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Optimal Control: An application to a non-isothermal continuous reactor

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Introduction



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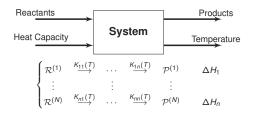
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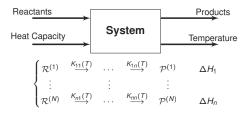
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Optimal control theory has been revisited from several innovative fields in the last years^{1,2}. Furthermore, reactor systems are subject of active research, with several open challenges.³

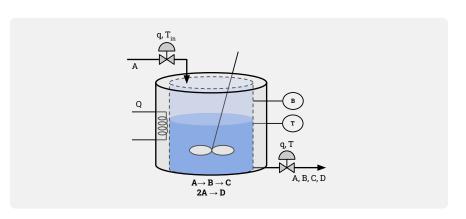
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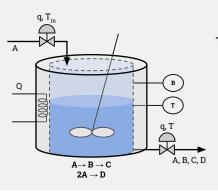
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This system...

- class of system that represents a wide range of industrial applications.
- classical benchmark for multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) control systems.
- nonlinear behavior, models with nonminimum phase behavior and unmeasurable states.

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Dynamical System Analysis



$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) \end{cases}$$

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- ∘ $\mathbf{f}(\cdot)$: $\mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is a state-transition function.
- ∘ $g(\cdot)$: $\mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ → \mathbb{R}^p is a output observation function.



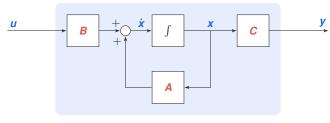


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▶ The *stability* of the model is directly related to the eigenvalues (λ) of A.

$$\mathbf{x}(t) < \infty, \ t \to \infty \quad \text{if } \mathsf{Re}[\lambda_i] \le 0, \ \forall i \in [1, n]$$



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Linearization by Taylor Series Expansion

Consider a nonlinear time-invariant system:

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Given steady-state operating points x_0 , y_0 and u_0 , the dynamics of the system in the neighborhood of these points can be represented by the linear model:

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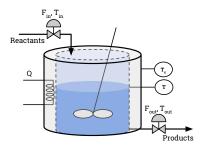
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$$\mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0}; \quad \mathbf{C} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0}; \quad \mathbf{D} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0}$$

and

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_0; \qquad \Delta \mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}(t) - \mathbf{u}_0.$$

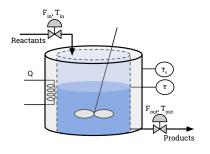




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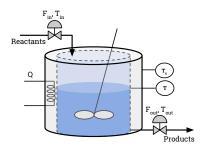




Mass Balance for Chemical Reactors

$$\frac{d(\rho_{A})}{dt} = q(\rho_{in}^{(A)} - \rho_{out}^{(A)}) + \left(\sum_{\alpha X \to \beta A} \frac{1}{\beta} K_{XA}(T)(\rho_{X})^{\alpha}\right) - \left(\sum_{\alpha A \to \beta X} \frac{1}{\beta} K_{AX}(T)(\rho_{A})^{\alpha}\right)$$

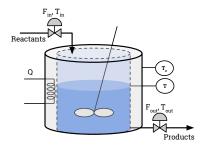




Conservation of Energy for Chemical Reactors

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Accumulation} \\ \text{of thermal energy} \\ \text{in the system} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Heat flow} \\ \text{entering} \\ \text{the system} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \text{Heat flow} \\ \text{leaving} \\ \text{the system} \end{pmatrix} \pm \begin{pmatrix} \text{Entropy} \\ \text{contribution} \\ \text{from reactions} \end{pmatrix}$$





Conservation of Energy for Chemical Reactors

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d(T)}{dt} = q(T_{in} - T_{out}) + \eta(T_C - T) + \delta \sum_{\alpha A \to \beta X} K_{AX}(T)(\rho_A)^{\alpha} \Delta H_{AX} \\ \frac{d(T_C)}{dt} = \gamma Q + \beta (T - T_C) \end{cases}$$



▶ In the case of the reactor system in discussion, the model becomes...

Mathematical Model of Non-Isothermal CSTR

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d(\rho_{A})}{dt} &= q(\rho_{in}^{(A)} - \rho_{A}) - (K_{1}(T)\rho_{A} + K_{3}(T)\rho_{A}^{2}) \\ \\ \frac{d(\rho_{B})}{dt} &= -q\rho_{B} + K_{1}(T)\rho_{A} - K_{2}(T)\rho_{B} \\ \\ \frac{d(T)}{dt} &= q(T_{in} - T) + \frac{k_{W}A_{r}}{\varrho C_{p}V_{r}}(T_{C} - T) \\ &- \frac{1}{\varrho C_{\rho}}(K_{1}(T)\rho_{A}\Delta H_{AB} + K_{2}(T)\rho_{B}\Delta H_{BC} + K_{1}(T)\rho_{A}^{2}\Delta H_{AC}) \\ \\ \frac{d(T_{C})}{dt} &= \frac{1}{m_{K}C_{pK}}Q + \frac{k_{W}A_{r}}{m_{K}C_{pK}}(T - T_{C}) \end{cases}$$



- ▶ We choose $\mathbf{x} = [\rho_A, \rho_B, T, T_C]^T$, $\mathbf{u} = [q, Q]^T$ and $\mathbf{y} = [\rho_B, T]^T$.
- ▶ We consider the steady-state point $\mathbf{x}_0 = [1.23, 0.90, 134.14, 128.95]^T$ and $\mathbf{u}_0 = [18.83, -4495.7]^T$.

