模型预测控制 Model Predictive Control

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Robust MPC

Lecture 4

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Problem Formulation

- In the real world, disturbances are inevitable!!
- Suppose that, the plant is given by

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) + Dw(k), \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ u \in \mathbb{R}^p, \ w \in \mathbb{R}^l$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^p$ are state and control input, respectively; $w \in \mathbb{R}^l$ is the uncertain disturbance satisfying a known bound $w \in \mathcal{W}$.

- The matrices A, B, D are known with proper dimensions. (A,B) is controllable/stabilizable.
- The objective is to design robust MPC, such that x=0 is stabilized, and states and control satisfies their constraints

$$x \in \mathcal{X}, \quad u \in \mathcal{U}$$

Problem Formulation (cont'd)

- Since we are discussing constrained control, the bound for the disturbance should not be too large, and the control constraints should not be too small.
- Assumption: \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{U} , \mathcal{W} are convex sets.
- Definition (robust invariant set): A set S is a robust invariant set of the plant

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) + Dw(k),$$

if there exists a feedback control u = -Kx, such that

$$x(k) \in S \implies x(k+1) \in S, \forall w \in \mathcal{W}.$$

Assumption: For the plant with bounded disturbance, a robust invariant set S exists s.t.

$$S \in \mathcal{X}, KS \in \mathcal{U}$$
.

Robust MPC with linear feedback control ("pre-stabilized" MPC)

• Since w(k) is uncertain, we cannot use the real model

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) + Dw(k),$$

to predict its future behavior.

We have to use the nominal model for prediction

$$z(k+1) = Az(k) + Bv(k)$$

where z(0) = x(0).

• The structure of the robust MPC is "nominal MPC + linear feedback control".

MPC for the nominal plant

The state sequence can be predicted by

$$Z(k) = Fz(k) + \Phi V(k)$$

where

$$F = egin{bmatrix} A \ A^2 \ \vdots \ A^N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi = egin{bmatrix} B & 0 \ AB & B & 0 \ \vdots \ A^{N-1}B & A^{N-2}B & \cdots & B \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z(k) = [z^{T}(1 | k), \dots, z^{T}(N | k)]^{T}, \quad V(k) = [v^{T}(0 | k), \dots, z^{T}(0 | k)]^{T}$$

MPC for the nominal plant (cont'd)

For the nominal system, the cost function is constructed by

$$\begin{split} J(k) &= \|z(N|k)\|_P^2 + \|v(N-1|k)\|_R^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \|z(i|k)\|_Q^2 + \|v(i-1|k)\|_R^2 \\ &= Z^T(k) \mathcal{Q} Z(k) + V^T(k) \mathcal{R} V(k) \\ &= (Fz(k) + \Phi V(k))^T \mathcal{Q} (Fz(k) + \Phi V(k)) + V^T(k) \mathcal{R} V(k) \\ &= z^T(k) F^T \mathcal{Q} Fz(k) + 2z^T(k) F^T \mathcal{Q} \Phi V(k) + V^T(k) (\Phi^T \mathcal{Q} \Phi + \mathcal{R}) V(k), \end{split}$$

where

$$\mathcal{Q} = \operatorname{diag}[Q, Q, \dots, Q, P], \quad \mathcal{R} = \operatorname{diag}[R, R, \dots, \dots, R],$$

$$P - (A - BK)^T P(A - BK) = Q + K^T RK,$$

and the feedback gain K satisfies |eig(A - BK)| < 1.

MPC for the nominal plant (cont'd)

The constrained optimization in the nominal MPC is formulated by

$$V^*(k) = \arg\min_{V(k)} \left[z^T(k) F^T \mathcal{Q} F z(k) + 2 z^T(k) F^T \mathcal{Q} \Phi V(k) + V^T(k) (\Phi^T \mathcal{Q} \Phi + \mathcal{R}) V(k) \right],$$

subject to

$$z(i|k) \in \mathcal{Z}, \ v(i-1|k) \in \mathcal{V}, \ \ \text{for} \ \ i=1,2,\cdots,N,$$
 $z(N|k) \in \mathcal{Z}_f$

where \mathcal{Z} and \mathcal{V} are "contractive" constraints, and they will be discussed later; \mathcal{Z}_f is the terminal set (which can be chosen to be an invariant set).

MPC for the nominal plant (cont'd)

- The nominal MPC is implemented in receding horizon scheme:
 - At time k, implement the first optimal control action:

$$v(k) = v^*(0 | k) = [I_{p \times p}, 0, \dots, 0]V^*(k)$$
.

• At time k+1, repeat the above procedures, and implement the first control action.

• It is clear that, the closed-loop nominal system satisfies recursive feasibility and closed-loop stability, i.e.,

$$z(k) \to 0$$
 as $k \to \infty$,

and z(k), v(k) satisfy their constraints.

