A CHARACTERIZATION OF ALL PASSIVIZING INPUT-OUTPUT TRANSFORMATIONS OF A PASSIVE-SHORT SYSTEM

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Resillience and robustness of network systems required for safe operations



Components of a networked system

- agents dynamical systems that should interact with eachother to achieve some goal
- network communication and sensing infrastructure for sharing of information
- controllers computational nodes that process information from the network to make decisions for each agent



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Network is encoded by a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

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A Stability Result

The stability of the dynamic network (Σ, Π, M) can be guaranteed for outputstrictly passive agent dynamics Σ_i and passive controller dynamics Π_e .

[Corollary of B&Z 2014]

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- ρ_i is passivity index of each agent
 - $\rho_i = 0$: passive
 - $\circ \ \rho_i > 0$: strictly output-passive
 - $\rho_i < 0$: output passive short

$$\blacktriangleright R = \operatorname{diag}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n)$$

Lemma

[Belabbas, Chen, Z 2023]

Assume that $\rho_i < 0$ for at least one agent. If $R + M \operatorname{diag}(\beta) M^T$ is positive definite, then $\tilde{\Sigma} : \tilde{u}(t) \mapsto \tilde{y}(t)$, is output-strict passive with respect to any steady-state input-output pair. Furthermore, there exists scalars β_i , $i = 1, \ldots, m$ such that $R + M \operatorname{diag}(\beta) M^T > 0$ if and only if $x^T Rx > 0$ for any $x \in \operatorname{ker}(M^T)$.



- if M^TM is full-rank, we can always passivy the systems with a constant network gain β
- stability of network is guaranteed for any passive controllers and correct gain β
- ► gain depends on spectral properties of *M*

PASSIVATION BY THE NETWORK



- in fact, a single agent can be used to passivy the entire network!
- design goal is to ensure agent has sufficient excess of passivity to compensate for any shortage of passivity in the network



- how do we passivy as dynamical system?
 - \rightarrow feedback passivation
 - ightarrow loop-transformations (classic)
- can we passivy a system to achieve arbitrary passivity indices?
- can we characterize all transformations that map a system with given passivty index to a system with prescribed passivity index?

PASSIVITY FOR DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS



Definition

Let Σ be a SISO system with a constant input-output steady-state pair (u, y). The system is said to be input-output (ρ, ν) -passive wrt (u, y) if there exists a C^1 positive semi-definite storage function S(x) and numbers $\rho, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$, such that $\rho\nu < 1/4$ and

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INTERCONNECTION OF PASSIVE SYSTEMS

- Parallel Interconnection
- Negative Feedback Interconnection
- ► Symmetric Interconnection



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Problem Statement

Let Σ be a dynamical system with equal input and output dimensions, which is I/O (ρ, ν) -passive, and let $\rho_{\star}, \nu_{\star}$ be numbers such that $\rho_{\star}\nu_{\star} < 1/4$. Characterize all I/O transformations \hat{T} such that the transformed system $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is I/O $(\rho_{\star}, \nu_{\star})$ -passive.

Consider the following system:

$$\dot{x} = -\sqrt[3]{x} + 0.5x + 0.5u$$
$$y = 0.5x - 0.5u$$

the system is passive-short

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{6}x^{2}$$
$$\dot{S} = yu + \frac{2}{3}y^{2} + \frac{1}{3}u^{2} - \frac{1}{3}(2y+u)\sqrt[3]{2y+u} \le yu + \frac{2}{3}y^{2} + \frac{1}{3}u^{2}$$

system has $\rho=-2/3, \nu=-1/3$

we can consider the following transformation:

$$\begin{cases} u(t) &= \tilde{u}(t) - y(t) \\ \tilde{y}(t) &= u(t) + 2y(t) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ \tilde{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ \tilde{u}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

yields the transformed system

$$\dot{x} = -\sqrt[3]{x} + \tilde{u}$$
$$\tilde{y} = x$$

which is passive with storage function $S(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ satisfying

$$\dot{S}(x) = \tilde{y}\tilde{u} - \tilde{y}\sqrt[3]{\tilde{y}} \le \tilde{y}\tilde{u}$$

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A geometric approach to finding our map T...

