

# DISC Course on Linear Matrix Inequalities in Control

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# Robustness: an example



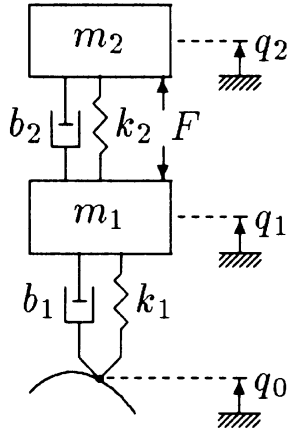
- 1: leaf-spring
- 2: shock absorber
- 3: stabilizer bar
- 4: rear axle

## Aim:

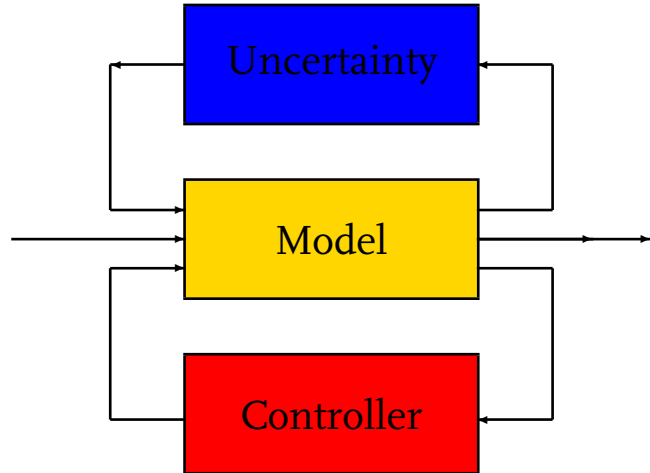
- isolate oscillations and vibrations
- balance comfort vs. road grip
- *passive suspension*: spring-damper specs defined by manufacturer
- *active suspension*: controlled reduction of undesirable deflections

# Vehicle suspension

## Mass-spring-damper system

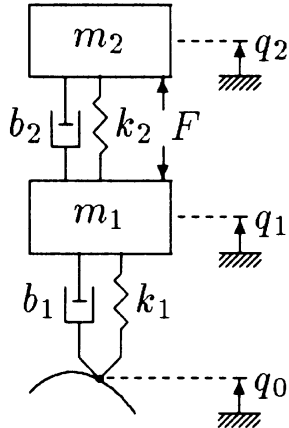


## Control configuration



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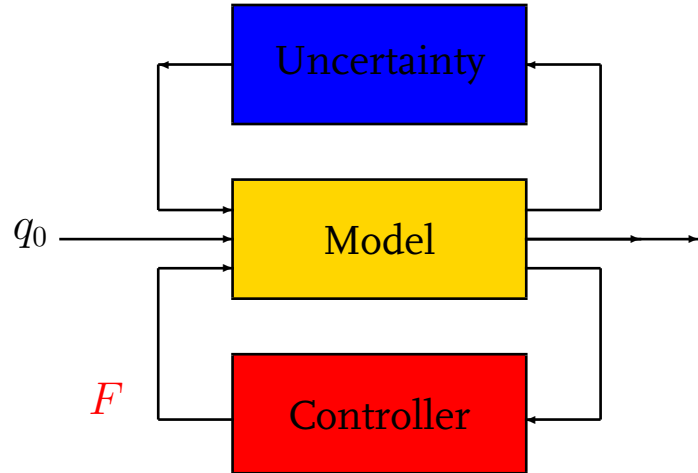
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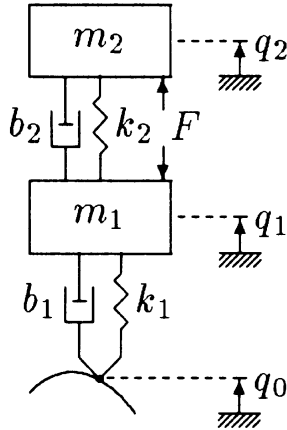
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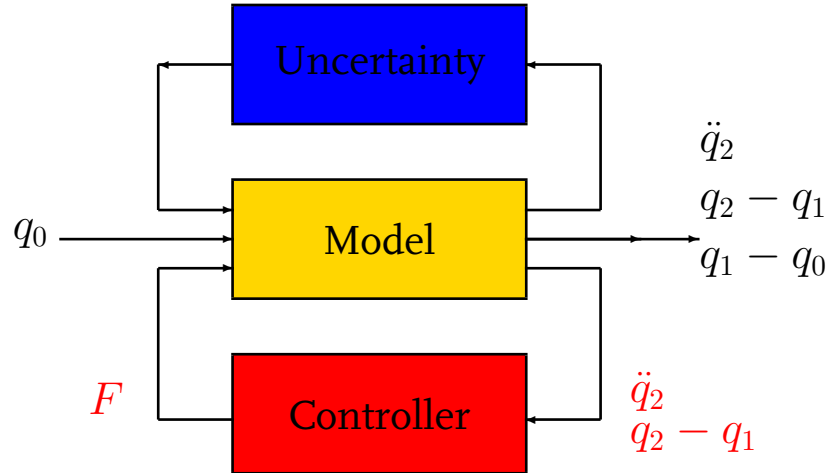
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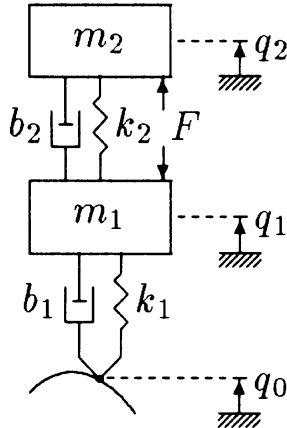
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## Control configuration

