



THE SUM-of-SQUARES PROBLEM

and

DISSIPATIVE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

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Linear differential distributed (n-d) systems

Let $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$, and consider

$$R \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) w = 0. \quad (*)$$

Define the associated ‘behavior’

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{ w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid (*) \text{ holds} \}.$$

Notation $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w$.

Example

Maxwell's equations: $n = 4, w = 10$.



$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}, \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0, \\ c^2 \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{E}.\end{aligned}$$

QDF's

Use multi-index notation. Consider

$$w \mapsto \sum_{k,l} \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} w \right)^\top \Phi_{k,l} \left(\frac{d^l}{dx^l} w \right)$$

$$\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}). \quad \Phi_{k,l} \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times w}; \quad \Phi_{k,l} = \Phi_{l,k}^\top.$$

Introduce the $2n$ -variable polynomial matrix Φ

$$\Phi(\zeta, \eta) = \sum_{k,l} \Phi_{k,l} \zeta^k \eta^l.$$

Denote the QDF as Q_Φ .

Dissipative distributed systems

$\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w$ is

dissipative with respect to the ‘supply rate’ Q_Φ

$:\Leftrightarrow$

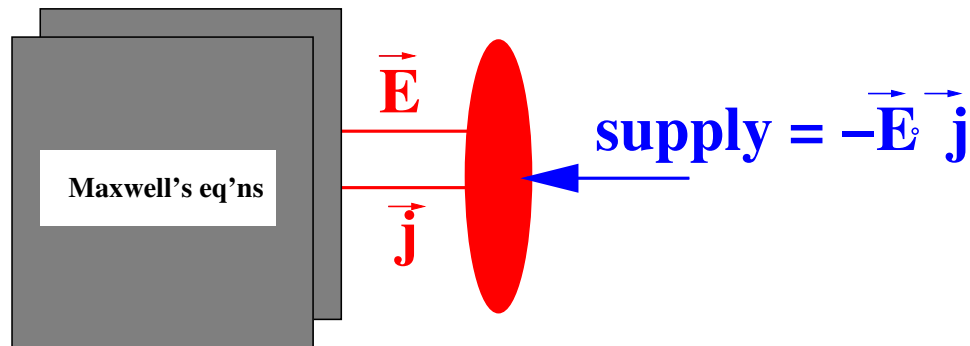
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_\Phi(w) dx \geq 0$$

for all $w \in \mathfrak{B}$ of compact support, i.e., for all $w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}$.

$\mathfrak{D} := \mathcal{C}^\infty$ and ‘compact support’.

if = holds $:\Leftrightarrow$ ‘*conservative*’.

Example



$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} &= 0, \\ \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{j} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Conservative \Leftrightarrow for compact support sol'ns:

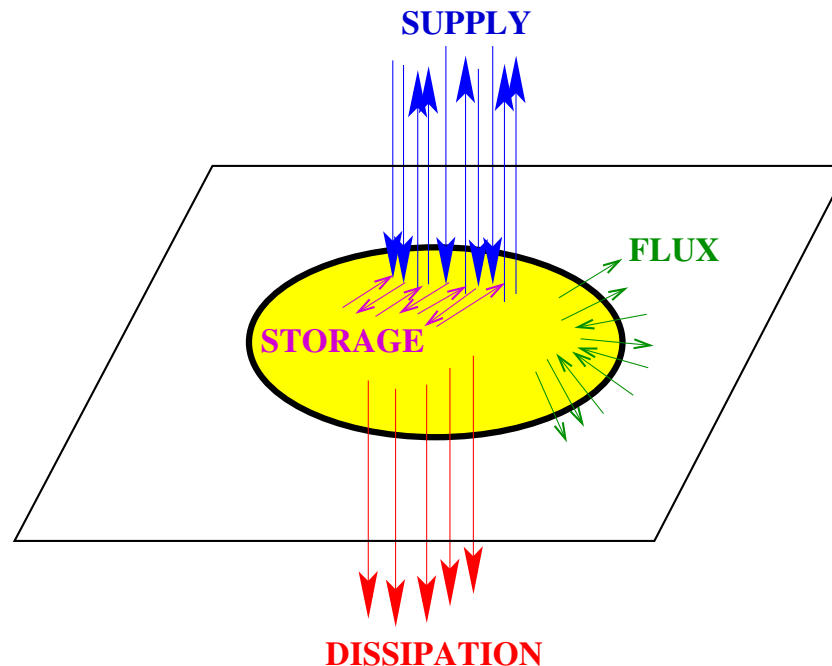
$$\iiint_{\mathbb{R}^4} \vec{E}(x, y, z, t) \cdot \vec{j}(x, y, z, t) dx dy dz dt = 0$$

Local dissipation law

Can this be reinterpreted as: As the system evolves, some of the supply is locally stored, some locally dissipated, and some redistributed over space?

