



Model Predictive Control

8. Robust Model Predictive Control

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Introduction

Paradigms for Robust Control

Robust Control in Frequency Domain

- **Frequency domain models** based on additive uncertainty, multiplicative uncertainty, etc.
- **Stability analysis** and **control design** based on small gain theorem, \mathcal{H}_∞ and \mathcal{H}_2 norm, μ -synthesis and DK -iteration, etc.
- **Tools** are Riccati equations, LMIs, etc.
- Handling **parametric uncertainties** is **intuitive**
- Handling **dynamic uncertainties** is **more intuitive**
- Handling **time-varying uncertainties** is **not poss.**
- Details can be found in [SP05]
- Addressed in Robust Control

Robust Control in Time Domain

- **Time domain models** based on polytopic uncertainty, norm-bounded uncertainty, etc.
- **Stability analysis** and **control design** based on parameter-dependent Lyapunov functions
- **Tools** are linear matrix inequalities (LMIs)
- Handling **parametric uncertainties** is **intuitive**
- Handling **dynamic uncertainties** is **less intuitive**
- Handling **time-varying uncertainties** is **possible**
- Details can be found in [BEBF94] and [DB01]
- Addressed in this lecture



Linear Time-Varying Systems

- Discrete-Time Linear Time-Varying (LTV) System

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \mathbf{A}(k)\mathbf{x}(k) + \mathbf{B}(k)\mathbf{u}(k) \quad \text{state equation} \quad (8.1)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(k) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(k) \quad \text{output equation} \quad (8.2)$$

- Symbols

$$\mathbf{x}(k) \in \mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \text{ state vector} \quad \mathbf{u}(k) \in \mathbb{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \text{ input vector}$$

$$\mathbf{y}(k) \in \mathbb{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p \text{ output vector}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ system matrix} \quad \mathbf{B}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \text{ input matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n} \text{ output matrix}$$

- Remarks

- The matrices $\mathbf{A}(k)$ and $\mathbf{B}(k)$ can be time-varying and uncertain or time-varying but known
- The system (8.1)/(8.2) is also denoted as discrete-time linear parameter-varying (LPV) system
- The extension for a time-varying output matrix is straightforward



Systems with Polytopic Uncertainty

- Polytopic Uncertainty

$$\mathbf{A}(k) = \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) \mathbf{A}_j \quad (8.3)$$

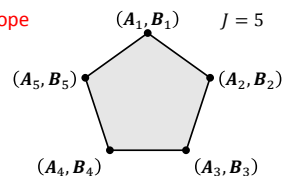
$$\mathbf{B}(k) = \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) \mathbf{B}_j \quad (8.4)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) = 1 \quad (8.5)$$

$$\mu_j(k) \geq 0 \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{J} = \{1, \dots, J\} \quad (8.6)$$

- Interpretation

- The matrices $\mathbf{A}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\mathbf{B}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ are the vertices of a polytope
- The scalars $\mu_j(k) \in \mathbb{R}$ are uncertain time-varying parameters
- The condition (8.5) leads to a convex combination
- The condition (8.5) ensures a "movement" between the vertices
- The scalars $\mu_j(k)$ can also be time-varying but known parameters



Systems with Polytopic Uncertainty

- **Illustrative Example**

- The **equation of motion** is given by

$$m\ddot{x} = F - cx - b\dot{x}$$

- The **state-space model** then results as

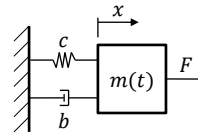
$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \ddot{x} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{m(t)} & -\frac{b}{m(t)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m(t)} \end{pmatrix} F$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{A}_c(t)}_{\mathbf{A}_c(t)} \mathbf{x} + \underbrace{\mathbf{B}_c(t)}_{\mathbf{B}_c(t)} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \underbrace{\mathbf{C}_c}_{\mathbf{C}_c} \mathbf{x}$$

- How can we represent this **continuous-time LTV system** as a **discrete-time LTV system (8.1)/(8.2)** with **polytopic uncertainty (8.3)/.../(8.6)**?



$$m(t) \in [2 \text{ kg}, 4 \text{ kg}]$$

$$c = 2 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

$$b = 1 \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}}$$

Mass-Spring-Damper System



Systems with Polytopic Uncertainty

- **Illustrative Example**

- The **discretization** based on the **forward difference** for the sampling period $h = 0.5 \text{ s}$ yields

$$\mathbf{A}(\alpha(k)) \approx \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}_c(kh)h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ -\frac{ch}{m(kh)} & 1 - \frac{bh}{m(kh)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ -ch\alpha(k) & 1 - bh\alpha(k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\alpha(k), \beta(k)) \approx \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}_c(kh) \frac{h}{2} \right) h \mathbf{B}_c(kh) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{h^2}{2m(kh)} \\ \frac{h}{m(kh)} - \frac{bh^2}{2m^2(kh)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{h^2}{2} \alpha(k) \\ h\alpha(k) - \frac{bh^2}{2} \beta(k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_c$$

$$\text{with the uncertain time-varying parameters } \alpha(k) = \frac{1}{m(kh)}, \beta(k) = \frac{1}{m^2(kh)}$$