Projective Quadratic Inequalities

A projective quadratic inequality (PQI) is an inequality with variables $\xi,\chi\in\mathbb{R}$ of the form

$$0 \le a\xi^2 + b\xi\chi + c\chi^2 = \mathbf{f}_{(a,b,c)}(\xi,\chi),$$

for some numbers a, b, c, not all zero. The inequality is called *non-trivial* if $b^2 - 4ac > 0$. The associated solution set $C_{\xi,\chi}$ of the PQI is the set of all points $(\xi, \chi) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ satisfying the inequality.

PQI:

$$0 \le a\xi^2 + b\xi\chi + c\chi^2 = \mathbf{f}_{(a,b,c)}(\xi,\chi),$$

recall our definition for I/O (ρ , ν)-passivity

$$\dot{S} \le yu - \rho y^2 - \nu u^2$$

PQI captures passivity

$$\dot{S} \le \mathbf{f}_{(-\nu,1,-\rho)}(u,y)$$

Solution set

$$\mathcal{C}_{\rho,\nu} = \{(\xi,\chi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \mathbf{f}_{(-\nu,1,-\rho)}(\xi,\chi) \ge 0\}$$

- we are interested in maps $T : \begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}(t) \\ \tilde{y}(t) \end{bmatrix}$
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An I/O transformation T maps an I/O (ρ, ν) -passive system to an I/O $(\rho_{\star}, \nu_{\star})$ -passive system if and only if it maps the PQI $0 \leq \mathbf{f}_{(-\nu,1,-\rho)}(\xi, \chi)$ to the PQI $0 \leq \mathbf{f}_{(-\nu^{\star},1,-\rho^{\star})}(\xi, \chi)$ (or to a stricter inequality)

EXAMPLE REVISITED

recall our earlier example...

$$\dot{x} = -\sqrt[3]{x} + 0.5x + 0.5u$$
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satisfies

$$\frac{1}{3}\chi^2 + \chi\xi + \frac{2}{3}\xi^2 = \mathbf{f}_{(1/3,1,2/3)}(\xi,\chi) \ge 0$$

we considered the transformation $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\chi} \\ \tilde{\xi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \chi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix}$

transformed system satisfies some PQI

$$a\tilde{\chi}^2 + b\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\xi} + c\tilde{\xi}^2 \ge 0$$

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we should recover original PQI by inverting the map

$$0 \le a\tilde{\chi}^2 + b\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\xi} + c\tilde{\xi}^2$$

= $a(\chi + \xi)^2 + b(\chi + \xi)(\chi + 2\xi) + c(\chi + 2\xi)^2$
= $(a + b + c)\chi^2 + (2a + 3b + 4c)\chi\xi + (a + 2b + 4c)\xi^2$

solving for (a, b, c) using

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

gives a = c = 0, b = 1/3 implying that

$$0 \le \frac{1}{3}\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\xi}$$

i.e., the transformed system is passive

main idea

Let ${\cal A}$ be the solution set of the original PQI. The solution set of the new PQI under the transformation T is

$$T(\mathcal{A}) = \{ T(\chi, \xi) : (\chi, \xi) \in \mathcal{A} \}.$$

We can therefore study the effect of linear transformations on PQIs by studying their actions on the solution sets.

The solution set of any nontrivial PQI is a symmetric double-cone. Moreover, any symmetric double-cone is the solution set of some non-trivial PQI.



