

L1, Monday

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Outline

Monday: Overview

- What is control theory? Why? Apps?
- dynamics and dynamical systems
- linearization + linear systems
- frequency-domain control (PID)
- Time-domain control
 - controllability, observability, duality
 - full-state control
 - observers + output control

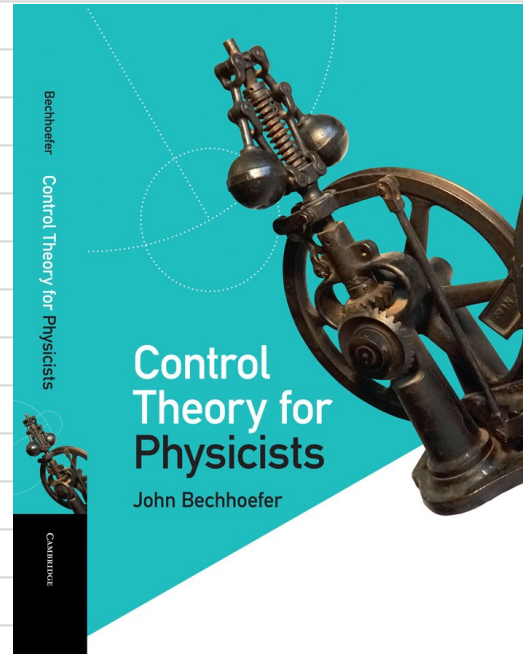
Tuesday: Optimal control

- parametric \rightarrow Lagrangian (calc. variations)
- Bellman + dynamic prog., LQR
- constraints

Wednesday: Stochastic Control

- state estimation
- Kalman filter, part 1
- Bayesian methods (Kalman filter, part 2)

- Overall reference
- Cambridge Univ. Press
2021
- www.sfu.ca/chaos
→ book → CUP
+ exercises, solns
+ Math Appendix



- Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."
— Arthur C. Clarke, 1973
- dynamics with a purpose
 - profound implications
 - not just math! (a way of thinking)
 - purpose:
 - "intelligent design"
 - evolution (biology, technological)
 - control is "the hidden technology" (Karl Åström 1999)
 - engineered systems as "robust yet fragile" (John Doyle)

Applications

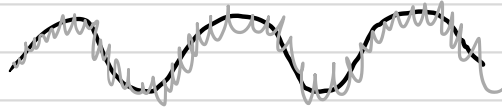
- Technology \leftrightarrow better experiments for physicists
- Physics \leftrightarrow control can change physical dynamics (stabilize unstable state / Paul trap)
 - fundamentals of thermo.
 - quantum systems
 - control of complex networks
- Biology \leftrightarrow
 - large scale (physiology)
 - small scale (genetic regulation)
 - single-nod. control
 - evolutionary time scales (pop. control)

Goals of control

• Regulation



• Tracking



• State - state transitions

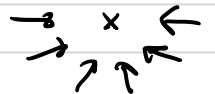


Our focus

• Collective motion
synchronization, swarming, ...

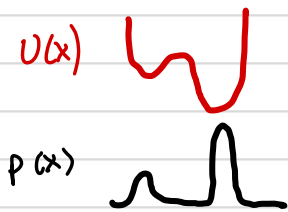


or



• stabilization, virtual potentials  + forces, charge attractor, ...

Types of Control

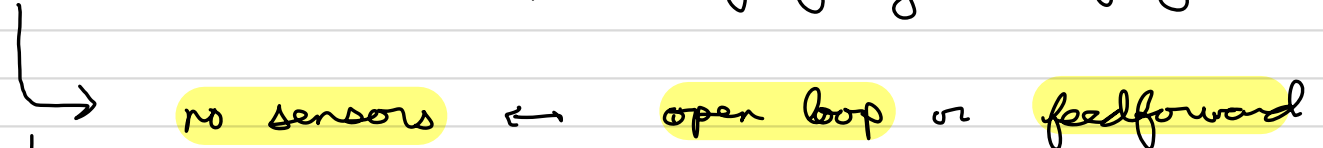


- **passive**: energy landscape

$$U(x) \rightarrow p(x) \sim e^{\frac{-U(x)}{k_B T}}$$

↳ choose $U(x)$ to get desired $p(x)$
 ie. $U = U(x, \lambda) \rightarrow p(x, \lambda)$ for fixed parameter λ

- **active**: alter $p(x)$ by going out of eq.



