

DLQR application

We will work on the example of a car that wants to reach its destination.

To simplify, the car has an initial speed v_0 (in m/s) in the direction of the road and an initial distance x_0 (in m) from the destination. The engine can consume 1 unit of energy to change the speed by 1 m/s. In this case, the car loses 2% of its speed per second due to friction.

Time will be divided into units of 1 second. We will denote it as t_i .

The operation will unfold over N s.

The system must act on the engine in such a way that the penalties P are minimized. The penalties are obtained in the following manner:

Variable	Penaty
x_{t_i}	$a * x_{t_i}^2$
x_{t_N}	$b * x_{t_N}^2$
v_{t_i}	$c * v_{t_i}^2$
v_{t_N}	$d * v_{t_N}^2$
u_{t_i}	$e * u_{t_i}^2$

such as $a, b, c, d \geq 0; e > 0$

We can easily verify the following equations:

$$x_{t_{i+1}} = x_{t_i} - v_{t_i}$$

$v_{t_{i+1}} = 0.997 * v_{t_i} + u_t$. such that u_t is the amouth of energie consumed by the engine.

$$P = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (a * x_{t_i}^2 + c * v_{t_i}^2 + e * u_{t_i}^2) + b * x_{t_N}^2 + d * v_{t_N}^2$$

In order to solve the problem, we note $(X_{t_i})_{0 \leq i \leq N} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 2}$, $X_{t_i} = \begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ v_t \end{bmatrix}$;

and the following matrixes:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}, Q_f = \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}, R = [e]$$

From which we can conclude the following:

$$X_{t_{i+1}} = AX_{t_i} + Bu_{t_i}$$

$$P = X_{t_N}^T Q_f X_{t_N} + \sum_{i=0}^N X_{t_i}^T Q X_{t_i} + u_{t_i}^T R u_{t_i}$$

and $Q = Q^T \geq 0$ et $R = R^T > 0$

So we can apply DLQR.

Numerical values:

$$a = 0.05, b = 1000, c = 1, d = 1000000, e = 10$$

$$x_0 = 1000, v_0 = 10$$

Results:



