Uncertainty & Robustness

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Kinds of uncertainty considered in this lecture

- Unstructured uncertainty unmodeled dynamics, high frequency modes, etc
- Structured uncertainty parametric variation or discrete set of plants

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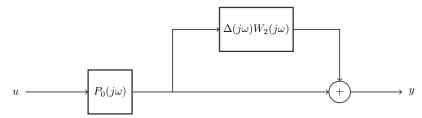
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Assumptions

- $W_2(j\omega)$ is fixed stable transfer function
- lacksquare $\Delta(j\omega)$ is variable stable transfer function with $\|\Delta(j\omega)\|_{\infty} < 1$
- No unstable poles of P_0 are cancelled in forming P i.e. they both have same unstable poles

Block Diagram Representation

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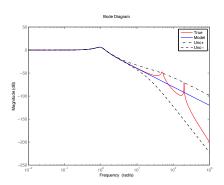
Inequality defines a disk in the complex plane, centered at 1.

How to get W_u

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- Obtain frequency-response from experiments
- Fit a nominal (average) plant
- Determine W_u so that \mathcal{P} captures all the frequency responses



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Other forms of unstructured uncertainty

$$\mathcal{P}=\{P:P=P_0+\Delta W_2\} \text{ additive uncertainty}$$

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Another notion for robust stability can be considered

- \blacksquare Given C(s), and \mathcal{P} has an associated size
- What is the largest \mathcal{P} that C(s) can stabilize?

Condition for robust stability

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$$\|W_2(j\omega)T_0(j\omega)\|_{\infty} < 1$$
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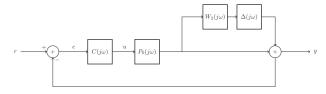
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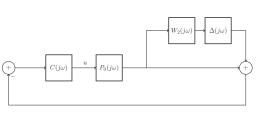
Another approach: Use small gain theorem.

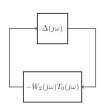
Consider following interconnection:



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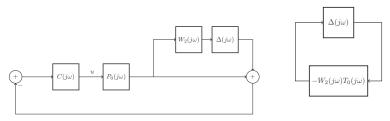




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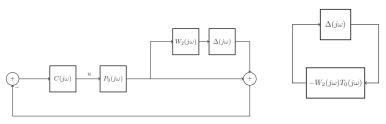
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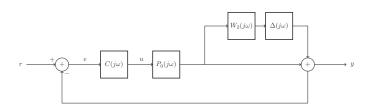
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$$||W_2(j\omega)T_0(j\omega)||_{\infty} < 1.$$

Nominal Performance

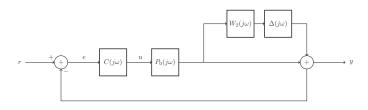


- \blacksquare Consider tracking performance of controller C(s)
- Can be specified as

$$||W_1(j\omega)S_0(j\omega)||_{\infty} < 1,$$

where

$$S_0(j\omega) = \frac{1}{1 + P_0(j\omega)C(j\omega)}.$$



Now consider perturbed plant $P = (1 + \Delta W_2)P_0$,

$$\begin{split} S &:= \frac{1}{1 + PC} = \frac{1}{1 + (1 + \Delta W_2)P_0C} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + P_0C + \Delta W_2P_0C} = \frac{1}{1 + P_0C} \frac{1}{1 + \Delta W_2 \frac{P_0C}{1 + P_0C}} \\ &= \frac{S_0}{1 + \Delta W_2T_0}. \end{split}$$

Condition

For robust performance, we require

Robust stability

$$||W_2(j\omega)T_0(j\omega)||_{\infty} < 1.$$

Tracking performance

$$||W_1(j\omega)S(j\omega)||_{\infty} < 1,$$

or

$$\left\| \frac{W_1(j\omega)S_0(j\omega)}{1 + \Delta(j\omega)W_2(j\omega)T_0(j\omega)} \right\|_{\infty} < 1, \ \forall \Delta.$$

Condition (contd.)

Theorem A necessary and sufficient condition for robust performance is

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$$||W_1(j\omega)S_0(j\omega)| + |W_2(j\omega)T_0(j\omega)||_{\infty} < 1.$$

Proof: see pg. 54, Feedback Control Theory, Doyle, Francis, Tannenbaum.

MIMO Systems

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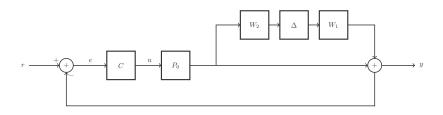
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Well-poised \iff Feedback system is physically realizable.

