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Lecture Note 4
Stability, Controllability, and Observability

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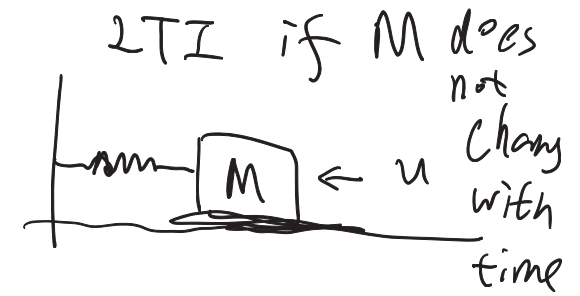
- **So far, we have learned:**
 - What is a state space model
 - How to derive state space model from physical systems, nonlinear model, continuous time model, and transfer function model
 - How to identify state space model from input-out data pairs
- **Question: how to use a state-space model?**
 - Predict system output: solution to a state space model
 - Analysis of behavior: stability/controllability/observability
 - Design controller
- **The goal of this lecture note: Given a state space model**
 - Derive its solution analytically
 - Stability ←
 - Controllability ←
 - Observability ←

Outline

- **State Space Solutions**
- Internal Stability
- Controllability
- Observability
- Invariance under Similarity Transformation

- General state space model:

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= \underline{A(k)}x(k) + \underline{B(k)}u(k), \\ y(k) &= \underline{C(k)}x(k) + \underline{D(k)}u(k) \end{aligned}$$



- If system matrices $(A(k), B(k), C(k), D(k))$ change over time k , then system is called Linear Time Varying (LTV) system
- If system matrices are constant w.r.t. to time, then the system is called a Linear Time Invariant (LTI) System

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \\ y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k) \end{cases}$$

- Derivation of Solution to LTI state space system:

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \\ y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k) \end{cases}$$

- given initial state $x(0) = \hat{x}$ and control sequence $u(0), \dots, u(k), k \geq 0$, we have $x(k) = A^k \hat{x} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^{k-j-1} Bu(j)$

$$x(1) = Ax(0) + Bu(0) = A\hat{x} + Bu(0)$$

$$x(2) = Ax(1) + Bu(1) = A^2\hat{x} + ABu(0) + Bu(1)$$

$$x(3) = Ax(2) + Bu(2) = A^3\hat{x} + A^2Bu(0) + ABu(1) + Bu(2)$$

depends on IC.

depend on input history.

For arbitrary k :

$$x(k) = A^k \hat{x} + A^{k-1} Bu(0) + A^{k-2} Bu(1) + \dots + ABu(k-2) + Bu(k-1)$$

$$= \left[A^k \hat{x} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^{k-1-j} Bu(j) \right] \text{ state trajectory}$$

$$y(k) = \underbrace{CA^k \hat{x}}_{\text{zero-input response}} + \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} CA^{k-1-j} Bu(j) + Du(k) \right) \text{ output trajectory}$$

- A large portion of control applications can be transformed into a regulation problem
- Regulation problem: keep certain function of the state $x(k)$ or output $y(k)$ close to a known constant reference value under disturbances and model uncertainties



For example:

- Keep inverted pendulum at upright position ($\theta = 0$)
- Maintain a desired attitude of spacecraft or aircraft
- Air conditioner regulate temperature close to setpoint (e.g. 75F)
- Cruise control maintain a constant speed despite uncertain road conditions
- Converter maintains a desired voltage level for different loads

- If reference $y_{\text{ref}}(t)$ is changing, this is no longer a regulation problem (becomes a tracking problem, which will be discussed later in this class)

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- Internal Stability**

BIBO stability.

