# ON QUADRATIC DIFFERENTIAL FORMS 

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#### Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to introduce some basic notation for quadratic differential forms and to provide a new result regarding the existence of a nonnegative storage function.


## 1 Introduction

In the behavioral approach to linear systems [1] it is customary to view a system as described by a high-order differential equation (for example as a kernel or as an image representation). This leads to an interesting interplay between polynomial matrices and linear dynamical systems. In control problems quadratic functionals are often also involved (witness $L Q$ - and $H_{\infty}$-control). Extending the behavioral point of view in this direction leads to the study of quadratic differential forms. These have been introduced earlier in the context of Lyapunov functions in [2] and for $L Q$-problems in [3]. The purpose of the present paper is to initiate a systematic study of quadratic differential forms. As a sequel to this note we will study $H_{\infty}$-problems in [4].

## 2 Quadratic differential forms.

Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{1} \times n_{2}}[\zeta, \eta]$ i.e., $\phi$ is a $n_{1} \times n_{2}$ real polynomial matrix in the indeterminates $\zeta$ and $\eta$. Explicitely,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(\zeta, \eta)=\sum_{k, \ell} \phi_{k \ell} \zeta^{k} \eta^{\ell} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The sum in (2.1) is a finite one and ranges over the nonnegative integers, and $\phi_{k \ell} \in \mathbb{R}^{\boldsymbol{n}_{1} \times_{n_{2}}}$. Such a $\phi$ induces a bilinear differential form,

$$
L_{\phi}: C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{n_{1}}\right) \times C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{n_{2}}\right) \rightarrow C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})
$$

defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(L_{\phi}(v, w)\right)(t):=\sum_{k, \ell}\left(\frac{d^{k} v}{d t^{k}}(t)\right)^{T} \phi_{k \ell}\left(\frac{d^{\ell} w}{d t^{\ell}}(t)\right) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $n_{1}=n_{2}(=: n)$ then $\phi$ induces the quadratic differential form

$$
Q_{\phi}: C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{n}\right) \rightarrow C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})
$$

defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\phi}(w):=L_{\phi}(w, w) \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Define the - operator

$$
\bullet: \mathbb{R}^{n_{1} \times n_{2}}[\zeta, \eta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_{2} \times n_{1}}[\zeta, \eta]
$$

by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi^{*}(\zeta, \eta):=\phi^{T}(\eta, \zeta) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $T$ denotes transposition. If $\phi \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$ and $\phi=\phi^{*}$, then $\phi$ will be called symmetric. The symmetric elements of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$ will be denoted by $\mathbb{R}_{s}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$. Obviously

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{\phi}(v, w)=L_{\phi^{*}}(w, v) \text { and } Q_{\phi}=Q_{\phi^{*}}=Q_{\frac{1}{2}\left(\phi+\phi^{*}\right)} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

When considering quadratic differential forms we hence can in principle restrict attention to $\phi$ 's in $\mathbb{R}_{s}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$.

Let $\partial: \mathbb{R}^{n_{1} \times n_{2}}[\zeta, \eta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_{1} \times n_{2}}[\xi]$ be defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\partial(\phi)(\xi):=\phi(-\xi, \xi) \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Denote (also) by ${ }^{-}$the operator mapping $\mathbb{R}^{n_{1} \times n_{2}}[\xi]$ into $\mathbb{R}^{n_{2} \times n_{1}}[\xi]$ defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Gamma^{*}(\xi):=\Gamma^{T}(-\xi) \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Call the element $\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}[\xi]$ symmetric if $\Gamma=\Gamma^{*}$. It follows trivially that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\partial\left(\phi^{*}\right)=(\partial(\phi))^{*} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence $\partial$ maps symmetric elements of $\mathbb{R}_{s}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$ into symmetric elements of $\mathbb{R}_{s}^{n}[\xi]$.

Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}_{3}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$ and consider the associated quadratic differential form $Q_{\phi}$. Let us call $Q_{\phi}$ nonnegative (denoted $Q_{\phi} \geq 0$ or simply as $\phi \geq 0$ ) if

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\phi}(w) \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{n}\right) \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The purpose of this paper is to study the question when quadratic differential forms have certain positivity properties. We look for answers in terms of the defining twovariable polynomial matrices. In particular, we are interested in the following questions.
(i) When is $Q_{\phi} \geq 0$ ?
(ii) Given $\phi \in \mathbb{R}_{s}^{q \times q}[\zeta, \eta]$, when does there exist a $\Psi \in$ $\mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[\zeta, \eta]$ such that

$$
\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Psi}=Q_{\phi}, \text { or } \frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Psi} \leq Q_{\phi}
$$

(iii) When is $Q_{\Psi}$ in (ii) itself $\geq 0$ ?

