

## ON THE BOUNDS OF THE TRAJECTORIES OF DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS WITH PERTURBATIONS

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**Abstract:** *The behaviour of differential systems with perturbations is investigated with respect to certain time-varying subsets of the state space and their properties do not only yield information about the stability of a system but also estimates of the bounds of the system trajectories.*

*The results which are established yield sufficient conditions for stability and involve the existence of Liapunov-like functions which do not appear to possess the usual definiteness requirement on  $V$  and  $\dot{V}$ .*

### 1. NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Consider the differential equations

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x) \quad (1')$$

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x) + u(t, x) \quad (1)$$

where  $f, f + u \in C([t_0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ , and we suppose that we have uniqueness and continuity of solutions with respect to initial data.

We denote with  $\bar{S}(t)$  the closure of  $S(t)$ , with  $cS(t)$  the complement of  $S(t)$  and with  $\partial S(t)$  denote the boundary of  $S(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Also, the function  $V: [t_0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of the class  $C^1$  with respect to  $(t, x)$ ,  $\nabla V$  is the gradient of  $V$ ,  $\dot{V}_f(t, x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \langle \nabla V, f \rangle$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  where denote the inner product, and

$$V_m^{\partial S(t)}(t) = \min_{x \in \partial S(t)} V(t, x), \quad V_M^{\partial S(t)}(t) = \max_{x \in \partial S(t)} V(t, x).$$

Let  $S(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\forall t \in [t_0, \infty)$  and we assume that:

- (i)  $S(t)$  is an open region which is simply connected,
- (ii)  $S(t)$  is bounded and  $cS(t)$  is connected set,
- (iii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t'} S(t) = S(t')$ , for all  $t', t \in [t_0, \infty)$ .

DEFINITION 1. The system (1) is stable with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ ,  $S_0 = \bar{S}_0(t_0) \subset S(t_0)$ ,  $\partial S_0 \cap \partial S(t_0) = \emptyset$ , if for every trajectory  $x(t)$ , the conditions  $x(t_0) \in S_0(t_0)$  and  $\|u(t, x)\| \leq \delta$ ,  $\forall t \geq t_0$ ,  $x \in S(t)$  implies that  $x(t) \in S(t)$ , for all  $t \geq t_0$ .

DEFINITION 2. The system (1) is uniformly stable with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ ,  $\bar{S}^0(t) = S_0(t) \subset S(t)$ ,  $\partial S_0(t) \cap \partial S(t) = \emptyset$ ,  $\forall t \geq t_0$ , if for every trajectory  $x(t)$ , the conditions  $x(t_1) \in S_0(t_1)$  and  $\|u(t, x)\| \leq \delta \forall t \geq t_1$ ,  $x \in S(t)$ , implies that  $x(t) \in S(t)$  for all  $t \geq t_1 \geq t_0$ .

## 2. STABILITY THEOREM

The theorem is based in the following lemma.

LEMMA: Suppose  $S: [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow P(R^n)$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow t'} S(t) = S(t') \in P(R^n)$  is the

set of all subsets of  $R^n$ -and such that  $S(t)$  is bounded and  $cS(t)$  is connected for all  $t', t \in [t_0, \infty)$ . Then the system (1) is stable with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ , if and only if the system is stable with respect to  $(\partial S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ , where  $S_0(t_0)$  is closed subset of  $S(t_0)$ .

The proof of the lemma is similar to the proof of the Theorem 3 of J. Heinen [2].

THEOREM. The system (1) is stable with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ , where  $\bar{S}_0(t_0) = S_0(t_0) \subset S(t_0)$  and  $\partial S_0(t_0) \cap \partial S(t_0) = \emptyset$ , if there exists a continuously differentiable function  $V(t, x)$  and two real-valued functions  $\varphi(t)$ ,  $\rho(t)$  which are integrable over  $[t_0, \infty)$  such that

- (i)  $\|\nabla V\| \leq \rho(t)$ ,  $\forall t \geq t_0$ ,  $x \in S(t)$ ,
- (ii)  $\dot{V}_f(t, x) < \varphi(t)$ ,  $\forall t \geq t_0$ ,  $x \in S(t)$ ,
- (iii)  $\int_{t_0}^t [\varphi(s) + \delta \rho(s)] ds \leq V_m^{\partial S(t)}(t) - V_M^{\partial S_0(t_0)}(t_0)$ ,  $\forall t > t_0$ .

PROOF.

Let  $x(t)$  denote an arbitrary trajectory of (1) with initial conditions such that  $x(t_0) \in \partial S_0(t_0)$ . Assume that there exists a  $t_1 \in (t_0, \infty)$ , the first point in  $(t_0, \infty)$  such that  $x(t_1) \in \partial S(t_1)$ .

Evidently for all  $t \in [t_0, t_1)$ ,  $x(t) \in S(t)$ .

Now we can write

$$V(t_1, x(t_1)) = V(t_0, x(t_0)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \dot{V}(s, x(s)) ds.$$

In view of hypothesis (i) and (ii), one obtains

$$V(t_1, x(t_1)) < V_M^{\partial S_0(t_0)}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} [\varphi(s) + \delta\varphi(s)] ds$$

and by applying hypothesis (iii) to the above inequality it follows that

$$V(t_1, x(t_1)) < \partial_M^{\partial S_0(t_0)}(t_0) + V_m^{\partial S}(t_1)(t_1) - V_M^{\partial S_0(t_0)}(t_0),$$

or 
$$V(t_1, x(t_1)) < V_m^{\partial S}(t_1)(t_1)$$

which is a contradiction to the original assumption.

Hence the system (1) is stable with respect to  $(\partial S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ , and by lemma, is stable with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ .

#### REMARKS

a) If, in Theorem, the hypothesis (iii) to become

$$\int_{t_1}^t [\varphi(s) + \delta\varphi(s)] ds \leq V_m^{\partial S}(t)(t) - V_M^{\partial S_0(t_1)}(t_1), \quad \forall t > t_1 \geq t_0$$

then the system (1) is uniformly stable with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$ ,  $S_0(t_1) = \bar{S}_0(t_1) \subset S(t_1)$  and  $\partial S_0(t_1) \cap \partial S(t_1) = \emptyset, \forall t_1 \geq t_0$ .

b) If we will suppose more that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S(t) = \{a\}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the sy-

stem (1) is asymptotically stable (resp. uniformly asymptotically) with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \{a\}, \delta, t_0, \|\cdot\|)$  i.e. is stable (resp. uniformly

stable) with respect to  $(S_0(t_0), S(t), \delta, t_0, \| \cdot \|)$  and for every solution  $x(t)$ , of the system (1), with  $x(t_0) \in S_0(t_0)$ , we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = a$ .

c) For special case we can to obtains  $S_0(t) = S_0 = \{x: \|x\| \leq \varepsilon_1\}$  and  $S(t) = S = \{x: \|x\| < \varepsilon_2\}$ , with  $\varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2$ . See [4].

d) This type of stability have also been discussed in [3] for the case  $u(t,x) \equiv 0$  i.e. for the unperturbed system  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$ .

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