

State Variable Form :

When applying first principles (Newton's 2nd Law), the resulting ODE's that describe the system behavior are typically 2nd order or 1st order ODE's

Newton's 2nd \Rightarrow 2nd order ODE's

- position x
 - velocity \dot{x}
 - acceleration \ddot{x}
- } forces/torques are function of these

In order to solve numerically (i.e. get them into a Simulink function) we need to express them in "state variable" form:

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u) \quad \text{In general, } n \text{ states} \\ m \text{ inputs}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{x}_n &= f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x \text{ is } n \times 1 \text{ vector} \\ u \text{ is } m \times 1 \text{ vector} \\ f \text{ is a vector function} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{a system of } n \text{ 1st order} \\ \text{ODE's} \end{array}$$

Steps :

- ① Starting with derived EOM, solve each equation for the highest-order derivative term
- ② Terms on left are state derivatives
Terms on right are states, inputs, or physical parameters
- ③ For each state identified, need an equation expressing state derivative as a function of states, inputs, parameters

In other words, need

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) \quad \text{for each state}$$

Example: Case Study I: Single link robot arm

EOM $J_0 \ddot{\theta} + b \dot{\theta} + mg \frac{l}{2} \cos \theta = \tau(t)$

2nd order system — we expect that in state variable form, it will be represented by a system of 2 1st-order ODE's

Solve for highest-order derivative term:

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{b}{J_0} \dot{\theta} - \frac{mg l}{2 J_0} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{J_0} \tau(t)$$

derivative of state \uparrow state \uparrow state \uparrow input

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = \tau(t)$$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

one of our state equations — 1st order?

need 2nd ODE: $\dot{\theta} = ? \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \dot{\theta}$
 derivative of 2nd state = 1st state Confusing!

Let's try a substitution: $\dot{\theta} = \Omega \leftarrow \text{angular velocity}$

$$\rightarrow \ddot{\theta} = \dot{\Omega}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\Omega} = -\frac{b}{J_0} \Omega - \frac{mg l}{2 J_0} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{J_0} \tau(t)$$

derivative of state \uparrow states \uparrow input \uparrow 1st EOM

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

2nd EOM :

$$\dot{\theta} = \Omega$$

derivative of 2nd state = 1st state

Example : Case Study II - Ball Beam

$$\frac{7}{5} \ddot{z} - z \dot{\theta}^2 + g \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} m_2 l^2 + m_1 z^2 \right) \ddot{\theta} + 2m_1 z \dot{z} \dot{\theta} + g \cos \theta \left(m_2 \frac{l}{2} + m_1 z \right) = F(t) l \cos \theta$$

Let's do velocity variable substitutions to avoid confusion:

Let $\dot{z} = v$ and $\dot{\theta} = \Omega$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7}{5} \dot{v} - z \Omega^2 + g \sin \theta = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} m_2 l^2 + m_1 z^2 \right) \dot{\Omega} + 2m_1 z v \Omega + g \cos \theta \left(m_2 \frac{l}{2} + m_1 z \right) = F(t) l \cos \theta \quad (2)$$

Solving (1) & (2) for highest-order derivative terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v} &= \frac{5}{7} z \Omega^2 - \frac{5}{7} g \sin \theta \\ \dot{\Omega} &= \frac{-2m_1 z v \Omega - g \cos \theta \left(m_2 \frac{l}{2} + m_1 z \right) + F(t) l \cos \theta}{\left(\frac{1}{3} m_2 l^2 + m_1 z^2 \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} z \\ \theta \\ v \\ \Omega \end{bmatrix} \quad u = F(t)$$

Linearization:

Given a nonlinear system of ODE's

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

we can linearize about an equilibrium point (x_0, u_0) using the Taylor Series Approximation:

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u) = f(x_0, u_0) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x_0, u_0} (x - x_0) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{x_0, u_0} (u - u_0) + \text{H.O.T.}$$

At equilibrium, $f(x_0, u_0) = 0$ and ignoring H.O.T. we get:

$$\dot{x} \approx \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x_0, u_0} (x - x_0) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{x_0, u_0} (u - u_0)$$

Define $\tilde{x} \triangleq x - x_0$ and $\tilde{u} \triangleq u - u_0$

Note $\dot{\tilde{x}} = \dot{x} - \dot{x}_0$ but x_0 is constant

$$\rightarrow \dot{\tilde{x}} = \dot{x} \quad \rightarrow \dot{x}_0 = 0$$

Substituting,

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} \approx \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x_0, u_0} \tilde{x} + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{x_0, u_0} \tilde{u}$$

which is linear in the perturbations \tilde{x} , \tilde{u} .

