

# **ECE 68000: MODERN AUTOMATIC CONTROL**

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Observer and controller design  
Using linear matrix inequalities

# Some useful matrix properties

- Matrix properties useful when converting LMIs into equivalent LMIs or converting some nonlinear matrix inequalities into linear matrix inequalities
- Start with a simple observation

## Lemma

*Let  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^\top$  be a nonsingular  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix and let  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{z}$ , where  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that  $\det \mathbf{M} \neq 0$ . Then,*

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \text{ if and only if } \mathbf{z}^\top \mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{z} \geq 0,$$

*that is,*

$$\mathbf{P} \succcurlyeq 0 \text{ if and only if } \mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M} \succcurlyeq 0.$$

- Similarly

$$\mathbf{P} \succ 0 \text{ if and only if } \mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M} \succ 0$$

# More useful matrix properties

- Suppose that we have a square block matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^\top$

- Then,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \iff \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is an identity matrix of appropriate dimension

- In other words,  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$  if and only if  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B}^\top \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$

# The Schur complement

- Consider a square block matrix of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_{11}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_{22}$  are square and symmetric submatrices, and  $\mathbf{A}_{12} = \mathbf{A}_{21}^\top$

- Suppose that the matrix  $\mathbf{A}_{11}$  is invertible. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \\ -\mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{11}^{-1} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{21}^\top \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{A}_{11}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21}^\top \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{A}_{22} - \mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{11}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21}^\top \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

- The matrix

$$\Delta_{11} = \mathbf{A}_{22} - \mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{11}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21}^\top$$

is called the Schur complement of  $\mathbf{A}_{11}$

# The Schur complement—contd.

- Recall the Schur complement of  $\mathbf{A}_{11}$ ,

$$\Delta_{11} = \mathbf{A}_{22} - \mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{A}_{11}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21}^{\top}$$

- Hence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{21}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \text{ if and only if } \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \Delta_{11} \end{bmatrix} \succ 0,$$

that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{21}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succ 0 \text{ if and only if } \mathbf{A}_{11} \succ 0 \text{ and } \Delta_{11} \succ 0$$

# The Schur complement—Example

- Consider the following symmetric matrix,

$$\mathbf{Q} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{Q}_{11} & \mathbf{Q}_{12} \\ \hline \mathbf{Q}_{21} & \mathbf{Q}_{22} \end{array} \right].$$

- 1 Compute the Schur complement,  $\Delta_{22}$ , of  $\mathbf{Q}_{22}$ ;
- 2 Determine if  $\mathbf{Q}$  is positive definite, positive semi-definite, negative definite, negative semi-definite, or indefinite?

# The Schur complement—Example solution

- The Schur complement of  $\mathbf{Q}_{22}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{22} &= \mathbf{Q}_{11} - \mathbf{Q}_{12} \mathbf{Q}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_{21} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

- The matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is positive semi-definite, and not positive definite, because  $\mathbf{Q}_{11}$  is positive definite but  $\Delta_{22}$  is only positive semi-definite

# Observer Design

Plant model:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}\end{aligned}$$

Linear observer:

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$$

**Goal:** Design  $\mathbf{L}$  to ensure asymptotic stability of the error dynamics

- Matrix inequality for observer design:

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{LC})^\top \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{LC}) \prec 0, \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^\top \succ 0$$



# Observer Design—Contd.

$$A^\top P + PA - C^\top L^\top P - PLC \prec 0, \quad P \succ 0$$

- To-do: Find  $L, P$
- Problem: Bi-linear matrix inequality in  $L$  and  $P$
- **Technique #1:** Choose  $Y = PL$
- LMIs:

$$\underbrace{A^\top P + PA}_{\text{linear in } P} - \underbrace{C^\top Y^\top - YC}_{\text{linear in } Y} \prec 0, \quad P \succ 0$$

- For robustness of solution, rewrite as

$$A^\top P + PA - C^\top Y^\top - YC + 2\alpha P \preceq 0, \quad P \succ 0$$

with fixed  $\alpha > 0$

- Get back  $L = P^{-1}Y$  ( $P \succ 0$ , hence invertible)

# State/Output Feedback Control

LTI System with output feedback control:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx$$

$$u = -Ky$$

**Goal:** Design  $K$  to ensure asymptotic stability of  $(A - BKC)$

- Matrix inequality for output-feedback controller design:

$$(A - BKC)^{\top} P + P(A - BKC) \prec 0, \quad P \succ 0$$

- Simpler case: state-feedback ( $C = I$ )

$$(A - BK)^{\top} P + P(A - BK) \prec 0, \quad P \succ 0$$

# Simpler Case: State-Feedback Control

$$(A - BK)^{\top} P + P(A - BK) \prec 0, \quad P \succ 0$$

- To-do: Find  $K, P$
- Problem: Bi-linear matrix inequality in  $K$  and  $P$
- **Technique #2:** Congruence transformation with  $S \triangleq P^{-1}$  and  $Z \triangleq KS$
- New inequalities

$$SA^{\top} + AS - SK^{\top} B^{\top} - BKS \prec 0$$

- LMIs:

$$\underbrace{SA^{\top} + AS}_{\text{linear in } S} - \underbrace{Z^{\top} B^{\top} - BZ}_{\text{linear in } Z} \prec 0, \quad P \succ 0$$

- Get back  $P = S^{-1}, K = ZP$