



State Feedback

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Review: The Nyquist Criterion**

- Plot Nyquist diagram
 - Evaluate open-loop transfer function $G(s)$ along Nyquist contour
- Evaluate Nyquist criterion
 - Identify $P = \#$ of open-loop poles in RHP
 - Identify $N = \#$ of clockwise encirclements of -1
- Determine stability
 - If $Z = N+P = 0$, then the closed-loop system with unity feedback is stable.
 - If not, the closed-loop system with unity feedback is NOT stable.
- Variations:
 - Find the value of K for which the system will be stable or unstable



Context

- Modeling
 - State-space
 - s-domain
- Classical control (s-domain, freq. response)
 - Root Locus
 - Bode
 - Nyquist
- **Modern control (state-space)**
 - **Full-state feedback**
 - **Output feedback**
 - **Controllers and observers**



Today's lecture

- Full-state feedback regulation
 - Controllability
 - Ackerman's formula for controller synthesis
- Next lectures:
 - Output-based regulation
 - Observability
 - Ackermann's for observer synthesis
 - Separation Principle



State Feedback: Regulation

- Consider the state feedback controller where K is constant feedback gain matrix

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad u = -Kx$$

- Then one can write

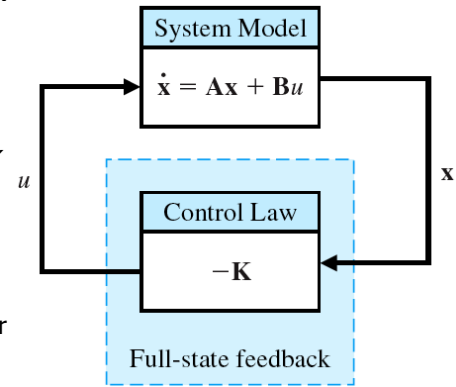
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= Ax + B(-Kx) \\ &= (A - BK)x \end{aligned}$$

- Whereas the poles of the open-loop system are given by the eigenvalues of A , the poles of the closed-loop system are given by the **eigenvalues of $(A - BK)$**



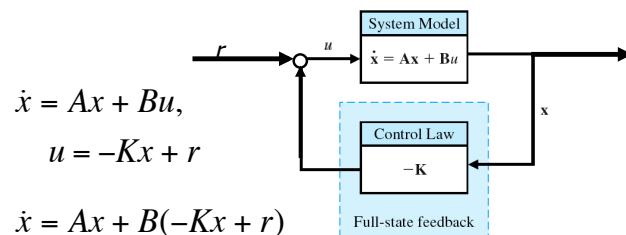
State Feedback: Regulation

- Full-state** feedback
- The control law $u = -Kx$ is computed by assuming that the entire state vector x is available
- This means that all elements of x must be either
 - directly measured, or
 - estimated from measurements of other combinations of states



State Feedback: Tracking

- Full-state** feedback



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= Ax + Bu, \\ u &= -Kx + r \end{aligned}$$

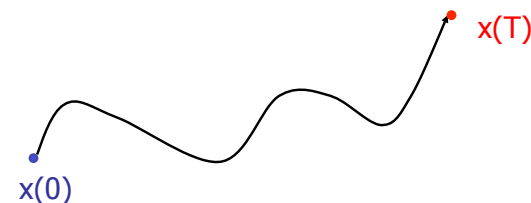
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= Ax + B(-Kx + r) \\ &= (A - BK)x + Br \end{aligned}$$

- Eigenvalues of $(A - BK)$** determine state-transition matrix



Controllability

- The eigenvalues of $(A - BK)$ can be arbitrarily assigned when the system $[A, B, C, D]$ is **controllable**.
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- The controllability matrix

$$S_C = [B \quad AB \quad A^2B \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B]$$

must have rank n for the system $[A,B,C,D]$ to be controllable. (S_C is "full-rank".)

- When S_C is full-rank, $\det(S_C) \neq 0$



Example: Spring-Mass-Damper

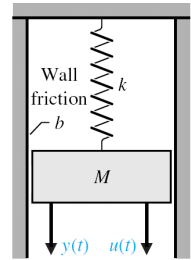
- System and input matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Controllability matrix

$$S_C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

- To test for controllability, $|S_C| = 0 \cdot 1 - 1 = -1$
- Therefore the system is **controllable**.



