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# APPLICATION-ORIENTED POLYTOPIC SYSTEM MODELLING AND CONTROLLER DESIGN

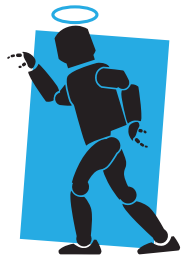
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# Linear systems overview



The system dynamics can be written as

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}_u\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{B}_w\mathbf{w}(t),$$

where  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  stands for the control input and  $\mathbf{w}(t)$  represents the disturbances and noises.

The measured output can be written as

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}_y\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{yu}\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{yw}\mathbf{w}(t),$$

and the performance (cost) output

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{C}_z\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{zu}\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{zw}\mathbf{w}(t).$$



State feedback:

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

(measurable states without sensor noises)

Static output feedback:

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}(t)$$

(easy to implement)

Dynamic output feedback:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}_c(t) &= \mathbf{A}_c\mathbf{x}_c(t) + \mathbf{B}_c\mathbf{y}(t), \\ \mathbf{u}(t) &= \mathbf{C}_c\mathbf{x}_c(t) + \mathbf{D}_c\mathbf{y}(t)\end{aligned}$$

# STABILITY BASED ON LYAPUNOV DIRECT METHOD



The closed loop autonomous system  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{cl}(t) = \mathbf{A}_{cl}\mathbf{x}_{cl}(t)$  is stable if and only if

there exists the Lyapunov function  $V(t) = \mathbf{x}^T(t)\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}(t)$  with positive definite, symmetric matrix ( $\mathbf{P} \succ 0$ ),

such a way, that in its derivative:

$$\dot{V}(t) = \mathbf{x}^T(t) \left( \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_{cl} + \mathbf{A}_{cl}^T\mathbf{P} \right) \mathbf{x}(t)$$

the following definite condition holds

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_{cl} + \mathbf{A}_{cl}^T\mathbf{P} \prec 0.$$

Special approaches: for time delay systems Lyapunov-Kraszovski, Lyapunov-Razumikhin functionals, etc.

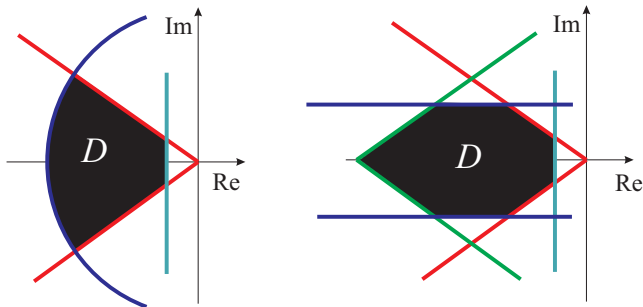


Controller to reallocate the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}_{cl}$  rewriting the dynamics

Their role in the shape of transients

Exact placement: Ackermann formula.

Constrain the poles to a region: LMI regions (definite constraints, as the stability conditions) as





$$\|\mathcal{G}_{zw}\|_\infty = \sup_{\|\mathbf{w}\|_2 \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{z}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|_2}$$

Constrain or minimise the  $H_\infty$  norm of the system,

- to minimise the gain from the noises, disturbances to the performance,
- to maximise the effect of the command signal to the performance

according to their bandwidth.

Ricatti equations: the optimal controller,  $H_\infty$  value

Bounded Real Lemma: definite condition



Linear Matrix Inequality: definite condition on affine variables ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ )

$$\mathbf{M}_0 + \sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{M}_i \prec 0$$

- convex feasible domain
- convex optimisation on them
- inner point methods
- criteria can easily be combined

Definite conditions are LMIs for

- state feedback
- full order dynamic feedback

# Linear Parameter Varying modelling overview



Linear Parameter Varying (LPV) models:

- Linear but parameter dependent physical phenomena (temperature, etc.)
- Uncertain/varying mechanical parameters
- etc.

Notation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) \\ \mathbf{z}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}(t)) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \mathbf{w}(t) \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}(t)) & \mathbf{B}_u(\mathbf{p}(t)) & \mathbf{C}_w(\mathbf{p}(t)) \\ \mathbf{C}_y(\mathbf{p}(t)) & \mathbf{D}_{yu}(\mathbf{p}(t)) & \mathbf{D}_{yw}(\mathbf{p}(t)) \\ \mathbf{C}_z(\mathbf{p}(t)) & \mathbf{D}_{zu}(\mathbf{p}(t)) & \mathbf{D}_{zw}(\mathbf{p}(t)) \end{bmatrix}$$



quasi-Linear Parameter Varying (qLPV) models:

