

On Moment Based Robust MPC Formulations

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Where innovation starts

▶ Various areas of applications

① Chemical processes

- Distillation columns;
- Glass furnaces;
- Ultra-filtration (membrane) systems.

② Constrained multibody systems

▶ Modeling the process

① Model based applications - State predictions

② Large-scale and nonlinear vs. black-box models

▶ Uncertainties vs. predictive control

① How to cope with uncertainty?

- Accept nominal predictions?
- Stochastic vs. worst-case reasoning

② Practical applicability

- Accept pessimism vs. operational risks?
- Computational expenses

- 1 Introduction to Uncertain MPC Problems
- 2 Moment-based MPC
 - Additive perturbations case
 - Mean-Variance-Skewness-MPC
 - Plant-Model Mismatch
- 3 Simulation Examples
- 4 Conclusions

- ▶ Design MPC such that:
 - 1 controller operates in real-time (**complexity**)
 - 2 controller is risk-aware (**unrealistic predictions**)
- ▶ Robustness \neq Risk-awareness

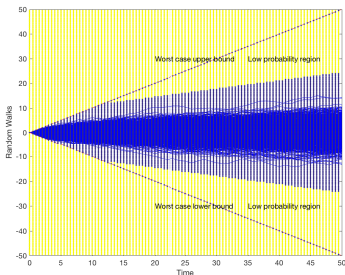


Figure 1. Random walks of state trajectory

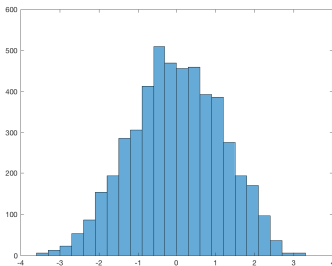


Figure 2. Histogram of state (at $t = 5$)

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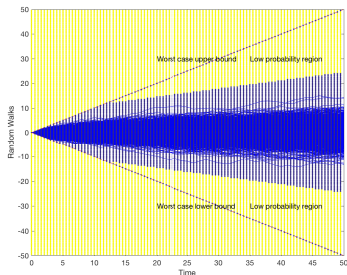


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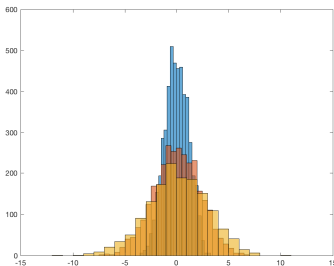


Figure 4. Histogram of state (at $t = 25$)

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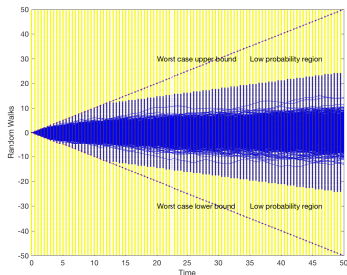


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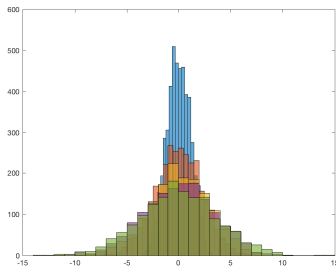
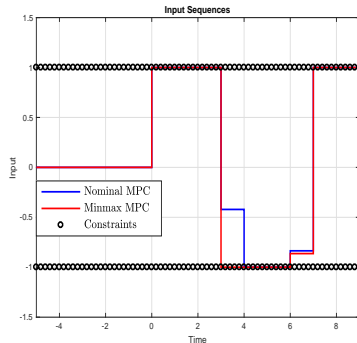
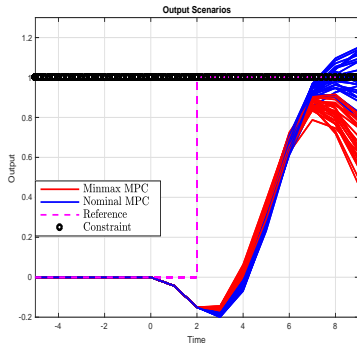


Figure 6. Histogram of state (at $t = 45$)

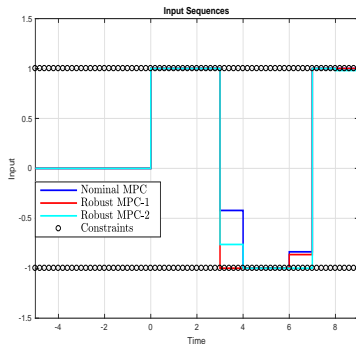
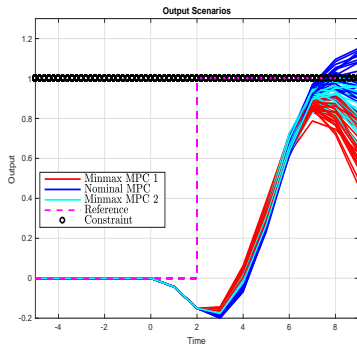
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► Uncertain cost and constraint functions

