

# PROBLEM 1.

ECE 489

HW 3

$S$  skew symm.  $\rightarrow S = -S^T$

$$\Downarrow \\ x^T S x = -x^T S^T x \quad (1)$$

$$(x^T S^T x) \stackrel{\text{scalar}}{=} (x^T S^T x)^T = x^T S x$$

$\Downarrow$   
(1) becomes

$$(x^T S x) = -x^T S x \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{x^T S x = 0}$$

## PROBLEM 2.

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1 - x_1 x_2 = f_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 2x_1^2 - 2x_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2)$$

equilibrium points:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_1 x_2 = 0 & \rightarrow x_1(1-x_2) = 0 \\ 2x_1^2 - 2x_2 = 0 & \rightarrow x_1^2 - x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{cc} x_1 = 0 & \text{or } x_2 = 1 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x_2 = 0 & x_1 = \pm 1 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow (0,0), (-1,1), (1,1)$  are equilibrium points

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-x_2 & -x_1 \\ 4x_1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A|_{(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = -2 \rightarrow \text{unstable}$$

$$A|_{(-1,1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = 1 + 1.73i \\ \lambda_2 = -1 - 1.73i \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{stable}$$

$$A|_{(1,1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = 1 + 1.73i \\ \lambda_2 = -1 - 1.73i \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{stable}$$

### PROBLEM 3.

$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + x_1 x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_2 - x_2 x_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

at equilibrium we have:

$$x_1(x_2^2 - 1) = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x_2(x_1^2 + 1) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{From (1)} \rightarrow x_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x_2 = \pm 1$$

$$\text{From (2)} \rightarrow x_2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x_1 = \pm j$$

(i) assume  $x_1 = \pm j$  is an equilibrium  $\rightarrow$  by (2)  $x_2 = 0$   
but then (1) is not satisfied

(ii) assume  $x_2 = \pm 1$  is an equilibrium  
 $\rightarrow$  by (1)  $x_1 = 0$ , but then (2) is not satisfied

$\Rightarrow$  only case allowed is  $(0, 0)$  that satisfies both.

$$b) \quad \text{Let } V = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} x_2^2 \rightarrow \frac{dV(x)}{dt} \Big|_{\dot{x}} = x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_1$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1(-x_1 + x_1 x_2^2) + x_2(-x_2 - x_1^2 x_2) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  stable

$\forall (x_1, x_2) \neq (0, 0)$

but  $x_1 \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow V(x) \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow V(x)$  radially unbounded

$$x_2 \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow V(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

The system is globally asymptotically stable

# PROBLEM 4

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u \quad f(0) = 0$$

$$\exists V(x) \text{ s.t. } V(0) = 0, \quad V(x) > 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} f(x) \leq 0$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \dot{x} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x) u(x)$$

$$\text{let } u = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} f(x)}_{\leq 0} - \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} g(x) \right)^2}_{\leq 0} \leq 0$$

required to show that  $\dot{V} < 0$

Case 1.  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{V} = - \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x) \right)^2 < 0$  since  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x) \neq 0$  if  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) = 0$

Case 2.  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \dot{V} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(x)}_{< 0} - \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} g(x) \right)^2}_{\leq 0} < 0$

The only case when  $\dot{V} = 0$  is when  $\frac{dV}{dx} = 0$  i.e.  $x = 0$   
 since  $V(x) > 0$   
 $V(0) = 0$

Hence the origin is asymptotically stable