

# Connections between Ulam-Hyers Stability and Uniform Exponential Stability of Time Varying Linear Dynamic Systems Over Time Scales

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we prove that the regressive time varying linear dynamic equation  $x^\Delta(r) = G(r)x(r)$ ,  $r \in \overline{T}$  is Ulam–Hyers stable if and only if it is uniformly exponentially stable. Furthermore, the Ulam–Hyers stability and uniform exponential stability of the system  $x^\Delta(r) = G(r)x(r)$ ,  $r \in \overline{T}$  is proved in terms of bounded-ness of solution of the following Cauchy problem:

$$\begin{cases} W^\Delta(r) = G(r)W(r) + \omega(r), & 0 \leq r \in \overline{T}, \\ W(0) = v_0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\overline{T}$  denotes time scale,  $G(r)$  is a matrix valued function,  $\omega(r)$  is a bounded function on  $\overline{T}$  and  $v_0 \in \mathbb{C}^m$ .

**Keywords:** Uniform exponential stability, Ulam-Hyers stability, time scale

## 1 Introduction

In 1940, Ulam posed an open problem about the stability of a certain functional equation in [24,25]. In 1941, the first partial answer to Ulam's question was given by Hyers [12]. Later on, it was named as Ulam-Hyers problem. Obłozza proved a result related to the Ulam-Hyers stability of differential equations in [16]. Alsina and Ger; see [1], studied Ulam-Hyers stability of first order linear differential equations and soon after their results were generalized by Takahasi, Takagi, Miura and Miyajima in [23], Jung, in [13,14,15] and Wang, Zhou and Sun in [26].

In 1978, Rassias [20] provided an extension of the Ulam-Hyers stability by introducing new function variables and he introduced another new stability concept named as Ulam–Hyers–Rassias stability. For more details on Ulam–Hyers stability, we recommend [18,21].

The theory of dynamical equations on time scales was introduced by Hilger [11] in 1988 with in order to unify the continuous and discrete calculus. For more details, see [2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,17,19,22,27].

## 2 Preliminaries

The non-empty arbitrary closed subset of real numbers is called Time Scale denoted by  $\overline{T}$ . The forward and backward jump operators denoted by  $\theta : \overline{T} \rightarrow \overline{T}$ ,  $\rho : \overline{T} \rightarrow \overline{T}$ , graininess function  $v : \overline{T} \rightarrow \overline{T}$  are respectively defined as:

$$\theta(r) = \inf\{v \in \overline{T} : v > r\},$$

$$\rho(r) = \sup\{v \in \overline{T} : v < r\}, \quad v(r) = \theta(r) - r.$$

A point  $r \in \overline{T}$  is said to be left-scattered and left-dense if  $r > \rho(r)$  and  $\rho(r) = r$ , respectively. If  $r < \theta(r)$  and  $\theta(r) = r$ , then such a point  $r \in \overline{T}$  will be called right-scattered and right-dense, respectively. The set known as derived form of time scale  $\overline{T}$  denoted by  $\overline{T}^\circ$  is defined as follows:

$$\overline{T}^\circ = \begin{cases} \overline{T} \setminus (\rho(\sup \overline{T}), \sup \overline{T}], & \text{if } \sup \overline{T} < \infty \\ \overline{T}, & \text{if } \sup \overline{T} = \infty. \end{cases}$$

A function  $\alpha : \overline{T} \rightarrow \overline{R}$  is said to be right-dense continuous if it is continuous at all right-dense points in  $\overline{T}$  and its

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left-sided limits exist at all left-dense points in  $\bar{T}$ , where  $\bar{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers. A function  $\alpha : \bar{T} \rightarrow \bar{R}$  is said to be regressive if  $1 + v(r)\alpha(r) \neq 0$  for all  $r \in \bar{T}^\zeta$  and if  $1 + v(r)\alpha(r) > 0$ , then the function  $\alpha$  is said to be positively regressive. The set of all right-dense regressive, and right-dense positively regressive functions respectively will be denoted by  $\text{REG}(\bar{T})$  and  $\text{REG}(\bar{T})^+$ . A function  $w^\theta : \bar{T} \rightarrow \bar{R}$  is defined as  $w^\theta(r) = w(\theta(r))$ ,  $\forall r \in \bar{T}$ .

