

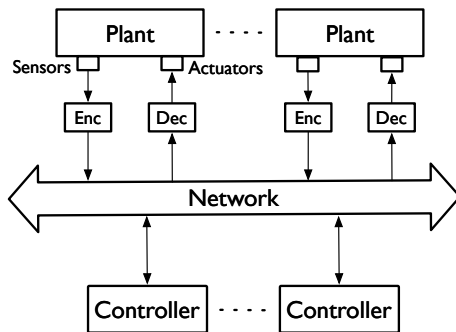
Lecture 3

Stability of NCS: sampling and delay

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Recap from the last lecture



Control networks

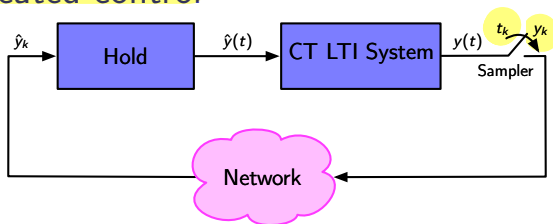
- Packet-networks designed for real-time operations
- Delays induced by: the physical layer, the transmission of complete packets, queuing at source nodes, decoding at the destination nodes, the MAC protocol, and the network load
 - ▶ Time-varying, often stochastic delays
- Packet dropout due to collisions + no retransmission of old packets

Outline

How much sampling time and network delays can deteriorate stability and performance?

- Analysis
 - ▶ Discrete-time (DT) models of NCS with linear dynamics
 - ▶ Examples of the effect of sampling and delays on stability
 - ▶ The Maximum Allowable Transfer Interval (MATI): definition and estimation
- Control Design
 - ▶ Delay compensation for remote control

NCS - collocated control

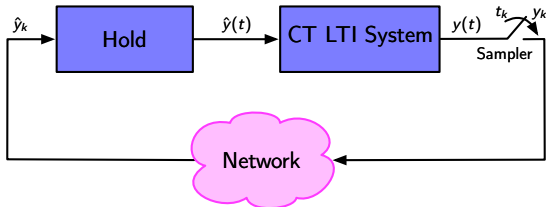


Previous lecture: “encoder” = sampler, “decoder” = hold

Assumption: **One-plant-one-controller** setting. The controller and system are

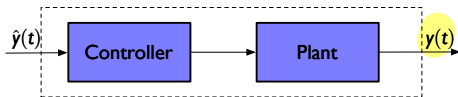
- collocated
- represented by a continuous-time (CT) LTI system

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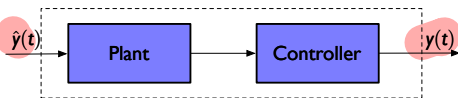
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- Two possible arrangements:



- y : plant measurements
- $\hat{y}$: input to controller
- Controller collocated with actuators

- Controller gets “corrupted” measurements



- y : control signals
- $\hat{y}$: input to the actuators
- controller collocated with sensors

- Plant gets “corrupted” control actions

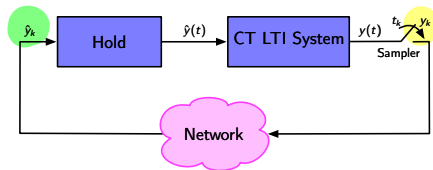
Model of sample and hold

- System CT output $y(t)$ sampled at $\{t_k, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$
 - $y_k = y(t_k)$, $T_k \triangleq t_{k+1} - t_k$

- Hold + ideal network (no delay)

$$\hat{y}_k = y_k \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\hat{y}(t) = \hat{y}_k \quad t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$$

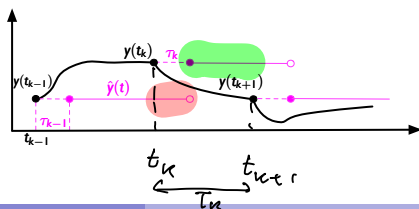


- Hold + network time varying delay: y_k arrives at $t_k + \tau_k$

→ Assumption (for simplicity) : $\tau_k < T_k$

$$\hat{y}_k = y_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\hat{y}(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{y}_{k-1} & t \in [t_k, t_k + \tau_k) \\ \hat{y}_k & t \in [t_k + \tau_k, t_{k+1}) \end{cases}$$



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Goal: compute the discrete-time dynamics for x_k

