Lecture - 37

Neuro-Adaptive Design – II:

A Robustifying Tool for Any Design

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Motivation

- Perfect system modeling is difficult
- Sources of imperfection
 - Unmodelled dynamics (missing algebraic terms in the model)
 - Inaccurate knowledge of system parameters
 - Change of system parameters/dynamics during operation
- "Black box" adaptive approaches exist. But, making use of existing design is better! (faster adaptation, chance of instability before adaptation is minimal)
- The adaptive design should preferably be compatible with "any nominal control" design

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Modeling Inaccuracy: A Simple Example

$$\dot{x} = 2\sin(x) + 0.1\sin(x)$$

Known part of actual system (nominal system)

Unknown part of actual system

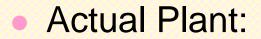
$$= 2\sin(x) + \Delta c\sin(x)$$
Weight Basis Function

Objective:

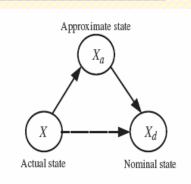
To increase the robustness of a "nominal controller" with respect to parameter and/or modeling inaccuracies, which lead to imperfections in the system model.

Problem Description and Strategy

• Desired Dynamics: $\dot{X}_d = f(X_d, U_d)$



$$\dot{X} = f(X,U) + d(X)$$
(unknown)



Goal:

$$X \to X_d$$
, as $t \to \infty$

• Approximate System: $\dot{X}_a = f(X,U) + \hat{d}(X) + K_a(X - X_a)$ $(K_a > 0)$

Strategy:

$$X \to X_a \to X_d$$
, as $t \to \infty$

NN Approx.

Steps for assuring $X_a \rightarrow X_d$

$$X_a \rightarrow X_a$$

• Select a gain matrix K > 0 such that

$$\dot{E}_d + K E_d = 0, \qquad E_d \triangleq (X_a - X_d)$$

This leads to

$$\left\{ f(X,U) + \hat{d}(X) + K_a(X - X_a) \right\} - f(X_d, U_d) + K(X_a - X_d) = 0$$

$$f(X,U) = \left\{ f(X_d, U_d) - \hat{d}(X) - K_a(X - X_a) - K(X_a - X_d) \right\}$$
i.e. $f(X,U) = h(X, X_a, X_d, U_d)$

Solve for the control U

Control Solution: (No. of controls = No. of states)

• Affine Systems: $f(X) + [g(X)]U = h(X, X_d, X_a, U_d)$

$$U = [g(X)]^{-1} \{ h(X, X_d, X_a, U_d) - f(X) \}$$

Non-affine Systems: $f(X,U) = h(X,X_d,X_a,U_d)$

Use Numerical Method (e.g. N-R Technique)

$$(U_{guess})_k = \begin{cases} U_d : k = 1 \\ U_{k-1} : k = 2,3,... \end{cases}$$

Control Solution: (No. of controls < No. of states)

Modify X_a dynamics:

$$\dot{X}_{a} = f(X,U) + \left[\hat{d}(X) - \Psi(X)U_{s}\right] + \Psi(X)U_{s} + K_{a}(X - X_{a})$$

$$= f(X,U) + \hat{d}_{a}(X) + \Psi(X)U_{s} + K_{a}(X - X_{a})$$

Solve for the control from:

$$\left\{ f(X,U) + \hat{d}_{a}(X) + \Psi(X)U_{s} + K_{a}(X - X_{a}) \right\} - f(X_{d}, U_{d}) + K(X_{a} - X_{d}) = 0$$

$$f(X,U) + \Psi(X)U_{s} = \left\{ f(X_{d}, U_{d}) - \hat{d}_{a}(X) - K_{a}(X - X_{a}) - K(X_{a} - X_{d}) \right\}$$

$$= h(X, X_{a}, X_{d}, U_{d})$$

Solution for affine systems: (No. of controls < No. of states)

$$\left\{ f(X) + g(X)U \right\} + \Psi(X)U_s = h(X, X_a, X_d, U_d)$$

$$f(X) + \left[g(X) \Psi(X)\right] \begin{bmatrix} U \\ U_s \end{bmatrix} = h(X, X_a, X_d, U_d)$$

$$G(X)V = -f(X) + h(X, X_a, X_d, U_d)$$

$$V = \left[G(X)\right]^{-1} \left\{ -f(X) + h(X, X_a, X_d, U_d) \right\}$$

Extract U from V

For simplicity, we will not consider this special case in our further discussion.