with respect to equilibrium

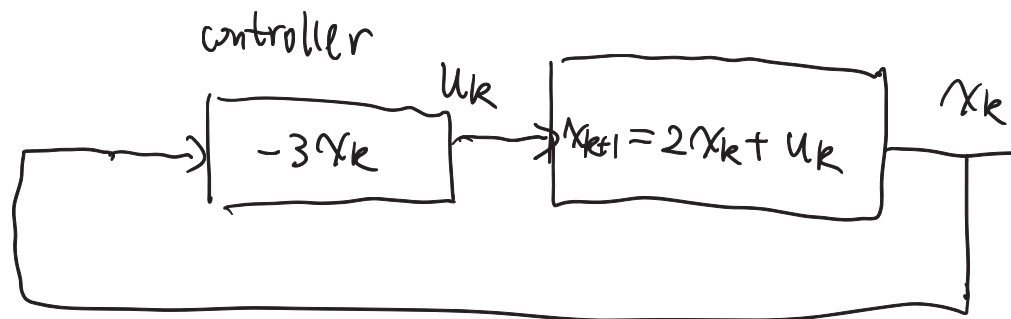
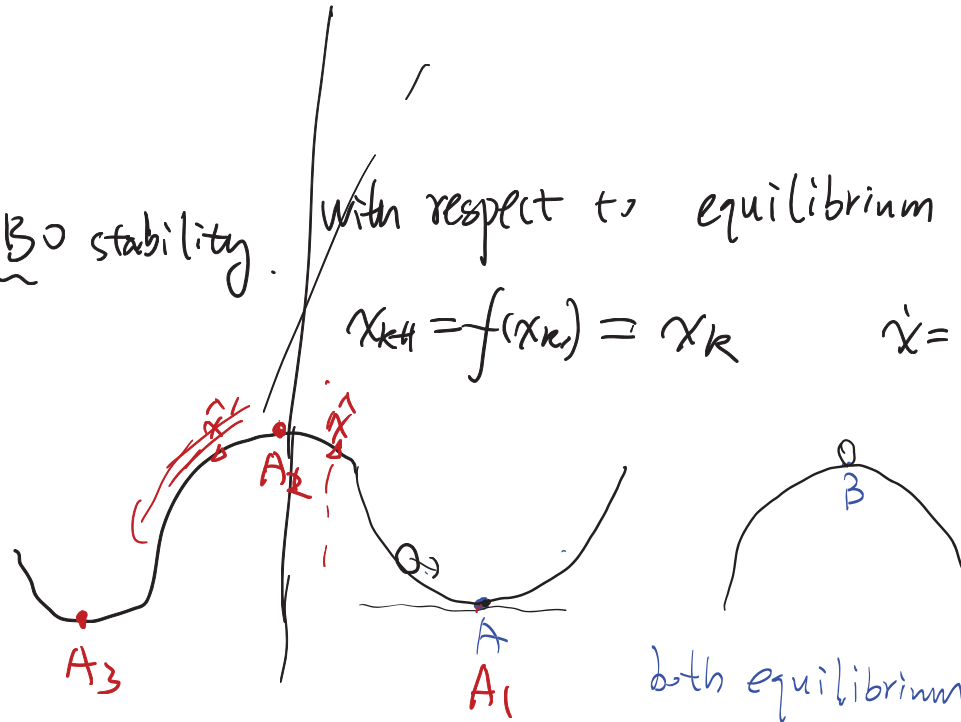
$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k) = x_k$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x) = 0$$

- Controllability

- Observability

- Invariance under Similarity Transformation



$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{x_{k+1} = -x_k}$$

BIBO: bounded input bounded output stability (external stability)

- Internal Stability (with $u(k) \equiv 0$, i.e. concerned with zero-input state response)

is mainly about autonomous system without control
 or about the closed-loop system for which the controller has
 $x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$,
 $y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k)$ already been incorporated

- Asymptotic stable: $\|x(k)\| \rightarrow 0$, as $k \rightarrow \infty$, for all initial state \hat{x}

e.g. $x(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(\frac{1}{2})^k \hat{x}_1 \\ (\frac{1}{3})^k \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\|x(k)\| \rightarrow 0$, for all \hat{x}

