

# **Control of Stochastic Systems**

## **Lecture 4**

### **Time-Invariant Stochastic Systems**

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# Controllability

## Motivation

- Controllability is a major concept of system theory.
- Controllability is a necessary and sufficient condition for existence of a control law.
- Controllability has been defined for:
  - (1) sets and maps,
  - (2) a deterministic linear system,
  - (3) a stochastic system,
  - (4) a Gaussian system.
- Literature has the terms **reachability** and **controllability**. The latter term is used in these lectures.

# Controllability

## Def. Controllable map

Consider a tuple of sets and maps  $(U, X, Y, g : U \rightarrow X, h : X \rightarrow Y)$ .

Call  $g : U \rightarrow X$  the **input-to-state map**.

Call the tuple **controllable** with respect to the subset  $X_{co} \subseteq X$  if

$g : U \rightarrow X_{co} \subseteq X$  is **surjective**,

$\Leftrightarrow \forall x_c \in X_{co} \subseteq X, \exists u_c \in U$  such that  $x_c = g(u_c)$ ;

if in addition  $X_{co} = X$

then call  $g$  **completely surjective** and

the tuple **completely controllable**.

## Remark. Interpretation in words

For all states  $x_c \in X_{co}$

there exists an input  $u_c \in U$  such that  $x_c = g(u_c)$ ;

or, equivalently,

the input value  $u_c \in U$  brings the system to state  $x_c \in X_{co}$ .

# Controllability

## Proposition

Consider a linear input-to-state map,

$$g(u) = Gu, \quad G \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_u}, \quad X = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad U = \mathbb{R}^{n_u}, \quad X_{co} = X.$$

This map is completely surjective ( $X_{co} = X$ ),  
if and only if

$$\text{rank}(G) = \dim(\text{Im}(G)) = \dim(X_{co}) = \dim(X) = n_x.$$

## Proof

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Use the definition of rank and the definition of image,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(G) &= \{x \in X \mid \exists u \in U \text{ such that } x = Gu\} \\ &= X_{co}, \text{ by surjectivity of } g. \end{aligned}$$

# Controllability

## Def. Controllability of a time-varying linear system

Consider a time-varying deterministic linear system without output

$$x(t+1) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0.$$

Call the state  $x_a \in X_{co} \subseteq X$  controllable on the interval

$$\{t_0, t_0 + 1, \dots, t_0 + t_1 - 1, t_0 + t_1\}$$

if the following input-to-state map is surjective,

$$\{u(t_0), u(t_0 + 1), \dots, u(t_0 + t_1 - 1)\} \mapsto x(t_0 + t_1) = x_a.$$

Call the linear system controllable with respect to the subset  $X_{co} \subseteq X$ , if

$$\forall t_0 \in T, \forall t_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ such that } \{t_0, t_0 + 1, \dots, t_0 + t_1\} \subseteq T,$$

$$\forall x(t_0) \in X, \forall x_a \in X_{co}, \text{ the state } x_a \text{ is controllable on this interval}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \{u(t_0), u(t_0 + 1), \dots, u(t_0 + t_1 - 1)\} \mapsto x_a \text{ is surjective;}$$

linear system is called completely controllable if  $X_{co} = X$ .

# Controllability

## Def. Controllability matrix of an interval

Consider a time-varying deterministic linear system.

Define the **controllability matrix of an interval** by the formula

$$\{t_0, t_0 + 1, \dots, t_0 + t_1 - 1\} \subseteq T,$$

$$\text{conmat}(A, B, t_0 : t_0 + t_1 - 1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} B(t_0 + t_1 - 1) & \dots & \Phi(t_0 + t_1 - 1, t_0)B(t_0) \end{pmatrix};$$

note the formulas,

$$x(t_0 + t_1)$$

$$= A(t_0 + t_1 - 1)x(t_0 + t_1 - 1) + B(t_0 + t_1 - 1)u(t_0 + t_1 - 1),$$

$$x(t_0 + t_1) - \Phi(t_0 + t_1 : t_0)x(t_0)$$

$$= \sum_{s=t_0}^{t_0+t_1-1} \Phi(t_0 + t_1 - 1, s) B(s) u(s)$$

$$= \text{conmat}(A, B, t_0 : t_0 + t_1 - 1) u(t_0 + t_1 - 1 : t_0).$$



# Controllability

## Theorem. Controllability of a time-varying linear system

Consider a time-varying linear system.