Steps for assuring

$$X \to X_a$$

- Error: $E_a \triangleq (X X_a), e_{a_i} \triangleq (x_i x_{a_i})$
- Error Dynamics:

$$\begin{split} \dot{x}_{i} &= f_{i}\left(X, U\right) + d_{i}\left(X\right) \\ \dot{x}_{a_{i}} &= f_{i}\left(X, U\right) + \hat{d}_{i}\left(X\right) + k_{a_{i}}e_{a_{i}} \\ \dot{e}_{a_{i}} &= \dot{x}_{i} - \dot{x}_{a_{i}} \\ &= \left[d_{i}\left(X\right) - \hat{d}_{i}\left(X\right)\right] - k_{a_{i}}e_{a_{i}} \\ &= \left\{W_{i}^{T}\Phi_{i}\left(X\right) + \varepsilon_{i}\right\} - \hat{W}_{i}^{T}\Phi_{i}\left(X\right) - k_{a_{i}}e_{a_{i}} \\ \dot{e}_{a_{i}} &= \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\Phi_{i}\left(X\right) + \varepsilon_{i} - k_{a_{i}}e_{a_{i}} \end{split}$$

Ideal neural network

$$d_i(X) = W_i^T \varphi_i(X) + \varepsilon_i$$

Actual neural network

$$\hat{d}_i(X) = \hat{W}_i^T \varphi_i(X)$$

$$\left(\tilde{W_i} \triangleq W_i - \hat{W_i}\right)$$

Stable Function Learning

Lyapunov Function Candidate

$$L_i = \frac{1}{2} \left(p_i e_{a_i}^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2\gamma_i} \left(\tilde{W}_i^T \tilde{W}_i \right) \qquad \left(p_i, \gamma_i > 0 \right)$$

Derivative of Lyapunov Function

$$\dot{L}_{i} = p_{i}e_{a_{i}}\dot{e}_{a_{i}} + \frac{1}{\gamma_{i}}\tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\dot{\tilde{W}}_{i}^{T}$$

$$= p_{i}e_{a_{i}}\left(\tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\Phi_{i}\left(X\right) + \varepsilon_{i} - k_{a_{i}}e_{a_{i}}\right) - \frac{1}{\gamma_{i}}\tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\dot{\tilde{W}}_{i} \qquad \left(::\tilde{W}_{i} \triangleq W_{i} - \hat{W}_{i}\right)$$

$$= \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\left(p_{i}e_{a_{i}}\Phi_{i}\left(X\right) - \frac{1}{\gamma_{i}}\dot{\tilde{W}}_{i}\right) + p_{i}e_{a_{i}}\varepsilon_{i} - k_{a_{i}}p_{i}e_{a_{i}}^{2}$$

Stable Function Learning

Weight update rule (Neural network training)

$$\dot{\hat{W}}_i = \gamma_i p_i e_{a_i} \Phi_i(X)$$

Derivative of Lyapunov Function

$$\dot{L}_i = p_i e_{a_i} \varepsilon_i - k_{a_i} p_i e_{a_i}^2$$

$$\left|\dot{L}_{i}<0\right|$$
 if $\left|e_{a_{i}}\right|>\left(\left|\varepsilon_{i}\right|/k_{a_{i}}\right)$

The system is "Practically Stable"

