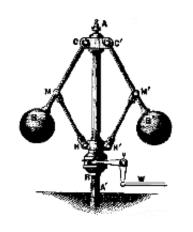
COURSE ON LMI OPTIMIZATION WITH APPLICATIONS IN CONTROL PART II.1

LMIs IN SYSTEMS CONTROL STATE-SPACE METHODS STABILITY ANALYSIS

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State-space methods

Developed by Kalman and colleagues in the 1960s as an alternative to frequency-domain techniques (Bode, Nichols...) for optimal control and estimation



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Starting in the 1980s, numerical analysts developed powerful linear algebra routines for matrix equations: numerical stability, low computational complexity, large-scale problems

Matlab launched by Cleve Moler (1977-1984) heavily relies on LINPACK, EISPACK & LAPACK packages

Matlab toolboxes development during the eighties and explosion for the millenium

- Math and analysis (optimization, statistics, spline...)
- Control (robust, predictive, fuzzy...)
- Signal and image processing (wavelet, identification...)
- Finance and economics (financial, GARCH...)

Linear systems and Lyapunov stability

The continuous-time linear time invariant (LTI) system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) \quad x(0) = x_0$$

where $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is asymptotically stable, meaning

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} x(t) = 0 \quad \forall \ x_0 \neq 0$$

if and only if

• there exists a quadratic Lyapunov function V(x) = x'Px such that

$$V(x(t)) > 0$$

 $\dot{V}(x(t)) < 0$

along system trajectories

or matrix A satisfies

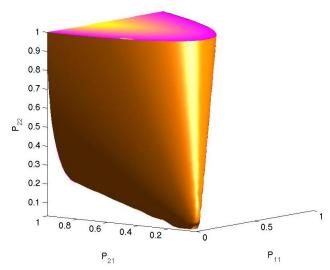
$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \operatorname{real} \lambda_i(A) < 0$$

Linear systems and Lyapunov stability (2)

Note that V(x) = x'Px = x'(P + P')x/2so that Lyapunov matrix P can be chosen symmetric without loss of generality

Since $\dot{V}(x) = \dot{x}'Px + x'P\dot{x} = x'A'Px + x'PAx$ positivity of V(x) and negativity of $\dot{V}(x)$ along system trajectories can be expressed as an LMI

$$\exists P \in \mathbb{S}_n : \begin{bmatrix} -\begin{bmatrix} 1 & A' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & P \\ P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ A \end{bmatrix} & 0 \\ 0 & P \end{bmatrix} \succ 0$$



Matrices P satisfying Lyapunov's LMI with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Linear systems and Lyapunov stability (3)

The Lyapunov LMI can be written equivalently as the Lyapunov equation

$$A'P + PA + Q = 0$$

where $Q \succ \mathbf{0}$

The following statements are equivalent

- the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ is asymptotically stable
- for some matrix $Q \succ 0$ the matrix P solving the Lyapunov equation satisfies $P \succ 0$
- for all matrices $Q \succ \mathbf{0}$ the matrix P solving the Lyapunov equation satisfies $P \succ \mathbf{0}$

The Lyapunov LMI can be solved numerically by solving the linear system of n(n+1)/2 equations in n(n+1)/2 unknowns

$$(A' \oplus A')$$
svec $(P) = (A' \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes A')$ svec $(P) = -$ svec (Q)

Theorem of alternatives and Lyapunov LMI

Recall the theorem of alternatives for LMI

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = F_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x_i} F_i$$

Exactly one statement is true

- there exists x s.t. F(x) > 0
- there exists a nonzero $Z \succeq 0$ s.t. trace $F_0Z \leq 0$ and trace $F_iZ = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$

