

# Hybrid Control and Switched Systems

## Lecture #10 Switched systems

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## Summary

Switched systems

- Linear switched systems
- Lyapunov stability, asymptotic stability, exponential stability

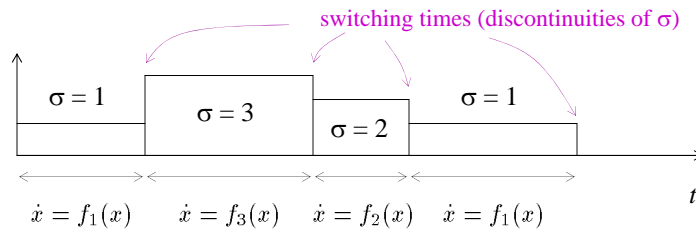
Using switched systems to analyze complex hybrid systems

## Switched system

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# of discontinuities of  $\sigma$  in the interval  $(\tau, t)$

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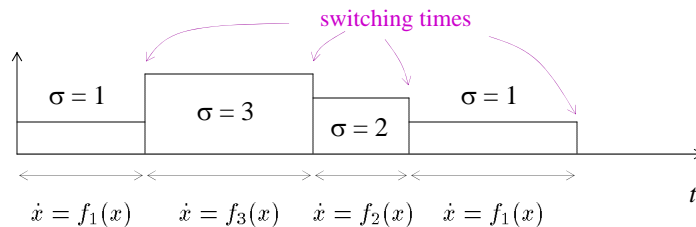
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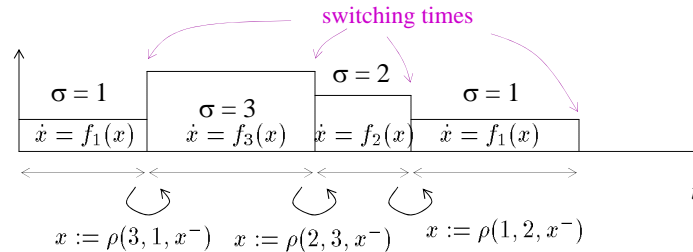


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2. at every switching time  $t$ ,  $x(t) = \rho(\sigma(t), \sigma^-(t), x^-(t))$

## Time-varying systems vs. Hybrid systems vs. Switched systems

**Time-varying system**  $\equiv$  for each initial condition  $x(0)$  there is only one solution

$$\dot{x} = f_{\sigma(t)}(x) \quad (\text{all } f_p \text{ locally Lipschitz})$$

**Hybrid system**  $\equiv$  for each initial condition  $q(0), x(0)$  there is only one solution

$$\dot{x} = f(q, x) \quad (q, x) = \Phi(q^-, x^-)$$

**Switched system**  $\equiv$  for each  $x(0)$  there may be several solutions, one for each admissible  $\sigma$

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the notions of stability, convergence, etc.  
 must address "uniformity" over all solutions

