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I. Model Predictive Control of a Metal Hydride Hydrogen Storage presenter: Daniel Schwingshackl



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- The company GKN Hydrogen
- Metal Hydride How it works
- Metal Hydride Hydrogen Storage (MHHS)

MPC of a MHHS

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- Outlook



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GKN Powder Metallurgy – Origin of GKN Hydrogen



GKN Hydrogen = Green H₂ Energy Storage



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Hydrogen Timeline - From R&D to Industrial Scale



Launch of GKN HYDROGEN



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Metal Hydride Storage = How it works

Hydrogen Charge

- H₂ gas is fed to the metal alloy at pressure up to 40 bar
- Alloy reacts with hydrogen, creating a metal hydride and releases heat



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Hydrogen Discharge

- Metal hydride is heated
- H₂ is released safely





What we offer



Modular System





Metal Hydride Hydrogen Storage (MHHS)





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Metal Hydride Hydrogen Storage (single tube)



Void volume inner tube:

 $V_{VT} = \pi/4 \ x \ d_i^2 \ x \ L = 45.26 dm^3$

 ${\it Mass \, of \, FeTi \, filled \, into \, the \, tube:}$

130 discs x 1.091kg/disc= 141.83kg

Volume of FeTi :

Density FeTi = 6.05kg/dm³ $V_{FeTi} = m/\rho = 23.44 dm^3$

Gaseous H2 volume: 21.82dm³

MH volume:

23.44dm³

Ratio gaseous H2/total volume:

~ 48.2%



Motivation

For loading/unloading actions

- Storage to be prepared upfront in order to minimize reaction times
- Time and energy consuming
- Storage behaviour heavily depends on current operating point
- Heating power is limited

Challenges

- Reduce undesired waiting times
- Avoid H2 overfilling
- Ensure H2 customer flow
- Minimize selfconsumptions
- Applicability on PLC

Idea

- By having future information on customers H2 demand/production
- Predict storage behavior based on mathematical model
- Keep storage pressure within its limits
- Minimize required heating power using optimization



Model Predictive Control (MPC) and Local Linear Neuro Fuzzy Model (LLNFM) [1,2]



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State of the art

- Currently applied
 - ON/OFF control combined with thresholds (temperature/pressure)
- Literature
 - PI/PID-Control strategies [3,4,5,6]
 - No prediction of storage behaviour
 - Future load profile not taken into account
 - Model Predictive Control [7,8,9]
 - multi-reactor application
 - Offline optimization



Control strategy

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Linear MPC [12,13]

Linear discrete time system

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_k$$

 $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_k$ with
 $\mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{\Delta}\mathbf{u}_k$

Prediction:

$$ar{\mathbf{y}}^T = egin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{k+1}^T & \mathbf{y}_{k+2}^T & \cdots & \mathbf{y}_{k+n_p}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Optimization:



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Linear MPC [12,13]

Linear discrete time system

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$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k + b_1 u_k + b_2 d_k$$
$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_k$$

Prediction:

$$ar{\mathbf{y}}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{k+1}^T & \mathbf{y}_{k+2}^T & \cdots & \mathbf{y}_{k+n_p}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Optimization:

$$\begin{split} \min_{\Delta \bar{u}} \left(\bar{e}^T Q \bar{e} + \Delta \bar{u}^T R \Delta \bar{u} \right) \\ s.t. : \quad \bar{u} \leq \bar{u}_{max} \\ \quad \bar{u} \geq \bar{u}_{min} \\ |\Delta \bar{u}| \leq \Delta \bar{u}_{max} \\ \quad \bar{y}_1 \leq \bar{p}_{max} \\ \quad \bar{y}_1 \geq \bar{p}_{min} \end{split}$$

with $ar{e} = ar{y}_2$ $ar{u}^T = egin{bmatrix} u_k^T & \dots & u_{k+n_c-1}^T \end{bmatrix}$

 $\mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vartheta_{out} & p & \vartheta_{mh} & SOC & P_{th} \end{bmatrix}$

 $u^T = \vartheta_{in}$

 $d^T = \dot{m}_{H_2}$

 $\mathbf{y}^T = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p & P_{th} \end{bmatrix}$

with

 $u_k = u_{k-1} + \Delta u_k$

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Local Linear Neuro Fuzzy Model (LLNFM)

1 output of the form:

$$y_{k} = \sum_{l=1}^{M} \left(w_{l0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[w_{li}^{y} y_{k-i} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} w_{li}^{u_{j}} u_{j,k-i} \right] \right) \Phi_{l}(\mathbf{u}^{*}_{k})$$

- m inputs
- M local models of order n
- LoLiMoT-algorithm [10]
- 1 LLNFM for each control variable





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State space model based on LLNFM

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State space model based on LLNFM

$$y_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-a_{n-i,k} y_{k-i} + \sum_{j=1}^m b_{n-i,k}^{u_j} u_{j,k-i} \right) + w_k^d u_d$$

State space representation:

System parameters:

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$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{b}_{1k} u_d$$
$$y_k = \mathbf{c}_k^T \mathbf{x}_k$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{k} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & -a_{0,k} \\ 1 & \ddots & \vdots & -a_{1,k-1} \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & -a_{n-2,k-n+2} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & -a_{n-1,k-n+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B}_{k} \approx \begin{bmatrix} b_{0,k}^{u_{1}} & \cdots & b_{0,k}^{u_{m}} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{n-1,k-n+1}^{u_{1}} & \cdots & b_{n-1,k-n+1}^{u_{m}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Modelling approach

- Performance depends on model quality
- Proper excitation over entire operating range required
- Problem:
 - excitation on real world system exceeds available capacities (cost & time)
- <u>Solution:</u>
 - Generation of identification data via simulation using a detailed physical model



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Simulation Model for MHHS [14]



Modelling approach: work flow [1]

Modeling of the MHHS in Matlab according specification

Generation of the identification data by simulation

• Identification of LLNFM using LoLiMoT [10]



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Identification of the LLNFM

- Excitation based on 3211 piecewise constant sequence [11]
- Applied on several operating points
- Further signal types to be considered
 - APRB signal (open)
 - Shifted chirp (open)





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Problem configuration



Measurable disturbance:

• Desired hydrogen flow \dot{m}_{H_2}



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Validation of the physical model

Comparison:

Measurement vs. phys. model

Error:

- Water outlet temp.: <5°C
- Metal hydride temp.: <9°C
- Pressure: <7bar





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Generation of LLNFM



Simulation results



Simulation results



Outlook

Short term

- Validation on the physical model (model deviations)
- Validation on real world system
- Mid term
 - Extension for customer applications
 - Extension for variable water mass flow
- Long term
 - Online application for model adaption







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Thank you for your attention!

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II. A Path Following Model Predictive Controller for Autonomous Truck Navigation in Off-Road Environments presenter: Hamid Didari IST Hamid Didari, Gerald Steinbauer-Wagner



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Introduction

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- Challenges of Using Human Operators in Truck Logistics
 - Health Impact:
 - Increased risk of musculoskeletal disorders from vibrations and poor seating posture in off-road environments.[1]
 - Regulatory Restrictions:
 - Limited to a maximum of 9 hours of driving per day.
 - Mandatory break of at least 45 minutes after every 4.5 hours of driving.

[1] Influence of particle damping on ride comfort of mining dump truck. In 2020.

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Introduction

LIST

- Benefits of Autonomous Trucks in Logistics
 - Continuous Operation
 - Cost Reduction
 - Safety Improvements







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AIS Navigation Stack[2]

- **Global Planner**
 - Utilizes earth observation data to plan a path toward the goal.



[2] An event-based approach to autonomous navigation. In 2023



AIS Navigation Stack[2]

- Global Planner
- Local Planner
 - Considers obstacles detected through perception and plans a path that follows the route provided by the Global Planner.



[2] An event-based approach to autonomous navigation. In 2023

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AIS Navigation Stack[2]

- Global Planner
- Local Planner
- Controller
 - Generate the control command to follow the local Path
- Path Evaluator:
 - checks if the current local path is safe.

[2] An event-based approach to autonomous navigation. In 2023





Controller

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- Standard controller for AD from DARPA Grand Challenge[3]
 - Computes the cross-track error and heading error.
 - Combines cross-track and heading errors to generate a steering command.
- Limitations
 - Control gains must tuned manually.
 - Ignores future trajectory points.
 - Does not handle constraints such as acceleration limitations.

[3] Autonomous automobile trajectory tracking for off-road driving: Controller design, experimental validation and racing. In 2007





Controller

- Model predictive control (MPC)
 - Model
 - Truck can be modeled as a bicycle (Inertial symmetry, Rigid body)





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Controller

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 - Truck can be modeled as a bicycle (Inertial symmetry, Rigid body)
 - Bicycle Model Position Update Equations:

$$\delta_{k+1} = \delta_k + \Delta \delta \Delta t$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + v_k \cos(\varphi_k + \delta_k) \Delta t$$

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + v_k \sin(\varphi_k + \delta_k) \Delta t$$

$$\varphi_{k+1} = \varphi_k + \frac{v_k}{L} \tan(\delta_k) \Delta t$$

$$v_{k+1} = v_k + a_k \Delta t$$





Controller

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 - Bicycle Model Position Update Equations
 - Error Definition

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{\rho} &\triangleq \arg\min_{\theta} (x - x^{path}(\theta_{\rho}), y - y^{path}(\theta_{\rho})) \\ e^{c} &\triangleq \sin\psi_{(\theta_{\rho})} \left(x - x^{path}(\theta_{\rho}) \right) - \cos\psi_{(\theta_{\rho})} \left(y - y^{path}(\theta_{\rho}) \right) \\ \theta_{a} &\approx \theta_{\rho_{t-1}} + v\Delta t \end{aligned}$$





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Controller

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$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{p} &\approx \theta_{\rho_{t-1}} + v\Delta t \\ e^{l} &\triangleq \theta_{a} - \theta_{\rho} \approx -\cos\psi_{(\theta_{a})} \left(x - x^{path}(\theta_{a}) \right) - \sin\psi_{(\theta_{a})} \left(y - y^{path}(\theta_{a}) \right) \\ e^{c} &\approx \sin\psi_{(\theta_{a})} \left(x - x^{path}(\theta_{a}) \right) - \cos\psi_{(\theta_{a})} \left(y - y^{path}(\theta_{a}) \right) \end{aligned}$$





Controller

- Model predictive control (MPC)
 - Model
 - Truck can be modeled as a bicycle (Inertial symmetry, Rigid body)
 - Bicycle Model Position Update Equations
 - Objective for MPC Cost Function:

$$\min \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_{k}^{c} \\ \hat{e}_{k}^{l} \\ \hat{e}_{k}^{v} \end{pmatrix}^{T} \begin{pmatrix} q_{c} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q_{l} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q_{v} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_{k}^{c} \\ \hat{e}_{k}^{l} \\ \hat{e}_{k}^{v} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_{k} \\ \delta_{k} \end{pmatrix}^{T} \begin{pmatrix} r_{a} & 0 \\ 0 & r_{\delta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k} \\ \delta_{k} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$
$$\underline{a} < a_{k} < \overline{a} , \ \underline{\delta} < \delta_{k} < \overline{\delta} , \ \underline{\Delta\delta} < \Delta\delta_{k} < \overline{\Delta\delta}$$

$$(x, y)$$

$$(x, y)$$

$$(x^{path}(\theta_{\rho}), y^{path}(\theta_{\rho}))$$

$$(x^{path}(\theta_{a}), y^{path}(\theta_{a}))$$

$$(x^{path}(\theta_{a}), y^{path}(\theta_{a}))$$



Controller

- Model predictive control (MPC)
 - Model
 - Velocity Adaptation

$$\delta_{avg} = \frac{\sum |\delta_k|}{N}$$
$$v_{scale} = \frac{\delta_{max} - \delta_{avg}}{\delta_{max}}$$
$$v_{Ref} = (1 - v_{scale}) * v_{Ref}$$





Simulation Environments

- The simulation is done in Model.Connect.
- CARLA
 - Simulates the off-road environments.
- AVL VSMTM
 - Simulates the truck's physics.
- ROS
 - Runs the navigation stacks.





Controller Results













LIST **Controller Results** CTE MPC_10m/s MPC_20m/s ST_10ms MPC(20m/s) MPC(10m/s) Stanley 1.04m 4.12 m 2.7 m Max e_{cte} 0.72 m 0.3m 1.12 m RMS e_{cte} 2 1 300 100 200 400 500 600 700 0





Controller Results – Delay







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LIST **Obstacle Avoidance** and the stars again



Future Works

- Utilize a more accurate model for the truck that considers tire friction.
- Apply Model Predictive Path Integral (MPPI) for the local planner to account for truck dynamics.
- Include obstacles in MPC optimization to ensure they are avoided in the lower-level controller.

This work has been funded by the Austrian defense research program FORTE of the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), as part of the SIMPAS project.

III. Innovative control to suppress sloshing in fast transport of liquids presenter: Stefan Jakubek



Innovative control to suppress sloshing in fast liquid transport maneuver

Stefan Jakubek, Alexander Schirrer, Christoph Hametner





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Link to the full Presentation Video





Sloshing occurs when transporting liquids quickly





- Sloshing is a complex phenomenon in fluid mechanics
- Sloshing can be problematic in applications, such the handling of liquid cargo or industrial production involving liquids:
 - Chemical Industry
 - Food Industry
 - Biotechnology
 - Pharmaceutical Industry
- Understanding and controlling sloshing is crucial for ensuring the safety and efficiency of liquidcarrying systems, as uncontrolled sloshing can lead to instability.

Sloshing occurs when transporting liquids quickly





ACOPOS 6D by B&R Industrial Automation GmbH



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Sloshing sensitivity of liquid containers is high

Even small movements of a liquid container cause significant sloshing! Liquid sloshing modes generally have very little damping!







Modeling liquid sloshing dynamics: Fluid field equations

Assumptions: irrotational, incompressible fluid with negligible viscous dissipation





$$\omega_{1i}^2 = \frac{g\xi_{1i}}{R} \operatorname{tanh}\left(\xi_{1i}\frac{h}{R}\right)$$
 with $\xi_{1i} = 1.841, 5.335, 8.535, \ldots$



Eigenmodes of liquid sloshing dynamics

Animation of different sloshing modes



Excitation of the 2nd sloshing mode





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Control-oriented modeling of sloshing: Forced container oscillation

Forced harmonic oscillations of container:

The hydrodynamic pressure at any point due to liquid sloshing is determined from

$$p = \rho \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial t}$$

= $\rho X_0 \Omega^2 \cos \theta \cos \Omega t$
 $\cdot \left\{ r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2R \Omega^2}{(\xi_{1n}^2 - 1)(\omega_{1n}^2 - \Omega^2)} \frac{J_1(\xi_{1n}r/R) \cosh[\xi_{1n}(z+h)/R]}{J_1(\xi_{1n}) \cosh(\xi_{1n}h/R)} \right\}$



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The overall lateral force on the container wall then becomes

$$F_x = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{z=-h}^0 p \cos\theta \, R \, d\theta \, dz = m_f X_0 \Omega^2 \sin\Omega t \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{\xi_{1n} h(\xi_{1n}^2 - 1)} \frac{2R\,\Omega^2}{(\omega_{1n}^2 - \Omega^2)} \tanh(\xi_{1n} h/R) \right]$$

Ibrahim, R. A. *Liquid Sloshing Dynamics, (Theory and Applications)*. Cambridge University Press, 2005.



Control-oriented modeling of sloshing : Forced pendulum oscillations

Pendulum with harmonic excitation of pivot:



Ibrahim, R. A. *Liquid Sloshing Dynamics, Theory and Applications*. Cambridge University Press, 2005.



$$F_x = X_0 \Omega^2 \sin \Omega t \left\{ m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m_n \left[\frac{\Omega^2}{\omega_n^2 - \Omega^2} + 1 \right] \right\}$$
$$= m_F X_0 \Omega^2 \sin \Omega t \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m_n}{m_F} \left(\frac{\Omega^2}{\omega_n^2 - \Omega^2} \right) \right\}$$



Control-oriented modeling of sloshing : Equivalent pendulum model





- The rest undergoes complex liquid motion, which can be expressed by several eigenmodes, each represented via 2nd-order dynamics
 → interpretation as mathematical pendulums!
- First and second mode are sufficient to describe the dominant motion well!
- Pendulum parameters (m_i, l_i, L_i) are obtained from:
 - 1. eigenfrequencies
 - 2. total mass and total inertia
 - 3. center of gravity
 - 4. reproduce total reaction forces and torques between liquid and container walls



An old but effective idea: The Moroccan waiter's tray

Support the container by a freely moving tray (pendulum-like motion):



When only the pivot is moved, then sloshing is greatly inhibited!





Solution: Let's suspend the container on a virtual pendulum!



Control input = acceleration of pivot: $u = \ddot{x}_0$ State vector: $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \psi & \psi_1 & \psi_2 \\ \psi_1 & \psi_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \dot{\psi} \quad \dot{\psi}_1 \quad \dot{\psi}_2 \quad \dot{x}_0 \end{bmatrix}^T$

liquid sloshing modal coordinates

Effects:

1. The resulting dynamic system is differentially flat, the flat output coordinate is found as: $y_f = x_0 + \alpha \psi + \alpha_1 \psi_1 + \alpha_2 \psi_2$

2. Selecting the virtual pendulum length L_T appropriately makes the 1st sloshing mode uncontrollable by x_0 i.e. the first sloshing mode is eliminated!



