

Optimal control – in 75 minutes or less ;-)

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Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR)

- Minimize quadratic objective subject to linear dynamic constraint

$$\text{minimize } J(x, u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T (\langle x(\tau), Q x(\tau) \rangle + \langle u(\tau), R u(\tau) \rangle) d\tau + \frac{1}{2} \langle x(T), Q_T x(T) \rangle$$

$$\text{subject to } Ax(t) + Bu(t) - \dot{x}(t) = 0$$

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad t \in [0, T]$$

★ state and control weights

$$Q = Q^* \geq 0, \quad Q_T = Q_T^* \geq 0, \quad R = R^* > 0$$

$$\langle x(\tau), Q x(\tau) \rangle = x^*(\tau) Q x(\tau)$$

$$\langle u(\tau), R u(\tau) \rangle = u^*(\tau) R u(\tau)$$

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• Features

- ★ **optimization variable is a function**

$$u: [0, T] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

- ★ **state and control weights**

$$\begin{cases} Q, Q_T & \text{symmetric, positive semi-definite} \\ R & \text{symmetric, positive definite} \end{cases}$$

- ★ **infinite number of constraints**

- **Introduce Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{L}(x, u, \lambda) = J(x, u) + \int_0^T \langle \lambda(\tau), Ax(\tau) + Bu(\tau) - \dot{x}(\tau) \rangle d\tau$$

- ★ **form variations wrt x, u, λ**

$$\mathcal{L}(x, u + \tilde{u}, \lambda) - \mathcal{L}(x, u, \lambda) = \int_0^T \langle Ru(\tau) + B^*\lambda(\tau), \tilde{u}(\tau) \rangle d\tau = 0$$

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$$u(t) = -R^{-1}B^*\lambda(t), \quad t \in [0, T]$$

necessary conditions for optimality:

$$\text{wrt } \lambda \Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$\text{wrt } x \Rightarrow \dot{\lambda}(t) = -Qx(t) - A^*\lambda(t), \quad \lambda(T) = Q_T x(T)$$

$$\text{wrt } u \Rightarrow u(t) = -R^{-1}B^*\lambda(t), \quad t \in [0, T]$$

Solution to finite horizon LQR

two-point boundary value problem:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{\lambda}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -B R^{-1} B^* \\ -Q & -A^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \lambda(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ \lambda(0) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ Q_T & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(T) \\ \lambda(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u(t) = -R^{-1} B^* \lambda(t)$$

• Differential Riccati Equation

can show: $\lambda(t) = X(t) x(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} -\dot{X}(t) &= A^* X(t) + X(t) A + Q - X(t) B R^{-1} B^* X(t) \\ X(T) &= Q_T \end{aligned}$$

★ optimal controller: determined by **state-feedback**

$$u(t) = -K(t) x(t)$$

$$K(t) = R^{-1} B^* X(t)$$

Infinite horizon LQR

$$\text{minimize } J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} (\langle x(\tau), Q x(\tau) \rangle + \langle u(\tau), R u(\tau) \rangle) d\tau$$

$$\text{subject to } \dot{x}(t) = A x(t) + B u(t)$$

- **Optimal controller:**
$$\begin{cases} u(t) = -K x(t) \\ K = R^{-1} B^* X \end{cases}$$

★ $X = X^*$ – non-negative solution to **Algebraic Riccati Equation (ARE)**

$$A^* X + X A + Q - X B R^{-1} B^* X = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (A, B) \text{ stabilizable} \\ (A, Q) \text{ detectable} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{stability of } \dot{x}(t) = (A - B K) x(t)$$

Scalar example

$$\dot{x} = a x + u$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} (q x^2(\tau) + r u^2(\tau)) d\tau$$

- **Optimal controller**

$$k_{lqr} = a + \sqrt{a^2 + \frac{q}{r}} \Rightarrow x(t) = \exp\left(-\sqrt{a^2 + \frac{q}{r}} t\right) x(0)$$

tradeoff:

	large q/r	small q/r
convergence rate	fast ✓	slow
control effort	large	low ✓

State-feedback H_2 controller

$$\text{minimize } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{E} \left(\langle x(t), Q x(t) \rangle + \langle u(t), R u(t) \rangle \right)$$

$$\text{subject to } \dot{x}(t) = A x(t) + B_d d(t) + B_u u(t)$$

$$\mathcal{E} (d(t_1) d^*(t_2)) = W_d \delta(t_1 - t_2)$$

- **Minimum variance controller**

state-feedback controller:

$$u(t) = -K x(t)$$

$$K = R^{-1} B_u^* X$$

$$0 = A^* X + X A + Q - X B_u R^{-1} B_u^* X$$

State estimation

state equation: $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + B_d d(t) + B_u u(t)$

measured output: $y(t) = Cx(t) + n(t)$

$d(t)$ – process disturbance; $n(t)$ – measurement noise

- **Estimator (observer)**

- ★ **copy of the system** + **linear injection term**

$$\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = A\hat{x}(t) + 0 \cdot d(t) + B_u u(t) + L(y(t) - \hat{y}(t))$$

$$\hat{y}(t) = C\hat{x}(t) + 0 \cdot n(t)$$



- ★ **estimation error:** $\tilde{x}(t) = x(t) - \hat{x}(t)$

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = (A - LC)\tilde{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} B_d & -L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d(t) \\ n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{y}(t) = C\tilde{x}(t) + n(t)$$

