

TD 5

Lyapunov and estimation of the basin of attraction (stability analysis)

Objective : Apply the Lyapunov method to a nonlinear system and illustrate the concept of invariant set. The Lyapunov function is then used to estimate the basin of attaction of the equilibrium point.

Consider the system described by :

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_1^3(x_1x_2 - 1) + x_1(x_1x_2 - 1 + x_2^2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_2 \end{cases}$$

- 1. Show that the origin is the unique equilibrium point.
- 2. Study its stability properties using the first Lyapunov method.
- 3. Show that the set $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 x_2 \ge 2\}$ is an invariant set.
- 4. From the previous question, what can we say about the stability of the origin?
- 5. Consider the scalar function $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$. What is the condition on x_1 and x_2 ensuring that V is a Lyapunov function?
- 6. Determine the disk D_r of maximal radius r included in the basin of attraction of the origin.