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### Example: Optimal Control of Hybrid Manufacturing Systems

#### Manufacturing System

Jobs move through network of work centers

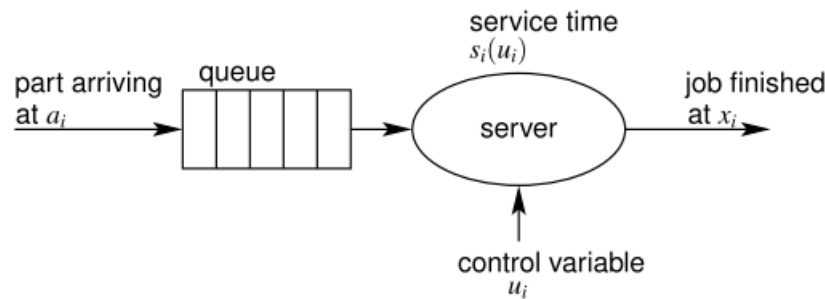
#### **State**

- **Temporal State (event-driven):** waiting time, departure time, ...
- **Physical State (time-driven):** temperature, size, weight, chemical composition

#### **Trade-off:**

- temporal requirements on job **completion times**
- physical requirements on **quality** of completed jobs

We always assume higher quality → longer processing times



- Single-stage, single-server queueing system
- $N$  jobs (each job corresponds to mode)
- Buffer with capacity  $> N$
- As job  $i$  is processed, physical state  $z_i$  evolves according to

$$\dot{z}_i = g_i(z_i, u_i, t) \quad \text{with } z_i(\tau_i) = \zeta_i$$

with  $\tau_i$  time instant at which processing begins

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- Control variable  $u_i$  is used to attain final desired physical state:  
If  $s_i(u_i)$  is service time and  $\Gamma_i(u_i)$  is target quality set, then

$$s_i(u_i) = \min\{t \geq 0 \mid z_i(\tau_i + t) \in \Gamma_i(u_i)\}$$

- Temporal state  $x_i$  represents time when job is completed:  
If  $a_i$  is arrival time of job  $i$ , then

$$x_i = \max(x_{i-1}, a_i) + s_i(u_i) \quad (\text{Lindley equation})$$

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Optimal control problem:

$$\min_{u_1, \dots, u_N} J = \sum_{i=1}^N L_i(x_i, u_i)$$

subject to evolution equations for  $z_i$  and  $x_i$

where  $L(x_i, u_i)$  is cost function associated with job  $i$

→ classical discrete-time optimal control problems except for

- $i$  does not count time steps  
→ not really an issue
- max is non-differentiable for  $a_i = x_{i-1}$   
→ prevents use of standard gradient-based techniques  
→ use non-differentiable calculus, generalized gradient

### Example: heating/annealing manufacturing processes

See Lecture Slides

## Optimality Condition

### Augmented Cost

$$\bar{J}(x, \lambda, u) = \sum_{i=1}^N (L_i(x_i, u_i) + \lambda_i (\max(x_{i-1}, a_i) + s_i(u_i) - x_i))$$

where  $\lambda$  is co-state

- Assume costs  $L_i$  and  $s_i$  are continuously differentiable
- First-Order Necessary Conditions of Optimality

$$\frac{\partial \bar{J}}{\partial u_i} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \bar{J}}{\partial \lambda_i} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \bar{J}}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

Then we have:

- **Stationarity condition:**  $\frac{\partial L_i(x_i, u_i)}{\partial u_i} + \lambda_i \frac{ds_i(u_i)}{du_i} = 0$
- **Temporal state equation:**  $x_i = \max(x_{i-1}, a_i) + s_i(u_i)$  with  $x_0 = -\infty$
- **Co-state equation:**  $\lambda_i = \frac{\partial L_i(x_i, u_i)}{\partial x_i} + \lambda_{i+1} \frac{d \max(x_i, a_{i+1})}{dx_i}$  with final boundary condition  $\lambda_N = \frac{\partial L_N(x_N, u_N)}{\partial x_N}$
- However,  $\max$  function most time are not differentiable

