

# (n + p)-NODE REALIZABILITY OF Y-MATRICES OF (n + 1)-NODE RESISTANCE n-PORT NETWORKS

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## SUMMARY

Sufficient conditions are established for the  $(n + p)$ -node,  $p > 2$ , realizability of  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrices of  $(n + 1)$ -node resistance  $n$ -port networks. It is shown that these conditions are a generalization of the previous known results for  $p = 2$  and  $p = n$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The  $n$ -port resistance network synthesis problem has long been a subject of research. While the complete solution of the problem seems to be formidable, several aspects of this problem have been investigated during the last two decades or so. Two of the recent contributions include those of References 1 and 2. While in Reference 2 the problem of  $(n + 2)$ -node realizability of  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrices of  $(n + 1)$ -node  $n$ -port networks is considered, an interesting study of degenerate resistance networks is made in Reference 1.

In this paper we consider the problem of  $(n + p)$ -node,  $p > 2$ , realizability of  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrices of  $(n + 1)$ -node resistive  $n$ -port networks. It might appear that if a matrix is realizable by an  $(n + 1)$ -node resistive  $n$ -port network, then it should also be realizable by an  $n$ -port network having more than  $n + 1$  nodes. However, such is not the case. In fact, Lempel and Cederbaum<sup>3</sup> have shown that certain extremal  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrices can not be realized by networks with more than  $(n + 1)$  nodes. They have also shown that for each  $n \geq 3$ , and  $p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq n$ , there exists a realizable  $n$ th order  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrix which can be realized with any number of nodes between  $n + 1$  and  $n + p$ , but not more than  $n + p$ . For example, the fifth-order extremal  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrix

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is realizable with 6, 7 or 8 nodes but can not be realized with more than 8 nodes. These results of Lempel and Cederbaum motivated the work of Reference 2 in which it was shown that if a matrix is realizable by an  $(n + 1)$ -node resistive  $n$ -port network containing no zero conductances, then it can also be realized by an  $(n + 2)$ -node  $n$ -port network. It was also shown that for such a matrix a large number of continuously equivalent realizations can be obtained. We continue our pursuit in this paper and establish sufficient conditions for the  $(n + p)$ -node,  $p > 2$ , realizability of  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrices realizable by  $(n + 1)$ -node  $n$ -port networks. We shall also show that these conditions generalize the previously known conditions for  $p = 2$  and  $p = n$ .

## 2. $(n+p)$ -NODE REALIZABILITY OF $Y$ -MATRICES OF $(n+1)$ -NODE $n$ -PORT NETWORKS

We choose, for our discussions, the dominant matrix  $Y$  with all off-diagonal entries negative. Note that such a matrix is realizable by an  $(n+1)$ -node  $n$ -port network having a star-port configuration. This choice would involve no loss of generality, since the  $(n+p)$ -node realizability of any other  $(n+1)$ -node realizable matrix can be tested by first converting it to a dominant matrix with all off-diagonal entries negative and then applying the conditions to be derived in this section.

Let the given matrix  $Y$  be required to be realized by an  $n$ -port network having the port configuration  $T$  shown in Figure 1. Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_p$  denote the  $p$  connected parts of  $T$ . Let  $T_0$  be a tree of  $N$  so that  $T$  is a subgraph of  $T_0$ .  $P_{i(k)}$  will denote the  $k$ th port in  $T_i$ , while  $i_k$  and  $i_0$  are respectively the positive and negative terminals of port  $P_{i(k)}$ .  $y_{i(k),j(m)}$  will denote the transfer conductance between ports  $P_{i(k)}$  and  $P_{j(m)}$ .

Network  $N$  can be considered as a parallel combination of two  $n$ -port networks—the network of departure  $N_d$  and the padding  $n$ -port network  $N_p$ .<sup>4</sup> Properties of  $N_d$  and  $N_p$  are discussed in Reference 4.

