

Robot Mobility: Lecture 2

Lecture Notes

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1 Recap

A system of first order ODE's

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z} &= f(z, v) \\ \bar{y} &= h(x)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

1.1 Linearization

where \dot{z} is a hidden state. Today we will only look at (1)

First we look at the equilibrium points $f(\bar{z}, \bar{v})$ and we end up with a system $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$.

A is the jacobian of f with respect to z of (\bar{z}, \bar{v})
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Note: There always n states, m inputs and p outputs.

Remember the left side by: $\text{MOI} \cdot \text{acceleration}$ (Newtons law for rotating bodies)

$$ml^2\ddot{\theta} = mgl\sin\theta - b\dot{\theta} + m\cos\theta\ddot{x}\tag{2}$$

First we isolate $\ddot{\theta}$ (divide through with ml^2 (note that the constants are simplified to a, b, c

$$\ddot{\theta} = a\sin\theta - b\dot{\theta} + c\cos\theta u\tag{3}$$

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We write up differentials up until the one below the highest order of derivatives. in this case it is up to velocity, since (3) uses acceleration.

$$z_1 = \theta, z_2 = \dot{\theta}$$

$$\dot{z}_1 = z_2, \dot{z}_2 = a\sin z_1 - bz_2 + cz_1 u$$

The above two equations is the definition of $\dot{z}f(z, v)$

1.2 Equilibrium point

Now we want to find the equilibrium point. $0 = f(\bar{z}, \bar{v})$ Emmidiately we can see that the velocities are 0, this means that $z_2 = \dot{z}_1 = 0$. Thus

$$0 = a\sin\bar{z}_1 + c\cos\bar{z}_1\bar{v}$$

since we want the pendulum to be upright, where $\theta = 0$.

$$z_1 = 0 \rightarrow \bar{v} = 0$$

This entails that we want to find the Jacobian at 0

The first row of the jacobian is the gradient of $\dot{z}_1 = z_2$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a & -b \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u \quad (4)$$

$$x = z - \bar{z} = z$$

$$u = v - \bar{v} = v$$

2 Controllability

$$\Sigma : \dot{x} = Ax + Bu, x(0) = x_0, y = Cx \quad (5)$$

where $x(0) = x_0$ is the initial condition

We can use

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$$x = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau \quad (6)$$

We have the following definition:

def:

The system Σ , or the pair (A, B) , is controllable (at time T) if for every (x_0, x_1) there exist a $u \in U$

the notation is: $x = x(t) = x(t, \bar{x}, u)$ where \bar{x} is the state which i have to be in!

$$x_0 = x(0; x_0, u) \quad (7)$$

$$x_1 = x(T; x_0, u) \quad (8)$$

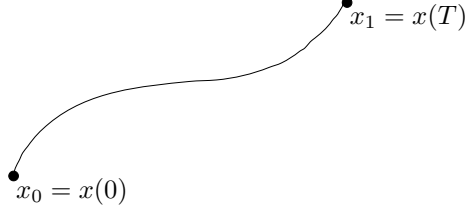


Figure 1: reachability

3 Reachability

Reachable subspace:

$$W_T = \int_0^T e^{A(T-\tau)} B u(\tau) d\tau | u \in U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \quad (9)$$

def: Σ is reachable if $W_T = \mathbb{R}^n$

This entails that $W_T = \text{Range}[A|B]$

Where the reachability matrix: $[A|B] = [BABAb^2 \dots A^{n-1}B] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times nm}$

$$\boxed{\Sigma \text{ is reachable} \leftrightarrow \Sigma \text{ is controllable}}$$

Pendulum

$$[A|B] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c \\ c & -bc \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

hence is controllable since it has full rank. It loses rank if $c = 0$ so the condition is: (if $c \neq 0$)

Example: $a = 2, b = c = 1$. Now based on (4)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

We compute the eigenvalues:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1 = 1 \rightarrow Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_2 = -2 \rightarrow Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2$$

This system is unstable by nature.

