

Multivariable Robust Control

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*Chapter 8: Robust Stability and Performance Analysis
for MIMO Systems*

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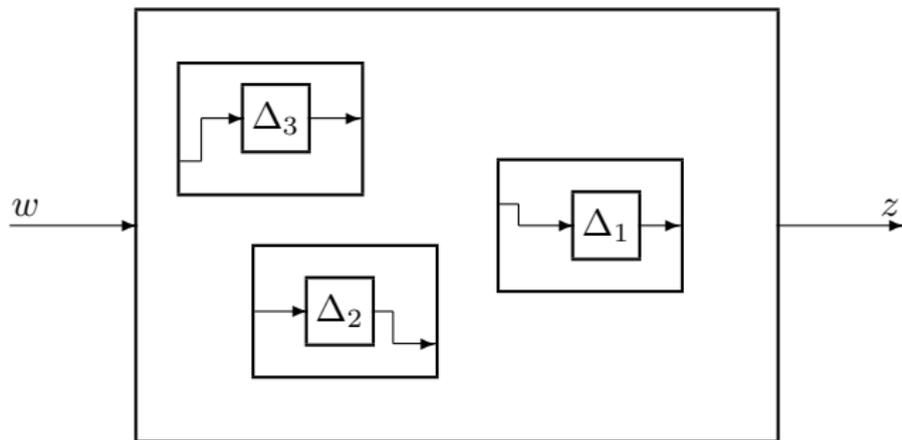
General configuration with uncertainty [8.1]

For our robustness analysis we use a system representation in which the uncertain perturbations are “pulled out” into a block-diagonal matrix,

$$\Delta = \text{diag}\{\Delta_i\} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \Delta_i & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.1)$$

where each Δ_i represents a specific source of uncertainty.

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(a) Original system with multiple perturbations

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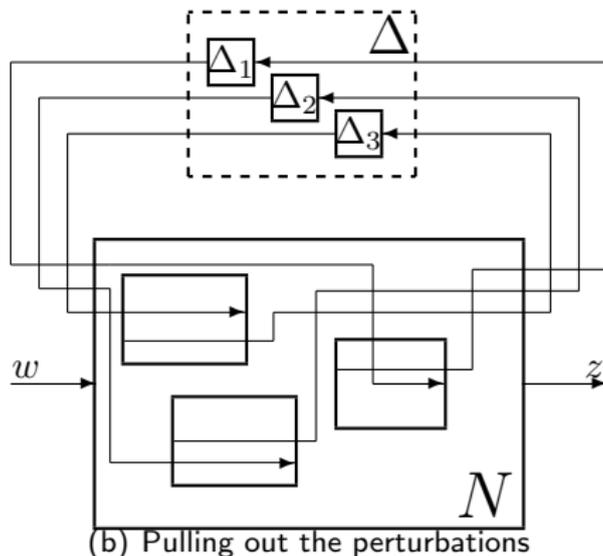


Figure 1: Rearranging an uncertain system into the $N\Delta$ -structure

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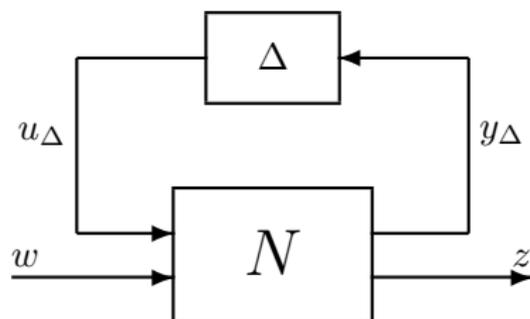


Figure 2: $N\Delta$ -structure for robust performance analysis

If we also pull out the controller K , we get the generalized plant P , as shown in Figure 3. For analysis of the uncertain system, we use the $N\Delta$ -structure in Figure 2.

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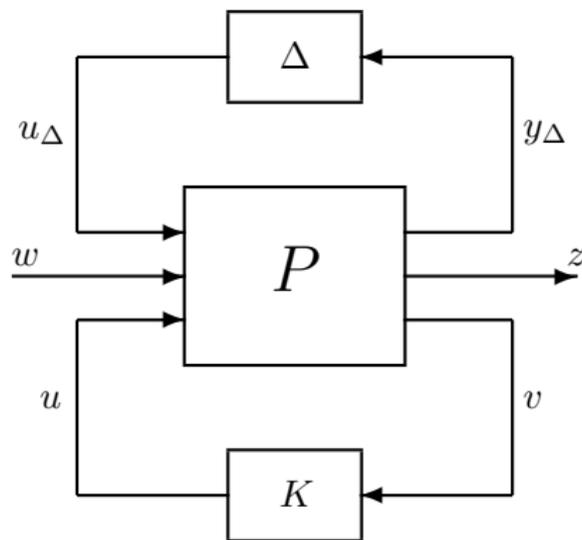


Figure 3: General control configuration (for controller synthesis)

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Consider Figure 1 where it is shown how to pull out the perturbation blocks to form Δ and the nominal system N . N is related to P and K by a lower LFT

$$N = F_l(P, K) \triangleq P_{11} + P_{12}K(I - P_{22}K)^{-1}P_{21} \quad (6.2)$$

Similarly, the uncertain closed-loop transfer function from w to z , $z = Fw$, is related to N and Δ by an upper LFT,

$$F = F_u(N, \Delta) \triangleq N_{22} + N_{21}\Delta(I - N_{11}\Delta)^{-1}N_{12} \quad (6.3)$$

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To analyze robust stability of F , we can then arrange the system into the $M\Delta$ -structure of Figure 4, where $M = N_{11}$ is the transfer function from the output to the input of the perturbations.

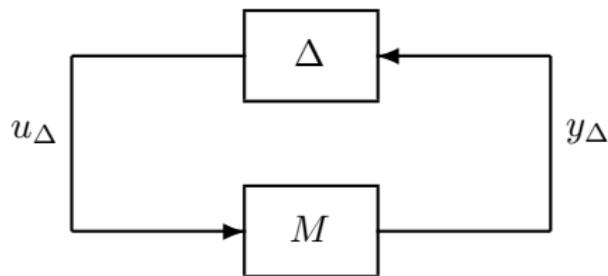


Figure 4: $M\Delta$ -structure for robust stability analysis

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Representing uncertainty [8.2]

As usual, each individual perturbation is assumed to be stable and is normalized,

$$\bar{\sigma}(\Delta_i(j\omega)) \leq 1 \quad \forall \omega \quad (6.4)$$

For a complex scalar perturbation we have $|\delta_i(j\omega)| \leq 1, \forall \omega$, and for a real scalar perturbation $-1 \leq \delta_i \leq 1$. Since the maximum singular value of a block diagonal matrix is equal to the largest of the maximum singular values of the individual blocks, it then follows for $\Delta = \text{diag}\{\Delta_i\}$ that

$$\bar{\sigma}(\Delta_i(j\omega)) \leq 1 \quad \forall \omega, \forall i \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{\|\Delta\|_\infty \leq 1} \quad (6.5)$$

Note that Δ has *structure*, and therefore in the robustness analysis we do *not* want to allow all Δ s.t. (6.5) is satisfied.

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Parametric uncertainty:

The representation of parametric uncertainty discussed for SISO systems carries straightforward over to MIMO systems.

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Unstructured uncertainty:

We define *unstructured* uncertainty as the use of a “full” complex perturbation matrix Δ , usually with dimensions compatible with those of the plant, where at each frequency any $\Delta(j\omega)$ satisfying $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta(j\omega)) \leq 1$ is allowed.