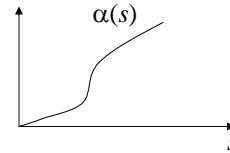
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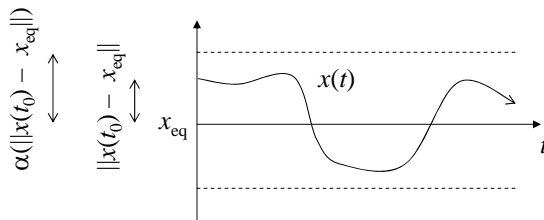
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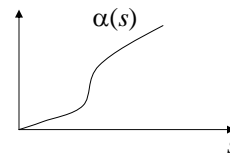
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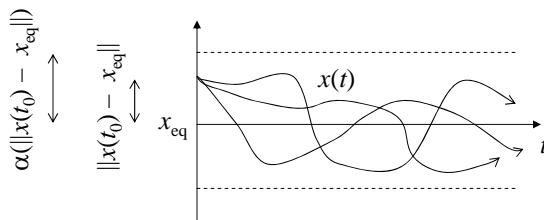
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in switched systems one is only  
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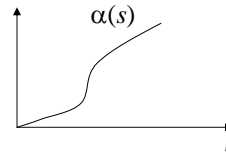
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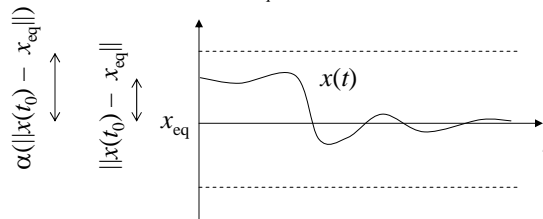
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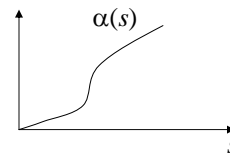
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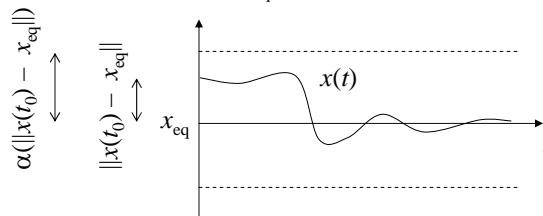
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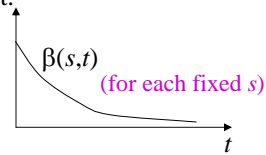
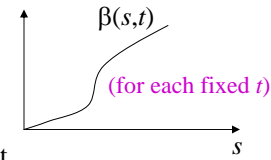
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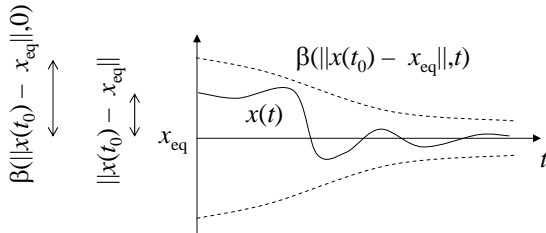
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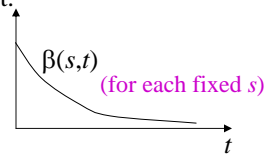
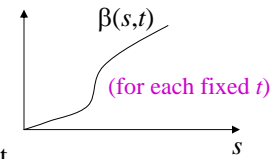
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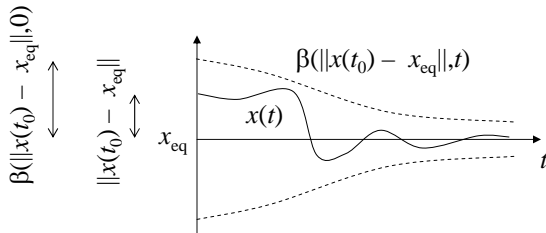
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### Three notions of stability

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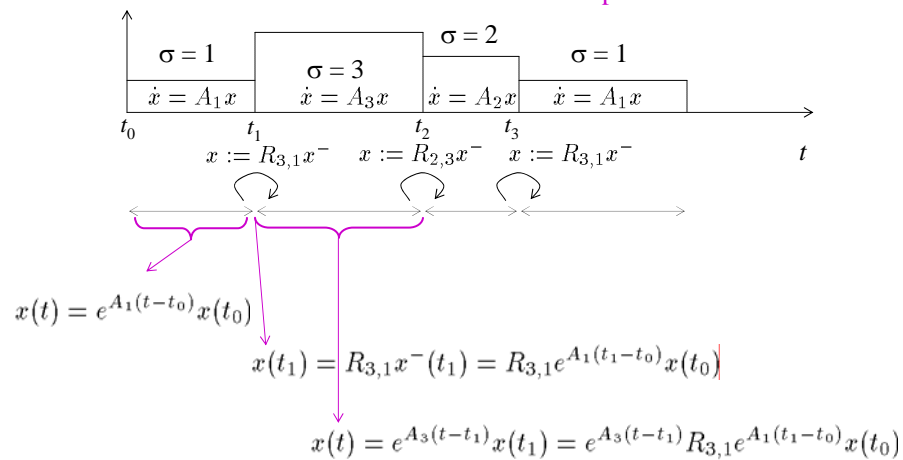
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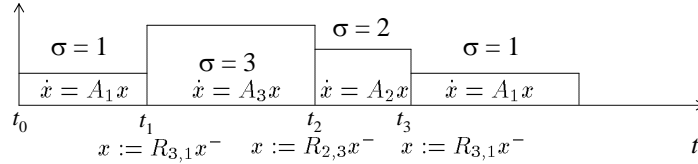




