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- TODAY:
  - ◆ Controllability & Observability
  - ◆ Duality & Canonical Forms
- LEARNING OUTCOMES:
  - ◆ Perform controllability tests
  - ◆ Perform observability tests
  - ◆ Write a controllable realization
  - ◆ Write an observable realization
  - ◆ Write a controllable and observable realization
  - ◆ Perform pole placement
  - ◆ Design an observer and place observer eigenvalues
- References:
  - ◆ DeRusso et al.(1998), State Variables for Engineers, 6.1-6.6
  - ◆ Bélanger (1995), Control Engineering, 3.7.6



# Controllability - Review

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- Complete Controllability:  
The system

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

is said to be completely controllable if for  $x(0) = 0$  and any given state  $x_1$  there exists finite time  $t_1$  and a piecewise continuous input  $u(t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq t_1$  such that  $x(t_1) = x_1$ .

- Complete controllability is equivalent to controllability to the origin in finite time



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- Complete controllability is equivalent to controllability to the origin in finite time
- Consider the following SISO system

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

$$0 = e^{At_1}x_0 + \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-\tau)}Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

$$e^{-At_1}0 = e^{-At_1} \left\{ e^{At_1}x_0 + \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-\tau)}Bu(\tau) d\tau \right\}$$

$$0 = x_0 + \int_0^{t_1} e^{-A\tau}Bu(\tau) d\tau$$

$$-x_0 = \int_0^{t_1} e^{-A\tau}Bu(\tau) d\tau$$



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## ■ Using the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} -x_0 &= \int_0^{t_1} e^{-A\tau} Bu(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^{t_1} \{\alpha_0(\tau)I + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(\tau)A^{n-1}\} Bu(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^{t_1} \{\alpha_0(\tau)u(\tau)B + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(\tau)u(\tau)A^{n-1}B\} d\tau \\ &= (B \quad AB \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}B) \int_0^{t_1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0(\tau)u(\tau) \\ \alpha_1(\tau)u(\tau) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1}(\tau)u(\tau) \end{pmatrix} d\tau \end{aligned}$$



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## ■ Continuing

$$-x_0 = (B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B) \int_0^{t_1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0(\tau)u(\tau) \\ \alpha_1(\tau)u(\tau) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1}(\tau)u(\tau) \end{pmatrix} d\tau$$

$$-x_0 = (B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B) \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

■ For controllability to the origin  $M_C$  must have full rank  $n$

$$M_C = (B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B)$$



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## ■ Complete Observability: The system

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

$$y = Cx$$

is said to be completely observable if there is a  $t_1 > 0$  such that knowledge of  $y(t)$ , for all  $t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq t_1$ , is sufficient to determine  $x(0)$ .



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- Complete observability is the ability to determination of  $x(0)$  in finite time
- Consider the following SISO system

$$\begin{aligned}x(t_1) &= e^{At_1}x(0) \\y(t_1) &= Cx(t_1)\end{aligned}$$

- Using the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}y(t_1) &= Cx(t_1) \\&= C \{ \alpha_0(t_1)I + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(t_1)A^{n-1} \} x_0 \\&= \{ \alpha_0(t_1)C + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(t_1)CA^{n-1} \} x_0\end{aligned}$$



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## ■ Continuing

$$\begin{aligned} y(t_1) &= \{\alpha_0(t_1)C + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(t_1)CA^{n-1}\} x_0 \\ &= (\alpha_0(t_1) \quad \alpha_1(t_1) \quad \cdots \quad \alpha_{n-1}(t_1)) \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} x_0 \end{aligned}$$

## ■ For observability of $x_0$ $M_O$ must have full rank $n$

$$M_O = \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Similarity Transformations

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- Similarity transformations  $x = Mq$  do not change controllability or observability.

$$\overline{A} = M^{-1}AM \quad \overline{B} = M^{-1}B \quad \overline{C} = CM$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{M_C} &= \begin{pmatrix} \overline{B} & \overline{AB} & \dots & \overline{A}^{n-1}\overline{B} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} B & AB & \dots & A^{n-1}B \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{M_O} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{C} \\ \overline{CA} \\ \vdots \\ \overline{CA}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} M$$

- Since  $M$  has full rank  $n$ ,  $\overline{M_C}$  and  $\overline{M_O}$  also have rank  $M_C$  and  $M_O$ , respectively.



