

Solutions to Optimal Control Problems for Large Scale Systems

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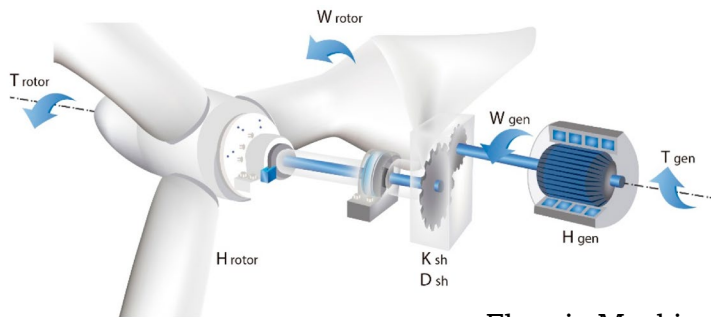
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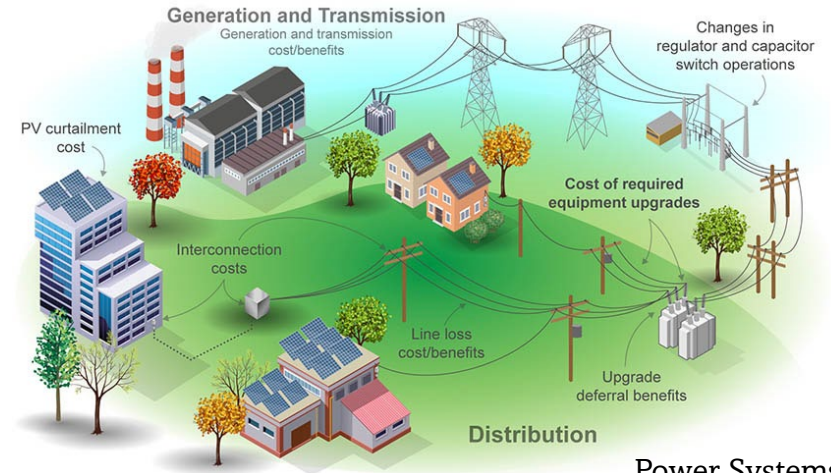
Introduction – From Control to Optimal Control

A control system is a system that uses **feedback** information to **continuously monitor** the states and **adjust input** to regulate states or outputs (a.k.a. **state regulator** or **output regulator**) or perform tracking.

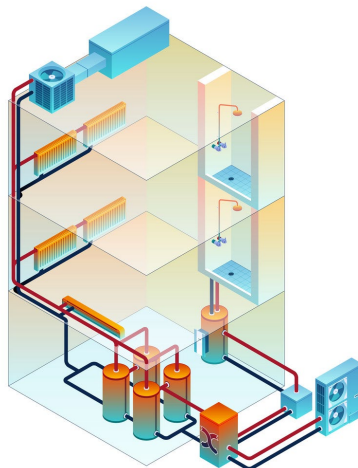
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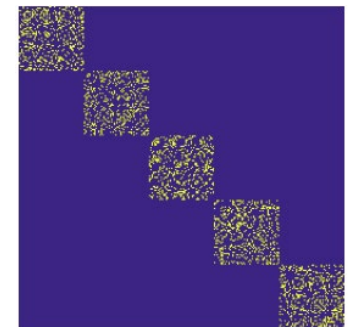
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Introduction – From Control to Optimal Control

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

General Cost Function:

$$J_{LQR} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u} dt = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{P} \dot{\mathbf{x}} dt + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u} + \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{P} \dot{\mathbf{x}} dt$$

To obtain minimum cost $J_{LQR} = \underbrace{H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})}_{\text{Feedback Invariant}} + \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}) dt}_{L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})}$,

- \mathbf{P} must be symmetric, and it satisfies the algebraic Riccati Equation:

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{Q} - (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F})^T = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow O(n^3)$$

- The optimal input $\mathbf{u}^*(t)$ will be $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F})^T \mathbf{x}$

Hence, optimal control problem can be solved by: [Naidu, 2002 | P. 136]

1. Solve the CARE: $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{Q} - (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F})^T = \mathbf{0}$, where \mathbf{P} is symmetric.
2. Obtain the optimal state: $\dot{\mathbf{x}}^* = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F})^T) \mathbf{x}^*$
3. Obtain the optimal control: $\mathbf{u}^* = -\mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F})^T \mathbf{x}^*(t)$
4. Find the minimum cost: $J^* = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^{*T}(0) \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}^*(0)$

