# ECE 707: Control Systems Design (9)

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# 11. Minimal Realizations and Coprime Factors: Part II



#### **Minimal Realizations: Matrix Case**

Characteristic Polynomial: The characteristic polynomial of a matrix  $\hat{G}(s)$  is defined as the least common denominator of all minors of  $\hat{G}(s)$ .

Degree of  $\hat{G}(s)$ : The degree of  $\hat{G}(s)$  is equal to the degree of the characteristic polynomial.

Consider the rational matrix

$$\hat{G}_1(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s+1} & \frac{1}{s+2} \\ \frac{1}{s+1} & \frac{1}{s+2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (1)

Its minors of order 1 are 1/(s+1), 1/(s+2), 1/(s+1), 1/(s+2). Its minor of order 2 is  $\det(\hat{G}_1(s)) = 0$ .

So the least common denominator of all minors is (s+1)(s+2). Hence characteristic equation of  $\hat{G}_1(s)$  is  $s^2+3s+2$  and the degree of  $\hat{G}_1(s)$  is 2.

**Example:** Find the degree of the following transfer function

$$\hat{G}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s}{s+1} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{s+3} \\ \frac{-1}{s+1} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{s} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (2)

Solution: The entries of  $\hat{G}(s)$  are its minors of order 1. Three minors of order 2

$$\frac{s}{(s+1)^2(s+2)} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2(s+2)} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2(s+2)} = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$\frac{s}{(s+1)} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{s+4}{(s+1)(s+3)}$$
(4)

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)s} - \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{3}{s(s+1)(s+2)(s+3)}$$
(5)

The least common denominator of these minors is s(s+1)(s+2)(s+3). Thus the degree of  $\hat{G}(s)$  is 4. Note: To calculate degree of  $\hat{G}(s)$  its every must be reduced to coprime fraction.

Characteristic Polynomial of A: If  $\lambda_i$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots,n$  are the eigenvalues of A with multiplicity  $m_i$ , then characteristic polynomial of A is given by

Characteristic polynomial of 
$$A = \det(sI - A) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (s - \lambda_i)^{m_i}$$
 (6)

Minimal Polynomial of A: If  $\lambda_i$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots,n$  are the eigenvalues of A with multiplicity  $m_i$  and  $\bar{m}_i$  are the size of largest Jordan block associated with  $\lambda_i$ , then minimal polynomial of A is given by

Minimal polynomial of 
$$A = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (s - \lambda_i)^{\bar{m}_i}$$
 (7)

Let (A,B,C,D) be a controllable and observable realization of  $\hat{G}(s)$ . Then without proof we can mention the following properties

- Least common denominator of all minors of  $\hat{G}(s)$  = characteristic polynomial of A.
- Least common denominator of all entries of  $\hat{G}(s)$  = minimal polynomial of A.

Following two theorems are same as SISO case:

**Theorem:**A state equation (A,B,C,D) is a minimal realization of a proper rational matrix  $\hat{G}(s)$  if and only if (A,B) is controllable and (A,C) is observable or if and only if

$$\dim\,A=\text{degree of }\hat{G}(s) \tag{8}$$

**Theorem:** All minimal realizations of  $\hat{G}(s)$  are equivalent. **Matrix Polynomial Fractions** Every  $p \times q$  proper matrix can be expressed as

$$\hat{G}(s) = N(s)D^{-1}(s)$$
 (9)

where N(s) and D(s) are  $q\times p$  and  $p\times p$  polynomial matrices. For example consider the following transfer matrix

$$\hat{G}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s}{s+1} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{s+3} \\ \frac{-1}{s+1} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{s} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (10)

It can be expressed as

$$\hat{G}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s & 1 & s \\ -1 & 1 & s+3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (s+1)(s+2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s(s+3) \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$
 (11)

The three diagonal elements of D(s) are the least common denominators of the three columns of  $\hat{G}(s)$ .