Robust MPC with linear feedback

For the real plant

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) + Dw(k),$$

its control can be designed by

$$u(k) = v(k) - K(x(k) - z(k)),$$

where v(k) is the nominal MPC, and the linear feedback gain K satisfies

$$|\operatorname{eig}(A - BK)| < 1.$$

• Define e(k) = x(k) - z(k), such that

$$e(k+1) = x(k+1) - z(k+1) = Ae(k) - BKe(k) + Dw(k) = (A - BK)e(k) + Dw(k).$$

Robust MPC with linear feedback (cont'd)

• Remember that we have set z(0) = x(0), such that

$$e(0) = x(0) - z(0) = 0,$$

$$e(1) = A_K e(0) + Dw(0) = Dw(0),$$

$$e(2) = A_K e(1) + Dw(1) = A_K Dw(0) + Dw(1),$$

$$e(3) = A_K e(2) + Dw(2) = A_K^2 Dw(0) + A_K Dw(1) + Dw(2),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$e(k) = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^k A_K^{i-1} Dw(k-i),$$

$$\vdots$$

where $A_K = A - BK$.

Robust MPC with linear feedback (cont'd)

• Since $w(k) \in \mathcal{W}$ and $|\operatorname{eig}(A - BK)| < 1$, it follows that $Dw(k) \in D\mathcal{W}$, and

$$e(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} A_K^{i-1} Dw(k-i) \in \sum_{i=1}^{k} A_K^{i-1} D\mathcal{W} \subset \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_K^{i-1} D\mathcal{W} \triangleq \Gamma,$$

where $\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_K^{i-1} D \mathcal{W}$ is finite, such that e(k) is bounded.

- Definitions of set operations are given by
 - ► Multiplication with constant matrix: $D\mathcal{W} \triangleq \{Dw \in \mathbb{R}^n | \forall w \in \mathcal{W}\};$
 - Addition: $\mathcal{W}_1 + \mathcal{W}_2 \triangleq \{w_1 + w_2 | \forall w_1 \in \mathcal{W}_1, \forall w_2 \in \mathcal{W}_2\}.$
- We have already see that z=0 is exponentially stable. Consequently, x(k)=z(k)+e(k) is ultimately bounded.

Feasibility (constraint satisfaction)

- Since $e(k) \in \Gamma$, it follows that $Ke(k) \in K\Gamma$.
- To guarantee $x \in \mathcal{X}$, $u \in \mathcal{U}$, the closed-loop nominal system should satisfy

$$z \in \mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{X} - \Gamma, \ v \in \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} - K\Gamma,$$

Contractive constraints

and the terminal set \mathcal{Z}_f should be an invariant set such that

$$z \in \mathcal{Z}_f \implies A_K z \in \mathcal{Z}_f \text{ and } u = -K_{mpc} z - Ke \in K_{mpc} \mathcal{Z}_f + K\Gamma \subset \mathcal{U}$$
.

Then it is clear that recursively stability is guaranteed.

How to calculate the contracted constraints??

• Since $|\operatorname{eig}(A - BK)| = |\operatorname{eig}(A_K)| < 1$, there exists N_c such that

$$A_K^{N_c}D\mathcal{W}\subset \alpha D\mathcal{W},$$

where $0 \le \alpha < 1$.

It then follows that

$$\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_K^{i-1} D \mathcal{W} = \Gamma_{N_c} + \sum_{i=N_c+1}^{\infty} A_K^{i-1} D \mathcal{W}$$

$$= \Gamma_{N_c} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_K^{i-1} A_K^{N_c} D \mathcal{W} \subset \Gamma_{N_c} + \alpha \Gamma,$$

such that $\Gamma \subset (1 - \alpha)^{-1}\Gamma_{N_c}$.

How to calculate the contracted constraints?? (cont'd)

- Consequently,
 - find N_c and the corresponding α , such that $A_K^{N_c}D\mathcal{W} \subset \alpha D\mathcal{W}$;
 - use the maximum ||e|| from the set $\{e \in (1-\alpha)^{-1}\Gamma_{N_c}\}$ to calculate \mathcal{Z} and \mathcal{V} .

• Or, simply estimate a conservatively large Γ to calculate ${\mathcal Z}$ and ${\mathcal V}$.

Example

The plant with disturbance is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0.95 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.079 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

the control constraint is given by $-4 \le u \le 4$;

the bounded disturbance satisfies $-0.1 \le w \le 0.1$.

- In the nominal MPC design,
 - the control horizon is set to N = 10;
 - the feedback gain is set to $K = [2.5 \ 12.5]$ to calculate the terminal weight P;
 - weighting matrices are set to $Q = I_{2\times 2}$, R = 0.1;
 - the terminal set is assigned to $-0.1 \le x_1 \le 0.1$, $-0.1 \le x_2 \le 0.1$.

