

2 Description of State Space

2.1 Definition

1. Input variables

We usually use $\mathbf{u}_t = \begin{bmatrix} u_1(t) \\ u_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ u_{n(t)} \end{bmatrix}$ to represent input variables.

2. State variables

We usually use $\mathbf{x}_t = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_{n(t)} \end{bmatrix}$ to represent state variables. It is a least set to describe state of system.

3. Output variables

We usually use $\mathbf{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_{n(t)} \end{bmatrix}$ to represent output variables.

4. State equation

State equation is a first order differential equation that describe relationship between input variables and state variables. We can write it as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p, t) \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p, t) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n = f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p, t) \end{cases} \quad (2.1.1)$$

Rewrite it as vector form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_t = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{u}_t, t) \quad (2.1.2)$$

5. Output equation

Output equation is a equation that describe relationship between state variables and output variables. We can write it as:

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = g_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p, t) \\ y_2 = g_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p, t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n = g_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p, t) \end{cases} \quad (2.1.3)$$

Rewrite it as vector form:

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{u}_t, t) \quad (2.1.4)$$

6. Description of State space of System

We can describe state space of system by equations as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_t = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{u}_t, t) \\ \mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{u}_t, t) \end{cases} \quad (2.1.5)$$

When the system is linear, we can write it as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}(t)\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}(t)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}(t)\mathbf{u} \end{cases} \quad (2.1.6)$$

2.2 Transfer function

Transfer function is a function that describe relationship between input and output of system. Given a system with different state, the transfer function is still the same which means it is not related to state of system in other words state variables.

Single input – Single output system

Given a linear single input-single output system, we have state space representation as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}u \\ \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}u \end{cases} \quad (2.2.1)$$

To get transfer function, we can use Laplace transform to get:

$$\begin{aligned} s\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{x}(0) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}U(s) \\ Y(s) &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}(s) + \mathbf{D}U(s) \end{aligned}$$

Laplace transfer:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[af(t) + bg(t)] &= a\mathcal{L}[f(t)] + b\mathcal{L}[g(t)] \\ \mathcal{L}[f^n(t)] &= s^n \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - s^{\{n-1\}} f(0) - s^{\{n-2\}} f^{\{1\}}(0) - \dots - f^{\{n-1\}}(0) \\ \mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t dt \int_0^t dt \dots \int_0^t f(t) dt\right] &= \frac{1}{s^n} \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \end{aligned}$$

To be continued...

The equations are organized as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}(s) &= (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}[\mathbf{x}(0) + \mathbf{B}U(s)] \\ Y(s) &= \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}[\mathbf{x}(0) + \mathbf{B}U(s)] + \mathbf{D}U(s) \end{aligned}$$

Let initial condition be zero ($\mathbf{x}(0) = 0$), we can get:

$$Y(s) = [\mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}]U(s)$$

Thus, we can get transfer function as:

$$g(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D} \quad (2.2.2)$$

Let $\mathbf{D} = 0$, we can get:

$$g(s) = \frac{\mathbf{C} \operatorname{adj}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{B}}{\det(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})} \quad (2.2.3)$$

Multi input – Multi output system

Given a multi input-multi output system, we define transfer function between i -th out y_i and j -th input u_j as:

$$g_{ij}(s) = \frac{Y_i(s)}{U_j(s)} \quad (2.2.4)$$

where $Y_i(s)$ is Laplace transform of $y_i(t)$ and $U_j(s)$ is Laplace transform of $u_j(t)$. Must mention that if we define transfer function in this way, we assume that all other inputs are zero. Because linear system satisfies the principle of superposition, so when we plus all inputs U_1, U_2, \dots, U_p , we can get the i -th output Y_i as:

$$Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^p g_{ij} U_j \quad (2.2.5)$$

We can write it as matrix form:

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = \mathbf{G}(s)\mathbf{U}(s) \quad (2.2.6)$$

Thus given a linear multi input-multi output system, we have state space representation as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} \end{cases} \quad (2.2.7)$$

We can conduct as before to get transfer function as:

$$\mathbf{G}(s) = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{C} \operatorname{adj}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D} \det(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})}{\det(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})} \quad (2.2.8)$$

2.3 Establishing State Space Model by Differential Equation

Given a single input and single output system, if we have differential equation as:

$$y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + a_2 y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_n y = b_0 u + b_1 u^{(1)} + b_2 u^{(2)} + \dots + b_m u^{(m)} \quad (2.3.1)$$

where $m \leq n$.

