

# Passive and Conservative State/Signal Systems

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A **state/signal system**  $\Sigma = (V; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{W})$  in the forward time direction has a

**state space**  $\mathcal{X}$  (a Hilbert space),

**signal space**  $\mathcal{W}$  (a Krein space),

and the dynamics of the system is described by the equation

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, & t \in \mathbb{R}^+, & x(0) = x_0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where the **generating subspace**  $V$  is a closed subspace of the **node space**  $\mathfrak{K} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{W} \end{bmatrix}$ .

$x(t) \in \mathcal{X}$  is the **state** at time  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,

$x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$  is the **initial state** at time zero,

$w(t) \in \mathcal{W}$  is the **signal** at time  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

# Example: Boundary Control S/S System

On Monday we discussed the boundary control system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Lx(t), \\ w(t) = \Gamma x(t), \end{cases} \quad t \geq 0; \quad x(0) = x_0. \quad (2)$$

$L$  is the **main operator** (always unbounded),

$\Gamma$  is the **boundary operator** (also unbounded),

$L$  and  $\Gamma$  have the *same domain*

$$\text{Dom}(L) = \text{Dom}(\Gamma) = \text{Dom}\left(\begin{bmatrix} L \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix}\right) \subset \mathcal{X}.$$

We can **rewrite this as a state/signal system** by defining

$$\mathcal{V} := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} Lx \\ x \\ \Gamma x \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{K} \mid x \in \text{Dom}\left(\begin{bmatrix} L \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix}\right) \right\}. \quad (3)$$

# Example: Classical I/S/O System

Consider the classical input/state/output system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t), \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0. \quad (4)$$

Here  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are bounded linear operators.

We can **rewrite this as a state/signal system** by taking

$\mathcal{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix}$  ( $= \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{U}$ ) and defining

$$V := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \\ \begin{bmatrix} y \\ u \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \subset \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \\ \mathcal{W} \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} z = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \end{array} \right\}. \quad (5)$$

# Example: A System Node

A **system node** is a construction used in the theory of well-posed (and non-wellposed) linear systems. It has a

**state space**  $\mathcal{X}$  (a Hilbert space),

**input space**  $\mathcal{U}$  (a Hilbert space),

**output space**  $\mathcal{Y}$  (a Hilbert space).

It is a **closed operator**  $S: \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{Y} \end{bmatrix}$ . The dynamics of a system node is described by

$$\Sigma : \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0. \quad (6)$$

We can **rewrite this as a state/signal system** by taking  $\mathcal{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix}$  and defining

$$V := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \\ y \\ u \end{bmatrix} \subset \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{W} \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{bmatrix} z \\ y \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \quad (7)$$

# Classical and Generalized Trajectories

Back to the general case:

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, & t \in \mathbb{R}^+, & x(0) = x_0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix}$  is a **classical trajectory** of  $\Sigma$  if  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} C^1(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{X}) \\ C(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{X}) \end{bmatrix}$  and (2) holds for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .
- $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix}$  is a **generalized trajectory** of  $\Sigma$  if  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} C(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{X}) \\ L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{W}) \end{bmatrix}$  and there exists a sequence of classical trajectories  $\begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  uniformly on bounded intervals and  $w_n \rightarrow w$  in  $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{W})$ .

(For the moment  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$  would also be OK, but later we need  $L^2_{\text{loc}}$  in the integrated power inequality.)

# General Assumptions on the Generating Subspace $V$

In this talk I focus on state/signal systems which are **passive** or **conservative**, as **studied in Kurula (2009)**.

They are **well-posed** in the sense of Kurula and Staffans (2009).



# Graph Representation of $V$ over State and Signal

In the equation describing the dynamics

$$\Sigma : \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0. \right. \quad (1)$$

I throughtout require that **the present state  $x(t)$  and the present signal  $w(t)$  determine the value of  $\dot{x}(t)$  uniquely.** This leads to the condition

$$\begin{bmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \Rightarrow z = 0. \quad (8)$$

This condition says that  **$V$  always must have a graph representation over its last two components:**

$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} G \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \\ x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R} \mid \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Dom}(G) \right\} \quad (9)$$

for some closed operator  $G$ . In general  **$G$  is not densely defined.** ( $G$  is closed since we assume that  $V$  is closed.)