Neuro-adaptive Design: Implementation of Controller

Weight update rule:

$$\dot{\hat{W}}_i = \gamma_i p_i e_{a_i} \Phi_i, \qquad \hat{W}_i(0) = 0$$

where, γ_i : Learing rate

$$e_{a_i} = x_i - x_{a_i}$$

 Φ_i : Basis function

Estimation of unknown function:

$$\hat{d}(X) = \hat{W}^T \Phi_i$$

Neuro-adaptive Design: Implementation of Controller

• Desired Dynamics: $\dot{X}_d = f(X_d, U_d)$

(unknown)

• Actual Plant: $\dot{X} =$

$$\dot{X} = f(X,U) + d(X)$$

In reality, X(t) should be available from sensors and filters!

Approximate System:

NN Approximation

$$\dot{X}_a = f(X,U) + \hat{d}(X) + K_a(X - X_a), \qquad K_a > 0 (pdf)$$

• Initial Condition: $X_d(0) = X_a(0) = X(0)$: known

Example - 1

A Motivating Scalar Problem

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Example – 1: A scalar problem

- System dynamics (nominal system)
- System dynamics (actual system)
- Problem objectives:

 $\dot{x}_d = (x_d + x_d^2) + (1 + x_d^2)u_d$

$$\dot{x} = (x + x^2) + (1 + x^2)u + d(x)$$
$$d(x) = \sin(\pi x/2)$$

(unknown for control design)

- * Nominal control design: $x_d \rightarrow 0$
- * Adaptive control design: $x \to x_d$

Note: The objective $x \to x_d$ should be achieved much faster than $x_d \to 0$

Example – 1: A scalar problem

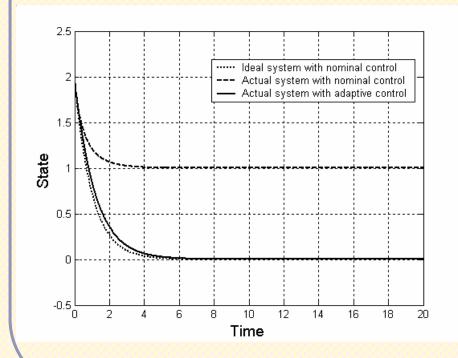
- Nominal control $(\dot{x}_d 0) + (1/\tau_d)(x_d 0) = 0$ $(\tau_d = 1)$ (dynamic inversion)
- Nominal control $u_d = -(1+x_d^2)^{-1}(x_d + x_d^2 + x_d)$
- Adaptive control $u = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \begin{bmatrix} (x_d + x_d^2) + (1+x_d^2)u_d k(x_a x_d) \\ -(x+x^2) \hat{d}(x) k_a(x-x_a) \end{bmatrix}$
- Design parameters

$$k = 2.5$$
 $k_a = 1$ $p = 1$ $\gamma = 30$

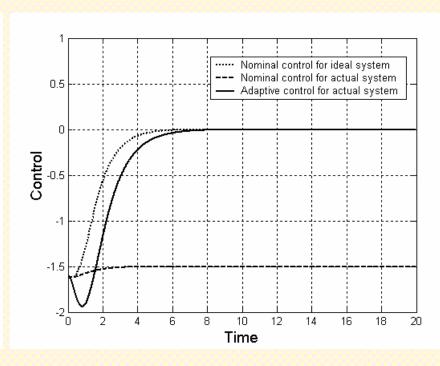
$$\Phi(x) = \left[\left(x/x_0 \right) \quad \left(x/x_0 \right)^2 \quad \left(x/x_0 \right)^3 \right]^T$$

