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Robust techniques of automatic control for mobile robotic systems

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Types o	f Robots.					

From the mechanical point of view:

- Fixed robots.
- Mobile robots.



Mobile robots



Considering their potential use and the degree of technologies development:

• Industrial robotics.







Fields of application.

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- Industrial robotics.
- Advanced robotics.







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This thesis focuses on:

- Mobile robot control.
- Advanced robot applications.

In particular it will be focused on the control objectives of:

- Tracking task.
- Obstacle avoidance task.



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- Constraint effects.
- Non idealities.
- External perturbations.



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To deal with these problems the following is proposed:

- External loops to the main control of these systems in order to reduce the input/output constraint effects.
- A robust controller tuning technique considering structural constraints.
- Ontrollers synthesis and analysis considering non-idealities and dynamic constraints.

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AUV Ciscrea

Size	0.525m (L) $0.406m$ (W) $0.395m$ (H)
Weight in air	15.56kg (without payload and floats)
Degrees of Freedom	Surge, Sway, Heave and Yaw
Propulsion	2 vertical and 4 horizontal propellers
Speed	2 knots (Surge) and 1 knot (Sway, Heave)
Depth Rating	50m
On-board Battery	2-4 hours



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AUV Ciscrea model

Rigid-body dynamic:

$$M_{RB}\dot{\nu} + C_{RB}(\nu)\nu = \tau_{env} + \tau_{hydro} + \tau_{pro} \tag{1}$$

Hydrodynamic formulations:

$$\tau_{hydro} = -M_A \dot{\nu} - C_A(\nu)\nu - D(|\nu|)\nu - g(\eta)$$
⁽²⁾

Damping:

$$D(|\nu|) = D_L + D_N |\nu| \tag{3}$$

Parameter	Description
M_{RB}	AUV rigid-body mass and inertia matrix
M_A	Added mass matrix
C_{RB}	Rigid-body induced coriolis-centripetal matrix
C_A	Added mass induced coriolis-centripetal matrix
$D(\nu)$	Damping matrix
$g(\eta)$	Restoring forces and moments vector
τ_{env}	Environmental disturbances(wind, waves and currents)
τ_{hydro}	Vector of hydrodynamic forces and moments
τ_{pro}	Propeller forces and moments vector
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AUV Ciscrea model



- **9** 6 degrees of freedom.
- **2** 4 degrees controllable.

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AUV Ciscrea model

- O Position of each propeller is considered.
- Cross relations between equations due to the angular momentum are considered.

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Simulator



- Conversion of torque value.
- **2** Delay in the Yaw measure.

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Model validation



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Case study: Ciscrea AUV path following.



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Issues.						

In most of the cases:

- Path to follow is given as vector input that can be parametrized in terms of a motion parameter.
- The objective:
 - **1** Bounded path error.
 - 2 Minimal execution time.

The problems:

- **1** Saturation of actuators.
- **2** Regulation of the speed reference.

Sliding mode motion parameter adaption (SMMPA).





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- **1** Modeling.
- 2 Classic feedback control.

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- **1** Modeling.
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- Reference parametrization.



Sliding mode motion parameter adaption (SMMPA).



- F(s): First order low pass filter.
- **2** λ_d : Reference speed parameter.
- $f(\lambda)$: Parametrization of the path.
- Controller : PD controller.

Sliding mode motion parameter adaption (SMMPA).

• Switching law:

$$w = \begin{cases} 1 & if \quad \sigma = 0\\ 0 & if \quad \sigma \neq 0 \end{cases}$$
(5)

With:

$$\sigma(v) = v - \tilde{v} \tag{6}$$

w = 0





Two situations are proposed:

- **9** PD controller tuned to avoid actuator saturation.
- The previous PD controller plus the proposed loop. Tuned so as to have the same order of path error.

Parameter values:

- **1** $\lambda_d = 0.2$
- Cutoff frequency of the low pass filter $f_c = 0.2387 H_z$
- PD controller: $K_p = 541.43, K_d = 250,$ and $f_f = 2.3H_z$
- Step time: 0.1 seconds



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Experimental results - Path following comparison.



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Experimental results - Loop signals.





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Case study: strict path following.





Objectives:

- To follow a restricted path with minimum error in an unknown environment.
- 2 Minimal execution time.
- Obstacle avoidance considering maximum dynamics that the vehicle must respect.

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Problem description



Given:

- **(**) Ψ subset of the environment that contains the obstacles.
- **2** $\hat{\Psi}$ extension of the subset Ψ that considers the safety margin d_{safe} .
- **3** d(t) minimum distance from the robot to the subset Ψ .

$$d(t) := \min_{\mathbf{r} \in \Psi} \| \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{p}(t) \|$$
(7)

Collision avoidance speed adaption (CASA)





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- **2** Path parametrization.

