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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Basics

Pole shifting theorem is one of the basic results of the theory of linear dynamical systems with linear feedback. It claims that in case of controllable systems one can achieve an arbitrary asymptotic behavior. To understand this crucial theorem, we must first describe few basic concepts.

#### 1.1.1 Systems of First Order Differential Equations

**Definition.** A system of linear differential equations of order of one with constant coefficients is a system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1(t) &= a_{1,1}x_1(t) + \dots + a_{1,n}x_n(t) \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{x}_n(t) &= a_{n,1}x_1(t) + \dots + a_{n,n}x_n(t)\end{aligned}$$

The system can be written in a matrix form

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$$

where  $x(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))^T \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a **state vector** (shortly **state**) of the system. The matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $A = (a_{i,j})$  is a **fundamental matrix** of the system. The **starting condition** of the system is the state  $x(0)$ .

We will use the matrix representation as it is a very compact way of describing the system.

To express solution of this system in similarly compact matter we will establish a notion of matrix exponential.

**Definition.** Let  $X$  be real or complex square matrix. The exponential of  $X$ , denoted by  $e^X$ , is the square matrix of the same type given by the power series

$$e^X = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} X^k$$

where  $X^0$  is defined to be the identity matrix  $I$  with the same type as  $X$ .

**Definition.** **Frobenius norm** is a matrix norm, denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_F$ , which is defined for an arbitrary  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$  as

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m |a_{i,j}|^2}$$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field. Then Frobenius norm satisfies following statements for any matrices  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times m}$ ,  $D \in \mathbb{K}^{m \times o}$  and any scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$

- $\|A + B\|_F \leq \|A\|_F + \|B\|_F$
- $\|\alpha A\|_F = |\alpha| \|A\|_F$
- $\|A\|_F \geq 0$  with equality occurring if and only if  $A = O_{n \times m}$
- $\|CD\|_F \leq \|C\|_F \|D\|_F$

*Proof.* Can be simply shown from the definition of Frobenius form. □

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and let us have matrix  $A^k = (a_{i,j}^{(k)})$  where  $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ . Then  $|a_{i,j}^{(k)}| \leq \|A^k\|_F \leq \|A\|_F^k$ . Specially, absolute value of any element of a matrix is always less or equal to the Frobenius norm of the matrix.

*Proof.* For non-negative real numbers  $a, b$  it holds  $a \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b}$ . Therefore, for arbitrary element of the matrix  $X = (x_{i,j})$  we can write

$$|x_{i,j}| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m |x_{i,j}|^2} = \|X\|_F$$

It follows

$$|a_{i,j}^{(k)}| \leq \|A^k\|_F \leq \|A\|_F^k$$

□

**Definition.** A matrix sequence  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  of  $n \times m$  matrices is said to **converge** to  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$ , denoted by  $A_k \rightarrow A$ , if the following condition is satisfied

$$\forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 : \|A_n - A\|_F < \varepsilon$$

**Lemma 3.** A matrix sequence  $\{A_k = (a_{i,j}^{(k)})\}_{k=0}^\infty$  of  $n \times m$  matrices converges to a matrix  $A$  if and only if it converges elementwise, in other words

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\} : a_{i,j}^{(k)} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{i,j}$$

*Proof.* Let  $A_k \rightarrow A$ . Then we can for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  find such  $n_0$  that  $\|A_n - A\|_F < \varepsilon$  for every  $n \geq n_0$ . Using Lemma 2 we can write

$$|a_{i,j}^{(n)} - a_{i,j}| \leq \|A_n - A\|_F < \varepsilon$$

It follows that  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  converges to  $A$  elementwise.