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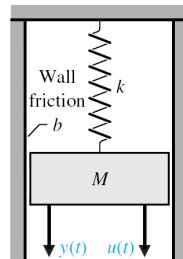
- The open-loop poles are located where

$$0 = s^2 + \frac{b}{M}s + \frac{k}{M}$$

- With the control $u = -Kx$, the closed-loop poles are located where

$$0 = s^2 + \left(\frac{b}{M} + k_2\right)s + \left(\frac{k}{M} + k_1\right)$$

- Because the system is controllable, the poles of the closed-loop can be placed anywhere in the complex plane.



Example 2

$$\frac{d^3 y(t)}{dt^3} + 5 \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 2y = u$$

With $x_1 = y$, $x_2 = dy/dt$, $x_3 = d^2y/dt^2$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

Control canonical form

$$u = -Kx = -[k_1 \quad k_2 \quad k_3]x \quad (\text{state feedback, regulator})$$

$$A - BK = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 - k_1 & -3 - k_2 & -5 - k_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(sI - A + BK) = s^3 + (5 + k_3)s^2 + (3 + k_2)s + (2 + k_1)$$



Example 2

- Controllability matrix:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 \\ 10 & 13 & 22 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|S_C| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -5 & 22 \end{vmatrix} = 0 - 0 + 1(0 - 1) = -1$$



Example 2

Choosing characteristic equation as

$$(s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)(s + \xi\omega_n)$$

Want rapid response and a low overshoot

Specifying $\xi = 0.8$ and $T_s < 1$, then

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\xi\omega_n} = \frac{4}{0.8\omega_n} < 1 \text{ is satisfied with } \omega_n = 6$$

$$(s^2 + 9.6s + 36)(s + 4.8) = s^3 + 14.4s^2 + 82.1s + 172.8$$

Comparing with $s^3 + (5 + k_3)s^2 + (3 + k_2)s + (2 + k_1)$

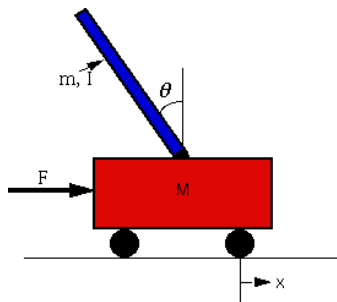
gives $k_1 = 170.8$, $k_2 = 79.1$, $k_3 = 9.4$

$$K = [170.8 \quad 79.1 \quad 9.4]$$



Example: Pendulum on a Cart

- Control input: force acting on the cart
- State: position and velocity of the cart and rotational position and rotational velocity of the mass.

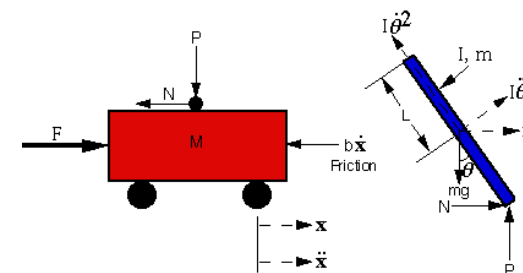


<http://www.engin.umich.edu/group/ctm/examples/pend/invpen.html>



Example: Pendulum on a Cart

- Obtain equations of motion by summing forces acting on the two bodies
- Linearize around $\theta = \pi$





Example: Pendulum on a Cart

- State-space equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{I(M+m) + Mml^2} & 0 \\ \frac{-(I+ml^2)b}{I(M+m) + Mml^2} & \frac{m^2gl}{I(M+m) + Mml^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{I+ml^2}{I(M+m) + Mml^2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{ml}{I(M+m) + Mml^2} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \\ \phi \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

- (Note this is a single input, multi-output system.)



Example: Pendulum on a Cart

- Problem statement:** Design a controller to stabilize the system.
- First: Is the system controllable? Check by finding the rank of the controllability matrix

$$S_C = [B \quad AB \quad A^2B \quad A^3B]$$

- Second: Then design a controller, or if the system is not controllable, determine if it is stabilizable.



Controllability

- In Matlab,
 - use 'ctrb' to find the controllability matrix numerically
 - use 'rank' to find the rank of the controllability matrix
 - Note:* Using 'det' to find the determinant of the controllability matrix is not numerically robust and generally not a good idea. (e.g., How do you distinguish between low-magnitude eigenvalues of an ill-conditioned matrix and 0 eigenvalues of a matrix that is genuinely singular?)



Ackermann's Formula

- Method for pole placement for SISO systems
- Presented without derivation here
- Uses the Cayley-Hamilton theorem, which states that a matrix must satisfy its own characteristic equation
- Related: Bass-Gura formula
- For MIMO systems, K is not unique. Other methods must be used.