Example – 1: A scalar problem

State Trajectory

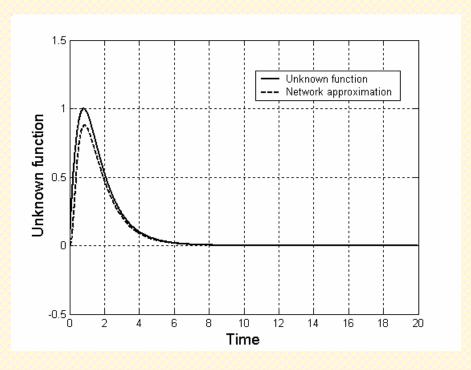


Control Trajectory



Example - 1: A scalar problem

Approximation of the unknown function



Example - 2

Double Inverted Pendulum: A Benchmark Problem

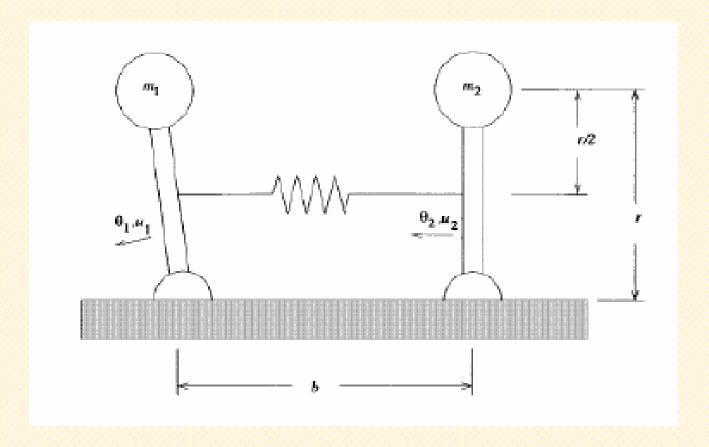
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Nominal Plant:

$$\dot{x}_{1}^{1} = x_{1}^{2}$$

$$\dot{x}_{1}^{2} = \alpha_{1} \sin(x_{1}^{1}) + \frac{kr}{2J_{1}}(l-b) + \left(\frac{u_{1_{\text{max}}}}{J_{1}}\right) \tanh(u_{1}) + \left(\frac{kr^{2}}{4J_{1}}\right) \sin(x_{2}^{1})$$

$$\dot{x}_{2}^{1} = x_{2}^{2}$$

$$\dot{x}_{2}^{2} = \alpha_{2} \sin(x_{2}^{1}) + \frac{kr}{2J_{2}}(l-b) + \left(\frac{u_{2_{\text{max}}}}{J_{2}}\right) \tanh(u_{2}) + \left(\frac{kr^{2}}{4J_{2}}\right) \sin(x_{1}^{1})$$

Actual Plant:

$$\dot{x}_{1}^{1} = x_{1}^{2}$$

$$\dot{x}_{1}^{2} = (\alpha_{1} + \Delta \alpha_{1}) \sin(x_{1}^{1}) + \frac{kr}{2J_{1}} (l - b) + \frac{u_{1_{\max}} \tanh(u_{1})}{J_{1}} + \frac{kr^{2}}{4J_{1}} \sin(x_{2}^{1}) + K_{m1} e^{a_{1}x_{1}^{1}}$$

$$\dot{x}_{2}^{1} = x_{2}^{2}$$

$$\dot{x}_{2}^{2} = (\alpha_{2} + \Delta \alpha_{2}) \sin(x_{2}^{1}) + \frac{kr}{2J_{2}} (l - b) + \frac{u_{2_{\max}} \tanh(u_{2})}{J_{2}} + \frac{kr^{2}}{4J_{2}} \sin(x_{1}^{1}) + K_{m2} e^{a_{2}x_{2}^{1}}$$

$$\alpha_{i} \triangleq \left(\frac{m_{i}gr}{J_{i}} - \frac{kr^{2}}{4J_{i}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{i} \triangleq \frac{kr}{2J_{i}}(l-b)$$