As we shall see, these questions are very much related to another kind of positivity of quadratic differential forms called cyclo-positivity because it can be expressed in terms of periodic functions. Here we state it for elements of $\mathcal{D}^{q}$, the $C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{q}\right)$ functions of compact support.

Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}_{s}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$. We will call $Q_{\phi}$ cyclo-nonnegative (denoted $\oint Q_{\Phi} \geq 0$ ) if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}(w) d t \geq 0 \quad \text { for all } w \in \mathcal{D}^{q} \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

and cyclic (denoted $\oint Q_{\phi}=0$ ) if ( 2.10 ) is zero.

Finally, we are also interested in the half line version of (2.10). Thus we will call $Q_{\phi}$ half-line nonnegative (denoted $\int Q_{\phi} \geq 0$ ) if
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$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{0}^{\infty} Q_{\phi}(w) d t \geq 0 \quad \text { for all } w \in \mathcal{D}^{q} \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 3 Motivation.

The study of quadratic functions in the context of linear systems is a basic tool in the state space framework, as, for instance, in Lyapunov theory, $L Q$-control, $H_{\infty}$-control. However, the positivity questions introduced in section 2 occured earlier in the context of electrical circuits, in particular in the theory of positive real functions. It turns out that the results of section 5 are new even in this case.

Let us explain how the positivity question occurs in electrical network analysis and synthesis. Consider the linear time-invariant input/output system with transfer function $G \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}(\xi)$. Let ( $N, D$ ) be a right coprime polynomial factorization of $G$, i.e., $N, D \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[\xi],\left[\begin{array}{l}N \\ D\end{array}\right]$ is right prime and $G=N D^{-1}$. In the language of behaviors [1] this means that

$$
\begin{equation*}
u=D\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) \ell, y=N\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) \ell \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

is an observable image representation of the (unique) controllable I/O-system with transfer function G. In (3.1), u denotes the input, $y$ the output, and $\ell$ the (free) latent (driving) variable.

Now consider (3.1) with the supply rate

$$
\begin{equation*}
s=u^{T} y \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

In electrical networks with $u$ the port voltages and $y$ the port currents, $s$ will be the power (into the network when $u$ and $\boldsymbol{y}$ are chosen with the appropriate sign convention). This supply rate (3.2) can be associated with the quadratic differential form

$$
\left(N\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) \ell\right)^{T}\left(D\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) \ell\right)
$$

The associated two-variable polynomial matrix is thus $N^{T}(\zeta) D(\eta)$ or, if preferred, after symmetrization

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{2}\left(N^{T}(\zeta) D(\eta)+D^{T}(\zeta) N(\eta)\right) . \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

A quadratic differential form $Q_{V}$ is called a storage function w.r.t. the supply rate $s$ if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d t} Q_{V} \leq s \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $s$ is the power, $V$ in (3.4) can be identified with the stored energy. In electrical circuit applications the stored energy is nonnegative. It is a well-known classical result that for the situation under consideration the following conditions are equivalent:
(i) There exists a $V \geq 0$ such that (3.4) is satisfied.
(ii) $\int^{0} s d t \geq 0$ for all $\ell \in \mathcal{D}^{q}$. In other words, for all $\int_{-\infty}$ $\ell \in \mathcal{D}^{q}$ in (3.1), there holds

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{0} u^{T}(t) y(t) d t \geq 0
$$

(iii) $(\operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq 0$ and $\lambda$ not a singularity of $G) \Rightarrow(G(\lambda)+$ $G^{T}(\bar{\lambda})$ is nonnegative definite: i.e., $G$ is positive real)

These conditions are moreover necessary and sufficient for the existence of a concrete realization of the transfer function $G(s)$ as the driving point impedance of a linear electrical circuit containing positive $R, L, C$ 's, transformers and gyrators. Many other equivalent conditions for positive realness are known. We will not enter into them. In section 5 we will obtain a (to the best of our knowledge) new equivalent condition for positive realness.

## 4 Results.

Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}_{s}^{q \times q}[\zeta, \eta]$. Associate with $\phi$ the infinite matrix

$$
\tilde{\phi}:=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
\phi_{00} & \phi_{01} & \cdots & \phi_{0 L} & \cdots \\
\phi_{10} & \phi_{11} & \cdots & \phi_{1 L} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\
\phi_{L, 0} & \phi_{L^{\prime} 1} & \cdots & \phi_{L^{\prime} L} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & & \vdots &
\end{array}\right]
$$

Obviously $\phi \geq 0$ if and only if $\tilde{\phi} \geq 0$ (with positivity of this infinite matrix defined in the obvious way - note that only a finite number of elements of $\tilde{\phi}$ are nonzero).

