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Week 5 Day 2



Previously

- We studied how to build an optimal state controller using the LQR method



Today's lecture:

Observer for optimal control



Learning objectives

After today's lecture, you will be able to

- Design an observer to estimate states of a system from input and output
- Use an observer together with LQR method to control a system without measuring every state



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SOLUTION: reconstruct state from input and output

Observer can estimate states

Controller is fed estimated states

Separation principle: separate designs of controller and observer

*Only applicable to linear systems



Observer or State Estimator



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and

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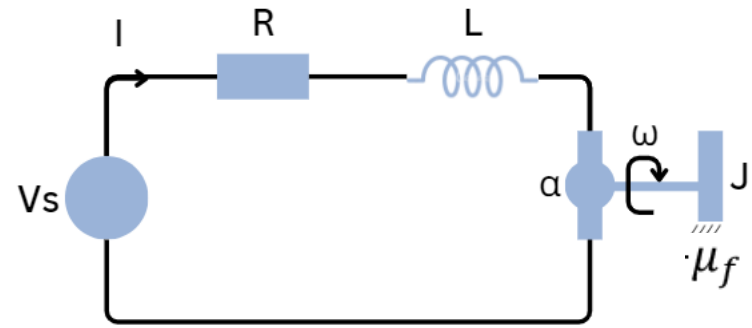
which implies we will choose L such that the eigenvalues of $(A - LC)$ have negative real parts

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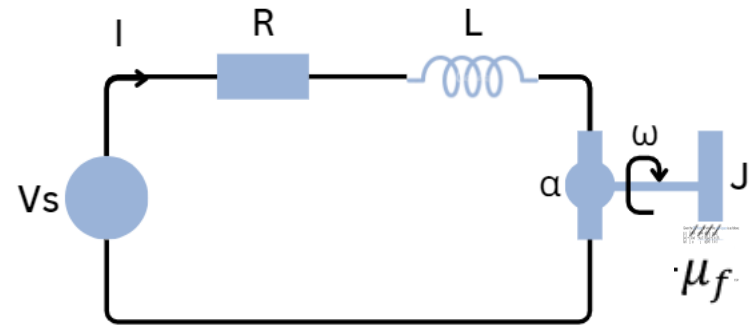


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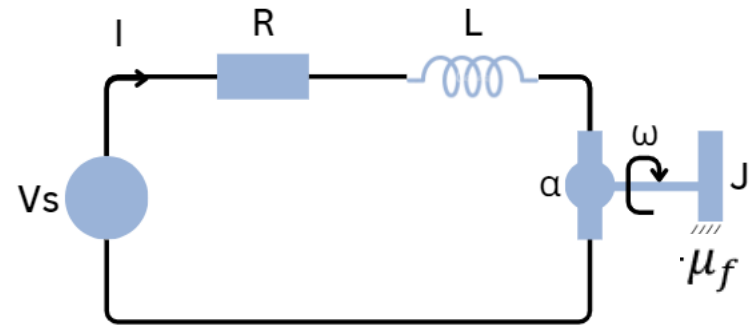
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! We require $\dot{y} = \dot{\theta} = \omega$, but **it is not available in measured** output y



Solution: state-estimation



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where $L = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \end{bmatrix}$ needs to be **designed** such that **eigenvalues of $(A - LC)$**

are in the **left hand plane**. Convergence will be faster the farther in the left hand plane they are positioned.