**Definition 1.** If  $G \in \text{REG}(\bar{T})$ , then generalized exponential function  $e_G(r, u)$  on  $\bar{T}$  is defined as

$$e_G(r, u) = \exp \left( \int_u^r \chi_{v(v)} G(v) \Delta v \right) \quad \forall r, u \in \bar{T},$$

with cylindrical transformation

$$\chi_{v(r)} G(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{Log}(1 + v(r)G(r))}{v(r)}, & \text{if } v(r) \neq 0, \\ G(r), & \text{if } v(r) = 0. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1.** [2] Let  $G, H \in \text{REG}(\bar{T})$ , then:

1.  $e_0(r, u) = 1$  and  $e_G(r, r) = 1$ .
2.  $e_G(\theta(r), u) = (1 + v(r)G(r))e_G(r, u)$ .
3.  $(e_G(r, u))^\Delta = (G(r))e_G(r, u)$ .
4.  $e_G(r, u) = \frac{1}{e_G(u, r)}$ .
5.  $e_G(r, u)e_G(u, v) = e_G(r, v)$ .
6. If  $r, u, v \in \bar{T}$ , then

$$\int_r^u G(\eta)e_G(v, \theta(\eta))\Delta\eta = e_G(v, r) - e_G(v, u).$$

**Definition 2.** Let  $G$  be  $m \times m$  matrix-valued function on a time scale  $(\bar{T})$ . Then  $G$  is said to be rd-continuous on  $\bar{T}$  if each entry of  $G$  is rd-continuous and  $G$  is regressive if the eigenvalues  $\kappa_i(r)$  of  $G(r)$  are regressive for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

**Remark.** Let  $G^*$  be the conjugate transpose of  $m \times m$  matrix valued function  $G$ . If  $G \in (\bar{R})^{m \times m}$ , then  $G^* = G^T$  and  $G^* \in \text{REG}(\bar{T})$ . Moreover, the function defined by  $\ominus G(r) = \frac{-G(r)}{1 + v(r)G(r)}$  is also regressive.

Consider the matrix-valued IVP,

$$W^\Delta(r) = G(r)W(r), \quad W(r_0) = I_m, \quad (1)$$

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

**Definition 3.** The fundamental matrix is defined to be the general solution to the matrix dynamic equation (1) and is denoted by  $\Phi_G(r, r_0)$ .

Keep in mind that  $\Phi_G$  as a transition matrix can be replaced with  $e_G$  in the following lemma. The next lemma lists some properties of the matrix exponential function.

**Lemma 2.** [8] Let  $G \in \text{REG}(\bar{T})$  be the matrix-valued function on  $\bar{T}$ , then the family  $G = \{\Phi_G(r, u) : r, u \in \bar{T}\}$  has the following properties:

1.  $\Phi_0(r, u) = 1$  and  $\phi_G(r, r) = 1$ .
2.  $\Phi_G(\theta(r), u) = (1 + v(r)G(r))\Phi_G(r, u)$ .
3.  $\Phi^{-1}_G(r, u) = \Phi^*_{\ominus G^*}(u, r)$ .
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5.  $\Phi_G(r, u)\phi_G(u, v) = \Phi_G(r, v)$ .
6.  $\Phi^\Delta_G(r, u) = G(r)\Phi_G(r, u)$ .