Alternative to Lyapunov LMI

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -A'P - PA & 0\\ 0 & P \end{bmatrix} \succ 0$$

is the existence of a nonzero matrix

$$Z = \left[\begin{array}{cc} Z_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Z_2 \end{array} \right] \succeq 0$$

such that

$$AZ_1 + Z_1A' - Z_2 = 0$$

Discrete-time Lyapunov LMI

Similarly, the discrete-time LTI system

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k \quad x(0) = x_0$$

is asymptotically stable iff

• there exists a quadratic Lyapunov function V(x) = x'Px such that

$$V(x_k) > 0$$

$$V(x_{k+1}) - V(x_k) < 0$$

along system trajectories

• equivalently, matrix A satisfies

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i(A)| < 1$$

This can be expressed as an LMI

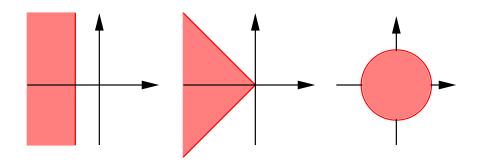
$$\exists P \in \mathbb{S}_n: \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & A' \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} P & 0 \\ 0 & -P \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \\ A \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 0 \\ P \end{array} \right] \succ 0$$

\mathcal{D} stability regions

Let $D_i \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$ and

$$\mathcal{D} = \{ s \in \mathbb{C} : D_0 + D_1 s + D_1^* s^* + D_2 s^* s < 0 \}$$

be a region of the complex plane



Matrix A is said \mathcal{D} -stable if $\Lambda(A) \in \mathcal{D}$

Equivalent to generalized Lyapunov LMI

$$\exists P \in \mathbb{S}_n: \ \left[egin{array}{cccc} -\left[egin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 \otimes A' \end{array}
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ight] \succ 0$$

Literally replace s1 with $1 \otimes A$ and D with $D \otimes P$!

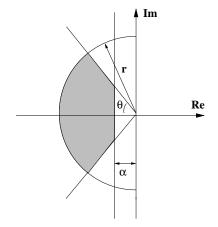
\mathcal{D} stability regions (2)

- symmetric with respect to real axis
- convex for $D_2 \succeq 0$ or not
- parabolae, hyperbolae, ellipses...
- intersections of *D* regions

A particular case is given by LMI regions

$$\mathcal{D} = \{ s \in \mathbb{C} : D(s) = D_0 + D_1 s + D_1^* s^* < 0 \}$$
 such as

${\cal D}$	dynamics
$real(s) < -\alpha$	dominant behavior
$ s - \alpha < r$	oscillations
$real(s) tan \theta < - imag(s) $	damping cone



Example:

$$egin{aligned} &D_0 = {\rm diag}(0, lpha_1 - r^2, -2lpha_2) \ &D_1 = {\rm diag}(D_{ heta}, -lpha_1, 1) \ &D_2 = {\rm diag}(0, 1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Stability as a quadratic optimization problem

 \mathcal{D} -stability of matrix A can be cast as a quadratic optimization problem (d=1)

 $\Lambda(A) \subset \mathcal{D}$ iff $\mu > 0$ where

$$\mu = \min_{\substack{s,q \neq 0 \\ \text{s.t.}}} q^*(A - s\mathbf{1})^*(A - s\mathbf{1})q$$

where \mathcal{D}^C complementary of \mathcal{D} in \mathbb{C}

Equivalently, (p = sq)

$$\mu = \min_{\substack{(q,p) \neq 0}} \left[\begin{array}{cc} q^{\star} & p^{\star} \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} A' \\ -1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} A & -1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} q \\ p \end{array} \right]$$
 s.t.
$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} q & p \end{array} \right] D \left[\begin{array}{cc} q^{\star} \\ p^{\star} \end{array} \right] \succeq \mathbf{0}$$

