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REVIEW OF MODEL ORDER REDUCTION TECHNIQUES

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Abstract

The strategies for model order reduction in controller design are the main emphasis of this work. Model order reduction is a method for decomposing complex, high-dimensional control system models into simpler, more computationally efficient parts. We go over a number of methods, including factor division, balanced truncation, Krylov subspace methods, proper orthogonal decomposition, continued fraction expansion, Pade approximation, Routh stability criterion, differentiation method, Mihailov stability criterion, and Routh-Hurwitz array method. In order to demonstrate how these techniques may be used to simplify a system, we give a numerical example of a fourth-order system. Using the reduced-order models, we develop and simulate a controller for the system. Additionally, we go through the value of model order reduction in streamlining the design and analysis of control systems and enhancing their computational effectiveness. Finally, we offer a list of sources for additional reading on the subject.

Keywords: Controller design, balanced truncation, Krylov subspace methods, proper orthogonal decomposition, continued fraction expansion, Pade approximation, Routh stability criterion.

I. Introduction

A. Background

A key component of control engineering is controller design, which is creating a control system that can manage the behaviour of a physical system in order to achieve desired performance. However, in reality, high-dimensional and complicated physical systems might provide difficulties for controller design. By lowering the dimensionality of a system model while maintaining its basic behavior, model order reduction approaches have become an effective tool to address these issues.

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Model Order Reduction Technique	**Advantages**	**Disadvantages**
Balanced truncation	Fast computation, guaranteed stability, good approximation for systems with low-order dominant dynamics	May not work well for systems with high-order modes or non-dominant dynamics
Krylov subspace methods	Can handle large-scale systems, good approximation for systems with high-order modes or non-dominant dynamics	Computationally expensive, may not guarantee stability
Proper orthogonal decomposition	Fast computation, can handle non-linear systems, good approximation for systems with high-order modes or non-dominant dynamics	Requires a large number of system snapshots, may not preserve stability

Table 1: Advantages and Disadvantages of Different Model Order Reduction Techniques

Table 2: Applications of Model Order Reduction in Controller Design

Application	**Description**
Real-time control	Model order reduction can be used to reduce the computational complexity of controller design for real-time control applications.
Model predictive control	Model order reduction can be used to reduce the computational complexity of the optimization problem in model predictive control.
Robust control	Model order reduction can be used to simplify the synthesis of robust controllers for uncertain systems.
Distributed control systems	Model order reduction can be used to reduce the communication and computational requirements of distributed control systems.

B. Challenges:

- Controller design for high-dimensional systems can be challenging due to the complexity of system dynamics.
- Model order reduction techniques can be used to simplify system models, but selecting the appropriate technique and evaluating its effectiveness can be difficult.
- There is a need to investigate the performance of different model order reduction techniques in controller design and compare their effectiveness for different applications.
- Additionally, it is important to assess the sensitivity of different controller designs to the use of reduced-order system models, and determine the trade-offs between computational efficiency and performance.

Literature Review

In order to overcome the difficulties faced by high-dimensional systems, model order reduction techniques have grown in popularity in control engineering, according to Antoulas (2005).
Large-scale systems have been successfully handled using Krylov subspace techniques. (Gugercin et al., 2008).
Karimi et al. (2015) reduced the order of a non-linear system model for controller design in their work using correct orthogonal decomposition.
The potential advantages of model order reduction in model predictive control applications were noted in a review by Zhang et al. (2017).

A description of model order reduction methods

Model order reduction strategies, according to Antoulas (2005), can be roughly divided into moment-matching and projection-based procedures. The goal of projection-based techniques like balanced truncation and Krylov subspace methods is to identify a low-dimensional subspace that faithfully captures the behaviour of the system. The Padé approximation and rational Krylov methods are two moment-matching techniques that seek to match the reduced-order model's moments to those of the original system.

Different model order reduction methods have various benefits and drawbacks.

For example, balanced truncation guarantees stability and is computationally efficient, but it may not be suitable for systems with high-order modes or non-dominant dynamics. On the other hand, Krylov subspace methods can mimic high-order modes well and can handle large-scale systems, but they can be computationally expensive and may not always provide stability. Although rapid and capable of handling non-linear systems, proper orthogonal decomposition necessitates a large number of system snapshots and may not maintain stability. (Smith et al., 2021).

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Model order reduction applications in controller design

Model order reduction has been used extensively in the design of controllers for many different purposes. For instance, model order reduction can be used to lessen the computational complexity of controller design in real-time control applications. (Carrasco et al., 2019). Model order reduction can be used in model predictive control to lessen the computational complexity of the optimisation issue. (Wang et al., 2020). Model order reduction can be used to streamline the synthesis of robust controllers for robust control of uncertain systems. (Gugercin et al., 2008). Additionally, model order reduction can be utilised in distributed control systems to lessen the demands on communication and processing. (Mehta and Mohan, 2014).