- Nonlinearity appears as parameters that depend on the states
- External parameters as well

Apply feedback linearisation – if it is possible – to decrease nonlinearity



- Linear Fractional Transformation
- Grid approach
- Affine LPV model based control
- Polytopic (TP) model based control

Polytopic model based control



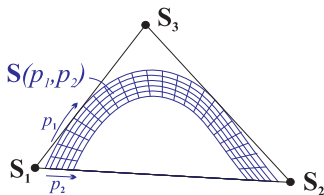
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) \\ \mathbf{z}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}(t)) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \mathbf{w}(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p} \in \Omega = [\underline{p}_1, \bar{p}_1] \times [\underline{p}_2, \bar{p}_2] \times \dots,$$

LPV/qLPV model given by convex combinations of so-called vertex systems as

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}(t)) = \sum_{j=1}^J h_j(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{S}_j, \quad \text{where} \quad \sum_{j=1}^J h_j(\mathbf{p}) = 1, \quad h_j(\mathbf{p}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{p} \in \Omega.$$

Geometrically vertices of an enclosing polytope





Stability verification:

stable if  $\exists \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^T \succ 0$  such that

$$\sum_j h_j \left( \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_j + \mathbf{A}_j^T \mathbf{P} \right) \prec 0 \quad \forall \text{possible } h_1, \dots, h_J$$

→ LMIs:  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_j + \mathbf{A}_j^T \mathbf{P} \prec 0 \quad \forall j.$

Static gain, state feedback controller design:  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$   
 the closed loop system is stable if  $\exists \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}^T \succ 0$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$  such that

$$\sum_j h_j \left( \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_j^T + \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{B}_j^T \right) \prec 0 \quad \forall \text{possible } h_1, \dots, h_J$$

→ LMIs:  $\mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_j^T + \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{B}_j^T \prec 0 \quad \forall j.$

By exploiting that all convex combinations of matrices are positive definite iff they are positive definite.



Scheduling state feedback controller design:

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}, \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \sum_j h_j(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{M}_j$$

the closed loop system is stable if  $\exists \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}^T \succ 0, \mathbf{M}_1, \dots, \mathbf{M}_J$  such that

$$\sum_j \sum_k h_j h_k \left( \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{M}_k + \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_j^T + \mathbf{M}_k^T \mathbf{B}_j^T \right) \prec 0 \quad \forall \text{possible } h_1, \dots, h_J$$

Different methods to obtain sufficient LMIs conditions, e.g.,

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{M}_j + \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}_j^T + \mathbf{M}_j^T \mathbf{B}_j^T \prec 0 \quad \forall j,$$

$$\rightarrow (\mathbf{A}_j + \mathbf{A}_k) \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{M}_k + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{M}_j + (*)^T \prec 0 \quad \forall j, k < j.$$



The **scheduling controller** design is a convex problem in general for:

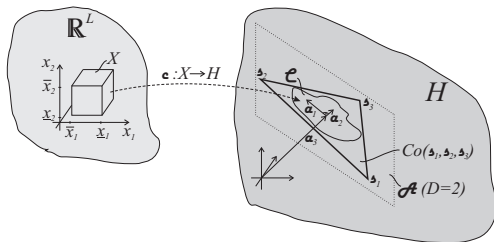
- state feedback design
- full order dynamic output feedback

The **robust controller** design problem is a convex problem in general for:

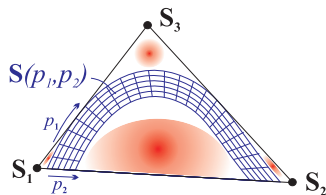
- state feedback design



To obtain polytopic form for a function (e.g., parameter varying system matrices)



- 1 The affine hull ( $\mathcal{A}$ ) of its image set can be identified
- 2 The image can be described on its basis with coordinates of appropriate dimension
- 3 An enclosing polytope ( $\mathcal{C}$ ) can be constructed



The role of enclosing polytopes is essential in control applications:

- The design methods see the whole polytopic model without taking into account what system matrices belong to the investigated model and which are irrelevant (**red regions**)
- If there is any non-stabilizable system within the polytopic model, the design is infeasible.

Problem: to derive vertices considering the control aspects.



Two phase approach:

- ① Generation based on clear geometric criteria.
- ② Manipulation of the enclosing polytopes by identifying the roles of the vertices in the control problem.

Generation methods:

- (near) Minimal Volume Simplex

and methods to manipulate them **taking into account the control properties of the considered LPV/qLPV models:**

- manipulation of vertices of the MVS,
- cutting off regions with hyperplanes obtaining non-simplex polytopes,
- local volume minimalization of Non-Simplex polytopes

Polytopic TP model based control



Consider the function  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$ .