Example: Observer for a DC Motor

Let us compute $(A - LC)$

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Now we can get the characteristic polynomial

$$\det(\lambda I - (A - LC)) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 1 & 1 & l_1 \\ -1 & \lambda + 1 & l_2 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda + l_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 + (2 + l_3)\lambda^2 + (2 + 2l_3 + l_2)\lambda + 2l_3 + l_2 + l_1 = 0$$

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Which implies that

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i.e

$$\begin{Bmatrix} I(t) - \hat{I}(t) \\ \omega(t) - \hat{\omega}(t) \\ \theta(t) - \hat{\theta}(t) \end{Bmatrix} \leq C e^{-100t} \begin{Bmatrix} I(0) - \hat{I}(0) \\ \omega(0) - \hat{\omega}(0) \\ \theta(0) - \hat{\theta}(0) \end{Bmatrix}$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is euclidean norm and C is a positive constant

Definition of Euclidean norm:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{Bmatrix} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

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$$\begin{cases} 2 + l_3 = 300 \\ 2 + 2l_3 + l_2 = 30000 \\ 2l_3 + l_2 + l_1 = 100000 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} l_1 = 970002 \\ l_2 = 29402 \\ l_3 = 298 \end{cases}$$

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Taking $l_1 = 970002$, $l_2 = 29402$ and $l_3 = 298$, we can build a state observer for the DC motor system:

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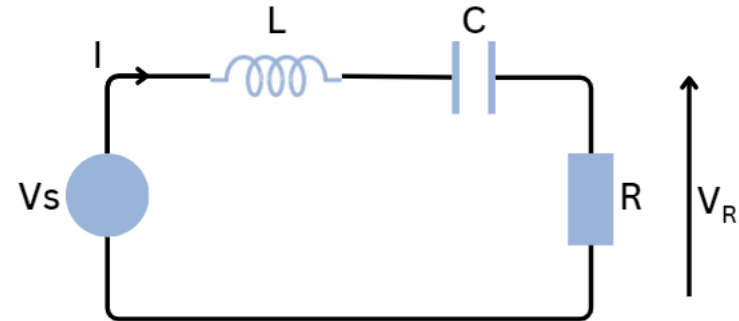
The matrix has upper block triangular form, which means we can separately design controller and observer (Separation principle)

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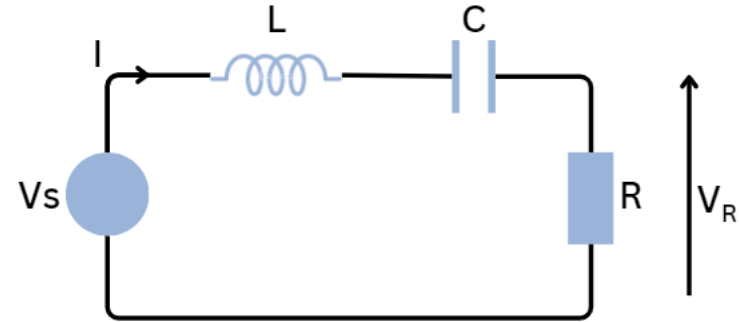
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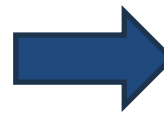
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Then optimal feedback controller is

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$$= -\frac{83.547}{200} I - \frac{0.9975}{200} V_c$$

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$$J = \int_0^{\infty} [I(\tau) \quad V_c(\tau)] \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I(\tau) \\ V_c(\tau) \end{bmatrix} + 100V_s(\tau) d\tau$$

With solution to LQR problem:

$$A^T P + PA - PBR^{-1}B^T P + Q = 0 \Rightarrow P \approx \begin{bmatrix} 83.547 & 0.9975 \\ 0.9975 & 84.961 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then optimal feedback controller is

$$V_s = -\frac{83.547}{200} I - \frac{0.9975}{200} V_c$$

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Let's choose desired eigenvalues at $\lambda_{1,2} = -100$, then target polynomial

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with **observed/estimated states** given by

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Summary

- An observer can be designed as $\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + L(y - \hat{y})$, where

\hat{x} estimated state,

$$\hat{y} = C\hat{x} + Du$$

L is a constant matrix to determine

- L can be chosen such that the eigenvalues of $(A - LC)$ have negative real parts
- The estimated states from the observer can be used in an optimal controller
- The controller and observer can be designed separately



Next week:

No lecture



After break:

Delayed systems