

DISCRETE TIME  
OPTIMAL CONTROL

LQ(G), (E)KF

→ extension for discrete time system + the result obtained concerning OPT. CONTR./LQ ecc.. + ISSUES...  
(NOT  $H_2$  /  $H_\infty$  control → all considerations about shaping function, min  $\{ \| \cdot \|_2 \}$  ... are valid) → with different formulas  
But same idea

## Advanced and Multivariable Control

### ***Optimal Control of Discrete Time Systems***

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# Optimal Control (general form problem statement)



+ time invariant ( $f$  NOT funct of  $K$ )

System

$$x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k)), \quad x(k_0) = x_0 \quad x \in R^n, u \in R^m$$

*assume  
 $x(k)$  meas!*

*initial state  
( $k_0 = \emptyset$ )*

Minimize with respect to  $u(k_0), u(k_0 + 1), \dots, u(\bar{k} - 1)$  the cost function  
optimal control sequence

$$J(x(k_0), u(\cdot), k_0) = \sum_{i=k_0}^{\bar{k}-1} l(x(i), u(i)) + \underbrace{m(x(\bar{k}))}_{\text{terminal state funct}}, \quad \bar{k} > k_0 \quad \text{as done on cont. time}$$



subject to the system's dynamics and state and input constraints:

for stabilization prob...



$$x(k) \in X, \quad u(k) \in U$$

ask states inside  
a given space, also for inputs!

$X \subseteq R^n, U \subseteq R^m$  are compact sets containing the origin

*initially neglect  $x, u$  constrains!  $\Rightarrow$  DYNAMIC programming*

*value unconstrained  
(then use MPC) + to include constr.*

Let  $u_{[a,b]}$  be the control sequence  $u(k)$ ,  $k \in [a, b]$ , and define

from this defim. ↙

$$J^0(x(k), k) = \min_{u[k, \bar{k}-1]} J(x(k), u(\cdot), k)$$

optimize cost function, by minimize  
value of cost function  
finds new var!  
optimal  $J^0$  depends on  $x, k$ !

Then

↓  
and some  
step back  
(integrate backwards!)

@  $\bar{k}$  depends only on  $m(x(\bar{k}))$

$$J^0(x(\bar{k}), \bar{k}) = \min_{u(\bar{k})} m(x(\bar{k})) = m(x(\bar{k}))$$

which represent  
terminal condition of  $J^0$   
 $= m(x(\bar{k}))$

$$J^0(x(\bar{k}-1), \bar{k}-1) = \min_{u(\bar{k}-1)} \{ l(x(\bar{k}-1), u(\bar{k}-1)) + J^0(x(\bar{k}), \bar{k}) \}$$

cost funct  $l$  @  $\bar{k}-1$     ITERATION! dependence ↗

or in general

(generaliz)  
(@ generic  $k$ )

@  $\bar{k}-1$  on value at  $\bar{k}$

$$J^0(x(k), k) = \min_{u(k)} \{ l(x(k), u(k)) + J^0(f(x(k), u(k)), k+1) \}$$

optimal value @  $k+1$

Bellman's principle  
of optimality

Bellman's principle: IF you have an opt. sequence  $k_0 \dots \bar{k}$ , reformulating optimiz problem, becomes iterative

Hamilton Jacobi Bellmann's eq

For a fixed  $k$ 

$\neq$  cont. time, where  
you have differential  
expression  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial t} \dots$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} J^0(x, k) = \min_u \{ l(x, u) + J^0(f(x, u), k + 1) \} \\ J^0(x, \bar{k}) = m(x) \end{array} \right.$$

HJB equation  
solution...  
compute min respect  $u$

Step 1  
(Solvemmim)

compute the value  $u^o$  minimizing optimal control var. sequence!

$$\{ l(x, u) + J^0(f(x, u), k + 1) \}$$

Assuming that there exists an unique minimum, this corresponds to compute a function with arguments  $x$  and  $J^0(f(x, u), k + 1)$ , that is

$u^o = \kappa(x, J^0)$  NOT yet usable,  
dependance on  $J^0$  get final sol.  
(move backward)  
(iteratively!)

(find  $J^0$  from HJB)

Step 2

Compute the function  $J^o(x, k)$  satisfying the HJB equation

$$\rightarrow \| J^o(x, k) = l(x, \kappa(x, J^o(x, k))) + J^0(f(x, \kappa(x, J^o(x, k))), k + 1) \|$$

with boundary condition (approx of discrete time HJB  $\rightarrow$  AI techn.)

same idea, solve min.  
final control law and  
substitute on original  
with final condition

In discrete  
time we have  
difference eq.  
NO integration  
needed, BUT NOT trivial

$\hookrightarrow J^0(x, \bar{k}) = m(x)$   
(@ end obtain final optimal cost funct)

|| Focus on ||  
 LQ control || → In general difficult to find HJB eq!

System linear:

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$$

standard formulation  
assuming  $x$  measurable

Cost function

→ sum of quadratic terms along  
the prediction horizon

$$J(x(k_0), u(\cdot), k_0) = \sum_{i=k_0}^{\bar{k}-1} [\underbrace{x'(i)Qx(i) + u'(i)Ru(i)}_{\ell(x, u)} + \underbrace{x'(\bar{k})Sx(\bar{k})}_{m(x)}], \quad \bar{k} > k_0,$$

assume  $Q, R, S$  symm. Matrix  
(S.p.d) (p.d)  
↓ because you wanna  
weight all  
control vector  
elements avoid  
they go to  $\infty$

Tentative solution

↳  $J^0(x, k) = x'P(k)x, P(\bar{k}) = S$

{ opt. cost as quadratic  
function with nucleus  $P(k)$

→ satisfy terminal  
condition automatically +  
solve the problem substituting  $+ \sigma J^0 \Rightarrow$

## LQ control - solution

finite horizon LQ optimal control problem  
 time varying gain of control law  
 (CONTROL LAW)  $u(k) = -K(k)x(k)$ : static state feedback control law

$\downarrow$   $\rightarrow$  found from Riccati eq

$$K(k) = \underbrace{(R + B'P'(k+1)B)^{-1} B'P'(k+1)A}_{\text{invertible, sum of p.d + sp.d!}} \quad \text{control gain}$$

$$P(k) = Q + A'P(k+1)A - A'P(k+1)B(R + B'P(k+1)B)^{-1}B'P(k+1)A$$

(matrix difference eq.)

$$P(\bar{k}) = S$$

P easy to compute,  
after initialize, iterate backward  
 $\rightarrow$  the RE to solve, until  
 converges to  $\bar{P}$ !

**difference  
Riccati equation**

- Slightly easier to solve than in the continuous time (difference Riccati, instead of differential Riccati)
- Same limitations of the continuous time case (finite time horizon, time varying...)

