# Non-uniform Small Gain Theorems and Their Applications

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# **1.1. Introduction. System**



reduction from the view point of prior information about the "building blocks" of the system

## **1. Introduction. Models**



 $\mathcal{T} = [t_0, T] \subseteq \mathcal{T}^*$  is the set of all positive real numbers  $\mathbb{R}_+$  - completeness non-empty interval - realizability

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#### Available information: estimates of the mappings



## **1. Introduction. Tools. Small-gain theorems**



$$\|y_1\|_{\infty,[0,T]} \le (1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2)^{-1} (\beta_1 + \gamma_1 \beta_2) + (1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2)^{-1} \gamma_1 \|u_1\|_{\infty,[0,T]}$$

## **1. Introduction. Tools. Small-gain theorems**



#### Results are available:

Jiang Z.-P., Teel A. R., Praly L. Small-gain theorems for ISS systems and applications. *Math. Control Signals Systems.*— 1994.— no. 7.— Pp. 95–120

#### These are important because:

- 1. Small-gain conditions allow to state boundedness/completeness of the interconnection
- 2. Both positive and negative feedbacks are allowed
- 3. Level of initial uncertainty about the system's component is high (only estimates of the gains are required)
- 4. Numerous equivalences between the ISS and other properties such as Lyapunov stability, asymptotic gain etc. are available (Sontag, 1996)

Yet ... global asymptotic Lyapunov stability of the origin of unperturbed system is required for Input-to-State Stability

## **1. Introduction. Goals**

What if not all of the "building blocks" are globally asymptotically stable ?



- 1. To have tools for analysis of interconnection of not necessarily globally asymptotically stable systems
- 2. The tools should allow sufficiently high degree of uncertainty about the models
- 3. Should preserve the small-gain spirit (criteria are to be simple!)
- 4. We shall be able to understand asymptotic behavior of the system as well

#### What kind of unstable interconnections to consider ? (contracting + exploring)



Interconnections of systems with unbounded input-output maps



$$J_{t_0} = ((a \cdot b)) - ((b)) - J_{t_0} = J_{t_0}$$

Interconnected as :

$$\int_{t_0}^t \gamma_1(\|\mathbf{x}(\tau)\|_{\mathcal{A}}) d\tau \leq h(\mathbf{z}(t_0)) - h(\mathbf{z}(t)) \leq \int_{t_0}^t \gamma_0(\|\mathbf{x}(\tau)\|_{\mathcal{A}}) d\tau$$

In case both subsystems are described by ODEs

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}_r(\mathbf{x}, u_q), \ \mathbf{f}_r(\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{C}^1,$ its solutions satisfy the estimate contracting  $\mathcal{S}_a: \|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_{A} \leq \beta(\|\mathbf{x}(t_0)\|_{A}, t-t_0) + c\|u_a(t)\|_{\infty,[t_0,t]}$ 1) where the set  ${\cal A}_{-}$  is Lyapunov-stable and globally attracting at  $u_a(t)\equiv 0$ and 2) there exists a non-decreasing function  $\kappa : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+ : \kappa(0) = 0$  $\inf_{t\in[0,\infty)} \|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_{\mathcal{A}} \le \kappa(\|u_a(t)\|_{\infty,[t_0,\infty)})$ Searching  $\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{f}_z(\mathbf{z}, u_w), \ \mathbf{f}_z(\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{C}^1,$  $\mathcal{S}_w: \int_t^t \gamma_1(u_w(\tau))d\tau \le h(\mathbf{z}(t_0)) - h(\mathbf{z}(t)) \le \int_t^t \gamma_0(u_w(\tau))d\tau, \ \forall \ t \ge t_0, \ t_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ Interconnection Interconnected systems  $\mathcal{S}_a$ :  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, h(\mathbf{z})),$  $\mathcal{S}_w$ :  $\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x})$ output of the second subsystem evolves according to

#### The questions are:

- 1. Boundedness of the interconnection
- 2. Asymptotic behavior (allocation of the invariant sets)

#### Because the systems are not stable

we study (weak) trapping regions and (weak) attracting sets...

