

Robustly constrained data-driven control

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Abstract—This is a very skeletal overview.

I. PROBLEM SETUP

Consider a *single-input single-output* system \mathbb{G}_P generating an output signal $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ corresponding to the input signal $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ for the time $t \in \mathbb{Z}$. Consider the data $\mathbb{D}_N = \{u(t), y(t); t \in 1, \dots, N\}$ obtained by exciting the system. A feedback controller is designed to control the system, using the VRFT methodology. For this, a reference model \mathbb{M}_P is selected. The VRFT methodology designs a feedback controller \mathbb{K}_P , with the goal of making the closed-loop system $\mathbb{K}_P\text{-}\mathbb{G}_P$ behave similar to the reference model \mathbb{M}_P . To this end, the VRFT methodology utilizes the dataset \mathbb{D}_N . The desired closed-loop behavior is described by the LTI state-space model \mathbb{M}_P

$$\begin{aligned} x_M(t+1) &= A_M x_M(t) + B_M g(t) \\ y_d(t) &= C_M x_M(t) \end{aligned}$$

The VRFT methodology utilized to design the feedback controller \mathbb{K}_P is now explained:

- 1) A virtual reference input $g(t)$ is calculated by setting $y_d(t) = y(t)$ obtained from the dataset \mathbb{D}_N , by the inverting the model \mathbb{M}_P . Let this mapping be defined by $g(t) = \mathbb{M}_P^\dagger y(t)$.
- 2) A feedback controller \mathbb{K}_P described by $A_K(q^{-1})u(t) = B_K(q^{-1})(g(t) - y(t))$ is chosen, where

$$\begin{aligned} A_K(q^{-1}) &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_{a_K}} a_i^K q^{-i} \\ B_K(q^{-1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_{b_K}} b_i^K q^{-i} \end{aligned}$$

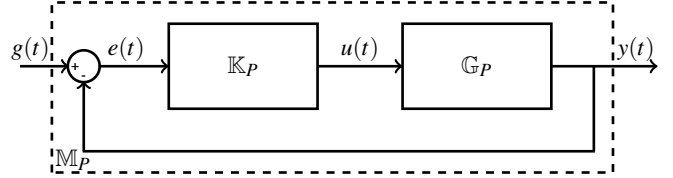
The parameters of the controller a_i^K and b_i^K are calculated by the VRFT methodology, such that the closed loop performance of $\mathbb{K}_P\text{-}\mathbb{G}_P$ matches open loop performance of the reference model \mathbb{M}_P .

- 3) This is done by solving the convex optimization problem

$$\min_{a_i^K, b_i^K} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \left| A_K(q^{-1})u(t) - B_K(q^{-1})(\mathbb{M}_P^\dagger y(t) - y(t)) \right|^2$$

which minimizes the deviation between the control input calculated by the controller and $u(t)$ that is used to excite the system and obtain $y(t)$.

- 4) The synthesized controller \mathbb{K}_P is placed before the plant, and the loop is closed. A reference step input is given to evaluate the controller performance.



The performance of this setup is improved by providing the reference signal $g(t)$ using an MPC controller in an outer loop. The objective of the MPC controller is to make the output signal $y(t)$ track the reference $r(t)$, while satisfying constraints on the plant output $y(t)$ and input $u(t)$. This is achieved by considering the closed-loop plant model \mathbb{M}_P for the state propagation equation, and an augmented model with $[y(t), u(t)]$ as the output equation. This augmented state-space model is called \mathbb{M}'_P .

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(t+1) &= A_\zeta \zeta(t) + B_\zeta g(t) \\ \begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix} &= C_\zeta \zeta(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ D_\zeta \end{bmatrix} g(t) \end{aligned}$$

The optimization problem solved by the MPC at each time step t for a horizon of N_P timesteps is shown below. The lower and upper bounds on $y(t)$ and $u(t)$ are $[y_{min}, y_{max}]$ and $[u_{min}, u_{max}]$ respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{g(t+k)\}_{k=1}^{N_P}} \quad & Q_y \sum_{k=1}^{N_P} (y(t+k|t) - r(t+k))^2 + Q_\varepsilon \varepsilon^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \zeta(t+k+1) = A_\zeta \zeta(t+k) + B_\zeta g(t+k) \\ & \begin{bmatrix} y(t+k) \\ u(t+k) \end{bmatrix} = C_\zeta \zeta(t+k) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ D_\zeta \end{bmatrix} g(t+k) \\ & y_{min} - V_y \varepsilon \leq y(t+k) \leq y_{max} + V_y \varepsilon \\ & u_{min} - V_u \varepsilon \leq u(t+k) \leq u_{max} + V_u \varepsilon \\ & \zeta(t|t) = \zeta(t) \end{aligned}$$

The quantities V_y and V_u in the MPC formulation are used to avoid infeasibility of the optimization problem over successive iterations, since the reference model \mathbb{M}'_P might not accurately capture the dynamics of the unknown plant \mathbb{G}_P . This implies that constraint satisfaction is not guaranteed by the proposed formulation.

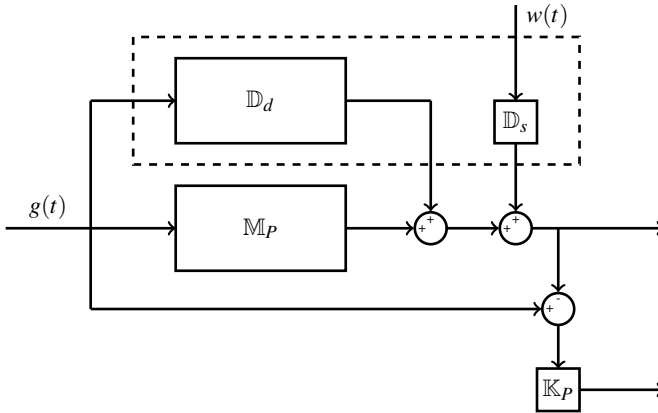
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II. DISTURBANCE SENSOR

In order to improve prediction of closed loop performance, a disturbance sensor is designed. The disturbance sensor is a dynamical system whose output is the discrepancy between output of the actual closed loop system $\mathbb{K}_P\text{-}\mathbb{G}_P$ and reference closed loop system \mathbb{M}_P . The system consists of a deterministic part and a stochastic part, as seen in.



III. CONTRIBUTION

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