Lyapunov matrix as Lagrangian variable

Define
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $\exists P \succ 0$ such that:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} q^{\star} & p^{\star} \end{array}\right] \mathcal{A}' \mathcal{A} \left[\begin{array}{c} q \\ p \end{array}\right] > \mathsf{tr} \left[\begin{array}{cc} P \left[\begin{array}{cc} q & p \end{array}\right] \mathbf{D} \left[\begin{array}{c} q^{\star} \\ p^{\star} \end{array}\right] \right]$$

then $\mu^* > 0$ and equivalently

$$D \otimes P - A'A \prec 0$$

By projection

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ A \end{bmatrix}' \begin{bmatrix} d_0 P & d_1 P \\ d_1^{\star} P & d_2 P \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ A \end{bmatrix} \prec \mathbf{0} \quad P \succ \mathbf{0}$$

we obtain the generalized Lyapunov LMI

Lyapunov matrix P can be interpreted as a Lagrange dual variable or multiplier

Rank-one LMI problem

Define $\mathcal{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Define also dual map

$$F^{D}(P) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Q} \\ \mathcal{P} \end{bmatrix}' \begin{bmatrix} d_{0}P & d_{1}P \\ d_{1}^{\star}P & d_{2}P \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Q} \\ \mathcal{P} \end{bmatrix} = D \otimes P$$

such that trace $F^{D}(P)X = \operatorname{trace} F(X)P$

X is the non-zero rank-one matrix

$$X = xx^* = \left[\begin{array}{c} q \\ p \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} q \\ p \end{array}\right]^* \succeq 0$$

It follows that LMI

$$\mathcal{A}'\mathcal{A} \succ F^D(P)$$

$$P \succ \mathbf{0}$$

is feasible iff $\mu > 0$ in the primal

$$\mu = \min_{\substack{X \neq 0 \ \text{s.t.}}} \operatorname{trace} \mathcal{A}' \mathcal{A} X$$
s.t. $F(X) \succeq 0$
 $X \succeq 0$
 $\operatorname{rank} X = 1$

Alternatives for Lyapunov

Define the adjoint map

$$G(Z_1, Z_2) = Z_2 - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_0 Z_1 & d_1 Z_1 \\ d_1^* Z_1 & d_2 Z_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & A \end{bmatrix}'$$

then from SDP duality $\mu > 0$ iff dual LMI

$$G(Z_1,Z_2)=0$$

 $Z_1\succeq 0$ and $Z_2\succeq 0$
rank $Z_1=1$

is infeasible

- This is the alternative LMI obtained before so we can remove the rank constraint!
- Adequate alternative proves the necessity for the dual

Uncertain systems and robustness

When modeling systems we face several sources of uncertainty, including

- non-parametric (unstructured) uncertainty
 - unmodeled dynamics
 - truncated high frequency modes
 - non-linearities
 - effects of linearization, time-variation..
- parametric (structured) uncertainty
 - physical parameters vary within given bounds
 - interval uncertainty (l_{∞})
 - ullet ellipsoidal uncertainty (l_2)
 - ullet diamond uncertainty (l_1)
- How can we overcome uncertainty?
 - model predictive control
 - adaptive control
 - robust control

A control law is robust if it is valid over the whole range of admissible uncertainty (can be designed off-line, usually cheap)

Uncertainty modeling

Consider the continuous-time LTI system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) \quad A \in \mathcal{A}$$

where matrix A belong to an uncertainty set \mathcal{A}

For unstructured uncertainties we consider norm-bounded matrices

$$\mathcal{A} = \{ A + B\Delta C : \|\Delta\|_2 \le \rho \}$$

For structured uncertainties we consider polytopic matrices

$$\mathcal{A} = \operatorname{co}\left\{A_1, \dots, A_N\right\}$$

There are other more sophisticated uncertainty models not covered here

Uncertainty modeling is an important and difficult step in control system design!

Robust stability

The continuous-time LTI system

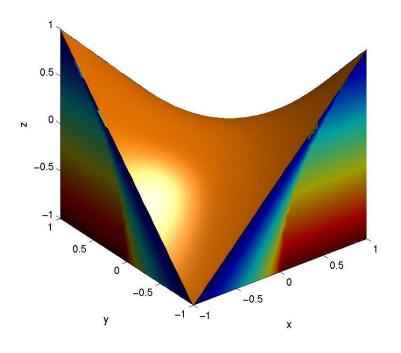
$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) \quad A \in \mathcal{A}$$

is robustly stable when it is asymptotically stable for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$

If $\mathcal S$ denotes the set of stable matrices, then robust stability is ensured as soon as

$$\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}$$

Unfortunately S is a non-convex cone!