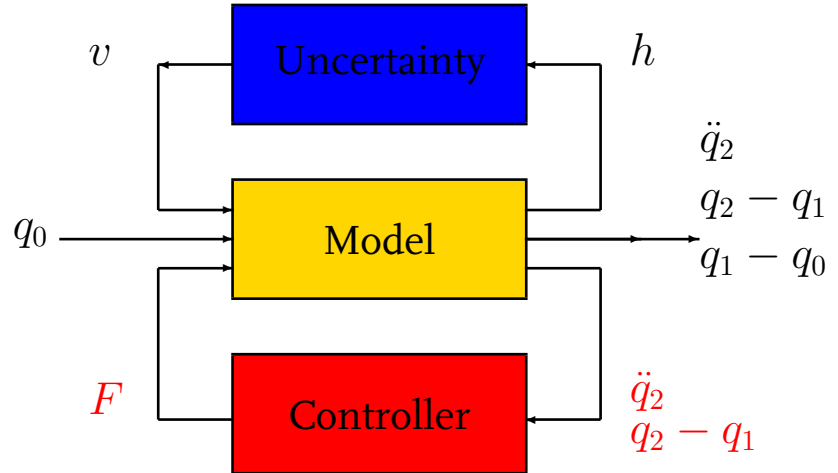


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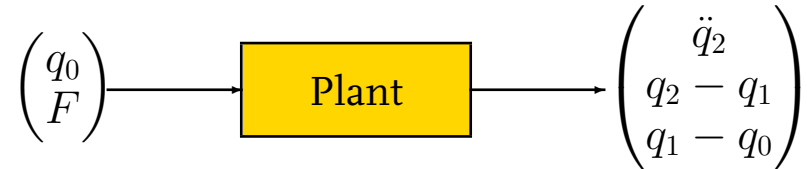
$$(q_0, F) \mapsto (\ddot{q}_2, q_2 - q_1, q_1 - q_0, \ddot{q}_2, q_2 - q_1)$$

**Outputs:**

**Uncertainty:** in load  $m_2$ :

$$v = \delta h \quad \text{with} \quad \delta \text{ in some uncertainty set } \Delta.$$

## The model



Described by **differential equations**

$$0 = m_2 \ddot{q}_2 + b_2(\dot{q}_2 - \dot{q}_1) + k_2(q_2 - q_1) - F$$

$$0 = m_1 \ddot{q}_1 + b_2(\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2) + k_2(q_1 - q_2) + k_1(q_1 - q_0) + b_1(\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_0) + F.$$

Described by **state space equations**

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -(k_1+k_2)/m_1 & k_2/m_1 & -(b_1+b_2)/m_1 & b_2/m_1 \\ k_2/m_2 & -k_2/m_2 & b_2/m_2 & -b_2/m_2 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} b_1/m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ (-b_1^2-b_1b_2)/m_1^2+k_1/m_1 & -1/m_1 \\ b_1b_2/m_1m_2 & 1/m_2 \end{pmatrix} w$$

