

Lecture 13: Discrete-time State Space Equations

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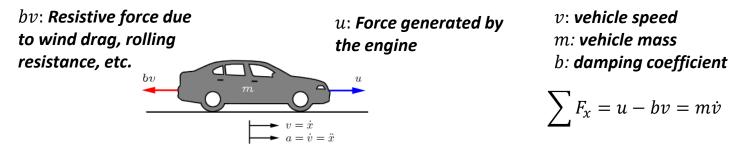
System States

- In this lecture, we discuss an alternative system representation in terms
 of the system state variables, known as the state-space representation.
- Definition of System States:

The state of a system is the **minimal** set of numbers $\{x_i(t_0), i=1,2,...,n\}$ needed to **uniquely determine the behavior of the system** in the interval t_0 to t_f . The number of n is known as the **order of the system**.

Example:

Consider a cruise control problem with the dynamic equation:



We can define the system state as the vehicle velocity x = v

• Consider the equation of motion of a point mass m driven by a force f $m\ddot{y}=f$

where y is the displacement of the point mass. Define state variables of this system.

Solution:

- We can define state variables as $\mathbf{x}(t) = [y(t), \dot{y}(t)]^T$ given the fact that the system is a **second-order system**.
- These state variables are governed by two first-order differential equations, i.e., $\mathbf{x}(t) = [x_1(t), x_2(t)]$:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = u/m$$

- where u = f
- Notice that the choice of state variables is not unique.
 - We can also define $\mathbf{x}(t) = [y, y + \dot{y}]$ as the state variables.

State-Space Representation

• In the previous example, two first-order equations governing the state variables were obtained from the second-order input-output differential equation and the definitions of the state variables.

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = u/m$$

- These equations are known as **state equations**.
- In general, there are <u>n state equations for an nth-order system</u>.
- The state and output equations together provide a complete representation for the system described by the differential equation, which is known as the state-space representation.
- The state-space representation of the previous example question is

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\
\dot{x}_2 &= u/m
\end{aligned} \qquad \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u \\
y &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

State-Space Representation

• The general form of the state space equations for linear systems is

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t)$$
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t) + D\mathbf{u}(t)$$

where $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is an $n \times 1$ real vector, u(t) is an $m \times 1$ real vector, and y(t) is an $l \times 1$ real vector.

• The matrices in the equations are

 $A = n \times n$ state matrix $B = n \times m$ input or control matrix $C = l \times n$ output matrix

 $D = l \times m$ direct transmission matrix

- The orders of the matrices are dictated by the dimensions of the vectors and the rules of vector-matrix multiplication.
 - For example, in the single-input (SI) case, B is a column matrix, and in the single-output (SO) case, both C and D are row matrices.
 - For the SISO case, D is a scalar.

- The following are examples of state-space equations for linear systems:
 - A third-order 2-input 2-output (MIMO) linear time-invariant system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & 0.3 & -1.5 \\ 0.1 & 3.5 & 2.2 \\ 0.4 & 2.4 & -1.1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.1 \\ 1.0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A second-order 2-output single-input (SIMO) linear time-varying system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) & \cos(t) \\ 1 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear versus nonlinear state space equations

 It is important to remember that the following state-space representation is only valid for **linear** state equations.

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t)$$
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t) + D\mathbf{u}(t)$$

 Nonlinear state equations involve nonlinear functions and cannot be written in terms of the matrix (A, B, C, D).

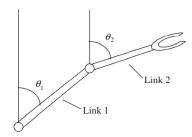
Example

 Obtain a state space representation for the s-degree-of-freedom (s-D.O.F.) robotic manipulator from the equation of motion

$$M(\mathbf{q})\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + V(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) = \tau$$

- The system is a second-order system. Thus, we need to define two states.
- The most natural choice of state variables is the vector: $\mathbf{x} = \operatorname{col}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2\} = \operatorname{col}\{\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}\}\$
- The associated state equations are

 \mathbf{q} = vector of generalized coordinates $M(q) = s \times s$ positive definite inertia matrix $V(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = s \times s$ matrix of velocity-related terms $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) = s \times 1$ vector of gravitational terms $\tau =$ vector of generalized forces The output of the manipulator is the position vector \mathbf{q} .



Nonlinear State-Space Equations

• The general form of nonlinear state space equations is

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \ \mathbf{u})$$
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \ \mathbf{u})$$

where $\mathbf{f}(.)$ $(n \times 1)$ and $\mathbf{g}(.)$ $(l \times 1)$ are vectors of functions satisfying mathematical conditions that guarantee the existence and uniqueness of solution.