Non-convex set of continuous-time stable matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix}$$

Robust and quadratic stability

Because of non-convexity of the cone of stable matrices, robust stability is sometimes difficult to check numerically, meaning that

computational cost is an exponential function of the number of system parameters

Remedy:

The continuous-time LTI system $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$ is quadratically stable if its robust stability can be guaranteed with the same quadratic Lyapunov function for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$

Obviously, quadratic stability is more conservative than robust stability:

Quadratic stability \Rightarrow Robust stability

but the converse is not always true

Quadratic stability for polytopic uncertainty

The system with polytopic uncertainty

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$$
 $A \in \mathsf{co}\{A_1, \ldots, A_N\}$

is quadratically stable iff there exists a matrix *P* solving the LMIs

$$A_i'P + PA_i \prec 0 \quad P \succ 0$$

Proof by convexity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i (A_i' P + P A_i) = A'(\lambda) P + P A(\lambda) < 0$$

for all
$$\lambda_i \geq 0$$
 such that $\sum\limits_{i=1}^N \lambda_i = 1$

This is a vertex result: stability of a whole family of matrices is ensured by stability of the vertices of the family

Usually vertex results ensure computational tractability

Quadratic and robust stability: example

Consider the uncertain system matrix

$$A(\delta) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -1_2 + \delta_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \delta_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

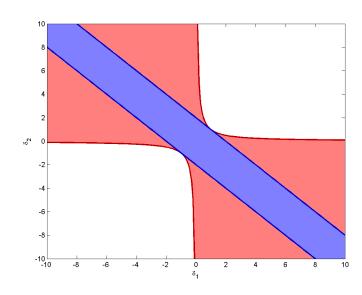
with real parameter (δ_1, δ_2)

Robust stability condition:

$$P(\lambda, \delta) = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 - \delta_1 \delta_2$$
 $1 - \delta_1 \delta_2 > 0$

Quadratic stability condition with $P = 1_2$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & \delta_1 + \delta_2 \\ \delta_1 + \delta_2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \qquad \begin{array}{c} \delta_1 + \delta_2 < 2 \\ \delta_1 + \delta_2 > -2 \end{array}$$



Quadratic stability for norm-bounded uncertainty

The system with norm-bounded uncertainty

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A + B\Delta C)x(t) \quad \|\Delta\|_2 \le \rho$$

is quadratically stable iff there exists a matrix *P* solving the LMIs

$$\begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA + C'C & PB \\ B'P & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad P \succ 0$$

with
$$\gamma^{-1} = \rho$$

This is the bounded-real lemma

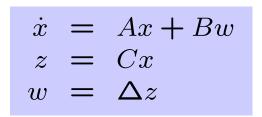
We can maximize the level of allowed uncertainty by minimizing scalar γ

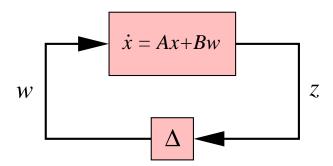
Norm-bounded uncertainty as feedback

Uncertain system

$$\dot{x} = (A + B\Delta C)x$$

can be written as the feedback system





so that for the Lyapunov function $V(x) = x^* P x$ we have

$$\dot{V}(x) = 2x^*P\dot{x}
= 2x^*P(Ax + Bw)
= x^*(A'P + PA)x + 2x^*PBw
= \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix}^*\begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA & PB \\ B'P & 0 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

Norm-bounded uncertainty as feedback (2)

Since $\Delta^*\Delta \leq \rho^2 I$ it follows that

$$w^*w = z^*\Delta^*\Delta z \leq \rho^2 z^*z$$

$$\iff$$

$$w^*w - \rho^2 z^*z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix}^* \begin{bmatrix} -C'C & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^2 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \leq 0$$

