

Stability Theorems for Impulsive Functional Differential Equations

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Abstract

In this paper, sufficient conditions are derived for asymptotic stability and uniformly asymptotic stability for impulsive functional differential equation using piecewise continuous differential equation.

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Introduction

Consider the impulsive functional differential equation

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(t, x_t), & t \neq t_k, t \geq t_0 \\ \Delta x = I_k(t, (x_t^-)), & t = t_k, k \in Z^+ \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Where $f: J \times PC \rightarrow R^n, \Delta x = x(t) - x(t^-), t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < t_{k+1} < \dots$, With $t_k \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and $I_k: J \times S(\rho) \rightarrow R^n$, where $J = [t_0, \infty)$, $S(\rho) = \{x \in R: |x| < \rho\}$. $PC = PC([- \tau, 0], R^n)$ denotes the space of piecewise right continuous functions $\varphi: [- \tau, 0] \rightarrow R^n$ with sup-norm $\|\varphi\|_\infty = \sup_{-\tau \leq s \leq 0} |\varphi(s)|$ and the norm $\|\varphi\|_2 = (\int_{-\tau}^0 |\varphi(s)|^2 ds)^{1/2}$ where τ is a positive constant, $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm in R^n . $x_t \in PC$ is defined by $x_t(s) = x(t+s)$ for $-\tau \leq s \leq 0$. $x'(t)$ denotes the right-hand derivative of $x(t)$. Z^+ is the set of all positive integers,

Let $f(t, 0) = 0$ and $I(0) = 0$, then $x(t) = 0$ is the zero solution of (1). Set $PC(\rho) = \{\varphi \in PC: \|\varphi\|_\infty < \rho\}, \forall \rho > 0$.

Definition 1.1

Let σ be the initial time, $\forall \sigma \in R$, the zero solution of (1) is said

to be

- stable if , for each $\sigma \geq t_0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta = \delta(\sigma, \varepsilon) > 0$ such that , for $\varphi \in PC(\delta)$, a solution $x(t, \sigma, \varphi)$ satisfies $|x(t, \sigma, \varphi)| < \varepsilon$ for $t \geq t_0$.
- uniformly stable if it is stable and δ in the definition of stability is independent of σ
- asymptotically stable if it is stable and, for each $t_0 \in R_+$, there is an $\eta = \eta(t_0) > 0$ such that, for $\varphi \in PC(\eta), x(t, \sigma, \varphi) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- uniformly asymptotically stable if it is uniformly stable and there is an $\eta > 0$ and , for each $\varepsilon > 0$, a $T = T(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that , for $\varphi \in PC(\eta), |x(t, \sigma, \varphi)| < \varepsilon$ for $t \geq t_0 + T$

Definition 1.2

A functional $V(t, \varphi): J \times PC(\rho) \rightarrow R_+$ belong to class $v_0(\cdot)$ (a set of Liapunov like functional) if

- V is continuous on $[t_{k-1}, t_k) \times PC(\rho)$ for each $k \in Z_+$, and for all $\varphi \in PC(\rho)$ and $k \in Z_+$, the limit $\lim_{(t, \varphi) \rightarrow (t_k^-, \varphi)} V(t, \varphi) = V(t_k^-, \varphi)$ exists.
- V is locally Lipchitzian in φ in each set in $PC(\rho)$ and $V(t, 0) = 0$ The set \mathfrak{R} is defined by $\mathfrak{R} = \{W \in C(R_+, R_+):$ strictly increasing and $W(0) = 0$

Main Results

Theorem 1

Assume that there exist $V_1, V_2 \in v_0(\cdot), W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4 \in \mathfrak{R}$ such that

- $W_1(\varphi(0)) \leq V(t, \varphi) \leq W_2(\varphi(0))$, where $V(t, \varphi) = V_1(t, \varphi) + V_2(t, \varphi)$
- $V(t_k, x + I_k(t_k, x)) - V(t_k^-, x) \leq 0$
- $aV_1'(t, x_t) + bV_2'(t, x_t) \leq -\lambda(t)W_3(\inf \{x(s) : t-h \leq s \leq t\})$
- $pV_1'(t, x_t) + qV_2'(t, x_t) \leq 0$
where $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0, p^2 + q^2 \neq 0$ and $\int_0^\infty \lambda(s) ds = \infty$

(A) Suppose further that there is a $\mu = \mu(\gamma) > 0$ for each $0 < \gamma < H_1$ such that

$$pV_1'(t, x_t) + qV_2'(t, x_t) \leq -\mu V_1'(t, x_t) \quad (2)$$

if $x(t) \geq \gamma$. If either (i) $a > 0, b > 0$ or (ii) $p \geq 0, q > 0$ hold, then the zero solution of (1) is uniformly and asymptotically stable.