Virtual tray length L_T is adjusted to suppress 1st sloshing mode



Equations of motion:

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{L}_T) \, \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{b}(\boldsymbol{L}_T) \ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}_0(t)$$

Key idea:

1. Modal analysis to identify dominant sloshing mode: Find mode with largest magnitude in ψ_1

→ eigenvalue $\lambda_s(L_T)$, left eigenvector $\mathbf{z}_s^{\mathrm{T}}(L_T)$

2. Adjust virtual pendulum (tray) length L_T to <u>violate</u> Hautus controllability criterion for this mode:

 $L_T: \boldsymbol{z}_s^{\mathrm{T}}(L_T) \boldsymbol{b}(L_T) = 0$

 \rightarrow This mode is now <u>uncontrollable</u> by $u = \ddot{x}_0$


Virtual tray length L_T is adjusted to suppress 1st sloshing mode





1st sloshing mode is controllable:

$$\boldsymbol{z}_S^{\mathrm{T}}(L_T) \, \boldsymbol{b}(L_T) \neq 0$$

1st sloshing mode is uncontrollable:

$$\boldsymbol{z}_S^{\mathrm{T}}(L_T) \, \boldsymbol{b}(L_T) = 0$$

 \rightarrow Analogous to a silent/muted bell



Analysis of dynamic liquid pressure distribution during transit







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What if... the container shape is more complex?



- Wave motion decisivly depends on container geometry
- Sloshing motion can easily become unstable in shallow liquid containers
- Owing to their boundary conditions, complex container geometries do generally not have analytic sloshing models

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 Control oriented pendulum models can be created from high-fidelity finite element (FE) models through matching in the frequency domain



Complex FE sloshing dynamics is used to calibrate pendulum model







Complex FE sloshing dynamics is used to calibrate pendulum model

Reaction forces and moments during harmonic sway/pitch motion of container are extracted from FE-model, e.g.

$$F_x = \int_{\partial\Omega} p \cdot (\mathbf{e}_x \cdot \mathbf{n}) d\Omega$$

Pendulum model parameters are fitted to achieve equivalent force/moment frequency responses:



Complex FE sloshing dynamics is used to calibrate pendulum model



Dependence of liquid sloshing on lateral excitation frequency in a circular tank for h/R.2.0. in Abramson, H. et al. "Representation of fuel sloshing in cylindrical tanks by an equivalent mechanical model." *ARS Journal* 31, no. 12 (1961): 1697-1705. Pendulum model parameters are fitted to achieve equivalent force/moment frequency responses:







The resulting virtual tray pendulum motion





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Analysis of dynamic liquid pressure distribution during transit





Example of high sloshing sensitivity: The Martini cocktail glass

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A small disturbance of the robot trajectory causes massive spilling:



What if... the container cannot be pitched?



- Container motion is restricted to translation, i.e. $\psi = 0!$
- Therefore, the first sloshing mode cannot be fully eliminated anymore during container motion.

But:

• Flat output can still be found: $y_f = x_0 + \alpha_1 \psi_1 + \alpha_2 \psi_2$

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 Rest-to-rest trajectories now show excitation of first sloshing mode during transit, but all sloshing is stopped when the container has reached its final position



Rest-to-rest maneuver without pitching the glass: 1D case





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The concept can be easily extended to two-dimensional motion









An industrial application: The ACOPOS 6D system





• A product of **B&R Industrial Automation GmbH**

- Magnetic levitation transport system
- Mainly planar movements
- Maximum speed $v_{max} = 1 \frac{m}{s}$
- Maximum acceleration: $a_{max} = 10 \frac{m}{s^2}$



Spatial expansion: Flatness-based feedforward control without pitching



Two flat outputs:

 $y_{f,1} = x_s + l_1 \psi_1$ $y_{f,2} = y_s + l_1 \theta_1$

→ Decoupled and physically interpretable: linearized tip position of the liquid pendulum

Container motion can also subjected to constraints:

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} |\ddot{x}_s^2 + \ddot{y}_s^2| &\leq a_{max} \\ |\psi_1| &\leq \psi_{1,max} \\ |\theta_1| &\leq \theta_{1,max} \end{aligned}$$

 \rightarrow Maximum shuttle acceleration

ightarrow Maximum sloshing excitation during transit



High dynamic sloshing control: The "swifty eight"





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The "swifty eight": Comparison with uncontrolled case





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1999 European Control Conference (ECC) 31 August – 3 September 1999, Karlsruhe, Germany

MOTION PLANNING AND NONLINEAR SIMULATIONS FOR A TANK CONTAINING A FLUID

François Dubois

Nicolas Petit, Pierre Rouchon



Parameterization of the motion Every quantity of the system writes in terms of \mathcal{V} and $\dot{\mathcal{V}}$. Thus \mathcal{V} is a "flat output" – see [5] and [9] for details. At first order:

$$D(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\mathcal{V}(t + \frac{\Delta}{2}) + \mathcal{V}(t - \frac{\Delta}{2}) \right]$$
(13)

$$v(t,x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\dot{\mathcal{V}}(t + \frac{x - D(t)}{c}) + \dot{\mathcal{V}}(t - \frac{x - D(t)}{c}) \right] \quad (14)$$

$$h(t,x) = \overline{h} + \frac{\sqrt{\overline{h}}}{2\sqrt{g}} \left(\dot{\mathcal{V}}(t - \frac{x - D(t)}{c}) - \dot{\mathcal{V}}(t + \frac{x - D(t)}{c}) \right)$$



Thank you for your Attention!

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IV. Modelling, Control and Monitoring of a Renewable Flow Battery presenter: Thomas Reiter-Nigitz



Modelling, Control and Monitoring of a Renewable Flow Battery

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Why renewable flow batteries?

 Flow batteries have large storage capacity and can balance the electric grid regarding fluctuating renewable energy sources and fluctuating energy sinks



- But flow batteries typically use materials that are not renewable and not local
- Ongoing research to develop renewable flow batteries



Aim

BPTI from TU Graz found electrolyte that can be synthesized from plant-based resources



• Further research for electrolyte at demonstration level requires a control and monitoring strategy

Aim: Develop control and monitoring strategy for research demonstrator of renewable flow battery

Research demonstrator 1/2







Research demonstrator 2/2





Control and monitoring tasks 1/2









Control and monitoring tasks 2/2

- Potentiostat controls the electric circuit
- Simplification compared to grid operation
- Control task:
 Develop hydraulic control

 Monitoring task:
 Develop state-of-charge (SOC) estimator



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Main content

Hydraulic control

- Hydraulic model
- o Control design
- Validation of hydraulic control

SOC estimator

- o SOC definition
- Concentration model
- Electrochemistry model
- o SOC observer
- Validation of SOC estimator





Hydraulic model: Pressure rise by pump

- Model based on affinity law: $\Delta p_{pump}(u_n, \dot{V}) = \alpha u_n^2 + \beta u_n \dot{V} + \gamma \dot{V^2}$
- with non-linear correction, most likely necessary due to pure feedforward pump controller

$$u_n = u_{pump}^{\delta}$$

 $\delta = 0.9$





Hydraulic model: Pressure drop over pipes and stack

Model pipes with turbulent flow

 $\Delta p_{pipe}(\dot{V}) = R_{quad}\dot{V}^2$



• Model stack with combination of laminar and turbulent flow $\Delta p_{stack}(\dot{V}) = R_{lin}\dot{V} + R_{quad}\dot{V}^2$





Hydraulic model: Quasi-stationary case

 Sum of the pressure differences along the hydraulic circuit

 $\rho g (h_{\text{tank}} - h_{\text{tank,in}}) + \alpha u_n^2 + \beta u_n \dot{V} - R_{\text{stack,lin}} \dot{V} + \underbrace{\left(\gamma - R_{\text{feed}} - R_{\text{stack,quad}} - R_{\text{return}}\right)}_{R_{\text{ges,quad}}} \dot{V}^2 = 0$

Solve equation for quasi-stationary volume flow

$$\dot{V}_{s}(u_{n}) = \frac{\beta u_{n} - R_{\text{stack,lin}}}{2R_{\text{ges,quad}}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\beta u_{n} - R_{\text{stack,lin}}}{2R_{\text{ges,quad}}}\right)^{2} + \frac{\alpha u_{n} - \rho g (h_{\text{tank}} - h_{\text{tank,in}})}{R_{\text{ges,quad}}}}$$
$$u_{n} = u_{\text{pump}}^{\delta}$$

Hydraulic model describes quasi-stationary case sufficiently well





Hydraulic model: Dynamic case

 Dynamics are approximated by second order delay

 $\dot{V}_{\rm s}(u_n(t-t_{\rm dead})) = \dot{V} + 2TD\frac{d\dot{V}}{dt} + T^2\frac{d^2\dot{V}}{dt^2}$

Hydraulic model describes dynamic case sufficiently well and can be used for control design



Hydraulic model: Summary of overall model

Influence of the pump speed on the volume flow

$$u_{n} = u_{\text{pump}}^{\delta}$$
$$\dot{V}_{s}(u_{n}) = \frac{\beta u_{n} - R_{\text{stack,lin}}}{2R_{\text{ges,quad}}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\beta u_{n} - R_{\text{stack,lin}}}{2R_{\text{ges,quad}}}\right)^{2} + \frac{\alpha u_{n} - \rho g (h_{\text{tank}} - h_{\text{tank,in}})}{R_{\text{ges,quad}}}}$$
$$\dot{V}_{s} (u_{n}(t - t_{\text{dead}})) = \dot{V} + 2TD \frac{d\dot{V}}{dt} + T^{2} \frac{d^{2}\dot{V}}{dt^{2}}}$$

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 u_{pump}

Influence of the volume flow on the pressure

$$p_{\text{stack,in}} = p_{\text{N2}} + \rho g(h_{\text{tank}} - h_{\text{stack,in}}) + \Delta p_{\text{pump}}(u_{\text{pump}}, \dot{V}) - R_{\text{feed}}\dot{V}$$



Control design: Goals



- Reference tracking of a desired volume flow
 - Ensure enough reactants in the stack
 - Avoid unnecessary power consumption at the pumps
- 15 > Develop flow control

- Reducing pressure difference across the membrane
 - Avoid mechanical stress
 - Avoid inverse osmosis

Develop pressure control




Validation of hydraulic control

- Setpoint for volume flows changes stepwise
- Flow control ensures good reference tracking
- Pressure control keeps pressure differences small



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SOC definition: General description



 $SOC \coloneqq \frac{\text{charge currently stored}}{\text{maximal storable charge}} =$ Q_{max}

- The SOC is NOT directly measurable
 - The SOC changes due to the electric current I_{charge}
 - Positive and negative electrolyte hold individual SOCs
- The lower SOC limits the total storage capacity, i.e. SOC = min(SOC₊, SOC₋)

SOC definition: Detailed description <u>U</u>_{stack} *I_{charge}* R_{loss} SOC +SOC+ SOC. $MHQS \rightarrow MQS + zH^+ + ze^-$ SOC Q_+ C_i definition Q_{-} $AQDS + zH^+ + ze^- \rightarrow AHQDS$ $Q_{max,+}$ $Q_{max, i}$ U_{stack} *I_{charge}* \overline{R}_{loss}

• SOC definition for both sides based on the concentrations of the species

$$SOC_{+} = \frac{c_{MQS,cell}V_{stack} + c_{MQS,tank}V_{tank}}{(c_{MQS,cell} + c_{MHQS,cell})V_{stack} + (c_{MQS,tank} + c_{MHQS,tank})V_{tank}} \cdot \frac{zF}{zF} = \frac{Q_{+}}{Q_{max,+}}$$
$$SOC_{-} = \frac{c_{AHQDS,cell}V_{stack} + c_{AHQDS,tank}V_{tank}}{(c_{AHQDS,cell} + c_{AQDS,cell})V_{stack} + (c_{AHQDS,tank} + c_{AQDS,tank})V_{tank}} \cdot \frac{zF}{zF} = \frac{Q_{-}}{Q_{max,-}}$$



Concentration model: Single species in one cell



Concentration model: All species in stack and both tanks





with
$$V_{stack} = V_{filling} - V_{tank}$$

Electrochemistry model: Overview



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Electrochemistry model: Validation

- Volume flows are kept constant
- Electric current alternates between charging and discharging
- Redox potentials and stack voltage can be described by the electrochemistry model
- The developed models can be used for SOC estimation via SOC observer

Model error at high SOCs



SOC observer: Components

1. Use concentration differences between stack and tank, e.g.: $\Delta c_{MQS} = c_{MQS,stack} - c_{MQS,tank}$

$$\frac{d\Delta c_{MQS}}{dt} = -\dot{V}_{+} \left(\frac{1}{V_{stack}} + \frac{1}{V_{tank}}\right) \Delta c_{MQS} + \frac{N_{cells}}{zFV_{stack}} \left(I_{charge} - \frac{U_{stack}}{R_{loss}}\right)$$

Asymptotically stable error dynamics \rightarrow Use as **Trivial observer** for all species

2. Measurement transformation using Nernst-Equation

$$y_{+} = \frac{c_{MQS,tank}}{c_{MHQS,tank}} = e^{\frac{zF}{RT}(E_{+}-E_{0+})} \text{ and } y_{-} = \frac{c_{AQDS,tank}}{c_{AHQDS,tank}} = e^{\frac{zF}{RT}(E_{-}-E_{0-})}$$

3. State transformation

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\frac{c_{MQS,tank}}{c_{MHQS,tank}}}{\frac{1}{c_{MQS,tank}+c_{MHQS,tank}}} \\ \frac{\frac{1}{c_{AQDS,tank}+c_{MHQS,tank}}}{\frac{1}{c_{AQDS,tank}+c_{AHQDS,tank}}} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{dz}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\dot{V}_{+}}{V_{tank}} \Delta c_{MQS} z_{2} (1+z_{1})^{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{\dot{V}_{-}}{V_{tank}} \Delta c_{AHQDS} z_{4} (1+z_{3})^{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_+ = z_1, y_- = z_3$$

4. Non-linear observer is quite complex \rightarrow For detailed description see publication

Thomas Puleston, Andreu Cecilia, Ramon Costa-Castell´o, and Maria Serra. Nonlinear
 observer for online concentration estimation in vanadium flow batteries based on half-cell voltage measurements. Computers & Chemical Engineering, 185:108664, 2024.





SOC observer: Structure and combination with SOC definition



Validation of SOC estimator



Comparison

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- of charge Q from SOC estimator
- with charge Q from coulomb counting

$$Q(t) = N_{cells} \int_0^t I_{charge}(\tau) \, d\tau$$

- Measurement data is chosen such that Q(0) = 0 is a valid initial condition for the coulomb counting.
- Electric current alternates between charging and discharging







Effect of model error at high SOCs



Conclusion and outlook

- Conclusion
 - Hydraulic control tracks setpoint of volume flow and keeps pressure difference at membrane around zero
 - SOC estimator provides information about both electrolytes
- Outlook
 - Transfer hydraulic control to demonstrator with different hydraulic configurations at next scale
 - Use information from SOC estimator to provide optimal
 - ²⁸ setpoint for **hydraulic control**

V. Observer design for nonlinear heat and mass transfer systems presenter: Alexander Schaum





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OBSERVER DESIGN FOR NONLINEAR HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER SYSTEMS

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 $\rho c_p(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left[\lambda(T) \operatorname{grad} T\right] - \phi = 0$

















Mass and energy balances

According to the first law of thermodynamics it holds that dU = dQ + dW with $U = \int_V \rho u \, dV$

Furthermore, it holds that $du = c_p(T)dT$

In consequence one has that $dU = \int_V \rho c_p(T) dT dV$ and thus

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \int_{V} \rho c_{p}(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV$$

For $dQ = \int_A dq n dA$ and thus $\frac{dQ}{dt} = \int_A \dot{q} n dA = \int_V div \dot{q} dV$

Finally, the dissipated power is given by $\frac{dW}{dt} = \int_V \phi \, dV$, leading to

$$\int_{V} \left\{ \rho c_{p}(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \dot{q} - \phi \right\} \, dV = 0$$



Fourier's law of heat flow states that $\dot{q} = -\lambda(T)$ grad T

In summary, one obtains the heat equation $\rho c_p(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left[\lambda(T) \operatorname{grad} T\right] - \phi = 0$ plus **boundary conditions**..