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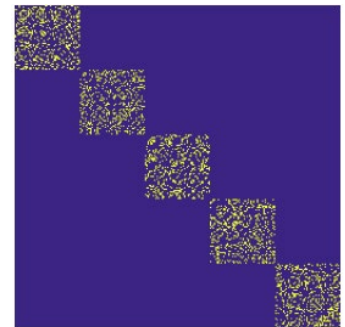
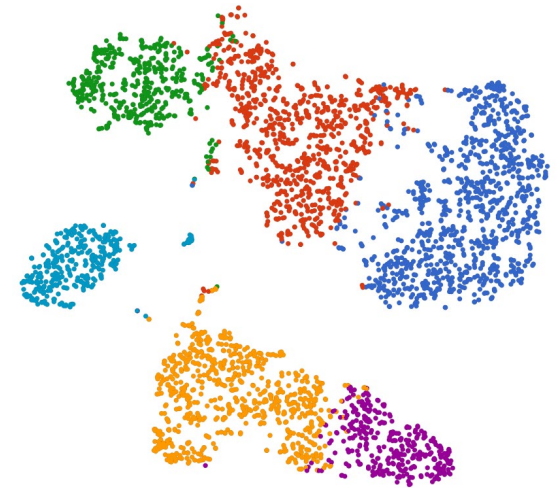
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Introduction – Revisit to Linear Algebra

Properties of **Similarity Transformation** [Ch.6 | P. 10]

1. **Definition:**

(A, B) are similar matrices if there exists an invertible P, such that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PBP}^{-1}$, or $\mathbf{AP} = \mathbf{PB}$

2. **Same eigenvalues:**

Given (A, B) are similar matrices.

$$\begin{aligned}\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) &= \det(\mathbf{PBP}^{-1} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \det(\mathbf{PBP}^{-1} - \lambda\mathbf{PP}^{-1}) = \det(\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{B} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{P}^{-1}) \\ &= \det(\mathbf{P})\det(\mathbf{B} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\det(\mathbf{P}^{-1}) = \det(\mathbf{B} - \lambda\mathbf{I}).\end{aligned}$$

Hence they share the same eigenvalue.

3. **Same rank:** [Ch.4 | P.20]

Rank is unchanged upon left-multiplication or right-multiplication of some invertible matrices.

i.e. $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{PAP}^{-1}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$ if P is invertible.

Properties of **Simultaneous Block Diagonalization** [Nazerian | P.2]

1. **Definition:**

Given a set of M square n-dimension matrices $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_M\}$, an SBD transformation is an orthogonal square matrix \mathbf{T} with dimension N, such that

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_k\mathbf{T} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^l \mathbf{B}_j^k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

where the symbol \bigoplus is the direct sum of matrices, l is the number of block, and each blocks \mathbf{B}_j^k is a square matrices with dimension b_j such that $\sum_{j=1}^l b_j = n$.

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Properties of **Simultaneous Block Diagonalization** [Nazerian | P.2]

2. Finest SBD:

The finest SBD is the SBD for which the resulting blocks cannot be further refined by any other transformation.

3. Commutative Properties:

(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) is said to be **simultaneous block diagonalizable** if they share the same matrix with eigenvectors as its columns and they are commutative, i.e. $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = \mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{O}$ or $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$.

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{UDU}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{UD}'\mathbf{U}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{UDU}^{-1}\mathbf{UD}'\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{UDD}'\mathbf{U}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{UD}'\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{UDU}^{-1} = \mathbf{UD}'\mathbf{DU}^{-1}$$

Hence, $\mathbf{D}'\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{DD}'$ given that both \mathbf{D} and \mathbf{D}' are diagonal matrices and $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$

How to obtain the transformation $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{SBD}(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n)$ such that $\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_k\mathbf{T} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^l \mathbf{B}_j^k$?

Algorithm 1: The SBD Transformation [46].