Unstructured Robust Stability

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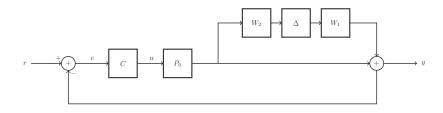
Theorem Closed-loop system is well-poised and internally stable for all $\Delta \in \mathcal{RH}_{\infty}$ with $\|\Delta\|_{\infty} < 1$ iff

$$||W_2(j\omega)T_0(j\omega)W_1(j\omega)||_{\infty} \le 1.$$

Proof: Pg 223, Robust and Optimal Control, Kemin Zhou, John C. Dovle, Keith Glover.

Unstructured Robust Performance

 \mathcal{H}_{∞} Performance

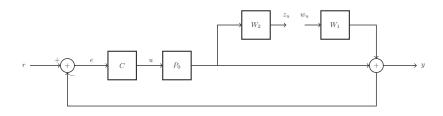


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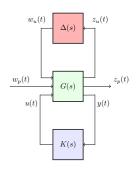


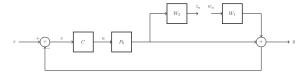
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 $\Delta(s)$ is a full-block transfer matrix of size $n_{w_n} \times n_{z_n}$

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■ Can be generalized to complex matrices.

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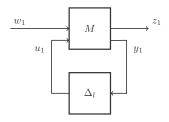
Upper LFT with Δ_u is a map

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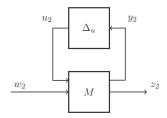
Block Diagram Representation

$$\mathcal{F}_l(M, \Delta_l) = G_{w_1 \to z_1}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ u_1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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Property 1 For compatible matrices A, B, C, D, Q, with Cinvertible.

$$\mathcal{F}_l(M,Q) = (A + BQ)(C + DQ)^{-1},$$

 $\mathcal{F}_l(N,Q) = (C + QD)^{-1}(A + QB),$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} AC^{-1} & B - AC^{-1}D \\ C^{-1} & -C^{-1}D \end{bmatrix},$$

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} C^{-1}A & C^{-1} \\ B - DC^{-1}A & -DC^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The converse also holds if M satisfies some conditions
- \blacksquare A, B, C, D are derived from M

Property 2: Equivalence

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Property 3: Inverse Suppose $\mathcal{F}_{u}\left(M,\Delta\right)$ is square and well-defined and M_{22} is nonsingular. Then the inverse of $\mathcal{F}_n(M,\Delta)$ exists and is also an LFT w.r.t Δ . i.e.

$$\mathcal{F}_u(M,\Delta)^{-1} = \mathcal{F}_u(N,\Delta)$$
,

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} - M_{12} M_{22}^{-1} M_{21} & -M_{12} M_{22}^{-1} \\ M_{22}^{-1} M_{21} & M_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Addition

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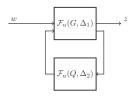
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LFT of LFTs

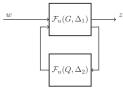


$$\begin{split} &\mathcal{F}_{l}\left(\mathcal{F}_{u}\left(G,\Delta_{1}\right),\mathcal{F}_{u}\left(Q,\Delta_{2}\right)\right),\\ =&\mathcal{F}_{u}\left(\mathcal{F}_{l}\left(G,\mathcal{F}_{u}\left(Q,\Delta_{2}\right)\right),\Delta_{1}\right),\\ =&\mathcal{F}_{u}\left(N,\Delta\right). \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} G &= \begin{bmatrix} A & B_1 & B_2 \\ C_1 & D_{11} & D_{12} \\ C_2 & D_{21} & D_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ N &= \begin{bmatrix} A + B_2Q_{22}L_1C_2 & B_2L_2Q_{21} & B_1 + B_2Q_{22}L_1D_{21} \\ Q_{12}L_1C_2 & Q_{11} + Q_{12}L_1D_{22}Q_{21} & Q_{12}L_1D_{21} \\ C_1 + D_{12}L_2Q_{22}C_2 & D_{12}L_2Q_{21} & D_{11} + D_{12}Q_{22}L_1D_{21} \end{bmatrix}, \end{split}$$

$$L_1 = (I - D_{22}Q_{22})^{-1}, L_2 = (I - Q_{22}D_{22})^{-1}, \text{ and } \Delta = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$=\mathcal{F}_{u}\left(N,\Delta\right).$$

If open-loop system parameters are LFTs of some variable,

- closed-loop system parameters are LFTs of the same variable
- useful for perturbation analysis and building interconnections