Process Analytics

Case example: heat conduction in a rod of radius *R*:

Balancing over cross sections yields

$$\bar{T}(z,t) = \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} T(z,r,\varphi) \mathrm{d}r \mathrm{d}\varphi$$

$$\rho c_p \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} = \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} (z, r, \varphi) \mathrm{d}r \mathrm{d}\varphi$$
$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial z}\right) + \bar{\phi}(\bar{T})$$

Including local control inputs with shape functions, e.g.

$$b_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\epsilon}, & z \in [\zeta - \epsilon, \zeta + \epsilon] \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



Adding suitable boundary conditions one obtains

$$\rho c_p \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial z} \right) + \bar{\phi}(\bar{T}) + \sum_{i=1}^p b_i u_i$$
$$\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0,1} = \alpha (\bar{T} - T_e)$$

and measurements

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$$y_i(t) = \int_0^L c_i(z)\overline{T}(z,t), \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$





Classically, observer design is addressed using a **simulator-corrector structure**, following the **Luenberger observer** design

$$\rho c_p \frac{\partial \hat{\bar{T}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial \hat{\bar{T}}}{\partial z} \right) + \bar{\phi}(\hat{\bar{T}}) + \sum_{i=1}^p b_i u_i - \sum_{j=1}^m l_j (\hat{\bar{T}}(\zeta_j, t) - y_j(t))$$
$$\lambda \frac{\partial \hat{\bar{T}}}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0,1} = \alpha (\hat{\bar{T}} - T_e) - \sum_{j=1}^m l_{b,j} (\hat{\bar{T}}(\zeta_j, t) - y_j(t))$$

The observer gains are designed using, e.g., backstepping [Smyshlyaev, Krstic, Deutscher, Gering, etc.], spectral decomposition [Curtain, Hagen, Dubljevic, Schaum], or other approaches.

Implementation then uses finite-dimensional approximation using numerical discretization schemes (e.g., finite differences). This approach is called *late lumping*.





Alternatively, so-called **early lumping** is possible, where first the PDE model is approximated in finite dimensions leading to

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = A_d \boldsymbol{x} + B_d \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_d(\boldsymbol{x})$$

 $\boldsymbol{y} = C \boldsymbol{x}$

followed by finite-dimensional observer or (extended) Kalman Filter design.

$$\dot{\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}} = A_d \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + B_d \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_d(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) - L(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}, \boldsymbol{y}, \boldsymbol{u}) \left(C\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} - \boldsymbol{y}\right)$$

Potential drawbacks in this approach are

- loss of information in the design step due to lumping
- uncertainty regarding **convergence (stability)** with the PDE model
- potentially high dimensional lumped system





The main idea

Use pointwise measurements as local drivers for the observer by directly imposing the measured value at the measurement location.

Observer

$$\begin{split} \rho c_p \frac{\partial \hat{\bar{T}}}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial \hat{\bar{T}}}{\partial z} \right) + \bar{\phi}(\hat{\bar{T}}) + \sum_{i=1}^p b_i u_i \\ \lambda \frac{\partial \hat{\bar{T}}}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0,1} &= \alpha (\hat{\bar{T}} - T_e) \\ \hat{\bar{T}}(\zeta_i, t) &= y_i(t) \end{split}$$

Observation error dynamics

$$\rho c_p \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial z} \right) + \tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}; T)$$

$$\lambda \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0,1} = \alpha \tilde{T}$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}; T) := \bar{\phi}(\bar{T} + \tilde{T}) - \bar{\phi}(\bar{T})$$

$$\tilde{T}(\zeta_i, t) = 0$$





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$$\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T};T)$$

Pointwise injection observer design

By construction the domain is splitted into two parts, so that

$$\tilde{T}(z,t) = \begin{cases} \tilde{T}_1(z,t), & z \in [0,\zeta) \\ 0, & z = \zeta \\ \tilde{T}_2(z,t), & z \in (\zeta,L] \end{cases}$$

where each of the dynamic components satisfies

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{T}_i}{\partial t} = A_i \tilde{T}_i + \tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}_i)$$

with approciately defined operators A_i , which are assumed to generate C_0 - semigroups of contractions S_i with growth bounds $\omega_i < 0$ so that

$$\|S_i(t)\| \le e^{\omega_i t}$$

It follows that

$$\tilde{T}_i(t) = S_i(t)\tilde{T}_i(0) + \int_0^t S_i(t-\tau)\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}_i(\tau); T(\tau))d\tau$$





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In consequence it holds that

$$\begin{split} \|\tilde{T}_{i}(t)\| &= \left\|S_{i}(t)\left(\tilde{T}_{i}(0) + \int_{0}^{t}S_{i}(-\tau)\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}_{i}(\tau);T(\tau))\mathrm{d}\tau\right)\right\| \\ &\leq \|S_{i}(t)\|\left\|\tilde{T}_{i}(0) + \int_{0}^{t}S_{i}(-\tau)\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}_{i}(\tau);T(\tau))\mathrm{d}\tau\right\| \\ &\leq e^{\omega_{i}t}\left(\|\tilde{T}_{i}(0)\| + \int_{0}^{t}e^{-\omega_{i}\tau}\|\|\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}_{i}(\tau);T(\tau))\|\mathrm{d}\tau\right) \end{split}$$

Assuming that $\tilde{\phi}$ is Lipschitz continuous uniformly in *T* with Lipschitz constant $L_{\tilde{\phi}}$, i.e.,

$$\|\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{T}_i(t);T(t))\| \le L_{\tilde{\phi}}\|\tilde{T}_i(t)\|, \quad \forall \quad t \ge 0, T$$

it follows that

$$\|\tilde{T}_i(t)\| \leq \underbrace{e^{\omega_i t} \left(\|\tilde{T}_i(0)\| + \int_0^t e^{-\omega_i \tau} L_{\tilde{\phi}} \|\tilde{T}_i(\tau)\| \mathrm{d}\tau \right)}_{=:\eta_i(t)}$$







For η_i in turn it follows that

 $\dot{\eta}_i = \omega_i \eta_i + e^{\omega_i t} e^{-\omega_i t} L_{\tilde{\phi}} \|\tilde{T}_i\| \le (\omega_i + L_{\tilde{\phi}}) \eta_i$

From Gronwalls lemma one concludes that for $\omega_i < -L_{\widetilde{\phi}}$ one has that in turn it follows that $\eta_i \to 0$ and by definition it thus holds that $0 \le ||\tilde{T}_i(t)|| \le \eta_i(t) \to 0$.

The growth bound ω_i in turn depends on the sensor location. Thus, the observer design consists in adequately determining the sensor location ζ so that the above condition holds true.

In case that $L_{\tilde{\phi}}$ is too large, additional sensors can be included to reduce the associated ω_i .





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Example: Unstable heat equatoin [2015]

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + kT\\ &T(0,t) = T(1,t) = 0\\ &\text{with } \pi < k < 4\pi^2. \text{ Sensor location at } \zeta = 0.5 \quad (L=1) \end{split}$$

Without measurement injection



With pointwise measurement injection





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Example: Multistable diffusion-convection-reaction system [2015]

$$\partial_t x(z,t) = \partial_z^2 x(z,t) - \gamma \partial_z x(z,t) - \alpha x(z,t)(1-x^2(z,t))$$

$$\partial_z x(0,t) = \gamma x(0,t), \quad \partial_z x(1,t) = 0$$

$$x(z,0) = x_0(z), \quad y(t) = x(\zeta,t).$$





Without measurement injection

With pointwise measurement injection





Adding the mass component

Case study: Tubular reactor models [2016, 2017]



$$\rho V c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) - v \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \eta (u - T) + \delta r(c) e^{-\gamma/T}$$
$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right) - v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - r(c) e^{-\gamma/T}$$
$$y_i(t) = T(\zeta_i, t)$$

With sensor located before the before the temperature hot spot (ca. 0.3) exponential convergence can be established.







Adding the mass component

Case study: Tubular reactor models [2016, 2017]



For the case of boundary perturbations, if an additional sensor is put at the corresponding boundary, a perfect cancelation is ensured (*unknown input observer* [Schaum 2018]).



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Pointwise injection observer design



Comparison with early-lumping EKF and one single sensor:



Lack of convergence in some scenarios due to multi-stability of tubular reactor model



Rapid thermal processing of silicon wafers









Heat equation in polar coordinates (assuming angular homogeneity) [2021, 2022]:

$$\rho c_p(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \ k(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \phi(T) + \sum_{j=1}^p b_j u_j$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}(0,t) = 0, \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}(R,t) = 0, T(r,0) = T_0(r)$$

$$y_i(t) = T(\rho_i, t), \rho_i \in (0, R), i = 1, \dots, m$$



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Kirchhoff transformation:

$$k(T)\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \theta = \int_{T_r}^T k(\tau) \mathrm{d}\tau$$





This leads to the simplified model

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} \right) + \psi(\theta), \quad \alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c_p}$$

with the associated transformed measurement

$$y_{\theta}(t) = \int_{T_r}^{y(t)} k(\tau) \mathrm{d}\tau$$

For θ a pointwise measurement injection observer is designed. Under the assumption that α is constant exponential convergence can be established [Schaum et al 2021].

If α is not constant this assumption leads to a distributed disturbance...

Observation error



Based on the previous result, for the case of a distributed disturbance w

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$$\rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \varphi(T) + w$$

using the Lyapunov functional

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$$V(\tilde{T}) = \int_0^R r \left(\int_T^{T+\tilde{T}} k(\tau) \mathrm{d}\tau \right)^2 \mathrm{d}r$$

it can be established that, if the sensor locations are appropriately chosen, the observation error dynamics is input-to-state stable (ISS) w.r.t. the disturbance w

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}t} \le -(\kappa - \bar{L})\|\tilde{T}\| + \beta (w^+)^2$$

implying robust observer convergence [2022].





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Stefan problem

Under the assumption that parameters only vary on time (only approximately true...) it holds that

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\lambda}{\rho c_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right), \quad x \in (0, L(t))$$
$$\frac{\lambda}{\rho c_p} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} (L(t), t) = \alpha L \left(T_{oven}(t) - T(L(t), t) \right)$$
$$T(0, t) = T_{base}(t)$$

Measurement: $y(t) = T(\zeta, t)$ with ζ either fixed or time-varying...









Stefan problem

Normalization of spatial coordinate: $s = \frac{x}{L}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= \frac{\lambda}{\rho c_p L^2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial s^2} - s \frac{\dot{L}}{L} \frac{\partial T}{\partial s}, \quad s \in (0,1) \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial s}(1,t) &= \frac{\alpha \rho c_p L}{\lambda} L \left(T_{oven}(t) - T(1,t) \right) \\ T(0,t) &= T_{base}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Measurement: $y(t) = T(\sigma, t)$ with σ either fixed or time-varying...







Stefan problem

Assumption: L, \dot{L} are known

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \bar{\lambda} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial s^2} - s \frac{\dot{L}}{L} \frac{\partial T}{\partial s}$$
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial s} (1, t) = \bar{\alpha} \left(T_{oven}(t) - T(1, t) \right)$$
$$T(0, t) = T_{base}(t)$$

heat equation with the two unknown time-varying parameters: $\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\alpha}$.

Problem of joint state and parameter estimation for a time-varying PDE system



Baking proceses





$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= \bar{\lambda} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial s^2} - s \frac{\dot{L}}{L} \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} (1,t) &= \bar{\alpha} \left(T_{oven}(t) - T(1,t) \right) \\ T(0,t) &= T_{base}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Model approximation through finite differences and combination with **extended Kalman Filter for joint state and parameter estimation**, ignoring changes in the size implying a **distributed disturbance**...




0.3

0.2 L 0

50

100

time

150

Process Analytics





Baking proceses



Next steps:

crust exp crust model

250

200

- inclusion of volumetric changes, ISS analysis regarding distributed disturbances,
- different sensor localizations (constant versus time-varying, known versus unknown...)





Conclusions

- Nonlinear heat and mass transfer models (with time-varying domains) are frequently found in different areas of application
- Different solution strategies can be employed to address such problems, including early and late lumping strategies
- Crucial design degrees of freedom include the sensor location and choice of observer gain
- Pointwise measurement injection observer design provides a direct means for sensor location without the need to design an observer gain, and has been successfully employed for different applications so far.

Outlook

- Extend previous results to include time-varying domains (Stefan problems), spatially varying parameters, explicit ISS criteria
- Further experimental validations for different applications

VI. Observability and High Gain Observer Design for Polynomial Systems presenter: Klaus Röbenack





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Structure of the Talk

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4 High Gain Observers









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Nonlinear state space system

 $\dot{x} = f(x)$ (system dynamics) y = h(x) (measured output)

defined on $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

Usually, the full state x is not measured ($\dim(x) > \dim(y)$), e.g.

- Encoder: measures the angle, but not the angular velocity
- Tachometer: measures the angular velocity, but not the angle

State Observation Problem

Rekonstruct the state x from the measured output y.

Is this possible at all? \implies observability How to do that? \implies observer design



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(1)

Definition (Indistinguishably)

Two states $x(0), \bar{x}(0) \in \mathcal{M}$ are called indistinguishable on an interval [0, T] with T > 0 if

 $\forall t \in [0,T]: \quad h(x(t)) = h(\bar{x}(t)).$

Otherwise, the states are called distinguishable.



R. Hermann and A. J. Krener. "Nonlinear Controllability and Observability". In: IEEE Trans. on Automatic Control 22.5 (1977), pp. 728–740. DOI: 10.1109/TAC.1977.1101601.





Nonlinear Observability Lie Derivative and Lie Series

• Lie derivative of a function *h* along the vector field *f*

$$L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(x)f(x)$$

• Higher order Lie derivatives

$$L_f^{k+1}h(x) = L_f L_f^k h(x), \quad L_f^0 h(x) = h(x)$$

• Series expansion of y(t) = h(x(t))with $\dot{x} = f(x)$ yields Lie series

$$y(t) = h(x(t)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} L_f^k h(x(0))$$







• Observability map: Taylor coefficients of the output trajectory

$$q_k(x) = \left(h(x), \ L_f h(x), \ L_f^2 h(x), \ \dots, L_f^{k-1} h(x)\right)^{\mathrm{T}}$$

• Two states $x, \bar{x} \in \mathcal{M}$ are indistinguishable if the output trajectories are identical

$$q(x) = q(\bar{x})$$

• Set of indistinguishable pairs of states

$$\mathcal{I} = \left\{ (x, \bar{x}) \in \mathcal{M}^2 \, | \, q(x) = q(\bar{x}) \right\}$$

• Set of identical pairs of states

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ (x, \bar{x}) \in \mathcal{M}^2 \, | \, x = \bar{x} \right\} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$$





Definition (Local observability at a point $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}$)

System (1) is called locally observable at a point $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}$, if the observability map is injective in a neighborhood $U_{x_0} \subset \mathcal{M}$ of x_0 , i. e.,

$$\forall x, \bar{x} \in U_{x_0} : q(x) = q(\bar{x}) \implies x = \bar{x}$$

or equivalently $\mathcal{I} \cap U^2_{x_0} = \mathcal{E} \cap U^2_{x_0}$.

Definition (Local observability)

System (1) is called locally observable if it is locally observable at all $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}$.

E. D. Sontag. "A concept of local observability". In: Systems & Control Letters 5 (1984), pp. 41–47.



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Definition (Global observability)

System (1) is called globally observable if

$$\forall x, \bar{x} \in \mathcal{M} : q(x) = q(\bar{x}) \implies x = \bar{x}$$

or equivalently $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{E}$.



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Problem / Question

How many Lie derivatives are needed?

B. Tibken. "Observability of nonlinear systems — an algebraic approach". In: Proc. IEEE Conf. on Decision and Control (CDC). vol. 5. Nassau, Bahamas, Dec. 2004, pp. 4824–4825. DOI: 10.1109/CDC.2004.1429553.

Z. Bartosiewicz. "Algebraic criteria of global observability of polynomial systems". In: Automatica 69 (2016), pp. 210–213.







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Definition (Ideals)

A (polynomial) ideal $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$, $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ is a set with

- 1. $0 \in I$,
- 2. $a, b \in I \implies a + b \in I$.
- 3. $a \in I, c \in \mathbb{R}[x] \implies ac \in I$.

Definition (Real varieties)

A real variety $\mathbf{V}(I) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is the common real zero set of all polynomials in $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$:

$$\mathbf{V}(I) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \, | \, p(x) = 0 \, \forall p \in I \}.$$

D. A. Cox, J. Little, and D. O'Shea. Ideals, Varieties, and Algorithms. An Introduction to Computational Algebraic Geometry and Commutative Algebra. 4th. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, 2015.





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Theorem (Hilbert's Basis Theorem)

For every ideal $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$ there exists a finite set of polynomials $p_1, \ldots, p_s \in I$ such that

$$I = \{a_1p_1 + \dots + a_sp_s \mid a_1, \dots, a_s \in \mathbb{R}[x]\} = \langle p_1, \dots, p_s \rangle$$

- Different bases can describe the same ideal
- Gröbner bases allow the comparison of ideals
- A reduced Gröbner basis is unique for a given monomial ordering





• Every real variety $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ can be associated with a real ideal

 $\mathbf{I}(V) = \{ p \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid p(x) = 0 \ \forall x \in V \}$

• A real radical of an ideal $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$ is defined by

$$\sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I} = \left\{ p \, \middle| \, \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} : \exists a \in \sum \mathbb{R}[x]^2 : p^{2m} + a \in I \right\}$$

• There holds the following relation

 $I \subseteq \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{V}(I)) = \sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I}$

• Example

$$\mathbb{R}[x] \supset I = \langle x^2(1+x^2) \rangle, \quad \mathbf{V}(I) = \{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{V}(I)) = \langle x \rangle = \sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I}$$

T. Becker and V. Weispfenning. Gröbner Bases. A Computational Approach to Commutative Algebra. 2nd. New York: Springer-Verlag, 1998.





