

MEM800-007 Chapter 4a

Linear Matrix Inequality Approach

Reference: Linear matrix inequalities in system and control theory, Stephen Boyd et al. SIAM 1994.

Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI) approach have become a powerful design tool in almost all areas of control system engineering. The LMI approach has the following advantages:

- Many control system design specifications and constraints can be expressed as LMIs.
- The LMI problems can be solved numerically very efficiently using interior-point methods.
- For those problems that analytical solutions are impossible, the LMI approach often can provide solutions numerically.

LMI

A linear matrix inequality (LMI) has the form

$$F(x) = F_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m x_i F_i > 0 \quad (4.1)$$

where $x \in R^m$ is the variable the symmetric matrices $F_i \in R^{n \times n}$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, are given.

Positive definite matrix

$F(x) > 0$ means that $F(x)$ is positive definite, i.e., $u^T F(x)u > 0$ for all nonzero $u \in R^n$.

Affine function:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_m a_m + b$$

Ex .0 Lyapunov inequality

$$A^T P + PA < 0 \tag{4.2}$$

where $A \in R^{n \times n}$ is given and $P = P^T$ is the variable.

Eq. (4.2) can be rewritten in the form of (4.1).

Let P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m be a basis for the symmetric $n \times n$ matrices ($m = n(n+1)/2$), then take $F_0 = 0$ and $F_i = -A^T P_i - P_i A$.

Nonlinear convex inequalities can be converted to LMI form using Schur complements.

Schur Complement

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} Q & S \\ S^T & R \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

if and only if

$$R > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Q - SR^{-1}S^T > 0.$$

(4.3a)

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} Q & S \\ S^T & R \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

if and only if

$$Q > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad R - S^T Q^{-1}S > 0.$$

(4.3b)

Proof:

LMI Examples

Ex.1

$Z(x) \in R^{p \times q}$ depends affinely on x , and $\|Z(x)\| = \bar{\sigma}[Z(x)]$. Then

$$\|Z(x)\| < 1 \Leftrightarrow Z(x)Z^T(x) < I, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$I - Z(x)Z^T(x) > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I & Z(x) \\ Z^T(x) & I \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

Proof: Schur complement (a).

Ex.2

$c(x) \in R^n$, $P(x) = P^T(x) \in R^{n \times n}$ depends affinely on x . Then

$$c^T(x)P^{-1}(x)c(x) < 1, \quad P(x) > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P(x) & c(x) \\ c^T(x) & 1 \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

Proof: Schur complement (b).

Ex.3

$P(x) = P^T(x) \in R^{n \times n}$ and $S(x) \in R^{n \times p}$ depend affinely on x . Then

$$\text{Tr}(S^T(x)P^{-1}(x)S(x)) < 1, \quad P(x) > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Tr}(X) < 1, \quad \begin{bmatrix} X & S^T(x) \\ S(x) & P(x) \end{bmatrix} > 0,$$

$$X = X^T \in R^{p \times p}$$

Proof:

Ex.4 Convert the quadratic matrix inequality (Riccati inequality) into an LMI

The Riccati inequality,

$$A^T P + PA + PBR^{-1}B^T P + Q < 0$$

where $A, B, Q = Q^T, R = R^T > 0$ are given matrices and $P = P^T$ is the variable,

is equivalent to the following LMI:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -A^T P - PA - Q & PB \\ B^T P & R \end{bmatrix} > 0.$$

Proof:


```
%{
To specify this LMI system with LMIVAR and LMITERM,
(1) resets the internal variables used for creating LMIs so
that a new system of LMIs can be created.
%}
```

```
setlmis([]);
```

```
% (2) define the 2 matrix variables X,S
```

```
X=lmivar(1,[6 1]);
```

```
% X is a 6x6 full symmetric matrix variable
```

```
S=lmivar(1,[2 0;2 1]);
```

```
% S is diag{2x2 diagonal block, 2x2 full
% symmetric block}
```

```
help lmivar
```

```
%{
(3) specify the terms appearing in each LMI. For
convenience, you can give a name to each LMI with NEWLMI
(optional)
%}
```

```
help limterm
```

```
% 1st LMI 
$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T X + XA + C^T S C & X B \\ B^T X & -S \end{bmatrix} < 0$$

