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## 1. Introduction & Motivation for Hybrid Control

### Motivation of Switched Controller

#### Theorem: Brockett's Necessary Condition

Consider system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u) \quad \text{with } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m, f(0, 0) = 0$$

where  $f$  is smooth function

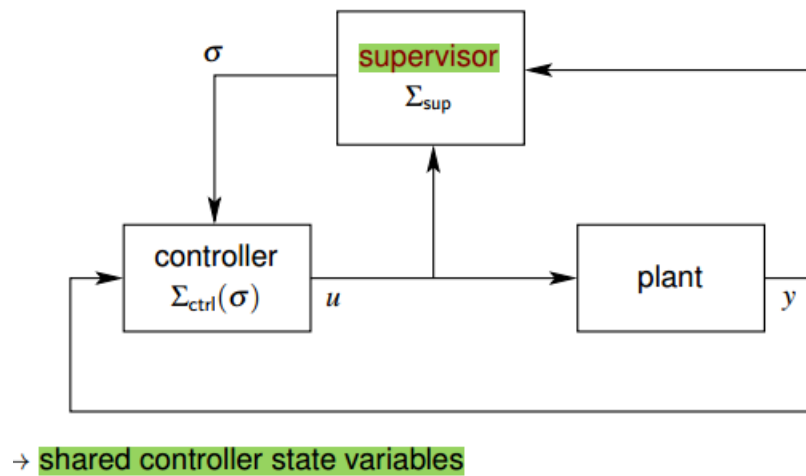
If system is **asymptotically stabilizable** (around  $x = 0$ ) using **continuous feedback law**  $u = \alpha(x)$ , then **image** of every open neighborhood of  $(x, u) = (0, 0)$  under  $f$  **contains open neighborhood** of  $x = 0$

#### **Example:**

Here is an example (**non-holonomic integrator**) that the system cannot be stabilized by the continuous feedback law

- For non-holonomic integrator:  $\dot{x} = u$   
 $\dot{y} = v$   
 $\dot{z} = xv - yu$
  - Is asymptotically stabilizable (see later)
  - Satisfies Brockett's necessary condition?
    - if  $f_1 = f_2 = 0$  then  $f_3 = 0$
    - hence,  $(0, 0, \varepsilon)$  cannot belong to image of  $f$  for any  $\varepsilon \neq 0$   
 → image of open neighborhood of  $(x, y, z; u, v) = (0, 0, 0; 0, 0)$   
 under  $f$  does *not* contain open neighborhood of  
 $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$
    - so non-holonomic integrator cannot be stabilized by *continuous* feedback
- hybrid control schemes necessary to stabilize it! hs\_switched\_ctrl.4

## Structure of Switching Control

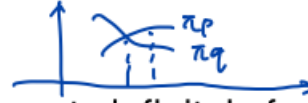


## Problem in Switching Control: Chattering

Main problem may appear in switching control controller is **chattering**, i.e. very fast switching. There are mainly two solutions:

- Hysteresis Switching Logic

- let  $h > 0$ , let  $\pi_\sigma$  be a performance criterion (to be minimized)
- if supervisor changes value of  $\sigma$  to  $q$ , then  $\sigma$  is held fixed at  $q$  until  $\pi_p + h < \pi_q$  for some  $p$
- $\sigma$  is set equal to  $p$
- ⇒ threshold parameter  $h > 0$  prevents infinitely fast switching



- **Dwell-Time Switching Logic**

once symbol  $\sigma$  is chosen by supervisor it remains constant for at least  $\tau > 0$  time units ( $\tau$ : “**dwell time**”)

## 2. Stabilization of Switched Linear Systems

This part is mainly used to solve the **Problem C** in the last chapter:

Find switching rule  $\sigma$  as function of **time/state** such that closed-loop system is AS

### Quadratic Stabilization via single Lyapunov Function

Select  $\sigma(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow I := \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  such that closed-loop system has **single quadratic Lyapunov function**  $x^T P x$

#### Solution 1:

If some convex combination of  $A_i$  is stable:

$$A := \sum \alpha_i A_i \quad \left( \alpha_i \geq 0, \sum \alpha_i = 1 \right) \text{ is stable}$$

Select  $Q > 0$  and let  $P > 0$  be solution of  $A^T P + P A = -Q$

Then the switching rule should be:

$$i(x) := \arg \min x^T (A_i^T P + P A_i) x$$

#### Illustration:

- From  $x^T (A^T P + P A) x = -x^T Q x < 0$  it follows that

$$\sum_i \alpha_i [x^T (A_i^T P + P A_i) x] < 0$$

- For each  $x$  there is **at least one mode** with  $x^T (A_i^T P + P A_i) x < 0$  or stronger

