

# LMI Methods in Optimal and Robust Control

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Lecture 13: LMIs for Optimal Control and Quadratic Stability with Affine  
Polytopic and Interval Uncertainty

# Types of Uncertainty

We will start with Time-Varying Parametric Uncertainty.

- **Unstructured, Dynamic, norm-bounded:**

$$\Delta := \{\Delta \in \mathcal{L}(L_2) : \|\Delta\|_{H_\infty} < 1\}$$

- **Structured, Static, norm-bounded:**

$$\Delta := \{\text{diag}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_K, \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_N) : |\delta_i| < 1, \bar{\sigma}(\Delta_i) < 1\}$$

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- **Unstructured, Parametric, norm-bounded:**

$$\Delta := \{\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : \|\Delta\| \leq 1\}$$

- **Parametric, Polytopic:**

$$\Delta := \{\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : \Delta = \sum_i \alpha_i H_i, \alpha_i \geq 0, \sum_i \alpha_i = 1\}$$

- **Parametric, Interval:**

$$\Delta := \{\sum_i \Delta_i \delta_i : \delta_i \in [\delta_i^-, \delta_i^+]\}$$

Each of these can be Time-Varying or Time-Invariant!

# Additive Affine Time-Varying Interval and Polytopic Uncertainty

## Stability Concepts

Recall the system with Affine Time-Varying uncertainty (No Input).

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A_0 + \Delta A(t))x(t)$$

where

$$\Delta A(t) = A_1\delta_1(t) + \dots + A_k\delta_k(t)$$

where  $\delta(t)$  lies in either the intervals

$$\delta_i(t) \in [\delta_i^-, \delta_i^+]$$

or the simplex

$$\delta(t) \in \left\{ \delta : \sum_i \alpha_i = 1, \alpha_i \geq 0 \right\}$$

# Definitions: Use Robust Stability for Static Uncertainty

## Definition 1.

The system

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is **Robustly Stable** over  $\Delta$  if  $A_0 + \Delta$  is Hurwitz for all  $\Delta \in \Delta$ .

Note that Robust Stability DOES NOT imply stability if  $\Delta(t)$  is time-varying.

- It implies that for any  $\Delta \in \Delta$ , there exists a  $P(\Delta) > 0$  such that

$$(A + \Delta)^T P(\Delta) + P(\Delta)(A + \Delta) < 0 \quad \text{for all } \Delta \in \Delta$$

- For a fixed  $\Delta$ , this implies stability using Lyapunov function  $V(x) = x^T P(\Delta)x$ .
- Does not imply stability for TV  $\Delta$  because if  $V(x, t) = x^T P(\Delta(t))x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} V(x(t), t) &= x(t)^T \left( (A + \Delta(t))^T P(\Delta(t)) + P(\Delta(t))(A + \Delta(t)) \right) x(t) \\ &\quad + x(t)^T \left( \frac{d}{dt} P(\Delta(t)) \right) x(t) \\ &\leq x(t)^T \left( \frac{d}{dt} P(\Delta(t)) \right) x(t) \end{aligned}$$

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Robust Stability is necessary and sufficient for static uncertainty.

## Definition 2.

The system

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is **Quadratically Stable** over  $\Delta$  if there exists a  $P > 0$  such that

$$(A + \Delta)^T P + P(A + \Delta) < 0 \quad \text{for all } \Delta \in \Delta.$$

Quadratic Stability **Implies Stability** of trajectories for any  $\Delta(t)$  with  $\Delta(t) \in \Delta$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

- Use the Lyapunov function  $V(x) = x^T P x$ .

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(t)) = x(t)^T ((A + \Delta(t))^T P + P(A + \Delta(t))) x(t) < 0$$

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Counterintuitive:

- Robust Stability does not imply stability!
- Stability does not imply quadratic stability!

# Quadratic Stability is Conservative

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Quadratic Stability is CONSERVATIVE.