!! Invent *storage and flux*, locally defined in time and space, such that in every spatial domain there holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Storage} + \text{Spatial flux} \leq \text{Supply.}$$



Reduction to \mathcal{L}^∞

$$R \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) w = 0$$

kernel representation of $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w$.

Another representation: **image representation**

$$w = M \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) \ell$$

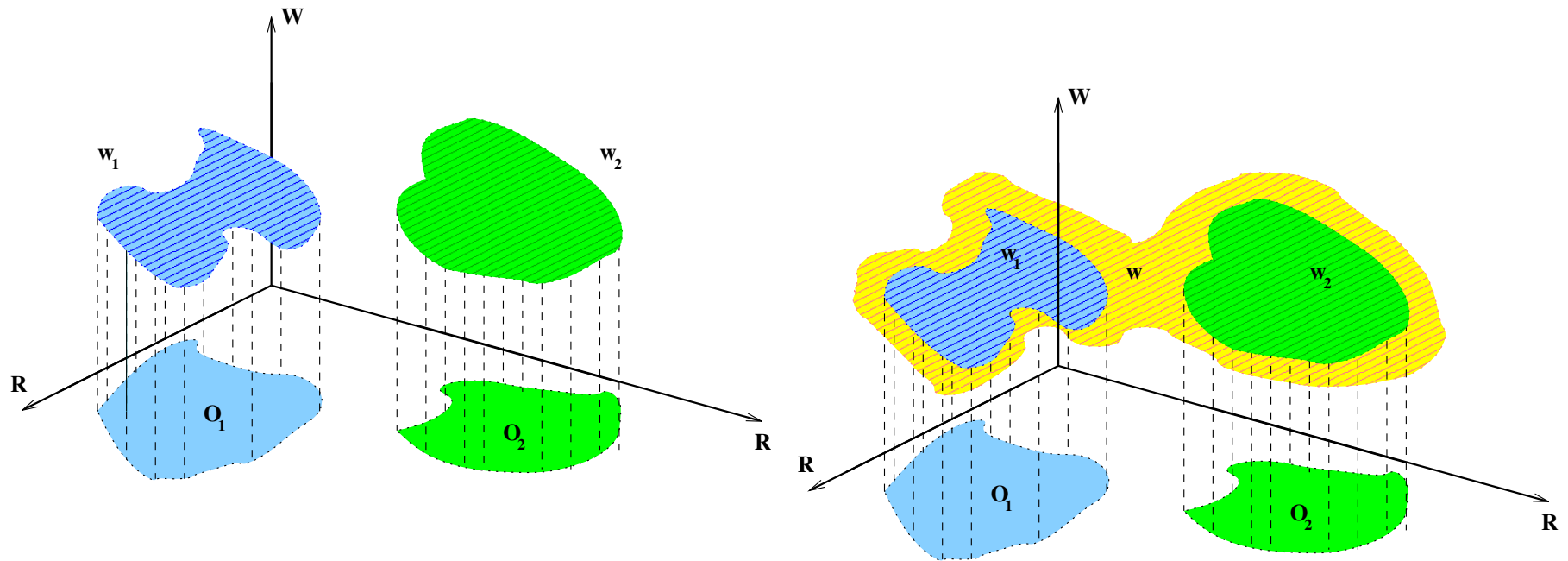
w replaced by ℓ , 'free'.

Elimination thm $\Rightarrow \text{im} \left(M \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) \right) \in \mathcal{L}_n^w !$

Do all $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w$ admit an image representation???

iff it is '**controllable**'.

Controllability



w 'patches' $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}$.

$\forall w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B} \exists w \in \mathcal{B} : \text{Controllability} \Leftrightarrow \text{'patchability'}$.

For controllable systems, the compact support trajectories are 'representative' of the whole behavior.

Are Maxwell's equations controllable ?

The following equations

in the *scalar potential* $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and

the *vector potential* $\vec{A} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

generate exactly the solutions to Maxwell's equations:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\vec{A} - \nabla\phi,$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A},$$

$$\vec{j} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi,$$

$$\rho = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi.$$

Proves controllability. Illustrates the interesting connection

controllability $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ potential!