- Marginal stable: $\|x(k)\| \leq M$, for all $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$x(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}k) \hat{x}_2 \\ 2\hat{x}_1 + (\frac{1}{2})^k \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

e.g. $x(k+1) = 2x(k) + u(k)$

control law: $u(k) = -3x(k)$

$x(k+1) = -x(k)$

- Recall state space solution for linear systems:

$$x(k) = A^k \hat{x} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^{k-j-1} B u(j)$$

closed-loop

For internal stability, let $u(k) \equiv 0$

- Therefore, for linear system, the key for stability analysis is to understand how A^k behave as $k \rightarrow \infty$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow n$ eigs

$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$

- Case 1: diagonal matrix: e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \lambda_2^k & \\ & & \lambda_3^k \end{bmatrix}$

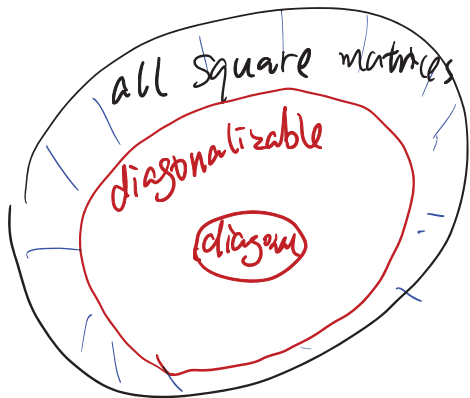
For internal stability, $u=0$, $x(k) = A^k \hat{x}$, so the system is asym

iff $|\lambda_1| < 1$, $|\lambda_2| < 1$, ..., $|\lambda_3| < 1$, i.e. all eigs lie inside unit circle

- Case 2: diagonalizable matrix, i.e. $\exists T$ such that $A = TDT^{-1}$

$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$

D is diagonal.



In this case, $A^k = T D^k T^{-1} \dots T D T^{-1}$

$= T D^k T^{-1} = T \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \lambda_2^k & \\ & & \lambda_3^k \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}$

- system is asym stable iff all eigs lie inside unit circle

- **Case 3:** Unfortunately, *not all* square matrices are diagonalizable

- e.g.: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not diagonalizable

Recall: All square matrices are block diagonalizable. They can be put into "Jordan" form

But conclusion is the same

In all cases

- **Theorem (Internal stability):** LTI (A, B) is asymptotically stable if all eigs of A satisfies $|\lambda_i| < 1$

*strictly inside unit circle

- More about stability

• Asym stable: $x(k) = A^k x_0 \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
(assumed $u(k) \equiv 0$)

• stability Test: $\text{eig}(A) \in \text{Unit Circle}$ $|\text{eig}(A)| < 1$

- Most general case: A can always be written as $A = T J T^{-1}$
where J is Jordan form of A

• when A is diagonalizable, $J = \text{diagonal matrix}$

• ... A is not ... , $J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_2 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & J_3 & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & \dots \end{bmatrix}$ Jordan blocks

• $x(k) = A^k x_0 = \underbrace{(T J T^{-1})}_{\cancel{T J T^{-1}}} \dots \underbrace{(T J T^{-1})}_{\cancel{T J T^{-1}}} x_0 = T J^k T^{-1} \cdot x_0$

$$= T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} J_1^k & & & \\ & I^k & & \\ & & J_3^k & \\ & & & \dots \end{bmatrix} T^{-1} \cdot x_0$$

we need all Jordan blocks $\rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$

e.g.

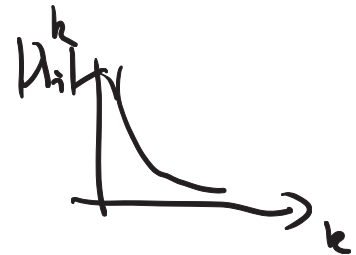
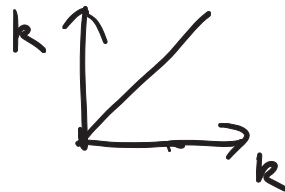
$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 2 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 2 & & \\ & & & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ & & & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ & & & & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow J_1 \\ \rightarrow J_2 \\ \rightarrow J_3 \\ \rightarrow J_4 \end{matrix}$