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- The dual of the primal LTI system

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

$$y = Cx$$

is given by

$$\dot{z} = A^T z + C^T v$$

$$w = B^T z$$

- Duality can be used to reduce the amount of work needed to prove properties of controllability and observability. It is also useful in the design of controllers and observers.



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## ■ Controllability of the Dual System

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z} &= A^T z + C^T v \\ w &= B^T z\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}M_C &= (C^T \quad A^T C^T \quad \dots \quad (A^{n-1})^T C^T) \\ M_C^T &= \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

- The primal LTI system is completely observable iff its dual is completely controllable.
- The primal LTI system is completely controllable iff its dual is completely observable.



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- Two similarity transformations  $x = M_{CC} q$  and  $x = M_{OC} q$  are useful for designing SISO controllers and observers.

$$G(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$$

$$G(s) = \frac{b_1 s^{n-1} + b_2 s^{n-2} + \cdots + b_{n-1} s + b_n}{s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + a_2 s^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1} s + a_n}$$

$$M_{CC} = (A^{n-1}B \ A^{n-2}B \ \cdots \ B) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ a_1 & 1 & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_2 & a_1 & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & \cdots & 1 & 0 \\ a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & \cdots & a_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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- Two similarity transformations  $x = M_{CC}q$  and  $x = M_{OC}q$  are useful for designing (SISO) controllers and observers.

$$G(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$$
$$G(s) = \frac{b_1s^{n-1} + b_2s^{n-2} + \cdots + b_{n-1}s + b_n}{s^n + a_1s^{n-1} + a_2s^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1}s + a_n}$$

$$M_{OC}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & \cdots & a_1 & 1 \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & \cdots & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_2 & a_1 & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_1 & 1 & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Controller Canonical Form

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- The transformation  $x = M_{CC} q$  leads to
- Controller Canonical Form

$$A_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots & \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \cdots & \cdots & -a_2 & -a_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_C = (b_n \quad b_{n-1} \quad \cdots \quad b_2 \quad b_1)$$

- where the coefficients are obtained from

$$G(s) = \frac{b_1 s^{n-1} + b_2 s^{n-2} + \cdots + b_{n-1} s + b_n}{s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + a_2 s^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1} s + a_n}$$

- NB: Other authors will write this canonical form differently, but the forms are equivalent!



# Observer Canonical Form

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- The transformation  $x = M_{OC} q$  leads to
- Observer Canonical Form

$$A_O = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -a_n \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -a_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & -a_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B_O = \begin{pmatrix} b_n \\ b_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ b_2 \\ b_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad C_O = (0 \quad \cdots \quad 0 \quad 1)$$

- where the coefficients are obtained from

$$G(s) = \frac{b_1 s^{n-1} + b_2 s^{n-2} + \cdots + b_{n-1} s + b_n}{s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + a_2 s^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1} s + a_n}$$

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# Canonical Form Properties

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- Controller and Observer Canonical Form state space realizations are minimal.
- Duality - Controller and Observer Forms and Dual

$$A_O = A_C^T \quad B_O = C_C^T \quad C_O = B_C^T$$

- Controllable canonical form is completely observable (duality!)
- Observer canonical form is completely controllable (duality!)



# Controller using Controllable Canonical Form

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- Controllers can be easily specified using controller canonical form
- Consider the following system (in controllable canonical form!)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = [b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3]$$

- It's characteristic equation is  
$$\det(sI - A) = s^3 + a_1s^2 + a_2s + a_3 = 0$$



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- Apply state feedback control  $u = -Kx$  to modify the system behavior.  $A_{cl} = A - BK$

$$\begin{aligned} A - BK &= \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & k_2 & k_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 - k_1 & -a_2 - k_2 & -a_3 - k_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- The new characteristic equation for the system is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{cl}(s) &= \det(sI - A_{cl}) \\ &= s^3 + (a_1 + k_1)s^2 + (a_2 + k_2)s + (a_3 + k_3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



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- This process is called pole placement.
- We will choose feedback gains  $K$

$$K = [ \ k_1 \ k_2 \ k_3 \ ]$$

such that we get the characteristic equation of the desired closed-loop pole locations.