The system is **completely controllable on the interval considered**

(completely implying that  $X_{co} = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ )

if and only if,

$$n_x = \text{rank}(\text{conmat}(A, B, t_0 : t_0 + t_1 - 1)).$$

## Proof

$$\begin{aligned} & x(t_0 + t_1) - \Phi(t_0 + t_1, t_0)x(t_0) \\ &= \text{conmat}(A, B, t_0 : t_0 + t_1 - 1) u(t_0 : t_0 + t_1 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

and use the proposition

which characterizes when a linear function is completely surjective.

# Controllability

## Def. Time-invariant linear system

Define a **time-invariant linear system** as a control system with representation,

$$\begin{aligned}x(t+1) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \\x_0 &\in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad u: T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_u}, \quad x: T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \\A &\in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x}, \quad B \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_u}, \quad n_x, n_u \in \mathbb{Z}_+.\end{aligned}$$

Define the **controllability matrix** of the matrix tuple  $(A, B)$  by the formula,

$$\text{conmat}(A, B) = \begin{bmatrix} B & AB & \dots & A^{n_x-1}B \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x n_u}.$$

Call  $(A, B)$  a **controllable pair** if  $n_x = \text{rank}(\text{conmat}(A, B))$ .

# Controllability

## Remark

By the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,  
one may restrict attention to the first  $n_x$  matrix powers,

$$A^{n_x} = \sum_{i=0}^{n_x-1} a_i A^i \Rightarrow A^{n_x} B = \sum_{i=0}^{n_x-1} a_i A^i B,$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im}(A^{n_x} B) \subseteq \text{Im}(\text{conmat}(A, B));$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_+, k \geq n_x,$$

$$\text{Im}(A^k B) \subseteq \text{Im}(\text{conmat}(A, B)).$$

Proof by recursion.

# Controllability

## Theorem. Controllability of a time-invariant linear system

A time-invariant linear system  
is controllable with respect to  $X_{co} = \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ , hence completely controllable,  
if and only if  $(A, B)$  is a controllable pair,  
if and only if  $n_x = \text{rank}(\text{conmat}(A, B))$ .

## Comments

- Matlab has a command to check whether the tuple  $(A, B)$  is a controllable pair.
- Advice.  
Compute the singular values of the controllability matrix and check the locations of these values.

# Controllability

## Proposition. Control form

Consider a time-invariant linear system.

$$x(t+1) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(0) = x_0.$$

There exists a linear state-space transformation  $z(t) = Sx(t)$  such that the system is transformed to the representation,

$$z(t) = Sx(t), \quad S \in \mathbb{R}_{n \times n}^{n_x \times n_x},$$

$$z(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t), \quad z(0) = z_0,$$

$$n_z = n_x = n_{z_1} + n_{z_2},$$

$$(A_{11}, B_1) \text{ controllable pair.}$$

Call this system representation, the **Kalman controllable form**.

For a particular system, either the part of  $z_1$  or that of  $z_2$  may be missing.

Proof see (R.E. Kalman (1963)); LN, Chapter 21, Section 2.

# Controllability

## Def. Stabilizability

Consider a time-invariant linear system.

$(A, B)$  is called a **stabilizable tuple**

if one of the following equivalent conditions holds:

- (a)  $\text{spec}(A_{22}) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$  after transformation to Kalman controllable form;
- (b) The **eigenvalue**  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$  is called  **$(A, B)$ -stabilizable** if either  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_o$  or  $\lambda$  is  $(A, B)$ -controllable ( $n_x = \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} A - \lambda I & B \end{bmatrix} \right)$ ).  
 $(A, B)$  is a **stabilizable tuple** if all eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $(A, B)$ -stabilizable.
- (c) The **eigenvalue**  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$  is called  **$(A, B)$ -spectrally assignable** if  $|\lambda| \geq 1$  and  $x \in \mathbb{C}^{n_x}$  with  $x^T A = \lambda x^T$  and  $x^T B = 0$  imply that  $x = 0$ .  
 $(A, B)$  is called **spectrally stabilizable pair** if for all  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$  either  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}_o$  or  $\lambda$  is  $(A, B)$ -spectrally assignable.