Let  $g_{ikjm}$  denote the conductance connecting vertices  $i_k$  and  $j_m$  in  $N$ .  $(g_{ikjm})_d$  and  $(g_{ikjm})_p$  will denote the corresponding conductances of  $N_d$  and  $N_p$  respectively. Let further

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ikj} &= \sum_{m=0}^{n_j} g_{ikjm}, \\ S_{ij} &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_i} S_{ikj} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{n_j} S_{jmi} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, p, i \neq j \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$(S_{ikj})_d, (S_{ikj})_p, (S_{ij})_d$  and  $(S_{ij})_p$  will denote the corresponding quantities of  $N_d$  and  $N_p$  respectively. It can be seen that

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ikjm} &= (g_{ikjm})_d + (g_{ikjm})_p, \\ S_{ikj} &= (S_{ikj})_d + (S_{ikj})_p \\ S_{ij} &= (S_{ij})_d + (S_{ij})_p \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

It is shown in Reference 4 that for any  $k$

$$(S_{ikj})_d = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \text{ and } j, i \neq j$$

Thus we have

$$S_{ikj} = (S_{ikj})_p$$

and

$$S_{ij} = (S_{ij})_p \quad (3)$$

Let  $k_{i(k),j}$  denote the potential of the set of ports in  $T_j$  with respect to the negative reference terminal of port  $P_{i(k)}$ , when  $P_{i(k)}$  is excited with a source of unit voltage and when all the other ports of  $N$  are short-circuited. Note that under such a condition, all the ports in  $T_j$  will be at the same potential.

Our approach to obtain the conditions on  $Y$  for its  $(n+p)$ -node realizability will be a combination of those of References 2, 5 and 6. Thus we assume that the required network  $N$  satisfies the following conditions:

(i) For any  $i$  and  $k$

$$k_{i(k),j} = k_{i(k),m} \quad \text{for all } j \text{ and } m, j \neq m \quad (4)$$

(ii)

$$g_{iujm} = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \text{ and } j, j \neq i \text{ and for all } m \neq 0 \quad (5)$$

The first condition means that when  $P_{i(k)}$  is excited and all the other ports are short-circuited, no current flows in the conductances connecting vertices in  $T_j$  and  $T_l$  for all  $j$  and  $l, j \neq l \neq i$ . This is, in fact, a

generalization of the approach followed in References 5 and 6. The conditions are necessary to obtain simple conditions for the  $(n + p)$ -node realizability of  $Y$ .

The conductances of  $N_d$  can be obtained starting from its cutset admittance matrix  $Y_d$ .  $Y_d$  will be as shown below.

$$Y_d = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} Y & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]_{p-1}^n \quad (6)$$

In  $Y_d$  the rows and columns of  $Y$  correspond to the branches of  $T$  and the remaining rows and columns of  $Y_d$  correspond to the branches of  $T_0 - T$ . Conductances of  $N_d$  do not, of course, depend on the choice of  $T_0$ . We can choose  $T_0$  as consisting of  $T$  and those branches indicated by dotted lines in Figure 1. Realizing  $Y_d$  by an  $(n + p - 1)$ -port network having the port configuration  $T_0$  will yield the conductances of  $N_d$ . These conductances can be easily obtained following the procedure given in Reference 7. They are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (g_{ikjm})_d &= |y_{i(k)j(m)}|, & i, j &= 1, 2, \dots, p \\ & & k &= 1, 2, \dots, n_i \\ & & m &= 1, 2, \dots, n_j \\ & & m &\neq k, \text{ when } i = j \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (g_{ikjo})_d &= - \sum_{m=1}^{n_j} (g_{ikjm})_d \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{n_j} y_{i(k)j(m)} & i, j &= 1, 2, \dots, p \\ & & j &\neq i \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (g_{ikio})_d &= y_{i(k)i(k)} - \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^{n_i} (g_{ikim})_d \\ &= y_{i(k)i(k)} - \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^{n_i} |y_{i(k)i(m)}| \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$(g_{iojo})_d = \sum_{m=1}^{n_j} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} |y_{i(k)j(m)}| \quad (10)$$

