

# Linear Systems Theory

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Lecture III  
Invariant Polynomials



Notation: Looking at a linear systems  
with transfer matrix  $G(s)$  with  $m$  inputs  
and  $p$  outputs

has many representations in

state-space form  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$   
 $y = Cx + Du$

We have seen that system similarity  
preserves the transfer function i.e.

$$\bar{A} = PAP^{-1} \quad \bar{B} = PB \quad \bar{C} = CP^{-1} \quad \bar{D}$$

$$G(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D = \bar{C}(sI - \bar{A})^{-1}\bar{B} + \bar{D}$$

input-output

How do properties of  $G(s)$  linked to  
input-output behaviors connect with invariant  
properties of the  $A$  matrix?

?

stabilization: Stabilization is linked to the possibility  
of changing the structure of the  $A$  matrix,  
changing its invariants.

First goal: determine the invariant structure of  
the  $A$  matrix.

Side goal:

From a theoretical level, what is the algebraic setting for establishing the invariants, generalizations?

- Annihilating polynomial
- coprime polynomials.
- Polynomial map.
- Minimal annihilating polynomial (MAP)

Theorem 1 There always exist a vector having same MAP as the whole space.

Theorem 2 Two subspaces are direct summands  
 $\iff$   
Their MAP are coprime

Theorem 3 Every space splits as a direct sum of cyclic subspaces

main Theorem  
of lecture

$$V = I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus I_r$$

where  $\gamma(I_1)$  is the MAP of  $I_1$   
and  $\gamma(I_2)$  is the MAP of  $I_2$

$\gamma(I_2)$  divides  $\gamma(I_1)$ .

etc.  $\gamma(I_{j+1})$  divides  $\gamma(I_j)$ ,  $r > j \geq 2$ .

$$A = I$$

$$|\lambda I - I|$$

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

$$= (\lambda - 1)^n$$

$$(\lambda - 1)^n \Bigg\} \lambda - A = I$$

$$(I - I)^n = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda(A)$  is not

the minimal annihilating polynomial of the  $A$  matrix

MAP

(minimal annihilating polynomial)

$$\text{is } (\lambda - I)$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{invariant polynomial}}$

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

invariant char( $A$ )

$$\lambda(A) \triangleq |\lambda I - A|$$

$\rightarrow$  eigenvalues of  $A$

and  $PAP^{-1}$  has the same eigenvalues as  $A$ .

$$\Big| \lambda PP^{-1} - PAP^{-1} \Big|$$

$$|P| \Big| \lambda I - A \Big| |P|^{-1} =$$

$$|\lambda I - A|$$

Cayley Hamilton theorem

$$\lambda(A) \Big|_{\lambda=A} = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

quotients relative to invariant subspaces  
relative annihilating polynomial.

Lemma Polynomial maps commute although matrices generally don't

$$\varphi_1(A) \varphi_2(A) = \varphi_2(A) \varphi_1(A).$$

Lemma RMAP always divides TMAP.

divisors and invariant polynomials

Result without proof

$$\text{Set } |\lambda I - A| = D_n(\lambda)$$

Compute the greatest common divisor of all  
minors of order  $n-r$

this defines  $D_{n-r}(\lambda)$

$$\text{define } \frac{D_n(\lambda)}{D_{n-1}(\lambda)} = i_1(\lambda) \quad \frac{D_{n-1}(\lambda)}{D_{n-2}(\lambda)} = i_2(\lambda)$$

We get the invariant polynomials.

Proof : linked to finding the companion  
matrix linked to each cyclic subspace.

Polynomial maps are elements of a torsion module over a principal ideal domain.

Vector space + endomorphism  $\cong$  torsion module over  $\mathbb{F}(\lambda)$   
a principal ideal domain

Choose a basis of  $V$ , say  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$

denote by  $\varphi_1(\lambda), \varphi_2(\lambda), \dots, \varphi_n(\lambda)$   
the minimal polynomials of these vectors.  $\dim \{e_1, Ae_1, A^2e_1, \dots\} = p$

Let  $\varphi(\lambda)$  least common multiple of these polynomials

Then  $\varphi(\lambda)$  is MAP of the whole space.

(since every vector is representable in the form  

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i$$
)

Definition and notation (direct sum)

$V = V_1 \oplus V_2$   $\Leftrightarrow$  no vector in common  
between  $V_1$  and  $V_2$   
except the null vector.