```

```
BRL=newlmi;
```

```
lmitem([BRL 1 1 X],1,A,'s');
```

```
lmitem([BRL 1 1 S],C',C);
```

```
lmitem([BRL 1 2 X],1,B);
```

```
lmitem([BRL 2 2 S],-1,1);
```

```
% 2nd LMI  $X > 0$ 
```

```
Xpos=newlmi;
```

```
lmitem([-Xpos 1 1 X],1,1);
```

```
% 3rd LMI  $S > I$ 
```

```
Slmi=newlmi;
```

```
lmitem([-Slmi 1 1 S],1,1);
```

```
lmitem([Slmi 1 1 0],1);
```

```

%{
  (4) get the internal description of this LMI system with
  GETLMIS
%}

lmisys=getlmis;

%{
  Done!  A full description of this LMI system is now stored
  in the MATLAB variable LMISYS
%}

%{
  You can retrieve various information about the LMI system
  you just defined
%}

% number of LMIs:
lminbr(lmisys)

% number of matrix variables:
matnbr(lmisys)

% variables and terms in each LMI (type q to % exit lmiinfo):
lmiinfo(lmisys)
          LMI   ORACLE
          -----

This is a system of 3 LMI(s) with 2 matrix variables

Do you want information on
  (v) matrix variables      (l) LMIs      (q) quit
?> v
Which variable matrix (enter its index k between 1 and 2) ? 1

      X1 is a 6x6 symmetric block diagonal matrix
      its (1,1)-block is a full block of size 6
      -----

This is a system of 3 LMI with 2 variable matrices

Do you want information on
  (v) matrix variables      (l) LMIs      (q) quit
?> .....

```

```
?> q
```

It has been a pleasure serving you!

```
%{
```

```
We now call FEASP to solve our system of LMIs
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} A'X + XA + C'SC & XB \\ & \end{pmatrix} < 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & B'X & \\ & & -S \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X > 0$$

$$S > I$$

```
%}
```

```
[tmin,xfeas]=feasp(lmisys);
```

```
%{
```

```
tmin=-1.839011 < 0 : the problem is feasible!
```

```
-> there exists a scaling D such that
```

$$\|DG(s)D^{-1}\|_{\infty} < 1$$

```
The output XFEAS is a feasible value of the vector of  
decision variables (the free entries of X and S).
```

```
%}
```

xfeas

```
%{
```

```
Use DEC2MAT to get the corresponding values of the matrix  
variables X and S:
```

```
%}
```

```
Xf=dec2mat(lmisys,xfeas,X)
```

```
Sf=dec2mat(lmisys,xfeas,S)
```

```
eig(Xf)
```

```
eig(Sf)
```

```
% the constraints  $X > 0$  and  $S > I$  are  
% satisfied!
```

```
%{
To verify that the first LMI is satisfied,
(1) evaluate the LMI system for the computed decision
vector XFEAS:
%}

evlmi = evallmi(lmisys,xfeas);

%{
(2) get the values of the left and right-hand sides of the
first LMI with SHOWLMI:
%}

[lhs1,rhs1]=showlmi(evlmi,1);

eig(lhs1-rhs1)

% the first LMI is indeed satisfied.

