

# Course Outline - 1st Half

- Review Classical Feedback Control
- Review Vector/Matrix Theory
- State-Space Representations
- LTI Response, Matrix Exponential
- Transfer Functions & Eigenvalues
- Frequency-Domain Analysis
- Harmonic & Impulse Responses
- Pole Placement
- **Controllability**

## Review - I

A system is controllable if and only if...

Algebraic Test:

- The Controllability matrix has full rank.

$$\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{AB} \quad \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{A}^{N-1}\mathbf{B}]$$

Integral Test:

- The Controllability grammian is non-singular.

$$\mathbf{P}(t_1, t_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{\mathbf{A}(t_1 - \tau)} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T e^{\mathbf{A}^T (t_1 - \tau)} d\tau$$

## Review - II

These “tests” are known as necessary and sufficient conditions because they are part of an “if and only if” statement.

From wikipedia.org:

A *necessary* condition is one that must be satisfied for the result to happen. Breathing is *necessary* to stay alive; if you did not breathe, you would not stay alive. Breathing is not *sufficient* to stay alive, for if you did nothing but breathe, you could still die.

A *sufficient* condition is one that, if it is satisfied, the result is certain to happen. Jumping is *sufficient* to leave the ground, since the act of jumping causes you to leave the ground. Jumping is not *necessary* to leave the ground however, since one could step onto a ladder and leave the ground in a way which isn't jumping.

## Review - III

In order for our LTI system to be completely controllable:

- it is necessary that either of these two conditions be true, and
- it is sufficient that either of these are the only conditions that are required

## Review - IV

The mathematical statement:

$$\underbrace{(A \text{ is true})}_{\text{System is controllable}} \underbrace{\Leftrightarrow}_{\text{If and only if (or IFF)}} \underbrace{(B \text{ is true})}_{\text{Controllability matrix is full rank}}$$

Is equivalent to saying that the following are both true statements

$$\underbrace{(A \text{ is true}) \Rightarrow (B \text{ is true})}_{\text{Implies That}}$$

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## Review - V

We can show how our two controllability “tests” are equivalent by going through part of a proof that the controllability grammian must be non-singular for complete controllability.

We will NOT be proving the “only if” condition here; however, a complete proof would require it.

# Algebraic Conditions - I

Let's start with the following equation  
(Note that the  $t_0$  has been dropped)

$$\underset{[N \times N]}{\mathbf{P}(t_1)} \underset{[N \times 1]}{\mathbf{v}} = \underset{[N \times 1]}{\mathbf{0}}$$

Either  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  is singular (not invertible) or  
it is non-singular (invertible).

If it is non-singular, then the only  
solution to this equation is:

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}(t_1) \mathbf{P}(t_1) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

## Algebraic Conditions - II

Now assume  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  is singular, then  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  has a non-trivial null-space, i.e. there are non-zero solutions  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that

$$\mathbf{P}(t_1)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

The set of all such vectors is the null space. We can pre-multiply this equation by  $\mathbf{v}^T$  and the result is still valid, but now we have a scalar

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{v}^T & \mathbf{P}(t_1) & \mathbf{v} & = & 0 \\ [1 \times N] & [N \times N] & [N \times 1] & & [1 \times 1] \end{matrix}$$



## Algebraic Conditions - III

Now substitute the definition of the controllability grammian

$$\mathbf{v}^T \left\{ \int_0^{t_1} e^{\mathbf{A}(t_1-\tau)} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^T e^{\mathbf{A}^T(t_1-\tau)} d\tau \right\} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

And rewrite the expression

$$\int_0^{t_1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}^T & e^{\mathbf{A}(t_1-\tau)} & \mathbf{B} \\ [1 \times N] & [N \times N] & [N \times M] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}^T & e^{\mathbf{A}^T(t_1-\tau)} & \mathbf{v} \\ [M \times N] & [N \times N] & [N \times 1] \end{pmatrix} d\tau = 0$$

Remember:  $N = \#$  of states, and  $M = \#$  of inputs

# Algebraic Conditions - IV

By defining the following vector quantity

$$\mathbf{z}(\tau) = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{B}^T & e^{\mathbf{A}^T(t_1-\tau)} & \mathbf{v} \\ [M \times N] & [N \times N] & [N \times 1] \end{matrix}$$