Condition 1: $m = 0$ let $b_0 = 1$, we have:

$$y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + a_2 y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_n y = b_0 u + b_1 u^{(1)} + b_2 u^{(2)} + \dots + b_m u^{(m)} \quad (2.3.2)$$

We can define state variables as:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = y \\ x_2 = y^{(1)} \\ x_3 = y^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = y^{(n-1)} \end{cases} \quad (2.3.3)$$

We can get state equation as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_3 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_{n-1} = x_n \\ \dot{x}_n = -a_1 x_n - a_2 x_{n-1} - \dots - a_n x_1 + b_0 u \end{cases} \quad (2.3.4)$$

We can rewrite it as vector form:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]x$$
(2.3.5)

Condition 2: $m \neq n$

Controllable Canonical Form Method:

Let us note D as $\frac{d}{dt}$, we can rewrite Equation (2.3.1) as:

$$y = \frac{b_0 D^m + b_1 D^{m-1} + b_2 D^{m-2} + \dots + b_m}{D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n} u$$
(2.3.6)

Let us discuss the case when $m < n$

let $\tilde{y}^{(n)} + a_1 \tilde{y}^{(n-1)} + a_2 \tilde{y}^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_{n-1} \tilde{y}^{(1)} + a_n \tilde{y} = u$ also as $\tilde{y} = \frac{1}{D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n} u$

we can get:

$$y = b_0 \tilde{y}^{(m)} + b_1 \tilde{y}^{(m-1)} + b_2 \tilde{y}^{(m-2)} + \dots + b_m \tilde{y}$$
(2.3.7)

We choose state variables as $x_1 = \tilde{y}, x_2 = \tilde{y}^{(1)}, \dots, x_n = \tilde{y}^{(n-1)}$. We can get state equation as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_3 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_{n-1} = x_n \\ \dot{x}_n = -a_n x_1 - a_{n-1} x_2 - \dots - a_1 x_n + u \end{cases}$$
(2.3.8)

and output equation as:

$$y = b_m x_1 + b_{m-1} x_2 + \dots + b_0 x_{m+1}$$
(2.3.9)

We can rewrite it as vector form:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [b_m, \dots, b_0, 0, \dots, 0]x$$
(2.3.10)

Let us discuss the case when $m = n$, we can rewrite Equation (2.3.6) as:

$$y = \left[b_0 + \frac{(b_1 - b_0 a_1) D^{n-1} + \dots + (b_n - b_0 a_n)}{D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n} \right] u$$
(2.3.11)

Also let $\tilde{y}^{(n)} + a_1 \tilde{y}^{(n-1)} + a_2 \tilde{y}^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_{n-1} \tilde{y}^{(1)} + a_n \tilde{y} = u$ We can get:

$$y = (b_n - b_0 a_n) \tilde{y}^{(n-1)} + (b_{n-1} - b_0 a_{n-2}) \tilde{y}^{(n-2)} + \dots + (b_1 - b_0 a_1) \tilde{y} + b_0 u$$
(2.3.12)

Thus we can write state equation in vector form in familiar way as:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u \quad (2.3.13)$$

$$y = [b_n - b_0 a_n, b_{n-1} - b_0 a_{n-1}, \dots, b_1 - b_0 a_1] x + b_0 u$$

Undetermined Canonical Form Method: W.l.o.g, we assume that the equation is in the form of:

$$y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + a_2 y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_n y = b_0 u^{(n)} + b_1 u^{(n-1)} + b_2 u^{(n-2)} + \dots + b_n u \quad (2.3.14)$$