Combining with the quadratic inequality

$$\dot{V}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix}^{\star} \begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA & PB \\ B'P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} < 0$$

and using the S-procedure we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA & PB \\ B'P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \prec \begin{bmatrix} -C'C & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^2 \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA + C'C & PB \\ B'P & -\gamma^2 1 \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad P \succ 0$$

Norm-bounded uncertainty: generalization

Now consider the feedback system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bw
z = Cx + Dw
w = \Delta z$$

with additional feedthrough term Dw

We assume that matrix $1 - \Delta D$ is non-singular = well-posedness of feedback interconnection so that we can write

$$w = \Delta z = \Delta (Cx + Dw)$$
$$(1 - \Delta D)w = \Delta Cx$$
$$w = (1 - \Delta D)^{-1} \Delta Cx$$

and derive the linear fractional transformation (LFT) uncertainty description

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bw = (A + B(1 - \Delta D)^{-1}\Delta C)x$$

Norm-bounded LFT uncertainty

The system with norm-bounded LFT uncertainty

$$\dot{x} = \left(A + B(1 - \Delta D)^{-1}\right) x \quad \|\Delta\|_2 \le \rho$$

is quadratically stable iff there exists a matrix *P* solving the LMIs

$$\begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA + C'C & PB + C'D \\ B'P + D'C & D'D - \gamma^2 1 \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad P \succ 0$$

Notice the lower right block $D'D-\gamma^2\mathbf{1}\prec\mathbf{0}$ which ensures non-singularity of $\mathbf{1}-\Delta D$ hence well-posedness

LFT modeling can be used more generally to cope with rational functions of uncertain parameters, but this is not covered in this course..

Sector-bounded uncertainty

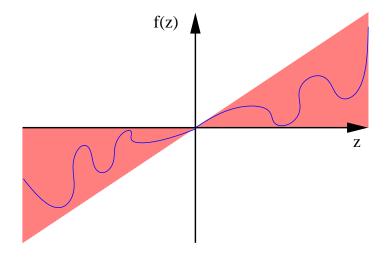
Consider the feedback system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bw
z = Cx + Dw
w = f(z)$$

where vector function f(z) satisfies

$$z^{\star}f(z) \ge 0 \quad f(0) = 0$$

which is a sector condition



f(z) can also be considered as an uncertainty but also as a non-linearity

Quadratic stability for sector-bounded uncertainty

We want to establish quadratic stability with the quadratic Lyapunov matrix $V(x) = x^*Px$ whose derivative

$$\dot{V}(x) = 2x^* P(Ax + Bf(z))$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x \\ f(z) \end{bmatrix}^* \begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA & PB \\ B'P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ f(z) \end{bmatrix}$$

must be negative when

$$2z^{*}f(z) = 2(Cx + Df(z))^{*}f(z)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x \\ f(z) \end{bmatrix}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & C' \\ C & D + D' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ f(z) \end{bmatrix}$$

is non-negative, so we invoke the S-procedure to derive the LMIs

$$\begin{bmatrix} A'P + PA & PB + C' \\ B'P + C & D + D' \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad P \succ 0$$

This is called the positive-real lemma

Beyond quadratic stability: PDLF

Quadratic stability:

- arbitrary fast variation of parameters
- computationally tractable
- conservative or pessimistic (worst-case)

Robust stability:

- very slow variation of parameters
- computationally difficult (in general)
- exact (is it really relevant?)