Observe that $Q_{\phi}$ is cyclic (defined as $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}(w) d t=0$ for all $w \in \mathcal{D}^{q}$ ) if and only if $\phi(-i \omega, i \omega)=0$, i.e. $\partial(\phi)=0$. Now $\partial(\phi)=0$, i.e., $\phi(-\xi, \xi)=0$, means that $\phi(\zeta, \eta)$ contains a factor $(\zeta+\eta)$, implying that there exists $\Psi \in \mathbb{R}_{g}^{q \times q}[\zeta, \eta]$ such that $\phi(\zeta, \eta)=(\zeta+\eta) \Psi(\zeta, \eta)$. In terms of quadratic differential forms this is equivalent to $\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\psi}=Q_{\phi}$. It follows that the following conditions are equivalent:
(i) $Q_{\phi}$ is cyclic
(ii) $\partial(\phi)=0$
(iii) $\exists \Psi \in \mathbb{R}_{s}^{q \times q}[\zeta, \eta]$ such that $\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Psi}=Q_{\phi}$
(iv) $\exists \Psi$ such that $\phi(\zeta, \eta)=(\zeta+\eta) \Psi(\zeta, \eta)$
(v) for all $w_{1} \in C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{q}\right)$ and $w_{2} \in D^{q}$ there holds: $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(Q_{\phi}\left(w_{1}+w_{2}\right)-Q_{\phi}\left(w_{1}\right)\right) d t=0$ (path independence)

Next observe that $\oint Q_{\phi} \geq 0$ if and only if $\phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \geq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. This can be expressed in terms of the existence of a factorization of $\partial(\phi)$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\partial(\phi)(\xi)=\phi(-\xi, \xi)=D^{T}(-\xi) D(\xi) \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Defining

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi(\zeta, \eta):=\frac{\phi(\zeta, \eta)-D^{T}(\zeta) D(\eta)}{\zeta+\eta} \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

shows that (4.1) implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Psi}(w)=Q_{\phi}(w)-\left\|D\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2} \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows that the following conditions are equivalent
(i) $\oint Q_{\phi} \geq 0$
(ii) $\partial(\phi)(i \omega)=\phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \geq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$
(iii) $\exists \Psi$ such that $\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Psi} \leq Q_{\phi}$

This result can be refined in an important direction. When $\partial(\phi)(i \omega) \geq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}(w) d t \geq 0$ for all $w \in \mathcal{D}^{q}$ which shows that $w=0$ is a minimum (over $\mathcal{D}^{q}$ ) of this integral expression. We are also interested (with $H_{\infty^{-}}$ applications in mind) in the case that $w=0$ is a saddle.

In [1] (and elsewhere) we have studied differential systems as subspaces of $\mathcal{L}_{1}^{\text {loc }}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{q}\right)$. In order to avoid smoothness questions, we will study in this paper linear shift-invariant subspaces $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{D}^{q}$. Call $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{D}^{q}$ a differential system if there exists a $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times q}[\xi]$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
R\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w=0 \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

is a kernel representation of $\mathcal{B}$, i.e., $\boldsymbol{B}=\operatorname{ker} R\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right)$. Note that here we only consider solutions in $\mathcal{D}^{q}$. Let $\mathcal{L}^{q}$ denote the set of all such differential systems. Now, call $w=0$ a saddle with respect to the quadratic form $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}(w) d t$ induced by $\phi$ if there exists $\mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2} \in \mathcal{L}^{q}$ with $\mathcal{B}_{1} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{2}=\mathcal{D}^{q}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}\left(w_{1}, 0\right) d t \geq 0 \tag{4.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}\left(0, w_{2}\right) d t \leq 0 \tag{4.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and with (4.5) ((4.6)) zero only if $w_{1}=0\left(w_{2}=0\right)$. Here $w=\left(w_{1}, w_{2}\right)$ denotes the partition of $w \in \mathcal{D}^{q}$ into $\left(w_{1}, 0\right) \in \mathcal{B}_{1}$ and $\left(0, w_{2}\right) \in \mathcal{B}_{2}$. If $\mathcal{B}_{1}, \mathcal{B}_{2}$ exist we will say
that $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}$ has a saddle structure.