- There are Stable Systems which are not Quadratically Stable

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

$$A(t) = \delta_1(t) \begin{bmatrix} -100 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \delta_2(t) \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -9 \\ 120 & -18 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \delta_i \geq 0, \quad \delta_1 + \delta_2 = 1$$

- Use  $V(x) = \max\{x^T P_1 x, x^T P_2 x\}$  where

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Quadratic Stability is sometimes referred to as an “infinite-dimensional LMI”

- Meaning it represents an infinite number of LMI constraints
- One for each possible value of  $\Delta \in \Delta$
- Also called a parameterized LMI
- Such LMIs are not tractable.
- For polytopic sets, the LMI can be made finite.



# Enforcing an LMI on the entire Polytope

Making an infinite-dimensional LMI finite dimensional

## Theorem 4 (LMIs on the Polytope).

The following are equivalent for any  $H, L_i, R_i$ .

$$H + \sum_i L_i \Delta R_i > 0 \quad \text{for all } \Delta \in Co(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \quad (1)$$

$$H + \sum_i L_i \Delta_j R_i > 0 \quad \text{for all } j = 1, \dots, k \quad (2)$$

Proof.

To show  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ , note that  $\Delta_j \in Co(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$  for each  $j$ . Next, show  $2 \Rightarrow 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} H + \sum_i L_i \Delta R_i &= H + \sum_i L_i \left( \sum_j \alpha_j \Delta_j \right) R_i && \alpha_i \geq 0, \sum_j \alpha_j = 1 \\ &= \sum_j \alpha_j \left( H + \sum_i L_i \Delta_j R_i \right) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

# An LMI for Polytopic Quadratic Stability

## Definition 5.

The pair  $(A + \Delta, \Delta)$  is **Quadratically Stable** over  $\Delta$  if there exists a  $P > 0$  such that

$$(A + \Delta)^T P + P(A + \Delta) < 0 \quad \text{for all } \Delta \in \Delta.$$

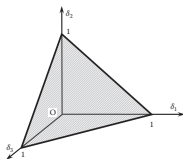
## Theorem 6.

$(A + \Delta, \Delta)$  is quadratically stable over  $\Delta := \text{Co}(A_1, \dots, A_k)$  if and only if there exists a  $P > 0$  such that

$$(A + A_i)^T P + P(A + A_i) < 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k$$

The theorem says the LMI only needs to hold at the **EXTREMAL POINTS** or **VERTICES** of the polytope.

- In Fact, Quadratic Stability **MUST** be expressed as an LMI
- There is **NO** Riccati Eqn. Equivalent.



# An LMI for Interval Quadratic Stability

Recall the system with Affine Time-Varying uncertainty.

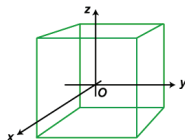
$$\dot{x}(t) = (A_0 + \Delta(t))x(t)$$

where

$$\Delta(t) = A_1\delta_1(t) + \cdots + A_k\delta_k(t)$$

where  $\delta_i(t) \in [-1, 1]$ . Note:  $\delta(t)$  lies in the *hypercube*.

**Interval Stability is a Kind of Polytopic Uncertainty.**



The vertices of the hypercube define the vertices of the uncertainty set

$$V := \left\{ A_0 + \sum_i A_i \delta_i, \delta_i \in \{-1, 1\} \right\}$$

## Theorem 7 (Quadratic Stability using $2^k$ LMI constraints!).

$(A + \Delta, \mathbf{\Delta})$  is quadratically stable over  $\mathbf{\Delta} := Co(V)$  if and only if there exists a  $P > 0$  such that

$$\left( A_0 + \sum_i A_i \delta_i \right)^T P + P \left( A_0 + \sum_i A_i \delta_i \right) < 0 \quad \text{for every } \delta \in \{-1, 1\}^k$$

# An LMI for Quadratic Polytopic Stabilization

Controller Synthesis is a simple application of the previous theorem:

## Theorem 8.

*There exists a  $K$  such that*

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A + \Delta_A + (B + \Delta_B)K)x(t)$$

*is quadratically stable for  $(\Delta_A, \Delta_B) \in Co((A_1, B_2), \dots, (A_k, B_k))$  if and only if there exists some  $P > 0$  and  $Z$  such that*

$$(A + A_i)P + P(A + A_i)^T + (B + B_i)Z + Z^T(B + B_i)^T < 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k.$$

*with  $K = ZP^{-1}$ .*

Note that here the controller doesn't depend on  $\Delta$ !

