



# Model Predictive Control

## 1. Basics

**Compact set:** Subset of Euclidean space being closed (*i.e.*, containing all its limit points) and bounded (*i.e.*, having all its points lie within some fixed distance of each other).

**Matrix Inversion:**  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot \text{adj}(A)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

**Eigenvalues:**  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

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**Rule of Sarrus:**  $A_{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A_{3 \times 3}) = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{31}a_{22}a_{13} - a_{32}a_{23}a_{11} - a_{33}a_{21}a_{12}$$

For system equations  $y_i = f_i(x)$ , you can find  $x$  with **Least Squares**:

$$x = \arg \min_x \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f_i(x))^2 \right]$$

( $\rightarrow$  Calculate derivative, set to zero and find corresponding value for  $x$ )

## 2. Introduction

### 2.1. System Class

Time-invariant discrete-time dynamical control system  $x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k)); \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad x(0) = x_0$  with state  $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and control input  $u(k) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Notation:

$$\underline{u}^N := \{u(0), u(1), \dots, u(N-1)\}$$

$$\underline{x}_u^N(x_0) := \{x_0, x_u(1, x_0), \dots, x_u(N, x_0)\}$$

or if context is clear for brevity:

$$\underline{x}_u^N(x_0) := \{x_0, x(1), \dots, x(N)\}$$

### 2.2. Cost Function

Infinite Horizon:

$$J_\infty(x_0, \underline{u}^\infty) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} l(x_u(k, x_0), u(k))$$

Finite Horizon:

$$J_N(x_0, \underline{u}^N) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(x_u(k, x_0), u(k)) + J_f(x_u(N, x_0))$$

with stage cost  $l(x, u)$  and target cost  $J_f(x)$ .

### 2.3. Constraints

Input constraints:  $u(k) \in \mathbb{U}$

State constraints:  $x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots; x(N) \in \mathbb{X}_f$

Admissible Controls:  $\mathcal{U}_N(x_0) := \{\underline{u} | (x_0, \underline{u}) \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Feasible Initial Values:  $\mathcal{X}_N := \{x_0 \in \mathbb{X} | \mathcal{U}_N(x_0) \neq \emptyset\}$  with

$$\mathbb{Z}_N := \left\{ (x_0, \underline{u}) \mid u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, x_u(k, x_0) \in \mathbb{X}, \right. \\ \left. k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1; x_u(N, x_0) \in \mathbb{X}_f \right\}$$

### 2.4. Optimization Problem

$$\mathbb{P}_N(x_0) : J_N^*(x_0) = \min_{\underline{u}} \{J_N(x_0, \underline{u}) \mid \underline{u} \in \mathcal{U}_N(x_0)\}$$

Assumption 1:

$f, l, J_f$  are continuous with  $f(0, 0) = 0, l(0, 0) = 0, J_f(0) = 0$ .

Assumption 2:

$\mathbb{X}$  is closed,  $\mathbb{X}_f$  and  $\mathbb{U}$  are compact and all sets contain the origin.

Under Assumption 1 and Assumption 2, the optimization problem  $\mathbb{P}_N(x_0)$  has a solution for all  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_N$ .

( $\rightarrow$  Theorem of Weierstrass: Sets are sequentially compact and every bounded sequence of complex numbers contains at least one convergent subsequence.)

### 2.5. Controller

$$\kappa_N(x_0) = u^*(0, x_0)$$

with optimal control input  $u^*(0, x_0)$  from solution of  $\mathbb{P}_N(x_0)$ ,

$$\underline{u}^* = \{u^*(0, x_0), u^*(1, x_0), \dots, u^*(N-1, x_0)\}.$$

### 2.6. Basic time-invariant MPC algorithm

System:  $x^+ = f(x, u)$

$$\text{Cost: } J(x, \underline{u}) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(x(k), u(k)) + J_f(x(N))$$

Constraints:  $x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, u(k) \in \mathbb{U}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $x(N) \in \mathbb{X}_f$  where  $N$  is the prediction horizon.

