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Finite Horizon Control Design for Optimal Model Discrimination

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Model-based Embedded & Robotic Systems

Context – Model Selection

Model Identification

- Which model best explains a given data set?

1. Parameter adaptation
2. Selection from a finite set of models
 - Model Selection

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Example Application

- Aircraft fault diagnosis L3
 - Finite set of models for system dynamics
 - Given data, estimate most likely model

Gyros provide rotation rate data



Image courtesy of Aurora Flight Sciences

Model 0: Working Elevator Actuator

Model 1: Faulty Elevator Actuator

- Standard approach: Multiple Model fault detection^[1]
 - Select between a **finite set of stochastic linear dynamic systems** using **Bayesian decision rule**

*Multiple-Model Adaptive Estimator Using a Residual Correlation Kalman Filter Bank, Hanlon, P. D. and Maybeck, P. S., IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems, Vol. 36, No. 2, April 2000.

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Control Design for Model Discrimination

- System inputs greatly affect performance of model selection algorithm
- ‘Active’ model selection **designs system inputs** to discriminate optimally between models L11
- Previous approaches include (Esposito^[2], Goodwin^[3], Zhang^[4])
 - Designed inputs have limited power to restrict effect on system
 - Maximization of information measure or minimization of detection delay
- We extend these approaches as follows:
 1. Design inputs with **explicit state and input constraints** L12 LB7
 2. Bayesian cost function: **probability of model selection error** L13
- We present novel method that uses **finite horizon constrained optimization approach** to design control inputs for optimal model discrimination
 - Key idea: Minimise **probability of model selection error** subject to explicit **input and state constraints**

²Probing Linear Filters – Signal Design for the Detection Problem Esposito, R. and Schurer, M. A. March 1970.
³Dynamic System Identification: Experiment Design and Data Analysis Goodwin, G. C. and Payne, R. L. 1977.
⁴Auxiliary Signal Design in Fault Detection and Diagnosis Zhang, X. J. 1989.

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Problem Statement

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- Design a finite sequence of control inputs $\mathbf{u}=[u_1 \dots u_k]$ to minimize the probability of model selection error
 - Between **two** discrete-time, stochastic linear dynamic models
 - Subject to constraints on inputs and expected state

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Example Experiment

- Linearised aircraft model
 - Longitudinal dynamics
- Elevator actuator
 - Model 0: Actuator functional, $B_0=[k \ 0]^T$
 - Model 1: Actuator failed, $B_1=[0 \ 0]^T$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ \theta \\ \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Bu_t + w_t$$

$$y_{t+1} = Cx_{t+1} + Du_t + v_t$$



$$v_t \sim N(0, R)$$

$$w_t \sim N(0, Q)$$

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- L3** link discrimination to diagnosis
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- LB7** link to aircraft eg
Lars Blackmore, 12/2/2005
- L11** link to aircraft eg
Lars, 12/10/2005
- L12** talk about going to hard limits like MPC
Lars, 12/10/2005
- L13** talk about interpretation of information?
Lars, 12/10/2005

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- L9** put in a picture?
Lars, 12/8/2005

Example Experiment

- Let transients decay to zero
- Request a large elevator displacement
 - Model 0: Actuator is working, large response observed
 - Model 1: Actuator failed, no response

Key ideas

- Separate predicted distribution of observations corresponding to different models
 - Choose control inputs
- Can view problem as finite horizon trajectory design
 - Planning **distribution** of future state
 - LP, MILP, QP commonly used^{[5][6]}
 - Can our cost function work with these formulations?

⁵ "Predictive Control with Constraints", Maciejowski, J. M., Prentice Hall, England, 2002.
⁶ "Mixed Integer Programming for Multi-Vehicle Path Planning" Schouwenaars, T., Moor, B. D., Feron, E. and How, J. P. In Proceedings, European Control Conference, 2001.

Technical Approach: Assumptions

- Two discrete-time, linear dynamic models, H_0 and H_1 ,** can capture possible behaviors of system
 - One of models is true state of world for entire horizon
- Prior information about models:
 - Some prior distribution over the two models
 - Distribution over initial state conditioned on model
 - ...may be viewed as current belief state from an estimator
- Gaussian process and observation noise
- Bayesian model selection used
 - Batch selection

Technical Approach: Outline

- Define Bayesian cost function (probability of error)
- Describe analytic upper bound to cost function
- Show that upper bound is quadratic in inputs
- Show that finite horizon problem formulation can be solved using Quadratic Programming

Trajectory Design Formulation – Cost Function

- Bayesian decision rule:
 - Choose H_0 if: $P(H_0 | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}) > P(H_1 | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u})$
- $P(\text{error} | \mathbf{u})$ = probability that the wrong model is selected:

