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Abstract: Several topological necessary conditions of smooth stabilization in the large have been obtained. In particular, if a smooth single - input nonlinear system is smoothly stabilizable in the large at some point of a connected component of equilibria set, then the connected component is to be an unknotted, unbounded curve.

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1 Introduction

Consider the system Σ_f :

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u),$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and \mathbb{R}^ℓ is used for ℓ -dimensional Euclidean space. $f(x, u)$ is a complete C^∞ vector field on \mathbb{R}^n for every $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ fixed.

The set

$$f^{-1}(0) = \{(x, u) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m} ; f(x, u) = 0\}$$

is called an equilibria set of the control system.

A system Σ_f is said to be *smoothly stabilizable* at $(x^*, u^*) \in f^{-1}(0)$ in the large, iff there exists a C^∞ function $u = u(x)$, such that $u(x^*) = u^*$ and x^* is an asymptotically stable in the large singular point of the closed loop system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u(x)),$$

i.e., x^* is stable and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^{t f} x = x^* \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where $e^{t f}$ is the flow generated by the vector field $f(x, u(x))$.

The smooth stabilizability problem has been considered in many papers (for the list of references see, e.g., [7]). Necessary conditions for local smooth stabilization have been obtained in [1, 2], and for smooth stabilization in the large in [5]. This paper represents a continuation of a line of work started in [5].

2 Some facts about degree of function

This section is devoted to recalling some facts about the degree of continuous functions. For additional details on the degree of continuous functions, see [3, 4, 6]. We start with some notations.

- (i) $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $|x|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$, where $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- (ii) D is a bounded, open subset of \mathbb{R}^n . Given $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, its closure is written \bar{D} , its interior $IntD$, its boundary ∂D .

- (iii) Given a real positive number r and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $B_r(y)$ is the closed ball centre y , radius r :

$$B_r(y) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; |x - y| \leq r\}.$$

- (iv) $C(\bar{D})$ is the linear space of continuous functions from \bar{D} into \mathbb{R}^n with the norm

$$\|f\| = \sup_{x \in \bar{D}} |f(x)|.$$

$C^1(\bar{D})$ is the space of functions having continuous first order partial derivatives in \bar{D} ; the norm on $C^1(\bar{D})$ is

$$\|f\|_1 = \sup_{x \in \bar{D}} |f(x)| + \sup_{x \in \bar{D}} \sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x) \right|,$$

where

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f_1(x), \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f_n(x) \right)^T,$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f_i(x)$ is the partial derivative of the i -th entry of the function $f : \bar{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, T indicates transpose; $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x)$ is the Jacobian matrix and $\det\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x)\right)$ is the Jacobian determinant of f at x .

- (v) Let M, N be smooth manifolds of dimension n . Then C^∞ - mapping $\psi : M \rightarrow N$ is called diffeomorphism iff ψ is homeomorphism and ψ^{-1} is also C^∞ - mapping.

Now we define the degree of ϕ when function $\phi \in C^1(\bar{D})$ and

$$\forall x \in \phi^{-1}(p) = \{x \in \bar{D}; \phi(x) = p\} \quad \det\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \phi(x)\right) \neq 0,$$

i.e., p is not critical value of ϕ on D .

Definition 2.1. Suppose $\phi \in C^1(\bar{D})$, $p \in \phi(\partial D)$ and p is not critical value of ϕ on D . Define the degree of ϕ at p relative to D to be $d(\phi, D, p)$, where

$$d(\phi, D, p) = \sum_{x \in \phi^{-1}(p)} \text{sign}\left[\det\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \phi(x)\right)\right].$$

If $\phi \in C(\bar{D})$, then the degree of ϕ can be defined as the degree of a sufficiently good C^1 approximation of ϕ (for details, see [4]).