- Measure  $x$ , determine  $\mathcal{U}_N(x)$
- Solve  $\mathbb{P}_N(x)$  and obtain  $\underline{u}^*(x)$
- Control with  $\kappa_N(x)$  such that  $x^+ = f(x, \kappa_N(x))$
- Repeat for  $x := x^+$

### 2.7. Constrained Optimization in a nutshell

Cost function:  $\min F(z)$

Equality constraints:  $g(z) = 0$

Inequality constraints:  $h(z) \leq 0$

a) unconstrained

If  $z^*$  is minimum, then  $\nabla F(z^*) = 0$ .

b) equality constrained

Lagrange function  $L = F(z) + \lambda^\top g(z)$  with Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$ .

If  $z^*$  is minimum, then  $\nabla_z L(z^*, \lambda^*) = 0$  and  $\nabla_\lambda L(z^*, \lambda^*) = 0$ .

c) inequality constrained

Lagrange function  $L = F(z) + \mu^\top h(z)$  with KKT multiplier  $\mu$ .

If  $z^*$  is minimum then  $\nabla_z L(z^*, \mu^*) = 0$  and  $\mu^* \geq 0, h(z^*) \leq 0$  and  $\mu_i^* h_i(z^*) = 0$  for all  $i$ .

Optimum for cost function at horizon  $N$  for  $J_N = 0$ . If only one constraint is active, use b) to look at constrained edge of control input and derive the remaining optimal control inputs.

## 3. Dynamic Programming

### 3.1. Problem Statement

Time-invariant discrete-time dynamical control system (*can be nonlinear*):  $x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k)); \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad x(0) = x_0$

$$\text{Cost: } V(x_0, \underline{u}) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(x(k), u(k)) + V_f(x(N))$$

State constraints:  $x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1, x(N) \in \mathbb{X}_f$

Input constraints:  $u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, k = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$

Find  $\underline{u} = \{u(0), u(1), \dots, u(N-1)\}$

where  $u(k) = \mu_k(x(k))$  are control laws.

**Advantages and Disadvantages:**

- + We get control laws
- + Costly optimization is done offline
- Curse of dimensionality

**Comparison to MPC:**

- Dynamic Programming (DP) has one large horizon.
- MPC delivers control action for only one specific realisation.
- DP is optimal for full problem and target constraints are satisfied. MPC target constraints are reached asymptotically  $\rightarrow$  might have stability problem

### 3.2. Notation

$$\text{Cost-to-go: } V_i(x, \underline{u}^i) = \sum_{k=i}^{N-1} l(x(k), u(k)) + V_f(x(N))$$

with  $\underline{u}^i = \{u(i), u(i+1), \dots, u(N-1)\}$

Optimal cost-to-go:  $V_i^*(x) = \min_{\underline{u}^i \in \Upsilon_i(x)} V_i(x, \underline{u}^i)$  with

$$\Upsilon_i(x) :=$$

$$\left\{ \underline{u}^i \mid \text{for initial state } x(i) = x : u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, k = i, \dots, N-1; \right.$$

$$\left. x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, k = i+1, \dots, N-1; x(N) \in \mathbb{X}_f \right\}$$

$$\text{and } \Xi_i := \{x \in \mathbb{X} \mid \Upsilon_i(x) \neq \emptyset\}$$

Recursive construction of feasible sets  $\Xi_i$  from behind:

$$\Xi_N = \mathbb{X}_f$$

$$\Xi_i = \{x(i) \in \mathbb{X} \mid x(i+1) \in \Xi_{i+1} \text{ with } u(i) \in \mathbb{U}\}, \\ i = N-1, N-2, \dots, 0$$

### 3.3. Bellman Recursion

Recursive calculation of optimal-cost  $V_i^*$ , starting with the terminal cost:  $V_N^*(x(N)) = V_f(x(N)) \rightarrow V_{N-1}^* = \min\{V_N^* + \dots\} \rightarrow \dots$

In general, with  $l(x(i), u(i))$  as cost of only the current  $i$ :

$$V_i^*(x(i)) = \min_{u(i)} \left\{ l(x(i), u(i)) + V_{i+1}^*(f(x(i), u(i))) \mid \right.$$

$$\left. u(i) \in \mathbb{U}, x(i) \in \mathbb{X}, f(x(i), u(i)) \in \Xi_{i+1} \right\},$$

$$i = N-1, N-2, \dots, 0$$

Use system  $f(x(i), u(i))$  to substitute  $x(i+1)$  in  $V_{i+1}^*(x(i+1))$

and solve  $\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial u(i)} = 0$  to get optimal control input  $u^*(i) = a(x(i))$ .