1 Deterministic approach

- Min-max and derivatives
- Pessimism - Misery of worst-case thinking

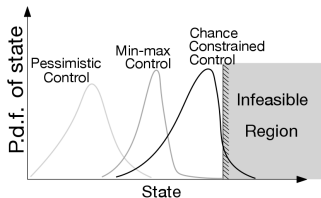


Figure 7. Pessimism in control

2 Stochastic approach

- Chance (probabilistic) constraints
- Implementation - non-convexity

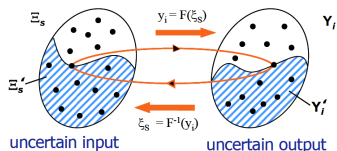


Figure 8. Non-convex constraints¹.

¹ Arellano-Garcia, H. "Chance constrained optimization of process systems under uncertainty." TUB, (2006).

Uncertain MPC problems - Risk based approach

Reshape:

- ▶ Predictions
- ▶ Constraint violations
- ▶ Computational complexity

$$x_{k+1} = A(\delta_k)x_k + B(\gamma_k)u_k + Fw_k;$$

$$y_k = Cx_k, \quad x_0 = x^0,$$

$$J = f(x_j, u_j, \delta_j, \gamma_j, w_j),$$

$$\forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_{[0, N_p-1]}$$

Natural candidates for
'reshaping'

- 1 Min-max
- 2 Scenarios
- 3 Chance constraints
- 4 **Moments**

$$\mathcal{P}(k) : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_{u_{[0, N_p-1]|k}} \quad \mathcal{R}^{\text{cost}}(J(x_k)) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \mathcal{R}^{\text{const}}(c_i(x_{j|k})) \leq 0, \\ \text{Prediction model,} \\ \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_{[0, N_p-1]}, \\ \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1, N_c^j]}, \end{array} \right.$$

Moment-based MPC

- ▶ New cost function: Moments of uncertain cost function

$$\min_{u_{[0, N_p-1]|k}} J(x, u, \zeta) \rightarrow \min_{u_{[0, N_p-1]|k}} \mathbb{E}\{J\} + \lambda_v \mathbb{D}\{J\} + \lambda_s \mathbb{S}\{J\} \dots$$

- ▶ New constraints: Moments of uncertain constraint function

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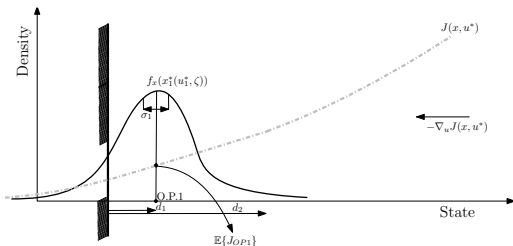


Figure 9. Operating point selection.

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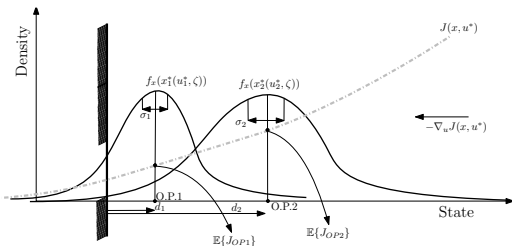


Figure 10. Operating points for two different cases.

► Nominal and Mean case

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}_{k+1} &= A\bar{x}_k + Bu_k; & x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k + Fw_k; \\ \bar{y}_k &= C\bar{x}_k, \bar{x}_{0|k} = x_k. & y_k &= Cx_k, x_{0|k} = x_k.\end{aligned}$$

$$J^N = \sum_{j=0}^{N_p-1} \|\bar{x}_{j|k}\|_Q^2 + \|u_{j|k}\|_R^2, \quad J = \sum_{j=0}^{N_p-1} \|x_{j|k}\|_Q^2 + \|u_{j|k}\|_R^2,$$

$$J^N = \xi^\top H_M^{N_p} \xi,$$

$$J^M = \mathbb{E}\{J(x_k)\},$$

$$J^M = \underbrace{\xi_k^\top H_M^{N_p} \xi_k}_{\text{Nominal cost}} + \underbrace{f^M}_{\text{Constant}},$$

$$\xi_k^\top = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0|k}^\top & u_{[0, N_p-1]|k}^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f^M = \text{Tr}(T_F^\top \bar{Q} T_F \Sigma_w)$$

► Nominal MPC = Mean MPC

- ① Same control action - same minimizer

► Mean-Variance and MVS case

$$J_w^{MV} = \mathbb{E}\{J\} + \lambda_v \mathbb{D}\{J\},$$

$$J_w^{MV} = \sum_{j=0}^{N_p-1} \|\bar{x}_{j|k}\|_{Q_{j,w}^{MV}}^2 + \|u_{j|k}\|_R^2$$

$$Q_{j,w}^{MV} = Q + 4\lambda_v Q_v^w(j),$$

$$Q_v^w(j) = Q \Upsilon^w(j) Q,$$

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$$Q_s^w(j) = Q \Upsilon^w(j) Q \Upsilon^w(j) Q,$$

$$\Upsilon^w(j) = \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} A^{j-1-i} F \Sigma_w F^T A^{j-1-i^T}$$

