

Exploring robust structured static output feedback design

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Many design problems in control can be recast as the search for static structured (diagonal) output-feedback gains stabilizing an augmented and rearranged dynamical plant model. Moreover, in first approximation that plant may be considered as linear, or at least, one will usually request the linearized plant to be stable before considering the more complicated non-linear version. Because of the approximations leading to the linearized version, the plant parameters are usually uncertain and time-varying. In the presentation we discuss the possibility to design such static diagonal output-feedback gains for uncertain linear systems using a recently proposed matrix inequality based formulation. As expected for this hard problem, the methodology does not provide a guaranteed to succeed result, but provides some interesting promising paths for an efficient algorithm. If we have time we also mention an adaptive control strategy for updating (learning) the structured static gains.



Structured Robust Static Output Feedback

Stabilize $\begin{array}{ll} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx \end{array}$ with a static output feedback u = Ky

Find a gain $K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$ such that $\dot{x} = (A + BKC)x$ is stable

ightarrow Without having an initial guess

 \neq Knowing $A + BK_oC$ stable, find a better gain (with some criterion)

- Without having indications of a range of admissible values no possibility to test on a grid
- \clubsuit Robust w.r.t. uncertainties in $A_{\delta},~B_{\delta}$ and C_{δ}

eg. matrices in a polytope

→ Structured : eg. K diagonal (decentralized control)

"From Static Output Feedback to Structured Robust Static Output Feedback: A Survey", M.S. Sadabadi, D. Peaucelle Annual Reviews in Control Volume 42, 2016



Assume a linear plant $\dot{x} = A(K_1, \dots, K_{\bar{k}})x$ rational in the design parameters $K_{k=1\dots\bar{k}}$

- ➡ Linear plant : before considering nonlinear dynamics, or local properties of a NL control
- \rightarrow K_k : gains of a dynamic control, filter param., decentralized control ... or plant parameters
- ➡ Rational in the parameters : or in 'gains' with one-to-one NL maps to true design parameters

It can always be reformulated (Linear Fractional Transformation) as a feedback control loop

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \end{cases} \qquad u = Ky = \begin{bmatrix} I_{r_1} \otimes K_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & I_{r_{\bar{k}}} \otimes K_{\bar{k}} \end{bmatrix} y$$

where K is structured (block-diagonal), parameters may be repeated: $I_{r_k} \otimes K_k$.

- \Rightarrow with y := y Du one may consider D = 0
- All these design problems look 'simple': find a (structured) K s.t. A + BKC is Hurwitz

Optimization based approaches

Find a (structured) K s.t. A + BKC is Hurwitz \leftarrow minimization of a non-linear, non-smooth function

- ightarrow [Apkarian, Noll 2003] optimize an H_∞ gain (and more) hinfstruct Clark's sub-gradient
- ⇒ [Overton et al. 2006] optimize an H_∞ , H_2 gains, spectral abscissa Hifoo gradient sampling
- ➡ [Peretz 2013] optimize the spectral abscissa randomized approximation
- ▲ ▲ Very efficient in practice

- Randomized flavour (random initial conditions, randomization in the algorithm)
- Vo extensions to robust design

Lyapunov based approches with matrix inequalities may handle robustness

$$P \succ 0$$
, $(A + BKC)^* P + P(A + BKC) = \{P(A + BKC)\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0$
 $Q \succ 0$, $\{(A + BKC)Q\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0$

Bilinear matrix inequalities (not convex)



Find a (structured) K s.t. A + BKC is Hurwitz is sometimes convex (up to a transformation)

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$$\Rightarrow$$
 $B = C = I$ State-Injection : $\{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec Z$ gives K s.t. $\{PK\}^{\mathcal{H}} = Z$

- OI \Rightarrow B = I Output-Injection : $\{PA + LC\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0$ gives $K = P^{-1}L$
- SF \Rightarrow C = I State-Feedback : $\{AQ + BF\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0$ gives $K = FQ^{-1}$
- → Almost commutative on the input : $\{PA + BLC\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0, PB = B\hat{P}$ gives $K = \hat{P}^{-1}L$
- → Almost commutative on the output : $\{AQ + BFC\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0, \ CQ = \hat{Q}C$ gives $K = F\hat{Q}^{-1}$
- Applies only to special cases
- A Robustness can be considered

(eg. test on all vertices with common decision variables proves stability of the polytope)

Structured K cannot be considered

unless one considers structured P and Q (very conservative)



Simple *P*-*K*-iterative algorithm

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Initialization} & \mbox{Choose a positive definite } P \\ \mbox{K-iteration} & \mbox{For fixed } P \mbox{ find } K = \mbox{arg min } \alpha \mbox{ under } \{P(A + BKC)\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec \alpha I \\ \mbox{For fixed } K \mbox{ find } P = \mbox{arg min } \alpha \mbox{ under } \{P(A + BKC)\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec \alpha I \\ \mbox{Stop} & \mbox{Repeat until } \alpha < 0 \mbox{ (success) or varies too slowly (failure)} \end{array}$

