

10.8 State-space introduction

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Objective

Convert between transfer-function and state-space forms, propagate the state with the transition matrix, and design pole placement by full-state feedback.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ The two forms

$G(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D \leftrightarrow x' = Ax + Bu, y = Cx + Du$. Companion form for $b/(s^2 + a_1s + a_0)$: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ – eigenvalues of A are the poles, always.

■ Worked example: the transition matrix

For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -10 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ (poles $-2, -5$): the series $\Phi(t) = I + At + (At)^2/2! + \dots$ evaluated at $t = 0.3$ gives $\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 0.766 & 0.109 \\ -1.086 & 0.006 \end{bmatrix}$, whose eigenvalues are $e^{-0.6} = 0.549$ and $e^{-1.5} = 0.223$ – the poles made real ✓.

■ Pole placement

Full-state feedback $u = -Kx$ moves the eigenvalues of $A - BK$ wherever the (controllable) system allows: for $s^2 + 20s + 96$ from $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -10 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$: matching coefficients gives $K = [86, 13]$ – eigenvalues compute to $-8, -12$ ✓.

2 Practice

2.1 Write state-space (scalar) for $G = 2/(s + 3)$. [3]

2.2 Give the eigenvalues of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$. [3]

2.3 State $\Phi(0)$ and give $x(t)$ for $x(0)$ when the input is zero.

[3]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Realise $G(s) = 10/(s^2 + 7s + 10)$ in companion form.

Write A , B and C , and verify the eigenvalues against the poles. Verify the transfer function is recovered from $C(sI - A)^{-1}B$. Compute $\Phi(0.3)$ by the series and give $x(0.3)$ for $x(0) = [1, 0]$ with $u = 0$. Check $x_1(0.3)$ against the closed form $(5/3)e^{-0.6} - (2/3)e^{-1.5}$. [8]

3.2 For the A , B above, design full-state feedback placing both poles at -8 and -12 .

Write the closed-loop characteristic polynomial of $A - BK$ in terms of k_1 , k_2 . Match $s^2 + 20s + 96$ and give K . Verify the eigenvalues. State the two practical conditions (one on the plant, one on the instrumentation) that must hold for this design to run on real hardware. [7]

