# State-Space Method

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# State-Space Methodology

- State-variable approach of describing differential equations
  - Often referred to as Modern Control Theory, as opposed to Classical Control Theory (Transfer Functions, Root Locus, Frequency response)
  - Dynamic system is organized as a set of (only) first-order differential equations
  - ODEs do not need to be linear or time-invariant (compared to TF (LTI) approach)
  - Easily extended to MIMO systems (TF is SISO)
- State-Space Representation
  - Non-linear, Time Varying

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

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

Linear, Time-Invariant (LTI)

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

$$y = Cx + Du$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_r \end{bmatrix}$$

State Vector Output Vector Input Vector

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1r} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \cdots & b_{nr} \end{bmatrix}$$

State Matrix

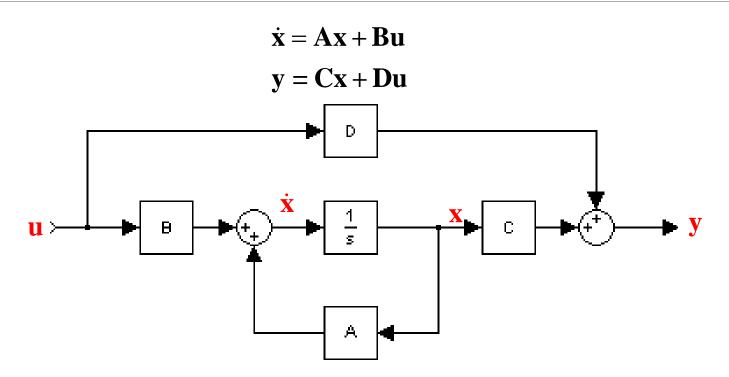
Input Matrix

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & \cdots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \cdots & d_{1r} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{m1} & \cdots & d_{mr} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Output Matrix** 

**Direct Transmission Matrix** 

# Block Diagram Representation & Transfer Matrix



■ The Transfer Matrix (extension of the transfer function) is  $\mathbf{G}(s) = \frac{\mathbf{Y}(s)}{\mathbf{U}(s)}$ 

$$\mathbf{G}(s) = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}$$
Why?

### Derivation of the Transfer Matrix

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

Take Laplace Transform:  $s\mathbf{X}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}(s) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s)$  $\mathbf{Y}(s) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}(s) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}(s)$ 

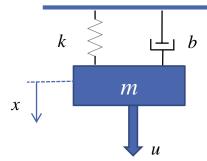
Zero initial conditions (Property of Transfer Matrix):

$$s\mathbf{X}(s) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}(s) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s)$$
$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{X}(s) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s)$$
$$\mathbf{X}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s)$$

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

# Constructing State-Space Models

- Define state variables (can be arbitrary)
  - In general, the total order of the system determines the required number of state variables. (number of integrators)
- Consider the Mass-Spring-Damper System under force input, u.



Equation of Motion (EOM):

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = u$$

$$x_1 = x$$

System is 2<sup>nd</sup> order, so 2 state variables are needed:  $x_2 = \dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}$ 

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$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 \qquad x = \frac{1}{\dot{x}_2} = \ddot{x} = \frac{1}{m} (-kx - b\dot{x}) + \frac{1}{m} u$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} (-kx_1 - bx_2) + \frac{1}{m} u$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{b}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# **Understanding State-Space Models**

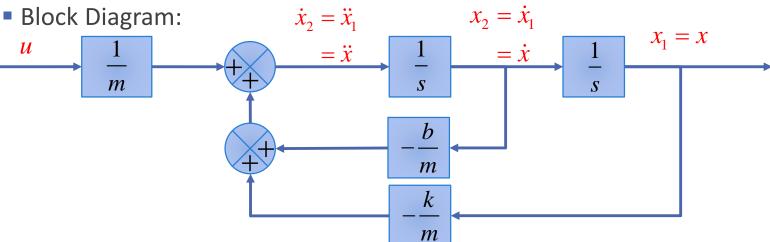
$$x_{1} = x$$

$$x_{2} = \dot{x}_{1} = \dot{x}$$

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- Here  $x_1$  is displacement and  $x_2$  is velocity
- Also:  $\dot{x}_2 = \left(-\frac{k}{m}\right)x_1 + \left(-\frac{b}{m}\right)x_2 + \frac{1}{m}u$  and  $x_1 = x, x_2 = \dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}$