Six common forms of unstructured uncertainty are shown in Figure 5. In Figure 5(a), (b) and (c) are shown three *feedforward* forms; additive uncertainty, multiplicative input uncertainty and multiplicative output uncertainty:

$$\Pi_A : \quad G_p = G + E_A; \quad E_a = w_A \Delta_a \quad (6.6)$$

$$\Pi_I : \quad G_p = G(I + E_I); \quad E_I = w_I \Delta_I \quad (6.7)$$

$$\Pi_O : \quad G_p = (I + E_O)G; \quad E_O = w_O \Delta_O \quad (6.8)$$

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In Figure 5(d), (e) and (f) are shown three *feedback* or *inverse* forms; inverse additive uncertainty, inverse multiplicative input uncertainty and inverse multiplicative output uncertainty:

$$\Pi_{iA} : \quad G_p = G(I - E_{iA}G)^{-1}; \quad E_{iA} = w_{iA}\Delta_{iA} \quad (6.9)$$

$$\Pi_{iI} : \quad G_p = G(I - E_{iI})^{-1}; \quad E_{iI} = w_{iI}\Delta_{iI} \quad (6.10)$$

$$\Pi_{iO} : \quad G_p = (I - E_{iO})^{-1}G; \quad E_{iO} = w_{iO}\Delta_{iO} \quad (6.11)$$

The negative sign in front of the E 's does not really matter here since we assume that Δ can have any sign. Δ denotes the normalized perturbation and E the "actual" perturbation. We have here used scalar weights w , so $E = w\Delta = \Delta w$, but sometimes one may want to use matrix weights, $E = W_2\Delta W_1$ where W_1 and W_2 are given transfer function matrices.

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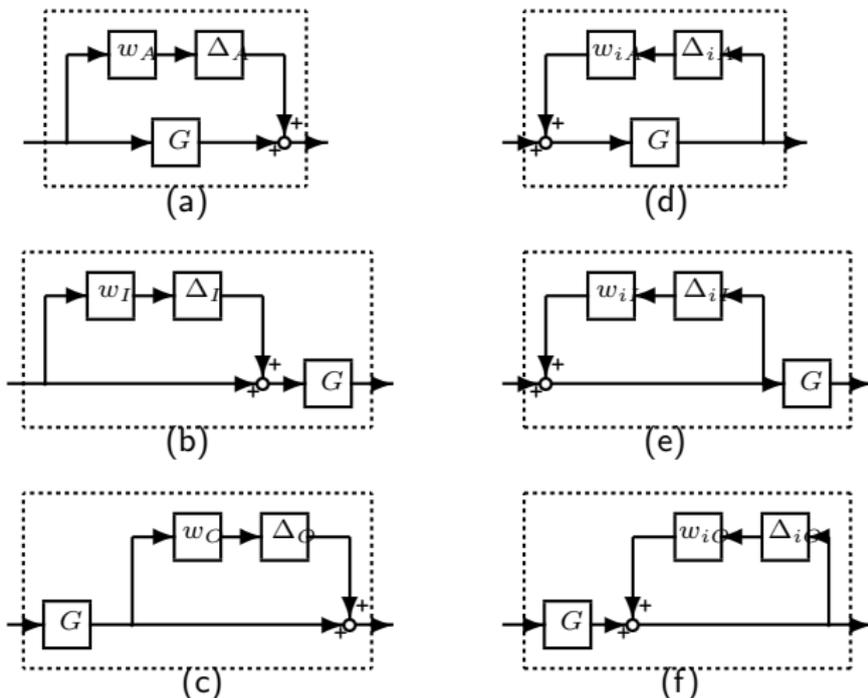


Figure 5: (a) Additive uncertainty, (b) Multiplicative input uncertainty, (c) Multiplicative output uncertainty, (d) Inverse additive uncertainty, (e) Inverse multiplicative input uncertainty, (f) Inverse multiplicative output uncertainty

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Obtaining P , N and M [8.3]

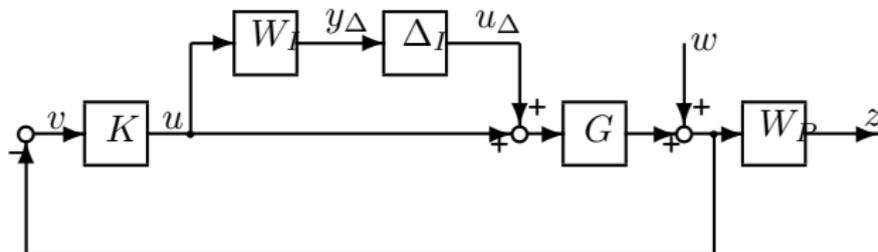


Figure 6: System with multiplicative input uncertainty and performance measured at the output

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Example 1: System with input uncertainty (Figure 6). We want to derive the generalized plant P in Figure 3 which has inputs $[u_\Delta \quad w \quad u]^T$ and outputs $[y_\Delta \quad z \quad v]^T$. By writing down the equations or simply by inspecting Figure 6 (remember to break the loop before and after both K and Δ) we get

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & W_I \\ W_P G & W_P & W_P G \\ -G & -I & -G \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.12)$$

Next, we want to derive the matrix N corresponding to Figure 2. First, partition P to be compatible with K , i.e.

$$P_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ W_P G & W_P \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} W_I \\ W_P G \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.13)$$

$$P_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} -G & -I \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_{22} = -G \quad (6.14)$$

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And then find $N = F_l(P, K)$ using (6.2). We get

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} -W_I K G (I + K G)^{-1} & -W_I K (I + G K)^{-1} \\ W_P G (I + K G)^{-1} & W_P (I + G K)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.15)$$

Alternatively, we can derive N directly from Figure 6 by evaluating the closed-loop transfer function from inputs $\begin{bmatrix} u_\Delta \\ w \end{bmatrix}$ to outputs $\begin{bmatrix} y_\Delta \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ (*without* breaking the loop before and after K).

For example, to derive N_{12} , which is the transfer function from w to y_Δ , we start at the output (y_Δ) and move backwards to the input (w) using the MIMO Rule (we first meet W_I , then $-K$ and we then exit the feedback loop and get the term $(I + G K)^{-1}$).

The upper left block, N_{11} , in (6.15) is the transfer function from u_Δ to y_Δ . This is the transfer function M needed in Figure 4 for evaluating robust stability. Thus, we have $M = -W_I K G (I + K G)^{-1} = -W_I T_I$.

Robust stability & performance [8.4]

- 1 *Robust stability (RS) analysis*: with a given controller K we determine whether the system remains stable for all plants in the uncertainty set.
- 2 *Robust performance (RP) analysis*: if RS is satisfied, we determine how “large” the transfer function from exogenous inputs w to outputs z may be for all plants in the uncertainty set.

In Figure 2, w represents the exogenous inputs (normalized disturbances and references), and z the exogenous outputs (normalized errors). We have $z = F(\Delta)w$, where from (6.3)

$$F = F_u(N, \Delta) \triangleq N_{22} + N_{21}\Delta(I - N_{11}\Delta)^{-1}N_{12} \quad (6.16)$$

We here use the \mathcal{H}_∞ norm to define performance and require for RP that $\|F(\Delta)\|_\infty \leq 1$ for all allowed Δ 's. A typical choice is $F = w_P S_p$ (the weighted sensitivity function), where w_P is the performance weight (capital P for performance) and S_p represents the set of perturbed sensitivity functions (lower-case p for perturbed).

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In terms of the $N\Delta$ -structure in Figure 2 our requirements for stability and performance are

$$\text{NS} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} N \text{ is internally stable} \quad (6.17)$$

$$\text{NP} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \|N_{22}\|_{\infty} < 1; \quad \text{and NS} \quad (6.18)$$

$$\text{RS} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} F = F_u(N, \Delta) \text{ is stable } \forall \Delta, \|\Delta\|_{\infty} \leq 1; \quad (6.19) \\ \text{and NS}$$

$$\text{RP} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \|F\|_{\infty} < 1, \quad \forall \Delta, \|\Delta\|_{\infty} \leq 1; \quad (6.20) \\ \text{and NS}$$

Remark 1 Allowed perturbations. For simplicity below we will use the shorthand notation

$$\forall \Delta \quad \text{and} \quad \max_{\Delta} \quad (6.21)$$

to mean “for all Δ 's in the set of allowed perturbations”, and “maximizing over all Δ 's in the set of allowed perturbations”. By *allowed perturbations* we mean that the \mathcal{H}_{∞} norm of Δ is less or equal to 1, $\|\Delta\|_{\infty} \leq 1$, and that Δ has a specified block-diagonal structure.

