

Computing Input-Output Properties of Coupled Linear PDE systems

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Abstract—In this paper, we propose an LMI-based approach to analyze input-output properties of coupled linear PDE systems. This work expands on a newly developed state-space theory for coupled PDEs and extends the positive-real and bounded-real lemmas to infinite dimensional systems. We show that conditions for passivity and bounded L_2 gain can be expressed as linear operator inequalities on $\mathbb{R} \times L_2$. A method to convert these operator inequalities to LMIs by using parameterization of the operator variables is proposed. This method does not rely on discretization and as such, the properties obtained are *prima facie* provable. We use numerical examples to demonstrate that the bounds obtained are not conservative in any significant sense and that the bounds are computable on desktop computers for systems consisting of up to 20 coupled PDEs.

I. INTRODUCTION

Partial Differential Equations (PDE) are used to model systems whose state varies not just in time, but also depend on one or more independent variables. For example, PDEs are used to model systems that have deformable structures [1], thermo-fluidic interactions [2], and chemical processes [3], [4]. Furthermore, the states of these PDEs are often vector-valued, representing, e.g. changes in temperature due to flow or interaction between chemical subspecies.

In this paper, we seek to develop algorithms which establish provable properties of linear, coupled PDE systems with inputs and outputs. Specifically, we develop Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI) tests for passivity and L_2 -gain of PDE systems where for $w \in L_2^m[0, \infty)$, the system is defined by solutions to the following set of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(s, t) &= A_0(s)x(s, t) + A_1(s)x_s(s, t) \\ &\quad + A_2(s)x_{ss}(s, t) + B_1(s)w(t), \\ y(t) &= C_1z(t) + \int_0^L (C_a(s)x(s, t) + C_b(s)x_s(s, t)) ds, \\ B [x(0, t) \ x(L, t) \ x_s(0, t) \ x_s(L, t)]^T &= 0, \ x(s, 0) = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where if $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 4n}$ has row rank of $2n$, then $x(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ and $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ are uniquely defined. This system has a distributed input (typically modeling disturbances), and a combined boundary-valued/distributed output. Our goal, then, is

- 1) **L_2 Gain:** To find the smallest γ such that $\|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|w\|_{L_2}$ for all $w \in L_2^m$ and
- 2) **Passivity:** To check whether $\langle y, w \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$ for all $w \in L_2^m$.

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Most methods for analysis of PDE systems involve approximating the continuous infinite-dimensional state variables by a finite set of states [5], [6] - yielding a system defined by ODEs. These methods, although well-studied, are limited by the fact that properties proven for the ODE approximation of a PDE are not *prima facie* provable for the PDE - although in some cases a *posteriori* error bounding may be used to obtain properties such as L_2 gain bounds for the original PDE. Furthermore, a *posteriori* error bounding will typically depend on the method and level of discretization and may involve substantial conservatism. Besides, ODE approximations of PDE models often require large number of states, resulting in intractably large optimization problems when analyzed in the LMI framework.

Some prior work on properties of PDEs in an infinite-dimensional framework includes [7] and [8] which proposed LMIs for H_∞ analysis of parabolic and hyperbolic PDEs, but were restricted to PDE systems with a single state, i.e. $n = 1$. Other works, such as [9] and [10], proposed LMIs for L_2 gain and passivity analysis of PDE systems that resulted in less conservative bounds, but even for small-scale linear problems, the resulting LMIs were significantly larger than the LMIs we use. Also note, the methods mentioned here restrict to PDEs with one spatial dimension, but there are other methods that use LMIs for analysis of PDEs with N spatial dimensions, such as [11].

Our approach is based on a generalization of the LMI framework for analysis of ODE systems to infinite-dimensional systems. Specifically, the LMI framework uses positive matrix variables to parameterize quadratic Lyapunov functions for analysis and control of ODE systems. In our approach, we use linear operators parameterized by matrix-valued polynomials to parameterize quadratic Lyapunov functionals for infinite-dimensional systems. This is an extension of the work on stability analysis in [12]. Note that such an approach was previously used for time-delay systems (e.g. in [13]), but has not been extended to PDEs.

Here, we briefly recall the LMI approach to bound the H_∞ norm of an ODE system. For an ODE system represented in traditional state-space representation (2),

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bw(t), \ x(0) = 0 \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Dw(t) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

the following LMI condition [14], established using bounded-real lemma, can be used to find a bound on H_∞ norm.

Theorem 1. *Define:*

$$G(s) := C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D.$$

If there exists a positive definite matrix P , such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T P + PA & PB & C^T \\ B^T P & -\gamma I & D^T \\ C & D & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, \quad (3)$$

then $\|G\|_{H_\infty} \leq \gamma$.

In Theorem 4, we generalize this LMI to a general class of infinite-dimensional systems - replacing the matrices A, B, C, D with operators $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$ and the positive matrix variable P with an operator variable \mathcal{P} .

Recall that the ODE (2) is passive if for any input $w \in L_2$, we have $y \in L_2$ and $\langle w, y \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$. For ODEs, an LMI test for passivity can be formulated as follows.

Theorem 2. *If there exists a positive definite matrix P such that*

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T P + PA & PB - C^T \\ B^T P - C & -(D + D^T) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \quad (4)$$

then for any $w \in L_2$ and $y \in L_2$ which satisfy (2) for some x , $\langle w, y \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$.