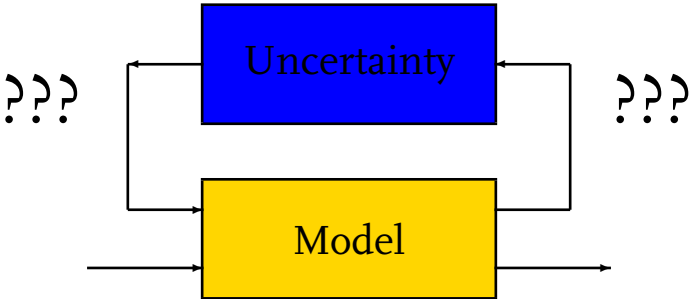
$$z = \begin{pmatrix} k_2/m_2 & -k_2/m_2 & b_2/m_2 & -b_2/m_2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} b_1b_2/m_1m_2 & 1/m_2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} w$$

# Physical specifications

	$m_1$	$m_2$	$k_1$	$k_2$	$b_1$	$b_2$
unloaded	$1.5 \times 10^3$	$1.5 \times 10^3$	$5.0 \times 10^6$	$5.0 \times 10^5$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$50 \times 10^3$
loaded	$1.5 \times 10^3$	$1.0 \times 10^4$	$5.0 \times 10^6$	$5.0 \times 10^5$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$50 \times 10^3$

Variations in mass  $m_2$

Can this be written in the form:



**Uncertainty:**  $\text{col}(v_1, v_2) = \delta \text{col}(x, u)$  with  $\delta = \frac{1}{m_2} \in [\frac{1}{m_2^{\max}}, \frac{1}{m_2^{\min}}]$ .

See simulation



# Time-invariant parametric uncertainty

Consider linear time-invariant system

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(\delta)x(t)$$

where  $A(\cdot)$  is a **continuous** function of the parameter vector

$$\delta = \text{col}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_p)$$

which is known to be contained in the **uncertainty set**

$$\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$$

## Robust stability analysis

Is system asymptotically stable for all possible  $\delta \in \Delta$ ?

# Example

Consider system with rational parameter dependence

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\delta_1 & 2 \\ \delta_2 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & \frac{\delta_3 - 10}{\delta_1 + 1} \end{pmatrix} x(t)$$

where parameters  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$  are bounded as

$$\delta_1 \in [-0.5, 1], \quad \delta_2 \in [-2, 1], \quad \delta_3 \in [-0.5, 2].$$

Hence  $\delta$  belongs to a **polytopic** uncertainty set

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= [-0.5, 1] \times [-2, 1] \times [-0.5, 2] = \\ &= \text{co} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{pmatrix} : \delta_1 \in \{-0.5, 1\}, \quad \delta_2 \in \{-2, 1\}, \quad \delta_3 \in \{-0.5, 2\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# Relation to optimization

The **spectral abscissa** of square matrix  $A$  is  $\rho_a(A) = \max_{\lambda \in \lambda(A)} \frac{1}{2}(\lambda + \bar{\lambda})$ .

$A(\delta)$  is Hurwitz for all  $\delta \in \Delta$  **if and only if**

$$\rho_a(A(\delta)) < 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

**Two main sources for trouble:**

- spectral abscissa  $\rho_a(A(\delta))$  is not convex/concave in  $\delta$ .
- inequality has to hold at infinitely many points.

**Consequences:**

Computational approaches therefore fail.

- Cannot find global maximum of  $\rho_a(A(\delta))$  over  $\Delta$ .
- Even if  $\delta$  is a polytope, not sufficient to check its generators.
- Even more trouble if  $\Delta$  is not a polytope.

# Quadratic stability

The uncertain system  $\dot{x} = A(\delta)x$  with  $\delta \in \Delta$  is defined to be **quadratically stable** if there exists  $X \succ 0$  with

$$A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta) \prec 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

**Why is this relevant?**

Function  $V(x) := x^\top X x$  serves as quadratic Lyapunov function.

**Worthwhile to understand details:**

With above  $X$  there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta) + \varepsilon X \preceq 0.$$

Then, abbreviating  $V(x(t))$  as  $V(t)$  we get for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $\delta \in \Delta$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t) + \varepsilon V(t) &= x(t)^\top [A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta)] x(t) + \varepsilon x^\top(t) X x(t) \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating over  $[t_0, t_1]$ , this yields that  $V$  has exponential decay

$$V(t_1) \leq V(t_0)e^{-\varepsilon(t_1-t_0)} \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

Now use that

$$\lambda_{\min}(X)\|x\|^2 \leq x^\top X x \leq \lambda_{\max}(X)\|x\|^2$$

and infer that  $\|x(t)\|$  has exponential decay

$$\|x(t)\|^2 \leq \|x_0\|^2 \frac{\lambda_{\max}(X)}{\lambda_{\min}(X)} e^{-\varepsilon t} \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