Now the next theorem guarantees a unique solution to the regressive  $m \times 1$  vector-valued dynamic IVP

$$W^\Delta(r) = G(r)W(r) + \omega(r), \quad W(r_0) = v_0. \quad (2)$$

**Theorem 1.** [8] Let  $r_0 \in \bar{T}$  and  $v_0 \in \bar{R}^m$ . Then the regressive IVP (2) has a unique solution  $W : \bar{T} \rightarrow \bar{R}^m$  given by

$$W(r) = \Phi_G(r, r_0)v_0 + \int_{r_0}^r \Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\omega(\eta)\Delta\eta.$$

Consider the regressive time varying linear dynamic system

$$x^\Delta(r) = G(r)x(r); \quad x(r_0) = v_0, \quad r \in \bar{T}, \quad v_0 \in \mathbb{C}^m, \quad (G(r))$$

**Theorem 2.** [8] The time varying linear dynamic system  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable if and only if there exists  $\eta, \varepsilon > 0$  with  $-\eta \in \text{REG}(\bar{T})^+$  such that the transition matrix  $\Phi_G$  satisfies

$$\|\Phi_G(r, r_0)\| \leq \varepsilon e_{-\eta}(r, r_0), \quad \forall r \geq r_0, \quad \text{with } r, r_0 \in \bar{T}.$$

**Theorem 3.** [8] Suppose that there exists a constant  $\gamma$  such that for all  $r \in \bar{T}$ ,  $\|G(r)\| \leq \gamma$ . Then the time varying linear dynamic system  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable if and only if there exists a constant  $\beta > 0$  such that

$$\int_{r_0}^r \|\Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\|\Delta\eta \leq \beta, \quad \forall r \geq \theta(\eta), \quad \text{with } r, \eta \in \bar{T}.$$

Concerning the uniform exponential stability of the system  $(G(r))$ , we state the following result:

**Theorem 4.** [22] The system  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable if and only if for each  $v_0 \in \mathbb{C}^m$  and each bounded function  $\omega(r)$ , the unique solution of the following Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} W^\Delta(r) = G(r)W(r) + \omega(r), & 0 \leq r \in \bar{T}, \\ W(0) = v_0, \end{cases} \quad (G(r), \omega, v_0)$$

is bounded.

**Proof.Necessity:** Let the system  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable, then by Theorem 2, we have

$$\|\Phi_G(r, r_0)\| \leq \gamma e_{-\eta}(r, r_0), \quad \forall r \geq r_0, \quad \text{with } r, r_0 \in \bar{T}.$$

Consider the solution of the Cauchy problem  $(G(r), \omega, v_0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} W(r) &= \Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \int_0^r \Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\omega(\eta)\Delta\eta \\ \|W(r)\| &\leq \|\Phi_G(r, 0)\|v_0 + \int_0^r \|\Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\| \|\omega(\eta)\| \Delta\eta \\ &\leq e_{-\eta}(r, 0) + C \int_0^r \|\Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\| \Delta\eta \\ &\leq e_{-\eta}(r, 0) + C\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the unique solution of  $(G(r), \omega, v_0)$  is bounded.

**Sufficiency:** Suppose on contrary the system  $(G(r))$  is not uniformly exponentially stable and set  $\omega(r) = \frac{\Phi_G(r, 0)}{1 + v(r) \ominus G^*(r)}$ . Obviously  $\omega(r)$  is bounded function. Now consider the solution of  $(G(r), \omega, v_0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} W(r) &= \Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \int_0^r \Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\omega(\eta)\Delta\eta \\ &= \Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \int_0^r \Phi_{G^*}^*(\theta(\eta), r) \frac{\Phi_G(\eta, 0)}{1 + v(\eta) \ominus G^*(\eta)} \Delta\eta \\ &= \Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \int_0^r \Phi_{G^*}^*(\eta, r) (1 + v(\eta) \ominus G^*(\eta)) \frac{\Phi_G(\eta, 0)}{1 + v(\eta) \ominus G^*(\eta)} \Delta\eta \\ &= \Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \int_0^r \Phi_G(r, \eta)\Phi_G(\eta, 0)\Delta\eta \\ &= \Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \Phi_G(r, 0)r. \end{aligned}$$

