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Abstract—The problem of synthesis of a homogeneous Lyapunov function for an asymptotically stable homogeneous system is studied. For systems with a nonnegative degree of homogeneity, a numeric procedure is proposed, which provides a digital representation of a homogeneous Lyapunov function. The results are illustrated by two planar examples of linear and nonlinear systems.

I. INTRODUCTION

Stability analysis is one of the central problems of the theories of control and dynamical systems [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9]. The main approach to check the stability of a nonlinear dynamical system consists in applying the Lyapunov function method, that gives necessary and sufficient conditions for stability. The main issue with the application of this method is that there exists no procedure to design such a Lyapunov function for a generic dynamical system.

Homogeneous systems form a subclass of nonlinear systems [1], [10], that include linear systems as a special case. These systems inherit many useful properties in a generic setting from the linear case: scalability of solutions, estimation of the rate of convergence and robustness [11], [10]. A remarkable fact about homogeneous systems is that they possess homogeneous Lyapunov functions [12], [13]. However, no numeric routine has been proposed so far to construct such a Lyapunov function using homogeneity properties.

In this work, numerical tools are developed for computing an explicit homogeneous Lyapunov function. The proposed results are motivated by the important advantages of homogeneous Lyapunov functions: their construction and analysis can be performed on a sphere only, making calculations simpler. The numerical algorithms proposed here can be used for constructing homogeneous Lyapunov functions and checking stability.

The outline of this paper is as follows. Notation and preliminary results are introduced in sections II and III.

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Analysis of robustness of homogeneous Lyapunov functions is carried out in Section IV. An explicit analytic expression for homogeneous Lyapunov function is proposed in Section V. Numerical routines using those expressions to design a homogeneous Lyapunov function are presented in Section VI. The proposed approach for constructing homogeneous Lyapunov functions is illustrated by numerical examples in Section VII. Concluding remarks and discussion appear in Section VIII.

II. NOTATION

- $\mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\}$, where \mathbb{R} is the set of real numbers, \mathbb{N} is the set of natural numbers.
- $|\cdot|$ denotes the absolute value in \mathbb{R} , $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm on \mathbb{R}^n (for $n \in \mathbb{N}$), $\|x\|_{\mathcal{A}} = \inf_{\xi \in \mathcal{A}} \|x - \xi\|$ is the distance from a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to a set $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.
- A continuous function $\alpha : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ belongs to the class \mathcal{K} if $\alpha(0) = 0$ and the function is strictly increasing. The function $\alpha : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ belongs to the class \mathcal{K}_∞ if $\alpha \in \mathcal{K}$ and it increases to infinity. A continuous function $\beta : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ belongs to the class \mathcal{KL} if $\beta(\cdot, t) \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$ for each fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \beta(s, t) = 0$ for each fixed $s \in \mathbb{R}_+$.
- A sequence of integers $1, 2, \dots, n$ is denoted by $\overline{1, n}$.

III. PRELIMINARIES

Consider the following nonlinear system:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)), \quad t \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

where $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the state and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ensures forward existence and uniqueness of the system solutions at least locally, $f(0) = 0$. For an initial condition $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ denote the corresponding solution by $X(t, x_0)$ for any $t \geq 0$ for which the solution exists (the solutions are understood in the Carathéodory sense). A set $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is called *forward invariant* for (1) if $x_0 \in \mathcal{A}$ implies that $X(t, x_0) \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $t \geq 0$.

A. Stability definitions

Following [1], [14], [15], [16], let Ω be an open neighborhood of a forward invariant set $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ of (1).

