Introduction to Modern Controls Discretization of State-Space System Models



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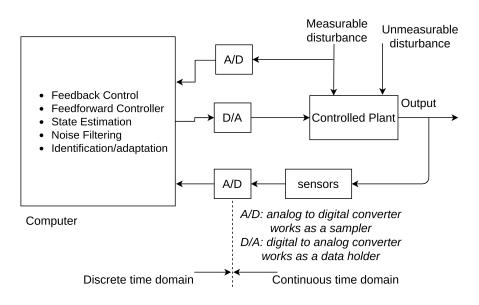


Inherent sampling in practice



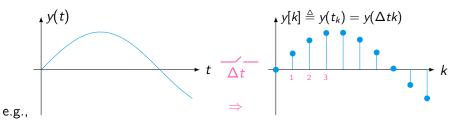
$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{(\text{rpm/60}) \times \text{sector number}}$$

Practical control systems



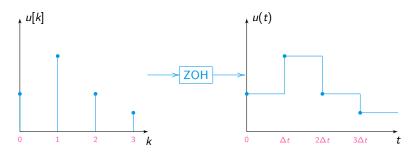
Sampler

• sampler: converts a time function into a discrete sequence,



Signal holding

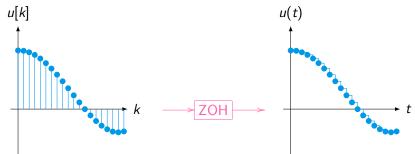
 Zero-order Hold (ZOH): converts a sequence into a "stair-case" time function, e.g.,



• u(t) = u[k] for $t \in [k\Delta t, (k+1)\Delta t)$

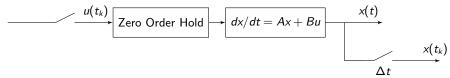
Signal holding

• more faithful presentation with fast sampling



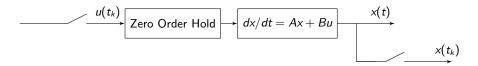
Problem definition

continuous-time system preceded by a ZOH:



- $u(t_k)$: discrete-time input
- x(t): continuous-time output
- $x(t_k)$: sampled discrete-time output
- Δt : sampling time
- goal: to obtain the model between $u(t_k)$ and $x(t_k)$

Solution



• starting from t_k , the solution of $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ at time t_{k+1} is

$$x(t_{k+1}) = e^{A(t_{k+1} - t_k)} x(t_k) + \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1} - \tau_o)} Bu(\tau_o) d\tau_o$$

$$= e^{A(t_{k+1} - t_k)} x(t_k) + u(t_k) \underbrace{\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1} - \tau_o)} Bd\tau_o}_{= \int_{A}^{0} e^{A\eta} Bd(-\eta) = -\int_{A}^{0} e^{A\eta} Bd\eta}_{= \int_{A}^{0} e^{A\eta} Bd(-\eta) = -\int_{A}^{0} e^{A\eta} Bd\eta}_{= \int_{A}^{0} e^{A\eta} Bd\eta}_{= \int_{$$

• noting $-\int_{\Delta t}^{0}e^{A\eta}Bd\eta=\int_{0}^{\Delta t}e^{A\tau}Bd\tau$ and denoting t_{k} as k yield

$$x[k+1] = A_d x[k] + B_d u[k], \ A_d = e^{A\Delta t}, \ B_d = \int_0^{\Delta t} e^{A\tau} B d\tau$$

Mapping of eigenvalues

$$x[k+1] = A_d x[k] + B_d u[k], \ A_d = e^{A\Delta t}, \ B_d = \int_0^{\Delta t} e^{A\tau} B d\tau$$

- diagonalization / Jordan form: $A = T^{-1}\Lambda T$
- e^{At} has the same eigenvalues as $e^{\Lambda t}$
- \Rightarrow eigenvalues of $A_d = e^{A\Delta t}$ are $e^{\lambda_i \Delta t}$'s where λ_i is an eigenvalue of A

Example

$$\dot{x}(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} x(t) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{B} u(t)$$
$$y(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{C} x(t)$$

discretization at a sampling time of Δt \Rightarrow

$$A_{d} = e^{A\Delta t} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \ B_{d} = \int_{0}^{\Delta t} e^{A\tau} B d\tau = \int_{0}^{\Delta t} \begin{bmatrix} \tau \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} d\tau = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Delta t^{2}}{2} \\ \Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C_{d} = C$$

Numerical example in Python

```
import control
import numpy
m = 1
dt = 0.1
A = [[0, 1], [0, 0]]
B = [[0], [1]]
C = [[1/m, 0]]
D = 0
G_s = control.ss(A, B, C, D)
G_z = control.c2d(G_s, dt, 'zoh')
print(G_z.A)
# eigenvalues of continuous-time system
eigA, eigvecA = numpy.linalg.eig(A)
print(eigA)
# eigenvalues of discretized system
eigAd, eigvecAd = numpy.linalg.eig(G_z.A)
print(eigAd)
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Spectral mapping theorem

- eigenvalues of $A_d = e^{AT}$ are $e^{\lambda_i T}$'s where λ_i is an eigenvalue of A
- more generally: take any $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and a polynomial function $f(\cdot)$ (more generally, analytic functions)
- e.g.:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 99.8 & 2000 \\ -2000 & 99.8 \end{bmatrix} = 99.8I + 2000 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$\operatorname{eig}(f(X)) = f(\operatorname{eig}(X))$$

e.g.:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 99.8 & 2000 \\ -2000 & 99.8 \end{bmatrix} = 99.8I + 2000 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\lambda(A) = 99.8 + 2000\lambda \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = 99.8 \pm 2000i$$

Spectral mapping theorem

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 99.8 & 2000 \\ -2000 & 99.8 \end{array} \right]$$

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import numpy
A = [[99.8, 2000], [-2000, 99.8]]
eigA, eigvecA = numpy.linalg.eig(A)
print(eigA)

[99.8+2000.j 99.8-2000.j]
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