Optimal Network Realizable Controllers for Networked Systems

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Networked systems (Formulation)

- Representation (state-space or input-output)
- Networked systems vs structured systems
- Networked system realization
- Networked controller design for Networked systems
- All stabilizing (realizable) networked controllers
- Optimal networked controllers (realizable) on arbitrary networks
- Application: distributed optimization systems

Controller Design Problems



Classical centralized control problem



Decentralized control problem

Blondel and Tsitsiklis - Problem of finding a stabilizing decentralized static output feedback is NP-hard.

- Distributed Controller
- Controllers communicate over network
- Still difficult for general plants



- Looking for and identifying conveniently searchable structures, in the system state-space or input-output representation, has been the focus of most research in distributed control problems.
- Networked systems and structured systems have become so intertwined that they are often identified with each other.
- However it is not always clear when a structured state-space or transfer function, consistent with a given network, truly represents a networked system composed of subsystems interacting over a network.
- In contrast, it is easy to verify that both the state-space representation and the transfer function of networked systems inherit certain structures.

Some Previous Work on input-output models

- Voulgaris For specific structural constraints (like lower block triangular and band structures), the problem was shown to be convex when the plant also follows the structural constraints.
- Hovd and Skogestad Solved for symmetrically interconnected systems.
- Bamieh, Paganini and Dahleh Solved for spatially-invariant systems.
- Gattami Solved for dynamically coupled systems over arbitrary graphs. Modeled the plant in state-space but the controller in inputoutput.
- M. Rotkowitz and Sanjay Lall Introduced quadratic invariance to address all the above cases (Even when plant and controller do not share same network constraints).

Focused on optimal searching over structured transfer functions Provide controllers with transfer functions satisfying network constraints Do not provide any explicit way to implement the controller as a set of subsystems connected over the given network

Some Previous Work on state-space models

- C. Langbort, R. S. Chandra, and R. D'Andrea Distributed controller design for systems interconnected over arbitrary graph.
- P. Massioni and M. Verhaegen Distributed control for identical dynamically coupled decomposable systems.
- Parikshit and Parillo Poset-causal systems over acyclic networks.
- Swigart and Sanjay Lall Networked systems over acyclic networks.

Mostly, the state-space based approaches only have sufficiency conditions to obtain a distributed controller which lead to sub-optimal solution

Controller Design Problem

Networked distributed controller for Networked distributed plants



Networked Systems



- 1. Sub-systems dynamics (DT-LTI)
- 2. Network interconnection graph
- 3. Messages/signals exchanged over the network
- 4. Local measurements and control inputs

Networked systems (without internal instability)



 $\mathcal{N}^{I}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}_{u}, \mathcal{P}_{y})$ denotes the set of all such *implementable* networked systems

Networked system representation



Network vs. Information Topology

Network topology: graph of physical interconnections among nodes **Information topology**: graph of the information available to the nodes

Mismatched if nodes on the networks are allowed to instantaneously relay information from their in-neighbors to their out-neighbors



 P_2

 P_3

Network topology

LFT interaction Nodes & Network Information topology If nodes are instant relays

- Mismatch is a source of confusion in the literature
- SS or I/O structures of networked systems depends on the information topology



Strictly Causal Network interconnection

Sub-systems dynamics

$$P_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{i}(k+1) \\ y_{i}(k) \\ \eta_{i}(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{i} & B^{i}_{u} & B^{i}_{\nu} \\ C^{i}_{y} & D^{i}_{yu} & D^{i}_{y\nu} \\ C^{i}_{\eta} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{i}(k) \\ u_{i}(k) \\ \nu_{i}(k) \end{bmatrix}$$

- We call the communication model a strictly causal network interconnection if the sub-systems can only pass their local state information to their neighbors at each discrete time step.
- Two nodes on a graph that are not directed neighbors cannot exchange their local information in the same time instant.
- ▶ The links are considered to be noiseless, delay-free and with no bandwidth constraints. $\nu_{ij}(k) = \eta_{ji}(k)$



Structured State-Space representation



A and C_y are structured according to the network B_u and D_{yu} are block diagonal Sparsity – no directed path from node 3 to node 1 and 2 & from node 2 to node 3

 $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}_u, \mathcal{P}_y)$ denotes the set of all SS structured according to the graph \mathcal{G} and given input output partitions.

 $\mathcal{S}^{S}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{P}_{u},\mathcal{P}_{y})$ are the stable ones

Structured Input-Output representation



Transfer Function structure

$$P(z) = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11}(z) & z^{-1}H_{12}(z) & 0\\ z^{-1}H_{21}(z) & H_{22}(z) & 0\\ z^{-1}H_{31}(z) & z^{-2}H_{32}(z) & H_{33}(z) \end{bmatrix}$$

 $H_{ij}(z)$ real proper rational transfer function matrices

Delay - shortest path from node 2 to node 3 is equal to 2
 Sparsity – no directed path from node 3 to node 1 and node 2.

