

Switched behaviors with impulses

A unifying framework

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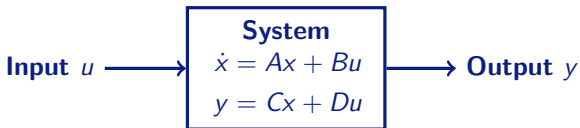


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The usual modeling approach with inputs and outputs



Usual modeling using inputs and outputs:



Drawbacks of this approach:

- **Separating external signals as inputs and outputs**
 Example: Electrical circuit with “wires sticking out”
 Is the current or the voltage at the wires an input?
- **Algebraic constraints have to be eliminated**
 Example: First principles modeling of electrical circuit contains
 Kirchhoff laws as algebraic constraints

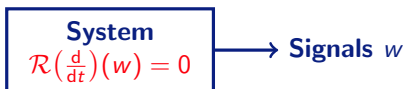


The behavioral approach



Behavioral approach \leftrightarrow describe system by **set of trajectories**:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{B} &= \{ w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q \mid w \text{ fulfills system laws } \} \\ &= \{ w \mid \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \}\end{aligned}$$



Kernel representation via matrix polynomials

Let $\mathcal{R}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ be a polynomial with matrix coefficients:

$$\mathcal{R}(s) = R_0 + R_1 s + R_2 s^2 + \dots + R_d s^d, \quad R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$$

The associated differential operator is given by

$$\mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = t \mapsto \left(R_0 w(t) + R_1 \dot{w}(t) + R_2 \ddot{w}(t) + \dots + R_d w^{(d)}(t) \right)$$

Switched systems viewed as time-varying systems



Definition (Switched system)

System description changes suddenly **at certain times**
 = **time-varying system** with “piecewise-constant” descriptions

Time-varying behaviors

Instead of $\mathcal{R}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ consider $\mathcal{R}(s) \in \text{map}(\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times q})[s]$, i.e. $\mathcal{R}(s)$ is a polynomial with **matrix function coefficients**:

$$\mathcal{R}(s) = R_0(\cdot) + R_1(\cdot)s + R_2(\cdot)s^2 + \dots + R_d(\cdot)s^d$$

and the associated differential operator is given by

$$\mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w)(t) = R_0(t)w(t) + R_1(t)\dot{w}(t) + R_2(t)\ddot{w}(t) + \dots + R_d(t)w^{(d)}(t)$$

Kernel representation of time-varying behavior still:

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left\{ w \mid \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \right\}$$

Global kernel representation



Global kernel representation

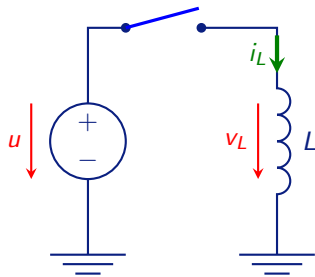
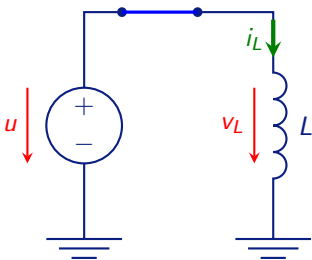
Here $\mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0$ should hold on the whole time axis \mathbb{R} , in particular at the switching times!

Major difference to all previous approaches, where differential equations should only hold **between the switches** and the switching times are treated separately, see e.g.

- Geerts & Schumacher: “Impulsive-smooth behaviors in multimode systems”, Automatica 1996
- Rocha, Willems, Rapisarda & Napp: “On the stability of switched behavioral systems”, last year’s CDC
- Bonilla & Malabre: “Description of switched systems by implicit representations”, next talk



Example



constant input:

inductivity law:

switch dependent:

$$0 = v_L - u$$

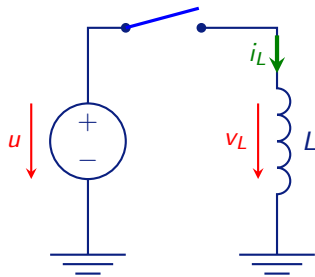
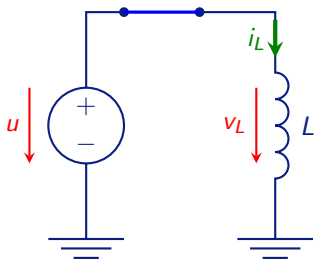
$$\dot{u} = 0$$