(B) The same is concluded if

$$pV_1'(t, x_t) + qV_2'(t, x_t) \leq \mu V_1'(t, x_t)$$

holds in place of (2) and if either (i) $a > 0, b > 0$ or (ii) $p > 0, q > 0$.

Proof

We first prove the uniform stability. For given $\varepsilon > 0$, we may choose a $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that $W_2(\delta) < W_1(\varepsilon)$. For any $\sigma \geq t_0$ and $\varphi \in PC_\delta$, let $x(t, \sigma, \varphi)$ be the solution of (1). We will prove that

$$x(t, \sigma, \varphi) \leq \varepsilon, \quad t \geq \sigma$$

Let $x(t) = x(t, \sigma, \varphi)$ and $V_1(t) = V_1(t, x_t), V_2(t) = V_2(t, x_t)$ and $V(t) = V(t, x_t)$.

Then by assumption (iv),

$$V'(t, x_t) \leq 0, \quad \sigma \leq t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k, \quad k \in Z^+$$

and so $V(t)$ is non increasing on the interval of the form $[t_{k-1}, t_k)$. From condition (ii)

$$V(t_k) - V(t_k^-) = V(t_k, x(t_k^-) + I_k(t_k, x(t_k^-))) - V(t_k^-, x(t_k^-)) \leq 0$$

Thus $V(t)$ is non increasing on $[\sigma, \infty)$. We have $W_1(x(t)) \leq V(t) \leq V(\sigma) \leq W_2(\sigma) < W_1(\varepsilon), t \geq \sigma$

This implies with the monotonicity of $W_1, |x(t)| < \varepsilon$ for $t \geq \sigma$ and so that the zero solution of (1) is uniformly stable.

To show asymptotic stability, for a given $t_0 \in R_+$ and a fixed $0 < H_2 < H_1$, take $\eta = \eta(t_0) = \delta(t_0, H_2) > 0$, where δ is that in the definition of stability and for a given $\varphi \in PC(\eta)$, let $x(t) = x(t, \sigma, \varphi)$ be a solution of (1). Suppose for contradiction that $x(t) \not\rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Then there is a sequence $\{T_i\}$ and an $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ with $T_i \rightarrow \infty$ and $|x(T_i)| > \varepsilon_0$. Define $\varepsilon_2 = W_2^{-1}(\frac{W_1(\varepsilon_0)}{2})$ then there is a sequence $\{s_i\}$ with $s_i \rightarrow \infty$ and $|x(s_i)| < \varepsilon_2$. Otherwise there is an $S \geq t_0$ such that

$|x(t)| \geq \varepsilon_2$ for $t \geq S$ and

$$av_1(t) + bv_2(t) \leq$$

$$av_1(S+h) + bv_2(S+h) - \int_{S+h}^t \lambda(s)W_4(\inf\{|x(\sigma)| : s-h \leq \sigma \leq s\})ds +$$

$$S+h \leq t_k \leq t[Vtk-S+h \leq t_k \leq t[Vtk-Vtk-]]$$

$$\leq av_1(S+h) + bv_2(S+h) - W_4(\varepsilon_2) \int_S^t \lambda(s)ds \rightarrow -\infty$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, which contradicts either $av_1(t) + bv_2(t) \geq 0$ if (i) holds or

$$av_1(t) + bv_2(t) \geq -|a|W_2(H_2) - |b|(pv_1(t_0) +$$

$$qV_2(t_0))/q$$

if (ii) holds.

In Case (A), we may assume $T_{i-1} < s_i < T_i$ by choosing and renumbering if necessary. Then we can take a sequence $\{t_i\}$ such that $s_i < t_i < T_i, |x(t_i)| = \varepsilon_2$ and $|x(t)| > \varepsilon_2$ for $t_i < t \leq T_i$.

