

Introduction to Control Systems Theory and applications





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Overview (1)

- •Linear Control (time domain)
- Introduction
- •Dynamical Linear Systems
- •Observability & Controllability
- •PID Controllers
- •Luenberger Observer
- Linear Control (frequency domain)
- •From State-space to Transfer Function
- •Classic Control Elements (Bode Diagram / Root Locus)

Overview (2)

•Optimal Control and KF Estimation

- •Optimal Control (LQR)
- •Model Predictive Control
- •Kalman Filtering

Control Laboratory

- •Matlab/Simulink
- •Kalman Filtering and Optimal Control
- •Cart-pole



Control Systems History

•Water Clock

•Alexandria (Ctesibius, 3rd century BC)

•Centrifugal Governor

Windmills
(C. Huygeens, 17th century)
Steam Engine
(J. Watt, 1788)







Control Systems History

•First Automatic Transmission (Hydramatic, General Motors, 1939)







Control Systems History

•Classical control theory formalized from circuits theory



Tacoma Bridge Collapse



Linear Control (time domain)

Control Systems Fundamentals

REQUIRED

- Dynamical System MODEL
- •Control Input
- •Reference Signal

CHALLANGES

- •Missing/Noisy Information
- •Physical limitations





Dynamical Systems (1) Past history (state) influences future output

Continuous Time

Discrete Time

- $\dot{x} = f(x), \quad t \in [0, \infty)$
- Autonomous vs.

 $x(k+1) = f(x(k)), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Non-autonomous

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$

Linear

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

vs. Non-linear

$$\dot{x}_1 = -2x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = 0.5x_1 + x_2 + 0.4u$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 x_2$$
$$\dot{x}_2 = 0.5x_1^2 + \sin(x_2) + \frac{0.4}{u}$$

Dynamical Systems (2)

. SISO

 $\dot{x} = Ax + b \cdot u$ $y = Cx(=0.5x_1)$

. Time Invariant $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$

Deterministic

$$\dot{x} = -x^2 - x + u$$
$$y = 0.5x$$

MIMO

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$$\dot{x} = Ax + B\mathbf{u}$$
$$\mathbf{y} = Cx$$

Time Variant $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t), t)$ $\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t)$

Non-Deterministic (Stochastic, noisy, etc.) $\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= -(2+\nu)x(k)^2 - x(k) + u(k) \\ y(k) &= 0.5x(k) + \eta \\ \nu &\sim N(\mu,\sigma), \eta \sim U(0,1) \end{aligned}$

Dynamical Systems (3)

.LTI systems ---- State-Space representation

$$x(0) = x_0, \ x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

 $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)

$$A_d = e^{A\Delta T}$$
$$B_d = A^{-1}(e^{A\Delta T} - 1)B$$

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Output response (continuous time)

$$y(t) = \underbrace{Ce^{At}x_0}_{\text{Free Response}} + \underbrace{C\int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau}_{\text{Effect of input}} + Du(t)$$

. Output response (discrete time) $y(k) = CA_d^k x_0 + C\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_d^{k-1-i} B_d u(i) + Du(k)$

 $\begin{aligned} \text{Stability condition (Hurwitz)} \\ x(t) &= e^{at} \\ a < 0 & a > 0 \\ real(eig(A)) < 0 \\ x(k) &= a^k \\ |a| < 1 & |a| > 1 \\ |eig(A_d)| < 1 \end{aligned}$

State-Space Realizations

Similarity Transformations

- The choice of a state-space model for a given system is not unique.
- For example, let T be an invertible matrix, and consider a coordinate transpormation $x = T\tilde{x}$, i.e., $\tilde{x} = T^{-1}x$. This is called a similarity transformation.
- The standard state-space model can be written as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \\ y = Cx + Du. \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} T\dot{\tilde{x}} = AT\tilde{x} + Bu, \\ y = CT\tilde{x} + Du. \end{cases}$$

i.e.,

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = (T^{-1}AT)\tilde{x} + (T^{-1}B)u = \tilde{A}\tilde{x} + \tilde{B}u y = (CT)\tilde{x} + Du = \tilde{C}\tilde{x} + \tilde{D}u.$$

You can check that the time response is exactly the same for the two models (A, B, C, D) and (Ã, B, C, D)!