Input: $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

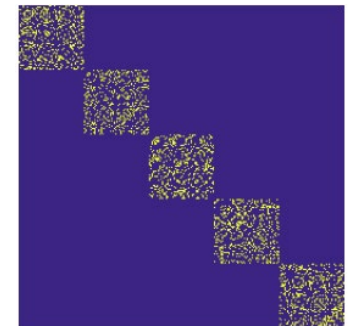
Output: \mathbf{T}

- 1: $\mathbf{P}_i = \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{A}_i - \mathbf{A}_i^\top \otimes \mathbf{I}_n, \quad i = 1, \dots, M$
 - 2: $\mathbf{S} = \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbf{P}_i^\top \mathbf{P}_i$
 - 3: $\text{vec}(\mathbf{U}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{S})$
 - 4: Reshape $\text{vec}(\mathbf{U})$ into $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and set
 $\mathbf{U} := (1/2)(\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U}^\top)$
 - 5: \mathbf{T} is a matrix with eigenvectors of \mathbf{U} as its columns
 - 6: **return** \mathbf{T}
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1. Find a \mathbf{U} such that $\mathbf{AU} = \mathbf{UA}$, or
$$\left(\mathbf{A}_{ij}^\top \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n_{pi}} - \mathbf{I}_{n_{pi}} \otimes \mathbf{A}_{ij} \right) \text{vec}(\mathbf{U}_j) = \mathbf{0}_{n_i, n_j}$$
2. Define $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}_{ij}^\top \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n_{pi}} - \mathbf{I}_{n_{pi}} \otimes \mathbf{A}_{ij}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{U}_j)$,
It is to find $\mathbf{Px} = \mathbf{0}$ or the nullspace of $N(\mathbf{P})$.
Yet, $N(\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P}) = N(\mathbf{P})$ as $\mathbf{Px} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{Px} = \mathbf{0}$
3. It returns such a $\text{vec}(\mathbf{U})$ and hence \mathbf{U} , such that $\mathbf{AU} = \mathbf{UA}$.
4. Perform eigen-decomposition on $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$.
5. Return \mathbf{T} as the SBD transformation.

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Optimal Control Problems with Simultaneous Block Diagonalization

Consider an OCP:

$$\min_{\bar{\mathbf{u}}} \bar{J} = \int_0^{t_f} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \bar{\mathbf{u}}^T \bar{\mathbf{R}} \bar{\mathbf{u}} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \bar{\mathbf{F}} \bar{\mathbf{u}} dt$$

$$\text{s. t. } \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \bar{\mathbf{B}}\bar{\mathbf{u}}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}(t_f) = \mathbf{x}_f$$

where

$\mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ state vector

$\bar{\mathbf{u}}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ input vector,

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$\bar{\mathbf{B}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

$\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ($\mathbf{Q} \geq 0$)

$\bar{\mathbf{R}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ($\bar{\mathbf{R}} > 0$)

$\bar{\mathbf{F}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ ($\mathbf{Q} - \bar{\mathbf{F}} \bar{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{F}}^T \geq 0$)

Append

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{u}_0(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = [\bar{\mathbf{B}} \quad \mathbf{0}_{n \times (n-m)}]$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \bar{\mathbf{R}} \oplus \mathbf{R}_0$$

$$\mathbf{F} = [\bar{\mathbf{F}} \quad \mathbf{0}_{n \times (n-m)}]$$

Sample OCP

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} J = \int_0^{t_f} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u} dt$$

$$\text{s. t. } \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}(t_f) = \mathbf{x}_f$$

where

$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

Suppose an orthogonal similarity transformation matrix

$$\mathbf{T} = \text{SBD}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F})$$

is applied to decouple the original large problem into a sets of L lower dimensional problems by simultaneous block diagonalizing the following matrices.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \bigoplus_{l=1}^L \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_l = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{T}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \bigoplus_{l=1}^L \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_l = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{T}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} = \bigoplus_{l=1}^L \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_l = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{T}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{R}} = \bigoplus_{l=1}^L \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_l = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T},$$

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Sample OCP

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} J = \int_0^{t_f} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u} dt$$

$$\text{s. t. } \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}(t_f) = \mathbf{x}_f$$

where

$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{x}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{T}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{T}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{T}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}} = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{T}$$

Transform

Transformed OCP

$$\min_{\mathbf{v}} J = \int_0^{t_f} \mathbf{z}^T \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{v}^T \tilde{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{z}^T \tilde{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{v} dt$$

$$\text{s. t. } \dot{\mathbf{z}} = \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{z}(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{v}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{z}(0) = \mathbf{z}_0, \mathbf{z}(t_f) = \mathbf{z}_f$$

where

$$\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}, \tilde{\mathbf{B}}, \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}, \tilde{\mathbf{R}}, \tilde{\mathbf{F}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