Definition 1. At the set \mathcal{A} the system (1) is said to be:

- (a) *Lyapunov stable* if for any $x_0 \in \Omega$ the solution $X(t, x_0)$ is defined for all $t \geq 0$, and for any $\epsilon > 0$ there

is $\delta > 0$ such that for any $x_0 \in \Omega$, if $\|x_0\|_{\mathcal{A}} \leq \delta$ then $\|X(t, x_0)\|_{\mathcal{A}} \leq \epsilon$ for all $t \geq 0$;

(b) *asymptotically stable* if it is Lyapunov stable and for any $\kappa > 0$ and $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $T(\kappa, \epsilon) \geq 0$ such that for any $x_0 \in \Omega$, if $\|x_0\|_{\mathcal{A}} \leq \kappa$ then $\|X(t, x_0)\|_{\mathcal{A}} \leq \epsilon$ for all $t \geq T(\kappa, \epsilon)$;

(c) *finite-time stable* if it is Lyapunov stable and *finite-time converging from Ω* , i.e. for any $x_0 \in \Omega$ there exists $0 \leq T < +\infty$ such that $X(t, x_0) \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $t \geq T$. The function $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}(x_0) = \inf\{T \geq 0 : X(t, x_0) \in \mathcal{A} \forall t \geq T\}$ is called the *settling time* of the system (1);

(d) *fixed-time stable* if it is finite-time stable and $\sup_{x_0 \in \Omega} \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}(x_0) < +\infty$.

The set Ω is called the *domain of stability/attraction*.

If $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$, then the corresponding properties are called *global* Lyapunov/asymptotic/finite-time/fixed-time stability of (1) at \mathcal{A} .

For a $V : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ denote the *upper Dini derivative*:

$$\dot{V}^+(t) = \limsup_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{V(t+h) - V(t)}{h}, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

If V is locally Lipschitz continuous then \dot{V}^+ is finite, and if V is differentiable then \dot{V}^+ is the usual derivative of V . For $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the generalized directional derivative at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ in the direction $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined by:

$$D^+V(x)d = \limsup_{\substack{y \rightarrow x \\ h \rightarrow 0^+}} \frac{V(y+hd) - V(y)}{h}.$$

B. Weighted homogeneity

Following [1], [12], for strictly positive real numbers r_i ($i = \overline{1, n}$) called *weights* and $\lambda > 0$, one can define:

- the *vector of weights* $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_n)^T$, $r_{\max} = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} r_j$ and $r_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} r_j$;
- the *dilation matrix* function $\Lambda_r(\lambda) = \text{diag}(\lambda^{r_i})_{i=1}^n$ (note that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\forall \lambda > 0$ we have $\Lambda_r(\lambda)x = (\lambda^{r_1}x_1, \dots, \lambda^{r_n}x_n)^T$);
- the *\mathbf{r} -homogeneous norm* of $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is $\|x\|_{\mathbf{r}} = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{\frac{\rho}{r_i}})^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$ for $\rho \geq r_{\max}$;
- for $s > 0$ the *sphere* and the *ball in the homogeneous norm* $S_{\mathbf{r}}(s) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\|_{\mathbf{r}} = s\}$ and $B_{\mathbf{r}}(s) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\|_{\mathbf{r}} \leq s\}$, respectively.

Definition 2. A function $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *\mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$* if $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\forall \lambda > 0$ we have:

$$\lambda^{-\mu} g(\Lambda_r(\lambda)x) = g(x).$$

A vector field $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is *\mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$* , with $\nu \geq -r_{\min}$ if $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\forall \lambda > 0$ we have:

$$\lambda^{-\nu} \Lambda_r^{-1}(\lambda) f(\Lambda_r(\lambda)x) = f(x),$$

which is equivalent to the i -th component of f being a \mathbf{r} -homogeneous function of degree $r_i + \nu$.

The system (1) is *\mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree ν* if the vector field f is \mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree ν .

