Networked Robust Stabilization: when gap meets two-port

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Networked control system (NCS)



- The plant and controller are uncertain and the uncertainty is described by the gap metric.
- The communication network is a cascade of two-port networks, modeling bidirectional transmission with relays.
- We only consider SISO plants and controllers in this talk, for the sake of simplicity.

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Gap metric: a review

(Zames; Vidyasagar; Georgiou and Smith; Qiu and Davison; Vinnicombe, from 1980 to ${\sim}1995.)$

- P is LTI and possibly unstable.
- Graph of P

$$\mathcal{G}_{P} = \left\{ \left[egin{array}{c} u \\ y \end{array}
ight] \in \mathcal{H}_{2} imes \mathcal{H}_{2} : y = Pu
ight\}.$$

a subspace of $\mathcal{H}_2 \times \mathcal{H}_2$.

• Gap metric between P_1 and P_2 .

$$\delta(P_1,P_2) = \|\Pi_{\mathcal{G}_{P_1}} - \Pi_{\mathcal{G}_{P_2}}\|.$$

• Uncertain systems can be described by gap balls

$$\mathcal{B}(P,r) = \{\tilde{P} : \delta(P,\tilde{P}) \leq r\}.$$

• Gap ball viewed as rotation of the graph:

$$\{\tilde{P}: \mathcal{G}_{\tilde{P}} = (I + \Delta)\mathcal{G}_{P}, \|\Delta\|_{\infty} \leq r\} \subset \mathcal{B}(P, r).$$

The maximal rotating angle is $\arcsin r$.

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Gap metric: a review (continued)



Figure: Feedback System (P, C).

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$$GoF(P,C) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1-PC} & \frac{-C}{1-PC} \\ \frac{P}{1-PC} & \frac{-PC}{1-PC} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ P \end{bmatrix} (1-PC)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -C \end{bmatrix}.$$

• Need to work on the inverse graph of C

$$\mathcal{G}'_{\mathcal{C}} = \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} u \\ y \end{array}
ight] \in \mathcal{H}_2 \times \mathcal{H}_2 : u = \mathcal{C}y
ight\}.$$

• (P, C) is stable if \mathcal{G}_P and \mathcal{G}'_C are complementary.

Gap metric: a review (continued)

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$$(\tilde{P}, \tilde{C})$$
 is stable for all $\tilde{P} \in \mathcal{B}(P, r_P)$ and $\tilde{C} \in \mathcal{B}(C, r_C)$ iff

 $\operatorname{arcsin} r_P + \operatorname{arcsin} r_C < \operatorname{arcsin} \|GoF(P, C)\|_{\infty}^{-1}$.

(arcsin theorem)

• Optimal robust control problem:

$$\min_{C} \|GoF(P,C)\|_{\infty}$$

an "easy" \mathcal{H}_∞ control problem.

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Two-port circuit: a review



• Transmission representation

$$\left[\begin{array}{c}v_1(s)\\i_1(s)\end{array}\right]=A(s)\left[\begin{array}{c}v_2(s)\\i_2(s)\end{array}\right].$$

Ideal transmission

$$A_0(s) = \left[egin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \ 0 & 1 \end{array}
ight].$$

• Transmission with distortion

$$A(s) = I + \Delta(s).$$

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Cascade connection of two-port circuits



• The transmission matrices are multiplied

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1(s) \\ i_1(s) \end{bmatrix} = A_1(s)A_2(s)...A_l(s)\begin{bmatrix} v_{l+1}(s) \\ i_{l+1}(s) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Two-port communication network



- $\bullet~{\sf Voltages} \to {\sf down-link}$ signals, currents $\to~{\sf up-link}$ signals.
- Transmission matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} u_1\\ y_1 \end{array}\right] = A \left[\begin{array}{c} u_2\\ y_2 \end{array}\right].$$

Ideal transmission

$$A_0 = I = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

• Transmission with distortion

$$A = I + \Delta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{\div} & \Delta_{-} \\ \Delta_{+} & \Delta_{\times} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \|\Delta\|_{\infty} < r.$$

(Notation invented by Halsey and Glover)

• We allow Δ to be nonlinear.

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Plant with two-port distortion



• Linear fractional transformation (LFT)

$$ilde{P} = rac{(1+\Delta_{ imes})P+\Delta_{+}}{1+\Delta_{\div}+\Delta_{-}P}.$$

• Graph of the distorted system

$$\mathcal{G}_{\tilde{P}} = (I + \Delta)\mathcal{G}_{P}.$$

The same type of rotation as in the gap ball.

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System with $+, -, \times, \div$ uncertainty.



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Two-port transmission model of NCS



Figure: Networked control system.

• \tilde{P}, \tilde{C} are only known to belong to gap balls

$$\tilde{P} \in \mathcal{B}(P, r_P), \tilde{C} \in \mathcal{B}(C, r_C).$$

• N_i is only known to have transmission matrix

$$A_i = I + \Delta_i, \|\Delta_i\|_{\infty} \leq r_i.$$

Main result

• The NCS is robustly stable iff

$$\operatorname{arcsin} r_P + \operatorname{arcsin} r_C + \sum_{i=1}^l \operatorname{arcsin} r_i < \operatorname{arcsin} \|GoF(P, C)\|_{\infty}^{-1}.$$

(Networked arcsin theorem)

Optimal design

 $\min_{C} \|GoF(P,C)\|_{\infty}.$

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Hammerstein-Wiener model of NCS



• Δ_{\times} and Δ_{\div} are nonlinear time-varying systems satisfying

$$\|\Delta_{\times}\|_{\infty} \leq r, \quad \|\Delta_{\div}\|_{\infty} \leq r.$$

- Two-port network with diagonal transmission matrix.
- Δ_{\times} and Δ_{\div} can be used to model logarithmic quantizations.
- The NCS is robustly stable iff

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}\right] - \left[\begin{array}{cc} \Delta_{\div} & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_{\times} \end{array}\right] GoF$$

is stably invertible for all Δ_{\times} and $\Delta_{\div}.$

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μ -synthesis of Hammerstein-Wiener system

• Introducing scaling: the closed-loop system is robustly stable iff

$$\begin{split} & \inf_{\gamma \in (0,\infty)} \| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} GoF(P,C) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \|_{\infty} \\ & = \inf_{\gamma \in (0,\infty)} \| \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1-PC} & \frac{-\gamma^{-1}C}{1-PC} \\ \frac{\gamma P}{1-PC} & \frac{PC}{1-PC} \end{bmatrix} \|_{\infty} \\ & = \inf_{\gamma \in (0,\infty)} \| GoF(\gamma P,\gamma^{-1}C) \|_{\infty} < \frac{1}{r}. \end{split}$$

Optimal design

$$\inf_{\gamma \in (0,\infty)} \inf_{C} \|GoF(\gamma P, \gamma^{-1}C)\|_{\infty}.$$

• The function $\gamma \mapsto \inf_{C} \|GoF(\gamma P, \gamma^{-1}C)\|_{\infty}$ was mistakenly conjectured to be unimodal.

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Conclusions

- Trade-off between the capacities of the down-link and the up-link channels.
- Optimal robust networked control, linking the history.
- H_2 vs H_∞ theory

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