The conductances of  $N_p$  can be obtained by using the formulae given in Reference 8. These formulae reduce to the following after using equation (4).

$$\begin{aligned} (g_{ikjm})_p &= \frac{S_{ikj} \times S_{jmi}}{S_{ij}}, & i, j &= 1, 2, \dots, p, i \neq j \\ & & k &= 1, 2, \dots, n_i \\ & & m &= 1, 2, \dots, n_j \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$(g_{ikim})_p = - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^p \frac{S_{ikj} S_{imj}}{S_{ij}} \quad (12)$$

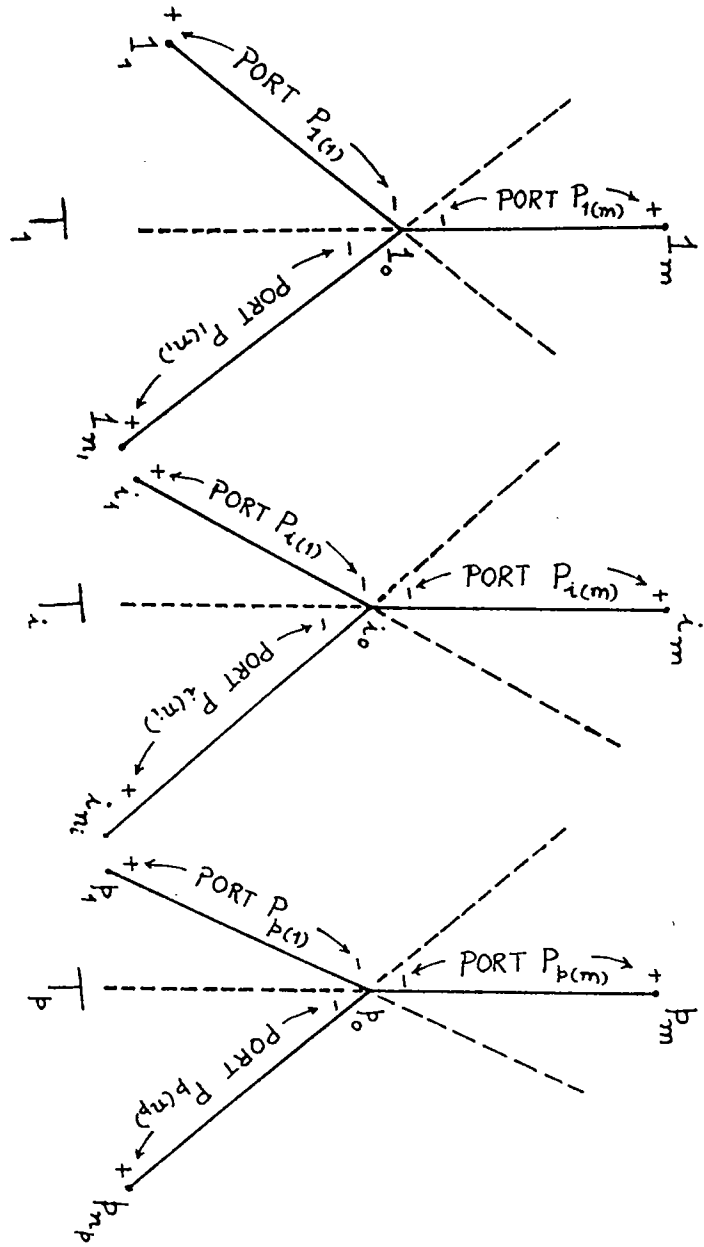


Figure 1. Port-configuration  $T$

It can be shown that under the conditions imposed by equation (4)

$$k_{i(k),j} = \frac{S_{ikj}}{S_{ij}} \quad (13)$$

We shall next establish the constraints imposed by equations (4) and (5) on the elements of the matrix  $Y$ .