If we take  $v_0 = 0$ , then we have a contradiction because the map

$$r \mapsto \Phi_G(r, 0)r$$

is unbounded. But since  $z_0 \neq 0$ , then as the system  $G(r)$  is not uniformly exponentially stable, so by using Theorem 2 we can find  $-\eta, \gamma > 0$  with  $\eta \in \text{REG}(\overline{T})^+$  such that

$$\|\Phi_G(r, 0)\| \geq \gamma e_{\eta}(r, 0),$$

i.e. in this case again the solution will be unbounded and thus we arrived at a contradiction. So the system  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable.

### 3 Main Results

We can see an  $\varepsilon$ -approximate solution of the system  $(G(r))$  as an exact solution of the Cauchy problem  $(G(r), \omega, v_0)$  corresponding to  $\omega(\cdot)$  bounded by  $\varepsilon$ . Thus, we state the definition of Ulam-Hyers stability as:

**Definition 4.** Let  $\varepsilon \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}^+$ . The system  $(G(r))$  is Ulam-Hyers stable if and only if there exists a non-negative constant  $K$  such that for every  $\mathbb{C}^m$ -valued right-dense continuous map  $\omega = \omega(r)$  bounded by  $\varepsilon$  on  $\overline{T}$ , and every  $x \in \mathbb{C}^m$  there exists  $v_0 \in \mathbb{C}^m$  such that

$$\sup_{r \geq 0} \|\Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \int_0^r \Phi_G(r, \theta(u))\omega(u)\Delta u\| \leq K\varepsilon.$$

**Theorem 5.** The system  $(G(r))$  is Ulam-Hyers stable if and only if it is uniformly exponentially stable.

**Proof. Necessity:** Let the system  $(G(r))$  is Ulam-Hyers stable. Then for every  $\mathbb{C}^m$ -valued right-dense continuous map  $\omega = \omega(\cdot)$  bounded by  $\varepsilon$  on  $\overline{T}$ , the solution of the Cauchy problem  $(G(r), \omega, v_0)$  is bounded by  $K\varepsilon$ . We need to prove that the system  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable. To show that  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable, suppose on contrary  $(G(r))$  is not uniformly exponentially stable. Then by using the proof of converse part of Theorem 4, we can show that the solution of  $(G(r), \omega, v_0)$  is unbounded, which is a contradiction. Thus  $(G(r))$  must be uniformly exponentially stable.

**Sufficiency:** Let the system  $(G(r))$  is uniformly exponentially stable and  $\omega : \overline{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$  be a right-dense continuous function, with  $\|\omega\|_{\infty} \leq \varepsilon$ , then by Theorem 2

$$\|\Phi_G(r, r_0)\| \leq \varepsilon e_{-\eta}(r, r_0), \quad \forall r \geq r_0, \text{ with } r, r_0 \in \overline{T}.$$

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} W(r) &= \Phi_G(r, 0)v_0 + \int_0^r \Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\omega(\eta)\Delta\eta \\ \|W(r)\| &\leq \|\Phi_G(r, 0)\|v_0 + \int_0^r \|\Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\| \|\omega(\eta)\| \Delta\eta \\ &\leq \varepsilon e_{-\eta}(r, 0) + \varepsilon \int_0^r \|\Phi_G(r, \theta(\eta))\| \Delta\eta \\ &\leq \varepsilon e_{-\eta}(r, 0) + \varepsilon\beta. \\ &\leq (e_{-\eta}(r, 0) + \beta)\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The desired assertion follows by choosing  $K = e_{-\eta}(r, 0) + C\beta$ .

### 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we establish a connection between Ulam-Hyers Stability and Uniform Exponential Stability of Time Varying Linear Dynamic Systems Over Time Scales. Moreover, this connection is proved in terms of boundedness of the Cauchy problem  $(G(r), \omega, v_0)$ .

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