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Lecture 5

Stability

Topics to be covered include:

Introduction.

- Input-Output Stability of LTI systems.
- Internal Stability.
- Lyapunov Theorem.
- Stability of Linear Time-Varying(LTV) Systems

What you will learn after studying this section

- Input-output stability (BIBO)
- Input-output stable systems
- Internal stability(in the sense of Lyapunov and asymptotic)
- Marginal and asymptotic stability conditions
- Internal stability by Lyapunov equation
- Stability analysis for LTV state equation

Introduction

Linear System property

The total response of a linear system, can be expressed as the sum of the zero-state response and the zero-input response.

$$y_{total}(t) = y_{zs}(t) + y_{zi}(t)$$

1. Input-output stability of linear systems is known as **BIBO** (bounded input-bounded output) stability, and it is concerned with the zero-state response.

2. Internal stability of linear systems is known as **asymptotic stability**, and it is concerned with the zero-input response.

Input output relation for LTI systems

$$y(t) = \int_0^t g(t-\tau)u(\tau)d\tau = \int_0^t g(\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau \qquad (I)$$

Definition 1: A linear system is BIBO (bounded input-bounded output) stable if any bounded input leads to a bounded output. This stability concerns the zero-state response and assumes that the system is initially relaxed.

Theorem 1: A SISO system defined by Equation I is BIBO stable if and only if its impulse response is absolutely integrable, i.e., $\int_0^\infty |g(t)| dt \le M < \infty$

Where M is a positive constant number.

Proof: It is evident that to prove the theorem, both sides must be shown.

g(t) is absolutely integrable \Rightarrow system is BIBO stable system is BIBO stable \Rightarrow g(t) is absolutely integrable

First, we prove the first part.

Let g(t) be absolutely integrable. We need to show that the system is BIBO stable, which requires demonstrating that any bounded input leads to a bounded output. Let u_m be the upper bound of the input. Then,

$$y(t) = \left| \int_0^t g(\tau) u(t-\tau) d\tau \right| \leq \int_0^\infty |g(\tau)| |u(t-\tau)| d\tau \leq u_m \int_0^\infty |g(\tau)| d\tau \leq u_m M$$

So, output is bounded.

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system is BIBO stable \Rightarrow g(t) is absolutely integrable

Now, we prove the second part.

Let the system be BIBO stable. We need to show that g(t) is absolutely integrable. We will use the method of contradiction. Assume g(t) is not absolutely integrable. Then, for any large M, there exists a time t_1 such that:

Choose a bounded input as:

$$\int_{0}^{1} |g(\tau)| d\tau > M$$

$$u(t-\tau) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } g(\tau) \ge 0\\ -1 & \text{if } g(\tau) < 0 \end{cases}$$

The output is:

$$y(t_1) = \int_0^{t_1} g(\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau = \int_0^{t_1} |g(\tau)|d\tau > M$$
 because the output must
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Does an absolutely integrable impulse response imply a bounded impulse response?

Example 1

$$f(t-n) = \begin{cases} n+(t-n)n^4 & \text{for } n-1/n^3 \le t \le n \\ n-(t-n)n^4 & \text{for } n < t \le n+1/n^3 \end{cases} \quad n \in N, \ n \ge 2$$

Area under any triangle is: $1/n^2$

Integral of the absolute value of the function:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) < \infty$$



f(t) is absolutely integrable but not bounded.

Theorem 2: If a system with impulse response g(t) is BIBO (Bounded Input, Bounded Output) stable, then for $t \rightarrow \infty$ 1- The output stimulated by u(t) = a for $t \ge 0$ approaches $\hat{g}(0)a$. 2- The output stimulated to $u(t) = \sin \omega_0 t$ for $t \ge 0$ approaches $\hat{g}(j\omega_0)\sin(\omega_0 t + \langle \hat{g}(j\omega_0) \rangle)$, where $\hat{g}(s)$ is the Laplace transform of g(t), i.e.

$$\hat{g}(s) = \int_0^\infty g(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau \quad (\text{II})$$

Proof of 1)

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\tau)u(t-\tau)d\tau = a \int_{0}^{1} g(\tau)d\tau$$

According to Laplace transform definition at s=0:

$$y(t) \to a \int_{0}^{\infty} g(\tau) d\tau = a \hat{g}(0)$$

Proof of 2)

