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## Robustness Analysis with Mixed Performance Objectives <sup>1</sup>

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#### Abstract

Mixed performance control problems have been the object of much attention lately. These problems allow for capturing different performance specifications without resorting to approximations or the use of weighting functions. However, up to date most of the work concerning multiobjective control is limited to guaranteeing nominal performance and robust stability. In this paper we analyze robust performance for a class of mixed problems. The main results of the paper furnish sufficient conditions for guaranteeing performance (in the  $\ell_{\infty}$  sense) under model perturbations having an  $\ell_2$  to  $\ell_2$  bounded norm. These condition can be combined with previously proposed multiobjective control synthesis techniques to obtain controllers guaranteeing robust performance.

## 1 Introduction

Multiobjective control problems have been the object of much attention lately (see [18] for references on recent work on multiobjective control). In particular,  $\mathcal{H}_2/\mathcal{H}_\infty$  mixed control has been extensively investigated since its introduction (see for instance [2, 7, 10, 11] and references therein). More recently  $\ell^1/\mathcal{H}_\infty$  [21, 17] and  $\ell^1/\mathcal{H}_2$  control problems have been formulated [20]. Given the difficulty in addressing multiple performance objectives, these papers concentrate on nominal performance / robust stability type designs, i.e. controllers that guarantee stability for a family of plants, while at the same time, achieving optimal performance

for the nominal plant.

However, even if the closed-loop system is guaranteed to remain stable for off-nominal conditions, performance can be severely degraded. This has led to a recent research effort geared towards synthesizing controllers achieving robust performance. Most of this work concentrates on developing analysis tools to assess worst-case performance in the presence of norm-bound model uncertainty, although some partial synthesis results are also available ([14, 13]). Moreover, a large portion of this research effort has been directed towards analyzing performance when the exogenous input is a known, given signal. Recent work in this respect includes [14, 4, 5, 1] (see also [8] for the related problem of robust steady-state tracking).

Following along these lines, in this paper we study the problem of robust performance (in the  $\ell^{\infty}$  sense) to a fixed input, when the system is subject to model uncertainty with bounded  $\ell^2$  induced norm. This problem can be though of as a natural extension of the mixed  $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ problem formulated in [15, 16]. The main result of the paper provides sufficient conditions for achieving robust performance under these conditions. One of these conditions, given in terms of the spectral radius of a matrix, provides a simple robustness check. The second condition reduces conservatism, at the price of more involved computations. These results are illustrated with a simple example.

#### 2 Notation and preliminary results

## 2.1 Notation

Given a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  its 2-norm is defined as  $||x||_2 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sum_{i=0}^n x_i^2$  and its infinity norm as

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$$\begin{split} ||\boldsymbol{x}||_{\infty} &\triangleq \max_{i} |\boldsymbol{x}_{i}|. \quad \ell^{2} \text{ denotes the space of bounded energy sequences } h = \{h_{i}\} \text{ with the } \\ \text{norm } ||h||_{\ell^{2}} &\triangleq \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |h_{i}|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty. \quad \ell^{\infty} \text{ denotes } \\ \text{the linear space of bounded sequences equipped } \\ \text{with the norm } ||h||_{\ell^{\infty}} &\triangleq \sup_{i \geq 0} |h_{i}| < \infty. \end{split}$$

 $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  denotes the space of complex valued matrix functions that are analytic outside the unit disk. The norm on  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  is defined by  $||G(z)||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} \triangleq ess \sup_{|z|>1} \overline{\sigma}(G(z))$ , where  $\overline{\sigma}$  denotes the largest singular value.

Assume now that  $H: \ell^2 \to \ell^2$  is a bounded linear operator defined by the usual convolution relation y = H \* u. Its  $\ell^2$  induced norm is defined as  $||H||_{\ell^2 \to \ell^2} \doteq \sup_{\|u\|_{\ell^2} \le 1} ||H * u||_{\ell^2}$ . It is

well known that if H is linear time-invariant,  $||H||_{\ell^2 \to \ell^2} = ||H||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}}.$ 

In the sequel, we shall assume that the system uncertainty block  $\Delta$  belongs to the following class:

$$\mathbf{D_2} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{\Delta : \Delta \text{ is causal and } \|\Delta\|_{\ell^2 \to \ell^2} < 1 \}$$

## 2.2 The robust mixed $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ problem

**Definition 2.1** Given the input  $w \in \ell^{\infty}$ , the system shown in Figure 1 achieves robust performance in the mixed  $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  sense if the interconnection is robustly stable and such that  $||z||_{\ell^{\infty}} \leq 1$  for all  $\Delta$ ,  $||\Delta||_{\ell^{2} \to \ell^{2}} < 1$ .