In Theorem 4, we likewise generalize this LMI to infinite-dimensional systems. Having posed operator-valued feasibility tests, we next using matrices to parameterize a set of positive operators using the *PQRS* framework and enforce positivity of such operators using LMI - See Theorem 6. Next, we use our new state-space framework to reduce the operator feasibility test, as applied to the PDE system in (1), to a positivity constraint on an operator of the *PQRS* format. This feasibility test can then be verified using LMIs, as in Theorem 8. Numerical testing indicates the resulting bounds are not conservative in any significant sense.

II. NOTATION

We use $\mathbb{S}^m \subset \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ to denote the symmetric matrices. We define the space of square integrable \mathbb{R}^n -valued functions on X as $L_2^n(X)$. $L_2^n(X)$ is equipped with the inner product $\langle x, y \rangle_{L_2} = \int_0^L x(s)^T y(s) ds$. We also use the notation $\langle x, y \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = x^T y$ for inner product between \mathbb{R} -space elements. The Sobolov space, $W^{q,n}(X) := \{x \in L_2^n(X) \mid \frac{\partial^k x}{\partial s^k} \in L_2^n(X) \text{ for all } k \leq q\}$. We define the indicator function as $\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \theta \geq 0 \\ 0 & \theta < 0 \end{cases}$. For an inner product space X , operator $\mathcal{P} : X \rightarrow X$ is called positive, if for all $x \in X$, we have $\langle x, \mathcal{P}x \rangle_X \geq 0$. We use $\mathcal{P} \geq 0$ to indicate that \mathcal{P} is a positive operator. We say that $\mathcal{P} : X \rightarrow X$ is coercive if there exists some $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\langle x, \mathcal{P}x \rangle_X \geq \epsilon \|x\|_X^2$ for all $x \in X$.

III. LOI ANALOGUE OF THE BOUNDED-REAL AND POSITIVE-REAL LEMMAS

Consider the abstract form of a Distributed Parameter System (DPS),

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= \mathcal{A}x(t) + \mathcal{B}w(t), \\ y(t) &= \mathcal{C}x(t) + \mathcal{D}w(t), \quad x(0) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where, $x(t) \in X$ is the state, $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ is the output and $w(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is the exogenous input to the system. $\mathcal{A} : X \rightarrow Z$, $\mathcal{B} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow Z$, $\mathcal{C} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ and $\mathcal{D} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ are linear operators.

In this section, we present the conditions for passivity and L_2 gain of the system (5).

Theorem 3. *A) Suppose there exists a coercive, self-adjoint linear operator $\mathcal{P} : Z \rightarrow Z$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle z, \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}z \rangle_Z + \langle \mathcal{A}z, \mathcal{P}z \rangle_Z + \langle z, \mathcal{P}\mathcal{B}u \rangle_Z \\ &+ \langle \mathcal{B}u, \mathcal{P}z \rangle_Z \leq \gamma^2 \langle u, u \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} - \langle \mathcal{C}z, \mathcal{C}z \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} - \langle \mathcal{C}z, \mathcal{D}u \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ &- \langle \mathcal{D}u, \mathcal{C}z \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} - \langle \mathcal{D}u, \mathcal{D}u \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for all $z \in X \subseteq Z$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then for any $w \in L_2^m([0, \infty))$ and $y \in L_2^q([0, \infty))$ which satisfy (5) for some x , $\|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|w\|_{L_2}$.

B) Suppose there exists a coercive, self-adjoint linear operator $\mathcal{P} : Z \rightarrow Z$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle z, \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}z \rangle_Z + \langle \mathcal{A}z, \mathcal{P}z \rangle_Z + \langle z, \mathcal{P}\mathcal{B}u \rangle_Z + \langle \mathcal{B}u, \mathcal{P}z \rangle_Z \\ &\leq \langle \mathcal{C}z, u \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle u, \mathcal{C}z \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}u, u \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle u, \mathcal{D}u \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

for all $z \in X \subseteq Z$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^q$. Then for any $w \in L_2^m([0, \infty))$ and $y \in L_2^q([0, \infty))$ which satisfy (5) for some x , $\langle w, y \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$.

Proof. Define $V(t) = \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z$. Since \mathcal{P} is coercive, $V(t) \geq 0$. If $x(t)$ is a solution to (5) and $w(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t) &= \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}\dot{x}(t) \rangle_Z + \langle \dot{x}(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z \\ &= \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}x(t) + \mathcal{B}w(t)) \rangle_Z \\ &+ \langle (\mathcal{A}x(t) + \mathcal{B}w(t)), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z \\ &= \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}x(t) \rangle_Z + \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}\mathcal{B}w(t) \rangle_Z \\ &+ \langle \mathcal{A}x(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z + \langle \mathcal{B}w(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z. \end{aligned}$$

A) Now, Inequality (6) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t) &= \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}x(t) \rangle_Z + \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}\mathcal{B}w(t) \rangle_Z \\ &+ \langle \mathcal{A}x(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z + \langle \mathcal{B}w(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z \\ &\leq \gamma^2 \langle w(t), w(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} - \langle y(t), y(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \end{aligned}$$

By the integrating the above expression with respect to time from 0 to ∞ , we get

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\dot{V}(t) + \langle y(t), y(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} - \gamma^2 \langle w(t), w(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \right) dt \leq 0.$$

Then

$$V(\infty) - V(0) + \langle y, y \rangle_{L_2} - \gamma^2 \langle w, w \rangle_{L_2} \leq 0.$$

Since $V(t) \geq 0$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(t) \geq 0$. Also recall $x(0) = 0$, so $V(0) = 0$. Hence,

$$\|y\|_{L_2}^2 \leq \gamma^2 \|w\|_{L_2}^2.$$

B) Inequality (7) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t) &= \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}x(t) \rangle_Z + \langle x(t), \mathcal{P}\mathcal{B}w(t) \rangle_Z \\ &+ \langle \mathcal{A}x(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z + \langle \mathcal{B}w(t), \mathcal{P}x(t) \rangle_Z \\ &\leq \langle y(t), w(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle w(t), y(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the above expression with respect to time from 0 to ∞ , we get

