

# Stability of High Dimension Interval Dynamic Systems

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**Abstract:** In this paper, method of vector Lyapunov function is used to analyse the asymptotic stability of large-scale interval dynamic systems, some sufficient conditions for the asymptotic stability of interval dynamic systems are obtained.

**Key words:** interval matrix; vector Lyapunov function; asymptotic stability

## 1 Introduction and Lemma

Recently, there have been a number of significant advances in the stability of interval dynamic systems<sup>[1~6]</sup>, however, most of these results are applicable to lower dimension systems, the present paper presents some sufficient conditions for stability of interval systems, especially for high orders.

Let  $R^{m \times n}$  be real  $m \times n$  matrices space,  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ ,  $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$ ,  $C = (c_{ij})_{m \times n} \in R^{m \times n}$ , the matrices set

$$G[B, C] = \{A | b_{ij} \leq a_{ij} \leq c_{ij}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

is called  $m \times n$  interval matrix, set

$$H[B, C] = \{A | a_{ij} = b_{ij} \text{ or } a_{ij} = c_{ij}; i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k\}, \quad (K \leq 2^{mn})$$

is called the vertices set of  $G[B, C]$ .

Let  $G$  be a set of  $m \times n$  matrices, denote matrices

$$S(G) = (s_{ij})_{m \times n}, \quad T(G) = (t_{ij})_{m \times n},$$

where

$$s_{ij} = \max\{|a_{ij}| | A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in G\}; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

$$t_{ij} = \begin{cases} \max\{a_{ij} | A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in G; \text{ while } i = j\}, & i = 1, 2, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \\ \max\{|a_{ij}| | A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \in G; \text{ while } i \neq j\}, & \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_1 = \text{col}(x_1^{(1)}, x_2^{(1)}, \dots, x_m^{(1)})$ ,  $x_2 = \text{col}(x_1^{(2)}, x_2^{(2)}, \dots, x_n^{(2)})$ ,  $(|x_1|) = \text{col}(|x_1^{(1)}|, |x_2^{(1)}|, \dots, |x_m^{(1)}|)$ ,  $(|x_2|) = \text{col}(|x_1^{(2)}|, |x_2^{(2)}|, \dots, |x_n^{(2)}|)$ , then we have

**Lemma 1** Suppose  $A \in G$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix, then

$$x_1^T A x_2 \leq (|x_1|)^T S(G) (|x_2|).$$

**Proof**

$$x_1^T A x_2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i^{(1)} x_j^{(2)} \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| |x_i^{(1)}| |x_j^{(2)}| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n s_{ij} |x_i^{(1)}| |x_j^{(2)}|$$

$$= (|x_1|)^T S(G) (|x_2|)$$

**Lemma 2** Suppose  $A \in G$  is a  $m \times m$  matrix, then

$$x_1^T A x_1 \leq (|x_1|)^T T(G) (|x_1|)$$

Proof 
$$\begin{aligned} x_1^T A x_1 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ii} x_i^{(1)2} + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m |a_{ij}| |x_i^{(1)}| |x_j^{(1)}| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m t_{ii} |x_i^{(1)}|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m t_{ij} |x_i^{(1)}| |x_j^{(1)}| \\ &= (|x_1|)^T T(G) (|x_1|) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $P = (p_{ij})_{m \times m}$  be a  $m \times m$  symmetric matrix, consider sets

$$G_P[B, C] = \{PA | A \in G[B, C]\}, H_P[B, C] = \{PA | A \in H[B, C]\},$$

$$G_P^*[B, C] = \{A^T P + PA | A \in G[B, C]\}, H_P^*[B, C] = \{A^T P + PA | A \in H[B, C]\}.$$

**Lemma 3** Suppose  $G[B, C]$  is  $m \times n$  interval matrix, then

$$S(G_P[B, C]) = S(H_P[B, C]).$$

Proof On the one hand, since  $H_P[B, C] \subseteq G_P[B, C]$ , therefore

$$S(G_P[B, C]) \geq S(H_P[B, C]) \tag{1.1}$$

on the other hand, by property of closed convex polygon<sup>[6]</sup>, for any  $A \in G[B, C]$ , there exist numbers  $\alpha_i \geq 0 (i=1, 2, \dots, k)$ , such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i A_i = A, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i = 1.$$