By equation (5)

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ikjo} &= (g_{ikjo})_d + (g_{ikjo})_p \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Using equations (8), (11), and (13) we then get from the above

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{n_i} |y_{i(k),j(m)}| &= \frac{S_{ikj} S_{joi}}{S_{ij}} \\ &= k_{i(k),j} S_{joi} \\ &= k_{i(k),j} g_{joi0} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The last step in the above equation follows from the fact

$$\begin{aligned} S_{joi} &= \sum_{m=1}^{n_i} g_{joi_m} + g_{joi0} \\ &= g_{joi0}, \text{ since each } g_{joi_m} = 0 \text{ by equation (5).} \end{aligned}$$

After defining  $\Delta_{i(k),j}$  as

$$\Delta_{i(k),j} = \sum_{m=1}^{n_i} |y_{i(k),j(m)}| \quad (16)$$

we get from equation (15)

$$k_{i(k),j} = \frac{\Delta_{i(k),j}}{g_{iojo}} \quad (17)$$

Since by equation (4)

$$k_{i(k),j} = k_{i(k),m} \quad \text{for all } m \neq j$$

we get from equation (17)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta_{i(k),j}}{g_{iojo}} &= \frac{\Delta_{i(k),m}}{g_{iojo}} & i, j, m = 1, 2, \dots, p, \\ & & i \neq j \neq m \\ & & k = 1, 2, \dots, n_i \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\frac{g_{iojo}}{g_{iojo}} = \frac{\Delta_{i(k),j}}{\Delta_{i(k),m}} \quad (18)$$

Since equation (18) has to be true for all  $k$ , we get the following condition on the entries of  $Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta_{i(k),j}}{\Delta_{i(k),m}} &= \frac{\Delta_{i(r),j}}{\Delta_{i(r),m}} & i, j, m = 1, 2, \dots, p \\ & & i \neq j \neq m \\ & & k, r = 1, 2, \dots, n_i \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The problem of determining the network  $N$  realizing  $Y$  involves the choice of suitable nonnegative values for  $S_{ikj}$ 's and  $S_{ij}$ 's so that each  $g_{ikjm} = (g_{ikjm})_d + (g_{ikjm})_p$  is nonnegative. We shall show that such a choice is possible if the matrix  $Y$  satisfies equation (19).

By equation (5), the conductances  $g_{ikjo}$ 's of  $N$  are zero. From equations (7) and (11), it can be seen that the conductances  $(g_{ikjm})_d$ 's and  $(g_{ikjm})_p$ 's  $i \neq j, m \neq 0$  and  $k \neq 0$  are nonnegative. Further by equation (10),

$(g_{iojo})_d$ 's and by equation (11),  $(g_{iojo})_p$ 's are nonnegative. Thus all the conductances  $g_{ikjm}$ 's  $i \neq j$  are nonnegative as long as  $S_{ikj}$ 's and  $S_{ij}$ 's are nonnegative.

It can be seen from equations (7), (9) and (12) that all  $(g_{ikim})_d$ 's are nonnegative while  $(g_{ikim})_p$ 's are nonpositive. Thus, it is in making the sum of  $(g_{ikim})_d$  and  $(g_{ikim})_p$  nonnegative that the choice of  $S_{ikj}$ 's and  $S_{ij}$ 's matters. We shall next proceed to show how such a choice can be made.

From equation (18) we have

$$g_{iojo} = \frac{\Delta_{i(k),m}}{\Delta_{i(k),j}} g_{iojo} \quad \text{for some } k \quad (20)$$

We can use the above to show that all  $g_{iojo}$ 's can be expressed in terms of one of them, say,  $g_{1o2o}$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} g_{iojo} &= \frac{\Delta_{i(k),j}}{\Delta_{i(k),1}} \times g_{1oio}, \quad \text{for some } k \\ &= \frac{\Delta_{i(k),j}}{\Delta_{i(k),1}} \times \frac{\Delta_{1(m),i}}{\Delta_{1(m),2}} \times g_{1o2o} \quad \text{for some } k \text{ and } m \\ &\triangleq \alpha_{ij} g_{1o2o} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\alpha_{12} = 1$

It then follows from equation (17) that

$$\begin{aligned} k_{i(k),j} &= \left( \frac{\Delta_{i(k),j}}{\alpha_{ij}} \right) \times \frac{1}{g_{1o2o}} \\ &\triangleq \beta_{ikj} \times \frac{1}{g_{1o2o}} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Thus all the potential factors  $k_{i(k),j}$ 's can be expressed in terms of a single parameter, namely,  $g_{1o2o}$ .