(A, C) : detectable \Rightarrow can design L to provide stability of the error dynamics

Kalman filter

$$\dot{x}(t) = A x(t) + B_d d(t) + B_u u(t)$$

$$y(t) = C x(t) + n(t)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(d(t_1) d^*(t_2)) = W_d \delta(t_1 - t_2); \quad \mathcal{E}(n(t_1) n^*(t_2)) = W_n \delta(t_1 - t_2)$$

- **Kalman filter: optimal estimator**

- ★ **minimizes steady-state variance of** $\tilde{x}(t) = x(t) - \hat{x}(t)$

Kalman gain:

$$L = Y C^* W_n^{-1}$$

$$0 = AY + YA^* + B_d W_d B_d^* - Y C^* W_n^{-1} C Y$$

Output-feedback H_2 controller

$$\text{minimize } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{E} \left(\langle x(t), Q x(t) \rangle + \langle u(t), R u(t) \rangle \right)$$

$$\text{subject to } \dot{x}(t) = A x(t) + B_d d(t) + B_u u(t)$$

$$y(t) = C x(t) + n(t)$$

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• Minimum variance controller

observer-based controller:

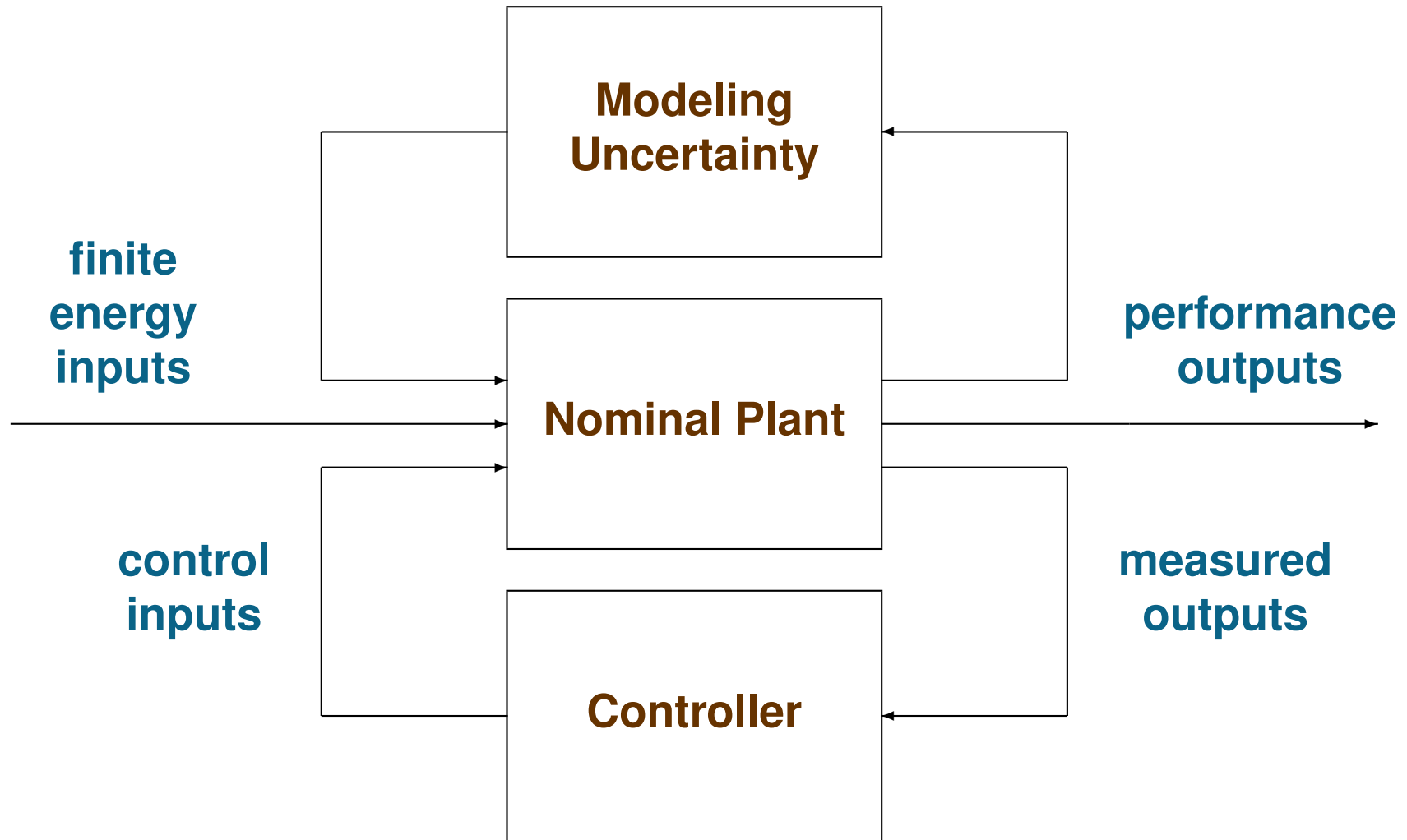
$$\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = (A - L C) \hat{x}(t) + B_u u(t) + L y(t)$$

$$u(t) = -K \hat{x}(t)$$

★ feedback and observer gains: $\begin{cases} K & \text{LQR gain} \\ L & \text{Kalman gain} \end{cases}$

H_∞ controller

- BLENDS CLASSICAL WITH OPTIMAL CONTROL



Take Pete's Robust Control course (EE/AEM 5235) next semester