Let  $PA = (a_{ij}^*)_{m \times n}, A_i = (a_{ij}^{(i)})_{m \times n}, PA_i = (a_{ij}^{*(i)})_{m \times n}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{ij}^*| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \left( \sum_{s=1}^n p_{is} a_{sj}^{(i)} \right) \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \left( \sum_{s=1}^n p_{is} a_{sj}^{(i)} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^k \alpha_l \max \left\{ \left| \sum_{s=1}^n p_{ls} a_{sj}^{(l)} \right| \mid l = 1, 2, \dots, k \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \left| \sum_{s=1}^n p_{ls} a_{sj}^{(l)} \right| \mid l = 1, 2, \dots, k \right\} = \max \left\{ |a_{ij}^{*(l)}| \mid l = 1, 2, \dots, k \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$S(G_P[B, C]) \leq S(H_P[B, C]). \tag{1.2}$$

From (1.1), (1.2), we have

$$S(G_P[B, C]) = S(H_P[B, C]).$$

**Lemma 4** Suppose  $G[B, C]$  is a  $m \times m$  interval matrix, then

$$T(G_P^*[B, C]) = T(H_P^*[B, C]).$$

This Lemma can be proved in a similar way as Lemma 3. As a matter of fact, Lemma 3, Lemma 4 have shown method of calculation  $S(G_P^*[B, C])$  and  $T(G_P^*[B, C])$ .

**Lemma 5<sup>[7]</sup>** If  $B$  is  $n \times n$  matrix, such that  $b_{ii} < 0, b_{ij} \geq 0, i \neq j$ ; assume that  $x(t; x_0,$

$\cdot t_0), y(t; y_0, t_0)$  are solutions of  $\dot{x} \leq Bx$  and  $\dot{y} = By$ , there  $x_0 = y_0$ , then for any  $t \geq t_0$ ,

$$x(t; x_0, t_0) \leq y(t; y_0, t_0).$$

### 2 Stability of General Interval Dynamic Systems

Consider interval dynamic system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax \tag{2.1}$$

where  $x = \text{col}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $G[B, C]$  is a  $n \times n$  interval matrix,  $A \in G[B, C]$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix.

**Theorem 2.1** Suppose  $P$  is a  $n \times n$  real positive definite symmetric matrix, such that  $A_l^T P + PA_l$  is negative definite,  $A_l \in H[B, C]$ ;  $l = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ; then, (2.1) is asymptotic stable and there exists a real number  $c > 0$ , such that

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^T P x] |_{(2.1)} \leq -c \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right),$$

**Proof** Let  $V(x) = x^T P x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[x^T P x] |_{(2.1)} &= x^T [A^T P + PA] x \\ &= x^T \left[ \left( \sum_{l=1}^k \alpha_l A_l \right) P + P \left( \sum_{l=1}^k \alpha_l A_l \right) \right] x \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k \alpha_l [x^T (A_l^T P + PA_l) x], \end{aligned}$$

thus, if  $A_l^T P + PA_l$  is negative definite, there exist real numbers  $c_l > 0$ ;  $l = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ; such that

$$x^T (A_l^T P + PA_l) x \leq -c_l \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right); \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, k,$$

Let  $c = \min\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k\}$ , then

$$\frac{dV(x)}{dx} |_{(2.1)} \leq -c \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right),$$

therefore, (2.1) is asymptotic stable.

**Theorem 2.2** Suppose  $P$  is  $n \times n$  real positive definite symmetric matrix, such that  $T(H_r^*[B, C])$  is negative definite, then, (2.1) is asymptotic stable and there exists a real number  $c > 0$ , such that

$$\frac{d}{dt}[x^T P x] |_{(2.1)} \leq -c \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right).$$

This theorem can be proved in a similar way as theorem 2.1.

**Remark** If we select  $A_0 \in G[B, C]$  properly, then the matrix  $P$  mentioned in Theorem 2.1, Theorem 2.2 is determined by matrix equation  $A_0^T P + PA_0 = -2I$ .

### 3 Stability of Large-Scale Interval Dynamic Systems

At first, we decompose system (2.1) as follow

$$\frac{dx^{(i)}}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^r A_{ij} x^{(j)}, \tag{3.1}$$

where  $x^{(i)} = \text{col}(x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, \dots, x_{n_i}^{(i)})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ;  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$ ,  $A_{ij} \in G[B_{ij}, C_{ij}]$ ,

$G[B_{ij}, C_{ij}]$  is an  $n_i \times n_j$  interval matrix.