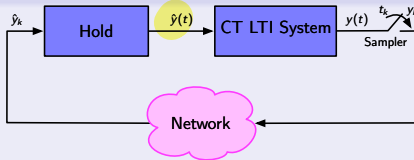
LTI system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad u = \hat{y}$$

$$y = Cx$$

- Set $x_k = x(t_k)$, $y_k = y(t_k)$ etc.
- Recall the Lagrange formula for the above system with $x(t_0) = x_0$

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-t_0)}x_0 + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau}_{(b)}$$



State transition operator e^{As} : pushes x_0 ahead by s seconds

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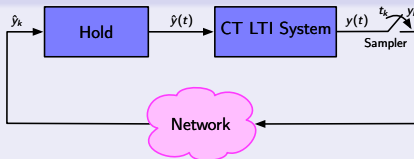
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Constant-input transmission operator $\Gamma(s) \triangleq \int_0^s e^{Az} dz$

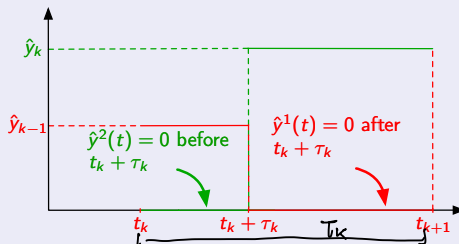
- ▶ $(b) = \Gamma(t - t_0)B\bar{u}$ if $u(\cdot) = \bar{u}$ on $[t_0, t]$.

Proof: $(b) = \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} d\tau B\bar{u} = - \int_{t-t_0}^0 e^{Az} dz B\bar{u} = \int_0^{t-t_0} e^{Az} dz B\bar{u}$, where we have set $z = t - \tau$.

- ▶ $\Gamma(t - t_0)B$ "pushes" $\bar{u}$ ahead by $t - t_0$ seconds

Discrete-time model of the LTI system (2/2)

Represent $u(t) = \hat{y}(t)$ on $[t_k, t_{k+1}]$ as $\hat{y}^1(t) + \hat{y}^2(t)$



For computing x_{k+1} , use the superposition principle with three causes: x_k , $\hat{y}^1(t)$, and $\hat{y}^2(t)$. Three experiments on $[t_k, t_{k+1}]$:

- $\phi(t_{k+1}, t_k, x_k, 0) = e^{AT_k} x_k$
- $\phi(t_{k+1}, t_k, 0, \hat{y}^2(t)) = e^{A(T_k - \tau_k)} \Gamma(\tau_k) B \cdot 0 + \Gamma(T_k - \tau_k) B \hat{y}_k = \Gamma(T_k - \tau_k) B C x_k$
- $\phi(t_{k+1}, t_k, 0, \hat{y}^1(t)) = e^{A(T_k - \tau_k)} x(t_k + \tau_k) = e^{A(T_k - \tau_k)} \Gamma(\tau_k) B \hat{y}_{k-1}$

x_{k+1} is the linear combination (with unit coefficients) of the three experiments:

$$x_{k+1} = e^{AT_k} x_k + e^{A(T_k - \tau_k)} \Gamma(\tau_k) B \hat{y}_{k-1} + \Gamma(T_k - \tau_k) B C x_k$$

Alternative derivation of the NCS (check @ home)

Use only the Lagrange formula on $[t_k, t_{k+1}]$

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= e^{A(t_{k+1}-t_k)}x_k + \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1}-s)}B\hat{y}(s)ds \\&= e^{A(t_{k+1}-t_k)}x_k + \left(\int_{t_k}^{t_k+\tau_k} e^{A(t_{k+1}-s)}ds\right)B\hat{y}_{k-1} \\&\quad + \left(\int_{t_k+\tau_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1}-s)}ds\right)B\hat{y}_k \\&= e^{A(t_{k+1}-t_k)}x_k + e^{A(t_{k+1})}e^{-A(t_k+\tau_k)}\int_{t_k}^{t_k+\tau_k} e^{A(t_k+\tau_k-s)}dsB\hat{y}_{k-1} \\&\quad + \left(\int_{t_k+\tau_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1}-s)}ds\right)B\hat{y}_k\end{aligned}$$

Changing variables in the integrals, so as to make $\Gamma(\cdot)$ appear:

$$x_{k+1} = e^{AT_k}x_k + e^{A(T_k-\tau_k)}\Gamma(\tau_k)B\hat{y}_{k-1} + \Gamma(T_k - \tau_k)BCx_k$$

NCS global model

Need x_k and $\hat{y}_{k-1}$ for computing x_{k+1} . Define the augmented state

$$z_k \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} x(t_k)^T & \hat{y}_{k-1}^T \end{bmatrix}^T.$$