$\downarrow$   
 (we need practical  
 useful solutions!)

control var  
 from  $K$  to  $\bar{P}$ ...  
 what for  $k > \bar{k}$ ?! issue!  
 $\rightarrow$  suitable algorithm  $\Rightarrow$

control law + vary  $\rightarrow$  critical  
 analysis

time invariant, ok!

**Infinite Horizon LQ**

$$J = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x'(k) Q x(k) + u'(k) R u(k), \quad Q \geq 0, \quad R > 0$$

cost function from  $k_0 = 0$  → properly time  $Q, R \dots Q > R \dots$   
properly weighted on  $\infty$  horizon

conditions  
to verify @  
P10A!!

If

→ NOT strictly necessary, need stabilizable  
at least!

- a) the pair  $(A, B)$  is reachable;
- b) the pair  $(A, C_q)$  is observable, with  $C_q$  such that  $Q = C'_q C_q$   
then ↳ easy to satisfy for small  $Q \dots$

NOT including  
terminal cost,  
@  $\infty$  final step  
we have  $m = Q$   
↓ final state  $Q$ !  
state must go to  
 $\emptyset$  @  $\infty$  or  $J \rightarrow \infty$ ! NO

and similar  
solution to  
cont. time

A) the optimal control law is given by

$$u(k) = -\bar{K}x(k)$$

optim. c.l. computed solving stationary R.E,  
take  $\bar{P}$ , and define  $\bar{K}$

$$\bar{K} = (R + B'\bar{P}B)^{-1} B'\bar{P}A$$

NOT GIVEN  
@ EXAM

where  $\bar{P}$  is the unique solution  $> 0$  of the stationary Riccati equation

GIVEN DURING EXAM ↴

$$\bar{P} = A'\bar{P}A + Q - A'\bar{P}B (R + B'\bar{P}B)^{-1} B'\bar{P}A \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(ALGEBRAIC)} \\ \text{equation} \end{array}$$

{ In a practical pov  
same conditions  
as cont. Time! (a) +(b) }

and...  
valid also

B) the closed-loop system

$$x(k+1) = (A - B\bar{K})x(k)$$

stabilizing state feedback

is asymptotically stable.

C. Law

this theory example solved for  
IORD syst to simplify, even if  
strength is for MIMO syst!

here on discrete time... you neglect it



BUT in some cases could be useful to consider additional term!

to modify system response → You modify by properly define Q, R...

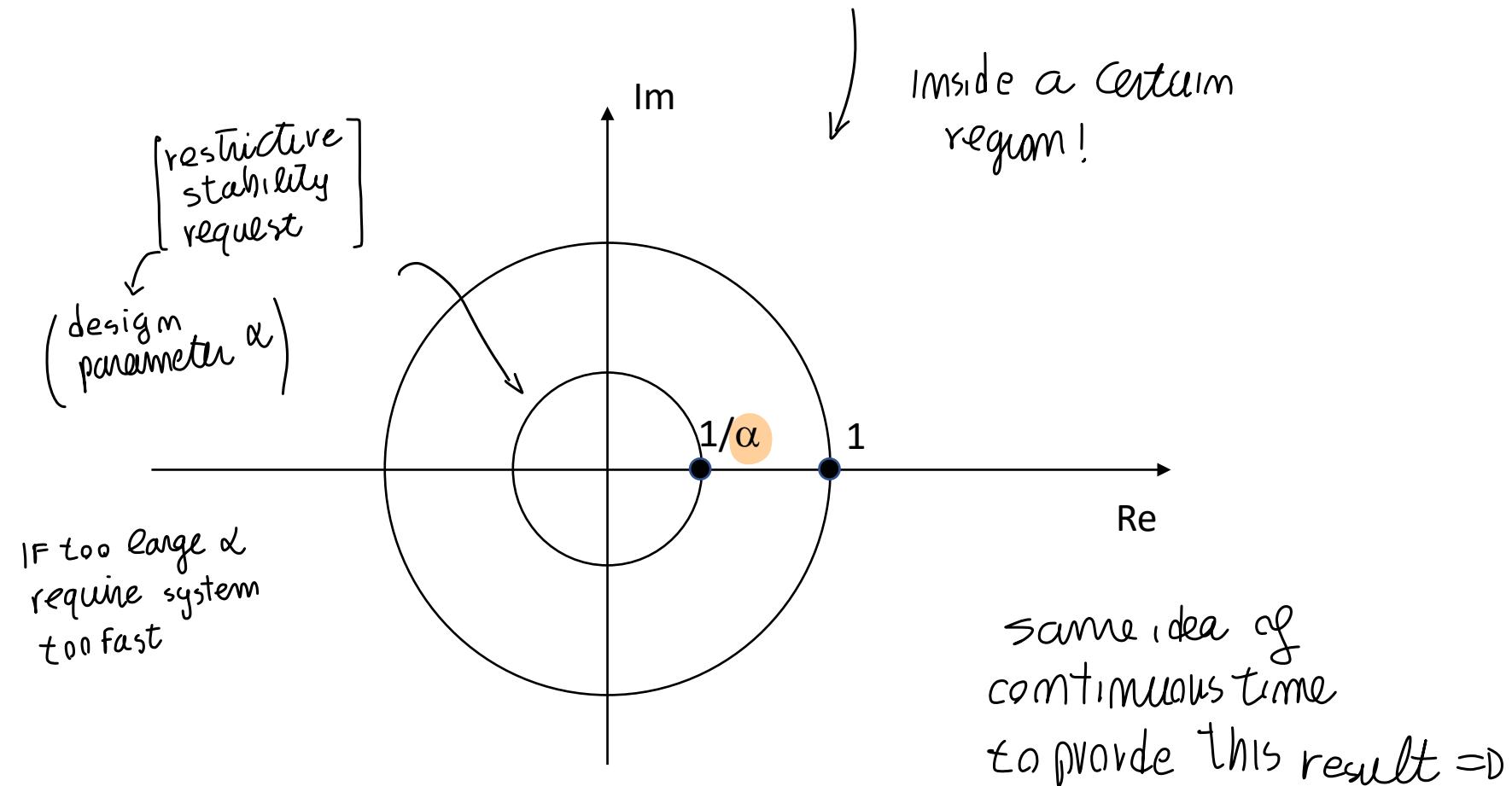
related to moving the stability region so that eig of closed loop system are on the left of a region

↓  
stabilizing (quadratic by (Q))

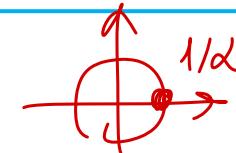
↓  
+ additional request on eig  
of closed loop  $\Rightarrow \dots$