- The **uncertain time-varying parameters** are characterized by

$$m(kh) \in [2 \text{ kg}, 4 \text{ kg}] \rightarrow \alpha(k) \in \left[\frac{1}{4} \text{ kg}^{-1}, \frac{1}{2} \text{ kg}^{-1} \right], \beta(k) \in \left[\frac{1}{16} \text{ kg}^{-2}, \frac{1}{4} \text{ kg}^{-2} \right]$$



Systems with Polytopic Uncertainty

- Illustrative Example

- The **vertices** of the **polytope** then result for all possible combinations of the bounds of $\alpha(k)$ and $\beta(k)$

$$A_1 = A(1/4) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ -0.25 & 0.875 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_1 = B(1/4, 1/16) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0313 \\ 0.1172 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = A(1/4) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ -0.25 & 0.875 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_2 = B(1/4, 1/4) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0313 \\ 0.0938 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = A(1/2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 0.75 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_3 = B(1/2, 1/16) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0625 \\ 0.2422 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_4 = A(1/2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 0.75 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_4 = B(1/2, 1/4) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0625 \\ 0.2188 \end{pmatrix}$$



Systems with Norm-Bounded Uncertainty

- Norm-Bounded Uncertainty

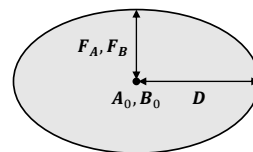
$$A(k) = A_0 + D\Delta(k)F_A \quad (8.7)$$

$$B(k) = B_0 + D\Delta(k)F_B \quad (8.8)$$

$$\|\Delta(k)\|_2 \leq 1 \quad (8.9)$$

- Interpretation

- The matrices $A_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $B_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ are **constant “nominal” matrices**
- The matrices $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $F_A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $F_B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ are **constant “structuring” matrices**
- The matrix $\Delta(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an **uncertain time-varying parameter**
- $\|\Delta(k)\|_2 = \rho(\Delta^T(k)\Delta(k))$ is the induced 2-norm of the matrix $\Delta(k)$
- The norm-bound uncertainty can be interpreted as a **hyperellipsoid** with center A_0, B_0 and semi-axes D and F_A, F_B
- The condition (8.9) ensures a “movement” within the hyperellipsoid



Definition

Definition 8.1 A **linear matrix inequality (LMI)** is a matrix inequality of the form

$$F(x) = F_0 + \sum_{l=1}^L x_l F_l > \mathbf{0}$$

where the vector $x = (x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the decision variable and the matrices $F_l = F_l^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $l \in \{0, \dots, L\}$ are given coefficients.

Remarks

- Multiple LMIs $F_1(x) > \mathbf{0}, \dots, F_M(x) > \mathbf{0}$ can be written as a **single LMI** $\text{diag}(F_1(x), \dots, F_M(x)) > \mathbf{0}$
- LMIs in control are often formulated with **matrices as decision variables**
- An example is the Lyapunov inequality $F(X) = A^T X A - X + Q < \mathbf{0}$ with decision variable $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and given coefficients $A, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (cf. Corollary 2.1)
- An LMI $F(X) > \mathbf{0}$ can be transformed into an LMI $F(x) > \mathbf{0}$ by constructing the vector x through “stacking” the columns of the matrix X (cf. [SW04, Remark 1.24] for details)



LMI Problems

Problem 8.1 Find a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that the LMI

$$F(x) > \mathbf{0}$$

is feasible. This problem is denoted as **LMI feasibility problem**.

Problem 8.2 Solve the optimization problem

$$\min_x f(x) \text{ subject to } F(x) > \mathbf{0}$$

with the convex cost function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. This problem is denoted as **LMI optimization problem**.

Remarks

- An **LMI feasibility problem** can be written as an **LMI optimization problem** with an **arbitrary cost fcn.**
- An **LMI optimization problem** is a **convex optimization problem** since $F(x) > \mathbf{0}$ defines a **convex set**
- **LMI optimization problems** can be solved with **polynomial complexity** using **interior point methods**
- More details on LMIs can be found in [BEBF94], [SW04], and [SP05, Chapter 12]



Tricks in LMI Problems

Lemma 8.1 The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $\begin{pmatrix} Q & S \\ S^T & R \end{pmatrix} > 0$
- (2) $R > 0, Q - SR^{-1}S^T > 0$

This equivalence is denoted as **Schur complement**.

