

Dwell-time stability for switched systems: from linear to (very structured) non-linear subsystems

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- 2 Affine Switched Systems
- 3 Non-Linear Homogeneous Case
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► **Section 1 (Preliminaries):**

[S. Morse \(1996\)](#)

Supervisory Control of Families of Linear Set-Point Controllers-Part 1: Exact Matching

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► **Section 2:**

[M. Della Rossa, L.N. Egidio and R.M. Jungers \(2022\)](#)

Stability of Switched Affine Systems: Arbitrary and Dwell-Time Switching

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► **Section 3:**

[M. Della Rossa and A. Tanwani \(2022\)](#)

Instability of Dwell-Time Constrained Switched Nonlinear Systems

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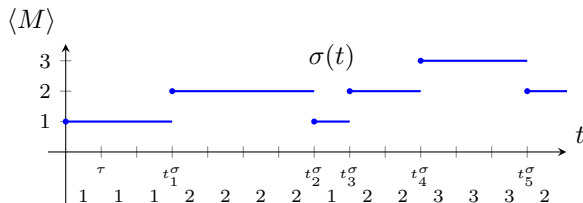
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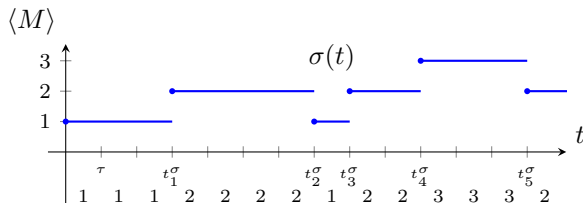
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- ▶ Many other possible classes (periodic, average dwell times, persistence of switching conditions, etc)

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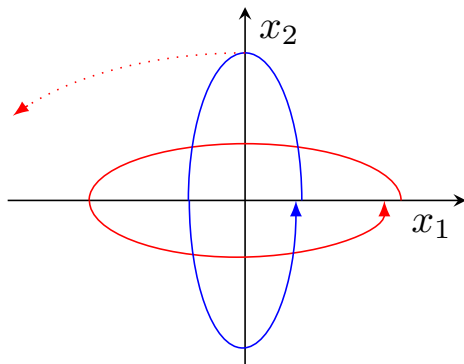
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Example ([Liberzon '03, pag. 19]).

Properties/Empirical observation:

- ▶ $A_1, A_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$,
- ▶ A_1, A_2 are Hurwitz stable, thus the 2 linear subsystems are exponentially stable,
- ▶ There exists a “destabilizing” $\sigma : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \langle M \rangle$,
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Proposition [Morse, '96]

Given $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_M\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ a finite set of **Hurwitz stable matrices**, there exists a (large enough) $\tau_{\mathcal{A}} > 0$ such that (SwLIN) is UGAS (with respect to the origin) on $\mathcal{S}_{\text{dw}}(\tau_{\mathcal{A}})$.

Remark: Lyapunov-based proof, generalizable to *exponentially stable subsystems* (not necessarily linear).

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“Easy” Non-linearities: For (a) we focus on *affine* subsystems, while for (b) we consider *homogeneous* subsystems.

Spoiler: Motivations/Important Features

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- ▶ **Defn:** $f_i(\lambda x) = \lambda^k f_i(x)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda \geq 0$.
- ▶ The convergence is not-exponential (can be “slower/faster”);
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- ▶ Homogeneous systems provide a natural framework for the problem of finite-time (or practical) stabilization.

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called the *linearization of system* (SwAFF).

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With this security region, we are able to provide the existence result.

Theorem: Existence of exponentially stable set under arbitrary switching

Consider the set $\mathcal{K}(t) = \{\Psi_\sigma(t, 0) \mid \sigma \in \mathcal{S}\}$. (reachable set from 0 at time t). Then

$$\mathcal{K}_\infty = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{K}(t)$$

is well-defined, and it is uniformly exponentially stable.

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Two methods for over-approximating \mathcal{K}_∞

LMI-based

Proposition 1

If there exists a symmetric matrix $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ a vector $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and a scalar $\kappa > 0$ satisfying

$$SA_i^\top + A_i S \prec -2\kappa S, \quad \forall i \in \langle M \rangle$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \kappa^2 & (A_i c + b_i)^\top \\ A_i c + b_i & S \end{bmatrix} \succ 0, \quad \forall i \in \langle M \rangle$$

then

$\mathcal{K}_Q := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : (x - c)^\top S^{-1} (x - c) \leq 1\} \supseteq \mathcal{K}_\infty$ is forward invariant.