Conclude that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$

- with exponential decay rate  $\varepsilon$ .
- irrespective of initial condition  $x_0$ .
- for all  $\delta \in \Delta$

# How to verify quadratic stability?

**Theorem:** If  $A(\delta)$  is affine in  $\delta$  and the uncertainty set  $\Delta = \text{co}(\delta^1, \dots, \delta^N)$  is a polytope then  $\dot{x} = A(\delta)x$  is quadratically stable **if and only if** there exists  $X \succ 0$  such that

$$A(\delta^k)^\top X + X A(\delta^k) \prec 0 \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, N$$

## Comments:

- Converts verification of quadratic stability to feasibility problem in **finite set of LMI's**
- Routine quadstab in LMI toolbox
- implies that  $A(\delta)$  is Hurwitz for all  $\delta \in \Delta$ .

## Proof:

Nice application of convexity of the function

$$f_x(\delta) := x^\top [A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta)] x.$$

# Proof

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be arbitrary and define  $f_x : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f_x(\delta) := x^\top [A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta)] x$$

**Observation:**  $A$  affine implies  $f_x$  convex.

But then

$$A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta) \prec 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

**if and only if** (by definition) for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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$$A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta) \prec 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

# Example

If  $A(\delta)$  is not affine in  $\delta$ , a parameter transformation often helps!

In example, let  $\delta_4 = \frac{\delta_3 - 10}{\delta_1 + 1} + 12$ . Then

$$A(\delta) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2\delta_1 & 2 \\ \delta_2 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & \delta_4 - 12 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \\ \delta_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \Delta = [-0.5, 1] \times [-2, 1] \times [-9, 8]$$

LMI toolbox `quadstab` yields system quadratically stable for

$$(\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_4) \in r\Delta \quad \text{with largest possible scaling factor } r \approx 0.45$$

Call number  $r^*$  the **quadratic stability margin** if system is quadratically stable for uncertainty set  $r\Delta$  with  $r < r^*$ , and not quadratically stable for  $r\Delta$  with  $r > r^*$ .



# An application in state-feedback robust control

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$$A(\delta)Y + Y A(\delta)^\top + B(\delta)K + (B(\delta)K)^\top \prec 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta.$$

Transformation:  $Y = X^{-1}$  and  $K = FX^{-1}$ .

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Then set  $F = KY^{-1}$ .

- $A(\delta)$  and  $B(\delta)$  affine,  $\Delta$  finitely generated: **LMI feasibility problem!**
- Won't work for output feedback!!

# Time-varying parametric uncertainties

Now assume that the parameters  $\delta(t)$  vary in time, and that they are known to satisfy  $\delta(t) \in \Delta$  for all  $t$ . Check stability of the system

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(\delta(t))x(t), \quad \delta(t) \in \Delta$$

The uncertain system with time-varying parametric uncertainties is **quadratically stable** if there exists  $X \succ 0$  with

$$A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta) \prec 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta.$$

Proof will be given for more general result in full detail.

Quadratic stability therefore implies robust stability for **arbitrary fast** time-varying parametric uncertainties in  $\Delta$ . If bounds on velocities  $\dot{\delta}$  are known, this test is **conservative**.

# Rate-bounded parametric uncertainties

Let us assume that the parameter curves  $\delta(\cdot)$  are continuously differentiable and are only known to satisfy

$$\delta(t) \in \Delta \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\delta}(t) \in \Lambda \quad \text{for all time.}$$

Here,  $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and  $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^p$  are given **compact** sets (e.g., polytopes).

## Problem: robust stability analysis

Verify whether the linear time-varying system

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(\delta(t))x(t)$$

is exponentially stable for all parameter curves  $\delta(\cdot)$  that satisfy the above bounds on value and velocity.

Amounts searching for Lyapunov function.

# Main stability result

**Theorem:** Suppose  $X(\delta)$  is continuously differentiable on  $\Delta$  and satisfies

$$X(\delta) \succ 0, \quad \sum_{k=1}^p \partial_k X(\delta) v_k + A(\delta)^\top X(\delta) + X(\delta) A(\delta) \prec 0$$

for all  $\delta \in \Delta$  and  $v \in \Lambda$ .

Then there exist constants  $M > 0$ ,  $a > 0$  such that all trajectories of the uncertain time-varying system satisfy

$$\|x(t)\| \leq M e^{-a(t-t_0)} \|x(t_0)\| \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0.$$

- Covers **many** tests in the literature.
- Condition for robust stability is **sufficient only**!
- Is also necessary in case  $\Lambda = \{0\}$ : time-invariant uncertainty.

