

## A NOTE ON CONTROLLABILITY OF NEUTRAL VOLTERRA INTEGRODIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS<sup>1</sup>

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### ABSTRACT

Sufficient conditions for the controllability of nonlinear neutral Volterra integrodifferential systems are established. The results are obtained using the Schauder fixed point theorem.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of functional differential equations has been studied by several authors [6, 9, 11, 15]. The problem of controllability of linear neutral systems has been investigated by Banks and Kent [3], and Jacobs and Langenhop [12]. Motivation for physical control systems and its importance in other fields can be found in [11, 13]. Angell [1] and Chukwu [4] discussed the functional controllability of nonlinear neutral systems, and Underwood and Chukwu [16] studied the null controllability for such systems. Further, Chukwu [5] considered the Euclidian controllability of a neutral system with nonlinear base. Onwuatu [14] discussed the problem for nonlinear systems of neutral functional differential equations with limited controls. Gahl [10] derived a set of sufficient conditions for the controllability of nonlinear neutral systems through the fixed point method developed by Dauer [7]. Recently, Balachandran [2] established sufficient conditions for the controllability of nonlinear neutral Volterra integrodifferential systems and infinite delay neutral Volterra systems. In this paper we shall derive a new set of sufficient conditions for the controllability of nonlinear neutral Volterra integrodifferential systems by suitably adopting the technique of Do [8].

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $J = [0, t_1]$ ,  $t_1 > 0$  and let  $Q$  be the Banach space of all continuous functions

$$(x, u): J \times J \rightarrow R^n \times R^m$$

with the norm defined by

$$\| (x, u) \| = \| x \| + \| u \|$$

where  $\| x \| = \sup_{t \in J} |x(t)|$ . Define the norm of a continuous  $n \times m$  matrix valued function  $D: J \rightarrow R^n \times R^m$  by

$$\| D(t) \| = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^m \max_{t \in J} |d_{ij}(t)|$$

where  $d_{ij}$  are the elements of  $D$ .

Consider the linear neutral Volterra integrodifferential system of the form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ x(t) - \int_0^t C(t-s)x(s)ds - g(t) \right] = Ax(t) + \int_0^t G(t-s)x(s)ds + B(t)u(t) \quad (1)$$

and the nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left[ x(t) - \int_0^t C(t-s)x(s)ds - g(t) \right] \\ &= Ax(t) + \int_0^t G(t-s)x(s)ds + B(t)u(t) + f(t, x(t), u(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $x(t) \in R^n$ ,  $u(t) \in R^m$ ,  $C(t)$  and  $G(t)$  are  $n \times n$  continuous matrix valued functions and  $B(t)$  is a continuous  $n \times m$  matrix valued functions,  $A$  a constant  $n \times n$  matrix and  $f$  and  $g$  are, respectively, continuous and absolutely continuous vector functions. We consider the controllability on a bounded interval  $J$  of system (2).

**Definition 1 [18]:** A function  $x: J \rightarrow R^n$  is said to be a solution of the initial value problem (1) or (2) through  $(0, x(0))$  on  $J$ , if

- (i)  $x$  is continuous on  $J$ ,
- (ii)  $[x(t) - \int_0^t C(t-s)x(s)ds - g(t)]$  is absolutely continuous on  $J$ ,
- (iii) (1) or (2) holds almost everywhere on  $J$ .

**Definition 2:** The system (2) is said to be controllable on  $J$  if for every  $x(0)$ ,  $x_1 \in R^n$  there exists a control function  $u(t)$  defined on  $J$  such that the solution of (2) satisfies

$$x(t_1) = x_1.$$

The solution of (1) can be written, as in [17], in the form

$$x(t) = Z(t)[x(0) - g(0)] + g(t) + \int_0^t \dot{Z}(t-s)g(s)ds + \int_0^t Z(t-s)B(s)u(s)ds,$$

where  $\dot{Z}(t-s) = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t}(t-s)$  and  $Z(t)$  is an  $n \times n$  continuously differentiable matrix satisfying the equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}[Z(t) - \int_0^t C(t-s)Z(s)ds] = AZ(t) - \int_0^t G(t-s)Z(s)ds$$

with  $Z(0) = I$  and the solution of nonlinear system (2) is given by

$$x(t) = Z(t)[x(0) - g(0)] + g(t) + \int_0^t \dot{Z}(t-s)g(s)ds + \int_0^t Z(t,s)[B(s)u(s) + f(s, x(s), u(s))]ds.$$