According to the chosen parameter sets (denoted as  $\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \dots \subseteq \mathbf{p}$  and their domains accordingly as  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dots$ ), the TP form

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{S} \times_1 \mathbf{w}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}) \times_2 \mathbf{w}^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \dots$$

where  $\mathbf{w}^{(k)} : \Omega_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{J_k}$ , and  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{S}^{J_1 \times J_2 \times \dots}$

is called a Polytopic TP form if

$$\sum_j w_j^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}^{(k)}) = 1, \quad \mathbf{w}^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}^{(k)}) \geq \mathbf{0} \quad \forall \mathbf{p}^{(k)} \in \Omega_k, \quad k.$$



TP forms can depend on multivariate parameter sets (optionally with two times or higher multiplicities)

$$\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{X} \underbrace{\times_1 \mathbf{w}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}) \times_2 \mathbf{w}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}) \cdots \times_{M_1} \mathbf{w}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)})}_{M_1} \underbrace{\times_{M_1+1} \mathbf{w}^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \times_{M_1+2} \cdots \times_{M_1+M_2} \mathbf{w}^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)})}_{M_2} \cdots,$$

can be denoted as

$$\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{X} \prod_{k=1}^{K(\mathbf{M})} \mathbf{w}^{(l(k, \mathbf{M}))}(\mathbf{p}^{(l(k, \mathbf{M}))}),$$

where

$$K(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_i M_i, \quad l(k, \mathbf{M}) = i \text{ if } \sum_{a=1}^{i-1} M_a < k < \sum_{a=1}^i M_a,$$

and **the  $\mathbf{M}$  multiplicity vector describes the structure.**

# POLYTOPIC TP MODEL BASED CONTROL ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS



The variables of controller and Lyapunov function candidates are in TP forms with appropriately chosen multiplicities:

If a system has measured and non-measured parameters as well

- robustness against the non-measured ones
- use measurable scheduling parameters to reach better performance

If a system has non-varying and varying parameters as well

- the Lyapunov-function can depend on the non-varying ones (to decrease conservatism)
- the varying parameters does not appear in the Lyapunov-function (or they are appropriately handled)

Definite condition on TP variables can be extracted to (Linear) Matrix Inequalities



The polytopic TP model can be **derived through the Affine TP model**

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{S}^{aff} \times_1 \mathbf{v}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}) \times_2 \mathbf{v}^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \dots,$$

The derivation requires **enclosing polytopes** for the weighting functions  $\mathbf{v}^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}^{(k)})$  in the euclidean space with the given dimension.

Generation then manipulation until satisfactory results or too complex polytope is obtained.

Current mathematical challenges



## Non-convex optimisation problems:

- Minimal Volume Enclosing Polytopes with given number of vertices/facets
- Controller design:
  - static output feedback design
  - robust dynamic output feedback design

## Application of affine structure of the non-simplex polytopic model during controller design

- To allow parametrisation of the parameter dependent matrices with less scalar variables
- To provide less complex structures in the controller candidate (less online computation)
- Does it decrease the achievable performances?

Application example

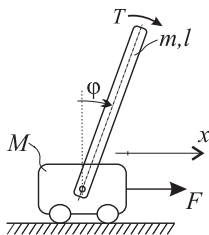


FIGURE: Notations

Equation of motions:

$$\ddot{\varphi} = \frac{6g}{l}(m+M) - 3m\dot{\varphi}^2 \cos \varphi}{D} \sin \varphi - \frac{6 \cos \varphi}{l \cdot D} F(t) + \frac{12(m+M)}{ml^2 D} T(t)$$

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{m(2\dot{\varphi}^2 l - 3g \cos \varphi)}{D} \sin \varphi + \frac{4}{D} F(t) - \frac{6 \cos \varphi}{l \cdot D} T(t),$$

where  $D = D(\varphi, m, M) = 4M + m(1 + 3 \sin^2 \varphi)$  and the parameters:  
 $m = 0.1[\text{kg}]$ ,  $l = 0.3[\text{m}]$ ,  $M \in [0.9, 1.3] [\text{kg}]$ ,  $|\varphi| \in [0, 50] [\text{deg}]$ .



