#### The informativity approach to data-driven analysis and control

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# Background

# The fundamental lemma



Rearrange the measurements (u(t), y(t)) for t = 0, 1, ..., T - 1 into Hankel matrices:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{L}(u) \\ \mathcal{H}_{L}(y) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{H}_{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} u(0) & u(1) & \cdots & u(T-L) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ u(L-1) & u(L) & \cdots & u(T-1) \\ y(0) & y(1) & \cdots & y(T-L) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ y(L-1) & y(L) & \cdots & y(T-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Any vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} \overline{u}(0) \\ \vdots \\ \overline{u}(L-1) \\ \overline{y}(0) \\ \vdots \\ \overline{y}(L-1) \end{bmatrix} \in \operatorname{im} \mathcal{H}_L$$
is a trajectory.

### The fundamental lemma

Question: Under which conditions do the columns of  $\mathcal{H}_L$  span ALL length-L trajectories?

#### A note on persistency of excitation

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#### Abstract

We prove that if a component of the response signal of a controllable linear time-invariant system is persistently exciting of sufficiently high order, then the windows of the signal span the full system behavior. This is then applied to obtain conditions

The input u is persistently exciting (PE) of order k if  $\mathcal{H}_k(u)$  has full row rank.

This requires:  $T \ge (\dim(u) + 1)k - 1$ .

The fundamental lemma: If (A, B) is controllable and u is PE of order  $\dim(x) + L$ then  $\operatorname{im} \mathcal{H}_L$  spans all length-L trajectories the system can produce.

### The fundamental lemma

some follow-up results

#### ON- AND OFF-LINE IDENTIFICATION OF LINEAR STATE SPACE MODELS

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#### Parametric model (A, B, C, D) from $\mathcal{H}_L$

#### Data-driven simulation and control

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Classical linear time-invariant system simulation methods are based on a transfer function, impulse response, or input/state/output representation. We present a method for computing the response of a system to a given input and initial conditions directly from a trajectory of the system, without explicitly identifying the system from the

#### (Model-free) simulation of trajectories

#### Data-Enabled Predictive Control: In the Shallows of the DeePC

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tracking for unknown systems. A novel data-mabled predictive control (DeePC) algorithm is presented that computes optimal and safe control policies using real-time feedback driving the

Abstract-We consider the problem of optimal trajectory approaches usually require a large number of data samples to perform well, and are often sensitive to hyperparameters leading to non-reproducible and highly variable

#### Prediction and optimization of trajectories

#### Formulas for Data-Driven Control: Stabilization. Optimality, and Robustness

Claudio De Persis <sup>O</sup> and Pietro Tesi <sup>O</sup>

Abstract-in a paper by Willema et al. It was shown the achievements obtained in system identification. A more that pensistently exciting data can be used to represent the input-output behavior of a linear system. Based on this performance neurirements in the control desire or provident

#### Robust data-driven state-feedback design

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Abstract-We consider the problem of designing robust statefeedback controllers for discrete-time linear time-invariant systems, based directly on measured data. The proposed desire

or an extension of [9] to certain classes of nonlinear systems [11]. Moreover, the recent work [12] derives a simple data-dependent closed-loop parametrization of LTI systems

#### Feedback controllers

#### Some limitations of the fundamental lemma:

- For control, we may not need the entire (exact) restricted behavior. PE necessary?
- In general, it is not possible to find restricted behavior. Noisy data?

# The framework

# The point of view

Informativity and data-driven control



 $\mathcal{O}$ : control objective

- Data-driven control := use the data set D to find a controller C that achieves O for the unknown system S
- On the basis of D we cannot distinguish between systems in Σ<sub>D</sub> so the only way to proceed is to find a controller that achieves O for all systems in Σ<sub>D</sub>
- Data  $\mathcal{D}$  are informative for  $\mathcal{O}$ :  $\iff \exists$  controller  $\mathcal{C}$  that achieves  $\mathcal{O}$  for all systems in  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{D}}$
- Type of robust control problem, where uncertainty stems from imperfect data

