

Linear Systems

Controllable and Observable Subspaces
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Controllable subspace: Introduction

Example

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(k+1) = x_1(k) + u(k) \\ x_2(k+1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(k+1) = x_1(k) + x_2(k) + u(k) \\ x_2(k+1) = x_2(k) \end{cases}$$

- ▶ there exists controllable and uncontrollable states: x_1 controllable and x_2 uncontrollable
- ▶ how to compute the dimensions of the two for general systems?
- ▶ how to separate them?

Controllable subspace: Assumptions

Consider an uncontrollable LTI system

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \\ y(k) &= Cx(k) + Du(k)\end{aligned}$$

Let the controllability matrix

$$P = [B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B]$$

have rank $n_1 < n$.

Controllable subspace

- ▶ The controllable subspace χ_C is the set of all vectors $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that can be reached from the origin.
- ▶ From

$$x(n) - A^n x(0) = \underbrace{[B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B]}_P \begin{bmatrix} u(n-1) \\ u(n-2) \\ \vdots \\ u(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

χ_C is the range space of P : $\chi_C = \mathcal{R}(P)$

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Observable subspace: Introduction

Example

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(k+1) &= x_1(k) + u(k) \\ x_2(k+1) &= x_1(k) + x_2(k) \\ y(k) &= x_1(k) \end{cases}$$
$$\bar{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ exists observable and unobservable states: x_1 observable and x_2 unobservable
- ▶ how to separate the two?
- ▶ how to separate controllable but observable states, controllable but unobservable states, etc?

Observable subspace: Assumptions

Consider an unobservable LTI system

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Let the observability matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

have rank $n_2 < n$.

Unobservable subspace

- ▶ The unobservable subspace χ_{uo} is the set of all nonzero initial conditions $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ that produce a zero free response.
- ▶ From

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y(0) \\ y(1) \\ \vdots \\ y(n-1) \end{bmatrix}}_Y = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}}_Q x(0)$$

χ_{uo} is the null space of Q : $\chi_{uo} = \mathcal{N}(Q)$

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Separating the uncontrollable subspace

- recall 1: similarity transform $x = Mx^*$ preserves controllability

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) \\ y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^*(k+1) = M^{-1}AMx^*(k) + M^{-1}Bu(k) \\ y(k) = CMx^*(k) + Du(k) \end{cases}$$

- recall 2: the uncontrollable system structure at introduction

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(k+1) = x_1(k) + x_2(k) + u(k) \\ x_2(k+1) = x_2(k) \end{cases}$$

- decoupled structure for generalized systems

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$
$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + Du(k)$$

\bar{x}_{uc} impacted by neither u nor \bar{x}_c .

Theorem (Kalman canonical form (controllability))

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$
$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + Du(k)$$

Furthermore, (\bar{A}_c, \bar{B}_c) is controllable, and

$$C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D = \bar{C}_c(zI - \bar{A}_c)^{-1}\bar{B}_c + D$$

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intuition: the “ B ” matrix after transformation

- columns of $B \in$ column space of P , which is equivalent to $\mathcal{R}(M_c)$
- columns of M_{uc} and M_c are linearly independent \Rightarrow columns of $B \notin \mathcal{R}(M_{uc})$
- thus

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} M_c & M_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{denote as } \bar{B}_c \\ * \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow M^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem (Kalman canonical form (controllability))

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix}}^{M^{-1}AM} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$

intuition: the “A” matrix after transformation

- the range space of M_c is “A-invariant”:

$$\text{columns of } AM_c \in \{AB, A^2B, \dots, A^nB\} \in \mathcal{R}(M_c)$$

where columns of $A^nB \in \mathcal{R}(P) = \mathcal{R}(M_c)$ (\because Cayley Halmilton Thm)