Robust stability of the $M\Delta$ -structure [8.5]

Consider the uncertain $N\Delta$ -system in Figure 2 for which the transfer function from w to z is, as in (6.16), given by

$$F_u(N, \Delta) = N_{22} + N_{21}\Delta(I - N_{11}\Delta)^{-1}N_{12} \quad (6.22)$$

Suppose that the system is nominally stable (with $\Delta = 0$), that is, N is stable (which means that the whole of N , and not only N_{22} , must be stable). We also assume that Δ is stable. We can see from (6.22) that the only potential source of instability is the feedback term $(I - N_{11}\Delta)^{-1}$. Thus, when we have nominal stability (NS), the stability of the system in Figure 2 is equivalent to the stability of the $M\Delta$ -structure in Figure 4 where $M = N_{11}$.

We need now to derive conditions for checking the stability of the $M\Delta$ -structure.

Theorem

Determinant stability condition (real or complex perturbations). Assume that the nominal system $M(s)$ and the perturbations $\Delta(s)$ are stable. Consider the convex set of perturbations Δ , such that if Δ' is an allowed perturbation then so is $c\Delta'$ where c is any real scalar such that $|c| \leq 1$. Then the $M\Delta$ -system in Figure 4 is stable for all allowed perturbations (we have RS) if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Nyquist plot of } \det(I - M(s)\Delta(s)) \text{ does not} \\ \text{encircle the origin, } \forall \Delta \end{aligned} \quad (6.23)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\det(I - M(j\omega)\Delta(j\omega)) \neq 0, \quad \forall \omega, \forall \Delta} \quad (6.24)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda_i(M\Delta) \neq 1, \quad \forall i, \forall \omega, \forall \Delta \quad (6.25)$$

Note that (6.23) is simply the generalization of the Nyquist theorem.

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Theorem: Generalized (MIMO) Nyquist theorem. Let P_{ol} denote the number of open-loop unstable poles in $L(s)$. The closed-loop system with loop transfer function $L(s)$ and negative feedback is stable if and only if the Nyquist plot of $\det(I + L(s))$

- i) makes P_{ol} anti-clockwise encirclements of the origin, and
- ii) does not pass through the origin.

Note

By “Nyquist plot of $\det(I + L(s))$ ” we mean “the image of $\det(I + L(s))$ as s goes clockwise around the Nyquist D -contour”.

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RS for unstructured uncertainty [8.6]

Theorem

RS for unstructured (“full”) perturbations. Assume that the nominal system $M(s)$ is stable (NS) and that the perturbation $\Delta(s)$ are stable ($\Delta(s)$ is allowed to be any (full) complex transfer function matrix). Then the $M\Delta$ -system in Figure 4 is stable for all perturbations Δ satisfying $\|\Delta\|_\infty \leq 1$ (i.e. we have RS) if and only if

$$\boxed{\bar{\sigma}(M(j\omega)) < 1 \quad \forall \omega} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{\|M\|_\infty < 1} \quad (6.26)$$

Remark 1: Condition (6.26) may be rewritten as

$$RS \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \bar{\sigma}(M(j\omega))\bar{\sigma}(\Delta(j\omega)) < 1 \quad \forall \omega, \forall \Delta \quad (6.27)$$

The sufficiency of (6.27) (\Leftarrow) follows directly from the small-gain theorem by choosing $L = M\Delta$. The small-gain theorem applies to any operator norm satisfying $\|AB\| \leq \|A\|\|B\|$.

Remark 2: The \mathcal{H}_∞ is one of such operators. This implies that the RS condition (6.27) is both necessary and sufficient.

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Small Gain Theorem. Consider a system with a stable loop transfer function $L(s)$. Then the closed-loop system is stable if

$$\|L(j\omega)\| < 1 \quad \forall \omega \quad (6.28)$$

where $\|L\|$ denotes any matrix norm satisfying $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$, for example the singular value $\bar{\sigma}(L)$.

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Application of the unstructured RS-condition [8.6.1]:

We will now present necessary and sufficient conditions for robust stability (RS) for each of the six single unstructured perturbations in Figure 5 with

$$E = W_2 \Delta W_1, \quad \|\Delta\|_\infty \leq 1 \quad (6.29)$$

To derive the matrix M we simply “isolate” the perturbation, and determine the transfer function matrix

$$M = W_1 M_0 W_2 \quad (6.30)$$

from the output to the input of the perturbation, where M_0 for each of the six cases becomes (disregarding some negative signs which do not affect the subsequent robustness condition) is given by

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$$G_p = G + E_A : M_0 = K(I + GK)^{-1} = KS \quad (6.31)$$

$$G_p = G(I + E_I) : M_0 = K(I + GK)^{-1}G = T_I \quad (6.32)$$

$$G_p = (I + E_O)G : M_0 = GK(I + GK)^{-1} = T \quad (6.33)$$

$$G_p = G(I - E_{iA}G)^{-1} : M_0 = (I + GK)^{-1}G = SG \quad (6.34)$$

$$G_p = G(I - E_{iI})^{-1} : M_0 = (I + KG)^{-1} = S_I \quad (6.35)$$

$$G_p = (I - E_{iO})^{-1}G : M_0 = (I + GK)^{-1} = S \quad (6.36)$$

Theorem 2 then yields

$$\text{RS} \Leftrightarrow \|W_1 M_0 W_2(j\omega)\|_\infty < 1, \forall w \quad (6.37)$$

For instance, from second equation (6.32) and (6.37) we get for multiplicative input uncertainty with a scalar weight:

$$\text{RS} \forall G_p = G(I + w_I \Delta_I), \|\Delta_I\|_\infty \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \|w_I T_I\|_\infty < 1 \quad (6.38)$$

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Note that the SISO-condition (5.15)

$$\boxed{\text{RS} = |T| < 1/|w_I|, \quad \forall \omega} \quad (6.39)$$

follows as a special case of (6.38). Similarly, (5.20)

$$\boxed{\text{RS} \Leftrightarrow |S| < 1/|w_{oI}|, \quad \forall \omega} \quad (6.40)$$

follows as a special case of the inverse multiplicative output uncertainty in (6.36):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RS} \quad \forall G_p &= (I - w_{iO}\Delta_{iO})^{-1}G, \\ \|\Delta_{iO}\|_\infty \leq 1 &\Leftrightarrow \|w_{iO}S\|_\infty < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (6.41)$$

In general, the unstructured uncertainty descriptions in terms of a single perturbation are not “tight” (in the sense that at each frequency all complex perturbations satisfying $\bar{\sigma}(j\omega) \leq 1$ may not occur in practice). Thus, the above RS conditions are often conservative. In order to get tighter conditions we must use a tighter uncertainty description in terms of a block diagonal Δ .

RS with structured uncertainty [8.7]

Consider now the presence of structured uncertainty, where $\Delta = \text{diag}\{\Delta_i\}$ is block-diagonal. To test for robust stability we rearrange the system into the $M\Delta$ -structure and we have from (6.26)

$$\text{RS if } \bar{\sigma}(M(j\omega)) < 1, \forall \omega \quad (6.42)$$

We have here written “if” rather than “if and only if” since this condition is only necessary for RS when Δ has “no structure” (full-block uncertainty).

Can we take advantage of the fact that $\Delta = \text{diag}\{\Delta_i\}$ has structure to obtain tighter RS conditions? To reduce conservatism, we introduce the block-diagonal scaling matrix

$$D = \text{diag}\{d_i I_i\} \quad (6.43)$$

where d_i is a scalar and I_i is an identity matrix of the same dimension as the i 'th perturbation block, Δ_i (Figure 7). This clearly has no effect on stability.