Example (cont'd)

- To calculate the contractive constraint:
 - Try $N_c = 10$, and it can be calculated that $\alpha \approx 0.2$;
 - Calculate

$$K\Gamma = (1 - \alpha)^{-1} K\Gamma_{Nc} = 0.8^{-1} K \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} A_K^{i-1} D \mathcal{W} \approx [-1.375, 1.375];$$

The contractive constraint can be calculated by

$$-4 + 1.375 \le v \le 4 - 1.375$$
.

The robust MPC is implemented by



$$u(k) = v(k) - Ke(k),$$

where v(k) is the nominal MPC, and $K = [2.5 \ 12.5]$.

Variation: update the nominal state by actual state

• At time k, can we update the nominal state by the actual state, i.e., z(k) = x(k)??

- Then a "switching" strategy can be designed to improve the overall performance:
 - Update z(0 | k) = x(k), and solve the optimization to get $u^*(x(k))$;
 - Update z(0 | k) = z(k), and solve the optimization to get u * (z(k));
 - Judge wether $J^*(x) \le J^*(z)$: if yes, implement $u^*(x(k))$; otherwise, implement $u^*(z(k))$.

• The closed-loop stability is clear; more discussions should be given on feasibility.

Robust MPC for model uncertainty

Suppose the plant is given by

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + B(u(k) + \delta_1(x(k), u(k))) + \delta_2(x(k)),$$

where $\delta_1(x, u)$, $\delta_2(x)$ are model uncertainties.

- Assume that
 - the uncertainties vanishes with x and u, i.e., $\delta_1(0,0) = 0$, $\delta_2(0) = 0$;
 - $\|\delta_1(x, u)\| \le \rho_1 \|x\| + \kappa \|u\|$, where $\rho_1 > 0$ and $0 \le \kappa < 1$ are known;
 - $\|\delta_2(x)\| \le \rho_1 \|x\|$, where $\rho_2 > 0$ is known.

Robust MPC for model uncertainty (cont'd)

• In this circumstance, we can consider

$$Dw = B\delta_1 + \delta_2, \quad D\mathcal{W} = \{B\delta_1 + \delta_2 \mid \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall u \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

and the foregoing robust MPC still applies.

- In the previous section, it has been proved that, for bounded disturbance, the closed-loop system is ultimately bounded.
- In this section with model uncertainties, we would like to explore whether the final result could be "asymptotically stable".

Robust MPC for model uncertainty (cont'd)

- For the nominal system, z = 0 is (locally) exponentially stable. (Same as previous)
- According to (discrete-time) converse Lyapunov theorem, $V_z(k) > 0$ exists, such that

$$V_z(z(k+1) - V_z(z(k)) \le -\alpha_1 ||z||^2,$$

with some positive number $\alpha_1 > 0$.

For the error dynamics,

$$e(k + 1) = A_K e(k) + Dw(k) = A_K e(k) + B\delta_1 + \delta_2,$$

select $V_e(e) = e^T P e > 0$ where P is the unique solution of

$$P - A_K^T P A_K = Q + K^T R K.$$

Robust MPC for model uncertainty (cont'd)

• For the overall system, take $V = V_e + \gamma V_z$ with $\gamma > 0$, such that V(k) > 0, and

$$V(k+1) - V(k) = -e^{T}(Q + K^{T}RK)e + w^{T}D^{T}PDw + 2w^{T}D^{T}PA_{K}e - \alpha_{1}||z||^{2},$$

where $Dw = B\delta_1 + \delta_2$, such that

$$||Dw|| \le \rho_3 ||e|| + \rho_4 ||z||,$$

for some positive numbers ρ_1 , ρ_2 .

- It then follows that V(k+1) V(k) is a quadratic function of $[||e||, ||z||]^T$.
- If the uncertainty is sufficiently small, i.e., Dw is small such that ρ_3 , ρ_4 are small, then V(k+1) V(k) is negative definite with sufficiently large γ , indicating that $[e,z]^T = 0$ is asymptotically stable, and x = z + e = 0 is asymptotically stable.

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• Suppose we do not know $(A,\,B)$ exactly, but we know their values are around

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \, \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.08 \end{bmatrix},$$

which can be used for prediction in the nominal MPC.

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where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0.95 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.079 \end{bmatrix}, \delta(x, u) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4x_1^2 + 0.1x_2^3 \\ 0.5x_2^3 + 0.1u \end{bmatrix}.$$

the control constraint is given by $-4 \le u \le 4$.

* The uncertainty in this example can be seen as "linearization error".

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Summary

- Robust MPC: nominal MPC + linear feedback
 - For bounded disturbances
 - contractive constraints are calculated to guarantee the constraint satisfaction;
 - the final result is "ultimately bounded".
 - Variation: update nominal states with actual states.
- Robust MPC in case of model uncertainty (vanishing disturbance)
 - The final result is "asymptotically stable", if the uncertainty is small.