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► All the eigenvalues are real and negative. The system is **stable**.

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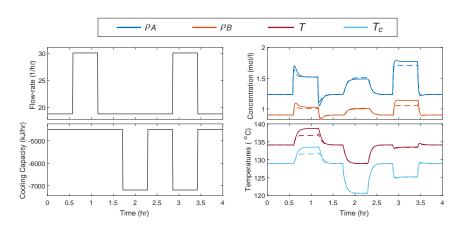
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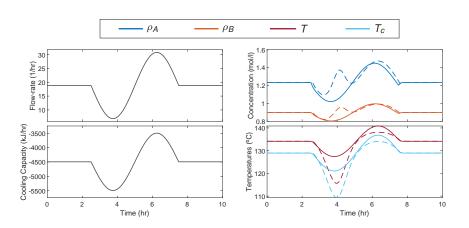
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State-Feedback Controllers



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▶ Pole-Placement Property: If (A, B) is controllable, we can assign the eigenvalues of A_{cl} anywhere in the complex plane by means of designing K.



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Reference Tracking

- Objective: drive the states of the system towards a non-constant reference signal.
- ► Special case of the state-feedback when *r*(*t*) is non-constant.
- ► Raises the need for *integral action*.



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State-Feedback with Integral Action

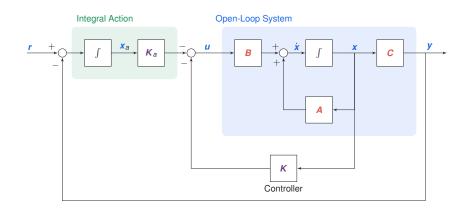
Consider a State-space system and augmented state $\mathbf{x}_a : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^p$ defined by:

$$\mathbf{x}_a(t) = \int_0^t (\mathbf{r}(\tau) - \mathbf{y}(\tau)) d\tau \Longrightarrow \dot{\mathbf{x}}_a(t) = \mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{y}(t).$$

A robust tracking (or servo) controller, defined by the gain $\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = [\mathbf{K} \quad \mathbf{K}_a]$, for $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times p}$, and $\mathbf{K}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times p}$, operates on the following augmented version of the original system:

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{x}_{a}(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{K} & -\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{K}_{a} \\ -\boldsymbol{C} & \boldsymbol{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{x}_{a}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{I}_{p} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{r}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{y}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{C} & \boldsymbol{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{x}_{a}(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$







Optimal Control



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- Reduces the need for hand-designing the feedback gain or any other control law for the system, given some specifications.



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- This is still a state-feedback controller: the cost function is a function of past values of the state and reference signals.
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Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation

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Minimizing any functional in the form of $V(\cdot)$ is equivalent to determining the solution of the $Hamilton-Jacobi\ equation^*$:

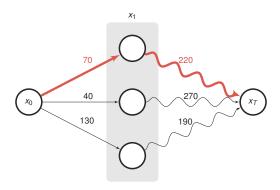
$$\frac{\partial V^*}{\partial t} = -\min_{u(t)} \left[I(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) + \left[\frac{\partial V^*}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right]^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \right]$$

and the boundary condition:

$$V^*(\mathbf{x}, T) = I_f(\mathbf{x}(T)).$$



- ► The HJB equation provides a *sufficient condition* for finite-horizon optimal controllers.
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- ▶ **Remark:** nevertheless, the optimal controller performs corrective action.



LQR with Integral Action

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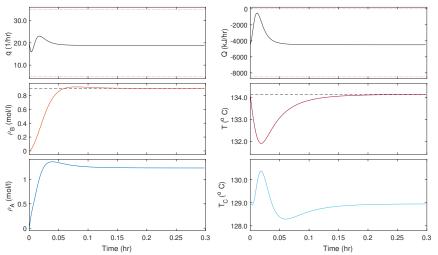
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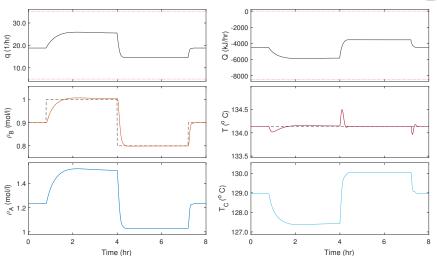
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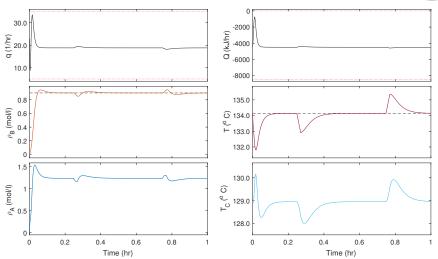