**Definition 3**. (*Milnor 1985, weakly attracting set*) A set  $\mathcal{A}$  is weakly attracting (or Milnor attracting set) iff

- 1) It is closed, invariant and
- 2) for some set  $\mathcal{V}$  (not necessarily a neighborhood of  $\mathcal{A}$ ) with strictly positive measure and for all  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathcal{V}$  the following limiting relation holds:

 $\lim_{t \to \infty} \left\| \mathbf{x}(t, \mathbf{x}_0) \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} = 0$ 

Related concepts: Relaxation Times (A. Gorban, 1979, 2004)

### 3. Main Results The program



#### We need a method for showing these for unstable systems

#### **Standard approaches**

#### Conventional notion of attracting set

domains of attraction – neighborhoods
 for autonomous systems implies stability



Given: sequence of time instances

**Prove:** sequence of distances  $\Delta_i$  does not increase (i.e. converges)

#### **Mathematical framework**

 $t_i$ 

- contraction mapping theorems
- method of Lyapunov functions
- small-gain theorems

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An asymptotically convergent trajectory that does not reach the target set in finite time ...



1)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sigma_n = 0$ 

2) 
$$\sum_{n} \tau_{n} = \infty$$



### 3. Main Results. Boundedness

We introduce the following three sequences:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\sigma_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}, \quad \Xi = \{\xi_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}, \quad \mathcal{T} = \{\tau_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$$

**Property 1**. The sequence  ${\cal S}$  is strictly monotone and converging to the origin

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sigma_n=0,\ \sigma_0=1$$

**Property 2**. For the given  $\Xi$ , T the following property holds (rate of contraction)

$$\begin{array}{c} \beta(\cdot,T_i) \leq \xi_i \beta(\cdot,0), \ \forall \ T_i \geq \tau_i \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \textbf{Property 3. Consider} \\ \Phi: \begin{array}{c} \phi_j(s) &= \phi_{j-1} \circ \rho_{\phi,j}(\xi_{i-j} \cdot \beta(s,0)), \ j=1,\ldots,i \\ \phi_0(s) &= \beta(s,0) \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \gamma: \begin{array}{c} \upsilon_j(s) &= \phi_{j-1} \circ \rho_{\upsilon,j}(s) \\ \upsilon_0(s) &= \beta(s,0) \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \phi_{j-1}(a+b) \leq \phi_{j-1} \circ \rho_{\phi,j}(a) + \phi_{j-1} \circ \rho_{\upsilon,j}(b) \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \textbf{then functions} \end{array}$$

$$\sigma_n^{-1} \cdot \phi_n(\|\mathbf{x}_0\|_{\mathcal{A}}) \le B_1(\|\mathbf{x}_0\|_{\mathcal{A}}) \qquad \text{are bounded from above}$$
$$\sigma_n^{-1} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=0}^n \upsilon_i(c|h(\mathbf{z}_0)|\sigma_{n-i})\right) \le B_2(|h(\mathbf{z}_0)|, c) \qquad \text{are bounded from above}$$

### 3. Main Results. Boundedness

Theorem 2. (Non-uniform convergence) Let there exist sequences

$$S = \{\sigma_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}, \quad \Xi = \{\xi_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}, \quad T = \{\tau_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$$

satisfying Properties 1 - 3. Furthermore, let

1. There exist a positive number  $\Delta_0 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\tau_i} \frac{(\sigma_i - \sigma_{i+1})}{\gamma_{0,1}(\sigma_i)} \ge \Delta_0$$