Ackermann's Formula

- The state feedback gain matrix

$K = [k_1 \ k_2 \ \dots \ k_n]$ where $u(t) = r(t) - Kx(t)$
that produces the desired characteristic equation

is given by $q(s) = s^n + \alpha_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_n$

where

$$K = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 1] S_c^{-1} q(A)$$

$S_c = [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B]$ and $q(A) = A^n + \alpha_1 A^{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_n I$



Example: Spring-Mass-Damper

- Consider a spring-mass damper system with control law $u = -Kx$. Find K such that the closed-loop system has damping ratio ζ and natural frequency ω_n .
- The desired closed-loop characteristic equation is $q(s) = s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2$
- Compute the controllability matrix and its inverse

$$S_c = [B \ AB] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_c^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b}{M} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example: Ackermann's Form.

- The characteristic equation in terms of A is

$q(A) = A^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n A + \omega_n^2 I$, therefore the control gain is

$$K = [0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b}{M} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (A^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n A + \omega_n^2 I)$$

$$= [1 \ 0] \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix}^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix} + \omega_n^2 I \right)$$

$$= [1 \ 0] \left(\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \\ \frac{kb}{M^2} & -\frac{k}{M} + \frac{kb}{M^2} \end{bmatrix} + 2\zeta\omega_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix} + \omega_n^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \left[-\frac{k}{M} \quad -\frac{b}{M} \right] + 2\zeta\omega_n [0 \ 1] + \omega_n^2 [1 \ 0]$$



Example: Ackermann's Form.

- The control gain to achieved the desired closed-loop poles is

$$K = \left[-\frac{k}{M} \quad -\frac{b}{M} \right] + 2\zeta\omega_n [0 \ 1] + \omega_n^2 [1 \ 0]$$

$$= \left[\omega_n^2 - \frac{k}{M} \quad 2\zeta\omega_n - \frac{b}{M} \right]$$

- Note that the control gain is the difference between the desired closed-loop and actual open-loop coefficients of the characteristic equation.



Example: Ackermann's Form.

- Check: The closed-loop system is

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= (A - BK)x \\ &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_n^2 - \frac{k}{M} & 2\zeta\omega_n - \frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix} \right) x \\ &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega_n^2 - \frac{k}{M} & 2\zeta\omega_n - \frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix} \right) x \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega_n^2 & 2\zeta\omega_n \end{bmatrix} x\end{aligned}$$

- which has poles at $0 = |s - (A - BK)| = s(s + 2\zeta\omega_n) + \omega_n^2$



Using Matlab

ACKER Pole placement gain selection using Ackermann's formula.

$K = \text{ACKER}(A,B,P)$ calculates the feedback gain matrix K such that the single input system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

with a feedback law of $u = -Kx$ has closed loop poles at the values specified in vector P, i.e., $P = \text{eig}(A - B*K)$.

Note: This algorithm uses Ackermann's formula. This method is NOT numerically reliable and starts to break down rapidly for problems of order greater than 10, or for weakly controllable systems. A warning message is printed if the nonzero closed-loop poles are greater than 10% from the desired locations specified in P.

See also PLACE.



Using Matlab

PLACE Pole placement technique

$K = \text{PLACE}(A,B,P)$ computes a state-feedback matrix K such that the eigenvalues of $A - B*K$ are those specified in vector P. No eigenvalue should have a multiplicity greater than the number of inputs.

$[K, \text{PREC}, \text{MESSAGE}] = \text{PLACE}(A,B,P)$ returns PREC, an estimate of how closely the eigenvalues of $A - B*K$ match the specified locations P (PREC measures the number of accurate decimal digits in the actual closed-loop poles). If some nonzero closed-loop pole is more than 10% off from the desired location, MESSAGE contains a warning message.

See also ACKER.



Controllability Summary

- A system (A,B,C,D) is controllable if its controllability matrix S_C is full rank.
- The closed-loop poles of a controllable system can be placed anywhere in the complex plane.
- Choose the desired pole location, then compute the gain K required to achieve those locations
- Ackermann's formula for SISO systems (Matlab's 'acker')
- Matlab's 'place' for MIMO systems



Summary

- Full-state feedback for regulation or tracking
- For a controllable system, we can arbitrarily assign the closed-loop poles through full-state feedback
- To test for controllability: the controllability matrix S_C should be full-rank.

- Next time:
 - Observability
 - Designing observers