Consider subsystems

$$\frac{dx^{(i)}}{dt} = A_{ii}x^{(i)}, \tag{3.2}$$

$A_{ii} \in G[B_{ii}, C_{ii}] (i=1, 2, \dots, r)$  are  $n_i \times n_i$  interval matrix, suppose there exist positive definite functions  $V_i(x^{(i)}) = x^{(i)T} P_i x^{(i)}$ , where  $P_i$  are  $n_i \times n_i$  symmetric matrices, such that

$$1) \quad a_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_j^{(i)2} \right) \leq \nu_i(x^{(i)}) \leq b_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_j^{(i)2} \right),$$

$$2) \quad \left. \frac{d\nu_i(x^{(i)})}{dt} \right|_{(3.2)} \leq -c_i \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_j^{(i)2} \right],$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  can be determined by the way of introduced in 2.

Consider vector Lyapunov function  $V(x) = \text{col}(\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_r)$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d\nu_1}{dt} \right|_{(3.1)} &= (A_{11}x^{(1)} + A_{12}x^{(2)} + \dots + A_{1r}x^{(r)})^T P_1 x^{(1)} \\ &\quad + x^{T(1)} P_1 (A_{11}x^{(1)} + A_{12}x^{(2)} + \dots + A_{1r}x^{(r)}) \\ &\leq -c_1 \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} x_j^{(1)2} \right) + x^{T(2)} A_{12}^T P_1 x^{(1)} + x^{T(1)} P_1 A_{12} x^{(2)} \\ &\quad + \dots + x^{T(r)} A_{1r}^T P_1 x^{(1)} + x^{T(1)} P_1 A_{1r} x^{(r)} \end{aligned}$$

since  $P_1$  is a symmetric matrix, we have  $x^{T(k)} A_{1k}^T P_1 x^{(1)} = x^{T(1)} P_1 A_{1k} x^{(k)}, k=1, 2, \dots, r$ .

$$\left. \frac{d\nu_1}{dt} \right|_{(3.1)} \leq -c_1 \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} x_j^{(1)2} \right) + 2x^{T(r)} A_{12}^T P_1 x^{(1)} + \dots + 2x^{T(r)} A_{1r}^T P_1 x^{(1)}$$

form Lemma 3

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d\nu_1}{dt} \right|_{(3.1)} &\leq -c_1 \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} x_j^{(1)2} \right) + 2(|x^{(1)}|)^T S(G_r[B_{12}, C_{12}])(|x^{(2)}|) + \dots \\ &\quad + 2(|x^{(1)}|)^T S(G_r[B_{1r}, C_{1r}])(|x^{(r)}|) \\ &= -c_1 \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} x_j^{(1)2} \right) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} S_{1j}^{(12)} |x_1^{(1)}| |x_j^{(2)}| + \dots \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} S_{n_1 j}^{(12)} |x_{n_1}^{(1)}| |x_j^{(2)}| + \dots \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} S_{1j}^{(1r)} |x_1^{(1)}| |x_j^{(r)}| + \dots + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} S_{n_1 j}^{(1r)} |x_{n_1}^{(1)}| |x_j^{(r)}| \end{aligned}$$

