

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:

$\underline{u}^N := \{u(0), u(1), \dots, u(N-1)\}$
 $\underline{x}_N^N(x_0) := \{x_0, x_{\underline{u}}(1, x_0), \dots, x_{\underline{u}}(N, x_0)\}$
 or if context is clear for brevity:
 $\underline{x}_{\underline{u}}^N(x_0) := \{x_0, x(1), \dots, x(N)\}$

2.2. Cost Function

Infinite Horizon:

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

Finite Horizon:

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

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

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

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

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

c) inequality constrained

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

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

$$\Upsilon_i(x) :=$$

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

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

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

Recursive construction of feasible sets Ξ_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 an optimum, convergence to different local minima possible.

\rightarrow Special case: unconstrained MPC is continuous

Definition:

- A function α is a class \mathcal{K} function, if it is continuous and strictly increasing with $\alpha(0) = 0$.
- A function α is a class \mathcal{K}_{∞} function, if it is a class \mathcal{K} function and in addition unbounded.
- A function α 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:

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

$J_f(x) \leq \alpha_f(\|x\|) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}_f$ where α_l, α_f are class \mathcal{K}_{∞} 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 $J_f(f(x, u)) - J_f(x) \leq -l(x, u) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}_f$.

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^+ for 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 a state $x = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3]^T$
 $\mathcal{X}_1 = \{x | a_u \leq x_1 \leq b_u, x_1 = x_3 = -x_2\}$

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 $P(N) = P_f$

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

and

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

Recursion for the Riccati Matrix:

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

In addition Lyapunov function:

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

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

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

$$P_{\infty} = Q + K_{\infty}^T R K_{\infty} + (A + B K_{\infty})^T P_{\infty} (A + B K_{\infty})$$

Stationary Riccati Matrix:

$$P_{\infty} = A^T P_{\infty} A + Q + K_{\infty}^T B^T P_{\infty} A, \quad P_{\infty} \geq 0$$

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

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

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:

$\underline{y} = \underline{G}\underline{u} + \underline{p}$ (prediction \underline{p} often denoted as f)
where the choice of \underline{y} and \underline{u} as:

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

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

defines G and \underline{p} :

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

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

with

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

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

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

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.:

$$(1 - 2z^{-1} + 2z^{-2} - z^{-3}) : \overbrace{(1 - 2z^{-1} + 2z^{-2} - z^{-3})}^{E_2} = \overbrace{1}^{E_1} + 2z^{-1} + \dots$$

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

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

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 dependance for larger N

Parallel: Full Discretization (find optimal \underline{u} and \underline{x})

+ 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 $L = F(z) + \lambda^T g(z) + \mu^T h(z)$ with multipliers λ and μ .

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 one iteration if F is quadratic)

7.3. Constrained Minimization: Quadratic Programming

Applies for QP problem class:

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

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

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

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

Necessary Conditions that are related to inequality constraints:

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

Relax complementary conditions $s^T \mu = 0$ by introducing barrier parameter ϵ to $s^T \mu = \epsilon$ 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 ϵ 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 μ^* 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.