## Dealing with Non-differentiable: Generalized Gradient

- $\max$  is **Lipschitz continuous** + **differentiable** except for  $x_i = a_{i+1}$

$$\frac{d \max(x_i, a_{i+1})}{dx_i} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_i < a_{i+1} \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i > a_{i+1} \end{cases}$$

### Generalized Gradient

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be **locally Lipschitz continuous**, and let  $S(u)$  denote set of all sequences  $\{u_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$  that satisfy

- $u_m \rightarrow u$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$
- gradient  $\nabla f(u_m)$  exists for all  $m$
- $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \nabla f(u_m) = \phi$  exists

Then **generalized gradient**  $\partial f(u)$  is defined as **convex hull** of all limits  $\phi$  corresponding to some sequence  $\{u_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$  in  $S(u)$

**Property**

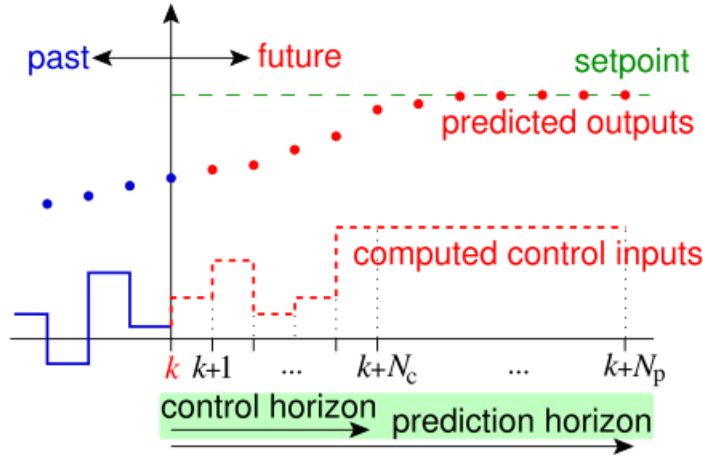
- if  $f$  is **continuously differentiable** in some open set containing  $u$ , then  $\partial f(u) = \{\nabla f(u)\}$
- if  $u$  is **local minimum**, then  $0 \in \partial f(u)$   
 → this becomes **first-order optimality condition in non-smooth optimization**

## 2. MPC for MLD and PWA Systems

### Classical Settings of MPC

Classical MPC is quite familiar for me. Here I will not introduce MPC in detail, I will just mention some key-points.

One important thing is in this course, we have two **horizon: control horizon and prediction horizon**



Extra condition to reduce **computational complexity**: control horizon  $N_c$

$$u(k+j) = u(k+N_c-1) \quad \text{for } j = N_c, \dots, N_p - 1$$

→ smoother controller signal & stabilizing effect

### MPC for MLD Systems

#### System Model

Consider MLD Systems

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + B_1 u(k) + B_2 \delta(k) + B_3 z(k) \\ y(k) &= Cx(k) + D_1 u(k) + D_2 \delta(k) + D_3 z(k) \\ E_1 x(k) + E_2 u(k) + E_3 \delta(k) + E_4 z(k) &\leq g_5 \end{aligned}$$

- Consider **equilibrium state/input/output**:  $(x_{eq}, u_{eq}, y_{eq}) \rightarrow (\delta_{eq}, z_{eq})$
- $\hat{x}(k+j | k)$ : estimate of  $x$  at sample step  $k+j$  based on information available at sample step  $k$

#### MPC Model

We tried to stabilize system to equilibrium state

$$J(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} \|\hat{x}(k+j | k) - x_{eq}\|_{Q_x}^2 + \|u(k+j-1) - u_{eq}\|_{Q_u}^2 + \|\hat{y}(k+j | k) - y_{eq}\|_{Q_y}^2 + \|\hat{\delta}(k+j-1 | k) - \delta_{eq}\|_{Q_\delta}^2 + \|\hat{z}(k+j-1 | k) - z_{eq}\|_{Q_z}^2$$

with  $Q_i > 0$

- End-point condition:  $\hat{x}(k + N_p | k) = x_{eq}$
- Control horizon constraint:  
 $u(k+j) = u(k + N_c - 1)$  for  $j = N_c, \dots, N_p - 1$