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\dot{V}(t) - 2 \langle y(t), w(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \right) dt \leq 0.$$

Then

$$V(\infty) - V(0) - 2\langle y, w \rangle_{L_2} \leq 0.$$

We recall that $V(0) = 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(t) \geq 0$. Hence $\langle y, w \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$. \square

IV. COUPLED PDES IN THE SEMIGROUP FRAMEWORK

In the previous section, we presented conditions for passivity and L_2 gain of an abstract DPS. In this section, we will focus on expressing the PDEs (8) in the DPS framework described in the previous section - specifically, the coupled linear PDEs of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(s, t) &= A_0(s)x(s, t) + A_1(s)x_s(s, t) \\ &\quad + A_2(s)x_{ss}(s, t) + B_1(s)w(t), \\ y(t) &= C_1z(t) + \int_0^L (C_a(s)x(s, t) + C_b(s)x_s(s, t)) ds, \\ Bz(t) &= 0, \quad x(s, 0) = 0, \\ z(t) &= [x(0, t) \ x(L, t) \ x_s(0, t) \ x_s(L, t)]^T. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $x(\cdot, t) \in X$, $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ and $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

In the semigroup framework, solutions of (8) also define of solutions of (5) if $Z = L_2^n([0, L])$,

$$X := \{x \in W^{2,n}([0, L]) \mid B[x(0) \ x(L) \ x_s(0) \ x_s(L)]^T = 0\},$$

and the linear operators $\mathcal{A} : X \rightarrow Z$, $\mathcal{B} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow Z$, $\mathcal{C} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ and $\mathcal{D} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{A}x)(s) &:= A_0(s)x(s) + A_1(s)x_s(s) + A_2(s)x_{ss}(s), \\ (\mathcal{B}w)(s) &:= B_1(s)w, \\ \mathcal{C}x &:= \int_0^L C_3(s)x_{ss}(s)ds, \quad \mathcal{D}w := D_1w, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where

$$C_3(\theta) = C_1 \left(\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & L \\ 0 & I \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} B_c(\theta) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (L - \theta) \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \right) + \left(\int_0^L (C_a(s)G_1(s, \theta) + C_b(s)G_2(s, \theta))ds \right),$$

$$G_1(s, \theta) = [I \ sI]B_c(\eta) + \mathcal{I}(s - \theta)(s - \theta),$$

$$G_2(s, \theta) = [0 \ I]B_c(\eta) + \mathcal{I}(s - \theta),$$

$$B_c(\eta) = - \left(B \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & L \\ 0 & I \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} B \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ L - \eta \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix}.$$

We restrict the operators \mathcal{P} used in Theorem 3 to a class of operators $\mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} : Z \rightarrow Z$, parameterized by $M : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $N_1, N_2 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}}x)(s) &:= M(s)x(s) + \int_0^s N_1(s, \theta)x(\theta)d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_s^L N_2(s, \theta)x(\theta)d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

We will show that for a system with operators \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} as defined in (9) and the class of operators

$\mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}}$, Theorem 3 can be reformulated in terms of an inequality involving operators of the form $\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}}$ defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) (s) &:= \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} Px_1 + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L Q(s)x_2(s)ds \\ Q^T(s)x_1 + \int_0^s R_1(s, \theta)x_2(\theta)d\theta + \int_s^L R_2(s, \theta)x_2(\theta)d\theta \end{array} \right] & \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

where P is a matrix, Q , R_1 and R_2 are matrix valued polynomials of appropriate dimensions.

V. REFORMULATION OF OPERATOR INEQUALITIES

In Theorem 3, we saw that the problem of determining passivity and bounding the L_2 gain of a DPS (5) parameterized by \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} can be formulated as a feasibility test for the existence of an operator \mathcal{P} which satisfies the inequalities stated in the theorem. Now, we show that when the linear operators \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are as defined in (9), if the operator \mathcal{P} is parameterized by matrix valued polynomials M , N_1 and N_2 as described in (10), then inequalities in Theorem 3 can be reformulated as an inequality involving operator of form $\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}}$ defined in (11) and there exists a linear map from M , N_1 and N_2 to P , Q , R_1 and R_2 .

Lemma 4.1. *Suppose the operators \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are as defined in (9). Then for all $x \in X$ and $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathcal{B}w \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{B}w, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \\ + \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{C}x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ - \gamma^2 \langle w, w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, 0, 0\}} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_{L_2} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P &= D_1^T D_1 / L - \gamma^2 / L, \\ Q(s) &= D_1^T C_3(s) + \int_0^L V(s, \theta)^T d\theta, \\ V(s, \eta) &= \left(G(\eta, s)^T M(\eta) + \int_0^s G(\beta, s)^T N_1(\beta, \eta) d\beta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_s^L G(\beta, s)^T N_2(\beta, \eta) d\beta \right) B_1(\eta), \\ G(s, \eta) &= [I \ sI] B_c(\eta) + \mathcal{I}(s - \eta)(s - \eta), \\ B_c(\eta) &= - \left(B \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & L \\ 0 & I \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} B \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ L - \eta \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the boundary conditions and fundamental theorem of calculus, it can be shown that

$$x(s) = \int_0^L G(s, \eta)x_{ss}(\eta)d\eta. \quad (13)$$

We will deal with each term in the left-hand side of (12) separately. Firstly,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle - \gamma^2 \langle w, w \rangle &= w^T D_1^T D_1 w - \gamma^2 w^T w \\ &= \int_0^L z(s)^T \begin{bmatrix} D_1^T D_1 / L - \gamma^2 / L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} z(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$= \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,0,0,0\}} z \rangle$$

where $z(s) = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss}(s) \end{bmatrix}$. By substituting $x(s)$ using (13),