For the output stimulated to $u(t) = \sin \omega_0 t$ for $t \ge 0$, the output is:

 $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} g(\tau) \sin \omega_0 (t-\tau) d\tau = \int_{0}^{t} g(\tau) [\sin \omega_0 t \cos \omega_0 \tau - \cos \omega_0 t \sin \omega_0 \tau] d\tau$

 $= \sin \omega_0 t \int_0^t g(\tau) \cos \omega_0 \tau d\tau - \cos \omega_0 t \int_0^t g(\tau) \sin \omega_0 \tau d\tau$ For $t \to \infty$ we have:

 $y(t) \rightarrow \sin \omega_0 t \int_0^\infty g(\tau) \cos \omega_0 \tau d\tau - \cos \omega_0 t \int_0^\infty g(\tau) \sin \omega_0 \tau d\tau$ Since the system is BIBO stable two integrals are bounded and: $\hat{g}(j\omega) = \int_0^\infty g(\tau) [\cos \omega \tau - j \sin \omega \tau] d\tau$ $Re[\hat{g}(j\omega)] = \int_0^\infty g(\tau) \cos \omega \tau d\tau$ $Im[\hat{g}(j\omega)] = -\int_0^\infty g(\tau) \sin \omega \tau d\tau$

By substituting the real and imaginary parts into the equation, we have: $y(t) \rightarrow \sin \omega_0 t \operatorname{Re}(\hat{g}(j\omega_0) + \cos \omega_0 t \operatorname{Im}(\hat{g}(j\omega_0)) = |\hat{g}(j\omega_0)| \sin(\omega_0 t + \angle \hat{g}(j\omega_0))$

Theorem 3: An SISO system with proper real rational $\hat{g}(s)$ is BIBO stable if and only if all poles of $\hat{g}(s)$ have negative real parts; in other words, all poles must lie in the left half of the sss-plane.

If $\hat{g}(s)$ has poles p_i with a multiplicity of m_i , its partial fraction expansion will include the following terms.

$$\frac{1}{s-p_i}, \frac{1}{(s-p_i)^2}, \dots, \frac{1}{(s-p_i)^{m_i}}$$

So, the inverse Laplace of $\hat{g}(s)$ is:

$$e^{p_it}, te^{p_it}, ..., t^{m_{i-1}}e^{p_it}$$

It can be shown that all of this terms are absolutely integrable if and only if p_i has negative real part. 11

Example 2: Check BIBO stability of system.



$$g(t) = a\delta(t-1) + a^{2}\delta(t-2) + a^{3}\delta(t-3) + \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a^{i}\delta(t-i)$$

$$|g(t)| = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a^i| \delta(t-i)$$

$$\int_0^\infty |g(t)| \, dt = \sum_{i=1}^\infty |a|^i = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } |a| \ge 1\\ |a|/(1-|a|) < \infty & \text{if } |a| < 1 \end{cases}$$

So it is BIBO stable for |a| < 1.

Its transfer function is given as follows, but BIBO stability cannot be determined from it because

$$\hat{g}(s) = \frac{ae^{-s}}{1 - ae^{-s}}$$

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Theorem 4: A MIMO system described with impulse response $G(t) = [g_{ij}(t)]$ is BIBO stable if and only if the absolute value of $g_{ij}(t)$ is integrable over $[0,\infty)$.

Theorem 5: A MIMO system described with proper real rational transfer function $G(s) = [g_{ij}(s)]$ is BIBO stable if and only if every pole of each $g_{ij}(t)$ has a negative real part.

Determination of input-output stability of LTI $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ systems using state-space equations.y = Cx + Du

$$G(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D$$
$$G(s) = C\frac{adj(sI - A)}{|sI - A|}B + D$$

So if all eigenvalues of A have negative real parts, then But if

Example 3: Check BIBO stability of the given system.

 $\dot{x}(t) = x(t) + 0 \times u(t)$ y(t) = 0.5x(t) + 0.5u(t)

The matrix A has an eigenvalue of 1. So, its real part is positive.

Transfer function of system is:

$$\hat{g}(s) = 0.5(s-1)^{-1} \times 0 + 0.5 = 0.5$$

The transfer function has no pole so, it is BIBO stable.

