

# LST - Lecture 6

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## Controllability and Observability

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## VI. Observability and Controllability

1. Pseudo-states  $\xi$  and their function space
2. Effect of unimodular matrices on this function space
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6. Necessary and sufficient conditions for controllability.
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9. Observability and o.d. zeros  
(unobservability and g.c.l.d.)

Recap:

PMD (poly. matrix descr.)  
State-space (2)  
Matrix Fraction (3)

(1) PMD:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} T & U \\ -V & W \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} T\xi + Uu = 0 \\ -V\xi + Wu = y \end{cases}$$

$$T \in \mathbb{R}(s)^{n \times n}$$

$$\dim u = p$$

$$\dim y = q$$

$$\boxed{G(s)} = VT^{-1}U + W$$

② State-space:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \\ C &\in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n} \\ A &\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \end{aligned}$$

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

③ Matrix fraction

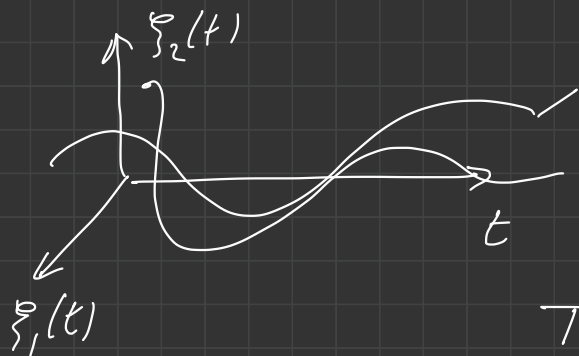
$$\boxed{G(s)} = \bar{N} \bar{M}^{-1} = \bar{N} \bar{D}^{-1}$$
$$\bar{N}(s) \bar{M}(s)^{-1} = \bar{N}(s) \bar{D}(s)^{-1}$$

right fraction

$$= M(s)^{-1} N(s) = D(s)^{-1} N(s)$$

left fraction.

1.) Pseudo-state  $\xi$



$$\psi_1(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times 1}$$

$$\psi_2(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times 1}$$

$\vdots$

$$T(s) \xi = 0$$

zero input to the PFD.

$$T\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \xi = 0 \quad \swarrow \text{o.d.e.}$$

Let  $\{\psi_k(t)\}_{k=1}^n$  denote a basis of the vector space  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Let  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(0) \end{bmatrix}$  be any vector of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\forall \xi \in \mathcal{X}$  there exists a unique  $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
such that

$$\xi(t) = \psi(t) x(0), \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

the map  $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \{\xi(t)\} = \{\psi(t) x(0)\} \in \mathcal{X}$   
is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear bijection (isomorphism) between  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathcal{X}$ .

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2. Effect of unimodular matrices on the solution function space of the pseudo-state  $\xi$ .

Let  $T(s) \in \mathbb{R}(s)^{r \times r}$  be unimodular and  $L \in \mathbb{R}(s)^{r \times r}$  be unimodular.

$$\overline{T} \triangleq L \cdot T$$

Consider the diff. equations

$$T \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi = 0 \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\overline{T} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \overline{\xi} = 0 \quad t \geq 0$$

with solution spaces  $\mathcal{X}$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}$

$$L \text{ unimodular} \Rightarrow \mathcal{X} = \overline{\mathcal{X}}$$

(unimodular matrices do not alter the solution space)

Proof: Since  $L$  is unimodular  $L^{-1}$  and  $L$  are polynomial matrices

$$T \xi = 0 \Rightarrow L T \xi = \overline{T} \xi = 0$$

(if  $\xi$  satisfies  $T$ , it also satisfies  $\overline{T}$ )

$$\overline{T} \overline{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow L^{-1} \underbrace{\overline{T} \overline{\xi}}_0 = T \overline{\xi} = 0$$

(if  $\overline{\xi}$  satisfies  $\overline{T}$ , it also satisfies  $T$ ).

3. State associated with a pseudo-state trajectory and constructing  $\psi_k$ 's, a basis of  $X$ .

→ perform a "canonical" realization of  $T\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\xi = 0$

Step 1 | Reduce to hermite "canonical" form

$$T\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\xi = 0, \quad T(s)\xi = 0$$

(Similar to the Smith form, but only reducing so as to introduce zeros below the main diagonal of  $\overline{T}(s)$ ).

