

The Result: A Perfect Integrator Chain

Under the feedback law $u(x, v)$, the system's behavior from the new input v to the output y is now equivalent to a chain of r integrators in Controllable Canonical Form.

New State Definition

Define a new state vector \mathbf{z} of dimension r :

$$\mathbf{z} = [y, \dot{y}, \dots, y^{(r-1)}]^T$$

Linear Dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{z}} &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{B}v \\ y &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}\end{aligned}$$

Next Step

Standard linear control techniques (e.g., pole placement) can now be used to design a controller for v to place the poles of this new, simplified linear system.