- i.e., $AM_c = M_c\bar{A}_c$ for some $\bar{A}_c \Rightarrow$

$$A[M_c, M_{uc}] = [M_c, M_{uc}] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \underbrace{\begin{matrix} \triangleq \bar{A}_{12} \\ * \\ \triangleq \bar{A}_{uc} \\ * \end{matrix}} \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{A}} \Rightarrow M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem (Kalman canonical form (controllability))

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{\bar{A}_c \quad \bar{A}_{12}}^{M^{-1}AM} \\ 0 \quad \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{\bar{B}_c}^{M^{-1}B} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$

(\bar{A}_c, \bar{B}_c) is controllable

- controllability matrix after similarity transform

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P} &= \left[\begin{array}{cccc|ccc} \bar{B}_c & \bar{A}_c \bar{B}_c & \dots & \bar{A}_c^{n_1-1} \bar{B}_c & \dots & \bar{A}_c^{n_1-1} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{c|cccc} \bar{P}_c & \bar{A}_c^{n_1} \bar{B}_c & \dots & \bar{A}_c^{n_1-1} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- similarity transform does not change controllability $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(\bar{P}) = \text{rank}(P) = n_1$
- thus $\text{rank}(\bar{P}_c) = n_1 \Rightarrow (\bar{A}_c, \bar{B}_c)$ is controllable

Theorem (Kalman canonical form (controllability))

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$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + Du(k)$$

$$\underline{C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D = \bar{C}_c(zI - \bar{A}_c)^{-1}\bar{B}_c + D}$$

we can check that

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} zI - \bar{A}_c & -\bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & zI - \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + D \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (zI - \bar{A}_c)^{-1} & * \\ 0 & (zI - \bar{A}_{uc})^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + D \\ &= \bar{C}_c (zI - \bar{A}_c)^{-1} \bar{B}_c + D \end{aligned}$$

Matlab commands

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix}}^{M^{-1}AM} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}^{M^{-1}B} u(k)$$

$x = M\bar{x}$ where $M = \begin{bmatrix} M_c & M_{uc} \end{bmatrix}$

- ▶ $M_c = [m_1, \dots, m_{n_1}]$ consists of all the linearly independent columns of P : **$M_c = \text{orth}(P)$**
- ▶ $M_{uc} = [m_{n_1+1}, \dots, m_n]$ are added columns to complete the basis and yield a nonsingular M
 - ▶ from linear algebra: the orthogonal complement of the range space of P is the null space of P^T :

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathcal{R}(P) \oplus \mathcal{N}(P^T)$$

- ▶ hence **$M_{uc} = \text{null}(P')$** (the transpose is important here)

The techniques apply to CT systems

Theorem (Kalman canonical form (controllability))

Let a n -dimensional state-space system $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$, $y = Cx + Du$ be uncontrollable with the rank of the controllability matrix $\text{rank}(P) = n_1 < n$. Let $M = \begin{bmatrix} M_c & M_{uc} \end{bmatrix}$ where $M_c = [m_1, \dots, m_{n_1}]$ consists of n_1 linearly independent columns of P , $M_{uc} = [m_{n_1+1}, \dots, m_n]$ are added columns to complete the basis for \mathbb{R}^n and yield a nonsingular M . Then the similarity transformation $x = M\bar{x}$ transforms the system equation to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c \\ \bar{x}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c \\ \bar{x}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u \\ y &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c \\ \bar{x}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} + Du \end{aligned}$$

Example

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} v_m \\ F_{k_1} \\ F_{k_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -b/m & -1/m & -1/m \\ k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ k_2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_m \\ F_{k_1} \\ F_{k_2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/m \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} F$$

Let $m = 1, b = 1$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 - k_1 - k_2 \\ 0 & k_1 & -k_1 \\ 0 & k_2 & -k_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -k_2/k_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{A} = M^{-1}AM = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & -(k_1 + k_2) & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right], \quad \bar{B} = M^{-1}B = \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Stabilizability

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$
$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + Du(k)$$

The system is *stabilizable* if

- ▶ all its unstable modes, if any, are controllable
- ▶ i.e., the uncontrollable modes are stable (\bar{A}_{uc} is Schur, namely, all eigenvalues are in the unit circle)