# Informativity approach

problems solved so far

Problem	Data	Problem	Data
controllability	E-IS	reachability (conic constraints)	E-IO
observability	E-S	stability	N-S
stabilizability	E-IS	stabilizability	N-IS
stability	E-S	state feedback stabilization	N-IS
state feedback stabilization	E-IS	state feedback $\mathcal{H}_2$ control	N-IS
deadbeat controller	E-IS	dynamic feedback $\mathcal{H}_2$ control	N-IO
LQR	E-IS	state feedback $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ control	N-IS
suboptimal LQR	E-IS	dynamic feedback $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ control	N-IO
suboptimal $\mathcal{H}_2$	E-IS	stability	N-IO
dynamic feedback stabilization	E-ISO	dynamic feedback stabilization	N-IO
dynamic feedback stabilization	E-IO	dissipativity	N-ISO
dissipativity	E-ISO	model reduction (balancing)	N-ISO
tracking and regulation	E-IS	structural properties	N-ISO
model reduction (moment matching)	E-IO	absolute stabilization Lur'e	N-ISO

Table: Summary of results within the informativity approach, see also: "A Tutorial on the Informativity Framework for Data-Driven Control" (TuBT12).

Stabilization using quadratic difference forms

The model class and data

Model class of all of systems of known order L, input dimension m, output dimension p:

$$P(\sigma)\boldsymbol{y} = Q(\sigma)\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{v},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{v}(t)$  is unknown additive noise,  $\sigma$  is the shift operator  $((\sigma \boldsymbol{f})(t) = \boldsymbol{f}(t+1))$  and P, Q are polynomial matrices:

$$P(\xi) = I\xi^{L} + P_{L-1}\xi^{L-1} + \dots + P_{1}\xi + P_{0},$$
  
$$Q(\xi) = Q_{L-1}\xi^{L-1} + \dots + Q_{1}\xi + Q_{0},$$

with unknown coefficients  $P_0, P_1, \ldots, P_{L-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ ,  $Q_0, Q_1, \ldots, Q_{L-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$ .

We collect input-output data

$$u(0), u(1), \ldots, u(T), y(0), y(1), \ldots, y(T),$$

for  $T \ge L$ , generated by the (unknown) true system

$$P_s(\sigma)\boldsymbol{y} = Q_s(\sigma)\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{v}$$

within the model class.

Assumption on the noise

The  $\tau := T - L + 1$  noise samples  $v(0), v(1), \ldots, v(T - L)$  are unknown. However, we assume that the real  $p \times \tau$  matrix

$$V := \begin{bmatrix} v(0) & v(1) & \cdots & v(T-L) \end{bmatrix},$$

satisfies the quadratic matrix inequality (QMI)

$$\begin{bmatrix} I\\ V^{\top} \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \Pi \begin{bmatrix} I\\ V^{\top} \end{bmatrix} \ge 0.$$
 (1)

Here  $\Pi \in \mathbb{S}^{p+ au}$  is a given (known) partitioned matrix

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \Pi_{12} \\ \Pi_{21} & \Pi_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

with  $\Pi_{22} < 0$ . Notation:  $V^{\top} \in \mathcal{Z}_{\tau}(\Pi)$ .

All systems consistent with the data

Notation:  $R(\xi) = \begin{bmatrix} -Q(\xi) & P(\xi) \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u} \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{bmatrix}$ , q = m + p, Then  $P(\sigma)\boldsymbol{y} = Q(\sigma)\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{v}$  can be written as  $R(\sigma)\boldsymbol{w} = \boldsymbol{v}$ .

(Unknown) coefficient matrix of  $R(\xi)$ : the  $p \times qL$  matrix

$$\tilde{R} := \begin{bmatrix} -Q_0 & P_0 & -Q_1 & P_1 & \cdots & -Q_{L-1} & P_{L-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Arrange the data  $u(0), u(1), \ldots, u(T), y(0), y(1), \ldots, y(T)$  into the vectors

$$w(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Adapted) Hankel matrix associated with the data:

$$H(w) := \begin{bmatrix} w(0) & w(1) & \cdots & w(T-L) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ w(L-1) & w(L) & \cdots & w(T-1) \\ \hline y(L) & y(L+1) & \cdots & y(T) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_1(w) \\ H_2(w) \end{bmatrix}$$

All systems compatible with the data

Observation: if a matrix  $\tilde{R}$  satisfies the linear equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_1(w) \\ H_2(w) \end{bmatrix} = V \tag{(*)}$$

for some  $V^{\top} \in \mathcal{Z}_{\tau}(\Pi)$  then the data  $w(0), w(1), \ldots, w(T)$  could have been generated by the system  $R(\sigma)w = v$ .