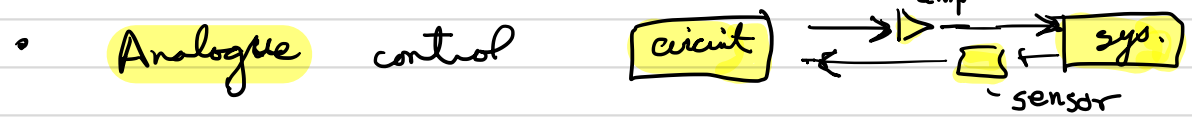
$$U(x, \lambda(t)) \rightarrow p(x, \lambda(t)) \quad \lambda(t) \leftarrow \text{"control par."}$$



closed-loop or feedback

$$U(x, \lambda(x, t)) \rightarrow p(x, \lambda(x, t))$$

- **Gadgets** (flush toilet, governor...)
- **Natural sys** (climate feedbacks...)



The Systems point of View

- Control: dynamical systems $\dot{x} = f(x)$ nonlinear
dyn.
↗
+ inputs u and outputs y ↘ $\in \mathbb{R}^n$

Control System

$x \rightarrow$ internal states

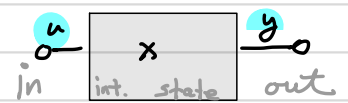
abstract

$u \rightarrow$ inputs

what we do

$y \rightarrow$ outputs

what we see



$f(\cdot), g(\cdot) \rightarrow$ nonlinear functions (usually smooth)


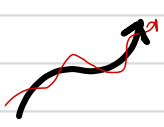
$$\frac{dx}{dt} \equiv \dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

dynamics

$$y = h(x, u) \text{ or } h(x)$$

nonlinear measurements

Linear systems

- easy, w/ general methods
- near fixed point (static) 
- near trajectory (time dependent) 

Near fixed point

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u) \quad y = h(x, u)$$

$$f(x_0, u_0) = 0 \quad h(x_0, u_0) = y_0$$

$$x \equiv x_0 + x_1(t) \quad u \equiv u_0 + u_1(t) \quad y \equiv y_0 + y_1(t) \quad \{x_1, u_1, y_1\} \text{ small}$$

Taylor: $\dot{x}_1 = f(x_0 + x_1, u_0 + u_1) \approx f(x_0, u_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_0, u_0} x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \Big|_{x_0, u_0} u_1 + \dots$

$$y_0 + y_1 = h(x_0 + x_1, u_0 + u_1) \approx h(x_0, u_0) + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_0, u_0} x_1 + \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \Big|_{x_0, u_0} u_1$$

$$A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

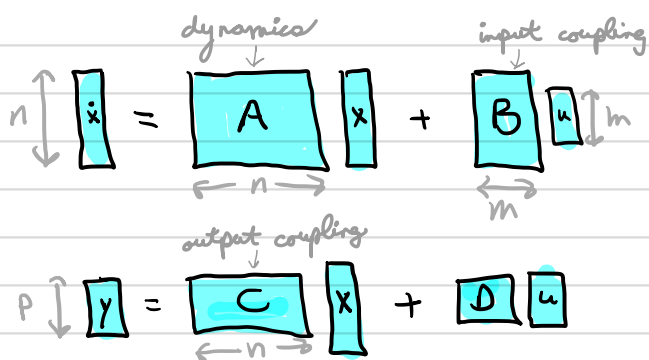
$$B = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$$

$$C = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

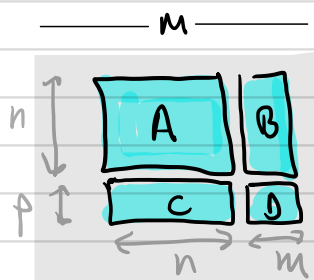
$$D = \frac{\partial h}{\partial u}$$

all at (x_0, u_0)