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Analogous to what happens for (unswitched) linear systems:

1.  $\Phi_\sigma(\tau, \tau) = I \quad \forall \tau$
2.  $\Phi_\sigma(t, s) \Phi_\sigma(s, \tau) = \Phi_\sigma(t, \tau) \quad \forall t \geq s \geq \tau$  (semi-group property)
3. if  $t$  is not a switching time,  $\Phi_\sigma(t, \tau)$  is differentiable at  $t$  and

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Phi_\sigma(t, \tau) = A_{\sigma(t)} \Phi_\sigma(t, \tau)$$

4. if  $t$  is a switching time,

$$\Phi_\sigma(t, \tau) = R_{\sigma(t), \sigma^-(t)} \Phi_{\sigma^-}^-(t, \tau)$$

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for a given  $\sigma$ ,  
 $\Phi_\sigma$  is a  
"solution" to  
the switched  
system with  
resets

5. variation of constants formula holds for systems with inputs

*but now  $\Phi_\sigma$  may not be nonsingular (will be singular if one of the  $R_{q, q'}$  are)*

## Uniform vs. exponential stability

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### Theorem:

For switched linear systems with state-independent switching, uniform asymptotic stability implies exponential stability (two notions are equivalent)

*Outline...*

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2<sup>nd</sup> Choose  $T$  sufficiently large so that  $\beta(1, T) = \gamma = e^{-\lambda} < 1 \quad (\lambda > 0)$

3<sup>rd</sup> Pick arbitrary solution  $(\sigma, x) \in \mathcal{S}$

4<sup>th</sup> Consider another solution  $(\sigma, x^*)$  starting at  $x^*(\tau_1) = z := x(\tau_1) / \|x(\tau_1)\|$ . Then

$$x(\tau_2) = \Phi_\sigma(\tau_2, \tau_1) x(\tau_1) = \|x(\tau_1)\| \Phi_\sigma(\tau_2, \tau_1) z = \|x(\tau_1)\| x^*(\tau_2)$$

$$\|x^*(\tau_2)\| \leq \beta(\|z\|, \tau_2 - \tau_1) = \beta(1, \tau_2 - \tau_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x(\tau_2)\| \leq \beta(1, \tau_2 - \tau_1) \|x(\tau_1)\|$$

exponential decrease of  $\gamma^k$   
any interval of length  $\geq kT$

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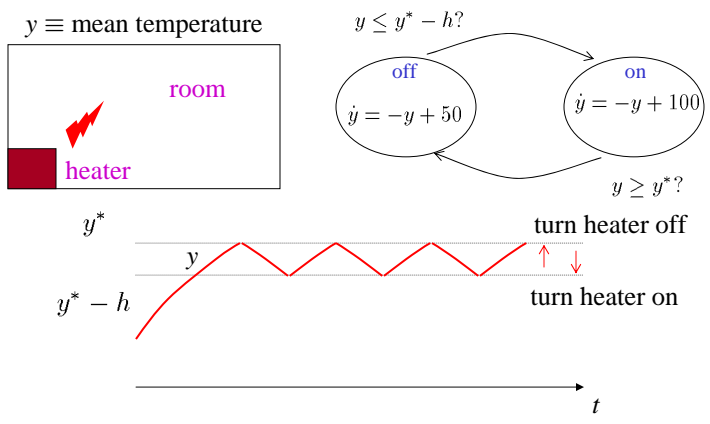
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4<sup>th</sup> ...  $\|x(\tau_2)\| = \beta(1, \tau_2 - \tau_1) \|x(\tau_1)\|$

5<sup>th</sup> Given an arbitrary interval  $[t_0, t]$ , break it into  $k := \text{floor}((t - t_0)/T)$  intervals of length  $T$  plus one interval of length smaller than  $T$  ...