Definition 2.2. Suppose that $\phi \in C(\bar{D})$ and $p \in \phi(\partial D)$. Define $d(\phi, D, p)$ to be $d(\psi, D, p)$, where ψ is any function in $C^1(\bar{D})$ satisfying

$$|\phi(x) - \psi(x)| < \rho(p, \phi(\partial D)) \quad \forall x \in \bar{D},$$

where $\rho(x, \phi(\partial D)) = \inf_{y \in \phi(\partial D)} |x - y|$.

Recall that if X and Y are topological spaces, two continuous functions f and g are said to be homotopic ($f \sim g$) if there is a continuous function (homotopy)

$$H : [0, 1] \times X \rightarrow Y$$

such that

$$H(0, x) = f(x), \quad H(1, x) = g(x) \quad (x \in X).$$

We will need the following properties of degree.

Theorem 2.1 (1) If $H(t, x) \equiv h_t(x)$ is a homotopy and $p \in h_t(\partial D)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$, then $d(h_t, D, p)$ is independent of $t \in [0, 1]$.

(2) If a smooth feedback $u = u(x)$ stabilizes the system Σ_f at $p \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ in the large, then

$$d(f(u), D, 0) = (-1)^n,$$

where $f(u)$ denotes $f(x, u(x)) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

(3) Suppose $\phi \in C^1(D)$. If $d(\phi, D, p)$ is defined and non-zero, then there is $q \in D$ such that $\phi(q) = p$.

In the definitions 2.1, 2.2 D can be replaced by a smooth, oriented manifold M of dimension n , $\dim M = n$ (details of this and related material may be found in [3, 6]). Given $\phi \in C^1(M)$, $\phi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $p \in \phi(\partial M)$, $d(\phi, M, p)$ denotes the degree of ϕ at p relative to M .

An immersion $i : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m$ which maps M homeomorphically into its image $i(M) \subset \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m$ with topology induced by $\mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m$ is called regular embedding. $i_x : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_x^n$, $i_u : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_u^m$ are used to denote $P_x \circ i$ and $P_u \circ i$, respectively, where P_x, P_u are the projections : $P_x(x, u) = x$, $P_u(x, u) = u$.

Lemma 2.1 Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a smooth function and

$$\text{rank} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u) \right\} = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in f^{-1}(0).$$

Suppose further ω is a bounded connected component of $f^{-1}(0)$. If $u = v(x) : \mathbb{R}_x^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_u^m$ is a smooth function such that

$$f^{-1}(0) \cap \{(x, u) \in \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m ; u = v(x)\} = \omega \cap \{(x, u) \in \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m ; u = v(x)\},$$

then

$$d((f, P_u - v \circ P_x), B_R(0), 0) = 0$$

where $R > 0$ such that $\omega \subset \text{Int} B_R(0)$.

Proof. Consider the function

$$\phi(x, u) = \begin{pmatrix} f(x, u) \\ u - v(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

If $\omega \subset \text{Int}B_R(0)$, then $0 \in \bar{\phi}(\partial B_R(0))$ and $d((f, P_u - v \circ P_x), B_R(0), 0)$ is defined.

The set

$$V = \phi([B_R(0) \cap \{f^{-1}(0) \setminus \omega\}] \cup \partial B_R(0))$$

is compact and $0 \in \bar{V}$. Thus making use of Sard's theorem (see, e.g., [3]), for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we can choose so a point $p \in \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m$, that p is not critical value of ϕ on $B_R(0)$, $|p| < \varepsilon$. $P_x(p)$ is not critical value of $f(x, u)$ and p is in the connected component of the set $(\mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m) \setminus V$ containing zero.

For any $\delta > 0$ one can find a positive number ε such that

$$f^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(0)) \cap B_R(0) \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(0) \cap B_R(0)} B_\delta(x).$$

Let us choose $\varepsilon > 0$, $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\{(x, u) \in B_R(0); |u - v(x)| < \varepsilon\} \cap \left[\bigcup_{x \in (f^{-1}(0) \setminus \omega) \cap B_R(0)} B_\delta(x) \right] = \emptyset,$$

$$\bigcup_{x \in \omega} B_\delta(x) \subset \text{Int}B_R(0),$$

$$\left\{ \bigcup_{x \in \omega} B_\delta(x) \right\} \cap \left[\bigcup_{x \in (f^{-1}(0) \setminus \omega) \cap B_R(0)} B_\delta(x) \right] = \emptyset.$$

