
(1) System dynamics

$$X = (x_{EV}, v_{EV}, y_{EV}, \psi_{EV})^T$$

$$u_{EV} = (a_{EV}, \delta_f)^T$$

where the system state contains longitudinal position, speed, lateral position, and yaw angle of ego vehicle (EV); the control vector contains acceleration and steering angle. System dynamics are modeled using the vehicle kinematic bicycle model:

$$\dot{X} = A \cdot X + B \cdot u_{EV}$$

where:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & v_{EV} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & v_{CV} \\ 0 & \frac{v_{CV}}{l_f + l_r} \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) Cost function

$$J_{EV} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[\underbrace{\beta_1 (x_{EV} - x_{des}^{EV})^2}_{\text{driving target}} + \underbrace{\beta_2 (v_{CV} - v_{des}^{EV})^2}_{\text{driving efficiency}} + \underbrace{\beta_3 a_{EV}^2}_{\text{ride comfort}} + \underbrace{\beta_4 (y_{EV} - y_{des}^{EV})^2}_{\text{lane-changing request}} \right. \\ \left. + \underbrace{\beta_5 \psi_{EV}^2}_{\text{motion smoothness}} \right]$$

The cost function is formulated as a Quadratic Planning form. It aims to pursue the desired states.

(3) Constraints

$$0 \leq v_{EV} \leq v_{lim}$$

$$a_{min} \leq a_{EV} \leq a_{max}$$

$$\delta_{f_{min}} \leq \delta_f \leq \delta_{f_{max}}$$

$$x_0 = (x_{EV}^0, v_{EV}^0, y_{EV}^0, \psi_{EV}^0)^T$$

For now, I didn't add any hard constraints about collision avoidance, etc.

(4) Algorithm

Discretization of system dynamics using Euler equations:

$$X_{n+1} = (A\Delta t + I) \cdot X_n + B \cdot u_{EV} \cdot \Delta t$$

Definition:

$$X = (X_0, X_1, \dots, X_N)^T$$

$$U_{EV} = (u_{EV,0}, u_{EV,1}, \dots, u_{EV,N-1})^T$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \text{diag}(\underbrace{\mathbf{Q}_{EV}, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_{EV}}_N, \mathbf{0}_{5 \times 5}, \underbrace{\theta_3, \dots, \theta_3}_N)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{EV} = \text{diag}(\beta_1, \beta_2, 0, \beta_4, \beta_5)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{EV} = \text{diag}(\beta_3, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = (\underbrace{-\mathbf{Q}_{EV} \mathbf{x}_{des}^{EV}, \dots, -\mathbf{Q}_{EV} \mathbf{x}_{des}^{EV}}_N, 0, \dots, 0)^T$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{des}^{EV} = (x_{des}^{EV}, v_{des}^{EV}, y_{des}^{EV}, 0)^T$$

Thus, we can transform the cost function into a quadratic form:

$$J_{EV} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{X}^T \quad \mathbf{U}_{EV}^T) \mathcal{P} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{U}_{EV} \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{q}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{U}_{EV} \end{pmatrix}$$

And this problem can be easily solved using quadratic planners, such as gurobi, and scipy.

(5) Using guide

I have tried to code this controller in Python. In Python, you can just “From planner import MPCplanner” to use it.