Insert  $u^*(i)$  into  $V_i^*(x(i))$  to get optimal cost-to-go.

## 4. Stability

### 4.1. Stability Concepts

System class:  $x^+ = \tilde{f}(x) \rightarrow$  Equilibrium point:  $x_{eq} = \tilde{f}(x_{eq})$

Open loop:  $x^+ = f(x) \leftrightarrow$  Closed loop:  $x^+ = f(x, u)$

Assumption:

If  $\tilde{f}$  is not continuous, it is at least locally bounded.

Definition of stability in the sense of Lyapunov:

Equilibrium point  $x_{eq} = 0$  of  $x^+ = \tilde{f}(x)$  is locally stable, if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  s.t. for all  $\|x(0)\| \leq \delta(\varepsilon)$ , it holds that  $\|x(k)\| \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $k > 0$ .

- Locally asymptotically stable, if in addition  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x(k)\| = 0$  for  $x(0)$  close to the origin.
- Globally asymptotically stable, if in addition  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x(k)\| = 0$  for all  $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Asymptotically stable in  $\mathcal{X}$ , if in addition  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x(k)\| = 0$  for all  $x(0) \in \mathcal{X}$ , where  $\mathcal{X}$  is positive.

Definition of **positive invariance**:

$\mathcal{X}$  is positive invariant for  $x^+ = \tilde{f}(x)$ , if  $\tilde{f}(x) \in \mathcal{X}$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . (*Once a system trajectory enters set  $\mathcal{X}$ , it will never leave it again.*)

**Comparison Functions:**

Necessary as candidate Lyapunov function is discontinuous.

$\rightarrow$  Optimal control  $\underline{u}^*$  is solution of a optimum, convergence to different local minima possible.

$\rightarrow$  Special case: unconstrained MPC is continuous

Definition:

- A function  $\alpha$  is a class  $\mathcal{K}$  function, if it is continuous and strictly increasing with  $\alpha(0) = 0$ .
- A function  $\alpha$  is a class  $\mathcal{K}_\infty$  function, if it is a class  $\mathcal{K}$  function and in addition unbounded.
- A function  $\alpha$  is a class  $\mathcal{PD}$  (*positive definite*) function, if it is continuous with  $\alpha(0) = 0$  and  $\alpha(x) > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$ .

Lyapunov's direct method:

A function  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a global Lyapunov function for the equilibrium of  $x^+ = \tilde{f}(x)$ , if  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty, \alpha_3 \in \mathcal{PD}$  exist, such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  condition (1) and (2) holds.

If  $V$  is a global Lyapunov function for the equilibrium of  $x^+ = \tilde{f}(x)$ , then the equilibrium is globally asymptotically stable.

Lyapunov's direct method (**constrained**):

A function  $V : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathcal{X}$  invariant is a Lyapunov function for the equilibrium of  $x^+ = \tilde{f}(x)$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ , if  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_\infty, \alpha_3 \in \mathcal{PD}$  exist, such that for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  condition (1) and (2) holds.

If  $V$  is a Lyapunov function for the equilibrium of  $x^+ = \tilde{f}(x)$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ , then the equilibrium is asymptotically stable on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

- (1) Bounded:  $\alpha_1(\|x\|) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(\|x\|)$
  - (2) Descent:  $V(f(x)) - V(x) \leq -\alpha_3(\|x\|)$

### 4.2. Assumptions for Stability

Assumption 3:

$$l(x, u) > \alpha_l(\|x\|) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_N, \forall u \in \mathbb{U}$$

$$J_f(x) \leq \alpha_f(\|x\|) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}_f \text{ where } \alpha_l, \alpha_f \text{ are class } \mathcal{K}_\infty \text{ functions.}$$

Assumption 4:

$J_f$  is a Control Lyapunov Function (CLF), that means  $J_f(0) = 0, J_f > 0$  and there exists  $u \in \mathbb{U}$  such that  $J_f(f(x, u)) - J_f(x) \leq -l(x, u) \forall x \in \mathbb{X}_f$ .

If system is CLF, it is feedback stabilizable.

Assumption 5:

$\mathbb{X}_f$  is control invariant, that means, if  $x \in \mathbb{X}_f$  then there exists  $u \in \mathbb{U}$  such that  $f(x, u) \in \mathbb{X}_f$ .

