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CPS: Medium: Collaborative Research: Multi-Objective Mitigation Strategies for Viability and Performance of Cyber-Physical Systems

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Challenge:

This project aims to bring control theory, automotive & aerospace application domain-knowledge, and real-time resource allocation, to bear on the problem of run-time mitigation when complex CPSs operating in uncertain environments confront with unanticipated viability-compromising situations.

Proposed solution:

Establish a systematic, general, and broadly applicable framework to approach failure mode effects management (FMEM) development for advanced autonomous systems:

- **Fault Detection**: Faults should be detected as soon as they happen (or are potentially likely to happen)
- **Multi-Mode Control**: Pointwise-in-time state and control constraints should be enforced at all times despite the presence of faults.
- **Effective Resource Reallocation**: Computing resources should be appropriately reallocated in a timely manner upon detection of faults to executing the corresponding control strategies
- **Mitigation Coordination**: Once a fault is detected, a set of strategies should be provided to the multi-mode control module and the resource allocator to assure system viability.

Scientific impact:

- Providing a framework for formalizing the concept of "continuing operation" in the face of a variety of contingencies.
- Defining a set of mitigation strategies that addresses a broad range of contingencies that arise in several important applications.
- Obtaining a better understanding of emergent problems that arise from the interaction of resource-allocation and control strategies, and propose devising optimal (or near-optimal) strategies for dealing with such problems with guaranteed performance in the presence of uncertainty.

Broader impact:

- Analysis techniques, algorithms and implementation methodologies developed in this project can support the automotive industry to develop safe advanced/autonomous vehicles.
- This project provides unique opportunities for students to develop expertise across the different areas.

Proposed framework:

Fault Detection

- LTI systems with F fault scenarios can be expressed as F distinct LTI systems with different system matrices.

$$\begin{cases} x(t+1|\mu) = A_\mu x(t|\mu) + B_\mu v(t) + \omega(t) \\ y(t|\mu) = C_\mu x(t|\mu) + \zeta(t) \end{cases}$$

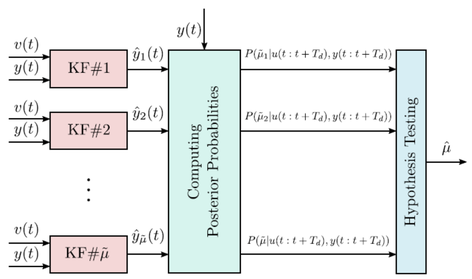
- When the system is operating in mode μ, its state and reference have to satisfy constraints

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}[z_1(t|\mu)] \in \mathcal{Z}_1 \\ \mathbb{P}(z_2(t|\mu) \in \mathcal{Z}_2) \geq \beta \end{cases}$$

- The Multi-Model Adaptive Estimator (MMAE) uses residual signals to identify the actual mode of the system.

$$\hat{\mu} = \arg\max_{\tilde{\mu}} \mathbb{P}\big(\tilde{\mu} | y(t:t+T_d), v(t:t+T_d-1)\big)$$

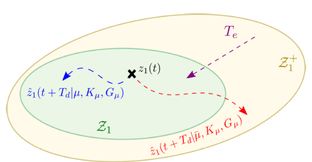
with $y(t:t+T_d) = [y(t)^\top \cdots y(t+T_d)^\top]^\top$ and $v(t:t+T_d-1) = [v(t)^\top \cdots v(t+T_d-1)^\top]^\top$



- The control sequence $v(t:t+T_d-1)$ can be determined via a suitably designed optimization problem so to improve detection performance without violating constraints

$$v^* = \arg\min_{v} \sum_{\tilde{\mu}} \sum_{\hat{\mu}} \sqrt{\mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mu})\mathbb{P}(\hat{\mu})}\, e^{-\rho_{\tilde{\mu}\hat{\mu}}}$$

with $\rho_{\tilde{\mu}\hat{\mu}}$ as a quadratic function in the control sequence $v(t:t+T_d-1)$.



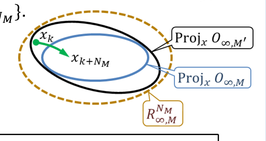
Multi-Mode Control

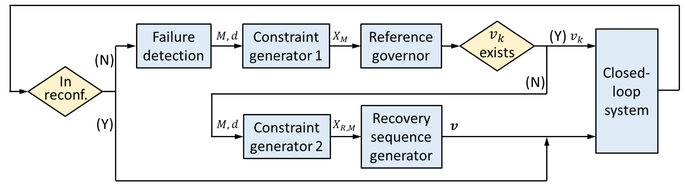
Set-theoretic failure mode reconfiguration

- Exploits nesting between constraint admissible sets $O_{\infty,M}$ and recoverable sets $R^{N_M}_{\infty,M}$ to ensure there exists a recovery sequence $\boldsymbol{v} = \{v_k, \dots, v_{k+N_M}\}$.
- Reconfiguration condition for mode M:

$$\text{Proj}_x\, O_{\infty,M'} \subseteq R^{N_M}_{\infty,M} \;\; \forall M' \in \text{pred}(M)$$

- Apply reference governor for reference tracking while imposing constraints.

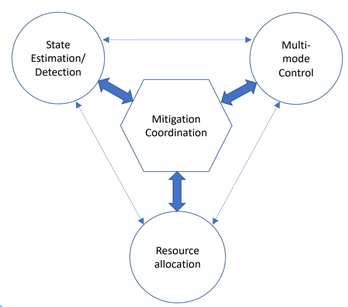


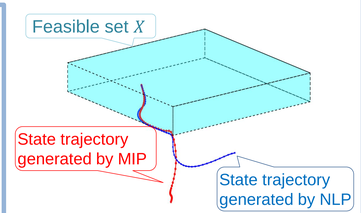


Viability maximization and failure mode management

- State trajectory may eventually drift outside a desired operating region X.
- Maximize the time before trajectory exiting operating region X (violating constraint).

Mitigation Coordination





Continuous nonlinear programming (NLP) approach based on exponential weighting

$$\min_{\{u_k\}_{k=0}^{N-1}, \{\varepsilon_k\}_{k0}^{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \boldsymbol{\theta^{N-k}} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon_k}$$

Subject to $x_{k+1} = f_d(x_k, u_k)$
$u_k \in U$
$0 \leq \varepsilon_k \leq \varepsilon_{k+1}$
$H(x_k) \leq h + \mathbf{1}M\varepsilon_k$

- Same "time-before-exit"
- Significantly improved computation efficiency over mixed-integer programming (MIP) approaches

Resource Allocator

Responsible for marshalling and allocating the available platform computing resources