Now assume that $\operatorname{det} \phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \neq 0$ for $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\partial(\phi)(i \omega)$ has constant signature and $\phi$ may be then factored as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(-\xi, \xi)=D^{T}(-\xi) \Sigma D(\xi) \tag{4.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $D \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times 9}[\xi] \operatorname{det} D \neq 0$, and $\Sigma$ a signature matrix, say $\Sigma=\left[\begin{array}{cc}I_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -I_{2}\end{array}\right]$ with $I_{1}$ and $I_{2}$ identity matrices of appropriate dimensions. Defining

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi(\zeta, \eta)=\frac{\phi(\zeta, \eta)-D^{T}(\zeta) \Sigma D(\eta)}{\zeta+\eta} \tag{4.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

and partitioning $D$ as $D=\left[\begin{array}{l}D_{1} \\ D_{2}\end{array}\right]$ shows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Psi}(w)=Q_{\phi}(w)-\left\|D_{1}\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2}+\left\|D_{2}\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2} \tag{4.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

This shows how $D$ and $\Psi$ can be defined also when we have a saddle rather than a minimum. Note that (4.9) shows the saddle structure of $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}$ : let $\mathcal{B}_{1}$ be defined by the kernel representation $D_{1}\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w=0$ and $\mathcal{B}_{2}$ by $D_{2}\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w=0$. Thus $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q_{\phi}$ has a saddle structure if $\operatorname{det} \phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \neq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$.

## 5 Positivity of the storage function.

In this section, we will consider the existence of a positive storage function in the cyclo-dissipative case, i.e., when $\phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \geq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. For simplicity we will consider only the case when $\partial(\phi)(i \omega)>0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$.

Consider the equations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(-\xi, \xi)=D^{T}(-\xi) D(\xi) \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi(\zeta, \eta)=\frac{\phi(\zeta, \eta)-D^{T}(\zeta) D(\eta)}{\zeta+\eta} \tag{5.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since (5.1) and (5.2) are equivalent to $\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Psi}(w)=Q_{\phi}(w)-$ $\left\|D\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right)(w)\right\|^{2}$ we think of $Q_{\phi}$ as the supply rate, $\left\|D\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2}$ the dissipation rate, and $Q_{\Psi}$ the storage function. Note that
$D$ in (5.1) is not necessarily square.

The question which we will now study is what conditions on $\phi$ ensure the existence of a $\Psi \geq 0$. We think of $\Psi$ as a storage function. The question is thus when there exists a nonnegative storage function.

A polynomial matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[\xi]$ is said to be Hurwitz if $\operatorname{det} P \neq 0$ and if all roots of $\operatorname{det} P$ have negative real part. If $P^{*}$ is Hurwitz, then $P$ is called anti-Hurwitz. It may be shown that if $\operatorname{det} \phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \neq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, then (5.1) admits a Hurwitz solution $D_{+}$and a anti-Hurwitz solution $D_{-}$. Let $\Psi_{+}$defined by (5.2) through $D_{+}$and $\Psi_{-}$by $D_{-}$.

It can be shown that every $\Psi$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\Psi_{+}} \leq Q_{\Psi} \leq Q_{\Psi_{-}} \tag{5.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

We give the idea of the proof. Let $D$ and $\Psi$ be any other solutions of $(5.1,5.2)$. Let $\Delta=\Psi-\Psi_{+}$. Then $\Delta$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta(\zeta, \eta)=\frac{D_{+}^{T}(\zeta) D_{+}(\eta)-D^{T}(\zeta) D(\eta)}{\zeta+\eta} \tag{5.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Whence

$$
\frac{d}{d t} Q_{\Delta}(w)=\left\|D_{+}\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2}-\left\|D\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2}
$$

Let $w \in C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{q}\right)$ be such that $\lim _{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d^{k} w}{d t^{k}}(t)=0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}$. Then obviously

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\Delta}(w)(0)=\int_{0}^{\infty}\left\|D\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2} d t-\int_{0}^{\infty}\left\|D_{+}\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w\right\|^{2} d t \tag{5.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now taking $w$ to be a solution of $D_{+}\left(\frac{d}{D t}\right) w=0$ showes, after some further analysis to treat initial conditions other than those of $D_{+}\left(\frac{d}{d t}\right) w=0$, that $Q_{\Delta}(w)(0) \geq 0$.