We can define state variables as:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = y - \beta_0 u \\ x_2 = \dot{x}_1 - \beta_1 u = \dot{y} - \beta_0 \dot{u} - \beta_1 u \\ x_3 = \dot{x}_2 - \beta_2 u = \ddot{y} - \beta_0 \ddot{u} - \beta_1 \dot{u} - \beta_2 u \\ \vdots \\ x_n = \dot{x}_{n-1} - \beta_{n-1} u = y^{(n-1)} - \beta_0 u^{(n-1)} - \beta_1 u^{(n-2)} - \dots - \beta_{n-1} u \end{cases} \quad (2.3.15)$$

Thus we have:

$$\begin{cases} y = x_1 + \beta_0 u \\ \dot{y} = x_2 + \beta_0 \dot{u} + \beta_1 u \\ \ddot{y} = x_3 + \beta_0 \ddot{u} + \beta_1 \dot{u} + \beta_2 u \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)} = x_n + \beta_0 u^{(n-1)} + \beta_1 u^{(n-2)} + \dots + \beta_{n-1} u \end{cases} \quad (2.3.16)$$

Let us introduce a new variables $x_{n+1} = \dot{x}_n - \beta_n u = \dot{x}_{n-1} - \beta_{n-1} u = y^{(n)} - \beta_0 u^{(n)} - \beta_1 u^{(n-1)} - \dots - \beta_n u$. Thus we have:

$$y^{(n)} = x_{n+1} + \beta_0 u^{(n)} + \beta_1 u^{(n-1)} + \dots + \beta_n u \quad (2.3.17)$$

Substitute $y, \dot{y}, \dots, y^{(n)}$ into Equation (2.3.14), we can get:

$$\begin{aligned} & (x_{n+1} + a_1 x_n + \dots + a_n x_1) + \beta_0 u^{(n)} + (\beta_1 + a_1 \beta_0) u^{(n-1)} + \\ & (\beta_2 + a_1 \beta_1 + a_2 \beta_0) u^{(n-2)} + \dots + (\beta_n + a_1 \beta_{n-1} + a_2 \beta_{n-2} + \dots + a_n \beta_0) u \\ & = b_0 u^{(n)} + b_1 u^{(n-1)} + b_2 u^{(n-2)} + \dots + b_n u \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.18)$$

Compare the coefficients of $u^{(n)}, u^{(n-1)}, \dots, u$, we can get:

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} + a_1 x_n + \dots + a_n x_1 & = 0 \\ \beta_0 & = b_0 \\ \beta_1 + a_1 \beta_0 & = b_1 \\ \beta_2 + a_1 \beta_1 + a_2 \beta_0 & = b_2 \\ \vdots & \\ \beta_n + a_1 \beta_{n-1} + a_2 \beta_{n-2} + \dots + a_n \beta_0 & = b_n \end{cases} \quad (2.3.19)$$

we can rewrite it as matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_2 & a_1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n & a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.3.20)$$

In summary, we can get state equation as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = \dot{y} - \beta_0 \dot{u} = x_2 + \beta_1 u \\ \dot{x}_2 = \ddot{y} - \beta_0 \ddot{u} - \beta_1 \dot{u} = x_3 + \beta_2 u \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_{n-1} = y^{(n-1)} - \beta_0 u^{(n-1)} - \beta_1 u^{(n-2)} - \dots - \beta_{n-2} \dot{u} = x_n + \beta_{n-1} u \\ \dot{x}_n = y^{(n)} - \beta_0 u^{(n)} - \beta_1 u^{(n-1)} - \dots - \beta_{n-1} \dot{u} = -a_n x_1 - a_{n-1} x_2 - \dots - a_1 x_n + \beta_n u \end{cases} \quad (2.3.21)$$

and output equation as:

$$y = x_1 + \beta_0 u \quad (2.3.22)$$

We can rewrite it as vector form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \dots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n \end{bmatrix} u \quad (2.3.23)$$

$$y = [1, 0, 0, \dots, 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \beta_0 u$$