

Lecture Note

Section 4.5

Non-autonomous Systems
(Lyapunov Stability)

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- Consider the nonautonomous system:

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x) \quad (4.15)$$

where $f : [0, \infty] \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

is **piecewise continuous in t** and

locally Lipschitz in x on $[0, \infty] \times D$,

and $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a domain

that contains the origin $x = 0$.

- If $f(t, 0) = 0, \forall t \geq 0$,
the origin is an E.P. for (4.15) at $t = 0$
- An equilibrium point **at the origin**
could be a translation of a **nonzero E.P.** or,
a translation of a **nonzero sol.** of the syst.

- To see the latter point,
suppose $\bar{y}(\tau)$ is a solution of the system

$$\frac{dy}{d\tau} = g(\tau, y)$$

defined for all $\tau \geq a$.

- The change of variables

$$x = y - \bar{y}(\tau); \quad t = \tau - a$$

- Transforms the system into the form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= g(\tau, y) - \dot{\bar{y}}(\tau) \\ &= g(t + a, x + \bar{y}(t + a)) - \dot{\bar{y}}(t + a) \\ &\triangleq f(t, x) \end{aligned}$$

- Since

$$\dot{\bar{y}}(t+a) = g(t+a, \bar{y}(t+a)), \forall t \geq 0$$

the origin $x = 0$ is an E.P. of the transformed system at $t = 0$.

- So, by examining the stability behavior of the origin as an E.P. for the transformed system, we determine the stability behavior of the solution $\bar{y}(\tau)$ of the original system.
- Notice that if $\bar{y}(\tau)$ is not constant, the transformed system will be nonautonomous even when the original system is autonomous, that is, even when $g(\tau, y) = g(y)$.

Stability and Asymptotic Stability

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- This is why studying the **stability behavior of solutions** in the sense of **Lyapunov** can be done **only** in the context of studying the stability behavior of the **equilibria** of **nonautonomous** systems.
- The notions of **stability** and **asympt. stability** of **E.P.** of **nonautonomous** systems are basically the **same** as those introduced in **Definition 4.1** for **autonomous** systems.

- The **new element** here is that, while the **sol.** of an **autonomous** system depends only on $(t - t_0)$, the **sol.** of a **nonautonomous** system may depend on **both** t and t_0 .
- So, the **stability behavior** of **E.P.** will, in general, **depend on** t_0 .
- The origin $x = 0$ is a **stable E.P.** for (4.15) if, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, and any $t_0 \geq 0$ there is $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, t_0) > 0$ such that

$$\|x(t_0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

- The constant δ , in general, depends on the initial time t_0 .
- The existence of δ for every t_0 does **not** necessarily guarantee that there is **one** constant δ , dependent **only** on ε , that would work **for all** t_0 , as illustrated by the next example.

Example 4.17: Stability Case

- **Example 4.17:**
- The **linear first-order** system

$$\dot{x} = (6t \sin t - 2t)x$$

has the solution

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x(t_0) \exp\left[\int_{t_0}^t (6\tau \sin \tau - 2\tau) d\tau\right] \\ &= x(t_0) \exp[6 \sin t - 6t \cos t - t^2 \\ &\quad - 6 \sin t_0 + 6t_0 \cos t_0 + t_0^2] \end{aligned}$$

- For any t_0 , the term $-t^2$ will eventually dominate, which shows that the **exp term** is **bounded** for all $t \geq t_0$ by a constant $c(t_0)$ dependent on t_0 .

- Hence,

$$|x(t)| < |x(t_0)|c(t_0), \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

- For any $\varepsilon > 0$,
the choice $\delta = \varepsilon/c(t_0)$ shows that
the origin is stable.
- Suppose t_0 takes on the successive values
 $t_0 = 2n\pi$, for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and
 $x(t)$ is evaluated π seconds later
in each case.

- Then,

$$x(t_0 + \pi) = x(t_0) \exp[(4n + 1)(6 - \pi)\pi]$$

which implies that, for $x(t_0) \neq 0$,

$$\frac{x(t_0 + \pi)}{x(t_0)} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

- Thus, given $\varepsilon > 0$,
there is no δ independent of t_0
that would satisfy the stability requirement
uniformly in t_0 .

