



Supplementary materials for

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1 Theorem 4.2 in Bhat and Bernstein (2000)

Theorem 4.2 Consider the system $\dot{x} = f(x)$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f(0) = 0$. Let $V : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a positive definite continuous function. Suppose that there exist real numbers $c > 0$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, and an open neighborhood $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ of the origin, such that $\dot{V}(x) + c(V(x))^\alpha \leq 0$, $x \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \{0\}$. Then the origin $x = 0$ is finite-time stable; i.e., there exists a finite time $T > 0$, $T \leq \frac{(V(0))^{1-\alpha}}{c(1-\alpha)}$, such that $V(x) = 0$, $\forall t > T$.

2 Theorem 5.3 in Bhat and Bernstein (2000)

Theorem 5.3 Consider the system $\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and g is the perturbation term. Let $V : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a positive definite continuous function that satisfies $\dot{V}(x) + c(V(x))^\alpha \leq 0$, $x \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \{0\}$, where $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ is an open neighborhood of the origin, $c > 0$, and $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$. Then, for every $L \geq 0$, there exists an open neighborhood \mathcal{U} of the origin and $T > 0$ such that, for every continuous function $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfying

$$\|g(t, x)\| \leq L\|x\|, (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathcal{D},$$

every right maximally defined solution x with $x(0) \in \mathcal{U}$ is defined on \mathbb{R}_+ and satisfies $x(t) \in \mathcal{U}$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, and $x(t) = 0$ for all $t > T$.

3 Proof of Eq. (10)

Because the arc-lengths are given by

$$s_i(\lambda_i, \phi_i) \triangleq \int_{\phi_i^*}^{\phi_i} \frac{\partial s_i(\lambda_i, \tau)}{\partial \tau} d\tau,$$

where ϕ_i^* is the parameter associated with the starting point of the arc of s_i , the total variation of arc-length s_i is given by

$$\dot{s}_i = \frac{\partial s_i(\lambda_i, \phi_i)}{\partial \phi_i} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial s_i(\lambda_i, \phi_i)}{\partial \lambda_i} \frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial t} = \left. \frac{ds_i}{dt} \right|_{\lambda_i = \text{const}} + \frac{\partial s_i(\lambda_i, \phi_i)}{\partial \lambda_i} \dot{\lambda}_i = T_i^T v_i + \frac{\partial s_i(\lambda_i, \phi_i)}{\partial \lambda_i} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| v_{N_i}.$$

Note that $\dot{\lambda}_i = \|\nabla \lambda_i\| v_{N_i}$. The derivative of generalized arc-length ξ_i is

$$\dot{\xi}_i = \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} T_i^T v_i + \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} \frac{\partial s_i}{\partial \lambda_i} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| v_{N_i}.$$

Then the dynamics of ξ_i is given by

$$\dot{\xi}_i = \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} v_{T_i} + \Delta_{\xi_i},$$

where $v_{T_i} = T_i^T v_i$ and $\Delta_{\xi_i} = \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} \frac{\partial s_i}{\partial \lambda_i} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| v_{N_i}$.

4 Proof of inequality (15)

Let $\bar{v}_{N_i} = v_{N_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha$, $\tilde{v}_{N_i} = v_{N_i} - \hat{v}_{N_i}$, and $\hat{v}_{N_i} = -k_1 (\nabla \Psi_i)^\frac{1}{\alpha}$. Differentiating Eq. (14) along Eqs. (8), (9), and (13) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_P &= \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla \Psi_i \|\nabla \lambda_i\| (\tilde{v}_{N_i} + \hat{v}_{N_i}) + \gamma_1 \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{N_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha)^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{N_i} + \Delta_{N_i}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{-1}{k_1^{1+\alpha}} \frac{\partial \hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha}{\partial \lambda_i} \int_{\hat{v}_{N_i}}^{v_{N_i}} (\tau^\alpha - \hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha)^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} d\tau \right) \dot{\lambda}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla \Psi_i \|\nabla \lambda_i\| \tilde{v}_{N_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n k_1 \|\nabla \lambda_i\| (\nabla \Psi_i)^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \gamma_1 \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{N_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha)^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{N_i} + \Delta_{N_i}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(k_1^{-1} \nabla^2 \Psi_i \int_{\hat{v}_{N_i}}^{v_{N_i}} (\tau^\alpha - \hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha)^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} d\tau \right) \|\nabla \lambda_i\| v_{N_i} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|\nabla \lambda_i\| |\nabla \Psi_i \tilde{v}_{N_i}| - \sum_{i=1}^n k_1 \|\nabla \lambda_i\| (\nabla \Psi_i)^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \gamma_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{v}_{N_i}^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{N_i} + \Delta_{N_i}) + f_P, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f_P = \sum_{i=1}^n k_1^{-1} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| |\nabla^2 \Psi_i| |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{N_i}| |\tilde{v}_{N_i}|.$$