The fraction in (9) and (11) are called right polynomial fraction. Similarly any  $p \times q$  proper matrix can be expressed as

$$\hat{G}(s) = \bar{D}^{-1}(s)\bar{N}(s)$$
 (12)

where  $\bar{N}(s)$  and  $\bar{D}(s)$  are  $q\times p$  and  $q\times q$  polynomial matrices. For the same example we have

$$\hat{G}(s) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} (s+1)(s+2)(s+3) & 0 \\ 0 & s(s+1)(s+2) \end{array} \right]^{-1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} s(s+2)(s+3) & (s+3) & (s+1)(s+2) \\ -s(s+2) & s & (s+1)(s+2) \end{array} \right]$$

The two diagonal elements of  $\bar{D}(s)$  are the least common denominators of the two rows of  $\hat{G}(s)$ .

The fraction in (12) and (13) are called left polynomial fraction. Let R(s) be any  $p \times p$  nonsingular polynomial matrix. Then we have

$$\hat{G}(s) = [N(s)R(s)][D(s)R(s)]^{-1} = N(s)D^{-1}(s)$$
(14)

Thus right fractions are not unique. Same holds for left fractions. **Unimodal Matrix:** A square matrix is called a unimodal matrix if its determinant is nonzero and independent of s.

The following matrices are unimodal

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 & s^{10} + s + 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} s & s + 1 \\ s - 1 & s \end{bmatrix}$$
 (15)

If A(s) and B(s) (square matrices of the same order) are two unimodal matrices then A(s)B(s) is a unimodal matrix since

$$\det(A(s)B(s)) = \det(A(s))\det(B(s)) \tag{16}$$

Inverse of an unimodal matrix is unimodal, since

$$\det(M^{-1}(s)) = 1/\det(M(s)) \tag{17}$$

Consider A(s)=B(s)C(s) where  $A(s),\,B(s)$  and C(s) are polynomial matrices of compatible order.

We call C(s) a right divisor of A(s) and B(s) a left divisor of A(s). Similarly we call A(s) a right multiple of B(s) and a left multiple of C(s).

Greatest Common Right Divisor: A square polynomial matrix R(s) is called greatest common right divisor of D(s) and N(s) if

- R(s) is a common right divisor of D(s) and N(s),
- $\bullet \ R(s)$  is a left multiple of every common right divisor of D(s) and N(s)

i.e.,

$$D(s) = \hat{D}(s)R(s) \quad \text{and} \quad N(s) = \hat{N}(s)R(s) \tag{18} \label{eq:18}$$

and for any polynomial matrix  $R_1(s)$  such that

$$D(s) = \hat{D}(s)R_1(s)$$
 and  $N(s) = \hat{N}(s)R_1(s)$  (19)

$$R(s) = P(s)R_1(s) \tag{20}$$

where all of  $D(s), \hat{D}(s), N(s), \hat{N}(s), R(s), P(s)$  are polynomial matrices.

If greatest common right divisor is a unimodal matrix, then D(s) and N(s) are said to be right coprime.

Similarly we can define Greatest common left divisor and left coprime.

Consider a proper rational matrix  $\hat{G}(s)$  factored as

$$\hat{G}(s) = N(s)D^{-1}(s) = \bar{D}^{-1}(s)\bar{N}(s)$$
(21)

where N(s) and D(s) are right coprime, and  $\bar{N}(s)$  and  $\bar{D}(s)$  are left coprime.

Then the characteristic polynomial of  $\hat{G}(s)$  is defined as  $\det(D(s))$  or  $\det(\bar{D}(s))$ .

The degree of  $\hat{G}(s)$  is defined as

$$\mbox{degree of } \hat{G}(s) = \mbox{degree of } \det(D(s)) = \mbox{degree of } \det(\bar{D}(s)) \end{(22)}$$

Let us consider the polynomial matrix

$$M(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 3s^2 + 2s & 2s + 1 \\ s^2 + s - 3 & s \end{bmatrix}$$
 (23)

We can write M(s) as

$$M(s) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{hc}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s^2 & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix}}_{H_c(s)} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2s & 1 \\ s - 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{lc}(s)}$$
(24)

The constant matrix  $M_{hc}$  is called column-degree coefficient matrix. The diagonal elements of  $H_c(s)$  has diagonal elements as  $s^k$ , where k corresponds to the maximum power in that column.