SOS-based

Proposition 2

If there exist a polynomial $V(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ of degree d and $r > 0$, $\beta \geq 0$, $\epsilon > 0$ satisfying

$$V(x) - \epsilon \|x\|_d^d \text{ is SOS}$$
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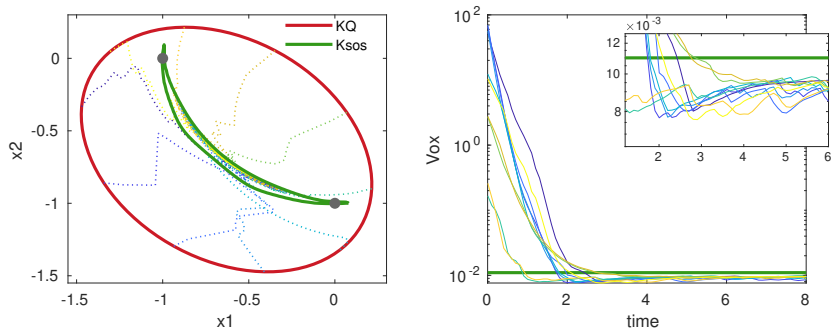


Figure: On the left, a representation of state space with the forward invariant sets K_Q and K_{SOS} . On the right, the evaluation of polynomial $V(x)$ associated to K_{SOS} along trajectories.

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(Weaker) Stability/ Boundedness Notion

Given a class $\mathcal{S}_{dw}(\tau)$, (SwAFF) is *uniformly globally ultimately bounded (UGUB) on $\mathcal{S}_{dw}(\tau)$* if there exists a compact set $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{dw}(\tau), \exists T(\sigma, x) \geq 0 \text{ such that } \forall t \geq T(\sigma, x), \Psi_\sigma(t, x) \in \mathcal{V}.$$

In this case the compact set $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be a *uniform bounding region*.

- \mathcal{V} is not necessary forward invariant (and in our case it is not, in general), but all solutions, at a certain instant (depending on the particular solution), enter and stay inside it.

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The proof is skipped, it uses of the previous Lyapunov conv. result and the Lemma:

Technical Lemma

For $\tau > 0$, suppose that (**SwLIN**) is UGAS on $\mathcal{S}_{\text{dw}}(\tau)$. Then, there exist translated norms^a $\tilde{v}_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, a $\tilde{\kappa} > 0$ and compact sets $\mathcal{X}_i \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $i \in \langle M \rangle$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{ei} &\in \text{Int}(\mathcal{X}_i), \quad \forall i \in \langle M \rangle, \\ \tilde{v}_i(\Psi_i(t, x)) &\leq \tilde{v}_i(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \text{Int}(\mathcal{X}_i), \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, \forall i \in \langle M \rangle, \\ \tilde{v}_i(\Psi_i(\tau, x)) &\leq e^{-\tilde{\kappa}\tau} \tilde{v}_j(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \text{Int}(\mathcal{X}_j), \quad \forall (i, j) \in \langle M \rangle^2. \end{aligned}$$

^aA function $w : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be a *translated norm* if there exist a norm $v : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a vector $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (called the *center* of w) such that $w(x) = v(x - c)$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Graphical Representation

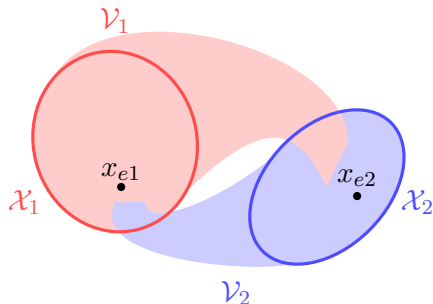


Figure: For two subsystems $\{1, 2\}$, representation of the sets $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \cup \mathcal{X}_2$ (solid lines), level subsets of the translated norms. The **bounding region** is defined as the union $\mathcal{V} = \cup_{i \in \langle M \rangle} \mathcal{V}_i$

Forward Invariance with respect to the switching instants

We can also show that the region $\mathcal{X} := \cup_{i \in \langle M \rangle} \mathcal{X}_i$ has the following property:

A “weaker” forward invariance property

A compact set $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is *forward invariant* for (SwAFF) on $\mathcal{S}_{\text{dw}}(\tau)$ *with respect to the switching points* if, for all $x \in C$, all $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{dw}}(\tau)$, we have that

$$\Psi_{\sigma}(t_k^{\sigma}, x) \in C, \quad \forall x \in C, \quad \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{dw}}(\tau), \quad \forall t_k^{\sigma} \geq 0,$$

where, we recall, $\{t_k^{\sigma}\}$ denotes the (finite or countable) set of discontinuities of the signal $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{dw}}(\tau)$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}'_i \mathcal{P}_i + \mathcal{P}_i \mathcal{A}_i &\prec -\mathcal{E}_{ii} & \forall i \in \langle M \rangle \\ e^{\mathcal{A}'_i \tau} \mathcal{P}_i e^{\mathcal{A}_i \tau} - \mathcal{P}_j &\prec -\mathcal{E}_{ij} & \forall (i, j) \in \langle M \rangle^2, i \neq j \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathcal{P}_i = \begin{bmatrix} P_i & -P_i c_i \\ -c_i^\top P_i & c_i^\top P_i c_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{A}_i = \begin{bmatrix} A_i & b_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{E}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} W_{ij} & -W_{ij} d_{ij} \\ -d_{ij}^\top W_{ij} & d_{ij}^\top W_{ij} d_{ij} - 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Examples and Discussion