Decoupled OCP

$$\min_{\mathbf{v}_l} J = \int_0^{t_f} \mathbf{z}_l^T \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_l \mathbf{z}_l + \mathbf{v}_l^T \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_l \mathbf{v}_l + 2\mathbf{z}_l^T \tilde{\mathbf{F}}_l \mathbf{v}_l dt$$

$$\text{s. t. } \dot{\mathbf{z}}_l = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_l \mathbf{z}_l(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_l \mathbf{v}_l(t)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_l(0) = \mathbf{z}_{l0}, \mathbf{z}_l(t_f) = \mathbf{z}_{lf}$$

where $l = 1, 2, \dots, L$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{z}(t) = [\mathbf{z}_1(t)^T \quad \mathbf{z}_2(t)^T \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{z}_n(t)^T]^T$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = [\mathbf{v}_1(t)^T \quad \mathbf{v}_2(t)^T \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_n(t)^T]^T$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_L} J_1 + J_2 + \dots + J_L$$

$$\text{s. t. } \dot{\mathbf{z}}_l = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_l \mathbf{z}_l(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_l \mathbf{v}_l(t)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_l(0) = \mathbf{z}_{l0}, \mathbf{z}_l(t_f) = \mathbf{z}_{lf}$$

Note

1. J_i and J_j are independent of each other
2. $J_i(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{v}_i) \geq 0$ and $J_j(\mathbf{z}_j, \mathbf{v}_j) \geq 0$
3. The states \mathbf{z}_i and the input \mathbf{v}_i are decoupled.
4. The dimension of controllable and observable subspace and the open loop poles remains the same.

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Close Form Solution of the sample OCP

Define the **Hamiltonian** for the OCP:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u})$$

where $\boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the time-varying costate vector.

[Ch. 3.1 | P. 6]

By **Portryagin's Maximum Principles**:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_i &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda_i} \\ -\lambda_i &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_i} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}} &= 0 \end{aligned} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial \boldsymbol{\lambda}(t)} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t) \\ -\boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{A}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) \\ \mathbf{0} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{B}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &\text{Assume } \boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{\xi}(t), \\ &\text{Solve for } \mathbf{x}(t) \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 2\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Optimal Control}} \mathbf{u}^*(t) = -\mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{B}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*(t) + \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{x}^*(t))$$

Assume $\boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$,

To decouple \mathbf{x} and $\boldsymbol{\xi}$, we find \mathbf{P} that sets $\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}} & \hat{\mathbf{B}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{Q}} & \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{0} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}} & \hat{\mathbf{B}} \\ \mathbf{0} & \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{F}^T + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}} = -\mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{F}^T) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{F}^T) \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{F} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{F}^T$$

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To solve state vector $\mathbf{x}(t)$ and costate vector $\boldsymbol{\lambda}(t) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}} & \hat{\mathbf{B}} \\ \mathbf{0} & \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \quad \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) = e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T(t_f-t)} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(t) + \hat{\mathbf{B}}\boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(t) + \hat{\mathbf{B}}e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T(t_f-t)} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) - \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{B}}e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T(t_f-t)} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f$$

$$e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}(t_f-t)}(\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) - \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(t)) = e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}(t_f-t)} \hat{\mathbf{B}}e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T(t_f-t)} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{t_f} e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}(t_f-t)} \mathbf{x}(t) dt = \underbrace{\int_0^{t_f} e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}(t_f-\tau)} \hat{\mathbf{B}}e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T(t_f-\tau)} d\tau}_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}(t_f)} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f$$

Controllability Gramian
 $O(n^4)$

$$\mathbf{x}_f - e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}t_f} \mathbf{x}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{W}} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_f = \hat{\mathbf{W}}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_f - e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}t_f} \mathbf{x}_0)$$

Solution

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}(t) = e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T(t_f-t)} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{W}}(t) \boldsymbol{\xi}_f + e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}t} \mathbf{x}_0$$

↓ SBD – TOCP

Performing SBD, the TOCP is still valid with the Riccati Matrix and Controllability Gramian as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \bigoplus_{l=1}^L \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_l = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{T}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{W}} = \bigoplus_{l=1}^L \tilde{\mathbf{W}}_l = \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{T}$$

The major task becomes solving

1) Algebraic Riccati Equation $O_R(n^3)$

$$\mathbf{0} = \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_l (\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_l - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_l \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_l^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{F}}_l^T) + (\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_l - \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_l \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_l^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{F}}_l^T) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_l - \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_l \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_l \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_l^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_l^T \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_l + \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_l - \tilde{\mathbf{F}} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_l^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{F}}_l^T$$