%{
(3) get the values of the left and right-hand sides of the
second LMI with SHOWLMI:
%}

[lhs2,rhs2]=showlmi(evlmi,2)

>> eig(rhs2)

%{
(4) get the values of the left and right-hand sides of the
third LMI with SHOWLMI:
%}

[lhs3,rhs3]=showlmi(evlmi,3)

eig(rhs3(3:4,3:4))

%{
```

Finally, let us check that the H-infinity norm of $G(s)$ was not less than one from the start. To do this, we can **remove the scaling D by setting $S = 2*I$** and solve the resulting feasibility problem:

Find X such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A'X + XA + C'C & XB \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & B'X & & & \\ & & & & -I & \end{pmatrix} < 0$$

$$X > 0$$

This new LMI system is derived **from the previous one by setting $S = 2*I$** with SETMVAR:
 %}

```
newsys=setmvar(lmisys,S,2);
```

```
>> lmiinfo(newsys)
```

```
LMI ORACLE
```

```
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```

```
This is a system of 3 LMI(s) with 1 matrix variables
```

```
Do you want information on
```

```
(v) matrix variables (l) LMIs (q) quit
```

```
?> q
```

```
It has been a pleasure serving you!
```

```
% Now call FEASP to solve the modified LMI  
% problem:
```

```
[tmin,xfas]=feasp(newsys);
```

```
These LMI constraints were found infeasible
```

```
% Infeasible! The H-infinity norm of  $G(s)$   
% was larger than one
```

```
%{
    You can also specify this system with the LMI editor:
    >> lmiedit
%}
```

```
who
```

```
clear
who
```

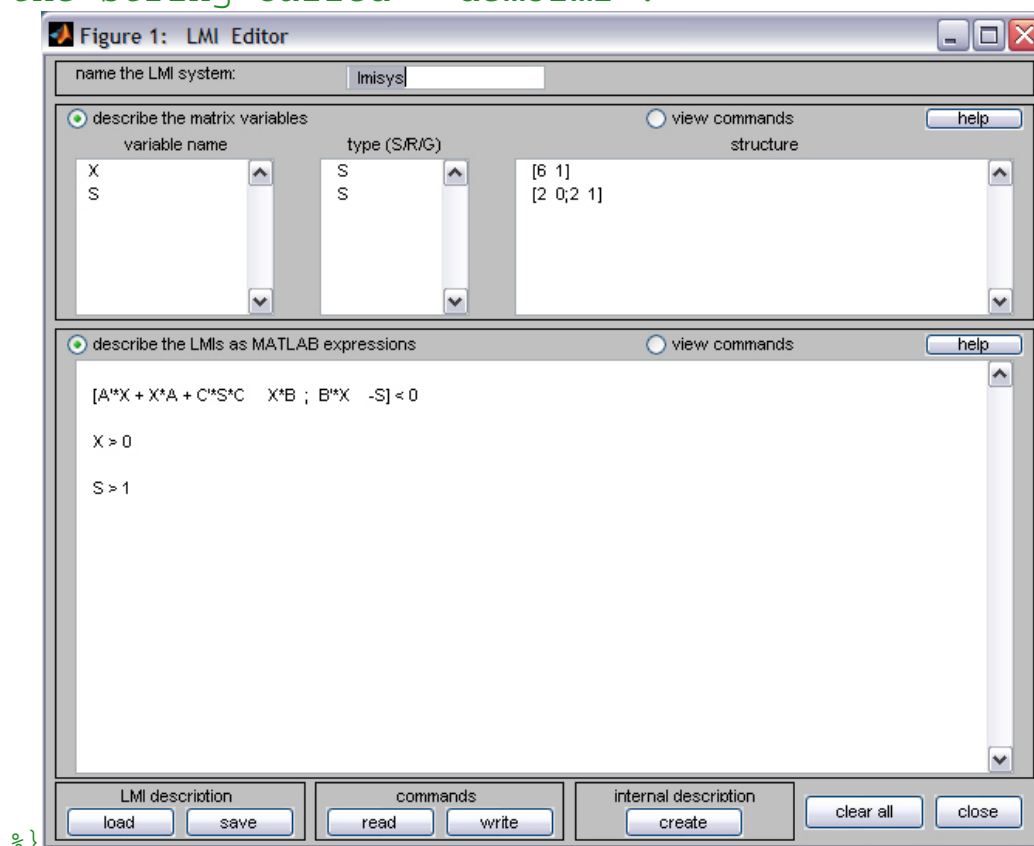
```
load lmidem;
who
```

```
demolmi
```

```
lmiedit
```

```
%{
    Here you specify the variables in the upper half of the
    window and type the LMIs as MATLAB expressions in the lower
    half ...
```

```
    To see how this should look like, click "LOAD" and load
    the string called "demolmi".
```



```
%}
```

```
%{  
You can  
* save this description in a MATLAB string of your choice  
("SAVE")
```