**LQ control with a prescribed degree of stability**

**Goal:** we want to obtain a stabilizing regulator such that the closed-loop eigenvalues have an absolute value smaller than  $1/\alpha$



Modified cost function



$$\hat{J} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \{ [x'(k)Qx(k) + u'(k)Ru(k)]\alpha^{2k} \}$$

multiply by  $\alpha^{2K}$   
( $\alpha > 1$ ) to modify  
the result as desired

Defining new state new control val.

$$\hat{x}(k) = \alpha^k x(k), \quad \hat{u}(k) = \alpha^k u(k)$$

new cost function in  $\hat{x}, \hat{u}$

$$\hat{J} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [\hat{x}'(k)Q\hat{x}(k) + \hat{u}'(k)R\hat{u}(k)]$$

$(|eig| < 1/d)$

$\alpha^{k+1}[x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)]$   
In practice you have  $\hat{A} = \alpha A, \hat{B} = \alpha B$  and solve in the same way LQ control problem with standard software solution

$$\hat{x}(k+1) = \alpha A\hat{x}(k) + \alpha B\hat{u}(k) = \hat{A}\hat{x}(k) + \hat{B}\hat{u}(k)$$

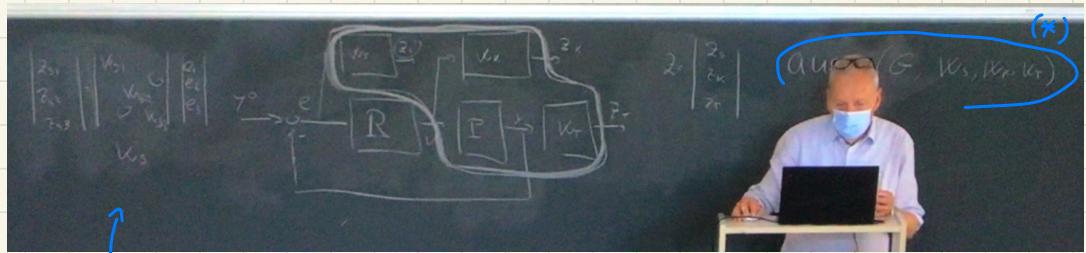
rewrite syst matrix (standard system)  
according to new syst def.

Standard LQ problem for the system in the variables  $\hat{x}, \hat{u}$

One has to solve the LQ problem with  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}$  and then use the obtained gain  $\hat{K}$  in the control law

stabilizing the syst with this  $\leftarrow u(k) = -\hat{K}\hat{x}(k)$

## [RECAP] more on LEZ 12



(When considering shaping function  $W_s$ )

As we see on simulation LEZ 12 (slide 60)

$W_s, M_K, M_T \dots \Rightarrow$  defined as diag matrix, same for all shaping function

define enlarged block

$\text{aug}( \cdot )$  put all together (\*)

↳ overall syst represent.

on

$H_2$ -Hao dyn. due to observer of same order as syst. ord

$P + W + K + \dots$  enlarged

Overall syst.

overall high ORD REG! ↙

sometimes too large → we try to reduce the order

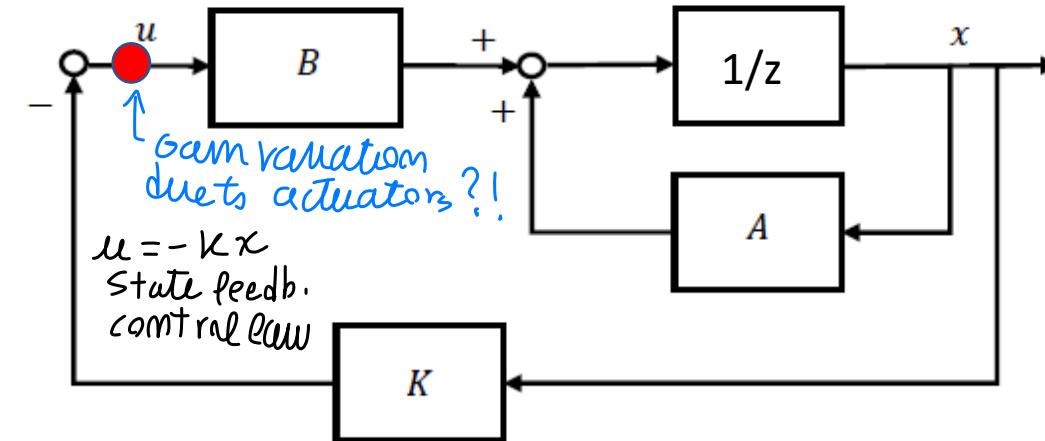
without performance deterioration

through

model order reduction → big reduction significant!

**Robustness of  $LQ_{inf}$  control with respect to uncertainties at the plant input**

consideration respect **ROBUSTNESS**  
 Guarantee of design  $\rightarrow$  properties respect gain/phase margin!



It is **stabilizing**, it is **optimal** (with respect to the selected design parameters), but is it also **robust** with respect to uncertainties at the plant input?

you have gain margin?

With simple manipulations of the Riccati equation, it is possible to obtain the following relationship

$$G'_c(-z)QG_c(z) + \underbrace{R}_{\substack{\text{control variable weight matrix} \\ \hookrightarrow \text{from } RE}} = \Gamma'(-z)(R + B'PB)\Gamma(z)$$

$G, \Gamma$   
 defined  
 as...

with

$$G_c(z) = (zI - A)^{-1}B$$

loop T.F.:  $L(z)$

$$\Gamma(z) = I + \underbrace{K(zI - A)^{-1}B}_{\simeq (1 + L(z))}$$

transfer function from  $u$  to  $x \rightarrow$  open loop T.F.

$$\frac{1}{1+L}$$

Inverse of the sensitivity function (return difference)  
 function

In cont. time, including phase variation ( $\pm 60^\circ$ )  
gain variation ( $+0.5, \infty$ ) } ROBUSTNESS  
guarantee !



What about Discrete time system?

respect SISO

**Single input systems,  $m=1$** with just one  
input:

$$G'_c(-z)QG_c(z) + R = \Gamma'(-z)(R + B'PB)\Gamma(z)$$

neglect,  $\geq 0$  for sure    scalar

taking the norm...

