

Modelling MPC

Nonlinear : $x_+ = f(x, u)$, $y = h(x, u)$
Linear : $x_+ = Ax + Bu$, $y = Cx + Du$

Description

Equilibrium Point EP : x_s is an EP if $x_s = f(x_s)$

Asymptotic stability AS : an EP is AS if it is :

- (Lyapunov) stable
- Attractive : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \|x_k - x_s\| = 0$ for all $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

AS for linear systems : A necessary and suf cond for AS of EP at the origin of an LTI is $|\lambda_i| < 1 \forall i$ (λ_i : eigenvalues of A)

MPC Formulation

$$u^*(x) := \underset{u}{\operatorname{argmin}} x_N^T Q_N x_N + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i^T Q_i x_i + u_i^T R u_i$$

s.t. $x_0 = x$ measurement
 $x_{i+1} = Ax_i + Bu_i$ system model
 $Cx_i + Du_i \leq b$ constraints
 $R > 0, Q > 0$ perf weights

To be done at each sample time \Rightarrow find opti u seq for entire planning window $N \Rightarrow$ Implement only first u

LQR

Goal: Move from state x to the origin. (i.e., keep x 'small')

Consider N inputs into the future

$$u := \{u_0, \dots, u_{N-1}\}$$

Express the 'cost' of being in state x and applying input u with the function

$$l(x, u) := x^T Q x + u^T R u$$

Cost of following a trajectory:

$$V(x_0, u) := \sum_{i=0}^N x_i^T Q_i x_i + u_i^T R u_i$$

Lemma : Lyapunov function for LQR

$V^*(x) = x^T P x$ is a LF for the system $x_+ = (A + BK)x$ where $K = -(R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A$

$$P = Q + A^T P A - A^T P B (R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A$$

For some $Q \geq 0, R > 0$

Constrained Minimization Problem

Consider the following problem with inequality constraints

$$\min f(x)$$

s.t. $g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m$

- f, g_i convex, twice continuously differentiable
- We assume p^* is finite and attained
- We assume problem is strictly feasible: there exists a \tilde{z} with $\tilde{z} \in \text{domain of } f, g_i(\tilde{z}) < 0, i = 1, \dots, m$

Idea: There exist many methods for unconstrained minimization \Rightarrow Reformulate problem as an unconstrained problem

Barrier Method : $\min f(x) + \kappa \phi(x)$
Indicator function : $\phi(z) = \sum_{i=1}^m l_i(g_i(z))$ and $\kappa = 1$
 $l_i(u) = 0$ if $u < 0$ and $l_i(u) = \infty$ otherwise
Log function : $\phi(z) = -\sum_{i=1}^m \log(-g_i(z))$
 • $\operatorname{argmin}_x (\phi(z))$ is called analytic center of $g_i < 0$

Central Path :

- Define $z^*(\kappa)$ as the solution of

$$\min f(z) + \kappa \phi(z)$$

(assume minimizer exists and is unique for each $\kappa > 0$)

- Barrier parameter κ determines relative weight of objective and barrier
- Barrier 'traps' $z(\kappa)$ in strictly feasible set
- Central path** is defined as $\{z^*(\kappa) \mid \kappa > 0\}$
- For given κ , can compute $z^*(\kappa)$ by solving smooth unconstrained minimization problem
- Intuitively $z^*(\kappa)$ converges to optimal solution as $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$

Path-following Method :

Idea: Follow central path to the optimal solution

Solve sequence of smooth unconstrained problems:

$$z^*(\kappa) = \operatorname{argmin}_z f(z) + \kappa \phi(z)$$

- Assume current solution is on the central path $z^{(k)} = z^*(\kappa^{(k)})$
- Update $\kappa^{(k+1)}$ by decreasing $\kappa^{(k)}$ by some amount
- Solve for $z^{(k+1)}$ starting from $z^{(k)}$
- If method converges, it converges to the optimal solution, i.e., $z^{(k)} \rightarrow z^*$ for $\kappa \rightarrow 0$