Step 2 | find solutions to the diagonal elements, scalar o.d.e.s.

Step 3 | proceed inductively using the previous solutions by solving a forced o.d.e.  
an example will clarify this step.

Example:

$$T(s)\xi = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} s+1 & s+1 \\ 0 & (s+2)^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Step 2 |

$$\frac{d}{dt}\xi_1 + \xi_1 = 0 = \dot{\xi}_1 + \xi_1$$

$$\xi_1(t) = e^{-t}$$

$$\{\eta_1(t)\} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0 = (s+2)^2 \xi_2$$

$$\xi_2'' + 4\xi_2' + 4\xi_2 = 0$$



$$(1) \xi_2(t) = e^{-2t}$$

$$(2) \xi_2(t) = t e^{-2t}$$

Step 3

Solve  $\xi_1' + \xi_1 + \xi_2' + \xi_2 = 0$  for  $\xi_1$

using each one of the two  $\xi_2$

$$(1) \text{ for } \xi_2 = e^{-2t}$$

$$\xi_1' + \xi_1 + \frac{d}{dt}(e^{-2t}) + e^{-2t} = 0$$

$$\xi_1(t) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

$$\eta_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) \xi_1' + \xi_1 + \xi_2' + \xi_2$$

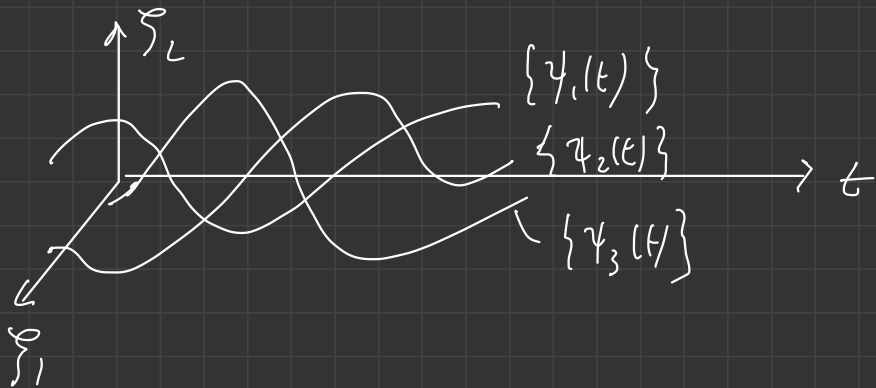
$$\xi_2 = t \cdot e^{-2t}$$

$$\xi_1' + \xi_1 + \frac{d}{dt}(t e^{-2t}) + t e^{-2t} = 0$$

$$\xi_1 = -t e^{-2t}$$

$$\eta_3(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t e^{-2t} \\ t e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\{\psi_1(t), \psi_2(t), \psi_3(t)\}$  is a basis of  
the vector space of trajectories  
 $\text{span}\{\psi_i(t)\} = \mathcal{X}$ .



#### 4. State-space trajectories

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \end{cases}$$

Let  $u(\cdot)$  be a given input,  
let us compute the solution, (trajectory),  
 $\{x | x_0, t, u(\cdot)\}$ .

First, consider without input,  $u=0$

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} \cdot x_0$$

$$e^{At} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{A^k t^k}{k!} + \dots$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^k t^k}{k!}$$

Thm:  $e^{At} = \beta_0(t) I + \beta_1(t) A + \dots$

$$\beta_{n-1}(t) A^{n-1}$$

Cayley-Hamilton theorem:

$$\lambda(A) = \lambda^n + \alpha_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \alpha_2 \lambda^{n-2} + \dots + \alpha_n$$

$$\lambda(A)(A) = A^n + \alpha_1 A^{n-1} + \alpha_2 A^{n-2} + \dots + \alpha_n I = 0$$

use  $A^n = -\alpha_1 A^{n-1} - \alpha_2 A^{n-2} - \dots - \alpha_n I$

in  $e^{At} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^i t^i}{i!}$  to get  $\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{n-1}$

Example

$e^A = \beta_0 A + \beta_1 I$

 $\dim A = 2.$

Thm: such an equation is also valid on the spectrum of  $A$ .