Examples of LFTs

Polynomials

Let

$$p(\delta) = a_0 + a_1 \delta + a_2 \delta^2 + \dots + a_n \delta^n.$$

It can be verified that

$$p(\delta) = \mathcal{F}_l(M, \delta I_n),$$

with

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & a_n \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- every polynomial can be written in LFT form
- can be extended to multi-variate polynomials

Examples of LFTs

State-Space Realizations

Dynamical system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + bu, y = Cx + Du,$$

has transfer function

$$G(s) = D + C(sI - A)^{-1}B = \mathcal{F}_u \left(\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{s}I \right).$$

Compare with

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Mass Spring Damper System

Consider the dynamical system

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{c}{m}\dot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = \frac{F}{m}.$$

The system has parametric uncertainty in m, c, k modeled as multiplicative uncertainty

$$m=m_0(1+0.1\delta_m),$$
 10% off nominal $c=c_0(1+0.2\delta_c),$ 20% off nominal $k=k_0(1+0.3\delta_k),$ 30% off nominal .

Write $\frac{1}{m}$ as an LFT

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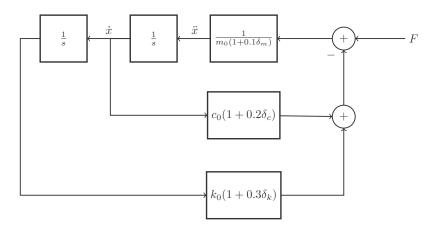
where

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m_0} & -\frac{0.1}{m_0} \\ 1 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Rest c, k are linear in δ_c, δ_m .

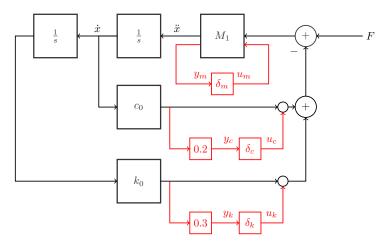
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Block Diagram Representation



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Representation with \triangle Blocks



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In state-space form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ y_k \\ y_c \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-k_0}{m_0} & -\frac{c_0}{m_0} & -\frac{1}{m_0} & -\frac{1}{m_0} & -\frac{1}{m_0} & -\frac{0.1}{m_0} \\ 0.3k_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2c_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -k_0 & -c_0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ F \\ u_k \\ u_c \\ u_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_k \\ u_c \\ u_m \end{bmatrix} = \Delta \begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ y_c \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \ \Delta = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta_c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

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In LFT form, we can write this as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{F}_l(M, \Delta) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ F \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{k_0}{m_0} & -\frac{c_0}{m_0} & \frac{1}{m_0} & -\frac{1}{m_0} & -\frac{1}{m_0} & -\frac{0.1}{m_0} \\ 0.3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2c_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -k_0 & -c_0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

General Affine State-Space Uncertainty

Consider a linear system parameterized by k parameters

$$A := A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \delta_i A_i, \qquad B := B_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \delta_i B_i$$
$$C := C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \delta_i C_i, \qquad D := D_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \delta_i D_i$$

where $\delta_i \in [-1,1]$ represents the i^{th} uncertainty.

Transfer matrix is therefore

$$G_{\delta}(s) = \mathcal{F}_u\left(M_{\delta}, \frac{1}{s}I\right),$$

$$M_\delta := egin{bmatrix} A & B \ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$
 . Write M_δ in LFT form

General Affine State-Space Uncertainty (contd.)

Define matrix P_i as

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Let q_i be the rank of P_i .

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$$P_i = \begin{bmatrix} L_i \\ W_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_i \\ Z_i \end{bmatrix}^*,$$

where $L_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q_i}$, $W_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times q_i}$, $R_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q_i}$, $W_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u \times q_i}$.

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Therefore

$$\delta_i P_i = \begin{bmatrix} L_i \\ W_i \end{bmatrix} (\delta_i I) \begin{bmatrix} R_i \\ Z_i \end{bmatrix}^*.$$

General Affine State-Space Uncertainty (contd.)

 M_{δ} can be written as

$$M_{\delta} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{11}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} L_{1} & L_{2} & \cdots & L_{k} \\ W_{1} & W_{2} & \cdots & W_{k} \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{12}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \delta_{1}I_{q_{1}} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & & \delta_{k}I_{q_{k}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\Delta} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R_{1}^{*} & Z_{1}^{*} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ R_{k}^{*} & Z_{k}^{*} \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{21}}$$

or

$$M_{\delta} = \mathcal{F}_l \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \Delta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore

$$G_{\delta}(s) = \mathcal{F}_u \left(\mathcal{F}_l \left(\begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \Delta \right), \frac{1}{s}I \right).$$