If we replace the condition

$$\begin{bmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \Rightarrow z = 0. \quad (8)$$

by the stronger condition that  $V$  has a graph representation over its middle component, then it becomes a boundary control s/s node:

$$V := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} Lx \\ x \\ \Gamma x \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{K} \mid x \in \text{Dom} \left( \begin{bmatrix} L \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\}. \quad (3)$$

# Graph Representation of $V$ over State and Input

In the general passive case there will always exist a direct sum decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  such that  $V$  has a **graph representation over  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix}$** :

$$V := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} z \\ y+u \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{K} \mid u \in \mathcal{U}, y \in \mathcal{Y}, \begin{bmatrix} z \\ u \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Dom}(S), \begin{bmatrix} z \\ y \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix}, \right\} \quad (10)$$

where  $S$  is closed and densely defined. This is a **system node representation**.

However, **it will not have a system node representation with respect to every decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$** , only with respect to some decompositions (such as scattering decompositions).

# The Kreĭn Signal Space $\mathcal{W}$

- Recall: I take the **state space  $\mathcal{X}$**  to be a **Hilbert space** with inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{X}}$  and norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}} = \sqrt{(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{X}}}$ .
- However, I take the **signal space  $\mathcal{W}$**  to be a **Kreĭn space**, and not a Hilbert space.

Roughly speaking, a Kreĭn space  $\mathcal{W}$  is a topological vector space which a (unique) **indefinite inner product  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{\mathcal{W}}$** . It also has a Hilbert space inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{W}}$  such that

$$[w_1, w_2]_{\mathcal{W}} = (w_1, J_{\mathcal{W}} w_2)_{\mathcal{W}}, \quad w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{W}. \quad (11)$$

where  $J_{\mathcal{W}}$  is a boundedly invertible self-adjoint operator in  $\mathcal{W}$  (often taken to be a signature operator, i.e.,  $J_{\mathcal{W}} = J_{\mathcal{W}}^* = J_{\mathcal{W}}^{-1}$ ). However, **the Hilbert space inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{W}}$  and the signature operator  $J_{\mathcal{W}}$  are not unique!** (One can always replace the given inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{W}}$  by another equivalent inner product, if one at the same time changes the operator  $J_{\mathcal{W}}$  accordingly.)

# The Power Inequality

We shall throughout suppose the the s/s system

$$\Sigma : \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (1)$$

has **no internal energy sources**, or more precisely, it satisfies the **power inequality**

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \leq [w(t), w(t)]_{\mathcal{W}}. \quad (12)$$

Here  $\|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2$  is the **internal energy** stored state at time  $t$  (= the Hamiltonian), and  $[w(t), w(t)]_{\mathcal{W}}$  represents the **energy flowing into the system** from the outside world. Thus, if we want to allow the energy to flow in both directions, then we must allow the right-hand side to take both positive and negative values, and we cannot replace the indefinite inner product  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{\mathcal{W}}$  in  $\mathcal{W}$  by a positive definite Hilbert space inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{W}}$  in  $\mathcal{W}$ .

By carrying out the differentiation in

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \leq [w(t), w(t)]_{\mathcal{W}} \quad (12)$$

we get the inequality

$$-(\dot{x}(t), x(t))_{\mathcal{X}} - (x(t), \dot{x}(t))_{\mathcal{X}} + [w(t), w(t)]_{\mathcal{W}} \geq 0. \quad (13)$$

At  $t = 0$  the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(0) \\ x(0) \\ w(0) \end{bmatrix}$  can be an arbitrary vector in  $V$ , and hence (13) with  $t = 0$  implies

$$-(z, x)_{\mathcal{X}} - (x, z)_{\mathcal{X}} + [w, w]_{\mathcal{W}} \geq 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in V. \quad (14)$$

This inequality says that  $V$  is a nonnegative subspace of the node space  $\mathfrak{K}$  with respect to a suitable indefinite inner product!

Define

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ x_1 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} z_2 \\ x_2 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\mathfrak{R}} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ x_1 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}, J_{\mathfrak{R}} \begin{bmatrix} z_2 \\ x_2 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)_{\mathfrak{R}}, \quad J_{\mathfrak{R}} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1_{\mathcal{X}} & 0 \\ -1_{\mathcal{X}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_{\mathcal{W}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

Then

$$-(z, x)_{\mathcal{X}} - (x, z)_{\mathcal{X}} + [w, w]_{\mathcal{W}} \geq 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in V \quad (14)$$

says that

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \\ w \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\mathfrak{R}} \geq 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in V. \quad (16)$$

In other words,  $V$  is a nonnegative subspace of the node space  $\mathfrak{R}$  with respect to the inner product (15).

By integrating the power inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \leq [w(t), w(t)]_{\mathcal{W}} \quad (12)$$

we get a **weak forward well-posedness condition**

$$\begin{aligned} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 &\leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t [w(s), w(s)]_{\mathcal{W}} ds \\ &\leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \|J_{\mathcal{W}}\| \int_0^t \|w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Thus, if  $w \in L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{W})$ , then  $x$  is bounded on each finite interval.

