

# LMI Methods in Optimal and Robust Control

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Lecture 16: Optimization of Polynomials and an LMI for Global Lyapunov  
Stability

# Optimization of Polynomials:

As Opposed to Polynomial Programming

**Polynomial Programming (NOT CONVEX):**  $n$  decision variables

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$$

$$g_i(x) \geq 0$$

- $f$  and  $g_i$  must be convex for the problem to be convex.
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**Optimization of Polynomials:** Lifting to a higher-dimensional space

$$\max_{g, \gamma} \gamma$$

$$f(x) - \gamma = g(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$g(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : h(x) \geq 0\}$$

- The decision variables are *functions* (e.g.  $g$ )
  - ▶ One constraint for *every possible value of  $x$* .
- But how to parameterize functions????
- How to enforce an infinite number of constraints???
- **Advantage:** Problem is convex, even if  $f, g, h$  are not convex.

# Optimization of Polynomials:

## Some Examples: Matrix Copositivity

Of course, you already know some applications of Optimization of Polynomials

- Global Stability of Nonlinear Systems

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &> \epsilon x^2 && \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \nabla V(x)^T f(x) &< 0 && \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

**Stability of Systems with Positive States:** Not all states can be negative...

- Cell Populations/Concentrations
- Volume/Mass/Length

**We want:**

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= x^T P x \geq 0 && \text{for all } x \geq 0 \\ \dot{V}(x) &= x^T (A^T P + P A) x \leq 0 && \text{for all } x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Matrix Copositivity (An NP-hard Problem)

Verify:

$$x^T P x \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

# Optimization of Polynomials:

Some Examples: Robust Control

**Recall:** Systems with Uncertainty

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= A(\delta)x(t) + B_1(\delta)w(t) + B_2(\delta)u(t) \\ y(t) &= C(\delta)x(t) + D_{12}(\delta)u(t) + D_{11}(\delta)w(t)\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem 1.

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y A(\delta)^T + A(\delta)Y + Z(\delta)^T B_2(\delta)^T + B_2(\delta)Z(\delta) & *^T & *^T \\ & B_1(\delta)^T & *^T \\ C_1(\delta)Y + D_{12}(\delta)Z(\delta) & -\gamma I & D_{11}(\delta) \\ & & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta \in \Delta$$

Then  $F(\delta) = Z(\delta)Y^{-1}$ .

# The Structured Singular Value, $\mu$

## Definition 2.

Given system  $M \in \mathcal{L}(L_2)$  and set  $\Delta$  as above, we define the **Structured Singular Value** of  $(M, \Delta)$  as

$$\mu(M, \Delta) = \frac{1}{\inf_{\substack{\Delta \in \Delta \\ I - M\Delta \text{ is singular}}} \|\Delta\|}$$

The system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A_0x(t) + Mq(t), & q(t) &= \Delta(t)p(t), \\ p(t) &= Nx(t) + Qq(t), & \Delta &\in \Delta \end{aligned}$$

**Lower Bound for  $\mu$ :**  $\mu \geq \gamma$  if there exists a  $P(\delta)$  such that

$$P(\delta) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \delta$$

$$\dot{V} = x^T P(\delta)(A_0x + Mq) + (A_0x + Mq)^T P(\delta)x < \epsilon x^T x$$

for all  $x, q, \delta$  such that

$$(x, q, \delta) \in \left\{ x, q, \delta : q = \text{diag}(\delta_i)(Nx + Qq), \sum_i \delta_i^2 \leq \gamma^2 \right\}$$

In this lecture, we will show how the LMI framework can be expanded dramatically to other forms of control problems.

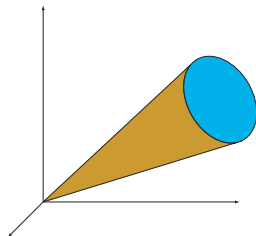
1. Positivity of Polynomials
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# Is Optimization of Polynomials Tractable or Intractable?

The Answer lies in Convex Optimization

## A Generic Convex Optimization Problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_x \quad & bx \\ \text{subject to} \quad & Ax \in C \end{aligned}$$



The problem is *convex optimization* if

- $C$  is a convex cone.
- $b$  and  $A$  are affine.

**Computational Tractability:** Convex Optimization over  $C$  is tractable if

- The set membership test for  $y \in C$  is in P (polynomial-time verifiable).
- The variable  $x$  is a finite dimensional vector (e.g.  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).