Local dissipation law (stated for $n = 4$)

Thm: $n = 4$: $x, y, z; t$: space/time; $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_4^w$, controllable.

$$\iiint_{\mathbb{R}^4} Q_{\Phi}(w) \, dx dy dz \, dt \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}$$



\exists an image representation $w = M \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \ell$ of \mathfrak{B} ,
and QDF's S , the *storage*, and F_x, F_y, F_z , the *flux*,
such that the *local dissipation law*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(\ell) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_x(\ell) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_y(\ell) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_z(\ell) \leq Q_{\Phi}(w)$$

holds for all (w, ℓ) that satisfy $w = M \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \ell$.

Energy stored in EM fields

Maxwell's equations are dissipative (in fact, conservative) with respect to $-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}$, the rate of energy supplied.

Introduce the *stored energy density*, S , and the *energy flux density (the Poynting vector)*, \vec{F} ,

$$S(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) := \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} + \frac{\epsilon_0 c^2}{2} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B},$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) := \epsilon_0 c^2 \vec{E} \times \vec{B}.$$

Local conservation law for Maxwell's equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) + \nabla \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}.$$

Involves \vec{B} , unobservable from (\vec{E}, \vec{j}) .

Local dissipation law (General case)

Thm: $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w$ controllable, is globally dissipative w.r.t. Q_Φ :

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_\Phi(w) dx \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } w \in \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{D}$$



\exists an image representation $w = M\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)\ell$ of \mathcal{B} ,

and an n -vector of QDF's Q_Ψ such that the *local dissipation law*

$$\nabla \cdot Q_\Psi(\ell) \leq Q_\Phi(w)$$

holds for all (w, ℓ) that satisfy $w = M\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)\ell$.

Idea of the proof

Using **controllability** and **image representations**, we may assume,
WLOG: $\mathfrak{B} = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$

To be shown

Global dissipation : \Leftrightarrow

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_\Phi(w) \geq 0 \text{ for all } w \in \mathfrak{D}$$

\Updownarrow

$$\exists \Psi : \nabla \cdot Q_\Psi(w) \leq Q_\Phi(w) \text{ for all } w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty$$

\Leftrightarrow : **Local dissipation**

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_{\Phi}(w) \geq 0 \text{ for all } w \in \mathfrak{D}$$

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Idea of the proof

Assuming factorizability, we indeed obtain:

Global dissipation : \Leftrightarrow

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\Leftrightarrow : **Local dissipation**

However, for $n > 1$, this factorization needs rational functions

The factorization equation

$$X^{\top}(-\xi) X(\xi) = Y(\xi) \quad (\text{FE})$$

with $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$ given, and X the unknown. Solvable??

$$\Leftrightarrow Y(\xi) = Y^{\top}(-\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad Y(i\omega) \geq 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

\cong the SOS problem

$$X^{\top}(\xi) X(\xi) = Y(\xi) \quad (\text{SOS})$$

with $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$ given, and X the unknown. Solvable??

$$\Leftrightarrow Y(\xi) = Y^{\top}(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad Y(\alpha) \geq 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Idea of the proof

⇒ solvability of the factorization eq'n

$$\Phi(-i\omega, i\omega) \geq 0 \text{ for all } \omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



(Factorization equation)

$$\exists D : \Phi(-\xi, \xi) = D^T(-\xi) D(\xi)$$

over the rational functions, i.e., with D a matrix with elements in $\mathbb{R}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$.

The need to introduce **rational functions** in this factorization equation and an **image representation** of \mathcal{B} (to reduce the pbm to free variables) are the causes of the **unavoidable** presence of (possibly unobservable, i.e., **'hidden'**) latent variables in the local dissipation law.

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$$X^{\top}(-\xi) X(\xi) = Y(\xi)$$

Can be made into an LMI by

$$Y(\xi) \rightsquigarrow \Phi(\zeta, \eta), \quad \Phi(-\xi, \xi) = Y(\xi)$$

and solving

$$\exists \Psi : (\zeta + \eta)^{\top} \Psi(\zeta, \eta) \leq \Phi(\zeta, \eta)$$

For 1-d systems (ODE case), we know a great deal: Available storage, required supply reasoning gives a **proof** of factorizability. \exists upper and lower bounds for Ψ . Yields low rank factorizations. Sol'n set convex, compact. State models: ARE, ARineq, LMI's.

Does any of this generalize to SOS via PDE's?

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The nature and need of these **hidden variables**

Needed also e.g. in Lyapunov theory, etc.?

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