$$\xi_{i} \triangleq \frac{u_{i_{\max}}}{J_{i}}$$

$$\sigma_{i} \triangleq \frac{kr^{2}}{4J_{i}}$$

System Parameter	Value	Units
End mass of pendulum 1 (m_1)	2	kg
End mass of pendulum 2 (m_2)	2.5	kg
Moment of inertia (J_1)	0.5	kg m²
Moment of inertia (J_2)	0.625	kg m²
Spring constant of connecting spring (k)	100	N/m
Pendulum height (r)	0.5	m
Natural length of spring (l)	0.5	m
Gravitational acceleration (g)	9.81	m/s²
Distance between pendulum hinges (b)	0.4	m
Maximum torque input $(u_{1,\max})$	20	Nm
Maximum torque input $(u_{2,\max})$	20	Nm

Parameters in unknown function

$$\Delta \alpha_1, \Delta \alpha_2 : 20\%$$
 off $a_1 = a_2 = 0.01$ $K_{m_1} = K_{m_2} = 0.1$

Control design parameters

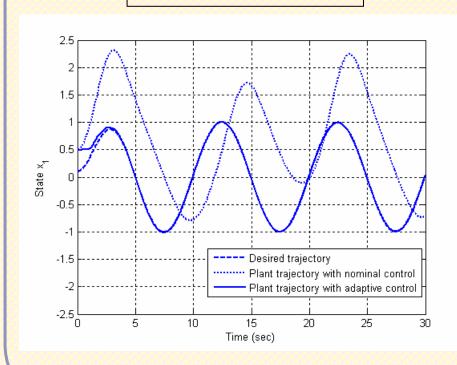
$$K = 0.2 I_4, \quad K_a = I_4$$

$$\psi(X) = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & -10 & 10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

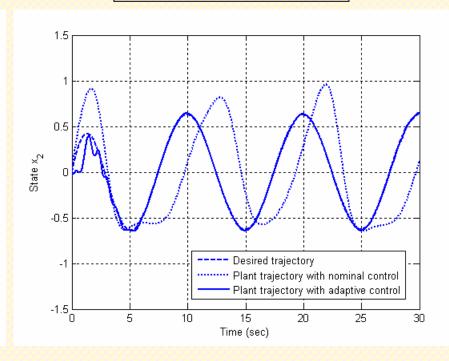
$$p_2 = p_4 = 1 \qquad \Phi_2(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1/1! & \cdots & x_1^{17}/17! & 1 & x_2/1! & \cdots & x_2^{17}/17! \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\gamma_2 = \gamma_4 = 20 \qquad \Phi_4(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_3/1! & \cdots & x_3^{17}/17! & 1 & x_4/1! & \cdots & x_4^{17}/17! \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Position of Mass - 1