Definition 2: The zero input response of $\dot{x} = Ax$ is stable in the sense of Lyapunov (marginal stability) if every bounded initial condition x_0 leads to bounded response. Additionally, if the response approaches zero it is asymptotic stability.

Theorem 6:

1) The equation $\dot{x} = Ax$ is stable in the sense of Lyapunov (marginal stability) if and only if all eigenvalues of A have zero or negative real parts, and those with zero real parts must be simple roots of the minimal polynomial of A.

2) The equation $\dot{x} = Ax$ is asymptotiacally stable if and only if all eigenvalues of A has negative real parts.

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Input output stability of LTI system

Proof of part 1)

$$\overline{x} = Px$$

$$\dot{\overline{x}} = \overline{A}\,\overline{x} = PAP^{-1}\overline{x}$$

So, similarity transformation do not change the stability of a system.

One can check the stability of matrix A by studying matrix \overline{A} , as the eigenvalues of A and \overline{A} are similar.

Since *P* is nonsingular, if *x* is bounded, \overline{x} is also bounded. Additionally, if *x* approaches zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$, \overline{x} also approaches zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = \bar{A}\bar{x} \Rightarrow \bar{x}(t) = e^{\bar{A}t}\bar{x}(0)$$
This response is bounded if and only if every
entry of matrix $e^{\bar{A}t}$ is bounded for all t ≥ 0 .
A: Jordan Form $\xrightarrow{chapter3} e^{\bar{A}t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & te^{\lambda_1 t} & t^2e^{\lambda_1 t}/2! & t^3e^{\lambda_1 t}/3! \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_1 t} & te^{\lambda_1 t} & t^2e^{\lambda_1 t}/2! \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_1 t} & te^{\lambda_1 t} & te^{\lambda_1 t} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_1 t} & te^{\lambda_1 t} & te^{\lambda_1 t} \end{bmatrix}$
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Internal stability of LTI Systems

- If all eigenvalues of \overline{A} have negative real part, then every entry of e^{At} is bounded and approaches zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- If any of eigenvalues of \overline{A} has zero real part, and there is no Jordan block larger than one corresponding to that eigenvalue, then $e^{\overline{A}t}$ will contain a constant or a sinusoid term.
- If there is an eigenvalues of \overline{A} that has a positive real part, then there is a term in $e^{\overline{A}t}$ that approach to infinity as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- If there is an eigenvalues of \overline{A} that has zero real part, and there is Jordan block larger than one corresponding to that eigenvalue, then there is a term in $e^{\overline{A}t}$ that approach to infinity as $t \rightarrow \infty$. **Proof of part 2**)

For asymptotic stability every entry of $e^{\bar{A}t}$ must approaches to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.



Eigenvalues with zero or positive real parts are not permissible.

Internal stability of LTI Systems

Example 4: Check asymptotic and Lyapunov stability of following system. $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x$

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda^2 (\lambda + 1)$$

 $\psi(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda + 1)$

Repeat example 4 for following system

 $\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda^2 (\lambda + 1)$ $\psi(\lambda) = \lambda^2 (\lambda + 1)$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

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Internal stability and input-output stability



Internal stability and input-output stability



The system is not internally stable (neither asymptotic nor Lyapunov stable).

Very important note: If RHP poles and zeros between different part of system omitted then the system is internally unstable although it may be BIBO stable.

BIBO stability of LTV systems

Input-output relationship for a single input-single output linear time-varying system.

$$y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t g(t,\tau)u(\tau)d\tau$$

A linear system is BIBO (bounded input-bounded output) stable if any bounded input leads to a bounded output.

The BIBO stability condition is:

 $\int_{t_0}^t |g(t,\tau)| d\tau \le M < \infty \quad \forall t, t_0 \text{ and } t \ge t_0$ Input-output relationship for a mutivariable linear time-varying system.

$$y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t G(t,\tau)u(\tau)d\tau$$

The BIBO stability condition is that every entry of *G* is absolutely integrable, or:

$$\int_{t_0}^t \|G(t,\tau)\| d\tau \leq M < \infty \quad \forall t, t_0 \text{ and } t \geq t_0$$

BIBO stability of LTV systems

Consider following state space model

 $\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t)$

y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)

Impulse response is:

$$G(t,\tau) = C(t)\Phi(t,\tau)B(\tau) + D(t)\delta(t-\tau)$$

Zero state response is:

