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POSITIVE 2nd CONTINUOUS-DISCRETE LINEAR SYSTEMS

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A new class of positive 2D continuous-discrete linear models is introduced. Sufficient conditions for 2D continuous-discrete linear model to be a positive system are established. The solution to the positive 2D continuous-discrete model is derived. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the local reachability of the positive 2D system are established. The minimum energy control problem for positive 2D continuous-discrete systems is formulated and solved.

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1. Introduction

The most popular models of two-dimensional (2D) systems are the models introduced by Roesser [28], Fornasini and Marchesini [4,5]. The reachability and controllability and the minimum energy control of 2D linear systems have been considered in many papers and books [20-24]. The minimum energy control problem for the classical 2D Roesser model was formulated and solved by Klamka [24] and next the method was extended for 2D linear systems with variable coefficients [20] and other type of 2D models [23]. A positive linear system is a dynamical system in which the input, state, and output space are spaces over the nonnegative real numbers. The positive linear systems have been used in bi-mathematics, economics, chemometrics and other research areas [1,2,26]. Positive realisations of a given transfer function have been considered in many papers [1,3,6,7-9]. The reachability, observability and realisability of continuous-time positive systems have been discussed in [27]. The realisation problem of a given positive impulse response function has been considered in [1,6] and the realisation of an n th-order linear difference equation has been treated in [25]. A proce-

cedure for finding a positive realisation problem of a given improper transfer matrix has been presented in [8]. 2D continuous-discrete linear systems have been considered in [10-18].

In this paper a new class of positive 2D continuous-discrete linear systems will be introduced. Sufficient conditions for the local reachability will be established and the minimum energy control problem will be solved of the class of positive 2D systems.

2. Preliminaries

Let Z_+ be the set of nonnegative integers and R the field of real numbers. Denote by $R^{n \times m}$ the set of $n \times m$ matrices with entries from R , by $R_+^{n \times m}$ the set of $n \times m$ matrices with nonnegative entries and $R^n := R^{n \times 1}$.

Consider the 2D continuous-discrete linear system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t, k+1) &= A_0 x(t, k) + A_1 \dot{x}(t, k) + A_2 x(t, k+1) + Bu(t, k) \\ t \in R, k \in Z_+ \end{aligned} \tag{1a}$$

$$y(t, k) = Cx(t, k) + Du(t, k) \tag{1b}$$

where $\dot{x}(t, k) = \frac{\partial x(t, k)}{\partial t}$, $x(t, k) \in R^n$ is state vector, $u(t, k) \in R^m$ is the input vector, $y(t, k) \in R^p$ is the output vector and $A_i \in R^{n \times n}$, $i = 0, 1, 2$,

$$B \in R^{n \times m}, C \in R^{p \times n}, D \in R^{p \times m}$$

Definition 1. The system (1) is called positive if for any boundary conditions

$$x(t, 0) \in R_+^n, \dot{x}(t, 0) \in R_+^n, t \geq 0$$

and

$$x(0, k) \in R_+^n, k \geq 1 \tag{2}$$

and all input vectors $u(t, k) \in R_+^m, t \geq 0, k \in Z_+$ the state and output vectors satisfy the condition $x(t, k) \in R_+^n, y(t, k) \in R_+^p$ for $t \geq 0, k \in Z_+$.

Definition 2. A matrix $A \in R^{n \times n}$ is called a Metzler matrix if all its off-diagonal entries are nonnegative.

It is easy to show [19] that $e^{At} \in R_+^{n \times n}$ for $t \geq 0$ if and only if $A \in R^{n \times n}$ is a Metzler matrix.

Theorem 1. The system (1) is positive if

$$A_0 \in R_+^{n \times n}, A_1 \in R_+^{n \times n}, A := A_0 + A_1 A_2 \in R_+^{n \times n}, B \in R_+^{n \times m}, C \in R_+^{p \times n}, D \in R_+^{p \times m}$$

and

$$A_2 \text{ is a Metzler matrix.}$$

Proof. The proof will be accomplished by induction. The equation (1a) may be written in the form

$$\dot{x}(t, k+1) = A_2 x(t, k+1) + F(t, k) \quad (3a)$$

where

$$F(t, k) := A_0 x(t, k) + A_1 \dot{x}(t, k) + Bu(t, k) \quad (3b)$$

From (3) for $k = 0$ we have

$$\dot{x}(t, 1) = A_2 x(t, 1) + F(t, 0) \quad (4a)$$

where

$$F(t, 0) := A_0 x(t, 0) + A_1 \dot{x}(t, 0) + Bu(t, 0) \quad (4b)$$

is known for given boundary conditions (2).