### 4.3. Stability of MPC

Under Assumptions 1 to 5, the equilibrium  $x_{eq}$  is asymptotically stable in  $\mathcal{X}_N$  for  $x^+ = f(x, \kappa_N(x))$ .

**Proof:** Choose Lyapunov function  $V_N(x) = J_N(x, \underline{u}^*)$  and show property (1) and (2) of Lyapunov direct method.

### 4.4. Recursive Feasibility

Definition: MPC is said to be recursively feasible, if one can assure that there is a solution to  $\mathbb{P}_N(x^+)$  having a solution of  $\mathbb{P}_N(x)$ .

If  $\mathbb{X}_f$  is control invariant, then

- $\mathcal{X}_{j-1} \subseteq \mathcal{X}_j, j = 1, \dots, N$
- $\mathcal{X}_{j-1}$  is control invariant,  $j = 1, \dots, N$
- MPC is recursively feasible

To deal with infeasibility, soften hard constraints.

To find feasible initial values  $\mathcal{X}_1$  for an additional target constraint  $\mathcal{X}_0 = \mathbb{X}_f = \{0\}$ , solve  $x^+ = f(x, u) = 0$  and check which states satisfy target constraint.

To determine  $\mathcal{X}_1$  given an control invariant target set  $\mathcal{X}_0 = \mathbb{X}_f$ , put in system dynamics  $x^+ = f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{X}_f$  and check if state constraints are satisfied.  $\mathcal{X}_1$  is then the set with adjusted system matrix and limits.

$$\mathcal{X}_1 = \left\{ \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

With control constraints  $a_u \leq u \leq b_u$ , give feasible values subject to the constraints. E.g. for state  $x = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3]^\top$   $\mathcal{X}_1 = \{x | a_u \leq x_1 \leq b_u, x_1 = x_3 = -x_2\}$

## 5. MPC for Linear Systems

### 5.1. System Class for Linear MPC

System class:  $x^+ = Ax + Bu$

$$\text{Cost: } J_N(x, \underline{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \|x(k)\|_Q^2 + \|u(k)\|_R^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x(N)\|_{P_f}^2$$

Constraints:  $x(k) \in \mathbb{X}, u(k) \in \mathbb{U}, x(N) \in \mathbb{X}_f$ , where  $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{U}$  and  $\mathbb{X}_f$  are convex polytopes

### 5.2. LQ Control (non-receding finite horizon)

For linear systems with quadratic cost and no constraints.

System Class:  $x^+ = Ax + Bu$

Cost:

$$V_0(x_0, u) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \underbrace{\|x(k)\|_Q^2}_{\text{penalize bad performance}} + \underbrace{\|u(k)\|_R^2}_{\text{penalize actuator effort}} + \frac{1}{2} \|x(N)\|_{P_f}^2$$

Control law:  $u(k) = K(k)x(k)$  ( $K$  is time-variant)

while for  $k = 0, \dots, N-1$ , with  $P(N) = P_f$

$$K(k) = - \left( B^\top P(k+1)B + R \right)^{-1} B^\top P(k+1)A$$

and

$$P(k) = A^\top P(k+1)A + Q - A^\top P(k+1)B \left( B^\top P(k+1)B + R \right)^{-1} B^\top P(k+1)A$$

Recursion for the Riccati Matrix:

$$P(k) = A^\top P(k+1)A + Q + K(k)^\top B^\top P(k+1)A$$

In addition Lyapunov function:

$$V_0^*(x_0) = \frac{1}{2} x_0^\top P(0)x_0$$

### 5.3. LQ Control (infinite horizon)

System Class:  $x^+ = Ax + Bu$

$$\text{Cost: } V(x, \underline{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|x(k)\|_Q^2 + \|u(k)\|_R^2$$

Control Law:  $u(k) = K_\infty x(k)$ , while

$$K_\infty = - \left( B^\top P_\infty B + R \right)^{-1} B^\top P_\infty A \text{ and Riccati Equation:}$$

$$P_\infty = Q + K_\infty^\top R K_\infty + (A + B K_\infty)^\top P_\infty (A + B K_\infty)$$

Stationary Riccati Matrix:

$$P_\infty = A^\top P_\infty A + Q + K_\infty^\top B^\top P_\infty A, \quad P_\infty \geq 0$$