#### Property

If feasible solution exists for  $x(0)$ , then MPC input stabilizes system, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) &= x_{eq} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y(k) - y_{eq}\|_{Q_y} &= 0 & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|z(k) - z_{eq}\|_{Q_z} &= 0 \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u(k) &= u_{eq} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\delta(k) - \delta_{eq}\|_{Q_\delta} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

#### Algorithms for MLD-MPC: mixed-integer quadratic programming (MIQP)

- **Successive substitution** of system equations:  $\rightarrow \hat{x}(k+j|k)$  is linear function of  $x(k)$ ,  $\hat{u}$ ,  $\hat{\delta}$  and  $\hat{z}$  Also holds for  $y(k+j|k)$ 
  - When substitution, we assume  $u_k$  is known, we are now proving  $u$  and  $x$  to compute  $J$ , which is necessary for optimization steps
- Define  $\tilde{V}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}^\top(k) & \tilde{\delta}^\top(k) & \tilde{z}^\top(k) \end{bmatrix}^\top$
- Results in an **MIQP** Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\tilde{V}(k)} & \tilde{V}^\top(k) S_1 \tilde{V}(k) + 2(S_2 + x^\top(k) S_3) \tilde{V}(k) \\ \text{subject to} & F_1 \tilde{V}(k) \leq F_2 + F_3 x(k), \end{aligned}$$

## 3. MPC for MMPS and Continuous PWA Systems

### Note of PWA and MMPS Systems

- **Continuous** PWA model can be used as **approximation** of general nonlinear continuous state space model
- **General** PWA systems are equivalent to **constrained** MMPS systems
- **Continuous** PWA functions and **unconstrained** MMPS functions coincide.  
i.e., a continuous PWA function  $f$  can be rewritten as

$$f = \max_j \min_i (\alpha_i^T x + \beta_i)$$

## Canonical Forms of MMPS Functions

Any MMPS function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be rewritten into **min-max canonical form**

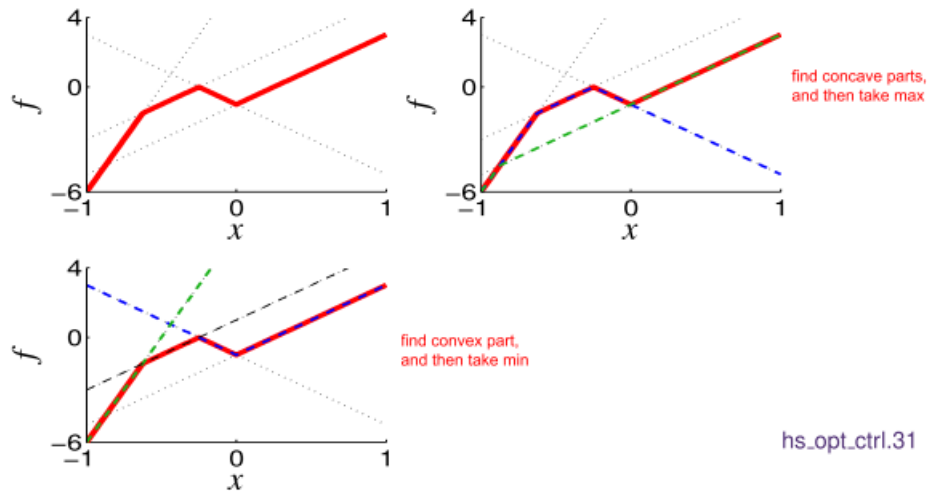
$$f = \min_i \max_j (\alpha_{(i,j)}^T x + \beta_{(i,j)})$$

or into **max-min canonical form**

$$f = \max_i \min_j (\gamma_{(i,j)}^T x + \delta_{(i,j)})$$

### Example

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \min(8x + 6, 1) - 2 \max(\min(2x + 1, 1 - 2x), -2x) \\ &= \max(\min(12x + 6, 4x + 1, -4x - 1), \min(12x + 6, 4x - 1)) \\ &= \min(\max(4x - 1, -4x - 1), 12x + 6, 4x + 1) \end{aligned}$$



