Hybrid Modeling, Analysis, and Optimization-based Control

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Motivation: typical control problems in practice

Nonlinear and switching dynamics

- Constraints on manipulated and state variables
- Optimal closed-loop performance
- Solid theoretical certification (stability guarantees)
- Fast dynamics ⇒ short sample time (e.g. milliseconds)
- Uncertainty

Hybrid systems & optimization-based control







Outline

- Modeling hybrid dynamical systems
- Optimization-based control
 - Model Predictive Control (MPC)
 - Piecewise Affine (PWA) control
- Applications



Hybrid dynamical systems









hybrid dynamical system

- Variables are **discrete-valued** $x \in \{0, 1\}^{n_b}, \ u \in \{0, 1\}^{m_b}$
- Dynamics = finite state machine
- Logic constraints

- Variables are real-valued $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_c}, \ u \in \mathbb{R}^{m_c}$
- Difference/differential equations
- Linear inequality constraints

Hybrid dynamical systems

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A Class of Hybrid-State Continuous-Time Dynamic Systems

H. S. WITSENHAUSEN

Abstract-A class of continuous time systems with part continuous, part discrete state is described by differential equations combined with multistable elements. Transitions of these elements between their discrete states are triggered by the continuous part of the state and not directly by inputs. The dynamic behavior of such systems, in response to piecewise continuous inputs, is defined under suitable assumptions. A general Mayer-type optimization problem is formulated. Conditions are given for a solution to be well-behaved, so that variational methods can be applied. Necessary conditions for optimality are stated and the jump conditions are interpreted geometrically.

INTRODUCTION OME PHYSICAL objects evolve in time according

gates to process Boolean signals, 3) electronic analog switches controlled by Boolean signals.

The objective of this paper is to give a precise description of such systems, to define their dynamics, to formulate the problem of their optimum control, to introduce the notion of well-behaved solution, and to state necessary conditions for optimality (the jump conditions).

A CLASS OF HYBRID SYSTEMS

The modifications required in otherwise continuous systems described by vector differential equations

Brockett (1993)

Branicky (1994)

...many others (≥ 1995)

Sontag (1981) Lee & Arapostathis (1987) Ezzine & Haddad (1989)

Gollu & Varaiya (1989) Peleties & DeCarlo (1991) Nerode & Kohn (1993)



Technological push for studying hybrid systems



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Computation-oriented models of hybrid systems

Piecewise affine systems

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= A_{i(k)}x(k) + B_{i(k)}u(k) + f_{i(k)} \\ y(k) &= C_{i(k)}x(k) + D_{i(k)}u(k) + g_{i(k)} \\ \hline i(k) \text{ s.t. } H_{i(k)}x(k) + J_{i(k)}u(k) \leq K_{i(k)} \end{aligned}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ u \in \mathbb{R}^m, \ y \in \mathbb{R}^p, \ i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$$

stato input space

Can approximate nonlinear and/or discontinuous dynamics arbitrarily well



Discrete Hybrid Automaton (DHA)

(Torrisi, Bemporad, 2004)



 $x_{\ell} \in \{0,1\}^{n_b} = \text{binary state}$ $u_{\ell} \in \{0,1\}^{m_b} = \text{binary input}$ $\delta_e \in \{0,1\}^{n_e} = \text{event variable}$ $x_c \in \mathbb{R}^{n_c} = \text{real-valued state}$ $u_c \in \mathbb{R}^{m_c} = \text{real-valued input}$ $i \in \{1, \dots, s\} = \text{current mode}$

Mixed Logical Dynamical (MLD) systems

• Any logic formula involving Boolean variables can be translated into a set of integer linear (in)equalities (Raman, Grossmann, 1991)



Example: $\delta_1 \text{ OR } \delta_2 = \text{TRUE}$

Mixed Logical Dynamical (MLD) system

HYSDEL modeling language

(Torrisi, Bemporad, 2004)

 $\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + B_1u_k + B_2\delta_k + B_3z_k + B_5\\ y_k = Cx_k + D_1u_k + D_2\delta_k + D_3z_k + D_5\\ E_2\delta_k + E_3z_k \le E_4x_k + E_1u_k + E_5 \end{cases}$

(Bemporad, Morari 1999)

 $\delta_1 + \delta_2 \ge 1$

• x, u, y, z, δ contain **mixed-integer** (=**real** and **binary**) components

Equivalence of hybrid models

• MLD systems and PWA systems are equivalent

(Bemporad, Ferrari-Trecate, Morari, IEEE TAC, 2000)

