

# Data-Driven Sparse Feedback with Schur $\alpha$ -Stability

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# LTI System and Stability

## Discrete-Time Linear Time Invariant (LTI) System

$$x(t+1) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad t \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0},$$

where

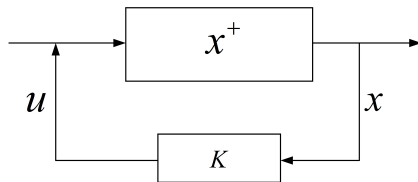
- state  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , input  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- the pair  $(A, B)$  is reachable.

## Static State Feedback

Find a static state feedback controller

$$u = Kx, \quad K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

that stabilizes closed-loop  $x^+ = (A + BK)x$ .



# LMI: Schur $\alpha$ -Stability

## Definition 1 (Schur $\alpha$ -Stability)

Given a LTI system, seek a state feedback gain matrix  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  such that it holds

$$1 - \alpha \triangleq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i(A + BK)| < 1.$$

( $\iff$ )

A gain  $K$  exists iff introduces new matrices  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  which satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q & Q^\top A^\top + G^\top B^\top \\ AQ + BG & (1 - \alpha)^2 Q \end{bmatrix} \succ 0, \quad Q = Q^\top \succ 0.$$

Then, it admits a Schur  $\alpha$ -stabilizing gain

$$K = GQ^{-1}.$$

- Asymptotic stability:  $A + BK/(1 - \alpha)$  when  $\alpha = 0$ .

Temporal Vs. Spatial:

How does one infer **Input Sparsity** from **Structural Sparsity**?

# Recap of Model-Based Sparse Feedback Control

**Problem (Sparse State Feedback Control)** For a discrete LTI plant, finding a state feedback  $u = Kx$ , then sparse feedback control  $u$  with input sparsity satisfies the next conditions

(i) the discrete time closed-loop (feedback) system

$$x(t+1) = A_{cl}x(t), \quad A_{cl} \doteq (A + BK) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n},$$

is *Schur stable* if for all eigenvalues have  $|\lambda_i(A_{cl})| < 1$ ;

(ii) gain matrix  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  enjoys “row-sparsity” that penalizes  $\ell_{1,\infty}$  matrix norm [Tropp, SP’06]

$$\|K\|_{1,\infty} = \sum_{i=1}^m \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |k_{i,j}|$$

by promoting *the number of zero-valued rows*

## Revisit Condition (i)

- (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (i') Let  $\alpha^1$ , then  $A_{cl}$  is Schur  $\alpha$ -stable iff

$$\exists Q \succ 0, \quad A_{cl} P A_{cl}^\top - (1 - \alpha)^2 Q \prec 0, \quad 1 - \alpha \doteq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i(A_{cl})| < 1$$

- (i')  $\Leftrightarrow$  (i'') introduce new variables  $G, Q$  meeting  $G = KQ$  and then recovered the expression  $A_{cl} = A + BK$ , the LMI is as follows (see **Definition 1**)

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q & QA^\top + G^\top B^\top \\ AQ + BG & (1 - \alpha)^2 Q \end{bmatrix} \succ 0, \quad Q \succ 0.$$

- (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  Finding  $K$  equals to solve  $V$ , thus  $K$  and  $V$  have to share the same row-sparsity.

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<sup>1</sup> $1 - \alpha$  is the spectral radius of the closed-loop matrix  $A_{cl}$

# Motivation: Communication, Control, Calculation

- For  $u = Kx$ , introduce new variables  $G, Q$  which fits  $K = GQ^{-1}$ .

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} * \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ * \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_u = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_K \times \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_x, \quad \Rightarrow \quad K = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_G \times \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} * & * & \cdots & * \\ * & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ * & * & \cdots & * \\ * & * & \cdots & * \end{bmatrix}}_{Q^{-1}}$$

## Asserts:

- matrix  $\|K\|_{1,\infty}$  shares the same **Zero-Rows Structure** with matrix  $\|G\|_{1,\infty}$ .
- Structured Row Sparsity** on state feedback gain induces **Control Input Sparsity**.
- the “**active**” **inputs** w.r.t. the indices of **non-zero rows** of gain matrix  $K$ .

