

# Co-design of dynamic allocation functions and anti-windup

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- Therefore, more complex allocation functions with the ability to handle redundancy and constraints should be applied.

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By construction, the linear connection plant-controller is supposed to be stable. In other words, the controller (4) (with  $v_{aw} = 0$ ) stabilizes the plant (3) through the linear interconnection  $u_p = y_c$  and therefore the matrix

$$A_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{\rho} + B_{\rho}D_{c}C_{\rho} & B_{\rho}C_{c} \\ B_{c}C_{\rho} & A_{c} \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^{(n_{\rho}+n_{c})\times(n_{\rho}+n_{c})}$$
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Consider the general expression  $y_f = C_f x_f + D_f y_c$ , and let us define the allocator error as  $e = u_p - y_c$ . Then using the definition of  $\varphi(y_f)$  in (5), the expression  $e = (MD_f - I) y_c + MC_f x_f + M\varphi(y_f)$  is easily obtained. It is straightforward to see that the choice  $D_f = M^{\dagger}$ ,  $C_f = N$  leads to  $e = M\varphi(y_f)$ , therefore the error is null in absence of saturation. Furthermore, by guaranteeing convergence of the extended vector  $x = [x_p^{\top} \ x_c^{\top} \ x_f^{\top}]^{\top}$  to the origin, we always obtain  $e^* = 0$ , where  $e^*$  is the steady-state value of e.

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Consider the cost function

$$\min_{x_f} \mathrm{T}(y_f) = y_f^\top \mathrm{W} y_f \text{ subject to } y_f = \mathrm{N} x_f + \mathrm{M}^{\dagger} y_c^*, \tag{8}$$

where  $y_c^*$  is any controller output. The optimal solution to (8) is given by  $x_f = -(N^T W^T N)^{-1} N^T W M^{\dagger} y_c^*$ , which corresponds to the steady-state value of  $x_f$  in (7).

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#### Remark 4 (Case when $m_a = m_c$ and M = I)

In some papers the influence matrix M enters the plant model. In this case,  $m_a = m_c$ , the system has more inputs than states  $(m_c > n_p)$  and the input-redundancy nature of the plant is explicit. All the results in this paper can straightforwardly be applied in this case by making M = I and choosing N as a base for the null space of  $B_p$ , that is,  $B_pN = 0$ .

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# Problem Formulation

• The complete closed-loop system with  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_p^\top & x_c^\top & x_f^\top \end{bmatrix}^\top$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n = n_p + n_c + n_f$ , can be written as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = (A + L_f K_f \overline{C}) x + (B + LE) \varphi(y_f) \\ y_f = C x \end{cases}$$
(9)

where

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_0 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_p \mathbf{M} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_c \\ \mathbf{E}_f \end{bmatrix}, \overline{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{N}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{L} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{n_p \times n_c} & \mathbf{0}_{n_p \times n_f} \\ \mathbf{I}_{n_c} & \mathbf{0}_{n_c \times n_f} \\ \mathbf{0}_{n_f \times n_c} & \mathbf{I}_{n_f} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{D}_c \mathbf{C}_p & \mathbf{M}^\dagger \mathbf{C}_c & \mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix}, \end{split}$$

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- the regional asymptotic stability of the closed-loop system (9) is ensured and the estimate of the region of attraction is maximized.
- **()** the total energy consumption of the actuators over time is minimized.

• The following theorem provides a solution to Problem 1.

#### Theorem 1

Assume the existence of matrices  $\overline{P}$  in  $\mathbb{S}_n^+$ ,  $J_o$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{(n_p+n_c)\times(n_p+n_c)}$ ,  $J_f$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n_f\times n}$ ,  $\overline{K}_f$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n_f\times n_f}$ ,  $K_e$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{(n_c+n_f)\times m_a}$ ,  $\overline{G}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{m_a\times n}$ , diagonal matrix  $S = S^{\top}$  in  $\mathbb{S}_{m_a}^+$  and positive scalar  $\gamma$  such that

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{\mathbf{J}} - \bar{\mathbf{J}}^{\top} & \bar{\mathbf{P}} + A\bar{\mathbf{J}}^{\top} + \mathbf{Z} - \bar{\mathbf{J}} & \Psi_{13} & \mathbf{0} \\ \star & A\bar{\mathbf{J}}^{\top} + \mathbf{Z} + \bar{\mathbf{J}}A^{\top} + \mathbf{Z}^{\top} & \Psi_{23} & \bar{\mathbf{J}}C^{\top}W^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \star & \star & -2\mathbf{S} & \mathbf{S}W^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \star & \star & \star & -\gamma\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \prec \mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{P}} & \bar{\mathbf{G}}_{(i)}^{\top} \\ \star & \bar{\boldsymbol{U}}_{(i)}^{2} \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0},$$
(10)

hold with  $\Psi_{13} = BS + LK_e$ ,  $\Psi_{23} = \Psi_{13} + \overline{G}^{\top} - \overline{J}C^{\top}$  and where  $\overline{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{C}^{\perp} J_o^{\top} & J_f^{\top} \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\overline{C}^{\perp}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times (n_p + n_c)}$  is a matrix such that  $\overline{C}\overline{C}^{\perp} = 0$ , and  $Z = diag(0_{n_p + n_c}, \overline{K}_f)$ .