- Easy to implement
- \blacktriangle Strictly decreasing sequence of lpha
- Very sensitive to initialization
- V Little progress after very few steps
- ▼ Not effective in practice

$$\exists S : M \prec \{X_1^* S X_2\}^{\mathcal{H}} \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} N_{X_1}^* M N_{X_1} \prec 0 \\ N_{X_2}^* M N_{X_2} \prec 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Finsler (elimination) lemma

:
$$XN_X = 0$$
, $Rank(N_X) = dim(Ker(X))$

Applied to the SOF problem [Scherer, Iwasaki...] it gives

$$\exists K : \begin{cases} \{P(A+BKC)\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0\\ \{(A+BKC)Q\}^{\mathcal{H}} \prec 0\\ PQ = I \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} N_{C}^{*}\{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}}N_{C} \prec 0\\ N_{B^{*}}^{*}\{AQ\}^{\mathcal{H}}N_{B^{*}} \prec 0\\ PQ = I \end{cases}$$

▲ May be converted to pure LMIs (of small dimensions) ... ▼ with a rank constraint

- Many dedicated iterative algorithms
- Sensitive to initial guesses, not very effective in practice
- 🔻 Cannot take into account structured *K*

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$$\exists S : M \prec \{X_1^* S X_2\}^{\mathcal{H}} \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad \begin{cases} N_{X_1}^* M N_{X_1} \prec 0 \\ N_{X_2}^* M N_{X_2} \prec 0 \end{cases} : \quad X N_X = 0 \quad \operatorname{Rank}(N_X) = \operatorname{dim}(\operatorname{Ker}(X)) \end{cases}$$

Assume *P* proves stability for both an output-feedback gain K_{of} and a state-feedback gain K_{sf} (always true with $K_{sf} = K_{of}C$)

$$\{P(A + BK_{of}C)\}^{\mathcal{H}} = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ K_{of}C \end{bmatrix}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}} & PB \\ B^{*}P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ K_{of}C \end{bmatrix} \prec 0$$
$$\{P(A + BK_{sf})\}^{\mathcal{H}} = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ K_{sf} \end{bmatrix}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}} & PB \\ B^{*}P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ K_{sf} \end{bmatrix} \prec 0$$

Equivalent to the existence of S such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}} & PB \\ B^*P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \prec \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} K_{sf}^* \\ -I \end{bmatrix} S \begin{bmatrix} K_{of} C & -I \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$

S-variable approach

$$\exists P \succ 0, S, K_{sf}, K_{of} : \begin{bmatrix} \{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}} & PB \\ B^*P & 0 \end{bmatrix} \prec \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} K_{sf}^* \\ -I \end{bmatrix} S \begin{bmatrix} K_{of}C & -I \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$

Still not LMI, matrix inequalities of larger size, more decision variables
 More degrees of freedom, *P* and *K*_{of} separated one for the other
 Simple to code *K*_{sf}-*K*_{of}-iterative algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{K}_{sf}\text{-iteration} \quad \mathcal{K}_{of} = S^{-1}L_{of} \quad \arg\min\alpha \quad : \quad \left[\begin{array}{cc} \{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}} - \alpha I & PB \\ B^*P & 0 \end{array} \right] \prec \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{cc} \mathcal{K}_{sf}^* \\ -I \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} L_{of}C & -S \end{array} \right] \right\}^{\mathcal{H}} \\ & \mathcal{K}_{of}\text{-iteration} \quad \mathcal{K}_{sf} = S^{-1}L_{sf} \quad \arg\min\alpha \quad : \quad \left[\begin{array}{cc} \{PA\}^{\mathcal{H}} - \alpha I & PB \\ B^*P & 0 \end{array} \right] \prec \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{cc} L_{sf}^* \\ -S \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} \mathcal{K}_{of}C & -I \end{array} \right] \right\}^{\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned}$$

\land Smart initial guess of K_{sf} (finding K_{sf} is a convex problem)

- \blacktriangle Strictly decreasing sequence of α
- ▲ Much more efficient than the *P*-*K*-iterative algorithm (*P* is free at each step) Implicitly the algorithm searches for $K_{sf} \rightarrow K_{of}C$.



