Project in Adaptive Control and Real Time Systems

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1 Dynamics

(see `quadcopter_model.m`) (see `quadcopter_init.m`)

TODO

1. Define a complete nonlinear model in Simulink, which is currently buggy when in terms of z and ψ. I fixed two sign errors, and there is bound to be a couple more... [1].
2. Derive linearised state-space model.

2 MPC control

The dynamics of the quadcopter defined in [2] defines the pitch as θ_1 and yaw as θ_2. The quadcopter is then linearised round $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \mathbf{0}$ with the control signals $u_1 = \Delta\theta_1$, $u_2 = \Delta\theta_2$ and u_3 as the commanded thrust (see `quadcopter_MPC_init.m`). Discretisation is here done through ZOH but other methods could be used as well. The model was replicated in Simulink, and the system responses look reasonable (see `quadcopter_MPC_simulate.m`)

TODO

1. ~~Create simplified linearised system ss-model for use in MPC~~ (see eg. [2]).
2. ~~Validate by comparison to the results in~~ [2].
3. Set up QP-MPC controller with Simulink MPC-library (see eg. [2]).
4. Validate by comparison to the results in [2].
5. Set up QP-MPC controller with CVXGEN m-code (see eg. [2] [3]).
6. Validate by comparison to the results in Simulink.
7. System identification.
8. Simulate system with proper parameters.

3 $\mathcal{L}_1$-control

The $\mathbf{\Gamma}$-projection operator for two vectors $\theta, y \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is defined as

$$\mathrm{Proj}_{\mathbf{\Gamma}}(\theta, y, f) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{\Gamma} y - \mathbf{\Gamma} \dfrac{\nabla f(\theta)(\nabla f(\theta))^T}{||\nabla f(\theta)||_2} \mathbf{\Gamma} y f(\theta) & \text{if } f(\theta) > 0 \text{ and } y^T \nabla f(\theta) > 0 \\ \mathbf{\Gamma} y & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

where $\mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathbb{I}_{k\times k}\Gamma$ for some scalar $\Gamma > 0$ (typically $\Gamma \approx 10^5$) and $f(\theta)$ is a convex function [4]. By solving the Lyapunov equation

$$\mathbf{A}_m \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}_m^T + \mathbf{Q} = 0, \tag{2}$$

for $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^T$, with some arbitrary $\mathbf{Q} > 0$, the feedback controller

$$\begin{cases} u(t) = \hat{\theta}^T x(t) + k_g r(t) \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) = \mathrm{Proj}_{\mathbf{\Gamma}}(\hat{\theta}^T(t), x(t)\tilde{x}^T(t)\mathbf{X}b) \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

can be constructed, where $\tilde{x} = \hat{x} - x$ is the state estimation error, k_g is a gain and $r(t)$ is the reference signal. By designing the companion system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}_m \hat{x}(t) + b(u(t) - \hat{\theta}^T(t)x(t)) \\ y(t) = c^T \hat{x}(t) \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

it can be shown (by Theorem 2 [5]) that the state estimation error,

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} \tilde{x} = 0. \tag{5}$$

By a corollary of the theorem, choosing

$$k_g = -\frac{1}{c^T \mathbf{A}_m^{-1} b} \Rightarrow \lim_{t\to\infty} y(t) = r \tag{6}$$

if $r \equiv$ constant.

TODO

1. ~~Define general control structure.~~
2. Create Simulink projection operator (see eg. [6])
3. Validate projection operator against benchmark Simulink models (eg. [5]).
4. Define robustness metrics (see eg. [6] [7])
5. Create script for computing the $\mathcal{L}_1$-gain (see eg. [6]).
6. Validate script against benchmark Simulink models (eg. [5]).
7. Simulate control.

4 General TODOs

1. Found that one of the copters were broken - sent to Bitcraze for repairs, expected to be done in early march.

2. Tried installing IRIS in Ubuntu but ran into issues using the PODS ”make” command required to get everything up and running. TODO: contact Claes or Anders to get help in finding someone experienced with PODS.

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