

Linear Dynamical Systems
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Proof of Lyapunov stability theorem

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Lyapunov Stability Theorem

Theorem (Lyapunov stability)

The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1 The system (H-CLT) is asymptotically stable.
- 2 The system (H-CLT) is exponentially stable.
- 3 All the eigenvalues of A have strictly negative real parts.
- 4 For every symmetric positive-definite matrix Q , there exists a unique solution P to the following Lyapunov equation

$$A^T P + P A = -Q. \quad (\text{Lyapunov Eq.})$$



Moreover, P is symmetric and positive-definite.

- 5 There exists a symmetric positive-definite matrix P for which the following Lyapunov matrix inequality holds:

$$A^T P + P A < 0. \quad (\text{LMI})$$

Logical overview of the proof.

1 \equiv 2 \equiv 3
4 \Rightarrow 5



So, now, we will see the another implication that is 5 implies 2. The statement of 5 reach that we are already provided with the information that there are, there is there exists a matrix P already which is symmetric and positive definite, satisfying this equation. Now, what we need to prove that having P satisfying this equation implies that the system is asymptotically stable or exponentially stable, ok. So, let us see.

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Proof: 5 \Rightarrow 2

Let P be a symmetric positive-definite matrix for which (LMI) holds and let

$$Q = -(A^T P + P A) > 0.$$

Consider an arbitrary solution to H-CLTI system, and define the scalar signal

$$v(t) = x^T(t) P x(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Taking derivatives, we obtain

$$\dot{v} = \dot{x}^T P x + x^T P \dot{x} = x^T (A^T P + P A) x = -x^T Q x \leq 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (3)$$




Therefore, $v(t)$ is a nonincreasing signal, and we get

$$v(t) = x^T(t) P x(t) \leq v(0) = x^T(0) P x(0), \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

But since $v = x^T P x \geq \lambda_{\min}[P] \|x\|^2$, we conclude that

$$\|x\|^2 \leq \frac{x^T(t) P x(t)}{\lambda_{\min}[P]} = \frac{v(t)}{\lambda_{\min}[P]} \leq \frac{v(0)}{\lambda_{\min}[P]}, \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad (4)$$

which means that the H-CLTI system is stable. $\quad \dashv$

So, let P be a symmetric positive definite matrix for which the linear matrix inequality holds and let we define Q is equal to negative A transpose P plus PA which is greater than 0. I just rewritten this equation into another terms, ok. Because P and Q matrices are already given to us, and we already know that 4 implies 5, sorry 4 implies 5, ok. So, consider an arbitrary solution to the system and define the scalar signal v of t which is another quadratic form with weight matrix P and the signal x which is given by x transpose P into x is greater than equal to 0, for all t greater than equal to 0, ok. So, here we are specifying basically that there is a signal v which again could be 0.

So, taking derivative of this signal we obtain this \dot{x} dot transpose P x plus x transpose P \dot{x} dot by putting \dot{x} dot equal A x , here I can simplify this equation by this one, ok. So, the inside part is basically the matrix Q minus of Q because Q could be an identity matrix, and I know that \dot{v} dot is less than equal to 0, right for all t greater than equal to 0 which means that the

signal v of P is a non-increasing signal. Meaning to say that either the signal would remain constant or the signal would decay, ok. So, let us see.

In both the cases I could write that the value of the signal at some other time t then 0 would either be less than or equal to the signal at t is equal to 0 , ok. Let us try to visualizing, that v of t could be a constant signal which is the time axis t and here we have v of t having said that \dot{v} is equal to 0 , this signal could be either a constant signal or this signal could be a diagonal signal. This signal would never increase. So, if I compute the value at any time t let us say t_1 , this value would always be less than or equal to the value at t is equal to 0 , right. And at t is equal to 0 the quadratic form I can also put t is equal to 0 in that quadratic form for all t greater than equal to 0 .

