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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: x[k+1] = Ax[k] + Bu[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

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} lpha^k \left( x^T Q x + u^T R u 
ight)$$

Note that, because of the discount factor, we can expect the cost to be dependent on both x and k. You are given that the cost-to-go at time k will be given by  $J_k\left(x\left[k\right]\right) = x\left[k\right]^T S_k x\left[k\right]$ . We will use the discrete-time version of the HJB equation to derive the Riccati equation describing the optimal cost-to-go matrix  $S_0$ .

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

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

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,  $S_{k+1}$ , A and x. Please leave the template code in the solution, and fill in the expression for 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);
8 % your solution to u below
9 u = ;
10
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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.

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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 = ;
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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:

$$A = \left[egin{array}{cc} 2 & 1.5 \ -3 & 2 \end{array}
ight], \qquad B = \left[egin{array}{c} 0 \ 1 \end{array}
ight]$$

And choose costs:

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

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 =
```

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