Click "SAVE" and type demolmi2 as the name of the string

who

demolmi2

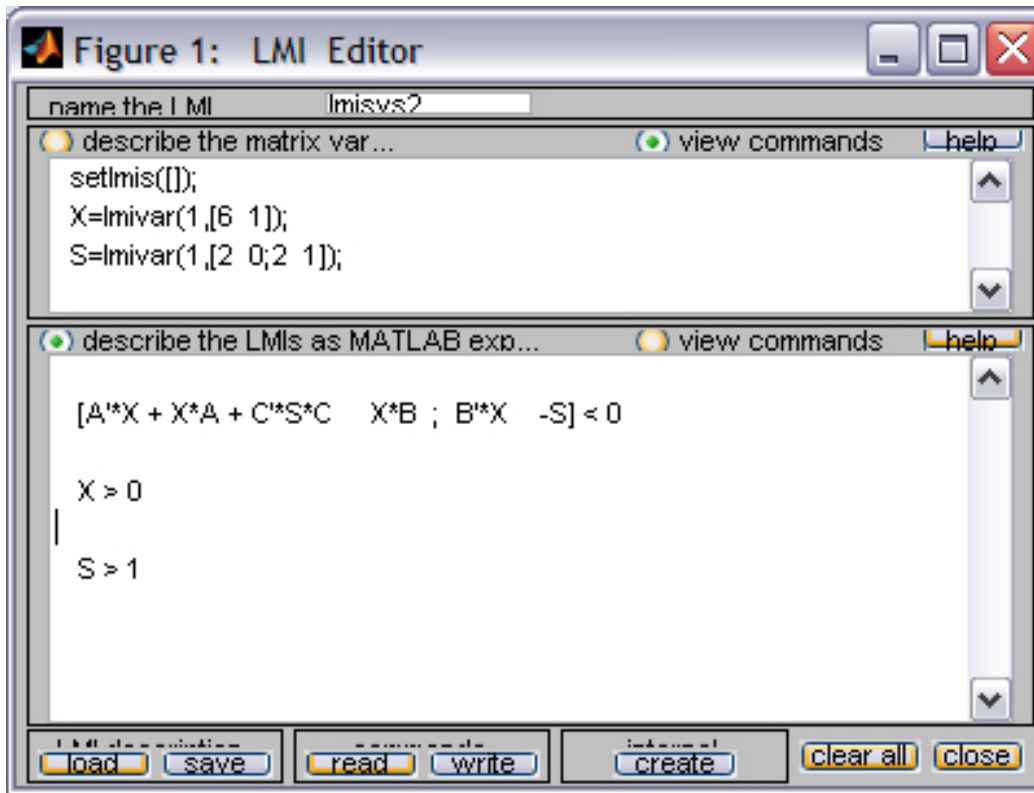
```
* generate the internal representation "lmisys" of this LMI  
system by typing lmisys2 as the name of the LMI system  
string and clicking on "CREATE"
```

```
>> who
```

Your variables are:

A	S	ans	lmisys2
B	X	demolmi	C
ZZZ_ehdl	demolmi2		

```
* visualize the LMIVAR and LMITERM commands that create  
"lmisys" (click on "VIEW COMMANDS")
```



```
setlmis([]);
X=lmivar(1,[6 1]);
S=lmivar(1,[2 0;2 1]);
```