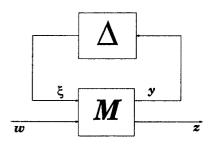


Figure 1: Robust mixed  $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  problem

In the sequel we derive several conditions guaranteeing mixed  $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  robust performance. To this effect we begin by introducing the following two lemmas about non-negative matrices.

**Lemma 2.1** Let A be a square non-negative matrix, i.e.,  $a_{ij} \ge 0$ . Then  $\rho(A) \le 1$  if and only if the inequalities x < Ax and  $x \ge 0$  have

no solution, where the vector inequalities should be interpreted in a componentwise sense.

**Proof**: See, for instance, References [3, 6].

Lemma 2.2 Let A be a non-negative matrix partitioned as  $\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , and suppose  $\rho(A_{22}) < 1$ . Then  $\rho(A) \leq 1$  if and only if  $\rho(A_{11} + A_{12}(I - A_{22})^{-1}A_{21}) \leq 1$ .

**<u>Proof</u>**: The proof, omitted for space reasons, follows from Lemma 2.1 and standard properties of non negative matrices.

## 3 Robust mixed $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ performance analysis

In this section we provide some conditions guaranteering robust performance (in the  $\ell^{\infty}$  sense) against one-block (unstructured), LTV perturbations having bounded  $\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$  induced norm.

**Theorem 3.1** Assume that  $||M_{11}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} \leq 1$ . If

$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} ||M_{11}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} & ||M_{12}w||_{\ell^{2}} \\ ||M_{21}||_{\mathcal{H}_{2}} & ||M_{22}w||_{\ell^{\infty}} \end{pmatrix} \leq 1 \quad (1)$$

then the system M has mixed robust performance for all LTV perturbations  $\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_2$ .

**Proof**: It is sufficient to show that

$$\sup_{\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_{2}} \|z\|_{\ell^{\infty}} > 1 \Longrightarrow$$

$$\rho \left( \begin{array}{cc} \|M_{11}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} & \|M_{12}w\|_{\ell^{2}} \\ \|M_{21}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{2}} & \|M_{22}w\|_{\ell^{\infty}} \end{array} \right) > 1 \qquad (2)$$

Suppose for some  $\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_2$ ,  $||z||_{\ell^{\infty}} > 1$ . For this  $\Delta$ , it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} y\\z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12}\\M_{21} & M_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi\\w \end{pmatrix}$$

It is well known that  $\sup_{\substack{\|x\|_{\ell^2} \leq 1 \\ \|x\|_{\ell^2} \leq 1}} ||Mx||_{\ell^\infty} = ||M||_{\mathcal{H}_2}$ and  $\sup_{\substack{\|x\|_{\ell^2} \leq 1 \\ \text{triangle inequality, it follows that}}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} \|y\|_{\ell^2} \\ \|z\|_{\ell^{\infty}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \|M_{11}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} & \|M_{12}w\|_{\ell^2} \\ \|M_{21}\|_{\mathcal{H}_2} & \|M_{22}w\|_{\ell^{\infty}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \|\xi\|_{\ell^2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_2$  and  $||z||_{\ell^{\infty}} > 1$ , it also follows that  $||\xi||_{\ell^2} < ||y||_{\ell^2}$  and

$$\binom{\|\xi\|_{\ell^2}}{1} < \binom{\|y\|_{\ell^2}}{\|z\|_{\ell^{\infty}}}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \|\xi\|_{\ell^2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} < \begin{pmatrix} \|M_{11}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} & \|M_{12}w\|_{\ell^2} \\ \|M_{21}\|_{\mathcal{H}_2} & \|M_{22}w\|_{\ell^{\infty}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \|\xi\|_{\ell^2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

By Lemma 2.1 this implies

$$\rho\left(\begin{array}{ccc} \|M_{11}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} & \|M_{12}w\|_{\ell^{2}} \\ \|M_{21}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{2}} & \|M_{22}w\|_{\ell^{\infty}} \end{array}\right) > 1$$

Corollary 3.2 If  $||M_{11}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} < 1$ , then for a fixed input w we have:

$$\sup_{\substack{\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_{2} \\ + \|M_{21}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{2}}(1 - \|M_{11}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}})^{-1} \|M_{12}w\|_{\ell^{2}}}$$
(3)

Next we obtain a less conservative condition, at the price of increased computational complexity. Begin by considering the worst case value of  $||y||_2 = ||M_{11}\xi + M_{12}w||_2$  when the input  $\xi$  is constrained to the  $\gamma$ -ball in  $\ell^2$ .

