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Lecture 20: Scaling and MIMO State Feedback Design

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- When calculations are performed in a computer, each arithmetic operation is affected by *roundoff error*, since machine hardware can only represent a subset of the real numbers.



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Normalization also allows meaningful statements to be made about the degree of controllability and observability of the various inputs and outputs.



A set of matrices (A, B, C, D) can be normalized using diagonal scaling matrices N_u, N_x and N_y to scale u, x, and y,

 $u = N_u u_n, \quad x = N_x x, \quad y = N_y y_n$

so that the normalised system is

$$\dot{x}_n = A_n x_n + B_n u_n$$

$$y_n = C_n x_n + D_n u_n$$
where
$$A_n = N_x^{-1} A N_x, \quad B_n = N_x^{-1} B N_u$$

$$C_n = N_y^{-1} C N_x, \quad D_n = N_y^{-1} D N_u$$

One criterion for the normalisation is to use the maximum expected range of each of the input, state, and output variables, e.g., say ± 10 Volts.

If possible, choose scaling based upon physical insight to the problem at hand.

MATLAB provides the function ssbal to obtain automatic scaling of the state space vector. Specifically,

```
G=ss(A,B,C,D);
Gn=ssbal(G);
```

uses $\mathtt{balance}$ to compute a diagonal similarity transformation N_{χ} such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_x^{-1}AN_x & N_x^{-1}B \\ CN_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has equal row and column norms.

Such diagonal scaling is an economical way to compress the numerical range and improve the conditioning of subsequent state-space computations.

Example (Hard Disk Drive Problem). Consider the model of HDD system:

$$G(s) = \frac{K_0 \omega_r^2}{(s^2 + 2\xi \omega_r s + \omega_r^2)s^2}$$

which is realised in the CCF as



$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\xi\omega_r & -\omega_r^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & K_0 \omega_r^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t).$$



Data from a real HDD give the parameters

 $K_0 = 1.507 \times 10^4$, $\xi = 0.1$, $\omega_r = 2\pi \times 3400$.

With these parameters the matrices in CCF are numerically ill-conditioned, and MATLAB yields for the controllability matrix

```
>> rank(ctrb(A,B))
ans = 2
```

although the realisation is controllable by definition.

Scaling with MATLAB function ssbal gives the correct answer:

```
>> G=ss(A,B,C,D);
>> Gn=ssbal(G);
>> rank(ctrb(Gn.a,Gn.b))
ans = 4
```

Also the closed-loop simulation results improve by scaling with ssbal





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We now return to discuss MIMO LTI systems, this time, in the state space framework.

Recall from Lecture 10 that MIMO systems presented additional difficulties in the transfer function "language". The concepts of poles and zeros were more complicated, and control design, such as IMC design, turned out to be quite more messier than for SISO systems, particularly for nonsquare, possibly unstable plants.

The state space representation is particularly suited to MIMO systems. As we will see, there is no essential difference with the SISO procedures for state space control and observer design, even when the plant is nonsquare.

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Theorem (Eigenvalue assignment — MIMO). All eigenvalues of (A-BK) can be assigned arbitrarily (provided complex eigenvalues are assigned in conjugated pairs) by selecting a real constant K if and only if (A, B) is controllable.



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 $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t}) \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{p}$ $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) \qquad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{q}$

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Because the system evolution matrix A still has n eigenvalues, we have p times more degrees of freedom than necessary!

Example (Nonuniqueness of K in MIMO state feedback). As a simple MIMO system consider the second order system with two inputs

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t})$$

The system has two eigenvalues at s = 0, and it is controllable, since B = I, so $C = [B \ AB]$ is full rank.

Let's consider the state feedback

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t}) = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{k}_{11} & \mathbf{k}_{12} \\ \mathbf{k}_{21} & \mathbf{k}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t})$$

Then the closed loop evolution matrix is

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} -k_{11} & -k_{12} \\ 1 - k_{21} & -k_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$



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As we see, there are infinitely many possible selections of K that will give the same eigenvalues of (A - BK)!

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We will discuss the Cyclic and Optimal designs.



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We need to define the **minimal polynomial** of a matrix, and what a **cyclic** matrix is, before proceeding with this technique.



Recall that by the **Cayley Hamilton Theorem**, every matrix satisfies its **characteristic polynomial**, i.e.,

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But the characteristic polynomial is not necessarily **the smallest degree monic polynomial a matrix may satisfy**. That polynomial is called the **minimal polynomial** of a matrix.



Example (Minimal Polynomial of a Matrix). The characteristic polynomial of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is } \Delta(s) = (s+1)^2(s+2) = s^3 + 4s^2 + 5s + 2$$

Thus

$$A^3 + 4A^2 + 5A + 2I = 0.$$

But it could be verified that A also satisfies

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{s}) = (\mathbf{s} + 1)(\mathbf{s} + 2) = \mathbf{s}^2 + 3\mathbf{s} + 2,$$

which is the **smallest degree monic polynomial** A satisfies. That is the **minimal polynomial** of A.



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Example.

$$A_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_{2} \end{bmatrix} \qquad A_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- A₁ is cyclic: λ_1 and λ_2 associated to only one Jordan block each.
- A_2 is *not* cyclic: λ_1 associated to one Jordan block but λ_2 associated to two (one of order 1 and one of order 2).