e.g. 2x2 block $J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$, $J_i^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^2 & 2\lambda_i \\ 0 & \lambda_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$, $J_i^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^3 & 3\lambda_i^2 \\ 0 & \lambda_i^3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$J_i^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^k & \frac{k \cdot \lambda_i^{k-1}}{\lambda_i^k} \\ 0 & \lambda_i^k \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_i^k \rightarrow 0 \text{ iff } |\lambda_i| < 1$$

$$\frac{k \cdot \lambda_i^k}{\lambda_i^k}$$



3x3 block:

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

V.F.T.

$$J_i^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^k & k\lambda_i^{k-1} & \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}\lambda_i^{k-2} \\ 0 & \lambda_i^k & k\lambda_i^{k-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_i^k \end{bmatrix}$$

- \circ is derivative of \triangle
- \square is derivative of $\circ/2!$

• $J_i \rightarrow 0$ iff $|\lambda_i| < 1$

- Claim: Asym stability $\Leftrightarrow |\text{eig}(A)| < 1$

- stability in classical control.

Real-poles < 0

- Recall

\rightarrow $H(s)$ is stable iff poles($H(s)$) \in OLHP

discrete


time

\rightarrow $H(z)$ is stable iff poles($H(z)$) \in Unit circle

$z = e^{sT}$

* These transfer func based stability is called external stability or BIBO.

• Bounded input bounded output (BIBO) : [bounded input must produce bounded output]

• bounded signal $u(k)$, $|u(k)| < M$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ 

• It's fine for output to be unbounded if input is unbounded

- System in state space form: A, B, C, D .

..... transfer func. : $H(z) = \underline{C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D}$

what's the relationship between internal and BIBO stability

Thm: $\underbrace{1) \text{ if sys } (A, B, C, D) \text{ asym stable}}_{\text{i.e. } |eig(A)| < 1} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\text{it's also BIBO}}_{|poles(\underline{H(z)})| < 1}$

proof: suppose asym stable $\Rightarrow |eigs(A)| < 1$

$\underline{H(z)} = C \underline{(zI - A)^{-1}} B + D$, where $(zI - A)^{-1} = \frac{[co-factor \text{ of } A]^T}{\det(zI - A)}$

Note: $\det(zI - A) = (z - \lambda_1)(z - \lambda_2) \dots (z - \lambda_n)$

characteristic polynomial of A , $\det(zI - A) = 0$ has n roots that are eigs of A
 \Downarrow
 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

\Rightarrow All poles of $H(z)$ must be eigs of $A \Rightarrow |\text{poles}(H(z))| < 1$

\Leftrightarrow BIBO $\not\Rightarrow$ Asym stability

Some eigs of A may not show up in the expression of $H(z)$

(Maybe cancelled by co-factor of B, C)

eg.: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = [1 \ 0]$

- Is it asymptotically stable?

No

$$\text{eig}(A) = \{0.5, 3\}$$

- Is it BIBO?

$$H(z) = C(zI - A)^{-1}B$$

$$(zI - A)^{-1} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} z-0.5 & -1 \\ 0 & z-3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{z-0.5} & \frac{1}{(z-0.5)(z-3)} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{z-3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H(z) = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{z-0.5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{z-0.5}$$

$$\text{pole}(H(z)) = 0.5 < 1$$

\Rightarrow BIBO

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Nontrivial Fact (by Cayley Hamilton theorem): For a square matrix $A \in R^{n \times n}$, A^k for arbitrary k can be written as a linear combination of $\{I, A, A^2, \dots, A^{n-1}\}$

$$A^k = \alpha_k A^n + \alpha_{k-1} A^{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 A + \alpha_0 I$$

$$= \alpha_0 I + \alpha_1 A + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} A^{n-1}$$

▪ E.g.: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 365 & 1159 \\ 1159 & 3842 \end{bmatrix}$
 $n=2$

