

# Guaranteed Cost Control of Uncertain Differential Linear Repetitive Processes

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**Abstract**—This paper deals with the problem of designing a control law for differential linear repetitive processes based on minimizing a cost function in the presence of uncertainties in the process model. This control law results in a closed-loop stable process with an associated cost function which is bounded for all admissible uncertainties. Moreover, an optimization algorithm is developed to design this law such that it minimizes the upperbound of the closed-loop cost function.

**Index Terms**—Differential repetitive processes, guaranteed cost control, two-dimensional (2-D) systems.

## I. INTRODUCTION

LINEAR repetitive processes are a distinct class of two-dimensional (2-D) systems (i.e., information propagation in two independent directions) of both systems' theoretic and applications interest. Physical examples of repetitive processes include long-wall coal cutting and metal rolling operations (see, for example, [7]). Also, in recent years, applications have arisen where adopting a repetitive process setting for analysis has distinct advantages over alternatives. Examples of these so-called algorithmic applications include classes of iterative learning control (ILC) schemes [1] and iterative algorithms for solving nonlinear dynamic optimal control problems based on the maximum principle [6]. In the case of ILC for the linear dynamics case, the stability theory for so-called differential and discrete linear repetitive processes is the essential basis for the development of a rigorous stability/convergence theory for one class of very powerful algorithms. For the nonlinear optimal control application, the repetitive process setting for analysis has provided numerically robust and computationally feasible solution algorithms.

The processes cannot be controlled by direct extension of existing techniques from standard [termed one-dimensional (1-D) here] systems theory/algorithms because such an approach ignores their inherent 2-D systems structure, i.e., information propagation occurs from pass-to-pass and along a given pass and the initial conditions are reset before the start of the next

pass. Also, the finite pass length (and hence information propagation in this direction only occurs over a finite duration) is the key difference with other classes of 2-D linear systems. Moreover, for the differential linear repetitive processes considered here, the dynamics in the along-the-pass direction are governed by a matrix linear differential equation and hence they cannot be controlled by any of the techniques/algorithms developed for 2-D discrete linear systems, such as those described by the extensively studied Roesser and Fornasini–Marchesini models (the original references for these models can be found for, example, in [7]).

Clearly, there is a need to develop a systems theory for these processes for onward translation (where appropriate) into numerically reliable design algorithms. This general area has been the subject of substantial work but the currently available robust stability and stabilization results [2] do not include any performance criteria in the design of the control law.

In this paper, we develop a solution to the so-called guaranteed cost control problem for differential linear repetitive processes (for the discrete 2-D linear systems case, see [3]). The solution gives a control law which ensures an adequate level of performance as represented by the cost function. Based on the state-space model description of the dynamics, the conditions which guarantee stability and the existence of the guaranteed cost control law are developed in terms of the feasibility of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs). These inequalities, in turn, can be solved using well-established effective numerical algorithms [5]. Finally, an optimization algorithm is developed which minimizes the upperbound on the cost function.

Throughout this paper, the null matrix and the identity matrix with the required dimensions are denoted by 0 and  $I$ , respectively. Moreover,  $M > 0$  (respectively,  $M < 0$ ) denotes a matrix  $M$  which is real symmetric and positive (respectively, negative) definite. We also use  $(\star)$  to denote the transpose of matrix blocks in some of the LMIs employed (which are required to be symmetric). The following lemma is required in the proofs of some of the results developed here.

*Lemma 1:* [4] Let  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  be real matrices of appropriate dimensions. Then, for any matrix  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfying  $\mathcal{F}^T \mathcal{F} \leq I$  and a scalar  $\epsilon > 0$  the following inequality holds:

$$\Sigma_1 \mathcal{F} \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_2^T \mathcal{F} \Sigma_1^T \leq \epsilon^{-1} \Sigma_1 \Sigma_1^T + \epsilon \Sigma_2^T \Sigma_2. \quad (1)$$

Also, we will make extensive use of the well-known Schur complement formula for matrices.

