Detection of Sensor Attack and Resilient State Estimation for Uniformly Observable Nonlinear Systems

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Feedback control systems under sensor attack



- one may design anomaly detector to detect the attack (motivated by the fault detection technique)
- but, zero-dynamics attack for estimation error dynamics can deceive the anomaly detector¹

¹e.g., Teixeira, Shames, Sandberg, and Johansson, AUT 2015

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Most results are for linear systems

- fundamental limitations in attack detection and identification [A]
 - includes actuator attack for linear descriptor systems
 - characterization of undetectable sensor attack
- introduction of redundant observability [B]
 - inspired by compressed sensing technique
 - relaxation of l₀-minimization to convex optimization
- observer-based approach [C, D]
 - reduced optimization on finite set
 - design of multiple observers to search unattacked sensor combination

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Shoukry et al. considered nonlinear systems [E]

they studied the case of nonlinear system with assumption of

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \alpha(y(t), \ \dot{y}(t), \ \ddot{y}(t), \cdots) \\ u(t) &= \beta(y(t), \ \dot{y}(t), \ \ddot{y}(t), \cdots) \end{aligned}$$

- both state and input are determined by measurement output
- state reconstruction without input information

\rightarrow strong condition of observability

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- *p*-partial observers for each output
- can preserve many unattacked observers
- so, enables some error correcting algorithm

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2. Problem formulation & assumptions

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{plant:} & \dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u, & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u \in \mathbb{R} \\ & y_i = h_i(x) + a_i(t), & i \in [p] = \{1, \ 2, \ \cdots, \ p\} \end{array}$$

Assumption (input & state boundedness)

 $\exists R_x > 0, \ R_u > 0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|x(t)\| \le R_x, \quad |u(t)| \le R_u, \qquad \forall t \ge 0$

Assumption (q-sparse attack)

up to q sensors are attacked and 2q < p

Let σ_{unattack} be the set of indices of unattacked sensors:

$$\sigma_{\text{unattack}} := \{i \in [p] : a_i(t) \equiv 0\}$$

Uniformly observable decomposition³ for each sensor

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For each y_i , system is diffeomorphic to the form

 $\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_i &= F_i(z_i) + G_i(z_i)u\\ \dot{z}'_i &= F'_i(z_i, z'_i) + G'_i(z_i, z'_i)u\\ y_i &= H_i(z_i) \end{aligned}$

where z_i -subsystem with y_i is uniformly observable.

By uniform observability, w.l.o.g., z_i -subsystem takes² the form of

$$\dot{z}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_{i,1} \\ \dot{z}_{i,2} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{z}_{i,n_{i}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i,2} \\ \vdots \\ z_{i,n_{i}} \\ \alpha_{i}(z_{i}) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{i,1}(z_{i,1}) \\ \beta_{i,2}(z_{i,1}, z_{i,2}) \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{i,n_{i}}(z_{i,1}, \cdots, z_{i,n_{i}}) \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y_{i} = z_{i,1}$$

²Gauthier, Hammouri, and Othman, TAC 1992

³Shim and Tanwani, IJRNC 2014

Observability for state recovery by collecting observable parts To recover x from the partial estimates of observable substate z_i , we need a certain observability.

Let Φ be the mapping from x to the observable substates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_p \end{bmatrix} = \Phi(x).$$

Then, required observability is the existence of a left inverse Ψ of Φ :

$$x = \Psi\left(\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_p \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

- If Φ is injective immersion or Bi-Lipschitz on the domain of interest, then \exists a left inverse Ψ of Φ .
- ${\ensuremath{\,\circ}}$ w.l.o.g., Ψ can be taken to be globally Lipschitz.

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For state recovery under sensor attack, we need in fact stronger observability.

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Partial high gain observers

Uniformly observable decomposition assumption immediately yields the high-gain observer for each observable sub-state z_i from y_i .

Lemma (High gain observer¹) for each z_i , $\exists \theta_i \gg 1$, $L_i(\theta_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times 1}$, $k_i(\theta_i) \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. the observer

$$\dot{\hat{z}}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\hat{z}}_{i,1} \\ \dot{\hat{z}}_{i,2} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\hat{z}}_{i,n_{i}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{z}_{i,2} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{z}_{i,n_{i}} \\ \alpha_{i}(\hat{z}_{i}) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{i,1}(\hat{z}_{i,1}) \\ \beta_{i,2}(\hat{z}_{i,1},\hat{z}_{i,2}) \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{i,n_{i}}(\hat{z}_{i,1},\cdots,\hat{z}_{i,n_{i}}) \end{bmatrix} u - L_{i}(\theta_{i})(\hat{z}_{i,1} - y_{i})$$

guarantees

$$\|\hat{z}_i(t) - z_i(t)\| \le k_i(\theta_i) e^{-\frac{\theta_i}{4}t} \quad \text{for} \quad i \in \sigma_{\text{unattack}}$$

where $\hat{z}_i(0) := 0$ and $z_i(0)$: bounded.

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Implemented attack detection Define

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{residual}^{\sigma}(t) &:= \|\hat{z}^{\sigma}(t) - \Phi^{\sigma}(\Psi^{\sigma}(\hat{z}^{\sigma}(t)))\| \\ \operatorname{threshold}^{\sigma}(t) &:= (\operatorname{Lip}(\Phi^{\sigma} \circ \Psi^{\sigma}) + 1) \max_{i \in [p]} \{k_i(\theta_i) e^{-\frac{\theta_i}{4}t}\}, \\ (\operatorname{Lip}(\cdot) : \text{ Lipschitz const}) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (attack detection)

Under assumptions of q-sparse attack and 2q-redundant observability,

- $\exists t$, residual^{σ}(t) >threshold^{σ} $(t) \Rightarrow \exists$ attacked sensor in $\sigma \subset [p]$
- $\forall t$, residual^{σ} $(t) \leq threshold^{<math>\sigma$} $(t) \Rightarrow$

$$\|\hat{x}(t) - x(t)\| \le \max_{i \in [p]} \{Mk_i(\theta_i)e^{-\frac{\theta_i}{4}t}\} \to 0$$

as $t \to \infty$ where M > 0: a constant

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Simulation for toy example

• case of p = 4 outputs, q = 1 sparse sensor attack

• system is 2-red. observable: any 2 selection of z_i 's are left invertible

$$z_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{2} + x_{3} - (x_{1} - x_{2})^{2} \\ -x_{1} - x_{2} - x_{3} + (x_{1} - x_{2})^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{2} - 2x_{1} \\ 3x_{1} - x_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_{4} = x_{1} - x_{2} + x_{3} - (x_{1} - x_{2})^{2}$$

... resilient state estimation available!

Simulation result: plot of $\tilde{x}(t) = \hat{x}(t) - x(t)$



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1. nonlinear generalization of resilient estimation scheme

	LTI system	Uniformly observable system
decomposition	Kalman obs. decomp.	Uniformly obs. decomp.
state observer	Luenberger observer	High gain observer
redundancy notion	red. full.col.rank	red. injective immersion

- 2. computationally efficient monitoring system
 - \blacktriangleright residual & threshold analysis \Rightarrow detects every influential attacks
 - simple switching logic: searching another estimate candidate only when attack alarm rings

Thank you for your time! (kjs9044@cdsl.kr)