# Controllability

## Theorem. Stabilizability

- (a) The stabilizability conditions of the above definition, are equivalent.
- (b) Equivalence of:
  - (b.a)  $(A, B)$  is a stabilizable tuple.
  - (b.b) There exists a feedback matrix  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u \times n_x}$  such that  $\text{spec}(A + BF) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$ .

## Example

The following time-invariant linear control system is stabilizable.

$$x(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t), \text{ because } 0.9 \in \mathbb{D}_o.$$

The following time-invariant linear control system is not stabilizable.

$$x(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 1 \\ 0 & 1.3 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t), \text{ because } 1.3 \notin \mathbb{D}_o.$$

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# Time-Invariant Gaussian System

## Comments

- A time-invariant Gaussian system will be proven to have a **stationary state process** and a **stationary output process**.
- Why are stationary stochastic processes useful models for control engineering?
- In control engineering, the processes of control systems run for a long horizon. Then a stationary output process is a useful model and with a lower system complexity than a time-varying control system.
- A special case is the model of a stationary Gaussian output process in the form of a time-invariant Gaussian system.
- Besides stationary processes, non-stationary processes are also useful. Both cases are treated in this course.

# Time-Invariant Gaussian System

## Def. Time-Invariant Gaussian System (1; recall from Lecture 3)

Define a **time-invariant Gaussian system** representation by the sets and relations,

$$x(t+1) = Ax(t) + Mv(t), \quad x(0) = x_0,$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Nv(t),$$

$$(\Omega, F, P), \quad T = \mathbb{N},$$

$$x_0 : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad x_0 \in G(m_{x_0}, Q_{x_0}), \quad F^{x_0}, F_{\infty}^v \text{ independent},$$

$$v : \Omega \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_v}, \quad \text{Gaussian white noise}, \quad v(t) \in G(0, I_{n_v}),$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_x}, \quad M \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_v}, \quad N \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_v},$$

$$\text{spec}(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \det(\lambda I - A) = 0\}, \quad \text{**spectrum of matrix } A\text{,}**$$

$$\mathbb{D}_o = \{c \in \mathbb{C} \mid |c| < 1\}, \quad \text{called the **open unit disc**;$$

$$\text{call } A \text{ **exponentially stable** if } \text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{D}_o.$$

# Time-Invariant Gaussian System

## Def. Supportable pair

Consider a time-invariant Gaussian system representation,

$$x(t+1) = Ax(t) + Mv(t), \quad x(0) = x_0.$$

Call the matrix tuple  $(A, M)$  a **supportable pair** if

$$\begin{aligned} n_x &= \text{rank}(\text{conmat}(A, M)) \\ &= \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} M & AM & A^2M & \dots & A^{n_x-1}M \end{bmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

A **supportable time-invariant Gaussian system representation** is defined as a representation with  $(A, M)$  a supportable pair.

## Comments

Condition of  $(A, M)$  a supportable pair is identical to  $(A, M)$  a controllable pair.

In a Gaussian stochastic control system, both  $(A, B)$  and  $(A, M)$  occur, hence the need to distinguish.

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# Lyapunov Equation

## Def. Lyapunov equation of a time-invariant Gaussian system

Consider a time-invariant Gaussian system.

Define the **recursion of the state variance function** and the **discrete-time Lyapunov equation** by the respective formulas,

$$Q_x(t+1) = AQ_x(t)A^T + MM^T, \quad Q_x(0) = Q_{x_0},$$

$$Q = AQA^T + MM^T, \quad Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x},$$

**Lyapunov (matrix) equation;**

$$m_x(t) = E[x(t)], \text{ mean value function,}$$

$$Q_x(t) = E[(x(t) - m_x(t))(x(t) - m_x(t))^T], \text{ state variance function.}$$

## Remark

The above Lyapunov matrix equation is an equation for the matrix  $Q$  where the matrices  $A$ ,  $M$  are considered as known.

A.M. Lyapunov was a Russian mathematician of the late 19th century. His paper on stability was published in 1892.

# Lyapunov Equation

## Theorem 22.1.2. Lyapunov equation (1)

Consider a time-invariant Gaussian system representation.

(a) If the matrix  $A$  is exponentially stable ( $\Leftrightarrow \text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$ ) then

$$Q = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Q_x(t), \quad Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x},$$
$$Q = AQA^T + MM^T.$$

thus the limit exists and

the limit matrix  $Q$  is a solution of the Lyapunov matrix equation.