NCS dynamics

$$z_{k+1} = \Psi(T_k, \tau_k) z_k$$
$$\Psi(T_k, \tau_k) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{AT_k} + \Gamma(T_k - \tau_k)BC & e^{A(T_k - \tau_k)}\Gamma(\tau_k)B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remarks

- The second line of Ψ represents $\hat{y}_k = Cx(t_k)$
- Ψ embodies the effect of sampling, network delay, and feedback interconnection
- Ideal network: $\tau_k = 0 \rightarrow \Gamma(0) = 0 \rightarrow$ The red part disappears
 - ▶ Simplified dynamics: $x_{k+1} = (e^{AT_k} + \Gamma(T_k)BC)x_k$

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Problems

- How to calculate block matrices in Ψ ?

Computations of $e^{As} = I + As + \frac{(As)^2}{2!} + \dots$

$$\Psi(T_k, \tau_k) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{AT_k} + \Gamma(T_k - \tau_k)BC & e^{A(T_k - \tau_k)}\Gamma(\tau_k)B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Closed-form of e^{As} : simple for only special A (e.g. diagonal)
- Symbolic computations. In MatLab (requires the symbolic toolbox)

`syms s`

`A = [-1 0.9; 0 -0.2]`

`E = expm(A*s)`

gives

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-s} & \frac{9}{8}(e^{\frac{s}{5}} - e^{-s}) \\ 0 & e^{\frac{s}{5}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Numerical computation for given A and s

`A = [-1 0.9; 0 -0.2]`

`s=0.5`

`E = expm(A*s)`

Computation of $\Gamma(s) = \int_0^s e^{A\tau} d\tau$

- If $\det(A) \neq 0$, then $\Gamma(s) = A^{-1}(e^{As} - I)$

Proof:

$$\int_0^s e^{A\tau} d\tau = \int_0^s \left(I + A\tau + \frac{(A\tau)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) d\tau = \left(sI + \frac{As^2}{2!} + \frac{A^2s^3}{3!} + \dots \right)$$

Then,

$$A \int_0^s e^{A\tau} d\tau = (e^{As} - I)$$

$$e^{As} = I + As + \frac{(As)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

- If $\det(A) = 0$, other methods exist

In MatLab, compute $\Gamma(0.5)$ as

`s=0.5`

`EXPO=( @(X) (expm(A*X))`

`Gamma=integral(EXPO,0,0,s,'ArrayValued',time)`

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Summary of the model (1/2)

NCS with collocated control

LTI system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B\hat{y}$$

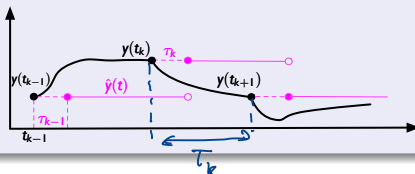
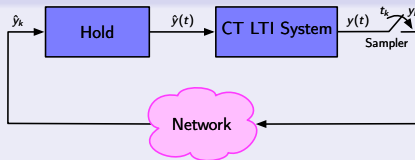
$$y = Cx$$

- $T_k = t_{k+1} - t_k$

Network model with delays: y_k arrives at $t_k + \tau_k$ ($\tau_k < T_k$ by assumption)

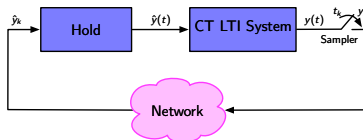
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Augmented state: $z_k \triangleq [x(t_k)^T \quad \hat{y}_{k-1}^T]^T$

Summary of the model 2/2



The NCS DT system

$$z_{k+1} = \Psi(T_k, \tau_k) z_k$$

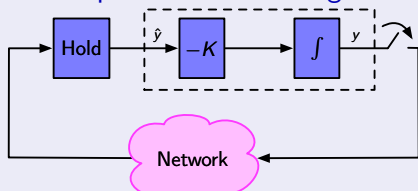
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- $\Gamma(s) = \int_0^s e^{A\tau} d\tau$
- The NCS is an LTV system
- Nonlinear and nontrivial dependence of Ψ on sampling intervals T_k and delays τ_k
- **Effect of T_k and τ_k on stability?**

Examples: effect of sampling and delays on NCS stability

Effect of sampling and delay on stability (1/3)

Example: controlled integrator



LTI system in the box

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = 0 \cdot x - K\hat{y} & A = 0, B = -K < 0 \\ y = x & C = 1 \end{cases}$$

Assumptions: $T_k = T$, $\tau_k = \tau$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$