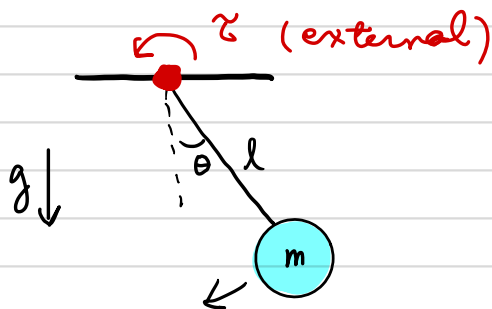
$$\longrightarrow \dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad y = Cx + Du$$



Nice packing of matrices: $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ y \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} x \\ u \end{pmatrix}$



Ex: Pendulum



$$\ddot{\theta} + \sin \theta = \tau(t)$$

- scaled (inv.) time by $\omega_0 = \sqrt{g/l}$, etc.

state $x = \begin{pmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{pmatrix}$

input $u = \tau$ (torque)
output $y = \theta$ (angle)


$$\longrightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 + u \end{pmatrix} = f(x, u)$$

Fixed points: $f(x^*) = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} x_2 = 0, \sin x_1 = 0, u = 0 \\ (\dot{\theta} = 0, \theta = \{0, \pi\}) \end{matrix}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + 0$$

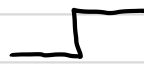
Time-domain response

- **Impulse response** $u = \delta(t)$ 

$$y(s) = G(s) u(s) \Rightarrow y = G * u = G * \delta = G(t)$$

$\Rightarrow G(t) =$ impulse response function [Green function in physics]

states: $x_{\text{imp}}(t) = 0 + \int_0^t dt' e^{A(t-t')} B \delta(t') = e^{At} B$

- **Step response** $u(t) = \theta(t)$ 

$u(t)$



1st order:  impulse

 step

2nd order:  under



 crit



 over



Controllability and observability

Two "technical" questions:

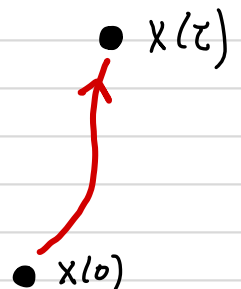
1) Given input(s) $u(t)$, can you "control" all elements of x ? \rightarrow **Controllability**

2) Given observation(s) $y(t)$, can you "infer" all elements of x ? \rightarrow **Observability**

I. Controllability

- begin w/ SISO case (scalar u, y ; $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$)

Controllable solution: $\exists u(t)$ makes sys evolve from $x(0) = x_0 \rightarrow x(\tau) = x_\tau$ in **finite time** τ



Controllable set: set of all x_t that can be reached from x_0 in time τ

Controllable system: For any x_0 , can reach any $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for some τ and $u(t)$ $\exists u: x_0 \rightarrow x_t$

Ex 1: $\dot{x} = -x + u(t)$ "inverse engineering" $x_d(t) =$ desired traj **Yes!**

$u(t) = \dot{x}_d(t) + x_d(t)$ (not usually poss.)
 \rightarrow trajectory x_d tracked perfectly (asking more)

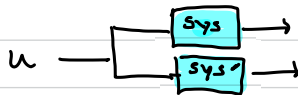
Ex 2: $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} u$ $u \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{sys} \\ \text{sys}' \end{matrix}$

$x_2(t)$ is completely unaffected by $u(t)$
 \rightarrow No!

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -\lambda_1 x_1 + u \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\lambda_2 x_2 \end{cases}$$

Ex 3: $u \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{sys} \\ \text{sys}' \end{matrix}$ same input to two identical sys. \Rightarrow No!