# Optimization of Polynomials is Convex

The variables are finite-dimensional (if we bound the degree)

**Convex Optimization of Functions:** Variables  $V \in \mathcal{C}[\mathbb{R}^n]$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\max_{V, \gamma} \gamma$$

subject to

$$V(x) - x^T x \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\nabla V(x)^T f(x) + \gamma x^T x \leq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$V$  is the decision variable (infinite-dimensional)

- How to make it finite-dimensional???

The set of polynomials is an infinite-dimensional (but *Countable*) vector space.

- It is **Finite Dimensional** if we bound the degree
- All finite-dimensional vector spaces are equivalent!

But we need a way to parameterize this space...



# To Begin: How do we Parameterize Polynomials???

A Parametrization consists of a **basis** and a **set of parameters** (coordinates)

- The set of polynomials is an infinite-dimensional vector space.
- It is **Finite Dimensional** if we bound the degree
  - ▶ The monomials are a simple basis for the space of polynomials

## Definition 3.

Define  $Z_d(x)$  to be the vector of monomial bases of degree  $d$  or less.

e.g., if  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , then the vector of basis functions is

$$Z_2(x_1, x_2)^T = [1 \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_1x_2 \quad x_1^2 \quad x_2^2]$$

and

$$Z_4(x_1)^T = [1 \quad x_1 \quad x_1^2 \quad x_1^3 \quad x_1^4]$$

## Linear Representation

- Any polynomial of degree  $d$  can be represented with a vector  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$p(x) = c^T Z_d(x)$$

- $c$  is the vector of *parameters* (decision variables).
- $Z_d(x)$  doesn't change (fixed).

$$2x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2 + 4x_2 + 1 = [1 \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad 0] [1 \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_1x_2 \quad x_1^2 \quad x_2^2]^T$$

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subject to

$$V(x) - x^T x \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\nabla V(x)^T f(x) + \gamma x^T x \leq 0 \quad \forall x$$

Now use the polynomial parametrization  $V(x) = c^T Z(x)$

- Now  $c$  is the decision variable.

**Convex Optimization of Polynomials:** Variables  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\max_{c, \gamma} \gamma$$

subject to

$$c^T Z(x) - x^T x \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$c^T \nabla Z(x) f(x) + \gamma x^T x \leq 0 \quad \forall x$$

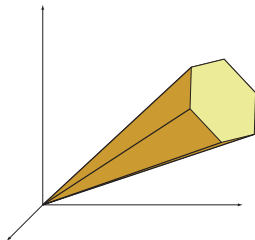
# Can LMIs be used for Optimization of Polynomials???

Optimization of Polynomials is NP-Hard!!!

**Problem:** Use a finite number of variables:

$$\max b^T x$$

$$\text{subject to } A_0(y) + \sum_i^n x_i A_i(y) \succeq 0 \quad \forall y$$



The  $A_i$  are matrices of polynomials in  $y$ . e.g. Using multi-index notation,

$$A_i(y) = \sum_{\alpha} A_{i,\alpha} y^{\alpha}$$

**The FEASIBILITY TEST is Computationally Intractable**

The problem: “Is  $p(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ?” (i.e. “ $p \in \mathbb{R}^+[x]$ ?”) is NP-hard.

# How to Find Lyapunov Functions (LF)?

We know a LF by its Properties

What makes a LF a Lyapunov Function?

**Property 1:** Positivity

- The Lyapunov function must be positive (metrics are positive).
- Also  $V(0) = 0$  if 0 is an equilibrium.

**Property 2:** Negativity along Trajectories

- A Lyapunov Function decreases monotonically in time.
  - ▶ A longer trajectory is always “bigger” than a shorter one.
  - ▶ As time progresses, the trajectory gets shorter.
  - ▶ Hence the LF is always decreasing.

**Thus:** If a function has properties 1) and 2), it is a Lyapunov Function

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**Note:** For Linear Systems, we can restrict the search to quadratic LFs.

**Property 3:** Quadratic (e.g.  $x^T P x$ )

- If the system is Linear, the solution map is Linear
- Then if the metric is Quadratic, the Lyapunov function is Quadratic.
  - ▶ The Composition of Linear and Quadratic Functions is Quadratic

# Lyapunov Functions for Linear ODEs

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$$

if  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then any quadratic function has the form:

$$V(x) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}}_{x^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{21} & P_{31} & P_{41} & P_{51} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{32} & P_{42} & P_{52} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} & P_{43} & P_{53} \\ P_{41} & P_{42} & P_{43} & P_{44} & P_{54} \\ P_{51} & P_{52} & P_{53} & P_{54} & P_{55} \end{bmatrix}}_{P \geq 0} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}}_x \geq 0$$

**P3 - Quadratic:** The 15 variables  $P_{ij}$  parameterize all possible quadratic functions on  $x \in \mathbb{R}^5$ .

**P1 - Positive:**  $V(x) > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  if and only if  $P$  has all positive eigenvalues.