From (4b) it follows that if (i) and (2) hold then $F(t, 0) \in R_+^n$. The solution of (4a) is given by

$$x(t, 1) = e^{A_2 t} x(0, 1) + \int_0^t e^{A_2(t-\tau)} F_1(\tau, 0) d\tau, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (5)$$

Note that $x(t, 1) \in R_+^n$ since A_2 is a Metzler matrix and $e^{A_2 t} \in R_+^{n \times n}$ for $t \geq 0$.

From (1b) for $k = 1$ we have $y(t, 1) = Cx(t, 1) + Du(t, 1) \in R_+^p$.

Using (3b) for $k = 1$ and (5) we obtain

$$F(t,1) = A_0x(t,1) + A_1\dot{x}(t,1) + Bu(t,1) =$$

$$(A_0 + A_1A_2)e^{A_2t}x(0,1) + (A_0 + A_1A_2)\int_0^t e^{A_2(t-\tau)} \times F(\tau,0)d\tau + A_1F(t,0) + Bu(t,1) =$$

$$Ae^{A_2t}x(0,1) + A\int_0^t e^{A_2(t-\tau)}F(\tau,0)d\tau + A_1F(t,0) + Bu(t,1) \in R_+^n$$

since $A \in R_+^{n \times n}$, $e^{A_2t} \in R_+^{n \times n}$, $A_1 \in R_+^{n \times n}$ and $F(t,0) \in R_+^n$.

Assuming that $x(t,i) \in R_+^n$ and $F(t,i-1) \in R_+^n$ for $t \geq 0$ and $i \geq 1$ we shall show that

$x(t,i+1) \in R_+^n$ for $t \geq 0$ and $i \geq 1$. From (3) for $k=i$ we get

$$\dot{x}(t,i+1) = A_2x(t,i+1) + F(t,i) \quad (6a)$$

where

$$F(t,i) = A_0x(t,i) + A_1\dot{x}(t,i) + Bu(t,i) = \quad (6b)$$

$$Ae^{A_2t}x(0,i) + A\int_0^t e^{A_2(t-\tau)}F_i(\tau,i-1)d\tau + A_1F(t,i-1) + Bu(t,i) \in R_+^n$$

since $A \in R_+^{n \times n}$, $e^{A_2t} \in R_+^{n \times n}$, $A_1 \in R_+^{n \times n}$ and $F(t,i-1) \in R_+^n$.

The solution of (6a) is given by

$$x(t,i+1) = e^{A_2t}x(0,i+1) + \int_0^t e^{A_2(t-\tau)}F(\tau,i)d\tau, t \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

From (7) it follows that $x(t,i+1) \in R_+^n$ if the condition i) is satisfied. From (1b) for $k=i+1$ we have $y(t,i+1) = Cx(t,i+1) + Du(t,i+1) \in R_+^p$. \square

Remark. The system (1) is positive only if A_2 is a Metzler matrix.

Proof. Note that $e^{A_2t} \in R_+^{n \times n}$ if and only if A_2 is a Metzler matrix. From (7) it follows that $x(t,i) \in R_+^n$ for $t \geq 0$ and $i \in Z_+$ only if A_2 is a Metzler matrix. \square

3. Solution of the positive system

Theorem 2. The solution $x(t, k)$ of the equation (1a) with boundary conditions (2) has the form

$$x(t, k) = e^{A_2 t} x(0, k) + \int_0^t e^{A_2(t-\tau)} F(\tau, k-1) d\tau, \\ t \geq 0, k \in Z_+ \quad (8)$$

where $F(t, k)$ is given by

$$F(t, k) = P_i^k [A_0 x(t, 0) + A_1 \dot{x}(t, 0) + Bu(t, 0)] + \\ + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} P_i^{k-i-1} [Ae^{A_2 t} x(0, i+1) + Bu(t, i+1)] \quad (9)$$

and P_i is an operator defined by

$$P_i F(t) := A \int_0^t e^{A_2(t-\tau)} F(\tau) d\tau + A_1 F(t) \quad (10)$$

Proof. The solution (8) follows from (7) for $i+1 = k$.