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \mathcal{B}w \rangle \\ &= \int_0^L x(s)^T M(s) B_1(s) w ds \\ &+ \int_0^L \int_0^s x(s)^T N_1(s, \theta) B_1(\theta) w d\theta ds \\ &+ \int_0^L \int_s^L x(s)^T N_2(s, \theta) B_1(\theta) w d\theta ds \\ &= \int_0^L \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T G(\eta, s)^T ds M(\eta) B_1(\eta) w d\eta \\ &+ \int_0^L \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T G(\eta, s)^T ds \int_0^s N_1(\eta, \theta) B_1(\theta) w d\theta d\eta \\ &+ \int_0^L \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T G(\eta, s)^T ds \int_s^L N_2(\eta, \theta) B_1(\theta) w d\theta d\eta \\ &= \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T \left(\int_0^L V(s, \eta) d\eta \right) w ds = \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,Q_1,0,0\}} z \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

From (9),

$$\langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{D}w \rangle = \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T C_3(s)^T D_1 w ds = \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,Q_2,0,0\}} z \rangle.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \mathcal{B}w \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{B}w, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \\ &+ \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{C}x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} - \gamma^2 \langle w, w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ &= \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,0,0,0\}} z \rangle + \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,Q_1,0,0\}} z \rangle + \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,Q_2,0,0\}} z \rangle \\ &= \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,0,0\}} z \rangle_{L_2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Notation: In the following Lemma, \mathcal{L}_1 , \mathcal{L}_2 and \mathcal{L}_3 are linear maps between matrix valued polynomials that satisfy Lemmas 4, 5 and 6 of [12], respectively. Detailed definition of these maps can be found in the appendix. We use these maps to establish the following Lemmas.

Lemma 4.2. *Suppose the operators \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{C} are as defined in (9). Then for all $x \in X$ and $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \mathcal{A}x \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{A}x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{C}x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ &= \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,0,R_1,R_2\}} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_{L_2} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(s, \theta) &= H_1(s, \theta) + H_2(\theta, s)^T + C_3(s)^T C_3(\theta), \\ R_2(s, \theta) &= R_1(\theta, s)^T, \\ (H_1, H_2) &= \mathcal{L}_1(V_0, W_{01}, W_{02}) + \mathcal{L}_2(V_1, W_{11}, W_{12}) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{L}_3(V_2, W_{21}, W_{22}), \end{aligned}$$

the linear maps \mathcal{L}_1 , \mathcal{L}_2 and \mathcal{L}_3 are defined in the appendix and

$$\begin{aligned} V_i(s) &= M(s) A_i(s), \quad W_{ij}(s, \theta) = N_j(s, \theta) A_i(\theta) \\ &\quad \forall i \in \{0, 1, 2\}, j \in \{1, 2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We use Lemma 9.1 in the Appendix to express x in

terms of x_{ss} .

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \mathcal{A}x \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} A_0 x \rangle + \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} A_1 x_s \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} A_2 x_{ss} \rangle = \langle x_{ss}, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,H_1,H_2\}} x_{ss} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (9),

$$\langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{C}x \rangle = \int_0^L \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T C_3(s)^T C_3(\theta) x_{ss}(\theta) d\theta ds.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \mathcal{A}x \rangle + \langle \mathcal{A}x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} x \rangle + \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{C}x \rangle \\ &= \int_0^L \int_0^s z(s)^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_1(s, \theta) + H_2(\theta, s)^T \end{bmatrix} z(\theta) d\theta ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^L \int_s^L z(s)^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & H_2(s, \theta) + H_1(\theta, s)^T \end{bmatrix} z(\theta) d\theta ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^L \int_0^L z(s)^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_3(s)^T C_3(\theta) \end{bmatrix} z(\theta) d\theta ds \\ &= \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,0,R_1,R_2\}} z \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

□

In the following two theorems, we combine the preceding two lemmas to reformulate the inequalities of Theorem 3 for the coupled linear PDE system (8) defined in Section IV in terms of an inequality using an operator of the form $\mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}}$.

Theorem 4. *Suppose there exists polynomials $M: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $N_1, N_2: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that $\mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}$ is coercive and $\mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}} \leq 0$, where P, Q, R_1 and R_2 are as defined in Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2. For any $w \in L_2^m([0, \infty))$, if $x(t) \in X$ and $y(t)$ satisfy (8), then $\|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|w\|_{L_2}$.*

Proof. From Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \mathcal{A}x \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{A}x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \\ &+ \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \mathcal{B}w \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{B}w, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \\ &+ \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{C}x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{C}x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ &\quad - \gamma^2 \langle w, w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ &= \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,0,0,0\}} z \rangle + \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,0,R_1,R_2\}} z \rangle + \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,Q,0,0\}} z \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_{L_2} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then Inequality (6) is satisfied and hence $\|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|w\|_{L_2}$. □