- If you want  $K$  to depend on  $\Delta$ , the problem is harder.
- But this would require sensing  $\Delta$  in real-time.

# An LMI for Quadratic D-Stabilization

## Lemma 9 (An LMI for Quadratic D-Stabilization).

Suppose there exists  $X > 0$  and  $Z$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} -rP & AP + BZ \\ (AP + BZ)^T & -rP \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_iP + B_iZ \\ (A_iP + B_iZ)^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} < 0,$$
$$AP + BZ + (AP + BZ)^T + A_iP + B_iZ + (A_iP + B_iZ)^T + 2\alpha P < 0, \quad \text{and}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} AP + BZ + (AP + BZ)^T & c(AP + BZ - (AP + BZ)^T) \\ c((AP + BZ)^T - (AP + BZ)) & AP + BZ + (AP + BZ)^T \end{bmatrix}$$
$$+ \begin{bmatrix} A_iP + B_iZ + (A_iP + B_iZ)^T & c(A_iP + B_iZ - (A_iP + B_iZ)^T) \\ c((A_iP + B_iZ)^T - (A_iP + B_iZ)) & A_iP + B_iZ + (A_iP + B_iZ)^T \end{bmatrix} < 0$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Then if  $K = ZP^{-1}$ , the pole locations,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  of  $A(\Delta) + B(\Delta)K$  satisfy  $|x| \leq r$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} x \leq -\alpha$  and  $z + z^* \leq -c|z - z^*|$  for all  $\Delta \in Co(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ .

Of course, if  $\Delta$  is time-varying, eigenvalues are meaningless.

# An LMI for Quadratic Polytopic $H_\infty$ -Optimal State-Feedback Control

Recall the closed-loop in state feedback is:

$$\underline{S}(P, K) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A + B_2 F & B_1 \\ \hline C_1 + D_{12} F & D_{11} \end{array} \right]$$

Now add uncertainty to system matrices  $A, B_1, B_2, C_1, D_{12}$  and  $D_{11}$ .

## Theorem 10.

*There exists an  $F$  such that  $\|\underline{S}(P(\Delta), K(0, 0, 0, F))\|_{H_\infty} \leq \gamma$  for all  $\Delta \in Co(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$  if there exist  $Y > 0$  and  $Z$  such that*

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} Y(A + A_i)^T + (A + A_i)Y + Z^T(B_2 + B_{2,i})^T + (B_2 + B_{2,i})Z & *^T & *^T \\ & (B_1 + B_{1,i})^T & -\gamma I & *^T \\ & (C_1 + C_{1,i})Y + (D_{12} + D_{12,i})Z & D_{11} + D_{11,i} & -\gamma I \end{array} \right] < 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

*Then  $F = ZY^{-1}$ .*

$$\underline{S}(P(\Delta), K) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A + B_2 F & B_1 \\ \hline C_1 + D_{12} F & D_{11} \end{array} \right] + \Delta \quad \Delta \in Co(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$$

$$\Delta_i = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_i + B_{2,i} F & B_{1,i} \\ \hline C_{1,i} + D_{12,i} F & D_{11,i} \end{array} \right]$$

# An LMI for Quadratic Polytopic $H_\infty$ -Optimal State-Feedback Control

Recall the closed-loop in state feedback is

$$\tilde{S}(F, K) = \begin{bmatrix} A + B_2 F & B_1 \\ C_1 + D_{12} F & D_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now add uncertainty to system matrices  $A, B_1, B_2, C_1, D_{12}$  and  $D_{11}$ .**Theorem 10.**There exists an  $F$  such that  $\|\tilde{S}(P(\Delta), K)(0, 0, F)\|_{\infty} \leq \gamma$  for all  $\Delta \in \mathcal{C}(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$  if there exist  $Y > 0$  and  $Z$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y(A + A_1)^T + (A + A_1)Y + \delta^2 Y B_2 B_2^T + \delta_1^2 Y C_1^T C_1 + \delta_2^2 Y D_{12}^T D_{12} & Y B_1 & Y D_{11}^T \\ Y B_1^T & -Y & 0 \\ Y D_{11}^T & 0 & -Y \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad \delta = 1, \dots, k$$

