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# **ME417 CONTROL OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**

PART II: CONTROLLER DESIGN VIA STATE-SPACE

LECTURE 2: STABILITY AND STEADY-STATE ERROR IN STATE-SPACE

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- Objectives:
  - Define System Stability in State-Space
  - Derive Steady-State Error in for Systems in State-Space Form
- Reading:
  - *Nise: 6.5, 7.8*
- Practice Problems Included



- Given an **LTI** system in State-Space

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$$

- The poles of the system are given by the eigenvalues of the system matrix **A**

$$\det(\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \det(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = 0$$

- Remember that stability is defined in the context of the natural response
  - $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
- The term  $\det(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = 0$  is also the characteristic polynomial



The system is:

- **Stable:** If the real component of the roots are all strictly negative
  - $real(s_i) < 0, \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- **Marginally stable:** If there are no roots with positive real components, but there are roots with real components equal to zero, and with multiplicity no greater than 1
  - $real(s_i) = 0 \wedge imag(s_i) \neq imag(s_j) \text{ for any } i \neq j, (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$
- **Unstable:** If there are roots with positive real components or roots with the real component equal 0 and multiplicity greater than 1.
  - $real(s_i) > 0 \vee imag(s_i) = imag(s_j) \text{ for any } i \neq j, (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$



Determine the stability of the following system and derive the transfer function, then find the natural frequency of the system.

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$\mathbf{y} = [1 \quad 0] \mathbf{x}$$



- We can compute the steady-state error in two ways:
  1. Final Value Theorem:  $e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sR(s)(1 - G_{cL})$
  2. Input Substitution:  $e(\infty) = 1 - y(\infty)$ 
    - The input substitution method is better suited for numerical implementations.
- Remember that steady-state error is defined in the context of closed-loop systems only.

- Given a **closed-loop LTI** system in state-space form

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

- Note how we use  $r$  rather than  $u$  for closed-loop state-space representation.
- Convert the system into state space form  $G_{CL} = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}$ , then substitute in

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sR(s)(1 - G_{CL})$$

- The steady-state error for a closed-loop system represented in state-space:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sR(s)(1 - \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B})$$



## Steady-State Error in State-Space – Via Input Substitution

- With input substitution, the idea is to express the steady state  $x(\infty)$  and correspondingly, the output  $y(\infty)$ , assuming their final form, then solve for the steady state error.
- Given a stable closed-loop LTI system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathcal{R}^n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}r$$
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$$

- The form of the steady state to a step input and ramp input are:

$$\mathbf{x}_{step}(\infty) = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ \vdots \\ V_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{ramp}(\infty) = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 t + W_1 \\ V_2 t + W_2 \\ \vdots \\ V_n t + W_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V}t + \mathbf{W}$$

- Where  $V_i$  and  $W_i$  are constants,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- Where  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  are constant vectors of size  $n$





## Steady-State Error in State-Space – Via Input Substitution

- For a step input, since  $\mathbf{x}(\infty)$  is constant, then  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\infty) = 0$ , substituting into the state space equations, with  $r = 1$  for unit step:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{V} = -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{y}(\infty) &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}(\infty) = -\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B} \end{aligned}$$

- And since  $\mathbf{e}(\infty) = 1 - \mathbf{y}(\infty)$  for a unit step, then the steady-state error:

$$\mathbf{e}(\infty) = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$$



## Steady-State Error in State-Space – Via Input Substitution

- For a ramp input,  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\infty) = \mathbf{V} = \text{constant}$ , substituting into the state space equations, with  $r = t$  for unit ramp:

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{V}t + \mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{B}t \Rightarrow \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}t + \mathbf{B}t + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{W}$$
$$\mathbf{y}(\infty) = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{V}t + \mathbf{W})$$

- Equating the coefficients to balance the equation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = -\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{V} = -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$$
$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{W} \Rightarrow \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{V} = -(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^2\mathbf{B}$$

- Substituting in  $\mathbf{y}$

$$\mathbf{y}(\infty) = -\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}t + (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^2\mathbf{B})$$

- And since  $\mathbf{e}(\infty) = t - \mathbf{y}(\infty)$  for a unit ramp, then the steady-state error

$$\mathbf{e}(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [t + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}t + (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^2\mathbf{B})]$$
$$\mathbf{e}(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [(1 + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B})t + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^2\mathbf{B}]$$



# Another Linear Algebra Refresher

$$\text{For } A \in \mathcal{R}^{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Compute the steady-state error for the following stable closed-loop system, for a unit step input

- Using the final value theorem
- Using input substitution

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} r$$
$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$



Nise 6<sup>th</sup> Global Edition:  
6-51, 7-54

## Practice Problems



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