LTI Systems Properties

Discrete case

x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)y(k) = Cx(k)

Reaching a state

 $u_0, u_1, \ldots u_{N-1}$



"Observing" the initial state

 $y_N, y_{N-1}, \ldots y_0$



LTI Systems Properties

Conditions for all LTI systems:

Controllability

$$\iff rank(\mathcal{C}) = n$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{bmatrix} B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B \end{bmatrix}$$

•Observability $\iff rank(\mathcal{O}) = n$

$$\mathcal{O} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \dots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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LTI Systems Properties

- Pair (A,B) is "Controllable"
- Pair (A,C) is "Observable"

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$$\Leftrightarrow rank(\mathcal{C}) = n$$
$$\Leftrightarrow rank(\mathcal{O}) = n$$

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- LTI System $S : \{A, B, C\}$ is a "minimal state-space realization" if it is both observable and controllable.

Example:

$$S_{0} : \{A_{0}, B, C\}, \quad S_{1} : \{A_{1}, B, C\}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{T} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{O}_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{O}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$rank(\mathcal{C}_{1}) = 3 \quad rank(\mathcal{O}_{1}) = 3$$

non-LTI Systems (example)

Is the inverted pendulum (cartpole) controllable?

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{p} &= \frac{u + m \, l \, \dot{\theta}^2 \, \sin \theta - m \, g \, \cos \theta \sin \theta}{M + m \sin \theta^2} \\ \ddot{\theta} &= \frac{g \, \sin \theta - \cos \theta \ddot{p}}{l} \end{cases}$$



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$$\dot{x} = f(x, u),$$
 eq.point x_0, u_0
 $\dot{x} = \underline{A}x + \underline{B}u$

$$\underline{A} = \frac{\partial f(x,u)}{\partial x} | x = x_0, u = u_0$$
$$\underline{B} = \frac{\partial f(x,u)}{\partial u} | x = x_0, u = u_0$$

$$x = \left[p, \ \dot{p}, \ \theta, \ \dot{\theta}\right]^{T}$$
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = \left[0, \ \frac{1}{(M+m(1-\cos^{2}(\theta)))}, \ 0, \frac{-\cos(\theta)}{l(M+m(1-\cos^{2}(\theta)))}\right]^{T}$$

non-LTI Systems (example)

Linearization

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad \text{eq.point } x_0, u_0$$

 $\dot{x} = \underline{A}x + \underline{B}u$

$$\underline{A} = \frac{\partial f(x,u)}{\partial x}|_{x=x_0,u=u_0}$$
$$\underline{B} = \frac{\partial f(x,u)}{\partial u}|_{x=x_0,u=u_0}$$

 $(\dot{x}=0, \ \theta_0=0, \ \dot{\theta}_0=0, \ u_0=0)$ $\dot{x} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -gm/M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 \end{vmatrix} x + \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ 1/M \\ 0 \\ -1/(Ml) \end{vmatrix}$ $\alpha = \frac{(m+M)g}{Ml}$ M = 1, m = 0.1, q = 9.81, l = 0.5 $\mathcal{C} \approx \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -43 \\ -2 & 0 & -43 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ $rank(\mathcal{C}) = 4$

Reference Tracking



Given a reference trajectory r(t), design u(t) such that x(t) closely follows r(t)

Control objectives:

- Reject disturbances (if there is some perturbation in state, making it get back to initial state)
- Follow reference trajectories (if we want the system to have a certain x_{ref})
- Make system follow some other "desired behavior"

Open-loop vs. Closed-loop control

Open-loop or feed-forward control

- Control action does not depend on plant output
 - Cheaper, no sensors required.
 - Quality of control generally poor without human intervention



Feed-back control

- Controller adjusts controllable inputs in response to observed outputs
- Can respond better to variations in disturbances
- Performance depends on how well outputs can be sensed, and how quickly controller can track changes in output



Proportional Controller



- Common objective: make plant state *track* the reference signal $\mathbf{r}(t)$
- e = r x is the error signal
- Closed-loop dynamics: $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x} + BK_P(\mathbf{r} \mathbf{x}) = (A BK_P)\mathbf{x} + BK_P\mathbf{r}$
- ▶ pick K_P s.t. the composite system is asymptotically stable, i.e. pick K_P such that eigenvalues of (A BK) have negative real-parts

Designing a pole placement controller



- eigs(A) are values of λ that satisfy the equation det $(A \lambda I) = 0$
- Note $eigs(A) = 6, 1 \Rightarrow$ unstable plant!