2. The set of points  $\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{z}_0$  satisfying

$$\gamma_{0,2}(B_1(\|\mathbf{x}_0\|_{\mathcal{A}}) + B_2(|h(\mathbf{z}_0)|, c) + c|h(\mathbf{z}_0)|) \le h(\mathbf{z}_0)\Delta_0$$

is not empty

3. Partial sums from  ${\mathcal T}$  diverge:  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} au_i = \infty$ 

Then the state of the interconnection converge into the following subset:

$$\Omega_a = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \ \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z} | \| \mathbf{x} \|_{\mathcal{A}} \le c \cdot h(\mathbf{z}_0), \ \mathbf{z} : \ h(\mathbf{z}) \in [0, h(\mathbf{z}_0)] \}$$

### 3. Main Results. Boundedness

<u>Separable contracting dynamics</u>  $\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_{\mathcal{A}} \le \|\mathbf{x}(t_0)\|_{\mathcal{A}} \cdot \beta_t (t - t_0) + c \cdot \|h(\mathbf{z}(\tau, \mathbf{z}_0))\|_{\infty, [t_0, t]}$ 

With Lipschitz nonlinearity in the searching part

$$|\gamma_0(s)| \le D_{\gamma,0} \cdot |s|$$
$$\int_{t_0}^t \gamma_1(\|\mathbf{x}(\tau)\|_{\mathcal{A}}) d\tau \le h(\mathbf{z}(t_0)) - h(\mathbf{z}(t)) \le \int_{t_0}^t \gamma_0(\|\mathbf{x}(\tau)\|_{\mathcal{A}}) d\tau$$

**Corollary.** (Non-uniform Small-Gain) There is a trapping region if the following holds

$$D_{\gamma,0} \cdot c \cdot \mathcal{G} < 1,$$

with

$$\mathcal{G} = \beta_t^{-1} \left(\frac{d}{\kappa}\right) \frac{k}{k-1} \left(\beta_t(0) \left(1 + \frac{\kappa}{1-d}\right) + 1\right)$$

for some  $d \in (0,1), \kappa \in (1,\infty)$ 

### 3. Main Results. Convergence

$$S_a: \quad \|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_{\mathcal{A}} \le \beta(\|\mathbf{x}(t_0)\|_{\mathcal{A}}, t-t_0) + c\|u_a(t)\|_{\infty, [t_0, t]}$$

steady-state characteristics

$$\forall u_a(t) \in \mathcal{U}_a: \lim_{t \to \infty} u_a(t) = \bar{u}_a \implies \lim_{t \to \infty} \|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_{\mathcal{A}} \in \chi(\bar{u}_a)$$





And the dynamics convergence is determined by the relative timescale of "slow" unstable (fast, asymptotically stable) motions  $\rightarrow$  model reduction

# 4. Discussion

• Universal adaptive stabilization (Ilchman, Pomet, Martenson) "How much information one should know to adaptively stabilize a nonlinear system?"  $\|g(t,x)\| \leq \hat{g}$  $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)) + g(t, x(t)) u(t)$ y(t) = h(t, x(t)), $||h(t,x)|| \leq \hat{h}||x||$  $u(t) = (K \circ \beta \circ k)(t) y(t)$  $\dot{k}(t) = ||y(t)||^{q}$  $\mathcal{S}_a$ contracting  $\mathcal{S}_w$ wandering, searching there is a point  $(h^*)$  in [0,h(0)] such that  $\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_{\mathbf{A}} \leq \beta(\|\mathbf{x}(t_0)\|_{\mathbf{A}}, t-t_0)$ 

for all h(t) from **its neighborhood**  $O(h^*)$  (e.g. asymptotic properties of the interconnection do not vary when h(t) is from  $O(h^*)$ )

Our results apply also to the case when  $O(h^*)$  is empty!

# 4. Discussion

• Asymptotic properties of interconnections of integral Input-to-State Stable systems (Arcak, Sontag)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}),$$
 contracting  
 $\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}),$  integrally ISS



#### Our results apply to bi-directional connections





• We can look beyond conventional Small-gain framework ... "How small is small ?"