### 5.4. MPC (constrained, receding horizon)

Stability of equilibrium  $x_{eq} = 0$  under MPC, if

unconstrained:  $P_f = P_\infty$

constrained:

- 1.)  $P_f = P_\infty$
- 2.) constraint admissibility:  $\mathbb{X}_f \subseteq \{x \in \mathbb{X} | Kx \in \mathbb{U}\}$
- 3.) positive invariance:  $x \in \mathbb{X}_f \Rightarrow x^+ = (A + B K_\infty)x \in \mathbb{X}_f$

### 5.5. Underlying Optimization Problem (QP)

Using previews  $x(k) = A^k x_0 + A^{k-1} B u(0) + \dots + B u(k-1)$  for all  $k$  in horizon in cost function

$$J_N(x_0, \underline{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \|x(k)\|_Q^2 + \|u(k)\|_R^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x(N)\|_{P_f}^2$$

allows to transform the cost into

$$J_N(x, \underline{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^\top H(x_0) \underline{u} + c(x_0)^\top \underline{u} + d(x_0)$$

with  $\underline{u} \in \mathcal{U}_N(x_0)$  polytopes QP problem (= quadratic cost with linear constraints) allows for efficient numerics.

## 6. Generalized Predictive Control (GPC)

### 6.1. System Class

$$\text{Transfer function: } \frac{y(t)}{\Delta u(t-1)} = \frac{B(z^{-1})}{A(z^{-1})}$$

System class:

$$A(z^{-1})y(t) = B(z^{-1})z^{-d}u(t-1) + C(z^{-1})\frac{e(t)}{\Delta}$$

- Denominator:  $A(z^{-1}) = 1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2} + \dots + a_n z^{-n}$
- Denominator:  $B(z^{-1}) = 1 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_m z^{-m}, m < n$
- $C(z^{-1})$  for colored noise, in the following  $C(z^{-1}) = 1$
- $e(t)$ : white noise with zero mean
- Shift operator:  $z^{-k}y(t) = y(t-k)$
- Dead time:  $z^{-d}$ , in the following  $d = 0$
- $\Delta = 1 - z^{-1}$  (for  $u(t) \leftrightarrow$  for  $u(t-1)$ ):  $\Delta = 1$ )

Cost:

$$J = \sum_{j=1}^N \delta(j) \left( \underbrace{\hat{y}(t+j|t)}_{\text{predicted output}} - \underbrace{w(t+j)}_{\text{future ref. trajectory}} \right)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^M \lambda(j) (\Delta u(t+j-1))$$

- Horizons:  $N$  is prediction horizon,  $M$  is control horizon, in the following  $M = N$
- Weighting  $\delta(j), \lambda(j)$
- Control input  $\Delta u = u(t) - u(t-1)$
- Prediction from time  $t$  to  $t+j$ :

$$\hat{y}(t+j|t) = G_j(z^{-1})\Delta u(t+j-1) + F_j(z^{-1})y(t)$$

### 6.2. Diophantine Equation

Used to get rid of *inbetween predictions*.

→ Fewer equations than unknown variables

$$1 = E_j z^{-1} \tilde{A}(z^{-1}) + z^{-j} F_j(z^{-1}) \text{ with } \tilde{A} = \Delta A$$

$$E_j(z^{-1}): \text{polynomial of degree } j-1$$

$$F_j(z^{-1}): \text{polynomial of degree of } \tilde{A}$$

Prediction:

$$\underline{y} = \underline{G}\underline{u} + \underline{p} \quad (\text{prediction } \underline{p} \text{ often denoted as } f)$$

where the choice of  $\underline{y}$  and  $\underline{u}$  as:

$$\underline{y} = [\hat{y}(t+1|t), \hat{y}(t+2|t), \dots, \hat{y}(t+N|t)]^\top$$

$$\underline{u} = [\Delta u(t), \Delta u(t+1), \dots, \Delta u(t+N-1)]^\top$$

defines  $G$  and  $\underline{p}$ :

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} g_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ g_1 & g_0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{N-1} & g_{N-2} & \dots & g_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{p} = \underbrace{\underline{F}(z^{-1})y(t)}_{\text{past values of } y} + \underbrace{\underline{G}'(z^{-1})\Delta u(t-1)}_{\text{future \& past control inputs}}$$

with

$$G_j(z^{-1}) = B(z^{-1})E_j(z^{-1})$$

$$\underline{G}'(z^{-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} (G_1(z^{-1}) - g_0)z \\ (G_2(z^{-1}) - g_0 - g_1 z^{-1})z^2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{F}(z^{-1}) = [F_1(z^{-1}), F_2(z^{-1}), \dots, F_N(z^{-1})]^\top$$

and  $g_j$   $j$ -th coefficients of polynomial  $G_j$ .

