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要約

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This dissertation investigates analyses and design methods for distributed optimization and population dynamics based on a unified concept of passivity.

We first revisit a traditional continuous-time distributed convex optimization algorithm, termed primal-dual dynamics, and address its fundamental limitation that the cost function needs to be strictly convex. Then, we present a novel control theoretic insight that supplying stable zeros to a subsystem is a key to ensure the convergence of the algorithm. Based on this insight, a passivity-based generalization of the primal-dual dynamics is proposed, and its asymptotic optimality without strict convexity is proved by supplying stable zeros. It is moreover revealed that the present optimization dynamics encompass existing augmented Lagrangian-based methods as special cases. The effectiveness of the generalized primal-dual dynamics is validated through simulations of illumination control.

We next address a fully distributed convex optimization managed by a coordinator and possibly multiple agents, and design a robust distributed algorithm against communication delays. First, a continuous-time optimization algorithm is proposed inspired by ADMM (Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers), and its asymptotic optimality in delay-free case is proved. We next consider the case with communication delays. In order to avoid destabilization caused by the delays, we focus on an architectural analogy between the continuous-time ADMM and bilateral teleoperation. Inspired by the analogy, we redesign the continuous-time ADMM with applying a passivity-based technique developed in bilateral teleoperation, called scattering transformation, and prove its asymptotic optimality under delayed communication between the coordinator and the agents. We finally demonstrate the continuous-time ADMM through simulations of a target assignment problem.

Subsequently, we address a distributed convex optimization including consensus constraint among agents in the network with inter-agent structure. First, a continuous-time distributed algorithm for the problem is proposed based on the above generalized primal-dual dynamics, and its convergence to an optimal solution is proved in the absence of delays. We next address the case with inter-agent communication delays. Then, we point out the architectural similarity to output synchronization control from the viewpoint of passivity. Based on this, we adopt scattering transformation to the distributed optimization algorithm, and prove its asymptotic optimality under heterogeneous delays in inter-agent communications. We finally apply the proposed algorithm to a target assignment problem, and demonstrate the present algorithm through simulations.

We finally analyze biased population dynamics and design behavior modification mechanisms. We formulate two types of population dynamics with conformity biases. The models are then analyzed based on so-called δ -passivity, where it is revealed that the conformity biases play a role in breaking passivity of decision makers. Based on the passivity perspective, we propose mechanisms so as to lead decision makers to a desired population state. Furthermore, we analyze convergence properties of the designed mechanisms while revealing conditions for guaranteeing stable inducements.