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} \{x \mid x^T (A_i^T P + P A_i) x \leq -\frac{1}{N} x^T Q x\} = \mathbb{R}^n$$

### Modified Switching Rule:(based on hysteresis switching logic)

- stay in mode  $i$  as long as  $x^T (A_i^T P + P A_i) x \leq -\frac{1}{2N} x^T Q x$
- when bound reached, switch to a new mode  $j$  that satisfies

$$x^T (A_j^T P + P A_j) x \leq -\frac{1}{N} x^T Q x$$

### Property:

No conservatism for 2 modes

## Stabilization via multiple Lyapunov functions

### Main Idea

**Main idea:** Find function  $V_i(x) = x^T P_i x$  that decreases for  $\dot{x} = A_i x$  in some region

Define  $\mathcal{X}_i := \{x \mid x^T [A_i^T P_i + P_i A_i] x < 0\}$

If  $\bigcup_i \mathcal{X}_i = \mathbb{R}^n$ , try to switch to satisfy multiple Lyapunov criterion to guarantee asymptotic stability.

### Solution:

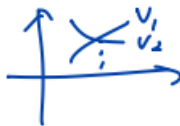
Find  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  such that they satisfy the coupled conditions:

$$x^T (P_1 A_1 + A_1^T P_1) x < 0 \text{ when } x^T (P_1 - P_2) x \geq 0, x \neq 0$$

and

$$x^T (P_2 A_2 + A_2^T P_2) x < 0 \text{ when } x^T (P_2 - P_1) x \geq 0, x \neq 0$$

Then  $\sigma(t) = \arg \max \{V_i(x(t)) \mid i = 1, 2\}$  is stabilizing ( $V_\sigma$  will be **continuous decrease** (the reason to choose larger  $V$ ))



## S-procedure

The above question is hard to solve: it is **not an LMIs problem**. We can use S-procedure to solve it

If there exist  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& -P_1 A_1 - A_1^T P_1 + \beta_1 (P_2 - P_1) > 0 \\
& -P_2 A_2 - A_2^T P_2 + \beta_2 (P_1 - P_2) > 0
\end{aligned}$$

then  $\sigma(t) = \arg \max_i \{V_i(x(t)) \mid i = 1, 2\}$

## Stabilization of switched linear systems with continuous inputs

**Note:**

Previous methods only finds the switching sequence, not the continuous input  $u$

Switched linear system with inputs:

$$\dot{x} = A_i x + B_i u, i \in I = \{1, \dots, N\}$$

Now both  $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow I$  and feedback controllers  $u = K_i x$  are to be determined

There are three levels of design:

- **Case 1:** Determine  $K_i$  such that closed loop is stable under **arbitrary switching** (assuming **we know mode**)!
- **Case 2:** Determine both  $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow I$  and  $K_i$
- **Case 3: (for PWL Systems):** Given  $\sigma$  as function of state, determine  $K_i$

### Case 1: Stabilization of switched linear system under arbitrary switching

$$\dot{x} = A_i x + B_i u, i \in I = \{1, \dots, N\}$$

**Sufficient** condition: find **common quadratic Lyapunov function**  $V(x) = x^T P x$  for some positive definite matrix  $P$  and  $K_1, \dots, K_N$

$$(A_i + B_i K_i)^T P + P(A_i + B_i K_i) < 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, N \text{ and } P > 0$$