$$L \frac{d}{dt} i_L = v_L$$

$$0 = i_L$$



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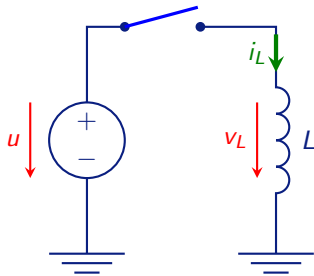
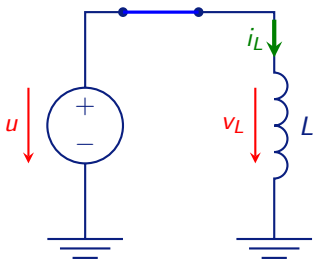
$$w = [u, i_L, v_L]^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{w} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} w = 0$$

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Example



$$w = [u, i_L, v_L]^T$$

switch closed on $[0, 1)$:

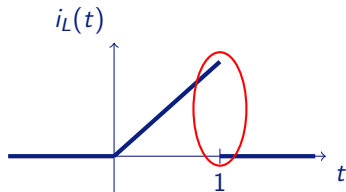
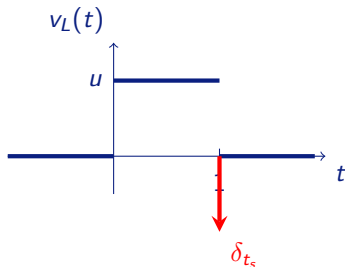
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{w} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -\mathbb{1}_{[0,1)} & 1 - \mathbb{1}_{[0,1)} & \mathbb{1}_{[0,1)} \end{bmatrix} w = 0$$



Solution of example

$\dot{i} = 0 \Leftrightarrow u$ constant on whole time axis

Inductivity law $L \frac{d}{dt} i_L = v_L$ holds globally (switch independent)



Switch open on $(-\infty, 0)$: $i_L = 0 \Rightarrow v_L = 0$

Switch closed on $[0, 1)$: $v_L = u \Rightarrow i_L(t) = \frac{u}{L}t$

unique jump in w at $t = 0$

Switch open on $(1, \infty)$: $i_L = 0 \Rightarrow v_L = 0$

unique jump in w at $t = 1$ and Dirac impulse at $t = 1$

Requirements for switched behavior framework



Requirements extrapolated from example

- Solutions exhibit **jumps**
- Jumps are **uniquely determined** (no additional jump map is required)
- Solutions contain **Dirac impulses**
- Dirac impulses are also **uniquely determined**

Jumps and impulses can be handled by **distributional solution space**, however the definition

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ w \in \mathbb{D}^q \mid \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \right\}$$

requires **multiplication of the distributions** $w, \dot{w}, \dots, w^{(d)}$ with **piecewise-constant** coefficient matrices!

Multiplication with non-smooth coefficients

A general **multiplication** of distributions with **non-smooth** coefficient is **not well defined!**

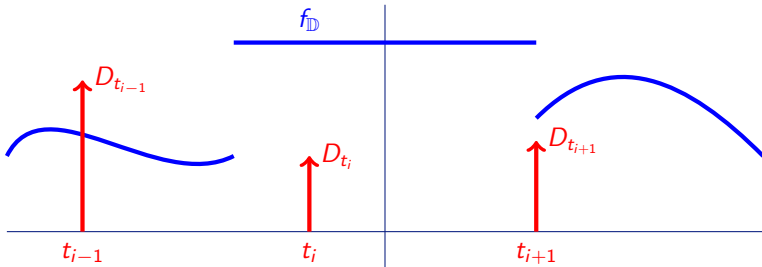


Piecewise-smooth distributions

Way out: Consider smaller space of **piecewise-smooth distributions**

Definition (Piecewise smooth distributions $\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}C^\infty}$)

$$\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}C^\infty} := \left\{ f_{\mathbb{D}} + \sum_{t \in T} D_t \mid \begin{array}{l} f \in C_{\text{pw}}^\infty, \\ T \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ locally finite,} \\ \forall t \in T : D_t = \sum_{i=0}^{n_t} a_i^t \delta_t^{(i)} \end{array} \right\}$$



Switched behavior well defined



Time-varying behavior with **piecewise-smooth coefficient** matrices:

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ w \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^q \mid \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \right\}$$

where $\mathcal{R}(s) \in (\mathcal{C}_{\text{pw}}^\infty)^{p \times q}[s]$ well defined.