Theorem*

[Sharf, Jain, Z 2021]

Let (ξ_1, χ_1) , (ξ_2, χ_2) be non-colinear solutions of $a_1\xi^2 + \xi\chi + c_1\chi^2 = 0$, and $(\tilde{\xi}_1, \tilde{\chi}_1)$, $(\tilde{\xi}_2, \tilde{\chi}_2)$ be non-colinear solutions of $a_2\xi^2 + \xi\chi + c_2\chi^2 = 0$. Define $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\epsilon}_1 & \tilde{\epsilon}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 & \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\epsilon}_2 & -\tilde{\epsilon}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 & \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & \xi_2 \\ \tilde{\chi}_1 & \tilde{\chi}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & \xi_2 \\ \chi_1 & \chi_2 \end{bmatrix}, T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & -\xi_2 \\ \tilde{\chi}_1 & -\tilde{\chi}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & \xi_2 \\ \chi_1 & \chi_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then one of T_1, T_2 transforms the PQI $a_1\xi^2 + \xi\chi + c_1\chi^2 \ge 0$ to the PQI $\tau a_2\xi^2 + \tau\xi\chi + \tau c_2\chi^2 \ge 0$ for some $\tau > 0$.

EXAMPLE CONTINUED

...back to our original system with PQI

$$\frac{1}{3}\chi^2 + \chi\xi + \frac{2}{3}\xi^2 = \mathbf{f}_{(1/3,1,2/3)}(\xi,\chi) \ge 0$$

can be rewritten as

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$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e., the transformation we found earlier!

summary

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main idea

show that all maps from an arbitrary double cone into another arbitrary double cone can be built using maps from $C_{0,0}$ into iteslf

MAPPING $C_{0,0}$ INTO ITSELF

Proposition

Let $\rho, \nu, \rho_{\star}, \nu_{\star}$ be any four numbers such that $\rho\nu, \rho_{\star}\nu_{\star} < 1/4$, and let $T: C_{\rho,\nu} \hookrightarrow C_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}}$. Let $S_{\rho,\nu}: C_{0,0} \hookrightarrow C_{\rho,\nu}$ and $S_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}}: C_{0,0} \hookrightarrow C_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}}$ built using Theorem \star . Then there exists a matrix $Q: C_{0,0} \hookrightarrow C_{0,0}$, such that $T = S_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}}QS_{\rho,\nu}^{-1}$ holds.

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gives a prescription for finding all matrices mapping $C_{\rho,\nu}$ into $C_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}}$.

- $\blacktriangleright S_{\mu,\tau}$
- matrices mapping $C_{0,0}$ into itself

Proposition

A matrix $T \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ sends $C_{0,0}$ into itself if and only if all of the entries of T have the same sign, i.e., $T_{ij}T_{kl} \geq 0$ for every $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$.



Proposition †

Let μ, τ be any two numbers such that $\mu \tau < 1/4$. Recall that $S_{\mu,\tau}$ is a map $C_{0,0} \hookrightarrow C_{\mu,\tau}$, as constructed in Theorem \star . Define $R = \sqrt{1 - 4\tau\mu}$.

i) If $\tau < 0$, we can choose $S_{\mu,\tau} = \frac{1}{2\tau} \begin{bmatrix} -1-R & 1-R \\ -2\tau & 2\tau \end{bmatrix}$. ii) If $\tau > 0$, we can choose $S_{\mu,\tau} = \frac{1}{2\tau} \begin{bmatrix} 1+R & 1-R \\ 2\tau & 2\tau \end{bmatrix}$. iii) If $\tau = 0$, we can choose $S_{\mu,\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mu \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

direct construction

Theorem

Let Σ be a SISO I/O (ρ, ν) -passive system, and let $T \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ be an invertible matrix I/O transformation. The transformed system $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is I/O $(\rho_{\star}, \nu_{\star})$ -passive if and only if there exists a matrix $M \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ such that

i) $M_{ij} \ge 0$ for all $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$;

ii) some $\theta \in \{\pm 1\}$ such that $T = \theta S_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}} M S_{\rho,\nu}^{-1}$, where $S_{\rho,\nu}, S_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}}$ are given in Proposition †.