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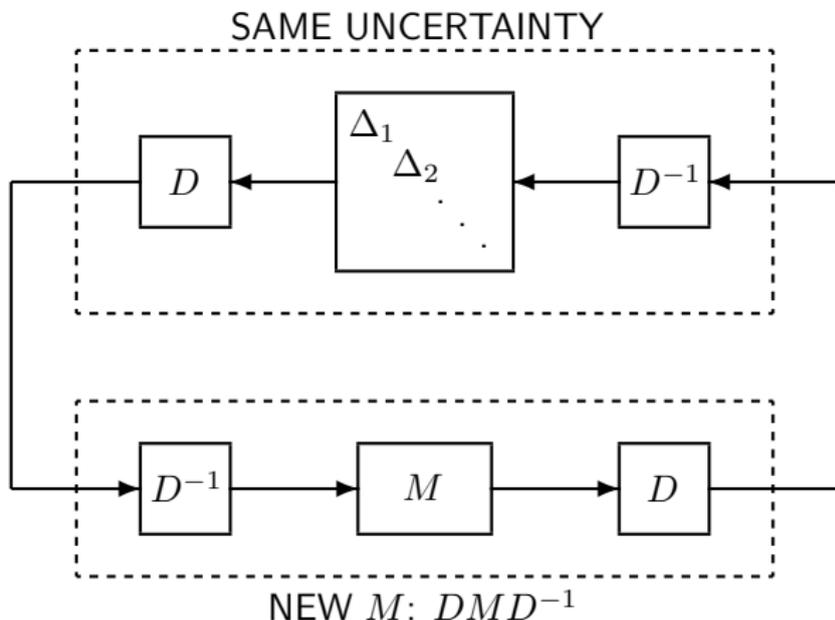


Figure 7: Use of block-diagonal scalings, $\Delta D = D\Delta$

Note that with the chosen form for the scalings, we have for each perturbation block $\Delta_i = d_i \Delta_i d_i^{-1}$; that is, we have $\Delta = D\Delta D^{-1} \Rightarrow$ Same uncertainty!

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$$\text{RS if } \bar{\sigma}(DMD^{-1}) < 1, \forall \omega \quad (6.44)$$

This applies for any D in (6.43), and therefore the “most improved” (least conservative) RS-condition is obtained by minimizing at each frequency the scaled singular value, and we have

$$\boxed{\text{RS if } \min_{D(\omega) \in \mathcal{D}} \bar{\sigma}(D(\omega)M(j\omega)D(\omega)^{-1}) < 1, \forall \omega} \quad (6.45)$$

where \mathcal{D} is the set of block-diagonal matrices whose structure is compatible to that of Δ , i.e, $\Delta D = D\Delta$. Note that when Δ is a full (unstructured) matrix, we must select $D = dI$ and we have $\bar{\sigma}(DMD^{-1}) = \bar{\sigma}(M)$ (RS conditions for unstructured uncertainty). However, when Δ has structure, we get more degrees of freedom in D and $\bar{\sigma}(DMD^{-1})$ may be significantly smaller than $\bar{\sigma}(M)$.

This motivates the introduction of the structure singular value, $\mu(M)$ satisfying $\mu(M) \leq \min_D \bar{\sigma}(DMD^{-1})$.

The structured singular value [8.8]

The structured singular value (denoted μ , μ , SSV or μ) is a function which provides a generalization of the singular value, $\bar{\sigma}$, and the spectral radius, ρ . We will use μ to get necessary and sufficient conditions for robust stability and also for robust performance. How is μ defined? A simple statement is:

Find the smallest structured Δ (measured in terms of $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta)$) which makes $\det(I - M\Delta) = 0$; then $\mu(M) = 1/\bar{\sigma}(\Delta)$.

Mathematically,

$$\mu(M)^{-1} \triangleq \min_{\Delta} \{\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) \mid \det(I - M\Delta) = 0 \text{ for structured } \Delta\} \quad (6.46)$$

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Clearly, $\mu(M)$ depends not only on M but also on the allowed structure for Δ . This is sometimes shown explicitly by using the notation $\mu_{\Delta}(M)$.

Remark. For the case where Δ is “unstructured” (a full matrix), the smallest Δ which yields singularity has $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) = 1/\bar{\sigma}(M)$, and we have $\mu(M) = \bar{\sigma}(M)$.

Remark. As one might guess, we have that $\mu(M) \leq \min_D \bar{\sigma}(DMD^{-1})$. In fact, for block-diagonal complex perturbations we generally have that $\mu(M)$ is very close to $\min_D \bar{\sigma}(DMD^{-1})$.

Example

Full perturbation (Δ is unstructured). Consider

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.894 & 0.447 \\ -0.447 & 0.894 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3.162 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.707 & -0.707 \\ 0.707 & 0.707 \end{bmatrix}^H \end{aligned} \quad (6.47)$$

The perturbation

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \frac{1}{\sigma_1} v_1 u_1^H = \frac{1}{3.162} \begin{bmatrix} 0.707 \\ 0.707 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.894 & -0.447 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.200 & 0.200 \\ -0.100 & -0.100 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (6.48)$$

with $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) = 1/\bar{\sigma}(M) = 1/3.162 = 0.316$ makes $\det(I - M\Delta) = 0$. Thus $\mu(M) = 3.162$ when Δ is a full matrix.

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Note that the perturbation Δ in (6.48) is a full matrix. If we restrict Δ to be diagonal then we need a larger perturbation to make $\det(I - M\Delta) = 0$. This is illustrated next.

Example

Continued. Diagonal perturbation (Δ is structured). For the matrix M in (6.47), the smallest diagonal Δ which makes $\det(I - M\Delta) = 0$ is

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.49)$$

with $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) = 0.333$. Thus $\mu(M) = 3$ when Δ is a diagonal matrix.

Definition

Structured Singular Value. Let M be a given complex matrix and let $\Delta = \text{diag}\{\Delta_i\}$ denote a set of complex matrices with $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) \leq 1$ and with a given block-diagonal structure (in which some of the blocks may be repeated and some may be restricted to be real). The real non-negative function $\mu(M)$, called the structured singular value, is defined by

$$\mu(M) \triangleq \frac{1}{\min\{k_m \mid \det(I - k_m M \Delta) = 0, \bar{\sigma}(\Delta) \leq 1\}} \quad (6.50)$$

If no such structured Δ exists then $\mu(M) = 0$.

A value of $\mu = 1$ means that there exists a perturbation with $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) = 1$ which is just large enough to make $I - M\Delta$ singular. A larger value of μ is “bad” as it means that a smaller perturbation makes $I - M\Delta$ singular, whereas a smaller value of μ is “good”.

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Properties of the structured singular value:

Check Sections 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 in the book.

RS - Structured uncertainty [8.9]

Consider stability of the $M\Delta$ -structure in Figure 4 for the case where Δ is a set of norm-bounded block-diagonal perturbations. From the determinant stability condition:

$$RS \Leftrightarrow \det(I - M(j\omega)\Delta(j\omega)) \neq 0, \quad \forall \omega, \forall \Delta, \bar{\sigma}(\Delta(j\omega)) \leq 1 \quad \forall \omega \quad (6.51)$$

This is just a “yes/no” condition. To find the factor k_m by which the system is robustly stable, we scale the uncertainty Δ by k_m , and look for the smallest k_m that yields “borderline instability,” namely

$$\det(I - k_m M(j\omega)\Delta(j\omega)) = 0 \quad (6.52)$$

By definition, this value is $k_m = 1/\mu(M)$. We obtain the following necessary and sufficient condition for stability.

Theorem

RS for block-diagonal perturbations (real or complex). Assume that the nominal system M and the perturbations Δ are stable. Then the $M\Delta$ -system in Figure 4 is stable for all allowed perturbations with $\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) \leq 1, \forall \omega$, if and only if

$$\boxed{\mu(M(j\omega)) < 1, \quad \forall \omega} \quad (6.53)$$

Condition (6.53) for robust stability may be rewritten as

$$\text{RS} \Leftrightarrow \mu(M(j\omega)) \bar{\sigma}(\Delta(j\omega)) < 1, \quad \forall \omega \quad (6.54)$$

which may be interpreted as a “generalized small gain theorem” that also takes into account the *structure* of Δ .