i.e.  $e^{\lambda_1} = \beta_0 \lambda_1 + \beta_1$

$$e^{\lambda_2} = \beta_0 \lambda_2 + \beta_1$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda(A) = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 6)$$

$$\begin{cases} e^6 = \beta_0 \cdot 6 + \beta_1 \\ e^{-1} = \beta_0(-1) + \beta_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{e^6}{7} - \frac{e^{-1}}{7}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{e^6}{7} + \frac{6}{7} e^{-1}$$

→ Thm:  $e^{At}B$  becomes a linear (time varying) linear combination of

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

$$e^{At}B = \alpha_1(t)B + \alpha_2(t)AB + \dots + \alpha_n(t)A^{n-1}B$$


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

what is  $\{x(t, x_0, u(\cdot))\}$  ?  
the solution trajectory.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{At}) = Ae^{At} = e^{At}A$$

$$A \left( I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2} + \dots \right) = \left( I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2} + \dots \right) A$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{-At} x) = \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-At}) x + e^{-At} \dot{x}$$

$$= \underbrace{-A e^{-At} x} + \underbrace{e^{-At} (Ax + Bu)}$$

$$= -\cancel{A e^{-At} x} + \cancel{A e^{-At} x} + e^{-At} Bu$$

$$= e^{-At} Bu$$

$$\int_0^t \frac{d}{d\tau} (e^{-A\tau} x) d\tau = \int_0^t e^{-A\tau} Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

$$e^{At} \left( e^{-At} x(t) - \underbrace{e^{-A \cdot 0}}_I x(0) \right) = \int_0^t e^{-A\tau} Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} x(0) + e^{At} \int_0^t e^{-A\tau} Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} x(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

### 5. Controllability

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

The pair  $(A, B)$  is said to be controllable if for any initial state and any final state, there exists an input that transfers  $x_0$  to  $x_1$  in finite time.

### 6. Necessary and sufficient conditions for controllability

Theorem: Equivalent statements:

1. The  $n$  dimensional system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$  is controllable according to its definition.
2. The  $n \times n$  matrix

$$\begin{aligned} W_c(t) &= \int_0^t e^{A\tau} B B^T e^{A^T \tau} d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} B B^T e^{A^T(t-\tau)} d\tau \end{aligned}$$

is nonsingular for any  $t > 0$

3. The  $n \times p$  controllability matrix

$$\mathcal{C} = [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B]$$

has rank  $n$ .

4. The  $n \times (n+p)$  matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} A - \lambda I & B \end{bmatrix} \text{ has full rank}$$

at every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$ .

(if  $\lambda$  is complex, then gaussian elimination with complex multiplication should be used).

5. If in addition all eigenvalues of  $A$  have negative real parts, then the unique solution of

$$A W_c + W_c A^T = -B B^T$$

is positive definite solution  $W_c$ .

The solution is called the controllability  
grammian

$$W_c = \int_0^\infty e^{A\tau} B B^T e^{A^T \tau} d\tau$$

$$\boxed{1. \leftrightarrow 2.} \quad \int_{\tau=0}^t e^{-A(t-\tau)} B B^T e^{-A^T(t-\tau)} d\tau$$

$$\bar{\tau} = t - \tau$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\bar{\tau}=t}^0 e^{-A\bar{\tau}} B B^T e^{A^T\bar{\tau}} (-d\bar{\tau}) \\ = \int_0^t e^{\tau} B B^T e^{A^T\tau} d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_c \geq 0$$

$$\text{it is } W_c > 0 \Leftrightarrow |W_c| \neq 0$$

( $W_c$  is nonsingular)

$$|W_c| \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{controllability}$$

$$x(t_1) = e^{At_1} x(0) + \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-\tau)} \underline{B u(\tau)} d\tau$$

We claim that the input  $x_1 = x(t_1)$

$$u(t) = -B^T e^{A(t_1-t)} W_c^{-1} \left[ e^{At_1} x_0 - x_1 \right]$$

achieves transfer from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \downarrow t=t_1 \\ e^{At_1} x(0) + \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-\tau)} (-B B^T) e^{A^T(t_1-\tau)} d\tau \\ W_c^{-1} (e^{At_1} x_0 - x_1) \\ = e^{At_1} x_0 - W_c W_c^{-1} (e^{At_1} x_0 - x_1) = x_1 \end{aligned}$$