Conversely, if the sequence converges elementwise to matrix  $A$ , then  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  it holds

$$\forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_0 : |a_{i,j}^{(n)} - a_{i,j}| < \varepsilon$$

Let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive real number. For every pair  $(i, j)$  we find  $n_0$  and we label it  $n_{i,j}$ . We put  $N_0 = \min\{n_{i,j}\}$ . Now  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq N_0$  we have

$$\|A_n - A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m |a_{i,j}^{(n)} - a_{i,j}|^2} < \sqrt{nm\varepsilon^2} = \sqrt{nm}\varepsilon$$

□

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  be a matrix sequence of form  $r \times s$ . This sequence converges if and only if it is a **Cauchy sequence**, that is when the following condition is satisfied

$$\forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m \geq n_0, n \geq n_0 : \|A_n - A_m\|_F < \varepsilon$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3 the sequence converges if and only if it also converges elementwise. This happens if and only if all the sequences of elements are Cauchy what occurs if and only if the matrix sequence itself is Cauchy. The proof of the last equivalence is similar to the proof of Lemma 3. □

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field,  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  be a matrix sequence, where  $A_k \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times m}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{K}^{r \times n}$  and  $C \in \mathbb{K}^{m \times s}$ . If  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k$  converges, then the following equation holds

$$B \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k \right) C = \sum_{k=0}^\infty B A_k C$$

*Proof.* We know that for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds

$$B \left( \sum_{k=0}^N A_k \right) C = \sum_{k=0}^N B A_k C$$

Now we have to show that the left side converges to  $B \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k \right) C$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be fixed. We want to find such  $N_0$  that for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}, N \geq N_0$  it holds

$$\left\| B \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k \right) C - B \left( \sum_{l=0}^N A_l \right) C \right\|_F = \left\| B \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k - \sum_{l=0}^N A_l \right) C \right\|_F < \varepsilon$$

Since  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{1}{k!} A^k$  converges we can find such  $N_1$  that  $\forall N \geq N_1$  it holds

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k - \sum_{l=0}^N A_l \right\|_F < \frac{\varepsilon}{\|B\|_F \|C\|_F}$$

Now we can write

$$\left\| B \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k - \sum_{k=0}^N A_k \right) C \right\|_F \leq \|B\|_F \left\| \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_k - \sum_{k=0}^N A_k \right\|_F \|C\|_F < \varepsilon$$

By putting  $N_0 = N_1$  we show that the convergence holds and therefore we get the desired equation. □

**Remark.** We understand the differentiation of matrix elementwise, that is

$$\frac{d}{dt}X = \left( \frac{d}{dt}x_{i,j} \right)$$

**Lemma 6.** Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $X$  be real or complex  $n \times n$  matrices. Then

1.  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} X^k$  converges for any matrix  $X$ .
2. If  $AB = BA$ , then  $e^A B = B e^A$
3. If  $R$  is invertible, then  $e^{R^{-1}XR} = R^{-1}e^X R$
4.  $\frac{d}{dt}e^{tX} = X e^{tX}$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$
5. If  $AB = BA$ , then  $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$

*Proof.* 1. This can be shown by showing that sequence of partial sums  $\{\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{1}{k!} X^k\}_{N=0}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy. Let  $M, N \in \mathbb{N}$ , then thanks to properties of Frobenius norm it holds

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^M \frac{1}{k!} X^k - \sum_{l=0}^N \frac{1}{l!} X^l \right\|_F = \left\| \sum_{k=N+1}^M \frac{1}{k!} X^k \right\|_F \leq \sum_{k=N+1}^M \frac{1}{k!} \|X\|_F^k = \left\| \sum_{k=0}^M \frac{1}{k!} \|X\|_F^k - \sum_{l=0}^N \frac{1}{l!} \|X\|_F^l \right\|_F$$

Since  $\{\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{\|X\|_F^k}{k!}\}_{N=0}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy, as it is sequence of partial sums of  $e^{\|X\|_F}$ , which always converges, we can for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  find such  $N_0$  that the first expression is strictly less than  $\varepsilon$  and therefore the sequence  $\{\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{1}{k!} X^k\}_{N=0}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy.

