

Lyapunov functions for input-to-state stability of infinite-dimensional systems with integrable inputs

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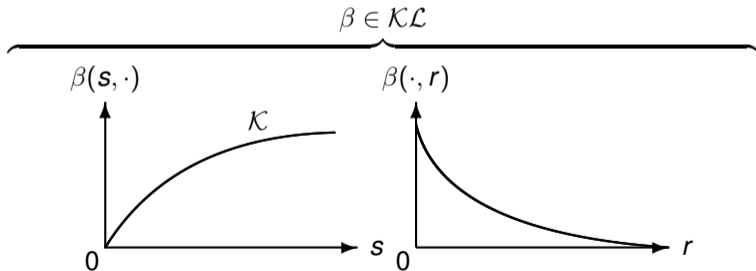
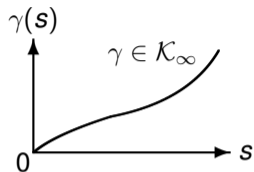
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Examples

- Ordinary differential equations
- Evolution Partial differential equations with Lipschitz nonlinearities
- Broad classes of boundary control systems
- Time-delay systems
- Heterogeneous systems with distinct components

Comparison functions



Input-to-state stability

Definition (Sontag, 1989, for ODEs)

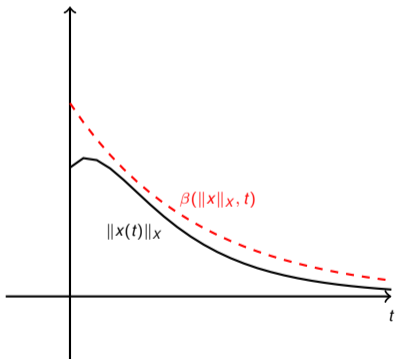
$$\text{ISS} \quad :\Leftrightarrow \quad \|x(t)\|_X \leq \beta(\|x\|_X, t) + \gamma(\|u\|_U), \quad \forall x, t, u.$$

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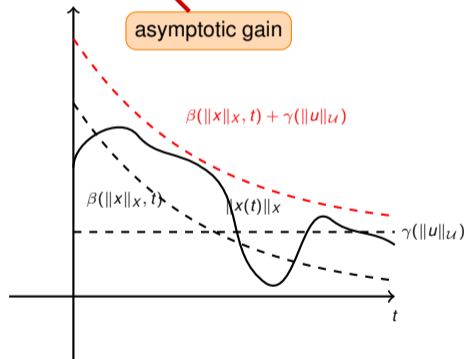
decreasing to 0 in t

$\gamma(0) = 0$, increasing

asymptotic gain



(a) $u \equiv 0$



(b) $u \neq 0$

Why ISS?

- 1 Unified theory of internal and external stability
- 2 Robust control & observation of nonlinear systems
- 3 Analysis & control of nonlinear networks
- 4 ...

- For ODEs and delay systems the usual choice is $\mathcal{U} := L_\infty(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathcal{U})$.
- For PDEs $\mathcal{U} := L_p(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathcal{U})$ is of interest as well.

For a survey for a broad literature on ISS we refer to

- Sontag. *Input to state stability: basic concepts and results*. In Nonlinear and Optimal Control Theory, chapter 3, 2008.
- M., Prieur. *Input-to-state stability of infinite-dimensional systems: recent results and open questions*. To appear in SIAM Review, 2020.

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Direct coercive and non-coercive ISS Lyapunov theorems

- Dashkovskiy, M. *Input-to-state stability of infinite-dimensional control systems*, MCSS, 2013.
- Jacob, M., Partington, Wirth. *Non-coercive Lyapunov functions for input-to-state stability of infinite-dimensional systems*. Submitted to SICON, 2019.
- Zheng, Zhu. *Input-to-state stability with respect to boundary disturbances for a class of semi-linear parabolic equations*. Automatica, 2018.
- Prieur, Mazenc. *ISS Lyapunov functions for time-varying hyperbolic systems of balance laws*. MCSS, 2012.

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Why non-coercive ISS Lyapunov functions?

- Classical constructions of Lyapunov functions often lead to non-coercive ones
- **There are PDEs with boundary controls (as a heat equation with Dirichlet inputs), for which only non-coercive ISS Lyapunov functions are known.**

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As $\inf_{\tau \geq 0} \|u_\tau\|_{\mathcal{U}} = 0$ for all $u \in L_p(\mathbb{R}_+, U)$, by previous lemma V satisfies

$$\dot{V}_u(x) \leq -\alpha(\|x\|_X), \quad u \in L_p(\mathbb{R}_+, U),$$

which is a too strong property.

