

# Nonlinear stabilization when delay is a function of state

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## Outline

- LTI systems with time-varying delay
- nonlinear systems with state-dependent delay
- happy birthday slide

## LTI Systems w/ Constant Delay

$$\dot{X}(t) = AX(t) + BU(t - D)$$

$A$  - possibly unstable;  $D$  - arbitrarily large

Assume:  $(A, B)$  controllable and matrix  $K$  found such that  $A + BK$  is Hurwitz.

## LTI Systems w/ Constant Delay

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Predictor-based control law:

$$U(t) = K \left[ \underbrace{e^{AD}X(t) + \int_{t-D}^t e^{A(t-\theta)}BU(\theta)d\theta}_{X(t+D) \triangleq P(t)} \right]$$

# Time-Varying Input Delay

Basic idea introduced by Artstein (TAC, 1982), but only conceptually (nor explicitly), for LTV systems with TV delays.

Explicit design for LTI plants presented by Nihtila (CDC, 1991), but no analysis of stability or of feasibility of the controller.

# Time-Varying Input Delay

$$\dot{X}(t) = AX(t) + BU(\phi(t))$$

$$\phi(t) = t - D(t) := \text{“delayed time”}$$

Predictor feedback

$$U(t) = K \left[ e^{A(\phi^{-1}(t)-t)} X(t) + \int_{\phi(t)}^t e^{A(\phi^{-1}(t)-\phi^{-1}(\theta))} B \frac{U(\theta)}{\phi'(\phi^{-1}(\theta))} d\theta \right]$$

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Construct one with a backstepping transformation of the **actuator state**:

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$$V(t) = X(t)^T P X(t) + a \int_{\phi(t)}^t \frac{e^{b \frac{\phi^{-1}(\theta)-t}{\phi^{-1}(t)-t}}}{(\phi^{-1}(t)-t) \phi'(\phi^{-1}(\theta))} W(\theta)^2 d\theta$$

**Theorem 1**  $\exists G, g > 0$  s.t.

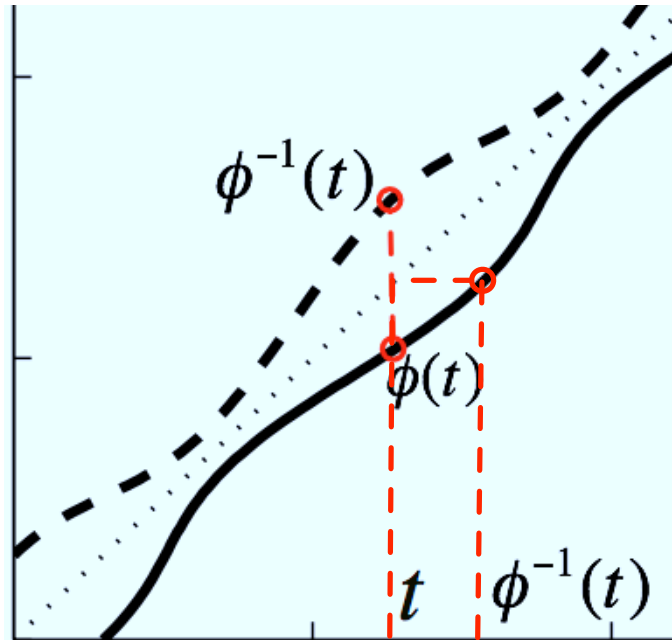
$$|X(t)|^2 + \int_{t-D(t)}^t U^2(\theta) d\theta \leq Ge^{-gt} \left( |X_0|^2 + \int_{-D(0)}^0 U^2(\theta) d\theta \right), \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

where  $G$  (but not  $g$ ) depends on the function  $D(\cdot)$ .

Conditions on the delay function  $D(t) = t - \phi(t)$ :

- $D(t) \geq 0$  (causality);
- $D(t)$  is uniformly bounded from above (all inputs applied to the plant eventually reach the plant);
- $D'(t) < 1$  (plant never feels input values that are older than the ones it has already felt—input signal direction never reversed);
- $D'(t)$  is uniformly bounded from below (delay cannot disappear instantaneously, but only gradually).

**Achilles heel:**  $\phi^{-1}(t) > t > \phi(t)$



$D(t)$  needs to be known sufficiently far in advance

⇒ method appears not to be usable for state-dependent delays

# **Nonlinear systems with state-dependent delay**

(with Nikolaos Bekiaris-Liberis)

- Control over networks
- Driver reaction delay
- Milling processes
- Rolling mills
- Engine cooling systems
- Population dynamics

# Nonlinear Systems with State-Dependent Input Delay

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$$P(\theta) = X(t) + \int_{t-D(X(t))}^{\theta} \frac{f(P(s), U(s))}{1 - \nabla D(P(s)) f(P(s), U(s))} ds, \quad t - D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t$$



Controller (possibly time-varying)