We can  
divide for this  
term!

$$\left| 1 + K(zI - A)^{-1}B \right|^2 \geq \frac{R}{R + B'PB} = \bar{\gamma} < 1$$

(by definition)

$L(z) \rightarrow 1 + L(z)$  is the vector from  $(-1)$  to the polar diag

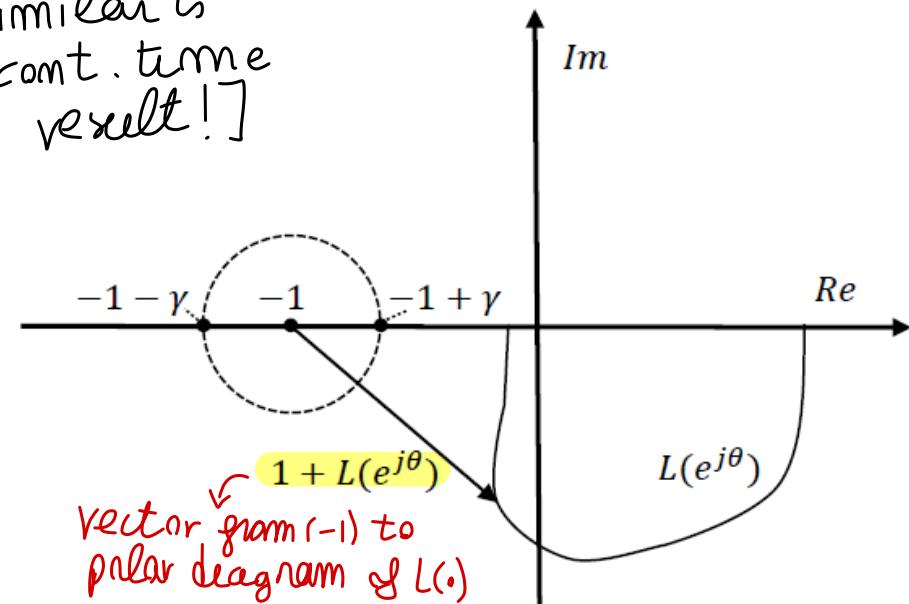
the polar diagram of  $L(e^{j\theta})$ ,  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ , does not intersect the circle with center in  $-1$  and radius  $\gamma = \bar{\gamma}^{1/2}$ ,

[similar to  
cont. time  
result!]

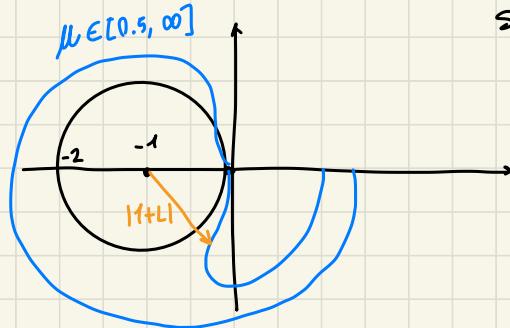
gain margin  $\in (\frac{1}{1+\gamma}, \frac{1}{1-\gamma})$

→ (smaller range than cont. time!) → **less robustness**,  
Smaller than the one in continuous time LQ  
limitations

- No phase margin → not defined on discrete time systems!

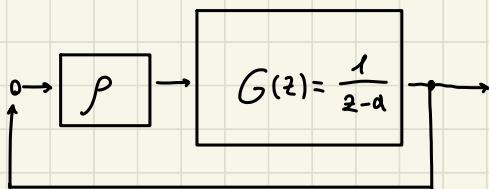


I'm cont. time

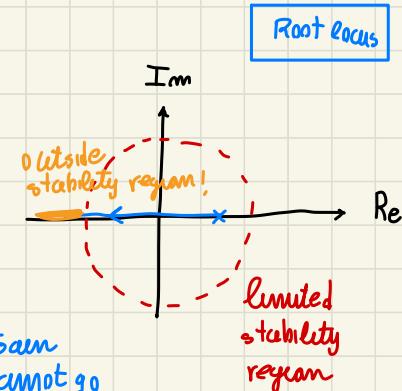


Same consideration on discrete time  
↓  
but now  
for different  
value of  $\mu$  range  
to guarantee stability

Given a Discrete time system

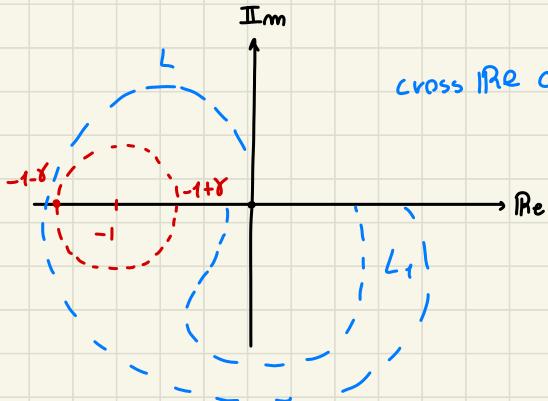


{ due to  
discrete space  
stability region  
respect cont.  
time case ! }



Gain  
cannot go  
to  $(+\infty)$ !

so we can have 2 possibilities..



cross Re axis on left of  $-1-\gamma$   
or on right of  $-1+\gamma$

then to compute  
Gain margin! := defined as  
the max value of a gain in

the loop such that you  
are in the inside of forbidden region!

[so gain margin in  
between  $\left\{ \frac{1}{1+\gamma}, \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right\}$ ]  $\rightarrow$  loss stability...

here we have lower, upper  
limit  $\downarrow$

LQ guarantees gain margin BUT with smaller  
guarantee!

(EXAM): look gain margin and define it!

## Example

Consider the system described by

$$G(z) = \frac{z}{z-2}$$

- 1) Design a LQ controller with  $Q=R=I$
- 2) Analyse its robustness properties with respect to gain variations

### Solution

- 1) The system can be given the state space form

compute  
solution

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = 2\mathbf{x}(k) + u(k), \quad A=2, \quad B=1 \quad \leftarrow \text{S.S. form}$$

Riccati equation  $A'PA + Q - A'PB \underbrace{(R+B'B)^{-1}B'PA}_{K} - P = 0$

Solution  $P$   
consider only  
pos def sol.  $\rightarrow$

steady state  
Riccati eq...

easy solve..

Solution  $\bar{P}$

$$P = 4.236L, K = 1.618, \underbrace{\left[ A - BK = 0.382 \right]}_{\begin{array}{l} \text{closed-loop eigenvalue} \\ \text{(asymp stable)} \end{array}} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{stabilized! } \checkmark$$

2 Robustness analysis

Characteristic equation

$$z - 2 + p \cdot 1.618 = 0$$

$z = 2 - 1.618p \rightarrow -1 < z - 1.618p < 1$

$\Downarrow$

$$p \in [0.618, 1.854] \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{real system gain margin}$$

"Theoretical" robustness bound respect found result on discrete time system!

$$\rho \in \left[ \frac{1}{1+\gamma}, \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right]$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\bar{\gamma}} = \frac{R}{R + B^T P B} = 0.4370$$

$$\rho \in [0.6959, 1.7762] \quad || \text{smaller than the real one} ||$$

THEORETICAL

REAL

$$\gamma = [0.618, 1.8561]$$

Wider gain margin! Better result real!