Consider next equation (12). This can be rewritten using equation (13) as

$$\begin{aligned} (g_{ikim})_p &= - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^p k_{i(k),j} k_{i(m),j} S_{ij} & m \neq k \\ & & m \neq 0 \\ & & k \neq 0 \\ (g_{ikio})_p &= \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^p k_{i(k),j} S_{ioj} \\ &= - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^p k_{i(k),j} g_{iojo} & k \neq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Hence evaluation of  $(g_{ikim})_p$ 's requires an expression for  $S_{ij}$ 's in terms of  $g_{1o2o}$ .

By definition

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ij} &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_i} S_{ikj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} S_{ikj} + S_{ioj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} S_{ikj} + g_{iojo} \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides of the above by  $S_{ij}$ , we get using equation (13)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} k_{i(k)j} + \frac{g_{iojo}}{S_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \frac{\Delta_{i(k)j}}{g_{iojo}} + \frac{g_{iojo}}{S_{ij}} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

From the above we get  $S_{ij}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ij} &= \frac{g_{iojo}^2}{g_{iojo} - \Delta_{ij}} \\ &= \frac{\alpha_{ij}^2 g_{1o2o}^2}{\alpha_{ij} g_{1o2o} - \Delta_{ij}} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where

$$\Delta_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \Delta_{i(k)j}$$

Using equations (17) and (25) in equation (23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (g_{ikim})_p &= - \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\Delta_{i(k)j} \Delta_{i(m)j}}{\alpha_{ij} g_{1o2o} - \Delta_{ij}}, & m \neq k \\ & & m \neq 0 \\ & & k \neq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

and

$$(g_{ikio})_p = - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^p \Delta_{i(k)j} \quad (27)$$

Consider equations (27) and (9). We get from these

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ikio} &= (g_{ikio})_d + (g_{ikio})_p \\ &= y_{i(k),i(k)} - \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k, \text{ when} \\ j=i}}^{n_i} |y_{i(k),j(m)}| \\ &= \text{a nonnegative number, since } \mathbf{Y} \text{ is dominant.} \end{aligned}$$

From equations (26) and (7), we get

$$g_{ikim} = |y_{i(k),i(m)}| - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^p \frac{\Delta_{i(k)j} \Delta_{i(m)j}}{\alpha_{ij} g_{1o2o} - \Delta_{ij}} \quad (28)$$

Nonnegativeness of  $g_{ikim}$  requires

$$|y_{i(k),i(m)}| \geq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^p \frac{\Delta_{i(k)j} \Delta_{i(m)j}}{\alpha_{ij} g_{1o2o} - \Delta_{ij}}, \quad m \neq k \quad (29)$$

Since in the above  $g_{1o2o}$  appears in the denominator and all other terms are positive it is always possible to choose a suitable positive value for  $g_{1o2o}$  so that inequality (29) is satisfied.

Such a choice for  $g_{1o2o}$  will ensure that the conductances of  $N$  are nonnegative. This value for  $g_{1o2o}$  can be used to evaluate  $S_{ij}$ 's (using equation (25)),  $g_{iojo}$ 's (using equation (21)), and  $(g_{ikjm})_p$ 's (using equations (11) and (12)). The sum of  $(g_{ikjm})_p$  and  $(g_{ikjm})_d$  will then yield a nonnegative  $g_{ikjm}$ .