By applying feedback linearisation, the following qLPV model can be derived

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6g \frac{M - M_0 \sin \varphi}{l \cdot D} & \frac{\varphi}{\varphi} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g \frac{D_0 \tan \varphi}{D} & \frac{\varphi}{\varphi} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}(\varphi, M)} \mathbf{x}(t) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{D_0}{D} \\ 0 \\ -2 \frac{D_0}{3 \cos \varphi D} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{B}_u(\varphi, M)} u(t) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{ml \cos \varphi} \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ \frac{M + m}{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{B}_w(\varphi, M)} w(t),$$

where the state variables are  $\mathbf{x}(t) = [\dot{\varphi} \quad \varphi \quad \dot{x} \quad x]^T$  and the parameters are the  $\varphi$  angle and the  $M$  mass.



- State feedback controller
- To minimise the effect of  $T(t)$  disturbance torque to the pendulum and car
- By minimising the  $H_\infty$  norm from  $w(t) = T(t)$  disturbance to  $\mathbf{z}(t) = [x(t) \quad \dot{\varphi}(t)]^T$

Chosen parameter sets:

- $\mathbf{p}^{(1)} = |\varphi|$ ,  $\mathbf{p}^{(2)} = M$
- $\mathbf{p}^{(3)} = [|\varphi| \quad M]$ : for the not exactly separable part



## METHOD (BOUNDED REAL LEMMA)

Consider the following SDP:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p})} \gamma_{\infty} \\ & \text{s.t. } \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p}) \succ 0, \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{p}) = 0, \\ & \quad \begin{bmatrix} -\text{Sym}(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{B}_u(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p})) & \mathbf{B}_w(\mathbf{p}) & (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p}))^T \\ * & \gamma_{\infty} & \mathbf{0} \\ * & * & \gamma_{\infty}\mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix} \succ 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p})$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p})$  are TP functions with the same polytopic structure and with given multiplicities.

Then with the resulted  $u(t) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{p})^{-1}\mathbf{x}(t)$  controller, the  $\left\| \frac{\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t)}{w(t)} \right\|_{\infty} < \gamma_{\infty}$  condition holds for all  $\mathbf{p}(t) \in \Omega$  trajectories.



The Affine TP form:

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{S}^{aff} \times_1 \mathbf{v}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}) \times_2 \mathbf{v}^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \times_3 \mathbf{v}^{(3)}(\mathbf{p}^{(3)})$$

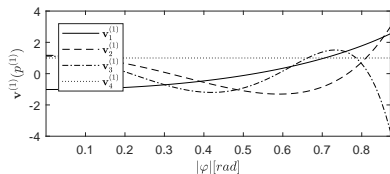


FIGURE: The  $\mathbf{v}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)})$  weighting functions

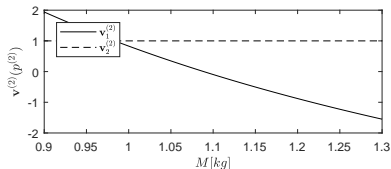


FIGURE: The  $\mathbf{v}^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)})$  weighting functions

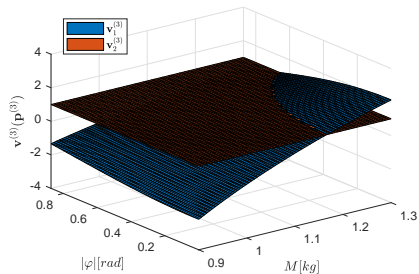


FIGURE: The  $\mathbf{v}^{(3)}(\mathbf{p}^{(3)})$  weighting functions



The enclosing polytope for the 3 dimensional image from  $p^{(1)}$

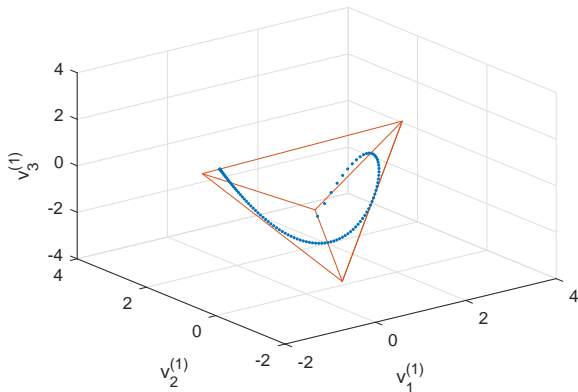


FIGURE: Minimal volume enclosing simplex for  $\mathbf{v}^{(1)}(p_1)$  function



$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{S} \times_1 \mathbf{w}^{(MVS,1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)}) \times_2 \mathbf{w}^{(MVS,2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \times_3 \mathbf{w}^{(MVS,3)}(\mathbf{p}^{(3)})$$