For *\mathbf{r} -homogeneous system (1) of degree ν* , the solutions also admit a kind of homogeneity as functions of time, i.e. $\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$X(t, \Lambda_r(\lambda)x_0) = \Lambda_r(\lambda)X(\lambda^\nu t, x_0) \quad \forall \lambda > 0.$$

Note that $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{r}}$ is *\mathbf{r} -homogeneous function of degree 1*, and there exist $\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma} \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ such that

$$\underline{\sigma}(\|x\|_{\mathbf{r}}) \leq \|x\| \leq \bar{\sigma}(\|x\|_{\mathbf{r}}) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Consequently, due to this equivalence of the norms $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{r}}$, the homogeneous norm can be used in Definition 1. A variant of selection of $\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma}$ for a particular case considered in this work is given below:

Proposition 1. *Let $r_{\max} \leq 1$ and $\rho \geq 1$, then*

$$\underline{\sigma}(s) = \begin{cases} n^{-\frac{r_{\max}}{\rho}} s^{r_{\max}} & s \leq 1 \\ n^{-\frac{r_{\min}}{\rho}} s^{r_{\min}} & s > 1 \end{cases},$$

$$\bar{\sigma}(s) = n^{\rho - \frac{1}{2}} \begin{cases} s^{r_{\min}} & s \leq 1 \\ s^{r_{\max}} & s > 1 \end{cases}.$$

The proofs are excluded due to space limitations.

If system (1) is *\mathbf{r} -homogeneous with degree ν* , then a direct computation shows that it is also *$\tilde{\mathbf{r}}$ -homogeneous* for $\tilde{\mathbf{r}} = r_{\max}^{-1}(r_1, \dots, r_n)^T$ with degree $\tilde{\nu} = \frac{\nu}{r_{\max}}$. Therefore, the conditions of Proposition 1 can be always satisfied for any homogeneous system with $r_{\max} = \rho = 1$.

Corollary 1. *Let $r_{\max} \leq 1$ and $\rho \geq 1$, then $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{r}}$ is locally Lipschitz continuous.*

Further in this work we will always assume without losing generality that the conditions $r_{\max} \leq 1$ and $\rho \geq 1$ are satisfied in order to use the established above continuity property of homogeneous norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{r}}$.

C. Time of convergence in homogeneous systems

An important advantage of homogeneous systems is that their rate of convergence can be evaluated qualitatively based on their degree.

Theorem 1. *If (1) is \mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree ν and asymptotically stable at the origin, then it is*

- globally finite-time stable at the origin if $\nu < 0$;*
- globally exponentially stable at the origin if $\nu = 0$;*
- globally fixed-time stable with respect to the unit ball $B_{\mathbf{r}}(1)$ if $\nu > 0$.*

Following that, we can further quantify the system convergence using the definition below.

Definition 3. For $q > 1$ define $T_q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\|X(T_q(x_0), x_0)\|_{\mathbf{r}} = q^{-1} \|x_0\|_{\mathbf{r}},$$

i.e. it is the *function of contraction in q times*.

From the properties stated above, it is easy to show that T_q is \mathbf{r} -homogeneous with degree $-\nu$ (the degree of homogeneity for (1)):

$$T_q(\Lambda_r(\lambda)x_0) = \lambda^{-\nu}T_q(x_0), \quad \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall \lambda > 0.$$

For a \mathbf{r} -homogeneous system (1) of degree ν , if it is asymptotically stable, then there exists a continuously differentiable and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous function $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ of degree $\mu > -\nu$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\begin{aligned} a\|x\|_r^\mu &\leq V(x) \leq b\|x\|_r^\mu, \\ D^+V(x)f(x) &\leq -cV^{1+\frac{\mu}{\nu}}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

for some $0 < a \leq b$ and $c > 0$ [12], [13]. Then for any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|X(t, x_0)\|_r \leq \beta(\|x_0\|_r, t) \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\beta(s, t) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{\mu}} s & \nu > 0 \\ \left[1 + a^{\frac{\nu}{\mu}} \frac{\nu}{\mu} cs^\nu t\right]^{\frac{1}{\nu}} & \nu > 0 \\ \begin{cases} \left[\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{-\frac{\nu}{\mu}} s^{-\nu} + \frac{\nu}{\mu} ct\right]^{-\frac{1}{\nu}} & t < -\frac{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{-\frac{\nu}{\mu}} s^{-\nu}}{\frac{\nu}{\mu} c} \\ 0 & t \geq -\frac{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{-\frac{\nu}{\mu}} s^{-\nu}}{\frac{\nu}{\mu} c} \end{cases} & \nu < 0 \\ \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{\mu}} e^{\frac{-ct}{\mu}} s & \nu = 0 \end{cases}$$

is a function from class \mathcal{KL} , and it represents a generic parameterization of upper bound $\beta(\|x_0\|_r, t)$ for all $t \geq 0$ of $\|X(t, x_0)\|_r$ in homogeneous systems.