2) Controllability Gramian $O_G(n^4)$

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}}_l = \int_0^{t_f} e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}_l(t_f-\tau)} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_l e^{\hat{\mathbf{A}}_l^T(t_f-\tau)} d\tau$$

$$\sum_{l=1}^L O_R(n_l^3) \leq O_R(n^3), \quad \sum_{l=1}^L O_G(n_l^4) \leq O_G(n^3)$$

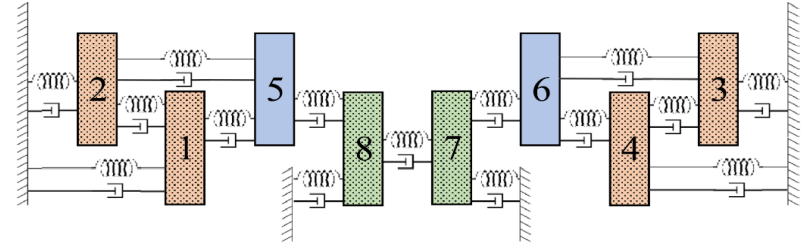
SBD-TOCP Example 1: Mass Spring Damper

Networked system =

N n-dimension interacting subsystems in S cluster

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \left[\sum_{s=1}^s (E_s \otimes A_s + G E_s \otimes H_s) \right] \mathbf{X}(t) + \left[\sum_{s=1}^s E_s \otimes B_s \right] \mathbf{U}(t)$$

$$J = \int_0^{t_f} (\mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{Q} \otimes \mathbf{W}_Q) \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{U}^T (\mathbf{R} \otimes \mathbf{W}_R) \mathbf{U}) dt$$



$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

\tilde{G}

SBD

$$\tilde{G} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.46 & 0.60 & -0.26 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.60 & -1.59 & -0.33 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.26 & -0.33 & 2.05 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1.29 & 0.21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.21 & 2.29 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\tilde{Q}

$$\tilde{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.82 & -0.24 & -0.51 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.24 & 1.67 & -0.71 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.51 & -0.71 & 0.51 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.39 & 0.92 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.92 & 0.61 \end{bmatrix}$$

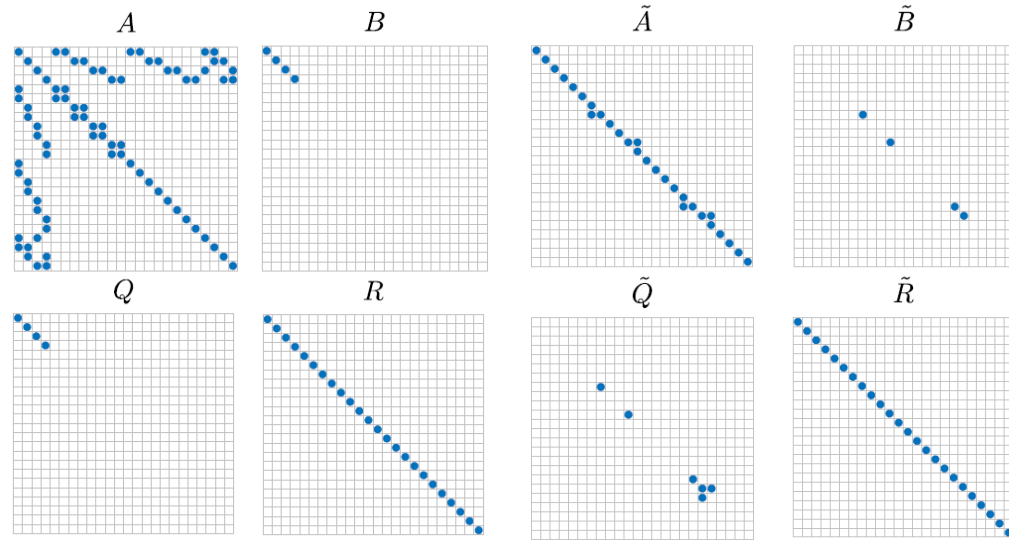
SBD-TOCP Example 2: HVAC Systems

HVAC Optimal Control Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{u}} \quad & J = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_k \\ \text{s. t. } & \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}_k, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \\ & \mathbf{x}_k = \begin{pmatrix} T_k^{wall} \\ T_k^{zone} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

