## On Scalable Methods for $H_{\infty}$ control

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# The need for scalable control







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An interesting observation

 $\rightarrow$  Simple and scalable form of an optimal static  $\mathit{H}_\infty\text{-}\mathsf{controller}$ 

Ongoing work

## An interesting observation

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} u + w$$

- Performance output (x, u)
- Design of static state feedback control, u = Lx

# Synthesis of static $H_{\infty}$ controllers

**Problem formulation:** find a matrix *L* that minimizes  $||G_L||_{\infty}$  where  $G_L$  is the closed-loop transfer function.

State feedback: exist static controllers that are optimal

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Not unique

Synthesis tools: ARE, LMI.

#### Example cont'd

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Examples of optimal controllers L:

$$L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.93 & -0.11 & 0.00 \\ -0.05 & -0.17 & -0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.16 & -0.26 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Example cont'd

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}}_{A} x + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{B} u + w$$

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## Performance

 $L_1$  solid line,  $L_2$  dashed line.



#### LMI approach

Given

$$G_L(s) = \begin{pmatrix} I \\ L \end{pmatrix} (sI - (A + BL))^{-1}$$

the following conditions are equivalent by the K-Y-P lemma

i The matrix A+BL is Hurwitz and  $\|{\it G}_L\|_{\infty}<\gamma$ 

ii There exists a matrix  $P \succ 0$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} I + L^T L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (A + BL)^T P + P(A + BL) & P \\ P & -\gamma^2 I \end{pmatrix} \prec 0$$

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## Optimization problem

Variables P and L.

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Non-convex in L and P.

### Optimization problem

- multiply LMI with  $\operatorname{diag}(P^{-1}, I)$  from left and right
- Perform variable transformation  $X = P^{-1}$  and  $Y = LP^{-1}$ .

Variables X and Y.

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{minimize } \gamma \\ \text{subject to } X \succ 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} X^2 + Y^T Y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} XA^T + Y^TB^T + AX + BY & I \\ I & -\gamma^2 I \end{pmatrix} \prec 0 \end{array}$ 

Convex in X and Y.

Rewrite LMI by Schur's complement lemma

$$X^2 + XA^T + AX + Y^TY + Y^TB^T + BY + \gamma^{-2}I \prec 0$$

which is equivalent to

$$(X+A)(X+A)^{T} - AA^{T} + (Y^{T}+B)(Y^{T}+B)^{T} - BB^{T} + \gamma^{-2}I \prec 0$$

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#### Assumptions and one choice of Y

Assumptions

- ▶ (A, B) is stabilizable
- A is Hurwitz

Choose  $Y = -B^T$ ,

$$(X + A)(X + A)^T - AA^T - BB^T + \gamma^{-2}I \prec 0$$

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#### Lower bound on $\gamma$

For any A and B

$$\|G_L\|_{\infty} \geq \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}(AA^T + BB^T)}.$$

When is equality achieved?

## Symmetric A-matrix

#### A is symmetric and Hurwitz

$$(X+A)(X+A)^{T} - AA^{T} - BB^{T} + \gamma^{-2}I \prec 0$$
  
Choose  $X = -A \rightarrow L = YX^{-1} = B^{T}A^{-1}$ .

#### Back to example...

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#### Distributed controller given sparse plant



$$L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad u = \begin{pmatrix} u_{12} \\ u_2 \\ u_{23} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_2/3 \\ -x_2/3 \\ x_2/3 - x_3/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $u_{12} = x_1 - x_2/3 < 0$ , flow from 2 to 1 when  $x_2 > 3x_1$ .

## Comparison with other methods

• Regular ARE and LMI optimization does not give  $L = B^T A^{-1}$ 

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- ► Sparsity constraints on *L*, might not get optimal controller
- Scalability

#### Coordination in the $H_{\infty}$ framework

System with  $\nu$  subsystems

$$\dot{x}_i = A_i x_i + B_i u_i + w_i, \quad \nu = 1, \dots, \nu$$

with coordination constraint  $u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_{\nu} = 0$ . Optimal control law:

$$u_{i} = B_{i}^{T} A_{i}^{-1} x_{i} - \frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} B_{k}^{T} A_{k}^{-1}$$

Comparison with H<sub>2</sub>-method [Madjidian and Mirkin, 2014]

- Heterogeneous subsystems
- Necessary that A<sub>i</sub> are symmetric and Hurwitz

# Ongoing work

• Diagonal X in  $L = B^T X^{-1}$  when A is Metzler

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- Output feedback
- Non-linear state feedback
- Other norm