Definition: If  $\tilde{R}$  satisfies (\*) for some  $V^{\top} \in \mathcal{Z}_{\tau}(\Pi)$ , we call the AR system with coefficient matrix  $\tilde{R}$  consistent with the data.

Fact: The system  $R(\sigma)w = v$  is consistent with the data if and only if

$$\begin{bmatrix} I\\ \tilde{R}^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & H_2(w)\\ 0 & H_1(w) \end{bmatrix}}_{=:N} \Pi \begin{bmatrix} I & H_2(w)\\ 0 & H_1(w) \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} I\\ \tilde{R}^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \ge 0.$$

# Stability and quadratic difference forms

### Stability of autonomous systems

Some facts on stability and Lyapunov theory for autonomous systems represented by AR models:

Definition: Let  $P(\xi)$  be a nonsingular polynomial matrix. The system  $P(\sigma)\mathbf{y} = 0$  is (asymptotically) stable if  $\mathbf{y}(t) \to 0$  as  $t \to \infty$  for all solutions  $\mathbf{y}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ .

Behavior:  $\mathcal{B}(P) := \{ \boldsymbol{y} : \mathbb{Z}_+ \to \mathbb{R}^p \mid P(\sigma) \boldsymbol{y} = 0 \}$ 

Stability of autonomous AR systems can be characterized in terms of quadratic difference forms (QDFs) along the behavior<sup>12</sup>.

We will discuss QDFs now...

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ Willems and Trentelman, "On quadratic differential forms" (1998).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Kojima and Takaba, "A generalized Lyapunov stability theorem for discrete-time systems based on quadratic difference forms" (2005).

### Quadratic difference forms

A quadratic difference form (QDF): operator  $Q_{\Phi}$  mapping  $\boldsymbol{w} : \mathbb{Z}_+ \to \mathbb{R}^q$  to  $Q_{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{w}) : \mathbb{Z}_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined by

$$Q_{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{w})(t) := \sum_{k,\ell=0}^{N} \boldsymbol{w}(t+k)^{\top} \Phi_{k,\ell} \boldsymbol{w}(t+\ell).$$

Here, N and q are positive integers and  $\Phi_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}$ . We assume

$$\Phi := \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{0,0} & \Phi_{0,1} & \cdots & \Phi_{0,N} \\ \Phi_{1,0} & \Phi_{1,1} & \cdots & \Phi_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Phi_{N,0} & \Phi_{N,1} & \cdots & \Phi_{N,N} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}^{q(N+1)}$$

 $\Phi$  is called a coefficient matrix of the QDF.

The degree  $\deg(Q_{\Phi})$  of the QDF: the smallest integer d such that  $\Phi_{ij} = 0$  for all i > d or j > d.

The coefficient matrix is not unique. If  $\deg(Q_{\Phi}) = d$  it allows a coefficient matrix in  $\mathbb{S}^{q(d+1)}$ .

#### Quadratic difference forms

For a given QDF  $Q_{\Phi}$ , its rate of change along  $oldsymbol{w}:\mathbb{Z}_+ o\mathbb{R}^q$  is

$$Q_{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{w})(t+1) - Q_{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{w})(t).$$

This defines a QDF itself. Indeed,  $Q_{\nabla\Phi}(w)(t) = Q_{\Phi}(w)(t+1) - Q_{\Phi}(w)(t)$  where

$$\nabla \Phi := \begin{bmatrix} 0_{q \times q} & 0\\ 0 & \Phi \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Phi & 0\\ 0 & 0_{q \times q} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}^{q(N+2)}.$$

 $R(\xi)$  real  $p \times q$  polynomial matrix. AR system represented by  $R(\sigma)w = 0$ . The behavior of this system is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}(R)$ .