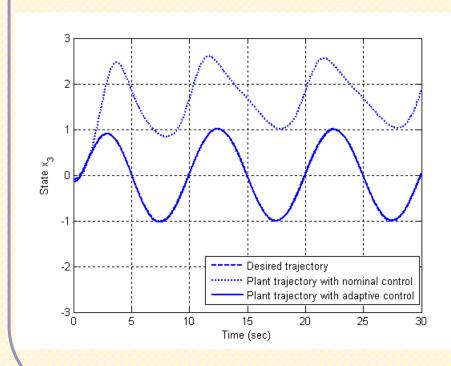


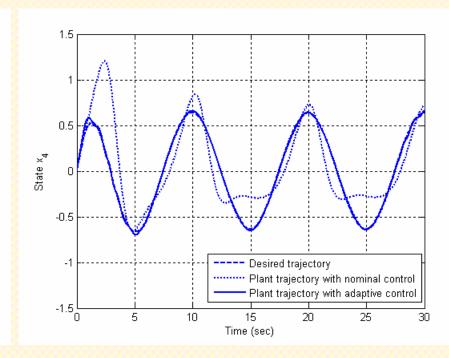
Velocity of Mass – 1



Position of Mass – 2

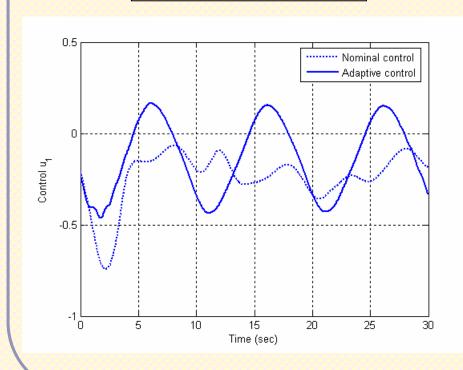
Velocity of Mass – 2

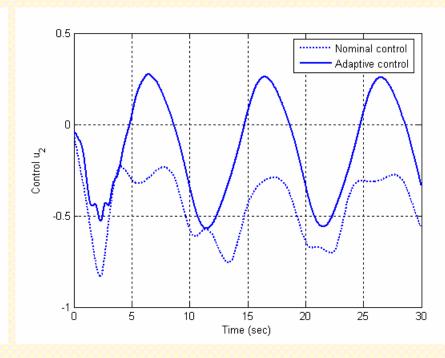




Torque for Mass – 1

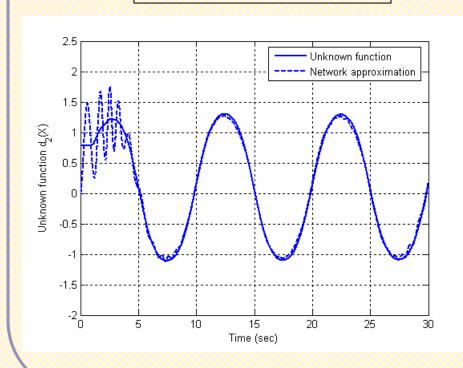
Torque for Mass – 2

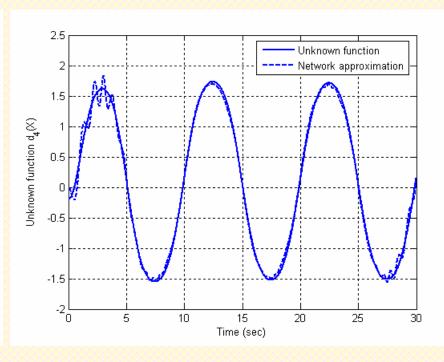




Capturing $d_2(X)$

Capturing $d_4(X)$





Neuro-Adaptive Design for Output Robustness

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N-A for Robustness of Output Dynamics

Desired output dynamics:

$$\dot{Y}_d = f_{Y_d}(X_d) + G_{Y_d}(X_d)U_d$$

Actual output dynamics:

$$\dot{Y} = f_{Y_d}(X) + G_{Y_d}(X)U + d(X)$$

Objective: $Y \rightarrow Y_d$ as soon as possible

N-A for Robustness of Output Dynamics

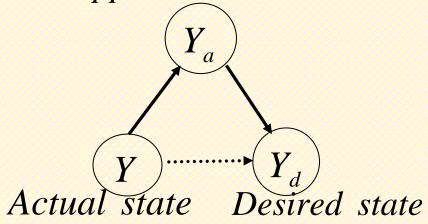
Dynamics of auxiliary output:

$$\dot{Y}_{a} = f_{Y_{d}}(X) + G_{Y_{d}}(X)U + \hat{d}(X) + K_{a}(Y - Y_{a})$$

Strategy:

NN Approx.