Let
$$K = (k_1 \quad k_2)$$
. Then, $A - BK = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 2k_1 & 6 - 2k_2 \\ 1 - k_1 & 3 - k_2 \end{pmatrix}$

- eigs(A BK) satisfy equation $\lambda^2 + (2k_1 + k_2 7)\lambda + (6 2k_2) = 0$
 - ▶ two distinct solutions λ_1 , λ_2 if $(\lambda \lambda_1)$ $(\lambda \lambda_2) = \lambda^2 + (-\lambda_1 \lambda_2)\lambda + \lambda_1\lambda_2$
 - ► That means $2k_1 + k_2 7 = -\lambda_1 \lambda_2$ and $6 2k_2 = \lambda_1\lambda_2$
 - ► E.g. $\lambda_1 = -1$ and $\lambda_2 = -2$ gives $k_1 = 4$, $k_2 = 2$. Thus controller with $K = (4 \ 2)$ stabilizes the plant!

Proportional Controller



Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) controllers

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Step Response with Proportional Control

K_P = 500

K_P = 50

P-only controller

- Compute error signal $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r} \mathbf{y}$
- ▶ Proportional term K_p **e**:
 - $\triangleright K_p$ proportional gain;
 - Feedback correction proportional to error

Cons:

- ▶ If *K*_p is small, error can be large! [undercompensation]
- If K_p is large,
 - system may oscillate (i.e. unstable) [overcompensation]
 - may not converge to set-point fast enough
- P-controller always has steady state error or offset error

PI-controller

Compute error signal $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{y}$

Integral term: $K_I \int_0^t \mathbf{e}(\tau) d\tau$

- K_I integral gain;
- Feedback action proportional to cumulative error over time
- If a small error persists, it will add up over time and push the system towards eliminating this error): eliminates offset/steady-state error



Disadvantages:

- Integral action by itself can increase instability
- Integrator term can accumulate error and suggest corrections that are not feasible for the actuators (integrator windup)
 - Real systems "saturate" the integrator beyond a certain value

PI-controller

Integrator windup



PD-controller

Compute error signal $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{y}$

- Derivative term $K_d \dot{\mathbf{e}}$:
 - *K_d* derivative gain;
 - Feedback proportional to how fast the error is increasing/decreasing
- Purpose:
 - "Predictive" term, can reduce overshoot: if error is decreasing slowly, feedback is slower
 - Can improve tolerance to disturbances

- **Disadvantages:**
 - Still cannot eliminate steady-state error
 - High frequency disturbances can get amplified



PID-controller



Step Response with Proportional Control
PID controller in practice

- May often use only PI or PD control
- Many heuristics to *tune* PID controllers, i.e., find values of K_P , K_I , K_D
- Several *recipes* to tune, usually rely on designer expertise
- E.g. Ziegler-Nichols method: increase K_P till system starts oscillating with period T (say till $K_P = K^*$), then set $K_P = 0.6K^*$, $K_I = \frac{1.2K^*}{T}$, $K_D = \frac{3}{4.0}K^*T$
- Matlab/Simulink has PID controller blocks + PID auto-tuning capabilities
- Work well with linear systems or for small perturbations,
- For non-linear systems use "gain-scheduling"
 - (i.e. using different K_P , K_I , K_D gains in different operating regimes)

Gain Scheduling Example

Used for NONLINEAR / unknown systems



Calibration Routine Example

 $K_p = f_p$ (state, param_set) $K_i = f_i$ (state, param_set) $K_d = f_d$ (state, param_set)

loss = g(stability, risetime, overshoot, etc.)

while not (end condition):

loss = run_system (param_set)
optimization_step(param_set)