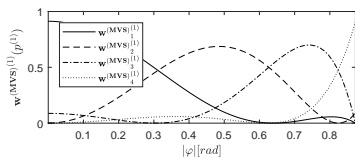


FIGURE: The  $\mathbf{w}^{(MVS,1)}(\mathbf{p}^{(1)})$  weighting functions

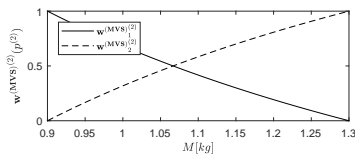


FIGURE: The  $\mathbf{w}^{(MVS,2)}(\mathbf{p}^{(2)})$  weighting functions

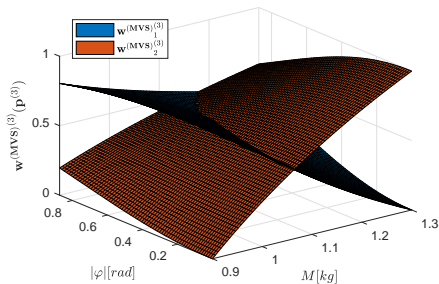


FIGURE: The  $\mathbf{w}^{(MVS,3)}(\mathbf{p}^{(3)})$  weighting functions

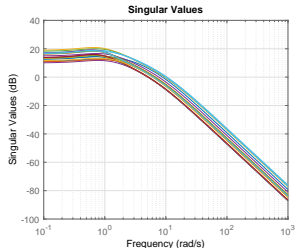


FIGURE:  $W_{w\varphi}(j\omega)$

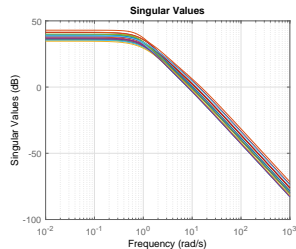


FIGURE:  $W_{wx}(j\omega)$

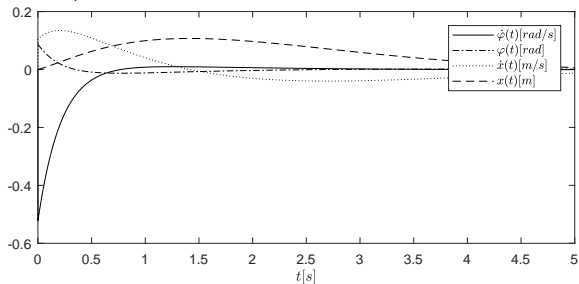


FIGURE: The transient of the controlled system

# TP CONTROLLER AND LYAPUNOV FUNCTION



Improve the performance by applying more complex Lyapunov function and controller-candidates:

- $m_\varphi$ : multiplicity of  $\mathbf{w}^{(1)}(|\varphi|)$  in the controller candidate
- $m_x$ : multiplicity of  $\mathbf{w}^{(2)}(M)$  in the controller candidate and in the Lyapunov-function

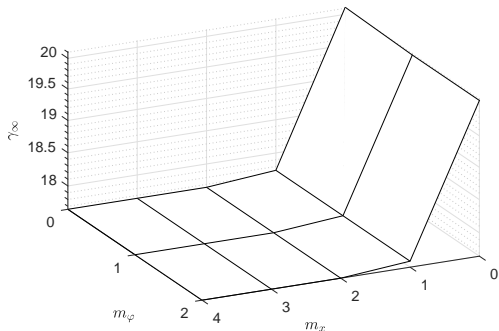


FIGURE: The achievable  $\gamma_\infty$  disturbance rejection



The best result with MVS manipulation:  $\gamma_{\infty}^* = 18.794$

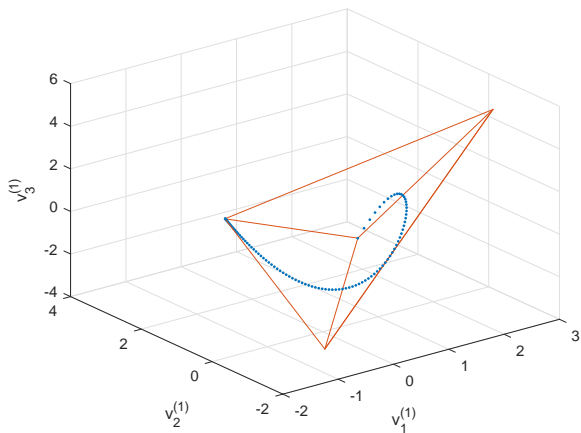


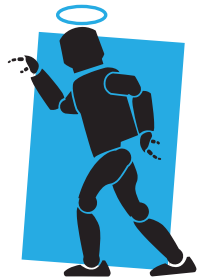
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