

# Free Polynomial Biholomorphisms

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- Given a tuple of  $d \times d$  matrices  $A = (A_1, \dots, A_g)$  and indeterminates  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_g)$  we form

$$L_A(x) = I_d + \sum A_j x_j + \sum A_j^* x_j^*,$$

a **monic (affine) linear pencil** and

$$\mathcal{D}_A(1) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^g : L_A(z) \succeq 0\}$$

the associated **spectrahedron** (or **LMI domain**).

- Spectrahedra play a large role in semi-definite programming, convex optimization and real algebraic geometry.

- ❖ We evaluate  $L$  on a tuple of  $d \times d$  matrices  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_g)$  by

$$L_A(X) = I_d \otimes I_n + \sum A_j \otimes X_j + \sum A_j^* \otimes X_j^*.$$

$L_A(X)$  is a  $dn \times dn$  self-adjoint matrix. For each  $n \geq 1$  we set

$$\mathcal{D}_A(n) = \{X \in M_n(\mathbb{C}^g) : L_A(X) \succeq 0\}$$

and define a **free spectrahedron** (or **free LMI domain**) to be the sequence  $(\mathcal{D}_A(n))_{n=1}^\infty$ .

- ❖ Let  $\Lambda_A(x) = \sum A_j x_j$ , which is the **truly linear pencil**
  - \*  $\Lambda_A(X) = \sum A_j \otimes X_j$

- ❖ Free spectrahedra
  - \* Arise naturally in systems engineering problems (signal flow diagrams)
  - \* Are canonical examples of matrix convex sets
  - \* Are intimately connected to the theory of completely positive maps and operator systems and spaces
- ❖ Certain model problems in systems engineering can be described by a system of matrix inequalities
  - \* For optimization we would like convexity
  - \* With boundedness we get a free spectrahedron
  - \* Otherwise we want to biholomorphically map to a free spectrahedron (ideally two different spectrahedra)
  - ★ Analogous to bianalytic maps between convex sets in SCV

# Free polynomials maps

- \*  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_g)$  are free noncommuting variables
- \*  $\langle x \rangle$  is the set of words in  $x$ ;

$$\alpha = x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_m}$$

- ❖  $\mathbb{C}\langle x \rangle$ , the **free polynomials**

$$p(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in \langle x \rangle} p_\alpha \alpha, \quad p_\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$$

- ❖ If  $p \in M_d(\mathbb{C}\langle x \rangle)$  then

$$p(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in \langle x \rangle} p_\alpha \otimes x^\alpha, \quad p_\alpha \in M_d(\mathbb{C})$$

- ❖  $M(\mathbb{C}^g) = (M_n(\mathbb{C}^g))_n$

- ❖ Let  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_g) \in M(\mathbb{C})^g$  and  $\alpha = x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \dots x_{j_m} \in \langle x \rangle$

- \*  $X^\alpha = X_{j_1} X_{j_2} \dots X_{j_m} = \alpha(X)$

- \*  $p(X) = \sum p_\alpha \otimes X^\alpha \in M_{nd}(\mathbb{C})$

# Free rational and free analytic functions

- ❖ Free **rational** functions ( $\ominus$ predate free analysis $\ominus$ )
  - \*  $r(x_1, x_2) = (1 - x_1)^{-1}x_2(1 - x_1)^{-1}$  is such a function (expression)
  - \* a free rational function has a representation

$$r(x) = c^T (I - \sum E_j x_j)^{-1} b$$

for some  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b, c \in \mathbb{C}^d$  and  $E \in M_d(\mathbb{C}^g)$ .

- \* free rational functions are evaluated on  $M(\mathbb{C}^g)$  in the *obvious* way
  - \* Minimal realizations have no hidden singularities
  - \* See [Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi-Vinnikov], [HMV], [Klep-Volcic], [Klep-Pascoe-Volcic]
- ❖ Free analytic functions go back to at least Joe Taylor
    - \* See [Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi-Vinnikov] for comprehensive book

# Free domains and free mappings

- ❖ We say  $U \subset M(\mathbb{C}^g)$  is **free** if
  - \*  $X \oplus Y = \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & Y \end{pmatrix} \in U$  and  $V^*XV \in U$ , for all unitary  $V$ .
- ❖ A function  $f$  is said to be **free** if
  - \*  $f(X \oplus Y) = f(X) \oplus f(Y)$  and  $f(V^*XV) = V^*f(X)V$
- ❖ Recall a **free spectrahedron** is

$$\mathcal{D}_A = (\mathcal{D}_A(n))_n = \{X \in M(\mathbb{C})^g : L_A(X) \succeq 0\} \subset M(\mathbb{C})^g$$

- ❖ A **free polynomial (rational [analytic]) mapping** on  $M(\mathbb{C})^g$  is a free map  $f : M(\mathbb{C}^g) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{C}^g)$

$$f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_g)$$

where each  $f_j$  is a free **polynomial (rational [analytic])** map.