2. Because of the convergence of the matrix exponential we can use Lemma 5 and we get

$$e^A B = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k B \stackrel{AB=BA}{=} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} B A^k = B \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k = B e^A$$

3. Follows from Lemma 5

$$e^{R^{-1}XR} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (R^{-1}XR)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} R^{-1} X^k R = R^{-1} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} X^k \right) R = R^{-1} e^X R$$

4. The elements of the matrix  $e^{tX} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} X^k = (e_{i,j}(t))$  are equal to

$$e_{i,j}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} a_{i,j}^{(k)}$$

where  $X^k = (a_{i,j}^{(k)})$ . To differentiate the elements of  $e^{tX}$  we need to first show that the series converges for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . By Lemma 2 it holds  $|a_{i,j}^{(k)}| \leq \|X\|_F^k$ . It follows

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} a_{i,j}^{(k)} \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|t|^k}{k!} |a_{i,j}^{(k)}| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\|tX\|_F^k}{k!} = e^{\|tX\|_F}$$

This shows that the series is absolutely convergent for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . We can now differentiate the individual elements

$$\frac{d}{dt}e_{i,j}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} a_{i,j}^{(k)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} a_{i,j}^{(k)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} a_{i,j}^{(k+1)}$$

Using Lemma 5 we get the desired result

$$\frac{d}{dt}e^{tX} = \left( \frac{d}{dt}e_{i,j}(t) \right)_{n \times n} = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} a_{i,j}^{(k+1)} \right)_{n \times n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} X^{k+1} = X \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} X^k = X e^{tX}$$

5. Let us write

$$\begin{aligned} e^{A+B} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (A+B)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} \frac{1}{k!} A^l B^{k-l} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{1}{l!(k-l)!} A^l B^{k-l} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!l!} A^k B^l = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{k!} A^k \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{l!} B^l \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} B^k \\ &= e^A e^B \end{aligned}$$

In the second equation we are using the assumption  $AB = BA$ . The crucial point is the forth equation in which we basically reorder the equation which we can do thanks to convergence. The rest is just factoring matrices out of series using Lemma 5 with convergence of matrix exponential.  $\square$

**Remark.**  $e^{\alpha I} = e^{\alpha} I$

*Proof.* Straight from the definition.  $\square$

Now using properties from Lemma 6 we can see that  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$  is actually solved by  $x(0)e^{At}$ . Let us now discuss under what circumstances does the state  $x(t)$  converge to  $\mathbf{0}$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $A$  be real or complex matrix. Then there is a regular matrix  $R \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$J = R^{-1}AR$$

is in the Jordan normal form. By substituting  $y(t) = R^{-1}x(t)$ , which is equivalent with changing the basis of our system, we get

$$\begin{aligned} R\dot{y}(t) &= ARy(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) &= R^{-1}ARy(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) &= Jy(t) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore the solution is

$$y(t) = e^{tJ}y(0)$$

We know that every Jordan block  $J_{\lambda,n}$  in the matrix  $J$  can be decomposed as  $J_{\lambda,n} = \lambda I_n + N_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $N_n$  is  $n \times n$  nilpotent matrix satisfying  $n_{i,j} = \delta_{i,j-1}$ . For example for  $n = 4$  we have

$$N_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, (N_4)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, (N_4)^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is also true that  $(N_n)_{i,j}^k = \delta_{i,j-k}$  and  $(N_n)^n = O_{n \times n}$ , since every right multiplication by matrix  $N$  shifts the multiplied matrix's columns to the right by one column that is it maps matrix  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  onto  $(0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$ .

By using Lemma 6, we now for each Jordan block  $J_{\lambda,n}$  have

$$e^{tJ_{\lambda,n}} = e^{t(\lambda I + N)} = e^{t\lambda I} e^{tN} = e^{\lambda t} e^{tN}$$

Let  $\lambda = a + ib$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have

$$e^{tJ_{\lambda,n}} = e^{at} e^{ibt} e^{tN}$$

We know that  $|e^{ibt}| = 1$  and that

$$e^{tN} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} N^k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{t^k}{k!} N^k$$

since  $(N_n)^n = O_{n \times n}$ . Therefore, we can see that every element of matrix  $e^{tN}$  is a polynomial of degree less than  $n$ . It follows that  $e^{tJ_{\lambda,n}}$  approaches  $O_{n \times n}$  in infinity if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{at} t^{n-1} = 0$$

This holds for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  as long as  $a < 0$ .