Then  $F = ZY^{-1}$ .

$$\tilde{S}(P(\Delta), K) = \begin{bmatrix} A + B_2 F & B_1 \\ C_1 + D_{12} F & D_{11} \end{bmatrix} + \Delta \quad \Delta \in \mathcal{C}(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$$

$$\Delta_k = \begin{bmatrix} A_k + B_{2,k} F & B_{1,k} \\ C_{1,k} + D_{12,k} F & D_{11,k} \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case, the uncertain system is:

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A + \Delta A(t))x(t) + (B_1 + \Delta B_1(t))w(t) + (B_2 + \Delta B_2(t))u(t)$$

$$y(t) = (C_1 + \Delta C_1(t))x(t) + (D_{11} + \Delta D_{11}(t))w(t) + (D_{12} + \Delta D_{12}(t))u(t)$$

where

$$\Delta A(t) = A_1 \delta_1(t) + \dots + A_k \delta_k(t)$$

$$\Delta B_1(t) = B_{1,1} \delta_1(t) + \dots + B_{1,k} \delta_k(t)$$

$$\Delta B_2(t) = B_{2,1} \delta_1(t) + \dots + B_{2,k} \delta_k(t)$$

$$\Delta C_1(t) = C_{1,1} \delta_1(t) + \dots + C_{1,k} \delta_k(t)$$

$$\Delta D_{11}(t) = D_{11,1} \delta_1(t) + \dots + D_{11,k} \delta_k(t)$$

$$\Delta D_{12}(t) = D_{12,1} \delta_1(t) + \dots + D_{12,k} \delta_k(t)$$

# An LMI for Quadratic Polytopic $H_2$ -Optimal State-Feedback Control

Similarly

## Theorem 11.

There exists an  $F$  such that  $\|\underline{S}(P(\Delta), K(0, 0, 0, F))\|_{H_2}^2 \leq \gamma$  for all  $\Delta \in Co(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$  if there exist  $X > 0$  and  $Z$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} AX + B_2 Z + X A^T + Z^T B_2^T & B_1 \\ B_1^T & -I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} A_i X + B_{2,i} Z + X A_i^T + Z^T B_{2,i}^T & B_{1,i} \\ B_{1,i}^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & (C_1 X + D_{12} Z)^T \\ C_1 X + D_{12} Z & W \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (C_{1,i} X + D_{12,i} Z)^T \\ C_{1,i} X + D_{12,i} Z & 0 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\text{Trace} W < \gamma$$

Then  $F = ZY^{-1}$ .

Similar Steps can be taken for robust estimator design, using the LMIs in Duan.

- However, I am not aware of a robust version of the general optimal output feedback LMI for polytopic uncertainty.



# An LMI for Quadratic Schur Stabilization

**State Equations:** Let  $u(k) = Fx(k)$  In this case, the uncertain system is:

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= (A + \Delta A(k))x(k) + (B + \Delta B(k))u(k) \\ &= (A + \Delta A(k) + BF + \Delta B(k)F)x(k)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta A(k) = A_1\delta_1(k) + \cdots + A_m\delta_m(k)$$

$$\Delta B(k) = B_1\delta_1(k) + \cdots + B_m\delta_m(k)$$

## Theorem 12.

There exists a  $F$  such that

$$x_{k+1} = (A + \Delta_A + (B + \Delta_B)F)x_k$$

is **quadratically stable** for  $(\Delta_A, \Delta_B) \in Co((A_1, B_1), \dots, (A_m, B_m))$  if and only if there exists some  $X > 0$  and  $Z$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & AX + BZ \\ (AX + BZ)^T & X \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_i X + B_i Z \\ (A_i X + B_i Z)^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

In this case, we have  $F = ZP^{-1}$ .