Conservatism stems from single Lyapunov function for the whole uncertainty set

For example, given an LTI system affected by box, or interval uncertainty

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(\lambda)x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i A_i x(t)$$

where

$$\lambda \in \Lambda = \{\lambda_i \in [\lambda_i, \overline{\lambda_i}]\}$$

we may consider parameter-dependent Lyapunov matrices, such as

$$P(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i P_i$$

Polytopic Lyapunov certificates

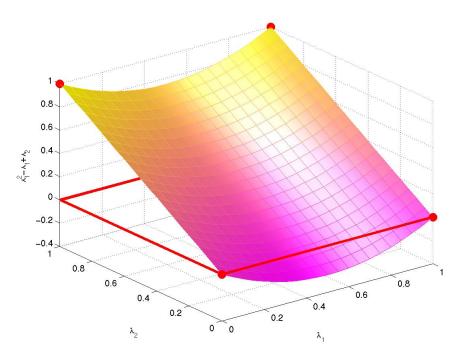
Quadratic Lyapunov function $V(x) = x^*P(\lambda)x$ must be positive with negative derivative along system trajectories hence

$$P(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i P_i \quad P(\lambda) \succ 0 \quad \forall \ \lambda \in \Lambda$$

and we have to solve parameterized LMIs

$$A'(\lambda)P(\lambda) + P(\lambda)A(\lambda) \prec 0 \quad \forall \ \lambda \in \Lambda$$

Parameterized LMIs feature non-linear terms in λ so it is not enough to check vertices of Λ , denoted by vert Λ



$$\lambda_1^2-\lambda_1+\lambda_2\geq 0 \text{ on vert } \Delta$$
 but not everywhere on $\Delta=[0,\,1]\times[0,\,1]$

Time-invariant uncertainty and PDLF

We must find $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n+1)/2}$ s.t.

$$F(\mathbf{x},\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} P(\lambda) & 0 \\ 0 & -A'(\lambda)P(\lambda) - P(\lambda)A(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \succ 0$$

for all $\lambda \in \Lambda = infinite number of LMIs$

Lagrangian duality or projection lemma leads to the sufficient condition

 $\exists \ N \ \mathsf{matrices} \ extstyle{P_i} \in \mathbb{S}_n \ \mathsf{and} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{matrix} \ extstyle{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n imes n}$

$$P_i \succ 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \cdots, N$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & P_i \\ P_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} A'_i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} H' + H \begin{bmatrix} A_i & -1 \end{bmatrix} \prec 0$$

- Parameter-dependent Lyapunov function $P(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i P_i$
- Slack variable $H' = \left[\begin{array}{cc} F' & G' \end{array} \right]$

A general relaxation procedure

Objective:

Solving a finite number of LMIs instead of an infinite number of LMIs

A sufficient condition to ensure feasibility of the parameter-dependent LMI $F(x, \lambda)$ is

$$F(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) \succ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h(\lambda)1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $h(\lambda) \geq 0$

for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $h(\lambda) \in \mathbb{R}[\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_N]$

- \bullet $h(\lambda)$ is chosen to get LMIs conditions independent from λ
- ullet coefficients of $h(\lambda)$ may be considered as additional variables

Multiconvexity

For

$$h(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i^2$$

we get the following sufficient conditions

$$\exists \ N \ P_i \succ 0 \ \text{and} \ \exists \ N \ \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$A_i'P_i + P_iA_i \prec -\lambda_i 1 \quad \forall \ i = 1, \cdots, N$$

$$A_i'P_i + P_iA_i + A_j'P_j + P_jA_j$$

$$-(A_i'P_j + P_jA_i + A_j'P_i + P_iA_j) \succeq -(\lambda_i + \lambda_j) 1$$

$$\forall \ 1 \leq i < j \leq N$$

which is a finite set of vertex LMIs. Proof is based on multiconvexity of quadratic functions

Nota: multiconvexity of h is ensured if

$$\frac{\partial^2 h(x)}{\partial x_i^2} \ge 0 \quad \forall \ i = 1, \cdots, n$$

Another sufficient condition

For

$$h(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j>i} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2$$

we get the following sufficient conditions

$$\exists N P_i \succ 0$$

$$A'_i P_i + P_i A_i \prec -1 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N$$

$$A'_i P_j + P_j A_i + A'_j P_i + P_i A_j \prec \frac{2}{N-1} 1$$

$$\forall 1 \leq i < j \leq N$$

Nota: identical procedures are possible with

$$F(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i F_i$$
 $G(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i G_i$