- $Q_{\Phi}$  is called nonnegative if  $Q_{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{w}) \ge 0$  for all  $\boldsymbol{w} : \mathbb{Z}_+ \to \mathbb{R}^q$ . We denote this as  $Q_{\Phi} \ge 0$ . Equivalent with  $\Phi \ge 0$ .
- $Q_{\Phi}$  is called nonnegative on  $\mathcal{B}(R)$  if  $Q_{\Phi}(w) \ge 0$  for all  $w \in \mathcal{B}(R)$ . Notation:  $Q_{\Phi} \ge 0$  on  $\mathcal{B}(R)$ .
- $Q_{\Phi}$  is called positive if  $Q_{\Phi} \ge 0$  and, in addition,  $Q_{\Phi}(w) = 0$  if and only if w = 0. This is denoted as  $Q_{\Phi} > 0$ .
- It is called positive on  $\mathcal{B}(R)$  if, in addition,  $Q_{\Phi}(w) = 0$  if and only if w = 0. Notation:  $Q_{\Phi} > 0$  on  $\mathcal{B}(R)$ . Likewise: nonpositivity and negativity on  $\mathcal{B}(R)$ .

#### Stability of autonomous systems

Consider the autonomous AR system represented by  $P(\sigma)\mathbf{y} = 0$ , where we recall that  $P(\xi) = I\xi^L + P_{L-1}\xi^{L-1} + \cdots + P_1\xi + P_0$ .

Lemma: The autonomous system  $P(\sigma)\boldsymbol{y} = 0$  of order L is stable if and only if there exists a QDF  $Q_{\Psi}$  of degree at most L-1 such that  $Q_{\Psi} \ge 0$  and  $Q_{\nabla\Psi} < 0$  on  $\mathcal{B}(P)$ .

The QDF  $Q_{\Psi}$  is called a Lyapunov function.

In terms of the coefficient matrix  $\tilde{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & P_1 & \cdots & P_{L-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times pL}$  this can be translated to:

Theorem: The autonomous system  $P(\sigma)\boldsymbol{y} = 0$  of order L is stable if and only if there exists  $\Psi \in \mathbb{S}^{pL}$ ,  $\Psi \ge 0$ , such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} I \\ -\tilde{P} \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0_p & 0 \\ 0 & \Psi \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0_p \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} I \\ -\tilde{P} \end{bmatrix} < 0.$$
 (QMI with  $\tilde{P}$  and  $\Psi$ )

Any such  $\Psi$  defines a Lyapunov function  $Q_{\Psi}$ .

Data-driven controller synthesis

Dynamic output feedback controllers

Feedback controller for  $P(\sigma) \boldsymbol{y} = Q(\sigma) \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{v}$  of the form

$$G(\sigma)\boldsymbol{u} = F(\sigma)\boldsymbol{y}$$

with

$$G(\xi) = I\xi^{L} + G_{L-1}\xi^{L-1} + \dots + G_{1}\xi + G_{0},$$
  
$$F(\xi) = F_{L-1}\xi^{L-1} + \dots + F_{1}\xi + F_{0}.$$

Note: the leading coefficient matrix of  $G(\xi)$  is the  $m \times m$  identity matrix and  $G_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $F_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \ldots, L - 1$ . Closed loop system given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} G(\sigma) & -F(\sigma) \\ -Q(\sigma) & P(\sigma) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u} \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}.$$

The leading coefficient matrix is the  $q \times q$  identity matrix. We call the controller a stabilizing controller if the closed loop system is stable in the sense that if v = 0 then u(t) and y(t) tend to 0 as t tends to infinity.

Denote 
$$C(\xi) := \begin{bmatrix} G(\xi) & -F(\xi) \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  
 $\tilde{C} := \begin{bmatrix} G_0 & -F_0 & G_1 & -F_1 & \cdots & G_{L-1} & -F_{L-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times qL}$ .

Lemma: The closed loop system is stable if and only if there exists  $\Psi\in\mathbb{S}^{qL}$  such that  $\Psi\geqslant 0$  and

$$\begin{bmatrix} I \\ -\tilde{C} \\ -\tilde{R} \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0_q & 0 \\ 0 & \Psi \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0_q \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} I \\ -\tilde{C} \\ -\tilde{R} \end{bmatrix} < 0.$$
 (closed loop stability)

Moreover, in that case,  $\Psi > 0$ .