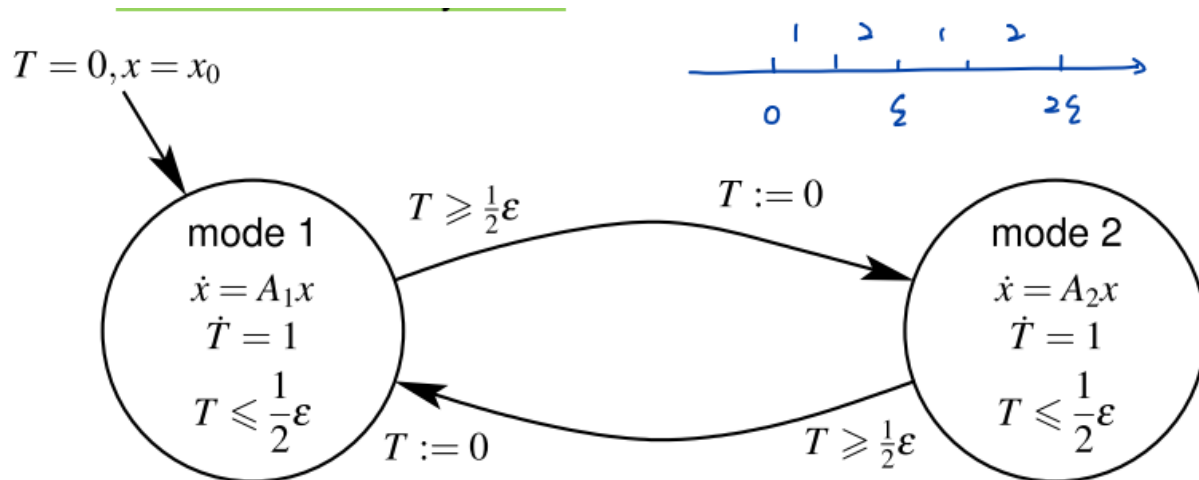
→ **LMIs** (also for Cases 2 and 3)

→ state-based switching in this section, ... next ...

## 3. Time-Controlled Switching & pulse width modulation

If dynamical system **switches between several subsystems** → stability properties of total system may be **quite different** from those of subsystems

### Time-Controlled Switching



For  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  solution of switched system tends to solution of  $\dot{x} = \left(\frac{1}{2}A_1 + \frac{1}{2}A_2\right)x$  ("averaged" system)

- $x(t_0 + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon) = \exp(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon A_1)x_0 = x_0 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}A_1x_0 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{8}A_1^2x_0 + \dots$   
 $x(t_0 + \epsilon) = \exp(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon A_2)\exp(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon A_1)x_0$   
 $= (I + \frac{\epsilon}{2}A_2 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{8}A_2^2 + \dots)(I + \frac{\epsilon}{2}A_1 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{8}A_1^2 + \dots)x_0$   
 $= (I + \epsilon[\frac{1}{2}A_1 + \frac{1}{2}A_2] + \frac{\epsilon^2}{8}[A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_2A_1] + \dots)x_0.$
- Compare with**  
 $\exp[\epsilon(\frac{1}{2}A_1 + \frac{1}{2}A_2)] = I + \epsilon[\frac{1}{2}A_1 + \frac{1}{2}A_2] + \frac{\epsilon^2}{8}[A_1^2 + A_2^2 + \underbrace{A_1A_2 + A_2A_1}] + \dots$   
 $\rightarrow$  same for  $\epsilon \approx 0$

- Possible that  $A_1, A_2$  stable, whereas  $\frac{1}{2}A_1 + \frac{1}{2}A_2$  unstable, or vice versa
- And we can always compute a upper bound of  $\epsilon$ 
  - Minimal switching frequency found by computing eigenvalues of the mapping  $\exp(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon A_2)\exp(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon A_1)$

## Pulse-Width Modulation

Assume mode 1 followed during  $h\epsilon$ , and mode 2 during  $(1-h)\epsilon$ , then behavior of system is well approximated by system

$$\dot{x} = (hA_1 + (1-h)A_2)x$$

Parameter  $h$  might be considered as **control input**

- If  $h$  varies, should be on time scale that is **much slower** than the time scale of switching
- If mode 1 is "power on" and mode 2 is "power off", then  $h$  is known as **duty ratio**

### Formulation:

- System:  $\dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad u \in \{0, 1\}$
- Duty cycle:  $\Delta$  (fixed)
- $u$  is switched exactly one time from 1 to 0 in each cycle
- Duty ratio  $\alpha$ : fraction of duty cycle for which  $u = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} u(\tau) &= 1 & \text{for } t \leq \tau < t + \alpha\Delta \\ u(\tau) &= 0 & \text{for } t + \alpha\Delta \leq \tau < t + \Delta \end{aligned}$$

- Hence,  $x(t + \Delta) = x(t) + \int_t^{t+\alpha\Delta} f(x(\tau), 1) d\tau + \int_{t+\alpha\Delta}^{t+\Delta} f(x(\tau), 0) d\tau$
- Ideal averaged model ( $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ ):

$$\dot{x}(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t + \Delta) - x(t)}{\Delta} = \alpha f(x(t), 1) + (1 - \alpha) f(x(t), 0)$$

## 4. Sliding Mode Control

### Method

#### Model

- Consider  $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$  with  $u$  scalar
- Suppose switching feedback control scheme:

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} \phi_+(x(t)) & \text{if } h(x(t)) > 0 \\ \phi_-(x(t)) & \text{if } h(x(t)) < 0 \end{cases}$$

- Surface  $\{x \mid h(x) = 0\}$  is called **switching surface**
- Let  $f_+(x) = f(x, \phi_+(x))$  and  $f_-(x) = f(x, \phi_-(x))$ , then

$$\dot{x} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + v)f_+(x) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - v)f_-(x), \quad v = \text{sgn}(h(x))$$

- Use solutions in Filippov's sense if "chattering"

#### Controller Design

Assume "desired behavior" whenever constraint  $s(x) = 0$  is satisfied.

