



MECH 6v29.002 – Model Predictive Control

L6 – MPC Formulation and Extensions

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Basic MPC Formulation



$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$
s.t.
$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$$

$$x_0 = x(0)$$

- Online Optimization
 - Formulate using Matlab/Yalmip
 - Yalmip does the heavy lifting in conversion from user-based form to optimization-based form
 - Yalmip then passes optimization problem to solver
 - Linear Program linprog (Matlab)
 - Quadratic Program quadprog (Matlab), GUROBI, others
 - Nonlinear Program fmincon (Matlab), others



Matlab/Yalmip Code

Example used throughout this lecture

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.6 & -0.8 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_k + \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u_k$$

$$y_k = [0.23 \quad 0.21]x_k$$

$$+ \begin{vmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} u_k$$

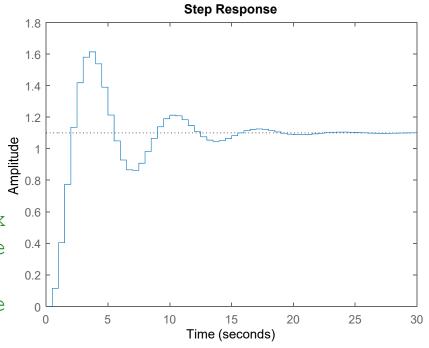
$$\Delta t = 0.5$$

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$

s.t.

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$$
$$x_0 = x(0)$$

- %% Define System n = 2;m = 1;A = [1.6 - 0.8; 1 0];B = [0.5; 0]; $C = [0.23 \ 0.21];$ D = [0];dt = 0.5;x0 = [0;0];step(ss(A,B,C,D,dt))
- % Number of states
- % Number of inputs
- % State matrix
- % Input matrix
- % Output matrix
- % Feedthrough matrix
- % Discrete step size
- % Initial condition
- % Plot step response



constraints = [constraints, $x_{k+1} == A*x_{k} + B*u_{k}$;



Matlab/Yalmip Code

R = eye(m); % Input penalties

% Define decision variables

% State costs and constraints

% State penalties

% Terminal cost

```
J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{T} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N
%% Define Objective Function Parameters
                                                           s.t.
                                                           x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}
N = 15; % Prediction horizon
                                                           x_0 = x(0)
%% Controller Formulation in Yalmip
                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
x = sdpvar(repmat(n, 1, N+1), repmat(1, 1, N+1));
                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
u = sdpvar(repmat(m, 1, N), repmat(1, 1, N));
                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
% Initialize constraints and objectives
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                                                                                Equality constraint 2x1|
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end
```

Q = eye(n);

P = O;

constraints = [];

objective = 0;

for k = 1:N

% Terminal Cost objective = objective + $x \{N+1\}$ '*P* $x \{N+1\}$;

>> objective Quadratic scalar (real, homogeneous, 47 variables)



Matlab/Yalmip Code

% Specify Solver Settings

inputs = $\{x \{1\}\};$

outputs = $\{[u \{1\}]\};$

% Create controller

• Matlab/Yalmip Code
$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$
 s.t.
$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k, \ k \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$$
% Specify Solver Settings opts = sdpsettings('solver', 'gurobi');
$$x_0 = x(0)$$
% Specify Controller Inputs and Outputs inputs = $\{x_{-1}\}$; outputs = $\{[u_{-1}]\}$; % Create controller controller = optimizer(constraints, objective, opts, inputs, outputs);