Theorem 5. *Suppose there exists polynomials $M: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $N_1, N_2: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, such that $\mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}$ is coercive and $\mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}} \leq 0$, where P, Q, R_1 and R_2 are defined as*

$$\begin{aligned} P &= -(D_1 + D_1^T), \\ Q(s) &= -C_3(s) + \int_0^L V(s, \theta)^T d\theta, \\ R_1(s, \theta) &= H_1(s, \theta) + H_2(\theta, s)^T, \\ R_2(s, \theta) &= R_1(\theta, s)^T, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where $V(s, \theta)$ is defined in Lemma 4.1,

$$\begin{aligned} (H_1, H_2) &= \mathcal{L}_1(V_0, W_{01}, W_{02}) + \mathcal{L}_2(V_1, W_{11}, W_{12}) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{L}_3(V_2, W_{21}, W_{22}), \end{aligned}$$

the linear maps \mathcal{L}_1 , \mathcal{L}_2 and \mathcal{L}_3 are defined in the appendix and

$$V_i(s) = M(s)A_i(s), \quad W_{ij}(s, \theta) = N_j(s, \theta)A_i(\theta) \\ \forall i \in \{0, 1, 2\}, j \in \{1, 2\}.$$

For any $w \in L_2^q([0, \infty))$, if $x(t) \in X$ and $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ satisfy (8), then $\langle w, y \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$.

Proof. Again, we use the results from Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2, to express x in terms of x_{ss} . We deal with each term separately. First,

$$- (\langle \mathcal{D}w, w \rangle + \langle w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle) = -w^T (D_1^T + D_1)w \\ = \int_0^L z(s)^T \begin{bmatrix} -(D_1^T + D_1) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} z(s) ds = \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,0,0,0\}}z \rangle,$$

$$\text{where } z(s) = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss}(s) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next, we have

$$\langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}\mathcal{B}w + \langle \mathcal{B}w, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}x \rangle \rangle - \langle \mathcal{C}x, w \rangle \\ - \langle w, \mathcal{C}x \rangle \\ = \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T \left(\int_0^L V(s, \theta) d\theta \right) w ds \\ + \int_0^L w^T \left(\int_0^L V(\theta, s)^T ds \right) x_{ss}(\theta) d\theta \\ - \int_0^L x_{ss}(s)^T C_3(s)^T w ds - \int_0^L w^T C_3(s) x_{ss}(s) ds \\ = \int_0^L z(s)^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -C_3(s) + \int_0^L V(s, \theta)^T \\ *^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} z(s) ds \\ = \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,Q,0,0\}}z \rangle.$$

From Lemma 4.2,

$$\langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}\mathcal{A}x \rangle + \langle \mathcal{A}x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}x \rangle \\ = \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,0,R_1,R_2\}}z \rangle$$

where

$$R_1(s, \theta) = H_1(s, \theta) + H_2(\theta, s)^T \text{ and } R_2(s, \theta) = R_1(\theta, s)^T.$$

Then

$$\langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}\mathcal{A}x \rangle + \langle \mathcal{A}x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}x \rangle \\ + \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}\mathcal{B}w \rangle + \langle \mathcal{B}w, \mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}x \rangle \\ - (\langle \mathcal{C}x, w \rangle + \langle w, \mathcal{C}x \rangle + \langle \mathcal{D}w, w \rangle + \langle w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle) \\ = \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,0,R_1,R_2\}}z \rangle + \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{0,Q,0,0\}}z \rangle \\ + \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,0,0,0\}}z \rangle \\ = \langle z, \mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}}z \rangle_{L_2} \leq 0.$$

We conclude that Inequality (7) is satisfied and hence the system is passive. \square

Notation: For convenience, we define two new linear maps. Specifically, if P, Q, R_1, R_2, M, N_1 and N_2 satisfy Theorem 4 then we say

$$\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\} = \mathcal{L}_4(M, N_1, N_2).$$

Likewise, if P, Q, R_1, R_2, M, N_1 and N_2 satisfy Theorem 5 then we say

$$\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\} = \mathcal{L}_5(M, N_1, N_2).$$

VI. ENFORCING POSITIVITY OF OPERATORS OF FORM

$$\mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}}$$

In Theorem 3, we showed that the problem of determining passivity and H_∞ gain of an abstract Distributed Parameter System (DPS) - parameterized by the operators $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$ and \mathcal{D} - could be formulated as a convex feasibility problem of the existence of operator \mathcal{P} which satisfies certain operator inequalities. In Equation (9), we showed that coupled PDE systems with inputs and outputs could be cast in a DPS framework by defining the operators $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$ and \mathcal{D} for this class of systems. In Equation (10), we used matrix-valued functions M, N_1 and N_2 to parameterize a class of operators, denoted $\mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}$ acting on the state space defined by the system of coupled PDEs. Next, in Theorem 4 and 5, we showed that, using these definitions and parameterization of variables, the feasibility conditions of Theorem 3 could be expressed as positivity of $\mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}$ and negativity of an operator $\mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}}$ parameterized by P, Q, R_1 and R_2 as defined in Equation (11) where if M, N_1 and N_2 are polynomials, there is a linear map from the coefficients in M, N_1 and N_2 to the elements of P and the coefficients of the polynomials Q, R_1 , and R_2 . In the following two theorems, we show how to use LMI constraints to enforce positivity of the operators $\mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{\{P,Q,R_1,R_2\}}$, respectively. These results will be used in Theorem 8 to give an SDP representation of Theorem 3 as applied to the coupled PDE system in (9).