Recall that (12) is equivalent to the nonnegativity of  $V$ . Thus, **nonnegativity of  $V$  implies (17)**.



# Existence of Nontrivial Trajectories

However, the inequality

$$\|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \|J_{\mathcal{W}}\| \int_0^t \|w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (17)$$

does not yet imply that the system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, & t \in \mathbb{R}^+, & x(0) = x_0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

has any **nontrivial solution**.

**Counter example:**  $V = \{0\}$  is nonnegative, but with this  $V$  the only solution is  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \equiv 0$ .

# Dimension of the Generating Subspace $V$

We need another condition, besides the nonnegativity of  $V$ , which says that “ $V$  is large enough to generate interesting trajectories”. For example, in the case of the finite-dimensional i/s/o system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t), \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0. \quad (4)$$

the generating subspace  $V$  given by

$$V := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} z \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ u \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \subset \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{W} \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} z = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \end{array} \right\}. \quad (5)$$

has **dimension**  $\dim \mathcal{X} + \dim \mathcal{U}$  and **co-dimension**  $\dim \mathcal{X} + \dim \mathcal{Y}$ .

(Note that the dimension of the node space  $\mathfrak{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{W} \end{bmatrix}$  is

$\dim \mathfrak{K} = 2 \times (\dim \mathcal{X}) + \dim \mathcal{W}$ .)

To also cover the general (possibly infinite-dimensional) passive case we reformulate this as follows:

## Definition

The state/signal system

$$\Sigma : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{array} \right\} \in V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (1)$$

is **passive** (in the forward time direction) if its generating subspace  $V$  satisfies the following two conditions:

- $\begin{bmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \Rightarrow z = 0$ .
- $V$  is a **maximal nonnegative** subspace of the node space  $\mathfrak{K}$ .

As we shall see in a moment, **passive systems are well-posed**.

## Definition

The direct sum decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  is **input/state/output well-posed** (in the forward time direction) for the state/signal system  $\Sigma = (V; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{W})$  if the following two conditions hold:

- For every  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $u \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{U})$  there exists a generalized trajectory  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} C(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{X}) \\ L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{W}) \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\Sigma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  with  $x(0) = x_0$  and  $P_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{Y}} w = u$ ;
- There exists a positive function  $K$  such that every generalized trajectory  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} C(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{X}) \\ L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{W}) \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\Sigma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t \|P_{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathcal{U}} w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds \\ \leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + K(t) \int_0^t \|P_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{Y}} w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

## Definition

The state/signal system  $\Sigma = (V; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{W})$  is **well-posed** (in the forward time direction) if there **exists at least one input/state/output well-posed decomposition**  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  of the signal space  $\mathcal{W}$ .

The following result is proved in Kurula (2009):

## Theorem

*Every passive s/s system is well-posed.*

# The Backward Time Direction

Instead of working in the forward time direction we may equally well be working in the **backward time direction**. In order to get backward well-posedness it is natural to assume that  $\Sigma$  has **no internal energy sinks**, or more precisely, that the **direction of the power inequality is reversed**:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \geq [w(t), w(t)]_{\mathcal{W}}. \quad (19)$$

This condition combined with the appropriate maximality condition will imply well-posedness in the backward time direction.

## Definition

The state/signal system

$$\Sigma : \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^-, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (20)$$

is **passive in the backward time direction** if its generating subspace  $V$  satisfies the following two conditions:

- $\begin{bmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \Rightarrow z = 0$ .
- $V$  is a **maximal nonpositive** subspace of the node space  $\mathfrak{K}$ .

## Definition

The direct sum decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  is **input/state/output well-posed in the backward time direction** for the state/signal system  $\Sigma = (V; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{W})$  if the following two conditions hold:

- For every  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $u \in L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}^-; \mathcal{U})$  there exists a generalized trajectory  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} C(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathcal{X}) \\ L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}^-; \mathcal{W}) \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\Sigma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^-$  with  $x(0) = x_0$  and  $P_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{Y}} w = u$ ;
- There exists a positive nonincreasing function  $K$  such that every generalized trajectory  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} C(\mathbb{R}^-; \mathcal{X}) \\ L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}^-; \mathcal{W}) \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\Sigma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^-$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_t^0 \|P_{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathcal{U}} w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds \\ \leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + K(t) \int_t^0 \|P_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{Y}} w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^-. \end{aligned}$$



# Backward Passive Systems are Backward Well-Posed

## Definition

The state/signal system  $\Sigma = (V; \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{W})$  is **well-posed in the backward time direction** if there **exists at least one backward input/state/output well-posed decomposition**  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  of the signal space  $\mathcal{W}$ .