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>> controller
Optimizer object with 2 inputs (1 blocks) and 1 outputs (1 blocks). Solver: GUROBI-GUROBI
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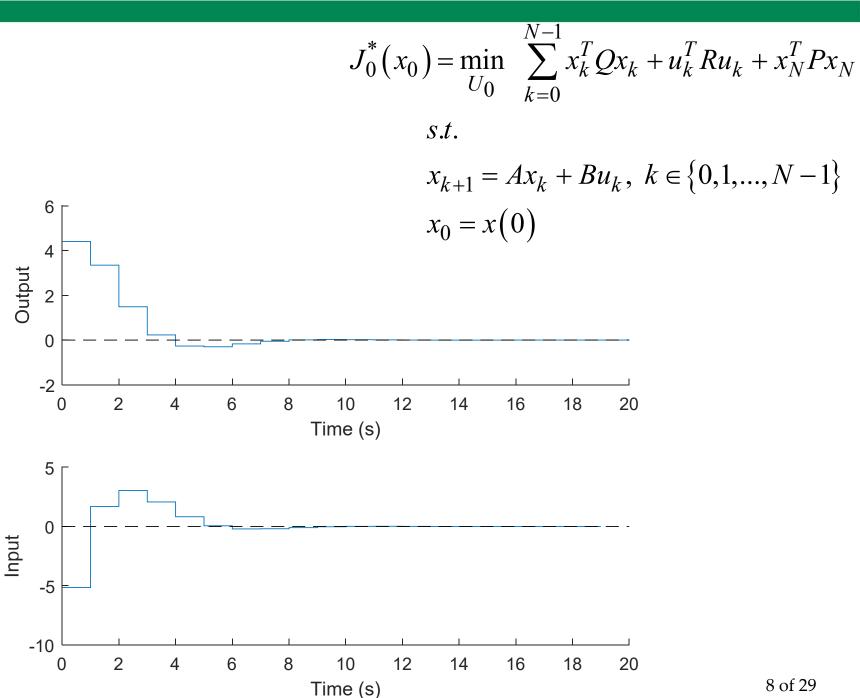


Matlab/Yalmip Code

```
% Simulate Closed-loop System
% Define simulation length
N \sin = 20;
% Initialize state and input
trajectories
x0 = [10;10];
x sim = [x0];
u sim = [];
% Step through simulation
for i = 1:N sim
    x0 = x sim(:,i);
    inputs = \{x0\};
    u = controller{inputs};
    u \sin = [u \sin u];
    x sim = [x sim A*x0+B*u];
end
```

```
J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{T} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N
       s.t.
       x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}
       x_0 = x(0)
% Plot
figure;
subplot(2,1,1); hold on
stairs(0:N sim,C*x sim)
stairs([0 N sim],[0 0],'--k')
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('Output')
subplot(2,1,2); hold on
stairs(0:N sim-1,u sim)
stairs([0 N sim],[0 0],'--k')
xlabel('Time (s)')
vlabel('Input')
```





Yalmip Reformulation



- Yalmip allows you to formulate the MPC problem based on how you would write it
- Solvers typically need the optimization problem in a specific form N_{-1}

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$

s.t.

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$$
$$x_0 = x(0)$$

% Create controller

controller = optimizer(constraints, objective, opts, inputs, outputs);

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \ U_0^T H U_0 + 2x_0^T F U_0 + x_0^T Y x_0$$
s.t.
$$GU_0 \le W + Sx_0$$

Constraints



$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$
s.t.
$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$$

$$u_{\min} \le u_k \le u_{\max}, \quad k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$$

$$y_{\min} \le C x_k \le y_{\max}, \ k \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$$