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Polynomials and Varieties Geometric Operations

	ideals	varieties	
real ideal	$\sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I} = \mathbf{I}(V)$	$V = \mathbf{V}(I)$	real variety
ideal sum	I + J	$\mathbf{V}(I)\cap \mathbf{V}(J)$	intersection
ideal intersection	$I \cap J$	$\mathbf{V}(I)\cup\mathbf{V}(J)$	union
saturation ideal	$I:J^{\infty}$	$\overline{{f V}(I)\setminus{f V}(J)}$	difference
elimination ideal	$I \cap \mathbb{R}[x]$	$\operatorname{proj}_x \mathbf{V}(I)$	projection





Observability Test



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Observability Test

sets of zeros	\iff sets of polynomials			
(algebraic varieties)	(ideals)			
indistinguishable states				
	$I = \langle q(x) - q(\bar{x}) \rangle$			
$\mathcal{I} = \{ (x, \bar{x}) q(x) - q(\bar{x}) = 0 \}$	$= \langle h(x) - h(\bar{x}),$			
	$L_f h(x) - L_f h(\bar{x}), \ldots \rangle$			
identical states				
$\mathcal{E} = \int (x \ \overline{x}) \mid x = \overline{x} = 0 \subset \mathcal{T}$	$E = \langle x - \bar{x} \rangle$			
$\mathcal{L} = \{(x, x) \mid x - x = 0\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$	$= \langle x_1 - \bar{x}_1, \dots, x_n - \bar{x}_n \rangle$			

Remark

The unobservable points can be computed comparing the ideals *I*, *E*.





Observability Test Lie derivative of an ideal

Polynomial system

 $\dot{x} = f(x)$

Definition

Let $I = \langle g_1, \ldots, g_s \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$ be a polynomial ideal. The Lie derivative of the ideal along a polynomial vector field f is given by

$$L_{f}^{\infty}I = \left\{ a_{1}L_{f}^{n_{1}}g_{1} + \dots + a_{s}L_{f}^{n_{s}}g_{s} \, \middle| \, n_{k} \in \mathbb{N}_{0}, \, g_{k} \in I, \, a_{k} \in \mathbb{R}[x] \right\}$$

Properties

- $L_f^{\infty}I \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$ is an ideal, i.e., it a has a finite basis
- $L_f^{\infty}I$ is closed: $g \in L_f^{\infty}I \implies L_fg \in L_f^{\infty}I$





Observability Test Computation

Computation $L_f^{\infty}I$ of $I = \langle G \rangle = \langle g_1, \dots, g_s \rangle$:

- 1: $G \leftarrow \text{GroebnerBasis}(G)$
- 2: for $g \in G$ do
- 3: $r \leftarrow remainder of polynomial division of <math>L_f g$ w.r.t. G
- 4: **if** $r \neq 0$ **then**
- 5: $G \leftarrow G \cup \{r\}$
- 6: **goto** 1

Remarks

- Algorithm terminates after a finite number of steps (ascending chain condition)
- Finally we obtain $L_f^{\infty}I = \langle G \rangle$
- Computed basis G depends on the monomial order





Observability Test

• Two instances of the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f(x) \\ \dot{\bar{x}} &= f(\bar{x}) \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{\bar{x}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x) \\ f(\bar{x}) \end{pmatrix} = F(x, \bar{x}) , \quad (x, \bar{x}) \in \mathcal{M}^2 \end{aligned}$$

• Output map describes the difference between the outputs

$$r = H(x, \bar{x}) = h(x) - h(\bar{x})$$

• Observability map

$$Q(x,\bar{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} H(x,\bar{x}) \\ L_F^1 H(x,\bar{x}) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h(x) - h(\bar{x}) \\ L_f^1 h(x) - L_f^1 h(\bar{x}) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = q(x) - q(\bar{x})$$





Observability Test

• Indistinguishable pairs of states $(x, \bar{x}) \in \mathcal{I}$ constitute a real variety

 $q(x) - q(\bar{x}) = Q(x, \bar{x}) = 0 \iff (x, \bar{x}) \in \mathbf{V}(\langle H, L_F^1 H, \ldots \rangle)$

• Ideal $\langle H, L_F^1 H, L_F^2 H, \ldots \rangle$ is the stabilized ideal $L_F^\infty \langle H \rangle$ wrt. the differential operator L_F

$$I = \left\langle H, L_F^1 H, L_F^2 H, \ldots \right\rangle = L_F^{\infty} \left\langle H \right\rangle$$

Indistinguishable pairs of states

The set of indistinguishable pairs of states is the real variety

 $\mathcal{I} = \mathbf{V}(I) = \mathbf{V}(L_F^{\infty} \langle H \rangle).$





Observability Test Global Observability

Identical pairs of states

The set of identical pairs of states is the real variety

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathbf{V}(E) = \mathbf{V}(\langle x_1 - \bar{x}_1, \dots, x_n - \bar{x}_n \rangle).$$

Theorem (Global Observability)

The system is globally observable if and only if

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{E} \iff \sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I} = \sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{E} \iff \sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{L_F^{\infty}\langle H \rangle} = \langle x_1 - \bar{x}_1, \dots, x_n - \bar{x}_n \rangle.$$





Observability Test

Example: Van der Pol oscillator

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$
, $\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2(x_1^2 - 1)$, $y = x_2$

Chain of ideals

$$\begin{split} L_{F}^{0}\langle H \rangle &= L_{F}^{0}\langle x_{2} - \bar{x}_{2} \rangle = \langle x_{2} - \bar{x}_{2} \rangle \\ L_{F}^{1}\langle H \rangle &= \langle x_{2} - \bar{x}_{2}, x_{1}^{2}\bar{x}_{2} - \bar{x}_{1}^{2}\bar{x}_{2} + x_{1} - \bar{x}_{1} \rangle \\ L_{F}^{2}\langle H \rangle &= \langle x_{2} - \bar{x}_{2}, x_{1}^{2}\bar{x}_{2} - \bar{x}_{1}^{2}\bar{x}_{2} + x_{1} - \bar{x}_{1}, \\ & x_{1}^{2}\bar{x}_{1} - x_{1}\bar{x}_{1}^{2} - 2x_{1}\bar{x}_{2}^{2} + 2\bar{x}_{1}\bar{x}_{2}^{2} + x_{1} - \bar{x}_{1}, \\ & x_{1}\bar{x}_{1}^{2}\bar{x}_{2} - \bar{x}_{1}^{3}\bar{x}_{2} + 2x_{1}\bar{x}_{2}^{3} - 2x_{1}\bar{x}_{2}^{3} + x_{1}\bar{x}_{1} - \bar{x}_{1}^{2} - x_{1}\bar{x}_{2} + \bar{x}_{1}\bar{x}_{2} \rangle \\ & \cdots \subsetneq L_{F}^{3}\langle H \rangle \subsetneq L_{F}^{4}\langle H \rangle = L_{F}^{5}\langle H \rangle = L_{F}^{\infty}\langle H \rangle = \langle x_{1} - \bar{x}_{1}, x_{2} - \bar{x}_{2} \rangle \end{split}$$

System is globally observable.



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Observability Test

Local observability at $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}$

A system is called locally observable at a point x_0 if there exists a neighborhood U_{x_0} of x_0 such that

$$\forall x, \bar{x} \in U_{x_0} : q(x) = q(\bar{x}) \implies x = \bar{x}$$

or equivalently $\mathcal{I} \cap U^2_{x_0} = \mathcal{E} \cap U^2_{x_0}$.







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Observability Test Local Observability

Theorem (Local observability)

The points, where the system is not locally observable are given by the real variety

$$\operatorname{proj}_{x}\left(\overline{\mathcal{I}\setminus\mathcal{E}}\cap\mathcal{E}\right) = \mathbf{V}((I:E^{\infty}+E)\cap\mathbb{R}[x]).$$

D. Gerbet and K. Röbenack. "On global and local observability of nonlinear polynomial systems: A decidable criterion". In: at-Automatisierungstechnik 68.6 (2020), pp. 395–409. DOI: 10.1515/auto-2020-0027.





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Observability Test

Example: Duffing oscillator

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$
, $\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_1^3$, $y = x_2$

- Stabilized ideal $L_F^4\langle H\rangle = L_F^\infty\langle H\rangle = I$
- Real radical \implies not globally observable

$$\sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I} = \left\langle x_2 - \bar{x}_2, x_1 \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2, x_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^3 - x_1 + \bar{x}_1, x_1 \bar{x}_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^4 - x_1 \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_1^2 \right\rangle$$

• Saturation ideal

$$\sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I} : E = \left\langle \bar{x}_2, x_2, x_1^2 + x_1 \bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_1^2 - 1, \bar{x}_1^3 - \bar{x}_1 \right\rangle$$

• Ideal sum

$$\sqrt[\mathbb{R}]{I}: E + E = \langle 1 \rangle = \mathbb{R}[x, \bar{x}]$$

• System is locally observable



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The observability map

 $q_N: \mathcal{M} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \qquad x \mapsto z = q_N(x)$

embeds system (1) into observability canonical form

with Brunovsky triple (A, b, c^T) and

$$\alpha(z) = L_f^N h(x) \quad \text{with} \quad x = q_N^{-1}(z)$$

Problem

Computation of the inverse q_N^{-1} of the map $q_N : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^N$ for N > n







System in observability canonical form

$$\dot{z} = A z + b \alpha(z), \quad y = c^T x$$

State observer in Luenberger structure with observer gain $l \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\dot{\hat{z}} = \underbrace{A\,\hat{z} + b\,\alpha(\hat{z})}_{} + \underbrace{l\,(y - c^T\,\hat{z})}_{}$$

simulation term correction term

Observation error $e = z - \hat{z}$ is governeed by error dynamics

$$\dot{e} = \underbrace{(A - l \, c^T) \, e}_{\text{linear}} + \underbrace{b \left(\alpha(z) - \alpha(\hat{z})\right)}_{\text{nonlinear}}$$

High gain observer design (Gauthier et al 1991, 1992)

Assume that the map α is (locally) Lipschitz continuous. Then, the observer gain l can be chosen such that the equilibrium point e = 0of the error dynamics is (locally) asymptotically stable.



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Construction of the observability canonical form

$$\underbrace{z_1 = h(x), z_2 = L_f h(x), \dots, z_N = L_f^{N-1} h(x),}_{\text{coordinates of the canonical form}}, \underbrace{\dot{z}_N = L_f^N h(x)}_{\text{nonlinearity } \alpha}$$

Formulation as an elimination ideal

$$I = \underbrace{\langle z_1 - h(x), z_2 - L_f h(x), \dots, \dot{z}_N - L_f^N h(x) \rangle}_{\text{define new coordinates } z_1, \dots, z_N \text{ and nonlinearity } \dot{z}_N} \cap \underbrace{\mathbb{R}[z_1, \dots, z_N, \dot{z}_N]}_{\text{eliminate } x}$$
$$= \langle p_1, \dots, p_s \rangle \quad \dots \quad \text{Gröbner basis}$$

Collect all polynomials of the form

$$p_i = a \dot{z}_N + \cdots$$
 with $a \in \mathbb{R}[z_1, \dots, z_N]$

Solve linear system $\implies \dot{z}_N = \alpha(z_1, \ldots, z_n)$

D. Gerbet and K. Röbenack. "A High-Gain Observer for Embedded Polynomial Dynamical Systems". In: Machines 11.2 (2023). DOI: 10.3390/machines11020190.





Example: Globally observable academic system

$$\dot{x} = f(x) = 1, \quad y = h(x) = x^3$$

Embedding with N = 1

$$y = z_1 = L_f^0 h(x) = x^3$$

 $\dot{y} = \dot{z}_1 = L_f^1 h(x) = 3x^2$

Elimination ideal

$$I = \left\langle z_1 - x^3, \dot{z}_1 - 3x^2 \right\rangle \cap \mathbb{R}[z_1, \dot{z}_1] = \left\langle \dot{z}_1^3 - 27z_1^2 \right\rangle$$

Observability canonical form

$$\dot{z}_1 = 3z_1^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

with non-Lipschitz nonlinearity ($z_1(0) = 0 \implies z_1(t) = 0$ and $z_1(t) = t^3$)



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Example: Embedding with N = 3

$$z_{1} = L_{f}^{0}h(x) = x^{3}$$

$$z_{2} = L_{f}^{1}h(x) = 3x^{2}$$

$$z_{3} = L_{f}^{2}h(x) = 6x$$

$$\dot{z}_{3} = L_{f}^{3}h(x) = 6$$

Elimination ideal

$$\begin{split} I &= \left\langle z_1 - x^3, \, z_2 - 3x^2, \, z_3 - 6x, \, \dot{z}_3 - 6 \right\rangle \cap \mathbb{R}[z_1, z_2, z_3, \dot{z}_3] \\ &= \left\langle \underbrace{\dot{z}_3 - 6}_{\text{nonlinearity}}, \, \underbrace{z_3^2 - 12z_2, z_2 z_3 - 18z_1, 3z_1 z_3 - 2z_2^2, z_2^3 - 27z_1^2}_{\text{constraints}} \right\rangle \\ \end{split}$$

Observability canonical form

$$\dot{z}_1 = z_2$$

 $\dot{z}_2 = z_3$
 $\dot{z}_3 = 6$





Example: Rössler Attractor

 $\dot{x}_1 = -x_2 - x_3, \quad \dot{x}_2 = x_1 + \frac{1}{5}x_2, \quad \dot{x}_3 = \frac{1}{5} + x_3\left(x_1 - \frac{57}{10}\right), \qquad y = x_1$

Embedding with N = 5, eliminating state variables x: $0 = \dot{z}_5 z_3 - z_4 z_5 - \frac{4}{5} z_3 z_5 + \frac{3}{5} z_4^2 + \frac{3}{25} z_3 z_4 - \frac{3}{5} z_2^2 z_4 + \frac{4577}{250} z_2 z_4 - \frac{61}{250} z_4 - 4 z_3^3 - 2 z_1 z_2 z_3^2 + \cdots$ $0 = \dot{z}_5 z_2 - z_4^2 - \frac{2}{5} z_3 z_4 - 3 z_2^2 z_4 - \frac{7}{25} z_2 z_4 + \frac{61}{50} z_4 - 3 z_2 z_3^2 + z_1^2 z_3^2 - \frac{53}{5} z_1 z_3^2 + \frac{561}{20} z_3^2 - \cdots$ $0 = \dot{z}_5 \left(z_1 - \frac{59}{10} \right) - z_3 z_4 + \frac{1}{5} z_2 z_4 - \frac{61}{10} z_4 - 4 z_1 z_3^2 + \frac{114}{5} z_3^2 - 3 z_2^2 z_3 - 6 z_1^2 z_2 z_3 + \cdots$ $0 = z_2 z_5 - z_3 z_4 - \frac{3}{5} z_2 z_4 + z_1 z_3^2 - \frac{11}{2} z_3^2 - 3 z_2^2 z_3 - z_1^2 z_2 z_3 + \frac{58}{5} z_1 z_2 z_3 - \frac{671}{20} z_2 z_3 + \cdots$ $0 = z_1 z_5 - \frac{59}{10} z_5 - z_3^2 - 3 z_1 z_2 z_3 + \frac{173}{10} z_2 z_3 - z_1^3 z_3 + \frac{171}{10} z_1^2 z_3 - \frac{9747}{100} z_1 z_3 + \frac{179101}{1000} z_3 + \cdots$ $0 = z_1 z_4 - \frac{59}{10} z_4 - z_2 z_3 - z_1^2 z_3 + \frac{57}{5} z_1 z_3 - \frac{649}{20} z_3 + \frac{1}{5} z_2^2 + \frac{1}{5} z_1^2 z_2 - \frac{58}{25} z_1 z_2 + \frac{313}{500} z_2 - \cdots$

Evaluation of $\dot{z}_5 = \phi(z)$ ill posed at

$$z_1 - \frac{59}{10} = 0, \ z_2 = 0, \ z_3 = 0$$





Evaluation of $\dot{z}_5 = \phi(z)$ ill posed at

$$z_1 - \frac{59}{10} = 0, \ z_2 = 0, \ z_3 = 0$$

System can always be solved for \dot{z}_5 for $z \in q_5(\mathcal{M})$

$$\begin{aligned} & (z_1 - \frac{59}{10})\dot{z}_5 = \cdots \\ & z_2 \dot{z}_5 = \cdots \\ & z_3 \dot{z}_5 = \cdots \end{aligned} \qquad \dot{z}_5 = \frac{1}{\left(z_1 - \frac{59}{10}\right)^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2} \cdots \end{aligned}$$

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Summary

- Observability of polynomial systems can be decided in a finite number of steps
- The set of unobservable points can be computed
- Analysis dependent on parameters
- Computation of the observability canonical form
- Embedding into high dimension may be advantageous

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Generalized Reset Hybrid-Integrator-Gain-System (HIGS)

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Hybrid-Integrator-Gain-System (HIGS)



$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | eu \ge \frac{1}{k_h} u^2 \land (e, \dot{e}, u) \notin \mathcal{F}_2 \right\}$$
$$\mathcal{F}_2 = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | u = k_h e \land \omega_h e^2 > k_h e \dot{e} \right\}$$



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HIGS – Illustration



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HIGS - Describing function

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Sinusoidal input $e(t) = \sin(\omega t)$ to approximate u(t) with the first Fourier coefficients



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HIGS - Describing function

$$N_A(j\omega) = \frac{j\omega_h}{\omega} \left(\frac{\gamma(\omega)}{\pi} + j\frac{e^{-2j\gamma(\omega)} - 4e^{-j\gamma(\omega)} + 3}{2\pi} \right) + k_h \left(\frac{\pi - \gamma(\omega)}{\pi} + j\frac{e^{-2j\gamma(\omega)} - 1}{2\pi} \right)$$

low frequency behavior
$$\omega \to 0$$
: $\lim_{\omega \to 0} N_A(j\omega) = k_h$

high frequency behavior
$$\omega \to \infty$$
:

$$\lim_{\omega \to \infty} N_A(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_h}{j\omega} \left(1 + \frac{4j}{\pi} \right) \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} \lim_{\omega \to \infty} |N_A(j\omega)| = \frac{\omega_h}{\omega} \left| 1 + \frac{j}{\pi} \right| \approx 1.62 \frac{\omega_h}{\omega} \\ \lim_{\omega \to \infty} \arg_s \left(N_A(j\omega) \right) = \arctan\left(\frac{-\pi}{4} \right) \approx -38.15^{\circ} \end{cases}$$

$$\texttt{Cross-over frequency } \omega_c = \left| 1 + \frac{4j}{\pi} \right| \frac{\omega_h}{k_h}$$



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Loop-Shaping

HIGS - Loop-Shaping



Precompensator $C_1(s)$ to compensate cross-over frequency and provide \dot{e}

$$C_1(s) = \left(\frac{s}{\omega_c} + 1\right) \frac{1}{\tau s + 1}, \qquad \tau > 0$$

• Postcompensator $C_2(s)$ to introduce integrator for low frequencies and damp higher order harmonics

$$C_2(s) = \frac{\omega_i(\tau s + 1)}{s}$$

results in integrating behavior (amplitude response) with phase lead.