## Theorem

*Every backward passive s/s system is backward well-posed.*

# Finite Dimension: Forward $\Leftrightarrow$ Backward Well-Posed

If the system  $\Sigma = (V; \mathcal{X}; \mathcal{W})$  is **finite-dimensional**, i.e., if both  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  are finite-dimensional, then  
**forward well-posed  $\Leftrightarrow$  backward well-posed.**  
However, **forward passive  $\not\Leftrightarrow$  backward passive.**

**Warning:** A decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  may very well be **forward i/s/o-well-posed but not backward i/s/o-well-posed**, and conversely.

**Fact 1:** If  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y}_1 \dot{+} \mathcal{U}_1$  and  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y}_2 \dot{+} \mathcal{U}_2$  are two forward i/s/o-well-posed decompositions, then  $\dim \mathcal{U}_1 = \dim \mathcal{U}_2$  and  $\dim \mathcal{Y}_1 = \dim \mathcal{Y}_2$ . Thus, every passive s/s system has a **well-defined input dimension  $\dim_{\text{in}} \mathcal{W}$**  and a **well-defined output dimension  $\dim_{\text{out}} \mathcal{W}$**  in the forward time direction, with  $\dim_{\text{in}} \mathcal{W} + \dim_{\text{out}} \mathcal{W} = \dim \mathcal{W}$ .

**Fact 2:** If  $\Sigma$  is both forward and backward passive, then the **forward input dimension = backward output dimension** and the other way around.

**Conclusion:** A necessary (but not sufficient) condition for the existence of a decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  which is both forward and backward i/s/o-well-posed is that the **input and output dimensions of  $\Sigma$  are the same** (finite or infinite).

Above we already mentioned the possibility that  $\Sigma$  is both forward passive and backward passive. This means that  $V$  is both maximal nonnegative and maximal nonpositive.

## Lemma

*A subspace  $V$  of a Kreĭn space  $\mathfrak{K}$  is both maximal nonnegative and maximal nonpositive if and only if  $V = V^{[\perp]}$ , where*

$$V^{[\perp]} = \{ \kappa^\dagger \in \mathfrak{K} \mid [\kappa, \kappa^\dagger]_{\mathfrak{K}} = 0 \text{ for all } \kappa \in V \}. \quad (22)$$

We call  $V^{[\perp]}$  the **orthogonal companion** to  $V$ .

A subspace  $V$  which satisfies  $V = V^{[\perp]}$  is called **Lagrangian** (or **hypermaximal neutral**) (or **hypermaximal  $W$ -symmetric**) (or **self-adjoint relation**) (or **unitary relation**) (or **Dirac structure**).

## Definition

The state/signal system

$$\Sigma : \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (1)$$

is **conservative** (both in the forward and the backward time directions) if its generating subspace  $V$  satisfies the following two conditions:

- $\begin{bmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \Rightarrow z = 0$ .
- $V$  is a **Lagrangian** subspace of the node space  $\mathfrak{K}$ , i.e.,  
 $V = V^{\perp}$ .

Thus, conservative s/s systems are **well-posed both in the forward and in the backward time directions**.

# Different Types of Decompositions of the Signal Space $\mathcal{W}$

The proof of forward well-posedness is based on the use of a **scattering representation** of  $\Sigma$ . This is an input/state/output representation corresponding to a **fundamental decomposition** of  $\mathcal{W}$ .

- A **fundamental decomposition** of  $\mathcal{W}$  is of the type  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_- [\dot{+}] \mathcal{W}_+$ , where  $\mathcal{W}_-$  is an anti-Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{W}_+$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner products inherited from  $\mathcal{W}$ . (Anti-Hilbert means that it becomes a Hilbert space after we change the sign of the inner product, and “[ $\dot{+}$ ]” means that  $\mathcal{W}_-$  and  $\mathcal{W}_+$  are orthogonal.)
- A **Lagrangian decomposition** of  $\mathcal{W}$  is of the type  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$ , where both  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  are Lagrangian subspaces of  $\mathcal{W}$  (but they are not orthogonal to each other).
- A general **orthogonal decomposition** of  $\mathcal{W}$  is of the type  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} [\dot{+}] \mathcal{U}$ , where both  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  are Kreĭn spaces with respect to the the inner products inherited from  $\mathcal{W}$ .