- Why for discrete time systems we cannot have  
→  
a gain margin  $\rightarrow \infty$ ? (like in cont. time)

NOT a weakness  
of LQ control!

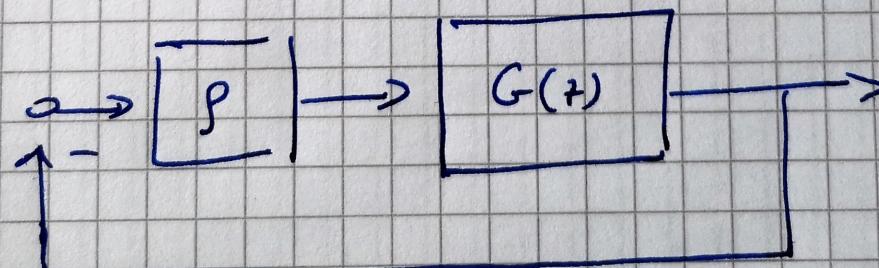
Consider a SISO system with transfer function

$$G(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)}$$

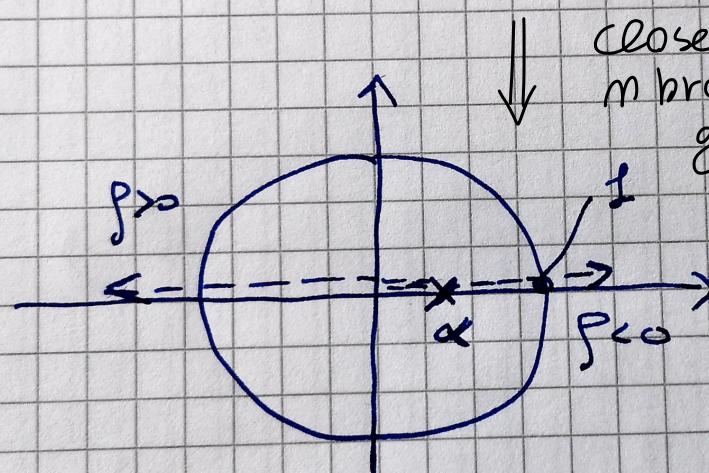
←(order  $n-1$ )      ←(order  $n$ )

(m poles and)  
(m-1 zeros)

and



② Least one branch goes to  $\infty \rightarrow$  one cross stability region  
 $\downarrow$   
 on discrete time syst ~~(NO)~~ a gain  $\alpha$  some branch go outside stability



closed loop syst has  
m branches from the poles!  
going to zeros

$$G(z) = \frac{z}{z - \alpha}$$

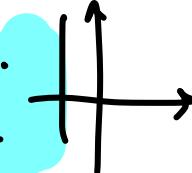
EXAMPLE

The stability region is bounded!!



While discrete time has limited stability region

LIMITATION! in cont... time sometimes you can have  $\infty$  gain margin because  $\infty$  stability region



Example

Consider again the system

$$\underline{x}(h+1) = 2x(h) + u(h)$$

and design a regulator with LQ ( $\varphi=1, R=1$ )

such that the closed-loop eigenvalues have

modulus smaller than 0.25

Solution

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} = 0.25 \rightarrow \alpha = 4$$

$$\text{Define } \tilde{A} = 4a = 8, \tilde{B} = 4B = 4$$

Solve the Riccati equation with  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}$

$$P = 4.9501, \tilde{K} = 1.9751$$

fast system



$$A - B \tilde{K} = 0.0247 \ll 0.25 \quad (\text{OK})$$

We ask that  
the poles are  
inside



→ redefine  
 $\tilde{A} = \alpha A$   
 $\tilde{B} = \alpha B$

extension of ideas on discrete time

## Kalman predictor and filter

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{V}_y: \text{noise meas error} \\ \mathcal{V}_x: \text{noise actng on syst} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) + v_x(k) \\ y(k) = Cx(k) + v_y(k) \end{cases}$$

(Important syst control)  
technique widely used!  
 $x(k)$  unknown

noises acting on the system

- $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix}$  white gaussian noise with  $E[v] = 0$

covariance matrix  $\nwarrow$   $\mathcal{V}_x$  cov matix  $\nearrow$  (for simplicity, assume NMT)  
 $V = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Q} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{R} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{Q} \in R^{n,n}, \quad \tilde{R} \in R^{p,p}, \quad \tilde{Q} \geq 0, \quad \tilde{R} > 0$

$\uparrow \mathcal{V}_y$  cov

$$E[v(k_1)v'(k_2)] = V\delta(k_1 - k_2)$$

$x(0)$  gaussian with  $E[x(0)] = \bar{x}_0$ ,  $E[(x(0) - \bar{x}_0)(x(0) - \bar{x}_0)'] = \tilde{P}_0 \geq 0$

$$E[x(0)v'(k)] = 0, \quad \forall k \geq 0$$

No correlation between initial state  
and noise vector

$$\chi(0) = (\bar{\pi}_0, \tilde{\rho}_0)$$

$$\hat{\chi}(0) = ? \bar{\pi}_0$$

"<sup>✓</sup> OBSERVERS which estimate a state @  $k$  given meas up to  $k-1$ ) = PREDICTOR  
 $\neq$  FILTER which gave info given meas until  $k$

### Kalman predictor

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = A\hat{x}(k|k-1) + Bu(k) + \underbrace{L(k)}_{\text{Gain}} [y(k) - C\hat{x}(k|k-1)]$$

IMMORATION error

Let  $\hat{e}(k|k-1) = x(k) - \hat{x}(k|k-1)$  be the estimation error



(by substituting...)

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}(k+1|k) &= [A - L(k)C] \hat{e}(k|k-1) + v_x(k) - L(k)v_y(k) \\ &= [A - L(k)C] \hat{e}(k|k-1) + \begin{bmatrix} I & -L(k) \end{bmatrix} v(k) \\ &= A_c(k) \hat{e}(k|k-1) + B_c(k) v(k)\end{aligned}$$

$$A_c(k) = [A - L(k)C], \quad B_c(k) = \begin{bmatrix} I & -L(k) \end{bmatrix}$$



$$E[\hat{e}(k+1|k)] = A_c(k) E[\hat{e}(k|k-1)]$$

evolution of  
expected value of estimation



Covariance of the estimation error      knowledge of system matrix...

$$\tilde{P}(k|k-1) = E[\hat{e}(k|k-1)\hat{e}'(k|k-1)] \quad , \quad \tilde{P}(0|-1) = \tilde{P}_0$$

*conjecture*

## Choice of the gain $L(k)$

minimize a quadratic form of  $\tilde{P}$

$$\left\| \min_{L(k)} \gamma' \tilde{P}(k+1|k) \gamma \right\| \quad \gamma \text{ generic vector}$$



...