Define the matrix  $W$  by

$$W(t) = \int_0^t Z(t-s)B(s)B^*(s)Z^*(t-s)ds,$$

where the  $*$  denotes the transpose matrix. We know that system (1) is controllable on  $J$  if and only if  $W$  is nonsingular [2].

It is clear that  $x_1$  can be obtained if there exist continuous functions  $x(\cdot)$  and  $u(\cdot)$  such that

$$u(t) = B^*(t)Z^*(t_1 - t)W^{-1}(t_1)[x_1 - Z(t_1)(x(0) - g(0)) - g(t_1) - \int_0^{t_1} \dot{Z}(t_1 - s)g(s)ds - \int_0^{t_1} Z(t_1 - s)f(s, x(s), u(s))ds] \tag{3}$$

and

$$x(t) = Z(t)[x(0) - g(0)] + g(t) + \int_0^t \dot{Z}(t-s)g(s)ds + \int_0^t Z(t-s)[B(s)u(s) + f(s, x(s), u(s))]ds. \tag{4}$$

Now, we will find conditions for the existence of such  $x(\cdot)$  and  $u(\cdot)$ . If  $\alpha_i \in L^1(J)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ) then  $\|\alpha_i\|$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ) is the  $L^1$  norm of  $\alpha_i(s)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ). That is,

$$\|\alpha_i\| = \int_0^{t_1} |\alpha_i(s)| ds \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, q).$$

Next, for our convenience, let us introduce the following notations:

$$K = \max\{\|Z(t-s)\| : 0 \leq s \leq t \leq t_1\},$$

$$k = \max\{\|Z(t-s)B(s)\|, 1\},$$

$$a_i = 3k\{\|B^*(s)Z^*(t_1-s)\| \|W^{-1}(t_1)\| \|Z(t_1-s)\| \|\alpha_i\|\}, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, q)$$

$$b_i = 3K \|\alpha_i\|, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, q)$$

$$c_i = \max\{a_i, b_i\}, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, q)$$

$$d_1 = 3k \|B^*(s)Z^*(t_1-s)\| \|W^{-1}(t_1)\| [|x_1| + \|Z(t_1)\| |x(0) - g(0)| + |g(t_1)| + \left| \int_0^{t_1} \dot{Z}(t_1-s)g(s)ds \right|],$$

$$d_2 = 3 \|Z(t_1)\| |x(0) - g(0)| + |g(t_1)| + \left| \int_0^{t_1} \dot{Z}(t_1-s)g(s)ds \right|,$$

$$d = \max\{d_1, d_2\}.$$

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

Now, we will prove the following main theorem, which is a generalization of Theorem 2 of Balachandran [2].

**Theorem:** Let measurable functions  $\phi_i: R^n \times R^m \rightarrow R^+$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ) and  $L^1$  functions  $\alpha_i: J \rightarrow R^+$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ) be such that

$$|f(t, x, u)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^q \alpha_i(t) \phi_i(x, u) \quad \text{for every } (t, x, u) \in J \times R^n \times R^m.$$

Then the controllability of (1) implies the controllability of (2) if

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup \left( r - \sum_{i=1}^q c_i \sup\{\phi_i(x, u) : \|(x, u)\| \leq r\} \right) = \infty. \quad (5)$$