 $y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \left(C(t)\Phi(t,\tau)B(\tau) + D(t)\delta(t-\tau) \right) u(\tau)d\tau$

Zero-state response is BIBO stable if and only if there exist M_1 and M_2 such that:

 $\begin{aligned} \int_{t_0}^t \|G(t,\tau)\| d\tau &\leq M_2 < \infty \\ \|D(t)\| &\leq M_1 < \infty \end{aligned} \qquad \forall t, t_0 \text{ and } t \geq t_0 \end{aligned}$

Internal stability of LTV systems

For internal stability we must use \rightarrow

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

Its response is:

$$x(t) = \Phi(t, t_0) x(t_0)$$

The zero-input response of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ is **marginally stable** if any bounded initial condition leads to bounded states.

The zero-input response of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ is **marginally stable** if and only if there exists a bounded constant M such that:

$$\left\|\Phi(t,t_0)\right\| \le M < \infty, \ \forall t,t_0 \ and \ t \ge t_0$$

Internal stability of LTV systems

For internal stability we must use \rightarrow

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

Its response is:

$$x(t) = \Phi(t, t_0) x(t_0)$$

The zero-input response of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ is **asymptotically stable** if any bounded initial condition leads to bounded states that approaches zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

The zero-input response of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ is **asymptotically stable** if there exist bounded constant *M* such that:

$$\|\Phi(t,t_0)\| \le M < \infty, \ \forall t,t_0 \ and \ t \ge t_0$$
$$\|\Phi(t,t_0)\| \to 0 \ as \ t \to \infty$$

Internal stability of LTV systems

Example 6: Check asymptotic and marginal stability of the following system. $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ Characteristic equation: $\Delta(\lambda) = (\lambda + 1)^2$

 $\dot{x} = A(t)x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & e^{2t} \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x$

For all t there are two eigenvalues at -1.

The state transition matrix is:

$$\Phi(t,0) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & \frac{1}{2}(e^{t} - e^{-t}) \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

It is clear that there is neither marginal stability nor asymptotic stability.

Theorem 7: Marginal stability and asymptotic stability of $\dot{x} = Ax$ doesn't change with Lyapunov similarity transformation.

Exercise 1: Is the following system BIBO stable? If not, find a bounded input that leads to an unbounded output.



Exercise 2: Is the system with impulse response $g(t) = \frac{1}{1+t}$ BIBO stable? What can you say about $g(t) = te^{-t}$

Exercise 3: Consider $g(s) = \frac{s-2}{s+1}$. Derive the steady-states response to 3u(t) and sint.u(t).

Exercise 4: Is the following system BIBO stable? What about marginal stability? What about asymptotic stability?

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} x - 2u$$

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Exercise 5: Is following the homogenous systems marginally stable? What about asymptotic stability?

a)
$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$
 b) $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$

Exercise 6: Does the system with impulse response $g(t,\tau) = e^{-2(|t|-|\tau|)}$ BIBO stable? What can you say about $g(t,\tau) = sinte^{-(t-\tau)}cos\tau$.

Exercise 7: Is the following LTV system BIBO stable? What about marginal stability? What about asymptotic stability?

$$\dot{x} = 2tx + u \qquad y = e^{-t^2}x$$

Exercise 8: Consider the following system.

$$\dot{x} = 2tx + u \qquad y = e^{-t^2}x$$

Show that the transformation $P(t) = e^{-t^2}$ changes the system to the following: $\dot{\hat{x}} = 0.\hat{x} + e^{-t^2}u$ $y = \hat{x}$

Is the new system BIBO stable? What about marginal stability? What about asymptotic stability?

Exercise 9: Is following the homogenous system marginally stable for for $t_0 \ge 0$? What about asymptotic stability?

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -e^{-3t} & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$

Exercise 10: Consider the following system.(Final 2014)

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} x$$

a) Check the asymptotic stability of the system.b) Check the marginal stability of the system.c) Check The BIBO stability of system.

Answers to selected problems

Answer 1: It is not BIBO stable since $u(t) = \sin t \rightarrow y(t) = 0.5t \sin t$ Answer 2: No, Yes Answer 3: $y(t) \rightarrow 1.26 \sin(2t+1.25)$ and $y(t) \rightarrow -6$ Answer 5: It is not asymptotically sable. It is marginally stable. Answer 6: It is not asymptotically sable and it is not marginally stable.