↓

The gain  $L(k)$  minimizing  $\gamma' \tilde{P}(k+1|k)\gamma$  is pos. def ! ok

$$L(k) = A\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' \left[ \overbrace{C\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' + \tilde{R}}^{\text{computer } \forall k} \right]^{-1}$$

where  $\tilde{P}(k|k-1)$  is the solution to the Riccati equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{P}(k+1|k) \\ &= A\tilde{P}(k|k-1)A' + \tilde{Q} \\ &- A\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' \left[ C\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1} C\tilde{P}(k|k-1)A' \end{aligned}$$

computer  $\forall k$   
 ↓  
 use k.F formula  
 updating  $L(k)$

with initial condition

$$\tilde{P}(0| - 1) = \tilde{P}_0$$

{ trivial implementation } → sometimes  
 we prefer a const gain → it converges for  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ? ⇒

**Duality**

+ Remember for exam ...

**LQ**

$$u(k) = -K(k)x(k)$$

$$K(k) = (R + B'P'(k+1)B)^{-1} B'P'(k+1)A$$

$$P(k) = Q + A'P(k+1)A - A'P(k+1)B(R + B'P(k+1)B)^{-1}B'P(k+1)A$$

$$P(\bar{k}) = S$$

**KP**

proper transposition

$$\longleftrightarrow L(k) = A\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' \left[ C\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1}$$

same Riccati equation

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(k+1|k) &= A\tilde{P}(k|k-1)A' + \tilde{Q} \\ &- A\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' \left[ C\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1} C\tilde{P}(k|k-1)A' \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{P}(0|-1) = \tilde{P}_0$$

**LQ    KP**

$$k \quad -k$$

$$A \quad A'$$

$$B \quad C'$$

$$Q \quad \tilde{Q}$$

$$R \quad \tilde{R}$$

$$P \quad \tilde{P}$$

$$K(k) \longleftrightarrow L'(k)$$

## Stability of the stationary Kalman Predictor

( $B_q$  partitioning of  $\tilde{Q}$ )

If

- 1. the pair  $(A, B_q)$ , with  $B_q$  such that  $\tilde{Q} = B_q B'_q$  is reachable;
- 2. the pair  $(A, C)$  is observable;

then



$\Rightarrow$  A) the optimal predictor is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(k+1|k) &= A\hat{x}(k|k-1) + Bu(k) + \bar{L}[y(k) - C\hat{x}(k|k-1)] \\ &= (A - \bar{L}C)\hat{x}(k|k-1) + Bu(k) + \bar{L}y(k)\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\bar{L} = A\bar{P}C' \left[ C\bar{P}C' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1}$$

and  $\bar{P}$  is the unique positive definite solution of the stationary Riccati equation

$$\bar{P} = A\bar{P}A' + \tilde{Q} - A\bar{P}C' \left[ C\bar{P}C' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1} C\bar{P}A' \quad \text{take only the p.d. solution!}$$

$\Rightarrow$  B) the estimator is asymptotically stable, that is all the eigenvalues of  $(A - \bar{L}C)$  have modulus less than 1.

**Example**

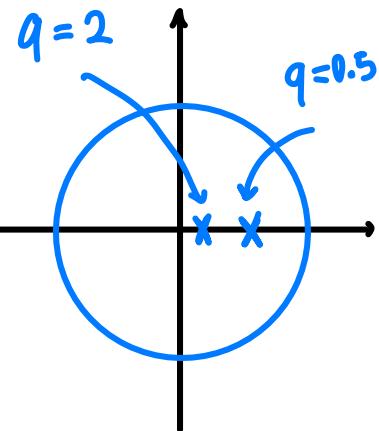
Consider the system  $\rightarrow$  integrator system + error

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x(h+1) = +x(h) + b u(h) + v_x(h) \\ y(h) = x(h) + v_y(h) \end{array} \right. \downarrow$$

where  $v_x \sim \mathcal{U}\mathcal{N}(0, q)$ ,  $v_y \sim \mathcal{U}\mathcal{N}(0, z)$

and all the other conditions required to apply the theory of the Kalman predictor are satisfied.

Note that, although  $y(h) = x(h) + \text{disturbance}$ , the use of a KP (or a filter) is recommended to filter out the effect of the noises.



$$P = APA' + \tilde{Q} - \underbrace{APC' (CPC' - \tilde{R})^{-1} CPA'}_L$$

$$\hat{x}(h+1|h) = (A - L C) \hat{x}(h|h-1) + B u(h) + L y(h)$$

In our case  $A = C = 1$ ,  $\tilde{R} = 1$

For different values of  $q$ , one has

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q = 0.5 \rightarrow P = 1 \rightarrow L = 1/2 \rightarrow \underline{A - LC = 0.5} \\ q = 1 \rightarrow P = 1.618 \rightarrow L = 0.618 \rightarrow \underline{A - LC = 0.382} \\ q = 2 \rightarrow P = 2.7321 \rightarrow L = 0.7321 \rightarrow \underline{A - LC = 0.2679} \end{array} \right.$$

The prediction becomes faster and faster as  $q$  increases

**Kalman Filter**

$$\tilde{x}(k+1|k+1) = A\tilde{x}(k|k) + Bu(k) + L(k+1) [y(k+1) - C(A\tilde{x}(k|k) + Bu(k))] \quad \text{innovation error}$$

$\downarrow$  (similar to pole placement observer..)

where

$\hookrightarrow$   
 different formulas  
 than predictor

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} L(k) &= \tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' \left[ C\tilde{P}(k|k-1)C' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1} \\ \tilde{P}(k|k-1) &= A\hat{P}(k-1|k-1)A' + \tilde{Q} \\ \hat{P}(k|k) &= \tilde{P}(k|k-1) - L(k)C\tilde{P}(k|k-1) \\ \hat{P}(0|0) &= \tilde{P}_0 \end{cases}$$

$\hat{P}(k|k)$  is the covariance of the estimation error  $\hat{e}(k|k) = x(k) - \hat{x}(k|k)$ .

**Convergence and stability results similar to the ones of KP can be established**

**Extended Kalman Filter (Predictor) - EKF**

→ Extension for NON LINEAR systems!  
allow to estimate!

A very important method, **widely used many fields** of engineering and science to estimate **the state** of nonlinear systems and **the parameters** of grey box models (very useful, lot used!).