Lemma 8.2 If $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a positive definite matrix, then $W^T Q W$ with $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ full rank is also a positive definite matrix. This transformation is denoted as **congruence transformation**. A congruence transformation does in particular not change the number of positive and negative eigenvalues.

- **Remarks**

- The tricks are very helpful for transforming non-LMI problems into LMI problems
- E.g. the congruence transformation is very useful for “removing” bilinear terms
- More tricks are given in [SP05, Section 12.3]



Tools for LMI Problems

- **Open-Source Tools**

- YALMIP can be utilized for formulating LMIs in MATLAB
yalmip.github.io
- SeDuMi can be utilized with YALMIP for solving LMIs in MATLAB
sedumi.ie.lehigh.edu
- SDPT3 can be utilized with YALMIP for solving LMIs in MATLAB
www.math.nus.edu.sg/~mattokc/sdpt3.html

- **Commercial Tools**

- LMI Lab in the Robust Control Toolbox can be utilized for formulating and solving LMIs in MATLAB

- **Remark**

- Sometimes numerical problems occur when solving LMI problems
- Trying different solvers should then be considered



Robust Stability Condition

Theorem 8.1 The discrete-time linear time-varying system (8.1) with polytopic uncertainty (8.3)/.../(8.6) is globally asymptotically stable if there exist matrices $P_j = P_j^T > 0$ with $j \in \mathbb{J}$ such that

$$A_j^T P_i A_j - P_j < 0 \quad \forall (j, i) \in \mathbb{J} \times \mathbb{J}. \quad (8.10)$$

The quadratic function

$$V(x(k), k) = x^T(k) P(k) x(k) \quad \text{with} \quad P(k) = \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) P_j, \quad \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) = 1, \quad \mu_j(k) \geq 0 \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{J}$$

is then a **parameter-dependent Lyapunov function** for the discrete-time linear time-varying system (8.1).

- **Proof**

- The function $V(x(k), k)$ is **positive definite**, **decreasing** and **radially unbounded** since

$$\alpha_1 \|x(k)\|_2^2 \leq V(x(k), k) \quad \forall x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha_1 = \varepsilon > 0, \text{ cf. Lemma 2.1}$$

$$V(x(k), k) \leq \alpha_2 \|x(k)\|_2^2 \quad \forall x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha_2 = \sum_{j=1}^J \lambda_{\max}(P_j) > 0, \text{ cf. Lemma 2.1}$$

$$\alpha_1 \|x(k)\|_2^2 \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as} \quad \|x(k)\|_2 \rightarrow \infty$$



Robust Stability Condition

- **Proof**

- We must still prove when $\Delta V(x(k), k)$ along trajectories of the discrete-time LTV system (8.1), i.e.

$$\Delta V(x(k), k) = V(x(k+1), k+1) - V(x(k), k) = x^T(k+1) P(k+1) x(k+1) - x^T(k) P(k) x(k)$$

$$= x^T(k) A^T(k) P(k+1) A(k) x(k) - x^T(k) P(k) x(k) = x^T(k) (A^T(k) P(k+1) A(k) - P(k)) x(k),$$

is **negative definite**

- Assume that (8.10) is fulfilled

- **Rearranging** (8.10) yields

$$P_j - A_j^T P_i A_j > 0$$

- Applying the **Schur complement** leads to

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_j & A_j^T P_i \\ P_i A_j & P_i \end{pmatrix} > 0$$



Robust Stability Condition

- **Proof**

- **Multiplying** by $\mu_i(k+1)$ and **summing** over $i = 1, 2, \dots, J$ results in

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) P_j & \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) A_j^T P_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) P_i A_j & \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) P_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_j \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) & A_j^T \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) P_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) P_i A_j & \sum_{i=1}^J \mu_i(k+1) P_i \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_j & A_j^T P(k+1) \\ P(k+1) A_j & P(k+1) \end{pmatrix} \succ 0$$

- **Multiplying** by $\mu_j(k)$ and **summing** over $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$ results in

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) P_j & \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) A_j^T P(k+1) \\ \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) P(k+1) A_j & \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) P(k+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) P_j & \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) A_j^T P(k+1) \\ P(k+1) \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) A_j & P(k+1) \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_j(k) \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P(k) & A^T(k) P(k+1) \\ P(k+1) A(k) & P(k+1) \end{pmatrix} \succ 0$$



Robust Stability Condition

- **Proof**

- Applying the **Schur complement** leads to

$$P(k) - A^T(k) P(k+1) P^{-1}(k+1) P(k+1) A(k) = P(k) - A^T(k) P(k+1) A(k) \succ 0$$