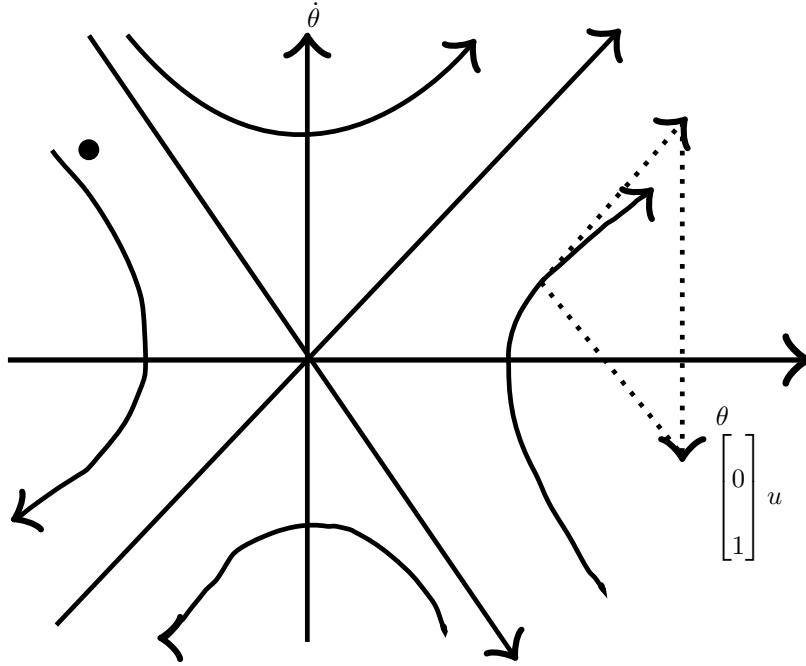


Figure 2: Eigenspace

If you shut off the control $\dot{x} = Ax$, and give it some initial condition. Then Figure 2 tells me how the system will behave. Only a few initial conditions, will bring the system to 2, and these are along the eigenvectors.

Note that the straight arrows are the subspace spanned by the eigenvectors v_1 and v_2

4 Kalman decomposition

What happens if we lose controllability:

i.e. if $\text{Rank}[A|B] = l < n$ then there exists a matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ($z = Px$) s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z} &= P\dot{x} = PAx + PBu = PAP^{-1}z + PBu \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u \end{aligned}$$

with (A_{11}, B_1) controllable. Moreover $P = [e_1 \cdots e_l e_{l+1} \cdots e_n]^{-1}$ with $\text{Span}\{e_1, \dots, e_l\} = \text{Range}[A|B]$ and $\text{Span}\{e_{l+1}, \dots, e_n\} = \mathbb{R}^n$

If we constrain the environment of reachability, then we can still control it. It is still reachable in the l -dimensional subspace.

TODO: Add split and gathered to equation environments

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= A_{11}z_1 + A_{12}z_2 + B_1u \quad A_{11} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times l} \\ \dot{z}_2 &= A_{22}z_2 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Note that \dot{z}_2 will either approach 0 or ∞

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} v_2$$

$$[A|B] = [BAB] = [v_2 \lambda_2 v_2] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Rank}[A|B] = 1 < 2$$

Lets do an orthogonal basis to v_2 :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \quad (12)$$

Now we compute PAP^{-1}

(12) implies that:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u \\ \dot{z}_1 &= -2z_1 - z_2 + u \\ \dot{z}_2 &= z_2 \rightarrow z_2 = e^t z_{20} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where z_{20} is an initial condition of z_2 . The value of $\dot{z}_2 \rightarrow \infty$

In order to reach controllability, we need the points to be on the subspaces spanned by the eigenvectors. These are the controllable subspaces.

next we do v_1

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = v_1 \rightarrow \dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

note that, the -2 , results in the t in (13) is negative, thus it is controllable.