

Lecture 7

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7.1 Discrete-Time Linear Time Varying State Space Models

State-space representation of a (causal & finite dimensional) LTV DT system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x[k] &\in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad y[k] \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad u[k] \in \mathbb{R}^r, \\ x[k+1] &= A[k]x[k] + B[k]u[k], \\ y[k] &= C[k]x[k] + D[k]u[k], \\ \text{where } G[k] &\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad B[k] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}, \quad C[k] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad D[k] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r} \end{aligned}$$

Let's first assume that $u[k] = 0$, and find un-driven response.

$$\begin{aligned} x[k+1] &= A[k]x[k] \\ y[k] &= C[k]x[k] \end{aligned}$$

Unlike LTV-CT systems we easily can compute the response iteratively

$$\begin{aligned} x[0] &= Ix[0], \quad y[0] = C[0]x[0] \\ x[1] &= A[0]x[0], \quad y[1] = C[1]x[1] \\ x[2] &= A[1]A[0]x[0], \quad y[2] = C[2]x[2] \\ x[3] &= A[2]A[1]A[0]x[0], \quad y[3] = C[3]x[3] \\ &\vdots \\ x[k] &= A[k-1]A[k-2]\cdots A[1]A[0]x[0], \quad y[k] = C[k]x[k] \\ x[k] &= \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} A[k-1-i] \end{aligned}$$

Motivated by the LTI case, we define the **state transition matrix**, which relates the state of the undriven system at time k to the state at an earlier time m

$$\begin{aligned} x[k] &= \Phi[k, m]x[m], \quad k \geq m, \quad \text{where} \\ \Phi[k, m] &= \begin{cases} \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} A[k-1-i], & k > m \\ I, & k = m \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Note that state-transition matrix satisfies following important properties undriven system at time k to the state at an earlier time m

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi[k, k] &= I \\ x[k] &= \Phi[k, 0]x[0] \\ \Phi[k+1, m] &= A[k]\Phi[k, m] \end{aligned}$$

as you can see, the state-transition matrix satisfies the discrete dynamical state equations. Now let's consider input-only state response (i.e. $x[0] = 0$).

$$x[k+1] = A[k]x[k] + B[k]u[k]$$

$$x[1] = B[0]u[0] = \Phi[1,1]B[0]u[0]$$

$$x[2] = A[1]x[1] + B[1]u[1] = A[1]B[0]u[0] + B[1]u[1] = \Phi[2,1]B[0]u[0] + \Phi[2,2]B[1]u[1]$$

$$x[3] = A[2]x[2] + B[2]u[2] = A[2]A[1]B[0]u[0] + A[2]B[1]u[1] + B[2]u[2]$$

$$= \Phi[3,1]B[0]u[0] + \Phi[3,2]B[1]u[1] + \Phi[3,3]B[2]u[2]$$

$$x[4] = A[3]x[3] + B[3]u[3] = A[3]A[2]A[1]B[0]u[0] + A[3]A[2]B[1]u[1] + A[3]B[2]u[2] + B[3]u[3]$$

$$= \Phi[4,1]B[0]u[0] + \Phi[4,2]B[1]u[1] + \Phi[4,3]B[2]u[2] + \Phi[4,4]B[3]u[3]$$

\vdots

$$x[k] = \Phi[k,1]B[0]u[0] + \Phi[k,2]B[1]u[1] + \cdots + \Phi[k,k-1]B[k-2]u[k-2] + \Phi[k,k]B[k-1]u[k-1]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \Phi[k,1]B[0] & \Phi[k,2]B[1] & \cdots & \Phi[k,k-1]B[k-2] & \Phi[k,k]B[k-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u[0] \\ u[1] \\ \vdots \\ u[k-2] \\ u[k-1] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \Phi[k,j+1]B[j]u[j]$$

$$= \Gamma[k,0]\mathcal{U}[k,0]$$

where

$$\Gamma[k,0] = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi[k,1]B[0] & \Phi[k,2]B[1] & \cdots & \Phi[k,k-1]B[k-2] & \Phi[k,k]B[k-1] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{U}[k,0] = \begin{bmatrix} u[0] \\ u[1] \\ \vdots \\ u[k-2] \\ u[k-1] \end{bmatrix}$$