Assume now that $\operatorname{det} \phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \neq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\partial(\phi)(i \omega)$ has constant signature, as a function of $\omega$, say, ( $n_{+}, n_{-}$) with $n_{+}$the number of positive and $n_{-}$the number of negative eigenvalues of $\phi(-i \omega, i \omega)$. Now consider the following generalization of (5.1)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(-\xi, \xi)=D^{T}(-\xi) \Sigma D(\xi) \tag{5.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $\Sigma$ given by,

$$
\Sigma=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
I_{n_{+}} & 0  \tag{5.7}\\
0 & -I_{n_{-}}
\end{array}\right]
$$

(5.6) should now be regarded as an equation in $D$ with $\phi$ given. Each solution leads to a $\Psi \in \mathbb{R}_{s}^{n \times n}[\zeta, \eta]$ defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi(\zeta, \eta)=\frac{\phi(\zeta, \eta)-D^{T}(\zeta) \Sigma D(\eta)}{\zeta+\eta} \tag{5.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

It can again be shown that (5.6) admits a Hurwitz solution $D_{+}$and a anti-Hurwitz solution $D_{-}$. Denote the corresponding $\Psi$ 's again by $\Psi_{+}$and $\Psi_{-}$, respectively. Thus in this case the condition $\Psi_{-} \geq 0$ is still a sufficient condition for the existence of a nonnegative storage function (while in the cyclodissipative case it was a necessary and sufficient condition).

Let $M \in \mathbb{C}^{q \times q}[\xi]$ and assume $\operatorname{det} M \neq 0$. Call $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ a singularity of $M$ if $\operatorname{det} M(\lambda)=0$. The order of $\lambda$ as a root of $\operatorname{det} M$ is called the order of $\lambda$ as a singularity of $M . M \in \mathbb{C}^{9 \times q}[\xi]$ is said to be semi-simple if all its singularities are semi-simple. A singularity $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is semi-simple if $\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{ker} M(\lambda)$ equals the order of $\lambda$ as a singularity of $M$.

Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}_{s}^{q \times q}[\zeta, \eta]$ and assume that $\operatorname{det} \phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \neq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. Consider $\partial(\phi)$ and assume that it is semi-simple. Let $\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \cdots, \lambda_{N}$ be the distinct singularities of $\partial(\phi)$ is the right half complex plane. Define $\mathcal{N}_{k}:=\operatorname{ker} \partial(\phi)\left(\lambda_{k}\right)$. Let, $\left\{a_{1}^{k}, a_{2}^{k}, \cdots, a_{n_{k}}^{k}\right\}$ be a basis for $\mathcal{N}_{k}$. Now consider the matrix

$$
\mathcal{T}:=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
T_{11} & \cdots & T_{1 N}  \tag{5.9}\\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
T_{N 1} & \cdots & T_{N N}
\end{array}\right]
$$

with $T_{k \ell}$ the $n_{k} \times n_{\ell}$ matrix formed by the elements

$$
\frac{\left(a_{r}^{\ell}\right)^{*} \phi\left(\bar{\lambda}_{k}, \lambda_{\ell}\right) a_{s}^{k}}{\bar{\lambda}_{k}+\lambda_{\ell}}
$$

Note that (by diagonalizing the symmetric matrix $\tilde{\phi}$ ) it is always possible to write $\phi$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(\zeta, \eta)=M^{T}(\zeta) \Sigma_{M} M(\eta) \tag{5.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $M \in \mathbb{R}^{* \times q}[\xi]$ of full column rank and $\Sigma_{M}$ a signature matrix $\Sigma_{M}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}I_{M}^{+} & 0 \\ 0 & -I_{M}^{-}\end{array}\right]$. We will say that (5.6) defines a regular factorization [5] if the McMillan degree of $M$ equals that of $\left[\begin{array}{c}M \\ D\end{array}\right]$. The regularity of a factorization is immediately related to the condition that the McMillan degree of $\partial(\phi)$ should equal 2 times that of $M$.

The main purpose of this paper is to announce the following results.

Theorem 5.1 : Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}_{s \times 9}^{q \times}[\zeta, \eta]$ and assume that $\phi(-i \omega, i \omega)>0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume, for notational simplicity, that $\partial(\phi)$ is semi-simple, and that $D_{-}$defines a regular factor of 5.6. Then the following conditions are equivalent:
(i) $\exists D$ satisfying (5.1) such that the corresponding $\Psi \geq 0$
(ii) $\Psi_{-} \geq 0$
(iii) $\mathcal{T} \geq 0$

This theorem can to some extent be generalized to the case that $\operatorname{det} \phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \neq 0$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. Note in fact, that $\mathcal{T}$ is well-defined also in this case.

Theorem 5.2:Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}_{g}^{q \times q}[\zeta, \eta]$ and assume that $\operatorname{det} \phi(-i \omega, i \omega) \neq 0$ for all $w \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume also that $D_{-}$ defines a regular factorization of (5.6). Then $\Psi_{-} \geq 0$ if and only if $\mathcal{T} \geq 0$.

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