Approximate state



Steps for assuring $Y_a \rightarrow Y_d$

Enforce the error dynamics

$$\dot{E}_d + KE_d = 0 \qquad \qquad E_d \triangleq (Y_a - Y_d)$$

After carrying out the necessary algebra

$$f(X,U) = h(X,X_a,X_d,U_d)$$

In case of control affine system

$$f(X) + [g(X)]U = h(X, X_d, X_a, U_d)$$

The control is given by

$$U = [g(X)]^{-1} \{h(X, X_d, X_a, U_d) - f(X)\}$$

Steps for assuring $Y \rightarrow Y_a$

The error in the output is defined as

$$E_a \triangleq (Y - Y_a)$$
 $e_{a_i} \triangleq (y_i - y_{ai})$

Ideal neural network is given by:

$$d_i(X) = W_i^T \varphi_i(X) + \varepsilon_i$$

where W_i is the weight matrix and $\varphi_i(X)$ is the radial basis function

Function Learning:

Define error

$$e_{a_i} \triangleq (y_i - y_{a_i})$$

Output dynamics

$$\dot{y}_{i} = f_{Y_{i}}(X) + g_{Y_{i}}(X)U + d_{i}(X)$$

$$\dot{y}_{a_{i}} = f_{Y_{i}}(X) + g_{Y_{i}}(X)U + \hat{d}_{i}(X) + k_{a_{i}}e_{a_{i}}$$

Error dynamics

$$\begin{vmatrix} \dot{e}_{a_i} = d_i(X) - \hat{d}_i(X) - k_{a_i} e_{a_i} \\ = \tilde{W}_i^T \Phi_i(X) + \varepsilon_i - k_{a_i} e_{a_i} \end{vmatrix}$$

From universal function approximation property

$$d_{i}(X) = W_{i}^{T} \varphi_{i}(X) + \varepsilon_{i}$$
$$\hat{d}_{i}(X) = \hat{W}_{i}^{T} \varphi_{i}(X)$$

Lyapunov Stability Analysis

Lyapunov Function Candidate:

$$L_{i} = \frac{1}{2} \left(e_{a_{i}} p_{i} e_{a_{i}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\tilde{W}_{i}^{T} \gamma_{i} \tilde{W}_{i} \right)$$

Derivative of Lyapunov Function:

$$\dot{L}_{i} = e_{a_{i}} p_{i} \dot{e}_{a_{i}} + \tilde{W}_{i}^{T} \gamma_{i} \dot{\tilde{W}}_{i}$$

$$= e_{a_{i}} p_{i} \left[\tilde{W}_{i}^{T} \Phi_{i}(X) + \varepsilon_{i} - k_{a_{i}} e_{a_{i}} \right] - \tilde{W}_{i}^{T} \gamma_{i} \dot{\tilde{W}}_{i}$$

$$= \tilde{W}_{i}^{T} \left[e_{a_{i}} p_{i} \Phi_{i}(X) - \gamma_{i}^{-1} \dot{\tilde{W}}_{i} \right] + e_{a_{i}} p_{i} \varepsilon_{i} - k_{a_{i}} e_{a_{i}}^{2} p_{i}$$

Weight Update Rule:

$$\dot{\hat{W}}_i = \gamma_i e_{a_i} p_i \Phi_i(X, X_d)$$

Lyapunov Stability Analysis

This condition leads to $\dot{L}_i = e_{a_i} p_i \varepsilon_i - k_{a_i} e_{a_i}^2 p_i$

$$\dot{L}_i < 0$$
 whenever $\left| e_{a_i} \right| > \left| \mathcal{E}_i \right| / k_{a_i}$

Using the Lyapunov stability theory, we conclude that the trajectory of e_{a_i} and \widetilde{W}_i are pulled towards the origin.

Hence, the output dynamics is "Practically Stable"!