Observation

- Problem:Control
 - design with (partially) unknown state



• Solution: • Luenberger Observer $\xrightarrow{r(t)}$ e(t) R u(t) $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ y(t) y = Cx $\hat{x}(t)$ Obs

Luenberger Observer

- •State-space representation
- $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ y = Cx

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + U(y - \hat{y})$$
$$\hat{y} = C\hat{x}$$
$$u = K(x_{ref} - \hat{x})$$
Compared

Control design parameters

•Observer Error satisfies:

$$\dot{e} = (A - LC)e$$

- •Required: Observability, Controllability
- •Pole Placement

$$K : eig(A - BK) = \{\lambda_{c1}, \dots, \lambda_{cn}\}$$
$$L : eig(A^T - LC) = \{\lambda_{o1}, \dots, \lambda_{on}\}$$



Overall system is stable iff both observer and controller are stable

Example - DC Motor







 $b = 0.1 \ \# \text{ friction coefficient (Nm/(rad/sec))}$ $I = 0.01 \ \# \text{ mechanical inertia (Kg*m^2)}$ $k = 0.01 \ \# \text{ motor torque constant (Nm/A)}$ $R = 1 \ \# \text{ armature resistance (Ohm)}$ $L = 0.5 \ \# \text{ armature inductance (H)}$

$$V_s = Ri + L\frac{di(t)}{dt} + k\theta_v$$
$$I\frac{d\theta_v}{dt} + b\theta_v = ki$$

State-space representation $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ $x = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_v \\ i \end{bmatrix} \quad u = V_s$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -b/I & k \\ -k/L & -R \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Control (frequency domain)

Signals Theory – Frequency Analysis

- Control Theory applications precede digital computing
- Classic control theory was developed for analog electronics applications
- Signals **x(t)** can be expressed as function of frequency **X(f)** without loss of information (Fourier series, Fourier Transform, Laplace Transform)



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- Classic Control Theory Approach (derived from Circuits Theory)
- Motivation: complexity in using explicit form for x(t) in State-Space representation:

$$y(t) = Ce^{At}x_0 + C\int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau + Du(t)$$

• Laplace Transform of a signal x(t) :

$$X(s) = \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st}dt \qquad s = \sigma + j\omega \in \mathbb{C}$$

- Output of L-transform is a rational function with real coefficients $G(s) = \frac{s(s^2 + 1)}{s^3 + 2s^2 s 1}$ $deg(num(s)) \le deg(den(s))$
- Laplace Transform property:

$$\begin{array}{l} H(s) = \mathcal{L}\{h(t)\} \\ X(s) = \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} \end{array} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{H(s)X(s)\} = (h * x)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$$

- Intuition behind the Laplace Transform of a signal
- Imaginary components of complex numbers are always accompanied by conjugate, as complex numbers are defined as square roots of negative numbers, e.g. $\sqrt{-1} = \pm j$
- Choose an elementary input $\ u(t)=e^{st}, \quad s\in \mathbb{C}$
- If $\,s\,$ is real, $\,u(t)\,$ is an exponential
- If s is imaginary then the elementary has to be considered with its conjugate: $u(t)+u^*(t)=e^{j\omega t}+e^{-j\omega t}=2\cos(\omega t)$

(in this case u(t) is "half" sinusoidal signal)

• Laplace transform is equivalent to finding the complex representation e^{st} of a signal for each moment t :

$$u(t) = e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t)$$



- Intuition behind the Laplace Transform of a system
- H(s) is the L-transform "impulse response" of a system (response to ideal input, Dirac or Kronecker delta) and it is called Transfer Function
- Output response to input u(t) is the convolution with impulse response h(t)
- H(s) represents the natural "modes" of system S = {A,B,C,D}

$$H(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D = \frac{num(s)}{den(s)}$$
• Denominator is $den(s) = det(sI - A)$
• H(s) is represented with zeros/poles on the complex plane
$$F(s) = 10 \cdot \frac{(s+1)(s+2)}{(s+4)(s+5)(s+8)} \qquad s \text{-plane}$$

