{-1}H(x)P + \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}(x)P^{-1}F_{\alpha}P)y$$

$$\dot{y} = (\Lambda(y) + \sum_{\alpha} f'_{\alpha}(y)E_{\alpha})y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y} = & f'_{11}(y)h'_{11} + f'_{22}(y)h'_{22} + f'_{12}(y)E_{12} + f'_{21}(y)E_{21} + f'_{13}(y)E_{13} + f'_{31}(y)E_{31} \\ & + f'_{32}(y)E_{32} + f'_{23}(y)E_{23} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad h_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$E_{ij}$ , where  $i \neq j$ , are the matrices with 1 on the  $ij$ 'th component and 0 elsewhere and

$$f'_{11}(y) = -(1 - y_2^2)$$

$$f'_{22}(y) = -(1 + y_3^2)$$

$$f'_{12}(y) = -3y_1y_2$$

$$f'_{21}(y) = \frac{-(2 + 2y_3^2 + y_1^2)}{y_1}y_2$$

$$f'_{31}(y) = y_3^2$$

$$f'_{13}(y) = -0.5(1 + 2y_2^2)$$

$$f'_{32}(y) = -y_3^3y_2$$

$$f'_{23}(y) = -y_3y_2.$$

Now we can test for the stability of this system using the previous theorem.

$x = 0$  is an isolated equilibrium point. Let  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = 1$ .

$$\dot{y}_1 = -(1 - y_2^2)y_1 + (-3y_1y_2)y_2 - 0.5(1 + 2y_2^2)y_3$$

$$\dot{y}_1 = -(1 + 3y_2^2)y_1 + y_2^2y_1 - 0.5(1 + 2y_2^2)y_3$$

$$= \beta_1(y)y_1 + a_1^1(y)y_1 + a_3^1(y)y_3$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = (2 + y_3^2 - y_2^2)y_2 - (2 + 2y_3^2 + y_1^2)y_2 + (-y_2y_3)y_3$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = -(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + 2y_3^2)y_2$$

$$= \beta_2(y)y_2$$

$$\dot{y}_3 = -(1 + y_3^2)y_3 + y_3^2y_1 - (y_3^3y_2)y_2$$

$$\dot{y}_3 = -(1 + y_3^2 + y_3^2y_2^2) + y_3^2y_1$$

$$\dot{y}_3 = \beta_3(y)y_3 + a_1^3(y)y_1$$

$$\beta_1(y) < 0$$

$$\frac{|a_1^1(y)| + |a_3^1(y)|}{|\beta_1(y)|} = \frac{y_2^2 + 0.5(1 + 2y_2^2)}{(1 + 3y_2^2)} = \frac{(0.5 + 2y_2^2)}{(1 + 3y_2^2)} < \delta < 1$$

$$\beta_2(y) < 0$$

$$\frac{0}{|\beta_2(y)|} < \delta < 1$$

$$\beta_3(y) < 0$$

$$\frac{|a_1^3(y)|}{|\beta_3(y)|} = \frac{y_3^2}{(1 + y_3^2 + y_3^2 y_2^2)} < \delta < 1.$$

Hence the zero solution of the system is globally exponentially asymptotically stable.



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