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HIGS – Stability

Theorem (Passivity [Deenen et al., 2021])

The HIGS is strictly passive in the sense that there exists a positive definite storage function $V(x_h) = \frac{\lambda}{2} x_h^2$ with $\lambda = k/\omega_h$ and $k \in (0, 1)$ that satisfies

 $\dot{V} \leq -cx_h^2 + eu$, with $c \in (0, k_h)$

along all solutions with continuous $e \in \mathcal{L}_1^{\text{loc}}$ for almost all times $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

Passivity allows for a conservative closed loop stability analysis \rightarrow circle like criterion



Simulation Example

Consider the unstable process to control without overshooting:

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and the HIGS ($\omega_h = 0.48, k_h = 0.6$) with $\omega_i = 10, \tau = 0.001$ and compensators

$$C_1(s) = \frac{s + \omega_c}{\omega_c(\tau s + 1)}, \quad C_2(s) = \frac{\omega_i(\tau s + 1)}{s}$$





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Simulation Results



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Fractional-Order HIGS

Fractional-Order HIGS

Fractional-order HIGS [Hosseini et al., 2022] applies Caputo's Operator:

$${}_{0}\mathcal{D}_{t}^{\alpha}x(t) = \omega_{h}e(t), \qquad (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathcal{F}_{1} \qquad k_{h} \geq 0$$

$$x(t) = k_{h}e(t), \qquad (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathcal{F}_{2} \qquad \omega_{h} \geq 0$$

$$x(t) = 0, \qquad (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathcal{F}_{3} \qquad \alpha \in (0, 1)$$

$$u(t) = x(t)$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | eu \ge \frac{1}{k_h} u^2 \right\} \qquad \mathcal{F}_1 = \mathcal{F} \setminus (\mathcal{F}_2 \cup \mathcal{F}_3)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_2 = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathcal{F} | u = k_h e \land (\omega_h e_0 \mathcal{D}_t^{\alpha} e > k_h \dot{e} e \lor e_0 \mathcal{D}_t^{\alpha} e < 0 \land (e = 0 \land \omega_h \dot{e}_0 \mathcal{D}_t^{1-\alpha} e > k_k \dot{e}^2) \right\}$$
$$\mathcal{F}_3 = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u) \in \mathcal{F} | u = 0 \land \omega_h e^2 > k_h e \dot{e} \right\}$$

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Generalized HIGS

$$\begin{split} \dot{z}(t) = A_{z}z(t) + B_{z}e(t), & (e, \dot{e}, u, z_{\mathrm{m}}) \in \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{1} \quad (\mathsf{I}\mathsf{-\mathsf{Mode}}) \\ z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k_{h}e(t) \end{pmatrix}^{\top} & (e, \dot{e}, u, z_{\mathrm{m}}) \in \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{2} \quad (\mathsf{P}\mathsf{-\mathsf{Mode}}) \\ z(t) = 0 & (e, \dot{e}, u, z_{\mathrm{m}}) \in \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{3} \quad (\mathsf{0}\mathsf{-\mathsf{Mode}}) \\ u(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} z(t) & z = \begin{pmatrix} z_{\mathrm{m}} & z_{\mathrm{I}} \end{pmatrix}^{\top} \\ \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{1} = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u, z_{\mathrm{m}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{q} | eu \ge \frac{1}{k_{h}} u^{2} \land (e, \dot{e}, u, z_{\mathrm{m}}) \notin (\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{2} \cup \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{3}) \right\} \\ \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{2} = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u, z_{\mathrm{m}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{q} | u = k_{h}e \land (C_{\mathrm{m}}z_{\mathrm{m}} + D_{\mathrm{m}}e)e > k_{h}e\dot{e} \right\}, \\ \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{3} = \left\{ (e, \dot{e}, u, z_{\mathrm{m}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{q} | u = 0 \land e \neq 0 \land (C_{\mathrm{m}}z_{\mathrm{m}} + D_{\mathrm{m}}e)e < 0 \right\}. \end{split}$$





u(t)

 $k_h e(t)$

G-HIGS – Describing Function Computation



- Find an analytic expression without integral for the output in the first time interval $t \in [0, T^{\star})$.
- Solve the integrals to derive the Fourier coefficients and the describing function.

Describing Functions - Computation - II

Sinusoidal input is the output of an integer-order generator system:

$$\dot{x}_s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega \\ \omega & 0 \end{pmatrix} x_s = A_\omega x_s, \qquad x_s(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$y_s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x_s = C_\omega x_s = \sin(\omega t)$$

With the extended System

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{z} \\ \dot{x}_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_z & B_z C_\omega \\ 0 & A_\omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z \\ x_s \end{pmatrix} = \bar{A}\bar{z}, \quad \bar{z}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} z(0) \\ x_s(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_s(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

the output can be determined in terms of Matrix Exponential functions

 $u(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1^\top & 0 \end{pmatrix} \exp\left(\bar{A}t\right) \bar{z}(0) = \bar{C} \exp\left(\bar{A}t\right) \bar{z}(0), \qquad t \in [0, T^\star]$

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$$b_1 = \frac{\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} u(t) \sin(\omega t) dt = \frac{2\omega}{\pi} \underbrace{\int_0^{T^\star} u(t) \sin(\omega t) dt}_{B_1} + \underbrace{\frac{2\omega}{\pi}}_{B_2} \underbrace{\int_{T^\star}^{\pi/\omega} u(t) \sin(\omega t) dt}_{B_2}$$

Note: B_2 can be solved analytically as $u(t) = k_h \sin(\omega t)$ Idea: reshape multiplication in the integral B_1 to a suitable convolution $\varphi = -\omega T^*$:

$$B_1 = \int_0^{T^*} u(\tau) \sin(\omega\tau) \mathrm{d}\tau = -\int_0^{T^*} \sin(\omega(T^* - \tau) + \varphi) u(\tau) \mathrm{d}\tau$$

Hence u can be interpreted as the input to the generator system

$$\dot{\zeta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega \\ \omega & 0 \end{pmatrix} \zeta + \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\omega T^{\star}) \\ \cos(\omega T^{\star}) \end{pmatrix} u = A_{\omega}\zeta + B_{\omega}u, \qquad \zeta(0) = 0$$

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Fourier Coefficients – II

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ A_1 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \int_0^{T^*} \exp\left(A_\omega(T^* - \tau)\right) B_\omega y(\tau) \mathsf{d}\tau$$

Note that the costerm $a_1 = A_1 + A_2$ can also be incorporated. The analysis of higher-order harmonics is also possible with the second generator system, i.e. $A_{2\omega}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\zeta} \\ \dot{\bar{z}} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} A_{\omega} & B_{\omega}\bar{C} \\ 0 & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}}_{\bar{A}_{e}} \begin{pmatrix} \zeta \\ \bar{z} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} B_{1} \\ A_{1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \zeta \\ \bar{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

Also the Fourier coefficients can be expressed in terms of matrix exponentials.



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Fourier Coefficients – II

The Fourier coefficients can be expressed in terms of matrix exponentials and only the intersection time T^* has to be found numerically:

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ A_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \exp \left(\bar{A}_e(T^{\star}) \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{z}(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

The remaining terms are given by:

$$B_{2} = k_{h} \left[\frac{t}{2} - \frac{1}{4\omega} \sin(2\omega t) \right]_{t=T^{\star}}^{t=\frac{\pi}{\omega}} = k_{h} \left[\frac{\pi}{2\omega} - \frac{T^{\star}}{2} + \frac{1}{4\omega} \sin(2\omega T^{\star}) \right]$$
$$A_{2} = k_{h} \left[\frac{1}{2\omega} \sin^{2}(\omega t) \right]_{t=T^{\star}}^{t=\frac{\pi}{\omega}} = -\frac{k_{h}}{2\omega} \sin^{2}(\omega T^{\star})$$



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Describing function - Single Pole



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Describing function - Pole-Zero Pair



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and the G-HIGS ($\omega_h = 0.48, k_h = 0.6, G_m(s) = (s + 3)^{-1}$) with $\omega_i = 10, \tau = 0.001$ and compensators

$$C_1(s) = \frac{s + \omega_c}{\omega_c(\tau s + 1)}, \quad \tilde{C}_2(s) = \frac{1.25\omega_i(\tau s + 1)}{s}$$



Simulation Example





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Conclusions and Future Work

Conclusions

- Additional reset system in combination with the integrator maintains the pahse advangate of the HIGS but adds damping for higher frequencies.
- Higher order harmonics are not dominant for the G-HIGS.

Outlock

- Improve describing function computation for lower frequency range.
- Include time regularization to avoid zeno behaviour.
- Improve stability analysis for less conservative results
- Show passivitiy for $D_{\rm m} = 0$.
- Include not BIBO stable memory systems (double HIGS).



Thank you!

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Efficient operation of pharmaceutical processes via model based approaches

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Production of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs):



Continuous chemical reaction

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Control of API concentration after the granulation unit



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Estimation of granule moisture in the dryer (soft-sensor)



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- Benefits of control strategies implemented in continuous processes are evident
- However, some processes are still operated in batch, e.g., *bioprocesses* used to produce biopharmaceuticals, e.g. insulin, mRNA
- What is the potential of applying model-based control strategies to batch-bioprocesses?

E. coli (HMS174 (DE3)) (Novagen, Germany)

Production of a protein (recombinant human superoxide dismutase)

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- Production of a protein (recombinant human superoxide dismutase)
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Questions

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- Can variations of process inputs during batch processing yield better performance?
- What is an appropriate performance measure?
- What approach is useful to find the corresponding (input) profile?
- How can real-time process control be incorporated?

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Can variations of process inputs during batch processing yield better performance?

- Recap: DoE is traditionally performed for u_1 , μ , k_{ind}
- \blacktriangleright Three process inputs \rightarrow 27 combinations for full-factorial with 3 levels each
- Experimental test of potential changes of any input during batch is practically infeasible
- Idea:
 - Develop process model (experimental data from DoE is available already)
 - Use process model to perform test runs / compute optimal input profile

Potential targets:

- Minimize time to reach a certain amount of product y_2
- Maximize amount of product y_2 at a certain time / after 8L of glucose feed

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- $y_2 \quad \dots \quad \text{product concentration}$
- $u_1 \ldots$ reactor temperature
- $u_2 \quad \dots \quad \text{fed glucose}$
- $u_3 \quad \dots \quad \text{fed inductor}$

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- *D* ... dilution (feeding rate / reactor volume)
- μ ... biomass growth rate
- $\vartheta \quad \ldots \quad {\rm product \ growth \ rate}$

 $I_{y/n}$... 1 inductor present, 0 no inductor present



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Discrete time implementation of the model + parametrization via [Nov]:



[NOV] ... Novasign. Hybrid Modeling Toolbox. URL: https://docs.novasign.at/toolbox/index. html (visited on 08/14/2024)

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Identification Data - Training





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Optimal trajectory - example $n_T = 3$, $n_P = 2$



Offline trajectory - result



Tracking of the trajectories



Tracking control via MPC. Two test scenarios:

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Formulation of the MPC problem

First idea:

$$\begin{split} \min_{\mathbf{u}_{k+i}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} (\mathbf{y}_{ref,k+j} - \mathbf{y}_{k+j})^T \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{y}_{ref,k+j} - \mathbf{y}_{k+j}) \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{n_c} (\mathbf{u}_{ref,k+i} - \mathbf{u}_{k+i})^T \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{u}_{ref,k+i} - \mathbf{u}_{k+i}) + \Delta \mathbf{u}_{k+i}^T \mathbf{R}_{\Delta} \Delta \mathbf{u}_{k+i} \\ &\quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{u} \in \text{``DoE''} \end{split}$$

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No disturbance without $(\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0})$ / with offline input reference $(\mathbf{R} \neq \mathbf{0})$



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Temperature disturbance until \approx 14h



Glucose pump failure at 5h30 for approx. 1 hour





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IX. Event-triggered control approach for time-critical dynamic systems presenter: Andrej Sarjas

Event-triggered control approach for time-critical dynamic systems

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Outline:

- Time-critical feedback dynamic systems
- Event-Triggering (ET) control
- Desing of the Sliding mode ET control system (static-dynamic triggering law)

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• Practical example, algorithm comparisons and validations

Time-critical feedback dynamic systems

The time-critical feedback dynamics systems require accurate and incessant monitoring to ensure proper behavior. The stability becomes critical due to the tight constraints on reaction time. Many time-critical systems are driven by complex embedded systems with scheduled tasks, advanced power management over the network, distributed systems, etc... All the significant priorities can be assigned as a Deadline-driven performance, which means that the system operates within strict time limitations.

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Most control algorithms are designed to produce the output in an adequate time sequence, known as a sampling time. Such strict time conditions ensure the stability and desired performance of the time-critical systems. On the other hand, the excessive usage of resources can lead to the lowered performance of the whole system and the required demand for systems with higher speed or a tendency to use high-performance communications networks.

Event-triggering approach

An event-triggered feedback control strategy is an alternative to the classic timetriggered approach. Regard to the time-triggered technique, the event-triggered plan is executed upon the prescribed triggering rule. The controller output remains unchanged until the next triggered event.

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Event-triggering control is an approach used in control systems to optimize the utilization of resources and reduce communication or computation overhead by triggering control actions only when necessary.



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Sliding Mode Control

Sliding Mode Control (SMC) was first proposed and elaborated in the early 1950s by Emelyanov and several researchers such as Utkins and Itkis. SMC can be applied to nonlinear systems, (MIMO) systems, discrete-time models, and large-scale systems. The most significant feature of SMC is that it is completely insensitive to parametric uncertainty and external disturbances during sliding mode.

SMC control law has two parts:

- Equivalent Control: maintains the system on a sliding surface in the ideal condition.
- Switching Control: discontinuous control action drives the system trajectory to the sliding surface and rejects the disturbance and system uncertainty.

SMC advantage:

- Robustness,
- Effective in nonlinear system,
- Simple design, and implementation

SMC disadvantage

• Chattering (High-frequency oscillations)



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Event-triggered - Sliding Mode Control

Event triggering control is introduced with triggering sequence:

$$t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_i, \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}^{0+1}$$

Where $\{t_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$ is an event-triggering instant satisfying the conditions $t_{i+1} > t_i$ with $t_0 \ge 0$ being the initial sampling instant. The event-triggering instants are not uniformly distributed and constant:

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$$t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$$
 $t_{i+1} = t_i + \eta, \ \eta > 0$

The controller u is updated at the instance t_i and holds the last value until the next triggering event occurs t_{i+1} . The inter-event time is defined as:

$$T_i = \left\{ t_{i+1} - t_i \right\}_{i=0}^{\infty}, \quad T_i > 0$$

Among update instance the error is defined:

$$e(t) = x(t) - x(t_i)$$
 and holds: $e(t) = x(t_i) - x(t_i) = 0$

Event-triggered - Sliding Mode Control

Consider the following single-input, single-output nonlinear system of the following class,

$$\dot{x}_{1}(t) = f_{1}(x_{1}) + x_{2}(t), \dot{x}_{2}(t) = f_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}) + g(u(t) + d(t)),$$

$$x(t) = f(x) + G(u(t) + d(t)), \qquad x(0) = x_{0}, x = [x_{1}; x_{2}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n} f(x) = [f_{1}(x_{1}) f_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2})]^{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{n} G = [0 g]^{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \quad |d| \le \delta_{d} < \infty$$

where $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ and $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ are the system states, u, d and g are the control input, external disturbance, and input gain function, respectively. $f_1(x_1)$ and $f_2(x_1, x_2)$ are nonlinear functions with unique equilibrium point and function are bounded $||f_1(x_1)|| \le F_1$ and $||f_2(x_1, x_2)|| \le F_2$, where $F_1 \ge 0$, $F_2 \ge 0$ are known constants.