- Example 4.18:
- The linear first-order system

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{x}{1+t}$$

has the solution

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x(t_0) \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \frac{-1}{1+\tau} d\tau\right) \\ &= x(t_0) \frac{1+t_0}{1+t} \end{aligned}$$

- Since $|x(t)| \leq |x(t_0)|$, $\forall t \geq t_0$, the origin is clearly **stable**.
- Actually, given any $\varepsilon > 0$, we can choose δ independent of t_0 .
- It is also clear that

$$x(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

- Consequently, according to Definition 4.1, the origin is **asymptotically stable**.
- Notice, however, that the **convergence** of $x(t)$ to the origin is **not uniform** wrt the **initial time** t_0 .
- Recall that **convergence** of $x(t)$ to the origin is equivalent to saying that, given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there's $T = T(\varepsilon, t_0) > 0$ such that $|x(t)| < \varepsilon$, for all $t \geq t_0 + T$.
- Although this is true for every t_0 , the **constant** T cannot be chosen **independent** of t_0 .

- **Definition 4.4:**
- The equilibrium point $x = 0$ of (4.15) is
 - **stable** if, for each $\varepsilon > 0$,
there is $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, t_0) > 0$
such that $\|x(t_0)\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \varepsilon$,
 $\forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$ (4.16)
 - **uniformly stable** if, for each $\varepsilon > 0$,
there is $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$, independent of t_0 ,
such that (4.16) is satisfied.
 - **unstable** if it is not stable.
 - **asymptotically stable**
if it is stable and
there is a positive constant $c = c(t_0)$
such that $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$,
for all $\|x(t_0)\| < c$.

- – **uniformly asymptotically stable**
if it is uniformly stable and
there is a positive constant c , in. of t_0 ,
such that for all $\|x(t_0)\| < c$,
 $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, uniformly in t_0 ;
that is, for each $\eta > 0$,
there is $T = T(\eta) > 0$ such that
$$\|x(t)\| < \eta, \forall t \geq t_0 + T(\eta), \forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$$
- **globally uniformly asymptotically stable**
if it is uniformly stable,
 $\delta(\varepsilon)$ can be chosen to satisfy
 $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty} \delta(\varepsilon) = \infty$, and,
for each pair of positive numbers η & c ,
there is $T = T(\eta, c) > 0$ such that
$$\|x(t)\| < \eta, \forall t \geq t_0 + T(\eta, c), \forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$$

- Lemma 4.5:
- The E.P. $x = 0$ of (4.15) is
 - **uniformly stable**
iff there exist a class \mathcal{K} function α and a positive constant c , independent of t_0 , such that

$$\forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0, \quad \forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$$

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha(\|x(t_0)\|) \quad (4.19)$$

- **uniformly asymptotically stable**
iff there exist a class \mathcal{KL} function β and a positive constant c , independent of t_0 , such that

$$\forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0, \quad \forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$$

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0) \quad (4.20)$$

- – **globally uniformly asymptotically stable**
iff inequality (4.20) is satisfied for any initial state $x(t_0)$.

- Definition 4.5
- The E.P. $x = 0$ of (4.15) is
 - exponentially stable
 - if there exist positive constants $c, k,$ & λ
 - such that
 - $$\|x(t)\| \leq k\|x(t_0)\|e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}, \forall \|x(t_0)\| < c$$
 - and globally exponentially stable
 - if the above inequality is satisfied for any initial state $x(t_0)$.

Theorem 4.8: U.S. & Proof

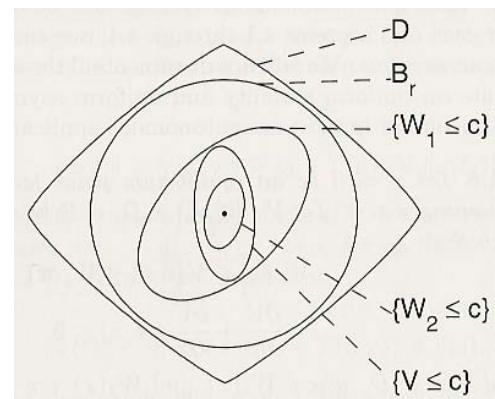
- Theorem 4.8:
- Let $x = 0$ be an E.P. for (4.15) and $D \subset R^n$ be a domain containing $x = 0$.
- Let $V : [0, \infty] \times D \rightarrow R$ be a continuously differentiable func such that

$$W_1(x) \leq V(t, x) \leq W_2(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq 0$$

$\forall t \geq 0$ and $\forall x \in D,$
 where $W_1(x)$ and $W_2(x)$ are continuous P.D. functions on D .