Hence there exists a solution of the Lyapunov equation.

# Lyapunov Equation

## Theorem 22.1.2. Lyapunov equation (2)

- (b) If the matrix  $A$  is exponentially stable then the Lyapunov equation has a unique solution. Then also  $Q \in \mathbb{R}_{pds}^{n_x \times n_x}$ .

Proof outline of 'Then also'.

$$Q = AQA^T + MM^T, \Rightarrow$$

$$Q^T = AQ^TA^T + MM^T, \text{ uniqueness } \Rightarrow Q = Q^T;$$

$$\forall \lambda_i \in \text{spec}(A) \cap \mathbb{R}^1 \Rightarrow (1 - |\lambda_i|^2) > 0,$$

$$\forall w_i \in \mathbb{C}^{n_x}, w_i^T A = \lambda_i w_i^T,$$

$$w_i^T Q w_i = w_i^T AQA^T w_i + w_i^T MM^T w_i$$

$$0 \leq \|w_i^T M\|^2 = w_i^T Q w_i \underbrace{(1 - |\lambda_i|^2)}_{> 0},$$

$$0 \leq w_i^T Q w_i.$$

# Lyapunov Equation

## Theorem. Lyapunov equation (3)

- (c) See book. Uses concept of a stabilizable tuple  $(A, B)$ .
- (d) Assume that  $Q \in \mathbb{R}_{pds}^{n_x \times n_x}$  is a solution of the Lyapunov equation.  
Any two of the following three statements implies the third:
  - (d.1)  $\text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$ ;
  - (d.2)  $(A, M)$  is a controllable pair; and
  - (d.3)  $0 \prec Q$ ; in words,  $Q$  is strictly positive definite.



# Lyapunov Equation

## Theorem. Lyapunov equation (4)

- (e) If the matrix  $A$  is exponentially stable  
then the asymptotic convergence rate  
of the state variance sequences, is exponential,

$$\exists c \in \mathbb{R}_+, \exists r \in (0, 1),$$

such that for  $t$  sufficiently large

$$\|Q_x(t) - Q_x(\infty)\|_2 \leq c|r|^t; \text{ and,}$$

$$Q_x(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} Q_x(s),$$

$$Q_x(\infty) = A Q_x(\infty) A^T + M M^T.$$

# Lyapunov Equation

## Theorem. Lyapunov equation (5)

- (f) If  $A$  is exponentially stable  
then there exists matrices  $Q_o$  and  $Q_c$  such that,

$$Q_c = AQ_cA^T + MM^T,$$

$$Q_o = A^T Q_o A + C^T C,$$

$$\text{tr}(CQ_cC^T) = \text{tr}(M^T Q_o M).$$

Call  $Q_o$  the **observability Grammian** of  $(A, C)$  and  
call  $Q_c$  the **controllability Grammian** of  $(A, M)$ .  
Relation  $(A, M)$  to  $(A^T, C^T)$ .

# Lyapunov Equation

## Theorem. Lyapunov equation (6)

(g) See book.

(h) If  $A$  is exponentially stable, and if,

$$W_{min}, W, W_{max} \in \mathbb{R}_s^{n_x \times n_x},$$

$$Q_{min} = AQ_{min}A^T + W_{min},$$

$$Q = AQA^T + W,$$

$$Q_{max} = AQ_{max}A^T + W_{max},$$

and the following inequalities both hold,

$$W_{min} \preceq W \preceq W_{max},$$

then,

$$Q_{min} \preceq Q \preceq Q_{max}.$$

## Proof

Proof of Theorem 22.1.2 in the book and in the lecture notes.

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# Invariant Measure

## Def. Probability measure on an image space

Consider a stochastic system with state and output process  $(x, y)$ . For time  $t \in T$  consider the map,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(\omega, t+1) \\ y(\omega, t) \end{pmatrix} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_x+n_y}.$$

This map induces a probability measure on the image space according to,

$$(X \times Y, B(X \times Y)) = (\mathbb{R}^{n_x+n_y}, B(\mathbb{R}^{n_x+n_y})),$$

$$A \in B(\mathbb{R}^{n_x+n_y}),$$

$$P_{(x^+, y), t}(A) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega \mid (x(\omega, t+1), y(\omega, t)) \in A\}).$$

Then  $P_{(x^+, y), t}$  is a probability measure on  $X \times Y = \mathbb{R}^{n_x+n_y}$ .