$$x_0 = x(0)$$

```
% State costs and constraints
for k = 1:N
    objective = objective + x_{k}'*Q*x_{k} + u_{k}'*R*u_{k};
    constraints = [constraints, x_{k+1} == A*x_{k} + B*u_{k}];
    constraints = [constraints, u_min <= u_{k} <= u_max];
    constraints = [constraints, y_min <= C*x_{k+1} <= y_max];
end</pre>
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Soft Constraints



- Constraints create the potential of infeasibility
 - The set of solutions to the optimal control problem is empty
 - Solver will let you know, output NAN
- This cannot happen in practice, always need a solution
- Relax the constraints Large penalty

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + \lambda s_k^2 + x_N^T P x_N$$

s.t.
$$W_{\min}, W_{\max} \in \mathbb{R}^p_+$$
 $x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \ k \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$ Relative $u_{\min} \le u_k \le u_{\max}, \ k \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$ softening $y_{\min} - W_{\min}s_k \le Cx_k \le y_{\max} + W_{\max}s_k, \ k \in \{1,2,...,N\}$

Positive_slack

•
$$0 \le s_k, \quad k \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$$

$$x_0 = x(0)$$

Prediction Horizons



- Every decision variable and every constraint adds complexity to the optimization problem
 - Typically not a problem for small systems
 - Big problem when using Explicit MPC
- Introduce multiple horizons
 - Prediction horizon, *N*
 - Input horizon, N_u $N_u \le N$
 - Constraint horizon, N_c $N_c \le N$

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$

s.t.

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \ k \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$$

$$u_k = 0, \ k \in \{N_u,...,N-1\}$$

$$u_{\min} \le u_k \le u_{\max}, \ k \in \{0,1,...,N_c\}$$

$$y_{\min} \le Cx_k \le y_{\max}, \ k \in \{1,2,...,N_c\}$$

$$x_0 = x(0)$$

Or, hold constant input
$$u_k = u_{N_u-1}, \ k \in \{N_u,...,N-1\}$$

Or, use LQR Solution $u_k = K_\infty x_k, \ k \in \{N_u,...,N-1\}$

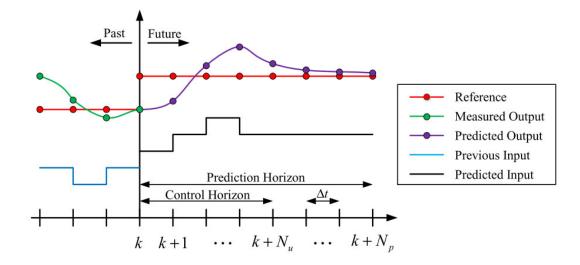
Reference Tracking



- Currently, we are driving the system to the origin
- Frequently, we prefer to track an output reference

$$y_k = Cx_k \rightarrow r_k$$

Known reference



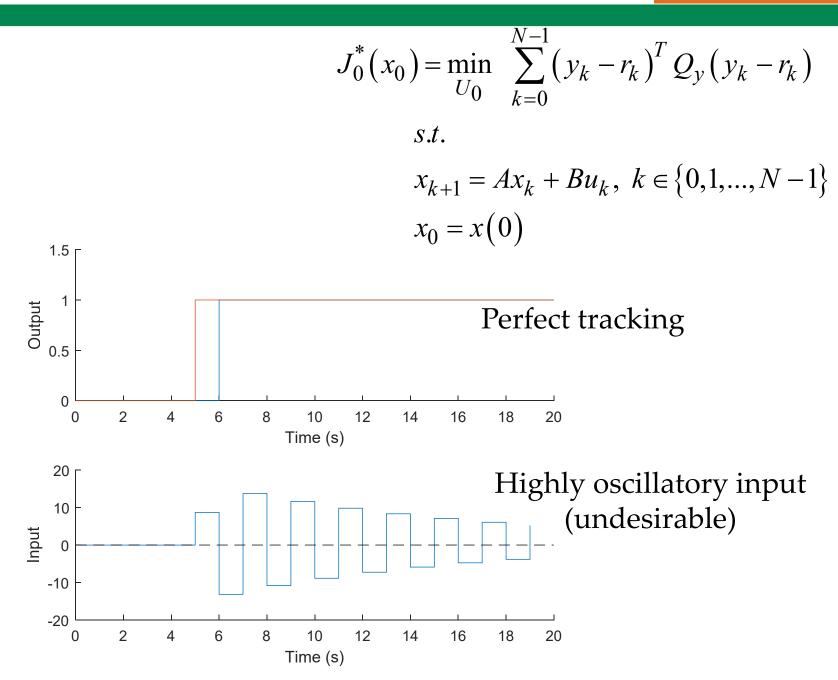
Natural thing to do would be to modify cost function

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (y_k - r_k)^T Q_y (y_k - r_k)$$

