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ABSTRACT

The following time-domain characterization of any positive-real matrix is established: Let $\underline{w}(t)$ be an $n \times n$ matrix distribution and let $\underline{W}(s)$ be its Laplace transform. Necessary and sufficient conditions for $\underline{W}(s)$ to be a positive-real matrix are the following.

$$1. \quad \underline{w}(t) = \underline{A} \delta^{(1)}(t) + \underline{w}_0(t)$$

Here, \underline{A} is a real symmetric nonnegative-definite constant matrix and $\underline{w}_0(t)$ is a real matrix distribution of zero order, whose support is contained in $0 \leq t < \infty$.

2. Let

$$\underline{w}_h(t) = \frac{1}{2} [\underline{w}(t) + \underline{w}^T(-t)].$$

For every $n \times 1$ constant vector \underline{y} the quantity $\underline{y}^* \underline{w}_h(t) \underline{y}$ is a non-negative-definite distribution.

1. We continue in this report the discussion of time-domain characterization of positive-real matrices $\underline{W}(s)$ that was presented in a previous report [1]. The present development is considerably briefer and yet more general since the assumption of rationality for $\underline{W}(s)$ is no longer imposed. Indeed, a complete time-domain characterization of any arbitrary positive-real matrix, whether rational or not, is obtained and the conclusions of our previous report [1] are included as a special case.

Our development is based upon a time-domain representation for the unit impulse response matrix for a single-valued linear time-invariant continuous, causal, and passive n-port, which was presented in a previous paper [2]. An analysis for one-ports that overlaps the present work (i.e., it achieves the necessity of condition 1 of the forthcoming theorem for the case where $n=1$) has been given by Konig and Meixner [3,4].

We shall continue to use the notations that were employed in [1]. Moreover, we especially call the reader's attention to Sec. II of [1] wherein a summary is given of certain fundamental concepts and theorems that will be used in the subsequent discussion. This summary will not be repeated here. No other material in [1] other than Sec. II is needed for an understanding of this report.

Another concept that we shall make use of here is that of the order of a distribution. The order of a matrix distribution is that least nonnegative integer r for which the $(r + 2)$ th - order primitives of the elements in the matrix are all continuous functions.

$\underline{Q} \delta(t)$ is of zero order whereas $\underline{A} \delta^{(1)}(t)$ is of first order.

The third term on the right-hand side of (3) is a symbolic expression for that matrix distribution which assigns to each function ϕ in D the number

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\underline{K}(\eta) \int_0^{\infty} \phi^{(2)}(t) \frac{1 - \cos \eta t}{\eta^2} (1 + \eta^2) dt$$

$$= u(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos \eta t d\underline{K}(\eta) \cdot \phi(t) + u(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 - \cos \eta t) d\underline{K}(\eta) \cdot \phi^{(2)}(t) \quad (4)$$

(See [2; theorem 4]). Since the elements of

$$u(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos \eta t d\underline{K}(\eta) \quad (5)$$

are all locally integrable functions of t , (5) is a zero-order matrix distribution. Also, the elements of

$$u(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 - \cos \eta t) d\underline{K}(\eta)$$

are continuous functions everywhere and the second term in (4) defines the second distributional derivative of (6). Therefore, (6) is also a zero-order matrix distribution.

The fourth term on the right-hand side of (3) is a symbolic expression that assigns to each function ϕ in D the number,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\underline{L}(\eta) \left(\int_0^{\infty} \phi^{(1)}(t) \frac{1 - \cos \eta t}{\eta} dt + \int_0^{\infty} \phi^{(2)}(t) \sin \eta t dt \right)$$

$$= -u(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin \eta t d\underline{L}(\eta) \cdot \phi(t) + u(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin \eta t d\underline{L}(\eta) \cdot \phi^{(2)}(t). \quad (7)$$

(Again, see [2; theorem 4]). Now, the elements of

$$u(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin \eta t d\underline{L}(\eta) \quad (8)$$

are all continuous functions for all t and it follows that both terms on the right-hand side of (7) define zero-order matrix distributions.

