

Why you don't want controllers using derivatives of the same order as the equations themselves

Assume we have dynamics:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

Let  $u = K_px + K_v\dot{x}$ . If  $B$  is invertible, we can pick  $K_v$  such that  $K_v = B^{-1}$  and obtain:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B(K_px + B^{-1}\dot{x})$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + BK_px + \dot{x}$$

$$0 = (A + BK_p)x$$

Which means  $x$  is in the null space of  $(A + BK_p)$ . However, the initial problem did not specify this, therefore for any  $x \notin \text{null}(A + BK_p)$ , the proposed control should lead to an instantaneous change in  $x$ , which is not physically possible or meaningful.

Alternatively, pick  $u = K_px + B^{-1}\dot{x} - c$ . Then we obtain:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + BK_px + \dot{x} - Bc$$

$$(A + BK_p)x = Bc$$

$$x = (A + BK_p)^+ Bc$$

Here it means that any  $x$  in column space of  $(A + BK_p)^+ B$  can be achieved instantaneously, which is not physical or meaningful.