 $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}_u, \mathcal{P}_y)$ denotes the set of all transfer functions matrices structured according to the graph \mathcal{G} and given input and output partitions.

 $\mathcal{T}^{S}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{P}_{u},\mathcal{P}_{y})$ are the stable ones

Structured systems



- Structured systems may be efficiently searched over
- Many result based on searching and designing over I/O structures

Networked system implementation



Networked implementability

 $P \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}_u, \mathcal{P}_y)$ stab.&detec. is network-implementable if $P \in \mathcal{N}^I(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}_u, \mathcal{P}_y)$

Networked system realization



Networked realizability

 $P(z) \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}_u, \mathcal{P}_y)$ is network-reliazable, if can find $\tilde{P} \in \mathcal{N}^I(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}_u, \mathcal{P}_y)$ with $P(z) = \tilde{P}(z)$

Realizability over networks



Main results

State-space structured according to the network is always implementable

I/O with sparsity&delays according to the network is realizable if stable

Realizability over networks



Stab. & Detec.

Network realizability for unstable I/O maps?

- Is not known how to realize the networked system when P(z) (with sparsity & delay structure according to the network) is unstable.
- Realizability of systems over networks has been overlooked.
- Optimal structuerd controllers can be unstable. How to build the, as interconnected systems without introducing internal instability?

$$K(z) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{z-2}{(z-0.8625)(z-4.637)} & \frac{2(z-0.5)}{(z-0.8625)(z-4.637)} & 0\\ \frac{z-5}{(z-0.8625)(z-4.637)} & \frac{(z-3.5)}{(z-0.8625)(z-4.637)} & 0\\ \frac{z-0.5}{(z-0.8625)(z-4.637)(z-1.5)} & -\frac{z-0.5}{(z-0.8625)(z-4.637)} & -\frac{1}{z-1.5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Only two unstable poles one at 1.5 the other at 4.637 !
Realizing single TF leads to replication of unstable poles

Networked controller design problem

Given a networked plant P on a network N, design a stabilizing networked controller on the same network.



Networked systems in feedback



Assume
$$P_i = \begin{bmatrix} A^i & B^i_w & B^i_u & B^i_\nu \\ C^i_z & D^i_{zw} & D^i_{zu} & D^i_{z\nu} \\ C^i_y & D^i_{yw} & 0 & D^i_{y\nu} \\ C^i_\eta & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So that $P = \begin{bmatrix} A & B_w & B_u \\ C_z & D_{zw} & D_{zu} \\ C_y & D_{yw} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
with A, C_w, C_z, D_{zw} structured according to

with A, C_y , C_z , D_{zw} structured according to the network and B_u , B_w , D_{zu} , D_{yw} block-diagonal

The closed loop system , $T_{zw}\,$ is network realizable for any stabilizing networked K .

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Closed Loop System



All stabilizing network realizable controllers

Main Theorem: All network realizable stabilizing controllers, K, for P have the form:



where Q is any stable network realizable system,

if F, is structured and L is block diagonal with A+BF and A+LC Schur stable.

(Sufficient condition to find F and L based on structured LMIs)

F=L=0 if plant is stable.

Conditions for F and L

Based on relaxed LMI condition for stability [De Olivera et.al]

A Schur stable iff can find $M = M', M > 0, G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ satisfying

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} M & AG \\ G'A' & G+G'-M \end{array}\right] > 0$$

There exist F structured according to G such that $A+B_uF$ is Schur stable if can find $M = M', M > 0, G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, R$ structured according to \mathcal{G}

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & AG + B_u R\\ (AG + B_u R)' & G + G' - M \end{bmatrix} > 0 \qquad \qquad F = RG^{-1}$$

There exist F structured according to G such that $A+LC_y$ is Schur stable if can find $M = M', M > 0, G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, R$ block-diag \mathcal{G}

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & A'G + C'_y R\\ G'A + R'C_y & G + G' - M \end{bmatrix} > 0 \qquad \qquad L = (RG^{-1})'$$

Closed loop maps with parametrization



Optimal solution for networked H_2 problem

min
$$||T_{zw}(K)||_{2}$$
 = min $||T_{11} + T_{12}QT_{21}||_{2}$
 $T_{zw}(K)$ internally stable
 K network realizable Q stable
 Q with network delay & sparsity structure
 $\underbrace{\prod_{m_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{w_{1}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=2}^{w_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=2}^{w_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{w_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{w_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=2}^{w_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{w_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=2}^{w_{2}(k)} \underbrace{\prod_{i$

Summary of approach

- Given a networked plant P in SS over a graph G with P_{22} stab&detec.
- Find gain F structured according \mathcal{G} and L block-diag so that A+BF and A+LC are Schur stable.
- Compute networked J and networked T = LFT(P,J) in SS
- Convert to frequency domain T(z)
- Solve for optimal Q(z) $\min_{Q(z)\in\mathcal{T}^{S}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{P}_{y},\mathcal{P}_{u})} ||T_{11}+T_{12}QT_{21}||_{2}^{2}$
- Realize Q(z) as a networked system
- ▶ Obtain network-implementable K=LFT(J,Q)

Example



$$P_{3}: \begin{bmatrix} x_{3}(k+1) \\ \hline z_{3}(k) \\ \hline y_{3}(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0.6 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0.6 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{3}(k) \\ \hline w_{3}(k) \\ \hline u_{3}(k) \\ \hline \nu_{3}(k) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example (cont.)