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \beta(1, 0) e^{\frac{\lambda(t-t_0)}{T}} \|x(t_0)\|$$

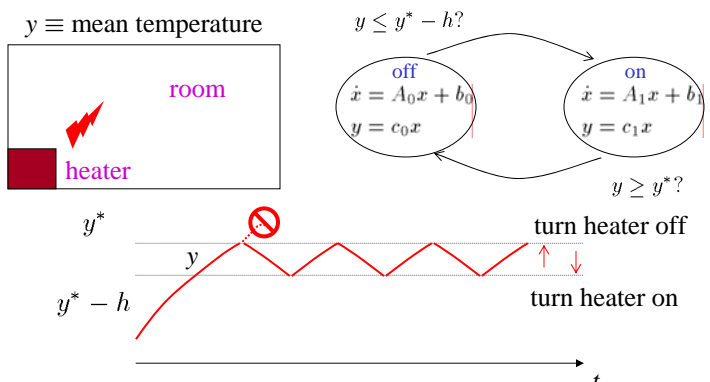
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$$\min \{y(0), y^* - h\} \leq y(t) \leq \max \{y(0), y^*\} \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

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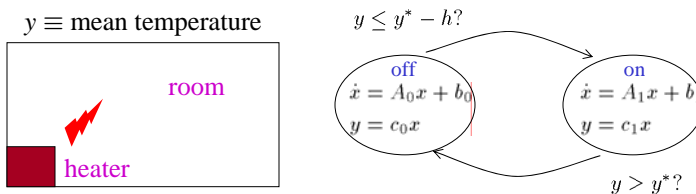


$A_0, A_1$  asymptotically stable (all eigenvalues with negative real part)

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*With switching, does the overall state  $x$  of the system remains bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?*

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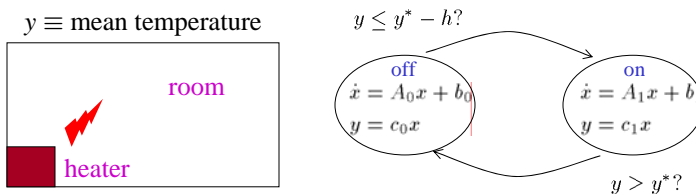
- 1st Establish a bound of how fast switching can occur:  
 on an interval  $(\tau, t)$  the maximum number of switchings  $N(\tau, t)$  is bounded by

$$N(\tau, t) \leq 1 + \frac{c \sup_{s \in (\tau, t)} \|x(s)\|}{h} (t - \tau)$$

Why? maximum derivative of  $y$  is proportional to  $\|x\|$  and between two consecutive switchings  $y$  must have a variation of  $h$

a (sequence) property of the  
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One option to prove that the state remains bounded:

- 1st Establish a bound of how fast switching can occur:  
 on an interval  $(\tau, t)$  the maximum number of switchings  $N(\tau, t)$  is bounded by

$x$  is a solution to the following (state-dependent) switching system:

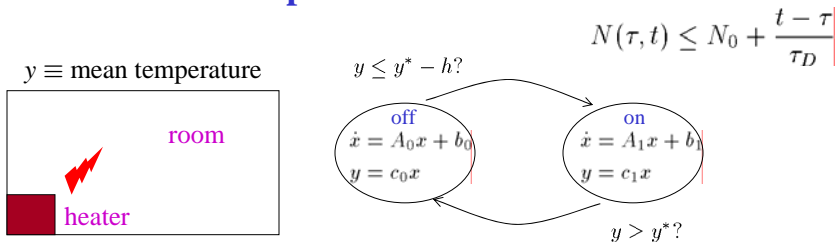
$$\dot{x} = A_\sigma x + b_\sigma$$

with

$$\mathcal{S} := \left\{ (\sigma, x) : N_\sigma(\tau, t) \leq 1 + \frac{c \sup_{s \in (\tau, t)} \|x(s)\|}{h} (t - \tau), \forall t \geq \tau \geq 0 \right\}$$

(tough to analyze directly...)