# Lyapunov Functions for Nonlinear ODEs

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} = f(x(t), y(t))$$

Lets try a quadratic function of the form:

$$V(x, y)_{[2]} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ xy \\ x^2 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{Z(x,y)^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{21} & P_{31} & P_{41} & P_{51} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{32} & P_{42} & P_{52} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} & P_{43} & P_{53} \\ P_{41} & P_{42} & P_{43} & P_{44} & P_{54} \\ P_{51} & P_{52} & P_{53} & P_{54} & P_{55} \end{bmatrix}}_{P \geq 0} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ xy \\ x^2 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{Z(x,y)} \geq 0$$

**P3 - Pseudo-Quadratic:** The 15 variables  $P_{ij}$  parameterize positive polynomial functions  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$  of degree  $d \leq 4$ .

**P1 - Positive:**  $V(x) > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  if  $P$  has all positive eigenvalues.

# Can LMIs be used to Optimize Positive Polynomials???

Show Me the LMI!

**Basic Idea:** If there exists a Positive Matrix  $P \geq 0$  such that

$$V(x) = Z_d(x)^T P Z_d(x)$$

Positive Matrices ( $P \geq 0$ ) have square roots!

$$P = Q^T Q$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= Z_d(x)^T Q^T Q Z_d(x) = (Q Z_d(x))^T (Q Z_d(x)) \\ &= h(x)^T h(x) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion:**

$$V(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

if there exists a  $P \geq 0$  such that

$$V(x) = Z_d(x)^T P Z_d(x)$$

- Such a function is called **Sum-of-Squares (SOS)**, denoted  $V \in \Sigma_s$ .
- This is an LMI! Equality constraints relate the coefficients of  $V$  (decision variables) to the elements of  $P$  (more decision variables).

# How Hard is it to Determine Positivity of a Polynomial???

Certificates

## Definition 4.

A Polynomial,  $f$ , is called Positive SemiDefinite (PSD) if

$$f(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

**The Primary Problem:** How to enforce the constraint  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ ?

### Easy Proof: Certificate of Infeasibility

- A Proof that  $f$  is NOT PSD.
- i.e. To show that

$$f(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

is FALSE, we need only find a point  $x$  with  $f(x) < 0$ .

**Complicated Proof:** It is much harder to identify a **Certificate of Feasibility**

- A Proof that  $f$  is PSD.



# Global Positivity Certificates (Proofs and Counterexamples)

**Question:** How does one prove that  $f(x)$  is positive semidefinite?

**What Kind of Functions do we Know are PSD?**

- Any squared function is positive.
- The sum of squared forms is PSD
- The product of squared forms is PSD
- The ratio of squared forms is PSD

So  $V(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if

$$V(x) = \prod_k \frac{\sum_i f_{ik}(x)^2}{\sum_j h_{jk}(x)^2}.$$

But is any PSD polynomial the sum, product, or ratio of squared polynomials?

- An old Question....

# Sum-of-Squares

## Hilbert's 17th Problem

### Definition 5.

A polynomial,  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  is a **Sum-of-Squares (SOS)**, denoted  $p \in \Sigma_s$  if there exist polynomials  $g_i(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  such that

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(x)^2.$$

David Hilbert created a famous list of 23 then-unsolved mathematical problems in 1900.

- Only 10 have been fully resolved.
- The 17th problem has been resolved.

*“Given a multivariate polynomial that takes only non-negative values over the reals, can it be represented as a sum of squares of rational functions?”*      *-D. Hilbert, 1900*

# Sum-of-Squares

## Hilbert's 17th Problem

Hilbert's 17th was resolved in the **affirmative** by E. Artin in 1927.

- Any PSD polynomial is the sum, product and ratio of squared polynomials.
- If  $p(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$p(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$$

where  $g, h \in \Sigma_s$ .

- If  $p$  is positive **definite**, then we can assume  $h(x) = (\sum_i x_i^2)^d$  for some  $d$ . That is,

$$(x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^d p(x) \in \Sigma_s$$

- If we can't find a SOS representation (certificate) for  $p(x)$ , we can try  $(\sum_i x_i^2)^d p(x)$  for higher powers of  $d$ .