If this concerns a Gaussian system then that probability measure is a Gaussian probability measure.

This definition is a standard result of probability theory, see Lecture 1.

# Invariant Measure

## Def. Invariant probability measure

A stochastic system admits  
an **invariant probability measure** for the joint state and output process if

$$\begin{aligned} &\exists P_{(x^+, y)} : B(X) \otimes B(Y) \rightarrow [0, 1], \text{ such that,} \\ &P_{(x^+, y), t} = P_{(x^+, y)}, \quad \forall t \in T; \\ &\text{thus, invariance of the pdf over time } t \in T. \end{aligned}$$

Define

$P_x = P_{(x^+, y)}|_{B(X)}$  as the **invariant state probability measure** and  
 $P_y = P_{(x^+, y)}|_{B(Y)}$  as the **invariant output probability measure**.

## Comment

One defines correspondingly  
 an **invariant probability distribution function** and  
 an **invariant probability density function**.

# Invariant Measure

## Theorem. Invariant Measure of a Time-Invariant Gaussian System (1)

Consider a time-invariant Gaussian system representation,

$$\begin{aligned}x(t+1) &= Ax(t) + Mv(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \in G(0, Q_{x_0}), \\y(t) &= Cx(t) + Nv(t), \quad v(t) \in G(0, I_{n_v}), \quad \text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{D}_o.\end{aligned}$$

- (a) There exists an invariant measure of the system which is a Gaussian measure and which may be constructed as defined below,

$$\begin{aligned}Q_x &= AQ_x A^T + MM^T, \quad \exists Q_x \text{ by Th. Lyapunov equation,} \\Q_y &= CQ_x C^T + NN^T, \\Q_{x^+, y} &= AQ_x C^T + MN^T, \\Q_{(x^+, y)} &= \begin{pmatrix} Q_x & Q_{x^+, y} \\ Q_{x^+, y}^T & Q_y \end{pmatrix}, \\G(0, Q_{(x^+, y)}) &\text{ is the invariant probability measure.}\end{aligned}$$

# Invariant Measure

## Theorem. Invariant Measure of a Time-Invariant Gaussian System (2)

(b)

if  $x_0 \in G(0, Q_x)$  equals invariant measure then

$\Rightarrow \forall t \in T, (x(t+1), y(t)) \in G(0, Q_{(x^+, y)});$

in particular  $\forall t \in T, x(t) \in G(0, Q_x),$

is the invariant state probability measure;

$(x, y)$  are jointly stationary Gaussian processes,

$$W_x(t) = A^t Q_x,$$

$$W_y(t) = \begin{cases} CA^{t-1} Q_{x^+, y}, & 0 < t, \\ Q_y, & 0 = t, \end{cases}$$

$$W_{y,x}(t) = E[y(t)x(0)^T] = CA^t Q_x.$$



# Invariant Measure

## Theorem. Invariant Measure of a Time-Invariant Gaussian System (3)

- (c) If the initial state  $x_0$   
does not have the invariant state probability measure then

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} x(t+1) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \in G, \\ & D - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G \left( \begin{bmatrix} m_x(t+1) \\ m_y(t) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} Q_{x^+}(t+1) & Q_{x^+,y}(t) \\ Q_{x^+,y}(t)^T & Q_y(t) \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ & = G(0, Q_{(x^+,y)}). \end{aligned}$$

Convergence in distribution to the invariant measure.

For a time-invariant Gaussian system all distributions are Gaussian hence convergence in distribution is equivalent to convergence of the mean value function and of the covariance function.

# Invariant Measure

## Theorem. Invariant Measure of a Time-Invariant Gaussian System (4)

(d) Equivalence of:

- (d.1) support of the invariant state pdf  $x(t)$  equals the state space  $\mathbb{R}^{n_x}$ ;
- (d.2)  $0 \prec Q_x$ ;
- (d.3)  $(A, M)$  is a supportable pair.

# Invariant Measure

## Proof of Theorem, partly (1)

Proven by induction on time.

Note that by assumption  $x_0 \in G(0, Q_{x_0})$ . Let  $t \in T$ .

