

# Analysis of Nonlinear Systems Using the Equation $f(x) = x^2 + \int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx$ and Optimization via $\nabla f(x)$

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For the analysis and optimization of the nonlinear function  $f(x) = x^2 + \int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx$ , the function simplifies to  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ , with its global minimum occurring at  $x = 0$  where  $f(0) = 1$ .

## 1. Evaluate the integral component

The function contains an improper integral that acts as a constant term. Solving the integral of the exponential decay function from zero to infinity:

$\int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx = \left[-e^{-x}\right]_0^\infty = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -e^{-x}\right) - (-e^0) = 0 - (-1) = 1$  Substituting this back into the original expression, the system's governing equation becomes:

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

## 2. Perform optimization via the gradient

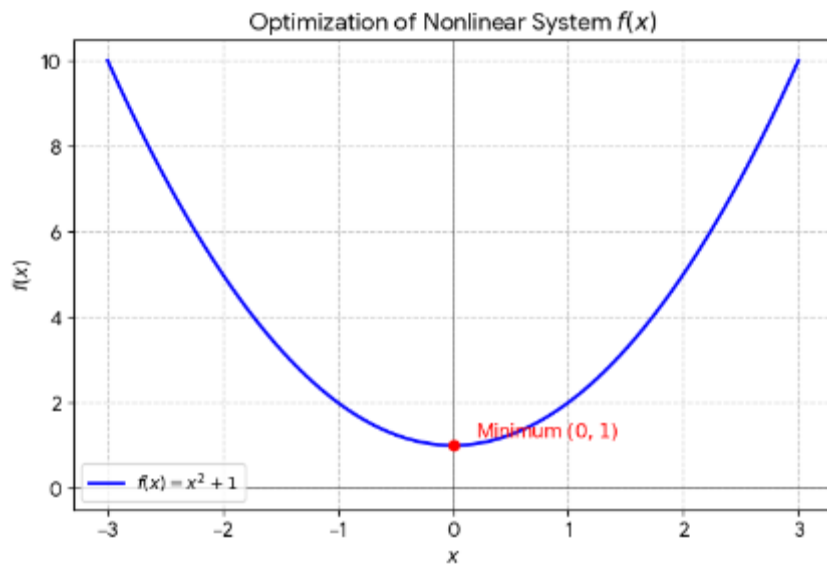
Optimization involves finding the critical points where the gradient  $\nabla f(x)$  (or first derivative  $f'(x)$  for single-variable systems) is zero. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

- **Calculate the Gradient:**  
 $\nabla f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 1) = 2x$
- **Find Critical Points:** Setting  $\nabla f(x) = 0$  yields:  
 $2x = 0 \implies x = 0$

## 3. Analyze stability and optimality

To determine if this critical point is a minimum or maximum, we examine the second-order optimality condition: [1, 2, 3]

- **Calculate the Hessian/Second Derivative:**  
 $f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(2x) = 2$
- **Classification:** Since  $f''(0) = 2 > 0$ , the function is strictly convex, and the point  $x = 0$  is a **stable global minimum**. [1, 2]



✔ Answer

The nonlinear system is defined by the parabola  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ , and its optimization via the gradient  $\nabla f(x) = 2x$  reveals a **global minimum at  $x = 0$**  with a functional value of **1**.

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