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# The optimal cost of the singular LQR problem and fast/slow subspaces of the Hamiltonian system

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- Solutions of the Algebraic Riccati Equation (ARE) are rank-minimizing solutions of the LQR LMI.



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## Theorem (Almost all singular LQR problems solvable using PD-controllers)

■ *Define*

$$F_p := \begin{bmatrix} V_3 & f_0 & f_1 & f_2 & \cdots & f_{n_f-1} \end{bmatrix} X_1^{-1}$$

$$F_d := \begin{bmatrix} 0_{1,n_s} & 1 & -f_0 & -f_1 & \cdots & -f_{n_f-2} \end{bmatrix} X_1^{-1},$$

*such that  $\det(s(I_n - bF_d) - (A + bF_p)) \neq 0$ ,  $f_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

■ *Then, the optimal input  $u(t)$  is given by:*

$$u(t) = F_p x(t) + F_d \frac{d}{dt} x(t).$$

For the regular case:  $F_d = 0$ . Hence,  $u(t) = F_p x(t)$  – as expected.

For details see: Bhawal and Pal, IEEE Control Systems Letters, 2019.



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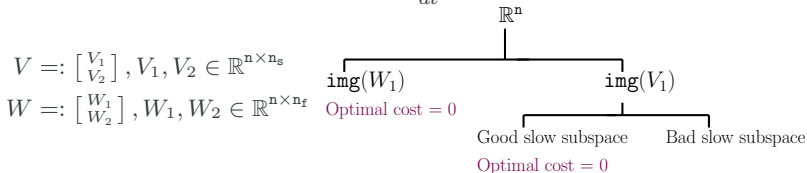
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