Ex 4: $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u(t)$ \rightarrow Q?
 yes! See next page.



* for $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

4.1 Controllability of nearly identical systems. Consider two first-order systems with relaxation rates $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 2$ that are driven by identical inputs (Eq. 4.7). Find an input $u(t)$ that takes the system from an initial state $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ to a final state $x_\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, for $\tau = 1$. Plot your solution. Hint: Try a step function with two parameters.

Solution.

We need to find a solution $x_1(1) = x_2(1)$ for

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u(t) \implies \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -\lambda_1 x_1 + u \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\lambda_2 x_2 + u \end{cases}$$

with initial state ($t = 0$) and final states ($\tau = 1$) given by

$$x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_\tau = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(1) \\ x_2(1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

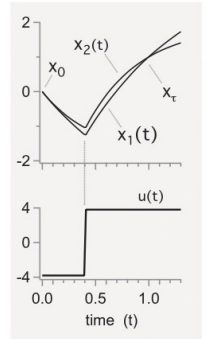
There are an infinite number of ways to do this. A basic requirement is that there be two free parameters, since we are trying to fix two conditions ($x_1 = x_2$ at $\tau = 1$). One simple route is to use piecewise constant $u(t)$ functions. Let us try the simple form

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} -u_0 & 0 < t < \tau_0 \\ +u_0 & \tau_0 < t < 1 \end{cases}$$

We can explicitly integrate the x_1 and x_2 equations (they are the same, substituting 2 for 1, etc.) Denoting $x_{1,2}$ by $x(t)$ and $\lambda_{1,2}$ by λ , we get

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{-u_0}{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) & 0 < t < \tau_0 \\ \frac{u_0}{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\lambda \tau_0}) e^{-\lambda(t-\tau_0)} - (1 - e^{-\lambda(t-\tau_0)}) & \tau_0 < t < 1. \end{cases}$$

After a certain amount of playing around, I found the solution illustrated at right, where $u_0 = 3.8$ and $\tau_0 = 0.405$ works for $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 2$. Again, we emphasize that we use the same $u(t)$ for both $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$. It is possible to find explicit algebraic solutions for u_0 and τ_0 in terms of $\lambda_{1,2}$, etc., but the main point here is to understand intuitively how a solution works and why it



Test for Controllability

"the recipe"

1) Define controllability matrix $W_c \equiv (B \ AB \ A^2B \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B)$
 SISO $\rightarrow B$ a column matrix $\Rightarrow W_c$ is $n \times n$

2) W_c invertible ($\det W_c \neq 0$) $\Rightarrow \{A, B\}$ controllable

Ex 2: $A = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $AB = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow W_c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\lambda_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det = 0 \Rightarrow \text{No}$

Ex 4: $A = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $AB = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 \\ -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ $W_c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\lambda_1 \\ 1 & -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\det W_c = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \Rightarrow$ controllable if $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

Why it works

1) Can set $x_0 = 0$ (by defining $x_\tau \rightarrow x_\tau - e^{A\tau} x_0$)

2) Cayley-Hamilton: matrix A obeys its n^{th} -order characteristic equation
 $\Rightarrow A^n$ can be re-expressed as $\mathcal{O}(n-1)$ polynomial
 $\Rightarrow e^{At} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha_j(t) A^j$

3) impulse response $x_{\text{imp}} = e^{At} B = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha_j(t) A^j B$

controllability \Rightarrow impulse response spans \mathbb{R}^n


\Rightarrow set of n vectors $B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B$
 are all linearly independent $\Rightarrow \det W_c \neq 0$

4) in gen.

$$X_T = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} B & AB & A^2 B & \dots \end{pmatrix}}_{W_c} \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^T dt \alpha_0 (T-t) u(t) \\ \int_0^T dt \alpha_1 (T-t) u(t) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

5) MIMO: B is a matrix, u a vector
 W_c needs to have rank = n "full rank"