Definition: The data  $u(0), u(1), \ldots, u(T), y(0), y(1), \ldots, y(T)$  are called informative for quadratic stabilization if there exist  $\tilde{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times qL}$  and  $\Psi \in \mathbb{S}^{qL}$  such that  $\Psi \ge 0$  and QMI (closed loop stability) holds for all  $\tilde{R}$  that satisfy

$$\begin{bmatrix} I\\ \tilde{R}^{\top} \end{bmatrix}^{\top} N \begin{bmatrix} I\\ \tilde{R}^{\top} \end{bmatrix} \ge 0.$$

In other words: there exists a controller  $G(\sigma)\boldsymbol{u} = F(\sigma)\boldsymbol{y}$  and  $\Psi \in \mathbb{S}^{qL}$  such that  $Q_{\Psi}$  is a common Lyapunov function for all closed loop systems obtained by interconnecting the controller with a system compatible with the data.

The main tools

Informativity for quadratic stabilization thus means that there exists a controller  $\tilde{C}$  and (common) Lyapunov function  $\Psi$  such that all solutions to the QMI

$$\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \tilde{R}^{\top} \end{bmatrix}^{\top} N \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \tilde{R}^{\top} \end{bmatrix} \ge 0$$

also satisfy the QMI

$$\begin{bmatrix} I\\ -\tilde{C}\\ -\tilde{R} \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0_q & 0\\ 0 & \Psi \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Psi & 0\\ 0 & 0_q \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} I\\ -\tilde{C}\\ -\tilde{R} \end{bmatrix} < 0.$$

To characterize informativity we use two main ingredients:

- A dualization and projection step
- A matrix version of Yakubovich's S-lemma<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>van Waarde et al., "Quadratic matrix inequalities with applications to data-based control", https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.12959, 2022.

Let 
$$J := \begin{bmatrix} 0_{q(L-1) \times q} & I_{q(L-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and define the  $2qL \times 2qL$  matrix  $\bar{N}$  by  
 $\bar{N} := \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -I_p \end{bmatrix} & 0 \\ & 0 & & I_{qL} \end{bmatrix}^\top N \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -I_p \end{bmatrix} & 0 \\ & 0 & & I_{qL} \end{bmatrix}.$ 

Theorem<sup>4</sup>: Assume that  $H_1(w)$  has full row rank. The data  $u(0), u(1), \ldots, u(T)$ ,  $y(0), y(1), \ldots, y(T)$  are informative for quadratic stabilization if and only if there exist matrices  $\tilde{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times qL}$  and  $\Phi \in \mathbb{S}^{qL}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi & \begin{bmatrix} J\Phi \\ \tilde{D} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} J\Phi \\ \tilde{D} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \\ \begin{bmatrix} J\Phi \\ \tilde{D} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} & -\Phi & 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} J\Phi \\ \tilde{D} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} & 0 & \Phi \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \bar{N} & 0 \\ 0 & 0_{qL} \end{bmatrix} > 0.$$

In that case, the controller with coefficient matrix  $\tilde{C} := -\tilde{D}\Phi^{-1}$  stabilizes all systems that are compatible with the data. Moreover, the QDF  $Q_{\Psi}$  with  $\Psi := \Phi^{-1}$  is a common Lyapunov function for all closed loop systems.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> van Waarde et al., "A behavioral approach to data-driven control with noisy input-output data", arxiv.org/abs/2206.08408, 2022.

# Conclusions

### Conclusions

summary and future work

General framework of data informativity:

- **1** Set of systems explaining the data
- 2 Control all systems in this set

Conditions for data informativity for stabilization, LQR, tracking and regulation,...

Control design via linear matrix inequalities

- Controllers are obtained directly using a finite batch of (noisy) data
- Approach relies on behavioral theory (QDFs) and robust control (matrix S-lemma)
- Nonconservative design

Ongoing and future work:

- (Common) Lyapunov functions (also see WeBT05.5)
- Online experiment design (PhD work of Amir Shakouri)

# Thank you!