Theorem 6. For any functions $Z_1 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times n}$, $Z : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_2 \times n}$, suppose there exists a matrix $T \geq 0$ such that

$$M = Z_1(s)^T T_{11} Z_1(s), \\ N_1(s, \theta) = Z_1(s)^T T_{12} Z(s, \theta) + Z(\theta, s)^T T_{32} Z(\theta) \\ + \int_s^L Z(\beta, s)^T T_{22} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta + \int_0^s Z(\beta, s)^T T_{32} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta \\ + \int_0^\theta Z(\beta, s)^T T_{33} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta, \\ N_2(s, \theta) = N_1(\theta, s)^T, \quad (15)$$

where

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then for the operator $\mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}}$ as defined in (10), $\mathcal{P}_{\{M,N_1,N_2\}} \geq 0$.

See [15] for a proof.

Theorem 7. For any function $Z(s, \theta) : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_2 \times n}$, suppose there exists a matrix $T \geq 0$ such that

$$P = T_{11}, \\ Q(\theta) = \int_\theta^L T_{12} Z(s, \theta) ds + \int_0^\theta T_{13} Z(s, \theta) ds, \\ R_1(s, \theta) = \int_s^L Z(\beta, s)^T T_{22} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int_{\theta}^s Z(\beta, s)^T T_{32} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta + \int_0^{\theta} Z(\beta, s)^T T_{33} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta, \\
R_2(s, \theta) & = \int_{\theta}^L Z(\beta, s)^T T_{22} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta \\
& + \int_s^{\theta} Z(\beta, s)^T T_{23} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta + \int_0^s Z(\beta, s)^T T_{33} Z(\beta, \theta) d\beta,
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

where

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then for the operator $\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}}$ as defined in (10), $\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \geq 0$.

Proof. Since $T \geq 0$, we can define a square root of T as $U = [U_1 \ U_2 \ U_3]$.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ *^T & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ *^T & *^T & T_{33} \end{bmatrix} = U^T U = \begin{bmatrix} U_1^T U_1 & U_1^T U_2 & U_1^T U_3 \\ *^T & U_2^T U_2 & U_2^T U_3 \\ *^T & *^T & U_3^T U_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let define $v(s) = U_1 x_1 + (\Psi x_2)(s)$, where

$$(\Psi x_2)(s) = \int_0^s U_2 Z(s, \theta) x_2(\theta) d\theta + \int_s^L U_3 Z(s, \theta) x_2(\theta) d\theta.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle v(s), v(s) \rangle_{L_2} & = \langle U_1 x_1, U_1 x_1 \rangle_{L_2} + \langle U_1 x_1, (\Psi x_2)(s) \rangle_{L_2} \\
& + \langle (\Psi x_2)(s), U_1 x_1 \rangle_{L_2} + \langle (\Psi x_2)(s), (\Psi x_2)(s) \rangle_{L_2} \\
& = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_{L_2} \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \geq 0$. \square

For convenience, we define the following two sets.

$$\Phi_1 := \{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\} : P, Q, R_1 \text{ and } R_2 \text{ satisfy the conditions of Theorem 7}\}.$$

$$\Phi_2 := \{\{M, N_1, N_2\} \mid M, N_1 \text{ and } N_2 \text{ satisfy the conditions of Theorem 6}\}.$$

VII. AN SOS FORMULATION FOR H_{∞} ANALYSIS

In this section, we consolidate Lemmas and Theorems from Sections V and VI to arrive at the LMI equations that are sufficient to test passivity and find the bound on L_2 gain of the PDE (8).

Theorem 8. *Suppose there exists $\epsilon > 0$, $\gamma > 0$, matrix-valued polynomials $M : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, and $N_1, N_2 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that*

$$(M - \epsilon I, N_1, N_2) \in \Phi_2.$$

Then for all $x(t) \in X$, $y \in L_2^q([0, \infty))$ and $w \in L_2^m([0, \infty))$ which satisfy (8),

1) if

$$\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\} = \mathcal{L}_4(M, N_1, N_2)$$

such that

$$\{-P, -Q, -R_1, -R_2\} \in \Phi_1,$$

then $\|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|w\|_{L_2}$.

2) if $m = q$ and

$$\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\} = \mathcal{L}_5(M, N_1, N_2)$$

such that

$$\{-P, -Q, -R_1, -R_2\} \in \Phi_1,$$

then $\langle y, w \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$

Proof. Suppose that $V(x) = \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \geq \epsilon \|x\|_{L_2}^2$.

1) Since $\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\} = \mathcal{L}_4(M, N_1, N_2)$, Theorem 4 is satisfied. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathcal{A}x \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{A}x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \\
& + \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathcal{B}w \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{B}w, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \\
& + \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{C}x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{C}x, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{C}x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\
& - \gamma^2 \langle w, w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_{L_2}.
\end{aligned}$$

From the conditions of the theorem, $\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \leq 0$. Consequently, Inequality (6) from part (A) of Theorem 3 is satisfied and hence $\|y\|_{L_2} \leq \gamma \|w\|_{L_2}$.

2) The proof for the second part of this theorem is quite similar to the first. Since $\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\} = \mathcal{L}_5(M, N_1, N_2)$, Theorem 5 is satisfied. From Theorem 5,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathcal{A}x \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{A}x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} x \rangle_{L_2} \\
& + \langle x, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathcal{B}w \rangle_{L_2} + \langle \mathcal{B}w, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} z \rangle_{L_2} \\
& - (\langle \mathcal{C}x, w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle x, \mathcal{C}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle \mathcal{D}w, w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} + \langle w, \mathcal{D}w \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}) \\
& = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_{L_2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathcal{P}_{\{P, Q, R_1, R_2\}} \leq 0$, Inequality (7) from part (B) of Theorem 3 is satisfied and hence $\langle w, y \rangle_{L_2} \geq 0$. \square