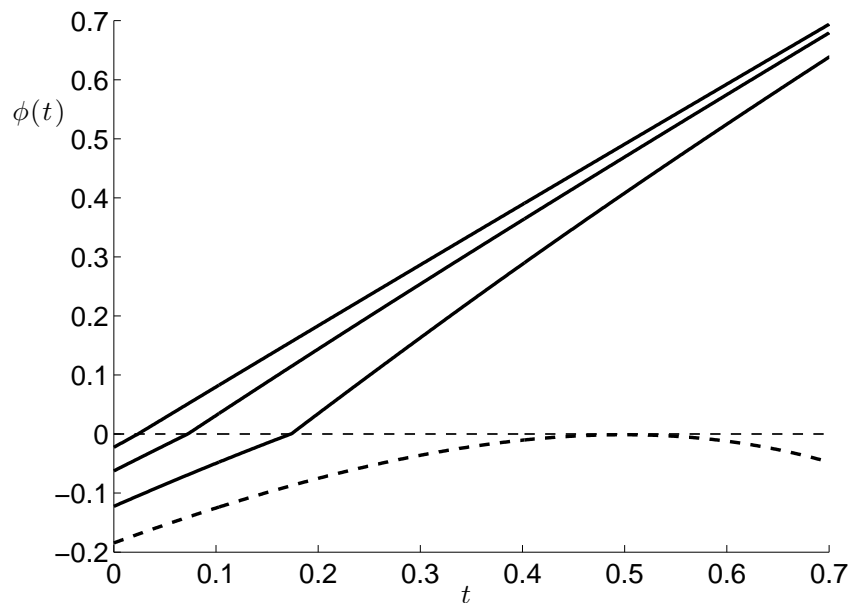
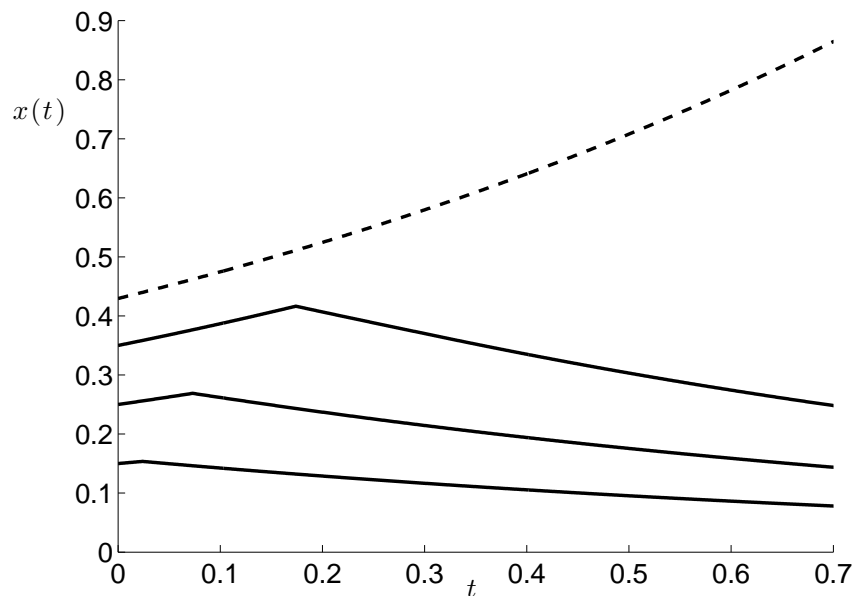
$$U(t) = \kappa((t + D(P(t))), P(t))$$

**Example 1** (stabilizing, but not global even for linear systems)

$$\dot{X}(t) = X(t) + U \left( t - X(t)^2 \right)$$

Simulations with input initial conditions  $U(\theta) = 0, -X(0)^2 \leq \theta \leq 0$ .

For  $X(0) \geq X^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2e}} = 0.43$ , the controller never “kicks in” (dashed)