This establishes all of condition 1.

Constructing $\underline{w}_h(t)$ according to (2) and using the properties of the matrices \underline{Q} , \underline{A} , $\underline{K}(\eta)$, and $\underline{L}(\eta)$, we see that

$$\underline{w}_h(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\eta t(1+\eta^2)} d[\underline{K}(\eta) + j\underline{L}(\eta)].$$

Therefore,

$$\underline{y}^* \underline{w}_h(t) \underline{y} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\eta t(1+\eta^2)} d\left\{ \underline{y}^* [\underline{K}(\eta) + j\underline{L}(\eta)] \underline{y} \right\}.$$

Since $\underline{y}^* [\underline{K}(\eta) - j\underline{L}(\eta)] \underline{y}$ is a real nondecreasing bounded function of η for all choices of \underline{y} , $\underline{y}^* [\underline{K}(\eta) + j\underline{L}(\eta)] \underline{y}$ must have the same properties. Condition 2 now follows from the Bochner-Schwartz theorem. (See Sec. II of [1] for a statement of this theorem.)

Sufficiency: Assume that $\underline{w}(t)$ satisfies conditions 1 and 2. Since $\underline{y}^* \underline{w}_h(t) \underline{y}$ is nonnegative-definite, it is also of slow growth [5: Vol. II, p. 132]. Moreover, in forming $\underline{w}_h(t)$ from $\underline{w}(t)$, only those terms in the elements of $\underline{w}(t)$ that are concentrated on the origin can cancel out. These terms are known to be only the delta function and a finite number of derivatives, which are also distributions of slow growth. It follows that $\underline{w}(t)$ is a matrix distribution of slow growth. Therefore, the Laplace transform $\underline{W}(s)$ of $\underline{w}(t)$ exists and is analytic for $\text{Re } s > 0$. In addition, since $\underline{w}(t)$ is real, $\underline{W}(s)$ is real for real positive s .

The proof will be completed when we show that

$$\underline{y}^* \underline{W}_h(s) \underline{y} \geq 0 \quad (9)$$

for $\text{Re } s > 0$ and for every choice of \underline{y} , where

$$\underline{W}_h(s) = \frac{1}{2} [\underline{W}(s) + \underline{W}^*(s)]. \quad (10)$$

According to the distributional inverse Laplace transformation, we may relate $\underline{w}(t)$ to $\underline{W}(c+j\omega)$ for $c > 0$ through the symbolic expression,

$$e^{-ct} \underline{w}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{W}(c+j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (11)$$

Since $\underline{W}(s)$ is real for real positive s , the reflection principle shows that $\underline{W}(c-j\omega) = \overline{\underline{W}(c+j\omega)}$. Using this fact, we may write

$$e^{-ct} \underline{w}(t) + e^{ct} \underline{w}^T(-t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{W}_h(c+j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

and

$$\underline{y}^* \left[e^{-ct} \underline{w}(t) + e^{ct} \underline{w}^T(-t) \right] \underline{y} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{y}^* \underline{W}_h(c+j\omega) \underline{y} e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (c > 0) \quad (12)$$

If we can show that the left-hand side of (12) is a nonnegative-definite distribution, then (9) will follow from the Bochner-Schwartz theorem and the fact that $\underline{W}(s)$ is analytic for $\text{Re } s > 0$.