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# State-Space Modelling with Input Derivatives

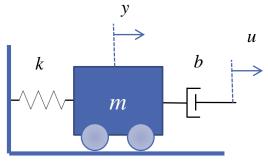
We have been able to model systems in the form of:

$$y + a_1 y + \dots + a_{n-1} \dot{y} + a_n y = bu$$

But what happens if the system contains derivatives of the input?

$$y + a_1 y + \dots + a_{n-1} \dot{y} + a_n y = b_0 u + b_1 u + \dots + b_{n-1} \dot{u} + b_n u$$

What is the equation of motion and SS model of the following system?



$$m\ddot{y} + b\dot{y} + ky = b\dot{u}$$

Choose state variables:  $x_1 = y$   $x_2 = \dot{x}_1 = \dot{y}$   $\dot{x}_1 = x_2$   $\dot{x}_2 = \ddot{y} = -\frac{k}{m}x_1 - \frac{b}{m}x_2 \left( +\frac{b}{m}\dot{u} \right)$ 

# State-Space Modelling with Input Derivatives

- Okay. Let's try to eliminate the derivative of u:  $x_1 = y$ 
  - Let's try by defining the state variables differently  $x_2 = \dot{y} \frac{b}{m}u = \dot{x}_1 \frac{b}{m}u$

$$\dot{x}_2 = \ddot{y} - \frac{b}{m}\dot{u}$$

$$= -\frac{k}{m}y - \frac{b}{m}\dot{y} + \frac{b}{m}\dot{u} - \frac{b}{m}\dot{u}$$

$$= -\frac{k}{m}x_1 - \frac{b}{m}\left(x_2 + \frac{b}{m}u\right)$$

$$= -\frac{k}{m}x_1 - \frac{b}{m}x_2 - \left(\frac{b}{m}\right)^2u$$

Now the State-Space Model can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{b}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b}{m} \\ -\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)^2 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



### State-Space Modelling with Input Derivatives

For a system described by the differential equation:

$$y + a_1 y + \dots + a_{n-1}\dot{y} + a_n y = b_0 u + b_1 u + \dots + b_{n-1}\dot{u} + b_n u$$

which can also be expressed as a Transfer Function:

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{b_0 s^n + b_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + b_{n-1} s + b_n}{s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n}$$

One possible State-Space Representation (Controllable Canonical Form) is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_{n-1} \\ \dot{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \cdots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n-1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

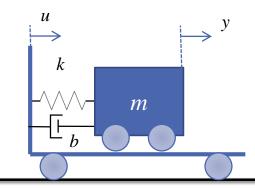
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} b_n - a_n b_0 & b_{n-1} - a_{n-1} b_0 & \cdots & b_1 - a_1 b_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + b_0 u$$



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#### Exercise!

Obtain the State Space Representation of the following System:



$$EOM: m\ddot{y} + b\dot{y} + ky = b\dot{u} + ku$$

$$\ddot{y} + \frac{b}{m}\dot{y} + \frac{k}{m}y = \frac{b}{m}\dot{u} + \frac{k}{m}u$$

Compare to:

$$\ddot{y} + a_1 \dot{y} + a_2 y = b_0 \ddot{u} + b_1 \dot{u} + b_2 u$$

$$a_1 = \frac{b}{m}, \ a_2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$b_0 = 0, \ b_1 = \frac{b}{m}, \ b_2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} b_{n} - a_{n}b_{0} & b_{n-1} - a_{n-1}b_{0} & \cdots & b_{1} - a_{1}b_{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n} \end{bmatrix} + b_{0}u$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{1} \\ \dot{x}_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{b}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{k}{m} & \frac{b}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$