Then $pv_1(T_i) + qv_2(T_i) - (pv_1(T_{i-1}) + qv_2(T_{i-1}))$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq pv_1(T_i) + qv_2(T_i) - (pv_1(t_i) + qv_2(t_i)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{t_i \leq t_k \leq T_i} [V(t_k) - V(t_k^-)] \\ &\leq -\mu(\varepsilon_2)(v_1(T_i) - v_1(t_i)) \\ &\leq -\mu(\varepsilon_2)W_1(\varepsilon_0)/2 \end{aligned}$$

and a contradiction follows from

$$\begin{aligned} &pv_1(T_n) + qv_2(T_n) \\ &= pv_1(T_1) + qv_2(T_1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=2}^n [pv_1(T_i) + qv_2(T_i) \\ &\quad - (pv_1(T_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + qv_2(T_{i-1}))] \\ &\quad + \sum_{T_{i-1} \leq t_k \leq T_i} [V(t_k) - V(t_k^-)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq pv_1(T_1) + qv_2(T_1) - \frac{(n-1)\mu(\varepsilon_2)W_1(\varepsilon_0)}{2} \rightarrow -\infty$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$

In Case (B), we may assume $s_{i-1} < T_i < s_i$ and take $\{t_i\}$ with $T_i < t_i < s_i, |x(t_i)| = \varepsilon_2$ and $|x(t)| > \varepsilon_2$ for $T_i \leq t < t_i$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} &pv_1(t_i) + qv_2(t_i) - (pv_1(t_{i-1}) + qv_2(t_{i-1})) \\ &\leq pv_1(t_i) + qv_2(t_i) - (pv_1(T_i) + qv_2(T_i)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{T_i \leq t_k \leq t_i} [V(t_k) - V(t_k^-)] \\ &\leq \mu(\varepsilon_2)(v_1(t_i) - v_1(T_i)) \\ &\leq -\mu(\varepsilon_2)W_1(\varepsilon_0)/2 \end{aligned}$$

This implies a contradiction by the same argument as in case (A)

Therefore, $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The proof is complete.

Theorem 2.

Assume that there exist $V_1, V_2 \in v_0(\cdot)$ and $W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4 \in \mathfrak{R}$ such that

- a) $W_1|\varphi(0)| \leq V(t, \varphi) \leq W_2|\varphi(0)|$ where $V(t, \varphi) = V_1(t, \varphi) + V_2(t, \varphi)$
- b) $V(t_k, x + I_k(t_k, x)) - V(t_k^-, x) \leq 0, k \in Z^+$
- c) $aV_1'(t, x_t) + bV_2'(t, x_t) \leq -\lambda(t)W_3(\inf\{|x(s)|; t-h \leq s \leq t\})$ and $pV_1'(t, x_t) + qV_2'(t, x_t) \leq 0$

Where $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0, p^2 + q^2 \neq 0$ and

$$\lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^{t+S} \lambda(s)ds = \infty \text{ uniformly in } t \in R_+$$

A. Suppose that there is a $\mu = \mu(\gamma) > 0$ for each $0 < \gamma < H_1$ such that

$$pV_1'(t, x_t) + qV_2'(t, x_t) \leq -\mu V_1'(t, x_t) \quad (3)$$

If $|x(t)| \geq \gamma$. If either (i) $a > 0, b \geq 0$ or (ii) $p \geq 0, q \geq 0$ hold, then the zero solution of (1) is uniformly asymptotically stable.

B. The same is concluded if (3) is replaced by

$$pV_1'(t, x_t) + qV_2'(t, x_t) \leq \mu V_1'(t, x_t)$$

And if either (i) $a > 0, b \geq 0$ or (ii) $p > 0, q \geq 0$ hold

Proof

Uniform Stability can be proven as stability in Theorem 1.

Set $\eta = \delta(H_2)$ for a fixed $0 < H_2 < H_1$ and δ in the definition of uniform stability. For given $t_0 \in R_+, \varphi \in C_\eta$,

let $x(t) = x(t, \sigma, \varphi)$ be a solution of (1). Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given and take $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ of uniform stability. Define $\delta_1 = W_2^{-1}(\frac{W_1(\delta)}{2})$. Choose a $S = S(\varepsilon) > 0$ with

$$\int_t^{t+S} \lambda(s)ds > 2(|a|W_2(H_2) + |b|W_3(H_2))/W_4(\delta_1)$$

For $t \in R_+$ and an integer $N = N(\varepsilon) \geq 1$ with $N\mu(\delta_1)W_1(\delta)/2 > 2(|p|W_2(H_2) + |q|W_3(H_2))$

Define $T = T(\varepsilon) = N(S + 2h)$. Suppose, for contradiction, that $\|x_t\| \geq \delta$ for $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + T$.