- **Rearranging** yields

$$A^T(k) P(k+1) A(k) - P(k) < 0$$

- This implies that $\Delta V(x(k), k)$ is **negative definite**
- This completes the proof

- **Remarks**

- The robust stability condition (8.10) is **only sufficient**
- This means that the discrete-time LTV system (8.1) may be globally asymptotically stable although the robust stability condition (8.10) is not fulfilled, i.e. the robust stability condition may “fail”
- The “fail rate” of a stability condition is denoted as **conservatism**



Robust Stability Condition

- Remarks

- Optionally a **common Lyapunov function** $V(x(k), k) = x^T(k)Px(k)$, $P = P^T > 0$ can be considered
- The robust stability condition (8.10) then becomes

$$A_j^T P A_j - P < 0 \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{J} \quad (8.11)$$

- The robust stability condition (8.11) has a **smaller number of LMIs** but also a **higher conservatism** than the robust stability condition (8.10)

Corollary 8.1 The discrete-time linear time-varying system (8.1) with polytopic uncertainty (8.3)/.../(8.6) is globally asymptotically stable if there exist matrices $P_j = P_j^T > 0$ with $j \in \mathbb{J}$ such that the LMIs

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_j & A_j^T P_i \\ P_i A_j & P_i \end{pmatrix} > 0 \quad (8.12)$$

are feasible for all $(j, i) \in \mathbb{J} \times \mathbb{J}$.



Robust Stability Condition

- Illustrative Example

- Reconsider the **Illustrative Example** (Mass-Spring-Damper System) from **Slide 8-5ff**
- From Corollary 8.1 we obtain an **LMI feasibility problem** with four matrix variables $P_j = P_j^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ with $j \in \mathbb{J} = \{1, \dots, 4\}$, two LMIs resulting from $P_j > 0$, and four LMIs resulting from (8.12)
- A **feasible solution** can be found under MATLAB using YALMIP and SeDuMi in 0.14 s



Robust State Feedback Control

- **Assumptions**

- No constraints ($\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{U} = \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{R}^p$)
- State feedback ($C = I_{n \times n}$)
- Regulation of the state to the origin ($x(k) \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$)

Theorem 8.2 The discrete-time linear time-varying system (8.1) with polytopic uncertainty (8.3)/.../(8.6) under the state feedback control law $u(k) = Kx(k)$ is globally asymptotically stable if there exist matrices $Q_j = Q_j^T > 0$ with $j \in \mathbb{J}$ and matrices G, Y such that the LMIs

$$\begin{pmatrix} G + G^T - Q_j & G^T A_j^T + Y^T B_j^T \\ A_j G + B_j Y & Q_i \end{pmatrix} > 0 \quad (8.13)$$

are feasible for all $(j, i) \in \mathbb{J} \times \mathbb{J}$. The feedback matrix is then given by $K = YG^{-1}$.

- **Proof**

- The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 8.1. Details are given in [Mao03, Proof of Theorem 1]



Robust State Feedback Control

- **Exercise**

- Consider the **uncertain mass-spring damper system** introduced on Slide 8-5ff
- Design a **robust state feedback controller** based on Theorem 8.2 under MATLAB using YALMIP
- Simulate the **closed-loop system** under MATLAB for
 - the vertices of the polytope A_j and B_j with $j \in \mathbb{J} = \{1, \dots, 4\}$
 - hundred random parameters $\alpha(k) \in \left[\frac{1}{4} \text{ kg}^{-1}, \frac{1}{2} \text{ kg}^{-1}\right]$ and $\beta(k) \in \left[\frac{1}{16} \text{ kg}^{-2}, \frac{1}{4} \text{ kg}^{-2}\right]$
 over the discrete times $k \in \{0, \dots, 20\}$ and for the initial state $x_0 = \left(1 \text{ m} \quad 0 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^T$
- Visualize the **closed-loop state sequences** under MATLAB in a single diagram

- **Hints**

- Simulations of discrete-time systems can be realized in MATLAB using a for-loop
- Uniformly distributed random numbers between 0 and 1 can be generated in MATLAB with `rand`



Robust Model Predictive Control

- **Robust Model Predictive Control based on LMIs**
 - Relies on the LMI concepts introduced on the previous slides
 - [KBM96] state an LMI optimization problem based on a **common Lyapunov function**
 - [CGM02], [Mao03] state an LMI opt. problem based on a **parameter-dependent Lyapunov function**
 - [WK03] extend the concept from [KBM96] to **explicit model predictive control**
 - [Mac02, Section 8.4] and [CB04, Section 8.4] provide very good introductions
- **Robust Model Predictive Control based on Min-Max Optimization**
 - [BBM15, Chapter 16] provide a very good introduction
- **Robust Model Predictive Control based on Tubes**
 - [RM09, Sections 3.4 and 3.5] provide a very good introduction



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