Definition 4. For $q > 1$, define $\bar{T}_q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\bar{T}_q(x_0) = \arg \inf_{T \geq 0} \{ \|X(t, x_0)\|_r \leq q^{-1} \|x_0\|_r, \forall t \geq T \},$$

i.e. it is the upper bound function of contraction in q times.

Taking into account the expression of β given in (3), we can conclude that a possible selection is $\bar{T}_q(x_0) = \bar{T}_q(\|x_0\|_r)$ (uniform on the spheres) with

$$\bar{T}_q(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{q^\nu \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{\nu}{\mu}} - 1}{a^{\frac{\nu}{\mu}} \frac{\nu}{\mu} c} s^{-\nu} & \nu > 0 \\ \frac{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{-\frac{\nu}{\mu}} - q^\nu}{-\frac{\nu}{\mu} c} s^{-\nu} & \nu < 0 \\ \frac{\mu}{c} \ln \left[q \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{\mu}} \right] & \nu = 0 \end{cases},$$

and $\bar{T}_q(x_0)$ can also be considered \mathbf{r} -homogeneous with degree $-\nu$:

$$\bar{T}_q(\Lambda_r(\lambda)x_0) = \lambda^{-\nu} \bar{T}_q(x_0), \quad \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \forall \lambda > 0.$$

IV. ROBUSTNESS OF HOMOGENEOUS LYAPUNOV FUNCTIONS

Let us assume that for a \mathbf{r} -homogeneous system (1) of degree ν , there exists a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous function $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ of degree $\mu > -\nu$, then the analysis and the verification of all properties of V

can be performed on the sphere $S_r(1)$ only. Indeed, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ there is $y \in S_r(1)$ such that $x = \Lambda_r(\|x\|_r)y$, then

$$a\|x\|_r^\mu \leq V(x) = \|x\|_r^\mu V(y) \leq b\|x\|_r^\mu,$$

where $a = \inf_{y \in S_r(1)} V(y)$ and $b = \sup_{y \in S_r(1)} V(y)$ (same as in (2)), and

$$D^+V(x)f(x) = \|x\|_r^{\nu+\mu} D^+V(y)f(y) \leq -d\|x\|_r^{\nu+\mu} \quad (4)$$

where $d = -\inf_{y \in S_r(1)} D^+V(y)f(y)$ ($c = b^{-1-\frac{\nu}{\mu}}d$ in (2)).

Now, for such a function V let us show that there is a family of locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous Lyapunov functions $V' : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ of degree μ sufficiently close to V . To this end, denote $\varepsilon(x) = V'(x) - V(x)$ as the difference between these functions. Clearly ε is a \mathbf{r} -homogeneous function of degree μ . We wish to formulate the restrictions on ε so that $V'(x) = V(x) + \varepsilon(x)$ would be another Lyapunov function for (1) inheriting the properties of V .

Proposition 2. For a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous function $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ of degree $\mu > -\nu$, assume that the estimates (2), (4) are satisfied for constants $0 < a \leq b$ and $d > 0$. Let $\varepsilon : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous function of degree μ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$-a < \varepsilon, \quad d > \bar{\varepsilon},$$

where $\underline{\varepsilon} = \inf_{y \in S_r(1)} \varepsilon(y)$ and $\bar{\varepsilon} = \sup_{y \in S_r(1)} D^+\varepsilon(y)f(y)$. Then $V'(x) = V(x) + \varepsilon(x)$ is a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous Lyapunov function for (1).