#### Theorem 1 - Continuation

Then, matrices  $\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_c^\top & \mathbf{E}_f^\top \end{bmatrix}^\top = \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{S}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}_f = \overline{\mathbf{K}}_f (\overline{\mathbf{C}} \mathbf{J}_f^\top)^{-1}$  are solution to Problem 1. In other words:

- the closed-loop system (9) is asymptotically stable in the ellipsoid  $\varepsilon(P, 1) = \{x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n; x^\top P x \leq 1\}$ , with  $P = J\overline{P}J^\top$  and  $J = \overline{J}^{-1}$ ;
- ② the energy of the actuators usage signal is limited and given by  $\int_0^\infty sat(y_f(\tau))^\top Wsat(y_f(\tau)) d\tau \le \gamma$ .

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#### Remark 6 (Global stability case)

In case the plant state matrix  $A_p$  is Hurwitz stable, global stability of the closed loop can be achieved and the design of  $K_f$ ,  $E_f$ ,  $E_c$  can also be realized by solving LMI (10) with  $\overline{G} = 0$ .

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_0 & \mathbf{I} \\ \star & \bar{\mathbf{J}} + \bar{\mathbf{J}}^\top - \bar{\mathbf{P}} \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0},$$
 (12)

the following optimization problem can be formulated:

### Optimization problem

Consider weighting parameters  $\rho_1$ ,  $\rho_2$ . Then the following optimization procedure takes place in case of Theorem 1

$$\min \rho_1 \lambda + \rho_2 \gamma$$
subject to (10), (12),  $P_0 \preceq \lambda I$ 
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 [1] inserts an integrator and designs a stabilizing LQG controller which purposefully only uses the first two input channels. The resulting controller is given by

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	-0.9	-0.501	-0.94	0.802	0
	0	1	-1.61	1.614	0
	0	0	0	0	-1
	1.81	-1.2	-0.46	0	0
	-0.62	1.47	0.89	0	0
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By running the developed methods we obtain  $K_f = -2.4992$  and

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_c \\ E_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8972 & -0.1642 & -0.7012 \\ -0.3176 & -0.3523 & -0.6356 \\ -0.5494 & 0.0361 & -0.0159 \\ -0.5607 & 0.2415 & 0.1140 \\ \hline -0.5958 & -0.0456 & -0.6322 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Example 1

• We simulate the system response for an initial condition  $x_p(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$ , with  $x_c(0) = 0$  and  $x_f(0) = 0$ 



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Two forces act individually in each satellite, and are generate by a set of 8 thrusters.

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After choosing  $m_1 = m_2 = 1000 \ kg$ , a stabilizing LQG controller is designed.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_c & B_c \\ \hline C_c & D_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.7321 & 1 & 1.7321 \\ -1.0014 & -0.0532 & 1 \\ \hline -0.7071 & -26.6009 & 0 \\ 0.7071 & 26.6009 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Example 2

• We then compute  $\mathrm{M}^{\dagger}{=}0.25\text{diag}(\mathrm{M}_{1}^{\top},\mathrm{M}_{2}^{\top}),~\mathrm{N}=\text{diag}(\mathrm{N}_{1},\mathrm{N}_{2}),$  with  $\mathrm{N}_{1}{=}\mathrm{N}_{2}{=}\begin{bmatrix}1&1&{-1}\\&I_{3}\end{bmatrix}$ 

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- Using optimization procedure (13) with weights  $\rho_1 = 1, \rho_2 = 0.15$ , we obtain

$$\mathbf{K}_{f} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.1684 & 0.6813 & -0.4766 & 0.0034 & 0.0034 & -0.0034 \\ 0.7282 & -1.0438 & -0.3054 & 0.0249 & 0.0249 & -0.0249 \\ -0.4528 & -0.3418 & -0.8017 & 0.0284 & 0.0284 & -0.0284 \\ -0.0200 & 0.0792 & 0.0584 & -0.8628 & 0.1381 & -0.1381 \\ -0.0200 & 0.0792 & 0.0584 & 0.1381 & -0.8628 & -0.1381 \\ 0.0200 & -0.0792 & -0.0584 & -0.1381 & -0.1381 & -0.8628 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(14)$$



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Figure: Example 2: Output and actuators .

Both strategies stabilize the system, however the dynamic allocation successfully reduces the usage of the penalized actuator.

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## Conclusions

#### Contributions

- Co-design of dynamic allocation functions along with anti-windup.
- The Allocation+AW problem is solved simultaneously, unlike previous formulations.
- Introduction of influence matrix M to the dynamic allocator formulation from [1], allowing to deal with broader range of cases.
- Guaranteed convergence of the allocator error to zero, avoiding waste of energy.

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#### Future Research

- Consideration of other nonlinearities.
- The case of event-triggered control.

# Summary of LAAS séjour

#### Allocation

- "Energy based design of dynamic allocation in the presence of saturating actuators," Accepted for Proceedings of the 24th International Symposium on MTNS, August 2021.
- "Co-design of dynamic allocation functions and anti-windup," preprint submitted to IEEE CSS Letters.

#### Time delays

- "Analysis and experimental application of a dead-time compensator for input saturated processes with output time-varying delays," Accepted for publication at IET Control Theory and Applications.
- "New predictor-based stabilization for systems with time-varying delays,", preprint under work.

