

Linearization

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[1]: import sympy as sp
from IPython.display import display

# Enable LaTeX pretty printing
sp.init_printing(use_latex=True)

# Define symbols for lateral and longitudinal dynamics with LaTeX names
y = sp.symbols('y')
y_dot = sp.symbols(r'\dot{y}')
psi = sp.symbols(r'\psi')
psi_dot = sp.symbols(r'\dot{\psi}')
x = sp.symbols('x')
x_dot = sp.symbols(r'\dot{x}') # longitudinal velocity with LaTeX dot

delta, F = sp.symbols(r'\delta F') # inputs

# Vehicle parameters
m, Iz, lf, lr, Ca, fm, g = sp.symbols('m Iz l_f l_r C_alpha f g') # FIXED: use
# ↵C_alpha, not C_\alpha

# Replace vx with x_dot (longitudinal velocity is the second state)
vx = x_dot

# --- Lateral nonlinear dynamics with vx = x_dot ---
y_ddot = -psi_dot * vx + (2*Ca/m) * (sp.cos(delta)*(delta - (y_dot +
# ↵lf*psi_dot)/vx) - (y_dot - lr*psi_dot)/vx)
psi_ddot = (2*lf*Ca/Iz) * (delta - (y_dot + lf*psi_dot)/vx) - (2*lr*Ca/Iz) * (
# ↵(-y_dot - lr*psi_dot)/vx)

# Lateral state and input vectors
s1 = sp.Matrix([y, y_dot, psi, psi_dot])
u = sp.Matrix([delta, F])

# Lateral nonlinear state derivative
f1 = sp.Matrix([y_dot, y_ddot, psi_dot, psi_ddot])
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# Jacobians lateral
A1 = f1.jacobian(s1)
B1 = f1.jacobian(u)

# Small angle approx cos(delta) ~ 1
A1_lin = A1.subs(sp.cos(delta), 1)
B1_lin = B1.subs(sp.cos(delta), 1)

print("A1 (lateral system matrix):")
display(A1_lin)

print("\nB1 (lateral input matrix):")
display(B1_lin)

# --- Longitudinal nonlinear dynamics ---
# Assume lateral states y, y_dot, psi, psi_dot are constant during longitudinal
# linearization
# Longitudinal states and inputs
s2 = sp.Matrix([x, x_dot])

# Define disturbance term from lateral coupling and rolling resistance
disturbance = psi_dot * y_dot - (fm * g) / m

# Longitudinal nonlinear state derivative
f2 = sp.Matrix([
    x_dot,
    disturbance + (1/m) * (F) # no dependence on delta for x_ddot here
])

# Jacobians longitudinal
A2 = f2.jacobian(s2)
B2 = f2.jacobian(u) # u = [delta, F], delta no effect on x_ddot

print("\nA2 (longitudinal system matrix):")
display(A2)

print("\nB2 (longitudinal input matrix):")
display(B2)

print("\nDisturbance term:")
display(disturbance)

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A1 (lateral system matrix):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{4C_\alpha}{\dot{x}m} & 0 & \frac{2C_\alpha(-\frac{l_f}{\dot{x}} + \frac{l_r}{\dot{x}})}{m} - \dot{x} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{2C_\alpha l_f}{Iz\dot{x}} + \frac{2C_\alpha l_r}{Iz\dot{x}} & 0 & -\frac{2C_\alpha l_f^2}{Iz\dot{x}} - \frac{2C_\alpha l_r^2}{Iz\dot{x}} \end{bmatrix}$$

B1 (lateral input matrix):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2C_\alpha(-(\delta - \frac{\psi l_f + \dot{y}}{\dot{x}}) \sin(\delta) + 1)}{m} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2C_\alpha l_f}{Iz} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A2 (longitudinal system matrix):

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

B2 (longitudinal input matrix):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix}$$

Disturbance term:

$$\dot{\psi}\dot{y} - \frac{fg}{m}$$