# Proof

**Same idea as before!!** Exists  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$  such that for all  $\delta \in \Delta, v \in \Lambda$ :

$$\alpha I \preceq X(\delta) \preceq \beta I, \quad \sum_{k=1}^p \partial_k X(\delta) v_k + A(\delta)^\top X(\delta) + X(\delta) A(\delta) \prec -\gamma I$$

Suppose that  $\delta(t)$  is admissible parameter curve and let  $x(t)$  be corresponding state trajectory. **Here's the crux:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} x(t)^\top X(\delta(t)) &= x(t)^\top \left[ \sum_{k=1}^p \partial_k X(\delta(t)) \dot{\delta}_k(t) \right] x(t) + \\ &+ x(t)^\top \left[ A(\delta(t))^\top X(\delta(t)) + X(\delta(t)) A(\delta(t)) \right] x(t) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\delta(t) \in \Delta$  and  $\dot{\delta}(t) \in \Lambda$  we conclude that

$$\alpha \|x(t)\|^2 \leq x(t)^\top X(\delta(t)) x(t) \leq \beta \|x(t)\|^2, \quad \frac{d}{dt} x(t)^\top X(\delta(t)) x(t) \leq -\gamma \|x(t)\|^2$$

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# Proof (ctd.)

This is similar to what we have seen before.

Define  $V(t) := x(t)^\top X(\delta(t))x(t)$  to infer that

$$\|x(t)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} V(t), \quad V(t) \leq \beta \|x(t)\|^2, \quad \dot{V}(t) \leq -\frac{\gamma}{\beta} V(t)$$

So that  $V(t)$  has exponential decay

$$V(t) \leq V(t_0) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\beta}(t-t_0)} \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0.$$

This yields that  $\|x(t)\|$  has exponential decay

$$\|x(t)\|^2 \leq \frac{\beta}{\alpha} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\beta}(t-t_0)} \|x(t_0)\|^2 \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0.$$

so that we can choose  $M = \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{\alpha}}$  and  $a = \frac{\gamma}{2\beta}$ .

# Extreme cases

- Parameters are **time-invariant**:  $\Lambda = \{0\}$ .

Have to find  $X(\delta)$  satisfying

$$X(\delta) \succ 0, \quad A(\delta)^\top X(\delta) + X(\delta)A(\delta) \prec 0$$

- Parameters vary **arbitrary fast**:

Have to find parameter-independent  $X$  satisfying

$$X \succ 0, \quad A(\delta)^\top X + X A(\delta) \prec 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

is identical to **quadratic stability** test!

**Idea of proof:** If inequality holds for  $\Lambda = [-r, r]^p$  and all  $r > 0$  then  $\partial_k X(\delta)$  must vanish for all  $k = 1, \dots, p$  and all  $\delta \in \Delta$

# Remarks

- We have derived general results based on Lyapunov functions which still depend **quadratically** on the state (restrictive!) but which allow for non-linear (smooth) dependence on the uncertain parameters.
- Tests are purely algebraic and do not involve system- or parameter trajectories
- Not easy to apply:
  - ◇ Have to find **function** satisfying partial differential LMI
  - ◇ Have to make sure that inequality holds for all  $\delta \in \Delta$ ,  $\dot{\delta} \in \Lambda$ .
- Allows to easily derive specialization which are or can be implemented with LMI solvers.

# Example: affine system-affine Lyapunov function

Suppose  $A(\delta)$  depend affinely on parameters:

$$A(\delta) = A_0 + \delta_1 A_1 + \cdots + \delta_p A_p$$

Parameter and rate constraints are boxes:

$$\Delta = \{\delta \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid \delta_k \in [\underline{\delta}_k, \bar{\delta}_k]\}, \quad \Lambda = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid v_k \in [\underline{v}_k, \bar{v}_k]\},$$

These are the convex hulls of

$$\Delta_0 = \{\delta \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid \delta_k \in \{\underline{\delta}_k, \bar{\delta}_k\}\}, \quad \Lambda_0 = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid v_k \in \{\underline{v}_k, \bar{v}_k\}\},$$

Search for affine parameter dependent  $X(\delta)$ :

$$X(\delta) = X_0 + \delta_1 X_1 + \cdots + \delta_p X_p$$

Hence,

$$\partial_k X(\delta) = X_k.$$

# Example: affine system-affine Lyapunov function

With  $\delta_0 = 1$  we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^p \partial_k X(\delta) v_k + A(\delta)^\top X(\delta) + X(\delta) A(\delta) &= \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^p X_k v_k + \sum_{\nu=0}^p \sum_{\mu=0}^p \delta_\nu \delta_\mu (A_\nu X_\mu + X_\mu A_\nu). \end{aligned}$$

- **affine** in  $X_1, \dots, X_p$
- **affine** in  $v_1, \dots, v_p$
- **quadratic** in  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_p$  (mixture of constant, linear and quadratic terms).