- However, this does not put any cost on the inputs.
 - Could lead to highly oscillatory or unstable behavior







Try adding back input costs

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (y_k - r_k)^T Q_y(y_k - r_k) + u_k^T R u_k$$

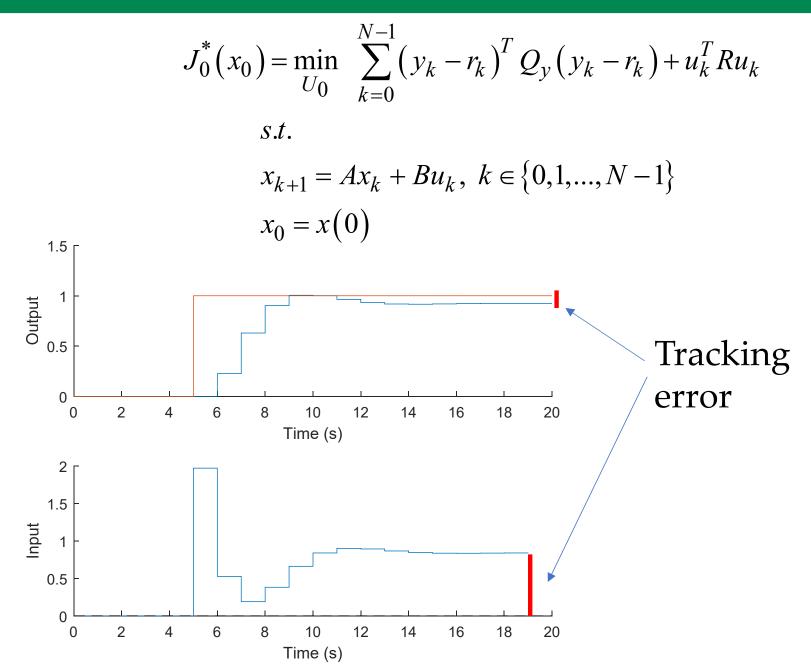
- But we need to be careful about what we are asking the system to do
 - Currently, we want $y_k = Cx_k \rightarrow r_k$ and $u_k \rightarrow 0$
- Examine steady-state behavior

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k \qquad x_{ss} = Ax_{ss} + Bu_{ss} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} A - I & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{ss} \\ u_{ss} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y_{ss} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_k = Cx_k \qquad r_{ss} = Cx_{ss}$$

Can't do both unless the reference is zero.







- Simple solution:
 - Penalize rate of change of input $\Delta u_k = u_k u_{k-1}$

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (y_k - r_k)^T Q_y(y_k - r_k) + \Delta u_k^T R \Delta u_k$$

• Can add as new states to state space model $u_k = u_{k-1} + \Delta u_k$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ u_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ u_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ I \end{bmatrix} \Delta u_k$$
$$y_k = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ u_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



• Or just change Yalmip formulation:

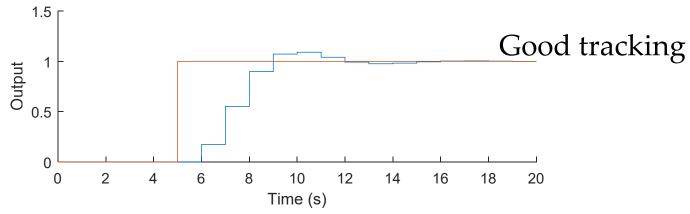
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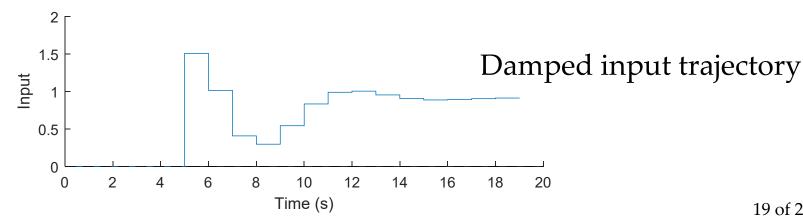
```
%% Reference Tracking
p = ; % Number of outputs
Qy = ; % Output tracking cost
% Define decision variables
x = sdpvar(repmat(n, 1, N+1), repmat(1, 1, N+1));
                                                            Time-varying known
u = sdpvar(repmat(m, 1, N), repmat(1, 1, N));
                                                            reference signal
r = sdpvar(repmat(p,1,N), repmat(1,1,N));
uOld = sdpvar(m,1); % Previous input
% Initialize constraints and objectives
constraints = [];
objective = 0;
                                               Tracking cost
                                                                               Rate of input cost
% State costs and constraints
for k = 1:N
    if k == 1
