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• Smart optics systems
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• More flexibility in operation
• Economic optimization under operating constraints
• Process intensification
• Towards model-based process management
• Hydrocarbon reservoir optimization; crystallization
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Modern control & identification

Challenges of nonlinear systems

- Expand the scope beyond the current LTI framework
- Handling systems in different operating regimes
- Attractive structure: LPV for systems with “regime”-dependent (linear) dynamics
- Advanced tools for control synthesis
- Several algorithms for LPV model identification
- LPV identification is not solved yet in a structural way
LPV systems

The concept
LPV model structures

Discrete time

- **LPV framework (SISO)**, \( p(k) : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{P} \)
  - State-space models
    
    \[
    x(k+1) = A(p(k))x(k) + B(p(k))u(k) \\
    y(k) = C(p(k))x(k) + D(p(k))u(k)
    \]

- Input-output models, \( n_a \geq n_b > 0 \)
  
  \[
  y(k) = - \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} a_i(p(k))y(k-i) + \sum_{j=0}^{n_b} b_j(p(k))u(k-j)
  \]

Usually, use is restricted to **static (nonlinear) maps** \( p(k) \leftrightarrow \theta(k) \)
Issues in LPV identification

- Approaches to the identification problem
  - Local approach
    - Identify local linear models (for fixed scheduling $p(k) = \bar{p}_i$)
    - Use global data to interpolate into an LPV model
  - Global approach
    - Determine a global LPV model structure
    - Use global data to estimate an LPV model

Both PE and subspace approaches can be followed
Issues in LPV identification
(cont’d)

- What are the appropriate model structures?
- How can they be defined?
- What are the criteria to select them?
- Many more questions related to
  - Estimation accuracy
  - Experiment design
  - Validation
  - etc.
LPV model structures

- State-space models

\[
\begin{align*}
  x(k + 1) &= A(p(k))x(k) + B(p(k))u(k) \\
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y(k) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n_a} a_i(p(k))y(k - i) + \sum_{j=0}^{n_b} b_j(p(k))u(k - j)
\]

- **Question:** are these structures equivalent (as in the LTI case)?

- **Answer:** In general not, if you restrict \( p \mapsto \theta \) to be static; dynamic \( p \)-dependencies are generally required \cite{TotthEtAl,ECC2007}
LPV model structures

Example:

• State-space model

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x_1 \\
  x_2
\end{bmatrix}(k + 1) = \begin{bmatrix}
  0 & a_1(p(k)) \\
  1 & a_2(p(k))
\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}
  x_1 \\
  x_2
\end{bmatrix}(k) + \begin{bmatrix}
  b_1(p(k)) \\
  b_2(p(k))
\end{bmatrix} u(k)
\]

\[y(k) = x_2(k)\]

• Input-output model,

\[
y(k) = a_2(p(k - 1))y(k - 1) + a_1(p(k - 2))y(k - 2) + b_2(p(k - 1))u(k - 1) + b_1(p(k - 2))u(k - 2),
\]
LPV model structures

• **Consequence 1**
  • Mapping estimated IO models to SS or vice versa, while retaining a static dependence of the scheduling functions introduces (substantial) error.

• This points to the need to either
  • Estimate the LPV model in the same model structure where information on the (static) effect of \( p \) is available, or
  • Include a dynamic map \( p \mapsto \theta \) in the model structure
LPV model structures

• Consequence 2
  • We need appropriately defined notions of equivalence between LPV systems (and definitions of LPV systems as a start)

  Note: transfer function is not available for this notion of equivalence as the systems is time-varying

  Notion of equivalence is well-defined in terms of $\mathcal{B}$

• Solution: through Willems’ behavioral framework:

  Time axis, $T = \mathbb{Z}$

  Scheduling space, $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_P}$

  Behavior, $\mathcal{B} \subseteq (W \times P)^T$

  Signal space, $W = \mathbb{R}^{n_W}$
LPV model structures

- **Generic representation** of an LPV system behavior:

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n_\xi} (r_i \diamond p)q^i w = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (R(q) \diamond p) w = 0
\]

where \( r_i \diamond p \) represents any quotient of homeomorphic functions of \( p \) and shifted versions of \( p \).

Result: LPV system equivalence, canonical forms in SS and IO form, etc., Taking account of dynamic phenomena in \( p \) and \( w \).