• Efficient algorithms for converting MLD models into PWA form exist (Bemporad, IEEE TAC, 2004) (Geyer, Torrisi, Morari, HSCC, 2003)

 Further equivalences exist with other classes of hybrid dynamical systems, such as Linear Complementarity (LC) systems

(Heemels, De Schutter, Bemporad, Automatica, 2001)

Example: Room temperature control



discrete dynamics

- #1=cold \rightarrow heater=on
- #2=cold → heater=on **unless** #1=hot
- A/C activation has similar rules

continuous dynamics

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = -\alpha_i(T_i - T_{amb}) + k_i(u_{hot} - u_{cold})$$
$$i = 1, 2$$

Example: Room temperature control

```
SYSTEM heatcool {
INTERFACE {
    STATE ( REAL T1 [-10,50];
            REAL T2 [-10,50];
        - 3
    INPUT { REAL Tamb [-10,50];
        )
    PARAMETER (
        REAL Ts, alpha1, alpha2, k1, k2;
        REAL Thot1, Tcold1, Thot2, Tcold2, Uc, Uh;
INPLEMENTATION (
        AUX { REAL uhot, ucold;
              BOOL hot1, hot2, cold1, cold2;
        3
        AD ( hot1 = T1>=Thot1;
              hot2 = T2>=Thot2;
              cold1 = T1<=Tcold1;
              cold2 = T2<=Tcold2;
        >
        DA { uhot = { IF cold1 | (cold2 & ~hot1) THEN Uh ELSE 0 };
              ucold = (IF hot1 | (hot2 & ~cold1) THEN Uc ELSE 0);
        3
        CONTINUOUS ( T1 = T1+Ts*(-alpha1*(T1-Tamb)+k1*(uhot-ucold));
                     T2 = T2+Ts*(-alpha2*(T2-Tamb)+k2*(uhot-ucold));
        3
```

 Equivalent PWA model consists of 5 regions Model described in HYSDEL and converted to MLD form (20 mixed-integer inequalities)



Are linear discrete-time hybrid models useful for control design ?

Model Predictive Control (MPC)



Use a hybrid dynamical **model** of the process to **predict** its future evolution and choose the "best" **control** action

MPC algorithm

• At time t, solve an optimal control problem over a future horizon of N steps



- Apply only the first optimal move $u^*(t)$, trash the rest of the optimal sequence
- At time *t*+1: Get new measurements, repeat the optimization. And so on ...

MPC transforms open-loop optimal control into a feedback control law

MPC of linear systems

linear model

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_{k+1} &=& Ax_k + Bu_k \\ y_k &=& Cx_k \end{array}$$

performance index $\min_{U} x'_{N} P x_{N} + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x'_{k} Q x_{k} + u'_{k} R u_{k}$

 $x_0 = x(t)$

$$R = R' \succ 0$$

$$Q = Q' \succeq 0$$

$$P = P' \succ 0$$

$$\min_{\substack{U\\ \text{s.t.}}} \quad \frac{1}{2}U'HU + x'(t)F'U + \frac{1}{2}x'(t)Yx(t)$$

s.t.
$$GU \le W + Sx(t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

U

linear
constraints $\begin{cases} u_{\min} \leq u_k \leq u_{\max} \\ y_{\min} \leq Cx_k \leq y_{\max} \end{cases}$

MPC implemented by solving a (convex) Quadratic Program (QP)

Routinely used in the process industries



MPC of hybrid systems

hybrid MLD model $\begin{cases}
x_{k+1} = Ax_k + B_1 u_k + B_2 \delta_k + B_3 z_k + B_5 & x_0 = x(t) \\
y_k = Cx_k + D_1 u_k + D_2 \delta_k + D_3 z_k + D_5 \\
E_2 \delta_k + E_3 z_k \le E_4 x_k + E_1 u_k + E_5
\end{cases}$

$$\min_{U} x'_N P x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x'_k Q x_k + u'_k R u_k \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} R &=& R' \succ 0\\ Q &=& Q' \succeq 0\\ P &=& P' \succ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\min_{\xi} \frac{1}{2}\xi'H\xi + x'(t)F\xi + \frac{1}{2}x'(t)Yx(t)$$

s.t. $G\xi \leq W + Sx(t)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \\ \delta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{N-1} \\ z_0 \\ \vdots \\ z_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

linear and logic constraints

MPC implemented by solving a **Mixed-Integer Quadratic Program (MIQP)**

Alternative: Mixed-Integer Linear Program (MILP) formulation

What are the stability properties of hybrid MPC ?