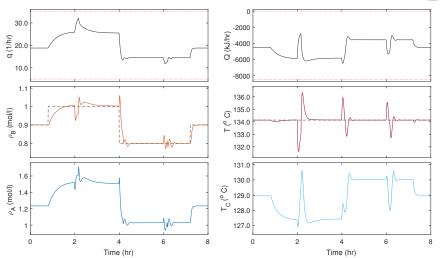










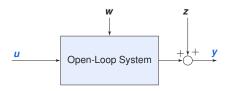




Optimal State Estimation

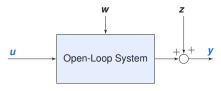


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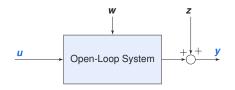


▶ Stochastic State-Space: formulation that accounts for process and measurements uncertainty (w(t) and v(t), respectively).

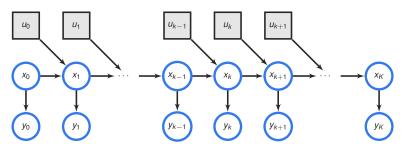
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► In probabilistic terms, we interpret the system as a Hidden Markov Model (HMM).





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► Control-Estimator Duality: the design of *L* follows the same design procedure of *K*.



Kalman-Bucy Optimal Filter

Consider a model subject to a additive process noise variable $\mathbf{w}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_{kf})$ and a measurement noise variable $\mathbf{v}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_{kf})$. In this case, for an estimated state $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)$ at time t, the error covariance:

$$\boldsymbol{J}(\boldsymbol{x}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}, t) = \mathbb{E}\left\{ [\boldsymbol{x}(t) - \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}(t)][\boldsymbol{x}(t) - \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}(t)]^T \right\}$$

is minimized by a $\hat{x}(t)$ obtained through the system:

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with initial condition
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Linear Quadratic Gaussian (LQG) Controller

Consider a stochastic system in State-Space representation:

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whose state-vector is determined by a Kalman-Bucy filter and whose input signal is calculated by a finite-horizon LQR. The Linear Quadratic Gaussian (LQG) is defined as:

$$\dot{\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}}(t) = [\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)\boldsymbol{C} - \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{K}(t)]\,\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) + \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)\boldsymbol{y}(t),$$

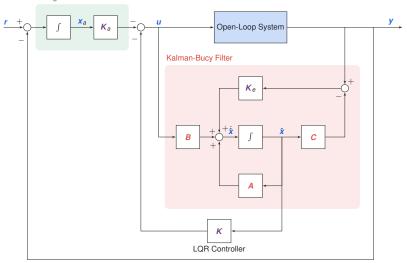
where $K(t) = R^{-1}B^TP(t)$ and $K_e(t) = P_e(t)CR^{-1}$ are, respectively, the LQR and Kalman-Bucy gains for matrices P(t) and $P_e(t)$ that solve the Riccati differential equations:

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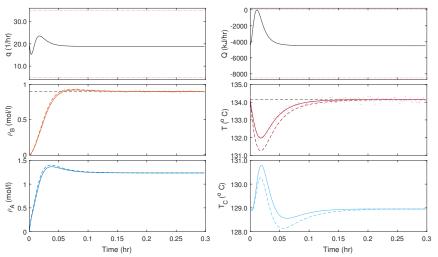
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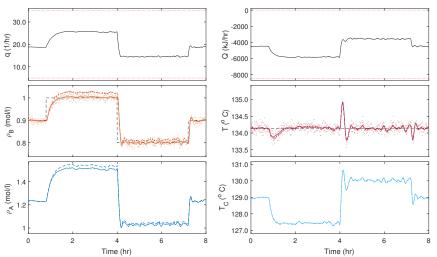
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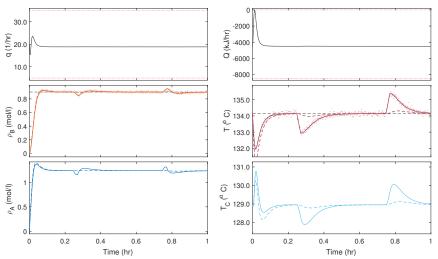




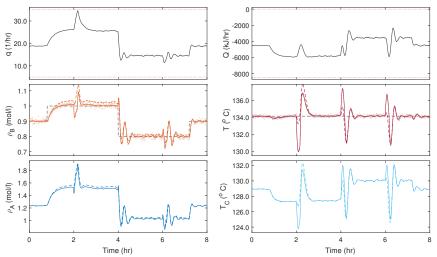














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 - The state estimator has not able to reconstruct the state information when far from the steady-state point.
 - o The integral action directly from noisy measurements demonstrated a concerning behavior.
 - The optimization was performed in a unconstrained fashion, which is unpractical.
- This work opens the possibility of evaluating more advanced control and estimation techniques using the same mathematical framework.

Thank you!



Questions?