## Result not global because of feasibility condition “delay rate < 1”

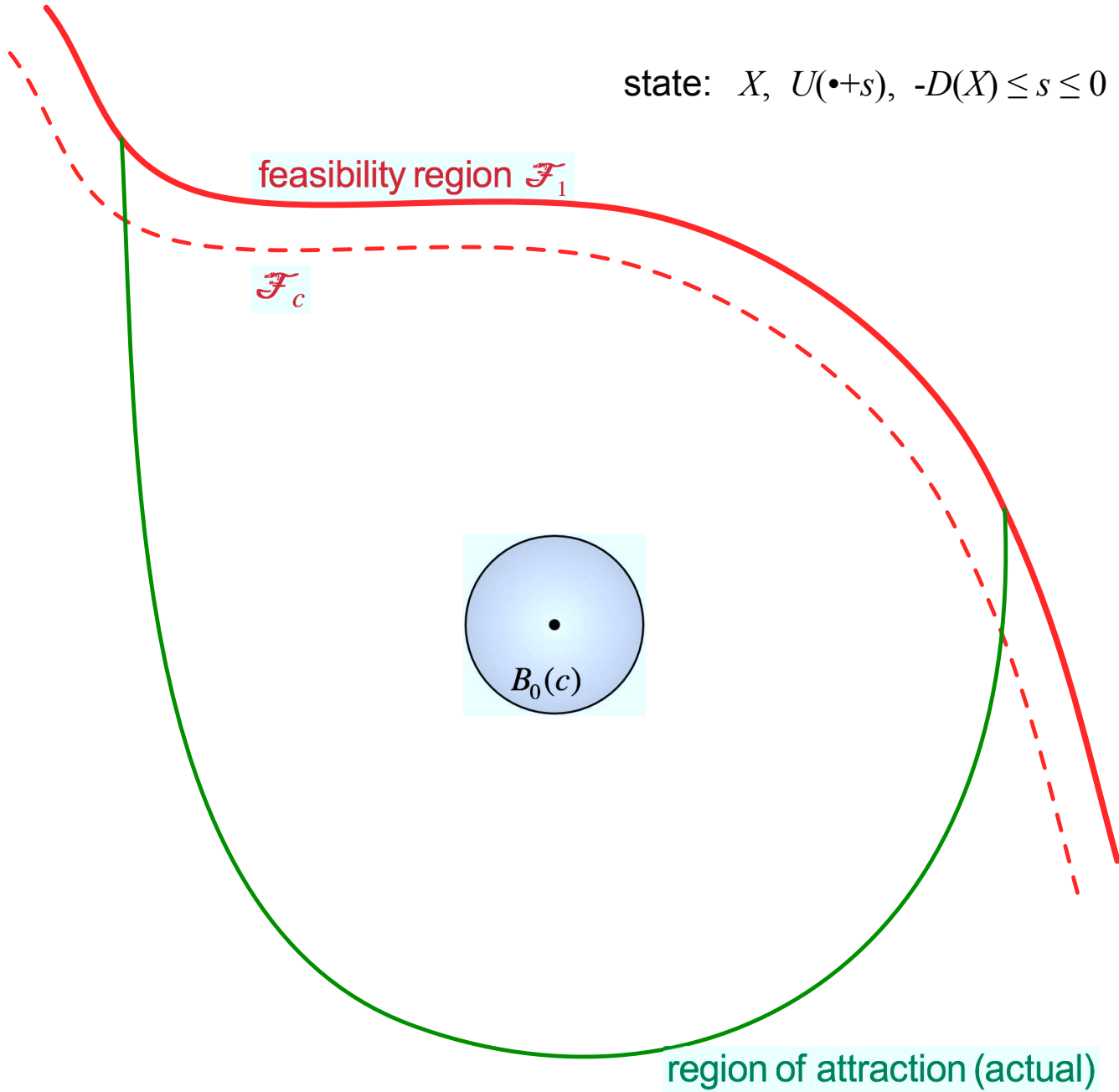
To keep the prediction horizon finite and control bounded, the initial conditions and solutions must satisfy

$$\mathcal{F}_c : \quad \nabla D(P(\theta)) f(P(\theta), U(\theta)) < c, \quad \text{for all } \theta \geq -D(X(0)),$$

for some  $c \in (0, 1]$ .

We refer to  $\mathcal{F}_1$  as the *feasibility condition* of the controller.

state:  $X, U(\bullet+s), -D(X) \leq s \leq 0$



**Theorem 2** (local u.a.s. in sup-norm of  $U$ )

$\exists \Psi_{RoA} \in \mathcal{K}, \rho \in \mathcal{K}\mathcal{C},$  and  $\beta \in \mathcal{K}\mathcal{L}$  s.t.  $\forall$  initial cond. that satisfy

$$B_0(c) : \quad |X(0)| + \sup_{-D(X(0)) \leq \theta \leq 0} |U(\theta)| < \Psi_{RoA}(c)$$

for some  $0 < c < 1,$

$$|X(t)| + \sup_{t-D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t} |U(\theta)| \leq \beta \left( \rho \left( |X(0)| + \sup_{-D(X(0)) \leq \theta \leq 0} |U(\theta)|, c \right), t \right), \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

If  $U$  is locally Lipschitz on the interval  $[-D(X(0)), 0),$  there exists a unique solution to the closed-loop system with  $X$  Lipschitz on  $[0, \infty),$   $U$  Lipschitz on  $(0, \infty)$

**Assumption 1**  $D \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}_+)$

**Assumption 2**  $\dot{X} = f(X, \omega)$  is forward complete

**Assumption 3**  $\dot{X} = f(X, \kappa(t, X))$  is g.u.a.s.

**Lemma 1** (infinite-dimensional backstepping transformation of the actuator state)

$$\boxed{W(\theta) = U(\theta) - \kappa(\sigma(\theta), P(\theta))}, \quad t - D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t,$$