Then the property (1) (Theorem 2.1) implies

$$d(\phi, B_R(0), 0) = d(\phi, B_R(0), p)$$

and according to the definition 2.1.

$$d(\phi, B_R(0), p) = \sum_{(x, u) \in \phi^{-1}(p)} \text{sign} \left[\det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u) & \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u) \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(x) & I_m \end{pmatrix} \right],$$

where I_m is the identity $m \times m$ -matrix.

Let

$$\omega_p = f^{-1}(P_x(p)) \cap \left[\bigcup_{x \in \omega} B_\delta(x) \right]$$

and $i: \omega_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m$ be regular embedding z will be used to denote local coordinates on ω_p . Due to

$$\text{rank} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u) \right) = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in f^{-1}(P_x(p))$$

one can choose local coordinates on ω_p so that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} (\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f) \circ i(z) & (\frac{\partial}{\partial u} f) \circ i(z) \\ (\frac{\partial}{\partial z} i_x(z))^T & (\frac{\partial}{\partial z} i_u(z))^T \end{pmatrix} > 0 \quad \forall z \in \omega_p.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sign}[\det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u) & \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u) \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(x) & I_m \end{pmatrix}] &= \text{sign}[\det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u) & \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u) \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(x) & I_m \end{pmatrix}] \times \\ \left(\begin{pmatrix} (\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u))^T & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} i_x(z) \\ (\frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u))^T & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} i_u(z) \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \text{sign}[\det(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u)(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u))^T + \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u)(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u))^T)] \times \\ \text{sign}(\det[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} i_u(z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(x) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} i_x(z)]) &\quad \forall z \in \omega_p \text{ and } x = i_x(z), u = i_u(z). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from

$$\text{rank}[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u)] = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in \omega_p,$$

that

$$\det(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u)(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u))^T + \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u)(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u))^T) \neq 0 \quad \forall (x, u) \in \omega_p.$$

Hence we obtain

$$|d(\circ, B_R(0), p)| = |d(i_u - v \circ i_x, \omega_p, P_u(p))|.$$

Since ω_p is a compact manifold without boundary and $i_u - v \circ i_x : \omega_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_u^m$ is a continuous function on ω_p , it implies (see, e.g., [3,6]) $d(i_u - v \circ i_x, \omega_p, P_u(p)) = 0$. The proof is completed.

3 Main results

3.1 Multi - input systems

We start with the following necessary condition of smooth stabilization in the large.

Theorem 3.1 *Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a smooth function and*

$$\lim_{|x|^2 + |u|^2 \rightarrow \infty} \inf \langle f(x, u), f(x, u) \rangle > 0. \quad (1)$$

Then the system Σ_f is not smoothly stabilizable in the large at any point $(x^, u^*) \in f^{-1}(0)$.*

Proof. It follows from (1) that there is a positive real number R , such that

$$f^{-1}(0) \subset \text{Int}(B_R(0)).$$

Hence

$$f(x, u) \neq 0 \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}_u^m, |x| = R$$

and properties (1), (3) (Theorem 2.1) imply

$$d(f(x, u(x)), P_x(B_R(0)), 0) = d(f(x, \bar{u}), P_x(B_R(0)), 0) = 0,$$

where $|\bar{u}| = R$ and $u = u(x)$ is any C^∞ - function, while

$$d(f(x, u(x)), P_x(B_R(0)), 0)$$

is to be equal to $(-1)^n$ whenever $u = u(x)$ is a smooth feedback stabilizing the system in the large. Thus the system can not be smoothly stabilized in the large at any point $(x^*, u^*) \in f^{-1}(0)$. The contention of the theorem is proved.

If $f^{-1}(0)$ is a regularly embedded submanifold of $\mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m$, then Theorem 3.1 can be replaced by the following stronger result.

