Finite Horizon Robustness Analysis of LTV Systems Using Integral Quadratic Constraints

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Analysis Objective

Goal: Assess the robustness of linear time-varying (LTV) systems on finite horizons.

Approach: Classical Gain/Phase Margins focus on (infinite horizon) stability and frequency domain concepts.

Instead focus on:

- Finite horizon metrics, e.g. induced gains and reachable sets.
- Effect of disturbances and model uncertainty (D-scales, IQCs, etc).
- Time-domain analysis conditions.



Two-Link Robot Arm



Two-Link Diagram [MZS]

Nonlinear dynamics [MZS]:
$$\dot{\eta} = f(\eta, \tau, d)$$

where

$$\eta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1, \dot{\theta}_1, \theta_2, \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
$$\tau = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1, \tau_2 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
$$d = \begin{bmatrix} d_1, d_2 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

 τ and d are control torques and disturbances at the link joints.

[MZS] R. Murray, Z. Li, and S. Sastry. A Mathematical Introduction to Robot Manipulation, 1994.

Nominal Trajectory (Cartesian Coords.)



Effect of Disturbances / Uncertainty



Cartesian Coords.

Joint Angles

Overview of Analysis Approach

Nonlinear dynamics:

 $\dot{\eta} = f(\eta, \tau, d)$

Linearize along a (finite –horizon) trajectory $(\bar{\eta}, \bar{\tau}, d = 0)$ $\dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u + B(t)d$

Compute bounds on the terminal state x(T) or other quantity e(T) = C x(T) accounting for disturbances and uncertainty.

Comments:

- The analysis can be for open or closed-loop.
- LTV analysis complements the use of Monte Carlo simulations.



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Finite-Horizon LTV Performance

Finite-Horizon LTV System *G* defined on [0,T]

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)d(t)$$
$$e(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)d(t)$$

Induced L₂ Gain

$$\|G\|_{2,[0,T]} := \sup\left\{\frac{\|e\|_{2,[0,T]}}{\|d\|_{2,[0,T]}} \mid x(0) = 0, 0 \neq d \in \mathcal{L}_{2,[0,T]}\right\}$$

L₂-to-Euclidean Gain

$$\|G\|_{E,[0,T]} := \sup\left\{\frac{\|e(T)\|_2}{\|d\|_{2,[0,T]}} \mid x(0) = 0, 0 \neq d \in \mathcal{L}_{2,[0,T]}\right\}$$

The L₂-to-Euclidean gain requires D(T)=0 to be well-posed.

The definition can be generalized to estimate ellipsoidal bounds on the reachable set of states at *T*.

General (Q,S,R,F) Cost

Cost function J defined by (Q,S,R,F)

$$J(d) := x(T)^T F x(T) + \int_0^T \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} Q(t) & S(t) \\ S(t)^T & R(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix} dt$$

Subject to: LTV Dynamics with x(0)=0

Example: Induced L₂ Gain

Select (Q,S,R,F) as: $Q(t) := C(t)^T C(t), S(t) := C(t)^T D(t), R(t) := D(t)^T D(t) - \gamma^2 I_{n_d}, \text{ and } F := 0.$ Cost Function J is: $J(d) = \|e\|_{2,[0,T]}^2 - \gamma^2 \|d\|_{2,[0,T]}^2$

 $I(d) \leq 0 \text{ for all } d \in \mathcal{L}_2[0,T] \text{ if and only if } ||G||_{2,[0,T]} \leq \gamma.$

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Example: L₂-to-Euclidean Gain

Select (Q,S,R,F) as: $Q(t) := 0, S(t) := 0, R(t) := -\gamma^2 I_{n_d}$, and $F := C^T(T)C(T)$. Cost Function J is: $J(d) = \|e(T)\|_2^2 - \gamma^2 \|d\|_{2,[0,T]}^2$

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Strict Bounded Real Lemma

Theorem 1. Assume $R(t) \prec 0$ for all $t \in [0,T]$. The following are equivalent:

1. $\exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ such that } J(d) \leq -\epsilon \|d\|_{2,[0,T]}^2 \ \forall d \in \mathcal{L}_2[0,T].$

2. There exists a differentiable function Y on [0,T] such that Y(T) = F and

$$\dot{Y} + A^T Y + YA + Q - (YB + S)R^{-1}(YB + S)^T = 0$$

This is a Riccati Differential Equation (RDE).