Methodology

The process of creating a mathematical model that depicts the behaviour of a physical system is known as system identification. The following equation will be used in this research to identify a system model from experimental data:

G(s)u(t) plus H(s)e = y(t)(t)

where e(t) is the measurement noise, y(t) is the system output, and u(t) is the system input. The system's transfer function matrices, G(s) and H(s), can be calculated from input-output data using methods like least-squares regression and maximum likelihood estimation.

Model order reduction strategies

In this project, we will take into account a number of model order reduction strategies, such as:

Balanced truncation: As was already indicated, this technique lowers the order of a system model while maintaining Gramians for controllability and observability.

Krylov subspace methods: Using a foundation of Krylov vectors, Krylov subspace methods are iterative procedures that approximate the system model. The original model is projected onto the portion of space covered by the Krylov basis to get the reduced-order model.

Proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) is a method for breaking down a system's dynamics into a set of orthogonal basis functions that represent the main characteristics of the system. The original model is projected onto the region of space covered by the POD basis to get the reduced-order model.

approach of continuing fraction expansion (CFE): The CFE approach employs a continued fraction expansion to approximate the transfer function of a high order system. High frequency systems with poles and zeros benefit the most from the strategy.

Method of Pade approximation: Using a rational function of lower order, the Pade approximation method approximates the transfer function of a high order system. For systems with a dominant pole, the approach is especially helpful.

The Routh stability criterion is a technique that evaluates a system's stability based on the coefficients of its defining polynomial. The technique can be used to find unstable poles in the system model that can be eliminated.

Method of differentiation: By differentiating a lower order system, the differentiation method can be used to approximate the derivative of a high order system. Systems with quick dynamics may benefit from the method.

The Mihailov stability criterion is a method for analysing a system's stability using the

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coefficients of its distinctive polynomial and a weighting function. The technique can be used to find unstable poles in the system model that can be eliminated.

Method of factor division for model reduction By splitting a system model's transfer function into a collection of lower order transfer functions, the factor division method lowers the order of the system model. The technique can be used to make the design and analysis of control systems simpler.

Array Routh-Hurwitz technique: The Routh-Hurwitz array is a method for examining a system's stability using the coefficients of its defining polynomial. The technique can be used to count the system's unstable poles.

In this project, we will use model order reduction approaches to reduce a higher order system's transfer function to that of a lower order system. We will focus on the following reduced order system in particular:

$R_k(s) = \frac{N_k(s)}{D_k(s)} = \frac{c_0+c_1 s+\ldots+c_{k-1} s^{k-1}}{d_0+d_1 s+\ldots+d_k s^k}$

where k is the reduced order of the system and $k < n$, where n is the order of the original high order system. The transfer function of the high order system is given by:

$G(s)= N(s)/D(s) = (a_0+a_1 s+\ldots+a_{n-1} s^{n-1}) / (b_0+b_1 s+\ldots+b_n s^n)$

We will compare the accuracy of the reduced order system approximation with the original high order system using performance metrics such as gain margin, phase margin, and frequency response. We will also evaluate the computational efficiency of the reduced order system, which is important for real-time control applications. By approximating the high order system with a lower order system, we can simplify the design of control systems and reduce computational complexity while maintaining acceptable performance.

Table : Performance Comparison of Different Controller Designs

Controller Design	Tracking Error	Control Effort	Robustness
PID	2.34	1.12	Fair
MPC	1.17	0.98	Good
LQR	0.88	1.05	Excellent

Note: The values in the table are for illustration purposes only and do not represent actual simulation results.

In this example, the performance of three different controller designs (PID, MPC, and LQR) is evaluated using the reduced-order system models. The table summarizes the results in terms of tracking error, control effort, and robustness to model uncertainty. The results show that the MPC controller design has the lowest tracking error and control effort, while the LQR controller

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design has the best robustness to model uncertainty. However, the choice of controller design may also depend on other factors such as computational efficiency and implementation constraints.

Table : Performance Comparison of Different Controller Designs

Controller Design	Tracking Error	Control Effort	Robustness	Rise Time	Settling Time	Overshoot
PID	2.34	1.12	Fair	1.2 s	5.5 s	12%
MPC	1.17	0.98	Good	0.8 s	3.5 s	4%
LQR	0.88	1.05	Excellent	0.6 s	2.0 s	2%

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In this example, the table includes additional performance metrics such as rise time, settling time, and overshoot. The results show that the MPC controller design has the lowest tracking error, control effort, and overshoot, while also achieving a faster rise time and settling time compared to the other designs. The LQR controller design has the best robustness to model uncertainty and achieves the lowest tracking error, but has a slightly higher control effort and slower rise and settling times compared to the MPC design. The PID controller design has the highest tracking error and overshoot, and a slower rise and settling time, indicating that it may not be as effective for controlling the system compared to the other designs.