V. DESIGN OF HOMOGENEOUS LYAPUNOV FUNCTION

In this section an explicit formula for locally Lipschitz continuous and homogeneous Lyapunov function is proposed completing the results of [12], [13], where only the existence of smooth homogeneous Lyapunov functions has been substantiated without an expression that can be used for numerical synthesis. To this end, the following hypothesis is imposed:

Assumption 1. Let (1) be asymptotically stable at the origin with a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous vector field f of degree $\nu \geq 0$.

The possible expressions for the function $\beta \in \mathcal{KL}$ are given just below (3) and the parameters of the function β , i.e. a, b, c and μ , are assumed to be fixed (as usual for the converse results). It is worth to stress that for the analysis in the sequel, these parameters are not related with a Lyapunov function of (1), they come from a possible parameterization of β given after (3).

Remark 1. Recall that if the system (1) is locally Lipschitz continuous, then for any compact set of initial conditions $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and any time $0 \leq T < +\infty$, there exists $K_{\mathcal{E}, T} \in \mathbb{R}_+$

such that [14] (assuming that the solutions originated in \mathcal{E} are defined on $[0, T]$)

$$\|X(t, x_1) - X(t, x_2)\| \leq K_{\mathcal{E}, T} \|x_1 - x_2\|.$$

Using the Lipschitz continuity of $\|\cdot\|_r$ established in Corollary 1 and the fact that for an asymptotically stable system $X(t, x_0) \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $x_0 \in \mathcal{E}$ for some compact $\tilde{\mathcal{E}} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ($\tilde{\mathcal{E}} = B_r((\frac{b}{a})^{\frac{1}{\mu}})$ for $\mathcal{E} = B_r(1)$) according to (3), then there exists $L_{\mathcal{E}, T} \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\| \|X(t, x_1)\|_r - \|X(t, x_2)\|_r \| \leq L_{\mathcal{E}, T} \|x_1 - x_2\|$$

for all $0 \leq t \leq T$ and any $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{E}$. These constants $K_{\mathcal{E}, T}$ and $L_{\mathcal{E}, T}$ will be used below in the proofs.

Following [17], [18], an integral converse construction of a strict Lyapunov function will be used. For the case of conventional homogeneity, such a design of Lyapunov function, with the integral on an infinite interval, was presented in [12] (Theorem 36). In this work, a more practical construction on a fixed interval of time is introduced:

Theorem 2. *Let Assumption 1 be satisfied. Then there exists $q > 1$ such that*

$$U(x) = \int_0^{\bar{T}_q(\|x_0\|_r)} \|X(t, x)\|_r^\mu dt,$$

where $\bar{T}_q(\|x_0\|_r)$ is the upper bound function of contraction in q times, for $\mu > \max\{1, \nu + \nu^2\}$ is a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree $\mu - \nu$ function such that

$$T_q^{\min} q^{-\mu} \|x\|_r^{\mu-\nu} \leq U(x) \leq \bar{T}_q(1) \frac{b}{a} \|x\|_r^{\mu-\nu}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

$$D^+ U(x) f(x) < 0 \quad \text{for a.a. } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\},$$

where $T_q^{\min} = \inf_{x_0 \in S_r(1)} T_q(x_0)$.

VI. NUMERIC DESIGN

Let us consider how the Lyapunov function proposed in Theorem 2 can be constructed numerically.

For a given fixed discretization step $h > 0$, let $X_h(t_i, x_0)$ denote an approximation at instants $t_i = ih$, $i \geq 0$ of the solution $X(t, x_0)$ of (1) using Euler method [19] (any other discretization method can also be used).