Because  $J$  to the power of any natural number holds its block form, we can write

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} J_{\lambda_1, n_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & J_{\lambda_2, n_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & J_{\lambda_r, n_r} \end{pmatrix}, \quad e^J = \begin{pmatrix} e^{J_{\lambda_1, n_1}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{J_{\lambda_2, n_2}} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & e^{J_{\lambda_r, n_r}} \end{pmatrix}$$

where zeroes in the matrices represent zero matrices of appropriate sizes. Therefore, since  $y(0)$  is a constant vector, we see that  $y(t) = e^{Jt} y(0)$  converges to  $\mathbf{0}$  if all the eigenvalues of matrix  $A$  have negative real parts. As the last step we find  $x(t) = Ry(t)$  and  $x(0) = Ry(0)$ .

**Example 1.** Consider higher order differential equation

$$x^{(n)}(t) + a_1 x^{(n-1)}(t) + \dots + a_{n-1} x'(t) + a_n x(t) = 0$$



where  $x(t): \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . This equation can be solved as system of linear differential equations of first order  $\dot{z}(t) = Az(t)$  by choosing fundamental matrix  $A$  and state vector  $z(t)$  as follows

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \dots & -a_1 \end{pmatrix}, z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ x'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x^{(n-1)}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1.1.2 Linear System With Control

**Definition.** A continuous dynamical linear system with control  $u$  is a system of linear differential equations of first order with constant coefficients in the form

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is a fundamental matrix,  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  is a **control matrix**,  $u(t) \in \mathbb{C}^m$  is a **control vector**. Vector  $x(t) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is called a **state** of the system. The starting condition of the system is the state  $x(0)$ .

We will regard this system as  $(A, B)$  system.

In a general case, this is called an **open-loop control** system because the control is not dependent on previous state of the system.

We can imagine this system as follows. The first part of the equation  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$  can be thought of as the model of machine or event that we want to control and  $Bu(t)$  as our control mechanism. The  $B$  matrix is our “control board” and  $u(t)$  is us deciding, which levers and buttons we want to push.

Of course, if we want this system to be self-regulating, we cannot input our own values into  $u(t)$  and therefore it has to be calculated from the current state of our system.

**Definition.** Let us have linear differential system with control  $u(t)$  defined as follows

$$u(t) = Fx(t)$$

where  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is a **feedback matrix**. This system is then called a **closed-loop control system** or a **linear feedback control system**.

Typically, we require a feedback control system to stabilize itself back into its stable state after some disturbances. This means that we require that the system converges to some fixed point. In many practical applications we require that this point is the origin of our state space, i.e., all the possible states of  $x(t)$ .

The feedback control system can be expressed as a first order linear differential system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + BFx(t) = (A + BF)x(t)$$

TODO As discussed in the first section, we now know that the system converges to  $\mathbf{0}$  if all of the eigenvalues of matrix  $A + BF$  are negative in their real parts.

Therefore the system can stabilize itself if we find such matrix  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  that  $A + BF$  have all eigenvalues with negative real part. This requirement can be expressed through characteristic polynomial of matrix  $A + BF$ .

**Definition.** Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$ , denoted by  $\chi_A$ , is defined as

$$\chi_A(s) = \det(sI_n - A)$$

Through our observations we got to a conclusion that we need to satisfy

$$\chi_{A+BF} = (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2) \cdots (x - \lambda_n)$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$  have their real parts negative. This leads to an important definition.

**Definition.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and let  $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times m}$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . We say that polynomial  $\chi$  is **assignable** for the pair  $(A, B)$  if there exists such matrix  $F \in \mathbb{K}^{m \times n}$  that

$$\chi_{A+BF} = \chi$$

The pole shifting theorem states, that if  $A$  and  $B$  are “sensible” in a sense that we will discuss in the next section, then arbitrary polynomial  $\chi$  of dimension that depends on how “sensible”  $A$  and  $B$  are, can be assigned to the pair  $(A, B)$ . It also claims that it is immaterial over what field  $A$  and  $B$  are.