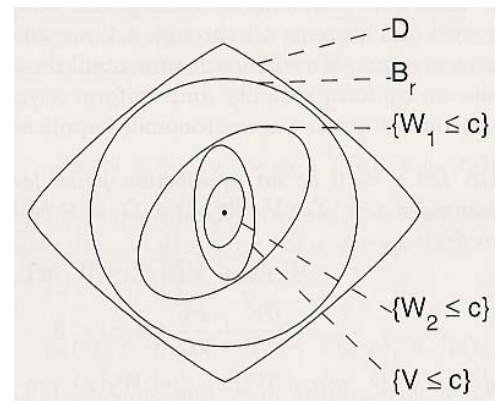
- Then, $x = 0$ is uniformly stable.



- **Proof:**
- The derivative of V along the trajectories of (4.15) is given by

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq 0$$

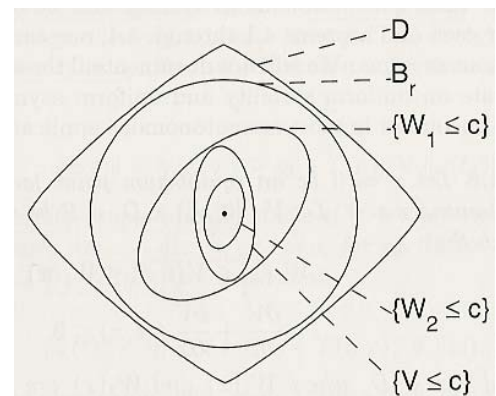
- Choose $r > 0$ and $c > 0$ such that $B_r \subset D$ and $c < \min_{\|x\|=r} W_1(x)$.



- Then, $\{x \in B_r \mid W_1(x) \leq c\}$ is in the interior of B_r .
- Define a time-dependent set $\Omega_{t,c}$ by

$$\Omega_{t,c} = \{x \in B_r \mid V(t, x) \leq c\}$$

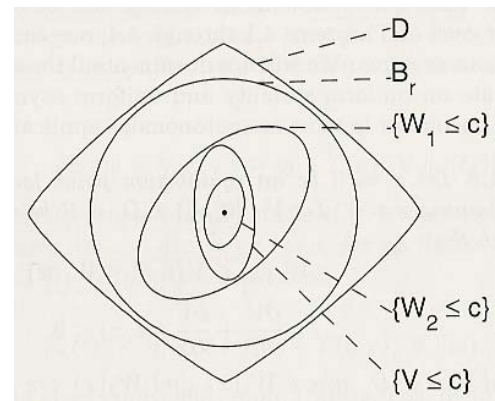
- Since $W_2(x) \leq c \Rightarrow V(t, x) \leq c$, the set $\Omega_{t,c}$ contains $\{x \in B_r \mid W_2(x) \leq c\}$
- On the other hand, since $V(t, x) \leq c \Rightarrow W_1(x) \leq c$, $\Omega_{t,c}$ is a subset of $\{x \in B_r \mid W_1(x) \leq c\}$.
- Thus,



$$\{x \in B_r \mid W_2(x) \leq c\} \subset \Omega_{t,c} \subset \{x \in B_r \mid W_1(x) \leq c\} \subset B_r \subset D$$

for all $t \geq 0$.

- In Figure, the surface $V(t, x) = c$ is now **dependent** on t , and that is why it is surrounded by the **time-independent** surfaces $W_1(x) = c$ and $W_2(x) = c$.
- Since $\dot{V}(t, x) \leq 0$ on D , for any $t_0 \geq 0$ and any $x_0 \in \Omega_{t_0, c}$, the solution starting at (t_0, x_0) stays in $\Omega_{t, c}$ for all $t \geq t_0$.
- Therefore, any solution starting in $\{x \in B_r \mid W_2(x) \leq c\}$ stays in $\Omega_{t, c}$, and consequently in $\{x \in B_r \mid W_1(x) \leq c\}$, for all future time.