Closed-loop properties

Convergence result

Assume proper choice of weights and constraints on terminal state. If MPC optimization problem is feasible at t=0, then:

• MPC problem is also **feasible** for all t > 0

The closed-loop system (MLD system + hybrid MPC controller)
 converges asymptotically to the equilibrium

(Bemporad, Morari, 1999)

• Stability result

Lyapunov asymptotic stability and exponential stability can be guaranteed by choosing a proper terminal cost and constraint set

(Lazar, Heemels, Weiland, Bemporad, 2006)

How about computational load ?



Example: Room temperature control



- MPC optimization problem (MILP)
 - 20 optimization variables
 (8 continuous, 12 binary)
 - 46 mixed-integer linear inequalities



CPU time = **1.3 ms** per time step (IBM CPLEX 11.2, this Mac)

Pros and cons of on-line optimization

PROS

- Continuously update the best decision, reacting to unexpected events (disturbances, faults, obstacles,...)
- ✓ Excellent QP and MILP/MIQP solvers exist today
 (<u>http://plato.la.asu.edu/bench.html</u>)



CONS

- **Computation time** may be too long for large-problems/fast sampling
- **K** Requires relatively expensive hardware (such as a microprocessor)
- **Software complexity:** solver code must be embedded in the control code
- Real-time: worst-case CPU time often hard to estimate

Explicit model predictive control

$$\min_{U} \quad \frac{1}{2}U'HU + \mathbf{x}'(t)F'U + \frac{1}{2}x'(t)Yx(t)$$

subj. to
$$GU \le W + S\mathbf{x}(t)$$

Idea: solve the QP for all x(t) within a given range of \mathbb{R}^n off-line multi-parametric programming problem

Linear MPC is a continuous and piecewise affine control law !

while ((num<EXPCON_REG) && check)

ining idant.

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} F_1 x + g_1 & \text{if } H_1 x \leq K_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ F_M x + g_M & \text{if } H_M x \leq K_M \end{cases}$$
(Bemporad, Morari, et al., 2002)
$$(Bemporad, Morari, et al., 2002)$$

Hybrid MPC based on linear costs is a piecewise affine control law

(Borrelli, Baotic, Bemporad, Morari, 2005) (Mayne, Rakovic, 2002) (Alessio, Bemporad, ADHS 2006)

Example: Room temperature control

• Explicit solution

12 polyhedral regions and linear gains

384 numbers to store in memory





Note: explicit form does not change the control law at all !

CPU time = **0.8 ms**

(compiled C-code, this Mac)

Hybrid Toolbox for MATLAB

Features:

- Hybrid models: design, simulation, verification
- MPC design for linear and hybrid systems
- Interfaces to several linear, quadratic and mixed-integer programming solvers
- Explicit MPC (via multi-parametric programming)
- Simulink library
- C-code generation

4000+ downloads



http://cse.lab.imtlucca.it/~bemporad/hybrid/toolbox/

Is hybrid MPC (or its PWA form) applicable in practice ?



Automotive applications of MPC









idle speed control



semiactive suspensions

Automotive applications of MPC



magnetic actuators



hybrid electric vehicles





air-to-fuel ratio



active steering



robotized gearbox

Aerospace applications of MPC

ROBMPC



satellite attitude control



planetary rover locomotion















UAV guidance and control



formation flying

How to efficiently implement PWA controllers (like explicit MPC) in hardware ?



Complexity of explicit MPC

- Number of regions depends on number of possible combinations of active constraints
- Weak dependence on number of states and references
- On-line QP vs explicit MPC comparison:

2N	QP (ms)		explicit (ms)		regions	[storage kb]
	average	worst	average	worst		
4	1.1	1.5	0.005	0.1	25	16
8	1.3	1.9	0.023	1.1	175	78
20	2.5	2.6	0.038	3.3	1767	811
30	5.3	7.2	0.069	4.4	5162	2465
40	10.9	13.0	0.239	15.6	11519	(5598)
(Intel Centrino 1.4 GH					trino 1.4 GHz)	

Explicit MPC typically limited to 6-8 free control moves and 8-12 states+references



PWA approximation of MPC over simplices

Approximate a given linear MPC controller by using canonical PWA functions
 Over simplicial partitions (PWAS)
 (Bemporad, Oliveri, Poggi, Storace, IEEE TAC, 2011)