# Well-Posedness of Fundamental Decompositions

Let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_- [\dot{+}] \mathcal{W}_+$  be a fundamental decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$ . Let  $\mathcal{Y} := |\mathcal{W}_-|$  be the Hilbert space that we get by changing the sign of the inner product in  $\mathcal{W}_-$ , and let  $\mathcal{U} := \mathcal{W}_+$ . Then each  $w \in \mathcal{W}$  has a unique decomposition  $w = y + u$  with  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} [w, w]_{\mathcal{W}} &= [y + u, y + u]_{\mathcal{W}} = [y, y]_{\mathcal{W}} + [u, u]_{\mathcal{W}} \\ &= -(y, y)_{\mathcal{Y}} + (u, u)_{\mathcal{U}} = -\|y\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, with respect to this decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$  the integrated forward power inequality

$$\|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t [w(s), w(s)]_{\mathcal{W}} ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad (17)$$

becomes

$$\|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t \|y(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds \leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t \|u(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad (23)$$

The inequality

$$\|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t \|y(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds \leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t \|u(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad (23)$$

immediately implies the inequality used in the definition of i/s/o-well-posedness in forward time

$$\begin{aligned} \|x(t)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \int_0^t \|P_y^u w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds \\ \leq \|x(0)\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + K(t) \int_0^t \|P_u^y w(s)\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2 ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

with  $K(t) \equiv 1$ .



# Well-Posedness of Fundamental Decompositions

This leads to the following result.

## Lemma

Let  $\Sigma$  be a (forward) passive s/s system. Then every *fundamental decomposition*  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_- \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{W}_+$  is *i/s/o-well-posed* for  $\Sigma$  with *input space*  $\mathcal{W}_+$  and *output space*  $\mathcal{W}_-$ .

An analogous argument shows that

## Lemma

Let  $\Sigma$  be a *backward passive* s/s system. Then every *fundamental decomposition*  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_- \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{W}_+$  is *i/s/o-well-posed* for  $\Sigma$  with *input space*  $\mathcal{W}_-$  and *output space*  $\mathcal{W}_+$ .

In the *conservative* case *both* of these lemmas apply. Note that *the roles of  $\mathcal{W}_-$  and  $\mathcal{W}_+$  change when we reverse the direction of time!*

# Scattering Representations

The i/s/o-well-posedness of the fundamental decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_- \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} + \\ \end{smallmatrix} \right] \mathcal{W}_+$  implies that the inclusion

$$\Sigma : \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (1)$$

can be rewritten in the following i/s/o form, with input space  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{W}_+$  and output space  $\mathcal{Y} = -\mathcal{W}_-$ :

$$\Sigma_{i/s/o} : \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (24)$$

where the (forward) **system node**  $S$  is closed and densely defined. This operator has a number of additional properties. See Staffans (2005) or Kurula (2009) for details.

We call  $\Sigma_{i/s/o}$  a (forward) **scattering representation** of  $\Sigma$ .

In general a **Lagrangian decomposition need not be (forward or backward) i/s/o-well-posed**. If it is (forward or backward) i/s/o-well-posed, then  $\Sigma$  again has a (forward or backward) system node representation

$$\Sigma_{i/s/o} : \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (24)$$

where the (forward or backward) **system node  $S$**  is closed and densely defined.

In this case we call  $\Sigma_{i/s/o}$  a (forward or backward) **impedance representation** of  $\Sigma$ .

# Boundary Triplet is an Impedance Representation

Note that the equations arising from a **boundary controlled Schrödinger equation** (or **boundary triplet**)

$$\Sigma_{i/s/o} : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = iA^*x(t), \\ u(t) = \Gamma_1x(t), \\ y(t) = \Gamma_2x(t), \\ x(0) = x_0. \end{cases} \quad t \geq 0 \quad (25)$$

can be interpreted as an impedance representation of the corresponding s/s boundary control system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = iA^*x(t), \\ w(t) = \Gamma x(t), \end{cases} \quad t \geq 0; \quad x(0) = x_0. \quad (2)$$

with respect to the Lagrangian decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{U} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{+} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\mathcal{W}$  (if this decomposition is i/s/o-well-posed).

In general an arbitrary **orthogonal decomposition need not be (forward or backward) i/s/o-well-posed**. If it is (forward or backward) i/s/o-well-posed, then  $\Sigma$  again has a (forward or backward) system node representation

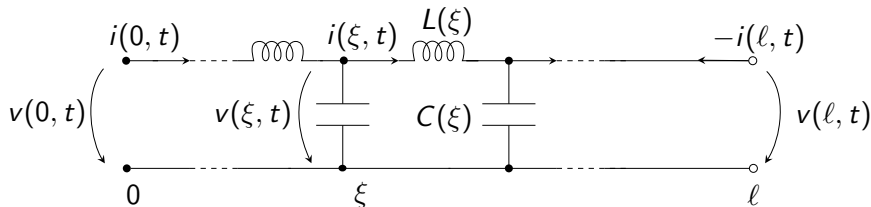
$$\Sigma_{i/s/o} : \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (24)$$

where the (forward or backward) **system node  $S$**  is closed and densely defined.