If  $x(t) \in G(0, Q_x)$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} & E \left[ \exp \left( i \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x(t+1) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \right) \mid F_t^x \right] \\ &= \exp \left( i \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A \\ C \end{bmatrix} x(t) - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} M \\ N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M \\ N \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix} \right), \end{aligned}$$

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# Invariant Measure

## Proof of Theorem, partly (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E \left[ \exp \left( i \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x(t+1) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \right) \right] \\
 &= E \left[ E \left[ \exp \left( i \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x(t+1) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \right) \mid F_t^x \right] \right] \\
 &= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} AQ_x A^T + MM^T & AQ_x C^T + MN^T \\ (AQ_x C^T + MN^T)^T & CQ_x C^T + NN^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} Q_x & Q_{x^+,y} \\ Q_{x^+,y}^T & Q_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

hence the measure is invariant. The remainder of the proof is simple.

# Invariant Measure

## Proof of Theorem, partly (3)

(d) This follows from a result of the Lyapunov equation.

## Th. Lyapunov equation (repeat)

(d) Assume that  $Q \in \mathbb{R}_{pds}^{n_x \times n_x}$  is a solution of the Lyapunov equation.

Any two of the following three statements implies the third:

(d.1)  $\text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$ ;

(d.2)  $(A, M)$  is a supportable pair; and

(d.3)  $0 \prec Q$ .

# Invariant Measure

## Def. Backward Supportable Pair

Consider a backward time-invariant Gaussian system representation,

$$x(t-1) = A_b x(t) + M_b v_b(t), \quad x(0) = x_0.$$

Call the matrix tuple  $(A_b, M_b)$  a **backward-supportable pair** if

$$\begin{aligned} n_x &= \text{rank}(\text{conmat}(A_b, M_b)) \\ &= \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} M_b & A_b M_b & A_b^2 M_b & \dots & A_b^{n_x-1} M_b \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Call the system representation  
a **backward supportable system representation**  
if  $(A_b, M_b)$  is a backward-supportable pair.

See Theorem 4.4.7 of the book  
for the existence of an invariant measure  
of a backward Gaussian system representation.

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# Forward and Backward Gaussian Systems

## Theorem. Relation of forward and backward representations

Consider a time-invariant Gaussian system having both a forward and a backward Gaussian system representation. Assume that  $\text{spec}(A_f) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$ .

Then there exists a unique solution of the Lyapunov equation,

$$Q_x = A_f Q_x A_f^T + M_f M_f^T;$$

assume that  $0 \prec Q_x \Leftrightarrow (A_f, M_f)$  supportable pair.

The relations between the matrices of the forward and of the backward representation are

$$A_f = Q_x A_b^T Q_x^{-1},$$

$$C_f = C_b Q_x A_b^T Q_x^{-1} + N_b Q_{v_b} M_b^T Q_x^{-1},$$

$$A_b = Q_x A_f^T Q_x^{-1},$$

$$C_b = C_f Q_x A_f^T Q_x^{-1} + N_f Q_{v_f} M_f^T Q_x^{-1};$$

$$\text{spec}(A_f) = \text{spec}(A_b).$$



# Forward and Backward Gaussian Systems

## Proof, partly

Proof of equality of spectra,

$$\begin{aligned}\det(sI - A_b) &= \det(sI - Q_x A_f^T Q_x^{-1}) \\ &= \det(Q_x (sI - A_f^T) Q_x^{-1}) \\ &= \det(Q_x) \det(sI - A_f^T) \det(Q_x^{-1}) \\ &= \det(sI - A_f); \\ &\quad \text{using that } \det(Q_x^{-1}) = 1 / \det(Q_x).\end{aligned}$$

Remainder of proof uses theorem for the time-varying case.

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# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Def. Stochastic observability and stochastic co-observability (1)

- Consider a time-invariant stochastic system and assume that there exists an invariant probability measure of the system, and that the state and output have the invariant measure.
- Call the state  $x(t_0) \in X$  of this stochastic system **stochastically observable** if  $\exists t_0, t_1$  such that  $\{t_0, t_0 + 1, \dots, t_0 + t_1\} \subseteq T$  and the **stochastic state-to-output map**

$$x(t_0) \mapsto \text{cpdf}(\{y(t_0), y(t_0 + 1), \dots, y(t_0 + t_1 - 1)\} | F^{x(t_0)}),$$

is injective on the support  $x(t_0) \in X$ .