VIII. NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS AND VALIDATION

Algorithm presented in Theorem 8 was implemented in MATLAB. We compare the estimate of H_{∞} norm bound obtained by using numerical discretization with the estimate from our method, for several PDE systems. In all cases, referring to (9) we use the following values

$$B_1(s) = 1, C_1 = 0, C_a(s) = 1, C_b(s) = 0 \text{ and } D_1 = 0.$$

A. Example 1

Consider the system shown below. In [12], it was shown to be stable for $\lambda < 4.65$.

$$\begin{aligned}
u_t(s, t) & = A_0(s)u(s, t) + A_1(s)u_s(s, t) \\
& \quad + A_2(s)u_{ss}(s, t) + w(t) \\
u(0, t) & = 0 \quad u_s(L, t) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$A_0(s) = (-0.5s^3 + 1.3s^2 - 1.5s + 0.7 + \lambda)$$

$$A_1(s) = (3s^2 - 2s), \quad A_2(s) = (s^3 - s^2 + 2)$$

Fig. 1a shows the variation of an estimate of the L_2 gain obtained from spatial discretization while varying mesh size. At at mesh size of 600, we had an L_2 gain of 14.82 (LMI bound was 14.99). Although this example obtained the largest residual gap of all examples at 3%, this residual is likely due to our naive method of discretization and not conservatism in Theorem 8. Fig. 1b shows the bounds obtained

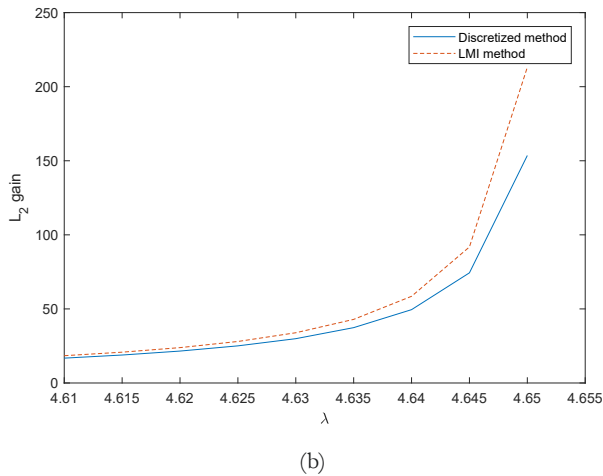
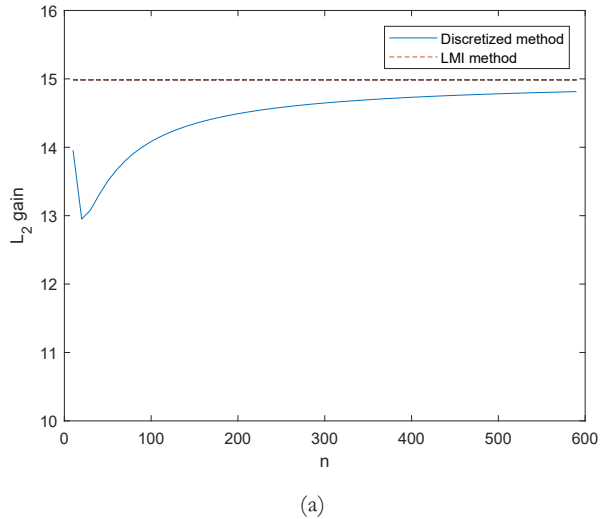


Fig. 1: For the PDE system in Example VIII-A: (a) Mesh size vs L_2 gain obtained from Theorem 8 and spatial discretization, (b) value of the parameter, λ vs L_2 gain obtained from Theorem 8 and spatial discretization

when the system parameter λ is varied. Using higher degree polynomials shows minor change in the L_2 gain bound, typically of the order 10^{-6} . This suggests that relatively low degree polynomials give tight bounds.

B.

For the PDE systems listed below, we compare the L_2 gain bounds obtained by our algorithm and finite-difference discretization method in Table I.

B.1: Following PDE is stable for $\lambda \leq \pi^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(s, t) &= \lambda u(s, t) + u_{ss}(s, t) \\ u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

B.2: Following PDE is stable for $\lambda \leq 2.467$.

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(s, t) &= \lambda u(s, t) + u_{ss}(s, t) \\ u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u_s(L, t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

B.3: The following coupled PDE was shown to be stable for

$R < 21$ in [16].

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(s, t) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ s & 0 & 0 \\ s^2 & -s^3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} u(s, t) + \frac{1}{R} u_{ss}(s, t) + w(t) \\ u(0, t) &= 0 \quad u(L, t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

	LMI method	Discretized method	Parameter
B.1	8.214	8.253	$\lambda = 0.98\pi^2$
B.2	12.03	12.31	$\lambda = 2.4$
B.3	3.9738	3.9708	$R = 20$

TABLE I: A bound on L_2 gain using different methods.

C. Example 3

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} u_{t,i}(s, t) &= \lambda u_i(s, t) + \sum_{k=1}^i u_{ss,k}(s, t) + w(t) \\ u(0, t) &= 0 \quad u(L, t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This example was tailored to test the time complexity of the algorithm proposed. We use the value $\lambda = 0.5\pi^2$ for all i . CPU time of the algorithm for different number of coupled PDEs is tabulated in Table II.

i	1	2	3	4	5	10	20
CPU time(s)	0.60	1.45	5.22	13.7	36.5	2317	27560

TABLE II: Runtime for the system of equations for increasing number of coupled PDEs, i . Refer Example VIII-C

IX. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we proposed a method to prove passivity and obtain bounds for the L_2 -gain of coupled linear PDEs with domain distributed disturbances using the LMI framework. The method presented does not use discretization. The bounds and properties obtained are prima facie provable. The numerical results indicate there is little, if any conservatism in the result.