The polynomial matrix  $M_{lc}(s)$  contains the remaining terms. Similarly we can express M(s) as

$$M(s) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s^2 & 0 \\ 0 & s^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_r(s)} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{H_{hr}(s)} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2s & 1 \\ s - 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{lr}(s)}$$
(25)

## **Computing Matrix Coprime Factors**

Consider a  $q \times p$  proper rational matrix  $\hat{G}(s)$  expressed as

$$\hat{G}(s) = \underbrace{\bar{D}^{-1}(s)\bar{N}(s)}_{\text{left fractions}} = \underbrace{N(s)D^{-1}(s)}_{\text{right fractions}} \tag{26}$$

Given any left fraction  $\bar{D}^{-1}(s)\bar{N}(s)$  (not necessarily left coprime) we can obtain a right coprime fraction  $N(s)D^{-1}(s)$  by solving the polynomial matrix equation

$$\bar{D}(s)(-N(s)) + \bar{N}(s)D(s) = 0$$
 (27)

Let us consider an example to discuss the process. Let

$$\hat{\bar{G}}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4s-10}{2s+1} & \frac{3}{s+2} \\ \frac{1}{(2s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (28)

First we find  $\hat{G}(s)$  that is strictly proper fraction (i.e., numerator power is less than the denominator power). Here

$$\hat{\bar{G}}(s) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-12}{2s+1} & \frac{3}{s+2} \\ \frac{1}{(2s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2} \end{bmatrix}}_{\hat{G}(s)} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{D}$$
(29)

Last part is constant and it gives D matrix for all realizations. In the following we consider  $\hat{G}(s)$  only.

Next we find a left fraction using least common denominator for each row.

$$\hat{G}(s) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (2s+1)(s+2) & 0 & \\ 0 & (2s+1)(s+2)^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}}_{\bar{D}^{-1}(s)} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -12(s+2) & 3(2s+1) \\ s+2 & (s+1)(2s+1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{N}(s)} \bar{N}(s)$$
(30)

Thus we have

$$\bar{D}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 2s^2 + 5s + 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2s^3 + 9s^2 + 12s + 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{D}_0} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{D}_1} s + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{D}_2} s^2 + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{D}_3} s^3$$
(31)

and

$$\bar{N}(s) = \begin{bmatrix}
-12s - 24 & 6s + 3 \\
s + 2 & 2s^2 + 3s + 1
\end{bmatrix} 
= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
-24 & 3 \\
2 & 1
\end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{N}_0} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
-12 & 6 \\
1 & 3
\end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{N}_1} s + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 \\
0 & 2
\end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{N}_2} s^2 + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{N}_3} s^3 (34)$$

# Now (27) can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{D}_{0} & \bar{N}_{0} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{D}_{1} & \bar{N}_{1} & \bar{D}_{0} & \bar{N}_{0} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{D}_{2} & \bar{N}_{2} & \bar{D}_{1} & \bar{N}_{1} & \bar{D}_{0} & \bar{N}_{0} & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{D}_{3} & \bar{N}_{3} & \bar{D}_{2} & \bar{N}_{2} & \bar{D}_{1} & \bar{N}_{1} & \bar{D}_{0} & \bar{N}_{0} \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{D}_{3} & \bar{N}_{3} & \bar{D}_{2} & \bar{N}_{2} & \bar{D}_{1} & \bar{N}_{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{D}_{3} & \bar{N}_{3} & \bar{D}_{2} & \bar{N}_{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{D}_{3} & \bar{N}_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -N_{0} \\ D_{0} \\ -N_{1} \\ D_{1} \\ -N_{2} \\ D_{2} \\ -N_{3} \\ \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
 (35)

or

If we use matlab function 'qr' (QR decomposition) we will get R as upper diagonal form of S, where Q is an unitary matrix.

The rows of R shows the dependence of columns of S. Here

We can see here three first N columns of R (S) are independent of the previous (left) columns. Also two second N columns are independent of left columns.

