

## Common Lyapunov Functions

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Liberzon and Morse, 1999.

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## Today's lecture

- Chattering and Sliding modes
- Common Lyapunov functions for specific classes of switched linear systems
  - Commuting system matrices
  - Upper-triangular system matrices
  - Two-dimensional system matrices
- Control design for stability
  - Introduction

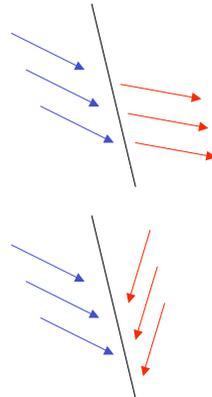
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## Sliding Modes

- Implicit assumption that piecewise-linear dynamics do not chatter
- However, attractive 'sliding modes' are possible
- Proving stability of a sliding mode is more difficult, but still possible
- Can also be formulated as LMI constraint
- Detection of sliding modes



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## Sliding Modes

- Requires extension of solution in the sense of Filippov
- (Solution lies within convex hull of dynamics)
- Define a 'sliding surface' of width  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$
- Show decreasing Lyapunov function along sliding surface

Example #3:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x \quad \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

$x_1 = 0$

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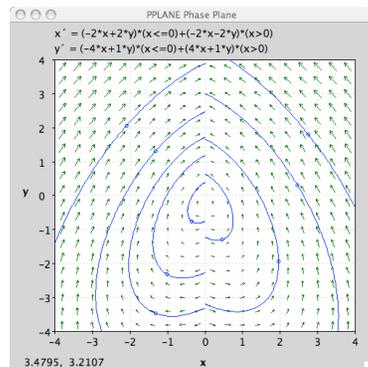


# Sliding Modes

- Trajectories appear to 'stop' in pplane
- Integration not possible.

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x \quad x_1 \leq 0$$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x \quad x_1 \geq 0$$



# Sliding Modes

- Midterm Problem #3

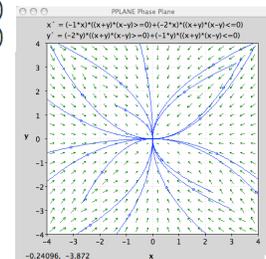
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$$\text{Dom} = (q_1, \{x \mid (x_1 + x_2)(x_1 - x_2) \geq 0\}) \cup (q_2, \{x \mid (x_1 + x_2)(x_1 - x_2) \leq 0\}),$$

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$$R(q_2, \{x \mid (x_1 + x_2)(x_1 - x_2) \geq 0\}) = (q_1, x)$$

- Hybrid system is stable
- No chattering occurs



# Sliding Modes

- REVISED Midterm Problem #3

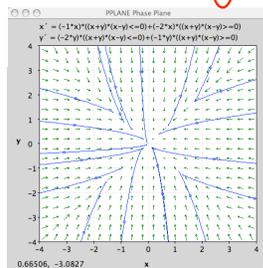
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- Note change in domain and transition function
- Hybrid system is stable, assuming sol'n in the sense of Filippov
- Chattering DOES occur
- Trajectories get 'stuck' at  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $x_1 = -x_2$



# Common Lyapunov Functions

- So far
  - Quadratic Common Lyapunov function for switched linear systems
- Goal: Identify specific classes of systems for which common Lyapunov functions exist
- Arbitrarily switched linear systems with:
  - Commuting system matrices
  - Upper-triangular system matrices
  - Two-dimensional system matrices



## Commuting system matrices

- Consider a two-mode system for which

$$A_1 A_2 = A_2 A_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{A_1} e^{A_2} &= e^{A_1 + A_2} \\ e^{A_1 \tau} e^{A_2 \rho} &= e^{A_2 \rho A_1 \tau} \end{aligned}$$

- Label time intervals in mode 1, mode 2 by  $\rho_i, \tau_i$ , respectively.
- The state trajectory after  $2n$  mode transitions at some time  $t$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{A_2 \tau_n} e^{A_1 \rho_n} \dots e^{A_2 \tau_2} e^{A_1 \rho_2} e^{A_2 \tau_1} e^{A_1 \rho_1} \cdot x(0) \\ &= e^{A_2 \tau_n} \dots e^{A_2 \tau_1} \cdot e^{A_1 \rho_n} \dots e^{A_1 \rho_1} \cdot x(0) \\ &= e^{A_2(\tau_n + \dots + \tau_1)} \cdot e^{A_1(\rho_n + \dots + \rho_1)} \cdot x(0) \end{aligned}$$

- And as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\sum_i \tau_i \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\sum_i \rho_i \rightarrow \infty$
- Therefore  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$



## Commuting system matrices

- Theorem:**

If a switched linear system

$$\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}$$

has system matrices  $A_i$  that commute and are Hurwitz, then the arbitrarily switched linear system is stable.