Theorem 3.2 Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a smooth function and

$$\text{rank} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u) \right\} = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in f^{-1}(0).$$

If the system Σ_f is smoothly stabilizable in the large at a point $(x^*, u^*) \in \omega$, where ω is a connected component of $f^{-1}(0)$, then ω is to be unbounded.

Proof. If $u = v(x)$ is a smooth feedback stabilizing in the large the system Σ_f at a point $(x^*, u^*) \in \omega$ and ω is bounded, then there is $B_R(0)$ such that

$$\omega \subset \text{Int} B_R(0)$$

and

$$d(f(v), P_x(B_R(0)), 0) = (-1)^n.$$

Note that

$$f^{-1}(0) \cap \{(x, u) \in \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m ; u = v(x)\} = \omega \cap \{(x, u) \in \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u^m ; u = v(x)\}$$

and

$$|d(f(v), P_x(B_R(0)), 0)| = |d((f, P_u - v \circ P_x), B_R(0), 0)|.$$

Thus making use of Lemma 2.1 we obtain the contradiction which proves the theorem.

Example 3.1. Consider the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1,$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = u.$$

It is easy to see that all condition of Theorem 3.1 are met. Therefore the system is not smoothly stabilizable in the large at any point of the equilibria set defined by $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$.

3.2 Single-input systems

Consider the single - input system Σ_f

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u),$$

where $u \in \mathbb{R}$ and f is defined above. If

$$\text{rank}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u)\right) = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in f^{-1}(0),$$

then the equilibria set of Σ_f consists of regular curves:

$$f^{-1}(0) = \bigcup_i \omega_i,$$

where $\omega_i = \{(x_{\omega_i}(\tau), u_{\omega_i}(\tau)); \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and $|\frac{d}{d\tau} x_{\omega_i}(\tau)|^2 + |\frac{d}{d\tau} u_{\omega_i}(\tau)|^2 \neq 0$ for all $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ and i .

Definition 3.1. A parametrization

$$\{(x_{\omega_i}(\tau), u_{\omega_i}(\tau)); \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

of the curve $\omega_i \subset f^{-1}(0)$ will be called normal iff for any smooth feedback $u = v(x)$ stabilizing in the large the system Σ_f at any point $(x^*, u^*) \in \omega_i$ the following inequalities hold:

$$u_{\omega_i}(\tau) - v(x_{\omega_i}(\tau)) > 0 \quad \text{for } \tau > \tau^*$$

and

$$u_{\omega_i}(\tau) - v(x_{\omega_i}(\tau)) < 0 \quad \text{for } \tau < \tau^*,$$

where $\tau^* \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x_{\omega_i}(\tau^*) = x^*$, $u_{\omega_i}(\tau^*) = u^*$.

Proposition. Let $\omega \subset f^{-1}(0)$, the system Σ_f be smoothly stabilizable in the large at some point in ω and

$$\text{rank}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u)\right) = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in f^{-1}(0).$$

Then there is a normal parametrization on ω .

Proof. Assume there is a smooth feedback $u = v(x)$ stabilizing in the large the system Σ_f at some point $(x^*, u^*) \in \omega$. Then following the proof of Lemma 2.1 we conclude that

$$d(i_u - v \circ i_x, \omega, 0) = \text{sign}(\det\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, u)\right)^T + \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(x, u)\right)^T\right]) \cdot (-1)^n.$$

and the righthand side does not depend on $v(x)$. Therefore we can choose the parametrization so that

$$d(i_u - v \circ i_x, \omega, 0) = 1.$$

That means $(u_\omega(\tau) - v(x_\omega(\tau))) \cdot (\tau - \tau^*) > 0$ whenever $\tau \neq \tau^*$. The proof is finished.

Using the normal parametrization we can formulate the following necessary condition of smooth stabilization in the large.