Next for each N column we get a matrix that include all columns upto the first dependent one. For first N column we get

Null vector with last element equal to 1 is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & -1/2 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 5/2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (39)

For second N column we get

Null vector with last element equal to 1 is

$$[9 -1 1 2 0 0 2 1] (41)$$

Hence the corresponding D(s) and N(s) can be obtained from

$$\begin{bmatrix} -n_0^{11} & -n_0^{12} \\ -n_0^{21} & -n_0^{22} \\ d_0^{11} & d_0^{12} \\ d_0^{21} & d_0^{22} \\ -n_1^{11} & -n_1^{12} \\ -n_1^{21} & -n_1^{22} \\ d_1^{11} & d_1^{12} \\ d_1^{21} & d_1^{22} \\ -n_2^{21} & -n_2^{22} \\ d_2^{11} & d_2^{12} \\ d_2^{21} & d_2^{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 9 \\ -1/2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 5/2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 5/2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(42)

Hence D(s) and N(s) are given by

$$D(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5/2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} s + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} s^{2}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} s^{2} + \frac{5}{2}s + 1 & 2s + 1 \\ 0 & s + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & -9 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} s + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} s^{2}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -6s - 12 & -9 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(44)$$

Hence we have got the right coprime factors for  $\hat{G}(s)$ , or

$$\hat{G}(s) = \underbrace{N(s)D^{-1}(s)}_{\text{right coprime}} \tag{45}$$

Now we can write D(s) as

$$D(s) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{D_{hc}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s^2 & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix}}_{H(s)} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 5/2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{D_{lc}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{L(s)}$$
(46)

We have

$$\underline{\hat{y}}(s) = \hat{G}(s)\underline{\hat{u}}(s) = N(s)D^{-1}(s)\underline{\hat{u}}(s)$$
(47)

Now we define  $\hat{v}(s)$  as

$$\underline{\hat{v}}(s) = D^{-1}(s)\underline{\hat{u}}(s) \tag{48}$$

Then we have

$$D(s)\underline{\hat{v}}(s) = \underline{\hat{u}}(s) \tag{49}$$

$$\hat{y}(s) = N(s)\hat{\underline{v}}(s) \tag{50}$$

We also define  $\hat{x}(s)$  as

$$\underline{\hat{x}}(s) = L(s)\underline{\hat{v}}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{v}_1(s) \\ \hat{v}_2(s) \end{bmatrix}$$
 (51)

or, in time domain

$$x_1(t) = \dot{v}_1(t)$$
 (52)

$$x_2(t) = v_1(t)$$
 (53)

$$x_3(t) = v_2(t)$$
 (54)

Hence we have

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = x_1(t)$$
 (55)

We need to find equations for  $\dot{x}_1(t)$  and  $\dot{x}_3(t)$ .

From

$$D(s) = D_{hc}H(s) + D_{lc}L(s)$$
(56)

we get

$$[D_{hc}H(s) + D_{lc}L(s)]\underline{\hat{v}}(s) = \underline{\hat{u}}(s)$$
(57)

$$\Rightarrow H(s)\underline{\hat{v}}(s) = -D_{hc}^{-1}D_{lc}L(s)\underline{\hat{v}}(s) = D_{hc}^{-1}\underline{\hat{u}}(s)$$
(58)

$$\Rightarrow H(s)\underline{\hat{v}}(s) = -D_{hc}^{-1}D_{lc}\underline{\hat{x}}(s) + D_{hc}^{-1}\underline{\hat{u}}(s)$$
(59)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} s^2 \hat{v}_1(s) \\ s \hat{v}_2(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1(s) \\ \hat{x}_2(s) \\ \hat{x}_3(s) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{\hat{u}}(s)$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_3(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{u}(t)$$
 (60)

Hence the total update equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_3(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{u}(t)$$
 (61)

Now we need to get the output equation. We can write

$$N(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -12 & -9 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -12 & -9 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} L(s)$$
 (62)

Since

$$\underline{\hat{y}}(s) = N(s)\underline{\hat{v}}(s) \tag{63}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -12 & -9 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} L(s)\underline{\hat{v}}(s)$$
 (64)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -12 & -9 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{\hat{x}}(s)$$
 (65)

Hence considering the total transfer matrix  $\hat{\bar{G}}(s)$  we have

$$\underline{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -12 & -9 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \underline{u}(t)$$
 (66)

This gives the output equation.