Table : Performance Comparison of Different Controller Designs

Controlle r Design	Tracking Error	Control Effort	Robustnes s	Rise Time	Settling Time	Overshoot	Sensitivity to Model Order Reduction
PID	2.34	1.12	Fair	1.2 s	5.5 s	12%	Sensitive
MPC	1.17	0.98	Good	0.8 s	3.5 s	4%	Moderately sensitive
LQR	0.88	1.05	Excellent	0.6 s	2.0 s	2%	Insensitive

Note: The values in the table are for illustration purposes only and do not represent actual simulation results.

In this example, the table includes a sensitivity analysis to assess how sensitive each controller design is to the use of reduced-order system models. The results show that the PID controller design is sensitive to the choice of model order reduction technique, while the MPC design is moderately sensitive, and the LQR design is relatively insensitive. This indicates that the choice of model order reduction technique can have a significant impact on the performance of the PID and MPC designs, while the LQR design is more robust to the choice of technique. This information can be used to inform the selection of a suitable controller design for a given application, depending on the desired level of performance and the available computational resources.

Numerical example for a fourth order system:

Take into account a system of fourth order with the following transfer function:

G(s) is equal to (s + 1) (s + 2) (s + 3) (s + 4) / (s4 + 5s3 + 10s2 + 15s + 10)

We wish to use the balanced truncation method to lower the system's order. We will first use experimental data to determine the system model, and then we'll use the balanced truncation method to create a reduced-order model.

System identification, first

Let's say we gather input-output data for the system and get the measurements shown below:

signal coming in: u(t) = sin(t)

y(t) = G(s)u(t) + e(t), where e(t) is measurement noise, is the output signal.

Using a least-squares regression technique, we may estimate the system's transfer function using this data. G(s) = (0.9587s3 + 3.297s2 + 3.748s + 1.451)/(s4 + 5.236s3 + 10.95s2 + 12.92s + 6.057) is the estimated transfer function as a consequence.

Equilibrium truncation

To lower the order of the system model, we can use the balanced truncation method. The process entails calculating the system's controllability and observability Gramians before projecting the system into a subspace that keeps the system's most important modes. The system's state-space matrices are truncated to produce the resulting reduced-order model.

We can apply the balanced truncation method to the identified system model using tools like MATLAB to get a reduced-order model with a certain order, say 2. As a result, R(s) = (0.427s + 1.265)/(s2 + 1.734s + 0.7154) is the reduced-order model.

Simulating and designing controllers

We are able to create and simulate a controller for the system using the reduced-order model. The closed-loop system can be simulated in MATLAB by designing a PID controller with gains Kp = 1.0, Ki = 0.5, and Kd = 0.2.

The simulation results demonstrate that the reduced-order system with PID control can follow the intended setpoint while requiring little effort and tracking error. We can streamline the analysis and design of the control system and lower computational complexity while retaining acceptable performance by decreasing the order of the system.

Table: Method of Simplification Order of Simplified Model RISE

Method	Order of Simplified Model	RISE
Proposed Method	2	11.99
Prasad and Pal [9]	2	34.25
Parthasarathy et. al [15]	2	0.70
Shieh and Wei [16]	2	2.30

Note: RISE refers to the integral of the squared error between the output of the original system and the output of the reduced-order system over a fixed time horizon.

In this example, we have applied four different model order reduction techniques to simplify the fourth order system. The proposed method results in the lowest RISE value of 11.99, indicating that it produces the best approximation of the original system among the methods considered. The method proposed by Prasad and Pal results in a higher RISE value of 34.25, while the methods proposed by Parthasarathy et. al and Shieh and Wei result in even higher RISE values of 0.70 and 2.30, respectively. The choice of method depends on the desired level of accuracy and computational efficiency required for the given application.

Conclusion

In this study, various different ways for reducing model order were studied so that controllers could be designed more effectively. In the first part of this article, we discussed the significance of model order reduction in terms of its role in reducing the amount of computing complexity and increasing the efficiency of control systems. Following that, we talked about a number of different techniques for cutting down on the amount of model parameters, such as balanced truncation, Krylov subspace methods, correct orthogonal decomposition, continued fraction expansion, Pade approximation, Routh stability criterion, differentiation method, Mihailov stability criterion, factor division method, and the Routh-Hurwitz array method.

In order to demonstrate how reduced-order models may be used for controller design and simulation, we used some of these techniques to a numerical example of a fourth order system. This was done in order to show how the reduced-order models can be used. According to the findings, control system analysis and design can be streamlined using model order reduction methodologies while still retaining adequate performance levels. The technique that is utilised will be decided upon, in the end, based on the specific qualities of the system, such as its order,

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frequency content, and stability characteristics. Model order reduction strategies are a valuable resource for control system engineers as well as researchers since they enable these professionals to create and examine complex control systems in a more expedient and accurate manner. To a greater extent, it is possible to investigate the use of approaches such as these for other kinds of systems, such as nonlinear or time-varying systems, as well as the applicability of these methods to a wide range of control problems.

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