Of course this doesn't answer the question of how we find SOS representations.

# Quadratic Parameterization of Polynomials

## Quadratic Representation

- Alternative to Linear Parametrization, a polynomial of degree  $d$  can be represented by a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{S}^m$  as

$$p(x) = Z_d(x)^T M Z_d(x)$$

- However, now the problem may be under-determined

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 & M_3 \\ M_2 & M_4 & M_5 \\ M_3 & M_5 & M_6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= M_1 x^4 + 2M_2 x^3 y + (2M_3 + M_4) x^2 y^2 + 2M_5 x y^3 + M_6 y^4 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, there are infinitely many quadratic representations of  $p$ . For the polynomial

$$f(x) = 4x^4 + 4x^3 y - 7x^2 y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4,$$

we can use the alternative solution

$$\begin{aligned} & 4x^4 + 4x^3 y - 7x^2 y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4 \\ &= M_1 x^4 + 2M_2 x^3 y + (2M_3 + M_4) x^2 y^2 + 2M_5 x y^3 + M_6 y^4 \end{aligned}$$

# Polynomial Representation - Quadratic

For the polynomial

$$f(x) = 4x^4 + 4x^3y - 7x^2y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4,$$

we require

$$\begin{aligned} 4x^4 + 4x^3y - 7x^2y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4 \\ = M_1x^4 + 2M_2x^3y + (2M_3 + M_4)x^2y^2 + 2M_5xy^3 + M_6y^4 \end{aligned}$$

**Constraint Format:**

$$M_1 = 4; \quad 2M_2 = 4; \quad 2M_3 + M_4 = -7; \quad 2M_5 = -2; \quad 10 = M_6.$$

An underdetermined system of linear equations (6 variables, 5 equations).

- This yields a family of quadratic representations, parameterized by  $\lambda$  as

$$4x^4 + 4x^3y - 7x^2y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4 = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -\lambda \\ 2 & -7 + 2\lambda & -1 \\ -\lambda & -1 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which holds for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

# Positive Matrix Representation of SOS

## Sufficiency

Quadratic Form:

$$p(x) = Z_d(x)^T M Z_d(x)$$

Consider the case where the matrix  $M$  is positive semidefinite.

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**Suppose:**  $p(x) = Z_d(x)^T M Z_d(x)$  where  $M > 0$ .

- Any positive semidefinite matrix,  $M \geq 0$  has a square root  $M = PP^T$

Hence

$$p(x) = Z_d(x)^T M Z_d(x) = Z_d(x)^T P P^T Z_d(x).$$

Which yields

$$p(x) = \sum_i \left( \sum_j P_{i,j} Z_{d,j}(x) \right)^2$$

which makes  $p \in \Sigma_s$  an SOS polynomial.

# Positive Matrix Representation of SOS

## Necessity

**Moreover:** Any SOS polynomial has a quadratic rep. with a PSD matrix.

**Suppose:**  $p(x) = \sum_i g_i(x)^2$  is degree  $2d$  ( $g_i$  are degree  $d$ ).

- Each  $g_i(x)$  has a linear representation in the monomials.

$$g_i(x) = c_i^T Z_d(x)$$

- Hence

$$p(x) = \sum_i g_i(x)^2 = \sum_i Z_d(x) c_i c_i^T Z_d(x) = Z_d(x) \left( \sum_i c_i c_i^T \right) Z_d(x)$$

- Each matrix  $c_i c_i^T \geq 0$ . Hence  $Q = \sum_i c_i c_i^T \geq 0$ .
- We conclude that if  $p \in \Sigma_s$ , there is a  $Q \geq 0$  with  $p(x) = Z_d(x) Q Z_d(x)$ .

## Lemma 6.

*Suppose  $M$  is polynomial of degree  $2d$ .  $M \in \Sigma_s$  if and only if there exists some  $Q \succeq 0$  such that*

$$M(x) = Z_d(x)^T Q Z_d(x).$$

# Sum-of-Squares

Thus we can express the search for a SOS certificate of positivity as an LMI.