Barrier Interior-point Method :

$$\min \{f(x) \mid g(x) \leq 0\}$$

Input: strictly feasible $z, \kappa := \kappa^{(0)}, 0 < \mu < 1$, tolerance $\epsilon > 0$

- Centering step:** Compute $z^*(\kappa)$ by minimizing $f(z) + \kappa \phi(z)$ starting from z
- Update** $z := z^*(\kappa)$
- Stopping criterion:** Stop if $m_k < \epsilon$
- Decrease barrier parameter: $\kappa := \mu \kappa$

Controller constraints

Infinite horizon optimal control :

$$V^*(x_0) = \min \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} l(x_i, u_i), \quad \text{s.t. } x_{i+1} = f(x_i, u_i)$$

Finite-time : $V_N^*(x_0) = \min \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l(x_i, u_i) + V_f(x_N)$

s.t. $x_{i+1} = f(x_i, u_i)$ and $x_N \in X_f$

V_f approximates the tail of the cost.

X_f approximates the tail of the constraints

Lyapunov Stability

AN EP is LS if $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$ such that, for every $x_0 : \|x_0 - x_s\| \leq \delta(\epsilon) \Rightarrow \|x_k - x_s\| < \epsilon \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

Lyapunov Function (LF) : Continuous function $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is called (asymptotic) Lyapunov function if :

- $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow V(x) \rightarrow \infty$
- $V(0) = 0$ and $V(x) > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$
- $V(f(x)) - V(x) < 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$

Theorem : If a system admits a LF $\Rightarrow x(0)$ is AS

Lemma : Lin sys $x_+ = Ax$ is stable \Leftrightarrow there is a quadratic LF $V = x^T P x, P > 0$ which satisfies the Lyap equation $A^T P A - P = -Q$ for some $Q > 0$

Dynamic Prog

Algo :

Procedure:

- Start at step N and compute

$$V_N^*(x_N) := \min_{u_N} l(x_N, u_N)$$

- Iterate backwards for $i = N-1 \dots 0$ (DP iteration)

$$V_i^*(x_i) := \min_{u_i} l(x_i, u_i) + V_{i+1}^*(Ax_i + Bu_i)$$

- $V^*(x_0) := V_0^*(x_0)$ and the optimal controller is the optimizer $u_0^*(x_0)$

Requirements:

- Closed-form representation of the function $V_i^*(x)$
- Ability to compute a DP iteration

Normally impossible. Some special cases (e.g., LQR).

Bellman Recursion :

- Start at step N and compute

$$V_N^*(x_N) := \min_{u_N} x_N^T Q_N x_N + u_N^T R u_N$$

$$= x_N^T Q_N x_N$$

$$H_N := Q$$

- Iterate backwards for $i = N-1 \dots 0$ (DP iteration)

$$V_i^*(x_i) := \min_{u_i} x_i^T Q_i x_i + u_i^T R u_i + V_{i+1}^*(Ax_i + Bu_i)$$

$$u_i^*(x_i) = K_i x_i \quad K_i = -(R + B^T H_{i+1} B)^{-1} B^T H_{i+1} A$$

$$V_i^*(x_i) = x_i^T H_i x_i \quad H_i = Q + K_i^T R K_i + (A + B K_i)^T H_{i+1} (A + B K_i)$$

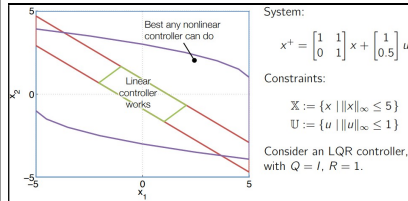
- $V^*(x_0) := V_0^*(x_0)$ and the optimal controller is the optimizer $u_0^*(x_0)$

Optimal Control law : $u_0^*(x) = K_0 x$, $V_0^*(x) = x^T H_0 x$

Need : $V_i^*(x)$ to have nice form (quadratic)