Design the sliding manifold as :

$$S \in \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \mid s = cx = 0 \right\}, \qquad c = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} & x_{2} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

where is:
$$s(t) = cx(t)$$

$$\dot{s}(t) = c\dot{x}(t)$$

$$= c\left(f(x) + G\left(u(t) + d(t)\right) \right) \implies u(t) = -G^{-1}\left(f(x) + \rho sign(s) \right)$$

$$\rho > \left| G \right| \delta_{d}$$

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First order SMC

ET First Order - Sliding Mode Control (ET-FSMC)

Regarding the ET paradigm, the controller u(t) is:

 $u(t_i) = -G^{-1}(f(x(t_i)) + \rho sign(s(t_i))) \text{ where are the last updated values: } u(t_i) = u_i, x(t_i) = x_i$ $s(t_i) = s_i$

The stability is tested based on Lyapunov candidate $V = \frac{1}{2}s^2$ with its derivative,

$$\dot{V} = s\dot{s} = sc\left(f(x(t)) + G\left(-G^{-1}\left(f(x(t_i)) + \rho sign(s_i)\right) + d(t)\right)\right)$$

$$\leq -s\rho sign(s_i) + c|s||G|\delta_d + c|s|||f(x) - f(x_i)||$$

$$||f(x) - f(x_i)|| \leq L||x - x_i|| = L||e||, \ L > 0$$

$$\leq -s\rho sign(s_i) + c|s||G|\delta_d + cL|s|||e||$$

Case1: $sign(s) = sign(s_i)$:

Case 2: $sign(s) \neq sign(s_i)$:

$$\begin{split} \dot{V} &\leq -\rho \left| s \right| + c \left| s \right| \left| G \right| \delta_{d} + cL \left| s \right| \left| e \right| \\ \hline L \left| c \right| \left| e \right| \leq \beta, \ \beta > 0 \end{split} \qquad \textbf{Triggering law} \\ &\leq -\rho \left| s \right| + c \left| s \right| \left| G \right| \delta_{d} + \left| s \right| \beta \\ &\leq \left(-\rho + c \left| G \right| \delta_{d} + \beta \right) \left| s \right| \end{aligned} \qquad \textbf{Stability condition} \\ \rho &> c \left(\left| G \right| \delta_{d} + c^{-1} \beta \right) \end{split}$$

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 $|s(t) - s(t_i)| = |cx - cx_i| =$ $\leq ||c|| ||e||$ $\leq L^{-1}\beta$

Admissible minimum inter-event time T_i for ET-FSMC

The inter-event time T_i is the time between two successive updates. The T_i is not fixed, and varies according to the system trajectory evolution and the preselected triggering boundary. To avoid the Zeno-phenomena T_i has to be positively lower bounded.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \| e(t) \| \leq \left\| \frac{d}{dt} e(t) \right\| = \left\| \frac{d}{dt} (x - x_i) \right\|$$
$$= \left\| \frac{d}{dt} x \right\| = \left\| f(x) - f(x_i) + \rho sign(s_i) + Gd(t) \right\|$$
$$\leq L \| e \| + \rho + |G| \delta_d$$

where the solution is:



For the given system the Super-Twisting controller is given as,

System:

 $\dot{x}(t) = f(x) + G(u(t) + d(t)),$



Super-Twisting Controller: $u(t) = (cG)^{-1} (-cf(x) - k_1 |s(t)|^{1/2} sign(s(t)) + v(t))$ $\dot{v}(t) = -k_2 sign(s(t))$ ET Super-Twisting Controller: $u(t) = (cG)^{-1} (-cf(x_i) - k_1 |s_i|^{1/2} sign(s_i) + v_i)$ $\dot{v}(t) = -k_2 sign(s_i)$

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Closed-loop system with ET-STA:

Selected sliding variable:

$$\dot{x} = f(x) - (c)^{-1} (cf(x_i) - k_1 |s_i|^{1/2} sign(s_i) + v_i) + Gd,$$

$$\dot{v}(t) = -k_2 sign(s_i).$$

$$s = cx, \quad c > 0$$

Derivative of the sliding variable s,

 $\dot{s} = c\dot{x},$ $\dot{s} = c(f(x) - f(x_i)) - k_1 |s_i|^{1/2} sign(s_i) + v_i,$ $\dot{v}(t) = -k_2 sign(s_i) + G\dot{d}.$ Introducing new variable:

$$\zeta = \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_1 & \zeta_2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} |s|^{1/2} \operatorname{sign}(s) & v \end{bmatrix}^T,$$

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And rewritten system: $|\zeta_1| = |s|^{1/2}$

$$\dot{\zeta}_{1} = \frac{1}{2|\zeta_{1}|} \Big(c \big(f(x) - f(x_{i}) \big) - k_{1} |s_{i}|^{1/2} sign(s_{i}) + v_{i} \Big),$$

$$\dot{\zeta}_{2} = -k_{2} sign(s_{i}) + G\dot{d},$$

The compact form of the rewritten system:

$$\dot{\zeta} = \frac{1}{|\zeta_1|} \left(A \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_{1i} \\ \zeta_2 \end{bmatrix} + B \right), \quad \text{where A and B are,} \quad A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} c \left(f(x) - f(x_i) \right) \\ |\zeta_1| \left(-k_2 sign(s_i) + G\dot{d} \right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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The stability is checked with the Lyapunov function,

$$V(s) = \zeta^{T} \begin{bmatrix} 4k_{2} + k_{1}^{2} & -k_{1} \\ -k_{1} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \zeta$$

The derivative is:

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}(s) &= \dot{\zeta}^{T} P \zeta + \zeta^{T} P \dot{\zeta} \\ \dot{V}(s) &= \frac{1}{\|\zeta_{1}\|} \left[\zeta^{T} P A \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_{1i} \\ \zeta_{2} \end{bmatrix} + [\zeta_{1i} \quad \zeta_{2}] A^{T} P \zeta + 2 \zeta^{T} P B \right] \\ \vdots \\ \dot{V}(s) &\leq \frac{1}{\|\zeta_{1}\|} \left[-(4k_{1}k_{2} + k_{1}^{3}) \|\zeta_{1i}\| \|\zeta_{1}\| + k_{1}^{2} \|\zeta_{1i}\| \|\zeta_{2}\| + (k_{1}^{2} + 2k_{2} + 2G\zeta_{d}) \|\zeta_{1}\| \|\zeta_{2}\| \\ + 2(k_{1}k_{2} - k_{1}G\zeta_{d}) \|\zeta_{1}\|^{2} - k_{1} \|\zeta_{2}\|^{2} + \\ + 2c(4k_{2} + k_{1}^{2}) L \|(x - x_{i})\| \|\zeta_{1}\| \\ - 2ck_{1}L \|(x - x_{i})\| \|\zeta_{2}\| \\ \end{split}$$
Introducing the triggering law:
$$\begin{split} \|s\| &= \left\|s_{i} + c(\underline{x} - x_{i})\right\| \\ \|s\| &\leq \|s\| + \|c\|\|e\| \\ \leq \|s\| + \|c\|B\| \\ \|\zeta_{1}\| &\leq \|s\| + \|c\|B\| \\ \|\zeta_{1}\| &\leq \|\zeta_{1}\| + \tilde{\beta}, \quad \tilde{\beta} = \beta^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{split}$$

The final value of the derivative,

$$\dot{V}(s) \leq -\frac{1}{\|\zeta_1\|} \left[\|\zeta_1\| \|\zeta_2\| \right] Q \begin{bmatrix} \|\zeta_1\| \\ \|\zeta_2\| \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{\|\zeta_1\|} \Upsilon \begin{bmatrix} \|\zeta_1\| \\ \|\zeta_2\| \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{\|\zeta_1\|} \left(-Z^T Q Z + \Upsilon Z \right)$$

where Q and Υ are:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \left(2k_{1}k_{2} + 2k_{1}G\xi_{d} + k_{1}^{3}\right) & -\left(\frac{k_{1}^{2}}{2} + k_{2} + G\xi_{d}\right) \\ -\left(\frac{k_{1}^{2}}{2} + k_{2} + G\xi_{d}\right) & k_{1} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \Upsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \left(8k_{2}L\beta + 2k_{1}^{2}L\beta - 4k_{1}k_{2}\tilde{\beta} - k_{1}^{3}\tilde{\beta}\right) & -\left(2k_{1}L\beta - k_{1}^{2}\tilde{\beta}\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

Parameters conditions:

$$k_1 > \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \left(k_2 + G\xi_d\right)} + \eta$$
$$k_2 \ge \frac{7}{3} + G\xi_d + \eta$$



Attracted region: $\Omega = \left\{ \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\zeta\| \ge \frac{\gamma}{\lambda_{\min}(Q)} \right\}$

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Admissible minimum inter-event time T_i for ET-STA

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The inter-event time is derived as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \| e(t) \| &\leq \left\| \frac{d}{dt} e(t) \right\| = \left\| \frac{d}{dt} (x - x_i) \right\| \\ &= \left\| f(x) - \left(f(\overline{x}) - ck_1 |s_i|^{1/2} \operatorname{sign}(s_i) - ck_2 \int_{t_i}^t \operatorname{sign}(s_i) dt \right) + Gd \right\| \\ &\leq L \| e(t) \| \underbrace{+k_1 \| c \| \| s_i \|^{1/2} + k_2 \| c \| T_i + \| G \| \Delta_d}_{\kappa} \\ &\leq L \| e \| + \kappa \end{aligned}$$

The solution e(t) is,

$$\left\| e(t) \right\| \leq \frac{\kappa}{L} \left(e^{LT_i} - 1 \right) = \frac{k_1 \left\| c \right\| \left\| s_i \right\|^{1/2} + \left\| G \right\| \Delta_d + k_2 \left\| c \right\| T_i}{L} \left(e^{LT_i} - 1 \right)$$

Triggering condition,

$$\frac{k_{1} \|c\| \|s_{i}\|^{1/2} + \|G\| \Delta_{d} + k_{2} \|c\| T_{i}}{L} (e^{LT_{i}} - 1) = \beta$$

$$\frac{k_{1} \|c\| \|s_{i}\|^{1/2} + \|G\| \Delta_{d} + k_{2} \|c\| T_{i}}{L} (e^{LT_{i}} - 1) - \beta = 0$$

$$T_{i} \text{ is positively lower bounded}$$

$$T_{i} \geq T_{i} \min > 0$$

Dynamic Event-Triggering approach (DET)

Dynamic Event-Triggering control introduces the triggering rule, which does not involve a fixed triggering boundary but is dynamically generated regarding the system state conditions. The dynamic triggering bound is generated with the internal dynamic system.

The dynamic event-triggered law is,

$$\|e\| \ge \eta + \beta, \qquad \beta > 0, \eta > 0$$

Internal dynamic system is given as,

If not triggering occurred,

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$$\dot{\eta} = -\alpha \eta + \Theta (\beta - \|e\|), \quad \eta(0) = \eta_0, \ \eta_0, \Theta, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$$

$$\|e\| < \eta + \beta \\ -\eta \le \beta - \|e\|$$

Leads to,

$$\dot{\eta} = -\alpha \eta + \Theta (\beta - ||e||),$$

$$\dot{\eta} = -\alpha \eta - \Theta \eta = -(\alpha + \Theta)\eta$$

Dynamic Event-Triggering approach (DET)

The stability of DET-FSMC is,

$$V = V_{ET-FSMC} + \eta$$

$$\dot{V} = \dot{V}_{ET-FSMC} + \dot{\eta}$$

$$\dot{V} = \left(-\rho + c \left|G\right| \delta_{d} + \beta\right) \left|s\right| - (\alpha + \Theta) \eta$$

The stability of DET-STA is,

$$V = V_{ET-STA} + \eta$$

$$\dot{V} = \dot{V}_{ET-STA} + \dot{\eta}$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{1}{\|\zeta_1\|} \left(-Z^T Q Z + \Upsilon Z\right) - (\alpha + \Theta) \eta$$

Inter event time T_{i-DET} of,



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$$T_{i-DET}$$
 of,

$$\frac{k_1 \|c\| \|s_i\|^{1/2} + \|G\| \Delta_d + k_2 \|c\| T_i}{L} (e^{LT_i} - 1) - (\beta + \eta) = 0$$

$$T_{i_{DET-STA}} \ge T_i$$

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NCS network architecture:



Modeling of the system



Second Newton law of motion:

$$m\ddot{h} = -mg + F_{fan}$$

Second order differential equation:

$$\ddot{h} = -g + \frac{1}{m}F_{fan}$$

State space representation:

$$x_1 = x_2,$$
$$\dot{x_2} = -g + \frac{1}{m}F_{fan}$$

where is

 $F_{fan} \approx \frac{1}{2} \varrho v_1^2 S$

ρ-air density, *v*- air velocity, *S*-cross surface



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Controller design

Introducing new variable:

Sliding variable:

$$s = \tilde{x}_2 + c\tilde{x}_1, \qquad c = 12.3$$

ET- FSMC:

$$F_{fan_FSMC} = m(g + c\tilde{x}_2 + \rho sign(s) + \ddot{x}_{d1}), \ \rho = 14.3$$

$$\rho = 14.3, m = 57g$$

ET- STA:

$$F_{fan-STA} = m \left(g + c \tilde{x}_{2} + k_{1} \left| s \right|^{1/2} sign(s_{i}) + v + \ddot{x}_{d1} \right)$$

$$\dot{v} = k_{2} sign(s)$$

$$k_{1} = 15.3, \ k_{2} = 7.771$$

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Triggering law

 $\beta = 0.234$

DET- FSMC/STA

$$\dot{\eta} = -\alpha\eta + \Theta(\beta - \|e\|), \quad \alpha = 21, \Theta = 0.95, \eta_0 = \frac{|x_d(0)|}{2}$$

Experimental results of the FSMC

Comparison of the TT-FSMC (Time-Triggered), ET-FSMC (Event-Triggered), and DET-FSMC (Dynamic Event-Triggered) controllers.

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Experimental results of the FSMC

Controller output u_{FSMC} and sliding variable s_{FSMC} :



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Experimental results of the FSMC

Error functions and triggering events:



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Experimental results of the STA

Comparison of the TT-STA (Time-Triggered), ET-STA (Event-Triggered), and DET-STA (Dynamic Event-Triggered) controllers. 23/2

Tracking performance:



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Experimental results of the STA

Controller output u_{STA} and sliding variable s_{STA} :



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Experimental results of the STA

Error functions and triggering events:



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Events comparisons FSMC/STA

Event-triggering FSMC/STA:



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Thank you for your attention!

X. A Lyapunov Function-Based Control Concept for Networked Systems

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$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \boldsymbol{A}_c \boldsymbol{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{B}_c \boldsymbol{u}^*(t)$$







 $\boldsymbol{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \boldsymbol{u^*}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \boldsymbol{A}_c \boldsymbol{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{B}_c \boldsymbol{u}^*(t)$$

Network imperfections:

- limited transmission speed delays
- unreliability of the communication channel data loss

Time-varying and unknown!





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 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{delays} \\ 0 \leq \tau_k^{SC} \leq \bar{\tau}^{SC} \\ 0 \leq \tau_k^C \leq \bar{\tau}^C \\ 0 \leq \tau_k^{CA} \leq \bar{\tau}^{CA} \end{array}$







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Model of a Networked Control System



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Controller synthesis for networked control systems*

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1. Introduction

Linear matrix inequalities Stability analysis

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The literature on modeling, analysis and controller design of networked control systems (NCSs) expanded rapidly over the last decade (Antsaklis & Baillieul, 2007; Tipsuwan & Chow, 2003; Zhang, Branicky, & Phillips, 2001). The use of networks offers many advantages such as low installation and maintenance costs, reduced system wiring (in the case of wireless networks) and increased flexibility of the system. However, from a control theory

point of view, the presence of the network also introduces several disadvantages such as time-varying network-induced delays, aperiodic sampling or packet dropouts. To understand the impact of these network effects on control performance several models have been developed. Roughly speaking, these NCS models can be categorized into continuous-time and discrete-time models. A further discrimination can be given on the basis of which network phenomena they include.

In the continuous-time domain, Fridman, Seuret, and Richard (2004) applied a descriptor system approach to model the ampled data dun

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- Linear Matrix Inequality based approach
- ensures stability for any network imperfection inside defined bounds
- convex over-approximation is necessary (e.g. Jordan Form)
- Nr of LMIs depends not only on the network imperfections but on the system to be controlled as well
- Only 1 degree of freedom

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Switched Lyapunov Function-Based Controller Synthesis

- 1. Buffering Mechanism [1]
- 2. Control Design [2]

[1] K. Stanojevic, M. Steinberger and M. Horn, "Robust Control of Networked Systems: Buffering, Control Design and Application," 2022 IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications (CCTA), Trieste, Italy, 2022, pp. 1068-1073

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Buffering Mechanism

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RTT: $\tau_k = \tilde{\tau}_k + \tau_k^B$ $\tau_k = \left[\frac{\tilde{\tau}_k}{T_d}\right] \cdot T_d = q_k T_d$ $q_k \in \{1, 2, \dots, \bar{\delta}\}$



Buffering Mechanism



















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Switching function

 $\alpha_{i,k}$

$$= \begin{cases} 1, & \boldsymbol{u}_{k-i} \text{ is active for } kT_d \leq t < (k+1)T_d \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Network uncertainties are completely embedded in the switching function
- Complex overapproximation is not needed!