Example: RS with diagonal input uncertainty

Consider robust stability of the feedback system in Figure 6 for the case when the multiplicative input uncertainty is diagonal. A nominal 2×2 plant and the controller (which represents PI-control of a distillation process using the DV-configuration) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \frac{1}{\tau s + 1} \begin{bmatrix} -87.8 & 1.4 \\ -108.2 & -1.4 \end{bmatrix}; \\ K(s) &= \frac{1 + \tau s}{s} \begin{bmatrix} -0.0015 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.075 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (6.55)$$

(time in minutes). The controller results in a nominally stable system with acceptable performance. Assume there is complex multiplicative uncertainty in *each* manipulated input of magnitude

$$w_I(s) = \frac{s + 0.2}{0.5s + 1} \quad (6.56)$$

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On rearranging the block diagram to match the $M\Delta$ -structure in Figure 4 we get $M = w_I KG(I + KG)^{-1} = w_I T_I$ (recall (6.15)), and the RS-condition $\mu(M) < 1$ in Theorem 4 yields

$$\text{RS} \Leftrightarrow \mu_{\Delta_I}(T_I) < \frac{1}{|w_I(j\omega)|} \quad \forall \omega, \quad \Delta_I = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 & \\ & \delta_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.57)$$

This condition is shown graphically in Figure 8 so the system is robustly stable. Also in Figure 8, $\bar{\sigma}(T_I)$ can be seen to be larger than $1/|w_I(j\omega)|$ over a wide frequency range. This shows that the system would be unstable for full-block input uncertainty (Δ_I full).

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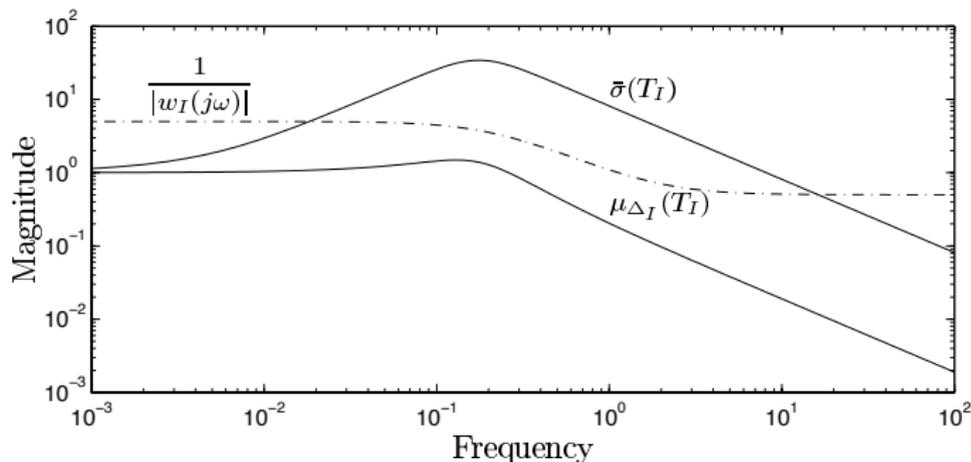


Figure 8: Robust stability for diagonal input uncertainty is guaranteed since $\mu_{\Delta_I}(T_I) < 1/|w_I|, \forall \omega$. The use of unstructured uncertainty and $\bar{\sigma}(T_I)$ is conservative.

Example: RS of Spinning Satellite [3.7.1]

Angular velocity control of a satellite spinning about one of its principal axes:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} \begin{bmatrix} s - a^2 & a(s + 1) \\ -a(s + 1) & s - a^2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad a = 10 \quad (6.58)$$

A minimal, state-space realization, $G = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D$, is

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & a & 1 & 0 \\ -a & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (6.59)$$

Poles at $s = \pm ja$ For stabilization:

$$K = I$$

$$T(s) = GK(I + GK)^{-1} = \frac{1}{s + 1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ -a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.60)$$

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Nominal stability (NS). Two closed loop poles at $s = -1$ and

$$A_{cl} = A - BKC = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ -a & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nominal performance (NP).

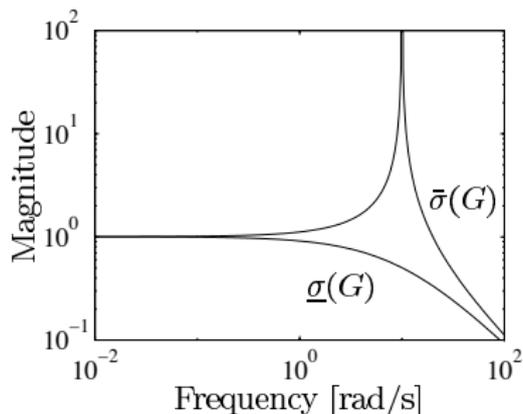


Figure 9: Singular values - Spinning satellite (6.58)

- $\underline{\sigma}(L) \leq 1 \quad \forall \omega$ poor performance in low gain direction
- g_{12}, g_{21} large \Rightarrow strong interaction

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Robust stability (RS).

Check stability: one loop at a time.

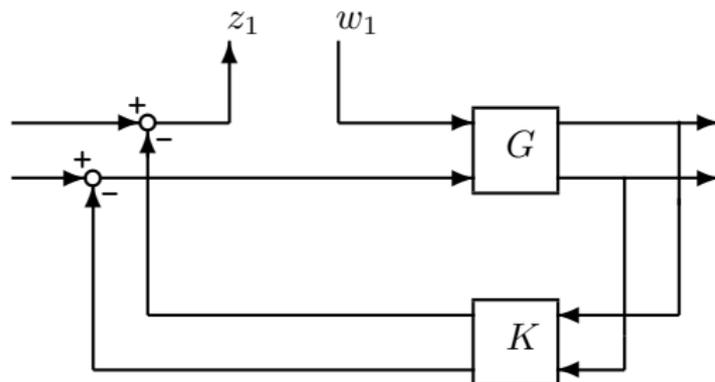


Figure 10: Checking stability margins “one-loop-at-a-time”

$$\frac{z_1}{w_1} \triangleq L_1(s) = \frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow GM = \infty, PM = 90^\circ \quad (6.61)$$

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- Good Robustness? NO
- Consider perturbation in each feedback channel

$$u'_1 = (1 + \epsilon_1)u_1, \quad u'_2 = (1 + \epsilon_2)u_2 \quad (6.62)$$

$$B' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \epsilon_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Closed-loop state matrix:

$$A'_{cl} = A - B'KC = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \epsilon_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ -a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Characteristic polynomial:

$$\det(sI - A'_{cl}) = s^2 + \underbrace{(2 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2)}_{a_1} s + \underbrace{1 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + (a^2 + 1)\epsilon_1\epsilon_2}_{a_0}$$

Stability for $(-1 < \epsilon_1 < \infty, \epsilon_2 = 0)$ and $(\epsilon_1 = 0, -1 < \epsilon_2 < \infty)$ (GM $=\infty$)

But only *small simultaneous changes* in the two channels: for example, let $\epsilon_1 = -\epsilon_2$, then the system is unstable ($a_0 < 0$) for

$$|\epsilon_1| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}} \approx 0.1$$

Summary. Checking single-loop margins is inadequate for MIMO problems.

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- $\mu(T) = \bar{\sigma}(T)$ irrespective of the structure of the COMPLEX multiplicative uncertainty perturbation (full block, diagonal, repeated scalar).
- We can tolerate more than 100% uncertainty above 10 rad/sec. At low frequencies we have $\mu(T) \sim 10$, so to guarantee RS we need less than 10% uncertainty. This confirms previous results showing that real perturbations $\delta_1 = 0.1$ and $\delta_2 = -0.1$ yield instability. Then, use of complex rather than real perturbations is not conservative in this case, at least for diagonal uncertainty.
- For repeated scalar uncertainty, there is a difference between real and complex uncertainties. The characteristic polynomial shows that $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = -1$ (100% uncertainty) and $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = j0.1$ (10% uncertainty) yield instability.