Fuchssteiner multiplication

$\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty}$ even allows definition of multiplication of two distributions

⇒ we can consider **general distributional behaviors**:

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ w \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^q \mid \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \right\}$$

where $\mathcal{R}(s) \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^{p \times q}[s]$

Dirac impulses in coefficient matrices

Why should one need Dirac impulses in the **coefficient matrices**?

Impulsive systems



Definition (Impulsive system)

Let $t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots$ be the **impact times**. An impulsive system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) && \text{for } t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}) \\ x(t_k+) &= J_k x(t_k-) && \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

For $x \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pwC}^\infty})^n$ and $J \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$:

$$\dot{x} = (J - I)\delta_0 x \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x(0+) = Jx(0-) \text{ and constant otherwise}$$

Corollary

x solves impulsive ODE $\Leftrightarrow x$ solves **distributional ODE**

$$\dot{x} = \left(A + \sum_k (J_k - I)\delta_{t_k} \right) x + Bu =: \mathcal{A}x + Bu \text{ with } \mathcal{A} \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pwC}^\infty})^{n \times n}$$



Special cases covered by this approach

$\mathfrak{B} = \{ w \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pwC}\infty})^q \mid \mathcal{R}(\frac{d}{dt})(w) = 0 \}$ where $\mathcal{R}(s) \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pwC}\infty})^{p \times q}$
includes:

- Switched ODEs $\dot{x} = A_\sigma x + B_\sigma u$ with

$$\mathcal{R}(s) = [A_\sigma \ B_\sigma] + [I \ 0]s$$

- Switched DAEs $E_\sigma \dot{x} = A_\sigma x + B_\sigma u$ with

$$\mathcal{R}(s) = [A_\sigma \ B_\sigma] + [E_\sigma \ 0]s$$

- Systems with **impulsive inputs** (i.e. u contains Dirac impulses)
- **Impulsive systems:**

$$\mathcal{R}(s) = \left[A + \sum_k (J_k - I)\delta_{t_k}, \ B \right] + [I \ 0]s$$

- Switched behaviors with **glueing condition** as in Rocha et al. 2011

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Switched behaviors (with impacts)



Definition (Switched behaviors (with impacts))

A distributional behavior given by $\mathcal{R}(s) \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^{p \times q}$ is called

- **switched behavior** : \Leftrightarrow the coefficients of $\mathcal{R}(s)$ are piecewise-constant
- **switched behavior with impacts** : \Leftrightarrow additionally Dirac impulses (and their derivatives) are allowed in the coefficient matrices

Note that switching signal is fixed, therefore write

$$\mathfrak{B}_\sigma = \left\{ w \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^q \mid \mathcal{R}_\sigma\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \right\}$$

with corresponding k -th smooth mode

$$\mathfrak{B}_k = \left\{ w \in (\mathcal{C}^\infty)^q \mid \mathcal{R}_k\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \right\}$$



Autonomy characterization

Definition (Autonomy)

A distributional behavior \mathfrak{B} is autonomous $:\Leftrightarrow \forall w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B} \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$(w_1)_{(-\infty, t)} = (w_2)_{(-\infty, t)} \Rightarrow w_1 = w_2$$

Theorem (Autonomy characterization)

Switched behavior $\mathfrak{B}_\sigma^!$ with impacts is autonomous $\forall \sigma$

\Leftrightarrow Switched behavior \mathfrak{B}_σ without impacts is autonomous $\forall \sigma$

\Leftrightarrow Each smooth mode \mathfrak{B}_k is autonomous

$\Leftrightarrow \det \mathcal{R}_k(s) \neq 0$ for all modes k

Uniquely defined jumps and impulses

Two kinds of jumps and impulses:

- 1 Canonical jumps and impulses given by mode equations
- 2 Arbitrary jumps and impulses given by impacts

Conclusions



- We have introduced the notion of distributional behaviors:

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left\{ w \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pwC}^\infty})^q \mid \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(w) = 0 \right\}, \quad \mathcal{R}(s) \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pwC}^\infty})^{p \times q}[s]$$

with **solutions and coefficient matrices** in the space of **piecewise-smooth distributions**

- Encompasses
 - Switched ODEs and DAEs
 - Impulsive systems
 - Switched behaviors with glueing conditions
- A first theoretical result: **Autonomy characterization** for switched behaviors with impacts
- Many open questions: Controllability, observability, latent variable elimination, ...