## 1.2 Controllable pairs

In this section we will establish the notion of controllability. We will first explain this concept for *discrete-time systems* and then we will show that the requirement for controllability for *discrete-time systems* also holds for *continuous-time systems*.

### 1.2.1 Discrete-time systems

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**Definition.**

States that we can reach in set number of iterations in a open-loop control *discrete-time systems* can be derived as follows. From state  $x_k$  and control vector  $u_k$  is the next state  $x_{k+1}$  computed by equation

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

where  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field,  $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times m}$ . The starting condition is  $x_0 = \mathbf{o}$  and we can choose arbitrary  $u_k$ . Then, for  $k = 0$  we have

$$x_1 = Ax_0 + Bu_0 = Bu_0 \in \text{Im}B.$$

For  $k = 1$  we get

$$x_2 = Ax_1 + Bu_1 = ABu_0 + Bu_1 \in (AB|B).$$

It is clear, that

$$x_k \in \text{Im}(A^{k-1}B | \dots | AB | B).$$

We can observe that  $\text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^k B) \subseteq \text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^{k+1} B)$ . From Cayley-Hamilton theorem we know that  $\chi_A(A) = O_{n \times n}$ . That means that  $A^n$  can be expressed as linear combination of matrices  $\{I, A, \dots, A^{n-1}\}$  or equivalently that  $A^n B$  can be expressed as linear combination of matrices  $\{B, AB, \dots, A^{n-1} B\}$ . We now see that

$$\text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^{n-1} B) = \text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^{n-1} B|A^n B).$$

Therefore all the states we could ever reach are already in space

$$\text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^{n-1} B)$$

**Definition.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and let  $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times m}$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define **reachable space**  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$  of the pair  $(A, B)$  as  $\text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^{n-1} B)$ .

We have seen that by left multiplying  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$  by  $A$  we get the same subspace. This leads to an important property of some subspaces.

**Definition.** Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $W$  be its subspace and  $f$  be a mapping from  $V$  to  $V$ . We call  $W$  an **invariant subspace** of  $f$  if  $f(W) \subseteq W$ .

We also say that  $W$  is  **$f$ -invariant**. When  $f = f_A$  for some matrix  $A$  we also shortly say that  $W$  is  **$A$ -invariant**.

**Remark.**  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$  is a  $A$ -invariant subspace.

The maximum dimension of  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$  is, of course,  $n$ . This leads us to important property of pair  $(A, B)$ , where we want to be able to get the “machine” into any state in state space by controlling it with our control matrix  $B$ . Therefore we desire that  $\mathcal{R}(A, B) = \mathbb{K}^n$ . The equivalent condition is  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A, B) = n$ .

**Definition.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and let  $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times m}$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The pair  $(A, B)$  is **controllable** if  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A, B) = n$ .

## 1.2.2 Continuous-time systems

We will now show that the condition for *discrete-time systems* also characterizes *continuous-time systems*. For this we have to express solution of such system using matrices  $A^i B$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

We utilize matrix exponential in solving system of inhomogeneous linear system  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$ . By left multiplying it by  $e^{-tA}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-tA} \dot{x}(t) - e^{-tA} Ax(t) &= e^{-tA} Bu(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(e^{-tA} x(t)) &= e^{-tA} Bu(t) \end{aligned}$$

Note, we used  $-AA = A(-A) \Rightarrow e^{-tA} A = A e^{-tA}$ . After integrating both sides with respect to  $t$  on interval  $(t_0, t_1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} [e^{-tA} x(t)]_{t_0}^{t_1} &= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{-tA} Bu(t) dt \\ e^{-t_1 A} x(t_1) - e^{-t_0 A} x(t_0) &= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{-tA} Bu(t) dt \\ x(t_1) &= e^{(t_1 - t_0)A} x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{(t_1 - t)A} Bu(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Now it is clear that in system where  $x(0) = \mathbf{o}$  can every state in time  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  be expressed as

$$x(t) = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B u(s) ds$$

**Theorem 1.** *The  $n$ -dimensional continuous-time linear system is controllable, meaning that  $x(t)$  can be equal to any vector in  $\mathbb{K}^n$ , if and only if  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A, B) = n$ .*

