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Max-plus fundamental solution semigroups for optimal control



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Outline

"Max-plus fundamental solution semigroups for optimal control"

- Worst case analysis & optimal control.
 - Dynamic programming.

 - Semi-convexity.

Max-plus linearity. Max-plus fundamental solution semigroups

- Value propagation via max-plus fundamental solution semigroups.
 - Kernel approximation.
 - Kernel structure.
 - Problem classes.

max-plus methods



Value

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Objective Compute the value function and the optimal control

state feedback characterization



Value

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Dynamic programming principle

algebraic structure semigroup

dynamic programming (Lax-Oleinik) semigroup $S_{t+\tau} = S_{\tau} S_t \qquad S_0 = \mathcal{I}$



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algebraic structure mim semigroup

Dynamic programming principle

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$$\mathscr{S}_{+}^{-\mathcal{M}} \doteq \left\{ f : \mathscr{X} \to \mathbb{R}^{-} \middle| \begin{array}{c} f + \frac{1}{2} \langle \cdot, -\mathcal{M} \cdot \rangle \\ \text{closed convex} \end{array} \right.$$



semiconvexity preserving

 $\mathcal{S}_t:\mathscr{S}_+^{-\mathcal{M}}\to\mathscr{S}_+^{-\mathcal{M}}$



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where $S_t(x,y) = [\mathcal{S}_t \varphi(\cdot,y)](x)$

semigroups of max-plus integral operators over the state space

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Idempotent methods

Value

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$$\begin{split} & \text{kernel propagation} \\ \widehat{B}_{(k+1)\tau} \doteq \widehat{B}_{\tau} \otimes \widehat{B}_{k\tau} \quad [\widehat{B}_{\tau}]_{ij} \doteq B_{\tau}(z_{i}, z_{j}) \\ & S_{k\tau} \Psi_{0} = \mathcal{D}_{\varphi}^{-1} \mathcal{B}_{k\tau} \widehat{a}_{0} \qquad & \widehat{a}_{k} \doteq \widehat{B}_{k\tau} \otimes \widehat{a}_{0} \quad [\widehat{a}_{0}]_{i} \doteq (\mathcal{D}_{\varphi} \Psi_{0})(z_{i}) \\ & S_{k\tau} \Psi_{0} = \mathcal{D}_{\varphi}^{-1} \mathcal{B}_{k\tau} \widehat{a}_{0} \qquad & \psi_{i}(x) \doteq \varphi(x, z_{i}) = \frac{1}{2} \langle x - z_{i}, \mathcal{M}(x - z_{i}) \rangle \\ & \\ & \text{max-plus power method} \\ & \widehat{a}_{k+1} = \widehat{B}_{\tau} \otimes \widehat{a}_{k} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ & W_{k\tau} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \psi_{i} \otimes [\widehat{a}_{k}]_{i} \\ & W_{k\tau} \approx \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\nu} \psi_{i} \otimes [\widehat{a}_{k}]_{i} \\ & W_{k\tau} \approx \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\nu} \psi_{i} \otimes [\widehat{a}_{k}]_{i} \\ & \psi_{i} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} = \mathbb{Q}_{k} = \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} = \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \\ & W_{k\tau} \approx \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\nu} \psi_{i} \otimes [\widehat{a}_{k}]_{i} \\ & \psi_{i} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} = \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} = \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \\ & W_{k\tau} \approx \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\nu} \psi_{i} \otimes [\widehat{a}_{k}]_{i} \\ & \psi_{i} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{k\tau}$$

automated basis selection

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sort polytopes by their "worst" vertex (by Hamiltonian)

example I

linear dynamics $A \doteq \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $B \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $l(\xi) \doteq \frac{1}{2} |\xi|^2$ $\gamma \doteq 2$ $\mathcal{M} \doteq 0.2 \mathcal{I}$

example 2

nonlinear dynamics

 $\dot{\xi}_s$

$$\dot{\xi}_s = f(\xi_s) + w_s \qquad f(\xi) \doteq \begin{pmatrix} -2\,\xi_1\,[1 + \frac{1}{2}\,\tan^{-1}(3\xi_2^2/2)] \\ \frac{1}{2}\,\xi_1 - 3\,\xi_2\,\exp(-\xi_1/3) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$l(\xi) \doteq \frac{1}{2}\,|\xi|^2 \qquad \gamma^2 \doteq 1 \qquad \mathcal{M} \doteq -0.1\,\mathcal{I}$$

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