Notes

- 1) Controllability \Rightarrow prescribed trajectory
 - recall inverse engineering $u = \dot{x}_d + x_d$
- 2) Reach x_T at $T \Rightarrow$ hold x_T for $t > T$
- 3) Might be good enough to control only some states
 or to control in a region only
- 4) Control trajectories can be nonlocal 
- 5) nonlinear if input saturates ($|u| \leq U_{max}$)
 \rightarrow reachable set

- 6) Nonlinearity \leftrightarrow no general formula
- weak nonlin \rightarrow follows linearization
 - geometrical formulation (Lie brackets)

7) Condition # of $W_c = \frac{\max |\lambda|}{\min |\lambda|} \sim e^n$
 \Rightarrow hard to decide and control for $n \gg 1$

8) Control Gramian: $x_{\text{imp}}(t) = e^{At} B$
 $P(t) = |x_{\text{imp}}\rangle \langle x_{\text{imp}}| = \int_0^T dt e^{At} B B^T e^{A^T t}$
 controllability \leftrightarrow $P(t)$ invertible; $\text{eig} \leftrightarrow$ controllability

9) structural controllability "SC" (Lin, 1974)

structure $\{A, B\} \leftrightarrow$ set of zero elements

SC $\rightarrow \exists \{A', B'\}$ w/ struct $\{A, B\}$ that is controllable
 \rightarrow controllable for almost all parameters

10) Inverse problem: Given A , find B so $\{A, B\}$ controll.

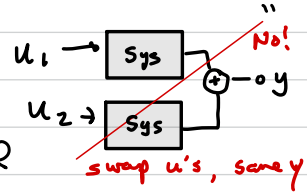
- need to try 2^n combos of B for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- YY Lin + A.L. Barabasi 2011 $\rightarrow A \leftrightarrow$ network
 \rightarrow graph-theory techniques \rightarrow poly. time ...

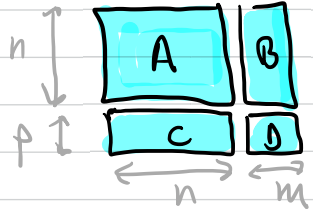
II. Observability and Duality

controllability: input u "coupled" to entire state vec. x
 observability: output y "

- to control need to set $u(t)$ over interval
- to observe, need to measure $y(t)$ over interval



test: $W_o = \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$
full rank



- can derive directly, but here: **duality**

$W_c = (B \ AB \ A^2B \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B)$ is same as W_o if $A \rightarrow -A^T, B \rightarrow C^T$
 adjoint operator (but. by parts)

Notice: $\dot{x} = -A^T x + C^T u$ $y = B^T x$
 minus sign on A doesn't affect rank W_c

Ans $W_c = (C^T \ A^T C^T \ (A^T)^2 C^T \ \dots) = W_o^T$

$u(t)$: affects state $x(t)$ at future times

$y(t)$: determines $x(t)$ based on past obs.

"We can know the past but not control it;
 we can control the future but do not know it."
 ~ Shannon, 1959

Port 2: Observers, controller design

Control based on the state

Divide control into two problems

- 1) given $x(t)$; choose $u[x(t)]$
 - 2) estimate $\hat{x}(t)$ from past observations $y|_0^t$
- } $u[\hat{x}(t)]$

Claim: If $\{A, B\}$ is controllable, then the closed-loop dyn. based on $u = -KX$ $[\dot{X} = (A - BK)X \equiv A'X]$ will have n eigenvalues (poles) that can be chosen freely using the n gains in row vector K [SISO case!]

Sketch of proof: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & & -a_1 \end{pmatrix}$ $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

"Controller canonical form"

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = x_3, \quad \dots, \quad \dot{x}_n = -a_n x_1 - a_{n-1} x_2 - \dots - a_1 x_n + u$$

Let $u = -KX = -(k_1 \ k_2 \ \dots \ k_n)$ $BK = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ k_1 & \dots & k_n \end{pmatrix}$

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & - \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \\ -a_n - k_1 & -a_{n-1} - k_2 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_i \rightarrow a_i - k_{n-i+1}$$

Thus we see that the dynamics of A' are set K
 \hookrightarrow arb. sigs!