In other words, the transformed system $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is I/O ($\rho_{\star}, \nu_{\star}$)-passive if and only if all of the entries of the matrix $S_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}}^{-1}TS_{\rho,\nu}$ have the same sign.

MAIN RESULT



Motivation: feedback systems with different faulty modes

 $\{\Sigma_i\}_{i\in\mathcal{I}}$

- each Σ_i represents a system in different operating mode
- assume each Σ_i is I/O (ρ_i, ν_i) -passive while the desired passivity index is (ρ_i^*, ν_i^*)
- Transformed systems $\{\tilde{\Sigma}_i\}_{i\in\mathcal{I}}$ are I/O (ρ_i^*, ν_i^*) -passive for all i, if and only if there exists matrices M_i with all non-negative entries, and numbers $\theta_i \in \{\pm 1\}$ such that

$$T = \theta_i S_{\rho_i^\star, \nu_i^\star} M_i S_{\rho_i, \nu_i}^{-1}$$



- $G_1(s) = \frac{s-1}{s+1}$, $G_2(s) = \frac{-s^3+6s+5}{s^3+4s^2+5s+2}$
- ► Parallel interconnection: $G(s) = \frac{2s+3}{s^2+3s+2} = \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{1}{s+1}$ system is (2/3, 0) passive
- ► assume G₂(s) is faulty and switches to G₁(s) in fault mode
- ▶ with fault, $\bar{G}(s) = 2G_1(s)$ and it is (0, -1.25)-passive

Find map T that maps fault G(s) to a (2,0) -passive system and $\bar{G}(s)$ to a (0,0) -passive system

• Let
$$T_1 = S_{2,0}^{-1}TS_{\frac{2}{3},0}$$
 and $T_2 = S_{0,0}^{-1}TS_{0,-1.25}$

• We want entries of T_1 and T_2 to have same sign. Let

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

leads to

$$T_1 = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $T_2 = \frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

• Can be verified that T_1 sends $G(s) \mapsto \tilde{G}(s) = \frac{0.4s^2 + 1.6s + 1.4}{s^2 + 3.8s + 3.2}$ with passivity index (2.2857,0) and T_2 send $\bar{G}(s) \mapsto \tilde{(\mathfrak{G})} = \frac{0.6s + .2}{1.4s + .6}$ to (2.333,0)-passive system

results can be generalized to MIMO systems

Theorem

Let Σ be an I/O (ρ, ν) -passive system with input and output dimension equal to d, and let $T \in GL_{2d}(\mathbb{R})$ be an invertible matrix inducing an I/O transformation. The transformed system $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is I/O (ρ_*, ν_*) -passive if and only if there exists a matrix $M \in GL_{2d}(\mathbb{R})$ and some positive $\lambda > 0$ such that:

$$T = (S_{\rho_{\star},\nu_{\star}} \otimes \mathrm{Id}_d) M(S_{\rho,\nu}^{-1} \otimes \mathrm{Id}_d), \ M^{\top} JM - \lambda J \ge 0,$$

where $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 \operatorname{Id}_d \\ 0.5 \operatorname{Id}_d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, i.e., $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is I/O (ρ_\star, ν_\star) -passive if and only if there exists $\lambda > 0$ such that $X = (S_{\rho_\star, \nu_\star}^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_d)T(S_{\rho, \nu} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_d)$ satisfies $X^\top JX - \lambda J \ge 0$.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{T} & \Phi(T) \\ \text{s.t.} & T \text{ maps I/O } (\rho, \nu) \text{ systems to I/O } (\rho_{\star}, \nu_{\star}) \text{-systems.} \end{array}$$

$$\min_{\substack{T,\lambda,M}} \Phi(T)$$

s.t. $M = (S_{\rho^{\star},\nu^{\star}} \otimes \mathrm{Id}_d)^{-1} T(S_{\rho,\nu} \otimes \mathrm{Id}_d)$
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- applications to plug-and-play networks

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