One has: $e^{AT} = 1$, $\Gamma(s) = \int_0^s e^{A\tau} d\tau = s$

$$\Psi(T, \tau) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - K(T - \tau) & -K\tau \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The NCS is a DT LTI system. Check stability using the eigenvalues of Ψ

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\lambda) &= \det(\lambda I - \Psi(T, \tau)) = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 + K(T - \tau) & K\tau \\ -1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \lambda^2 - \lambda(1 - K(T - \tau)) + K\tau \end{aligned}$$

Effect of sampling and delay on stability (2/3)

- Recall: Jury's criterion for $\chi(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + \alpha\lambda + \beta$

$$\text{All roots of } \chi(\lambda) \text{ have modulus } < 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \beta > -\alpha - 1 \\ \beta > \alpha - 1 \\ \beta < 1 \end{cases}$$

For $\chi(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \lambda(1 - K(T - \tau)) + K\tau$ we have the conditions

$$+K\tau > (1 - K(T - \tau)) - 1 \rightarrow K\tau > -K(T - \tau) \quad (1)$$

$$+K\tau > -(1 - K(T - \tau)) - 1 \rightarrow K\tau > -2 + K(T - \tau) \quad (2)$$

$$K\tau < 1 \xrightarrow{K>0} \tau < \frac{1}{K} \quad (3)$$

Since $K > 0$

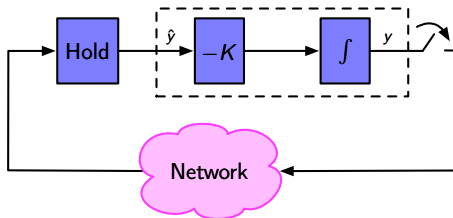
$$(1) \rightarrow \tau > -T + \tau \rightarrow 0 > -T \text{ always OK}$$

$$(2) \rightarrow \tau > -\frac{2}{K} + T - \tau \rightarrow \tau > -\frac{1}{K} + \frac{T}{2}$$

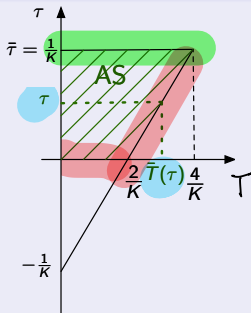
Conclusion:

From (2), (3), and $\tau > 0$, the NCS is AS iff $\max(0, -\frac{1}{K} + \frac{T}{2}) < \tau < \frac{1}{K}$

Effect of sampling and delay on stability (3/3)



Region of asymptotic stability in the (T, τ) -plane



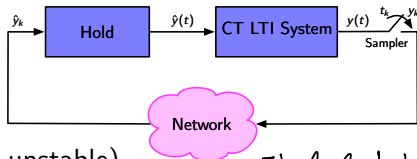
- Maximal tolerable delay:
 $\bar{\tau} = 1 \setminus K$
 - ▶ Aggressive controller (K big) implies small $\bar{\tau}$
- For a given $\tau \in [0, \bar{\tau}]$, there is a **Maximum Allowable Transfer Interval (MATI)**, i.e. a maximal $\bar{T}(\tau)$

Other examples (constant T_k and τ_k): first-order system

LTI system

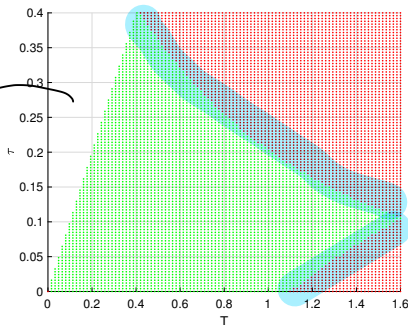
$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx$$



- $A = 1, B = -2, C = 1$ (open-loop unstable)

$T < \tau$



Ideal closed-loop system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + BCx$$

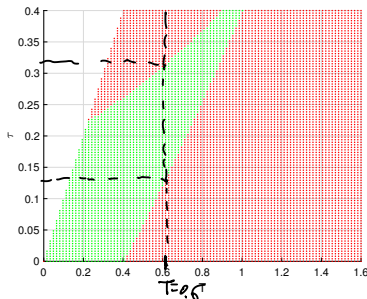
$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{(A + BC)}_{-I} x$$

$\hookrightarrow A.s. \text{ stab!}$

- Green = $\Psi(T, \tau)$ is Schur. Non-obvious shape of the region ...
 - ▶ still for $\tau \in [0, 0.4]$, there is a MATI

Other examples (constant T_k and τ_k): first-order system

- $A = -1, B = -5, C = 1$ (open-loop stable)



- There is a MATI but also a lower bound for T for high enough τ .