In this case we call  $\Sigma_{i/s/o}$  a (forward or backward) **transmission (chain scattering) representation** of  $\Sigma$ .

A special case of this is the **inverse scattering** setting, where one uses a fundamental decomposition, but interchange the input and output spaces.

# A Transmission Line



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} v(\xi, t) \\ i(\xi, t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{C(\xi)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ -\frac{1}{L(\xi)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v(\xi, t) \\ i(\xi, t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\xi, t) \in [0, l] \times \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$w(t) = \begin{bmatrix} v(0, t) \\ i(0, t) \\ v(l, t) \\ -i(l, t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$v(\xi, 0) = v_0(\xi), \quad i(\xi, 0) = i_0(\xi), \quad \xi \in [0, l].$$

We take  $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} v(\cdot, t) \\ i(\cdot, t) \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} v_0(\cdot) \\ i_0(\cdot) \end{bmatrix}$ .

# Non-Well-Posed Input/Output Decompositions

In the impedance and transmission cases it is convenient to introduce another notion of **input/state/output admissible decompositions**  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  of the signal space  $\mathcal{W}$  which are not i/s/o-well-posed.

**Idea:** The decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  is i/s/o-admissible with input space  $\mathcal{U}$  and output space  $\mathcal{Y}$  if  $\Sigma$  **has a generalized i/s/o transfer function** with respect to this decomposition.

How do we define the generalized i/s/o transfer function?

# Ordinary I/S/O Transfer function

Suppose that  $x$ ,  $\dot{x}$ ,  $y$ , and  $u$  are all Laplace transformable, with the Laplace transforms converging in the full right half-plane  $\mathbb{C}_+ = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Re\lambda > 0\}$ , and take Laplace transforms in the i/s/o equation

$$\Sigma_{i/s/o} : \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (24)$$

to get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \hat{x}(\lambda) - x_0 \\ \hat{y}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\lambda) \\ \hat{u}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^+. \quad (26)$$



# Ordinary I/S/O Transfer function

At least in the case of a scattering representation of a passive system it is possible to solve  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\lambda) \\ \hat{y}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$  in terms of  $\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \hat{u}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$  from the identity

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \hat{x}(\lambda) - x_0 \\ \hat{y}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\lambda) \\ \hat{u}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^+. \quad (26)$$

The map  $\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \hat{u}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\lambda) \\ \hat{y}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$  turns out to be a bounded linear operator, that we denote by  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) \\ \hat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\lambda) \\ \hat{y}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) \\ \hat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \hat{u}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^+. \quad (27)$$

The operator  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathfrak{A}} & \hat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \hat{\mathfrak{C}} & \hat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix}$  is called the **input/state/output transfer function of  $\Sigma_{i/s/o}$** .

# Ordinary I/S/O Transfer function

In particular, if  $S$  is a **bounded** operator with  $\text{Dom}(S) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $S$  can be written in the block matrix form  $S = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$ , and we can compute the i/s/o transfer function explicitly in terms of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) \\ \hat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda - A)^{-1} & (\lambda - A)^{-1}B \\ C(\lambda - A)^{-1} & C(\lambda - A)^{-1}B + D \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^+. \quad (28)$$

**Afternoon competition #1:** Who can make the longest list of the **different names** that different people (such as Derkach, Malamud, Grubb, Behndt, Arlinskii, Langer, Zwart, Ran, de Snoo, Kreĭn, Weyl, Lax, Phillips, Calkin, Nevanlinna, van der Schaft, etc.) use for the four **different components of the i/s/o transfer function**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) \\ \hat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) & \hat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}!$$

# Generalized I/S/O Transfer function

To get the **generalized i/s/o transfer function** we rewrite the identity

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \hat{x}(\lambda) - x_0 \\ \hat{y}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\lambda) \\ \hat{u}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^+. \quad (26)$$

so that it uses the generating subspace  $V$  instead of the system node  $S$ .