Ability to solve the DP iteration in closed form

Controller constraints



Positive Invariance Set :

Set O is said to be a positive invariant set for autonomous sys

$x_{i+1} = f(x_i)$ if: $x_i \in O \Rightarrow x_j \in O, \forall j \in \{0, 1, \dots, i\}$

Maximal Positive Invariant Set :

Set $O_\infty \subset X$ is the max invariant set with respect to X if $0 \in O_\infty$,

O_∞ is invariant and contains all invariant sets that contain the origin

Pre-Sets :

Given a set S and dynamic system $x_+ = f(x)$, the pre-set of S is the set of states that evolve into S in one time step

$$\operatorname{pre}(S) := \{x \mid f(x) \in S\}$$

Or for $x_+ = f(x, u)$:

$$\operatorname{pre}(S) := \{x \mid \exists u \in U \text{ s.t. } f(x, u) \in S\}$$

Theorem : Set O is a positive invariant set $\Leftrightarrow O \subseteq \operatorname{pre}(O)$

Controlled Invariance Set :

Set $C \subseteq X$ is said to be a control invariant set if

$$x_i \in C \Rightarrow \exists u_i \in U \text{ such that } f(x_i, u_i) \in C \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Maximal Control Invariant Set C_∞ :

Set C_∞ is said to be the maximal control invariant set for the system

$x_+ = f(x, u)$ subject to the constraints $(x, u) \in X \times U$ if it is control invariant and contains all control invariant sets contained in X

Theorem : Set C is a control invariant set $\Leftrightarrow C \subseteq \operatorname{pre}(C)$

Note : $C_\infty > O_\infty$, but more difficult to compute

C_∞ is the best any controller can do

Control Law :

$$\kappa(x) := \operatorname{argmin} \{g(x, u) \mid f(x, u) \in C\}$$

where g is any function (including $g(x, u) = 0$).

This doesn't ensure that the system will converge, but it will satisfy constraints.

Controller constraints

Feasible set X_N : X_N is defined as the set of initial states x for which the MPC problem with horizon N is feasible :

$$X_N := \{x \mid \exists [u_0, \dots, u_{N-1}] \text{ such that } Cu_i + Dx_i < b\}$$

The values of P and X_f are chosen to simulate an infinite horizon

Recursive Feasibility : MPC prob is RF, if for all feasible initial states feasibility is guaranteed at all state along the closed-loop traj

Lyapunov stability : EP at origin of sys $x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bk(x_k)$ is said to be LS in X if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\epsilon) > 0$ such that:

$$\|x(0)\| \leq \delta(\epsilon) \Rightarrow \|x(k)\| < \epsilon, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Optimization (intro)

Mathematical Optimization

Mathematical optimization problem is generally formulated as

$$\minimize f(x)$$

s.t. $g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m$
 $h_i(x) = 0, i = 1, \dots, p$

- $z = [z_1, \dots, z_n]$: optimization variables

- $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$: objective or cost function

- $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, m$: inequality constraint functions

- $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, m$: equality constraint functions

- z is **feasible** or **admissible** if it satisfies the constraints

- $C := \{z \mid g_i(z) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m, h_i(z) = 0, i = 1, \dots, p\}$: set of feasible or admissible decisions, or **feasible set**

Optimality

Optimal value: smallest possible cost

$$p^* \triangleq \inf \{f(z) \mid g_i(z) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, m, h_i(z) = 0, i = 1, \dots, p\}$$

Optimizer: feasible z that achieves smallest cost p^* , i.e., $z^* \in C$ with $p^* = f(z^*)$; set of all optimizers is Z_{opt} (optimizer is not always unique).