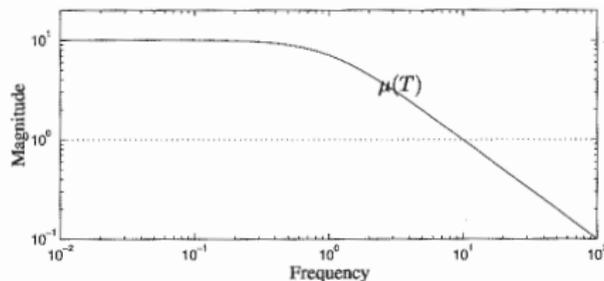


Figure 11: μ -plot for spinning satellite

Robust performance [8.10]

- With an \mathcal{H}_∞ performance objective, the RP-condition is identical to a RS-condition with an additional perturbation block as shown in Figure 12.
- Step B in Figure 12 is the key step.
- Δ_P (where capital P denotes Performance) is always a full matrix. It is a fictitious uncertainty block representing the \mathcal{H}_∞ performance specification.

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Testing RP using μ [8.10.1]:

Theorem

Robust performance. Rearrange the uncertain system into the $N\Delta$ -structure of Figure 12. Assume nominal stability such that N is (internally) stable. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RP} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \|F\|_\infty = \|F_u(N, \Delta)\|_\infty < 1, \quad \forall \|\Delta\|_\infty \leq 1 \\ &= \boxed{\mu_{\hat{\Delta}}(N(j\omega)) < 1, \quad \forall \omega} \end{aligned} \quad (6.63)$$

where μ is computed with respect to the structure

$$\hat{\Delta} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_P \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.64)$$

and Δ_P is a full complex perturbation with the same dimensions as F^T .

NOTE: Recall that stability of the $M\Delta$ structure where Δ is a full complex matrix is equivalent to $\|M\|_\infty < 1$. From this theorem, the RP condition $\|F\|_\infty < 1$ is equivalent to the RS of the $F\Delta_P$ structure where Δ_P is a full complex matrix.

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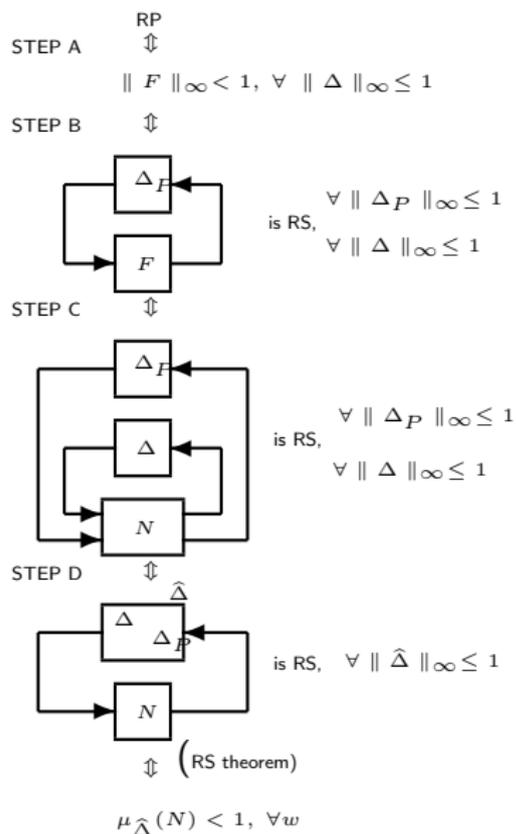


Figure 12: RP as a special case of structured RS.

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Summary of μ -conditions for NP, RS, RP [8.10.2]:

Rearrange the uncertain system into the $N\Delta$ - structure, where the block-diagonal perturbations satisfy $\|\Delta\|_\infty \leq 1$.

Introduce

$$F = F_u(N, \Delta) = N_{22} + N_{21}\Delta(I - N_{11}\Delta)^{-1}N_{12}$$

and let the performance requirement (RP) be $\|F\|_\infty \leq 1$ for all allowable perturbations. Then we have:

$$\text{NS} = N \text{ (internally) stable} \quad (6.65)$$

$$\text{NP} = \bar{\sigma}(N_{22}) = \mu_{\Delta_P}(N_{22}) < 1, \forall \omega, \text{ and NS} \quad (6.66)$$

$$\text{RS} = \mu_\Delta(N_{11}) < 1, \forall \omega, \text{ and NS} \quad (6.67)$$

$$\text{RP} = \mu_{\tilde{\Delta}}(N) < 1, \forall \omega, \tilde{\Delta} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_P \end{bmatrix}, \quad (6.68)$$

and NS

Here Δ is a block-diagonal matrix (its detailed structure depends on the uncertainty we are representing), whereas Δ_P always is a full complex matrix. Note that nominal stability (NS) must be tested separately in all cases.

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Application: RP - input uncertainty [8.11]:

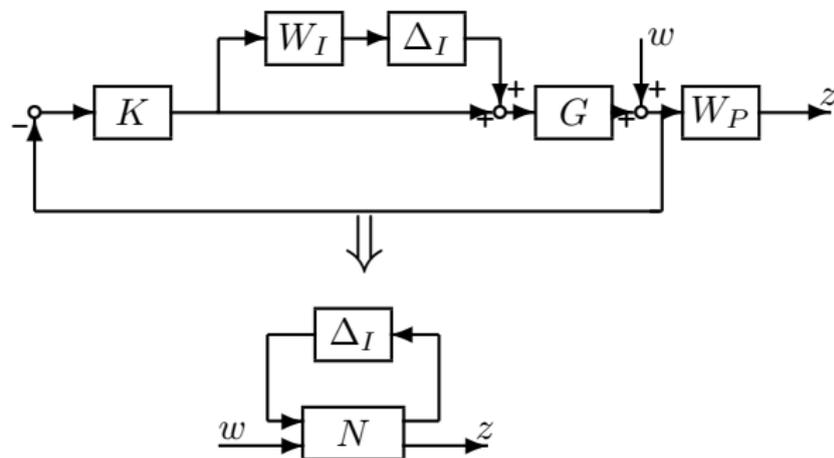


Figure 13: Robust performance of system with input uncertainty

$$RP \Leftrightarrow \|w_P(I + G_P K)^{-1}\|_\infty < 1, \quad \forall G_P \quad (6.69)$$

$$G_P = G(I + w_I \Delta_I), \quad \|\Delta_I\|_\infty \leq 1 \quad (6.70)$$

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Interconnection matrix [8.11.1]:

On rearranging the system into the $N\Delta$ -structure, as shown in Figure 13, we get

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} w_I T_I & w_I K S \\ w_P S G & w_P S \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.71)$$

where $T_I = KG(I + KG)^{-1}$, $S = (I + GK)^{-1}$ and for simplicity we have omitted the negative signs in the 1,1 and 1,2 blocks of N , since $\mu(N) = \mu(UN)$ with unitary $U = \begin{bmatrix} -I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$.

For a given controller K we can now test for NS, NP, RS and RP using (6.65)-(6.68). Here $\Delta = \Delta_I$ may be a full or diagonal matrix (depending on the physical situation).

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RP with input uncertainty for SISO system [8.11.2]:

For a SISO system, conditions (6.65)-(6.68) with N as in (6.71) become

$$NS = S, SG, KS \text{ and } T_I \text{ are stable} \quad (6.72)$$

$$NP = |w_P S| < 1, \forall \omega \quad (6.73)$$

$$RS = |w_I T_I| < 1, \forall \omega \quad (6.74)$$

$$RP = |w_P S| + |w_I T_I| < 1, \forall \omega \quad (6.75)$$

Since Δ_I and Δ_P are scalars in this case, the RP conditions follows from (see Exercise 8.18) the fact that

$$\mu(N) = \mu \begin{bmatrix} w_I T_I & w_I K S \\ w_P S G & w_P S \end{bmatrix} = \mu \begin{bmatrix} w_I T_I & w_I T_I \\ w_P S & w_P S \end{bmatrix} = |w_I T_I| + |w_P S|$$

where $T_I = K S G$. For SISO systems, $T_I = T$.