(Julian, Desages, Agamennoni, 1999)

$$\hat{u}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_v} w_k \, \phi_k(x) = w' \phi(x)$$

approximate MPC law

Weights w_k optimized **off-line** to best approximate a given MPC law



http://www.mobydic-project.eu/

PWA approximation of MPC over simplices

- Extremely cheap: PWAS functions can be directly implemented on FPGA, or even ASIC (Application Specific Integrated Circuits)
- Extremely fast computations (10-100 nanoseconds)



- Closed-loop stability certified a posteriori via a PWA Lyapunov function
- Curse of dimensionality (wrt to state dimension)

PWA approximation of MPC over rectangles

 Approximate a given linear MPC controller by using regular PWA functions over hyper-rectangular partitions (PWAS) (Liang, Heemels, Bemporad, 2011)



- Key idea: use optimal PWA cost as a control Lyap. fnc
- Main features of suboptimal control law:
 - Can be computed (off-line) by solving a linear program (LP)
 - Closed-loop stability and degree of performance loss are guaranteed a priori
 - Fulfillment of input and state constraints is guaranteed a priori
 - Tradeoff between controller complexity and suboptimality is selectable



Stability analysis of PWA closed-loop systems in non-nominal conditions



Stability analysis of (perturbed) PWA systems



$$x(k+1) = A_i x(k) + a_i + E_i d(k)$$

if $x(k) \in \mathcal{X}_i$

Closed-loop uncertain PWA model

- A priori stability certificates (if any is available) only hold for nominal conditions (prediction model = process model)
- Is explicit MPC controller in closed-loop with a more realistic process model stable (and robustly stable)?
- Trajectories may exit the domain of definition of the explicit MPC law.
 Need to find a (possibly large) robustly positive invariant set



Stability analysis of (perturbed) PWA systems

(Rubagotti, Trimboli, Bemporad, 2011)

A new analysis method to check **uniform ultimate boundedness** and evaluate the **region of attraction** based on **PWA Lyapunov functions**

 $x(k+1) = \rho x(k), \ 0 < \rho < 1$



domain of definition of closed-loop PWA system (e.g.: domain of explicit MPC)



extend to invariant set by introducing "fake" dynamics F

synthesize a PWA Lyapunov function Vvia linear programming $\longrightarrow \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{F} =$ level sets of V

- $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ of V is invariant for the original dynamics
- the system is uniformly ultimately bounded from ${\mathcal P}$ to ${\mathcal F}$

Example: stability of switched linear MPC

(Rubagotti, Trimboli, Bemporad, 2011)



switched linear MPC controller (no a priori stability) domain of attraction \mathcal{P} and set \mathcal{F} of asymptotic convergence

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MOBY-DIC Toolbox for MATLAB



(Oliveri et al., NMPC, 2012)



Can we include stochastic models in MPC formulation ?



Stochastic systems

• In many control problems decisions must be taken under uncertainty



- Robust control approaches do not model uncertainty (only assume that is bounded) and pessimistically consider the worst case
- Stochastic models provide instead additional information about uncertainty

Stochastic MPC formulation

• At each time t solve a finite-time **stochastic optimal control** problem

$$\min_{u} E_{w} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \|y_{t+k} - r(t)\|^{2} + \rho \|u_{t+k}\|^{2} \right]$$
s.t.
$$x_{t+k+1} = f(x_{t+k}, u_{t+k}, w_{t+k})$$

$$y_{t+k} = g(x_{t+k}, u_{t+k}, w_{t+k})$$

$$u_{\min} \leq u_{t+k} \leq u_{\max}$$

$$Prob(y_{\min} \leq y_{t+k} \leq y_{\max}) \geq p$$

$$x_{t} = x(t), \ k = 0, \dots, N-1$$

$$x(t) = \text{process state}$$

$$u(t) = \text{manipulated vars}$$

$$y(t) = \text{controlled output}$$

$$w(t) = \text{stochastic dist.}$$

ist.