Variant of the same result based on output-injection gain K_{oi}

$$\exists Q \succ 0, S, K_{oi}, K_{of} : \begin{bmatrix} \{AQ\}^{\mathcal{H}} & QC^* \\ CQ & 0 \end{bmatrix} \prec \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} BK_{of} \\ -I \end{bmatrix} S \begin{bmatrix} K_{oi}^* & -I \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$

- \blacktriangle Simple to code K_{oi} - K_{of} -iterative algorithm
- **A** Smart initial guess of K_{oi} (finding K_{oi} is a convex problem)
- \blacktriangle Strictly decreasing sequence of lpha
- ▲ Much more efficient than the *P*-*K*-iterative algorithm (*P* is free at each step) Implicitly the algorithm searches for $K_{oi} \rightarrow BK_{of}$.

A Robustness can be dealt with easily (eg. solve the constraints for all vertices of a polytope)
 yet conservative (common Lyapunov certificate P or Q for all uncertainties)
 A Structured SOF : achievable with constraints on S, not on P of Q
 yet conservative



Variant [Peres et al. 2020] assuming two Lyapunov certificates P_1 and P_2 for A + BKC

$$\exists P_1 \succ 0, P_2 \succ 0, S = S^*, K \quad : \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (A + BKC)^* \\ A + BKC & 0 \end{bmatrix} \prec \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ -I \end{bmatrix} S \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & -I \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$

- ▲ Matrix inequalities of larger size
- **\land** Simple to code P_1 - P_2 -iterative algorithm
- Vo smart initial guess of P
- A Robustness can be dealt with easily (eg. solve the constraints for all vertices of a polytope)
- ▲ No difficulty to include structure constraints on K
- **\nabla** Seems less efficient than the K_{sf} - K_{of} -iterative algorithm



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$$P \succ 0 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & P \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ P & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \prec \left\{ S_{1} \begin{bmatrix} -I & (BF + M) & A \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -I \\ H^{*} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -S_{2} & LC \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$
$$Q \succ 0 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & Q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Q & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \prec \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -I \\ LC + M \\ A \end{bmatrix} S_{1d} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -S_{2d} \\ BF \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I & H^{*} \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$

New conditions with interesting properties for initialization, robustness, and structure.



$$P \succ 0 \qquad \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & P \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ P & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \prec \left\{ S_1 \left[-I \quad (BF + M) \quad A \right] + \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \\ -I \\ H^* \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & -S_2 & LC \end{array} \right] \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$
(1)

→ If F = 0 then $K_{si} = MH$ is a stabilizing state-injection gain $(A + K_{si} \text{ is stable})$

Let
$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ Hx \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$
 then: $\begin{bmatrix} -I & M & A \end{bmatrix} \eta = -\dot{x} + (A + K_{si})x = 0$
 $\eta^*(1)\eta \Rightarrow \dot{x}^* Px + x^* P\dot{x} < 0$



$$P \succ 0 \qquad \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & P \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ P & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \prec \left\{ S_1 \left[-I \quad (BF + M) \quad A \right] + \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \\ -I \\ H^* \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & -S_2 & LC \end{array} \right] \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$
(1)

→ If F = 0 then $K_{oi} = MS_2^{-1}L$ is a stabilizing output-injection gain $(A + K_{oi}C$ is stable)

Let
$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ S_2^{-1}LCx \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$
 then: $\begin{bmatrix} -I & M & A \end{bmatrix} \eta = -\dot{x} + (A + K_{oi}C)x = 0$
 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -S_2 & LC \end{bmatrix} \eta = 0$
 $\eta^*(1)\eta \Rightarrow \dot{x}^*Px + x^*P\dot{x} < 0$



$$P \succ 0 \qquad \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & P \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ P & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \prec \left\{ S_1 \left[-I \quad (BF + M) \quad A \right] + \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \\ -I \\ H^* \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & -S_2 & LC \end{array} \right] \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$
(1)

→ If
$$M = 0$$
 then $K_{sf} = FH$ is a stabilizing state-feedback gain $(A + BK_{sf} \text{ is stable})$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -I & BF & A \end{bmatrix} \eta = -\dot{x} + (A + BK_{sf})x = 0$$
Let $\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ Hx \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ then: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I & H \end{bmatrix} \eta = 0$
 $\eta^*(1)\eta \Rightarrow \dot{x}^*Px + x^*P\dot{x} < 0$



$$P \succ 0 \qquad \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & P \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ P & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \prec \left\{ S_1 \left[-I \quad (BF + M) \quad A \right] + \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \\ -I \\ H^* \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & -S_2 \quad LC \end{array} \right] \right\}^{\mathcal{H}}$$
(1)

→ If M = 0 then $K_{of} = FS_2^{-1}L$ is a stabilizing output-feedback gain $(A + BK_{of}C$ is stable)

Let
$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ S_2^{-1}Lx \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$
 then: $\begin{bmatrix} -I & BF & A \end{bmatrix} \eta = -\dot{x} + (A + BK_{of}C)x = 0$
 $\eta^*(1)\eta \Rightarrow \dot{x}^*Px + x^*P\dot{x} < 0$



