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   Sommario/riassunto This book shows how the use of S-variables (SVs) in enhancing the
                     range of problems that can be addressed with the already-versatile
                     linear matrix inequality (LMI) approach to control can, in many cases,
                     be put on a more unified, methodical footing. Beginning with the
                     fundamentals of the SV approach, the text shows how the basic idea
                     can be used for each problem (and when it should not be employed at
                     all). The specific adaptations of the method necessitated by each
                     problem are also detailed. The problems dealt with in the book have

the common traits that: analytic closed-form solutions are not available; and LMIs can be applied to produce numerical solutions with a certain amount of conservatism. Typical examples are robustness analysis of linear systems affected by parametric uncertainties and the synthesis of a linear controller satisfying multiple, often conflicting, design specifications. For problems in which LMI methods produce conservative results, the SV approach is shown to achieve greater accuracy. The authors emphasize the simplicity and easy comprehensibility of the SV approach and show how it can be implemented in programs without difficulty so that its power becomes readily apparent. The S-Variable Approach to LMI-Based Robust Control is a useful reference for academic control researchers, applied mathematicians and graduate students interested in LMI methods and convex optimization and will also be of considerable assistance to practising control engineers faced with problems of conservatism in their systems and controllers.