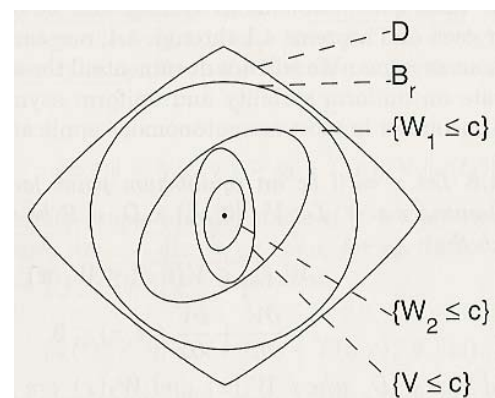


- Hence, the solution is **bounded** and defined for all $t \geq t_0$.
- Moreover, since $\dot{V} \leq 0$,

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq V(t_0, x(t_0)), \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$
- By **Lemma 4.3**, there exist class \mathcal{K} functions α_1 and α_2 , defined on $[0, r]$, such that

$$\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq W_1(x) \leq$$

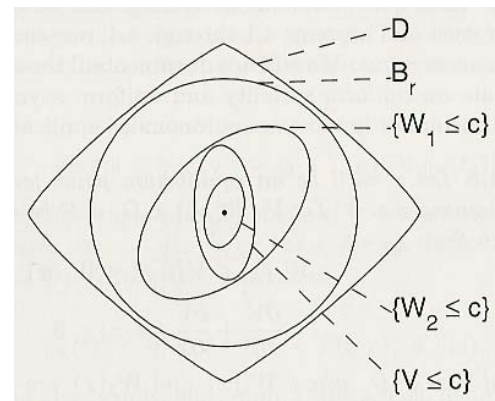
$$V(t, x) \leq W_2(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$$



- Combining the preceding two inequalities, we see that

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(V(t, x(t))) \leq$$

$$\alpha_1^{-1}(V(t_0, x(t_0))) \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|))$$



- Since $\alpha_1^{-1} \circ \alpha_2$ is a class \mathcal{K} function (by Lemma 4.2), the inequality $\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|))$ shows that the origin is **uniformly stable**.
- QED**

Theorem 4.9: U.A.S. & G.U.A.S.

- Theorem 4.9:**
- Suppose the assumptions of **Theorem 4.8** are satisfied with **strengthened inequality**:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq -W_3(x)$$

$\forall t \geq 0$ and $\forall x \in D$,

where $W_3(x)$ is a **continuous P.D.** func on D .

- Then, $x = 0$ is **uniformly asymptotically stable**.

- Moreover, if r and c are chosen such that $B_r = \{\|x\| \leq r\} \subset D$ & $c < \min_{\|x\|=r} W_1(x)$, then every trajectory starting in $\{x \in B_r \mid W_2(x) \leq c\}$ satisfies

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|), t - t_0, \forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$$

for some class \mathcal{KL} function β .

- Finally, if $D = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $W_1(x)$ is radially unbounded, then $x = 0$ is globally uniformly asymptotically stable.

- **Proof:**
- Continuing with the proof of Thm 4.8, we know that trajectories starting in $\{x \in B_r \mid W_2(x) \leq c\}$ stay in $\{x \in B_r \mid W_1(x) \leq c\}$ for all $t \geq t_0$.

- By Lemma 4.3, there exists a class \mathcal{K} function α_3 , defined on $[0, r]$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t, x) &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \\ &\leq -W_3(x) \\ &\leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|) \end{aligned}$$

- Using the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} V \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|) &\iff \alpha_2^{-1}(V) \leq \|x\| \iff \\ &\alpha_3(\alpha_2^{-1}(V)) \leq \alpha_3(\|x\|) \end{aligned}$$

- We see that
 V satisfies the differential inequality

$$\dot{V} \leq -\alpha_3(\alpha_2^{-1}(V)) \triangleq -\alpha(V)$$

where $\alpha = \alpha_3 \circ \alpha_2^{-1}$ is a class \mathcal{K} function defined on $[0, r]$. (See Lemma 4.2.)