# Model-Based Sparse Feedback Control

Given the knowledge of model, i.e.,  $(A, B)$  is known.

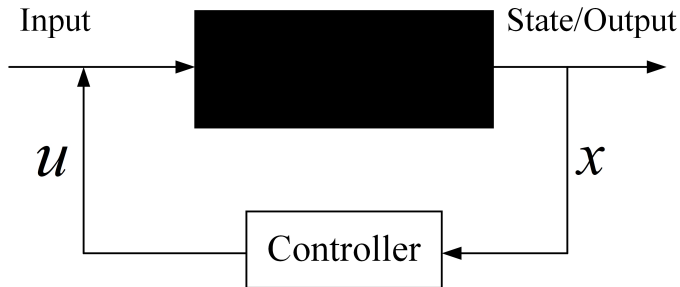
**Problem 1 (Model-Based Sparse Feedback Control)** [B. Polyak, Khlebnikov & Shcherbakov, ECC'13]

For model-based LTI systems, find the solutions  $G, Q$  by using a variable  $G = KQ$  s.t. LMIs

$$\min_{G, Q=Q^T} \|G\|_{1,\infty} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} Q & QA^T + G^T B^T \\ AQ + BG & (1-\alpha)^2 Q \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0, \quad Q \succ 0,$$

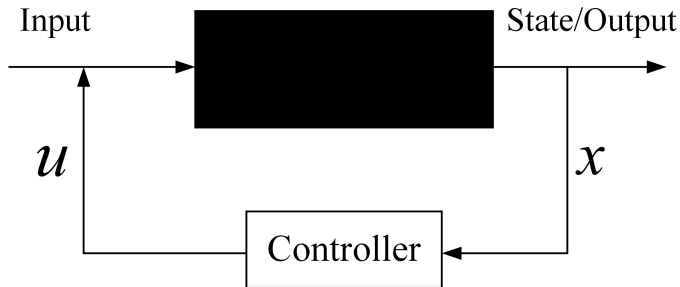


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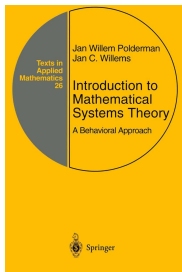
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    - “Why not Skip SysID if our focus is only control?”

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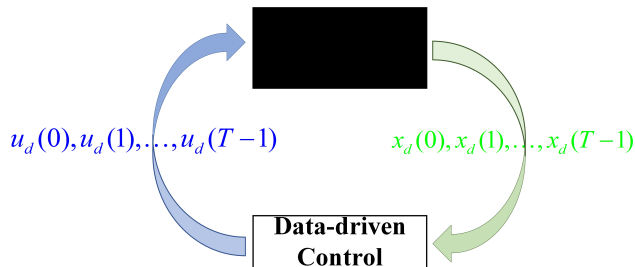
- **Question:** How should I design a controller?
  - Collect Data  $\rightarrow$  (~~Identify System/Model~~)  $\rightarrow$  Design Controller
    - “Why not Try Direct data-driven control?”

Let's try to lift model-based system  
using experimental data directly ...



Pictures from Google...

# Data-Enabled System Representation



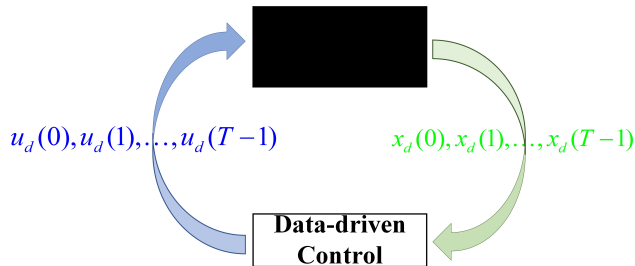
- Harvest **Input-State** data trajectories [“ $d$ ” is a single experimental data samples]

$$U_{0,T} = \begin{bmatrix} u_d(0) & u_d(1) & \cdots & u_d(T-1) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$X_{0,T} = \begin{bmatrix} x_d(0) & x_d(1) & \cdots & x_d(T-1) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$X_{1,T} = \begin{bmatrix} x_d(1) & x_d(2) & \cdots & x_d(T) \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Data-Enabled System Representation