Remark

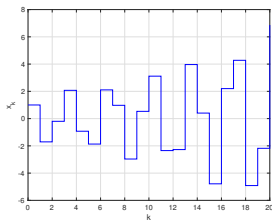
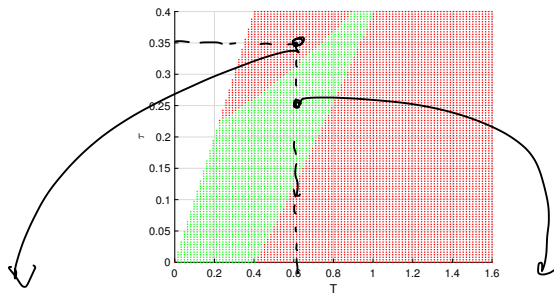
For $T = 0.6$, a delay large enough (but not too much) is stabilizing
→ not obvious



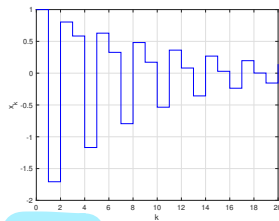
E. Fridman, "Introduction to time-delay and sampled-data systems," 2014 European Control Conference (ECC), Strasbourg, 2014, pp. 1428-1433.

Simulations

- $A = -1, B = -5, C = 1$ (open-loop stable)



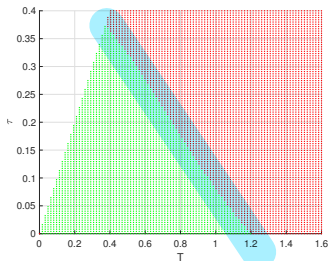
$T = 0.6, \tau = 0.35$: **unstable**



$T = 0.6, \tau = 0.25$: **stable**

Other examples : second-order system

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.9 \\ 0.2 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C = [-0.1 \quad 1] \quad \text{spec}(A) = \{-1.183, -0.017\}$$



Conclusions

The analysis of pairs (T, τ) guaranteeing asymptotic stability is not trivial

- In all cases, there is a **MATI**
- formal methods needed: see next!

Estimation of the MATI

The MATI

Definition

For a given $\tau_{min}, \tau_{max} \in \mathbb{R}$, the MATI is the largest $T \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$T > T_k, k = 0, 1, \dots \Rightarrow \text{the NCS is AS for all } \tau_k \in [\tau_{min}, \tau_{max}]$$

Remarks

Knowledge of MATI allows one to set the sampler for

- preserving stability
- avoiding small T_k , which increases the network load

MATI estimation - constant T, τ

Assumption 1 : $\tau_k = \tau$, $T_k = T$, $\forall k \geq 0$ and $\tau < T$

- Realistic for:

- ▶ Controlled Area Network (CAN) protocol (the maximal τ_k is constant for high-priority messages) and token-ring bus
- ▶ protocols where τ_k are equalized using a buffer at the receiver $\rightarrow$ careful: all messages will appear to have the worst-case delay

Under Assumption 1, one can compute a stability region in the plane (T, τ) , as done in previous examples.

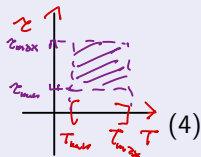
MATI estimation - variable T_k, τ_k

Sufficient stability condition using the candidate Lyapunov function $V(z) = z^T P z$ for the NCS dynamics

$$z_{k+1} = \Psi(T_k, \tau_k) z_k$$

Theorem: Assume that $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$T_k \in [T_{\min}, T_{\max}] \text{ and } \tau_k \in [\tau_{\min}, \tau_{\max}]$$



where $T_{\min} > \tau_{\max}$. The NCS is exponentially stable if $\exists P = P^T > 0$ and $\nu > 0$ such that

$$\Psi(T, \tau)^T P \Psi(T, \tau) - P \leq -\nu I \quad \forall T \in [T_{\min}, T_{\max}] \quad \forall \tau \in [\tau_{\min}, \tau_{\max}] \quad (5)$$

- Checking if there is P such that (5) holds amounts to solving a set of LMIs, after gridding the box $[T_{\min}, T_{\max}] \times [\tau_{\min}, \tau_{\max}]$
- $V(z)$ is a *common* Lyapunov function for all (T, τ) in the box $\rightarrow$ **sufficient** condition only.