Trajectory Design Formulation – Cost Function

- The probability of model selection error is:

$$p(\text{error} | \mathbf{u}) = \int_{\mathcal{R}_1} p(\mathbf{y} | H_0, \mathbf{u})P(H_0) d\mathbf{y} + \int_{\mathcal{R}_0} p(\mathbf{y} | H_1, \mathbf{u})P(H_1) d\mathbf{y}$$
- The integral does not have a closed form solution, but an **upper bound** exists called the Battacharrya Bound^[7]
- For Gaussian distributions $p(\mathbf{y} | H_0, \mathbf{u}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \Sigma_0)$ and $p(\mathbf{y} | H_1, \mathbf{u}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \Sigma_1)$:

$$P(\text{error} | \mathbf{u}) \leq \sqrt{P(H_0)P(H_1)} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^T [\Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1]^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) - \ln \frac{|\Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1|}{2\sqrt{|\Sigma_0||\Sigma_1|}}}$$
- Take logarithm:

$$\ln(P(\text{error})) \leq \underbrace{f(\text{priors})}_{\text{LB9}} - \frac{1}{4}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^T [\Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1]^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) + f(\Sigma_0, \Sigma_1)$$

⁷ "Pattern Classification", Duda, R., Hart, P., Stork, D., 2000

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L2 mention what y, H and u are
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LB21 cut this?
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L1 mention what y,H and u are
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LB9 Go through each term
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Trajectory Design Formulation – Cost Function

- Important analytic properties:
 - Expected observations μ_0 and μ_1 are known **linear** functions of the inputs u
 - The covariances Σ_0 and Σ_1 are **not** functions of the inputs
 - Covariances and priors **do not affect optimization**
- Cost function for trajectory design problem:

$$J = f(\text{priors}) - \frac{1}{4}(\mu_1 - \mu_0)[\Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1]^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_0) + f(\Sigma_0, \Sigma_1)$$
- Cost function is quadratic in the inputs**

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Trajectory Design Formulation - Constraints

- As in many trajectory design problems, we may want to:
 - Ensure fulfillment of task defined in terms of expected state $E[x_i] = x_{\text{task}}$
 - Bound expected state of the system $|E[x_i]| \leq x_{\text{max}}$
 - Model actuator saturation $|u_i| \leq u_{\text{max}}$
 - Restrict total fuel usage $\sum_{i=1}^k |u_i| \leq \text{fuel}$
- All of these are **linear constraints**

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Trajectory Design Formulation - Summary

- What we have is a **Quadratic Program**:
 - Cost function that is quadratic in the control inputs

$$J = [u_1 \quad \dots \quad u_k] \mathbf{H} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_k \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{f} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_k \end{bmatrix}$$
 - Constraints that are linear in the control inputs
 - E.g. $|E[x_k]| \leq x_{\text{max}} \quad |u_i| \leq u_{\text{max}} \quad \forall i$
- Quadratic Programs can be solved efficiently
- Now **constrained** active model discrimination possible:
 - On-line, while fulfilling defined task and ensuring safety

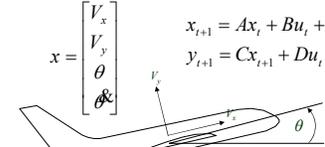
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Simulation Results – Active Approach

- Elevator failure scenario
- Linearised, discrete-time longitudinal dynamics
- Pitch rate observed
- Horizon of 40 time steps

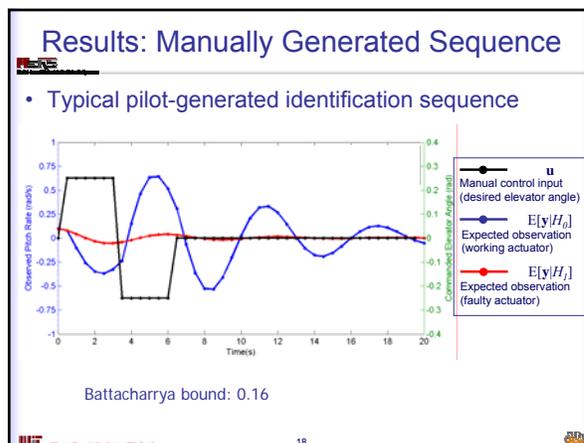
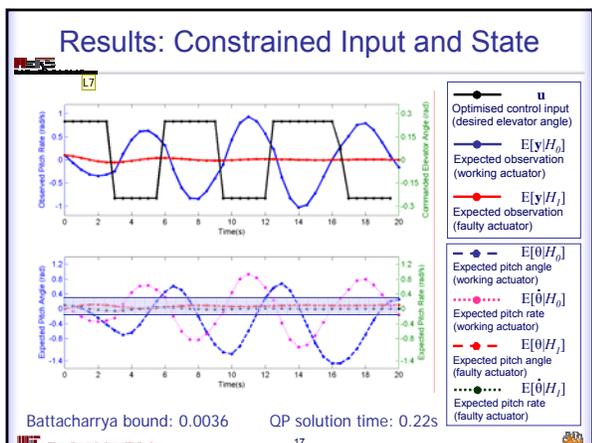
$$x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Bu_t + w_t \quad \Delta t = 0.5s$$

