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Consider a stochastic discrete-time system described by the following stochastic difference equation:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = F\left(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_k)\right) + \mathbf{w}_k \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state of the system at time step k and  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_k) \in U$  is the control taken at time step k. Define  $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}_n(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$  to be the stochasticity in the environment where  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix with entries  $\sigma_1^2, ..., \sigma_n^2$  along the diagonal. Define  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  to be the vector such that  $\operatorname{Diag}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \Sigma$ . Define the hyper rectangle  $\Omega_1 = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n | -6\boldsymbol{\sigma} \leq \mathbf{v} \leq 6\boldsymbol{\sigma}\}$  and define  $\Omega_2 = \Omega \setminus \Omega_1$ . Define  $h(\mathbf{x})$  to be the barrier function for which  $h(\mathbf{x}) \geq \mathbf{m}$ . Then clearly:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[h(F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{w})\right] = \int_{\Omega} h(F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{w})p(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{w}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_1} h(F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{w})p(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{w} + \int_{\Omega_2} h(F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{w})p(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{w}$$
(2)

Now let  $W_i$  be hyper rectangles that form a partition over  $\Omega_1$  such that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} W_i = \Omega_1$  and let  $U_i$  form a partition over U such that  $\bigcup_{j \in J} U_j = U$ . Then given that there exist matrices  $A_i$  and vectors  $\mathbf{b}_i$  such that for each  $\mathbf{w}_i \in W_i$  the following inequality holds:

$$h(F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{w}) \ge A_i \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{w}_i \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{b}_i$$
 (3)

Define

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} A_i^x & A_i^u & A_i^w \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4}$$

Then the integral can be bounded as such:

$$\int_{\Omega_{1}} h(F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{w}) p(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{w} \ge \sum_{i \in I} \int_{W_{i}} \left( \left[ A_{i}^{x} \quad A_{i}^{u} \quad A_{i}^{w} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{w}_{i} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{b}_{i} \right) p(\mathbf{w}_{i}) d\mathbf{w}_{i}$$

$$= \sum_{i \in I} \left( (A_{i}^{x} \mathbf{x} + A_{i}^{u} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b}_{i}) \int_{W_{i}} p(\mathbf{w}_{i}) d\mathbf{w}_{i} + A_{i}^{w} \int_{W_{i}} \mathbf{w}_{i} p(\mathbf{w}_{i}) d\mathbf{w}_{i} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i \in I} \left( A_{i}^{x} \mathbf{x} + A_{i}^{u} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b}_{i} \right) \mathbb{P} \left( \mathbf{w} \in W_{i} \right) + \sum_{i \in I} A_{i}^{w} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbf{w} | \mathbf{w} \in W_{i} \right] \mathbb{P} \left( \mathbf{w} \in W_{i} \right)$$

$$(5)$$

Additionally since  $h(\mathbf{x}) \geq \mathbf{m}$ :

$$\int_{\Omega_2} h(F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{w}) p(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{w} \ge \mathbf{m} \int_{\Omega_2} p(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{w} 
= \mathbf{m} \mathbb{P} (w \in \Omega_2).$$
(6)

Using (5) with (6) a lower bound can be obtained on (2) which is linear in  $\mathbf{u}$  and thus can be used for a quadratic programming problem.