If for some  $i$  and  $m \neq k$ ,  $|y_{i(k),i(m)}| = 0$ , then it is clear from equation (29) that  $g_{1020} \rightarrow \infty$ . In such a case the resulting network will be an  $(n+1)$ -node realization of  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

If  $p = n$ , then condition (19) does not arise at all and hence any dominant matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$  with all off-diagonal entries negative is realizable by a  $2n$ -node network. This, in fact, is a result already well known.<sup>9</sup>

If  $p = 2$ , again condition (19) does not arise and the results of this section will then reduce to those of Reference 2.

The main result of this section is summarized in the following theorem.

### Theorem 1

A real symmetric dominant matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$  with all off-diagonal entries negative is realizable as the s.c. conductance matrix of an  $(n+p)$ -node,  $p \geq 1$ , resistive  $n$ -port network containing no negative conductances provided that the entries of  $\mathbf{Y}$  satisfy the following:

$$\frac{\Delta_{i(k)j}}{\Delta_{i(k),m}} = \frac{\Delta_{i(r)j}}{\Delta_{i(r),m}}, \quad \begin{array}{l} i, j, m = 1, 2, \dots, p \\ i \neq j \neq m, \\ k, r = 1, 2, \dots, n_i \\ k \neq r \end{array}$$

We shall now illustrate these discussions with an example.

### Example

Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$  given by

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} P_{1(1)} \\ P_{1(2)} \\ P_{2(1)} \\ P_{3(1)} \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline P_{1(1)} & P_{1(2)} & P_{2(1)} & P_{3(1)} \\ \hline 8 & -2 & -3 & -2 \\ \hline -2 & 14 & -6 & -4 \\ \hline -3 & -6 & 13 & -3 \\ \hline -2 & -4 & -3 & 12 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

Let this be required to be realized as the s.c. conductance matrix of a 4-port resistive network having the port-configuration of Figure 2. The rows and columns of  $\mathbf{Y}$  are designated suitably as shown above.

We then obtain the following

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Delta_{1(1),2} = 3 & \Delta_{2(1),1} = 9 \\ \Delta_{1(1),3} = 2 & \Delta_{2(1),3} = 3 \\ \Delta_{1(2),2} = 6 & \Delta_{3(1),1} = 6 \\ \Delta_{1(2),3} = 4 & \Delta_{3(1),2} = 3 \\ \Delta_{12} = 9 & \Delta_{13} = 6 \quad \Delta_{23} = 3 \end{array}$$

It can be seen from the above values of  $\Delta_{i(k),j}$ 's that the matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$  satisfies the conditions of equation (19).

$\alpha_{ij}$ 's are then obtained using the definition given in equation (21).

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha_{12} = 1 \\ \alpha_{13} = \frac{2}{3} \\ \alpha_{23} = \frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$