**Consequently:** The function

$$f_x(\delta, v) := x^\top \left[ \sum_{k=1}^p X_k v_k + \sum_{\nu=0}^p \sum_{\mu=0}^p \delta_\nu \delta_\mu (A_\nu X_\mu + X_\mu A_\nu) \right] x$$

may **not be convex** in  $\delta \in \Delta, v \in \Lambda$ .

# Example: affine system-affine Lyapunov function

**Main issue:** Can we provide conditions such that

$$f_x(\delta, v) < 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Delta \times \Lambda$$

is implied by

$$f_x(\delta, v) < 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Delta_0 \times \Lambda_0$$

That is, can we cook up a **generator test**?

- Implies that it suffices to guarantee required inequality at generators.

**Relaxation:** Include additional constraint  $A_\nu^\top X_\nu + X_\nu A_\nu \succeq 0$ .

**Why?** Sufficient condition for generator test is that

$$f_x(\delta, v) = f_x(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_j, \dots, \delta_p, v_1, \dots, v_j, \dots, v_p)$$

is **partially convex**, i.e., convex in each **individual argument**  $\delta_j$  and  $v_j$ . That is if  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \delta_j^2} \geq 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial v_j^2} \geq 0$ .

# Example: affine system-affine Lyapunov function

Robust exponential stability is therefore guaranteed if

There exist  $X_0, \dots, X_p$  with  $A_\nu^\top X_\nu + X_\nu A_\nu \succeq 0$ ,  $\nu = 1, \dots, p$ , and

$$\sum_{k=0}^p X_k \delta_k \succ 0, \quad \sum_{k=1}^p X_k v_k + \sum_{\nu=0}^p \sum_{\mu=0}^p \delta_\nu \delta_\mu (A_\nu X_\mu + X_\mu A_\nu) \prec 0$$

for all  $\delta \in \Delta_0$  and  $v \in \Lambda_0$  and with  $\delta_0 = 1$ .

- A finite test!!
- This test is implemented in the LMI toolbox in `pdstab`.

For rate-bounded uncertainties often much less conservative than quadratic stability test.

- Need to understand the arguments in the proof to derive your own variants.

# General recipe to reduce to finite dimensions

Restrict the search to a chosen finite dimensional subspace.

For example choose scalar continuously differentiable basis functions  $b_1(\delta), \dots, b_N(\delta)$  and search for the coefficient matrices  $X_1, \dots, X_N$  in the expansion

$$X(\delta) = \sum_{\nu=1}^N X_{\nu} b_{\nu}(\delta) \quad \text{with} \quad \partial_k X(\delta) = \sum_{\nu=1}^N X_{\nu} \partial_k b_{\nu}(\delta)$$

Have to guarantee that for all  $\delta \in \Delta$  and  $v \in \Lambda$ :

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^N X_{\nu} b_{\nu}(\delta) \succ 0, \sum_{\nu=1}^N \left( \sum_{k=1}^p X_{\nu} \partial_k b_{\nu}(\delta) v_k + [A(\delta)^{\top} X_{\nu} + X_{\nu} A(\delta)] b_{\nu}(\delta) \right) \prec 0$$

Is finite dimensional but still semi-infinite LMI problem



# Remarks

- If systematically extending the set of basis functions one can improve the sufficient stability conditions. Example: **Polynomial basis**

$$b_{k_1, \dots, k_p}(\delta) = \delta_1^{k_1} \cdots \delta_p^{k_p}, \quad k_\nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \nu = 1, \dots, p.$$

If  $\delta$  is star-shaped one can prove:

if partial diff. LMI has a continuously differentiable solution, then it also has a polynomial solution (of possibly higher degree).

Polynomial basis is a generic choice with guaranteed success.

- One can also grid  $\Delta$  and  $\Lambda$  to arrive at **finite** system of LMI's.

**Trouble:** Huge LMI system, no guarantees at points outside grid.

# Generalized stability regions

So far, quadratic stability meant **exponential decay** of the state trajectory in the sense that

$$\|x(t)\| \leq M \|x(t_0)\| e^{\alpha(t-t_0)}$$

for suitable gain  $M > 0$  and decay rate  $\alpha < 0$ .

