Design of Robust *H*_∞ Observers for Nonlinear Systems Using a Multiple Model

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- Multiple model representation of the nonlinear system
- Conception of state estimators based on this representation



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Basis of Multiple model approach

- Decomposition of the operating space into operating zones
- Modelling each zone by a single submodel
- The contribution of each submodel is quantified by a weighting function



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Difficulties

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- Blending between submodels must be taken into account

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Performance constraints

We introduce the following \mathscr{H}_{∞} performance constraints:

$$\begin{split} &\lim_{t \to \infty} \mathbf{e}(t) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad w(t) = 0 \ , \\ \|\mathbf{e}(t)\|_2^2 \leq \gamma^2 \|w(t)\|_2^2 \quad \text{for} \quad w(t) \neq 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{e}(0) = 0, \end{split}$$

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Proportional action Integral action

Notations

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where $\mathbb{S}(M) = M + M^T$. The observer gains are given by

 $K_P = P^{-1}L_P$ and $K_I = P^{-1}L_I$

the L_2 gain from $\omega(t)$ to $e_a(t)$ is given by

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\bar{\gamma}}$$

Image: A matrix

Example

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Example

Consider the following decoupled multiple model with L = 2 submodels, the parameters are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.0 & 0.5 & 0.6 \\ -0.3 & -0.9 & -0.5 \\ -1.0 & 0.6 & -0.8 \end{bmatrix} , \qquad A_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & -0.4 \\ 0.1 & -1.0 \end{bmatrix} , \\ B_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 0.8 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}^T , \qquad B_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix} , \\ C_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & -0.8 & -0.5 \\ -0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} , \qquad C_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & 0.6 \\ 0.4 & -0.7 \end{bmatrix} , \\ W &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix} . \end{aligned}$$

The weighting functions are normalised Gaussian functions

$$\mu_i(\xi(t)) = \omega_i(\xi(t)) / \sum_{j=1}^L \omega_j(\xi(t)) \quad \text{with} \quad \omega_i(\xi(t)) = \exp\left(-(\xi(t) - c_i)^2 / \sigma^2\right),$$

with $\sigma = 0.5$, $c_1 = 0.25$ et $c_2 = 0.75$. The decision variable is $\xi(t) = u(t)$.





Proportional observer







Figure: State estimation errors

Simulation example





Figure: State estimation errors



Figure: State estimation errors with an output perturbation

Decoupled multiple model



- State estimation based on a multiple model representation of a nonlinear system is investigated
- In the proposed multiple model, the dimension of each submodel may be different (flexibility in a black box modelling stage can be provided)
- Conception of a Proportional and a Proportional-Integral observer is proposed using the Lyapunov theory
- The Proportional-Integral observer offers more degrees of freedom consequently state estimation robustness is introduced

Thank you!