Take the numerical example

$$4x^4 + 4x^3y - 7x^2y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4$$

The question of an SOS representation is equivalent to

$$\text{Find } M = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 & M_3 \\ M_2 & M_4 & M_5 \\ M_3 & M_5 & M_6 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad \text{such that}$$

$$M_1 = 4; \quad 2M_2 = 4; \quad 2M_3 + M_4 = -7; \quad 2M_5 = -2; \quad M_6 = 10.$$

In fact, this is feasible for

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -6 \\ 2 & 5 & -1 \\ -6 & -1 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Sum-of-Squares

We can use this solution to construct an SOS certificate of positivity.

$$\begin{aligned}4x^4 + 4x^3y - 7x^2y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4 &= \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -6 \\ 2 & 5 & -1 \\ -6 & -1 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2xy + y^2 \\ 2x^2 + xy + 3y^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2xy + y^2 \\ 2x^2 + xy + 3y^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (2xy + y^2)^2 + (2x^2 + xy + 3y^2)^2\end{aligned}$$

# Solving Sum-of-Squares using SDP

## Quadratic vs. Linear Representation

**Quadratic Representation:** (Using Matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ ):

$$p(x) = Z_d(x)^T M Z_d(x)$$

**Linear Representation:** (Using Vector  $c \in \mathbb{R}^q$ )

$$q(x) = c^T Z_{2d}(x)$$

**To constrain**  $p(x) = q(x)$ , we write  $[Z_d]_i = x^{\alpha_i}$ ,  $[Z_{2d}]_j = x^{\beta_j}$  and reformulate

$$p(x) = Z_d(x)^T M Z_d(x) = \sum_{i,j} M_{i,j} x^{\alpha_i + \alpha_j} = \text{vec}(M)^T A Z_{2d}(x)$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p^2 \times q}$  is defined as

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha_{\text{mod}(i,p)} + \alpha_{\lfloor i \rfloor_p + 1} = \beta_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This then implies that

$$Z_d(x)^T M Z_d(x) = \text{vec}(M)^T A Z_{2d}(x)$$

Hence if we constrain  $c = \text{vec}(M)^T A$ , this is equivalent to  $p(x) = q(x)$

# Solving Sum-of-Squares using SDP

## Quadratic vs. Linear Representation

Summarizing, e.g., for Lyapunov stability, we have variables  $M > 0, Q > 0$  with the constraint

$$-\text{vec}(M)^T A = \text{vec}(Q)^T AB$$

Feasibility implies stability since

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= Z(x)^T Q Z(x) \geq 0 \\ \dot{V}(x) &= \text{vec}(Q)^T A \nabla Z_{2d}(x) \\ &= \text{vec}(Q)^T AB Z_{2d}(x) \\ &= -\text{vec}(M)^T AZ_{2d}(x) \\ &= -Z(x)^T M Z(x) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Sum-of-Squares

## YALMIP SOS Programming

YALMIP has SOS functionality

**Link:** [YALMIP SOS Manual](#)

To test whether

$$4x^4 + 4x^3y - 7x^2y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4$$

is a positive polynomial, we use:

```
> sdpvar x y
> p = 4 * x^4 + 4 * x^3 * y - 7 * x^2 * y^2 - 2 * x * y^3 + 10 * y^4;
> F=[];
> F=[F;sos(p)];
> solvesos(F);
```

To retrieve the SOS decomposition, we use

```
> sdisplay(p)
> ans =
>      '1.7960 * x^2 - 3.0699 * y^2 + 0.6468 * x * y'
>      ' - 0.6961 * x^2 - 0.7208 * y^2 - 1.4882 * x * y'
>      '0.5383 * x^2 + 0.2377 * y^2 - 0.3669 * x * y'
```

# Sum-of-Squares

SOS using SOSTOOLS

In this class, we will use instead SOSTOOLS

**Link:** [SOSTOOLS Website](#)

To test whether

$$4x^4 + 4x^3y - 7x^2y^2 - 2xy^3 + 10y^4$$

is a positive polynomial, we use:

```
> pvar x y
> p = 4 * x^4 + 4 * x^3 * y - 7 * x^2 * y^2 - 2 * x * y^3 + 10 * y^4;
> prog=sosprogram([x y]);
> prog=sosineq(prog,p);
> prog=sossolve(prog);
```

# SOS Programming:

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**SOSTOOLS Code:** Matrix Positivity

```
> pvar x y
> M = [(y^2 + 1) * z^2 y * z; y * z y^4 + y^2 - 2 * y + 1];
> prog=sosprogram([y z]);
> prog=sosmatrixineq(prog,M);
> prog=sossolve(prog);
```

# An Example of Global Stability Analysis

A controlled model of a jet engine (Derived from Moore-Greitzer).