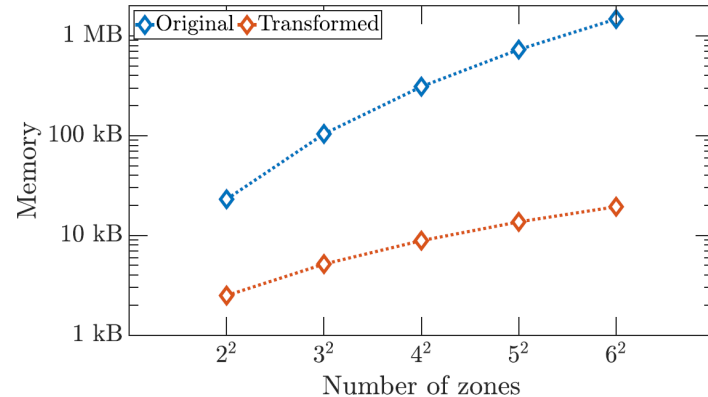
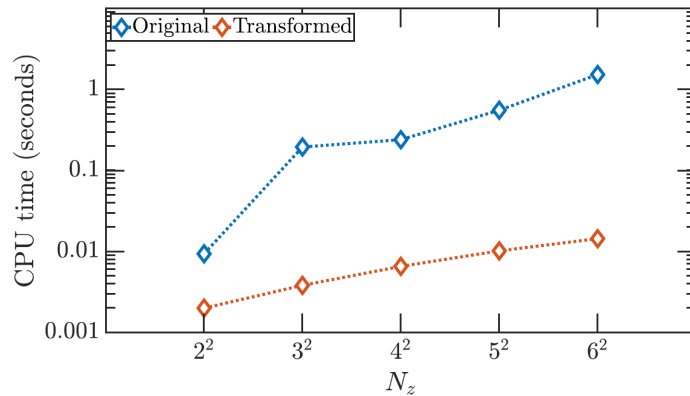
System Dimension N_{sys}

N_z	N_{sys}	\tilde{N}	\tilde{N}_1	\tilde{N}_2
2^2	24	20	16	4
3^2	51	42	33	9
4^2	88	72	56	16
5^2	135	110	85	25
6^2	192	156	120	36



(a) Original System

(b) SBD Transformed System



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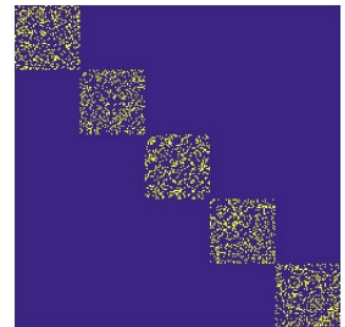
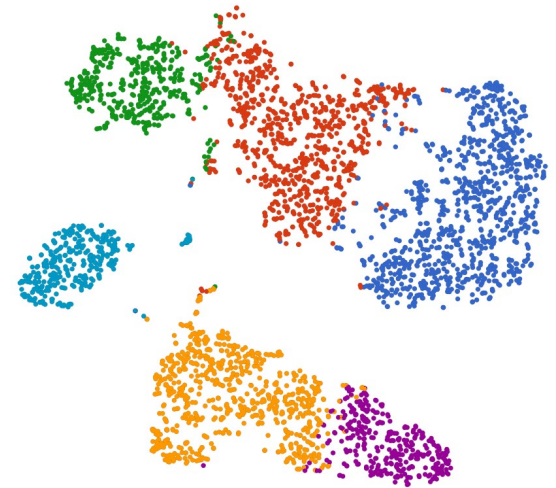
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Existing Methods – Symmetric Decomposition [Danielson, 2020]

Given a Constrained Finite-Time Optimal Control (CFTOC) problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{u}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k \\ \mathbf{u}_k \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{S} \\ \mathbf{S}^T & \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k \\ \mathbf{u}_k \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k \\ \mathbf{u}_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{y} \leq \mathbf{y} \leq \bar{y} \end{aligned}$$

Requirement – Rotational Symmetric

Rotation Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{S} \\ \mathbf{S}^T & \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}^x & \\ & \boldsymbol{\Theta}^u \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{S} \\ \mathbf{S}^T & \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}^x & \\ & \boldsymbol{\Theta}^u \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}^x & \\ & \boldsymbol{\Theta}^u \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}^x & \\ & \boldsymbol{\Theta}^u \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Symmetric Decomposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^x & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^u \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{S} \\ \mathbf{S}^T & \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^x & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_{ii} & \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{ii} \\ \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{ii}^T & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ii} \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } i = j \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^x & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^u \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^x & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i^u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{ii} & \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{ii} \\ \hat{\mathbf{C}}_{ii}^T & \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{ii} \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } i = j \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Transformation

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{u,y,x} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n_1} & \\ & \mathbf{I}_{n_{m+1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ & -2 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ & & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & 1-m & 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is a diagonal matrix, with element $\lambda_{ii} = 1/\sqrt{i^2 + 1}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ and