This is state-space form (partially)

CSI: single-link robot arm, Linearization,

$$J_0 \ddot{\theta} + b \dot{\theta} + mg \frac{l}{2} \cos \theta = \tau(t)$$

At equilibrium, $\dot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta} = 0$, $\theta = \theta_0$, $\tau = \tau_0$

$$\rightarrow \underline{mg \frac{l}{2} \cos \theta_0 = \tau_0}$$

\rightarrow Specify θ_0 , calculate τ_0

For our state, take $x = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$ where $\dot{\theta} = \Omega$

$$J_0 \dot{\Omega} + b \Omega + mg \frac{l}{2} \cos \theta = \tau(t)$$

or

$$\dot{\Omega} = -\frac{b}{J_0} \Omega - \frac{mg l}{2 J_0} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{J_0} \tau(t) = f_1$$

and

$$\dot{\theta} = \Omega = f_2$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \Omega} \right|_{\substack{\Omega_0, \theta_0 \\ \tau_0}} = -\frac{b}{J_0}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\substack{\Omega_0, \theta_0 \\ \tau_0}} = \frac{mg l}{2 J_0} \sin \theta_0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \Omega} \right|_{\substack{\Omega_0, \theta_0 \\ \tau_0}} = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\substack{\Omega_0, \theta_0 \\ \tau_0}} = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \tau} \right|_{\substack{\Omega_0, \theta_0 \\ \tau_0}} = \frac{1}{J_0}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \tau} \right|_{\substack{\Omega_0, \theta_0 \\ \tau_0}} = 0$$

From this, we can write:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{\Omega}} \\ \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -b/J_0 & \frac{mg l}{2 J_0} \sin \theta_0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\Omega} \\ \tilde{\theta} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/J_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\tau}(t)$$

We can also linearize nonlinearities term-by-term.
Referring to EoM:

$$J_0 \ddot{\Omega} + b\Omega + mgl \frac{\ell}{2} \cos \theta = \tau(t)$$

What are nonlinear terms? $\cos \theta$ only

$$\text{let } a(\theta) = \cos \theta$$

Taylor Series approx abt $\theta = \theta_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow a &\approx a(\theta_0) + \left. \frac{\partial a}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0} (\theta - \theta_0) \\ &\approx \cos \theta_0 - (\sin \theta_0) \tilde{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Subst.

$$J_0 \ddot{\Omega} + b\Omega + mgl \frac{\ell}{2} [\cos \theta_0 - (\sin \theta_0) \tilde{\theta}] = \tau(t)$$

$$\text{Recall that: } \tilde{\tau} = \tau - \tau_0$$

$$\rightarrow \tau = \tilde{\tau} + \tau_0$$

$$\tau = \tilde{\tau} + mgl \frac{\ell}{2} \cos \theta_0$$

Subst.

$$J_0 \ddot{\Omega} + b\Omega + \cancel{mgl \frac{\ell}{2} \cos \theta_0} - mgl \frac{\ell}{2} \sin \theta_0 \tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\tau} + \cancel{mgl \frac{\ell}{2} \cos \theta_0}$$

$$J_0 \ddot{\Omega} + b\Omega - mgl \frac{\ell}{2} \sin \theta_0 \tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\tau}(t)$$

Why do this term-by-term?