- $z \in C$ is **locally optimal** if, for some $R > 0$, it satisfies

$$y \in C, \|y - z\| \leq R \Rightarrow f(y) \geq f(z)$$

- $z \in C$ is **globally optimal** if it satisfies

$$y \in C \Rightarrow f(y) \geq f(z)$$

- If P is empty, then the problem is **unbounded below**

- If C is empty, then the problem is said to be **infeasible** (convention: $p^* = -\infty$)

- If $m = p = 0$ the problem is said to be **unconstrained**

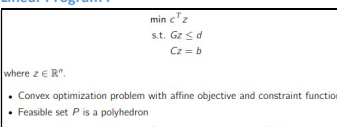
Local optimization methods :

- Fast, can handle large problem
- Require initial guess and no info on dist to glob opti

Global optimization methods :

- Worst case complex grows expo with problem size

Linear Program :



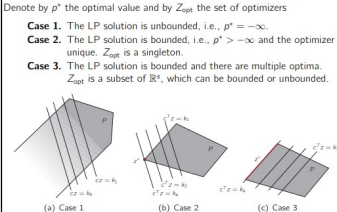
- If P is empty, then the problem is infeasible

Denote by p^* the optimal value and by Z_{opt} the set of optimizers

Case 1. The LP solution is bounded, i.e., $p^* > -\infty$ and the optimizer is unique. Z_{opt} is a singleton.

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Case 3. The LP solution is bounded and there are multiple optima. Z_{opt} is a subset of \mathbb{R}^n , which can be bounded or unbounded.



Quadratic Program :

$$\min \frac{1}{2} z^T H z + q^T z + r$$

s.t. $Gz \leq d$
 $Cz = b$

where $z \in \mathbb{R}^n, H \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

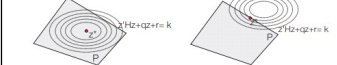
- Convex if $H \succeq 0$ (hard problem if $H \not\succeq 0$)

- Let P be the feasible set.

Two cases can occur if P is not empty:

Case 1. The optimizer lies strictly inside the feasible polyhedron

Case 2. The optimizer lies on the boundary of the feasible polyhedron



Infinite vs Finite Horizon

Terminal cost :

Terminal constraint provides a sufficient condition for constraint satisfaction :

$$J^*(x) = \min_{u_0, \dots, u_{N-1}} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i^T Q_i x_i + u_i^T R u_i + \underbrace{V_N^*(x_N)}_{\text{Infinite horizon cost starting from } x_N}$$

s.t. $x_{i+1} = Ax_i + Bu_i$
 $Cx_i + Du_i \leq b$
 $x_N \in X_f$
 $x_0 = x$

- All input and state constraints are satisfied for the closed-loop system using the LQR control law for $x \in X_f$

Terminal set is often defined by linear or quadratic constraints

\Rightarrow The bound holds in the **terminal set** and is used as a **terminal cost**

\Rightarrow The terminal set defines the **terminal constraint**.

Theorem Vidyasager : if a system admits a LF in X , the EP at the origin is (Lyapunov) stable in X .

Stability of MPC :

Standing assumptions hold:

- The stage cost is a positive definite function, i.e. it is strictly positive and only zero at the origin

- The terminal set is **invariant** under the local control law $\kappa_f(x)$:

$$x^+ = Ax + B\kappa_f(x) \in X_f \quad \text{for all } x \in X_f$$

All state and input constraints are satisfied in $X_f</$

Terminal Sets and Functions

For $f(x, u) = Ax + Bu$ and $l(x, u) = x^T Q x + u^T R u$
Define terminal controller as the opti unconstrained LQR control law, same for the terminal weight:

$$K_f(x) = Kx, \quad K = -(R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A$$

$$P = Q + A^T P A - A^T P B (R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A$$

Terminal weight:

$$V_f(x) = x^T P x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i^T Q x_i + x_i^T K^T R K x_i$$

Choose for terminal Set \mathcal{X}_f the max invariant set for the closed-loop system $x_+ = (A + BK)x$

