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## OPTIONAL: LQR with discounting

### LQR with discounting

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In this problem, we will consider a variation on the continuous Linear Quadratic Regular introduced in class.

Consider a discrete-time linear system:  $\mathbf{x}[k+1] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}[k]$ . Suppose we are more interested in the near-term behavior of the system, so we introduce a discount factor into the cost. The cost over a finite horizon of  $N$  total steps can be written as

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \alpha^k (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u})$$

Note that, because of the discount factor, we can expect the cost to be dependent on both  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$ . You are given that the cost-to-go at time  $\mathbf{k}$  will be given by  $J_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{k}]) = \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{k}]^T \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{k}]$ . We will use the discrete-time version of the HJB equation to derive the Riccati equation describing the optimal cost-to-go matrix  $\mathbf{S}_0$ .

The applicable version of the HJB equation to this problem is given below:

$$J_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{k}]) = \min_{\mathbf{u}[\mathbf{k}]} g_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{k}], \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{k}]) + J_{\mathbf{k}+1}(\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{k}+1])$$

Substitute the given terms for  $g_{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $J_{\mathbf{k}+1}$  and  $\mathbf{x}[\mathbf{k}+1]$  and solve for the optimal controller in terms of  $\alpha$ ,  $\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{k}+1}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ . Please leave the template code in the solution, and fill in the expression for  $\mathbf{u}$ .

```
1 alpha = .85;
2 k = randi(100);
3 R = diag(rand(2,1));
4 B = randn(4,2);
5 A = randn(4);
6 S_k1 = 100*diag(rand(4,1));
7 x = randn(4,1);
```

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8 % your solution to u below
9 u = ;
10

```

Unanswered

```

alpha = .85;
k = randi(100);
R = diag(rand(2,1));
B = randn(4,2);
A = randn(4);
S_k1 = 100*diag(rand(4,1));
x = randn(4,1);

u = -inv(alpha^k * R + B'*S_k1*B)*B'*S_k1*A*x;

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## LQR with discounting, part 2

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Substitute your solution to the previous part into the HJB equation and find the algebraic Riccati equation relating  $S_{k+1}$  and  $S_k$

Substitute the given terms for  $g_k$ ,  $J_{k+1}$  and  $x[k+1]$  and solve for the optimal controller in terms of  $\alpha$ ,  $k$ ,  $R$ ,  $B$ ,  $S_{k+1}$  and  $A$ .

While the derivation will look messy at first, it should simplify to the form

$S_k = \alpha^k Q - M + A^T S_{k+1} A$  for some invertible matrix  $M$  (note the signs in the previous expression).

As with the previous part, please leave the template code in the solution, and fill in the expression for  $M$ .

```
1 alpha = .85;
2 k = randi(100);
3 R = diag(rand(2,1));
4 B = randn(4,2);
5 A = randn(4);
6 S_k1 = 100*diag(rand(4,1));
7 % your solution to u below
8 M = ;
9
```

Unanswered

```
alpha = .85;
k = randi(100);
R = diag(rand(2,1));
B = randn(4,2);
A = randn(4);
S_k1 = 100*diag(rand(4,1));

M = A'*S_k1*B*inv(alpha^k*R + B'*S_k1*B)*B'*S_k1*A;
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## LQR with discounting, part 3

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This finite-horizon discrete LQR can be easily solved backwards in time, given a choice for the final cost  $S_N$ .

Suppose we have the system:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1.5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And choose costs:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = 1, \quad S_N = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

With  $\alpha = .85$  and  $N = 10$ , find  $S_0$ ;

```
1 alpha = .85;
2 N = 10;
3 A = [2 1.5; -3 2];
4 B = [0;1];
5 Q = diag([5;1]);
6 R = 1;
7 S_N = 10*eye(2);
8 S_0 =
9
```

Unanswered

```
alpha = .85;
N = 10;
A = [2 1.5; -3 2];
B = [0;1];
Q = diag([5;1]);
R = 1;
S_N = 10*eye(2);

S{N+1} = S_N;
for k=N-1:-1:0,
    S_k1 = S{k+2};
    M = A'*S_k1*B*inv(alpha^k*R+B'*S_k1*B)*B'*S_k1*A;
    S{k+1} = alpha^k*Q - M + A'*S_k1*A;
end
S_0 = S{1}
```

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