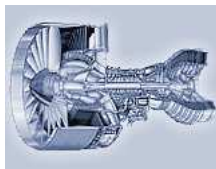
$$\dot{x} = -y - \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3$$

$$\dot{y} = 3x - y$$

**SOSTOOLS Code:** Global Stability

```
> pvar x y
> f = [-y - 1.5 * x^2 - .5 * x^3; 3 * x - y];
> prog=sosprogram([x y]);
> Z=monomials([x,y],0:2);
> [prog,V]=sossosvar(prog,Z);
> V = V + .0001 * (x^4 + y^4);
> prog=soseq(prog,subs(V,[x; y],[0; 0]));
> nablaV=[diff(V,x);diff(V,y)];
> prog=sosineq(prog,-nablaV'*f);
> prog=sossolve(prog);
> Vn=sosgetsol(prog,V)
```

Finds a Lyapunov Function of degree 4.





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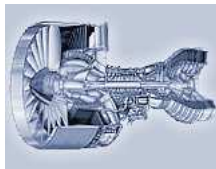
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**YALMIP Code:** Global Stability

```
> sdpvar x y
> f = [-y - 1.5 * x^2 - .5 * x^3; 3 * x - y];
> [V,Vc]=polynomial([x y],4);
> F=[Vc(1)==0];
> F = [F; sos(V - .00001 * (x^2 + y^2))];
> nablaV=jacobian(V,[x y]);
> F=[F;sos(-nablaV*f)];
> solvesos(F, [], [], [Vc])
```

Finds a Lyapunov Function of degree 4.

- Going forward, we will use mostly SOSTOOLS



# SOSOPT and DelayTOOLS

There is a third relatively new Parser called SOSOPT

**Link:** [SOSOPT Website](#)

And I can plug my own mini-toolbox version of SOSTOOLS:

**Link:** [DelayTOOLS Website](#)

- However, I don't expect you to need this toolbox for this class.

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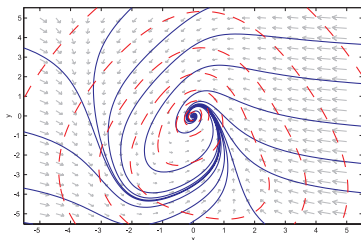
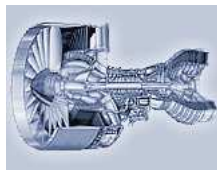
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This is feasible with

$$V(x, y) = 4.5819x^2 - 1.5786xy + 1.7834y^2 - 0.12739x^3 + 2.5189x^2y - 0.34069xy^2 + 0.61188y^3 + 0.47537x^4 - 0.052424x^3y + 0.44289x^2y^2 + 0.090723y^4$$



# Summary of the SOS Conditions

## Proposition 1.

**Suppose:**  $p(x) = Z_d(x)^T Q Z_d(x)$  for some  $Q > 0$ . Then  $p(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

**Refinement 1:** Suppose  $Z_d(x)^T P Z_d(x) p(x) = Z_d(x)^T Q Z_d(x)$  for some  $Q, P > 0$ . Then  $p(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Refinement 2:** Suppose  $(\sum_i x_i^2)^q p(x) = Z_d(x)^T Q Z_d(x)$  for some  $P > 0$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $p(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Ignore these Refinements

- SOS by itself is sufficient. The refinements are Necessary and Sufficient.
- Almost never necessary in practice...

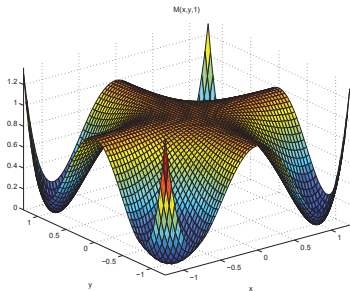
# Problems with SOS

Unfortunately, a Sum-of-Squares representation is not necessary for positivity.

- Artin included ratios of squares.

**Counterexample:** The Motzkin Polynomial

$$M(x, y) = x^2y^4 + x^4y^2 + 1 - 3x^2y^2$$



However,  $(x^2 + y^2 + 1)M(x, y)$  is a Sum-of-Squares.

$$\begin{aligned}(x^2 + y^2 + 1)M(x, y) &= (x^2y - y)^2 + (xy^3 - x)^2 + (x^2y^2 - 1)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}(xy^3 - x^3y)^2 + \frac{3}{4}(xy^3 + x^3y - 2xy)^2\end{aligned}$$