Definition: (invariant subspace)

A subspace  $V' \subset V$  is called invariant  
with respect to the operator  $A$ , if  $AV' \subset V'$   
if  $x \in V'$  implies  $Ax \in V'$ .

dim

$$\left( \text{span} \left\{ e_1, Ae_1, A^2 e_1, \dots \right\} \right) = P \quad A^P e_1 = \left( -\alpha_1 A^{p-1} - \alpha_2 A^{p-2} \dots \right) e_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \lambda^p + \alpha_1 \lambda^{p-1} + \alpha_2 \lambda^{p-2} + \dots + \alpha_p \right)$$

is a MP of  $e_1$

Theorem: Given  $A$  as operator,  $A: V \rightarrow V$

Let the minimal polynomial over the field  $F$  (field associated with the vector space  $V$ ) be

$\chi(\lambda)$  and suppose that  $\chi(\lambda)$

as  $\chi(\lambda) = \chi_1(\lambda) \chi_2(\lambda)$

if  $\chi_1(\lambda)$  and  $\chi_2(\lambda)$  are coprime then

$\exists V_1$  and  $\exists V_2$  invariant subspaces

such that  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$  and

$\chi_1(\lambda)$  is MAP of  $V_1$

$\chi_2(\lambda)$  is MAP of  $V_2$ .

Proof: coprimeness implies  $1 = \chi_1 X_1 + \chi_2 X_2$   
 $\exists X_1$  and  $X_2$  /

let  $x \in V \Rightarrow x = \underbrace{\chi_1(A) X_1(A) x}_{x''} + \underbrace{\chi_2(A) X_2(A) x}_{x'}$

Let  $V_1 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{x \in V \mid \chi_1(A)x = 0\}$

$V_2 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{x \in V \mid \chi_2(A)x = 0\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x' \in V_1 \quad \text{since} \quad \mathcal{Y}_1(A)x' &= \mathcal{Y}_1 \mathcal{Y}_2 X_2 x \\
 &= \mathcal{Y}_1 X_2 x = X_2 \mathcal{Y}_1 x = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x'' \in V_2 \quad \text{since} \quad \mathcal{Y}_2(A)x'' &= \\
 &= \mathcal{Y}_2 \mathcal{Y}_1 X_1 x = X_1 \mathcal{Y}_1 x = X_1 0 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

and  $V_1$  have only 0 as common vector.

for if  $x_0 \in V_1$  &  $x_0 \in V_2$

$$\mathcal{Y}_1 x_0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{Y}_2 x_0 = 0$$

using the coprime identity  $x_0 = \mathcal{Y}_1 X_1 x_0 + \mathcal{Y}_2 X_2 x_0 = 0 + 0 = 0$ .  
 $1 = \mathcal{Y}_1 X_1 + \mathcal{Y}_2 X_2$  a contradiction

$$\Rightarrow V = V_1 \oplus V_2$$

$V_1$  is invariant :  $x \in V_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_1 x = 0$   
 (by definition)

$$0 = A \mathcal{Y}_1 x = \mathcal{Y}_1 A x \Rightarrow A x \in V_1$$

$\mathcal{Y}_1(\lambda)$  is the TAP.

Suppose  $\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_1(\lambda)$  is a map of  $V_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_1 \mathcal{Y}_2 x &= \mathcal{Y}_2 \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_1 x' + \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_1 \mathcal{Y}_2 x'' \\
 &= 0 + 0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  is arbitrary  $\Rightarrow \psi_1, \psi_2$  is MAP of  $V$   
which contradicts that  $\psi$  is MAP of  $V$ .

Theorem in a vector space there always exist a vector with MAP equal to the one of the whole space!

Case 1. MAP of  $V$  is a power of a (important for feedback.)  
polynomial  $\psi(\lambda) = (\varphi(\lambda))^l$

in  $V$  choose a basis  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$ .

The MAP of  $e_i$  is a divisor of  $\psi(\lambda)$

hence  $\psi_i = (\varphi(\lambda))^{l_i}$

$e_j \Rightarrow \psi_j = (\varphi(\lambda))^{l_j}, j=1, \dots, n$ .

but MAP of  $V$  is the least common multiple of the  $\psi_j, j=1, \dots, n$ .