(where  $S(G_{P_1}[B_{1k}, C_{1k}]) = (S_{ij}^{(1k)})_{n_1 \times n_k}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq -\frac{c_1 n_2}{n - n_1} x_1^{(1)2} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} S_{1j}^{(12)} |x_1^{(1)}| |x_j^{(2)}| + \dots \\ &\quad - \frac{c_2 n_2}{n - n_1} x_{n_1}^{(1)2} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} S_{n_1 j}^{(12)} |x_{n_1}^{(1)}| |x_j^{(2)}| + \dots \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{c_1 n_r}{n - n_1} x_1^{(1)2} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} S_{1j}^{(1r)} |x_1^{(1)}| |x_j^{(r)}| + \dots \\
 & - \frac{c_1 n_r}{n - n_1} x_1^{(1)2} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} S_{n_1 j}^{(1r)} |x_{n_1}^{(1)}| |x_j^{(r)}| \\
 \leq & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_1^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{11}^{(12)2} x_1^{(2)2} \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_1^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{12}^{(12)2} x_2^{(2)2} + \dots \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_1^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{1n_1}^{(12)2} x_{n_1}^{(2)2} + \dots, \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_{n_1}^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{n_1 1}^{(12)2} x_1^{(2)2} \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_{n_1}^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{n_1 2}^{(12)2} x_2^{(2)2} + \dots \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_{n_1}^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{n_1 n_2}^{(12)2} x_{n_2}^{(2)2} + \dots \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_1^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{11}^{(1r)2} x_1^{(r)2} \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_1^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{12}^{(1r)2} x_1^{(r)2} + \dots \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_1^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{1n_r}^{(1r)2} x_{n_r}^{(r)2} + \dots \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_{n_1}^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{n_1 1}^{(1r)2} x_1^{(r)2} \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_{n_1}^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{n_1 2}^{(1r)2} x_2^{(r)2} + \dots \\
 & - \frac{c_1}{2(n - n_1)} x_{n_1}^{(1)2} + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} S_{n_1 n_r}^{(1r)2} x_{n_r}^{(r)2} + \dots \\
 = & - \frac{c_1}{2} (x_1^{(1)2} + x_2^{(1)2} + \dots + x_{n_1}^{(1)2}) + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i1}^{(12)2} x_1^{(2)2} \right. \\
 & + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i2}^{(12)2} x_2^{(2)2} + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{in_2}^{(12)2} x_{n_2}^{(2)2} \left. \right] + \dots \\
 & + \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i1}^{(1r)2} x_1^{(r)2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i2}^{(1r)2} x_2^{(r)2} + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{in_r}^{(1r)2} x_{n_r}^{(r)2} \right] \\
 \leq & - \frac{c_1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} x_i^{(1)2} \right) + L_{12} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} x_i^{(2)2} \right) + \dots + L_{1r} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_r} x_i^{(r)2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L_{12} = \max \left\{ \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i1}^{(12)2} \right), \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i2}^{(12)2} \right), \dots, \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{in_2}^{(12)2} \right), \dots \right\},$$

$$L_{1r} = \max \left\{ \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i1}^{(1r)^2} \right), \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i2}^{(1r)^2} \right), \dots, \frac{n - n_1}{c_1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} S_{i r}^{(1r)^2} \right) \dots \right\},$$

we have

$$\frac{dv_1}{dt} |_{(3.1)} \leq -\frac{c_1}{2b_1} v_1 + \frac{L_{12}}{a_2} v_2 + \dots + \frac{L_{1r}}{a_r} v_r,$$

by same way, we can obtain:

$$\frac{dv_2}{dt} |_{(3.1)} \leq \frac{L_{21}}{a_1} v_1 - \frac{c_2}{2b_2} v_2 + \dots + \frac{L_{2r}}{a_r} v_r,$$

...

$$\frac{dv_r}{dt} |_{(3.1)} \leq \frac{L_{r1}}{a_1} v_1 + \frac{L_{r2}}{a_2} v_2 + \dots - \frac{c_r}{2b_r} v_r,$$

denote matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{c_1}{2b_1} & \frac{L_{12}}{a_2} & \dots & \frac{L_{1r}}{a_r} \\ \frac{L_{21}}{a_1} & -\frac{c_2}{2b_2} & \dots & \frac{L_{2r}}{a_r} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{L_{r1}}{a_1} & \frac{L_{r2}}{a_2} & \dots & -\frac{c_r}{2b_r} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the following equation

$$\frac{dv^*}{dt} = Mv^*$$

(where  $v^* = (v_1^*, v_2^*, \dots, v_r^*)^T$ ). This is an ordinary differential equation, if it's coefficient matrix is asymptotic stable, then from Lemma 5 we can have:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v_1^* = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v_2^* = \dots = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v_r^* = 0$$

so we have:

**Theorem 3.1** if there exist positive definite quadric  $v_k (k=1, 2, \dots, n)$ , such that

$$1) a_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} x_i^{(k)^2} \right) \leq v_k \leq b_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} x_i^{(k)^2} \right),$$

$$2) \frac{dv_k}{dt} |_{(3.2)} \leq -c_k \left( a_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} x_i^{(k)^2} \right) \right),$$

3) matrix  $M$  is asymptotic stable

then, system (3.1) is asymptotic stable.

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## 高维区间动力系统的稳定性

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**摘要:** 本文用向量 Lyapunov 函数方法讨论了高维区间动力大系统的渐近稳定性, 得到了区间动力系统渐近稳定的若干充分条件.

**关键词:** 区间矩阵; 向量 Lyapunov 函数; 渐近稳定性

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