          \text{objective = objective + (C*x_{k}-r_{k})'*Qy*(C*x_{k}-r_{k}) + (u_{k}-uOld_)'*R*(u_{k}-uOld_); }  
    else
        objective = objective + (C*x \{k\}-r \{k\})'*Qy*(C*x \{k\}-r \{k\}) + (u \{k\}-u \{k-1\})'*R*(u \{k\}-u \{k-1\});
    constraints = [constraints, x \{k+1\} == A*x \{k\} + B*u \{k\}];
end
% Specify Solver Settings
opts = sdpsettings('solver', 'qurobi');
% Specify Controller Inputs and Outputs
                                                   Add references and previous input
inputs = \{x \{1\}, [r \{:\}], uOld \}; \leftarrow
outputs = \{[u \{1\}]\};
                                                   to controller inputs
% Create controller
```



$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (y_k - r_k)^T Q_y (y_k - r_k) + \Delta u_k^T R \Delta u_k$$
s.t.
$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$$

$$x_0 = x(0)$$





Preview



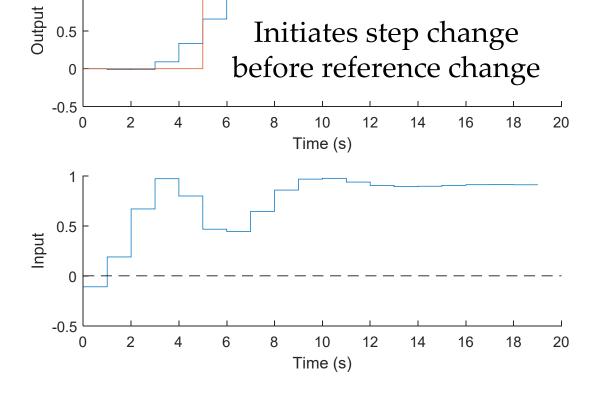
- We just saw how known references can be provided to the controller
- They can either be constant or time-varying

• If a change in reference is known before it occurs, this can be used by the controller to act in what appears to be a feedforward or non-

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causal way

• This can be used for known disturbances in a very similar way $x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + V\hat{d}_k$ $y_k = Cx_k$



Unknown Disturbances



• Let there be an unknown disturbance d_k

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + Vd_k$$
$$y_k = Cx_k$$

• We can create an extended state vector and estimate the state and disturbance using standard methods for linear observer design (e.g. Kalman filter) $\begin{bmatrix} \chi_L \end{bmatrix}$

Kalman filter) $\tilde{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ d_k \end{bmatrix}$

- If reference tracking is the goal, we may not care about estimating the disturbance, all we want is $y_k = Cx_k \rightarrow r_k$
- Add "output integrators" $e_{k+1} = e_k + (y_k r_k)$
 - Formulate MPC based on

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ e_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ e_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_k \\ r_k \end{bmatrix}$$

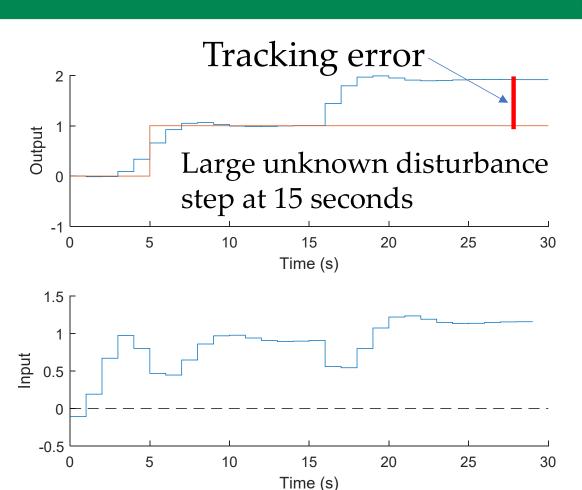
$$y_k = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ e_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Unknown Disturbances (cont.)



Unmodified case