* write in a file this series of commands (click on "WRITE")
 Click on "CLOSE" to exit LMIEDIT
 %}

Example 8.2

```
% EXAMPLE 8.2 IN THE Old LMI USER'S MANUAL
% or IN Chapter 9 of the Robust Control
% Toolbox Manual
```

```
A=[-1 -2 1;3 2 1;1 -2 -1];
B=[1;0;1];
Q=[1 -1 0;-1 -3 -12;0 -12 -36];
```

```
%{
Consider the optimization problem
Minimize Trace(X) subject to
```

$$A'X + XA + XBB'X + Q < 0 \quad (9-9)$$

It can be shown that the minimizer X^* is simply the stabilizing solution of the algebraic Riccati equation

$$A'X + XA + XBB'X + Q = 0$$

This solution can be computed directly with the Riccati solver `care` and compared to the minimizer returned by `mincx`.

From an LMI optimization standpoint, problem (9-9) is equivalent to the following linear objective minimization problem:

```
Minimize Tr(X) subject to
[ A'X+XA+Q   XB ] < 0
[   B'X      -I ]
```

Since $\text{Trace}(X)$ is a linear function of the entries of X , this problem falls within the scope of the `mincx` solver and can be numerically solved as follows:

```
%}
%{
(1) Define the LMI constraint (9-9) by the
sequence of commands
%}
```

```
setlmis([]);
```

```

X = lmivar(1,[3 1])
% variable X, full symmetric

lmitem([1 1 1 X],1,A,'s');
lmitem([1 1 1 0],Q);
lmitem([1 2 2 0],-1);
lmitem([1 2 1 X],B',1);
%      [ A'X+XA+Q   XB ]
%      [   B'X      -I ]

LMIs = getlmis;

lminfo(LMIs)
                LMI   ORACLE
                -----

This is a system of 1 LMI(s) with 1 matrix variables

Do you want information on
    (v) matrix variables      (l) LMIs      (q) quit
?> q

It has been a pleasure serving you!

%{
(2) Write the objective Trace(X) as c'x where x is the
vector of free entries of X. Since c should select the
diagonal entries of X, it is obtained as the decision vector
corresponding to X = I, that is,
%}

c = mat2dec(LMIs,eye(3))

%{
Note that the function defcx provides a more systematic way
of specifying such objectives (see "Specifying c'x
Objectives for mincx" on page 9-37 for details).
%}

help defcx

```

```
%{
(3) Call mincx to compute the minimizer xopt and the global
minimum copt = c'*xopt of the objective:
%}
```

```
options = [1e-5,0,0,0,0]
[copt,xopt] = mincx(LMIs,c,options)
```

```
%{
Here 1e-5 specifies the desired relative accuracy on copt.
The following trace of the iterative optimization performed
by mincx appears on the screen:
%}
```

```
c'*xopt
```

```
%{
Upon termination, mincx reports that the global minimum for
the objective
Trace(X)=c'x is -18.716695 with relative accuracy of at
least 9.5-by-10-6.
This is the value copt returned by mincx.
%}
```

```
%{
(4) mincx also returns the optimizing vector of decision
variables xopt.
The corresponding optimal value of the matrix variable X is
given by
%}
```

```
Xopt = dec2mat(LMIs,xopt,X)
```

```
%{
This result can be compared with the stabilizing Riccati
solution computed
by care:
%}
```

```
Xst = care(A,B,Q,-1)
```

```
%{
Xst =
-6.3542e+000 -5.8895e+000 2.2046e+000
```

```
-5.8895e+000 -6.2855e+000 2.2201e+000  
2.2046e+000 2.2201e+000 -6.0771e+000  
%}
```

norm(Xopt-Xst)

help norm