Can we influence the exponential decay rate?

Alternative stability regions:

**Damping:**  $\operatorname{Re}(s) < \alpha$

$$s + \bar{s} - 2\alpha < 0$$

**Circle:**  $|s| < r$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -r & -s \\ -\bar{s} & -r \end{pmatrix} \prec 0$$

**Strip:**  $\alpha_1 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < \alpha_2$

$$s + \bar{s} - 2\alpha_2 < 0$$

$$0 < s + \operatorname{Re}(s) - 2\alpha_1$$

**Conic:**  $\tan(\theta) \operatorname{Re}(s) < -|\operatorname{Im}(s)|$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (s + \bar{s}) \sin \theta & (s - \bar{s}) \cos \theta \\ (\bar{s} - s) \cos \theta & (s + \bar{s}) \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \prec 0$$

Alle these are examples of **LMI regions**

For a real symmetric  $2m \times 2m$  matrix  $P$  the set of complex numbers

$$L_P := \left\{ s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \begin{pmatrix} I \\ sI \end{pmatrix}^* P \begin{pmatrix} I \\ sI \end{pmatrix} \prec 0 \right\}$$

is called an **LMI region**.

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## Notation

Define the **Kronecker product**

$$A \otimes B = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}B & \dots & A_{1n}B \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m1}B & \dots & A_{mn}B \end{pmatrix}$$

- $1 \otimes A = A = A \otimes 1$
- $(A + B) \otimes C = (A \otimes C) + (B \otimes C)$

# Generalization standard stability criterion

**Theorem:** All eigenvalues of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are contained in the LMI region

$$\left\{ s \in \mathbb{C} \mid \begin{pmatrix} I \\ sI \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} Q & S \\ S^\top & R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I \\ sI \end{pmatrix} \prec 0 \right\}$$

**if and only if**

there exists  $K \succ 0$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} I \\ A \otimes I \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} K \otimes Q & K \otimes S \\ K \otimes S^\top & K \otimes R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I \\ A \otimes I \end{pmatrix} \prec 0$$

- An LMI characterization!
- Very nice generalization of usual stability test.
- Also applicable as test for intersections of various stability domains.

# Duality in convex programming

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a subset of a linear vector space  $\mathcal{X}$  and let mappings  $f : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g_i : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h_i : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given.

Many optimization problems involve equality and inequality constraints.

$$\begin{aligned} g_i(x) &\leq 0, & i &= 1, \dots, k \\ h_i(x) &= 0, & i &= 1, \dots, \ell. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g = \text{col}(g_1, \dots, g_k)$  and  $h = \text{col}(h_1, \dots, h_\ell)$ .

**Problem:** Consider primal optimization problem with optimal value  $P_{\text{opt}}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in \mathcal{S}, \quad g(x) \leq 0, \quad h(x) = 0 \end{array}$$

Is **convex** if  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $f$ ,  $g_i$  are convex and  $h_i$  affine.

# Convex programs

- Examples: saturation constraints, safety margins, physically meaningful variables, constitutive and balance equations assume the form  $\mathcal{S}$ .

- **linear program:**

$$f(x) = c^\top x, \quad g(x) = g_0 + Gx, \quad h(x) = h_0 + Hx$$

- **quadratic program:**

$$f(x) = x^\top Qx, \quad g(x) = g_0 + Gx, \quad h(x) = h_0 + Hx$$

- **quadratically constraint quadratic program:**

$$f(x) = x^\top Qx + 2s^\top x + r, \quad g_j(x) = x^\top Q_jx + 2s_j^\top x + r_j, \quad h(x) = h_0$$

## Upper bound on optimal value

If  $x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfies  $g(x_0) \leq 0$  and  $h(x_0) = 0$  then  $P_{\text{opt}} \leq f(x_0)$  defines an upper bound on  $P_{\text{opt}}$ .

## Lower bound on optimal value

Let  $x \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfy  $g(x) \leq 0$  and  $h(x) = 0$ .