Frequency-domain controller design

• G(s) poles: $p_0 = +1, \ p_{1,2} = -1 \pm j$



$$y(t) = R(s)G(s)e(t)$$

$$e(t) = r(t) - R(s)G(s)e(t)$$

$$e(t) = \frac{1}{1 + R(s)G(s)}r(t)$$

$$y(t) = \frac{R(s)G(s)}{1 + R(s)G(s)}r(t)$$

 $G(s) = \frac{s(s-2)}{(s-1)(s^2+2s+2)}$

Poles allocation of FeedBack system - Root Locus

$$W(s) = \frac{R(s)G(s)}{1 + R(s)G(s)}$$

FeedForward Path

- Bode Plot
- Nyquist Plot

From Transfer Function to State-Space

Controllable canonical form



DC Motor Example (ss \rightarrow tf)





$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -b/I & k \\ -k/L & -R \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G(s) = C(sI-A)^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s+b/I & -k \\ k/L & s+R \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s+R & k \\ k-K \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\left[\frac{-k/L}{(s+b/I)(s+R) + k^2/L}\right]}{(s+b/I)(s+R) + k^2/L} = \frac{k}{(s+b/I)(s+R) + k^2/L}$$

Classic Control System Design: Root Locus



Modern Control Theory:

Optimal Control, MPC



- Optimal Control / LQR
- MPC

(Nonlinear) Optimal Control

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u, t)$$
$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$x(t_0) = x_0$$

•Minimization of cost function J[u(t)] over time interval $[t_0, t_1]$

$$J[u(t)] = \underbrace{S(x(t_1), t_1)}_{\text{Final State Rating}} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} L(x, u, t) dt}_{\text{Integral Cost}}$$
$$\mathbf{n} \qquad \underline{x} := \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix}$$

•Find solution

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$J = x(T)'Qx(T) + \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} [x(k)'Qx(k) + u(k)'Ru(k)], \quad Q, R > 0$$

•Solution

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•Solution

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$$u(k) = -K(k)x(k)$$

-Depends on final time T



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-Depends on final time T

P(T) = Q

 $K(k) = (R + B'P(k+1)B)^{-1}(B'P(k+1)A)$ $P(k-1) = A'P(k)A - (A'P(k)B)(R + B'P(k)B)^{-1}(B'P(k)A) + Q$





Solution

$$u(k) = -K(k)x(k)$$

- Does not depend on initial condition!

 $K(k) = (R + B'P(k+1)B)^{-1}(B'P(k+1)A)$

 $P(k-1) = A'P(k)A - (A'P(k)B)(R+B'P(k)B)^{-1}(B'P(k)A) + Q$



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$$J = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [x(k)'Qx(k) + u(k)'Ru(k)], \quad Q, R > 0$$

Solution

$$u(k) = -Kx(k)$$

 $K = (R + B'PB)^{-1}(B'PA)$

 $P = A'PA - (A'PB)(R + B'PB)^{-1}(B'PA) + Q \qquad \mathsf{ARE}$





- Optimal Control / LQR
- <u>MPC</u>

Model Predictive Control

•Main idea: Use a dynamical model of the plant (inside the controller) to predict the plant's future evolution, and optimize the control signal over possible futures

optimization at time step t

predictive horizon

optimum control sequence u_k



 $t + t_r + 1$

past

t

receding

optimal

prediction

target

 $t+t_r$

Image from: https://tinyurl.com/yaej43x5

t+1

future

control

output at

past



•<u>Optimal control</u> with constraints (input, output and states)

•ideal for MIMO (Multi Input Multi Output) systems

linear and nonlinear models

•RECEDING HORIZON PRINCIPLE

"At any time instant k, based on the available process information, solve the optimization problem with respect to the future control sequence [u(k), ..., u(k+N-1)] and apply only its first element $u^o(k)$. Then, at next time instant k+1, a new optimization problem is solved, based on the process information available at time k + 1, along the prediction horizon [k + 1, k + N]." (Camacho)

Receding Horizon Principle

- Closed Loop solution (no constraints, LQR)
- Open Loop solution (constraints)



$$J(x(k), u(\cdot), k) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(||x(k+i)||_Q^2 + ||u(k+i)||_R^2 \right) + ||x(k+N)||_S^2$$

Linear MPC (1)