Lemma 3.1 Let  $G_{\gamma}(w) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sup_{\|\xi\|_{\ell^2}^2 \leq \gamma} \|M_{11}\xi + M_{12}w\|_{\ell^2}^2$ . Then the following properties hold:

- 1.  $G_{\gamma}(w)$  is a continuous, monotonically increasing, and concave function of  $\gamma$  for  $\gamma \geq 0$ .
- 2. Suppose  $||M_{11}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} < 1$ . Then the equation

$$G_{\gamma}(w) = \gamma \tag{4}$$

has a unique solution  $\gamma^*$ . Moreover  $\gamma^*$  satisfies

$$\frac{\|M_{12}w\|_{\ell^2}^2}{1-\|M_{11}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}}^2} \le \gamma^* \le \frac{\|M_{12}w\|_{\ell^2}^2}{(1-\|M_{11}\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}})^2}$$
(5)

**Proof**: omitted for space reasons.

Similarly, we consider now worst-case performance in the  $\ell^{\infty}$  sense. Define

$$F_{\gamma}(w) = \sup_{\|\xi\|_{\ell^{2}} \leq \gamma} \|M_{21}\xi + M_{22}w\|_{\ell^{\infty}}$$

Let  $z = M_{21}\xi + M_{22}w$ . Clearly for each  $N \ge 0$ ,

$$ert z(N) ert = ert \psi(N) + \sum_{i=0}^N m(i)\xi(N-i) ert \leq ert \psi(N) ert + ert \sum_{i=0}^N m(i)\xi(N-i) ert$$

$$\leq |\psi(N)| + \sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=0}^N m^2(i)} \sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=0}^N \xi^2(i)} \leq ert \psi(N) ert + \gamma \sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=0}^N m^2(i)}$$

where  $\{m(i)\}$  denotes the impulse response of  $M_{21}$  and where  $\psi = M_{22}w$ . By choosing  $\xi$  as:

$$\xi(i) = \begin{cases} sign [(M_{22}w)(N)] \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{N} m^{2}(i)}} m(N-i), \\ i = 0, 1, \cdots, N \\ 0 \text{ elsewhere} \end{cases}$$
(6)

we have that  $\|\xi\|_{\ell^2} = \gamma$  and

$$|z(N)|=|\psi(N)|+\gamma\sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=0}^{N}m^2(i)}$$

This implies that

$$F_{\gamma}(w) = \sup_{N} \left\{ |\psi(N)| + \gamma \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{N} m^2(i)} 
ight\}$$
 (7)

If the supreme is achieved for some finite  $N = N(\gamma)$ , it follows that

$$F_{\gamma}(w) = |\psi(N)| + \gamma \sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=0}^{N} m^2(i)} \triangleq b_{\gamma} + a_{\gamma} \gamma$$

On the other hand, if

$$F_{\gamma}(w) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \left\{ |\psi(N)| + \gamma \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{N} m^2(i)} \right\}$$
$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} |\psi(N)| + \gamma \lim_{N \to \infty} \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{N} m^2(i)} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} b_{\gamma} + a_{\gamma}\gamma$$

where  $a_{\gamma} = ||M_{21}||_{\ell^2}$  and  $b_{\gamma} = \lim_{N \to \infty} |\psi(N)|$ . Therefore, it is always possible to write:

$$F_{\gamma}(w) = a_{\gamma}\gamma + b_{\gamma}, \quad \begin{array}{ll} 0 & \leq & a_{\gamma} \leq ||M_{21}||_{\ell^{2}} \\ 0 & \leq & b_{\gamma} \leq ||\psi||_{\ell^{\infty}}. \end{array}$$

$$\tag{8}$$

Morevoer, from the definition of  $F_{\gamma}$  it follows immediately that for any  $\gamma_0 \neq \gamma$ ,

$$F_{\gamma}(w) \ge a_{\gamma}\gamma_0 + b_{\gamma} \tag{9}$$

**Lemma 3.2** The function  $F_{\gamma}(w)$  has the following properties:

- 1.  $F_{\gamma}(w)$  is a continuous, monotonically non-decreasing, convex function of  $\gamma$  for  $\gamma \geq 0$ .
- 2. For any  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \geq 0$ ,

$$|F_{\gamma_1}(w) - F_{\gamma_2}(w)| \le ||M_{21}||_{\ell^2} |\gamma_1 - \gamma_2|$$