5 Proof of inequality (16)

Because $|\tilde{v}_{N_i}| = \left| (v_{N_i}^\alpha)^\frac{1}{\alpha} - (\hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha)^\frac{1}{\alpha} \right|$, according to Lemmas A.1 and A.2 in Qian and Lin (2001), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{v}_{N_i}| &\leq 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{N_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{N_i}^\alpha|^\frac{1}{\alpha}, \\ |\nabla \Psi_i \tilde{v}_{N_i}| &\leq \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \phi_1 |\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \phi_1^{-\alpha} |2^{-1} \bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} = |\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + c_{\phi_1} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \\ |\bar{v}_{N_i}| |\nabla \Psi_i|^\frac{1}{\alpha} &\leq \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \phi_2 |\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \phi_2^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} = |\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + c_{\phi_2} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\phi_1 = 2^{-1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}(1+\alpha)/\alpha$, $\phi_2 = 1+\alpha$, $c_{\phi_1} = 2^{-1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\phi_1^{-\alpha}/(1+\alpha)$, and $c_{\phi_2} = \phi_2^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\alpha/(1+\alpha)$.

6 Proof of inequality (18)

Exploiting $|\nabla \Psi_i \tilde{v}_{N_i}| \leq |\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + c_{\phi_1} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ and inequality (17) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_P &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|\nabla \lambda_i\| (|\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + c_{\phi_1} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}) - \sum_{i=1}^n k_1 \|\nabla \lambda_i\| (\nabla \Psi_i)^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \gamma_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{v}_{N_i}^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{N_i} + \Delta_{N_i}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n k_1^{-1} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| |\nabla^2 \Psi_i| \left[2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} \bar{v}_{N_i}^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + k_1 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (|\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + c_{\phi_2} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \|\nabla \lambda_i\| |\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \sum_{i=1}^n k_1 \|\nabla \lambda_i\| (\nabla \Psi_i)^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| |\nabla^2 \Psi_i| |\nabla \Psi_i|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ &\quad + \gamma_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{v}_{N_i}^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{N_i} + \Delta_{N_i}) + \sum_{i=1}^n k_1^{-1} 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| |\nabla^2 \Psi_i| |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\nabla \lambda_i\| c_{\phi_1} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \|\nabla \lambda_i\| |\nabla^2 \Psi_i| c_{\phi_2} |\bar{v}_{N_i}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $c_{\underline{\lambda}} \leq \|\nabla \lambda_i\| \leq c_{\bar{\lambda}}$ and $|\nabla^2 \Psi_i| \leq c_{\Psi^2}$. We have

$$\dot{V}_P \leq - \sum_{i=1}^n \left(k_1 c_{\underline{\lambda}} - c_{N1} \right) (\nabla \Psi_i)^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \gamma_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{v}_{N_i}^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{N_i} + \Delta_{N_i}) + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{N2} \bar{v}_{N_i}^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}},$$

where $c_{N1} = c_{\bar{\lambda}} + c_{\bar{\lambda}} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} c_{\Psi^2}$ and $c_{N2} = c_{\bar{\lambda}} \left(c_{\phi_1} + k_1^{-1} 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} c_{\Psi^2} + 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} c_{\phi_2} c_{\Psi^2} \right)$.