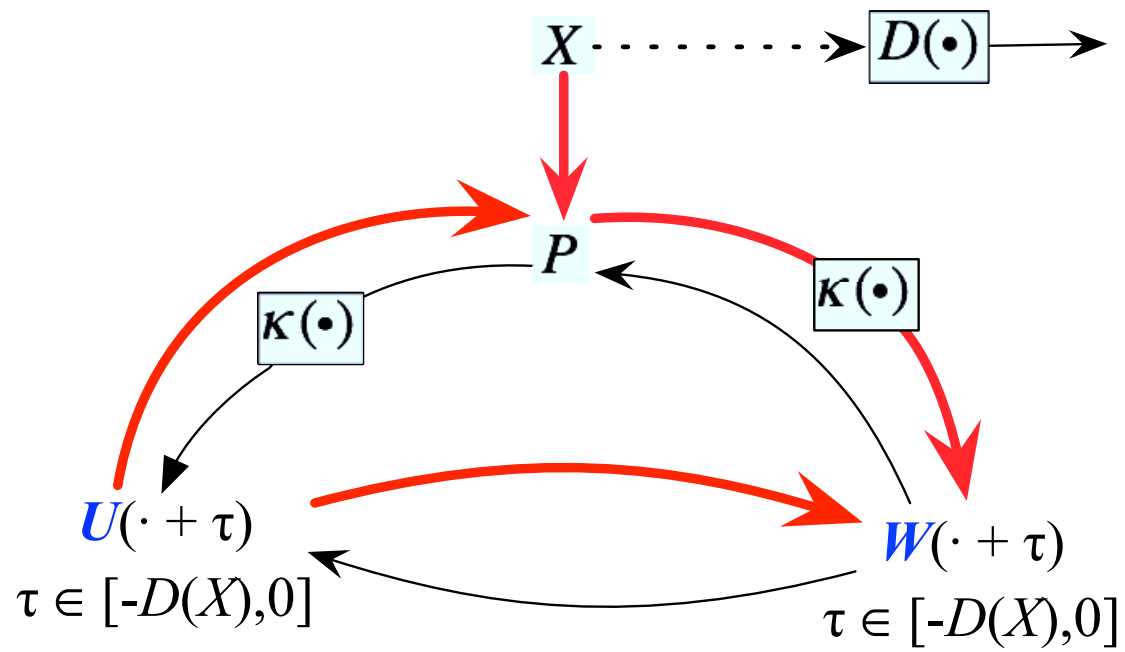
*transforms the closed-loop system into the “target system”*

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}(t) &= f(X(t), \kappa(t, X(t)) + W(t - D(X(t)))) \\ W(t) &= 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2** (u.a.s. of target system)

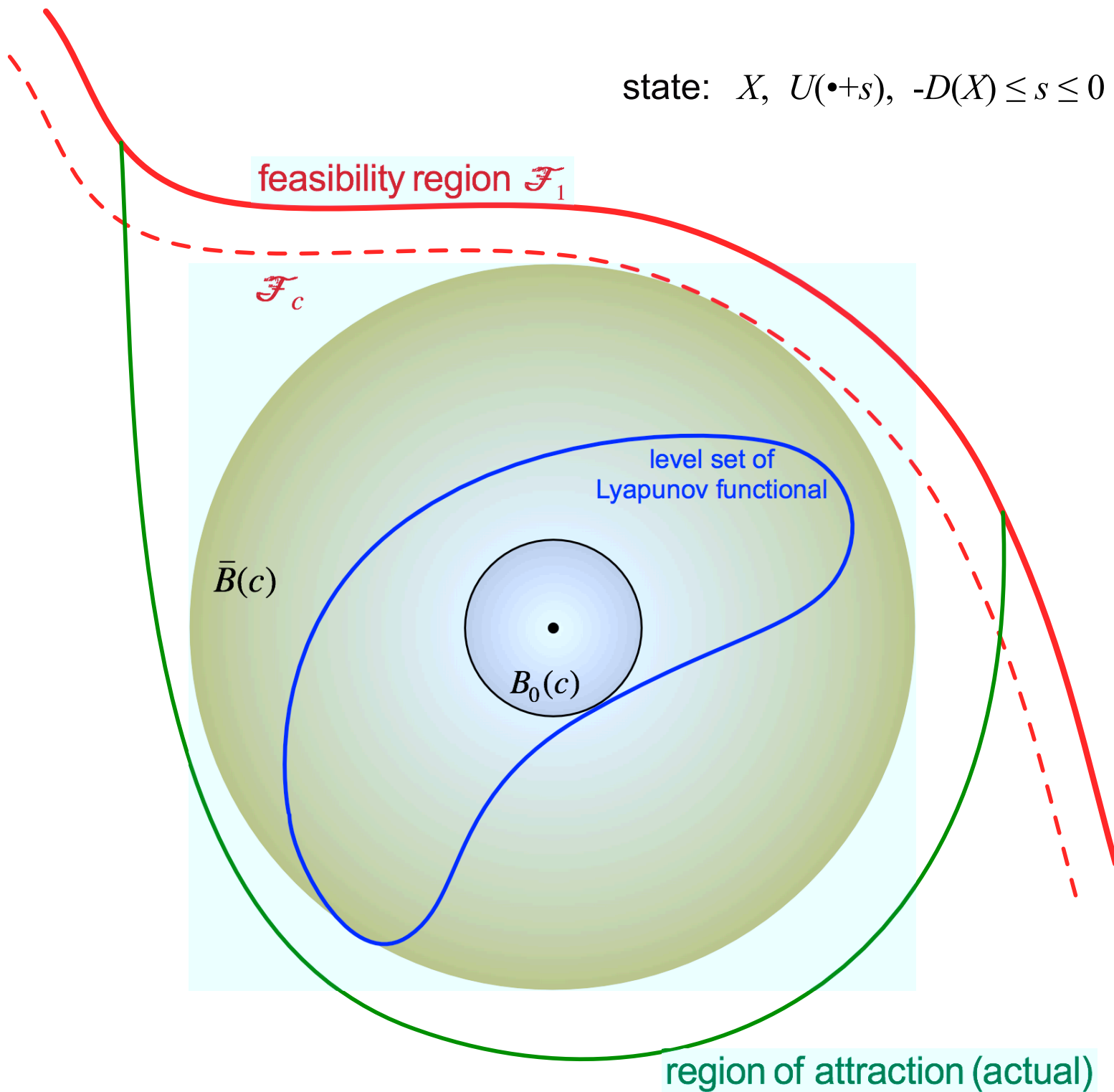
$\exists \rho_* \in \mathcal{K}\mathcal{C}, \beta_2 \in \mathcal{K}\mathcal{L}$  s.t., for all solutions satisfying  $\mathcal{F}_c$  for  $0 < c < 1$ ,

