

Efficient *H*²-norm Optimization of Time-Delay Systems with Algebraic Constraints

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(Compare: H^{∞} -norm is the maximal amplification.)

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with E invertible.

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 - No instability after infinitesimal delay perturbation?
 ⇒ Michiels (2011).
 - No feedthrough after infinitesimal delay perturbation?
 - \implies Mattenet et al. (2022).

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{E}_{11} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\varphi}_1(t) \\ \dot{\varphi}_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{11} & \mathcal{A}_{12} \\ \mathcal{A}_{21} & \mathcal{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1(t) \\ \varphi_2(t) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{B}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t),$$

$$\mathbf{y}_N(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{C}_1 & \mathcal{C}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1(t) \\ \varphi_2(t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

^{*}See e.g. Provoost and Michiels (2024).

Here already after projection on subspaces of \mathcal{E}_N , such that \mathcal{E}_{11} is invertible.

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Theorem

 \mathcal{A}_{22} is almost always invertible and *no feedthrough is introduced*, if the original system is strongly stable and has no hidden feedthrough.

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- 4. Compute the H^2 -norm of the ODE.
 - 4.1 Solve $\tilde{A}P\mathcal{E}_{11}^T + \mathcal{E}_{11}P\tilde{A}^T = -\tilde{B}\tilde{B}^T$ for *P*. 4.2 Compute

$$\|G\|_{H^2} \approx \sqrt{\mathrm{tr}(\tilde{C}P\tilde{C}^T)}.$$

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We can find explicit expressions using the dual Lyapunov equation

$$\tilde{A}^T Q \mathcal{E}_{11} + \mathcal{E}_{11}^T Q \tilde{A} = -\tilde{C}^T \tilde{C},$$

from a typical adjoint style method.

(Analogous to Vanbiervliet et al. (2009).)

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$$dP = -\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{\partial \ell_P}{\partial X} dX, \text{ and}$$
$$Q = -\mathcal{L}^{-*} \tilde{C}^T \tilde{C}.$$

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$$\frac{d\|G_N\|_{H^2}^2}{d\tau_k} = -2 \operatorname{tr} \left(\binom{I_n}{\mathbf{0}}^T (Q_U \mathcal{E}_{11} P_V - Q_U \tilde{B} \mathcal{B}_N^T W_{\mathcal{A}}^T - W_{\mathcal{A}}^T \mathcal{C}_N^T \tilde{C} P_V) [\mathcal{E}_{-\tau_k} \mathcal{D}]^T A_k^T\right),$$

$$\frac{d\|G_N\|_{H^2}^2}{dB} = 2\binom{I_n}{\mathbf{0}}^T Q_U \tilde{B}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\|G_N\|_{H^2}^2}{dC} = 2\tilde{C} P_V [\mathcal{E}_0]^T,$$

where $Q_U = (U^{\perp} - \mathcal{A}_{12}\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}U)^T Q$, $P_V = P(V^{\perp} - V\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{21})^T$, and $W_{\mathcal{A}} = V\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}U$.

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By only solving one additional Lyapunov equation \implies the derivative with respect to every parameter.

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