

# Adaptive Backstepping

Review: systematic methodology for constructing CLFs and stabilizing controllers for a wide class of nonlinear systems

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)\xi \\ \dot{\xi} = u \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{goal: CLF } V(x, \xi) \\ \text{stabilizing control law} \\ u = k(x, \xi) \end{array}$$

Base system:  $\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$

- if this system admits a CLF  $V_0(x)$  and a stab. controller  $k_0(x)$  [assumed to be  $C^1$ ], then we can construct:

$$\text{CLF } V_1(x, \xi) = V_0(x) + \frac{1}{2}(\xi - k_0(x))^2$$

stab. control law  $u = k_1(x, \xi)$

The procedure can be iterated:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)\xi_1 \\ \dot{\xi}_1 = \xi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\xi}_{m-1} = \xi_m \\ \dot{\xi}_m = u \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} V_0(x) \rightarrow V_1(x, \xi_1) \rightarrow \dots \\ k_0(x) \rightarrow k_1(x, \xi_1) \\ \dots \rightarrow V_m(x, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_m) \\ u = k_m(x, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_m) \end{array}$$

Need  $k_0$  to be  $C^m$ .

## Adaptive backstepping?

Example  $\dot{x} = \theta x + \xi$   $x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}$  (state variables)  
 $\dot{\xi} = u$   $u \in \mathbb{R}$  (control)

Consider  $\dot{x} = \theta x + u$   $x, u \in \mathbb{R}$

Dynamic control:  $u = -(\bar{\theta} + 1)x =: k_0(x, \bar{\theta})$   
 $\dot{\bar{\theta}} = x^2$

$$\text{CLF: } V_0(x, \bar{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\theta} - \theta)^2$$



Take this as base system:  $\dot{x} = \theta x + u$   
 $\dot{\theta} = x^2$

CLF  $V_0(x, \hat{\theta})$ , stab. control law  $k_0(x, \hat{\theta}) = -(\hat{\theta} + 1)x$

Apply backstepping to:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \theta x + \xi \\ \dot{\theta} = x^2 \\ \dot{\xi} = u \end{cases} \quad z := (x, \hat{\theta})^T$$

$$\dot{z} = f(z) + g(z)\xi$$

where  $f(z) = \begin{pmatrix} \theta x \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $g(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{z} = f(z) + g(z)\xi \\ \dot{\xi} = u \end{cases}$$

$$V_0(x, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2$$

$:= \tilde{\theta}$  (parameter identification mismatch)

$$k_0(x, \hat{\theta}) = -(\hat{\theta} + 1)x$$

Propose new CLF:

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi) &= V_0(x, \hat{\theta}) + \frac{1}{2}|\xi - k_0(x, \hat{\theta})|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Augmented system:  $\dot{x} = \theta x + \xi$   
 $\dot{\theta} = x^2$   
 $\dot{\xi} = u$

$$\dot{V}_1 = \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \hat{\theta}} \dot{\hat{\theta}} + \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \xi} \dot{\xi}$$

$$\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial x} = x + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)(\hat{\theta} + 1)$$

$$\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \hat{\theta}} = \tilde{\theta} + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)x$$

$$\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \xi} = \xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x$$

Reminder:  
 $\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x \equiv \xi - k_0$



$$\dot{V}_1 = \left[ x + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) (\hat{\theta} + 1) \right] (\theta x + \xi)$$

$$+ \left[ \tilde{\theta} + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) x \right] x^2$$

$$[\dot{\hat{\theta}} = x^2]$$

$$+ \left[ \xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x \right] u$$

$$= x(\theta x + \xi) + \tilde{\theta} x^2$$

$$+ (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \left[ u + x^3 + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\theta x + \xi) \right]$$

$$= x(\theta x - \hat{\theta} x - x) + \tilde{\theta} x^2 + x(\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)$$

$$+ (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \left[ u + x^3 + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\theta x + \xi) \right]$$

$$= -x^2$$

$$+ (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \left[ u + x + x^3 + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\theta x + \xi) \right]$$

So far, so good?

$$\dot{x} = \theta x + u$$

$$\dot{\hat{\theta}} = x^2$$

$$u = -(\hat{\theta} + 1)x$$

$$\dot{V}_0(x, \hat{\theta}) = -x^2$$

Not so fast! The highlighted term depends on the unknown  $\theta$ !