**Proof:** Monotonicity follows immediately from the definition of  $F_{\gamma}$ . To prove item 2, given  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \ge 0$ , let  $\gamma_3 = \lambda \gamma_1 + (1 - \lambda) \gamma_2, 0 \le \lambda \le 1$ . It follows from (8) and (9) that

$$F_{\gamma_3}(w) = a_{\gamma_3}\gamma_3 + b_{\gamma_3} = \lambda(a_{\gamma_3}\gamma_1 + b_{\gamma_3}) + (1 - \lambda)(a_{\gamma_3}\gamma_2 + b_{\gamma_3}) \leq \lambda F_{\gamma_1}(w) + (1 - \lambda)F_{\gamma_2}(w)$$
(10)

Therefore,  $F_{\gamma}(w)$  is a convex function of  $\gamma \geq 0$ . Moreover, for any  $\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_2 \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{\gamma_1}(\mathbf{w}) - \mathbf{F}_{\gamma_2}(\mathbf{w}) &\leq a_{\gamma_1}(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) \\ &\leq ||M_{21}||_{\ell^2}(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) \end{aligned}$$
(11)

Now, we are ready to present the main result of this section, providing a less conservative condition for mixed  $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  robust performance.

**Theorem 3.3** If the following two conditions hold:

1)  $||M_{11}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} < 1;$ 2)  $F_{\sqrt{\gamma^*}}(w) \le 1.$  (12)

where  $\gamma^* \geq 0$  is the unique solution of the equation  $\gamma = G_{\gamma}(w)$ . Then the system M has mixed robust performance in the  $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  sense for all LTV perturbations  $\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_2$ .

<u>**Proof:</u>** The first condition guarantees robust stability of the system. From Lemma 3.1, there exists a unique solution  $\gamma^* \ge 0$  to the equation  $\gamma = G_{\gamma}(w)$ . Define the following sets:</u>

$$\begin{split} \Gamma &= \{\gamma > 0 : G_{\gamma}(w) \geq \gamma \} \\ \mathcal{E} &= \{\xi : \|\xi\|_{\ell^2} < \|y\|_{\ell^2}, \ y = M_{11}\xi + M_{12}w \} \\ & (13) \end{split}$$

From these definitions it follows that if  $\xi \in \mathcal{E}$ , then  $||\xi||_{\ell^2}^2 \in \Gamma$ . From the monotonicity and continuity of  $G_{\gamma}(w)$  we have that for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $\gamma \leq \gamma^*$ . Using the monotonicity of  $F_{\gamma}$  and the second assumption in the hypothesis yields:

$$F_{\sqrt{\gamma}}(w) \leq F_{\sqrt{\gamma^*}}(w) \leq 1$$

Therefore, for all  $\xi \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $||z||_{\ell^{\infty}} \leq F_{||\xi||_{\ell^2}}(w) \leq 1$ . The proof is completed by noting that since  $||\Delta||\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2 \leq 1$ ,  $||\xi||_{\ell^2} < ||y||_{\ell^2}$  and therefore  $\xi \in \mathcal{E}$ .

**Remark 1** From definition (8) and Lemma 3.1 it follows that

$$F_{\sqrt{\gamma^*}}(w) \le ||M_{22}w||_{\ell^{\infty}} + ||M_{21}||_{\mathcal{H}_2}(1 - ||M_{11}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}})^{-1}||M_{12}w||_{\ell^2}$$
(14)

Thus, by Corollary 3.2, the conditions obtained in Theorem 3.3 are less conservative than the one presented in Theorem 3.1.

Finally, we end this section by providing an upper bound on the worst case value of  $||z||_{\ell^{\infty}}$ .