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$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) \\ y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^*(k+1) = OAO^{-1}x^*(k) + OBU(k) \\ y(k) = CO^{-1}x^*(k) + Du(k) \end{cases}$$

- an unobservable system structure

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(k+1) = x_1(k) + u(k) \\ x_2(k+1) = x_1(k) + x_2(k) \\ y(k) = x_1(k) \end{cases}$$
$$\bar{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- decoupled structure for generalized systems

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_o(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uo}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_o & 0 \\ \bar{A}_{21} & \bar{A}_{uo} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_o(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uo}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_o \\ \bar{B}_{uo} \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$
$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_o & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_o(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uo}(k) \end{bmatrix} + Du(k)$$

the “observed” \bar{x}_o doesn't reflect \bar{x}_{uc} ($\bar{x}_o(k+1) = \bar{A}_o\bar{x}_o(k) + \bar{B}_ou(k)$)

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linearly independent rows of Q , and $O_{uo} = [o_{n_1+1}^T, \dots, o_n^T]^T$ are added rows to complete the basis and yield a nonsingular O . Then $\bar{x} = Ox$ transforms the system equation to

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Furthermore, (\bar{A}_o, \bar{O}_o) is observable, and

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Theorem (Kalman canonical form)

Case for observability

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$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_o & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_o(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uo}(k) \end{bmatrix} + Du(k)$$

v.s. case for controllability

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$
$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_c & \bar{C}_{uc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + Du(k)$$

Intuition: duality between controllability and observability

$$(A, B) \text{ uncontrollable} \Leftrightarrow (A^T, B^T) \text{ unobservable}$$

Detectability

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_o(k+1) \\ \bar{x}_{uo}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_o & 0 \\ \bar{A}_{21} & \bar{A}_{uo} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_o(k) \\ \bar{x}_{uo}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_o \\ \bar{B}_{uo} \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$
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$$y = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_o & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_o \\ \bar{x}_{uo} \end{bmatrix} + Du$$

Furthermore, (\bar{A}_o, \bar{C}_o) is observable, and
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Transfer-function perspective

uncontrollable system: $C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D = \bar{C}_c(zI - \bar{A}_c)^{-1}\bar{B}_c + D$

unobservable system: $C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D = \bar{C}_o(zI - \bar{A}_o)^{-1}\bar{B}_o + D$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\bar{A}_c \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1}$, $\bar{A}_o \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_2}$

- Order reduction exists

$$G(z) = C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)}, \quad A(z) = \det(zI - A) \quad \text{order : } n$$

$$G(z) = \bar{C}_c(zI - \bar{A}_c)^{-1}\bar{B}_c + D = \frac{\bar{B}_c(z)}{\bar{A}_c(z)}, \quad \bar{A}_c(z) = \det(zI - \bar{A}_c) \quad \text{order : } n_1$$

- $\Rightarrow A(z)$ and $B(z)$ are not co-prime | pole-zero cancellation exists
- same applies to unobservable systems

Example

Consider

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The transfer function is

$$G(s) = \frac{s + c_1}{s^2 + 3s + 2} = \frac{s + c_1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)}$$

- System is in controllable canonical form and is controllable.
- observability matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 1 \\ -2 & c_1 - 3 \end{bmatrix}, \det Q = (c_1 - 1)(c_1 - 2)$$

\Rightarrow unobservable if $c_1 = 1$ or 2

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an extended example:

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} A_{11} & 0 & A_{13} & 0 \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & A_{24} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & A_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{43} & A_{44} \end{array} \right], \quad B = \left[\begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$
$$C = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} C_1 & 0 & C_3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

- ▶ A_{ij} , C_i and B_i are nonzero
- ▶ The A_{11} mode is controllable and observable. The A_{22} mode is controllable but not observable. The A_{33} mode is not controllable but observable. The A_{44} mode is not controllable and not observable.