Neuro-Adaptive Design with Modified Weight Update Rule (with **o** modification)

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Weight update rule:

$$\dot{\hat{W}}_i = \gamma_i e_{a_i} \Phi_i - \gamma_i \sigma_i \hat{W}_i, \qquad \hat{W}_i (0) = 0$$

where, γ_i : Learing rate, $\sigma_i > 0$: Stabilizing factor

$$e_{a_i} = x_i - x_{a_i}$$

 Φ_i : Basis function

Estimation of unknown function:

$$\hat{d}(X) = \hat{W}^T \Phi_i$$

Lyapunov function candidate:

$$v_i = \frac{1}{2}e_{a_i}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{W}_i^T \gamma_i^{-1}\tilde{W}_i$$
 (Note: $p_i = 1$)

Then
$$\dot{v}_i = e_{a_i} \dot{e}_{a_i} + \tilde{W}_i^T \gamma_i^{-1} \tilde{\tilde{W}}_i$$

$$= \left(e_{a_i} \varepsilon_i - e_{a_i}^2 \right) + \sigma_i \tilde{W}_i^T \hat{W}_i \quad \text{(can be derived so, with } k_{a_i} = 1 \text{)}$$

Consider the last term in \dot{v}_i

$$\begin{split} \tilde{W_i}^T \hat{W_i} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \left(\tilde{W_i}^T \hat{W_i} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \tilde{W_i}^T \left(W_i - \tilde{W_i} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(2 \tilde{W_i}^T W_i - 2 \tilde{W_i}^T \tilde{W_i} \right) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{However,} \quad 2\tilde{W}_{i}^{T}W_{i} &= \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}W_{i} + \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}W_{i} \\ &= \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\left(\hat{W}_{i} + \tilde{W}_{i}\right) + \left(W_{i} - \hat{W}_{i}\right)^{T}W_{i} \\ &= \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\hat{W}_{i} + \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\tilde{W}_{i} + W_{i}^{T}W_{i} - \hat{W}_{i}^{T}W_{i} \\ &= \hat{W}_{i}^{T}\left(\tilde{W}_{i} - W_{i}\right) + \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\tilde{W}_{i} + W_{i}^{T}W_{i} \\ &= -\hat{W}_{i}^{T}\hat{W}_{i} + \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\tilde{W}_{i} + W_{i}^{T}W_{i} \\ &= -\hat{W}_{i}^{T}\hat{W}_{i} + \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\tilde{W}_{i} + W_{i}^{T}W_{i} - \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\tilde{W}_{i} - \tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\tilde{W}_{i} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left(-\sigma\hat{W}_{i}^{T}\hat{W}_{i} - \sigma\tilde{W}_{i}^{T}\tilde{W}_{i} + \sigma W_{i}^{T}W_{i}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\left(-\sigma\left\|\tilde{W}_{i}\right\|^{2} - \sigma\left\|\hat{W}_{i}\right\|^{2} + \sigma\left\|W_{i}\right\|^{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the equation for \dot{v}_i becomes

$$\begin{split} \dot{v}_{i} &\leq e_{a_{i}} \varepsilon_{i} - e_{a_{i}}^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| \tilde{W}_{i} \right\|^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| \hat{W}_{i} \right\|^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| W_{i} \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq \frac{e_{a_{i}}^{2}}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_{i}^{2}}{2} - e_{a_{i}}^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| \tilde{W}_{i} \right\|^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| \hat{W}_{i} \right\|^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| W_{i} \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq -\frac{e_{a_{i}}^{2}}{2} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{i}^{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| W_{i} \right\|^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| \tilde{W}_{i} \right\|^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{i} \left\| \hat{W}_{i} \right\|^{2} \right) \end{split}$$

Defining
$$\beta_i \triangleq \frac{\varepsilon_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_i \left(\|W_i\|^2 - \|\tilde{W}_i\|^2 - \|\hat{W}_i\|^2 \right)$$

We have

$$\dot{v}_i < 0$$
, whenever $\frac{e_{a_i}^2}{2} > \beta_i$

i.e. $\dot{v}_i < 0$, whenever $\left| e_{a_i} \right| > \sqrt{2\beta_i}$

Summary: Neuro-Adaptive Design

- N-A Design: A generic model-following adaptive design for robustifying "any" nominal controller
- It is valid for both non-square and nonaffine problems in general
- Extensions:
 - Robustness of output dynamics only
 - "Structured N-A design" for efficient learning

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