MPC tracking

Compute steady-state target: (x_s, u_s)

$$\min u_s^T R_s u_s$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} I - A & -B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_s \\ u_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_x x_s \leq k_x$$

$$H_u u_s \leq k_u$$

Replace in MPC problem x and u by $\Delta x = x - x_s$ and Δu

MPC problem:

$$\min \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \Delta x_i^T Q \Delta x_i + \Delta u_i^T R \Delta u_i + V_f(\Delta x_N)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \Delta x_0 = x$$

$$\Delta x_{i+1} = A \Delta x_i + B \Delta u_i$$

$$H_x \Delta x_i \leq k_x - H_x x_s$$

$$H_u \Delta u_i \leq k_u - H_u u_s$$

$$\Delta x_N \in \mathcal{X}_f$$

- Find optimal seq of Δu^*

- Input applied to the system is $u_0^* = \Delta u_0^* + u_s$

Offset free control (constant dist rejection):

Idea: include disturbance in model:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + B_d d_k$$

$$d_{k+1} = d_k$$

$$y_k = Cx_k + C_d d_k$$

Only restriction on choice of B_d, C_d : observability of the augmented model

The augmented system is observable if and only if (A, C) is observable and

$$\begin{bmatrix} A - I & B \\ C & C_d \end{bmatrix} \text{ has full column rank, i.e. rank} = n_u + n_d$$

\Rightarrow Maximal dimension of the disturbance: $n_d \leq n_y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{k+1} \\ \hat{d}_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B_d \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_k \\ \hat{d}_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u_k + \begin{bmatrix} L_x \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} (C \hat{x}_k + C_d \hat{d}_k - y_k)$$

- For L use of pole placement to obtain it

Offset + tracking:

Compute steady-state target: (x_s, u_s)

$$\begin{bmatrix} I - A & -B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_s \\ u_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_d d \\ r - C_d d \end{bmatrix}$$

Robust MPC (1/2):

MPC vs real world: MPC system evolves in a predictable ways but in real world random noise w ($\propto t$, *unknown*), model structure is unknown and unknown parameters θ (*const and unknown*) impact the dynamics

$$x_+ = f(x, u, w; \theta), \quad (x, u) \in \mathbb{X}, \forall w \in \mathbb{W} \text{ and } \theta \in \Theta$$

Common uncertainty models:

Measurement/input bias $g(x, u, w; \theta) = f(x, u) + \theta$

- Handled generally by estimating offset

Linear parameter varying system

$$g(x, u, w; \theta) = \sum_{k=0}^t \theta_k A_k x + \sum_{k=0}^t \theta_k B_k u, \quad 1^T \theta = 1 \text{ and } \theta \geq 0$$

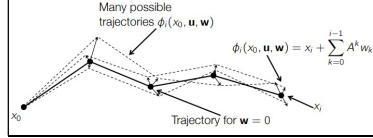
Additive Stochastic Noise

$$g(x, u, w; \theta) = Ax + Bu + w, \quad \text{distrib of } w \text{ known}$$

Additive Bounded Noise $g(x, u, w; \theta) = Ax + Bu + w$

- Noise is persistent

Uncertain state evolution:



Cost:

$$J(x_0, u, w) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l(\phi_i(x_0, u, w), u_i) + V_f(\phi_N(x_0, u, w))$$

$$\text{with } \phi_i = A^i x_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} A^k B u_{i-k} + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} A^k w_{i-k}$$

$$= x_i + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} A^k w_{i-k}$$

Need to eliminate the dependence on w :

- Minimize the expected value (requires some assumption on the distribution)

$$V_N(x_0, u) := \mathbb{E}[J(x_0, u, w)]$$
- Minimize the variance (requires some assumption on the distribution)

$$V_N(x_0, u) := \text{Var}(J(x_0, u, w))$$
- Take the worst-case

$$V_N(x_0, u) := \max_{w \in \mathbb{W}^{N-1}} J(x_0, u, w)$$
- Take the nominal case

$$V_N(x_0, u) := J(x_0, u, 0)$$

Removing of Terminal Set/Terminal constraints

Possible to remove terminal constraint while maintaining stab if

- Initial state lies in sufficiently small subset of feasible set
- N is sufficiently large