## Assumption 1 (Full Rank Condition)

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} U_{0,T} \\ X_{0,T} \end{bmatrix} = m + n.$$

## A note on persistency of excitation

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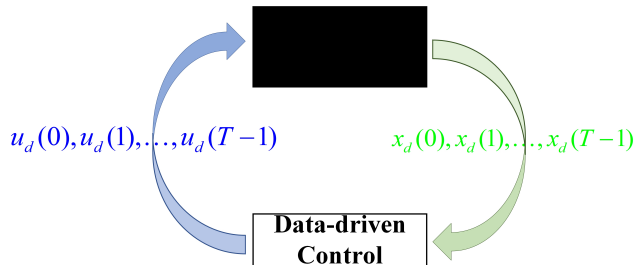
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- $T$  implies “rich” if input  $U_{0,T}$  meets “persistently exciting” (PE).

# Data-Enabled System Representation



## Data-Enabled Open-Loop

$$\begin{bmatrix} B & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{0,T} \\ X_{0,T} \end{bmatrix} = X_{1,T}$$

## Data-Based Closed-Loop [De Persis & Tesi, IEEE TAC'19]

$$A + BK = \begin{bmatrix} B & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K \\ I_n \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{bmatrix} B & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{0,T} \\ X_{0,T} \end{bmatrix} G_K = X_{1,T} G_K$$

# Direct Data-Based Stabilization

- A new variable transformation

$$V = G_K Q,$$

and Schur's Complement reduces it to the **data-based LMI**

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{0,T} V & V^T X_{1,T}^T \\ X_{1,T} V & X_{0,T} V \end{bmatrix} \succ 0$$

with

$$\begin{bmatrix} G \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K \\ I_n \end{bmatrix} Q = \begin{bmatrix} U_{0,T} \\ X_{0,T} \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{G_K Q}_{:= V}$$

- The solution to LMI returns  $V$ , the feedback gain is derived via

$$\begin{bmatrix} K \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{0,T} G_K \\ X_{0,T} V \end{bmatrix} \implies K = U_{0,T} V (X_{0,T} V)^{-1}$$

# Direct Data-Based Schur $\alpha$ -Stabilization

**Lemma** Given a degree of stability  $\alpha$ , any matrix  $V$  satisfying

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{0,T}V & V^\top X_{1,T}^\top \\ X_{1,T}V & (1-\alpha)^2 X_{0,T}V \end{bmatrix} \succ 0$$

is such that

$$K = U_{0,T}V(X_{0,T}V)^{-1}$$

is a **Schur  $\alpha$ -stabilizing** state feedback gain for LTI system  $x^+$ .



# Main Result

## Theorem 1 (Data-Based Sparse Feedback Control Synthesis)

Given data samples  $U_{0,T}$ ,  $X_{0,T}$ ,  $X_{1,T}$ , then data-based Problem 1 with decision variable  $V$  is as

$$\begin{aligned} \min_V \quad & \|U_{0,T} V\|_{1,\infty} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} X_{0,T} V & V^\top X_{1,T}^\top \\ X_{1,T} V & (1-\alpha)^2 X_{0,T} V \end{bmatrix} \succ 0, \quad X_{0,T} V = V^\top X_{0,T}^\top. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- Direct data-driven method: use data samples  $X_{0,T}$ ,  $U_{0,T}$  instead of model  $(A, B)$
- Computational tractable: convex optimization with SDP using CVX or YALMIP.