But since now using the relationship we have introduced while discussing the quadratic forms or the positive definite that this quadratic form would have the minimal limiting value the smallest eigenvalue of the matrix P multiplied by the squared norm of the single x , which I could write norm of x square is less than equal to v which is $x^T P x$ divided by λ_{\min} of P , ok. And this part is equal to v of t , and I know that v of t is less than or equal to v naught. So, v of t is less than equal to v naught which means that the system is stable it would never rise up.

But it only proves if the system is stable, it does not yet prove that the system is asymptotically stable system because for the stable system it must remain bounded which has been shown here that the norm is bounded now, ok. But it does not say that the norm would be bounded by an exponential matrix which defines the exponential stability, right. This is what we need to prove the next.

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Proof: 5 \implies 2

To verify that it is actually exponentially stable, we go back to (3) and, using the facts that $x'Qx \geq \lambda_{\min}[Q]\|x\|^2$ and that $v = x'Px \leq \lambda_{\max}[P]\|x\|^2$, we conclude that

$$\dot{v} = -x'Qx \leq -\lambda_{\min}[Q]\|x\|^2 \leq -\frac{\lambda_{\min}[Q]}{\lambda_{\max}[P]}v, \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad (5)$$

To proceed, we need the Comparison lemma.

Theorem (Comparison Lemma)

Let $v(t)$ be a differentiable scalar signal for which

$$\dot{v}(t) \leq \mu v(t), \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

for some constant $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$v(t) \leq e^{\mu(t-t_0)}v(t_0), \quad \forall t \geq t_0.$$

Applying the Comparison lemma to (5), we conclude that

$$v(t) \leq e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}v(t_0), \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad \lambda \triangleq \frac{\lambda_{\min}[Q]}{\lambda_{\max}[P]},$$

which shows that $v(t)$ converges to zero exponentially fast and so does $\|x(t)\|$ [see (4)].



So, to verify that it is actually exponentially stable, we go back to the relationship 3. So, this relationship is basically this part which says that the signal v is a non-increasing signal, ok. We are go back to 3 and using the facts now we introduce another the same limiting values for the quadratic forms for both Q and P .

Here we define that this quadratic form is greater than equal to lambda min of Q and a square of the norm of x and that v which was defined as x transpose P x is less than or equal to lambda max of P into norm of x square. So, I can use either of the relation. Here in the previous proof we use this relationship which holds true similarly this relationship also holds true. So, let us see.

So, computing the v dot which is given by minus x transpose Q x from the relation 3 I can write that this part is less than equal to minus lambda min of Q norm of x square. Why?

Because both these quantities are positive. The norm of the vector is positive and since Q is positive definite, so in fact, the smallest eigenvalue of that matrix P would also be positive. So, I can reverse this relationship by putting a negative sign which I have done here, and this would be less than or equal to by using this equation that the norm of x square or the square of the norm of x is greater than or equal to v by λ_{\max} of P , ok. So, I can write less than or equal to minus λ_{\min} of Q comes from here and x square came from here λ_{\max} of P v , for all t greater than equal to 0 , ok.

So, I just applied this relationship and this relationship to the relationship that v dot is less than or equal to 0 , ok. Basically, the relationship 3, v dot is less than equal to 0 , ok.

So, to proceed further we give another lemma which is known as the comparison lemma. So, this lemma says that let v of t be a differentiable scalar signal which satisfies this relationship that v dot is less than or equal to some scalar μ , some constant μ into the signal itself for all t greater than equal to t_{naught} . Then the signal v of t would always be less than equal to e to the power $\mu t - t_{\text{naught}}$ into the value of the signal at the initial time t_{naught} , ok. Now, if you see the similarity between this lemma and this equation 5 we have v dot is less than equal to minus this part in to v and this part is some constant μ because I know that this part would always be a positive part. In fact, the smallest eigenvalue of the matrix Q and the largest eigenvalue of the matrix P they will always be positive and this part would always be negative, ok.