A. Pointwise calculation

For $N > 0$, let $\xi_j \in S_r(1)$ with $j = \overline{1, N}$ form a uniform grid on the unit sphere $S_r(1)$, and let us introduce into consideration the following variables:

$$U_j^h = h \sum_{i=0}^J \|X_h(t_i, \xi_j)\|_r^\mu,$$

$$J = \tau \arg \sup_{i \geq J} \sup_{1 \leq j \leq N} \|X_h(t_i, \xi_j)\|_r \leq q^{-1},$$

where $\tau > 1$ is a tuning parameter.

Corollary 2. *Let Assumption 1 be satisfied. Then there exist $q > 1$, $N > 0$ and $h > 0$ such that for any $\tau > 0$ and $\mu > \max\{1, \nu + \nu^2\}$:*

$$U_j^h = U(\xi_j) \quad \forall j = \overline{1, N},$$

where $U : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree $\mu - \nu$ Lyapunov function for the system (1).

B. Interpolation

Denote a weighted product of all elements of the state vector by

$$p(x, \alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^n [x_i]^{\alpha_i},$$

where $x = [x_1 \dots x_n]^T$, $[x_i]^{\alpha_i} = |x_i|^{\alpha_i} \text{sign}(x_i)$ and $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$, and let

$$\mathcal{P}_\rho = \{p(x, \alpha), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^n : p(\Lambda_r(\lambda)x, \alpha) = \lambda^\rho p(x, \alpha) \\ \forall \lambda > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

be the set of all possible \mathbf{r} -homogeneous products of degree ρ . For an integer $s \in [1, N]$ consider a polynomial function

$$u(x, \theta_j) = \sum_{z=1}^s \theta_z^j p_z(x), \quad (5)$$

where $p_z \in \mathcal{P}_{\mu-\nu}$ and $\theta_j = [\theta_1^j, \dots, \theta_s^j]^T \in \mathbb{R}^s$ is the vector of parameters, then the values of U between U_j^h and U_{j+1}^h , or on the interval $[\xi_j, \xi_{j+1}]$ on the sphere $S_r(1)$ (here we assume that $U_{N+1}^h = U_1^h$ and $\xi_{N+1} = \xi_1$), can be interpolated for all $x \in [\xi_j, \xi_{j+1}]$ using the \mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree $\mu - \nu$ polynomial $u(x, \theta_j)$. In this case the vector θ_j can be calculated as a solution of the system of linear equations:

$$U_k^h = u(\xi_k, \theta_j) \quad k = j - \frac{s}{2} + 1, \dots, j + \frac{s}{2}$$

for an even s (if s is odd then $k = j - \frac{s-1}{2} + 1, \dots, j + \frac{s+1}{2}$). If each polynomial $u(x, \theta_j)$ is continuously differentiable on $[\xi_j, \xi_{j+1}]$, i.e. when all powers in α are higher than one, then the following equations can be substituted in the previous system in order to ensure that the differentiability is preserved on $S_r(1)$:

$$\left. \frac{\partial u(x, \theta_j)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=\xi_{j+1}} = \left. \frac{\partial u(x, \theta_{j+1})}{\partial x} \right|_{x=\xi_{j+1}}.$$

More compactly this system of equations can be presented in the form

$$\mathcal{Y}_N = \Pi_N \Theta_N, \quad (6)$$

where $\Theta_N = [\theta_1^T \dots \theta_N^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{Ns}$ is the vector of all parameters, $\mathcal{Y}_N \in \mathbb{R}^{Ns}$ is the vector composed by the corresponding values of U_k^h , and $\Pi_N \in \mathbb{R}^{Ns \times Ns}$ is a matrix of values of polynomials $p_z(\xi_k)$ (and their partial derivatives).

Assumption 2. *There exists $\rho > 0$ such that for any $N > 0$*

$$\|\Pi_N^{-1}\|_2 \leq \frac{\rho}{N},$$

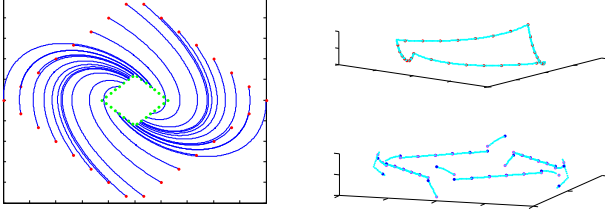


Figure 1. Results of calculations for linear system

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the induced matrix norm.