Then for arbitrary  $y \geq 0$  and  $z$  we have

$$\langle y, g(x) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \langle z, h(x) \rangle = 0$$

and, in particular,

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} f(x) + \langle y, g(x) \rangle + \langle z, h(x) \rangle \leq$$

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0} f(x) + \langle y, g(x) \rangle + \langle z, h(x) \rangle \leq$$

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0} f(x).$$

The best **lower bound** is obtained by maximization over  $y \geq 0$  and  $z$ :

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0} f(x) \geq \sup_{y \geq 0, z} \left[ \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} f(x) + \langle y, g(x) \rangle + \langle z, h(x) \rangle \right].$$

## Terminology:

- **Lagrange function:**  $L(x, y, z) = f(x) + \langle y, g(x) \rangle + \langle z, h(x) \rangle$ .
- **Lagrange dual cost:**  $\ell(y, z) = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} L(x, y, z) \in [-\infty, \infty]$ .
- **Lagrange dual optimization problem:**

$$D_{\text{opt}} := \sup_{y \geq 0, z} \ell(y, z)$$

## Remarks:

- $\ell(y, z)$  computed by solving an **unconstrained** optimization problem.
- $\ell(y, z)$  is a concave function.
- Dual problem is concave **maximization** problem.  
Constraints are usual simpler than in primal problem
- **Weak duality:**  $D_{\text{opt}} \leq P_{\text{opt}}$ . Main question:

$$\text{when is } D_{\text{opt}} = P_{\text{opt}}?$$



# Lagrange duality theorem

**Theorem:** Weak duality always true:  $P_{\text{opt}} \geq \ell(y, z)$  for all  $y \geq 0, z$ .

If primal optimization problem is convex and satisfies the **constraint qualification**,

i.e. there exist  $x_0$  in the interior of  $\mathcal{S}$  with  $g(x_0) \leq 0, h(x_0) = 0$  such that  $g_j(x_0) < 0$  for all component functions  $g_j$  that are not affine.

Then **strong duality** holds: exists  $y_{\text{opt}} \geq 0, z_{\text{opt}}$  such that

$$P_{\text{opt}} = \ell(y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}}) = D_{\text{opt}}$$

In other words, strong duality means

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0} f(x) = \max_{y \geq 0, z} \left[ \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} f(x) + \langle y, g(x) \rangle + \langle z, h(x) \rangle \right].$$

For example, constraint qualification holds if  $g$  is affine.

# Karush-Kuhn-Tucker

**Sufficiency:** Suppose there exists  $y_{\text{opt}} \geq 0$ ,  $z_{\text{opt}}$  such that  $x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfies  $g(x_0) \leq 0$  and  $h(x_0) = 0$  and is an optimal solution to the **unconstrained problem**:

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} f(x) + \langle y_{\text{opt}}, g(x) \rangle + \langle z_{\text{opt}}, h(x) \rangle$$

with **complementary slackness** condition

$$\langle y_{\text{opt}}, g(x_0) \rangle = 0 \tag{3}$$

Then  $x_0$  is an **optimal solution of the primal problem**.

**Necessity:** Suppose  $x_0$  is an optimal solution of the primal problem.

If the primal is convex and satisfies the constraint qualification, then there exist  $y_{\text{opt}} \geq 0$ ,  $z_{\text{opt}}$  such that  $x_0$  is a solution of the **unconstrained problem** and satisfies (3)

# Karush-Kuhn-Tucker and duality

Main result in convex optimization

**Theorem: (Karush-Kuhn-Tucker)** If  $P_{\text{opt}} > -\infty$  and the primal problem satisfies the constraint qualification, then

$$D_{\text{opt}} = P_{\text{opt}}$$

and there exist  $y_{\text{opt}} \geq 0$  and  $z_{\text{opt}}$ , such that

$$D_{\text{opt}} = \ell(y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}}).$$

Moreover,  $x_{\text{opt}}$  is an optimal solution of the primal optimization problem and  $(y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}})$  is an optimal solution of the dual optimization problem, **if and only if**

1.  $g(x_{\text{opt}}) \leq 0$ ,  $h(x_{\text{opt}}) = 0$ ,
2.  $y_{\text{opt}} \geq 0$  and  $x_{\text{opt}}$  minimizes  $L(x, y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}})$  over all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and
3.  $\langle y_{\text{opt}}, g(x_{\text{opt}}) \rangle = 0$ .

# Some comments on KKT theorem

- Very general result, strong tool in convex optimization
- Dual problem simpler to solve,  $(y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}})$  called **Kuhn Tucker point**.
- The triple  $(x_{\text{opt}}, y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}})$  exists if and only if it defines a **saddle point** of the Lagrangian  $L$  in the sense that

$$L(x_{\text{opt}}, y, z) \leq \underbrace{L(x_{\text{opt}}, y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}})}_{=D_{\text{opt}}=P_{\text{opt}}} \leq L(x, y_{\text{opt}}, z_{\text{opt}})$$

for all  $x, y \geq 0$  and  $z$ .

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