- Set  $\{x \mid s(x) = 0\}$  is called **sliding surface**
- Find control law  $u$  such that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} s^2 \leq -\alpha |s| \quad S(x) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{decrease}$$

where  $\alpha > 0$

→ squared "distance" to sliding surface decreases  
along all system trajectories

- $S(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 0$
- $S(x) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{decrease quadratic}$

## Properties

- **Quick succession** of switches may occur
  - embed sliding surface in thin **boundary layer**
  - smoothen discontinuity by **replacing  $sgn$  by steep sigmoid function**
  - Note: modifications may **deteriorate performance** of closed-loop system
- Main advantages:
  - conceptually simple
  - robustness w.r.t. uncertainty in system data
- excitation of unmodeled high-frequency modes

## 5. Stabilization By Switching Control: An Example

Here, we will use the **non-holonomic integrator** example to show how to design a stabilization controller by switching control



- System:  $\dot{x} = u$ ,  $\dot{y} = v$ ,  $\dot{z} = xv - yu$

- **Sliding mode control:**  $u = -x + y \operatorname{sgn}(z)$   
 $v = -y - x \operatorname{sgn}(z)$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \dot{y}$$

- **Switching surface:**  $z = 0$

- Lyapunov function for  $(x, y)$  subspace:  $V(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} = -x^2 + xy \operatorname{sgn}(z) - y^2 - xy \operatorname{sgn}(z) = -(x^2 + y^2) = -2V$$

$$\Rightarrow x, y \rightarrow 0$$

$$(|z|)' = \operatorname{sgn}(z)$$

- $\dot{z} = xv - yu = -(x^2 + y^2) \operatorname{sgn}(z) = -2V \operatorname{sgn}(z)$

So  $|z|$  will decrease and reach 0 provided that

$$\frac{d(|z|)}{dt} = \operatorname{sgn}(z) \cdot \frac{dz}{dt} = -2V$$

$$2 \int_0^\infty V(\tau) d\tau > |z(0)|$$

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→  $z$  will reach 0 in finite time

$$|z(0)| - |z(0)| = -2 \int_0^\infty V(z) dz \Rightarrow |z(0)| = 2 \int_0^\infty V(z) dz$$

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- Since  $V(t) = V(0)e^{-2t} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2(0) + y^2(0))e^{-2t}$

condition for system to be asymptotically stable is

$$\text{integral: } \frac{1}{2}(x^2(0) + y^2(0)) \geq |z(0)|$$

→ defines parabolic region  $\mathcal{P} = \{(x, y, z) \mid 0.5(x^2 + y^2) \leq |z|\}$

- **If initial conditions do *not* belong to  $\mathcal{P}$  then sliding mode control asymptotically stabilizes system**

- **If initial state is inside  $\mathcal{P}$ :**

- **first use control law** (e.g., nonzero constant control) to steer system outside  $\mathcal{P}$

- **then use sliding mode control**

→ **hybrid control scheme**

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## Summary

- Introduction & Motivation:

- Motivation: Continuous Control Law may not always be successful

- Structure: **Supervisor part**
- Problem: **Chattering:**
  - Setting a **threshold** in benefit or time
- Stabilization of Switched Linear Systems
  - Quadratic Stabilization via single Lyapunov Function
    - Convex-Hull → choose minimize
  - Stabilization via multiple Lyapunov Function
    - $\sigma(t) = \arg \max \{V_i(x(t)) \mid i = 1, 2\}$
  - S-procedure: **turn to LMIs**
- Stabilization of Switched Linear Systems with continuous input:
  - take  $K$  into consideration
- Time-Controlled Switching and pulse width modulation
  - Time-Controlled Switching: **average system** when  $\epsilon$  is small
  - pulse width modulation:  $h$  and  $1 - h$
- Sliding Model Control:
  - Switching feedback control scheme + switching surface + **sliding surface (target)**