Now,

$$e^{-ct} \underline{A} \delta^{(1)} + e^{ct} \underline{A}^T \delta^{(1)}(-t) = 2\underline{A}c\delta(t)$$

and, consequently, we obtain from the decomposition (1) that

$$e^{-ct} \underline{w}(t) + e^{ct} \underline{w}^T(-t) = 2\underline{A}c\delta(t) + e^{-ct} \underline{w}_0(t) + e^{ct} \underline{w}_0^T(-t).$$

Moreover, (1) also shows that

$$2\underline{w}_h(t) = \underline{w}_0(t) + \underline{w}_0^T(-t). \quad (13)$$

Since $\underline{w}_0(t)$ is of zero order, $\underline{w}_0(t) \cdot \phi(t)$ depends only on the values of $\phi(t)$ over $0 \leq t < \infty$ and not on the derivatives of $\phi(t)$ [5: Vol. I, P. 93]. It follows that

$$e^{-ct} \underline{w}_0(t) = e^{-c|t|} \underline{w}_0(t).$$

Therefore,

$$\underline{y}^* \left[e^{-ct} \underline{w}(t) + e^{ct} \underline{w}^T(-t) \right] \underline{y} = 2 \underline{y}^* \underline{A} \underline{y} \delta(t) + e^{-c|t|} \underline{y}^* \left[\underline{w}_0(t) + \underline{w}_0^T(-t) \right] \underline{y} \quad (14)$$

Now, $\underline{y}^* \underline{A} \underline{y} \geq 0$ and $\delta(t)$ is a nonnegative-definite distribution. Therefore, the first term on the right-hand side of (14) is non-negative-definite for every \underline{y} and for $c > 0$.

Also, by condition 2 and (13), $\underline{y}^* \left[\underline{w}_0(t) + \underline{w}_0^T(-t) \right] \underline{y}$ is nonnegative-definite for every \underline{y} . It is a fact that $e^{-c|t|}$ ($c > 0$) is also non-negative-definite. We now invoke a theorem of Schwartz [5: Vol. II, p. 134, theorem XIX] to conclude that the second term on the right-hand side of (14) is nonnegative-definite for every \underline{y} and for $c > 0$. Q.E.D.

The principal conclusion of our previous report [1], which characterizes the unit impulse response matrix of any lumped linear fixed finite and passive n-port, now appears as a special case of the above theorem.

Corollary: Let $\underline{w}(t)$ be an $n \times n$ matrix distribution and let $\underline{W}(s)$ be its Laplace transform. Necessary and sufficient conditions for $\underline{W}(s)$ to be positive-real and rational are the following.

$$1. \quad \underline{w}(t) = \underline{A} \delta^{(1)}(t) + \underline{B} \delta(t) + \underline{w}_1(t).$$

Here, \underline{A} is a real symmetric nonnegative-definite matrix, \underline{B} is a real constant matrix, and $\underline{w}_1(t)$ is a real matrix distribution whose elements consist of finite linear combinations of terms of the form,

$$u(t) t^{\nu} e^{-\gamma t}, \quad (15)$$

where ν is a nonnegative integer and γ is a complex constant.

2. For every $n \times 1$ constant vector y and for $w_h(t)$ given by (2) the quantity $y^* w_h(t) y$ is a nonnegative-definite distribution.

When dealing with one-ports our conclusions simplify into the following.

Corollary: Let $w(t)$ be a distribution and let the function $W(s)$ be its Laplace transform. $W(s)$ is positive-real if and only if

1. $w(t) = A \delta^{(l)}(t) + w_0(t),$

where A is a nonnegative constant and $w_0(t)$ is a real distribution of zero order with support in $0 \leq t < \infty$, and

2. the even part,

$$w_h(t) = \frac{1}{2} [w(t) + w(-t)], \quad (16)$$

of $w(t)$ is a nonnegative-definite distribution.

Corollary: Let $w(t)$ be a distribution and let the function $W(s)$ be its Laplace transform. $W(s)$ is positive-real and rational if and only if

1. $w(t) = A \delta^{(l)}(t) + B \delta(t) + w_1(t),$

where A and B are real constants with $A \geq 0$ and $w_1(t)$ is a real distribution that consists of a finite linear combination of terms of the form (15), and

2. the even part (16) of $w(t)$ is a nonnegative-definite distribution.