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$x(k+i) = A^i x(k) + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} A^{i-j-1} Bu(k+j), \quad i > 0$$

$$X(k) = \mathcal{A}x(k) + \mathcal{B}U(k) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad A\underline{x} = b$$

$$X(k) = \begin{bmatrix} x(k+1) \\ x(k+2) \\ \vdots \\ x(k+N-1) \\ x(k+N) \end{bmatrix}, \quad U(k) = \begin{bmatrix} u(k) \\ u(k+1) \\ \vdots \\ u(k+N-2) \\ u(k+N-1) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ A^2 \\ \vdots \\ A^{N-1} \\ A^N \end{bmatrix},$$

Linear MPC (2)

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$x(k+i) = A^i x(k) + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} A^{i-j-1} Bu(k+j), \quad i > 0$$

$$X(k) = \mathcal{A}x(k) + \mathcal{B}U(k) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad A\underline{x} = b$$

 $\mathcal{B} = \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ AB & B & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ A^{N-2}B & A^{N-3}B & A^{N-4}B & \cdots & B & 0 \\ A^{N-1}B & A^{N-2}B & A^{N-3}B & \cdots & AB & B \end{bmatrix}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I^{(nN)}, -\mathcal{B} \end{bmatrix}}_{A} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} X(k) \\ U(k) \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{x}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{A}x(k)}_{b}$$

(Non-)Linear MPC

$$s = [x, u, \Delta u]^{T}$$

$$J_{MPC} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (||x(i) - x^{*}(i)||_{Q}^{2} + ||u(i) - u^{*}(i)||_{R}^{2} + ||\Delta u(i) - \Delta u^{*}(i)||_{\Delta R}^{2})$$

•Linear formulation:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{s}{\text{minimize}} & J_{MPC}(s)\\ \text{subject to} & A_{eq}s = b_{eq},\\ & A_{ineq}s \leq b_{ineq} \end{array}$$

•Nonlinear formulation:

minimize
$$J_{MPC}(x, u)$$

subject to
 $x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k)),$
 $h(x(k), u(k)) \le 0$

Issues with MPC

- Feasibility
- Stability
- Computation

Conflicting Requirements (several solutions depending on needs)

Robustness formulation: system affected by process and measurement noise



Kalman Filtering

What is state estimation?



- Given a "black box" component, we can try to use a linear or nonlinear system to model it (maybe based on physics, or data-driven)
- Model may posit that the plant has internal states, but we typically have access only to the outputs of the model (whatever we can measure using a sensor)
- May need internal states to implement controller: how do we estimate them?
- State estimation: Problem of determining internal states of the plant

Deterministic vs. Noisy case

Typically sensor measurements are noisy (manufacturing imperfections, environment uncertainty, errors introduced in signal processing, etc.)

In the absence of noise, the model is deterministic: for the same input you always get the same output

Can use a simpler form of state estimator called an observer (e.g. a Luenberger observer)

In the presence of noise, we use a state estimator, such as a Kalman Filter

Kalman Filter is one of the most fundamental algorithm that you will see in autonomous systems, robotics, computer graphics, ...

Random variables and statistics refresher

- For random variable $w, \mathbb{E}[w]$: expected value of w, also known as mean
- Suppose $\mathbb{E}[x] = \mu$: then var(w): variance of w, is $\mathbb{E}[(w \mu)^2]$
- For random variables x and y, cov(x, y): covariance of x and y
 cov(x, y) = E[(x − E(x)(y − E(y))]
- For random *vector* \mathbf{x} , $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]$ is a vector
- For random vectors, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, cross-covariance matrix is $m \times n$ matrix: $\operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])(\mathbf{y} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}])^T]$
- ▶ $w \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$: w is a normally distributed variable with mean μ and variance σ

Data fusion example

- Using radar and a camera to estimate the distance to the lead car:
 - Measurement is never free of noise
 - Actual distance: x
 - Measurement with radar: $z_1 = x + v_1$ ($v_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ is radar noise)
 - With camera: $z_2 = x + v_2$ ($v_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ is camera noise)
 - How do you combine the two estimates?
 - Use a weighted average of the two estimates, prioritize more likely measurement