We can write $A^{10} = \alpha_0 I + \alpha_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 & -\alpha_1 \\ -\alpha_1 & \alpha_0 - 2\alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 365 & 1159 \\ 1159 & 3842 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = -1159, \alpha_0 = 1524 \Rightarrow \text{V.F.}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^{100} = \alpha_0 I + \alpha_1 A + \alpha_2 A^2$



▪ k-step reachability:

- Given a system (A, B) , a final state x_f is called k -step reachable from an initial state x_0 if there exists an input sequence $u(0), \dots, u(k-1)$ such that $x(k) = x_f$

$\& u(k) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

- $x(k) = A^k x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^{k-j-1} B u(j)$
 $= A^k x_0 + B u(k-1) + A B u(k-2) + \dots + A^{k-1} B u(0)$

- Matrix form: $x(k) - A^k x_0 = [B \quad AB \quad A^2 B \quad \dots \quad A^{k-1} B] \begin{bmatrix} u(k-1) \\ u(k-2) \\ \vdots \\ u(0) \end{bmatrix}$

m columns *m-columns* *m-rows* *m-rows* *k·m rows* *·n rows* *k·m rows in total*

We want to find $u(0), \dots, u(k-1)$
 so that $x(k) = x_f$. In other words,
 we want solve

$(x_f - A^k x_0) = M_k \cdot U_k$

$h \times 1$ *$n \times (k \cdot m)$* *$(k \cdot m) \times 1$*

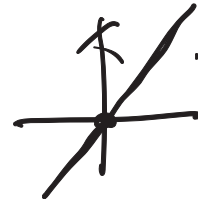
$\stackrel{\Delta}{=} M_k$ $\stackrel{\Delta}{=} U_k$

unknowns *sys has solution $\Leftrightarrow x_f - A^k x_0 \in \text{col}(M_k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} U_k$*

- **Reachability Lemma:** a final state x_f is k -step reachable from x_0 if

$(x_f) - (A^k x_0) \in \text{range}([B, AB, \dots, A^{k-1} B])$

Reachability Examples:



- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, with $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find out what state is reachable in 1 step, 2 steps, 10 steps?

1-step: $x(1) = Ax_0 + Bu(0) = Bu(0)$, $x_f = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$, for some α

in one-step

$x_f \in \text{col}(B)$

2-step: $x(2) = A^2 x_0 + [B \ AB] \begin{bmatrix} u(1) \\ u(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(1) \\ u(0) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x(2) \in \text{col} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{col} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

10-step reachable state: $x_f \in \text{col} \left(\begin{bmatrix} B & AB & \dots & A^9 B \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{col} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

- What if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$?

1-step reachable state? : $x_f \in \text{col}([B]) = \mathbb{R}^2$, i.e. all states in \mathbb{R}^2

e.g. pick $x_f = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1(0) \\ u_2(0) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow u(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is 1-step reachable

- **Controllability**

- A system matrix pair (A, B) is called **controllable** if any state $x_f \in R^n$ is reachable from any initial state $x_0 \in R^n$ in **finite** time steps
 - In other words, for any initial state $x_0 \in R^n$ and final state $x_f \in R^n$, we can find a control input $u(\cdot)$ to steer the system from x_0 to x_f in finite time steps

- According to Reachability lemma, this requires:

$$x_f - A^k x_0 \in \text{range}([B, AB, \dots, A^{k-1}B]), \forall x_f, x_0$$

$\underbrace{\text{arbitrary}} \in R^n \quad \text{col}(M_k) = R^n$

- So system is controllable if and only if

$$\text{rank}([B, AB, \dots, A^{k-1}B]) = \underline{n} \text{ for some finite } k$$

- One way to check controllability is to keep increasing k to see whether $[B, AB, \dots, A^{k-1}B]$ is n or not
- Cayley Hamilton Theorem indicates that there is no need to check the case for $k > n$

$$\mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

▪ **Controllability Test:** (A, B) is controllable if and only if the controllability matrix $M_c \triangleq [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B]$, is full rank $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(M_c) = n$