Case Study II provides an example

CS II: (Inverted Pendulum) Linearization

EOM

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 & m_1 l \cos \theta \\ m_1 l \cos \theta & m_1 l^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 l \dot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta - b \ddot{y} + F(t) \\ m_1 g l \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for $\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 & m_1 l \cos \theta \\ m_1 l \cos \theta & m_1 l^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 l \dot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta - b \ddot{y} + F(t) \\ m_1 g l \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- This gets messy.
- Easier to linearize before taking inverse and multiplying
- Linearize term by term
- First, find equilibrium

Equilibrium:

$$\text{Let } \ddot{y} = \ddot{\theta} = \dot{y} = \dot{\theta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} F(t) \\ m_1 g l \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y_0, \theta_0, F_0) = (\text{free}, k\pi, 0) \Rightarrow (\theta_0, F_0) = (0, 0)$$

Linearize about (θ_0, F_0) :
 can be anything up or down for $\theta_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &\approx \cos \theta_0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \cos \theta \bigg|_{\theta_0} \tilde{\theta} = \cos \theta_0 - \sin \theta_0 \tilde{\theta} = 1 \\ \sin \theta &\approx \sin \theta_0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \bigg|_{\theta_0} \tilde{\theta} = \sin \theta_0 + \cos \theta_0 \tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

(cont.)

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta &\approx \ddot{\theta}_0^2 \sin \theta_0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\ddot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta) \bigg|_{\theta_0} \tilde{\theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\theta}} (\ddot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta) \bigg|_{\theta_0} \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\ &\approx \ddot{\theta}_0^2 \sin \theta_0 + \ddot{\theta}_0^2 \cos \theta_0 \tilde{\theta} + 2 \ddot{\theta}_0 \sin \theta_0 \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\ &\approx 0\end{aligned}$$

Subst. gives :

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 & m_1 l \\ m_1 l & m_1 l^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -b\dot{y} + F(t) \\ m_1 g l \tilde{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Convert to $\tilde{\theta}$, \tilde{F} notation

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\theta} &= \theta - \theta_0 & \tilde{F} &= F - F_0 \\ \tilde{\theta} &= \theta & \tilde{F} &= F\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 & m_1 l \\ m_1 l & m_1 l^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{\tilde{\theta}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -b\dot{y} + \tilde{F}(t) \\ m_1 g l \tilde{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

State - Space Form

- Depending on how they are derived, equations of motion (ODE's) can take a variety of forms
- For analysis, two forms are particularly useful
 - State-space form
 - transfer function form

(Both of these forms require the equations to be linear, constant-coefficient ODE's)

State-space form looks like this :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= Ax + Bu \\ y &= Cx + Du\end{aligned}$$

For an n^{th} -order SISO system,

x, \dot{x} : state, state derivative vectors ($n \times 1$)

y, u : output, input (scalar)

A : system matrix ($n \times n$)

B : input matrix ($n \times 1$)

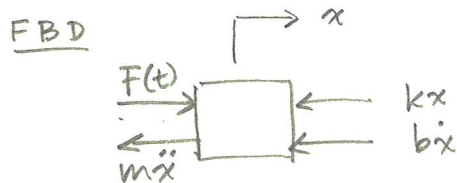
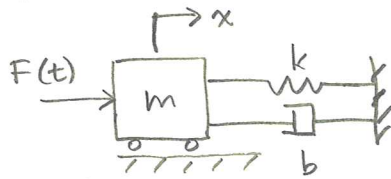
C : output matrix ($1 \times n$)

D : direct transmission matrix (scalar)

- State-space form can be used for control design and analysis
- Can be used to specify EOM to Matlab for simulation

Simple simulations in Matlab

Example: Mass-spring system



EOM

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F(t)$$

Two Approaches

State Space

- Solve for highest-order derivative term

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{b}{m}\dot{x} - \frac{k}{m}x + \frac{1}{m}F(t)$$

- Terms on right are composed of states, inputs, physical parameters

states: \dot{x} , x

inputs: $F(t)$

parameters: m, b, k

- Want EOM in this form

$$\dot{z} = Az + Bu$$

$$y = Cz + Du$$

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ x \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} u &= F(t) \\ y &= x \end{aligned}$$

Transfer Function

- Take Laplace transform (assume zero IC's)

$$(ms^2 + bs + k)X(s) = F(s)$$

- Solve for $\frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}}$

$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + bs + k}$$

State Space (cont.)

- A little easier to understand if we use

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ x \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad v = \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} = \ddot{x}$$

- Substituting...

$$\dot{v} = -\frac{b}{m} v - \frac{k}{m} x + \frac{1}{m} F(t)$$

$$\dot{x} = v$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{v} \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{b}{m} & -\frac{k}{m} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} F(t)$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ x \end{bmatrix} + 0 F(t)$$