$$\Phi_{cl}(s) = s^3 + (a_1 + k_1)s^2 + (a_2 + k_2)s + (a_3 + k_3) = 0$$

$$\Phi_d(s) = s^3 + (\alpha_1)s^2 + (\alpha_2)s + (\alpha_3) = 0$$

- In this case

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_1 + k_1 = \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n + k_n = \alpha_n \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} k_1 = \alpha_1 - a_1 \\ \vdots \\ k_n = \alpha_n - a_n \end{array}$$



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- Observers can be easily specified using observer canonical form
- Suppose we can measure the output  $y$  but wish to apply full state feedback  $u = -Kx$  to modify the behavior of our system.
- If we do not measure all of the states  $x$  we need to create an estimate for  $x$ .
- We could build a parallel system and create an estimated state  $\tilde{x}$  and perhaps feedback the ouput error  $y - \tilde{y}$  to improve the state estimate.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\tilde{x}} &= A\tilde{x} + Bu + L(y - \tilde{y}) \\ \tilde{y} &= C\tilde{x} + Du\end{aligned}$$



# Observer Error Dynamics

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- The state observer error dynamics  $e(t) = x - \tilde{x}$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{e}(t) &= \dot{x} - \dot{\tilde{x}} \\ &= (Ax + Bu) - (A\tilde{x} + Bu + L(y - \tilde{y})) \\ &= (Ax + Bu) - (A\tilde{x} + Bu + L(Cx - C\tilde{x})) \\ &= A(x - \tilde{x}) + Bu - Bu - LC(x - \tilde{x}) \\ &= (A - LC)e\end{aligned}$$

- The estimated error  $e(t) = \exp^{(A-LC)t} e(0)$  goes to zero if  $(A - LC)$  is asymptotically stable.
- Can we choose observer gains  $L$  to make this so?
- Choosing these gains is easy using Observer Canonical Form



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- Consider the following system (in observer canonical form!)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ -a_2 & 0 & 1 \\ -a_3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Calculating  $(A - LC)$

$$A - LC = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ -a_2 & 0 & 1 \\ -a_3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## ■ Calculating $(A - LC)$

$$\begin{aligned} A - LC &= \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ -a_2 & 0 & 1 \\ -a_3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 - l_1 & 1 & 0 \\ -a_2 - l_2 & 0 & 1 \\ -a_3 - l_3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## ■ The closed-loop poles of the estimator are at the roots of

$$\det[sI - (A - LC)] = s^3 + (a_1 + l_1)s^2 + (a_2 + l_2)s + (a_3 + l_3) = 0$$

## ■ So we can make the observer error to zero as quickly as we'd like! (Trade-offs?)



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- Note that the poles of  $(A - LC)$  and  $(A - LC)^T$  are identical.
- Also we have that  $(A - LC)^T = A^T - C^T L^T$
- So designing  $L^T$  for this transposed system looks like finding feedback gains  $K$  for the controller problem  $(A - BK)$  where

$$\begin{aligned} A &\Rightarrow A^T \\ B &\Rightarrow C^T \\ K &\Rightarrow L^T \end{aligned}$$

- Hence we have a duality in the design of controllers and observers



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- Controllability implies that we can design a controller applying state feedback control  $u = -Kx$  to modify all of the system responses to our liking.
- Observability will implies that we can design a state observer using observer gains  $L$  to observe all of the states of the system that we do not measure.
- The number of states which are both controllable and observable is the same as the order of the transfer function. (Kalman Decomposition)
- A realization that is minimal is always both controllable and observable. (Canonical Forms)



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- If we don't have controllability we might at least want stabilizability.
- If we can't have observability we might at least want detectability.
- If some states are measured, we might not have to build a full order state observer.



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## ■ NEXT:

- ◆ (Done) Lyapunov stability
- ◆ (Done) Controller and Observer Canonical Forms, & Minimal Realizations (DeRusso, Chap 6; Belanger, 3.7.6)
- ◆ Kalman's Canonical Decomposition (DeRusso, 4.3 pp 200-203, 6.8; Belanger, 3.7.4)
- ◆ Full state feedback & Observers (DeRusso, Chap 7; Belanger, Chap 7)
- ◆ LQR (Linear Quadratic Regulator) (Belanger, 7.4)
- ◆ Kalman Filter (DeRusso, 8.9, Belanger 7.6.4)
- ◆ Robustness & Performance Limitations (Various)