*Proof.* From discussion above we have

$$x(t) = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} B u(s) ds = \int_0^t \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} A^k B u(s) ds$$

The  $n$ -dimensional vector  $w^{(k)}(s) = A^k B u(s)$  has elements

$$w_i^{(k)}(s) = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s)$$

where  $\alpha_{i,j}^{(k)}$  is the element of the matrix  $A^k B$  on the position  $(i, j)$ . Therefore, the elements of  $x(t)$  are of the form

$$x_i(t) = \int_0^t \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s) ds$$

We can swap the sums and then the integral because  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s)$  are convergent for every pair  $i, j$ . To show this, let us first remind that  $|\alpha_{i,j}^{(k)}| \leq |\rho n|^{k+1}$  for some fixed real number  $\rho$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s) \right| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} |\alpha_{i,j}^{(k)}| |u_j(s)| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(t-s)\rho n|^k}{k!} |\rho n| |u_j(s)| = |\rho n| |u_j(s)| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|(t-s)\rho n|^k}{k!} = |\rho n| |u_j(s)| e^{|(t-s)\rho n|} \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to the convergence we can also now swap integral and the series.

$$\begin{aligned} x_i(t) &= \int_0^t \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s) ds = \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s) ds \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \int_0^t \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s) ds = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} u_j(s) ds \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} u_j(s) ds = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} u_j(s) ds \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{i,j}^{(k)} v_i^{(k)}(t) \end{aligned}$$

where  $v^{(k)}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} u(s) ds$  is a vector of length  $m$ . Therefore, we have

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k B \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!} u(s) ds = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k B v_k(t)$$

Now it is clear that

$$x(t) \in \text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^k B| \dots) \subseteq \text{Im}(B|AB| \dots |A^{n-1} B) = \mathcal{R}(A, B)$$

If the system is controllable then  $x(t)$  can be equal to any of the vectors of an arbitrary basis of  $\mathbb{K}^n$ . Therefore we know that  $n$  linearly independent vectors belong into  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$  and naturally it follows  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A, B) = n$ .

Conversely, if dimension of reachable space is equal to  $n$  we then have  $x(t) \in \mathcal{R}(A, B) = \mathbb{C}^n$ , therefore the system is controllable.  $\square$

### 1.2.3 Decomposition theorem

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $W$  be an invariant subspace of linear mapping  $f: V \rightarrow V$ . Then there exists a basis  $C$  of  $V$  such that*

$$[f]_C^C = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 & F_2 \\ 0 & F_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $F_1$  is  $r \times r$ ,  $r = \dim W$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(w_1, \dots, w_r)$  be an arbitrary basis of subspace  $W$ . We complete this sequence into basis  $C$  of  $V$  with vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_{n-r}$  where  $n = \dim V$ , thus  $C = (w_1, \dots, w_r, v_1, \dots, v_{n-r})$ . We know that

$$[f]_C^C = ([f(w_1)]_C, \dots, [f(w_r)]_C, [f(v_1)]_C, \dots, [f(v_{n-r})]_C)$$

Since  $W$  is  $A$ -invariant subspace, it holds that  $f(w_i) \in W$  and therefore, thanks to our choice of the basis  $C$ , we get the desired form.  $\square$

If  $(A, B)$  are not controllable then there exists subspace of our state space that is not affected by our input. This can be shown using following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Assume that  $(A, B)$  is not controllable. Let  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A, B) = r < n$ . Then there exists invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $T$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  such that the matrices  $\tilde{A} := T^{-1}AT$  and  $\tilde{B} := T^{-1}B$  have the block structure*

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tilde{B} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $A_1$  is  $r \times r$  and  $B_1$  is  $r \times m$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$  is  $A$ -invariant subspace (Remark 1.2.1). Using Lemma 7 on matrix mapping  $f_A$  we get a basis  $C$  for which it holds

$$[f_A]_C^C = [\text{id}]_C^K [f_A]_K^K [\text{id}]_K^C = [\text{id}]_C^K A [\text{id}]_K^C$$

is in a block triangular form. By putting  $T = [\text{id}]_K^C = C$  we get  $\tilde{A} = [f_A]_C^C$  which is in the desired form.