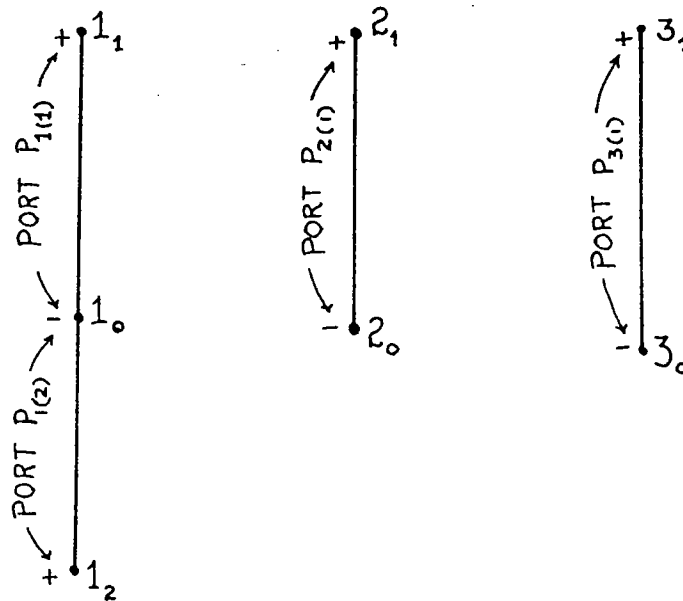


Figure 2. Port-configuration for the Example

Inequality (29) gives rise to the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |y_{1(1),1(2)}| = 2 &\geq \frac{\Delta_{1(1),2}\Delta_{1(2),2}\alpha_{12}^2}{\alpha_{12}g_{1o2o}-\Delta_{12}} + \frac{\Delta_{1(1),3}\Delta_{1(2),3}\alpha_{13}^2}{\alpha_{13}g_{1o2o}-\Delta_{13}} \\
 &= \frac{3 \times 6}{g_{1o2o}-9} + \frac{2 \times 4 \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)g_{1o2o}-6} \\
 &= \frac{18}{g_{1o2o}-9} + \frac{\left(\frac{32}{9}\right)}{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)g_{1o2o}-6}
 \end{aligned}$$

A choice of 24 for  $g_{1o2o}$  will satisfy the above inequality. With this choice we obtain the following

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{1o3o} &= 16; & S_{12} &= \frac{192}{5}; & S_{23} &= \frac{64}{5} \\
 g_{2o3o} &= 8; & S_{13} &= \frac{128}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$k_{1(1),2} = k_{1(1),3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$k_{1(2),2} = k_{1(2),3} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$k_{2(1),1} = k_{2(1),3} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$k_{3(1),1} = k_{3(1),2} = \frac{3}{8}$$

The network of departure  $N_d$  (using equations (7), (8), (9) and (10)) is obtained as in Figure 3. The padding network is obtained (using equations (11), (12) and (13)) as in Figure (4).

The parallel combination of  $N_d$  and  $N_p$  is shown in Figure 5. This network realizes the matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

### 3. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have established the conditions sufficient for the  $(n+p)$ -node realizability of  $\mathbf{Y}$ -matrices of  $(n+1)$ -node resistive  $n$ -port networks. The realization procedure given in Section 2 generalizes the ones known already for the cases of  $p=n$  and  $p=2$ .<sup>2,5,6,9</sup> In fact, the conditions implied by equation (19)