- A quadratic Common Lyapunov Function is

$$V(x) = x^T P_m x, \quad \text{where } m = |\mathcal{I}|, \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -I &= A_1^T P_1 + P_1 A_1 \\ -P_{i-1} &= A_i^T P_i + P_i A_i \\ &\vdots \\ -P_{m-1} &= A_m^T P_m + P_m A_m \end{aligned}$$



## Commuting system matrices

- Example:

$$\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

- Check:  $A_1 A_2 = A_2 A_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- And  $\text{eig}(A_1) = \{-1, -2\}$ ,  $\text{eig}(A_2) = \{-2, -1\}$  (both are Hurwitz)
- Diagonal matrices commute.**
- What other classes of matrices commute?



## Upper-tri. system matrices

- Theorem:**

If a switched linear system

$$\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}$$

has system matrices  $A_i$  that are upper-triangular and are Hurwitz, then the arbitrarily switched linear system is exponentially stable.

- (Proof: Solvable Lie Algebras all have transformations to upper-triangular form. Switched systems with solvable Lie Algebras and Hurwitz system matrices are exponentially stable.)



## Upper-tri. system matrices

- Example:

$$\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Eig( $A_1$ ) = {-1, -3}
- Eig( $A_2$ ) = {-2, -4}



## Two-dim. two-mode system

- Theorem:**

A two-dimensional, two-mode arbitrarily switched linear system

$$\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$

is asymptotically stable **if and only if** all pair-wise convex combinations of

$$A_1, A_2, A_1^{-1}, A_2^{-1}$$

are Hurwitz.

- Related Theorem:

If a switched system is asymptotically stable, then all convex combinations of all subsystem pairs are globally asymptotically stable.

- Recall that a convex combination of two matrices,  $A, B$  is

$$\alpha A + (1 - \alpha)B, \quad \alpha \in [0, 1]$$



## Common similarity transf.

- Theorem:**

If for a switched linear system

$$\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}$$

with system matrices  $A_i$  that are Hurwitz, and

there exists a common nonsingular matrix  $T$  such that the matrices

$$\tilde{A}_i = T^{-1} A_i T$$

are upper-triangular, then the arbitrarily switched linear system is exponentially stable.

- A quadratic Common Lyapunov Function is

$$V(z) = z^T P z, \quad P \triangleq T^{-T} P T^{-1}$$

for which the transformed coordinates in each mode are

$$z = T x$$



## Common similarity transf.

- Note that if  $A$  and  $B$  are diagonalizable, they share the same eigenvector matrix  $T$  **if and only if**  $AB=BA$ .
- Note that a diagonal matrix  $\Lambda_i = T^{-1} A_i T$  is also upper-triangular.



# Introduction to Hybrid Control

- **Problem 1:**
- Given a switched linear system with Hurwitz matrices, what are the classes of switching signals for which the switched system is stable? (Systems for which a common Lyapunov function does not exist)
  - Dwell times
  - Slow switching
- **Problem 2:**
- Given a switched linear system with NO Hurwitz matrices, construct a switching signal that stabilizes the switched system. (Systems which contain a stable subsystem can be solved trivially)
  - Existence of a stabilizing switching signal
  - Estimation-based supervisors



# Introduction to Hybrid Control

- **Problem 3:**
- Given a non-autonomous hybrid system, how should the continuous and discrete inputs be chosen to ensure a stable and/or optimal closed-loop hybrid system?
  - Stabilizing model predictive control (MPC)
  - Optimal control of hybrid systems with terminal constraints



# Two-mode switched linear sys.

- **Theorem:**  
There exists a stabilizing switching scheme such that the linear system  $\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$  (with unstable  $A_i$ ) is asymptotically stable **if and only if** there exists  $\alpha$  in  $(0,1)$  such that  $A_{eq} = \alpha A_1 + (1 - \alpha) A_2$  is Hurwitz.
- The piecewise Lyapunov function which proves stability:  
 $V(q, x) = x^T P_{eq} x, \quad A_{eq}^T P_{eq} + P_{eq} A_{eq} = -Q, \quad \text{for some } Q > 0$
- The switching scheme is enforced through the state-space partition given by:  
 $\text{Dom} = \cup_i (q_i, \{x \mid x^T (A_i^T P_{eq} + P_{eq} A_i) x < 0\}) ,$



# Switched linear systems

- **Theorem:**  
If for the switched linear system  $\dot{x} = A_i x, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  there exists a stable convex combination of all state matrices, e.g.  $A_{eq} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i A_i, \quad \alpha_i > 0, \quad \sum_i \alpha_i = 1$  then there exists a stabilizing switching scheme  $\sigma(x) = \arg \min_{i \in I} x^T (A_i^T P_{eq} + P_{eq} A_i) x$  with piecewise quadratic Lyapunov function  $V(q, x) = x^T P_{eq} x, \quad A_{eq}^T P_{eq} + P_{eq} A_{eq} = -Q, \quad \text{for some } Q > 0$
- Note that for  $m > 2$  this provides **sufficient** (not necessary and sufficient) conditions.



## Summary

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- Common Lyapunov Theorems for switched linear systems
  - Commuting system matrices
  - Upper-triangular system matrices
  - Two-dimensional system matrices
  - Common similarity transformations
  
- Control synthesis for stability
  - Introduction