Lemma 3.3 For a given input w, the worst case value of the output  $\sup_{\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_2} ||z||_{\ell^{\infty}}$  is upper

bounded by:

$$\sup_{\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_{2}} \|z\|_{\ell^{\infty}} \leq F_{\sqrt{\gamma^{*}}}(w) \leq F_{\gamma_{1}}(w) \qquad (15)$$

where 
$$\gamma_1 = (1 - ||M_{11}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}})^{-1} ||M_{12}w||_{\ell^2}$$
.

**Proof:** The proof follows immediately by combining Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 3.3.

## 4 Example

The following example is taken from [19]. Consider the ACC benchmark problem, where the system has the following state-space realization:

In [19], this system was discretized using sample and hold elements at the inputs and outputs, with sampling time of 0.1 seconds, and an  $l_{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  controller was designed to achieve  $||T_{\xi v}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} \sim \leq \frac{4}{3}$ , and the control action |u|, in response to an impulse disturbance,  $\sim \leq 1$ . This controller has the following state-space realization:

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -1.7404 & -0.7769 & 0.9975 \\ 0.9950 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline -1.1347 & 1.0044 & 4.1150 \end{bmatrix}$$

The closed-loop system, with the uncertainty 'pulled out', is shown in Figure 2. Suppose the

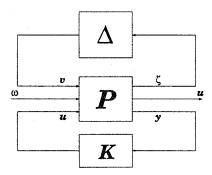


Figure 2: The standard form

LTV perturbations are limited to  $\frac{1}{0.645}\Delta \in \mathbf{D}_2$ . It can be shown that

$$\mu_{\Delta}(\mathcal{F}_{l}(P, K)) = 3.947$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{||T_{\zeta v}||_{l_{1}}}{||T_{uv}||_{l_{1}}} \frac{||T_{\zeta w}||_{l_{1}}}{||T_{uw}||_{l_{1}}}\right) = 6.821 \quad (17)$$

Thus, both  $\mu$ -analysis and  $l_1$  theory indicate that this system doesn't have robust performance against worst-case inputs. However, by applying the proposed analysis for fixed inputs  $(l_{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty} \text{ robustness})$ , we obtain that  $\gamma_1 = 2.070$ and

$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} ||T_{\zeta v}||_{\mathcal{H}_{\infty}} & ||T_{\zeta w}||_{\ell^{2}} \\ ||T_{uv}||_{\mathcal{H}_{2}} & ||T_{uw}||_{\ell^{\infty}} \end{pmatrix} = 1.002 \\
F_{\gamma_{1}}(T_{uv}, T_{u,w}) = 0.9837 < 1 \\
(18)$$

Therefore, we conclude that for an impulse input w, the closed-loop system achieves mixed robust performance against  $||\Delta||_{\ell^2 \to \ell^2} \leq$ 0.645.This is consistent with numerical results when  $\Delta \in (-0.645, 0.645)$ , as shown in Figure 3.

# 5 Conclusions and directions for further research

In this paper we consider the problem of analyzing robust performance (in the  $\ell^{\infty}$  sense) for systems subject to  $\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$  norm bounded perturbations. This problem can be considered as a natural extension of the mixed  $\ell^{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ , nominal performance/robust stability type problem introduced in [15], and it is relevant for cases where some of the performance specifications are given in terms of the response to a fixed, given signal.

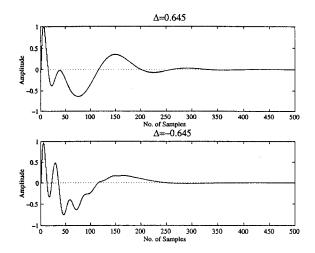


Figure 3: Impulse responses, different  $\Delta$ 's

The main results of the paper provide sufficient conditions guaranteeing robust performance. One of these conditions is given in terms of the spectral radius of a matrix involving different induced norms and can be easily checked. The second condition reduces conservatism at the price of more involved computations.

These results are illustrated with a simple example taken from the literature. This example shows that although the proposed conditions are only sufficient, they provide results that are less conservative than those obtained via a worst-case input analysis, such as  $\mu$ -synthesis or  $\ell^1$ -theory.

The results provided here are a first step towards the goal of synthesizing multiobjective robust controllers. These controllers could be obtained for instance by combining the spectralradius based condition with standard similarity scaling and some of the techniques available for optimizing nominal performance. Research in this direction is currently being pursued.

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