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RP for 2×2 distillation process [8.11.3]:

Consider again the distillation process example from Chapter 3 (Motivating Example No. 2) and the corresponding inverse-based controller:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{75s + 1} \begin{bmatrix} 87.8 & -86.4 \\ 108.2 & -109.6 \end{bmatrix}; K(s) = \frac{0.7}{s} G(s)^{-1} \quad (6.76)$$

The controller provides a nominally decoupled system with

$$L = lI, \quad S = \epsilon I \quad \text{and} \quad T = tI \quad (6.77)$$

where

$$l = \frac{0.7}{s}, \quad \epsilon = \frac{1}{1+l} = \frac{s}{s+0.7},$$
$$t = 1 - \epsilon = \frac{0.7}{s+0.7} = \frac{1}{1.43s+1}$$

We have used ϵ for the nominal sensitivity in each loop to distinguish it from the Laplace variable s .

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Weights for uncertainty and performance:

$$w_I(s) = \frac{s + 0.2}{0.5s + 1}; \quad w_P(s) = \frac{s/2 + 0.05}{s} \quad (6.78)$$

The weight $w_I(s)$ may approximately represent a 20% gain error and a neglected time delay of 0.9 min (see Section 7.4.5). $|w_I(j\omega)|$ levels off at 2 (200% uncertainty) at high frequencies. The performance weight $w_P(s)$ specifies integral action, a closed-loop bandwidth of about 0.05 [rad/min] (which is relatively slow in the presence of an allowed time delay of 0.9 min) and a maximum peak for $\bar{\sigma}(S)$ of $M_s = 2$.

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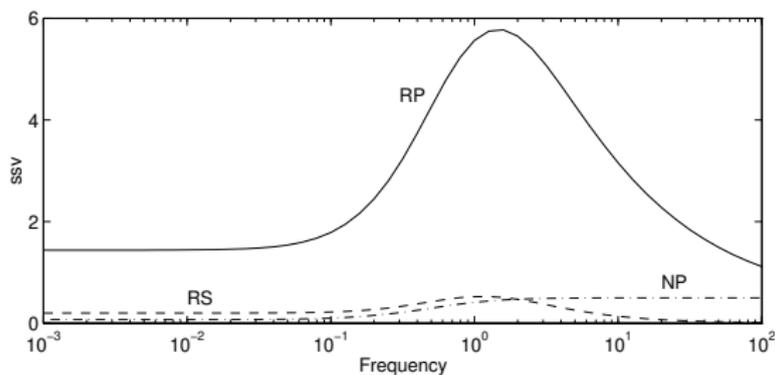


Figure 14: μ -plots for distillation process with decoupling controller

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NS Yes.

NP With the decoupling controller we have

$$\bar{\sigma}(N_{22}) = \bar{\sigma}(w_P S) = \left| \frac{s/2 + 0.05}{s + 0.7} \right|$$

(dashed-dot line in Figure 14 \Leftarrow NP is OK.)

RS Since in this case $w_I T_I = w_I T$ is a scalar times the identity matrix, we have, independent of the structure of Δ_I , that

$$\mu_{\Delta_I}(w_I T_I) = |w_I t| = \left| 0.2 \frac{5s + 1}{(0.5s + 1)(1.43s + 1)} \right|$$

and we see from the dashed line in Figure 14 that RS is OK.

RP Poor.

Table 1: MATLAB program for μ -analysis

```
% Uses the Mu toolbox
GO = [87.8 -86.4; 108.2 -109.6];
dyn = nd2sys(1,[75 1]);
Dyn=daug(dyn,dyn); G=mmult(Dyn,GO);
%
% Inverse-based control.
%
dynk=nd2sys([75 1],[1 1.e-5],0.7);
Dynk=daug(dynk,dynk); Kinv=mmult(Dynk,minv(GO));
%
% Weights.
%
wp=nd2sys([10 1],[10 1.e-5],0.5); Wp=daug(wp,wp);
wi=nd2sys([1 0.2],[0.5 1]); Wi=daug(wi,wi);
%
```

Table 2: MATLAB program for μ -analysis

```
% Generalized plant P.
systemnames = 'G Wp Wi';
inputvar = '[ydel(2); w(2) ; u(2)]';
outputvar = '[Wi; Wp; -G-w]';
input_to_G = '[u+ydel]';
input_to_Wp = '[G+w]'; input_to_Wi = '[u]';
sysoutname = 'P';
cleanupsysic = 'yes'; sysic;
%
N = starp(P,Kinv); omega = logspace(-3,3,61);
Nf = frsp(N,omega);
%
% mu for RP.
blk = [1 1; 1 1; 2 2];
[mubnds,rowd,sens,rowp,rowg] = mu(Nf,blk,'c');
muRP = sel(mubnds,':',1); pkvnorm(muRP) % (ans = 5.7726).
```

Table 3: MATLAB program for μ -analysis

```
% Worst-case weighted sensitivity
%
[delworst,muslow,musup] = wcp erf(Nf,blk,1); musup      % (musup = 44.93 for
%                                                    %   delta=1).
% mu for RS.
%
Nrs=sel(Nf,1:2,1:2);
[mubnds,rowd,sens,rowp,rowg]=mu(Nrs,[1 1; 1 1], 'c');
muRS = sel(mubnds, ':', 1); pkvnorm(muRS)             % (ans = 0.5242).
%
% mu for NP (= max. singular value of Nnp).
%
Nnp=sel(Nf,3:4,3:4);
[mubnds,rowd,sens,rowp,rowg]=mu(Nnp,[2 2], 'c');
muNP = sel(mubnds, ':', 1); pkvnorm(muNP)           % (ans = 0.5000).
vplot('liv,m',muRP,muRS,muNP);
```

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μ -synthesis and DK -iteration [8.12]

The structured singular value μ is a very powerful tool for the analysis of robust performance with a given controller. However, one may also seek to find the controller that minimizes a given μ -condition: this is the μ -synthesis problem:

$$\min_K \mu(N)$$

DK -iteration [8.12.1]:

At present there is no direct method to synthesize a μ -optimal controller. However, for complex perturbations a method known as DK -iteration is available. It combines \mathcal{H}_∞ -synthesis and μ -analysis, and often yields good results. The starting point is the upper bound on μ in terms of the scaled singular value

$$\mu(N) \leq \min_{D \in \mathcal{D}} \bar{\sigma}(DND^{-1})$$

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- The structured singular value μ for *complex* perturbations is bounded by

$$\rho(M) \leq \mu(M) \leq \bar{\sigma}(M) \quad (6.79)$$

$$\Delta = \delta I \text{ (}\delta \text{ is a complex scalar): } \mu(M) = \rho(M) \quad (6.80)$$

$$\Delta \text{ is a full complex matrix: } \mu(M) = \bar{\sigma}(M) \quad (6.81)$$

- Consider any matrix D which commutes with Δ : that is $\Delta D = D\Delta$. Then

$$\mu(DM) = \mu(MD) \text{ and } \mu(DMD^{-1}) = \mu(M) \quad (6.82)$$

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- **Improved upper bound.** Define \mathcal{D} to be the set of matrices D which commute with Δ (i.e., satisfy $D\Delta = \Delta D$). Then

$$\mu(M) \leq \min_{D \in \mathcal{D}} \bar{\sigma}(DMD^{-1}) \quad (6.83)$$

- This optimization is convex in D , i.e., has only one global minimum.
- The inequality is indeed an equality if there are three or fewer blocks in Δ .
- Numerical evidence suggests that the bound is tight.