$$|X(t)| + \sup_{t-D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t} |W(\theta)| \leq \beta_2 \left( \rho_* \left( |X(0)| + \sup_{-D(X(0)) \leq \theta \leq 0} |W(\theta)|, c \right), t \right),$$





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**Lemma 3** (norm equivalence between the original system and target system)

$\exists \rho_2 \in \mathcal{K} \mathcal{C}_\infty, \alpha_9 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty$  s.t., for all solutions satisfying  $\mathcal{F}_c$  for  $0 < c < 1$ ,

$$|X(t)| + \sup_{t-D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t} |U(\theta)| \leq \alpha_9^{-1} \left( |X(t)| + \sup_{t-D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t} |W(\theta)| \right)$$

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**Lemma 4** (finding a ball  $\bar{B}$  around the origin and within the feasibility region)

$\exists \bar{\rho}_c \in \mathcal{K} \mathcal{C}_\infty$  s.t.  $\mathcal{F}_c$  ( $0 < c < 1$ ) is satisfied by all solutions that satisfy

$$\boxed{\bar{B}(c) : |X(t)| + \sup_{t-D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t} |U(\theta)| < \bar{\rho}_c(c, c)} \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

**Lemma 5** (finding a ball  $B_0$  of initial conditions s.t. all solutions are confined in  $\bar{B} \subset \mathcal{F}_c$ )

$\exists \Psi_{R_0A} \in \mathcal{K}$  s.t. for all initial conditions in  $B_0(c)$ , the solutions remain in  $\bar{B}(c) \subset \mathcal{F}_c$  for some  $0 < c < 1$ .

# Examples

**Example 2** Non-holonomic unicycle with  $D(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

A predictor-based version of Pomet's (1992) time-varying controller:

