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## 1. Motivation

- Problem Setting

- Model Reduction for Control Systems

- System Classes

- Balanced Truncation for Linear Systems

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Note:

- $\mathcal{L}$  is the standard **Lyapunov operator**.
- For  $A_k \equiv 0$ ,  $H = 0$ , we obtain a **standard Lyapunov equation**.
- $\Pi, \mathcal{K}$  are nonnegative operators, i.e., they map spsd matrices to spsd matrices.
- $\mathcal{L} + \Pi$  is linear ("Lyapunov-plus-positive" / "bilinear Lyapunov");  $\mathcal{K}$  is nonlinear.

## Nonlinear Control Systems

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} E\dot{x}(t) &= f(t, x(t), u(t)), & Ex(t_0) = Ex_0, \\ y(t) &= g(t, x(t), u(t)) \end{cases}$$

with

- (generalized) states  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,
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But exact representation of smooth nonlinear systems possible:


## Theorem [GU '09/'11]


Assume that the state equation of a nonlinear system is given by

$$\dot{x} = a_0x + a_1g_1(x) + \dots + a_kg_k(x) + Bu,$$

where  $g_i(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are compositions of uni-variable rational, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric or root functions, respectively. Then, by iteratively taking derivatives and adding algebraic equations, respectively, the nonlinear system can be transformed into a QB(DAE) system.

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## FitzHugh-Nagumo model

- Model describes activation and de-activation of neurons.
- Contains a **cubic nonlinearity**, which can be transformed to QB form.

## Sine-Gordon equation

- Applications in biomedical studies, mechanical transmission lines, etc.
- Contains **sin function**, which can also be rewritten into QB form.



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- Reduced-order model directly obtained via small-scale ( $s \times s$ ) SVD of  $R^T S$ !
- No  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$  or  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  computations necessary!



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## Definition

[SCHERPEN '93, GRAY/MESKO '96]

The reachability energy functional,  $L_c(x_0)$ , and observability energy functional,  $L_o(x_0)$  of a system are given as:

$$L_c(x_0) = \inf_{\substack{u \in L_2(-\infty, 0] \\ x(-\infty)=0, x(0)=x_0}} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^0 \|u(t)\|^2 dt, \quad L_o(x_0) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \|y(t)\|^2 dt.$$

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### Example: controllability Gramian from time domain data (snapshots)

1. Define reachability Gramian of the system

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2. Use time-domain integrator to produce snapshots  $x_k \approx x(t_k)$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ .
3. Approximate  $P \approx \sum_{k=0}^K w_k x_k x_k^T$  with positive weights  $w_k$ .
4. Analogously for observability Gramian.
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  - provide bounds for the energy functionals of QB systems,
  - generalize the Gramians of linear and bilinear systems, and
  - allow us to find the states that are hard to control as well as hard to observe in an efficient and reliable way.



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## Theorem

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If it exists, the new **controllability Gramian**  $P$  for QB (MIMO) systems with stable  $A$  solves the **quadratic Lyapunov equation**

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## Definition (Truncated Gramians)

[B./GOYAL '16, B./GOYAL/REDMANN '17]

The **truncated Gramians**  $P_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$  for QB systems satisfy

$$AP_{\mathcal{T}} + P_{\mathcal{T}}A^T = -BB^T - \sum_{k=1}^m A_k P_l A_k^T - H(P_l \otimes P_l)H^T,$$

$$A^T Q_{\mathcal{T}} + Q_{\mathcal{T}}A = -C^T C - \sum_{k=1}^m A_k^T Q_l A_k - H^{(2)}(P_l \otimes Q_l)(H^{(2)})^T,$$

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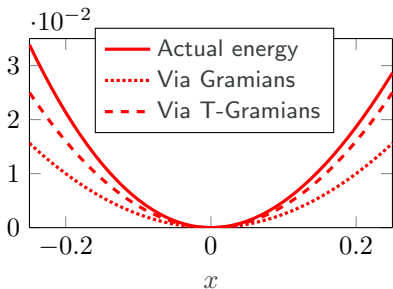


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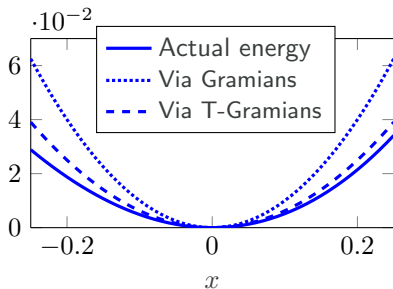
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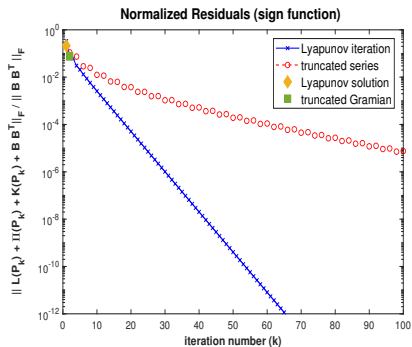
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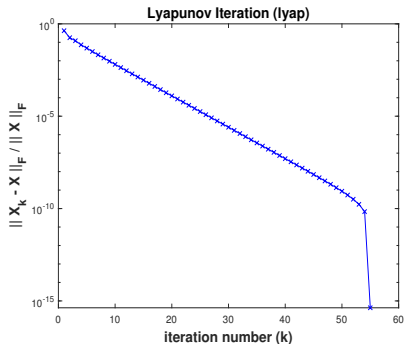
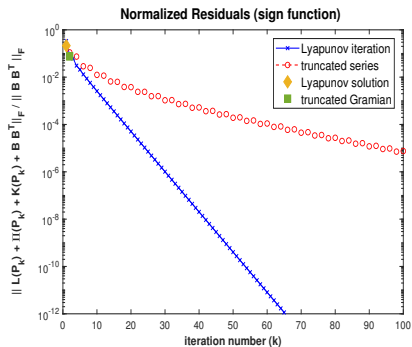
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