- Assume, without loss of generality, that α is locally Lipschitz.
- Let $y(t)$ satisfy the autonomous equation

$$\dot{y} = -\alpha(y), \quad y(t_0) = V(t_0, x(t_0)) \geq 0$$

- By (the comparison) Lemma 3.4,

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq y(t), \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

- By Lemma 4.4,
 there exists a class \mathcal{KL} function $\sigma(r, s)$
 defined on $[0, r] \times [0, \infty]$ such that

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq \sigma(V(t_0, x(t_0)), t - t_0),$$

$$\forall V(t_0, x(t_0)) \in [0, c]$$

- Therefore, any solution starting in
 $\{x \in B_r \mid W_2(x) \leq c\}$ satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|x(t)\| &\leq \alpha_1^{-1}(V(t, x(t))) \\ &\leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\sigma(V(t_0, x(t_0)), t - t_0)) \\ &\leq \alpha_1^{-1}(\sigma(\alpha_2(\|x(t_0)\|), t - t_0)) \\ &\triangleq \beta(\|x(t_0)\|, t - t_0) \end{aligned}$$

- Lemma 4.2 shows that β is a class \mathcal{KL} function.
- Thus, inequality (4.20) is satisfied, which implies that $x = 0$ is uniformly asymptotically stable.

- If $D = R^n$, the functions α_1, α_2 , and α_3 are defined on $[0, \infty)$.
- Hence, α , and consequently β , are independent of c .
- As $W_1(x)$ is radially unbounded, c can be chosen arbitrarily large to include any initial state in $\{W_2(x) \leq c\}$.
- Thus, (4.20) holds for any initial state, showing that the origin is globally uniformly asymptotically stable.
- QED

- A function $V(t, x)$ is said to be
 - **positive semidefinite**
if $V(t, x) \geq 0$,
 - **positive definite**
if $V(t, x) \geq W_1(x)$
for some **positive definite** function $W_1(x)$,
 - **radially unbounded**
if $W_1(x)$ is so,
 - **decescent**
if $V(t, x) \leq W_2(x)$.
 - **neqative definite (semidefinite)**
if $-V(t, x)$ is **positive definite (semidefinite)**.

- Therefore, Theorems 4.8 and 4.9 say that the origin is
 - **uniformly stable**
if there is a **continuously differentiable, PD, decescent** function $V(t, x)$,
whose **derivative along the trajectories** of the system
is **neqative semidefinite**.
 - **uniformly asymptototically stable**
if the **derivative** is **neqative definite**, and
 - **globally uniformly asymptotically stable**
if the conditions
for **uniform asymptotic stability**
hold **globally**
with a **radially unbounded** $V(t, x)$.

- **Theorem 4.10:**
- Let $x = 0$ be an E.P. for (4.15) and $D \subset R^n$ be a domain containing $x = 0$.
- Let $V : [0, \infty) \times D \rightarrow R$ be a continuously differentiable function s.t.

$$k_1 \|x\|^a \leq V(t, x) \leq k_2 \|x\|^a \quad (4.25)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq -k_3 \|x\|^a \quad (4.26)$$

$\forall t \geq 0$ and $\forall x \in D$,

where k_1, k_2, k_3 , and a are + constants.

- Then, $x = 0$ is **exponentially stable**.
- If the assumptions hold **globally**, then $x = 0$ is **globally exponentially stable**.

- **Proof:**
- With the help of Figure 4.7, it can be seen that for sufficiently small c , **trajectories** starting in $\{k_2 \|x\|^a \leq c\}$, remain **bounded** for all $t \geq t_0$.
- Inequalities (4.25) and (4.26) show that V satisfies the differential inequality

$$\dot{V} \leq -\frac{k_3}{k_2} V$$

- By (the **comparison**) Lemma 3.4,

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq V(t_0, x(t_0)) e^{-\left(\frac{k_3}{k_2}\right)(t-t_0)}$$

- Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x(t)\| &\leq \left[\frac{V(t, x(t))}{k_1} \right]^{1/a} \\ &\leq \left[\frac{V(t_0, x(t_0)) e^{-(k_3/k_2)(t-t_0)}}{k_1} \right]^{1/a} \\ &\leq \left[\frac{k_2 \|x(t_0)\|^a e^{-(k_3/k_2)(t-t_0)}}{k_1} \right]^{1/a} \\ &= \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1} \right)^{1/a} \|x(t_0)\| e^{-(k_3/k_2 a)(t-t_0)} \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the origin is **exponentially stable**.
- If all the assumptions hold **globally**, c can be chosen arbitrarily large and the foregoing inequality holds for all $x(t_0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- QED**

Example 4.19: G.U.A.S.