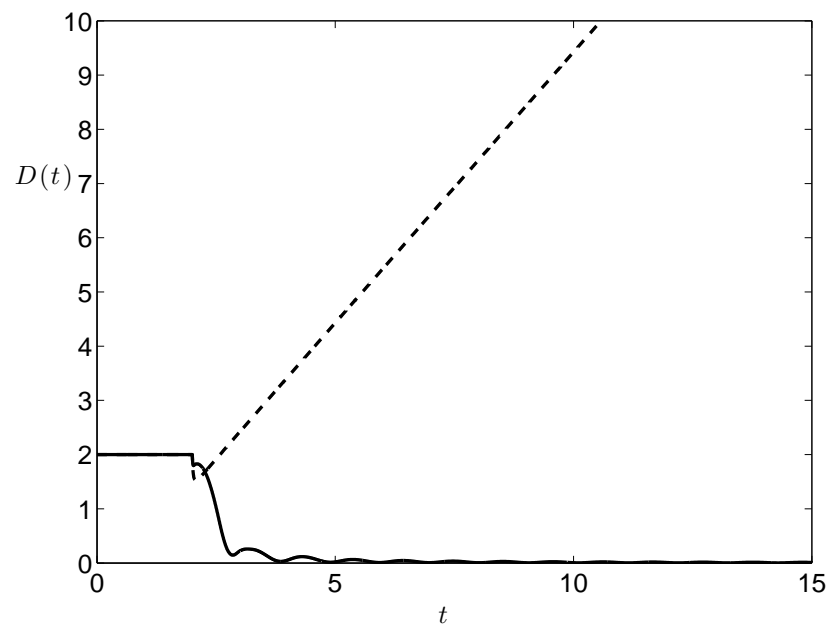
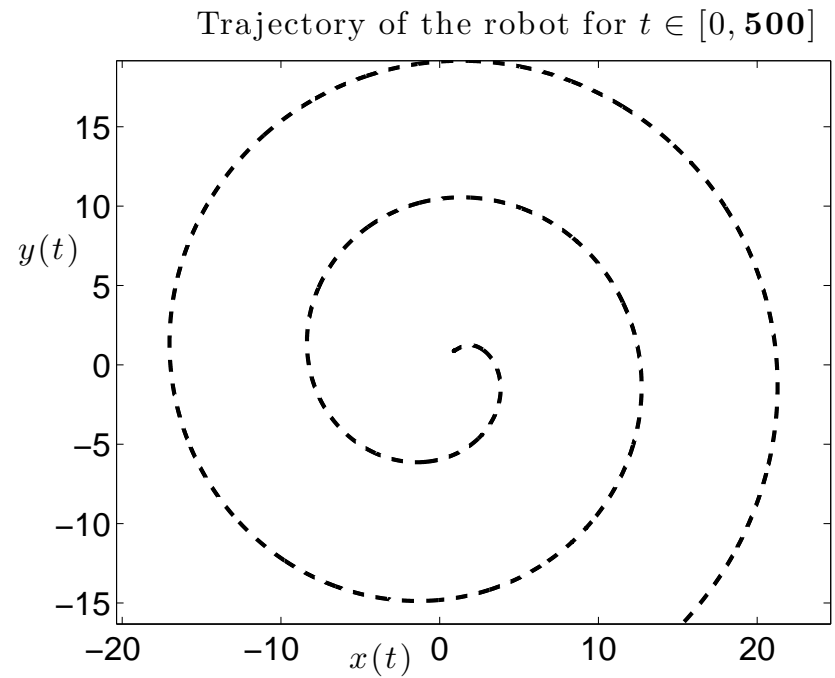
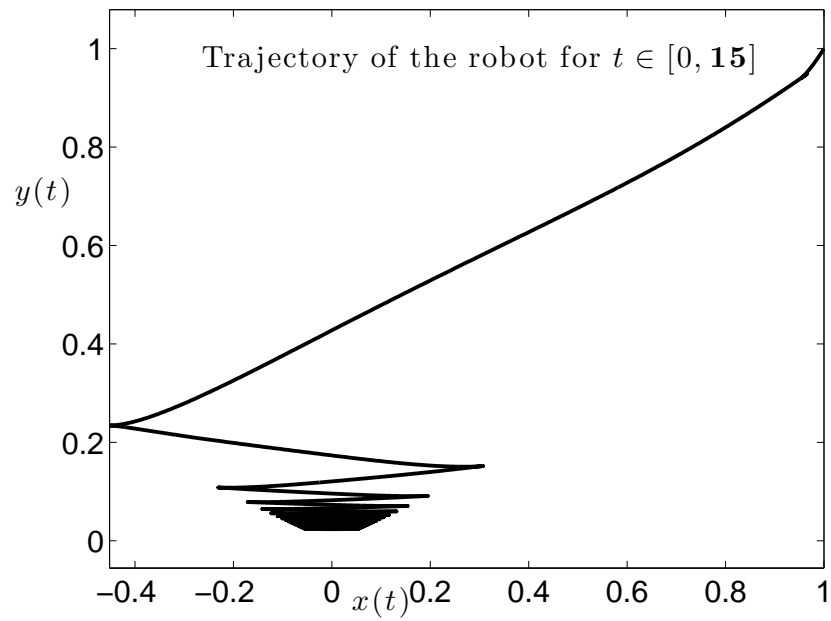
$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= -5P^2 \cos(3\sigma(t)) - pq \left(1 + 25 \cos(3\sigma(t))^2\right) - \Theta \\ v &= -P + 5Q(\sin(3\sigma(t)) - \cos(3\sigma(t))) + Q\omega,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}P &= X \cos(\Theta) + Y \sin(\Theta) \\ Q &= X \sin(\Theta) - Y \cos(\Theta),\end{aligned}$$

and the predictor is given by

$$\begin{aligned}X(t) &= x(t) + \int_{t-D(x(t),y(t))}^t \dot{\sigma}(s)v(s) \cos(\Theta(s)) ds \\ Y(t) &= y(t) + \int_{t-D(x(t),y(t))}^t \dot{\sigma}(s)v(s) \sin(\Theta(s)) ds \\ \Theta(t) &= \theta(t) + \int_{t-D(x(t),y(t))}^t \dot{\sigma}(s)\omega(s) ds \\ \sigma(t) &= t + D(X(t), Y(t)) \\ \dot{\sigma}(s) &= \frac{1}{1 - 2(X(s)v(s) \cos(\Theta(s)) + Y(s)v(s) \sin(\Theta(s)))}\end{aligned}$$