Theorem 3.3 *Let Σ_f be a smooth system such that*

$$\text{rank}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u}f(x, u)\right) = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in f^{-1}(0)$$

and $\omega \subset f^{-1}(0)$ connected component with the normal parametrization $\{(x_\omega(\tau), u_\omega(\tau)) \in \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u; \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Then the system Σ_f is not smoothly stabilizable in the large at a point $(x^, u^*) \in \omega$ whenever either ω is bounded or there is a connected component $\tilde{\omega} \subset f^{-1}(0)$ such that one can find points $(\tilde{x}_2, \tilde{u}_2), (\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{u}_1) \in \tilde{\omega}$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} x_\omega(\tau_1) &= \tilde{x}_1 & \tau_1 &\leq \tau^*, \\ x_\omega(\tau_2) &= \tilde{x}_2 & \tau_2 &\geq \tau^*. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$u_\omega(\tau_1) > \tilde{u}_1,$$

(2)

$$u_\omega(\tau_2) < \tilde{u}_2,$$

where $\tau^ \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x_\omega(\tau^*) = x^*, u_\omega(\tau^*) = u^*$.*

Proof. If ω is bounded, then the theorem follows from Theorem 3.2. According the definition of normal parametrization

$$(u_\omega(\tau) - v(x_\omega(\tau))) \cdot (\tau - \tau^*) > 0 \quad \forall \tau \neq \tau^*$$

where $u = v(x)$ is a smooth feedback stabilizing Σ_f at (x^*, u^*) in the large. If the inequalities (2) hold, then

$$\begin{aligned} v(x_\omega(\tau_1)) &> \tilde{u}_1 \\ v(x_\omega(\tau_2)) &< \tilde{u}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\omega}$ is a connected component of $f^{-1}(0)$ we obtain the existence of $(\tilde{x}^*, \tilde{u}^*) \in \tilde{\omega}$ such that

$$\tilde{u}^* = v(\tilde{x}^*).$$

That means the closed loop system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, v(x))$$

has two different equilibria points: $(x^*, u^*), (\tilde{x}^*, \tilde{u}^*)$. Therefore the feedback $u = v(x)$ can not stabilize the system Σ_f in the large at the point (x^*, u^*) . The proof is completed.

In Theorem 3.3 it is possible also that $\tilde{\omega} = \omega$. In this case we have the following proposition.

Theorem 3.4 Suppose Σ_f be a smooth system such that

$$\text{rank}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(x, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial u}f(x, u)\right) = n \quad \forall (x, u) \in f^{-1}(0)$$

and $\omega \subset f^{-1}(0)$ a connected component with the normal parametrization

$$\omega = \{(x_\omega(\tau), u_\omega(\tau)); \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Suppose further there are $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ for which it is true that either $\tilde{\tau}_1 < \tilde{\tau}_2 \leq \tau^*$ or $\tilde{\tau}_2 > \tilde{\tau}_1 \geq \tau^*$ and

$$x_\omega(\tau_1) = x_\omega(\tilde{\tau}_1) \quad \tau_1 \leq \tau^*,$$

$$x_\omega(\tau_2) = x_\omega(\tilde{\tau}_2) \quad \tau_2 \geq \tau^*,$$

$$u_\omega(\tau_1) > u_\omega(\tilde{\tau}_1),$$

$$u_\omega(\tau_2) < u_\omega(\tilde{\tau}_2),$$

where $\tau^* \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x_\omega(\tau^*) = x^*$, $u_\omega(\tau^*) = u^*$. Then the system Σ_f is not smoothly stabilizable in the large at $(x^*, u^*) \in \omega$.

Geometrically Theorem 3.4 together with Theorem 3.2 mean that if a system Σ_f is smoothly stabilizable in the large at every point of $\omega \subset f^{-1}(0)$, then ω is to be an unknotted, unbounded curve in $\mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_u$.

Example 3.2. Consider the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = -(x_1 - 2)(x_1 - u^2 - 1) - x_2(x_1 - u^2 - 1)^2 u,$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + x_1(x_1 - u^2 - 1)u.$$

Using Theorem 3.3 we obtain that the system is not smoothly stabilizable in the large at the point $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 0$, $u = 0$.

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