Here, we need to redesign (or adjust)  $\hat{\theta}$

$$\dot{x} = \theta x + \xi$$

$$\dot{\hat{\theta}} = \tau(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi)$$

$$\dot{u} = u$$

$$u = k_1(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi)$$



$$\dot{V}_1(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi) = \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \hat{\theta}} \dot{\hat{\theta}} + \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \xi} \dot{\xi}$$

$$= \left[ x + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) (\hat{\theta} + 1) \right] (\theta x + \xi)$$

$$+ \left[ \tilde{\theta} + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) x \right] \tau \quad \tau = \tau(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi)$$

$$+ (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) u$$

$$= x(\theta x + \xi) + \boxed{\tilde{\theta} \tau}$$

$$+ (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \left[ u + x\tau + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\theta x + \xi) \right]$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ = \hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta} \end{matrix}$

Plan: choose  $\tau$  first  
pick  $u$  (with  $\tau$  chosen) to get  $\dot{V}_1 < 0$

$$u + x\tau + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\theta x + \xi)$$

$$= u + x\tau + \frac{1}{\hat{\theta} + 1} ((\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta})x + \xi)$$

$$= u + x\tau + \frac{1}{\hat{\theta} + 1} (\hat{\theta} x + \xi) - \boxed{\tilde{\theta} (\hat{\theta} + 1) x}$$

$$\dot{V}_1 = x(\theta x + \xi) + \tilde{\theta} (\tau - (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \\ + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \left[ u + x\tau + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\hat{\theta} x + \xi) \right]$$

$$x(\theta x + \xi) = x(\theta x - (\hat{\theta} + 1)x + \xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)$$

$$= x((\theta - \hat{\theta})x - x) + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)x$$

$$= -x^2 - \tilde{\theta} x^2 + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)x$$

$$\dot{V}_1 = -x^2 + \tilde{\theta} (\tau - x^2 - (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \\ + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) \left[ u + x\tau + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\hat{\theta} x + \xi) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{take } \tau(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi) = x^2 + (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x) (\hat{\theta} + 1)x$$



$$= 0$$

already chosen

$$\dot{V} = -x^2 + \left( \xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x \right) \left[ u + x + x\tau + (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\hat{\theta}x + \xi) \right]$$

$$u = -x - x\tau - (\hat{\theta} + 1)(\hat{\theta}x + \xi) - \underbrace{(\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)}_{\xi - k_0}$$

Then:

$$\dot{V}_1(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi) = -x^2 - (\xi + (\hat{\theta} + 1)x)^2 < 0 \quad \text{when } (x, \xi) \neq (0, 0)$$

Upshot:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \theta x + u \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}} &= \tau_0(x, \hat{\theta}) \\ u &= k_0(x, \hat{\theta}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{base system}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \theta x + \xi \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}} &= \tau_0(x, \hat{\theta}) + \tau_1(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi) \\ \dot{\xi} &= u \end{aligned} \quad u = k_1(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi)$$

$$V_1(x, \hat{\theta}, \xi) = V_0(x, \hat{\theta}) + \frac{1}{2} |\xi - k_0(x, \hat{\theta})|^2$$

$$\tau_0 \longrightarrow \tau_0 + \tau_1$$

$$\dot{x} = \theta x + \xi_1$$

$$\tau_0 + \tau_1 \longrightarrow \tau_0 + \tau_1 + \tau_2$$

$$\dot{\xi}_1 = \xi_2$$

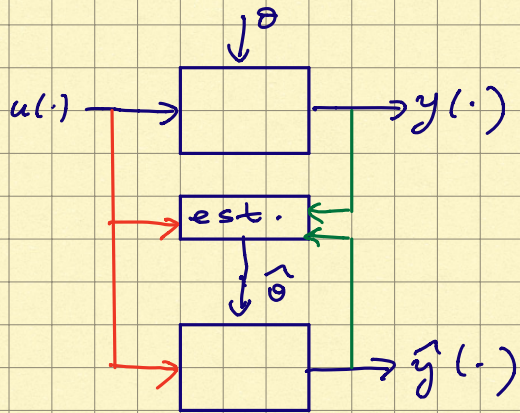
$\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2 \dots$  - tuning fcn's

$$\dot{\xi}_2 = u$$



# Preview for next lecture: parameter estimation

System identification:



$$\tilde{y}(t) := \hat{y}(t) - y(t)$$

$\tilde{y}(t)$  depends on  $\hat{\theta}$

$$e_t(\hat{\theta}) := \frac{1}{2} (\hat{y}(t) - y(t))^2$$

- a fn of  $\hat{\theta}$

$$\hat{\theta}(t) \leftarrow \min_{\hat{\theta}} e_t(\hat{\theta}) \text{ over } \hat{\theta}$$

Under some conditions on the plant and  $u(\cdot)$ ,  
can guarantee  $\hat{\theta}(t) \rightarrow \theta$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
[ $\theta$  can be identified].