Note: Feasible set without terminal constraint is not invariant

Warning: Region of attraction without term constraint may be larger than for MPC with terminal constraint

Soft constrained MPC

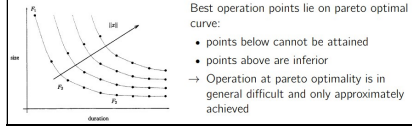
Idea: allow "small" violation of some constrained:

- Input constraints often represent actuator limit: can't be soften
- State constraints often represent perf or comfort constraints: can be soften

Objective: minimize duration and size of violation (conflicting goal)

Pareto optimal curve:

For given system and horizon can plot pareto optimal size/duration curve for different initial conditions:



Soft constrained MPC problem setup:

$$\min \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i^T Q x_i + u_i^T R u_i + \rho(\epsilon_i) + x_N^T P x_N + \rho(\epsilon_N)$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_{i+1} = Ax_i + Bu_i \quad \text{System model}$$

$$H_x x_i \leq k_x + \epsilon_i, \quad \text{State constraint (soften)}$$

$$H_u u_i \leq k_u, \quad \text{Input constraint}$$

$$\epsilon_i \geq 0 \quad \text{Slack variable (use to soften)}$$

- Penalize amount of soft constraint violation in the cost function by means of penalty: $\rho(\epsilon_N)$

Quadratic penalty: $\rho(\epsilon_i) = \epsilon_i^T S \epsilon_i$

Quadratic and linear norm penalty: $\rho(\epsilon_i) = \epsilon_i^T S \epsilon_i + s \|\epsilon_i\|_{1/\infty}$

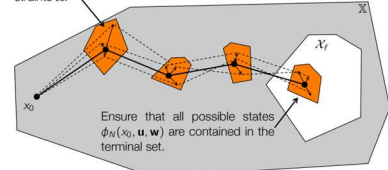
Effect of S : Increase in S lead to 'hardening' of the soft constraints

Effect of s : (same a S)

- allow for exact penalties: if s large enough constraints are satisfied if possible
- large linear penalties make tuning difficult and cause numerical problems

Robust MPC (2/2)

Ensure that all possible states $\phi_i(x_0, u, w)$ satisfy system constraints \mathbb{X} .



- $\phi_{i+1} = A\phi_i + B u_i + w_i$
- $u_i \in \mathbb{U}$
- $\phi_i \in \mathbb{X} \forall w \in \mathbb{W}^N$
- $i = 0, \dots, N-1$
- Optimize over control actions $\{u_0, \dots, u_{N-1}\}$
- Enforce constraints explicitly by imposing $\phi_i \in \mathbb{X}$ and $u_i \in \mathbb{U}$ for all sequences w
- $i = N, \dots$
- Assume control law to be linear $u_i = K \phi_i$
- Enforce constraints implicitly by constraining ϕ_i to be in an robust invariant set $\mathcal{X}_f \subseteq \mathbb{X}$ and $K \mathcal{X}_f \subseteq \mathbb{U}$ for the system $\phi^+ = (A + BK)\phi + w$

Robust Invariant Set: set \mathcal{O}^w is said to be a robust positive invariant set for the autonomous system $x_+ = f(x, w)$ if:

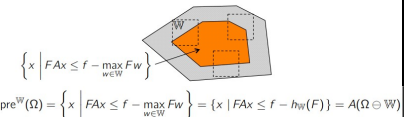
$$x \in \mathcal{O}^w \Rightarrow f(x, w) \in \mathcal{O}^w, \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{W}$$

Robust Pre-Sets: Given a set Ω and the dyn system $x_+ = f(x, w)$, pre-set of Ω is the set of states that evolve into it in one step for all $w \in \mathbb{W}$:

$$\text{pre}^w(\Omega) := \{x \mid f(x, w) \in \Omega, \forall w \in \mathbb{W}\}$$

Goal: Given the system $f(x, w) = Ax + w$, and the set $\Omega := \{x \mid Fx \leq f\}$, compute $\text{pre}^w(\Omega)$.

