



Model Reduction for Dynamical Systems

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in transformed coordinates, the Gramians satisfy

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$$\Rightarrow (TPT^T)(T^{-T}QT^{-1}) = TPQT^{-1},$$

hence $\Lambda(PQ) = \Lambda((TPT^T)(T^{-T}QT^{-1}))$.

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$\implies VW^T$ is an oblique projector, hence **balanced truncation is a Petrov-Galerkin projection method.**

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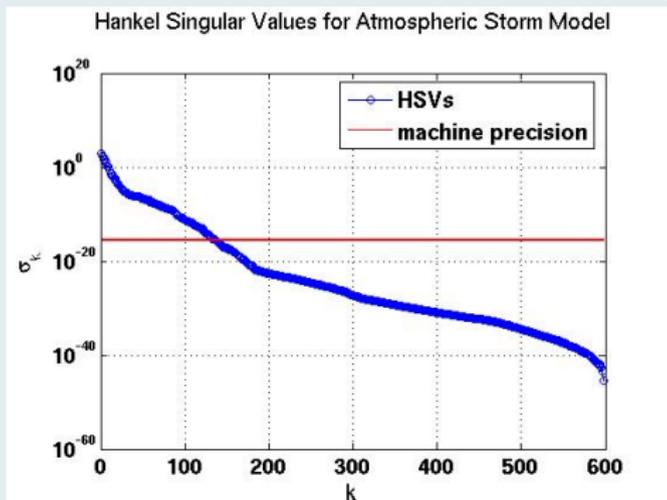
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The result follows from $\hat{A} = A_{11}$, $\hat{B} = B_1$, $\Sigma_1 > 0$, the solution theory of Lyapunov equations and the analogous considerations for the observability Gramian. (Minimality is a simple consequence of $\hat{P} = \Sigma_1 = \hat{Q} > 0$.)

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LQG Balanced Truncation (LQGBT) [JONCKHEERE/SILVERMAN '83]

- P/Q = controllability/observability Gramian of closed-loop system based on LQG compensator.
- P, Q solve dual algebraic Riccati equations (AREs)

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Balanced Stochastic Truncation (BST) [DESAI/PAL '84, GREEN '88]

- P = controllability Gramian of system given by (A, B, C, D) , i.e., solution of **Lyapunov equation** $AP + PA^T + BB^T = 0$.
- Q = observability Gramian of right spectral factor of power spectrum of system given by (A, B, C, D) , i.e., solution of **ARE**

$$\hat{A}^T Q + Q \hat{A} + QB_W(DD^T)^{-1}B_W^T Q + C^T(DD^T)^{-1}C = 0,$$

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Positive-Real Balanced Truncation (PRBT)

[GREEN '88]

- Based on positive-real equations, related to positive real (Kalman-Yakubovich-Popov-Anderson) lemma.
- P, Q solve dual **AREs**

$$0 = \bar{A}P + P\bar{A}^T + PC^T\bar{R}^{-1}CP + B\bar{R}^{-1}B^T,$$

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Other Balancing-Based Methods

- Bounded-real balanced truncation (BRBT) – based on bounded real lemma [OPDENACKER/JONCKHEERE '88];
- H_∞ balanced truncation (HinfBT) – closed-loop balancing based on H_∞ compensator [MUSTAFA/GLOVER '91].

Both approaches require solution of dual AREs.

- Frequency-weighted versions of the above approaches.

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Properties

- Guaranteed preservation of physical properties like
 - stability (all),
 - passivity (PRBT),
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- Computable error bounds, e.g.,

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- Can be combined with singular perturbation approximation for steady-state performance.
- Computations can be modularized.