► Stage-wise varying Q matrix $\rightarrow Q_{j+1,w}^{MV} \succ Q_{j,w}^{MV}$

- ▶ Complexity reduction
 - 1 Stage-varying Q matrix
 - 2 Nominal MPC complexity
- ▶ Stability
 - 1 No need for terminal cost
 - 2 Decrease in variance
- ▶ Disturbance rejection with larger Q matrix
 - 1 Modern control: high gain controller
 - 2 Classical control: higher bandwidth
- ▶ Generalization to different cases
 - 1 Even p.d.f. (MV case)
 - 2 Reference tracking - (nominally) time varying systems
 - 3 Initial condition mismatch → disturbance at one time instant.

- ▶ Mean case - Different nominal MPC problem

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= A(\delta_k)x_k + B(\gamma_k)u_k; & J^M(x_k) &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \xi_k^\top \tilde{H}^{N_p}(\delta, \gamma) \xi_k \right\}, \\y_k &= Cx_k, \quad x_{0|k} = x_k. & &= \xi_k^\top \mathbb{E} \left\{ \tilde{H}^{N_p}(\delta, \gamma) \right\} \xi_k,\end{aligned}$$

- 1 Both Q and R varies over prediction stages
- 2 Explicitly available stage-wise backwards accumulation

$$Q_{j-1,\delta}^M \succ Q_{j,\delta}^M, \quad R_{j-1,\delta}^M \succ R_{j,\delta}^M$$

- 3 Depending on the bounds of δ and γ :
 - Higher gain controller - Increase bandwidth - Disturbance rejection
 - Lower gain controller - Decrease bandwidth - Low freq. robustness
- ▶ Problem: Exponentially increasing number of terms in $Q_{j,\delta}^M$ or $R_{j,\delta}^M$

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_k + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u_k + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w_k$$

$$y_k = Cx_k, \quad x_0 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 35 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -35 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

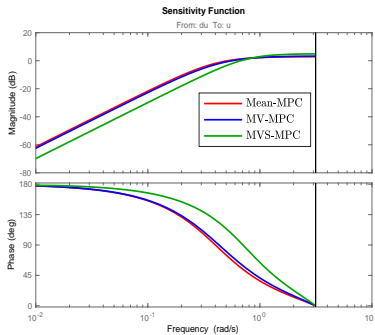
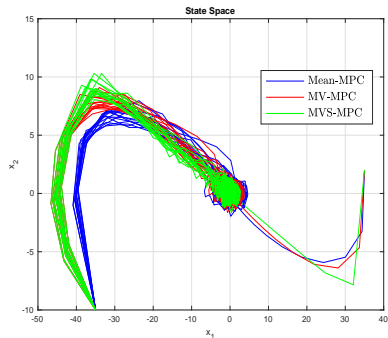
$$J = \text{Quad}(x, u, Q, R, N_p)$$

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$$\lambda_v = 10, \quad \lambda_s = 1000, \quad N_p = 10$$

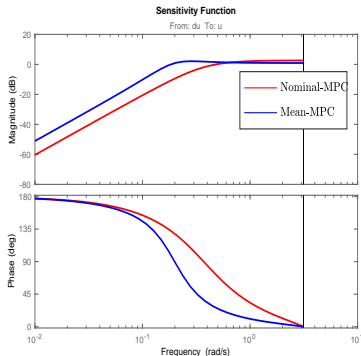
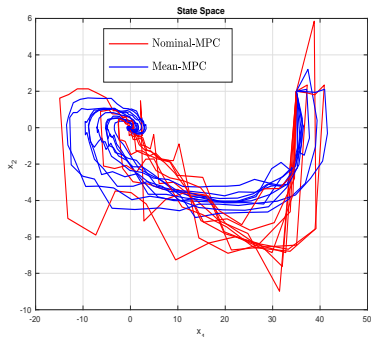


- Double integrator system: $A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = A_0 + A_1 \delta_k, \quad B = B_0 + B_1 \gamma_k, \quad A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\delta_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \quad \gamma \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$J^M = \mathbb{E}\{J\}, \quad N_p = 5$$



- ▶ Robust operation \neq Worst-case approach
- ▶ Moment-based MPC
 - 1 Complexity - Nominal MPC problem if unconstrained
 - 2 Closed-loop performance - similar with classical control
- ▶ Incorporation of risk & deviation metrics into MPC formulation
 - 1 Economic MPC
 - 2 Convex approximations of chance constraints
 - 3 Different risk & deviation metrics - CVaR, Semi variance etc.



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