```
% Unknown disturbance trajectory
d = zeros(1, N sim);
d(:,16:end) = 1;
% Step through simulation
for i = 1:N sim
    x0 = x sim(:,i);
      ref = repmat(r(:,i),1,N); % No
preview
    ref = r(:, i:i+N-1);
                             % With
preview
    inputs = \{x0, ref, u0ld\};
    u = controller{inputs};
    u \sin = [u \sin u];
    x \sin = [x \sin A*x0+B*u+[1;1]*d(i)];
    uOld = u;
end
```



Unknown Disturbances (cont.)



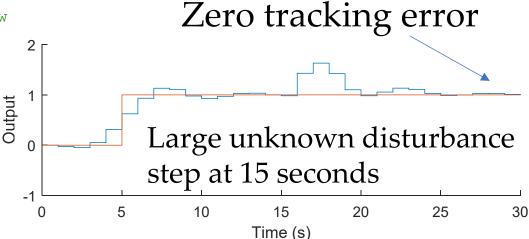
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p = 1; % Number of outputs
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          Integral of tracking error cost
 Qy = 10*eye(p); % Output tracking cost
 Qe = 100*eye(p); % Output tracking cost <
 % Define decision variables
 x = sdpvar(repmat(n, 1, N+1), repmat(1, 1, N+1));
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     Integral of tracking
 e = sdpvar(repmat(p,1,N+1), repmat(1,1,N+1)); \leftarrow
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    error trajectory
u = sdpvar(repmat(m, 1, N), repmat(1, 1, N));
r = sdpvar(repmat(p, 1, N), repmat(1, 1, N));
uOld = sdpvar(m,1); % Previous input
 % State costs and constraints
 for k = 1:N
                     if k == 1
                                            objective = objective + (C*x \{k\}-r \{k\})'*Qy*(C*x \{k\}-r \{k\}) + e \{k\}'*Qe*e \{k\} + e \{k\}'*Qe*e \{k\}'*Qe*
  (u \{k\}-uOld)'*R*(u \{k\}-uOld);
                      else
                                            objective = objective + (C*x \{k\}-r \{k\})'*Qy*(C*x \{k\}-r \{k\}) + e \{k\}'*Qy*e \{k\} + e \{k\}'*Qy*e 
  (u_{k}-u_{k-1})'*R*(u_{k}-u_{k-1});
                       end
                      constraints = [constraints, x \{k+1\} == A*x \{k\} + B*u \{k\}];
                      constraints = [constraints, e \{k+1\} == C*x \{k\} + e \{k\} - r \{k\}];
 end
 % Specify Solver Settings
 opts = sdpsettings('solver', 'gurobi');
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 Integral of tracking
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                error dynamics
 % Specify Controller Inputs and Outputs
* Specify concrete in inputs = {x_{1},e_{1},[r_{:}],uold_}; Input initial integral of
                                                                                                                                                                                                            tracking error
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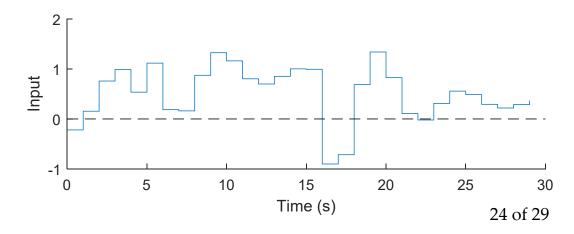
Unknown Disturbances (cont.)