**Excursion:** Polynomials  $E_j(z^{-1})$  and  $F_j(z^{-1})$  can be obtained by dividing 1 by  $\tilde{A}(z^{-1}) = \Delta A(z^{-1})$  until the remainder can be factorized as  $z^{-j}F_j(z^{-1})$ , e.g.:

$$(1 - 2z^{-1} + 2z^{-2} - z^{-3}) : (1 - 2z^{-1} + 2z^{-2} - z^{-3}) = \overbrace{1}^{E_1} + 2z^{-1} + \dots$$

$$\frac{2z^{-1} - 2z^{-2} + z^{-3}}{2z^{-1} - 4z^{-2} + 4z^{-3} - 2z^{-4}} \Rightarrow z^{-1}F_1(z^{-1})$$

$$\frac{2z^{-2} - 3z^{-3} + 2z^{-4}}{2z^{-2} - 3z^{-3} + 2z^{-4}} \Rightarrow z^{-2}F_2(z^{-1}) \quad \dots$$

For  $N = 2$ :

$$E_1(z^{-1}) = 1, \quad E_2(z^{-1}) = 1 + 2z^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{z^{-1}F_1(z^{-1})}{z^{-1}} = F_1(z^{-1}) = 2 - 2z^{-1} + z^{-2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{z^{-2}F_2(z^{-1})}{z^{-2}} = F_2(z^{-1}) = 2 - 3z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}$$

### 6.3. QP Problem

Cost (with reference  $w$ ):

$$J = u \left( G^T Q G + R \right) \underline{u} + 2(\underline{p} - \underline{w})^T Q G \underline{u} + (\underline{p} - \underline{w})^T Q (\underline{p} - \underline{w})$$

is minimized by control sequence of future controls

$$\underline{u} = - \left( G^T Q G + R \right)^{-1} G^T Q (\underline{p} - \underline{w})$$

where only  $\underline{u}_1 = \Delta u(t)$  is applied as control.

E.g. for horizon  $N = 3$ :

$$u(t) = u(t-3) + \Delta u(t-2) + \Delta u(t-1) + \Delta u(t)$$

where  $\Delta u(t)$  is the first element of  $\underline{u}$ .

## 7. Numerics

### 7.1. Nonlinear Programming (NP)

Cost function:  $F(z)$

Equality constraints:  $g(z) = 0$

Inequality constraints:  $h(z) \leq 0$

Active Set:  $\mathcal{A} = \{j | \mu_j > 0\}$  (set of active constraints)

**Sequential:** Recursive Elimination (find optimal  $\underline{u}$ )

+ Small NP problem

– Sensitive dependence for larger  $N$

**Parallel:** Full Discretization (find optimal  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$ )

+ Simple to implement + Easier for state constraints

– Larger NP problem – Many constraints

**Compromise:** Multiple Shooting

Necessary conditions for a minimum:

If  $z^*$  is feasible minimum, then  $\nabla_z L(z^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) = 0$  and

$\nabla_\lambda L(z^*, \lambda^*, \mu^*) = 0$  with  $\mu^* \geq 0, h(z^*) \leq 0$  and

$\mu_i^* h_i(z^*) = 0$  for all  $i$  with Lagrange function

$$L = F(z) + \lambda^\top g(z) + \mu^\top h(z) \text{ with multipliers } \lambda \text{ and } \mu.$$

### 7.2. Unconstrained Minimization: Newton's Method

Find minimum  $z^*$  numerically as follows

- Initialize: Guess  $z^{(0)}$  close to  $z^*$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- Update (calculate tangent and corresponding root value):  $z^{(k+1)} = z^{(k)} + \alpha^{(k)} d^{(k)}$  where  $d^{(k)} = - \left( \nabla^2 F(z^{(k)}) \right)^{-1} \nabla F(z^{(k)})$  (search direction) and step length  $\alpha^{(k)} = \text{argmin } F(z^{(k)} + \alpha d^{(k)})$  (line search)
- Stop if  $\|\nabla F(z^{(k)})\| < \epsilon_{tol}$  (after 1 iteration if  $F$  is quadratic)