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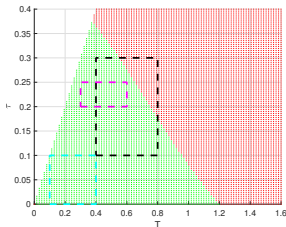
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- For estimating the MATI

- ▶ $\tau_{min}, \tau_{max}, T_{min}$ are given by the network technology
- ▶ Reduce T_{max} until (5) is feasible $\rightarrow$ (conservative) estimate of MATI

Example: second-order system (ctd.)

Green/red regions=stable/unstable NCS for constant T and τ



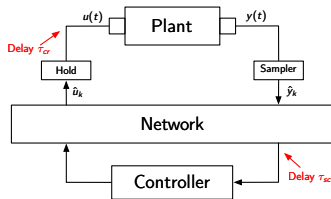
Conservativity of the theorem

Through numerical computations one finds that the LMIs are:

- **unfeasible** for (T, τ) in the black region (expected as $T_k = T, \tau_k = \tau$, and $(T, \tau) \in$ (red region) causes instability)
- **unfeasible** for (T, τ) in the magenta region
 - ▶ LMIs are just sufficient for stability
 - ▶ stability condition for variable T_k, τ_k are expected to be more restrictive than those for constant T_k and τ_k
- **feasible** in the cyan region

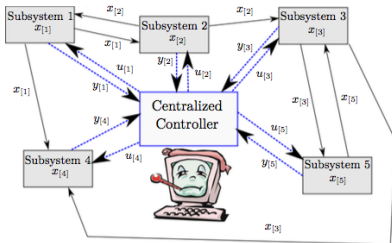
Compensation of network-induced delay (remote control setting)

NCS - remote control setting



- Plant and controller on different sides of the network

Centralized control

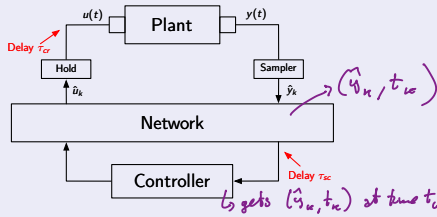


Remote control by human



Compensation for network-induced delay

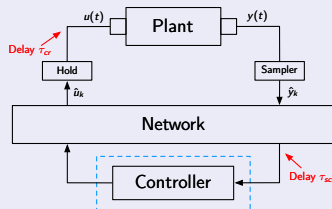
NCS - remote control setting



$$\text{Plant : } \begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = x \end{cases}$$

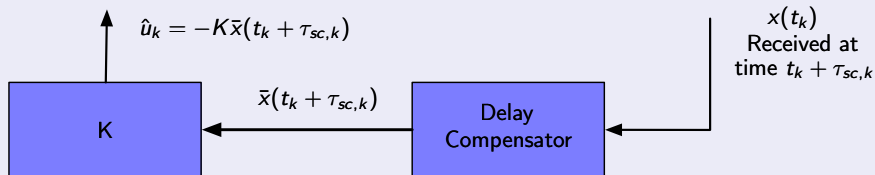
- The controller gets **delayed (full-state)** measurements and the plant gets delayed control actions.
- τ_{sc} : **sensor-to-controller delay**. Using time-stamped measurements the controller CAN KNOW τ_{sc} at the time of computation of $\hat{u}_k$.
Idea: compensate for it!
- τ_{cr} : **controller-to-actuator delay**. Unknown to the controller at the time of computation of $\hat{u}_k$

Timing diagram and structure of the controller

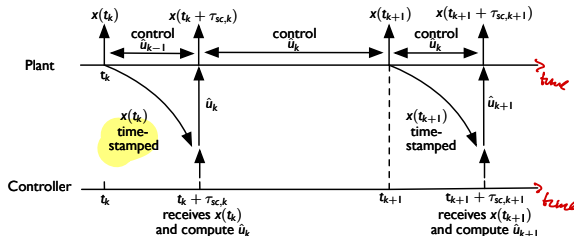


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Zoom of the controller



Timing diagram and structure of the controller



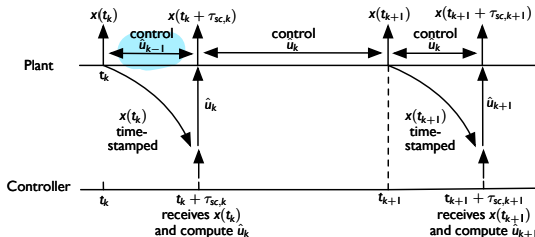
Assumptions (for simplicity)

- No controller-to-actuator delay: $\tau_{cr,k} = 0$
- Constant sampling period T and $\tau_{sc,k} < T$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$

How the controller computes $\hat{u}_k$?