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Other definition of an ISS Lyapunov function for L_p -spaces is needed.

Definition (L_p -ISS Lyapunov function)

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Direct coercive L_p -ISS Lyapunov theorem

Theorem (Direct coercive L_p -ISS Lyapunov theorem (M., IFAC WC 2020))

Let:

- $\mathcal{U} := L_{p,loc}(\mathbb{R}_+, U)$, where $p \in [1, +\infty)$ and U is a normed linear space.
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- ϕ is continuous w.r.t. inputs (in \mathcal{U} -norm).

Let V be an L_p -ISS Lyapunov function for Σ with $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$.

Then:

- Σ is L_q -ISS for all $q \in [p, +\infty)$.
- For each $z \geq 0$ the map $V_z : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, defined by

$$V_z(x) = \int_0^{V(x)} (\alpha(s))^z ds, \quad x \in X,$$

is an $L_{(z+1)p}$ -ISS Lyapunov function for Σ .

Definition

Let $\Sigma = (X, \mathcal{U}, \phi)$ be given.

- We call $0 \in X$ an **equilibrium point** (of the undisturbed system) if $\phi(t, 0, 0) = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.
- We say Σ has the **CEP property**, if 0 is an equilibrium and for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and for any $h > 0$ there exists a $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, h) > 0$, so that

$$t \in [0, h], \|x\|_X \leq \delta, \|u\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq \delta \Rightarrow \|\phi(t, x, u)\|_X \leq \varepsilon. \quad (1)$$

- Σ has **bounded reachability sets (BRS)**, if:

$$C > 0, \tau > 0 \Rightarrow \sup_{\|x\|_X \leq C, \|u\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq C, t \in [0, \tau]} \|\phi(t, x, u)\|_X < \infty.$$

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- for some $q \geq p$ the system Σ is L_q -BRS and L_q -CEP.
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\exists a non-coercive L_p -ISS Lyapunov function for $\Sigma \Rightarrow \Sigma$ is L_r -ISS for all $r \geq q$.

Proof relies deeply on [characterizations of ISS for infinite-dimensional systems](#), obtained in

- M. *Local input-to-state stability: Characterizations and counterexamples*. Sys. & Con. Lett., 2016.
- M., Wirth. *Characterizations of input-to-state stability for infinite-dimensional systems*. IEEE TAC, 2018.

Benchmark: Heat equation with Dirichlet boundary input

For $\mu > 0$, consider the following equation

$$x_t(t, z) = \mu x_{zz}(t, z), \quad (2)$$

subject to Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$x(t, 0) = u(t), \quad x(t, 1) = 0, \quad t > 0. \quad (3)$$

This system is ISS for $X := L_2(0, 1)$ and $\mathcal{U} := L_\infty(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$, as shown via:

✓ Admissibility approach

- Jacob, Nabiullin, Partington, Schwenninger. *Infinite-dimensional input-to-state stability and Orlicz spaces*. SICON, 2018.

✓ Spectral analysis

- Karafyllis, Krstic. *ISS with respect to boundary disturbances for 1-D parabolic PDEs*. IEEE TAC, 2016.

✓ Monotonicity methods

- M., Karafyllis, Krstic. *Monotonicity methods for input-to-state stability of nonlinear parabolic PDEs with boundary disturbances*. SICON, 2019.

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We are going to show that $V : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defined by

$$V(x) := \int_0^1 zx^2(z) dz$$

is a non-coercive L_2 -ISS Lyapunov function for (2)-(3).

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We have shown

- $V(x) := \int_0^1 zx^2(z)dz$ is a non-coercive L_2 -ISS Lyapunov function for (4)-(5).

At the same time:

- No coercive ISS Lyapunov functions are known.
- However, (4)-(5) is not L_2 -ISS, as follows from admissibility analysis of (4)-(5).
- L_q -BRS and L_q -CEP properties are valid only for a certain $q \in (2, +\infty)$.
- Only for $s \geq q$ we get L_s -ISS.
- Still, existence of a non-coercive L_2 -ISS Lyapunov function indicates, that some stability properties are retained also for L_2 -norm, provided the input is smooth enough.

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