

# **Nonlinear Model Predictive Control**

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### **Course: Numerical Methods for Optimal Control**



- Direct Nonlinear Optimal Control
- May 25-29, 2020

- 20 hours lectures
- 10 hours supervised assignments

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Equivalent to solving the **DARE** (discrete algebraic Riccati equation)

$$P = Q + A^T P A - A^T P B K$$
$$K = (R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A$$

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If we don't want to solve the DARE

- Choose P large enough
- Solve the finite horizon problem: Quadratic Program (QP)

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Solve a linear system:

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Handle explicitly:

- Actuator limitations, e.g. saturation of an input signal
- State constraints, e.g. concentration of a reactant
- Mixed state-input constraints

MPC yields a nonlinear control law!

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Condensing

- Eliminate states (cost N<sup>2</sup>)
- Solve dense QP
- Sparse linear algebra
  - Exploit the qp structure

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## Problem is non-convex, use NLP solver

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s.t.  $x_{0} = \hat{x}_{i},$ 
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Closed-loop: RTI, linear MPC and SQP, no noise



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Pendulum on a cart:

$$\begin{split} \ddot{w} &= \frac{ml\sin(\theta)\dot{\theta}^2 + mg\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) + u}{M + m - m(\cos(\theta))^2}, \\ \ddot{\theta} &= -\frac{ml\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta)\dot{\theta}^2 + u\cos(\theta) + (M + m)g\sin(\theta)}{l(M + m - m(\cos(\theta))^2)}, \end{split}$$

with M = 1 kg, m = 0.1 kg, l = 0.5 m, g = 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>.



- Prediction horizon: 2 s
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$$Q = \text{diag}([10 \ 10 \ 0.1 \ 0.1]), R = 0.01$$

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Thank you for your attention!