- Option 1 : $\hat{u}_k = -Kx(t_k)$, but the state is already $x(t_k + \tau_{sc,k}) \rightarrow$ delay
- Option 2 : $\hat{u}_k = -K\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$, where $\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$ is an estimate of $x(t_k + \tau_{sc,k}) \rightarrow$ much better

Compensation of τ_{sc} and computation of $\hat{u}_k$



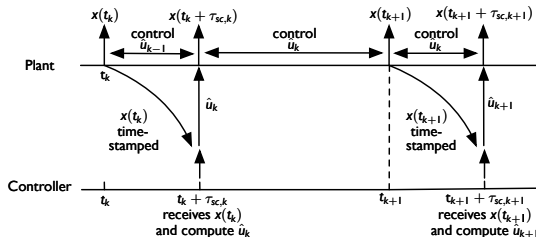
- Compute the prediction $\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$ of $x(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$

- ▶ Setting $\Gamma(\bar{t}) = \int_0^{\bar{t}} e^{As} ds$, we define

$$\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k}) = e^{A\tau_{sc,k}} x(t_k) + \Gamma(\tau_{sc,k}) B \hat{u}_{k-1}$$

- ▶ x_{t_k} is received at $t_k + \tau_{sc,k}$
- ▶ $\hat{u}_{k-1}$ is the known constant input over $t \in [t_k, t_k + \tau_{sc,k}]$
- ▶ $\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$ coincides with the true state $x(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$

Compensation of τ_{sc} and computation of $\hat{u}_k$



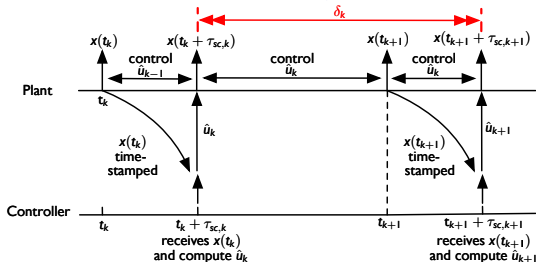
- Control law computed at $t_k + \tau_{sc,k}$

$$\hat{u}_k = -K\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$$

Remark: We use the notation $\hat{u}_k$ even if the input is not computed at t_k (but it is the k^{th} computed value of $\hat{u}$)

Hold $u(t) = \hat{u}_k$ for $t \in [t_k + \tau_{sc,k}, t_{k+1} + \tau_{sc,k+1}]$

Closed-loop system from $t_k + \tau_{sc,k}$ to $t_{k+1} + \tau_{sc,k+1}$

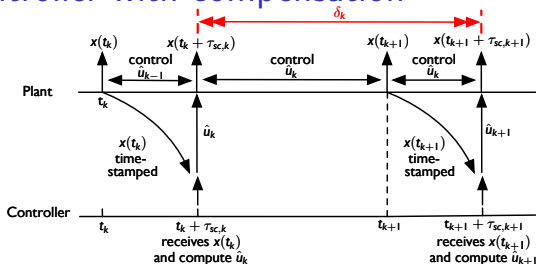


For $\delta_k = T + \tau_{sc,k+1} - \tau_{sc,k}$, one obtains

$$x(t_{k+1} + \tau_{sc,k+1}) = \underbrace{(e^{A\delta_k} - \Gamma(\delta_k)BK)}_{\tilde{A}_k} x(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$$

- Defining the state $\tilde{x}_k = x(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$, one has the LTV system $\tilde{x}_{k+1} = \tilde{A}_k \tilde{x}_k$
- If $\tau_{sc,k}$ is constant, $\delta_k = T$. Hence, $\tilde{A}_k = \tilde{A} = (e^{AT} - \Gamma(T)BK)$ and the NCS dynamics are LTI

Nominal controller with compensation



Nominal design of K

Assume $\tau_{sc,k} = \tau_{sc}$ (constant) and compute K such that $e^{AT} - \Gamma(T)BK$ is Schur

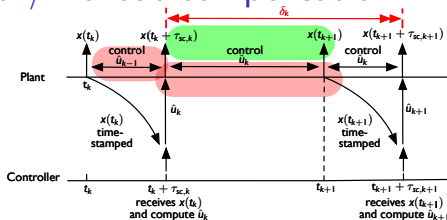
- use, e.g., eigenvalue assignment
- the exact value of τ_{sc} is irrelevant. Closed-loop stability is guaranteed if delays are constant in the real network

