Hybrid approach for linear time-varying systems:

Hovering for impulsive spacecraft rendervous

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Orbital rendezvous definition

Orbital Rendezvous consists of:

- Keplerian relative motion;
- Relative navigation;
- Passive Target;
- Fixed-time;
- Usage of ergols thrusters :
 - the control is modeled by impulsive signals,
 - Instantaneous velocity change,
 - Sequence of coasting arc limited by thruster impulses;



Rendez-vous problem

- Steering the chaser spacecraft from a state A to state B;
- Assuming some operating constraints (Actuators bounds, safety constraints ...);

Hovering problem for rendez-vous



Needs of stationkeeping abilities for different purposes

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Literature Background:

 Computing maneuver making the spacecraft bouncing on the frontier of the hovering subset.



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Our approaches:

 Taking advantages of natural periodic orbits to decrease the consumption.

Periodic orbits approaches for hovering

- Hybrid control approach
- Stabilisation of a particular admissible periodic orbit

- MPC control approach
- Stabilisation toward the set of admissible periodic orbit





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Non linear dynamics are given by:

$$\begin{split} \ddot{x} &= 2\,\dot{\nu}\,\dot{z} + \ddot{\nu}\,z + \dot{\nu}^2\,x - \frac{\mu\,x}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + (R - z)^2)^3}},\\ \ddot{y} &= -\frac{\mu\,y}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + (R - z)^2)^3}},\\ \ddot{z} &= -2\,\dot{\nu}\,\dot{x} - \ddot{\nu}\,x + \dot{\nu}^2z - \frac{\mu(R - z)}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + (R - z)^2)^3}} + \frac{\mu}{R^3}. \end{split}$$

State space vector

$$X(t) = [x, y, , z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}]$$

Relative motion dynamics II

Linearization assumption:

• Relative navigation: distance between satellite is small with respect to the radius of the target spacecraft.

Linearized equation for the relative motion can be obtained:

Tschauner-Hempel equations

$$\begin{split} \ddot{x} &= \dot{\nu} \dot{z} + \ddot{\nu} z + \dot{\nu}^2 x - \frac{\mu}{R^3} x \\ \ddot{y} &= -\frac{\mu}{R^3} x \\ \ddot{z} &= -2\dot{\nu} \dot{x} - \ddot{\nu} x + \dot{\nu}^2 z + 2\frac{\mu}{R^3} z \end{split}$$

Substitution of the time variable t by the target true anomaly ν and the change of variable

$$\tilde{X}(\nu) = \begin{bmatrix} (1 + e\cos\nu)\mathbb{I}_3 & 0_3\\ -e\sin\nu\mathbb{I}_3 & \frac{(1 + e\cos\nu)}{\dot{\nu}}\mathbb{I}_3 \end{bmatrix} X(t) \text{ with } \dot{\nu} = \frac{2\pi}{T} \frac{(1 + e\cos\nu)^2}{(1 - e^2)^{3/2}}$$

Simplified Tschauner-Hempel eqs.

$$\begin{split} \tilde{x}^{\prime\prime} &= 2\tilde{z}^{\prime} \\ \tilde{y}^{\prime\prime} &= -\tilde{y} \\ \tilde{z}^{\prime\prime} &= -2\tilde{x}^{\prime} + \frac{3}{1 + e\cos\nu} \tilde{z} \end{split}$$

Hybrid Modeling for the rendezvous problem

Time-varying model

$$\begin{split} \tilde{X}' &= A(\nu)\tilde{X} \\ \tilde{X}^+ &= \tilde{X} + \begin{bmatrix} 0_{3\times 3} \\ I_3 \end{bmatrix} u \end{split}$$

in free motion at impulse execution

$$A(\nu) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{1 + e \cos \nu} & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hybrid Modeling for the rendezvous problem II

Floquet-Lyapunov transformation

 $\xi = G(\nu) \tilde{X} := S(\nu) \, C(\nu) \tilde{X} \; ,$

$$S(\nu) := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c_{\nu} & 0 & 0 & -s_{\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & s_{\nu} & 0 & 0 & c_{\nu} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{3es_{\nu}(1+\rho)}{e(2-1)} & \frac{es_{\nu}(1+\rho)}{e^2-1} & 0 & \frac{\rho^2 - ec_{\nu} - 3}{e^2-1} \\ e & 0 & -3s_{\nu} & s_{\nu}(1+\rho) & 0 & c_{\nu}\rho \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3(c_{\nu}+e}{e^2-1} & -\frac{c_{\nu}(1+\rho)+e}{e^2-1} & 0 & s_{\nu}\rho \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{3(3ec_{\nu}+e^2+2)}{e^2-1} & \frac{3\rho^2}{e^2-1} & 0 & -\frac{3es_{\nu}\rho}{e^2-1} \end{bmatrix} ,$$

$$S(\nu) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sigma(\nu)}{(1-e^2)^{3/2}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} , \quad \sigma(\nu) = (\nu - \nu_f) - n(t-t_f)$$

Hybrid Modeling for the rendezvous problem III



Equilibrium and periodicity

- $\xi_6 = 0$ implies that ξ is constant
- Constant $\xi \iff$ Periodic orbits

Hybrid Control laws

New hybrid model

where

•
$$\mathcal{C} := (\mathbb{R}^6 \times [0, 2\pi] \times [0, 2\pi]) \setminus \mathcal{D}_{\nu} \cap \mathcal{D}_u$$

•
$$\mathcal{D}_{\nu} := \mathbb{R}^6 \times \{2\pi\} \times [0, 2\pi],$$

• $\mathcal{D}_{u} := \mathbb{R}^{6} \times [0, 2\pi] \times \{0\},\$

The degree of freedom this hybrid approach are

Control law $\gamma_u(\cdot)$; Trigger law $\gamma_{\tau}(\cdot)$.