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LMI based Controller for Switched NCS

Theorem 1

If there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $\mathbf{Y}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+\bar{\delta}m)\times(n+\bar{\delta}m)}$, a matrix $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, matrices $\mathbf{X}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 & \mathbf{0}_{n \times \bar{\delta}m} \\ \mathbf{X}_{2,i} & \mathbf{X}_{3,i} \end{bmatrix}$ with $\mathbf{X}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathbf{X}_{2,i} \in \mathbb{R}^{\bar{\delta}m \times n}$, $\mathbf{X}_{3,i} \in \mathbb{R}^{\bar{\delta}m \times \delta m}$ for $i \in \{0, 1 \dots, \bar{\delta}\}$ and a scalar $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ such that

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with $\hat{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} Z & \mathbf{0}_{m \times \overline{\delta}} \end{bmatrix}$ is satisfied for $\forall i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, \overline{\delta}\}$, then the buffered NCS affected by unknown time-varying network delays and dropouts is asymptotically stable.

• The state feedback gain matrix

 $oldsymbol{K}_x = oldsymbol{Z}oldsymbol{X}_1^{-1}$

- Lyapunov function $V(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k) = \boldsymbol{\xi}_k^T \hat{\boldsymbol{P}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k) \boldsymbol{\xi}_k$
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#LMIs independent of the system to be controlled!













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Theorem 4: Additional Influence on the Transient Performance

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State Estimation in Networked Control Systems with Time-Varying Delays: A Simple yet Powerful Observer Framework









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Switched Lyapunov Function-Based Controller



- The necessity for convex over-approximation is circumvented
- The significant reduction in the number of LMIs and optimization variables.
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A Lyapunov Function-Based Control Concept for Networked Systems

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Observer Strategies for Buffered NCS



- The asynchronous Luenberger-type observer designed entirely independent from the network
- The stability is ensured through the separate design of
 - 1. the observer for the delay free case and
 - 2. the controller for NCS with measurable states
- Strategy mitigates network delay by reducing it by Td.





XI. Local stability analysis of sliding-mode control approaches within the model-following control architecture presenter: Niclas Tietze





Local stability analysis of sliding-mode control approaches within the model-following control architecture

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Outlook

Control problem: local stabilisation of perturbed systems in Brunovský form

Time- and state-dependent perturbations

Model-following control (MFC)

- 2-DOF architecture: track solution of stabilised process model
- Sliding-mode control of the error dynamics
- Estimate region of attraction using positively invariant sets





Local stability analysis of sliding-mode model-following control systems

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Problem definition

Process dynamics: $\dot{x} = A x + B \left(u + \Delta(x, t) \right), \quad x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

■ Unknown perturbation $\Delta : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ bounded on $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\max_{x \in \mathcal{D}, t \ge 0} \left| \Delta(x, t) \right| \le \delta$$

Goal:

- Local stabilisation of x = 0 using sliding-mode control
- Estimate of the region of attraction $\left\{ x_0 \mid \lim_{t \to \infty} x(t) = 0 \right\}$



Motivating example

Process dynamics:

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Local stabilisation: $\lim_{t\to\infty} x(t) = 0$ with $x(t) \in \mathcal{D}$ for all $t \ge 0$

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid |x_1| \le 1 \land |x_2| \le 1 \right\}, \qquad \delta = \max_{x \in \mathcal{D}, t \ge 0} \left| \Delta(x, t) \right|$$

Sliding-mode control (SMC): $u = -m x_2 - \rho \operatorname{sgn}(s(x))$

$$s(x) = m x_1 + x_2, \quad m > 0, \quad \rho > \delta$$

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Motivating example - first order SMC



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Control law:

 $u = -m x_2 - \rho \operatorname{sgn}(s(x))$

Closed loop

Invariant sets: $c \ge 0, c_z \ge \frac{c}{m}$

$$\Gamma_{c,c_{z}} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{bmatrix} \mid |s(x)| \le c \land |x_{1}| \le c_{z} \right\}$$

Estimate of region of attraction

$$\Psi_{\rm sl} = \bigcup_{\substack{c \ge 0, c_{\rm z} \ge \frac{c}{m} \\ \text{s.t. } \Gamma_{c, c_{\rm z}} \subseteq \mathcal{D}}} \Gamma_{c, c_{\rm z}}$$





Motivating example - MFC

Sliding-mode MFC:
$$u = k^{\star \top} x^{\star} - (m(x_2 - x_2^{\star}) + \rho \operatorname{sgn}(s(x - x^{\star}))), \quad k^{\star} = -[1, 2]^{\top}$$

Model:
$$\dot{x}^{\star} = (A + B k^{\star \top}) x^{\star}, x^{\star}(0) = x(0)$$

- Closed loop: exact model tracking $x \equiv x^*$ whenever $x^*(t) \in \mathcal{D}$ for all $t \ge 0$
 - Estimate of region of attraction

$$\Lambda_0 = \left\{ x_0^{\star} \, \middle| \, x^{\star}(t) \in \mathcal{D} \text{ for all } t \ge 0 \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ x_0^{\star} \, \middle| \, e^{(A+B\,k^{\star\top})\,t} x_0^{\star} \in \mathcal{D} \text{ for all } t \ge 0 \right\}$$

• Largest invariant set in \mathcal{D} is computable

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Model-following control architecture

Model following control architecture



Model following control architecture

- 2-DOF structure
- Two control loops:
 - Model control loop (MCL)
 - Process control loop (PCL)

- MCL: no perturbation
- New reference x*
- Feedforward u*

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Model-following control architecture

Model-following control architecture



MCL: nominal stabilisation

State $x^{\star} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, input $u^{\star} \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\dot{x}^{\star} = A \, x^{\star} + B \, u^{\star}$$

- Initial state $x^{\star}(0) = x_0^{\star}$
- Linear state-feedback: $u^{\star} = k^{\star \top} x^{\star}$

- PCL: robust stabilisation
 - State $\tilde{x} = x x^*$, input $\tilde{u} = u u^*$
 - $\dot{\tilde{x}} = A\,\tilde{x} + B\left(\tilde{u} + \Delta(\boldsymbol{x}, t)\right)$
 - Initial state $\tilde{x}(0) = \tilde{x}_0 = x_0 x_0^{\star}$
 - $\blacksquare \quad \text{Control law } \tilde{u}$

Robust design of the process control loop

Continuous control

High-gain control

Discontinuous control

- Lyapunov redesign
- Sliding-mode control

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Sliding-mode design

- First-order
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First-order sliding-mode MFC

Control design

First-order sliding-mode model-following control

Process controller $\tilde{u} = -[0 \ \tilde{m}^{\top}] \ \tilde{x} - \tilde{\rho} \operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}(\tilde{x}))$

- Linear sliding-variable: $\tilde{s}(\tilde{x}) = [\tilde{m} \ 1]^{\top} \tilde{x}$
- Gain: $\tilde{\rho} > \delta \ge \max_{x \in \mathcal{D}, t \ge 0} \left| \Delta(x, t) \right|$

Dynamics of the closed loop

■ Reduced state $\tilde{z} = [\tilde{x}_1, ..., \tilde{x}_{n-1}]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ $\dot{\tilde{z}} = A_z \, \tilde{z} + B_z \, \tilde{s},$ $\dot{\tilde{s}} = -\tilde{\rho} \operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}) + \Delta(\boldsymbol{x}, t),$ $A_z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\tilde{m}_1 & \dots & -\tilde{m}_{n-1} \end{bmatrix},$ $B_z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

• Lyapunov function for \tilde{z} (if $\tilde{s} = 0$) $\tilde{V}_{z}(\tilde{z}) = (\tilde{z}^{\top}P_{z} \tilde{z})^{1/2}, \qquad A_{z}^{\top}P_{z} + P_{z} A_{z} = -\tilde{q} I, \quad \tilde{q} > 0$



First-order sliding-mode MFC Stability

Sliding-mode model-following control - stability

Closed loop

Candidates for positively invariant sets of the PCL

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}} = \left\{ \tilde{x} \left| \left| \tilde{s}(\tilde{x}) \right| \le \tilde{c} \land \tilde{V}_{z}(\tilde{z}) \le \tilde{c}_{z} \right\}, \quad \tilde{c} \ge 0, \quad \tilde{c}_{z} \ge \tilde{a}\,\tilde{c}, \quad \tilde{a} = 2\,\tilde{q}^{-1}\lambda_{\max}^{1/2}(P_{z})\,\|P_{z}B_{z}\|_{2} \right\}$$

Theorem 1 (Stability of the closed loop).

Let $x_0 = x_0^* + \tilde{x}_0$ with $\tilde{x}_0 \in \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_z}$. The solution $x = x^* + \tilde{x}$ converges to the origin and

 $x(t) \in \left(\left\{x^{\star}(t)\right\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}}\right) \text{ for all } t \ge 0, \quad \text{whenever} \quad \left(\left\{x^{\star}(t)\right\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}}\right) \subseteq \mathcal{D} \text{ for all } t \ge 0.$

Idea of proof

• $\tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_z}$ invariant w.r.t. dynamics of closed PCL

 $\dot{\tilde{z}} = A_{z} \,\tilde{z} + B_{z} \,\tilde{s},$ $\dot{\tilde{s}} = -\tilde{\rho} \,\operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}) + \Delta(\boldsymbol{x}^{\star} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}, t)$



Stability

Sliding-mode model-following control - stability

Discussion

$$\tilde{x}_0 \in \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}$$
 and $\left(\{ x^\star(t) \} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z} \right) \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ for all $t \ge 0$

$$x(t) \in (\{x^{\star}(t)\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}}) \text{ for all } t \ge 0$$

Geometric condition using solution of unperturbed MCL to check stability of perturbed process

 \Rightarrow

Geometric interpretation

Solution x remains in tube around x*
 whenever tube is subset of D

Example:
$$n = 2$$
 with $k^* = -[1, 2], \tilde{m} = 3$

- Initial state $x_0^{\star} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}}$ such that tube is subset of \mathcal{D}

x(t) in time domain





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-0.4

 x_1

-0.2

-0.1

0

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-0.8

-0.7

-0.6

-0.5



0.1

First-order sliding-mode MFC Stability

Sliding-mode model-following control - example

Second-order system: solution for different x_0 for one x_0^{\star}





Sliding-mode model-following control - region of attraction

Region of attraction: Depends on x_0 and x_0^{\star}

$$\tilde{x}_0 \in \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}$$
 and $\left(\{ x^*(t) \} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z} \right) \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ for all $t \ge 0$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x(t) \in \left(\{ x^{\star}(t) \} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{z}} \right) \text{ for all } t \ge 0$$

Region of attraction

Define: $\Lambda = \bigcup_{\substack{x_0^{\star} \in \mathcal{D}, \tilde{c} \ge 0, \tilde{c}_z \ge \tilde{a} \ \tilde{c} \\ \text{s.t.}\left(\{x^{\star}(t)\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}\right) \subseteq \mathcal{D} \ \forall t \ge 0} \left(\{x_0^{\star}\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}\right)$

Theorem 2 (ROA with appropriately chosen x_0^{\star}).

For each $x_0 \in \Lambda$, there exists some $x_0^* \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $\lim_{t\to\infty} x(t) = 0$.

Special cases: $x_0^{\star} = 0$

Idea of proof: Construction of the set Λ

Given some $x_0 \in \Lambda$, select $x_0^{\star} \in \mathcal{D}$ s.t. $\tilde{x}_0 \in \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}$ and $(\{x^{\star}(t)\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ for all $t \ge 0$ for some $\tilde{c} \ge 0, \tilde{c}_z \ge \tilde{a} \tilde{c}$

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Region of attraction

$$\begin{split} \Lambda \supseteq \bigcup_{\substack{x_0^{\star} = 0, \tilde{c} \ge 0, \tilde{c}_z \ge \tilde{a} \ \tilde{c} \\ \mathsf{s.t.}\left(\{0\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}\right) \subseteq \mathcal{D} \ \forall t \ge 0}} \left(\left\{0\right\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z} \right) \end{split}$$

Case: initialisation
$$x_0^{\star} = 0$$

• Trivial MCL $x^{\star} \equiv 0$

$$x \equiv \tilde{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u = \overbrace{u^{\star}}^{\equiv 0} + \tilde{u} = -[0 \ \tilde{m}^{\top}] x - \tilde{\rho} \operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}(x))$$

 \Rightarrow MFC is equivalent to single-loop design

$$\Psi_{\rm sl} = \bigcup_{\substack{\tilde{c} \ge 0, \tilde{c}_{\rm z} \ge \tilde{a} \ \tilde{c} \\ {\rm s.t.} \ \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\rm z}} \subseteq \mathcal{D}}} \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\rm z}} \subseteq \Lambda$$

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Region of attraction

SM MFC - region of attraction without solution of the MCL

Discussion: estimate of the ROA

Appropriately chosen x_0^{\star} : ROA MFC \supseteq ROA SL ($\Lambda \supseteq \Psi_{sl}$)

Requirement: solution x^* of the MCL

Idea: estimation of x^{\star}

- Lyapunov function $V^{\star}(x^{\star})$ of $\dot{x}^{\star} = (A + B k^{\star \top}) x^{\star}$
- Invariance of level-sets

 $V^{\star}(x_0^{\star}) \le c^{\star}, \ c^{\star} \ge 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad x^{\star}(t) \in \Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star} \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star} = \left\{ x^{\star} \left| V^{\star}(x^{\star}) \le c^{\star} \right. \right\}$

 \Rightarrow Evaluate geometric stability criterion for estimate $\Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star}$ of x^{\star}

Region of attraction

SM MFC - stability without solution of the MCL

Bound for the solution: $x^{\star}(t) \in \Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star}$ for all $t \ge 0$ $\left(\left\{ x^{\star}(t) \right\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}} \right) \subseteq \left(\Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}} \right) = \Omega_{c^{\star},\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}}$

Corollary 3 (Stability of the close-loop).

Let $c^{\star}, \tilde{c} \geq 0$ and $\tilde{c}_{z} \geq \tilde{a} \tilde{c}$ such that $\Omega_{c^{\star}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{z}} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$. Then, for all $x_{0} = x_{0}^{\star} + \tilde{x}_{0}$ with $x_{0}^{\star} \in \Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star}$ and $\tilde{x}_{0} \in \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{z}}$, the solution x converges to x = 0.

Example:
$$n = 2$$
 with $k^* = -[1, 2], \tilde{m} = 3$
 $V^*(x^*) = x^{*\top} P^* x^*, \quad \begin{array}{l} A^{*\top} P^* + P^* A^* = -I, \\ A^* = A + B k^{*\top} \end{array}$

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$$\Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star}$$
, $\Omega_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}}$ such that $\Omega_{c^{\star},\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_{z}}$ is subset of \mathcal{D}






First-order sliding-mode MFC

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$$\Psi_{\mathrm{sl}} = \bigcup_{\substack{\tilde{c} \ge 0, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}} \ge \tilde{a} \, \tilde{c} \\ \mathrm{s.t.} \, \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}}} \subseteq \mathcal{D}}} \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}}} \subseteq \Psi = \bigcup_{\substack{c^{\star}, \tilde{c} \ge 0, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}} \ge \tilde{a} \, \tilde{c} \\ \mathrm{s.t.} \, \Omega_{c^{\star}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}}} \subseteq \mathcal{D}}} \Omega_{c^{\star}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}}} \subseteq \mathcal{D}} \subseteq \Lambda = \bigcup_{\substack{x_{0}^{\star} \in \mathcal{D}, \tilde{c} \ge 0, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}} \ge \tilde{a} \, \tilde{c} \\ \mathrm{s.t.} \left(\{x^{\star}(t)\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}}} \right) \subseteq \mathcal{D} \, \forall \, t \ge 0}} \left(\left\{ x_{0}^{\star} \right\} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{\mathrm{z}}} \right) \right)$$

Corollary 4.

For each $x_0 \in \Psi$, there exists some $x_0^* \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $\lim_{t\to\infty} x(t) = 0$.