- Call the system stochastically observable if this holds for all states  $x(t_0) \in X$ .
- Because of the invariant measure, this then holds for all times  $t_0 \in T$  such that etc.

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Def. Stochastic observability and stochastic co-observability (2)

- Call the state  $x(t_0) \in X$  of this stochastic system **stochastically co-observable** if  $\exists t_0, t_1$  such that  $\{t_0 - 1, t_0 - 2, \dots, t_0 - t_1\} \subseteq T$  and the **stochastic state-to-past-output map**

$$x(t_0) \mapsto \text{cpdf}(\{y(t_0 - 1), y(t_0 - 2), \dots, y(t_0 - t_1)\} | F^{x(t_0)}),$$

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- Call the system **stochastically co-observable** if this holds for all states  $x(t_0) \in X$ .
- Because of the invariant measure, this then holds for all times  $t_0 \in T$  such that etc.

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Def. Observable pair

Consider a (forward) time-invariant Gaussian system representation,

$$\begin{aligned}x(t+1) &= Ax(t) + Mv(t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \\y(t) &= Cx(t) + Nv(t).\end{aligned}$$

Call the matrix tuple  $(A, C)$  an **observable pair** if

$n_x = \text{rank}(O_f(A, C))$ , where

$$O_f(A, C) = \text{obsmat}(A, C) = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n_x-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Theorem. Characterization of stochastically observability of a forward Gaussian system representation (1)

Consider a forward time-invariant Gaussian system representation,

$$\begin{aligned}x(t+1) &= A_f x(t) + M_f v_f(t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \\y(t) &= C_f x(t) + N_f v_f(t), \quad v_f(t) \in G(0, I_{n_v}), \\ \text{spec}(A_f) &\subset \mathbb{D}_0;\end{aligned}$$

then  $\exists Q_x \in \mathbb{R}_{pds}^{n_x \times n_x}$  such that,

$$Q_x = A_f Q_x A_f^T + M_f M_f^T; \text{ and}$$

$$x_0 \in G(0, Q_x) \Rightarrow \forall t \in T, x(t) \in G(0, Q_x).$$

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Theorem. Characterization of stochastically observability of a forward Gaussian system representation (2)

(a) This system is stochastically observable if and only if

$$\ker(Q_x) = \ker(O_f Q_x).$$

(b) Assume in addition that

$(A_f, M_f)$  is a supportable pair ( $\Leftrightarrow 0 \prec Q_x$ ).

Then the system is stochastically observable

if and only if

$(A_f, C_f)$  is an observable pair.

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Proof of Theorem.

### Characterization of a stoc. observable Gaussian system

(a) The result follows from the time-varying case using that,

$$\ker(Q_x), = \ker(O_f(A, C)Q_x), \text{ using,}$$

$$A^{n_x} = - \sum_{i=0}^{n_x-1} a_i A^i, \text{ by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem.}$$

(b)

$(A_f, M_f)$  supportable pair,

$\Leftrightarrow 0 \prec Q_x$ , by the Lyapunov equation;

$$\{0\} = \ker(Q_x) = \ker(O_f Q_x),$$

$$\Leftrightarrow n_x = \text{rank}(O_f)$$

$\Leftrightarrow (A_f, C_f)$  observable pair.



# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Proposition

For any time-invariant Gaussian system representation there exists a linear transformation such that one obtains the **Kalman observable form**,

$$\begin{aligned} x(t+1) &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \end{bmatrix} v(t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \\ y(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + Nv(t), \quad v(t) \in G(0, I_{n_v}), \\ \text{spec}(A) &\subset \mathbb{D}_o, \quad (A_{11}, C_1) \text{ an observable pair.} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $x_2$  is excited by the noise  $v$ .

Note also that  $x_2$  neither influences  $y$  directly nor influences  $y$  via  $x_1$ .