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{(z_1/\sigma_1^2) + (z_2/\sigma_2^2)}{(1/\sigma_1^2) + (1/\sigma_2^2)} = kz_1 + (1-k)z_2, \text{ where } k = \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$
$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

 Observe: uncertainty reduced, and mean is closer to measurement with lower uncertainty

 $\mu_1 = 1, \sigma_1^2 = 1$ $\mu_2 = 2, \sigma_2^2 = 0.5$ $\hat{\mu} = 1.67, \sigma_2^2 = 0.33$ $\hat{\mu} \hat{\mu}_2^2$ μ_1
Multi-variate sensor fusion

- Instead of estimating one quantity, we want to estimate n quantities, then:
- Actual value is some vector x
- Measurement noise for i^{th} sensor is $v_i \sim N(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$, where μ_i is the mean vector, and Σ_i is the covariance matrix
- $\Lambda = \Sigma^{-1}$ is the **information matrix**
- For the two-sensor case:
 - $\blacktriangleright \hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)^{-1} (\Lambda_1 \mathbf{z}_1 + \Lambda_2 \mathbf{z}_2), \text{ and } \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)^{-1}$

Motion makes things interesting

- What if we have one sensor and making repeated measurements of a moving object?
- Measurement differences are not all because of sensor noise, some of it is because of object motion
- Kalman filter is a tool that can include a motion model (or in general a dynamical model) to account for changes in internal state of the system
- Combines idea of *prediction* using the system dynamics with *correction* using weighted average (Bayesian inference)

Stochastic Difference Equation Models

We assume that the plant (whose state we are trying to estimate) is a stochastic discrete dynamical process with the following dynamics:

 $\mathbf{x}_k = A\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + B\mathbf{u}_k + \mathbf{w}_k \text{ (Process Model)}$

 $\mathbf{y}_k = H\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{v}_k$ (Measurement Model)

$\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k-1}$	State at time $k, k - 1$	n	Number of states
u _k	Input at time <i>k</i>	m	Number of inputs
W _k	Random vector representing noise in the plant, $\mathbf{w} \sim N(0, Q_k)$	p	Number of outputs
V ₁	Random vector representing sensor noise, $\mathbf{v} \sim N(0, R_{\rm h})$	A	n imes n matrix
- _K	Output at time k	В	n imes m matrix
\mathbf{z}_k		Н	p imes n matrix

Kalman Filter



Step I: Prediction

- We assume an estimate of **x** at time k 1, fusing information obtained by measurements till time k 1: this is denoted $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1}$
- We also assume that the error between the estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1}$ and the actual \mathbf{x}_{k-1} has 0 mean, and covariance $P_{k-1|k-1}$
- Now, we use these values and the state dynamics to predict the value of \mathbf{x}_k
- Because we are using measurements only up to time k 1, we can denote this predicted value as $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}$, and compute it as follows:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} \coloneqq A\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} + B\mathbf{u}_k$$

Step I: Prediction

$$P_{k|k-1} = \operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}) = \operatorname{cov}(A\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + B\mathbf{u}_k + w_k - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} - B\mathbf{u}_k)$$

= $A\operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1})A^T + \operatorname{cov}(w_k)$
= $AP_{k-1|k-1}A^T + Q_k$

• Thus, the state and error covariance prediction are:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} \coloneqq A \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} + B \mathbf{u}_k$$
$$P_{k|k-1} \coloneqq A P_{k-1|k-1} A^T + Q_k$$

Kalman Filter



Step II: Correction

- This is where we basically do data fusion between new measurement and old prediction to obtain new estimate
- Note that data fusion is not straightforward like before because we don't really observe/measure \mathbf{x}_k directly, but we get measurement y_k , for an observable output!
- Idea remains similar: Do a weighted average of the prediction $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}$ and new information
- We integrate new information by using the difference between the predicted output and the observation