Using the operator P_i we may write the difference equation (6b) in the form

$$F(t, i) = P_i F + Ae^{A_2 t} x(0, i) + Bu(t, i)$$

and its solution is given by (9) for $i = k-1$. □

4. Reachability

Definition 3. The positive system (1) is called locally reachable in the rectangle (point)

$$D_{hr} := \{(t, k) \in R_+ \times Z_+; 0 \leq t \leq h, 0 \leq k \leq r\} \quad (11)$$

if for zero boundary conditions (2) and every vector $x_f \in R_+^m$ there exists $u(t, k) \in R_+^m$ for $0 \leq t \leq h, 0 \leq k < r$ such that $x(h, r) = x_f$.

Definition 4. The positive system (1) is called reachable if for zero boundary conditions (2) and every vector $x_f \in R_+^n$ there exists a pair (h, r) such that the system is locally reachable in the rectangle (11).

Definition 5. A set of all nonnegative linear combinations of columns of the matrix $A \in R^{n \times m}$ is called the positive image of A and it is denoted by $\text{Im}_+ A$, i.e.

$$\text{Im}_+ A := \{y \in R_+^n : y = Ax, \text{ for all } x \in R_+^m\} \quad (12)$$

Theorem 3. The positive system (1) is locally reachable in the rectangle (11) if and only if

$$\text{Im}_+ R_{hr} = R_+^n \quad (13)$$

where

$$R_{hr} = [R_0, R_1, \dots, R_{r-1}], \quad (14)$$

$$R_i := \int_0^h e^{A_2(h-\tau)} P_i^{r-i-1} B d\tau \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$$

and the operator P_i is defined by (10).

Proof. Let us assume that

$$u(t, k) := u_k \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq h, 0 \leq k < r \quad (15)$$

where u_k is independent of t .

Using (8) and (9) for $t = h$ and $k = r$ and zero boundary conditions (2) we obtain

$$x_f = x(h, r) = R_{hr} u_{0r}, \quad u_{0r} := [u_0 \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_{r-1}]^T \quad (16)$$

where T denotes the transposition.

From (16) and (12) it follows that for every $x_f \in R_+^n$ there exists a sequence $u_i \in R_+^m$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$ if and only if (13) holds.

A matrix is called the generalised permutation matrix if in each its row and its column only one entry is positive and the remaining entries are zero.

Theorem 4.

If

$$P_h := \int_0^h e^{A_2 \tau} B B^T e^{A_1^T \tau} d\tau \in R_+^{n \times n} \quad (17)$$

is a generalised permutation matrix then the positive model (1) is reachable in the rectangle D_{h1} ($t = h, k = 1$) and the desired input vector is given by

$$u(t,0) := B^T e^{A_1^T (h-t)} P_h^{-1} x_f \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq h \quad (18)$$

Proof. It is well-known [2] that $P_h^{-1} \in R_+^{n \times n}$ if and only if $P_h \in R_+^{n \times n}$ is a generalised permutation matrix. Therefore, if the assumption of Theorem 4 is satisfied then $u(t,0) \in R_+^m$.

From (8) and (9) for $t = h, k = 1$ for zero boundary conditions (2) we obtain

$$x(h,1) = \int_0^h e^{A_2 (h-\tau)} B u(\tau,0) d\tau \quad (19)$$

Substitution of (18) into (19) yields

$$x(h,1) = \int_0^h e^{A_2 (h-\tau)} B B^T e^{A_1^T (h-\tau)} d\tau P_h^{-1} x_f = \int_0^h e^{A_2 \tau} B B^T e^{A_1^T \tau} d\tau P_h^{-1} x_f = x_f \quad \square$$

5. Minimum energy control

Consider the positive system (1) and the performance index

$$I(u) := \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} u_k^T Q u_k \quad (20)$$

where Q is the $m \times m$ symmetric positive definite weighting matrix such that

$$Q^{-1} \in R_+^{m \times m} \quad (21)$$

and u_k is defined by (15).

The minimum energy control problem for the positive system (1) with zero boundary conditions (2) can be stated as follows. Given the matrices $A_k, k = 0,1,2$ and B of (1), the weighting matrix Q and the point (h,r) , find a

sequence $u_i \in R_+^m$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$ which transfer the system (1) from zero boundary conditions to the desired local state $x_f = x_{hr}$ and minimizes the performance index (19).