- Example 4.19 :**
- Consider the scalar system

$$\dot{x} = -[1 + g(t)]x^3$$

where $g(t)$ is **continuous** and $g(t) \geq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.

- Using the Lyapunov function candidate

$$V(x) = x^2/2,$$

we obtain

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = -[1 + g(t)]x^4 \leq -x^4,$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall t \geq 0$$

- The assumptions of Theorem 4.9 are satisfied **globally** with $W_1(x) = W_2(x) = V(x)$ and $W_3(x) = x^4$.

- Hence, the **origin** is **globally uniformly asymptotically stable**.

- Example 4.20 :
- Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 - g(t)x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 - x_2\end{aligned}$$

where $g(t)$ is **cont. diff.** and satisfies

$$0 \leq g(t) \leq k \text{ and } \dot{g}(t) \leq g(t), \forall t \geq 0$$

- Taking $V(t, x) = x_1^2 + [1 + g(t)]x_2^2$ as a Lyapunov function candidate, it can be easily seen that

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq V(t, x) \leq x_1^2 + (1 + k)x_2^2, \forall x \in R^2$$

- Hence, $V(t, x)$ is **PD, decreascent,** and **radially unbounded.**

- The **derivative** of V **along the trajectories** of the system is given by

$$\dot{V}(t, x) = -2x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - [2 + 2g(t) - \dot{g}(t)]x_2^2$$

- Using the inequality

$$2 + 2g(t) - \dot{g}(t) \geq 2 + 2g(t) - g(t) \geq 2$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(t, x) &\leq -2x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2^2 \\ &= - \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\triangleq -x^T Q x\end{aligned}$$

where Q is **PD**; therefore, $\dot{V}(t, x)$ is **ND**.

- Thus, all the assumptions of Thm 4.9 are satisfied **globally** with **PD** quadratic func W_1, W_2 , and W_3 .
- Recalling that a **PD quadratic** function $x^T P x$ satisfies

$$\lambda_{\min}(P)x^T x \leq x^T P x \leq \lambda_{\max}(P)x^T x$$
 we see that the conditions of **Thm 4.10** are satisfied **globally** with $a = 2$.
- Hence, the origin is **globally exponentially stable**.

Example 4.21: G.E.S. of LTV System

- **Example 4.21:**
- The **linear time-varying** system

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x$$
 has an E.P. at $x = 0$.
- Let $A(t)$ be **continuous** for all $t \geq 0$.
- Suppose there is a **cont. diff., sym., bdd, PD** matrix $P(t)$; that is,

$$0 < c_1 I \leq P(t) \leq c_2 I, \forall t \geq 0$$
 which satisfies the matrix diff. eqn (4.28)

$$-\dot{P}(t) = P(t)A(t) + A^T(t)P(t) + Q(t)$$
 where $Q(t)$ is **cont., sym., and PD**; that is,

$$Q(t) \geq c_3 I > 0, \forall t \geq 0$$

- The Lyapunov function candidate

$$V(t, x) = x^T P(t)x$$

satisfies

$$c_1 \|x\|_2^2 \leq V(t, x) \leq c_2 \|x\|_2^2$$

and its derivative along the trajectories of the system (4.27) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(t, x) &= x^T \dot{P}(t)x + x^T P(t)\dot{x} + \dot{x}^T P(t)x \\ &= x^T [\dot{P}(t) + P(t)A(t) + A^T(t)P(t)]x \\ &= -x^T Q(t)x \\ &\leq -c_3 \|x\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

- Thus, all the assumptions of Thm 4.10 are satisfied globally with $a = 2$, and we conclude that the origin is globally exponentially stable.