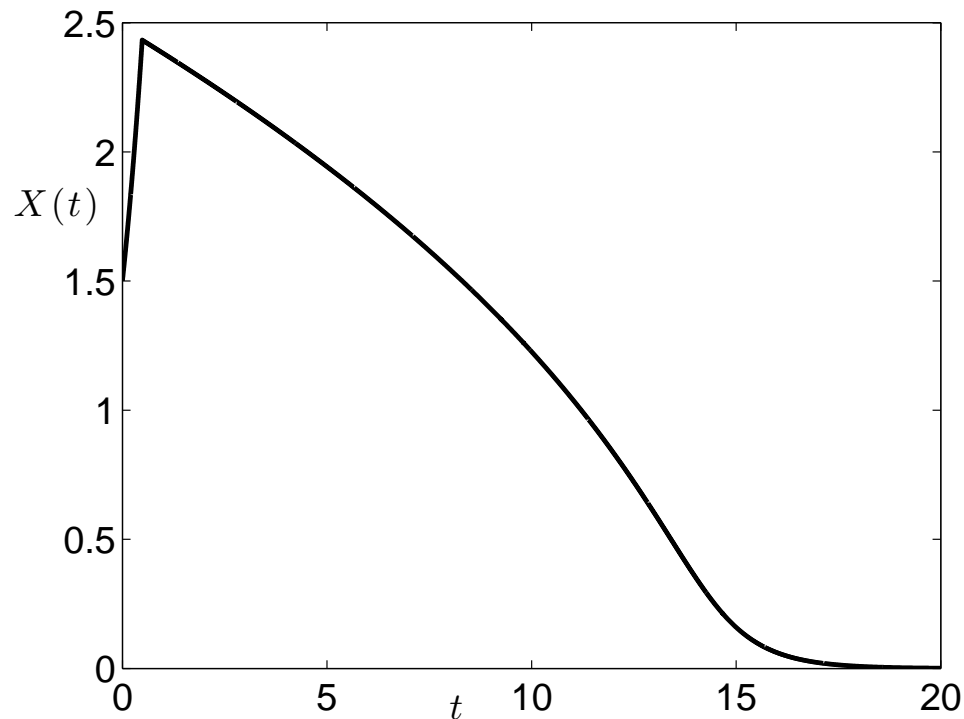


Solid: with delay compensation; dashed: without.

**Example 3** (global stabilization—not with  $D$  unif. bdd but with  $\dot{D} = \nabla D f < 1$ )

$$\dot{X}(t) = \frac{X(t) + U(t - D(X(t)))}{1 + U(t - D(X(t)))^2}, \quad D(X) = \frac{1}{4} \log(1 + X^2).$$

In the delay-free case, the controller  $U = -2X$  yields the closed-loop system  $\dot{X} = -\frac{X}{1+4X^2}$ .



1.  $X(t)$  grows exponentially,
2.  $X(t)$  decays as “backwards” square root,
3.  $X(t)$  decays exponentially.

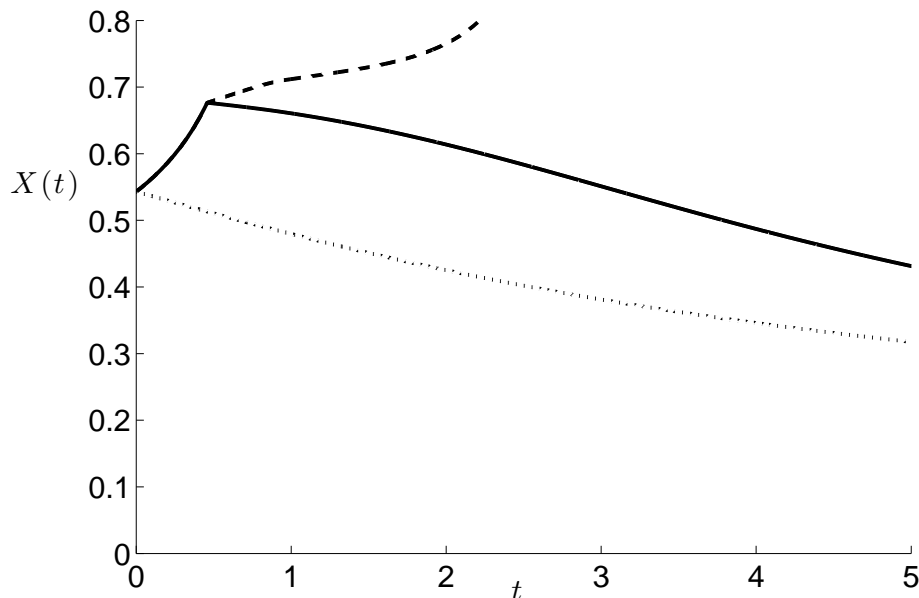
#### Example 4 (forward completeness not needed for local stabilization)

$$\dot{X}(t) = X^4(t) + 2X^5(t) + X^2(t)(1 + X(t))U(t - X^2(t)).$$

Origin not reachable for  $X_0 < -1$ , hence not glob. stabilizable.

Origin not loc. exp. stabilizable.

Delay-free controller  $U = -X$  yields  $\dot{X} = -X^3 + 2X^5$ , with RoA =  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.7$ .



Solid: controller with delay compensation.

Dotted: delay-free case.

Dashed:  $U = -X$  applied to the plant with delay.

The initial condition  $X_0 = 0.54$  is large. The state  $X(\sigma^*)$  is almost at  $R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  when control kicks in.

**Theorem 3** (loc. asymp. stabilization of ODE  $\Rightarrow$  loc. asymp. stabilization  $\forall$  delay fcn)

If in the absence of delay there exist  $R > 0$  and  $\beta_1 \in \mathcal{KL}$  s.t.  $\forall t \geq 0$ ,

$$|X(0)| < R \quad \Rightarrow \quad |X(t)| \leq \beta_1(|X(0)|, t),$$

then there exist  $\delta > 0$  and  $\beta_2 \in \mathcal{KL}$  s.t.  $\forall t \geq 0$ ,

$$|X(0)| + \sup_{-D(X(0)) \leq \theta \leq 0} |U(\theta)| < \delta$$

$\Downarrow$

$$|X(t)| + \sup_{t-D(X(t)) \leq \theta \leq t} |U(\theta)| \leq \beta_2 \left( |X(0)| + \sup_{-D(X(0)) \leq \theta \leq 0} |U(\theta)|, t \right).$$

