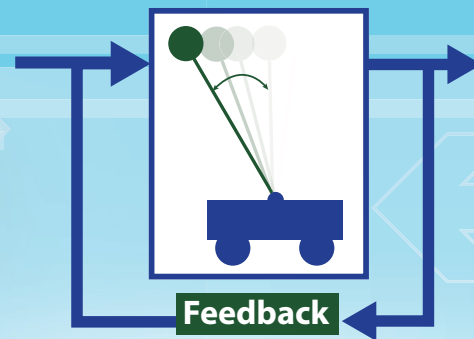


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Uniform Strong Regularity, Newton's Method



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ABSTRACT: We consider a finite-horizon continuous-time optimal control problem with nonlinear dynamics, an integral cost, control constraints and a parameter which represents uncertainty. After a discretization of the problem, we employ a model predictive control (MPC) algorithm to obtain a piecewise constant function in time as control. We consider the question under what conditions the MPC-generated control is a good approximation of an optimal feedback control of the continuous-time system. An answer to that question is found which is based on the concept of uniform strong regularity. It allows us to establish uniform Lipschitz stability of the discretized problem, uniform convergence of the Newton method employed, as well as an estimate of the difference between the MPC-generated control and the optimal feedback control. The talk is based on a series of joint works with M. Huang, I. Kolmanovsky, M. Krastanov, D. Liao-McPherson, M. Nicotra, V. Veliov and P. Vuong.

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