In Case (A), for $1 \leq i \leq N$, there is a

$$+(i-1)(S+2h) \leq s_i \leq t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h) + h + S$$

With $|x(s_i)| < \delta_1$. Otherwise $|x(t)| \geq \delta_1$ on this interval and, for $I_i = [t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h) + h, t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h) + h + S, v1t=V1(t,xt)$ and $v2t=V2(t,xt)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -2(|a|W_2(H_2) + |b|W_3(H_2)) \\ & \leq av_1(t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h) + h + S) + bv_2(t_0 \\ & \quad + (i-1)(S+2h) + h + S) \\ & (-av_1(t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h) + h) + bv_2(t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h+h))) \\ & \leq -\int \lambda(t)W_4(\inf\{|x(s)|: t-h \leq s \leq t\})ds \\ & \leq -W_4(\delta_1) \int \lambda(t) < -2(|a|W_2(H_2) + |b|W_3(H_2)) \end{aligned}$$

This inequality also holds true as per condition (ii) a contradiction.

From the supposition, for $1 \leq i \leq N$, there is a $t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h) + h + S \leq T_i \leq t_0 + i(S+2h)$

Such that $|x(T_i)| \geq \delta$. Thus, there is an $s_i < T_i < T_i$ with $|x(s_i)| = \delta_1$ and $|x(t)| > \delta_1$ for $t_i < t \leq T_i$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & pv_1(t_0 + i(S+2h)) + qv_2(t_0 + i(S+2h)) \\ & \quad - (pv_1(t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h)) \\ & \quad + qv_2(t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h))) \\ & \leq pv_1(T_i) + qv_2(T_i) - (pv_1(t_i) + qv_2(t_i)) \\ & \leq -\mu(\delta_1)(v_1(T_i) - v_1(t_i)) \leq -\mu(\delta_1)W_1(\delta)/2 \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} & -2(|p|W_2(H_2) + |q|W_3(H_2)) \leq pv_1(t_0 + N(S+2h)) + \\ & qv_2(t_0 + N(S+2h)) - (pv_1(t_0) + qv_2(t_0)) \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^N (pv_1(t_0 + i(S+2h)) + qv_2(t_0 + i(S+2h))) - \\ & (pv_1t_0 + i-1S+2h + qv_2t_0 + i-1S+2h) \\ & \leq -N\mu(\delta_1)W_1(\delta)/2 < -2(|p|W_2(H_2) + |q|W_3(H_2)), \end{aligned}$$

This inequality also holds true as per condition (ii) a contradiction.

In Case (B), we can take, for $1 \leq i \leq N$, $t_0 + (i-1)2h + S + h \leq s_i \leq t_0 + i2h + S$ with $|x(s_i)| < \delta_1$, $t_0 + (i-1)(2h+S) \leq T_i \leq t_0 + (i-1)(2h+S) + h$ with $|x(T_i)| \geq \delta$ and $T_i < t_i < s_i$ with $|x(t_i)| = \delta_1$, $|x(t)| > \delta_1$ for $T_i \leq t < t_i$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} & pv_1(t_0 + i(S+2h)) + qv_2(t_0 + i(S+2h)) \\ & \quad - (pv_1(t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h)) \\ & \quad + qv_2(t_0 + (i-1)(S+2h))) \\ & \leq pv_1(t_i) + qv_2(t_i) - (pv_1(T_i) + qv_2(T_i)) \\ & \leq \mu(\delta_1)(v_1(t_i) - v_1(T_i)) \leq -\mu(\delta_1)W_1(\delta)/2 \end{aligned}$$

This inequality also holds true as per condition (ii) a contradiction follows from this as in case(A)

Consequently $\|x_t\| < \delta$ for some $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + T$ and $|x(t)| < \varepsilon$ for $t \geq t_0 + T$. This completes the proof.