Symmetry permutes the cost and state matrices block-wise

Existing Methods – Symmetric Decomposition

Example – Mass-Spring-Dashpot System

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_1 & A_2 \\ A_2 & A_2 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} y_i \\ \dot{y}_i \end{pmatrix}$ = position
= velocity

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2K/M & -2B/M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ K/M & B/M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It was observed that the system is **reflective symmetric**, i.e.

$$\Theta^u = \Theta^y = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Pi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

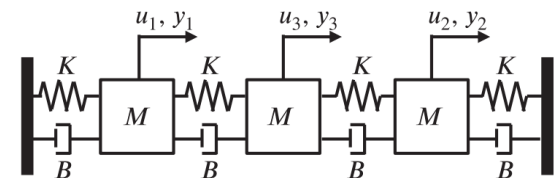
The symmetric decomposition matrix is $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow$

$$\Phi \otimes I_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} I & I \\ -I & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi^x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I \\ & & I \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I \\ & & I \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ A_2 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I \\ & & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & & \\ & A_1 & \sqrt{2} A_2 \\ & \sqrt{2} A_2 & A_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Existing Methods – Model Order Reduction (MOR – Aggregation)

Model Order Reduction (MOR) by Truncation [Obinata, 2001]

Assumption: The given system (A, B, C, D) are asymptotically stable, controllable and observable.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 \\ \mathbf{B}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) &= (\mathbf{C}_1 \quad \mathbf{C}_2) \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t) \end{aligned} \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \mathbf{A}_{11} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) &= \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Original System: $\mathbf{G}(s) = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}$

Reduced System: $\mathbf{G}_r(s) = \mathbf{C}_1(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{D}$

Error: $\mathbf{G}(s) - \mathbf{G}_r(s) = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}_1(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{B}_1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\mathbf{C}_1 \quad \mathbf{C}_2) \left(s\mathbf{I} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 \\ \mathbf{B}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{C}_1(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{B}_1 \\ &\hspace{25em} \text{(Block Matrices Inverse)} \\ &= (\mathbf{C}_1 \quad \mathbf{C}_2) \left[\begin{pmatrix} (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{12} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 \\ \mathbf{B}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad + \mathbf{C}_1(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{B}_1 \hspace{10em} \text{where } \mathbf{S}^{-1} = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{22} - \mathbf{A}_{21}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{12})^{-1} \\ &\hspace{25em} \text{(Schur Complement)} \hspace{10em} [\text{Ch.4 | P. 41}] \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{C}}(s) \Delta^{-1}(s) \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(s) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}(s) = \mathbf{C}_1 \boldsymbol{\Phi}(s) \mathbf{A}_{12} + \mathbf{C}_2$$

$$\Delta(s) = s\mathbf{I} - (\mathbf{A}_{22} - \mathbf{A}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Phi}(s) \mathbf{A}_{12})^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}(s) = \boldsymbol{\Phi}(s) \mathbf{A}_{12} \mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{B}_2 \quad \boldsymbol{\Phi}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{11})^{-1}$$

1. Error is state coordinate dependent
2. $\mathbf{G}(j\omega) = \mathbf{G}_r(j\omega)|_{\omega \rightarrow \infty}$
3. $\mathbf{G}(j\omega) \neq \mathbf{G}_r(j\omega)|_{\omega \rightarrow 0}$

Existing Methods – Model Order Reduction (MOR – Aggregation)

Model Order Reduction (MOR) by Aggregation – [Aoki, 1968]

$$\dot{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} = (\mathbf{A})_{n \times n} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_{n \times 1} + (\mathbf{B})_{n \times r} \underline{\mathbf{u}}_{r \times 1}$$

Aggregated state vector: $\underline{\mathbf{z}}_{l \times 1} = (\mathbf{C})_{l \times n} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_{n \times 1}$

$$\underline{\mathbf{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{x}}$$

rank(\mathbf{C}) = l

$$\begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \mathbf{c}_1 \text{---} \\ \text{---} \mathbf{c}_2 \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \mathbf{c}_l \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{x}}$$

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

$$\mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{u}$$

$$z_i = \langle \mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \quad \text{Projection of } \mathbf{c}_i \text{ on } \mathbf{x}$$

Goal: Design an aggregation matrix \mathbf{C} , such that

1. $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times n}$ is a fat matrix with rank(\mathbf{C}) = l .