7 Proof of Eq. (27)

Note that $\hat{v}_{T_i} = - \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} \right)^{-1} k_3 \varsigma_i^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$. Differentiating Eq. (26) along Eqs. (11), (12), and (25) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_F &= \sum_{i=1}^n \varsigma_i \dot{\xi}_i + \gamma_2 \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha)^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \dot{v}_{T_i} + \gamma_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\hat{v}_{T_i}}^{v_{T_i}} - \left(2 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \dot{v}_{T_i}^\alpha (\tau^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha)^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} d\tau \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \varsigma_i \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} v_{T_i} + \Delta_{\xi_i} - \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial s_j} v_{T_j} - \Delta_{\xi_j} \right) + \gamma_2 \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha)^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{T_i} + \Delta_{T_i}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{k_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} \right)^{-\alpha} \int_{\hat{v}_{T_i}}^{v_{T_i}} (\tau^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha)^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} d\tau \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} v_{T_i} + \Delta_{\xi_i} - \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial s_j} v_{T_j} - \Delta_{\xi_j} \right) \\ &= -k_3 \sum_{i=1}^n \varsigma_i \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \left(\varsigma_i^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \varsigma_j^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right) + f_F + \gamma_2 \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha)^{2-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (u_{T_i} + \Delta_{T_i}) + g_{F1} + g_{F2}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_F &= \sum_{i=1}^n \varsigma_i \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} \bar{v}_{T_i} - \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial s_j} \bar{v}_{T_j} \right) \\ g_{F1} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \varsigma_i \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \left(\Delta_{\xi_i} - \Delta_{\xi_j} \right), \\ g_{F2} &= \frac{1}{k_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} \right)^{-\alpha} \int_{\hat{v}_{T_i}}^{v_{T_i}} (\tau^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha)^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} d\tau \sum_{j=0}^n a_{ij} \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} v_{T_i} + \Delta_{\xi_i} - \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial s_j} v_{T_j} - \Delta_{\xi_j} \right). \end{aligned}$$

8 Proof of inequality (37)

From $|\bar{v}_{T_i}| \leq 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ and $\hat{v}_{T_i} = - \left(\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial s_i} \right)^{-1} k_3 \varsigma_i^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$, we have

$$\begin{cases} |\hat{v}_{T_i}| |v_{T_i} - \hat{v}_{T_i}| \leq k_3 c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-1} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_i|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \\ |\hat{v}_{T_j}| |v_{T_j} - \hat{v}_{T_j}| \leq k_3 c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-1} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_j|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_j}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_j}^\alpha|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}. \end{cases}$$

Due to the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} |v_{T_i}| |v_{T_i} - \hat{v}_{T_i}| &\leq |v_{T_i} - \hat{v}_{T_i}|^2 + |\hat{v}_{T_i}| |v_{T_i} - \hat{v}_{T_i}| \\ &\leq 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} (v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha)^{\frac{2}{\alpha}} + k_3 c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-1} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_i|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \\ |v_{T_j}| |v_{T_j} - \hat{v}_{T_j}| &\leq |v_{T_j} - \hat{v}_{T_j}| |v_{T_i} - \hat{v}_{T_i}| + |\hat{v}_{T_j}| |v_{T_i} - \hat{v}_{T_i}| \\ &\leq 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} |v_{T_j}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_j}^\alpha|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} + k_3 c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-1} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_j|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^\alpha - \hat{v}_{T_i}^\alpha|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$g_{F21} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n k_3^{-1} c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}|^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} g_{F23},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g_{F23} = & \gamma_3 c_{\underline{\xi}} \left[2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} (v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha})^{\frac{2}{\alpha}} + k_3 c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-1} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_i|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right] \\ & + \sum_{j=0}^n \gamma_4 c_{\underline{\xi}} \left(2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} |v_{T_j}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_j}^{\alpha}|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} + k_3 c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-1} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_j|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying the above equation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g_{F21} \leq & \sum_{i=1}^n k_3^{-1} c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha} \gamma_3 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha-1} \gamma_3 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_i|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}| \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^n k_3^{-1} c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^n \gamma_4 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}} |v_{T_j}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_j}^{\alpha}|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}| + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha-1} \sum_{j=0}^n \gamma_4 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |\varsigma_j|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}| \\ = & \sum_{i=1}^n c_{g1} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}|^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{g2} |\varsigma_i|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}| + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^n c_{g3} |v_{T_j}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_j}^{\alpha}|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}| \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^n c_{g4} |\varsigma_j|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} |v_{T_i}^{\alpha} - \hat{v}_{T_i}^{\alpha}|, \end{aligned}$$

where $c_{g1} = k_3^{-1} c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha} \gamma_3 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}}$, $c_{g2} = c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha-1} \gamma_3 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$, $c_{g3} = k_3^{-1} c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha} \gamma_4 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{2-\frac{2}{\alpha}}$, and $c_{g4} = c_{\underline{\xi}}^{-\alpha-1} \gamma_4 c_{\underline{\xi}} 2^{1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$.