

Benchmark Examples - Stability of Nonlinear ODE's

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1 Examples

In this section, eight examples will be presented, for which we computed set Lyapunov functions using the method described in this paper. Here the target region TR is the set $\{x \in B : |x_i - \bar{x}_i| < \delta, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$, where B is a given box containing the equilibrium \bar{x} , and $\delta > 0$ is a arbitrarily given constant.

Example 1 *A simplified model of a chemical oscillator [2].*

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = 0.5 - x_1 + x_1^2 x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = 0.5 - x_1^2 x_2 \end{cases}$$

The equilibrium is $(1, 0.5)$. Let $V(x_1, x_2) = ax_1^2 + bx_1 + cx_1x_2 + dx_2 + ex_2^2 + f$, then $\dot{V}(u, v) = 2ax_1^3x_2 + (c - 2e)x_1^2x_2^2 - cx_1^3x_2 + bx_1^2x_2 - dx_1x_2^2 - 2ax_1^2 - cx_1x_2 + (a - b + 0.5c)x_1 + (0.5c + e)x_2 + 0.5b + 0.5d$.

Choosing $B = [0.8, 1.2] \times [0.3, 0.7]$, $\delta = 0.01$ and $\varepsilon = 0.0001$, we get a targetted Lyapunov function $V(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 38.7436111112000034x_2 - x_2^2$.

Example 2 *This is the well-known Van-der-pol equation:*

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 - (1 - x_1^2)x_2 \end{cases}$$

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Let $V(x_1, x_2) = ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2$, then $\dot{V}(x_1, x_2) = (-2a - b + 2c)x_1x_2 + bx_1^2 + (-b - 2c)x_2^2 + bx_1^3x_2 + 2cx_1^2x_2^2$.

Choosing $B = [-0.8, 0.8] \times [-0.8, 0.8]$, $\delta = 0.1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.0001$, we get a set Lyapunov function $V(x_1, x_2) = 0.0533235085452500035x_1^2 - 0.0131336844108999994x_1x_2 + 0.0467566663398000029x_2^2$.

Example 3 An example from [1]:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = 0.1x_1 - 2x_2 - x_1^2 - 0.1x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

Let $V(x_1, x_2) = ax_1^2 + bx_2^2$, then $\dot{V}(x_1, x_2) = -2ax_1^2 + (2a + 0.2b)x_1x_2 - 4bx_2^2 - 2bx_1^2x_2 - 0.2bx_1^3x_2$.

If we choose $B = [-0.8, 0.8] \times [-0.8, 0.8]$, $\delta = 0.1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.0001$, we get a set Lyapunov function $V(x_1, x_2) = 1.00000000000099988x_1^2 + 1.65129556434000025x_2^2$.

Example 4 An example from a Chinese textbook on ODEs:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -4x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x \\ \dot{y} = -2y \end{cases}$$

Let $V(x, y) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dy^2$, then $\dot{V}(x, y) = -16ax^6 + (24a - 12b)x^5 + (-8a + 18b - 8c)x^4 + (-6b + 12c)x^3 - 4cx^2 - 4dy^2$.

If we choose $B = [-0.4, 0.4] \times [-0.4, 0.4]$, $\delta = 0.1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.000001$, we get a set Lyapunov function $V(x, y) = 1.00000000000250000x^4 + 0.571428571430000032x^3 + 0.285714285715000016x^2 + 1.52556785714249998y^2$.

Example 5 An example from [3] whose Lyapunov function has been constructed using the sum of squares decomposition:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x + (1 + x)y \\ \dot{y} = -(1 + x)x \end{cases}$$

Let $V(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dy^3 + ex^4 + fx^2y^2 + gy^4$, then $\dot{V}(x, y) = (-2a - b)x^2 + (2a - b - 2c)xy + by^2 - bx^3 + (2a - 2c)x^2y + (b - 3d)xy^2 + (-4e)x^4 + (4e - 2f)x^3y + (-3d - 2f)x^2y^2 + (2f - 4g)xy^3 + (4e - 2f)x^4y + (2f - 4g)x^2y^3$.

If we choose $B = [-0.7, 0.9] \times [-0.7, 0.9]$, $\delta = 0.1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.0001$, we get a set Lyapunov function $V(x, y) = 1.00719424460431672x^2 - 0.0143884892086333319xy + 1.01438848920861679y^2 - 0.00479616306954444398y^3 - 0.0107913669064749994x^4 + 0.0215827338129499988x^2y^2 + 0.0107913669064749994y^4$.

Example 6 A three-dimensional example from [5]:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 = -x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

Let $V(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2 + dx_1x_2 + ex_1x_3 + fx_2x_3$, then $\dot{V}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-d + e)x_1^2 - 2fx_2^2 + (-2c - f)x_3^2 + (-2a - 2e - f)x_1x_2 + (-2c - d - e)x_1x_3 + (-2b - e - f)x_2x_3 + 2cx_1^3x_3 + ex_1^4 + fx_1^3x_2$.

If we choose $B = [-0.2, 0.2] \times [-0.2, 0.2] \times [-0.2, 0.2]$, $\delta = 0.1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.0001$, we get a set Lyapunov function $V(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 1.23090731070160020x_1^2 + 0.597421671016600042x_2^2 + 0.766971279374999981x_3^2 - 0.266971279379999870x_1x_2 - 1.26697127937000009x_1x_3 + 0.0721279373367999937x_2x_3$.

Example 7 An example from a Chinese textbook on ODEs:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x - 3y + 2z + yz \\ \dot{y} = 3x - y - z + xz \\ \dot{z} = -2x + y - z + xy \end{cases}$$

Let $V(x, y, z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$, then $\dot{V}(x, y, z) = -2ax^2 - 2by^2 - 2cz^2 + (-6a + 6b)xy + (4a - 4c)xz + (-2b + 2c)yz + (2a + 2b + 2c)xyz$

If we choose $B = [-0.4, 0.4] \times [-0.4, 0.4] \times [-0.4, 0.4]$, $\delta = 0.1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.0001$, we get a set Lyapunov function $V(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.

Example 8 A six-dimensional system from [2]:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + 4x_2^3 - 6x_3x_4 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2 + x_5^3 \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_1x_4 - x_3 + x_4x_6 \\ \dot{x}_4 = x_1x_3 + x_3x_6 - x_4^3 \\ \dot{x}_5 = -2x_2^3 - x_5 + x_6 \\ \dot{x}_6 = -3x_3x_4 - x_5^3 - x_6 \end{cases}$$

Let $V(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = ax_1^2 + bx_2^4 + cx_3^2 + dx_4^2 + ex_5^4 + fx_6^2$, then $\dot{V}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = -2ax_1^4 - 4bx_2^4 - 2cx_3^4 - 2dx_4^4 - 4ex_5^2 - 2fx_6^2 + (8a - 4b)x_1x_2^3 + (-12a + 2c + 2d)x_1x_3x_4 + (4b - 8e)x_2^3x_5^3 + (2c + 2d - 6f)x_3x_4x_6 + (4e - 2f)x_5^3x_6$.

Choosing $B = [-0.8, 0.8] \times \dots \times [-0.8, 0.8]$, $\delta = 0.1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.0001$, we can get a set Lyapunov function $V(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^4 + 5.5x_3^2 + 0.5x_4^2 + x_5^4 + 2x_6^2$.

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