### Some Transformation Method: (From Lecture Notes)

- Max-Min and Min-Max
  - Minimization is distributive w.r.t. maximization, i.e.,  $\min(\alpha, \max(\beta, \gamma)) = \max(\min(\alpha, \beta), \min(\alpha, \gamma))$ , which results in:
 
$$\min(\max(\alpha, \beta), \max(\gamma, \delta)) = \max(\min(\alpha, \gamma), \min(\alpha, \delta), \min(\beta, \gamma), \min(\beta, \delta)).$$
  - The max operation is distributive w.r.t. min. Hence,
 
$$\max(\min(\alpha, \beta), \min(\gamma, \delta)) = \min(\max(\alpha, \gamma), \max(\alpha, \delta), \max(\beta, \gamma), \max(\beta, \delta)).$$
- We have

$$\begin{aligned}\min(\alpha, \beta) + \min(\gamma, \delta) &= \min(\alpha + \gamma, \alpha + \delta, \beta + \gamma, \beta + \delta) \\ \max(\alpha, \beta) + \max(\gamma, \delta) &= \max(\alpha + \gamma, \alpha + \delta, \beta + \gamma, \beta + \delta)\end{aligned}$$

- The min and max operators are related as follows:

$$\max(\alpha, \beta) = -\min(-\alpha, -\beta)$$

- If  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$  is positive, then

$$\rho \max(\alpha, \beta) = \max(\rho\alpha, \rho\beta), \quad \rho \min(\alpha, \beta) = \min(\rho\alpha, \rho\beta)$$

## MPC for MMPS Systems

### MMPS Model

$$\begin{aligned}x(k) &= \mathcal{M}_x(x(k-1), u(k)) \\ y(k) &= \mathcal{M}_y(x(k), u(k))\end{aligned}$$

- Prediction Horizon:  $N_p$
- Estimate  $\hat{y}(k+j \mid k)$  of output at sample step  $k+j$ :

$$\hat{y}(k+j \mid k) = F_j(x(k-1), u(k), \dots, u(k+j))$$

→  $F_j$  is **MMPS function**! (if we expand the formulation with higher-order  $x$ , we can find the combination is still MMPS equation)

### MPC Model

- Some possible **cost functions** (need to meet MMPS format)

$$\begin{aligned}J_{\text{out},1}(k) &= \|\tilde{y}(k) - \tilde{r}(k)\|_1 & J_{\text{out},\infty}(k) &= \|\tilde{y}(k) - \tilde{r}(k)\|_\infty \\ J_{\text{in},1}(k) &= \|\tilde{u}(k)\|_1 & J_{\text{in},\infty}(k) &= \|\tilde{u}(k)\|_\infty\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{u}(k) &= \begin{bmatrix} u^T(k) & \dots & u^T(k+N_p-1) \end{bmatrix}^T \\ \tilde{y}(k) &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}^\top(k \mid k) & \dots & \hat{y}^\top(k+N_p-1 \mid k) \end{bmatrix}^T \\ \tilde{r}(k) &= \begin{bmatrix} r^T(k) & \dots & r^T(k+N_p-1) \end{bmatrix}^T\end{aligned}$$

Note:  $|x| = \max(x, -x) \rightarrow$  cost functions are MMPS functions

- **Constraints**

$$C_c(k, x(k-1), \tilde{u}(k), \tilde{y}(k)) \geq 0$$

### Algorithms for Model Solution

### 3.4 Algorithms for MMPS-MPC

- Nonlinear optimization (SQP, ELCP):  
→ local minima, excessive computation time
- MPC for mixed logical-dynamical (MLD) systems [Bemporad, Morari]:  
→ mixed real-integer quadratic programming problems
- New approach based on canonical forms:  
→ collection of linear programming problems

We will introduce the LP method in detail, we are familiar with LP and we will see how to **transform MMPS MPC to an LP problem**