$$\text{pre}^w(\Omega) = \{x \mid Ax + w \in \Omega, \forall w \in \mathbb{W}\} = \{x \mid F(Ax + Fw) \leq f, \forall w \in \mathbb{W}\}$$



Theorem Robust Invariant Set: set \mathcal{O} is a robust positive invariant set $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O} \subseteq \text{pre}^w(\mathcal{O})$

Robust MPC:

$$\min \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l(x_i, u_i) + V_f(x_N)$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_{i+1} = Ax_i + Bu_i$$

$$x_i \in \mathbb{X} \ominus \mathcal{A}_i \mathbb{W}^i$$

$$u_i \in \mathbb{U}$$

$$x_N \in \mathcal{X}_f \ominus \mathcal{A}_N \mathbb{W}^N$$

where $\mathcal{A}_i := [A^0 \ A^1 \ \dots \ A^i]$ and \mathcal{X}_f is a robust invariant set for the system $x^+ = (A + BK)x$ for some stabilizing K .

We do **nominal MPC**, but with tighter constraints on the states and inputs. We can be sure that if the nominal system satisfies the tighter constraints, then the uncertain system will satisfy the real constraints.

Robust Control Invariance: if $u^*(x)$ is the opti of the robust open-loop MPC prob, then the sys $Ax + Bu_0^*(x) + w \in \mathbb{X}, \forall w \in \mathbb{W}$

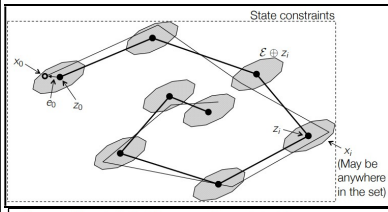
Robust MPC II

Problem: $\mathcal{A}^k \mathbb{W}^k$ can be very large \Rightarrow reduce heavily feasible set

Solution idea: react to given disturbance:

- Controller choose u_0
- Disturbance choose w_0
- Controller choose u_1 as a function of w_0
- ...

Tube-MPC:



- Compute the set \mathcal{E} that the error will remain inside
- Modify constraints on nominal trajectory $\{z_i\}$ so that $z_i \oplus \mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathbb{X}$ and $v_i \in \mathbb{U} \ominus K \mathcal{E}$
- Formulate as convex optimization problem

Minimum robust invariant set:

As sum goes to infinity, we arrive at the **minimum robust invariant set** mRP

$$F_\infty = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i \mathbb{W}, \quad F_0 := \{0\}$$

If there exists an n such that $F_n = F_{n+1}$, then $F_n = F_\infty$

Minkowski sum:

Given $P := \{x \mid Tx \leq t\}$ and $Q := \{x \mid Rx \leq r\}$, the Minkowski sum is:

$$P \oplus Q := \{x + y \mid x \in P, y \in Q\}$$

$$= \{z \mid \exists x, y \ z = x + y, \ Tx \leq t, \ Ry \leq r\}$$

$$= \{z \mid \exists y \ Tz - Ty \leq t, \ Ry \leq r\}$$

$$= \left\{ z \mid \exists y \begin{bmatrix} T & -T \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z \\ y \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} t \\ r \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Constraint Tightening: we want $x_i \in z_i \oplus \mathcal{E}$

$$z_i \in \mathbb{X} \ominus \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow z_i \oplus \mathcal{E} \in \mathbb{X}$$

$$v_i \in \mathbb{U} \ominus K \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow u_i \in K \mathcal{E} \oplus v_i \subseteq \mathbb{U}$$