Consider now matrix mapping  $f_B$ . We have

$$\tilde{B} = TB = [\text{id}]_C^{K_n} [f_B]_{K_n}^{K_m} = [f_B]_C^{K_m} = ([f_B(e_1)]_C, \dots, [f_B(e_m)]_C)$$

Since  $f_B(e_i)$  is  $i$ -th column of matrix  $B$  and trivially from definition it holds  $\text{Im}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A, B)$  we get the desired form of  $\tilde{B}$ .  $\square$

We achieved the new form of matrices  $A$  and  $B$  by changing the basis of our state space. We now define the relation between  $(A, B)$  and  $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$ .

**Definition.** Let  $(A, B)$  and  $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$  be pairs as in Theorem 2 above. Then  $(A, B)$  is similar to  $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$ , denoted

$$(A, B) \sim (\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$$

if there exists invertible matrix  $T$  for which it holds that

$$\tilde{A} = T^{-1}AT \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{B} = T^{-1}B$$

We can interpret the decomposition as follows. Consider our system  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$ . By changing the basis by putting  $x(t) = Ty(t)$  we get

$$T\dot{y}(t) = ATy(t) + Bu(t)$$

which we can write as

$$\dot{y}(t) = T^{-1}ATy(t) + T^{-1}Bu(t) = \tilde{A}y(t) + \tilde{B}u(t)$$

Which gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_1(t) &= A_1y_1(t) + A_2y_2(t) + B_1u_1(t) \\ \dot{y}_2(t) &= A_3y_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

where  $y_1(t)$  is composed of the first  $r$  elements of  $y(t)$ ,  $y_2(t)$  is composed of the other  $n - r$  elements of  $y(t)$  and  $u_1(t)$  is composed of the first  $r$  elements of  $u(t)$ . Since  $\dot{y}_2(t)$  does not depend on control vector we cannot change these last  $n - r$  coordinates of  $y(t)$ .

It is also true that  $(A_1, B_1)$  from Theorem 2 is a controllable pair which we will state in a lemma.

**Lemma 8.** The pair  $(A_1, B_1)$  is controllable.

*Proof.* We know that  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A, B) = r$ . We desire  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A_1, B_1) = r$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = \mathcal{R}(A, B)$  and that each vector in  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$  has its last  $n - r$  elements equal to 0 and that  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$  restricted on its first  $r$  coordinates is equal to  $\mathcal{R}(A_1, B_1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) &= \text{Im}(\tilde{A}^{n-1}\tilde{B} | \dots | \tilde{A}\tilde{B} | \tilde{B}) \\ &= \text{Im}((T^{-1}AT)^{n-1}T^{-1}B | \dots | T^{-1}ATT^{-1}B | T^{-1}B) \\ &= \text{Im}(T^{-1}A^{n-1}B | \dots | T^{-1}AB | T^{-1}B) \\ &= \{(T^{-1}A^{n-1}B | \dots | T^{-1}AB | T^{-1}B) \cdot v | v \in \mathbb{K}^{n \cdot m}\} \\ &= \{T^{-1}(A^{n-1}B | \dots | AB | B) \cdot v | v \in \mathbb{K}^{n \cdot m}\} \\ &= T^{-1} \cdot \{(A^{n-1}B | \dots | AB | B) \cdot v | v \in \mathbb{K}^{n \cdot m}\} \\ &= T^{-1} \cdot (\text{Im}(A^{n-1}B | \dots | AB | B)) \\ &= T^{-1} \cdot (\mathcal{R}(A, B)) \end{aligned}$$

where by  $\cdot : \mathbb{K}^{n \times m} \times V \rightarrow W$  where  $V, W$  are vector spaces is defined as  $A \cdot V = \{Av | v \in V\}$ .