Full-state Control

Ex: Damped harmonic osc. $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2\zeta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u$

$$u = -\begin{pmatrix} k_1 & k_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = -\underset{p}{k_1} x_1 - \underset{D}{k_2} x_2$$

$$BK = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & k_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad A' = A - BK = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 - k_1 & -2\zeta - k_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigs: $|sI - A'| = \begin{vmatrix} s & -1 \\ 1+k_1 & s+2\zeta+k_2 \end{vmatrix} = s^2 + (2\zeta+k_2)s + (1+k_1) = 0$
 choose k_1, k_2 to put eigs anywhere

eg closed-loop poles at $s = (-2, -2)$
 $(s+2)^2 = s^2 + 4s + 4 \Rightarrow k_2 = 4 - 2\zeta \quad k_1 = 3$

or $s = (-a, -a) \Rightarrow k_1 = a^2 - 1 \quad k_2 = 2(a - \zeta)$

Notice how gains increase with a (law for poles are moved)

• In general: use control software to find gain K given $\{A, b, \text{desired pole positions}\}$

• n poles is a lot of choice! ☹️

1) high gains inject noise (and u may be too big)

2) unstable system \Rightarrow must move RHP poles \rightarrow LHP

So: Move as few poles as possible as little as possible to stabilize, get ω_c high enough

(order by $J \dots$)

"shadow"



Output control

- if $\{A, C\}$ is observable, then
- naive differentiation too noisy

$$y(t \leq t_0) \rightarrow \hat{x}(t_0)$$

Observer

$$y \rightarrow \hat{x} \rightarrow u(\hat{x}) \quad \text{"synchronizing"}$$

Naive obs.

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

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu$$

subtract $\Rightarrow \dot{e} = Ae$

$$e \equiv x - \hat{x} \quad (\text{estimation err.})$$

assume we know $A, B!$

inputs cancel!

No good \odot i) if A is unstable, $e \rightarrow \infty$

ii) need $e \rightarrow 0$ faster than A dynamics

Observer

feedback on deviations betw. observations y and predictions $\hat{y} = C\hat{x}$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad y = Cx$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + L(y - C\hat{x}) \quad \Rightarrow \dot{e} = (A - LC)e$$

$L =$ observer gains



$A' = A - LC$ orb. poles.

Ex: Harmonic osc.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = (1 \ 0)$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

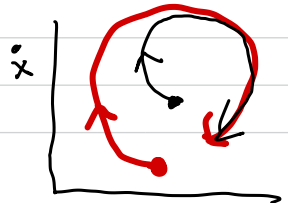
$$LC = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & 0 \\ l_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A' = A - LC = \begin{pmatrix} -l_1 & 1 \\ -1-l_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{eigs} \rightarrow s^2 + l_1 s + (l_2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\text{eg } s = (-2, -2) \leftrightarrow L = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

\hookrightarrow a bit slow...



Observer - controller

$$u = -k\hat{x} + lvr$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B(-k\hat{x} + lvr), \quad y = Cx$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + B(-k\hat{x} + lvr) + L(y - C\hat{x})$$

$$\dot{e} = Ae - LCe = (A - LC)e$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{e} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} A - BK & BK \\ 0 & A - LC \end{pmatrix}}_M \begin{pmatrix} x \\ e \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Bkr \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} r \quad \hat{x} = x - e$$

M is block triangular \Rightarrow eigenvalues given by

$$\det(sI - A + BK) \det(sI - A + LC) = 0$$

\rightarrow Separation principle (design K, L sep.)
- only for lin. sys.

- design separately feedback (K) + observer (L)
- use state estimate \hat{x} for feedback