All the details on its development are reported in the textbook

System generally

non linear

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k)) + v_x(k) \\ y(k) = g(x(k)) + v_y(k) \end{cases}$$

(additive disturbances)

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix}$$

white gaussian noise with  $E[v] = 0$   
same assumptions as (KF)

$$E[v(k_1)v'(k_2)] = V\delta(k_1 - k_2) \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Q} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{R} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{Q} \in R^{n,n}, \quad \tilde{R} \in R^{p,p}, \quad \tilde{Q} \geq 0, \quad \tilde{R} > 0$$

for simplicity

$x(0)$  gaussian with  $E[x(0)] = \bar{x}_0$ ,  $E[(x(0) - \bar{x}_0)(x(0) - \bar{x}_0)'] = \tilde{P}_0 \geq 0$

$$E[x(0)v'(k)] = 0, \quad \forall k \geq 0$$

## Structure of EKF

Final idea is as general  $K_P$  using linearized model

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = \underbrace{f(\hat{x}(k|k-1), u(k))}_{\text{mimics the dynamics of the system using the N-L dynamics known}} + \underbrace{\hat{L}(k)[y(k) - g(\hat{x}(k|k-1))]}_{\text{output estimation error}}$$

gain of the filter

$\hat{L}(k)$  uses the N-L dynamics known

use linearization properly

$$\hat{L}(k) = \hat{A}(k)\tilde{P}(k|k-1)\hat{C}(k)' \left[ \hat{C}(k)\tilde{P}(k|k-1)\hat{C}(k)' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1}$$

where

↓ linearization matrix of the system

$$\hat{A}(k) = \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial x} \Big|_{\hat{x}(k|k-1), u(k)}, \quad \hat{C}(k) = \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{\hat{x}(k|k-1)}$$

$A, C$  change over time!

and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Recallate} \\ \text{equation} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \tilde{P}(k+1|k) = \hat{A}(k)\tilde{P}(k|k-1)\hat{A}(k)' + \tilde{Q} +$$

$$- \hat{A}(k)\tilde{P}(k|k-1)\hat{C}(k)' \left[ \hat{C}(k)\tilde{P}(k|k-1)\hat{C}(k)' + \tilde{R} \right]^{-1} \hat{C}(k)\tilde{P}(k|k-1)\hat{A}(k)' \uparrow$$

using  $\hat{A}, \hat{C}$  matrix linearized!

$$\tilde{P}(0|-1) = \tilde{P}_0$$

↑ time ( $k$ ) dependent,  
we cannot have steady state EKF!

as:

$$x(k+1) = \underbrace{Ax(k) + Bu(k)}_{f(x(k), u(k))} + \nu_x$$

so

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = A\hat{x}(k|k-1) + Bu(k) + l(k) [\dots]$$

(EKF)

$$\hat{x}(k+1|k) = f(\hat{x}(k|k-1), u(k)) + l(k) [\dots]$$

## Comments on *EKF*

- Very useful to estimate unknown parameters (see the next slide)
- Continuous time formulations for continuous time systems available
- In case of a continuous time system, the system can be discretized first (Euler, for example), and then the filter is applied to the discretized model. The approximation errors due to discretization can be significant.



Mixed continuous – discrete formulations are widely used. The dynamics of the system is in continuous time, the gain update is in discrete time to reduce the computational effort and to consider the availability of discrete measurements (wide literature available, see also next slides)

- Very few convergence results available (basically, if you start near the real value of the state, convergence is guaranteed theoretically *EKF* is very limited ! → not so meaningful results !)

## Estimation of unknown parameters with EKF

Consider the system

↓ (for example parameter on physical)  
system to estimate

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k), \alpha) + v_x(k) \\ y(k) = g(x(k), \alpha) + v_y(k) \end{cases}$$

GRAY Box modelling →

W. B model → all KNOWN  
B. B model → all UNKNOWN  
G. B model → some param unknown  
↳ use K.F for estimation of parameters

α unknown constant parameter

Add a fictitious dynamics

↳

$$\alpha(k+1) = \alpha(k)$$

Enlarge the state

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

{ important also in }  
Black Box ↓ model

When I wanna compute some internal param

to estimate both state and param!

Apply EKF to

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x}(k+1) = \tilde{f}(\tilde{x}(k), u(k)) + \tilde{v}_x(k) \\ y(k) = \tilde{g}(\tilde{x}(k)) + v_y(k) \end{cases}$$

**Example EKF**

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = ax(k) + u(k) \\ y(k) = x(k) + v(k) \end{cases}$$



a unknown parameter to be estimated

*non linearity!*

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = a(k)x(k) + u(k) \\ a(k+1) = a(k) \\ y(k) = x(k) + v(k) \end{cases}$$

enlarge the state!

Now II ORD system,

$$\hat{A}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{a}(k) & \hat{x}(k) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = [1 \ 0]$$

(with dynamic  
nonlinear, here linearized matrix)

**Simulations**

what happens for different values of  $a$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k < 100 \rightarrow a = 0.5 \\ k \geq 100 \rightarrow a = 0.8 \end{array} \right.$$

initial state

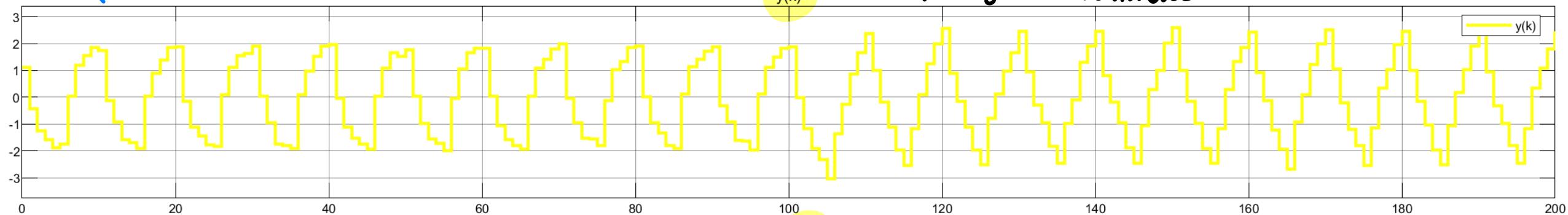
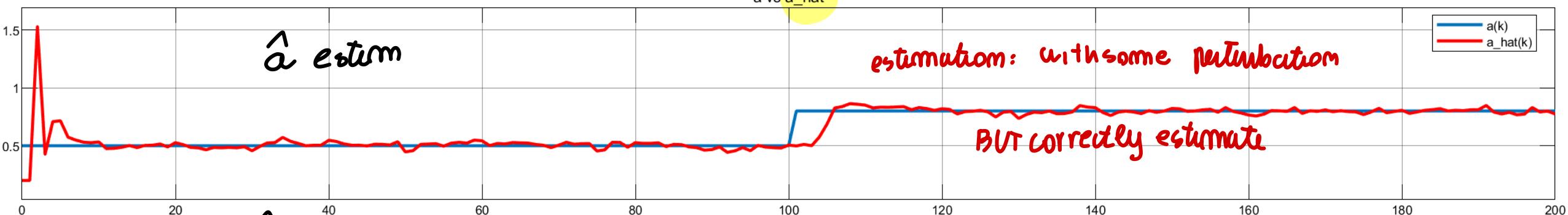
*Input:* square wave  $\pm 1$  with period 5 ,  $\overbrace{x(0) = 1}$