## Example

Data-based stabilization of the **Helicopter** model with 8-order, 4-inputs (HE3) [Leibfritz, Compleib'06]

- PE Input and data samples takes as follows  
`load('HE3'.mat)`  
`T = 46, n = 8, m = 4;`  
`u = rand(m,T-1), x0 = rand(n,1), u0 = rand(m,1);`
- Give a degree of stability  $\alpha=0.07$
- Solve Theorem 1, we use `cvx` in MATLAB

```
cvx_begin sdp
    variables V(T,n) Q(n,n) symmetric
    minimize sum(max(abs(U*V), [], 2))
    subject to
        [Q, X1*V; V'*X1', (1-alpha)^2*Q] > 0
        X0*V == Q, Q>0;
cvx_end
K_dsp= (U*V)*inv(Q);
```

# Numerical Benchmark

$Q =$

$1.0e+05 \star$

9.0445	-2.2118	-0.2702	3.0435	-0.4438	-0.4747	0.5791	0.2015
-2.2118	3.7322	0.1332	-2.5459	0.0487	0.1525	-0.1943	0.0570
-0.2702	0.1332	0.0130	-0.2214	0.0078	-0.0018	-0.0209	0.0031
3.0435	-2.5459	-0.2214	4.8525	0.0190	0.3263	0.2906	-0.2049
-0.4438	0.0487	0.0078	0.0190	0.0365	0.0225	-0.0250	-0.0255
-0.4747	0.1525	-0.0018	0.3263	0.0225	0.2189	-0.0169	-0.0365
0.5791	-0.1943	-0.0209	0.2906	-0.0250	-0.0169	0.0398	0.0065
0.2015	0.0570	0.0031	-0.2049	-0.0255	-0.0365	0.0065	0.0258

# Numerical Benchmark

K\_dsp =

-0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000
-1.6284	-0.0115	34.2895	-0.8888	-3.0393	-0.1886	48.4596	-14.0172
0.3893	-0.0398	-3.3797	-0.7727	-11.4249	-0.5043	-6.2644	-19.1246
0.0000	-0.0000	-0.0000	-0.0000	-0.0000	-0.0000	-0.0000	-0.0000

>> G=U\*V

G =

0.0002	0.0005	-0.0001	-0.0012	0.0003	0.0002	0.0008	0.0000
266.7809	-266.7764	266.7776	266.7780	257.9931	266.7767	121.4764	-266.7773
-69.8611	69.8638	69.8645	69.8640	-69.8650	-69.8649	-69.8654	-69.8646
-0.0016	-0.0004	0.0000	-0.0002	-0.0001	-0.0003	-0.0003	-0.0001

# Numerical Benchmark

```
eig_vals =
```

```
0.7507 + 0.1566i|  
0.7507 - 0.1566i  
0.8508 + 0.0867i  
0.8508 - 0.0867i  
0.9204 + 0.0422i  
0.9204 - 0.0422i  
0.8583 + 0.0000i  
0.8963 + 0.0000i
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# Conclusions

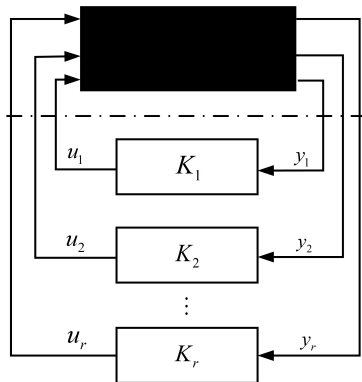
## The Take-Away Message

Based on PE input data, learning sparse feedback control with Schur  $\alpha$ -stability from a single experimental input-state data samples for a black-box LTI system.

More Specifically...

- 1 Infer a “direct” data-driven sparse control with **input sparsity** from **structured sparsity**
- 2 Reformulate **model-based sparse feedback control** as **data-based** representation
- 3 State-feedback Schur  $\alpha$ -stabilization

## Future Work: Decentralized Sparse Output/State Control



Given a model-free plant, and each pair  $(A, B_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$  is *unknown*, i.e.,

$$x^+ = Ax + \sum_{j=1}^r B_j u_j, \quad y_i = C_i x, \quad u_i = K_i y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, r,$$

Thank you for your attention

*Suggestions & Comments are Welcome!*

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