So, let us define by this part μ , so you could visualize now, that v dot is less than equal to μ of p . So, if v satisfy this then it should satisfy this, ok. So, I just write down this, ok. Now, if you see the similarity that v of t is less than this part which is nothing, but that definition of the exponentially stable systems, right which show that v t converges to 0 exponentially fast and so does norm of x t because first of all x t is bounded and now we have proved v which is also in terms of the signal x that it is exponentially stable. If v is exponentially stable then x should definitely be exponential stable. So, talking about the comparison lemma we could see a quick proof because this is a key lemma to prove that implication. So, this was the implication.

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Comparison Lemma

Theorem (Comparison Lemma)

Let $v(t)$ be a differentiable scalar signal for which

$$\dot{v}(t) \leq \mu v(t), \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

for some constant $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$v(t) \leq e^{\mu(t-t_0)} v(t_0), \quad \forall t \geq t_0. \quad (6)$$

Proof.

Define a new signal $u(t)$ as follows:

$$u(t) \triangleq e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} v(t), \quad \forall t \geq t_0.$$



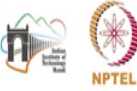
Taking derivative, we conclude that

$$\dot{u} = -\mu e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} v(t) + e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} \dot{v}(t) \leq -\mu e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} v(t) + \mu e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} v(t) = 0$$

Therefore u is nonincreasing, and we conclude that

$$u(t) = e^{-\mu(t-t_0)} v(t) \leq u(t_0) = v(t_0), \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

which is precisely equivalent to (6). \square



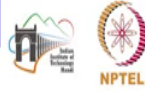
So, let us define a new signal u of t which is given by the exponential term μt minus t multiplied by v of t . Here we have made no assumptions on the constant μ ; this μ could be positive or could be negative, ok.

So, taking derivative of the signal we obtain the rule chain for the derivatives. You could see the derivative of first into second plus first into the derivative of second. Now, here \dot{v} I know that this part is already given to us. So, I replaced this \dot{v} from this and finally, obtained this relation which is in fact equal to 0, meaning to say that $\dot{u} = 0$ that u is a non-increasing signal either it would be a constant or would decay, ok. So, we conclude that the value of u at some time t would always be less than equal to u at initial time t_0 and u of t is basically given by this part.

So, taking this one here on the right hand side. So, what I would get? That v of t is always less than equal to this exponential into u of t naught and u of t naught if I put t is equal to t naught here this part would become equal to identity or 1, ok. So, u of t naught is actually equal to v of t naught. So, I can replace by v of t naught. So, finally, I have obtained this one for any μ , ok. This is how you can prove there is or you see the proof of this lemma, ok.

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Discrete-time case



Consider now the following discrete-time LTV system

$$x(t+1) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t), \quad y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t). \quad (\text{DLTV})$$


Definition (Lyapunov stability)

The system (DLTV) is said to be

- 1 (marginally) stable in the sense of Lyapunov or internally stable whenever, for every initial condition $x(t_0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the homogeneous state response

$$x(t) = \phi(t, t_0)x_0, \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$
 is uniformly bounded,
- 2 asymptotically stable (in the Lyapunov sense) whenever, in addition, for every initial condition $x(t_0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$,
- 3 exponentially stable whenever, in addition, there exist constants $c > 0, \lambda < 1$ such that, for every initial condition $x(t_0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|x(t)\| \leq c\lambda^{t-t_0}\|x(t_0)\|, \forall t \geq t_0,$$
- 4 unstable whenever it is not marginally stable in the Lyapunov sense.



So, this is the overall proof of the key important theorem which speaks about that or which gives us the test for the stability without even computing first the solution, second without even computing the eigenvalues because for a higher order system or it would be a higher order polynomials for which there could be you need to solve a high order polynomial to compute the eigenvalues. Now, since the matrices gives us the compact form to analyze the

systems we can easily compute the existence of the matrices which is here given by the P matrix, ok.

So, this completes the proof. We have already seen the equivalents between the 1, 2 and 3. We have discussed 2 implies 4 and 5 implies 2 and the implication between 4 implies 5 by could be easily obtained by putting Q as an identity matrix. So, this completes a proof.