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**Theorem 2:** An unforced differential linear repetitive process described by (2) is robustly stable if there exist matrices  $P_1 > 0$ ,  $P_2 > 0$ , and a scalar  $\epsilon > 0$  such that LMI given in (11), shown at the bottom of the page, holds. Moreover, in this case, the cost function (10) satisfies the following upperbound:

$$J_0 \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{k+1}^T(0)P_1x_{k+1}(0) + \int_0^{\infty} y_0^T(t)P_2y_0(t)dt. \quad (12)$$

*Proof:* Define the matrices

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} A & B_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \Delta A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} \Delta A & \Delta B_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ C & D_0 \end{bmatrix}, & \Delta A_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \Delta C & \Delta D_0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

and the vectors

$$\xi(k, t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{k+1}(t) \\ y_{k+1}(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \zeta(k, t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1}(t) \\ y_k(t) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

Then rewrite (9) as

$$\dot{\xi}(k, t) = ((A_1 + \Delta A_1) + (A_2 + \Delta A_2))\zeta(k, t) \quad (15)$$

and choose the candidate Lyapunov function as

$$\begin{aligned} V(k, t) &:= V_1(k, t) + V_2(k, t) \\ &= x_{k+1}^T(t)P_1x_{k+1}(t) + y_k^T(t)P_2y_k(t) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $P_1 > 0$  and  $P_2 > 0$ . (This function is a combination of two independent indeterminates due to the 2-D nature of the repetitive processes considered here.) Since

$$\dot{V}_1(k, t) = \dot{x}_{k+1}^T(t)P_1x_{k+1}(t) + x_{k+1}^T(t)P_1\dot{x}_{k+1}(t)$$

and

$$\Delta V_2(k, t) = y_{k+1}^T(t)P_2y_{k+1}(t) - y_k^T(t)P_2y_k(t)$$

the associated increment for (16) is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V(k, t) &= \dot{V}_1(k, t) + \Delta V_2(k, t) \\ &= \dot{x}_{k+1}^T(t)P_1x_{k+1}(t) + x_{k+1}^T(t)P_1\dot{x}_{k+1}(t) \\ &\quad + y_{k+1}^T(t)P_2y_{k+1}(t) - y_k^T(t)P_2y_k(t) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

which together with (13) and (14) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V(k, t) &= \zeta^T(k, t)((A_1 + \Delta A_1)^T P + P(A_1 + \Delta A_1) \\ &\quad + (A_2 + \Delta A_2)R(A_2 + \Delta A_2) - R)\zeta(k, t) \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

Hence, stability along the pass holds if  $\Delta V(k, t) < 0$  for  $\zeta(k, t) \neq 0$ . Next, the inequality

$$\Delta V(k, t) + \zeta^T(k, t) \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2 \end{bmatrix} \zeta(k, t) < 0 \quad (20)$$

implies that (9) is stable along the pass. Noting that

$$\Upsilon = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \left( \zeta^T(k, t) \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2 \end{bmatrix} \zeta(k, t) \right) dt$$

and, since the process is stable along the pass, we now have that

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon &\leq - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} (\dot{V}_1(k, t) + \Delta V_2(k, t)) dt \\ &= - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{k+1}^T(t)P_1x_{k+1}(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &\quad - \int_0^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (y_{k+1}^T(t)P_2y_{k+1}(t) - y_k^T(t)P_2y_k(t)) \right) dt \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{k+1}^T(0)P_1x_{k+1}(0) \\ &\quad - \int_0^{\infty} (y_{\infty}^T(t)P_2y_{\infty}(t) - y_0^T(t)P_2y_0(t)) dt \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{k+1}^T(0)P_1x_{k+1}(0) + \int_0^{\infty} y_0^T(t)P_2y_0(t)dt. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Using (18) and (20), a sufficient condition for stability along the pass which ensures that (12) holds is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &((A_1 + \Delta A_1)^T P + P(A_1 + \Delta A_1) \\ &\quad + (A_2 + \Delta A_2)S(A_2 + \Delta A_2) - R + Q) < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where  $Q = \text{diag}\{Q_1, Q_2\}$ ,  $S = \text{diag}\{P_3, P_2\}$ , and  $P_3 > 0$  are any given matrices of the required dimensions. Next, an obvious application of the Schur complement formula yields (23), shown at the bottom of the following page, where

$$\Lambda = A^T P_1 + \Delta A^T P_1 + P_1 A + P_1 \Delta A + Q_1. \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P_2 & P_2 C & P_2 D_0 & P_2 H_2 & P_2 H_2 \\ C^T P_2 & A^T P_1 + P_1 A + Q_1 + \epsilon E_1^T E_1 & P_1 B_0 & P_1 H_1 & P_1 H_1 \\ D_0^T P_2 & B_0^T P_1 & -P_2 + Q_2 + \epsilon E_2^T E_2 & 0 & 0 \\ H_2^T P_2 & H_1^T P_1 & 0 & -\epsilon I & 0 \\ H_2^T P_2 & H_1^T P_1 & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (11)$$