Consider the following interconnection

Conventional Small-gain condition



Our non-uniform small gain results, however, guarantee existence of the trapping region when

$$\boxed{\frac{c_1}{\lambda_1} \cdot \frac{c_2}{\lambda_1} < \frac{1}{16}}$$

$$|x_1(t_0)| \le \left[\frac{1}{c_2}\lambda_1\left(\ln\frac{\kappa}{d}\right)^{-1}\frac{k-1}{k} - \frac{c_1}{\lambda_1}\left(2 + \frac{\kappa}{1-d}\right)\right]x_2(t_0)$$

# **5.1 Applications.**

Adaptive control in presence of nonlinear parameterization



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$$\dot{x} = -kx + \sin(x\theta + \theta) - \sin(x\hat{\theta} + \hat{\theta})$$
contracting nonlinearly parameterized compensator
$$\dot{\lambda}_1 = \gamma |x|\lambda_1$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_2 = -\gamma |x|\lambda_2, \ \lambda_1^2(t_0) + \lambda_2^2(t_0) = 1 \qquad \hat{\theta} = (1, \ 0)^T \lambda$$
searching dynamics



Non-uniform small gain condition:

$$0 < \gamma < -\ln\left(\frac{0.5}{2}\right)\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 0.1155$$

# **5.2 Applications**

State and parameter estimation for systems in non-canonic adaptive observer form



Passive Membrane Model



 $C \approx 1 \mu F / cm^2$ 

Fitzhug-Nagumo, Hindmarsh-Rose, Hodgkin-Huxley

Too many uncertain parameters in the "wrong" places !

## **5.2 Applications**

The main idea is to use the following auxiliary system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}}_0 = -\alpha \hat{x}_0 + \hat{\theta}^T \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(x_0, \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}, t) \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}} = -\gamma_{\theta} (\hat{x}_0 - x_0) \bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(x_0, \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}, t), \ \gamma_{\theta}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \end{cases}$$

that turns the original equations

$$\dot{x}_{0} = \theta_{1}^{T} \phi_{0}(x_{0}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}$$
$$\dot{x}_{i} = -\lambda_{i} x_{i} + \theta_{i}^{T} \phi_{i}(x_{0}, t), \ x_{i}(t_{0}) = x_{0,i}$$

into:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{A}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}(t), t)\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{b} \ u(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}, t)$$

low-dimensional nonlinearity, searching

uniformly globally asymptotically stable (in the sense of Lyapunov), contracting

So the actual reduction is achieved!

### **5.2. Identification of the cell dynamics (membrane potential)**



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$$\Sigma = \begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}} = -\hat{a}\,x^3 + \hat{b}\,x^2 + \rho + \hat{y} - s\,w + \hat{\alpha}\,I + \lambda_0(x - \hat{x}) \\ \dot{\hat{y}} = -\hat{\beta}\,\hat{y} - \hat{d}\,x^2 \end{cases}$$

• 8 unknown parameters

• exhaustive search for a grid consisting of 20 points in each dimension will take about 296 days (1 test in 1 ms)

• 100 points > 100 000 000 days

#### with our method the problem is solved within hours





$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + \varepsilon$$
$$|\varepsilon| < 0.05$$

# **Concluding remarks**

- We proposed tools for the analysis of asymptotic behavior of a class of dynamical systems with unstable invariant sets.
- Our results allow to address a variety of problems in which convergence may not be unform with respect to initial conditions (behavior of uncertain systems at the point of bifurcation, cascades of integral ISS systems, problems of optimization).
- The method does not require complete knowledge of the dynamical systems in question. Only qualitative information is necessary.
- The method offers the model "reduction" with respect to the prior information about the elements of the system
- When slow and fast motions are present (small-gain condition), the results are constructive, e.g. they automatically provide the bounds for the time constants.
- The result can be applied immediately to the problems of nonlinear regulation and parameter identification of nonlinear parameterized systems.
- Other domains of applications are being currently explored (neuroscience, pattern recognition etc.)