Corollary

If there are $V_1, V_2 \in v_0(\cdot)$ and $W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4 \in \mathfrak{R}$ satisfying

$$a) \quad W_1|\varphi(0)| \leq V(t, \varphi) \leq W_2|\varphi(0)|$$

$$b) \quad 0 \leq V(t, \varphi) \leq W_3(|\varphi|) \text{ where } V(t, \varphi) = V_1(t, \varphi) + V_2(t, \varphi)$$

$$c) \quad V(t_k, x + I_k(t_k, x)) - V(t_k^-, x) \leq 0$$

$$d) \quad V'_1(t, x_t) + c_1V'_2(t, x_t) \leq 0$$

$$e) \quad V'_1(t, x_t) + c_2V'_2(t, x_t) \leq -\lambda(t)W_4(\inf\{|x(s)|; t-h \leq s \leq t\})$$

Where $c_1 \neq c_2$ either $c_1 \geq 0$ or $c_2 \geq 0$ and

$$\lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^{t+S} \lambda(s)ds = \infty \text{ uniformly in } t \in R_+$$

Then the zero solution of (1) is uniformly asymptotically stable.

Proof

We may assume that $c_1 > c_2$. Then $c_1 \geq 0$, if $c_2 = 0$

$$V'_1(t, x_t) + c_1V'_2(t, x_t) \leq 0 \leq -V'_1(t, x_t)$$

And the conditions of theorem 2(A ii) are satisfied.

If $c_1 > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} V'_1(t, x_t) + c_1V'_2(t, x_t) & \leq (c_1 - c_2)V'_2(t, x_t) \\ & \leq -\left(\frac{c_1 - c_2}{c_1}\right)V'_1(t, x_t) \end{aligned}$$

Implies uniform stability by Theorem 2(A ii).

Example Consider the impulsive differential equation

$$x'(t) = -a(t)f(x(t)) + b(t)g(x(t-h))$$

$$x(t_k) - x(t_k^-) = c_kx(t_k^-), \quad k \in Z^+$$

Where $a: R_+ \rightarrow R_+, b: R_+ \rightarrow R, f, g: R \rightarrow R$ are continuous, $xf(x) > 0$, for $x \neq 0, |g(x)| \leq c|f(x)|$ for $c > 0$ and $g(x) \neq 0$ for $x \neq 0, |1+c_k| \leq 1, k \in Z^+$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [1 - |1+c_k|] = \infty$

If $\int_t^{t+h} |b(s)|ds$ is bounded, $a(t) - \alpha|b(t+h)| \geq 0$

For some $\alpha > 1$, and for some $1 \leq \beta \leq \alpha$, $\lambda(t) = a(t) - \beta c|b(t+h)| + (\beta - 1)|b(t)|$ satisfies

$$\lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^{t+S} \lambda(s)ds = \infty$$

Uniformly in $t \in R_+$, then the zero solution is uniformly asymptotically stable.

Proof

Let $V = V_1 + V_2$ where $V_1(t, \varphi) = |\varphi(0)|, V_2(t, \varphi) = \int_{-h}^0 |b(t+s+h)||g(\varphi(s))| ds$

Then $V_2(t, \varphi) \leq \int_t^{t+h} |b(s)|ds W_3(|\varphi|)$ for some function $W_3 \in \mathfrak{R}$

And $V_1(t_k, x + c_kx) - V_1(t_k^-, x) = |(1+c_k)x| - |x| = [1 - |1+c_k|]|V(t_k^-, x)$

Let $\lambda_k = 1 - |1+c_k|$; then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k = \infty$. We check that for any $\alpha > 0$, there is a $\beta > 0$ such that $V(t, x_t) \geq \alpha$ implies $V_1(t, x_t) \geq \beta$.

Otherwise we must have $\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} V_1(t, x_t) = 0$

We let $V(t) = V_1(t, x_t) + V_2(t, x_t)$

Then $V(t_k) - V(t_k^-) = V_1(t_k, x(t_k^-) + c_kx(t_k^-)) - V_1(t_k^-, x(t_k^-)) \leq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & V'_1(t, x_t) + \beta V'_2(t, x_t) \\ & \leq -(a(t) - \beta c|b(t+h)|)|f(x(t))| \\ & \quad - (\beta - 1)|b(t)||g(x(t-h))| \\ & \quad + \sum_{0 \leq t_k \leq t} (V(t_k) - V(t_k^-)) \\ & \leq -\lambda(t)W_4(\inf\{|x(s)|; t-h \leq s \leq t\}) \end{aligned}$$

If $\|x_t\| \leq H$ for a fixed $0 < H < \infty$ and some function W_4 .

If $\beta = 1$, for $\alpha \neq 1$ $V'_1(t, x_t) + \alpha V'_2(t, x_t) \leq 0$

If $\beta > 1$ $V'_1(t, x_t) + 1 V'_2(t, x_t) \leq 0$

The conditions of the corollary are satisfied and hence the zero solution is uniformly asymptotically stable.

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