 A form that is often encountered in practice and includes the equations of robotic manipulators is

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + B(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}$$
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) + D(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}$$

Linearization of Nonlinear State Equations

 Nonlinear state equations can be approximated by linear state equations for small ranges of the control and state variables.

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t) \mathbf{y}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t) + D\mathbf{u}(t)$$

The linear equations are based on the first-order approximation

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{df}{dx} \bigg|_{x_0} \Delta x + O(\Delta^2 x)$$

- where x_0 is a constant and $\Delta x = x x_0$ is a perturbation from the constant.
- The error associated with the approximation is of order $\Delta^2 x$ and is therefore acceptable for small perturbations.
- Apply the above equation to the nonlinear state equations, i.e.,

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_0} \Delta x + O(\Delta^2 x) \qquad \qquad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \ \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \ \mathbf{u})$$

We have the following results:

Linearization of Nonlinear State Equations (Continued)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \\
\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t) \\
\mathbf{y}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t) + D\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \\
\dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
\frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_m} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \\
\dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
\frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial u_m} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial u_n} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \\
\dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
\frac{\partial g_n}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial u_m} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial u_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial u_m} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \\
\dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
\frac{\partial g_n}{\partial u_1} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial u_m} \Big|_{(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Th above A, B, C, D matrices are called **Jacobian** matrices, which is the result after first-order linearization.
- $(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)$ is called **equilibrium point**, which refers to an initial state where the system remains linear.
 - Equilibrium point can be calculated by $f(x, \mathbf{u}) = 0$, $g(x, \mathbf{u}) = 0$

Example Question

The state equation of a nonlinear system is presented as

$$\begin{split} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{x_2^4}{x_1^2} + x_1 + \sqrt{u+1} \end{split}$$

- Find the equilibrium point when $u_0 = 3$.
- Linearize the system at the equilibrium point.
- Solution:
 - The dynamic equations can be described as:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$
 = $f_1(x_1, x_2, u)$
 $\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{x_2^4}{x_1^2} + x_1 + \sqrt{u+1}$ = $f_2(x_1, x_2, u)$

• Find the equilibrium point for $u_0=3$, i.e., $\dot{x}_1=0$, $\dot{x}_2=0$

$$0 = x_2 \\
0 = -\frac{x_2^4}{x_1^2} + x_1 + \sqrt{3+1} \implies (x_{10}, x_{20}, u_0) = (-2, 0, 3)$$

Practice Question Solution

• Linearize at the equilibrium point (-2, 0, 3):

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} &= 0, & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} &= 1, & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} &= +2\frac{x_2^4}{x_1^3} + 1, & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} &= -4\frac{x_2^3}{x_1^2}, & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u+1}}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} &= 0, & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} &= 1, & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} &= 1, & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} &= 0, & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} &= \frac{1}{4}, \end{split}$$

$$\frac{f(x,u)}{\partial x}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} = A \qquad = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \frac{f(x,u)}{\partial u}_{|\{x_0,\,u_0\}} = B \quad = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution of linear state space equations

- The state space equations are linear and can therefore be Laplace transformed to obtain their solution.
- Hence, the state equation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}(0)$$

Taking the Laplace transform on both sides, we have:

$$s\mathbf{X}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0) = A\mathbf{x}(s) + B\mathbf{U}(s)$$

$$[sI_n - A]\mathbf{X}(s) = \mathbf{x}(0) + B\mathbf{U}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{X}(s) = [sI_n - A]^{-1}[\mathbf{x}(0) + B\mathbf{U}(s)]$$

Apply Laplace Transform on both sides, we have

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{At}\mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}B\mathbf{u}(\tau)d\tau$$

• Where $e^{At} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI_n - A]^{-1}\}$

State Transition Matrix

- e^{At} is called the **state-transition matrix**, which can be found via the following two methods:
 - $e^{At} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI_n A]^{-1}\}$
 - $e^{At} = Me^{(\Lambda t)}M^{-1}$
 - where $M = [\mathbf{v_1}, \mathbf{v_2}, ... \mathbf{v_n}]$ denote the matrix containing **eigenvectors** $\mathbf{v_i}$ of A;
 - $e^{\Lambda t} = \text{diag}([e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}, \dots e^{\lambda_n t}])$ is the diagonal matrix and λ is the **eigenvalue** of A.
- How to find eigenvectors and eigenvalues?
 - Manual Calculation:
 - $det(A \lambda I) = 0 \rightarrow Eigenvalues$
 - $(A \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0 \rightarrow \text{Eigenvectors}$
 - MATLAB Command:

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% Define the A matrix
A = [1, 2; 3, 4]
% Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A
% Every column in V is a eigenvector
% Every diagonal element in D is a eigenvalue
[V, D] = eig(A)
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The state equations of an armature-controlled DC motor are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -10 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} u$$

- Find the state-transition matrix e^{At}
- Solution:
 - The state-transition matrix is the matrix exponential given by the inverse Laplace transform of the matrix, $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{[sI_n A]^{-1}\} \rightarrow e^{At}$

$$[sI_3 - A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & s & -1 \\ 0 & 10 & s+11 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} (s+1)(s+10) & s+11 & 1 \\ 0 & s(s+11) & s \\ 0 & -10s & s^2 \end{bmatrix}}{s(s+1)(s+10)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s} & \frac{s+11}{s(s+1)(s+10)} & \frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+10)} \\ 0 & \frac{s+11}{(s+1)(s+10)} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+10)} \\ 0 & \frac{-10}{(s+1)(s+10)} & \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+10)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s} & \frac{1}{90} \left(\frac{99}{s} - \frac{100}{s+1} + \frac{1}{s+10} \right) & \frac{1}{90} \left(\frac{9}{s} - \frac{10}{s+1} + \frac{1}{s+10} \right) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{10}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+10} \right) & \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+10} \right) \\ 0 & -\frac{10}{9} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+10} \right) & \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{10}{s+10} - \frac{1}{s+1} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, by taking the inverse Laplace transform, we can get e^{At}

$$e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{90}(99 - 100e^{-t} + e^{-10t}) & \frac{1}{90}(9 - 10e^{-t} + e^{-10t}) \\ 0 & \frac{1}{9}(10e^{-t} - e^{-10t}) & \frac{1}{9}(e^{-t} - e^{-10t}) \\ 0 & -\frac{10}{9}(e^{-t} - e^{-10t}) & \frac{1}{9}(10e^{-10t} - e^{-t}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example Revise

The state equations of an armature-controlled DC motor are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -10 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} u$$

- Find the state-transition matrix e^{At}
- MATLAB Solution:

 $e^{\Lambda t} = \operatorname{diag}([e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}, \dots e^{\lambda_n t}])$ is the diagonal matrix and λ is the **eigenvalue** of A.

```
clear all
% Define the time variable t
syms t
% Define the A matrix
A = [0 \ 1 \ 0;
001;
0 -10 -11];
% Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors
of A
[V, D] = eig(A);
% Define the diagonal matrix
-e_diagonal = diag(exp(diag(D*t)));
% Define State Transition Matrix
STM = V * e diagonal * inv(V); _____
% Simplify the expression
simplify(STM)
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 $e^{At} = Me^{(\Lambda t)}M^{-1}$

Discrete-time state space equations

• Similar to continuous-time state space equations, we can also get state space equations for **discrete-time** systems.

$$x[k+1] = A_dx[k] + B_df[k]$$
$$y[k] = C_dx[k] + D_df[k]$$

- x is the state vector
- $A_d = e^{AT}$
- $B_d = (A_d I)A^{-1}B$
- $C_d = C$
- $D_d = D$

• Find the discrete-time state-space model from the continuous-time system: (sampling period $T=0.1~\mathrm{s}$)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} f(t)$$
$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t)$$

Solution:

$$A_{d} = \Phi(T) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-T} - e^{-2T} & e^{-T} - e^{-2T} \\ 2e^{-2T} - 2e^{-T} & 2e^{-2T} - e^{-T} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9909 & 0.0861 \\ -0.1722 & 0.7326 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{AT}$$

$$B_{d} = (A_{d} - I)A^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-2T}) - e^{-T} \\ e^{-T} - e^{-2T} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0045 \\ 0.0861 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{d} = C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D_{d} = D = 0$$

Example Continued

clear all MATLAB Solution % Define A, B, C, D matrix A = [0 1; -2 -3];B = [0; 1]; $C = [1 \ 0];$ D = 0% Define the sampling time T = 0.1;% Find Ad e^{AT} \leftarrow [V, D] = eig(A * T); e_diag = diag(exp(diag(D))); $Ad = V * e_diag * inv(V)$ % Find Bd I = eye(2);Bd = (Ad-I) * inv(A) * B% Find Cd Cd = C% Find Dd Dd = D