```
% Initialize state and input trajectories
x0 = [0;0];
e0 = 0;
uOld = 0;
x sim = [x0];
u sim = [];
% Step through simulation
for i = 1:N sim
    x0 = x sim(:,i);
    ref = repmat(r(:,i),1,N); % No preview
    ref = r(:, i:i+N-1);
                             % With preview
    e0 = e0 + C*x sim(:,i) - r(:,i);
    inputs = \{x0, e0, ref, u0ld\};
    u = controller{inputs};
    u \sin = [u \sin u];
    x sim = [x sim A*x0+B*u+[1;1]*d(i)];
    uOld = u;
end
```

Integral of tracking error dynamics

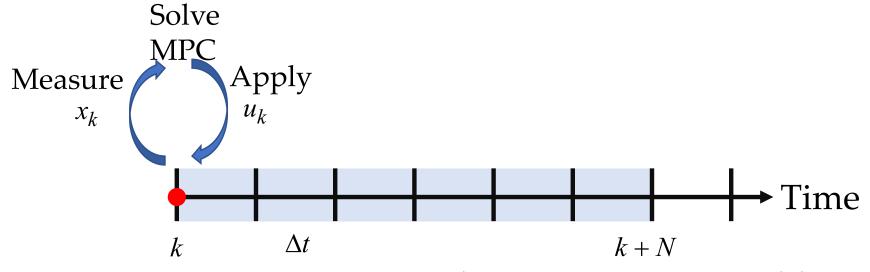




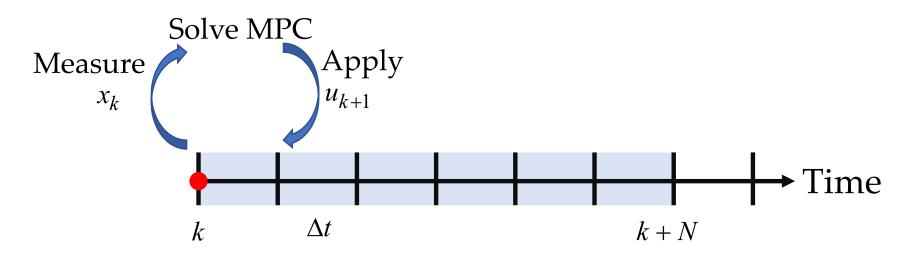
Time Delay – Computational



• In general, we assume instantaneous calculations



• However, in practice we solve optimization problem between discrete updates



Time Delay – Computational



Modify MPC formulation

$$J_{0}^{*}(x_{0}) = \min_{U_{0}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_{k}^{T} Q x_{k} + u_{k}^{T} R u_{k} + x_{N}^{T} P x_{N}$$

$$S.t.$$

$$x_{k+1} = A x_{k} + B u_{k}, \ k \in \{0,1,...,N-1\}$$

$$x_{0} = x(0)$$

$$x_{0} = u(0)$$

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- Initial input is fixed and provided as an input to the optimization problem
 - This input is what is effecting the system while the optimization problem is being solved
 - This input corresponds to the optimal solution at the previous time step $u(0) = u_{0|-1}^*$
- Output of the controller is the optimal input at the second time-step $u_{1|0}^{ au}$

Time Delay – Input Delay



- Physical systems can have delays between when an input changes and when this change effects the states
- Often due to transport delay
- Let the input delay be $0 \le \tau$ seconds
- In discrete time, we can approximate this as a finite number of steps n_d $\tau \approx \Delta t \ n_d$
- Input-delayed, discrete-time state-space model

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_{k-n_d}$$
$$y_k = Cx_k$$

• Can augment state-state space to account for this delay

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bx_k^1$$

 $x_{k+1}^1 = x_k^2$
:
:
 $x_{k+1}^{n_d-1} = x_{k+1}^{n_d}$
 $x_{k+1}^{n_d} = u_k$

Example:
$$n_d = 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ x_{k+1}^1 \\ x_{k+1}^2 \\ x_{k+1}^3 \\ x_{k+1}^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ x_k^1 \\ x_k^2 \\ x_k^2 \\ x_k^3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} u_k$$

Time Delay – 1 step Input Delay



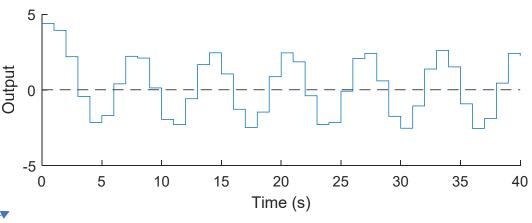
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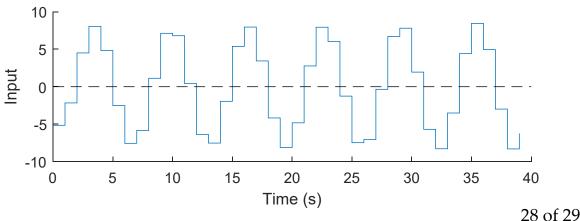
```
% Simulate Closed-loop System
% Define simulation length
N \sin = 40;
% Initialize state and input trajectories
x0 = [10;10];
x sim = [x0];
u \sin = [];
uOld = 0;
% Step through simulation
for i = 1:N sim
    x0 = x sim(:,i);
    inputs = \{x0\};
    u = controller{inputs};
    u \sin = [u \sin u];
    x sim = [x sim A*x0+B*uOld];
    uOld = u;
end
```

Marginally stable, any more time delay would result in a unstable CL system

$$J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$$
s.t.
$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$$

$$x_0 = x(0)$$





Time Delay – 1 step Input Delay



Compensated

% Step through simulation

x0 = x sim(:,i);

inputs = $\{x0, u0ld\}$;

 $u \sin = [u \sin u];$

u = controller{inputs};

x sim = [x sim A*x0+B*uOld];

for i = 1:N sim

uOld = u;

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% Specify Controller Inputs and Outputs
% Add first input as input to controller
inputs = {x_{1},u_{1}};
% Output the second input in the trajectory
outputs = {[u_{2}]};
```

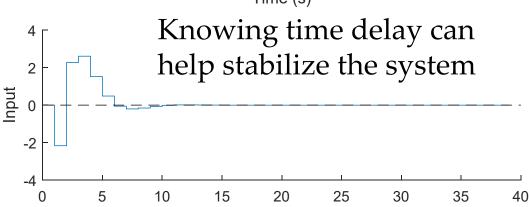
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% Initialize state and input trajectories x_0 = x(0)
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 $J_0^*(x_0) = \min_{U_0} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k + x_N^T P x_N$ s.t. $x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k, \ k \in \{0, 1, ..., N-1\}$



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Time (s)

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