→ If F = 0 then $K_{si\delta} = M_{\delta}H$ is a stabilizing state-injection gain $(A_{\delta} + K_{si\delta}$ is stable)

2S-variable approach - robustness

- → If F = 0 then $K_{oi\delta} = M_{\delta}S_2^{-1}L$ is a stabilizing output-injection gain $(A_{\delta} + K_{oi\delta}C_{\delta}$ is stable)
- → If M = 0 then $K_{sf} = FH$ is a stabilizing state-feedback gain $(A_{\delta} + B_{\delta}K_{sf}$ is stable)
- → If M = 0 then $K_{of} = FS_2^{-1}L$ is a stabilizing output-feedback gain $(A_{\delta} + B_{\delta}K_{of}C_{\delta}$ is stable)
- In case of polytopic uncertainties: sufficient to test on vertices
- A Robust stability proved with parameter-dependent Lyapunov certificate $x^T P_{\delta} x$
- Result is also new for robust state-feedback design

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2S-variable approach - Proposed iterative algorithm

Bilinear matrix inequalities in the decision variables

- ▲ Initialization: rather easy to find $K_{si\delta} = M_{\delta}H$ s.t. $A_{\delta} + K_{si\delta}$ stable (eg. $M_{\delta} = -A_{\delta} \lambda I$, H = I)
- → Iteratively freeze (F, M_{δ}, H) then $(S_1, S_2^{-1}L)$
- → During the algorithm $M_{\delta} \rightarrow 0$, $K_{si\delta} \rightarrow B_{\delta}K_{sf}$ and $K_{oi\delta} \rightarrow B_{\delta}K_{of}$
- **Lyapunov** certificate P_{δ} and matrices defining $K_{of} = FS_2^{-1}L$ optimized at all steps
- A Rather efficient even on non "hard" CompLib problems
- Includes a line search

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Von trivial tuning parameters (related to stopping criteria)



2S-variable approach - Structured OF case

V The structured case: initialization requires rank constrained state-injection gain

→ Diagonal $K_{of} = FS_2^{-1}L \in \mathbb{D}^{m \times m}$ requires diagonal $F \in \mathbb{D}^{m \times m}$, $S_2 \in \mathbb{D}^{m \times m}$, $L \in \mathbb{D}^{m \times m}$

→ Consequence: $M_{\delta} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ and $H \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, i.e. $K_{si\delta} = M_{\delta}H$ is rank m

🔺 Rather efficient heuristic:

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2 If Z is rank m (or less) solve the Lyap. equality $\{PG\}^{S} = Z$ and let $G = G_{1}H$ with $H \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ **3** For given $H \min \|PB_{\delta} - \hat{M}_{\delta}\| : \{PA_{\delta} + \hat{M}_{\delta}H\}^{S} \prec 0, P \succ 0$

4 Choose $M_{\delta} = P^{-1} \hat{M}_{\delta}$.



▲ Stabilizing state-injection property : Good for initialization

All matrices *P*, *A*, *B* and *C* decoupled:

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OK for robustness with parameter-dependent Lyapunov certificates

Results are new (and efficient) even for robust K_{sf} and K_{oi} design

2S-variable approach - Summary

- No need to structure the Lyapunov certificate for structured SOF
- Iterative algorithm is less trivial than for previous conditions
- Veeds to be tested on more examples

Conclusions

- \blacksquare Several results for SOF using the S-variable approach
- A Rather efficient to deal with robust structured SOF
- ▼ No guarantee of success

- ▲ ▼ Results with more or less intuitive initialization
- ➡ Latest result 2S-varaible
- Promising numerical experiments
- Elegant combination of the SI, OI, SF, OF problems
- Variations of the algorithms for

Deterministic robust design Probabilistic robust design With comparisons of the two

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About Adaptive Control

Static OF: Stabilize $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ with a static output feedback u = Ky, $\dot{K} = 0$ Direct Adaptive OF: Stabilize $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ with u = Ky where $\dot{K} = f(y, K)$

 \Rightarrow Adaptation \equiv learning rule

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 \blacksquare Assumes that there exists a Static OF solution - guaranteed by finding one

Why implementing the non-linear adaptive control ?

▲ Can deal with non-linearities of the plant away from the equilibrium See presentation at IFAC WC where adaptation helps to avoid saturation of actuators

Could improve robustness compared to parameter-independent Static OF u = Ky \blacktriangle Matrix inequality conditions proving robust Adaptive OF assuming parameter-dependent $u = K_{\delta}y$ \checkmark No example found: $\nexists u = Ky$ stabilizing $\dot{x} = A_{\delta}x + B_{\delta}u$ $y = C_{\delta}x$ but \exists stabilizing adaptive control