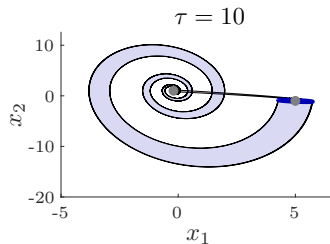
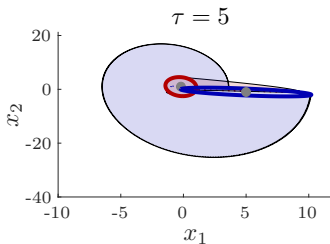
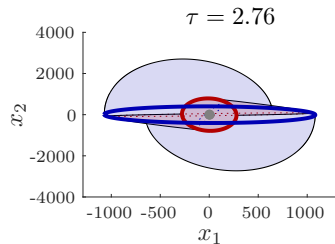
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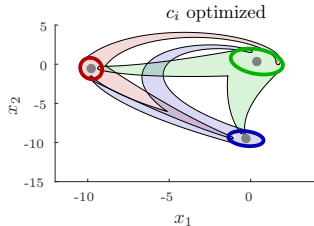
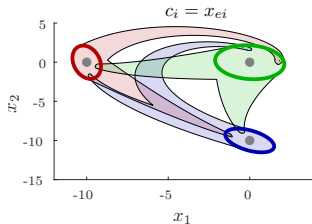
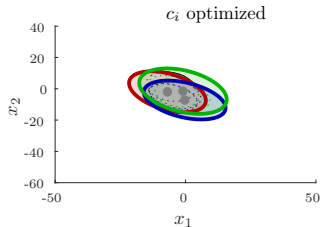
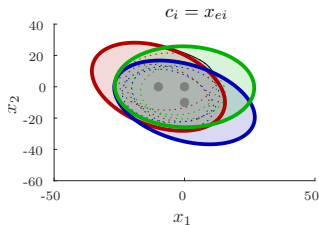
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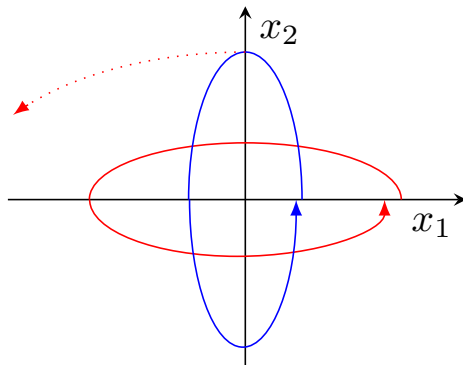
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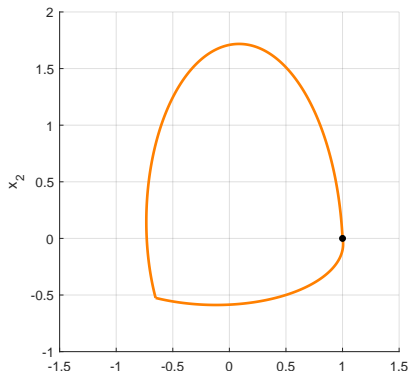
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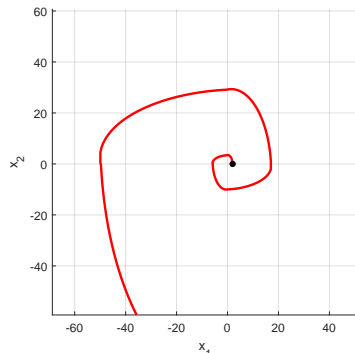
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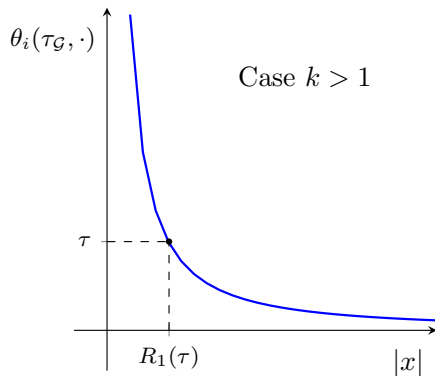
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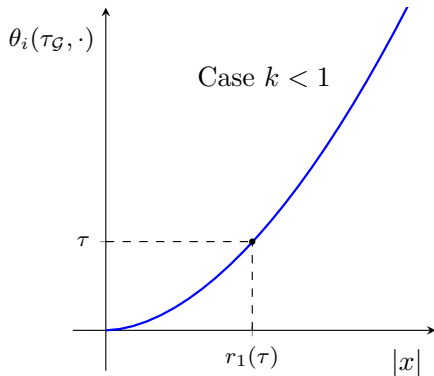
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