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- Obstacle avoidance algorithm.

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Implementation in AUV Ciscrea.



Minimal distance

$$d(t):=\min_{\mathbf{r}\in\Psi}\parallel\mathbf{r}-\eta(t)\parallel$$

Sliding function

$$\sigma = d_{safe} - k_d d - k_{dd} \dot{d}$$

③ Switching function

$$w_r = \begin{cases} 1 & \sigma \le 0\\ -1 & \sigma > 0 \end{cases}$$

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Implementation in AUV Ciscrea - simulations.

Implementation in AUV Ciscrea - Loop signals.



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Proposal:

- To tune a PID structured controller from H_{∞} specification.
- A global optimization approach which enables performing a robustness analysis in a guaranteed way based on Interval Analysis.

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Robus	tness analy	vsis.				

- Let $G(\sigma)$ be a LTI system which depends on real uncertain parameters $\sigma \in \Sigma$, where Σ denotes the set of admissible value of uncertainties.
- ② Suppose that a controller K was synthesized for a nominal plant $G(\sigma_n)$ from constraints of the kind $\mathcal{C}(G, K) \leq 0$. Remembering:
 - The stability constraint: $R_i(\sigma) \leq 0$ using the Routh-Hurwitz criterion.
 - The H_{∞} constraints can be formulated as the modulus of a transfer function T, $|T(\sigma, i\omega)| 1 \le 0$.



The proposed robustness analysis consists in verifying that the constraints are respected for all uncertainty values:

Prove that $\mathcal{C}(G(\sigma), K) \le 0, \, \forall \sigma \in \Sigma$ (8)

¹Monnet, D et al. (2016) A global optimization approach to structured regulation design under H_{∞} constraints.



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As these constraints are not convex with structured controllers \Rightarrow a global optimization approach based on interval arithmetic is used¹:

$$\sup_{\sigma \in \Sigma, \omega \in \Omega} \mathcal{C}(G(\sigma, i\omega), K(i\omega))$$
(9)

where Ω is a bounded interval of \mathbb{R}^+

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The Yaw dynamic can be represented by the transfer function:

$$\frac{\psi(s)}{r(s)} = \frac{0.3931}{s^2 + 2.08\delta s} \frac{1 - 0.25s}{1 + 0.25s} \tag{10}$$

where δ is the yaw angular velocity at which the system is linearized.

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Control design objectives.



These lead to the following synthesis problem, where if the norms are under 1, then the specifications are guaranteed.

Find K such as α is minimum

$$\begin{cases} \|W_e T_{r \to \tilde{e}}\|_{\infty} \leq \alpha, \\ \|W_e T_{\tilde{d} \to \tilde{e}} W_d\|_{\infty} \leq \alpha, \\ \|W_u T_{r \to \tilde{u}}\|_{\infty} \leq \alpha, \\ K \text{stabilizes the closed-loop system.} \end{cases}$$
(11)

with

$$W_e(s) = \frac{0.1s + 0.6283}{s + 0.06283}, \quad W_d(s) = \frac{0.1s + 0.06283}{s + 0.6283}, \quad W_u = 0.167.$$













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Control	design.					

- We propose to synthesize a PID controller with a particular plant $G(\tilde{\delta})$, with $\delta = \tilde{\delta} = 2$.
- The PID controller has the form: $K(k,s) = k_p + \frac{k_i}{s} + \frac{k_d s}{1+Ts}$ with $k = (k_p, k_i, k_d, T)$.
- The Matlab's toolbox Systune provides the following solution:

 $\tilde{k} = (4.68, 0.71, 4.68, 0.11).$

• The control law is robust if both stability and H_{∞} constraints are respected for all $\delta \in [0, 4]$.

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Analysis	results.					

The stability of the closed-loop system can be expressed as a set of four polynomial inequalities with the Routh-Hurwtiz criterion:

$$\sup_{\delta \in [0,4]} R_i(\delta, \tilde{k}) \le -0.01, \forall i \in \{1, ..., 4\},\$$

This proves that $K(\tilde{k})$ robustly stabilizes the linear closed-loop system.

The robustness analysis of H_{∞} constraints over the pulsation range $[0, \omega_c]$ provides the following results:

$$\sup_{\substack{\delta \in [0,4] \\ \delta \in [0,4] \\ \text{sup} \\ \delta \in [0,4] \\ \text{sup} \\ \{ \| W_e T_{d \to \tilde{e}}(\tilde{k}) W_d \|_{\infty} \} \le 0.56 \\ \sup_{\substack{\delta \in [0,4] \\ \delta \in [0,4] \\ \{ \| W_u T_{r \to \tilde{u}}(\tilde{k}) \|_{\infty} \} \le 0.89 } \{ \| W_u T_{r \to \tilde{u}}(\tilde{k}) \|_{\infty} \} \le 0.89$$

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Another two classical controllers are compared over simulations and real experiments to the one proposed here.