*Output noise:* white, zero mean, variance 0.01

$$P(0) = 100I, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(0) \\ \hat{a}(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (set initial values...)}$$

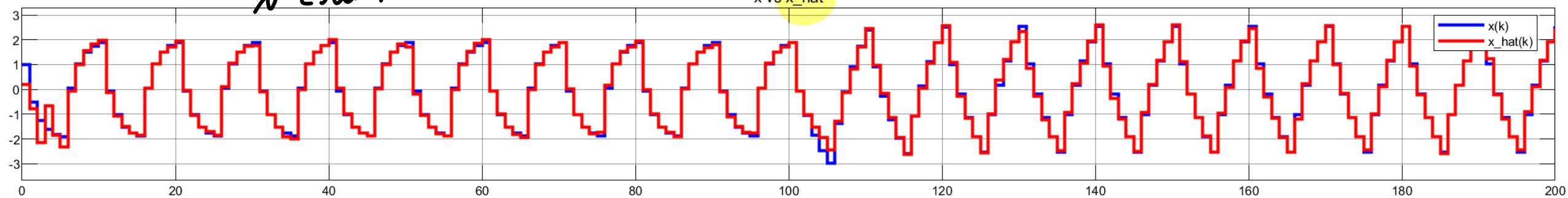
Covariance matrices  $Q=0.1 I$ ,  $R = 1$

(simulation)

output  $y(k)$  transient

estimation: with some perturbation

BUT correctly estimate

 $\hat{x}$  estim $x$  vs  $\hat{x}$ ↑ estimation of state  $x$  and parameter!

DISCRETE

(NOT in exam)

## Continuous Extended Kalman Filter with discrete measurements



System (cont. time)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t)) + v_x(t) \leftarrow \text{cont time state dynamic} \\ y(k) = g(x(k)) + v_y(k) \\ x(k) = x(t_k) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{BUT} \\ \text{discrete} \\ \text{measurement} \end{array}$$

discrete state  
measurements, sampling @  $t_k$ EKF – initialization

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{x}(0|0) = E[x(t_0)] \\ P(0|0) = E[(x(t_0) - \hat{x}(t_0))(x(t_0) - \hat{x}(t_0))'] \end{array} \right.$$

if descretize the syst. we include discretization error!

$$v_x = wgn(0, \tilde{Q}) \quad v_y = wgn(0, \tilde{R})$$

↗  
standard  
assumptions  
on  $v_x, v_y$   
and  
initial values

## (NOT in exam) smart EKF extension

EKF – predictor step

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\hat{x}}(t) = f(\hat{x}(t), u(t)) \\ \dot{P}(t) = A(t)P(t) + P(t)A'(t) + \tilde{Q} \end{array} \right.$$

run the Riccati eq.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{x}(k|k-1) = \hat{x}(t_k) \\ P(k|k-1) = P(t_k) \end{array} \right.$$

continuous dynamics

run the syst in  
continuous time

$$\hat{x}(t_{k-1}) = \hat{x}(k-1|k-1)$$

$$P(t_{k-1}) = P(k-1|k-1)$$

update at  
each sampling  
time  $t_k$

$$A(t) = \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial x} \Big|_{\hat{x}(t), u(t)}$$

$\Downarrow$  than update  $L(k)$  and  
estimate

EKF – update step

$$L(k) = P(k|k-1)C'(k)(C(k)P(k|k-1)C'(k) + \tilde{R})^{-1}$$

$$\hat{x}(k|k) = \hat{x}(k|k-1) + L(k)(y(k) - g(\hat{x}(k|k-1)))$$

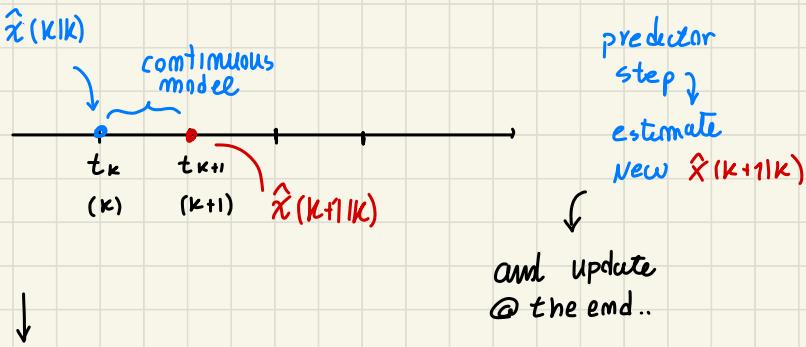
$$P(k|k) = (I - L(k)C(k))P(k|k-1)$$

running cont time  
model

$$C(t) = \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{\hat{x}(k|k-1)}$$

update with  
standard EKFdiscrete update  $\rightarrow$  powerful!

using continuous dynamic...  
reducing the a priori discretization issue



let cont. time model evolution!  $\rightarrow$  [ updating  $\hat{x}$  given past values ]

**LQG control**

System

given linear discrete syst

(Gaussian noises)

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) + \underline{\bar{v}_x(k)} \\ y(k) = Cx(k) + \underline{\bar{v}_y(k)} \end{cases}$$

(known states for LQG)!

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix}, x(0) \text{ satisfy the assumption adopted to derive the KF}$$

Cost function

↓ define the cost function as done in cont. time

remove the problem of positive summ,  $\Rightarrow J$ 

$$J = \lim_{\bar{k} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\bar{k}} E \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\bar{k}-1} x'(k) Q x(k) + u'(k) R u(k) \right]$$

Always finite

stochastic  $x, y$  terms! because gaussian noise

**LQG control - solution**

1. determine with the stationary Kalman predictor (or filter) the Kalman gain  $\bar{L}$  and the estimate  $\hat{x}(k|k-1)$  ( $\tilde{x}(k|k)$ );
  2. compute the optimal  $LQ$  control law, that is the gain  $\bar{K}$ ;
  3. apply the control law
- ↓

$$u(k) = -\bar{K}\hat{x}(k|k-1) \text{ in the } \underline{\text{predictor}} \text{ case}$$

or

$$u(k) = -\bar{K}\tilde{x}(k|k) \text{ in the } \underline{\text{filter}} \text{ case.}$$

↓ separation principle holds!

The closed-loop eigenvalues are those of  $(A - B\bar{K})$  and of  $(A - \bar{L}C)$  (if the predictor is used) *no problems if conditions respected*

*all done for  $H_2 - H_\infty$  control remain valid in discrete time!*