Note: inclusion $\Psi_{sl}\subseteq \Psi$

Restrict definition of Ψ to $c^{\star} = 0$

Example:
$$n = 2$$
 with $k^* = -[0.25, 0.5]^{\top}$, $\tilde{m} = 3$



 x_1 - x_2 -plane



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SM MFC - summary

First-order sliding-mode MFC

- Stabilisation by tracking solution of the stabilised process
 - ⇒ Geometric stability criterion for perturbed process using the solution of the unperturbed MCL
 - \Rightarrow Bound: x remains in tube around x^{\star}

Region of attraction

 \Rightarrow Appropriately chosen x_0^{\star} : ROA SL \subseteq ROA MFC ($\Psi_{sl} \subseteq \Psi \subseteq \Lambda$)

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Control design

Super-twisting model-following control

Goal: stabilise PCL with super-twisting algorithm (STA)

Perturbation $\Delta(x,t) = \Delta_x(x) + \Delta_t(t)$ satisfying local bounding conditions on \mathcal{D}

$$\max_{x \in \mathcal{D}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |\Delta(x, t)| \le \delta, \quad \max_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta_t(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} \right| \le \delta_t, \quad \max_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \left| \frac{\partial \Delta_x(x)}{\partial x_i} \right| \le \delta_{x_i}, \ i = 1, 2, ..., n$$

STA with state-dependant perturbation

- Typically non vanishing reaching-phase (even if initial value of sliding variable is zero)
 A. Chalanga, S. Kamal, and B. Bandyopadhyay, "A new algorithm for continuous sliding mode control with implementation to industrial emulator setup," *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*, vol. 20, no. 5, pp. 2194–2204, 2015
- A-priori bound on the time-derivative of the perturbation \Rightarrow may cause algebraic loop

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta(x,t)}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\partial\Delta(x,t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial\Delta(x,t)}{\partial x}\dot{x} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta_t(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} + \frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta_x(x)}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(Ax + B\left(\mathbf{u} + \Delta(x,t)\right)\right)$$

I. Castillo, L. M. Fridman, and J. A. Moreno, "Super-twisting algorithm in presence of time and state dependent perturbations," International Journal of Control, vol. 91, no. 11, pp. 2535–2548, 2018



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Control design

Super-twisting MFC - control design

Super-twisting design: special parametrisation

H. Liu and H. K. Khalil, "Output-feedback stabilization using super-twisting control and high-gain observer," International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control, vol. 29, no. 3, pp. 601–617, 2019

Integral sliding-mode control

N. Tietze, K. Wulff, and J. Reger, "Local stabilization of systems with time and state dependent perturbations using super-twisting integral sliding-mode control," in *European Control Conference*, Stockholm, Sweden, 2024, pp. 3676–3683

Super-twisting MFC: $u = u^* + \tilde{u}_0 + \tilde{u}_1$

Gains $\tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\alpha}_2 > 0$ and scaling $\tilde{\mu} > 0$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{u}_0 &= -\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \tilde{m}^\top \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x}, \\ \tilde{u}_1 &= -\frac{\tilde{\alpha}_1}{\tilde{\mu}} \, |\tilde{s}|^{1/2} \, \operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}) + \tilde{v}, \\ \dot{\tilde{v}} &= -\frac{\tilde{\alpha}_2}{2 \, \tilde{\mu}^2} \, \operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}), \quad \tilde{v}(0) = 0 \end{split}$$

Model-following control

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Dynamics of the closed loop

State \tilde{z} , auxiliary variable $\bar{v} = \tilde{v} + \Delta(x, t)$

$$\dot{\tilde{z}} = A_{z} \,\tilde{z} + B_{z} \,\tilde{s},$$
$$\dot{\tilde{s}} = -\frac{\tilde{\alpha}_{1}}{\tilde{\mu}} \,|\tilde{s}|^{1/2} \,\operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}) + \bar{v},$$
$$\dot{\bar{v}} = -\frac{\tilde{\alpha}_{2}}{2 \,\tilde{\mu}^{2}} \,\operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}) + \frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta(x,t)}{\mathrm{d}t}$$



Super-twisting MFC Stability

Super-twisting MFC - stability

Lyapunov function for STA: $\tilde{V} = \chi^{\top} \tilde{P} \chi$, $\chi = [\chi_1, \chi_2]^{\top} = [|\tilde{s}|^{1/2} \operatorname{sgn}(\tilde{s}), \, \tilde{\mu} \, \bar{v}]^{\top}$

$\tilde{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\tilde{\alpha}_1 & 1\\ -\tilde{\alpha}_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with solution} \quad \tilde{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{p}_{11} & \tilde{p}_{12}\\ \tilde{p}_{12} & \tilde{p}_{22} \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad \text{of} \quad \tilde{A}^\top \tilde{P} + \tilde{P} \tilde{A} = -I$

J. A. Moreno, "A linear framework for the robust stability analysis of a generalized super-twisting algorithm," in *International Conference on Electrical Engineering, Computing Science and Automatic Control*, 2009, pp. 1–6

Theorem 5 (Stability of the closed loop for sufficiently small scaling $\tilde{\mu}$). Given some c^* , \tilde{c} and $\tilde{c}_z \geq \tilde{a} \tilde{c}$ such that $\Omega_{c^*,\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_z} = (\Omega_{c^*}^* \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_z}) \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, let $x_0^* = x_0 \in \Omega_{c^*}^*$. Then there exists some $\bar{\mu} > 0$ such that x remains in $\Omega_{c^*,\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_z}$ and $\lim_{t\to\infty} x(t) = 0$ for every $\tilde{\mu} < \bar{\mu}$.

Idea of proof: overcoming the algebraic loop locally

Bound $\bar{\mu}$ depends on parameters in Lyapunov equation and estimate of bounds of $\Delta(x,t)$

$$\dot{\tilde{V}} \leq \frac{1}{\tilde{\mu} \left| \chi_1 \right|} \left(- \|\chi\|_2^2 + 2\tilde{\mu}^2 \|\chi\|_2 \|\tilde{P}\,\tilde{B}\|_2 \left| \chi_1 \right| \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta(x,t)}{\mathrm{d}t} \right) \right), \quad \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta(x,t)}{\mathrm{d}t} \right) \leq \frac{\gamma_0}{\tilde{\mu}} \quad \text{for some } \gamma_0 > 0$$



Super-twisting MFC Stability

Super-twisting MFC - stability

Theorem 6 (Stability of the closed loop for sufficiently small scaling $\tilde{\mu}$).

Given some c^{\star} , \tilde{c} and $\tilde{c}_{z} \geq \tilde{a} \, \tilde{c}$ such that $\Omega_{c^{\star}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{z}} = \left(\Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_{z}}\right) \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, let $x_{0}^{\star} = x_{0} \in \Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star}$ and

$$\tilde{\mu}_0 = \frac{1}{\delta \,\tilde{p}_{22}} \,\sqrt{\left(\tilde{p}_{11} \,\tilde{p}_{22} - \tilde{p}_{12}^2\right) \tilde{c}} \,, \qquad \tilde{\mu}_1 = \left(2 \,\gamma \,\|\tilde{P}\tilde{B}\|_2\right)^{-1}$$

for some $\gamma \geq \gamma_0$ with

$$\gamma_0 = \left(\max_{x^\star \in \Omega_{c^\star}^\star} |u^\star| + \max_{\tilde{x} \in \tilde{\Omega}_{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}} |\tilde{u}_0| + 2\,\delta\right) \delta_{x_n} \tilde{\mu}_0 + \delta_t \,\tilde{\mu}_0 + \tilde{\mu}_0 \sum_{i=2}^n \max_{x \in \Omega_{c^\star, \tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z}} |x_i| \delta_{x_{i-1}} + \delta_{x_n} \left(\tilde{\alpha}_1 + \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{p}_{11}}{\tilde{p}_{22}}}\right) \sqrt{\tilde{c}}.$$

Then x remains in $\Omega_{c^*,\tilde{c},\tilde{c}_z}$ and $\lim_{t\to\infty} x(t) = 0$ for every $\tilde{\mu} < \min\{\tilde{\mu}_0,\tilde{\mu}_1\}$.

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Region of attraction

Super-twisting MFC - region of attraction

Discussion

$$x_0^{\star} = x_0 \in \Omega_{c^{\star}}^{\star} \text{ with } \Omega_{c^{\star}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_z} \subseteq \mathcal{D} \quad \stackrel{\tilde{\mu} < \bar{\mu}}{\Longrightarrow} \quad \left[\lim_{t \to \infty} x(t) = \right]$$

Region of attraction

Convergence for all $x_0 \in \Omega_{c^\star}^\star$

Challenges

- Non vanishing reaching-phase for exact initialisation $x_0^{\star} = x_0$
- Algebraic loop resolved (via scaling $\tilde{\mu}$)





Conclusion

Conclusion - sliding mode MFC

Robustness of 2-DOF architecture with sliding-mode control

- Local stability and invariance properties using solution of MCL
 - \Rightarrow First-order: region of attraction SL \subseteq region of attraction MFC
 - \Rightarrow STA: overcome problem of non vanishing reaching phase and algebraic loop



Outlook

Lyapunov redesign: smaller gain for controller

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XII. Super-Twisting Control in Practical Applications: An Alternative to PI-Control? presenter: Benedikt Andritsch



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Motivation

Problem Description



Objectives:

- Remove chattering in practical application of super-twisting control.
- Compare super-twisting control and PI control.







Problem Description

Plant

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$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})(u + \varphi),$$

$$\sigma = h(\mathbf{x}) - r(t),$$
(1)

with unknown input disturbance φ and relative degree 1:

$$\dot{\sigma} = a(\mathbf{x}) - \dot{r}(t) + b(\mathbf{x})(u + \varphi)$$
(2)

Control goal: Stabilize output (control error) at $\sigma = 0$. Assumptions:

- $b(\mathbf{x})$ positive and bounded,
- $b(\mathbf{x})\varphi(t)$ and $a(\mathbf{x}) \dot{r}(t)$ Lipschitz-continuous in t.



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Established Control Methods

PI Control & Super-Twisting Control





PI Control

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$$u = -k_1 \sigma + \nu,$$

$$\dot{\nu} = -k_2 \sigma \tag{3}$$

yields

$$\dot{\sigma} = b(\mathbf{x})v - b(\mathbf{x})k_1\sigma + a(\mathbf{x}) - \dot{r}(t) + b(\mathbf{x})\varphi(t).$$
(4)

- Can only reject constant disturbances,
- Well established and broadly used in industry,
- Many tuning rules exist.



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High-Gain PI Control: Robust Linear Control

 $u = -k_1\sigma + v,$ $\dot{v} = -k_2\sigma$

Robustness via high gains¹

$$k_1 = \frac{h_1}{\varepsilon}, \quad k_2 = \frac{h_2}{\varepsilon^2},$$
 (5)

small $\varepsilon > 0$. Decreasing ε diminishes the effect of the disturbance on σ .

Practically infeasible due to large control actuation and sensitivity to noise.

¹ Khalil, Chapter 14 in Nonlinear Systems. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2002.



Super-Twisting Control (STC): Robust Nonlinear Control

$$u = -k_1 \operatorname{sign}(\sigma) \sqrt{|\sigma|} + v,$$

$$\dot{v} = -k_2 \operatorname{sign}(\sigma)$$
(6)

yields

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$$\dot{\sigma} = b(\mathbf{x})v - b(\mathbf{x})k_1 \operatorname{sign}\left(\sigma\right)\sqrt{|\sigma|} + a(\mathbf{x}) - \dot{r}(t) + b(\mathbf{x})\varphi(t).$$
(7)

- Can reject any Lipschitz continuous disturbances,
- Can lead to chattering effects due to unmodeled dynamics and discretization.



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Discrete-Time Super-Twisting Control

General discrete-time controller

 $u_k = v_k - k_1 \Psi_1(\sigma_k),$ $v_{k+1} = v_k - T k_2 \Psi_2(\sigma_k),$ (8)

with discretization time T.

Explicit Euler discretization leads to discretization chattering:

$$\Psi_1^{\exp}(\sigma_k) = \operatorname{sign}(\sigma_k) \sqrt{|\sigma_k|},$$

$$\Psi_2^{\exp}(\sigma_k) = \operatorname{sign}(\sigma_k).$$
(9)

Implicit Euler^{2,3} and Low-Chattering⁴ methods

- produce no discretization chattering,
- yield linear controllers close to $\sigma = 0$, i.e. utilize high-gain PI control.

² Andritsch et al., Modified implicit discretization of the super-twisting controller. IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 2024.

³ Seeber et al., Proper implicit discretization of the super-twisting controller ... 2024. https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.16094.

⁴ Hanan et al., Low-Chattering Discretization of Homogeneous Differentiators. IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, June 2022.



Input-Output Linearization: Compensate Output Dynamics

Recall output dynamics

$$\dot{\sigma} = a(\mathbf{x}) - \dot{r}(t) + b(\mathbf{x})(u + \varphi).$$

Applying control law

$$u = \frac{1}{b(\mathbf{x})}(-a(\mathbf{x}) + \dot{r}(t) + u^*)$$
 (10)

yields

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$$\dot{\sigma} = u^* + b(\mathbf{x})\varphi(t) \qquad (11)$$

- Assume necessary state information given to compute a(x) and b(x).
- PI control still not robust against $b(\mathbf{x})\varphi(t)$.
- STC does not have to be robust against a(x) but only b(x)φ(t) (smaller gains).



Simulation Example

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Simulation Example

Speed Control of a DC motor





Speed Control of a DC Motor

0.01 First-order model Speed $\sigma + r$ 0.005 yields error dynamics 0 $\dot{\sigma} = \alpha x + \beta u - \dot{r}(t).$ -0.005 Reference rPI Control Speed x, reference r, **PI** Control -0.01 0 2 1 5 0 3 4 error $\sigma = x - r$. 2 5 0 1 3 4 Time t (s) Time t (s) 0.01 Parametrization⁵: $\Gamma racking \ error \ \sigma$ 0.005 $\alpha = -25.1, \ \beta = 28.5.$ Speed x0 2 Reference rParameters: Explicit Euler STC - Explicit Euler STC -0.005 $k_1 = \sqrt{2k_2}, \ k_2 = 50,$ Implicit STC Implicit STC Low-Chattering STC - Low-Chattering STC T = 0.01-0.01 0 3 2 3 5 0 1 2 4 5 0 1 4 Time t (s) Time t (s)

⁵ Andritsch et al., Experimental comparison of sliding mode control dedicated discretization approaches. Accepted to International Workshop on Variable Structure Systems (VSS), 2024.

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Discrete-Time Eigenvalues

Pseudo-Linear System Representation & State-Dependent Eigenvalues





Pseudo-Linear System Representation

Recall general form of discrete-time controller

$$u_k^* = v_k - k_1 \Psi_1(\sigma_k),$$

 $v_{k+1} = v_k - Tk_2 \Psi_2(\sigma_k).$

Defining $z_k = \varphi_k + v_k$ and $\psi_i(\sigma_k) = k_i \frac{\Psi_i(\sigma_k)}{\sigma_k}$ yields the closed-loop system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{k+1} \\ z_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - T\psi_1(\sigma_k) & T \\ -T\psi_2(\sigma_k) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_k \\ z_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ T \end{bmatrix} \Delta_k$$
(12)





State-Dependent Eigenvalues under STC





Unmodeled Dynamics

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Unmodeled Dynamics

Description, Effects & Chattering Reduction Method





Unmodeled Dynamics

- Originate from sensor and/or actuator (input/output dynamics).
- Often neglected as they are "fast" in comparison.
- Can be approximated by a first-order low pass.

E.g. sensor dynamics with time constant $\frac{1}{\omega}$:

$$\dot{\hat{\sigma}} = -\omega\hat{\sigma} + \omega\sigma. \tag{13}$$

Output $\hat{\sigma}$ is available for control.





Speed Control with STC and Unmodeled Dynamics

 $k_2 = 50,$ $k_1 = \sqrt{2k_2},$ T = 0.01

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State-Dependent Eigenvalues under STC

Recall: Pseudo-linear system representation with $\psi_i(\sigma_k) = k_i \frac{\Psi_i(\sigma_k)}{\sigma_k}$, state-dependent closed-loop 3×3 system matrix.

Trajectory of explicit STC is equivalent to high-gain PI control over ε .



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Reduced-Chattering STC

Idea: Stop eigenvalue evolution within the unit disk, similar to⁶. Yields linear control when $\sigma \approx 0$: STC converges to high-gain PI control.



⁶ Rüdiger-Wetzlinger et al., Discrete-Time Implementations of Differentiators Homogeneous in the Bi-Limit. Springer Int. Publishing, 2023.



Speed Control with Reduced-Chattering STC

 $k_2 = 50,$ $k_1 = \sqrt{2k_2},$ T = 0.01





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Tuning of STC

- Select controller gains $k_2 = \Lambda = \omega_0^2$, $k_1 = \rho \sqrt{\Lambda} = 2\zeta \omega_0$.
 - Pair (Λ, ρ) typical for SMC, pair (ω_0, ζ) typical for PI control.
 - Select $\rho > 2$ for convergence without oscillations.
 - Select $\rho < 2$ for convergence with oscillations.
 - Increase Λ for faster convergence.
 - Robust against input disturbance with a slope smaller than $\Lambda.$
- Select a discretization method (e.g. Explicit Euler or Implicit Euler).
- Select chattering-reduction parameter γ based on
 - closed-loop eigenvalues including estimated unmodeled dynamics or
 - the region $|\sigma| \leq \gamma$, in which the controller is linear.





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Experiments

Speed Control of a DC Motor & Air Temperature Control for Fuel Cell Test Bed





Unmodeled Dynamic: Output filter that differentiates the encoder signal.





Speed Control of a DC Motor (2) $T = 0.01, \ \omega = 20, \ k_1 = \rho \sqrt{\Lambda}, \ k_2 = \Lambda \text{ with } \rho = 4, \ \Lambda = 200$






















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Conclusion

- Super-twisting control can successfully be deployed in practical applications.
- Chattering reduction method introducing one additional intuitive parameter.
- STC can outperform PI Control in transient behavior and remaining error.
- At $|\sigma| \leq \gamma$, reduced-chattering STC is equivalent to a PI controller.
- STC combines the benefits of PI control and high-gain PI control:
 - tolerable input actuation for the plant,
 - small overshoot in transient phase,
 - robustness against input disturbances.



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Further Air Temperature Control Experiments



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