Problem Formulation:

$$\text{Tube-MPC}$$

$$\text{Feasible set: } Z(x_0) := \left\{ z, v \mid \begin{array}{l} z_{i+1} = Az_i + Bv_i \quad i \in [0, N-1] \\ z_i \in \mathbb{X} \ominus \mathcal{E} \quad i \in [0, N-1] \\ v_i \in \mathbb{U} \ominus K \mathcal{E} \quad i \in [0, N-1] \\ z_N \in \mathcal{X}_f \\ x_0 \in z_0 \oplus \mathcal{E} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Cost function: } V(z, v) := \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l(z_i, v_i) + V_f(z_N)$$

$$\text{Optimization problem: } (v^*(x_0), z^*(x_0)) = \arg \min_{v, z} \{ V(z, v) \mid (z, v) \in Z(x_0) \}$$

$$\text{Control law: } \mu_{\text{tube}}(x) := K(x - z_0^*(x)) + v_0^*(x)$$

Assumptions:

- Stage cost is a positive def function
- Terminal set is invariant for the nominal system under local control law $K_f(z)$
- All tightened state and input const are satisfied in \mathcal{X}_f :

$$x_f \subseteq \mathbb{X} \ominus \mathcal{E}, \quad K_f(z) \in \mathbb{U} \ominus \mathcal{E} \ \forall z \in \mathcal{X}_f$$
- Terminal cost is a continuous LF in the terminal set \mathcal{X}_f :

$$V_f(Az + BK_f(z)) - V_f(z) \leq -i(z, K_f(z)) \quad \forall z \in \mathcal{X}_f$$

Theorem (Robust inv of tube-MPC): set $Z := \{x \mid Z(x) \neq \emptyset\}$ is a robust invariant set of the sys $x_+ = Ax + B\mu_{\text{tube}}(x) + w$ subject to the constraint $(x, u) \in \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{U}$

Let $(\{v_0^*, \dots, v_{N-1}^*\}, \{z_0^*, \dots, z_N^*\})$ be the optimal solution for time x_0 .

At the next point in time, the state is:

$$x_1 = Ax_0 + BK(x_0 - z_0^*) + Bv_0^* + w \quad \text{for some } w \in \mathbb{W}$$

i.e., the state x_1 may have many possible values. We need to show that there exists a feasible solution for **all of them**.

By construction, the state x_1 is in the set $z_1 \oplus \mathcal{E}$ for all \mathbb{W} . Therefore (as in standard MPC), the sequence

$$(\{v_1^*, \dots, v_{N-1}^*, K_f(z_N^*)\}, \{z_1^*, \dots, z_N^*, Az_N^* + BK_f(z_N^*)\})$$

is feasible for all x_1 .

Theorem (Robust Stab of tube-MPC): state x of the sys $x_+ = Ax + B\mu_{\text{tube}}(x) + w$ converges in the limit to the set \mathcal{E}

$$J^*(x_0) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l(z_i^*, v_i^*) + V_f(z_N^*)$$

$$J^*(x_1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N l(z_i^*, v_i^*) + V_f(z_{N+1}^*)$$

$$= J^*(x_0) - \underbrace{l(z_0^*, v_0^*)}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{V_f(z_{N-1}^*) - V_f(z_N^*)}_{\leq 0} + \underbrace{l(z_N^*, K_f(z_N^*))}_{\leq 0} \quad (V_f \text{ is a Lyapunov function in } \mathcal{X}_f)$$

Tube MPC – Resume:

— **Offline** —

- Choose a stabilizing controller K so that $\|A + BK\| < 1$
- Compute the minimal robust invariant set $\mathcal{E} = F_\infty$ for the system $x^+ = (A + BK)x + w, w \in \mathbb{W}^1$
- Compute the tightened constraints $\tilde{\mathbb{X}} := \mathbb{X} \ominus \mathcal{E}, \tilde{\mathbb{U}} := \mathbb{U} \ominus \mathcal{E}$
- Choose terminal weight function V_f and constraint \mathcal{X}_f satisfying assumptions on slide 35

— **Online** —

- Measure / estimate state x
- Solve the problem $(v^*(x), z^*(x)) = \arg \min_{v, z} \{ V(z, v) \mid (z, v) \in Z(x) \}$ (Slide 33)
- Set the input to $u = K(x - z_0^*(x)) + v_0^*(x)$