2. \mathbf{C} satisfies $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{G}$.

$$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}^T$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}^T(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T)^{-1}$$

\mathbf{F} retains some characteristics of $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T$.

$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$, $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$

$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{C}(\lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i) = \lambda_i \mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i$ if $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i \neq 0$

Right Pseudo-Inverse \mathbf{C}^\dagger [Ch. 3 | P.34]

3. Additional Requirement: a) at least one entry in each column

b) \mathbf{c}_i are orthogonal to each other

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i &\neq 0 & 1 \leq i \leq l; \\ \mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i &= 0 & l+1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$



This method designs Aggregation Matrix \mathbf{C} by eigen-decomposition of \mathbf{A} to obtain \mathbf{v}_i and require \mathbf{F} to inherit the eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} .

Consider $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{\Lambda}_1 & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{\Lambda}_2 \end{pmatrix}$ such that $\mathbf{\Lambda}_1 = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{n_1})$, $\mathbf{\Lambda}_2 = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_{n_2})$
and $n_1 + n_2 = n$

Define $r = \max |\lambda_i|$ and $R = \min |\mu_i|$. If $r/R \ll 1$, it is considered as weak coupled

Existing Methods – Model Order Reduction (MOR – Aggregation)

With the spectral representation of A [Ch.6 | P.19] $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T$ $\begin{matrix} \mathbf{Cv}_i \neq 0 & 1 \leq i \leq l \\ \mathbf{Cv}_i = 0 & l+1 \leq i \leq n \end{matrix}$

It is to separate the eigenvalue λ_i into two sets $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l\}$ and $\{\lambda_{l+1}, \lambda_{l+2}, \dots, \lambda_n\}$.

To estimate $\mathbf{x}(t)$ with $\mathbf{z}(t)$, system requirements are:

1. $|\lambda_i|$ must be large with $\text{Re } \lambda_i < 0$ (stability)
2. $\langle \mathbf{w}_i, \mathbf{b}_i \rangle$ must be small for $l+1 \leq i \leq n$. (steady state error).

The mentioned method only guarantee acceptable system performance.

For the optimal control part, recall the aggregation requirement

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{FC} = \mathbf{CA} \\ \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{CB} \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{CAC}^T(\mathbf{CC}^T)^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{FC} = \mathbf{CAC}^T(\mathbf{CC}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{C}$$

For Riccati Equation,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{O} &= \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{T}^* + \mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{T}^* \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{T}^* + \mathbf{Q} && \text{- Optimal Riccati } \mathbf{T}^* \text{ with Full model} \\ \mathbf{O} &= \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P} \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{P} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q}_M && \text{- Optimal Riccati } \mathbf{P} \text{ with MOR model} \\ \mathbf{O} &= \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{Q}_M \mathbf{C} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it induces $\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}^*$ and $\underbrace{\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{Q}_M \mathbf{C}}_{\text{Rank } l} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}}_{\text{Rank } n}$ - Sub-Optimal Solution for Full model

Optimal Cost Matrix: $\mathbf{Q}_M = (\mathbf{CC}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{C}^T (\mathbf{CC}^T)^{-1}$

Conclusion

Methods for Optimal Control Problem Computation

Methods	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
Symmetric Decomposition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the (geometric or combinatoric) symmetric of matrix $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D})$ and $(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}^T)$. Use the given basis to perform diagonalization. <p>❖ Problem Specific to Symmetric Properties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple to design if fulfilled symmetric properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strict symmetric properties to fulfill Require permutation to transform to required symmetric
Model Order Reduction (Truncation / Aggregation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Find the aggregation matrix \mathbf{C} to capture the “effective” eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} and represent $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$. Try to obtain the cost matrix \mathbf{Q}_M for the sub-optimal problem. <p>❖ Suboptimal Solution but Quick Method</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple to design and quick to process in case some information is useless in cost optimization and system dynamics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-optimal
Simultaneous Block Diagonalization (SBD)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the commutant matrix $\mathbf{A}_i\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_i$ such that both all \mathbf{A}_i and \mathbf{P} are commutant. Perform eigen-decomposition on \mathbf{P} to obtain such random transformation \mathbf{T} with $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ <p>❖ Assume there is a Random Matrix \mathbf{T} to Block Diagonalize Given Sets of Matrices (e.g. $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}$)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exact and Optimal (Preserves all information including the cost and control) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Error prone (e.g. measurement error, truncation error)

Note:
Properties are generally valid for the computation algorithm. There are researches to fill in the gaps or further improve the performance.

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