# Generalized I/S/O Transfer function

Suppose that  $x$ ,  $\dot{x}$ , and  $w$  are all Laplace transformable, with the Laplace transforms converging in the full right half-plane  $\mathbb{C}_+ = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Re \lambda > 0\}$ , and take Laplace transforms in the s/s equation

$$\Sigma : \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ x(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} \in V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (1)$$

to get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \hat{x}(\lambda) - x_0 \\ \hat{x}(\lambda) \\ \hat{w}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \in V, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^+. \quad (29)$$

# Generalized I/S/O Transfer function

Let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  be a direct sum decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$ . The domain of the **generalized i/s/o transfer function** with respect to this decomposition and the function itself are defined by

$$\text{Dom} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ u \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix} \text{ there exists} \\ \text{a unique pair } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{Y} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{such that } \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x - x_0 \\ x \\ u + y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{V} \end{array} \right. \right\}, \quad (30)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For } \lambda \in \text{Dom} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix} \right), \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \\ \text{where } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \text{ is given by (30).} \end{array} \right. \quad (31)$$

## Definition

The direct sum decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  is (weakly) **forward i/s/o-admissible** with input space  $\mathcal{U}$  and output space  $\mathcal{Y}$  if

$$\text{Dom} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathfrak{A}} & \hat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \hat{\mathfrak{C}} & \hat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathbb{C}^+ \neq \emptyset.$$

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# Boundary Triplet = Impedance Representation

## Theorem

The *Lagrangian decomposition*  $\mathcal{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{U} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{+} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix}$  is *both forward and backward i/s/o-admissible* for the s/s boundary control system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = iA^*x(t), \\ w(t) = \Gamma x(t), \end{cases} \quad t \geq 0; \quad x(0) = x_0. \quad (2)$$

constructed from the boundary controlled Schrödinger equation

$$\Sigma_{i/s/o} : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = iA^*x(t), \\ u(t) = \Gamma_1 x(t), \\ y(t) = \Gamma_2 x(t), \\ x(0) = x_0. \end{cases} \quad t \geq 0 \quad (25)$$

with respect to the Lagrangian decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{U} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{+} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix}$ .

# Boundary Relations = Non-Admissible Impedance Representations?

Up to now I have used the definition of a **boundary triplet** from Gorbachuk and Gorbachuk (1991). The title of this workshop is **boundary relations**, not boundary spaces.

**Open Question:** To what extent is it true that a **boundary relation** can be identified with a possibly **non-admissible i/o decomposition** of the signal space of a **conservative boundary control s/s system**?

**Conjecture:** To a very large extent!?



It is easy to extend the notion of a generalized i/s/o transfer function so that it becomes an **i/s/o transfer relation** instead.

**Recall:** Let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  be a direct sum decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$ . The domain of the **generalized i/s/o transfer function** with respect to this decomposition and the function itself are defined by

$$\text{Dom} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ u \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix} \text{ there exists} \\ \text{a unique pair } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{Y} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{such that } \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x - x_0 \\ x \\ u + y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{V} \end{array} \right. \right\}, \quad (30)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For } \lambda \in \text{Dom} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix} \right), \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \\ \text{where } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \text{ is given by (30).} \end{array} \right. \quad (31)$$

## Definition

The (full) **state/signal frequency domain behavior** is the family of subspaces  $\{\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}(\lambda)\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}}$  of the node space  $\mathfrak{K}$ , where each  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}(\lambda)$  is given by

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}(\lambda) = \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} x \\ x_0 \\ w \end{array} \right] \mid \left[ \begin{array}{c} \lambda x - x_0 \\ x \\ w \end{array} \right] \in V \right\}. \quad (32)$$

The definition of the generalized i/s/o transfer function  $\begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix}$  can be reformulated as follows:

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  be a direct sum decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$ . The domain of the **generalized i/s/o transfer function**  $\begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}} & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}} \end{bmatrix}$  with respect to this decomposition consists of those points  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  for which the **state/signal frequency domain behavior**  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}(\lambda)$  is the graph of a **bounded linear operator**  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ 0 \\ \mathcal{Y} \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) & \widehat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) \\ \widehat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) & \widehat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$  is defined to be this operator.

# Input/State/Output Transfer Relations

By definition, the decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  is non-i/s/o-admissible both in the forward and backward time directions if and only if there does not exist a single point  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus i\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}(\lambda)$  is the graph of a bounded linear operator  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{Y} \end{bmatrix}$ .

However, we can always interpret  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}(\lambda)$  as the graph of a closed relation  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{X} \\ \mathcal{Y} \end{bmatrix}$ . With this interpretation it makes sense to call this relation the i/s/o transfer relation at the point  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . It is defined for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Observe that the subspace  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}(\lambda)$  is a state/signal invariant, i.e., it is independent of the decomposition  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$ .