Need a networked stabilizing controller to start



The optimal distributed controllers

| | L 1.3153 | 0.3761 | 0.0162 | 0.0003 | 0.8504 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 - |
|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|---|---|---|-----|
| | -8.7760 | -0.5699 | -0.1741 | -0.0029 | -8.7760 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $K_1 =$ | 0.5454 | 2.0099 | 0.5923 | 0.0106 | 0.5454 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 0.0097 | -0.4995 | 0.9859 | -0.0224 | 0.0097 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 0.8292 | 0.3761 | 0.0162 | 0.0003 | 1.8643 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 3.2751 | 0.6224 | -0.0089 | -0.0003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -1.8388 | 0.6224 | -0.0089 | -0.0003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -8.7927 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0.0658 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0.0103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0.0741 | -0.0076 | 0.0009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | L * | | | | - | · · | | | | |



| | -2.5944 | 1.0699 | -0.0249 | -0.0118 | 0 | 2.7573 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 . |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|---------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| | -8.7927 | -0.6650 | -0.2102 | -0.1303 | 0 | 8.7927 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0.0658 | 1.9547 | 0.0814 | 0.0802 | 0 | -0.0658 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $K_2 =$ | 0.0103 | 0.5032 | 1.0182 | 0.5836 | 0 | -0.0103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | -2.4806 | 1.0699 | -0.0249 | -0.0118 | 0 | -1.3565 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -1.6585 | 0.6675 | 0.0302 | 0.0207 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -1.6306 | 0.6675 | 0.0302 | 0.0207 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 17.5520 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -0.0194 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -1.091 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0.2219 | -0.0909 | -0.0714 | 0.0129 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0.2192 | -0.0909 | -0.0714 | 0.0129 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -8.6785 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| $K_3 =$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 0.7192 \\ -8.6785 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | $0.0689 \\ -0.6965 \\ -1.4659 \\ 0 \\ 0$ | $\begin{array}{c} 0.0018 \\ 0.3506 \\ 0.7539 \\ 0.2499 \end{array}$ | $-0.0366 \\ -0.0258 \\ -0.0579 \\ -0.0575 \\ 0.0266 \\ -0.0575 \\ 0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0266 \\ -0.0258 \\ -0.025$ | $0.3548 \\ -8.6785 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1.2575$ | 0 0 0 | 1 0 0 0 | 0 1 0 0 | - |
|---------|---|--|---|--|---|-------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| | 0.2219 | 0.0689 | 0.0018 | -0.0366 | 1.3575 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |

Distributed Least Squares over Noisy Channels

N sensors want to collectively learn $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, (location of a target) Each sensor has inaccurate incomplete (scalar) measurements

$$y_i = a_i^T x + v_i, \ v_i \sim N(0, 1)$$

Problem: distributedly find the optimal ML estimate x^*

N $x^* = \arg\min_{x} \sum (a_i^T x - y_i)^2 = \arg\min_{x} ||Ax - y||_2^2$ Solution : i= ∇_1 $abla_N$ $\nabla_i = 2a_i a_i^T$ $q_i = -2y_i a_i$ q_1 x^1 x x^N q_N λ L L

Least squares system

- Dynamical system converging to solution of least squares
- **Sampling time** β
- ► L=L' graph laplacian



 \triangleright β cannot be too large for stability

Advanced networked controller



Design a networked controller to improve stability margins and noise rejection

Special Case

$$\arg\min_{x_i=x_j, \forall i, j} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{2} (x_i - q_i)^2.$$

 $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$, and $q_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

Graph Laplacian

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Optimal solution, average:
$$x^* = \frac{q_1 + q_2 + q_3}{3}$$

Generalized Networked Plant

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= x(k) - \beta \nabla x(k) - \beta L \lambda(k) - \beta q + \beta w_1(k) \\ \lambda(k+1) &= \lambda(k) + \beta u(k) + w_2(k) \\ z_1(k) &= x(k) \\ z_2(k) &= \alpha u(k) \\ y(k) &= L x(k) + w_3(k) \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} I - \beta \nabla & -\beta L & 0 \\ 0 & I & -\beta I \\ \hline L & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

Result $\beta = 0.1$ sec

► Controller order [8,11,8]



Lightly damped without controller

Result β =1 sec

Controller order [6,8,6]



Unstable without control for such sampling time.

- Networked controller design for Networked systems
- Defined a large class of networked systems
- Characterized networked system implementation and realization
- Derived All stabilizing (realizable) networked controllers
- Optimal networked controllers (realizable) on arbitrary networks
- Application to networked computing systems (in progress)