3. There exists $\epsilon > 0$ and a differentiable function P on [0,T] such that $P(T) \succeq F$ and $\dot{P} + A^T P + PA + Q - (PB + S)R^{-1}(PB + S)^T \preceq -\epsilon I$

This is a strict Riccati Differential Inequality (RDI).

This is a generalization of results contained in:

*Tadmor, Worst-case design in the time domain. MCSS, 1990.

- *Ravi, Nagpal, and Khargonekar. H_{∞} control of linear time-varying systems. SIAM JCO, 1991.
- *Green and Limebeer. *Linear Robust Control*, 1995.

*Chen and Tu. The strict bounded real lemma for linear time-varying systems. JMAA, 2000.

Proof: $3 \rightarrow 1$

By Schur complements, the RDI is equivalent to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{P} + A^T P + PA & PB \\ B^T P & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q & S \\ S^T & R \end{bmatrix} \preceq -\tilde{\epsilon}I$$

This is an LMI in *P*. It is also equivalent to a dissipation inequality with the storage function $V(x, t) \coloneqq x^T P(t) x$.

$$\dot{V} + \begin{bmatrix} x \\ d \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} Q & S \\ S^T & R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ d \end{bmatrix} \le -\tilde{\epsilon} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ d \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

Integrate from *t=0* to *t=T*:

 $V(x(T),T) - V(x(0),0) + \int_0^T \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} Q(t) & S(t) \\ S(t)^T & R(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix} dt \le -\tilde{\epsilon} \| \begin{bmatrix} x \\ d \end{bmatrix} \|_{2,[0,T]}^2$ Apply x(0)=0 and $P(T)\ge F$:

$$J(d) \le -\epsilon \|d\|_{2,[0,T]}^2$$

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Comments:

*For nominal analysis, the RDE can be integrated. If the solution exists on [0,T] then nominal performance is achieved. This typically involves bisection, e.g. over γ , to find the best bound on a gain.

*For robustness analysis, both the RDI and RDE will be used to construct an efficient numerical algorithm.

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Uncertainty Model

• Standard LFT Model, $F_{ii}(G, \Delta)$, where G is LTV:

$$\dot{x}_G(t) = A_G(t) x_G(t) + B_{G1}(t) w(t) + B_{G2}(t) d(t)$$

$$v(t) = C_{G1}(t) x_G(t) + D_{G11}(t) w(t) + D_{G12}(t) d(t)$$

$$e(t) = C_{G2}(t) x_G(t) + D_{G21}(t) w(t) + D_{G22}(t) d(t)$$

 \varDelta is block structured and used to model parametric / dynamic uncertainty and nonlinear perturbations.



Integral Quadratic Constraints (IQCs)



Definition 2. Let $\Psi \in \mathbb{RH}_{\infty}^{n_z \times (n_v + n_w)}$ and $M : [0,T] \to \mathbb{S}^{n_z}$ with M piecewise continuous. A bounded, causal operator $\Delta : \mathbf{L}_2^{n_v}[0,T] \to \mathbf{L}_2^{n_w}[0,T]$ satisfies the time domain IQC defined by (Ψ, M) if the following inequality holds for all $v \in \mathcal{L}_2^{n_v}[0,T]$ and $w = \Delta(v)$:

$$\int_0^T z(t)^T M(t) z(t) \, dt \ge 0 \tag{1}$$

where z is the output of Ψ driven by inputs (v, w) with zero initial conditions $x_{\psi}(0) = 0$.

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Comments:

*A library of IQC for various uncertainties / nonlinearities is given in [MR]. Many of these are given as frequency domain inequalities.
*Time-domain IQCs that hold over finite horizons are called hard.
*This generalizes D and D/G scales for LTI and parametric uncertainty. It can be used to model the I/O behavior of nonlinear elements.

[MR] Megretski and Rantzer. System analysis via integral quadratic constraints, TAC, 1997.