## Example #2: Thermostat



One option to prove the state remains bounded:

a (sequence) property of the continuous-dynamics

2nd Estimate how large  $x$  can be from  $y$ :

For the following (state independent) switching systems

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A_\sigma x + b_\sigma \\ y = c_\sigma x \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{S} := \left\{ \sigma : N_\sigma(\tau, t) \leq N_0 + \frac{t-\tau}{\tau_D}, \forall t \geq \tau \geq 0 \right\}$$

there exist constants  $\alpha \geq 1, \beta, \gamma > 0$  such that

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha \|x(\tau)\| + \beta + \gamma \sup_{s \in (\tau, t)} \|y(s)\| \leq y^*$$

- constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  depend on  $N_0$  &  $\tau_D$
- to prove this one needs the system to be observable from  $y$

## Example #2: Thermostat

1st On an interval  $(\tau, t)$  the maximum number of switchings  $N(\tau, t)$  is bounded by

$$N(\tau, t) \leq 1 + \frac{c \sup_{s \in (\tau, t)} \|x(s)\|}{h} (t - \tau)$$

2nd Assuming that the max. number of switchings  $N(\tau, t)$  on  $(\tau, t)$  is bounded by

$$N(\tau, t) \leq N_0 + \frac{t - \tau}{\tau_D}$$

Then there exist constants  $\alpha \geq 1, \beta, \gamma > 0$  such that

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha \|x(\tau)\| + \beta + \gamma y^*$$

3rd For any choice of  $\tau_D$  and  $h$  such that

$$\alpha \|x(0)\| + \beta + \gamma y^* < \frac{h}{c \tau_D}$$

$x$  must be bounded for any solution compatible with 1 & 2 above.

*Hint: prove by contradiction that*

$$\frac{c \|x(s)\|}{h} \leq \frac{1}{\tau_D} \quad \forall s \geq 0$$

## Proof...

We will show that

$$\frac{c\|x(t)\|}{h} < \frac{1}{\tau_D} \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad (*)$$

1st For  $s = 0$ , (\*) holds because ...

$$\alpha \geq 1$$

$$\alpha\|x(0)\| + \beta + \gamma y^* < \frac{h}{c\tau_D} \Rightarrow \frac{c}{h}\|x(0)\| < \frac{1}{\alpha\tau_D} \leq \frac{1}{\tau_D}$$

2nd By contradiction suppose that (\*) holds strictly for  $t \in [0, t^*)$  and with equality at  $t = t^*$ . Then

$$N(0, t^*) \leq 1 + \frac{c \sup_{s \in (0, t^*)} \|x(s)\|}{h} t^* \leq 1 + \frac{1}{\tau_D}$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$\|x(t^*)\| \leq \alpha\|x(0)\| + \beta + \gamma y^* < \frac{h}{c\tau_D}$$

$\|x(t^*)\|$  can never reach  $h / (c\tau_D)$  !

## Discrete/continuous decoupling

1st  $x$  is a solution to the following (state-dependent) switching system:

$$\dot{x} = A_\sigma x + b_\sigma$$

$$\mathcal{S} := \left\{ (\sigma, x) : N_\sigma(\tau, t) \leq 1 + \frac{c \sup_{s \in (\tau, t)} \|x(s)\|}{h} (t - \tau) \right\}$$

property of the  
discrete evolution

2nd For the following (state-independent) switching system:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A_\sigma x + b_\sigma \\ y = c_\sigma x \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{S} := \left\{ \sigma : N_\sigma(\tau, t) \leq N_0 + \frac{t - \tau}{\tau_D} \right\}$$

There exist constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  such that

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \alpha\|x(\tau)\| + \beta + \gamma y^*$$

property of a  
(state-independent)  
switching systems

property of the  
interconnection



## Next lecture...

Stability under arbitrary switching

- Instability caused by switching
- Common Lyapunov function
- Converse results
- Algebraic conditions