On removing the block  $-P_3$ , which is always negative definite, (23) gives the equivalent condition

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} -P_2 & P_2 C & P_2 D_0 \\ C^T P_2 & A^T P_1 + P_1 A + Q_1 & P_1 B_0 \\ D_0^T P_2 & B_0^T P_1 & Q_2 - P_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_1^T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_2^T \end{bmatrix} \\ & \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}^T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{F}^T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{F}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ H_2^T P_2 & H_1^T P_1 & 0 \\ H_2^T P_2 & H_1^T P_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ & + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & P_2 H_2 & P_2 H_2 \\ 0 & P_1 H_1 & P_1 H_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{F} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{F} \end{bmatrix} \\ & \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_2 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

and, by an obvious application of the result of *Lemma 1*, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} -P_2 & P_2 C & P_2 D_0 \\ C^T P_2 & \Theta & P_1 B_0 \\ D_0^T P_2 & B_0^T P_1 & Q_2 - P_2 + \epsilon E_2^T E_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & + \epsilon^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & P_2 H_2 & P_2 H_2 \\ 0 & P_1 H_1 & P_1 H_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ H_2^T P_2 & H_1^T P_1 & 0 \\ H_2^T P_2 & H_1^T P_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where

$$\Theta = A^T P_1 + P_1 A + \epsilon E_1^T E_1 + Q_1.$$

Finally, an obvious application of the Schur complement formula gives (11) and the proof is complete. ■

*Remark 2:* Note that it is possible to minimize the upper-bound on the cost function (12) using the following optimization procedure:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{k+1}^T(0) P_1 x_{k+1}(0) + \int_0^{\infty} y_0^T(t) P_2 y_0(t) dt \right] \\ & = \min \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{trace} \left( P_1 x_{k+1}(0) x_{k+1}^T(0) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \text{trace} \left( P_2 \int_0^{\infty} y_0(t) y_0^T(t) dt \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

subject to (11).

#### IV. STATIC FEEDBACK CONTROL

The control law (see [2] for a more complete discussion) considered in previous work has the following form over  $0 \leq t \leq \alpha$ ,  $k \geq 0$ :

$$u_{k+1}(t) = [K_1 \quad K_2] \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1}(t) \\ y_k(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are appropriately dimensioned matrices to be designed. In effect, this control law uses feedback of the current state vector (which is assumed to be available for use) and “feedforward” of the previous pass profile vector. Note that in repetitive processes the term “feedforward” is used to describe the case where state or pass profile information from the previous pass (or passes) is used as (part of) the input to a control law applied on the current pass, i.e., to information which is propagated in the pass-to-pass ( $k$ ) direction.

Applying this control law to (2) yields the closed-loop process state space model

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{k+1}(t) \\ y_{k+1}(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A + BK_1 & B_0 + BK_2 \\ C + DK_1 & D_0 + DK_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta A + \Delta BK_1 & \Delta B_0 + \Delta BK_2 \\ \Delta C + \Delta DK_1 & \Delta D_0 + \Delta DK_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1}(t) \\ y_k(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

and the associated cost function is

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1}(t) \\ y_k(t) \end{bmatrix}^T \right. \\ & \times \left. \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 + K_1^T \Psi K_1 & K_1^T \Psi K_2 \\ K_2^T \Psi K_1 & Q_2 + K_2^T \Psi K_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1}(t) \\ y_k(t) \end{bmatrix} \right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

