

Stability analysis and stabilization of jump LPV systems with piecewise differentiable parameters using continuous and sampled-data controllers

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LPV systems

LPV systems

LPV systems are generically represented as

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(\rho(t))x(t) + B(\rho(t))u(t), \ x(0) = x_0$$
(1)

where

- \blacksquare x and u are the state of the system and the control input
- $\rho(t) \in \mathcal{P}, \ \mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ compact, is the value of the parameter vector at time t
- The matrix-valued functions $A(\cdot)$ and $B(\cdot)$ are "nice enough", i.e. continuous on ${\mathcal P}$

Rationale

- Can be used to approximate nonlinear systems [Sha88, BPB04]
- Can be used to model a wide variety of real-world processes [MS12, HW15, Bri15a]
- Convenient framework for the design gain-scheduled controllers [RS00]

Quadratic stability [SGC97]

Definition

The LPV system

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is said to be quadratically stable if $V(x) = x^T P x$ is a Lyapunov function for the system.

Theorem

The LPV system (2) is quadratically stable if and only if there exists a matrix $P \in \mathbb{S}^n_{\succ 0}$ such that the LMI

$$A(\theta)^T P + P A(\theta) \prec 0 \tag{3}$$

holds for all $\theta \in \mathcal{P}$.

Remarks

- All the possible trajectories $\rho : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mapsto \mathcal{P}$ are (implicitly) considered (together with the assumption of existence of solutions)
- Semi-infinite dimensional LMI problem (can be checked using various methods)

Robust stability [Wu95]

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with $\rho(t) \in \mathcal{P}$ and $\dot{\rho}(t) \in \mathcal{D}$, for some given compact sets $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, is said to be robustly stable if $V(x, \rho) = x^T P(\rho)x$ is a Lyapunov function for the system.

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Theorem

The LPV system (4) is robustly stable if and only if there exists a differentiable matrix-valued function $P: \mathcal{P} \to \mathbb{S}^n_{\geq 0}$ such that the LMI

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \theta_i' \partial_{\theta_i} P(\theta) + A(\theta)^T P(\theta) + P(\theta) A(\theta) \prec 0$$
(5)

holds for all $\theta \in \mathcal{P}$ and all $\theta' \in \mathcal{D}$.

Remarks

- Trajectories of the parameters are continuously differentiable (can be relaxed)
- Infinite-dimensional LMI problem (can be approximately checked)

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- Two main classes of parameter trajectories associated with two main stability concepts
- But these classes are very far apart!
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Issues

- What if we consider piecewise differentiable parameters?
- Robust stability not applicable and quadratic stability too conservative
- So, we need something else!

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Stabilization results

- Continuous-time controllers
- Sampled-data controllers [TGW02, RMG12, GMFP15]
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Preliminaries

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(6)

with parameter trajectories ρ in $\mathscr{P}_{\geqslant \bar{T}}$ where

$$\mathscr{P}_{\geq \bar{T}} := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \rho : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mapsto \mathcal{P} \middle| \begin{array}{c} \dot{\rho}(t) \in \mathcal{Q}(\rho(t)), t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}) \\ T_k \geq \bar{T}, \ \rho(t_k) \neq \rho(t_k^+) \in \mathcal{P}, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \end{array} \right\}$$
(7)

where $\rho(t_k^+):=\lim_{s\downarrow t_k}\rho(s)$, $t_0=0$ (no jump at t_0), $T_k:=t_{k+1}-t_k$, $\bar{T}>0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &=: \quad \mathcal{P}_1 \times \ldots \times \mathcal{P}_N, \ \mathcal{P}_i := [\underline{\rho}_i, \ \bar{\rho}_i], \ \underline{\rho}_i \leq \bar{\rho}_i, \ i = 1, \dots, N \\ \mathcal{D} &=: \quad \mathcal{D}_1 \times \ldots \times \mathcal{D}_N, \ \mathcal{D}_i := [\underline{\nu}_i, \ \bar{\nu}_i], \ \underline{\nu}_i \leq \bar{\nu}_i, \ i = 1, \dots, N \end{aligned}$$

and $\mathcal{Q}(\rho) = \mathcal{Q}_1(\rho) imes \ldots imes \mathcal{Q}_N(\rho)$ with

$$\mathcal{Q}_{i}(\rho) := \begin{cases}
\mathcal{D}_{i} & \text{if } \rho_{i} \in (\underline{\rho}_{i}, \bar{\rho}_{i}), \\
\mathcal{D}_{i} \cap \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} & \text{if } \rho_{i} = \underline{\rho}_{i}, \\
\mathcal{D}_{i} \cap \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0} & \text{if } \rho_{i} = \bar{\rho}_{i}.
\end{cases}$$
(8)

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Illustration

- \blacksquare Minimum dwell-time $\bar{T}=3.3$
- \blacksquare Discontinuities separated by at least $\bar{T}=3.3$ seconds



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- Hence, we propose the following hybrid system formulation [GST12]

