Positive systems analysis via integral linear constraints

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Positive systems analysis

- Quadratic forms are widely used for systems analysis: Lyapunov inequality, Kalman-Yakubovich-Popov Lemma, integral quadratic constraints etc.
- Analysis can be simplified if systems are known to be positive
- Lyapunov inequality:
 - $\exists P \succ 0$ such that $A^T P + PA \prec 0$
 - ▶ $\exists z > 0$ (element-wise) such that Az < 0
- Kalman-Yakubovich-Popov Lemma:

$$\blacktriangleright \begin{bmatrix} (j\omega I - A)^{-1}B\\I \end{bmatrix}^* Q \begin{bmatrix} (j\omega I - A)^{-1}B\\I \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad \forall \omega \in [0, \infty]$$

▶ $\exists x, u, p \ge 0$ such that

$$Ax + Bu \le 0$$
 and $Q\begin{bmatrix} x\\ u\end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} A^T\\ B^T\end{bmatrix} p \le 0$

The theory of integral linear constraints (ILCs)?

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A simple counterexample:



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Feedback interconnections



$$\hat{G}_1(s) = C_1(sI - A_1)^{-1}B_1 + D_1$$

 $\hat{G}_2(s) = C_2(sI - A_2)^{-1}B_2 + D_2$

• A_1 and A_2 are Metzler and $B_1 \ge 0$, $B_2 \ge 0$, $C_1 \ge 0$, $C_2 \ge 0$, $D_1 \ge 0$, and $D_2 \ge 0$ (element-wise) implies G_1 and G_2 are positive

Positivity of closed-loop map [Ebihara et. al. 2011] If $\rho(D_1D_2) < 1$, then $(d_1, d_2) \mapsto (u_1, y_1, u_2, y_2)$ is positive

Feedback interconnections



Suppose (nonlinear) $G_i : \mathbf{L}_{1e} \to \mathbf{L}_{1e}$ are causal and positive, define

$$\alpha(G_i) := \sup_{T>0} \inf_{\Delta T>0} \sup_{x,y \in \mathbf{L}_{1e}; P_{T} = P_{Ty} \atop P_{T+\Delta T}(x-y) \neq 0} \frac{\|P_{T+\Delta T}(G_i x - G_i y)\|_1}{\|P_{T+\Delta T}(x-y)\|_1}$$

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Integral quadratic constraints (IQCs) [Megretski & Rantzer 97]

Given bounded, causal $G_1 : \mathbf{L}_{2e} \to \mathbf{L}_{2e}$ and $G_2 : \mathbf{L}_{2e} \to \mathbf{L}_{2e}$, suppose there exists linear $\Pi : \mathbf{L}_2 \to \mathbf{L}_2$ such that

•
$$[\tau G_1, G_2]$$
 is well-posed for all $\tau \in [0, 1]$;

•
$$\int_0^\infty v(t)^T (\Pi v)(t) \, dt \ge 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathscr{G}(\tau G_1) := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in L_2 : y = \tau G_1 u \right\}, \tau \in [0, 1];$$

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$$\int_0^\infty w(t)^T (\Pi w)(t) dt \le -\epsilon \int_0^\infty |w(t)|^2 dt \quad \forall w \in \mathscr{G}'(G_2),$$

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Integral quadratic constraint (IQC) examples

Structure of G ₁	Π	Condition
G_1 is passive	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
$\ G_1\ \le 1$	$\begin{bmatrix} x(j\omega)I & 0 \\ 0 & -x(j\omega)I \end{bmatrix}$	$x(j\omega) \ge 0$
$G_1 \in [-1,1]$	$\begin{bmatrix} X(j\omega) & Y(j\omega) \\ Y(j\omega)^* & -X(j\omega) \end{bmatrix}$	$X = X^* \ge 0, \ Y = -Y^*$
$G_1(t) \in [-1,1]$	$\begin{bmatrix} X & Y \\ Y^T & -X \end{bmatrix}$	$X = X^* \ge 0, \ Y = -Y^*$
$G_1(s)=e^{- heta s}-1,$ for $ heta\in[0, heta_0]$	$\begin{bmatrix} x(j\omega)\rho(\omega)^2 & 0\\ 0 & -x(j\omega) \end{bmatrix}$	$ ho(\omega) = 2 \max_{ \theta \le heta_0} \sin(heta \omega/2)$

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Robust stability of positive feedback systems



Integral linear constraints

Given bounded, causal, linear $G_1 : \mathbf{L}_{1e}^m \to \mathbf{L}_{1e}^p$ and $G_2 : \mathbf{L}_{1e}^p \to \mathbf{L}_{1e}^m$, suppose there exists $\Pi \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m+p}$ such that

• $[\tau G_1, G_2]$ is well-posed and positive for all $\tau \in [0, 1]$;

•
$$\int_0^\infty \Pi v(t) dt \ge 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathscr{G}_+(\tau G_1) := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{L}_{1+} : y = \tau G_1 u \right\}, \tau \in [0, 1];$$

• $\int_0^\infty \Pi w(t) dt \le -\epsilon \int_0^\infty |w(t)| dt \quad \forall w \in \mathscr{G}'_+(G_2),$

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When G_1 and G_2 are LTI, conditions can be stated as

•
$$\Pi \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \tau \hat{G}_1(0) \end{bmatrix} \ge 0$$
 and $\Pi \begin{bmatrix} \hat{G}_2(0) \\ I \end{bmatrix} < 0$

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Geometric interpretation of integral quadratic constrains



Feedback stability

- $\mathscr{G}(G_1) + \mathscr{G}'(G_2) = L_2;$
- $\mathscr{G}(G_1) \cap \mathscr{G}'(G_2) = \{0\}$

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$$\mathscr{G}_+(G_1)$$

 $\mathscr{G}'_+(G_2)$

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LTI systems



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Robust stability [Ebihara et. al. 2011] [Tanaka et. al. 2013] If $\rho(\hat{G}_1(0)\hat{G}_2(0)) < 1$, then $[G_1, G_2]$ is stable

Can be recovered with integral linear constraint theorem with

$$\Pi := z^T \begin{bmatrix} \hat{G}_1(0) & -I \end{bmatrix},$$

where $z^{T}(\hat{G}_{1}(0)\hat{G}_{2}(0) - I) < 0$

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Conclusions:

- Sufficient condition for positivity to be preserved under feedback
- Developed integral linear constraints theory for analysis of feedback interconnections with positive closed-loop mappings
- Many extensions possible:
 - Positive coprime factorisations
 - Integral linear constraints with time-varying multipliers
 - LMI conditions for verifying integral linear constraints
 - Stabilisation of open-loop unstable dynamics?