- ZN controller : $k_{ZN} = (1.32, 0.22, 1.89, 0.5).$
- Chien controller: $k_{Chien} = (1.82, 0.12, 6.4, 0.35).$





Experimental results - Perturbation in sway direction



Experiment	RMSE	NMAE	BIAS
ZN	0.2166	0.0689	-0.0204
Hinf	0.1355	0.0386	-0.0230
Chien	0.1738	0.0762	-0.0137

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Experimental results - Perturbation at 45 degrees of surge direction



Experiment	RMSE	NMAE	Bias
ZN	0.1742	0.0502	0.0137
Hinf	0.0650	0.0174	0.0037
Chien	0.0755	0.0179	0.0172

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Experimental results - Perturbation in surge direction



Experiment	RMSE	NMAE	Bias
ZN	0.3957	0.0749	-0.0037
Hinf	0.0371	0.0059	-7.1612e-04
Chien	0.2548	0.0482	0.0256

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Idea:

- To use global optimization and interval arithmetic to synthesize SM robust controllers for nonlinear systems.
- To have a measure of this robustness.

Looking back on sufficient conditions for SM establishment:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \dot{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) < \mathbf{0} & if \quad \sigma(\mathbf{x}) > \mathbf{0} \\ \dot{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) > \mathbf{0} & if \quad \sigma(\mathbf{x}) < \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right.$$





Sliding mode problems.

Equivalent control over the sliding surface $\sigma = 0$:

$$u_{eq}(x) = -\frac{L_f \sigma}{L_g \sigma}$$

The sliding condition holds if:

$$u^{-} \le u_{eq}(x) \le u^{+}$$

Analysis problem

Do the sliding sufficient conditions hold over $\mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$?

Synthesis problem

Given u^+ and u^- , what is the fastest dynamic that can be achieved?

Both imply to compute the minimum and the maximum of u_{eq} over \mathbb{X} . \rightarrow But u_{eq} is non-convex in the general case. \rightarrow Global optimization tools are needed.

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Global optimization problem formulation.

It is possible to formulate:

$$\begin{cases} \inf_{\mathbf{k}\in\mathbb{R}^n} & m(\mathbf{k}) \\ \text{subject to} & c(\mathbf{k}) \le 0, \end{cases}$$

(12)

here:

- $m \ (\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R})$ is the objective function.
- $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the optimization variable.
- $c~(\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R})$ is a function which defines a subset where the solution is searched.

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Case study: AUV Ciscrea heave control.

Formulating a SM control with a desired dynamics of the form:

$$\sigma = \dot{e} + \lambda e = 0 \tag{13}$$

with:

- $e = z_d z$ the tracking error.
- z_d the reference position.
- λ an approaching rate tuning parameter.

Implemented with the discontinuous control action:

$$\tau_{pro} = |\tau_{max}|sign(\sigma) \quad \text{with}: \quad |u^-| = |u^+| = \tau_{max} = 6 \text{ Nm}$$
 (14)

The equivalent control signal is:

$$u_{eq} = -\lambda \dot{z} (M_{RB} + M_A) + D_L \dot{z} + D_{NL} |\dot{z}| \dot{z} + g(z) - \tau_{env}$$
(15)

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Program to solve:

$$\begin{cases} \sup_{\lambda \in \Delta} \lambda \\ \text{s. t.} \quad u^{-} \leq u_{eq}(\lambda, x), \, \forall x \in \mathbb{X} \\ \quad u_{eq}(\lambda, x) \leq u^{+}, \, \forall x \in \mathbb{X} \end{cases}$$

 \rightarrow Semi infinite program (SIP). Or equivalently

$$\begin{cases} \sup_{\lambda \in \Delta} \lambda \\ \text{s. t.} & u^- \leq \min_{x \in \mathbb{X}} u_{eq}(\lambda, x), \\ & \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} u_{eq}(\lambda, x) \leq u^+. \end{cases}$$
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With:

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$$[\dot{z}] = [-0.15, 0.15]$$

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$$[\tau_{env}] = [-3,3]$$

Global maximum over $\Delta = [0, 2]$:

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Given u^+, u^- and $\lambda \in \Delta$, what are the speeds at which SM can be achieved?

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Characterize the feasible set of CSP

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With:

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 Nm
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Search domain:

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$$\Delta = [0, 2]$$

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$$[\dot{z}] = [-1, 1]$$

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Analysis problem I - System step response.

Analysis problem

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Analysis problem

What happens if we do not know exactly a parameter of the system?

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