**Proof:** Define  $T: Q \rightarrow Q$  by

$$T(x, u) = (y, v),$$

where

$$v(t) = B^*(t)Z^*(t_1-t)W^{-1}(t_1)[x_1 - Z(t_1)(x(0) - g(0)) - g(t_1)]$$

$$- \int_0^{t_1} \dot{Z}(t_1 - s)g(s)ds - \int_0^{t_1} Z(t_1 - s)f(s, x(s), u(s))ds] \tag{6}$$

and

$$y(t) = Z(t)[x(0) - g(0)] + g(t) + \int_0^t \dot{Z}(t - s)g(s)ds + \int_0^t Z(t - s)[B(s)v(s) + f(s, x(s), u(s))]ds. \tag{7}$$

Based on our assumptions,  $T$  is continuous. Clearly the solutions  $u(\cdot)$  and  $x(\cdot)$  to (3) and (4) are fixed points of  $T$ . We will prove the existence of such fixed points by using the Schauder fixed point theorem.

Let  $\psi_i(r) = \sup\{\phi_i(x, u) : \|(x, u)\| \leq r\}$ . Since (5) holds, there exists  $r_0 > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^q c_i \psi_i(r_0) + d \leq r_0.$$

Now, let

$$Q_{r_0} = \{(x, u) \in Q : \|(x, u)\| \leq r_0\}.$$

If  $(x, u) \in Q_{r_0}$ , from (6) and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\| &\leq \|B^*(t)Z^*(t_1 - t)\| \|W^{-1}(t_1)\| [|x_1| + \|Z(t_1)\| |x(0) - g(0)| \\ &+ |g(t_1)| + \left| \int_0^{t_1} \dot{Z}(t_1 - s)g(s)ds \right| + \int_0^{t_1} \|Z(t_1 - s)\| \sum_{i=1}^q \alpha_i(s)\phi_i(x(s), u(s))ds] \\ &\leq (d_1/3k) + (1/3k) \sum_{i=1}^q a_i \psi_i(r_0) \\ &\leq (1/3k)(d + \sum_{i=1}^q c_i \psi_i(r_0)) \\ &\leq (r_0/3k) \leq (r_0/3) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|y\| &\leq \|Z(t)\| |x(0) - g(0)| + |g(t)| + \left| \int_0^t \dot{Z}(t - s)g(s)ds \right| \\ &+ \int_0^t \|Z(t - s)B(s)\| \|v\| ds + \int_0^t \|Z(t, s)\| \sum_{i=1}^q \alpha_i(s)\phi_i(x(s), u(s))ds \\ &\leq (d/3) + k \|v\| + K \sum_{i=1}^q \|\alpha_i\| \psi_i(r_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq (d/3) + k \|v\| + (1/3) \sum_{i=1}^q c_i \psi_i(r_0) \\
&\leq (1/3)(d + \sum_{i=1}^q c_i \psi_i(r_0)) + k \|v\| \\
&\leq (r_0/3) + (r_0/3) = 2(r_0/3).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T$  maps  $Q_{r_0}$  into itself. Further, it is easy to see that  $T(Q_r)$  is equicontinuous for all  $r > 0$  [8]. By the Ascoli-Arzelà theorem,  $\overline{T(Q_{r_0})}$  is compact in  $Q$ . Since  $Q_{r_0}$  is nonempty, closed, bounded and convex, by the Schauder fixed point theorem, solutions of (3) and (4) exist. Hence the proof is complete.

To apply the above theorem we have to construct  $\alpha_i$ 's and  $\phi_i$ 's such that (5) is satisfied. These constructions are different for different situations. However, an obvious construction of  $\alpha_i$ 's and  $\phi_i$ 's is easily achieved by taking  $q = 1$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha = 1$  and

$$\phi_1(x, u) = \phi(x, u) = \sup\{|f(t, x, u)| : t \in J\}.$$

In this case (5) holds if

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \inf(1/r) \sup\{\phi(x, u) : \|(x, u)\| \leq r\} < 1/c_1.$$

Now, we will state a corollary which is a particular case of the above theorem and it was proved by Balachandran [2].

**Corollary:** *If the continuous function  $f$  satisfies the condition*

$$\lim_{\|(x, u)\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(t, x, u)|}{\|(x, u)\|} = 0$$

*uniformly in  $t \in J$  and if system (1) is controllable on  $J$ , then system (2) is controllable on  $J$ .*

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