**Extra challenge:** Make  $\delta$  so small that, when control kicks in,  $|X| < R$ .

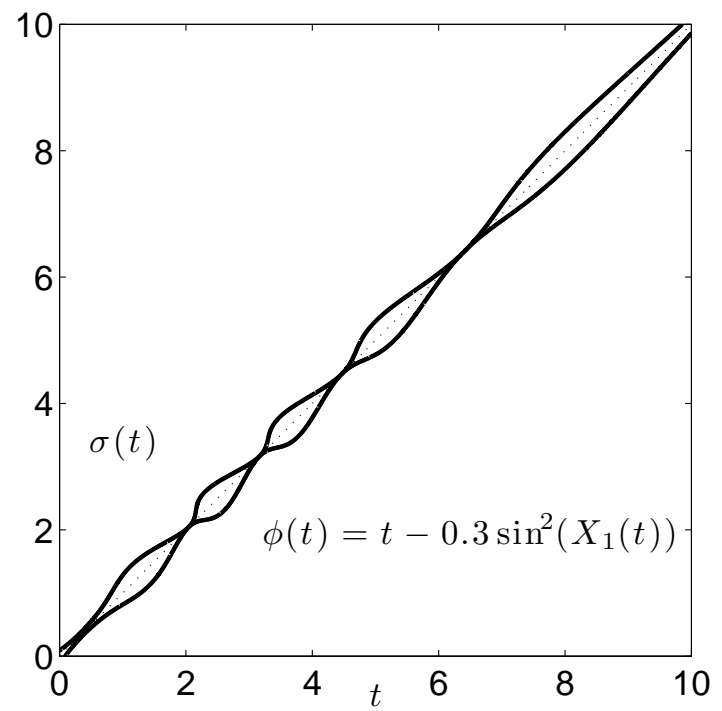
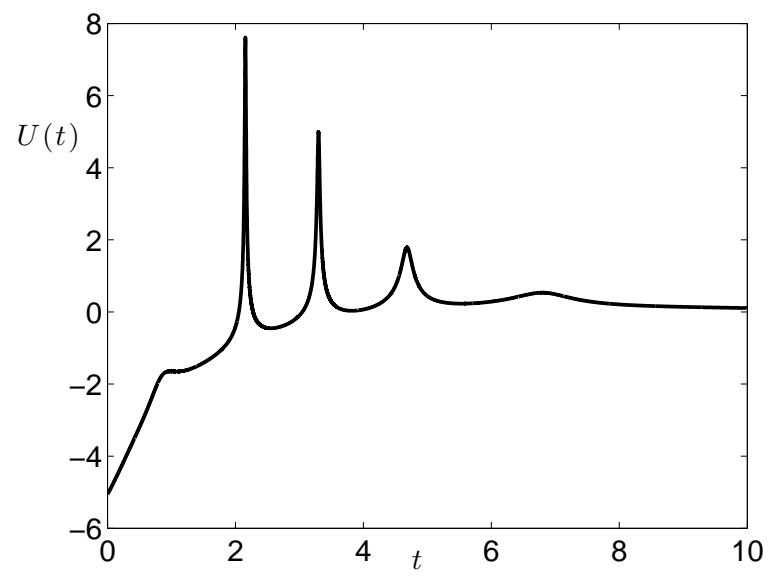
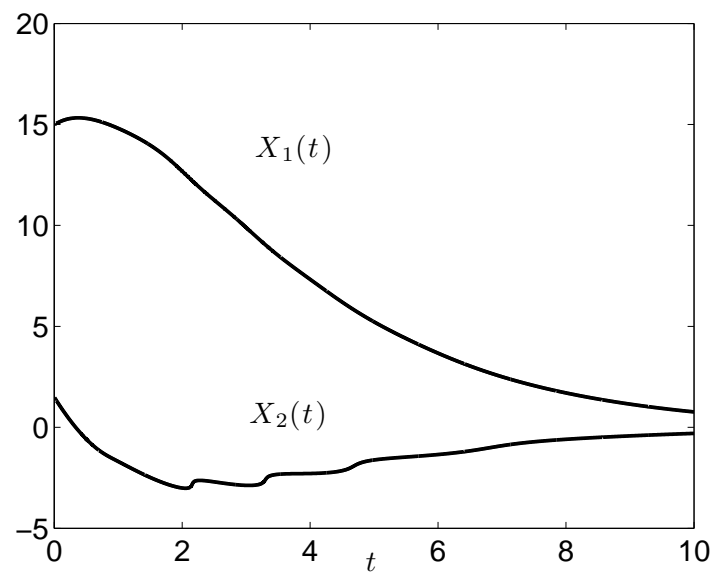
(Estimate the time the control kicks in from a fixed pt. problem on a delay bound, which is a contraction for sufficiently small initial condition.)



**Example 5** (state-dependent delay on state)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{X}_1(t) &= X_2\left(t - a \sin^2 X_1(t)\right), & a \geq 0 \\ \dot{X}_2(t) &= U(t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}U(t) &= -c_2(X_2(t) + c_1 P_1(t)) - c_1 \frac{X_2(t)}{1 - a \sin(2P_1(t)) X_2(t)} \\ P_1(\theta) &= X_1(t) + \int_{t - a \sin^2 X_1(t)}^{\theta} \frac{X_2(s) ds}{1 - a \sin(2P_1(s)) X_2(s)}\end{aligned}$$



**Feliz cumpleaños!**