### 7.3. Constrained Minimization: Quadratic Programming

Applies for QP problem class:

$$\text{Quadratic cost function: } F(z) = \frac{1}{2} z^\top H z + c^\top z$$

$$\text{Linear equality constraints: } g(z) = E z + e = 0$$

$$\text{Liner inequality constraints: } h(z) = I z + i \leq 0$$

Find minimum  $z^*$  numerically as follows

- Initialize: Guess initial active set  $\mathcal{A}_0$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If all active constraints are known, solvable in one iteration.
- Update optimization variables  $z$  with  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial z}$ . Inequality constraints from active set  $\mathcal{A}_k$  are treated as equality constraints. Non-active constraints are neglected.
- Update active set: When for  $j \in \mathcal{A}_k : \mu_j^{(k+1)} < 0$ , delete const.  $j$  from active set. When for  $j \notin \mathcal{A}_k : I_j z^{(k+1)} + i_j \geq 0$ , add constraint  $j$  to active set and thus get  $\mathcal{A}_{k+1}$
- Stop if  $\mathcal{A}_k$  is not active anymore.

### 7.4. Constrained Minimization: Sequential QP

Combine Newton's Methods (linearization of NP problem to obtain QP problem) and QP method (choice of feasible active set of linearized problem).

### 7.5. Constrained Minimization: Interior Point

Cost function:  $F(z)$

Equality constraints:  $g(z) = 0$

Former inequality constraints, now equality constraints:  $h(z) + s = 0$

New inequality constraints:  $s \geq 0$

Lagrange Function  $L = F(z) + y^\top g(z) + w^\top (h(z) + s) - \mu^\top s$

Necessary Conditions that are related to inequality constraints:

$$s \geq 0, \mu \geq 0 \text{ and } s^\top \mu = 0$$

Relax complementary conditions  $s^\top \mu = 0$  by introducing barrier parameter  $\epsilon$  to  $s^\top \mu = \epsilon$  and solve with  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

### 7.6. Soft Constraints

Softened minimization problem with penalty term  $l(\epsilon)$ :

$$\min_x f(x) + l(\epsilon), \text{ s.t. } g(x) \leq \epsilon, \epsilon \geq 0$$

where  $\epsilon$  defines the degree of softness.

**Quadratic penalty:**  $l(\epsilon) = v \cdot \epsilon^2$  with  $v > 0$

Feasible solution  $x^*$  for the original problem is not the same for the softened problem for any  $v > 0$  and  $\epsilon = 0$ .

**Linear penalty:**  $l(\epsilon) = u \cdot \epsilon$

Same solution as original problem for  $u > \mu^* \geq 0$ , where  $\mu^*$  is the optimal Lagrange multiplier for the original problem.

## 8. Robust MPC

### 8.1. Robust Stability

Does state reach vicinity of the origin under bounded small disturbances?

**Types of uncertainties:** Parametric uncertainty, modeling errors, etc.

E.g. additive disturbance:  $x^+ = f(x, u) + w$  where  $w$  is disturbance and  $w \in \mathbb{W}$ , where  $\mathbb{W}$  is bounded.

Standard controllers (e.g. PID) have inherent robustness.

Nominal Robust Stability only if Lyapunov Function is continuous (e.g. for linear MPC).

### 8.2. Tube base MPC for Linear Systems

Nominal model:  $z^+ = Az + Bu$

Disturbed (real) model:  $x^+ = Ax + Bu + w$

Use tube  $S(k), k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  to check **constraint admissibility**:

Set  $S(k)$  is such that all possible trajectories  $x(k)$  (apply all possible disturbances) of real disturbed system fulfill  $x(k) \in \{z(k) \oplus S(k)\}$ , i.e. do not violate constraints.

**MPC feedback control:**  $u^* = v^* + K(x - z)$ , where  $K$  is found offline. Appropriate choice of  $K$  reduces the size of the tube.

Optimize cost to find  $v^*$  such that  $x^*$  is constraint admissible by constraint tightening using the tube.