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APPENDIX

We restate main result from Lemmas 4, 5 and 6 from [12]. These results are used in the proof of Lemma 4.2 in Section V.

Definition 9.1. For given matrix-valued functions M , N_1 and N_2 and given matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 4n}$ of row rank $2n$, we say that

$$(R_1, R_2) = \mathcal{L}_1(M, N_1, N_2), \quad (Q_1, Q_2) = \mathcal{L}_2(M, N_1, N_2) \\ (T_1, T_2) = \mathcal{L}_3(M, N_1, N_2)$$

if

$$R_1(s, \theta) = E_1(s, \theta) + E_3(s, \theta), \quad R_2(s, \theta) = E_2(s, \theta) + E_3(s, \theta), \\ Q_1(s, \theta) = F_1(s, \theta) + F_3(s, \theta), \quad Q_2(s, \theta) = F_2(s, \theta) + F_3(s, \theta), \\ T_1(s, \theta) = G_1(s, \theta) + G_3(s, \theta), \quad T_2(s, \theta) = G_2(s, \theta) + G_3(s, \theta),$$

where

$$E_1(s, \theta) = \int_s^b (\eta - s) N_1(\eta, \theta) d\eta \\ E_2(s, \theta) = (\theta - s) M(\theta) + \int_\theta^b (\eta - s) N_1(\eta, \theta) d\eta \\ + \int_s^\theta (\eta - s) N_2(\eta, \theta) d\eta \\ E_3(s, \theta) = Y_1(s, \theta) \\ F_1(s, \theta) = \int_s^b ((\eta - s) F_4(\theta, \eta) + F_5(s, \eta)) d\eta \\ F_2(s, \theta) = \int_\theta^b ((\eta - s) F_4(\theta, \eta) + F_5(s, \eta)) d\eta \\ F_3(s, \eta) = \int_a^b B_a(\zeta, s)^T Y_2(\zeta) B_b(\eta) d\zeta + \int_\eta^b Y_1(s, \zeta) d\zeta$$

$$+ \int_s^b (\zeta - s) Y_2(\zeta) d\zeta B_b(\eta) \\ F_4(\theta, \eta) = M(\eta) + \int_\theta^\eta N_1(\eta, \zeta) d\zeta \\ F_5(s, \eta) = \int_s^\eta (\zeta - s) N_2(\zeta, \eta) d\zeta \\ G_1(s, \theta) = \int_s^b ((\eta - s) G_4(\theta, \eta) + G_5(s, \theta, \eta)) d\eta \\ G_2(s, \theta) = \int_\theta^b ((\eta - s) G_4(\theta, \eta) + G_5(s, \theta, \eta)) d\eta \\ G_3(s, \theta) = \int_a^b B_a(\eta, s)^T Y_3(\eta, \theta) d\eta \\ + \int_\theta^b (\eta - \theta) Y_1(s, \eta) d\eta + \int_s^b (\eta - s) Y_3(\eta, \theta) d\eta \\ G_4(\theta, \eta) = (\eta - \theta) M(\eta) + \int_\theta^\eta (\zeta - \theta) N_1(\eta, \zeta) d\zeta \\ G_5(s, \theta, \eta) = \int_s^\eta (\zeta - s) (\eta - \theta) N_2(\zeta, \eta) d\zeta \\ Y_1(s, \eta) = B_a(\eta, s)^T M(\eta) + \int_\eta^b B_a(\theta, s)^T N_1(\theta, \eta) d\theta \\ + \int_a^\eta B_a(\theta, s)^T N_2(\theta, \eta) d\theta \\ Y_2(\zeta) = M(\zeta) + \int_a^\zeta N_1(\zeta, \theta) d\theta + \int_\zeta^b N_2(\zeta, \theta) d\theta \\ Y_3(\zeta, \eta) = M(\zeta) B_a(\zeta, \eta) + \int_a^\zeta N_1(\zeta, \theta) B_a(\theta, \eta) d\theta \\ + \int_\zeta^b N_2(\zeta, \theta) B_a(\theta, \eta) d\theta \\ B_a(s, \eta) = B_4(s)(b - \eta) + B_5(s), \\ B_b(\eta) = B_6(b - \eta) + B_7 \\ [B_6 \ B_7] = [0 \ I] B_3, \\ [B_4(s) \ B_5(s)] = [I \ (s - a)I] B_3 \\ B_3 = B_2^{-1} B \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = B \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & (b - a)I \\ 0 & I \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

Lemma 9.1. For given matrix-valued functions M , N_1 and N_2 and given matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 4n}$ of row rank $2n$, suppose that $(R_1, R_2) = \mathcal{L}_1(M, N_1, N_2)$, $(Q_1, Q_2) = \mathcal{L}_2(M, N_1, N_2)$ and $(T_1, T_2) = \mathcal{L}_3(M, N_1, N_2)$. Then for any $\mathbf{x} \in X$ where \mathbf{x} is as defined in Eqn. (9), we have that

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathbf{x}_{ss} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_{ss}, \mathcal{P}_{\{0, R_1, R_2\}} \mathbf{x}_{ss} \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathbf{x}_s \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_{ss}, \mathcal{P}_{\{0, Q_1, Q_2\}} \mathbf{x}_{ss} \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{P}_{\{M, N_1, N_2\}} \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_{ss}, \mathcal{P}_{\{0, T_1, T_2\}} \mathbf{x}_{ss} \rangle$$