Periodic bi-impulsive control:

- $\gamma_u(\cdot)$ based on transition inversion;
- γ_τ(·) fixed a priori.

- Periodic Ø norm-minimizing control:
 - $\gamma_u(\cdot)$ minimizes the 2-norm of impulse;

 - γ_τ(·) fixed a priori.

- Non periodic 6 bi-impulsive control:
 - $\gamma_u(\cdot)$ based on transition inversion:
 - $\gamma_{\tau}(\cdot)$ optimized over one period.

Periodic bi-impulsive control law

Control law γ_u

 γ_u computes u(ν_i) and u(ν_i + ν
 is such that:

$$\xi_{ref} - \xi^+ (\nu_i + \bar{\nu}) = \tilde{\xi}^+ (\nu_i + \bar{\nu}) = 0$$

 γ_u is given by

$$\begin{split} \gamma_u(\xi(\nu_i),\bar{\nu}) &= [-I \quad 0] M(\nu,\bar{\nu})^{-1} \tilde{\xi}. \end{split}$$
 where $M(\nu,\bar{\nu}) := \begin{bmatrix} \hat{B}(\nu) & \Phi(-\bar{\nu}) \hat{B}(\nu+\bar{\nu}) \end{bmatrix} \quad \Phi(\mu) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \mu(1-e^2)^{-3/2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

• Matrix M is inversible $\iff \bar{\nu} \neq k\pi$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Trigger law γ_{τ}

Periodic trig of the control law: $\gamma_{\tau}=\bar{\nu}$

Theorem

The reference periodic orbit ξ_{ref} is stable and attractive

Periodic bi-impulsive norm-minimizing control /aw

Control law γ_u

• γ_u computes $u(\nu_i)$ such that:

$$u^* = \operatorname*{argmin}_{u} |\tilde{\xi}^+|^2, \qquad ext{such that:} \quad \tilde{\xi}^+ = \tilde{\xi} + \widehat{B}(\nu)u, \quad \tilde{\xi}^+_6 = 0$$

• γ_u is given by

$$\gamma_u(\tilde{\xi},\nu) = u_6 - \hat{B}_6^{\perp}(\nu)(\hat{B}(\nu)\hat{B}_6^{\perp}(\nu))^{-L}(\tilde{\xi} + \hat{B}(\nu)u_6) \qquad \text{with } u_6 = -\frac{\hat{b}_6(\nu)}{|\hat{b}_6(\nu)|^2}\tilde{\xi}_6,$$

where

$$\hat{b}_{6}(\nu) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3\rho^{3}}{e^{2}-1} \\ 0 \\ \frac{3\rho^{2}e\sin(\nu)}{1-e^{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \ \hat{B}_{6}^{\perp}(\nu) = \begin{bmatrix} e\sin(\nu) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \rho(\nu) & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \ \hat{b}_{6}(\nu)\hat{B}_{6}^{\perp}(\nu) = 0$$

Trigger law γ_{τ}

Periodic trig of the control law: $\gamma_{ au} = \bar{\nu}$

Theorem

The reference periodic orbit ξ_{ref} is stable (attractivity non guaranteed)

Aperiodic bi-impulsive control law

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$$\xi_{ref} - \xi^+ (\nu_i + \bar{\nu}) = \tilde{\xi}(\nu_i + \bar{\nu}) = 0$$

 γ_u is given by

$$\gamma_u(\xi(\nu_i), \bar{\nu}) = [-I \ 0] M(\nu, \bar{\nu})^{-1} \tilde{\xi}.$$

 $\text{ with } M(\nu,\bar{\nu}):=\begin{bmatrix}\hat{B}(\nu) & \Phi(-\bar{\nu})\hat{B}(\nu+\bar{\nu})\end{bmatrix} \qquad \bar{\nu}\neq k\pi \ , \quad k\in\mathbb{Z}$

Trigger law $\gamma_{ au}$

• Search for the best moment to trig: $\gamma_{\tau}(\tilde{\xi}, \nu) =$ $\underset{\bar{\nu} \in [0, 2\pi]}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left| M(\nu, \bar{\nu})^{-1} \tilde{\xi} \right|_{1}$



Theorem

The reference periodic orbit ξ_{ref} is stable and attractive.













Numerical studies: second example



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Conclusions

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Achievements

- Use of Floquet-Lyapunov to obtain LTI flow;
- Hybrid description of the hovering problem;
- Stability and convergence (in most of cases) is guaranteed.

Future works

- Accounting for thrusters saturations;
- Evaluate the robustness through non-linear simulations;
- Address the robust stability properties of the presented control law.