$\psi(\lambda)$  coincides with the MAP of one of the basis vectors.  $\exists k, \psi = \psi_k$ .

$\Rightarrow e_k$  has same MAP as  $V$ .

Lemma:  $e' \rightarrow \gamma_1$  MAP, i.e.  $\gamma_1 e' = 0$   
 $e'' \rightarrow \gamma_2$  MAP, i.e.  $\gamma_2 e'' = 0$

(in full  $\gamma_1(A)e' = \gamma_2(A)e'' = 0$ ).

If  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are coprime then

MAP of  $e' + e''$  is  $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 = \gamma$

Proof: Let  $\chi$  an arbitrary AP of  $e' + e'' \trianglelefteq e$

$$\chi e = 0$$

first multiply by  $\gamma_2$ :  $\gamma_2 \chi e = 0$

$$\gamma_2 \chi (e' + e'') = 0$$

$$\gamma_2 \chi e' + \gamma_2 \chi e'' = 0$$

$$\gamma_2 \chi e' + \chi \underbrace{\gamma_2 e''}_{0} = 0$$

$$\gamma_2 \chi e' = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \gamma_2 \chi$  is AP of  $e'$

hence  $\gamma_2 \chi$  is divisible by  $\gamma_1$

and coprimeness imply  $\chi$  is divisible by  $\gamma_1$ .

$\Rightarrow$  similarly  $\chi$  is divisible by  $\gamma_2$ .

$\Rightarrow \chi$  is divisible by  $\gamma$

Hence every AP of  $e$  is divisible by  $\psi_1, \psi_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \psi_1, \psi_2$  is MAP of  $e = e' + e''$ .

Proof in the general case (existence of  $x$  sharing same MAP on the whole space).

Let us decompose the MAP of  $V = \psi(\lambda)$

into irreducible factors over  $\mathbb{F}$

$$\psi = \psi_1^{c_1} \psi_2^{c_2} \dots \psi_s^{c_s}$$

$\psi_1, \dots, \psi_s$  are distinct.

$$V = I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus I_s$$

MAP of  $I_i$ 's are power of irreducible polynomials, we know that

$\forall I_i, \exists e_i$  having same MAP  $(\psi_i^{c_i})$

Since these MAPs are coprime,

$$\text{the vector } e = \sum_{i=1}^s e_i$$

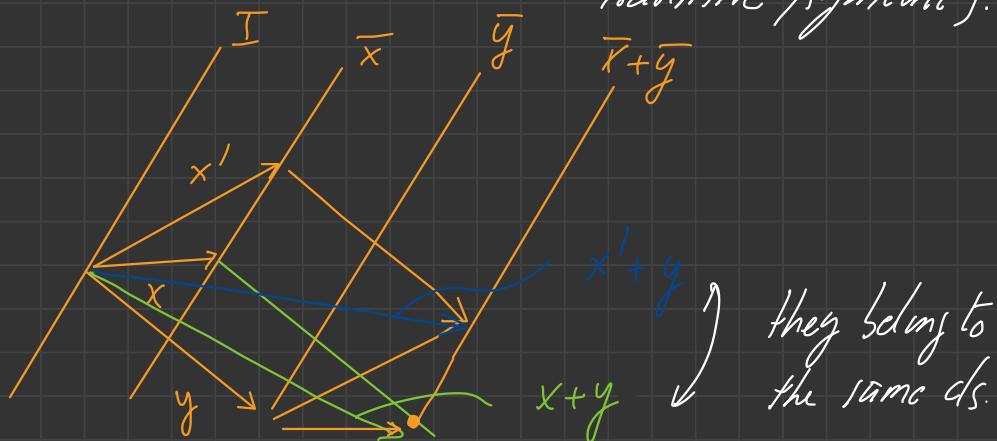
will have MAP equal to  $\psi$  by the above lemma.

## Quotient vector space

$$x \equiv y \pmod{I}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y - x \in I$$

it is an equivalence class (reflexive, transitive, symmetric).



## Definitions

Relative minimal annihilating polynomial  
RMAP

MAP :  $\sigma(A)x = 0$   
of  $x$   
(w.r.t.  $A$ )

RMAP  $(\text{mod } I)$   $\sigma(A)x \equiv 0 \pmod{I}$ .