Summary: nominal controller with compensation

$$\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k}) = e^{A\tau_{sc,k}} x(t_k) + \Gamma(\tau_{sc,k}) B \hat{u}_{k-1}$$

$$\hat{u}_k = -K \bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$$

Comparison with/without compensation



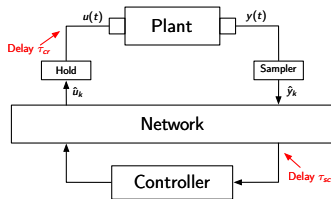
Comparison with the uncompensated controller: $\hat{u}_k = -Kx(t_k)$

- **Compensated controller:**
 - ▶ “wrong” (=old) control action on $[t_k, t_k + \tau_{sc,k}]$
 - ▶ best possible control action on $[t_k + \tau_{sc,k}, t_{k+1}]$
- **Uncompensated controller:**
 - ▶ “wrong” (=old) control action on $[t_k, t_k + \tau_{sc,k}]$
 - ▶ “wrong” (=based on past state) control action on $[t_k + \tau_{sc,k}, t_{k+1}]$

Performance and stability

- The compensated controller always outperforms the uncompensated one
- If, in the real network, $\tau_{sc,k}$ is not constant, closed-loop stability is not guaranteed using either controller

Example: delay compensation vs no compensation (1/2)



Plant dynamics

$$\dot{x} = -2x + u, \quad T = 0.2$$

Controller with compensation

closed-loop eigenvalue

- Nominal design of K

$$e^{-2T} - \Gamma(T) \cdot 1 \cdot K = -0.9$$

$$0.6703 - 0.1648 \cdot K = -0.9 \rightarrow K = 9.5263$$

- Predictor

$$\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k}) = e^{-\tau_{sc,k}} x(t_k) + \Gamma(\tau_{sc,k}) B \hat{u}_{k-1}$$

- Control action

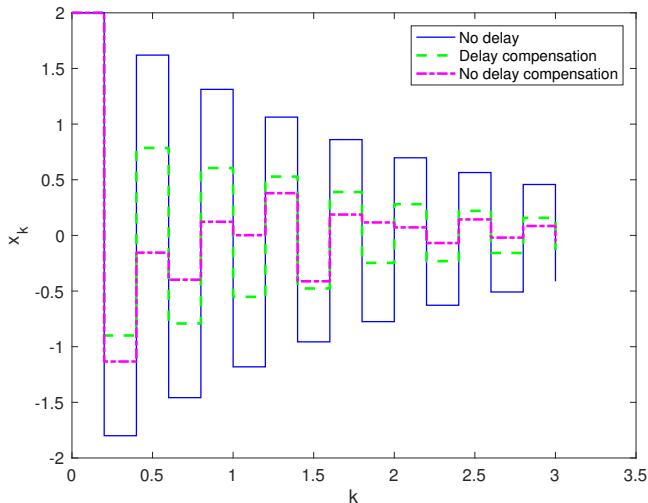
$$\hat{u}_k = -K \bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$$

- Controller without compensation $\hat{u}_k = -Kx(t_k)$

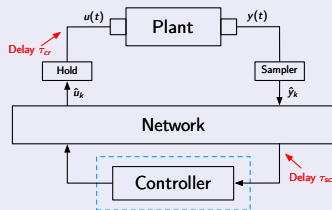
→ arbitrarily set in the unit disk

Example: delay compensation vs no compensation (2/2)

Simulation with delays chosen randomly in $[0, 0.07]$

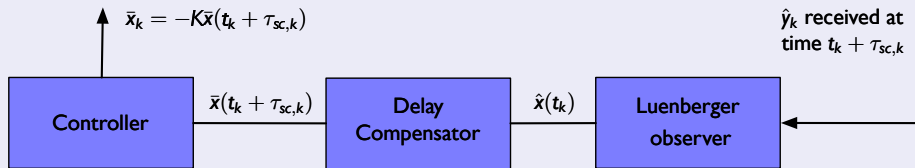


Generalization: NCS with output feedback



$$\text{Plant} : \begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx \end{cases}$$

Zoom of the controller



- $\bar{x}(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$ is an estimate of the state $x(t_k + \tau_{sc,k})$
- No further details on this scheme

Take-home messages

- The effect of time-varying sampling intervals and delays can be VERY difficult to analyze
 - ▶ Estimate MATI using simulations or Lyapunov theory
- For remote control and time-stamped sensor measurements, it is always beneficial to compensate for known delays

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