• Apply optimal move for current time t, repeat optimization at time t+1

Scenario-based stochastic MPC

Existing literature on stochastic MPC

(Schwarme & Nikolaou, 1999)(Munoz de la Pena, Bemporad, Alamo, 2005)(Oldewurtel, Jones, Morari, 2008)(Wendt & Wozny, 2000)(Couchman, Cannon, Kouvaritakis, 2006)(Ono, Williams, 2008)(Batina, Stoorvogel, Weiland, 2002)(Primbs, 2007)(van Hessem & Bosgra 2002)(Bemporad, Di Cairano, 2005)

Stochastic prediction model

$$x(k+1) = A(w(k))x(k) + B(w(k))u(k) + Hw(k)$$

(Bernardini, Bemporad, IEEE TAC, 2012)

$$w(k) \in \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_s\}$$

$$P[w(k) = w_i] = p_i(k)$$

- Stochastic MPC features
 - Less conservative control action w.r.t. robust MPC
 - Extremely general discrete probability distribution
 - Guarantee stochastic convergence and recursive feasibility $\lim_{k \to \infty} E[x'(k)x(k)] = 0$ (for H=0)

Main idea: decouple performance optimization and stability issues

Stochastic MPC for dynamic hedging

Dynamic hedging of financial options

(Bemporad, Bellucci, Gabbriellini, Quant Finance, 2012) (Bemporad, Gabbriellini, Puglia, Bellucci, CDC'10)



On-line optimization: very simple least squares problem with n variables

(n = number of traded assets)



SMPC for real-time market-based power dispatch

(Patrinos, Trimboli, Bemporad, CDC'11)

- We are a legal entity trading on the energy (PX) and ancillary service (AS) markets
- **Objective**: Minimize costs via efficient use of intermittent resources, and maximize profits by trading on electricity (PX, AS) markets
- **Constraints:** Grid capacity, rate limits, load balancing, AS balancing

 p^{as}



SMPC architecture



stochastic load and intermittent resources

SMPC for market-based optimal power dispatch





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SMPC for market-based optimal power dispatch

Exact knowledge	Algorithm	Storage	No Storage	
of future uncertainty		Cost	Cost	Avg # of nodes
	Prescient-OC	6427979	6879741	
7	CE-MPC	9778750	9819518	
	SSMPC $(e_{\rm rel} = 0.1)$	7134582	7245962	350
	SSMPC $(e_{rel} = 0.2)$	7144011	7249401	335
Deterministic: time-	SSMPC $(e_{rel} = 0.3)$	7148494	7250207	172
betterministic. time	SSMPC $(e_{\rm rel} = 0.4)$	7179848	7264505	87
dependent	SSMPC $(e_{\rm rel} = 0.5)$	7224912	7267497	50
avpoctations used for	SSMPC $(e_{\rm rel} = 0.6)$	7239985	7277410	38
expectations used for	SSMPC $(e_{\rm rel} = 0.7)$	7259491	7298023	31
future uncertainty	SSMPC $(e_{\rm rel} = 0.8)$	7255246	7312092	26
	SSMPC $(e_{\rm rel} = 0.9)$	7260424	7318643	22
	SSMPC $(e_{rel} = 1.0)$	7260424	7318642	20
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	7		1000	
Stochastic formulation			Bought Sold	



 $p^{\mathrm{ex}}(k) \; (\mathrm{MW})$

0

-500L

50

PTU k (10 mins)

100

150

SMPC for hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs)

(Bichi, Ripaccioli, Di Cairano, Bernardini, Bemporad, Kolmanovsky, CDC'10)

Control problem:

Decide optimal generation of **mechanical power** (from engine) and **electrical power** (from battery) to satisfy **driver's power request**

What will the future power request from the driver be?





Learning a stochastic model of the driver

- Driver's action (power request) modeled by a **stochastic** process w(k)
- ullet Good model for control purposes: w(k) generated by a Markov chain

$$[T]_{ij} = \mathbf{P}[w(k+1) = w_j | w(k) = w_i]$$

Number of states in Markov chain determines the **trade-off** between complexity *and* accuracy

Transition probability matrix T is easily estimated from driver's data



Stochastic MPC results

Deterministic: future power request = current one = constant





Stochastic formulation

Exact knowledge of future uncertainty



Conclusions

Hybrid models (and in particular piecewise affine models)

provide a very powerful modeling framework
 allow the setup of tractable optimization problems (MPC)
 powerful analysis and software tools are available

✓ stochastic switched affine models optimally describe uncertainty

• Hybrid MPC

very good to study achievable performance limits
 directly implementable for controlling slow processes
 rarely applicable to fast processes, unless suboptimal solutions are adopted (switched linear MPC, LTV-MPC)

Explicit MPC based on piecewise affine representations

✓ applicable to very fast processes

k limited to small-size processes (8-10 states, 1-2 inputs)

× curse of dimensionality when using **regular partitions**