Step II: Correction

- Predicted output: $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k = H_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}$
- We denote the error in predicted output as the *innovation* $\mathbf{z}_k \coloneqq \mathbf{y}_k - H_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}$
- Covariance of innovation $S_k = \operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{z}_k) = \operatorname{cov}(H_k\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{v}_k - H_k\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}) = R_k + H_kP_{k|k-1}H_k^T$
- Then to do data fusion is given by:

$$\hat{\widehat{x}}_{k|k} \coloneqq \widehat{x}_{k|k-1} + K_k z_k$$

- Where, $K_k = P_{k|k-1}H_k^T S_k^{-1}$ is the (optimal) Kalman gain. It minimizes the least square error
- Finally, the updated error covariance estimate is given by:

$$P_{k|k} \coloneqq P_{k|k-1}(I - K_k H_k)$$

Step II: Correction

Innovation	$\mathbf{z}_k \coloneqq \mathbf{y}_k - H_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k k-1}$
Innovation Covariance	$S_k \coloneqq R_k + H_k P_{k k-1} H_k^T$
Optimal Kalman Gain	$K_k \coloneqq P_{k k-1} H_k^T S_k^{-1}$
State estimate at time k	$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{k k} \coloneqq \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{k k-1} + K_k \mathbf{z}_k$
Covariance estimate at time k	$P_{k k} \coloneqq P_{k k-1}(I - K_k H_k)$

Kalman Filter



one-dimensional example

- Let's take a simple one-dimensional example
- Kalman filter prediction equations become:

prior uncertainty in estimate uncertainty in process

Also, the correction equations become:

Innovation:
$$z_k \coloneqq y_k - \hat{x}_{k|k-1}$$
, $S_k = \sigma_r^2 + \sigma_{k|k-1}^2$

- Optimal gain: $k = \sigma_{k|k-1}^2/(\sigma_r^2 + \sigma_{k|k-1}^2)$,
- ▶ Updated state estimate: $\hat{x}_{k|k} \coloneqq \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + k(y_k \hat{x}_{k|k-1})$
- ▶ I.e. updated state estimate: $\hat{x}_{k|k} \coloneqq (1-k) \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + ky_k$ (Weighted average!)

Extended Kalman Filter

- We skipped derivations of equations of the Kalman filter, but a fundamental property assumed is that the process model and measurement model are both linear.
- Under linear models and Gaussian process/measurement noise, a Kalman filter is an *optimal* state estimator (minimizes mean square error between estimate and actual state)
- In an EKF, state transitions and observations need not be linear functions of the state, but can be any differentiable functions
- I.e., the process and measurement models are as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = f(x_{k-1}, u_k) + w_k$$
$$y_k = h(x_k) + v_k$$

EKF updates

- Functions f and h can be used directly to compute state-prediction, and predicted measurement, but cannot be directly used to update covariances
- So, we instead use the Jacobian of the dynamics at the predicted state
- This linearizes the non-linear dynamics around the current estimate
- Prediction updates:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} \coloneqq f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{u}_k)$$
$$P_{k|k-1} \coloneqq F_k P_{k-1|k-1} F_k^T + Q_k$$

$$\left| F_k := \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}, \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_k}$$

EKF updates

• Correction updates:

- Innovation
- **Innovation Covariance**
- Near-Optimal Kalman Gain
- A posteriori state estimate
- A posteriori error covariance estimate

$$\left| H_k := \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_{k} \coloneqq \mathbf{y}_{k} - h(\mathbf{\hat{x}}_{k|k-1})$$

$$S_{k} \coloneqq R_{k} + H_{k}P_{k|k-1}H_{k}^{T}$$

$$K_{k} \coloneqq P_{k|k-1}H_{k}^{T}S_{k}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{\hat{x}}_{k|k} \coloneqq \mathbf{\hat{x}}_{k|k-1} + K_{k}\mathbf{y}_{k}$$

$$P_{k|k} \coloneqq P_{k|k-1}(I - K_{k}H_{k})$$

Simulink Example - Cartpole

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{p} &= \frac{u + m \, l \, \dot{\theta}^2 \, \sin \theta - m \, g \, \cos \theta \sin \theta}{M + m \sin \theta^2} \\ \ddot{\theta} &= \frac{g \, \sin \theta - \cos \theta \ddot{p}}{l} \end{cases} \quad x =$$

$$= \left[p, \dot{p}, \theta, \dot{\theta}
ight]^T$$

$$y = [p, \theta]$$



- Full-state estimation (Luenberger, Kalman)
- Optimal Control