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = A(\rho(t))x(t) \\ \dot{\rho}(t) \in Q(\rho(t)) \\ \dot{\tau}(t) = 1 \\ \dot{T}(t) = 0 \\ x(t^+) = x(t) \\ \rho(t^+) \in \mathcal{P} \\ \tau(t^+) = 0 \\ T(t^+) \in [\bar{T},\infty) \end{cases} \quad \text{if } (x(t), \rho(t), \tau(t), T(t)) \in D \\ (eq. \ \tau(t) = T(t)) \\ eq. \ \tau(t) = T(t) \\ (eq. \ \tau(t) = T(t)) \end{cases}$$
(9)

where

$$C = \mathbb{R}^{n} \times \mathcal{P} \times E_{<},$$

$$D = \mathbb{R}^{n} \times \mathcal{P} \times E_{=},$$

$$E_{\Box} = \{\varphi \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times [\bar{T}, \infty) : \varphi_{1} \Box \varphi_{2}\}, \ \Box \in \{<, =\}$$
(10)

and

$$(x(0),\rho(0),\tau(0),T(0)) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{P} \times \{0\} \times [\bar{T},\infty).$$
(11)

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Illustration

- \blacksquare Let the t_k 's be the time instants for which $\tau(t_k)=T(t_k)$
- We consider a parameter trajectory given by $\rho(t) = (1 + \sin(t + \phi(t)))/2$ where $\phi(t) = \phi_k$, $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$ and the ϕ_k 's are uniform random variables taking values in $[0, 2\pi]$
- \blacksquare At each $t_k,$ a new value for ϕ_k is drawn, which introduces a discontinuity in the parameter trajectory



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Main result

Theorem (Minimum dwell-time)

Let $\overline{T} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ be given and assume that there exist a bounded continuously differentiable matrix-valued function $S : [0, \overline{T}] \times \mathcal{P} \mapsto \mathbb{S}^n_{\succ 0}$ and a scalar $\varepsilon > 0$ such that the conditions

$$\partial_{\tau} S(\tau, \theta) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \partial_{\rho_i} S(\tau, \theta) \mu_i + \operatorname{Sym}[S(\tau, \theta) A(\theta)] + \varepsilon I \preceq 0$$
(12)

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and

$$S(0,\theta) - S(\bar{T},\eta) \leq 0 \tag{14}$$

hold for all $\theta, \eta \in \mathcal{P}$, $\mu \in \mathcal{D}$ and all $\tau \in [0, \overline{T}]$. Then, the LPV system (6) with parameter trajectories in $\mathscr{P}_{\gg\overline{T}}$ is asymptotically stable.

For a square matrix M, we define $Sym[M] = M + M^T$

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Proof

Let us consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\chi}(t) &\in F(\chi(t)) \text{ if } \chi(t) \in C \\ \chi(t^+) &\in G(\chi(t)) \text{ if } \chi(t) \in D \end{aligned}$$
 (15)

where $\chi(t) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $C \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is open, $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is compact and $G(D) \subset C$. The flow map and the jump map are the set-valued maps $F : C \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $G : D \Rightarrow C$, respectively. We also assume for simplicity that the solutions are complete. We then have the following stability result:

Theorem (Persistent flowing [GST12])

Let $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be closed. Assume that there exist a function $V : \overline{C} \cup D \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ that is continuously differentiable on an open set containing \overline{C} (i.e. the closure of C), functions $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ and a continuous positive definite function α_3 such that

(a) $\alpha_1(|\chi|_{\mathcal{A}}) \leq V(x) \leq \alpha_2(|\chi|_{\mathcal{A}})$ for all $\chi \in \overline{C} \cup D$;

(b)
$$\langle \nabla V(\chi), f \rangle \leq -\alpha_3(|\chi|_{\mathcal{A}})$$
 for all $\chi \in C$ and $f \in F(\chi)$;

(c) $V(g) - V(\chi) \le 0$ for all $\chi \in D$ and $g \in G(\chi)$.

Assume further that for each r > 0, there exists a $\gamma_r \in \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$ and an $N_r \ge 0$ such that for every solution ϕ to the system (15), we have that $|\phi(0,0)|_{\mathcal{A}} \in (0,r]$, $(t,j) \in \text{dom } \phi$, $t+j \ge T$ imply $t \ge \gamma_r(T) - N_r$, then \mathcal{A} is uniformly globally asymptotically stable for the system (15).

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Proof

- Assume that the full trajectory of T(t) is known.
- This is possible since T(t) is independent of the other components of the state of the system (9).
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- Define then the set $\mathcal{A} = \{0\} \times \mathcal{P} \times ((E_{\leq} \cup E_{=}) \cap [0, T_{max}]^2)$
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- To prove the stability of this set, let us consider the Lyapunov function

$$V(x,\tau,\rho) = \begin{cases} x^T S(\tau,\rho) x & \text{if } \tau \leq \bar{T}, \\ x^T S(\bar{T},\rho) x & \text{if } \tau > \bar{T}. \end{cases}$$
(16)

where $S(\tau, \rho) \succ 0$ for all $\tau \in [0, \overline{T}_{max}]$ and all $\rho \in \mathcal{P}$.