Thus, although the s/s system  $\Sigma$  has many different transfer relations (corresponding to different decompositions  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$ ), the graphs of all possible transfer relations are the same! They are simply different representations of the i/s/o frequency domain behavior with respect to different decompositions of the signal space  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$ .

# External Cayley Transform and Chain Scattering Transform

Many of the standard transformations that are used in i/s/o theory can be interpreted as simple changes of i/o decompositions  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  in the corresponding state/signal system  $\Sigma$ .

- The **external Cayley transform** (or **main transformation** by Derkach et al. (2006)) describes what happens when you **replace an impedance representation by a scattering representation** (or the other way around) of the s/s system  $\Sigma$
- The **chain scattering** (or **Potapov–Gintzburg**) transform describes what happens when you **replace a transmission representation by a scattering representation** (or the other way around) of the s/s system  $\Sigma$ .

Livšić (1973) uses the name **diagonal transformation** for the transformation from a direct sum decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$  to a fundamental decomposition (and thus from the original i/s/o representation to a scattering representation of  $\Sigma$ ).

**Afternoon competition #2:** Who can make the **longest list of different names for these coordinate changes?**

There is also an **internal Cayley Transform** that can be used to map a continuous time s/s system into a discrete time s/s system and back. By using this transform it is possible to convert the discrete time s/s results in Arov and Staffans (2007, 2009a,b,a) into corresponding continuous time results.

**Afternoon Competition #3:** How many names ....

This talk is based partly on **Kurula (2009)** and partly on the introduction in the new book manuscript **Arov and Staffans (2011–2012)**.

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# Generalized Input/Output Transfer Functions

Above I have looked at generalized input/**state**/output transfer functions, which have four components:

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{A}}(\lambda) : x_0 \rightarrow \hat{x}(\lambda),$$

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{B}}(\lambda) : \hat{u}(\lambda) \rightarrow \hat{x}(\lambda),$$

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{C}}(\lambda) : x_0 \rightarrow \hat{y}(\lambda),$$

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) : \hat{u}(\lambda) \rightarrow \hat{y}(\lambda).$$

Often one ignores those part of this transfer function which involve the state, and only studies the **input/output transfer function**

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda) : \hat{u}(\lambda) \rightarrow \hat{y}(\lambda).$$

The generalized i/o transfer function  $\widehat{\mathfrak{D}}$  can be studied directly by proceeding in the same way as before, but simply **taking  $x_0 = 0$  and “eliminating” the state  $\hat{x}(\lambda)$ .**

Let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  be a direct sum decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$ . The domain of the **generalized i/o transfer function** with respect to this decomposition and the function itself are defined by

$$\text{Dom}(\hat{\mathfrak{D}}) = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{for each } u \in \mathcal{U} \text{ there exist} \\ \text{some } x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ and a unique} \\ y \in \mathcal{Y} \text{ such that } \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x \\ x \\ u+y \end{bmatrix} \in V \end{array} \right. \right\}, \quad (33)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For } \lambda \in \text{Dom}(\hat{\mathfrak{D}}), \hat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda)u = y, \\ \text{where } y \text{ is the unique vector in (33).} \end{array} \right. \quad (34)$$

# Frequency Domain Signal Behavior

## Definition

The **signal (or manifest) frequency domain behavior** is the family of subspaces  $\{\widehat{\mathfrak{W}}(\lambda)\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}}$  of the signal space  $\mathcal{W}$ , where each  $\mathfrak{W}(\lambda)$  is given by

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{W}}(\lambda) = \left\{ w \in \mathcal{W} \mid \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x \\ x \\ w \end{bmatrix} \in V \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{X} \right\}. \quad (35)$$

The definition of the generalized i/o transfer function  $\widehat{\mathfrak{D}}$  can be reformulated as follows:

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Y} \dot{+} \mathcal{U}$  be a direct sum decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}$ . The domain of the **generalized i/o transfer function**  $\widehat{\mathfrak{D}}$  with respect to this decomposition consists of those point  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  for which the **signal frequency domain behavior**  $\widehat{\mathfrak{W}}(\lambda)$  is the graph of a bounded linear operator  $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{D}}(\lambda)$  is defined to be this operator.

# Input/Output Admissibility

The notion of **input/output admissibility** (forward or backward) is defined in the same way as the notion of input/state/output admissibility, replacing the generalized i/s/o transfer function by the i/o transfer function.

The notion of an **input/output transfer relation** is defined in the same way as the notion of an input/state/output transfer relation by replacing the (full) state/signal frequency domain behavior by the (manifest) signal frequency domain behavior.

Clearly **i/s/o-admissibility implies i/o-admissibility**.

**Conjecture:** For a passive s/s system these two admissibility notions are actually the same.