# Decomposition of a Space into cyclic subspaces

Let  $f(\lambda) = \lambda^p + \alpha_1 \lambda^{p-1} + \dots + \alpha_p$

MAP of a vector  $v$ .

$v, Av, \dots, A^{p-1}v$  are linearly independent.

but

$$A^p v = -\alpha_p v - \alpha_{p-1} Av - \dots - \alpha_1 A^{p-1}v$$

$$\text{span} \{ v, Av, \dots, A^{p-1}v \} \triangleq \mathcal{I}$$

is invariant and  $p$ -dimensional

Definition : such an invariant space is called cyclic since it is generated by a single vector  $v$ .

Lemma : every vector  $x \in \mathcal{I}$  is

representable as a linear combination of the generating vectors, i.e.  $\exists$  polynomial  $X(\lambda)$

of degree  $p-1$

such that

$$x = X(A)v$$

Remark : MAP of  $\mathcal{I}$  = MAP of  $v$

# Main result of the lecture

## Main Theorem

$$\text{Let } \psi_1 = \psi = \lambda^m + \alpha_1 \lambda^{m-1} + \dots + \alpha_m$$

be the MAP of the whole space  $V$ .

Then  $\exists V \in V$  having the same MAP (previous theorem). Let  $I_1$  denote the

$$I_1 \triangleq \text{span} \{ V, Av, \dots, A^{m-1}v \}$$

if  $n=m$ , then  $V = I_1$ , and the theorem is proved.

So let  $m < n$ , and let us compute the

RMAP of  $V \pmod{I_1}$  i.e.

$$\psi_2(\lambda) = \lambda^p + \beta_1 \lambda^{p-1} + \dots + \beta_p$$

Remark:  $\psi_2$  is a divisor of  $\psi_1$ , i.e,

$$\exists \varphi \quad \psi_1 = \psi_2 \varphi$$

this is easy since if  $\sigma$  is the RMAP of  $x \pmod{I}$  and  $\sigma$  is MAP of  $V$ , then  $\sigma x = 0$

But  $\sigma x = 0$  implies  $\sigma x \equiv 0 \pmod{I}$

so that  $\sigma$  is a RAP of  $x \pmod{I}$   
 therefore since it is a RAP it is divisible by the  
 minimal one which is the RTAP  $\pmod{I}$ ,  
 i.e.  $\sigma_1$ .

in  $V$ ,  $\exists v^*$  with RTAP  $\pmod{I_1}$   
 equal to  $\psi_2$ . (same constructions  
 as with the TAP)

meaning that

$$\psi_2 v^* \equiv 0 \pmod{I_1}$$

i.e.  $\exists x$

$$\boxed{\psi_2 v^* = x v}$$

let us apply  $\varphi$  to both sides

$$\varphi \psi_2 v^* = \varphi x v$$

$$\psi_1 v^* = \varphi x v$$

But  $\psi_1$  is TAP hence  $\psi_1 v^* = 0$

$$0 = \varphi x v$$

$\hookrightarrow \varphi x$  is AP of  $V$  if it is divisible by

$$\varphi x = \psi_1 \mu = \psi_2 \varphi \mu$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \psi_2 \mu$$

$$\varphi_2 V^* = X V \quad \text{becomes} \quad \varphi_2 V^* = \varphi_2 \mu V$$

$$\varphi_2 (V^* - \mu V) = 0$$

let us define

$$W \stackrel{\Delta}{=} V^* - \mu V$$

so that

$$\varphi_2 W = 0$$

$\varphi_2$  is AP of  $W$ , and therefore  
divisible by the RTAP of  $V^* \pmod{I_1}$

$$\text{since } W \equiv V^* \pmod{I_1}$$

Since  $\varphi_2$  is the RTAP,  $\varphi_2$  is TAP.

it follows then that

span  $\{W, Aw, \dots, A^{p-1}w\}$  is cyclic  
and invariant.

$$\Rightarrow \{V, Av, \dots, A^{m-1}v, W, Aw, \dots, A^{p-1}w\}$$

are lin. indep. and a basis of

$$\text{if } n = m+p \Rightarrow V = I_1 \oplus I_2$$

and the proof is finished.

If not  $n > m+p$  iterate mod  $(I_1 \oplus I_2)$