Recall:  $J(k)$  is MMPS function

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow J(k) &= \max_i \left( \min_j \left( \gamma_{(i,j)}^T \tilde{u} + \delta_{(i,j)} \right) \right) \\
 &= \min_i \left( \max_j \left( \alpha_{(i,j)}^T \tilde{u} + \beta_{(i,j)} \right) \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \min_{\tilde{u}} J(k) &= \min_{\tilde{u}} \min_i \left( \max_j \left( \alpha_{(i,j)}^T \tilde{u} + \beta_{(i,j)} \right) \right) \\
 &= \min_i \underbrace{\min_{\tilde{u}} \left( \max_j \left( \alpha_{(i,j)}^T \tilde{u} + \beta_{(i,j)} \right) \right)}_{\rightarrow \text{LP!}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Which means we will have *i* **LP problem** because the min-max part is equal to:

LP *i* :

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\min_{\tilde{u}} t \\
 \text{s.t. } &\begin{cases} t \geq \alpha_{(i,j)}^T \tilde{u} + \beta_{(i,j)} & \text{for all } j \\ P\tilde{u} + q \geq 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Game-Theoretic Approach

We tried to use Game-Theoretic Perspective for **Safety-Critical Applications** such as collision avoidance in free flight or automated highways

- guarantee safety even in case intentions of other aircraft/vehicle are not known (non-cooperative game)
- if (partial) communication possible → cooperative game



## Game-Theoretic Model

- **System Model:**

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

- $u$  control inputs (corresponding to 1st player)
- $d$  disturbance inputs (corresponding to 2nd player/adversary)

- **Safety Constraints** be represented by:

$$F = \{x \in X \mid S(x) \geq 0\}$$

- **Cost Function**

- Let  $t_0 \leq t_{\text{end}}$  and consider cost function

$$J : X \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{D} \times [t_0, t_{\text{end}}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

*i.e.*  $(x, u(\cdot), d(\cdot), t) \mapsto S(x(t_{\text{end}}))$

where  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  denote admissible control and disturbance functions

**$J$  is cost associated with trajectory starting at  $x$  at time  $t \in [t_0, t_{\text{end}}]$  with inputs  $u(\cdot)$  and  $d(\cdot)$ , and ending at time  $t = t_{\text{end}}$  at the final state  $x(t_{\text{end}})$**

- **Optimization Target**

$$J^*(x, t) = \max_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \min_{d \in \mathcal{D}} J(x, u, d, t)$$

## Model Solution

- **Feasible Set(not officially)**

$$\left\{ x \in X \mid \min_{\tau \in [t, t_{\text{end}}]} J^*(x, \tau) \geq 0 \right\}$$

- contains all states for which system can be forced by control  $u$  to remain in safe set  $F$  for at least  $|t_{\text{end}} - t|$  time units, irrespective of disturbance function  $d$

- Value function  $J^*$  can be computed using **Hamilton-Jacobi equations**

- Computation Tremendous Task
- Provides systematic way to check safety properties for continuous-time system

## Summary

## 5. Summary

- Optimal control of hybrid systems
  - MPC for MLD and PWA systems
  - MPC for MMPS and continuous PWA systems
  - Game-theoretic approaches
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- Optimal Control of Hybrid Manufacturing Systems
    - **temporal state (event-driven)**
    - physical state (time-driven)
    - event-driven part may cause **non-differentiable** when computing optimality condition of the cost function
  - **Generalized Gradient** to deal with non-differentiable
  - MPC for MLD and PWA
    - Control Horizon + Prediction Horizon
    - MLD: **mixed-integer quadratic programming (MIQP)**
    - PWA: transform to MLD
  - MPC for MMPS and Continuous PWA
    - **Continuous PWA**  $\leftrightarrow$  **Unconstrained MMPS**
    - Canonical form of MMPS function
    - MPC for MMPS: **canonical form + multiple LP problem**
  - Gamte-Theoretical Approach
    - Safety-Critical
    - Hamilton-Jacobi equations