# Free biholomorphisms and convexotonic mappings

- ❖ Free domains  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$  are **biholomorphic** (**bianalytic**) if there exist free analytic mappings  $p : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{D}}$  and  $q : \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  such that they are inverses on  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ .
- ♥ A highly structured type of birational mappings are the **convexotonic** mappings;
- ❖ A  $g$ -tuple of  $g \times g$  matrices  $\Xi = (\Xi_1, \dots, \Xi_g)$  is **convexotonic** if

$$\Xi_k \Xi_j = \sum_{s=1}^g (\Xi_j)_{k,s} \Xi_s,$$

- ❖ If  $\alpha \in \langle x \rangle$  then

$$\Xi_k \Xi^\alpha = \sum_{s=1}^g (\Xi^\alpha)_{k,s} \Xi_s,$$

- ❖ Note that  $\Xi$  spans an algebra of dimension  $\leq g$ .



# Convexotonic too

- ❖ We say the rational mappings  $p$  and  $q$  are **convexotonic** if they are defined by

$$p_i(x) = \sum_j x_j (I - \Lambda_{\Xi}(x))_{j,i}^{-1} \quad q_i(x) = \sum_j x_j (I + \Lambda_{\Xi}(x))_{j,i}^{-1}$$

that is  $p(x) = x(I - \Lambda_{\Xi}(x))^{-1}$  and  $q(x) = x(I + \Lambda_{\Xi}(x))^{-1}$

- ❖ Convexotonic maps are fundamental objects and to each map is an associated pair of **bianalytic spectrahedra**

## Also convexotonic

- ❖ Suppose  $(R_1, \dots, R_g) \in M_d(\mathbb{C}^g)$  spans a  $g$ -dimensional algebra  $\mathcal{R}$  with structure matrices  $\Xi$ ;

$$R_k R_j = \sum_{s=1}^g (\Xi_j)_{k,s} R_s,$$

and suppose  $C$  is a  $d \times d$  unitary and  $A \in M_d(\mathbb{C}^g)$  with the properties

- \*  $R_j = (C - I)A_j, 1 \leq j \leq g$
  - \*  $A_k R_j = \sum_{s=1}^g (\Xi_j)_{k,s} A_s$
- ❖ We call the so constructed  $(\mathcal{D}_A, \mathcal{D}_{CA})$  a **spectrahedral pair** associated with the algebra  $\mathcal{R}$

## Also too convexotonic

- ☞ [Theorem 1] Any spectrahedral pair  $(\mathcal{D}_A, \mathcal{D}_{CA})$  with  $C$  unitary, which is associated to a  $g$ -dimensional algebra  $\mathcal{R}$ , has  $\mathcal{D}_A$  biholomorphic to  $\mathcal{D}_{CA}$  under the convexotonic mapping  $p$  whose structure matrices  $\Xi$  are associated to the algebra  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- ☞ [Conjecture] Up to conjugation with affine linear maps, the only bounded free spectrahedra  $\mathcal{D}_A, \mathcal{D}_B$  which are  $p$ -bianalytic arise as spectrahedral pairs associated to an algebra  $\mathcal{R}$  where  $p$  is the corresponding convexotonic mapping.

# Generically true conjecture

- ⇒ [Theorem 2] Suppose  $A \in M_d(\mathbb{C}^g)$  and  $B \in M_e(\mathbb{C}^g)$  are **generic**. If  $\mathcal{D}_A$  and  $\mathcal{D}_B$  are  $p$ -bianalytic with  $p(0) = 0$  then
- 1  $d = e$
  - 2  $\exists$  a  $d \times d$  matrix  $C$  such that  $B$  is unitarily equivalent to  $CA$
  - 3 the tuple  $R = (C - I)A$  spans an algebra and,
  - 4 letting  $\Xi$  denote the structure matrices for the algebra,  $p$  is **convexotonic** with structure matrices  $\Xi$
- ❖ The proof of this theorem takes advantage of multiple independently interesting results;
- \* An analytic convex **Positivstellensatz** and hereditary convex **Positivstellensatz**
  - \* A one term **Positivstellensatz** certificate with normalization gives us the theorem (the generic condition guarantees this certificate)
  - \* Uniform approximation of a bounded free analytic function on a **free pseudoconvex** set [Agler-McCarthy]
    - ✎ A **free pseudoconvex** set looks like  $G_Q = \{X \in M(\mathbb{C}^g) : \|Q(X)\| < 1\}$

# Classifying free spectrahedra

- ❖ We want to understand what **convexotonic** maps arise between bianalytic spectrahedra
- ❖ If  $p : \mathcal{D}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_B$  is a free biholomorphism then **[normalize]**
  - \* there is an  $F$  and an affine linear map  $\ell$  so that  $\ell : \mathcal{D}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_F$
  - \* with  $\ell \circ p = \tilde{p} : \mathcal{D}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_F$  is a free biholomorphism
  - \*  $\tilde{p}(0) = 0$  and  $\tilde{p}'(0) = I$ .
- ❖ In particular if  $p$  is a free polynomial (rational) biholomorphism, then  $\tilde{p}$  is a free polynomial (rational) biholomorphism
- ❖ With the additional assumption that  $A, B$  are **generic** and the same size we can apply **[Theorem 2]**:
  - \* So  $A = \mathfrak{U}^* U B \mathfrak{U}$  for some unitaries  $\mathfrak{U}, U$
  - \*  $A_k (U - I) A_j = \sum_s (\Xi_j)_{k,s} \Xi_s$
  - \*  $\tilde{p} = x(I - \Lambda_{\Xi}(x))^{-1}$