▪ Cayley-Hamilton theorem implies: $\text{rank}([B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{k-1}B]) = \text{rank}([B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B])$, for all $k \geq n$

- controllable $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}([B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{k-1}B]) = n$, for some finite k

- By Cayley-Hamilton Thm $\Rightarrow \text{rank}([B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{k-1}B]) = \text{rank}([B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B])$

why? : suppose $k = n+1$, $M_k = [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B \ \underbrace{A^n B}_{M_k}]$ for all $k \geq n$ $B = [b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_m]$

we know $A^n = \alpha_0 I + \alpha_1 A + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} A^{n-1} \Rightarrow \underbrace{A^n B}_{n \times m} = [A^n b_1 \ A^n b_2 \ \dots \ A^n b_m]$

$\Rightarrow A^n B$ is a linear combination of columns of M_c

$$\text{rank}(M_k) = \text{rank}(M_c)$$

e.g.: $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $x_f = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, check $\underline{x_k - A^k x_0} = [B \quad AB \quad \dots \quad A^{k-1}B]$

Examples:

1-step: $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u_0$ choose $u_0 = 3 \Rightarrow x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = x_f$

$\begin{bmatrix} u_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ u_0 \end{bmatrix}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

But if we pick $x_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$n=2, m=1, M_c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\text{rank}(M_c) = 1 < 2 \Rightarrow \text{uncontrollable}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

then we can never reach x_f for any k

$n=2, m=2, M_c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\text{rank}(M_c) = 2 = n \Rightarrow \text{controllable}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$n=3, m=1$

$M_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\text{rank}(M_c) = 3 = n \Rightarrow \text{controllable}$

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- Motivating discussion for observability

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

• To design state-feedback control, we need to know the "state" x

• but often times we can only measure output: $y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k)$

$$\rightarrow C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$$

1° if C is square and invertible, then $x(k) = C^{-1}(y(k) - Du(k))$
equivalent to directly measure all the state

2°: "C" is not invertible:

$$y(0) = Cx(0) + Du(0)$$

$$y(1) = Cx(1) + Du(1)$$

$$C = \left[\begin{array}{c} \hline \hline \end{array} \right]$$

Question: Can we use $\{u(j), y(j)\}_{j=0}^k$ to estimate $x(0), x(1), \dots, x(k)$?

Note: All $x(k)$ depends on $x(0)$, and $\underbrace{u(0), \dots, u(k-1)}_{\text{known}}$

definition
of observability

\Leftrightarrow Question: Can we use $\{u(j), y(j)\}_{j=0}^k$ to uniquely determine x_0 ?

Observability:

- A system (A, B, C) is called **observable** if any initial state $\underline{x}_0 \in R^n$ can be uniquely determined given the system input trajectory $u(0), u(1), \dots, u(k-1)$ and output trajectory $y(0), y(1), \dots, y(k)$ for some finite k

- What is the relation between output and initial state?

- Note $\underline{x}(k) = A^k x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^{k-j-1} B u(j) \leftarrow$

$$= \underline{A^k x_0} + \underline{B u(k-1)} + \underline{A B u(k-2)} + \dots + \underline{A^{k-1} B u(0)}$$

$$= A^k x_0 + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A^{k-1} B & A^{k-2} B & \dots & A B & B \end{bmatrix}}_{m \cdot \text{columns}} \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ u(1) \\ \vdots \\ u(k-1) \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow m \times 1 \text{ vector}$$

$$y(0) = C x(0) + D u(0)$$

$$y(1) = C x(1) + D u(1) = C A x(0) + C B u(0) + D u(1)$$

$$y(2) = C x(2) + D u(2) = C A^2 x(0) + C A B u(0) + C B u(1) + D u(2)$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{Bmatrix}$$

