

OPTIMAL CONTROL FOR DISCRETE-TIME, LINEAR FRACTIONAL-ORDER SYSTEMS WITH MARKOVIAN JUMPS

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Abstract. This paper considers a finite-horizon linear quadratic (LQ) optimal control problem for a class of stochastic discrete-time, linear systems of fractional order which are generated by the operator involved in the definition of the fractional-order derivative of Grünwald-Letnikov type. This subject is new for discrete-time, linear, fractional-order systems (DTLFSs) with infinite Markovian jumps. We use an equivalent linear *expanded-state* model of the DTLFS with jumps and an equivalent quadratic cost functional to reduce the original optimal control problem to a similar one for discrete-time, linear, integer-order systems with Markovian jumps. The obtained optimal control problem is then solved by applying a dynamic programming technique.

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1. Introduction

Fractional calculus (FC) is a branch of mathematics that studies fractional-order derivatives and fractional-order integrals. The idea of defining a fractional order derivative seems to have belonged to Leibniz and l'Hôpital who discussed this subject in a letter, dated 30th September 1695. Since then, a great variety of notions of fractional-order derivatives and integrals have been introduced, but the most popular and accepted definitions are the ones proposed by Riemann-Liouville, Caputo and Grünwald-Letnikov. Some historical surveys of FC and basic information about the current state of the art can be found in [5], [6] and in the references therein. In the past centuries, FC has not attracted the interest of a large scientific