# Classify!

$$A = \mathfrak{U}^* U B \mathfrak{U}, \quad A_k(U - I)A_j = \sum_s (\Xi_j)_{k,s} \Xi_s, \quad \tilde{p} = x(I - \Lambda_{\Xi}(x))^{-1}$$

- ❖ We want to classify the biholomorphisms between  $\mathcal{D}_A$  and  $\mathcal{D}_B$  by using the rich structure that we have on  $\tilde{p} : \mathcal{D}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_F$ .
  - \* Things get messy quickly so we turn to a specific class of spectrahedra;
- ❖ Let  $Q$  be an invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix so that  $\mathcal{D}_Q = \{c \in \mathbb{C} : I + cQ + \bar{c}Q^* \succeq 0\}$  is bounded
- ❖ Take  $2 \times 2$  invertible  $P_{12}, P_{21}, P_{22}$  with  $P_{21}P_{12} = \kappa Q$ ,  $\kappa \neq 0$
- ❖ Let

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\mathcal{D}_Q$  is bounded,  $P_{21}P_{12} = \kappa Q$ ,  $A = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{pmatrix} \right)$

★ [Example?] Suppose

- ⊕  $\{Q, Q^*, P_{12}^*P_{12}, P_{21}P_{21}^*\}$  is linearly independent
- ⊕  $\exists c \neq 0$  with  $P_{21}^* + cP_{12}$  not invertible but  $P_{21}^* - cP_{12}$  invertible.
- ⊕  $B = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} A$ , for a unimodular  $\gamma$

- ① If  $\{Q, P_{22}, P_{12}^*P_{12}, P_{21}P_{21}^*\}$  is linearly independent, then
  - (a)  $\mathcal{D}_A$  has no non-trivial polynomial automorphisms;
  - (b) if  $q: \mathcal{D}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_B$  is a polynomial biholomorphism, then  $q(x) = (x_1, x_2 - \kappa(1 - \gamma)x_1^2)$ ; and
    - ★ In particular,  $\mathcal{D}_A$  and  $\mathcal{D}_B$  are **polynomially** equivalent, but **not affine linearly** equivalent
- ② If  $P_{22} = \alpha_1 Q + \alpha_2 Q^* + \alpha_3 P_{12}^*P_{12} + \alpha_4 P_{21}P_{21}^*$ , then either
  - (a)  $\alpha_2 \neq 0$  and conclusion of item (1) holds; or
  - (b)  $\alpha_2 = 0$  and the polynomial automorphisms of  $\mathcal{D}_A$  are explicitly parameterized by the unit circle.

# What next?


- ❖ Continue with classification of spectrahedra
- ❖ Study the structure of convextonic mappings
  - \* A mapping  $p(x) = x(I - \Lambda_\Gamma(x))^{-1}$ , where  $\Gamma$  is not necessarily **convextonic** has a **LFT representation**
  - \* Define  $(\Delta_j)_{k,\ell} = (\Gamma_\ell)_{j,k}$
  - \* The mapping  $q(x) = (I - \Lambda_\Delta(x))^{-1}x$  turns out to be the inverse of  $p(x)$
  - \* Can we generalize this more?




# Convexotonic examples




$$\Xi = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 0_3 \right)$$


  $p(x) = (x_1, x_2 + x_1x_1, x_3 + x_1(x_2 + x_1^2) + x_2x_1)$

  $p^{-1}(y) = (y_1, y_2 - y_1y_1, y_3 + y_1(y_2 - y_1^2) - y_2y_1)$



$$\Xi = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$


  $p(x) = ((1 - x_3)^{-1}x_1(1 - x_2)^{-1}, x_2(1 - x_2)^{-1}, x_3(1 - x_3)^{-1})$


  $p^{-1}(y) = ((1 + y_3)^{-1}y_1(1 + y_2)^{-1}, (1 + y_2)^{-1}y_2, (1 + y_3)^{-1}y_3)$

# LFT Examples (non-convexotonic)




$$\Xi = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$


  $p(x) = (x_1 + x_2x_1, x_2)$

  $p^{-1}(y) = ((1 - y_2)^{-1}y_1, y_2)$



$$\Xi = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 0_4 \right)$$


  $p(x) = (x_1, x_2, x_3 + x_1x_2, x_4 + x_1^2 + x_3^2 + x_1x_2x_3)$


  $p^{-1}(y) = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - y_1y_2, y_4 - y_1^2 - y_3^2 + y_3y_1y_2)$

# LFT Examples (non-convexotonic)



$$\Xi = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

  $p(x) = (x_1(1+x_2)^{-1}, x_2(1+x_1)^{-1})$

  $p^{-1}(y) = (y_1 + y_1(1 - y_2 y_1)^{-1} y_2(1 + y_1), y_1(1 - y_2 y_1)^{-1} y_2(1 + y_1))$

Thank you.