Y_k

- Continue derivation for relation between $y(\cdot)$ and x_0

Let's define $Y_k = \begin{bmatrix} y(0) \\ y(1) \\ \vdots \\ y(k-1) \end{bmatrix}$, $U_k = \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ u(1) \\ \vdots \\ u(k-1) \end{bmatrix}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} y(0) \\ y(1) \\ y(2) \\ \vdots \\ y(k-1) \end{Bmatrix}}_{Y_k} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ CA^{k-1} \end{bmatrix}}_{O_k \in \mathbb{R}^{(k \cdot p) \times n}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{unknown}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} D & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ CB & D & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ CA^2B & CB & D & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ CA^{k-2}B & CA^{k-3}B & \dots & CB & D \end{bmatrix}}_{T_k \leftarrow \text{known}} \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} u(0) \\ u(1) \\ u(2) \\ \vdots \\ u(k-1) \end{Bmatrix}}_{U_k}$$

- \swarrow \searrow unknown known
- In vector form, we have: $Y_k = \underbrace{O_k}_{\text{known}} \underbrace{x_0}_{\text{unknown}} + \underbrace{T_k}_{\text{known}} U_k \Rightarrow \underbrace{O_k x_0}_{\text{unknown}} = \underbrace{(Y_k - T_k U_k)}_{\text{known}}$
 - O_k maps initial state x_0 to output over time $[0, k-1]$
 - T_k maps input to output over time $[0, k-1]$
 - $Null(O_k)$ gives ambiguity in determining x_0

For example: $O_k \tilde{x} = b$ (suppose)
 $\forall \tilde{x} \in Null(O_k)$
 $O_k \tilde{x} = 0 \Rightarrow O_k (x_0 + \tilde{x}) = b$
 - x_0 can be uniquely determined if $Null(O_k) = \{0\}$, i.e. $\underbrace{rank(O_k) = n}_{\uparrow}$ for some finite k

Recall: conservation of dim

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dim(Null(O_k)) + \text{rank}(O_k) &= n \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\# \text{ of columns}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Input u does not affect **ability** to determine x_0
 - its effect can be subtracted out
 - So we often say system (A, C) is observable or not (No need to mention B)

$$O_k = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{k-1} \end{bmatrix}, k \uparrow$$

- **Observability Test:** (A, C) is observable if and only if

observability matrix M_o is full rank, where $M_o = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$

- Note: (A, C) observable \Leftrightarrow Any x_0 can be uniquely determined by $u(0), \dots, u(k-1), y(0), \dots, y(k-1)$, for a finite k

$n = \text{state dim}$


why? According to the previous slide, x_0 can be uniquely determined

if $\text{rank}(O_k) = n$, for some finite k

By "Fact": (CT theorem on slide 12)

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{k-1} \end{pmatrix} = \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for } k \geq n$$

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \\ CA^n \end{pmatrix} \dots \Rightarrow \text{sys observable} \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(M_o) = n$$

Example:  dynamics: $m \dot{p} = u$

Observability example:

Let's define $x_1 = p$
 $x_2 = \dot{p}$

~~$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = [1 \ 0], y(k) \equiv 2, u(k) \equiv 0, k = 0, 1, 2$~~

\Rightarrow state space model: $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/m \end{bmatrix} u$

option ①: $y = [1 \ 0] x \leftarrow$ measure position

②: $y = [0 \ 1] x \leftarrow$ measure velocity

\Downarrow discretize with Δt
"Euler"

$$x(k+1) = (I + \Delta t \cdot A) x(k) + \Delta t B u(k) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A x(k) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\Delta t}{m} \end{bmatrix}}_B u(k)$$

① $y(k) = [1 \ 0] x(k) \leftarrow$ observable?

② $y(k) = [0 \ 1] x(k) \leftarrow$ observable?