$$y_{t+1} = Cx_{t+1} + Du_t + v_t$$



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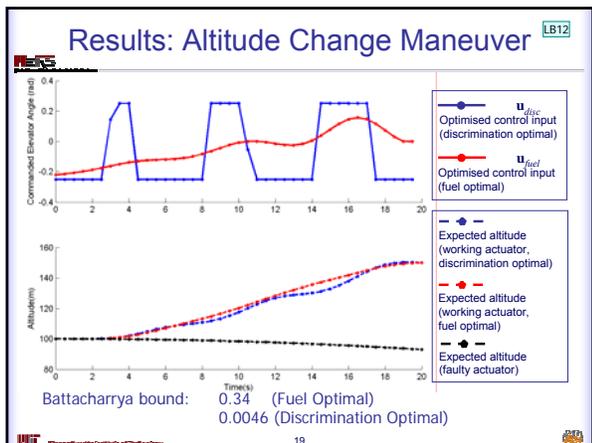
LB18 Also mention concave
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L8 explain what I mean by safety
Lars, 12/8/2005

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L7 mention constraints explicitly
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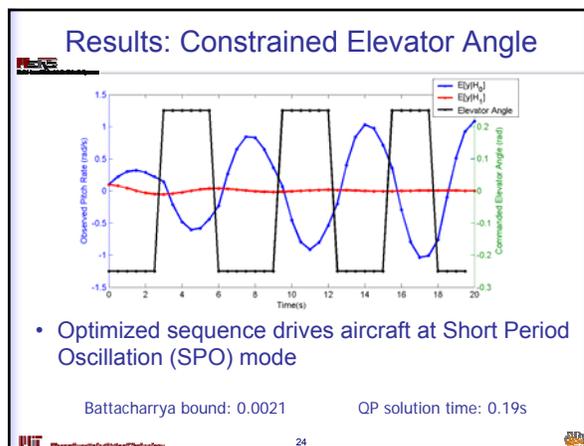


- ### Limitations
- Linear systems only
 - Linearise about an equilibrium point
 - Feedback linearization
 - Not **directly** minimising the probability of error
 - No guarantees about tightness of bound
 - Low upper bound sufficient in many cases
 - **Two models only**
 - Battacharya bound does not apply to more than two hypotheses
 - Submission soon on generalized approach

- ### Conclusion
- Novel algorithm for model discrimination between any two linear systems
 - On-line solution possible due to efficient Quadratic Programming formulation
 - Arbitrary linear state and control constraints can be incorporated
 - Fulfill specified task defined in terms of system state
 - Guarantee safe execution
 - Maintain state within linearisation region ... while optimally detecting failures

Questions?

Backup



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LB12 up to now, plan is safe but now go to task fulfillment
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Alternative Criteria

- **Battacharyya bound**

$$(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)' [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1]^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

- Baram's Distance

- KL divergence

$$(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

- 'Symmetric' KL divergence

$$(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)' [\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1^{-1}] (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

- Information

$$f(\bar{M}_\theta)$$

Concave Quadratic Programming

- "An Algorithm for Global Minimization of Linearly Constrained Concave Quadratic Functions" Kalantari, B. and Rosen, J. B. Mathematics of Operations Research, Vol. 12, No. 3. August 1987

- O(N) Linear Programs must be solved

- Each LP typically O(NM) number of simplex ops

- M = # constraints

- N = size of QP = (# output variables) x (horizon length)

Open-loop vs Closed-loop

- Design is open loop
- But can be used within an MPC closed-loop framework
- Efficient QP solution makes this possible

Cost Criterion

- Can be handled in very similar manner, assuming detector is cost-optimal

Unbounded Objective Function

- An optimal solution of negative infinity cannot occur with bounded \mathbf{u} if either covariance > 0
- We can get a p(error) of zero for bounded \mathbf{u} if:
 - One of the priors is zero
 - One of the covariances has zero determinant
- Otherwise for bounded \mathbf{u} we cannot.