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The idea is to find the controller that minimizes the peak value over frequency of this upper bound, namely

$$\min_K \left(\min_{D \in \mathcal{D}} \|DN(K)D^{-1}\|_\infty \right) \quad (6.84)$$

by alternating between minimizing $\|DN(K)D^{-1}\|_\infty$ with respect to either K or D (while holding the other fixed).

- 1 **K-step.** Synthesize an \mathcal{H}_∞ controller for the scaled problem, $\min_K \|DN(K)D^{-1}\|_\infty$ with fixed $D(s)$.
- 2 **D-step.** Find $D(j\omega)$ to minimize at each frequency $\bar{\sigma}(DND^{-1}(j\omega))$ with fixed N .
- 3 Fit the magnitude of each element of $D(j\omega)$ to a stable and minimum phase transfer function $D(s)$ and go to Step 1.

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Example: μ -synthesis with DK-iteration [8.12.4]:

Simplified distillation process

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{75s + 1} \begin{bmatrix} 87.8 & -86.4 \\ 108.2 & -109.6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.85)$$

The uncertainty weight $w_I I$ and performance weight $w_P I$ are given in (6.78), and are shown graphically in Figure 15. The objective is to minimize the peak value of $\mu_{\tilde{\Delta}}(N)$, where N is given in (6.71) and $\tilde{\Delta} = \text{diag}\{\Delta_I, \Delta_P\}$. We will consider diagonal input uncertainty (which is always present in any real problem), so Δ_I is a 2×2 diagonal matrix. Δ_P is a full 2×2 matrix representing the performance specification.

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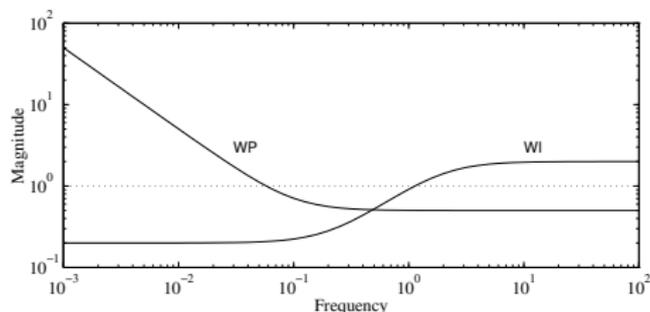


Figure 15: Uncertainty and performance weights. Notice that there is a frequency range (“window”) where both weights are less than one in magnitude.

Table 4: MATLAB program to perform DK -iteration

```
% Uses the Mu toolbox
GO = [87.8 -86.4; 108.2 -109.6];
dyn = nd2sys(1,[75 1]); Dyn = daug(dyn,dyn);
G = mmult(Dyn,GO);
%
% Weights.
%
wp = nd2sys([10 1],[10 1.e-5],0.5);           % Approximated
wi = nd2sys([1 0.2],[0.5 1]);                 % integrator.
Wp = daug(wp,wp); Wi = daug(wi,wi);
%
% Generalized plant P. %
systemnames = 'G Wp Wi';
inputvar = '[ydel(2); w(2) ; u(2)]';
outputvar = '[Wi; Wp; -G-w]';
input.to.G = '[u+ydel]';
input.to.Wp = '[G+w]'; input.to.Wi = '[u]';
sysoutname = 'P'; cleanupsysic = 'yes';
sysic;
%
```

Table 5: MATLAB program to perform DK -iteration

```
% Initialize.
%
omega = logspace(-3,3,61);
blk = [1 1; 1 1; 2 2];
nmeas=2; nu=2; gmin=0.9; gamma=2; tol=0.01; d0 = 1;
dsysl = daug(d0,d0,eye(2),eye(2)); dsysr=dsysl;
%
% START ITERATION.
%
% STEP 1: Find H-infinity optimal controller
% with given scalings:
%
DPD = mmult(dsysl,P,minv(dsysr)); gmax=1.05*gamma;
[K,Nsc,gamma] = hinfsyn(DPD,nmeas,nu,gmin,gmax,tol);
Nf=frsp(Nsc,omega);
%
% (Remark:
% Without scaling:
% N=starp(P,K);).
% STEP 2: Compute mu using upper bound:
%
[mubnds,rowd,sens,rowg] = mu(Nf,blk,'c');
vplot('liv,m',mubnds); murp=pkvnorm(mubnds,inf)
%
% STEP 3: Fit resulting D-scales:
%
[dsysl,dsysr]=musynflp(dsysl,rowd,sens,blk,nmeas,nu); % choose 4th order.
%
% New Version:
% [dsysL,dsysR]=msf(Nf,mubnds,rowd,sens,blk); % order: 4, 4, 0.
% dsysl=daug(dsysL,eye(2)); dsysr=daug(dsysR,eye(2));
%
% GOTO STEP 1 (unless satisfied with murp).
%
```

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Iteration No. 1.

Step 1: With the initial scalings, $D^0 = I$, the \mathcal{H}_∞ software produced a 6 state controller (2 states from the plant model and 2 from each of the weights) with an \mathcal{H}_∞ norm of $\gamma = 1.1823$.

Step 2: The upper μ -bound gave the μ -curve shown as curve “Iter. 1” in Figure 16, corresponding to a peak value of $\mu=1.1818$.

Step 3: The frequency-dependent $d_1(\omega)$ and $d_2(\omega)$ from Step 2 were each fitted using a 4th order transfer function. $d_1(\omega)$ and the fitted 4th-order transfer function (dotted line) are shown in Figure 17 and labelled “Iter. 1”.

Iteration No. 2.

Step 1: With the 8 state scaling $D^1(s)$ the \mathcal{H}_∞ software gave a 22 state controller and $\|D^1 N (D^1)^{-1}\|_\infty = 1.0238$.

Iteration No. 3.

Step 1: With the scalings $D^2(s)$ the \mathcal{H}_∞ norm was only slightly reduced from 1.024 to 1.019.

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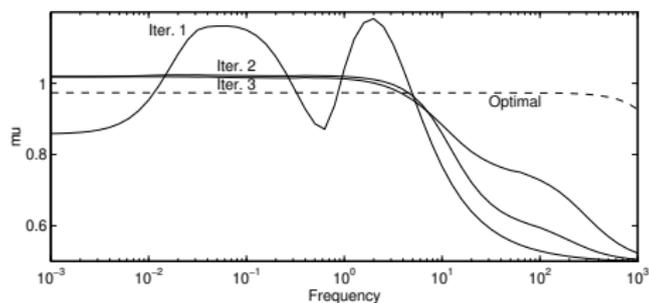


Figure 16: Change in μ during *DK*-iteration

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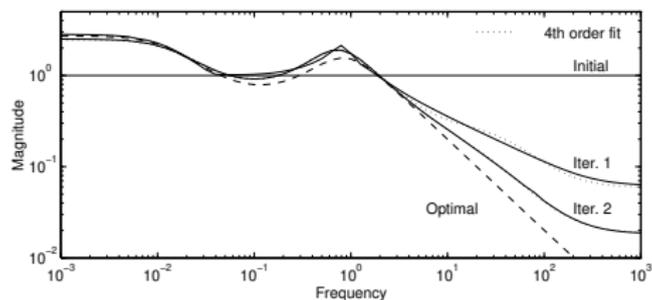


Figure 17: Change in D -scale d_1 during DK -iteration

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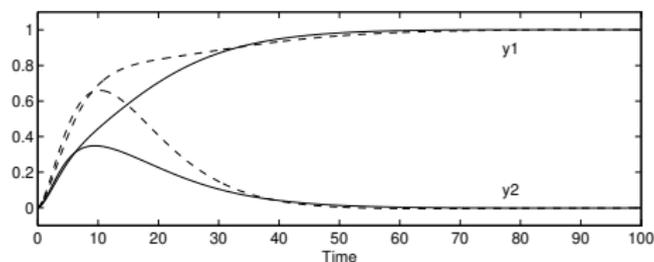


Figure 18: Setpoint response for μ -“optimal” controller K_3 . Solid line: nominal plant. Dashed line: uncertain plant G'_3