Robustness Analysis



The robustness analysis is performed on the extended (LTV) system of (G, Ψ) using the constraint on z.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ z(t) \\ e(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}(t) & \mathcal{B}_1(t) & \mathcal{B}_2(t) \\ \mathcal{C}_1(t) & \mathcal{D}_{11}(t) & \mathcal{D}_{12}(t) \\ \mathcal{C}_2(t) & \mathcal{D}_{21}(t) & \mathcal{D}_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ w(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 3. Assume Δ satisfies the IQC defined by (Ψ, M) . If there exists $\epsilon > 0$, $\gamma > 0$ a differentiable function P on [0,T] and such that $P(T) \succeq 0$ and for all $t \in [0,T]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{P} + \mathcal{A}^T P + P \mathcal{A} & P \mathcal{B}_1 & P \mathcal{B}_2 \\ \mathcal{B}_1^T P & 0 & 0 \\ \mathcal{B}_2^T P & 0 & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} + (\cdot)^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{C}_2 & \mathcal{D}_{21} & \mathcal{D}_{22} \end{bmatrix} + (\cdot)^T M \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{C}_1 & \mathcal{D}_{11} & \mathcal{D}_{12} \end{bmatrix} \preceq -\epsilon I$$

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Proof:

The Differential LMI (DLMI) is equivalent to a dissipation ineq. with storage function $V(x,t) \coloneqq x^T P(t)x$.

$$\dot{V}(x,t) + z(t)^T M z(t) - (\gamma^2 - \epsilon) d(t)^T d(t) + e(t)^T e(t) \le 0$$

Integrate and apply the IQC + boundary conditions to conclude that the induced L_2 gain is $\leq \gamma$.

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Comments:

*A similar result exists for L₂-to-Euclidean or, more generally (Q,S,R,F) cost functions.

*The DLMI can be expressed as a Riccati Differential Ineq. (RDI) by Schur Complements.

*The RDI is equivalent to a related Riccati Differential Eq. (RDE) condition by the strict Bounded Real Lemma.

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Comments:

*The DLMI is convex in the IQC matrix *M* but requires gridding on time *t* and parameterization of *P*.

*The RDE form directly solves for *P* by integration (no time gridding) but the IQC matrix *M* enters in a non-convex fashion.

Numerical Implementation

An efficient numerical algorithm is obtained by mixing the LMI and RDE conditions.

Sketch of algorithm:

- 1. Initialize: Select a time grid and basis functions for *P(t)*.
- 2. Solve DLMI: Obtain finite-dimensional optim. by enforcing DLMI on the time grid and using basis functions.
- **3.** Solve RDE: Use IQC matrix *M* from step 2 and solve RDE. This gives the optimal storage *P* for this matrix *M*.
- Terminate: Stop if the costs from Steps 2 and 3 are similar. Otherwise return to Step 2 using optimal storage P as a basis function.

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Example 1: LTI Plant

• Compute the induced L_2 gain of $Fu(G, \Delta)$ where Δ is LTI with $||\Delta|| \leq 1$ and G is:

$$A_G := \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & -1.3 & -2.1 & -2.5 \\ 2 & -0.9 & -8.4 & 0.7 \\ 2 & 8.6 & -0.5 & 12.5 \\ 2.1 & -0.3 & -12.6 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B_G := \begin{bmatrix} -0.6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0.4 \\ -1.3 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C_G := \begin{bmatrix} -1.4 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad D_G := \begin{bmatrix} -0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- By (standard) mu analysis, the worst-case (infinite horizon) L₂ gain is 1.49.
- This example is used to assess the finite-horizon robustness results.

Example 1: Finite Horizon Results



Total comp. time is 466 sec to compute worst-case gains on nine finite horizons.

Example 2: Two-Link Robot Arm

- Assess the worst-case L2-to-Euclidean gain from disturbances at the arm joints to the joint angles.
- LTI uncertainty with $\|\Delta\| \le 0.8$ injected at 2nd joint.
- Analysis performed along nominal trajectory in with LQR state feedback.



Example 2: Results

Bound on worst-case L_2 -to-Euclidean gain = 0.0592. Computation took 102 seconds.



Cartesian Coords.

Joint Angles

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- Main Result: Bounds on finite-horizon robust performance can be computed using differential equations or inequalities.
 - These results complement the use of nonlinear Monte Carlo simulations.
 - It would be useful to construct worst-case inputs / uncertainties analogous to μ lower bounds.
 - An LTVTools toolbox is in development with β -code of the proposed methods.
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