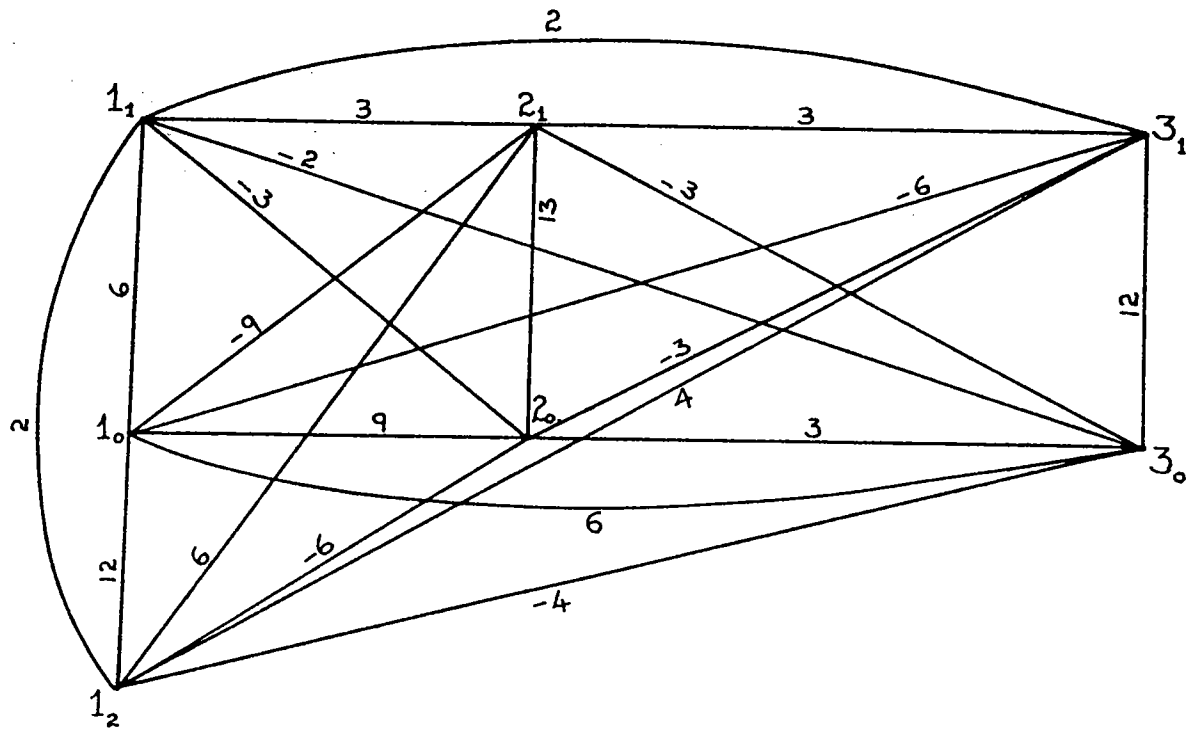


Figure 3. Network of departure for the Example

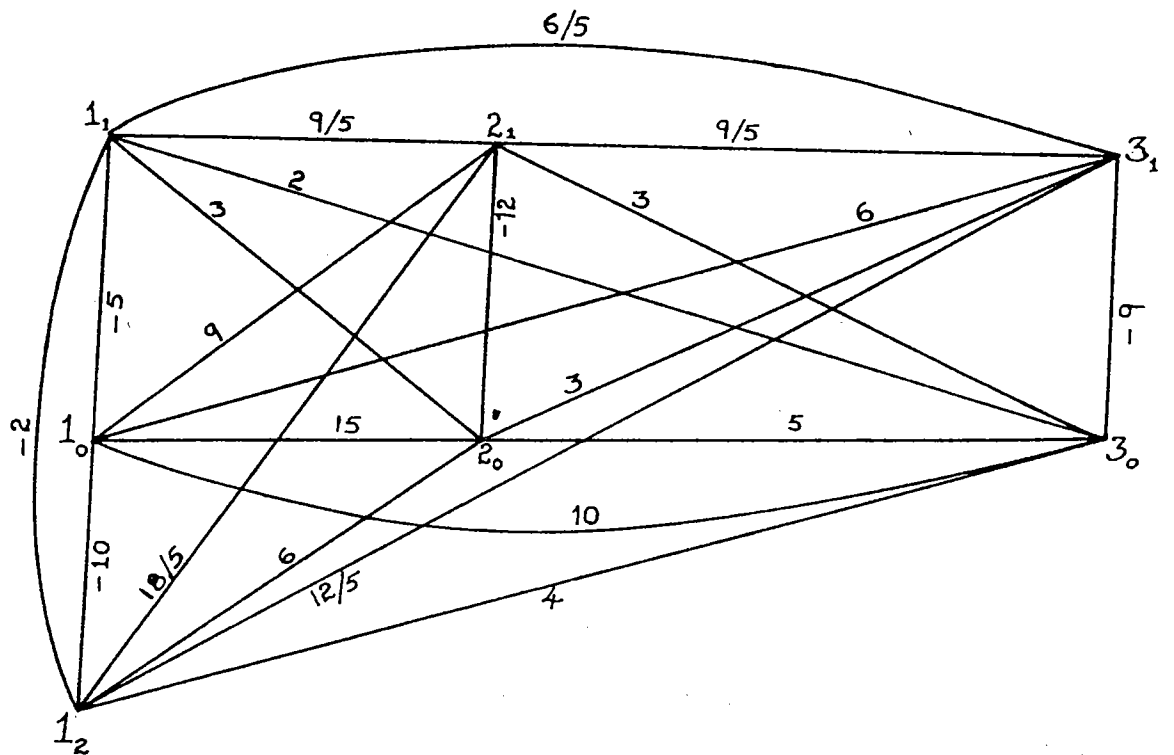


Figure 4. Padding network for the Example

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