- For case ①:
 $n=2$

$$M_o = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{rank}(M_o) = 2$
 \Rightarrow observable

For case ②:

$$M_o = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{rank}(M_o) = 1$
 \Rightarrow unobservable

try to have more rows

$$O_k = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

doesn't have to have
 more measurement

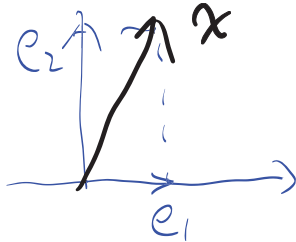
Outline

- State Space Solutions ✓
 - Internal Stability ✓
 - Controllability ✓
 - Observability ✓
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- Invariance under Similarity Transformation

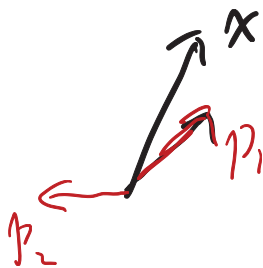
- Change of basis vectors for equivalent system representation

- Canonical coordinate system:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot e_1 + 3e_2$$



- New coordinate system: basis vectors



e.g. we can choose new basis vectors in \mathbb{R}^2

$$p_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad p_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

new coordinate
of x
wrt

$$x = 2e_1 + 3e_2 = 3p_1 + p_2 = [p_1 \ p_2] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [p_1, p_2]$$

- Relation: $x = Pz$

P is nonsingular matrix

$$P = [p_1 \ p_2]$$

$$I \leftarrow [e_1 \ e_2] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = [p_1 \ p_2] \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Dynamics in new coordinate systems:

- $x(k) = Pz(k) \Rightarrow z(k) = P^{-1}x(k)$

- Dynamics in original coordinate:

$$\rightarrow x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k),$$

- Dynamics in the new coordinate

$$z(k+1) = \hat{A}z(k) + \hat{B}u(k), \quad y(k) = \hat{C}z(k) + \hat{D}u(k)$$

- Derive $(\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{C}, \hat{D})$

$$\begin{aligned} z(k+1) &= P^{-1}x(k+1) = P^{-1}Ax(k) + P^{-1}Bu(k) \\ &= \underbrace{P^{-1}AP}_{\hat{A}}z(k) + \underbrace{P^{-1}B}_{\hat{B}}u(k) \end{aligned}$$

$$y(k) = \underbrace{CP}_{\hat{C}}z(k) + \underbrace{D}_{\hat{D}}u(k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &= P^{-1}AP \\ \hat{B} &= P^{-1}B \\ \hat{C} &= CP \\ \hat{D} &= D \end{aligned} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

- System $(\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{C}, \hat{D})$ is called **equivalent** to original system (A, B, C, D)

$\hat{\cdot}$ defined in $\textcircled{1}$ for any nonsingular P

- Similarity transformation does not change system stability, controllability and observability
- A and PAP^{-1} have the same Jordan form, so similarity transformation does not change stability, i.e., A is (asymptotically) stable iff \hat{A} is (asymptotically) stable

General case: $A = T J T^{-1}$ → Jordan form

$$\hat{A} = PAP^{-1} = P T J T^{-1} P^{-1} = (PT) J \cdot (PT)^{-1}$$

$\hat{A} \sim A$ has the same set of eigenvalues

- $\hat{M}_c = P^{-1}M_c$, with this it can be shown that M_c full rank iff \hat{M}_c full rank

therefore, (A, B) controllable iff (\hat{A}, \hat{B}) controllable

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{M}_c &= [\hat{B} \quad \hat{A}\hat{B} \quad \cdots \quad \hat{A}^{n-1}\hat{B}] \\ &= [P^{-1}B \quad P^{-1}AP P^{-1}B \quad \cdots \quad (P^{-1}AP)^{n-1} P^{-1}B] \\ &= P^{-1} [B \quad AB \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}B] = P^{-1}M_c\end{aligned}$$

V.F.Y.: if P is nonsingular, $\text{rank}(M_c) = \text{rank}(P^{-1}M_c) \leftarrow$
 $\hat{M}_o = M_o P$, similarly, this implies (A, C) observable iff (\hat{A}, \hat{C}) observable

$$\text{rank}(\hat{M}_o) = n \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(M_o) = n$$

\downarrow
 $M_o P$