This assumption can be ensured for any N by a careful selection of polynomials $p_z \in \mathcal{P}_{\mu-\nu}$ in (5). Then for a sufficiently big value of N (for a sufficiently dense grid on $S_r(1)$) the derivative of this polynomial can be made sufficiently small, which implies that the result of Proposition 2 can be applied and the conditions on $\underline{\varepsilon}$ and $\bar{\varepsilon}$ are satisfied:

Theorem 3. *Let assumptions 1 and 2 be satisfied. Then there exist $q > 1$, $N > 0$ and $h > 0$ such that for any $\tau > 0$, $s > 0$ and $\mu > \max\{1, \nu + \nu^2, \nu + 1\}$, a locally Lipschitz continuous and \mathbf{r} -homogeneous of degree $\mu - \nu$ Lyapunov function for the system (1) can be found on $S_r(1)$ in the form (5), where the parameters θ_j are solutions of (6).*

VII. EXAMPLES

For simplicity of presentation, the case $n = 2$ is investigated in this section, and the following expressions and values of parameters are used for computation of a homogeneous Lyapunov function:

$$\mu = \max \left\{ \nu + 1, \max\{1, \nu + \nu^2\}, \nu + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \right\} + 1,$$

$$N = 30, q = 4, \tau = 1.25, h = 0.01,$$

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mu-\nu}{r_1} & 0 & 1 & \frac{\mu-\nu-r_2}{r_1} \\ 0 & \frac{\mu-\nu}{r_2} & \frac{\mu-\nu-r_1}{r_2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A. Linear system

Consider (1) with

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$, then $\nu = 0$ for $\mathbf{r} = [1 \ 1]$. The results of simulation are shown in Fig. 1. The state trajectories, as well as the homogeneous norm levels 1 and q^{-1} , are presented in Fig. 1.a. The obtained values of U are plotted in Fig. 1.b (the red points represent U_j^h), the numeric derivative of U is given in Fig. 1.c (the blue and magenta points represent the values of derivative at ξ_j for the neighboring approximations with θ_j and θ_{j-1}). As we can conclude from these results the obtained values correspond to a Lyapunov function, and it is homogeneous by construction.

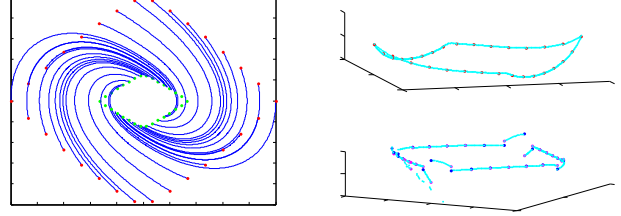


Figure 2. Results of calculations for nonlinear system

B. Nonlinear system

Consider (1) with

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -[x_1]^3 - [x_2]^{1.5} \end{bmatrix}$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$, then $\nu = 0.5$ for $\mathbf{r} = [0.5 \ 1]$. The results of simulation are shown in Fig. 2 (trajectories in Fig. 2,a, the values of U in Fig. 2,b and the derivative in Fig. 2,c). The results of these calculations also confirm our theoretical findings.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The problem of constructing a homogeneous Lyapunov function for an asymptotically stable homogeneous system is revisited. First, for systems with nonnegative degree of homogeneity, an expression of a homogeneous Lyapunov function is proposed, which depends explicitly on the system solutions (on finite intervals of time). Second, a procedure is presented, which under some technical assumptions ensures that a homogeneous Lyapunov function can be numerically constructed. The results are illustrated by simulations for linear and nonlinear cases. The proposed numeric design of Lyapunov functions can be used for verification of stability of homogeneous systems. Future directions of research include extensions of the approach for the cases of negative degree and discontinuous dynamics.

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