

Linear matrix inequalities and semidefinite programming and their applications in control

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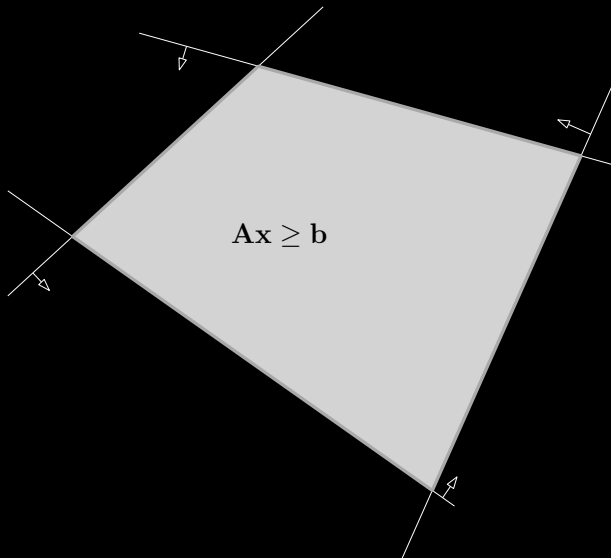
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Linear inequality in vector form

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} \geq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}}$$

$\mathbf{Ax} \geq \mathbf{b}$

Solution set is convex—polyhedron/polytope



Linear programming (LP) problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{Ax} \geq \mathbf{b}\end{array}$$

Primal form

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Dual form

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{c}\end{array}$$

What is a linear matrix inequality (LMI)?

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{F}_0 + \mathbf{F}_1 x_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 x_2 + \dots + \mathbf{F}_m x_m}_{\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})} \succ 0,$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}_i = \mathbf{F}_i^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$$

and

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \succeq 0 \quad (\text{also } \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) > 0)$$

reads that $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ is **positive definite**.

Can also have the *nonstrict* inequality $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \succeq 0$ (or \geq) for **positive semidefinite**.

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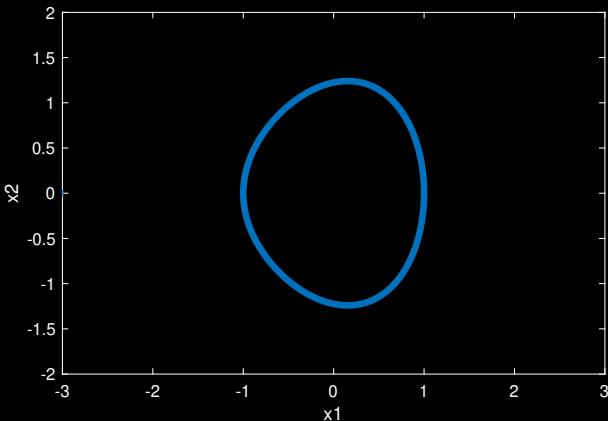
Example of an LMI – solution set is convex

Leading principal minors

$$d_1 = x_1 + 1.0 > 0$$

$$d_2 = 2x_1 + 2 > 0$$

$$d_3 = -x_1^3 - 3x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + x_1 + 3 > 0$$



Linear optimization with LMI constraints

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{minimize}} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{F}_0 + \mathbf{F}_1 x_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 x_2 + \dots + \mathbf{F}_m x_m \succ 0\end{array}$$

In control we prefer the matrix form

$$\mathbf{F}_0 + \mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{H}_1 + \mathbf{G}_2 \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{H}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{H}_k \succcurlyeq 0$$
$$\mathbf{X}_i \succcurlyeq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

LMIs can be concatenated

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_0 + \mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{H}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{H}_k &\succ 0 \\ \mathbf{J}_0 + \mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{L}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{L}_k &\succ 0\end{aligned}$$

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Primal form

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & \langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{X} \rangle \\ \text{subject to} & \langle \mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{X} \rangle = b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & \mathbf{X} \succeq 0,\end{array}$$

where $\langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{X} \rangle = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X})$.

Solvers

- Sedumi <http://sedumi.ie.lehigh.edu/>
- SDPT3
<https://blog.nus.edu.sg/mattohkc/software/sdpt3/>
- SDPA <http://sdpa.sourceforge.net/>
- CSDP <https://github.com/coin-or/Csdp>
- ...

Interfaces

- Yalmip (Matlab) <https://yalmip.github.io/>
- CVX (Matlab) <http://cvxr.com/cvx/>
- CVXPY (Python) <https://www.cvxpy.org/>
- Convex.jl (Julia)
<https://github.com/JuliaOpt/Convex.jl>
- JuMP.jl (Julia) <https://github.com/JuliaOpt/JuMP.jl>
- ...

Types of LMI/SDP problems

- LMI feasibility problem
- linear optimization problem
- generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k) &\succcurlyeq 0 \\ \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k &\succcurlyeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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A = [-1 2;-3 -4];  
  
cvx_begin sdp  
    variable X(n,n) symmetric  
    A'*X + X*A <= -eye(n)  
    X >= eye(n)  
cvx_end
```

```
>> X  
X =  
    3.7179    0.3650  
    0.3650    1.6490  
  
>> eig(X)  
ans =  
    1.5865  
    3.7804
```

Quadratic stability of a polytopic system

Linear time-varying system

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

where

$$\mathbf{A}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j(t) \mathbf{A}_j$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j(t) = 1, \quad \alpha_j(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Quadratic stability of a polytopic system

Finding Lyapunov function for all possible (infinite number, even uncountable number of) matrices $\mathbf{A}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j(t) \mathbf{A}_j$?

Checking stability of the **vertices** enough.

But single Lyapunov function (matrix) searched for

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} & & & & \\ & -\mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_1 & & & \\ & & -\mathbf{A}_2^T \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_2 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & -\mathbf{A}_k^T \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_k \end{bmatrix} \succ 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k}{\text{minimize}} & f(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k) \succ 0 \\ & \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k \succ 0\end{array}$$

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For

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^T & \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

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 & \text{subject to} && (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} - d \leq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}} && \gamma \\
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 & && \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} \\ (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})^T & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} + d \end{bmatrix} \succ 0
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