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Theorem. Characterization of stoc. co-observability

Consider a backward time-invariant Gaussian system representation,

$$x(t-1) = A_b x(t) + M_b v(t), \quad x(0) = x_0,$$

$$y(t-1) = C_b x(t) + N_b v(t), \quad v(t) \in G(0, I_{n_v}),$$

$\text{spec}(A_b) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$ ; then  $\exists Q_x \in \mathbb{R}_{pds}^{n_x \times n_x}$  such that

$$Q_x = A_b Q_x A_b^T + M_b M_b^T; \text{ and}$$

$$x_0 \in G(0, Q_x) \Rightarrow \forall t \in T, x(t) \in G(0, Q_x).$$

**(a)** This system is stochastically co-observable if and only if

$$\ker(O_b(A_b, C_b) Q_x) = \ker(Q_x).$$

**(b)** Assume in addition that  $(A_b, M_b)$  is a supportable pair.  
Then the system is stochastically co-observable if and only if  
 $(A_b, C_b)$  is an observable pair.

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Proposition. Decomposition of a Gaussian System Representation (1)

For any time-invariant Gaussian system representation there exists a linear state-space transformation such that with respect to the new representation one obtains the **Kalman decomposition** of a linear system (Def. 21.3.7 of book),

$$x(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & A_{13} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & A_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & A_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{43} & A_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} v(t), \quad x(0) = x_0,$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & 0 & C_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + Nv(t),$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ a supportable pair,}$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{13} \\ 0 & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & C_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ an observable pair.}$$

For a particular system, components may or may not be present.

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Example. Decomposition of a Gaussian System Representation (2)

Note that,

$$\text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{D}_o \Rightarrow \text{a.s.} - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \begin{pmatrix} x_3(t) \\ x_4(t) \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

In the long run,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  are not of interest.

Note that  $x_2$  is not observed at all.

Of interest is only the subsystem,

$$x_1(t+1) = A_{11}x_1(t) + M_1v(t), \quad x_1(0) = x_{0,1},$$

$$y(t) = C_1x_1(t) + Nv(t),$$

$(A_{11}, M_1)$  supportable pair,

$(A_{11}, C_1)$  observable pair.

This examples motivates Lecture 5.

# Stoc. Observability and Stoc. Co-Observability

## Def. Time-invariant Gaussian system - Special case

Consider the special time-invariant Gaussian system representation,

$$x(t+1) = Ax(t) + Mv(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \in G(0, Q_{x_0}),$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Nv(t),$$

$v$  standard Gaussian white noise  $v(t) \in G(0, I)$ ,

$F^{x_0}, F_{\infty}^v$  independent,  $\text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{D}_o$ ,

$$Q_x = AQ_x A^T + MM^T,$$

$$Q_{x_0} = Q_x \Rightarrow \forall t \in T, x(t) \in G(0, Q_x),$$

$(A, M)$  supportable pair ( $\Leftrightarrow 0 \prec Q_x$ ),

$(A, C)$  observable pair,

$(A_b, C_b)$  observable pair.

A **minimal stochastic realization of the output process  $y$**  will be the term used in Lecture 5 for this system.

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# Concluding Remarks

## Def. A time-invariant finite stochastic system

System representation,

$$E \left[ \begin{bmatrix} i_x(t+1) \\ i_y(t) \end{bmatrix} \mid F_t^x \vee F_{t-1}^y \right] = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ C \end{bmatrix} i_x(t), \quad \forall t \in T, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}_{st}^{n_x \times n_x},$$

$$i_x : \Omega \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad i_y : \Omega \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_y}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}_{st}^{n_y \times n_x}.$$

## Concepts and results

- Probability measures  $p_x(t) = E[i_x(t)]$  and  $p_y(t) = E[i_y(t)]$ .
- When does a stochastic matrix leave a polyhedral cone invariant?
- Concept of an irreducible and nonperiodic subsystem.
- A decomposition of the system matrix  $A$  in terms of subsets of  $X$ .
- Existence and uniqueness of steady state equation  $p_{x_s} = A p_{x_s}$ .
- Stochastic observability and stochastic co-observability.  
Characterization in terms of system matrices.
- Read in lecture notes Sections 5.7 and 18.8; also Chapter 18.

# Concluding Remarks

## Overview

- Time-invariant Gaussian system representations.
- Controllability of a linear system.
- Lyapunov equation.
- Existence of an invariant probability measure.
- Relation of forward and backward Gaussian system representations.
- Stochastic observability and stochastic co-observability of a time-invariant Gaussian system representation.
- Outlook to Lecture 5.

Concept of stochastic controllability of a stochastic system treated in Lectures 7 and 9.