Since  $T$  is an invertible matrix, which preserves linear independence, we have

$$\dim \mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = \dim(T^{-1}\mathcal{R}(A, B)) = \dim(\mathcal{R}(A, B)) = r$$

Now let us focus on the structure of  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$ : We know that last  $n - r$  rows of  $\tilde{B}$  are  $\mathbf{o}$ . Also because of structure of  $\tilde{A}$  we have for an arbitrary matrix  $X \in \mathbb{K}^{r \times m}$  that

$$\tilde{A} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 X \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where again are the last  $n - r$  rows equal to  $\mathbf{o}$ . Therefore we see that for any positive integer  $k$  we have

$$\tilde{A}^k \tilde{B} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^k B_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_1^k B_1 \in \mathbb{K}^{r \times r}$$

It follows

$$\mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{n-1} B_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid \cdots \mid \begin{pmatrix} A_1 B_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

From Cayle-Hemilton theorem we therefore again have that the restriction to first  $r$  coordinates (those which are not 0) of  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$  are equal to  $\mathcal{R}(A_1, B_1)$ . Finally, it follows that

$$\dim \mathcal{R}(A_1, B_1) = \dim \mathcal{R}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = \dim \mathcal{R}(A, B) = r$$

□

Now we can see that the decomposition from Theorem 2 decomposes the matrix  $A$  into “controllable” and “uncontrollable” parts  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  respectively.

We also see that

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\tilde{A}} &= \det(sI - \tilde{A}) = \det(sI - T^{-1}AT) \\ &= \det(sT^{-1}IT - T^{-1}AT) = \det(T^{-1}(sI - A)T) \\ &= (\det T)^{-1} \det(sI - A) \det T = \det(sI - A) \\ &= \chi_A \end{aligned}$$

therefore it holds

$$\chi_A = \chi_{A_1} \chi_{A_3}$$

**Definition.** The characteristic polynomial of matrix  $A$  splits into **controllable** and **uncontrollable parts** with respect to pair  $(A, B)$  which we denote by  $\chi_c$  and  $\chi_u$  respectively. We define these polynomials as

$$\chi_c = \chi_{A_1} \quad \chi_u = \chi_{A_3}$$

In case  $r = 0$  we put  $\chi_c = 1$  and in case  $r = n$  we put  $\chi_u = 1$ .

For this definition to be correct we need to show that polynomials  $\chi_{A_1}$  and  $\chi_{A_3}$  are not dependent on the choice of basis on  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$ . Since  $\chi_{A_3} = \chi_A / \chi_{A_1}$ , it is enough to show that  $\chi_{A_1}$  is independent of the choice.

**Lemma 9.**  $\chi_c$  is independent of the choice of basis on  $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$ .

*Proof.* From definition we have  $\chi_c = \chi_{A_1}$  where  $A_1$  is some matrix for a specific decomposition of matrix  $A$  thanks to basis  $C$  used in a proof of Theorem 2. Consider different basis  $D$  which suffices the conditions from the said proof. We denote the  $r \times r$  matrix in the top left corner of the resulting matrix by  $X_1$ .

Suppose  $\chi_{X_1} \neq \chi_{A_1}$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{X_1} &\neq \det(sI - X_1) = \det(sI - T^{-1}AT) \\ &= \det(sT^{-1}IT - T^{-1}AT) = \det(T^{-1}(sI - A)T) \\ &= (\det T)^{-1} \det(sI - A) \det T = \det(sI - A) \\ &= \chi_A\end{aligned}$$

TODO plánujem tie matice  $X_1$  a  $A_1$  rozšíriť nulami na veľkosť  $n \times n$  a potom ich charakteristické polynomy prenasobiť determinantom prechodnej matice medzi  $C$  a  $D$  a takisto inverznou hodnotou tohoto determinantu z čoho získam nakoniec že  $\chi_{X_1}$  sa nerovná  $\chi_{X_1}$  čo je spor  $\square$