Applying then the conditions of Theorem 6 yields the result.

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Computational aspects [Par00, PAV+13]

- We say that a symmetric polynomial matrix $M(\theta)$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$, is an SOS matrix if there exists a matrix $Q(\theta)$ such that $M(\theta) = Q(\theta)^T Q(\theta)$. An SOS matrix is positive semidefinite for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$. Checking whether $M(\theta)$ is an SOS matrix can be cast as an SDP [Par00]
- Now assume that we would like to prove that a matrix $M(\theta)$ is positive semidefinite for all $\theta\in\mathcal{P}$ where \mathcal{P} is defined as

$$\mathcal{P} := \left\{ \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N : g_i(\theta) \ge 0, i = 1, \dots, b \right\}, \ g_i'\text{s are polynomials.}$$
(19)

 \blacksquare This is true if we can find SOS matrices $\Gamma_i(\theta), \, i=1,\ldots,b,$ such that the matrix

$$M(\theta) - \sum_{i=1}^{b} \Gamma_i(\theta) g_i(\theta) \text{ is an SOS matrix.}$$
(20

If the above condition holds, then

$$M(\theta) \succeq \sum_{i=1}^{b} \Gamma_i(\theta) g_i(\theta)$$
(21)

where the right-hand side is positive semidefinite for all $\theta \in \mathcal{P}$.

The package SOSTOOLS [PAV⁺13] can be used to formalize and check SOS conditions Corentin Briat, D-BSSE@ETH-Zürich MOSAR Seminar, Strasbourg, France 16 / 33

Example 1

System

Let us consider the system [XSF97]

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -2 - \rho & -1 \end{bmatrix} x \tag{22}$$

where $\rho(t) \in \mathcal{P} = [0, \bar{\rho}], \ \bar{\rho} > 0.$

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Results

- We choose polynomials of order 4, which corresponds to an SDP with 2409 primal variables and 315 dual variables.
- Building this program takes 6.04 seconds while solving it takes 1.25 second.

Example 1



Figure: Evolution of the computed minimum upper-bound on the minimum stability-preserving minimum dwell-time with $|\dot{\rho}| \leq \nu$ using an SOS approach with polynomials of degree 4.

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Example 2

Let us consider the system [Wu95]

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/4 & 2 & \rho_1 & \rho_2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -\rho_2 & \rho_1 \\ -3\nu\rho_1/4 & \nu\left(\rho_2 - 2\rho_1\right) & -\nu & 0 \\ -3\nu\rho_2/4 & \nu\left(\rho_1 - 2\rho_2\right) & 0 & -\nu \end{bmatrix} x$$
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where $\upsilon=15/4$ and $\rho\in\mathcal{P}=\{z\in\mathbb{R}^2:||z||_2=1\}.$ This system is not quadratically stable.

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Table: Evolution of the computed minimum upper-bound on the minimum dwell-time with $|\dot{\beta}| \leq \nu$ using an SOS approach with polynomials of degree *d*. The number of primal/dual variables of the semidefinite program and the preprocessing/solving time are also given.

	$\nu = 0$	$\nu = 0.1$	$\nu = 0.3$	$\nu = 0.5$	$\nu = 0.8$	$\nu = 0.9$	p/d vars.	time (sec)
d = 2	2.7282	2.9494	3.5578	4.6317	11.6859	26.1883	9820/1850	20/27
d = 4	1.7605	1.8881	2.2561	2.9466	6.4539	num. err.	43300/4620	212/935

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Sampled-data controllers

$$u(t_k + \tau) = K_1(\rho(t_k))x(t_k) + K_2(\rho(t_k))u(t_k), \ \tau \in (0, T_k], \ T_k \in [T_{min}, T_{max}]$$
(25)

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Continuous state-feedback control - Minimum dwell-time

Theorem

Let $\overline{T} > 0$ be given. Assume that there exist matrix-valued functions $U : [0, \overline{T}] \times \mathcal{P} \to \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\overline{S} : [0, \overline{T}] \times \mathcal{P} \to \mathbb{S}_{\succeq 0}^n$ such that the conditions

$$-\partial_{\tau}\tilde{S}(\tau,\theta) - \partial_{\rho}\tilde{S}(\tau,\theta)\nu + \operatorname{Sym}[A(\theta)\tilde{S}(\tau,\theta) + B(\theta)U(\tau,\theta)] \leq 0$$
(26)

$$\operatorname{Sym}[A(\theta)\tilde{S}(\bar{T},\theta) + B(\theta)U(\bar{T},\theta)] \prec 0,$$
(27)

and

$$\tilde{S}(\bar{T},\eta) - \tilde{S}(0,\theta) \prec 0 \tag{28}$$

hold for all $\theta, \eta \in \mathcal{P}$ and all $\tau \in [0, \overline{T}]$.

Then the closed-loop LPV system is asymptotically stable for all $\rho \in \mathscr{P}_{\geqslant \tilde{T}}$, and a suitable controller gain is moreover given by

$$K(\tau,\theta) = U(\tau,\theta)\tilde{S}(\tau,\theta)^{-1}.$$
(29)

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Proof

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