(Tóth et al., ECC 2009)
LPV model structures

- Additional aspects:
  - In linear PE identification we benefit from linearity-in-the-parameters;
    Can this be maintained?
  - Interpolating local linear state space models is hard when McMillan degree varies over local models;
    Can we accommodate this?
An OBF approach

Orthonormal basis functions

• For local linear models: $F(z) \approx \sum_{i=0}^{n_f} w_i \phi_i(z)$

• Generation of the OBFs
  • By a set of stable poles: $\Xi_n = \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\} \subset \mathbb{D}$
  • By a stable all-pass (inner) function: $G'_b(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1 - z \lambda_i^*}{z - \lambda_i}$

Choice of poles determines rate of convergence of the series expansion

(Heuberger et al., Springer, 2005)
An OBF approach

Opportunities for LPV models

\[ y = \sum_{i=0}^{n_f} w_i(p) \phi_i(q) u \]

- Scheduling of coefficients \( w_i \) retains linearity-in-the parameters
- If basis can be chosen (globally) fixed, interpolation of local models becomes interpolation \( \{ w_i(\bar{p}_j) \}_{j=1,...,n_l} \) \( \bar{p}_j \) constant scheduling point belonging to local model \( j \)
- No problem with interpolation of models with different McMillan degrees

Question: How to choose the global basis functions \( \phi_i(q) \)?
An OBF approach

Selection of basis functions

• Identify a number of local linear models in several in different regimes $\hat{p}_j$
• Plot all identified poles in the complex plane
• Cluster the poles in groups and find optimal cluster centers (basis poles)
• So as to minimize a distance measure that is relevant for the (worst case) length of the resulting series expansions
An OBF approach
Kolmogorov $n$-width theory

• Worst-case modeling:
  • Result (Oliveria e Silva, 1996):
    • $G_b(z)$ an inner function
    • Let $K$ be the set of systems with poles in the region
      \[ \{ z \in \mathbb{D} \mid |G_b(z^{-1})| < \rho \} \]
    • The OBFs, generated by $G_b(z)$ are optimal for $K$ in the $n$-width sense
An OBF approach

Kolmogorov $n$-width theory

- The inverse $n$-width concept:
  - Given a region of poles: $\Omega$
  - Try to approximate it as
    \[
    \Omega \approx \Omega(\Xi_n, \rho) = \{ z \in \mathbb{D} \mid |G_b(z^{-1})| < \rho \}
    \]
    \[
    \rho = \text{decay rate of the expansion}
    \]
  - The $n$ optimal OBFs are obtained through
    (Kolmogorov measure minimization)
    \[
    \min_{\Xi_n \subset \mathbb{D}} \rho = \min_{\Xi_n \subset \mathbb{D}} \max_{z \in \Omega} |G_b(z^{-1})| = \min_{\Xi_n \subset \mathbb{D}} \max_{z \in \Omega} \left| \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{z - \lambda_i}{1 - z \lambda_i^*} \right|
    \]
An OBF approach

Clustering based OBF selection
An OBF approach

Example of clustering

30 poles

(a) $m = 8, c = 5$

(b) $m = 8, c = 8$
An OBF approach

LPV-OBF model structures

- The following global model structure results:
  - Static $p$-dependence is linearly parametrized (e.g. polynomial, splines)
  - Estimation through linear regression (OE-form)
An OBF approach

LPV-OBF model structures

- Different alternatives:

Different results due to the finite expansion and the static $p$-dependence
Example

- LPV system $\mathcal{S}$ with I/O representation:

\[
a_0(p(k)) y(k) = b_1(p(k)) u(k-1) - \sum_{l=1}^{5} a_l(p(k)) y(k-l)
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
a_0(p) &= 0.58 - 0.1p, \\
a_1(p) &= -\frac{511}{860} - \frac{48}{215} p^2 + 0.3(\cos(p) - \sin(p)), \\
a_2(p) &= \frac{61}{110} - 0.2 \sin(p), \\
a_3(p) &= -\frac{23}{85} + 0.2 \sin(p), \\
a_4(p) &= \frac{12}{125} - 0.1 \sin(p), \\
a_5(p) &= -0.003, \\
b_1(p) &= \cos(p).
\end{align*}
\]

with $P = [0.6, 0.8]$.

Identify $\mathcal{S}$ with W-LPV and H-LPV OBF models!
Example

System output

Output error

Global identification of $\mathcal{S}$

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<td>95.48%</td>
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7 OBFs

Data: $p \in \mathcal{U}(0.6, 0.8), \ u \in \mathcal{U}(-1, 1)$

500 samples long

Noise: $v_e \in \mathcal{N}(0, 0.5)$

output additive
Conclusions

- **LPV models:**
  - Intermediate step between nonlinear and LTI models.
  - Effective engineering tool for dealing with nonlinear systems.

- **LPV model structures for identification** are studied and basic structures and phenomena have been clarified.

- **OBF’s** provide a powerful tool for parametrizing relevant classes of LPV systems.

- There is work to be done on completing the picture of a general framework for LPV identification.
Further reading