*Theorem 3:* A differential linear repetitive process described by (2) is robustly stable under the control law (28) if there exist matrices  $W_1 > 0$ ,  $W_2 > 0$ ,  $N_1$ , and  $N_2$  and a scalar  $\epsilon > 0$  such that the LMI given in (31), shown at the bottom of the following page, holds, where  $\Phi = W_1 A^T + A W_1 + N_1^T B^T + B N_1 + 2\epsilon H_1 H_1^T$  and  $\Psi > 0$ ,  $Q_1 > 0$ , and  $Q_2 > 0$  are the given matrices for the cost function (7). Also, if this condition holds, then stabilizing control law matrices  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are given by

$$K_1 = N_1 W_1^{-1}, \quad K_2 = N_2 W_2^{-1} \quad (32)$$

and the cost function (30) of the closed-loop process (29) satisfies the following upperbound:

$$J \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{k+1}^T(0) W_1^{-1} x_{k+1}(0) + \int_0^{\infty} y_0^T(t) W_2^{-1} y_0(t) dt. \quad (33)$$

*Proof:* Based on (11), we conclude that the closed-loop process (29) is robustly stabilized by the control law (28) if the

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P_3 & (*) & (*) & (*) \\ 0 & -P_2 & (*) & (*) \\ 0 & C^T P_2 + \Delta C^T P_2 & \Lambda & (*) \\ 0 & D_0^T P_2 + \Delta D_0^T P_2 & B_0^T P_1 + \Delta B_0^T P_1 & Q_2 - P_2 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (23)$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_9 &= W_1 A^T + A W_1 + N_1^T B^T + B N_1 + U_1 + N_1^T \Psi N_1 \\ \Psi_{10} &= -W_2 + U_2 + N_2^T \Psi N_2\end{aligned}$$

and  $N_1 = K_1 W_1$  and  $N_2 = K_2 W_2$ . Finally, making an obvious application of the Schur complement formula gives (31), and the proof is complete. ■

*Remark 3:* Note that it is possible to minimize the upper-bound on the cost function (12) using the following optimization procedure:

$$\begin{aligned}\min & \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{k+1}^T(0) W_1^{-1} x_{k+1}(0) + \int_0^{\infty} y_0^T(t) W_2^{-1} y_0(t) dt \right] \\ &= \min \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{trace} \left( W_1^{-1} x_{k+1}(0) x_{k+1}^T(0) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \text{trace} \left( W_2^{-1} \int_0^{\infty} y_0(t) y_0^T(t) dt \right) \right] \quad (38)\end{aligned}$$

subject to (31). This convex optimization algorithm cannot be applied in this case of Theorem 3 because of the nonlinear terms  $W_1^{-1}$  and  $W_2^{-1}$ . However, a suboptimal controller can be achieved by the following algorithm (see also *Remark 1*).

First, assume there exists a scalar  $\sigma > 0$  and matrices  $\Sigma$  and  $\Omega$  which satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &> \sum_{k=0}^p x_{k+1}^T(0) W^{-1} x_{k+1}(0), \\ \Sigma \Sigma^T &= \int_0^{\alpha} y_0(t) y_0^T(t) dt \\ \Sigma^T W_2^{-1} \Sigma &< \Omega\end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

and hence we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\alpha} y_0^T(t) W_2^{-1} y_0(t) dt &= \text{trace} (\Sigma \Sigma^T W_2^{-1}) \\ &= \text{trace} (\Sigma^T W_2^{-1} \Sigma) \\ &< \text{trace} (\Omega).\end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Next, an obvious application of the Schur complement formula gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\beta & x_{k+1}^T(0) \\ x_{k+1}(0) & -W_1 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -\Omega & \Sigma^T \\ \Sigma & -W_2 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (41)$$

respectively. Finally, the following minimization problem can be formulated:

$$\min(\beta + \text{trace}(\Omega)) \quad (42)$$

subject to: (31) and (41), and the solution (32) now guarantees that the cost function is minimized over the finite pass length in the case when only a finite number of trials is actually completed.

## V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the guaranteed cost control problem for differential repetitive processes in the presence of norm-bounded uncertainty has been solved. Space considerations preclude the inclusion of numerical examples, but it can be stated that an extensive range of these have been computed with a very high degree of numerical reliability evident. Of course, the results given here are based on a sufficient, but not necessary, stability condition and hence there could well be a considerable degree of conservativeness present in at least some cases. At present, however, we argue that this setting is the only one which allows controller design, and, if alternatives are developed, then these results will serve as a benchmark for comparative purposes. Finally, it should be possible to extend the analysis here to other performance control problems where performance is measured by an appropriately defined cost function or index.

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