To solve the problem we define the matrix

$$W_Q(h, r) := R_{hr} Q_d R_{hr}^T \quad (22)$$

where R_{hr} is defined by (14) and $Q_d := \text{diag}[Q^{-1}, \dots, Q^{-1}] \in R_+^{m \times m}$

Using (22) it is easy to show that for the positive system (1) the matrix (22) is nonsingular if and only if the matrix R_{hr} has full row rank.

Define the sequence of inputs

$$\hat{u}_{0r} := Q_d R_{hr}^T W_Q^{-1}(h, r) x_f \quad (23)$$

Note that $\hat{u}_{0r} \in R_+^m$ for any $x_f \in R_+^n$ if and only if

$$W_Q^{-1}(h, r) \in R_+^{n \times n} \quad (24)$$

Theorem 5.

Let us assume that

- i. the positive system (1) is reachable for zero boundary conditions at the point (h, r) ,
- ii. and (24) hold,
- iii. \bar{u}_{0r} is any sequence of inputs which transfer the system (1) from zero boundary conditions to the desired local state $x_f = x_{hr}$.

Then the sequence of inputs (23) accomplishes the same task and

$$I(\hat{u}_{0r}) \leq I(\bar{u}_{0r}) \quad (25)$$

Moreover, the minimum value of (20) is given by

$$I(\hat{u}_{0r}) = x_f^T W_Q^{-1}(h, k) x_f \quad (26)$$

Proof. First we shall show that the sequence of inputs (23) provides $x_{hr} = x_f$.

Using (23) and (22) we obtain

$$x_{hr} = R(h, r)\hat{u}_{0r} = R_{hr}Q_dR_{hr}^TW_Q^{-1}(h, r)x_f = x_f$$

Since both \bar{u}_{0r} and \hat{u}_{0r} transfer the system from zero boundary conditions to x_f then

$$R_{hr}\bar{u}_{0r} = R_{hr}\hat{u}_{0r} \text{ and } R_{hr}[\bar{u}_{0r} - \hat{u}_{0r}] = 0 \quad (27)$$

From (27) we have

$$[\bar{u}_{0r} - \hat{u}_{0r}]^T R_{hr}^TW_Q^{-1}(h, r)x_f = [\bar{u}_{0r} - \hat{u}_{0r}]^T Q_d^{-1}\hat{u}_{0r} = 0 \quad (28)$$

Using (28) it is easy to show that

$$\bar{u}_{0r}^T Q_d^{-1}\bar{u}_{0r} = \hat{u}_{0r}^T Q_d^{-1}\hat{u}_{0r} + [\bar{u}_{0r} - \hat{u}_{0r}]^T Q_d^{-1}[\bar{u}_{0r} - \hat{u}_{0r}]$$

or

$$\sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \bar{u}_i^T Q \bar{u}_i = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \hat{u}_i^T Q \hat{u}_i + \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} [\bar{u}_i - \hat{u}_i]^T Q [\bar{u}_i - \hat{u}_i] \quad (29)$$

The inequality (25) holds since the last term in (29) is always nonnegative.

To obtain the minimum value of (20) we substitute (23) into (20)

$$\begin{aligned} I(\hat{u}_{0r}) &= \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \hat{u}_i^T Q \hat{u}_i = \hat{u}_{0r}^T(0, r) Q_d^{-1} \hat{u}_{0r}(0, r) = \\ &= \left[Q_d R_{hr}^T W_Q^{-1}(h, r) x_f \right]^T Q_d^{-1} \left[Q_d R_{hr}^T W_Q^{-1}(h, r) x_f \right] = \\ &= x_f^T W_Q^{-1}(h, r) R_{hr} Q_d R_{hr}^T W_Q^{-1}(h, r) x_f = x_f^T W_Q^{-1}(h, r) x_f \end{aligned}$$

since by (22) $R_{hr}Q_dR_{hr}^TW_Q^{-1}(h, r) = I$. \square

6. Conclusions

Sufficient conditions have been established for 2D continuous-discrete linear model (1) to be a positive one. It has been shown that the model (1) is positive only if A_2 is a Metzler matrix. The solution (8) to the model (1) has been derived. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the local reachability of the positive model (1) have been established. The minimum energy control problem for the positive (1) has been formulated and solved.

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