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When we say almost any V, we mean that if we select a V matrix **randomly**, there is **virtually probability** 0 that we will end up with one that won't work.

We show intuitively why this is so on an example.



Consider the pair (A, B), with 5 states and 2 inputs, defined by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and let } \mathbf{BV} = \mathbf{B} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ \alpha \\ * \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that A is cyclic, since each of the two distinct eigenvalues 2 and 1, are associated to one and only one Jordan block (respectively of orders 3 and 2).

If we pretend to control A with the single input built by the product BV, then in order to retain controllability we will need



In other words, because

$$\begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ \alpha \\ * \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = BV = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ v_1 + 2v_2 \\ * \\ v_1 \end{bmatrix},$$

controllability with a single input requires

$$v_1 + 2v_2 \neq 0$$
, and $v_1 \neq 0$.

which means that in the (v_1, v_2) plane we have to choose a pair (v_1, v_2) off the red lines shown in the picture. Almost any random pair (v_1, v_2) will satisfy this condition.



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Yes! We just need to shift the eigenvalues of A. If we apply a state feedback $u = -K_1x$, say, to make the eigenvalues of $(A - BK_1)$ all different, we render $(A - BK_1)$ cyclic.

Any randomly chosen K_1 will generically produce closed-loop eigenvalues that are all different. We can then apply cyclic design to the modified pair $(A - BK_1, BV)$.

The **Cyclic** design procedure may be summarised as

Procedure for eigenvalue assignment in multi-input state equations by cyclic state feedback design.

- 1. Check controllability of the n-state, p-input pair (A, B).
- 2. Compute a **random** state feedback gain $K_1 \in \mathbb{R}p \times n$. The matrix $(A BK_1)$ should be cyclic.
- 3. Compute a **random** precompensating matrix $V \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times 1}$. The single input pair $(A BK_1, BV)$ should be controllable.
- 4. Find a state feedback gain K_2 to place the eigenvalues of $(A BK_1 BVK_2)$ at the desired locations.

In MATLAB, we can use the function rand to generate normally distributed random gains

```
[n,p]=size(B);
K1=rand(p,n);
V=rand(p,1);
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Let's look at the compensation of steady-state tracking error by a feedforward matrix gain **N**, after a suitable state feedback has been applied to the system. For example, if the



plant is **square** (equal number of inputs and outputs), for steady-state tracking we need to satisfy

$$G_{\kappa}(0)N = C(-A + BK)^{-1}BN = I_{\mathfrak{q} \times \mathfrak{q}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \qquad N = \left[C(-A + BK)^{-1}B\right]^{-1} = G_{\kappa}(0)^{-1}$$

We need $G_{\kappa}(0)$ to be **invertible** \Leftrightarrow the plant has no MIMO zeros at s = 0.

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Example (Continuation). We wish to obtain a feedforward gain N such that

 $G_{K}(0)N = I_{2\times 2}$

Because $G_{K}(s)$ is "short and wide", and has full row rank at s = 0,

$$\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{0}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 5 & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix},$$

we can select N as

$$\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{0})\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{0})\underbrace{\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{0})^{\mathsf{T}}\left[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{0})\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{0})^{\mathsf{T}}\right]^{-1}}_{\mathsf{N}} = \mathbf{I}_{2\times 2}$$

The solution is then

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & -1/15 \\ 0 & 1/5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \square$$



Example (Tracking in Non-Right Invertible Plants). Suppose now that, after state-feedback in a 3×2 plant, we have achieved

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At s = 0 we have $G_{K}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 10 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ which is **not** full row rank (there are 3 independent rows, but the rank of the matrix is only 2. Hence, it is impossible to find $N \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ such that

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Note that now the **integral action** is applied to each of the **q** reference input channels.





The procedure to compute K and k_z for the state feedback control with integral action is exactly as in the SISO case,

$$\dot{z}(t) = r - y(t) = r - Cx(t)$$
$$u(t) = \begin{bmatrix} K & k_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ z(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

where $K_{\alpha} = [\kappa \kappa_z]$ is computed to place the eigenvalues of the **augmented plant** (A_{α}, B_{α}) at desired locations, where

$$A_{a} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0_{n \times q} \\ -C & 0_{q \times q} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{a} = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0_{q \times p} \end{bmatrix}$$



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since the observer includes a **model of the plant**, we would normally obtain a controller of at least of the same order of the openloop system.



However, it is possible to **reduce** this order to some extent by designing a **reduced order observer**.

The key observation is that

if the state equations are selected in such a way that the q system outputs constitute the first q states, then in fact we only need to estimate the remaining n - q states to apply state feedback.





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We can think of y_r as a "virtual" output of a reduced order state equation with state x_r . We can compute everything in y_r from measurements; the only problem is that it appears we need \dot{y} .

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The only "problem" with the reduced observer is that it appears that we need to **differentiate** the output to compute y_r !

$$y_r = \dot{y} - A_{11}y - B_1u$$

We eliminate the need to differentiate the output by clever implementation. We show how by block diagram algebra.












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