With the fact that the transpose of a product is the product of transposes in reverse order, we can simplify to:

$$\int_0^{t_1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}^T & e^{\mathbf{A}(t_1-\tau)} & \mathbf{B} \\ [1 \times N] & [N \times N] & [N \times M] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}^T & e^{\mathbf{A}^T(t_1-\tau)} & \mathbf{v} \\ [M \times N] & [N \times N] & [N \times 1] \end{pmatrix} d\tau = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{t_1} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{z}^T(\tau) & \mathbf{z}(\tau) \\ [1 \times M] & [M \times 1] \end{matrix} d\tau = 0$$

# Algebraic Conditions - V

The integrand:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{z}^T(\tau) \mathbf{z}(\tau) \\ [1 \times M] \quad [M \times 1] \end{array}$$

is a positive definite quadratic form,  
which is also known as an inner product between the two  $\mathbf{z}$  vectors.

This scalar result is commonly used to  
represent norms (measuring length).

## Algebraic Conditions - VI

From the definition of  $\mathbf{z}$ , each element is a general time-domain function made up of terms from the matrix exponential

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ z_M(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

By expanding the integrand, we can clearly see the positive definite nature

$$\mathbf{z}^T(\tau)\mathbf{z}(\tau) = z_1^2(\tau) + z_2^2(\tau) + \cdots + z_M^2(\tau) \geq 0$$

## Algebraic Conditions - VII

To recap so far, our assumption of a singular  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  has led to the following integral requirement

$$\int_0^{t_1} \mathbf{z}^T(\tau) \mathbf{z}(\tau) d\tau = 0$$

Because the integrand is positive definite, the integral (area under the curve) can only be zero if  $\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{0}$  for all values of  $t$ .

## Algebraic Conditions - VIII

If  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  is singular, then there exists a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{B}^T e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_1$$

If  $\mathbf{z}(t)$  is zero, then all derivatives of  $\mathbf{z}(t)$  must be zero as well

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt^2} = \mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{A}^T)^2 e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{d^{N-1}\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt^{N-1}} = \mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{A}^T)^{N-1} e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

Note: We only need the first  $N-1$  derivatives!

## Algebraic Conditions - IX

Collecting all these equations into a matrix equation gives us a result that looks somewhat familiar

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{A}^T)^2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{A}^T)^{N-1} \end{bmatrix} e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Q}^T e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

The large matrix on the left is just the transpose of the controllability matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$

# Algebraic Conditions - X

Looking at the matrix exponential product with  $\mathbf{v}$  we have a time-varying vector result

$$\begin{matrix} e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \\ [N \times N] \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{v} \\ [N \times 1] \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_N(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

We can also write the  $\mathbf{Q}^T$  matrix as a set of  $N$  column vectors

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{Q}^T \\ [NM \times N] \end{matrix} = [\mathbf{q}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{q}_N]$$



## Algebraic Conditions - XI

The matrix expression can be written as a linear combination of the columns

$$\mathbf{Q}^T e^{\mathbf{A}^T t} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{q}_1 \alpha_1(t) + \mathbf{q}_2 \alpha_2(t) + \cdots + \mathbf{q}_N \alpha_N(t) = \mathbf{0}$$

This linear combination of  $N$  columns can only be zero if the columns are dependent which means that the rank of  $\mathbf{Q}^T$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{Q}$ , must be less than  $N$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{Q}^T) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{Q}) < N$$

## Algebraic Conditions - XII

We have now shown that if  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  is singular, then the controllability matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  cannot have full rank.

Working backwards, we see that if the controllability matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  has full rank, then the only possible vector  $\mathbf{v}$  that satisfies the equations is  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , which then implies that  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  must be non-singular.

# Summary

The following controllability conditions are equivalent and interchangeable:

- An LTI system is completely controllable iff the controllability grammian  $\mathbf{P}(t_1)$  is non-singular
- An LTI system is completely controllable iff the controllability matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  has full rank

# Summary

An algebraic controllability condition was derived that enabled us to check whether a system was controllable

The result is that a system is controllable if and only if the *controllability matrix*

$$\mathbf{Q}_{[N \times NM]} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{[N \times M]} & \mathbf{AB}_{[N \times M]} & \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B}_{[N \times M]} & \cdots & \mathbf{A}^{N-1}\mathbf{B}_{[N \times M]} \end{bmatrix}$$

has rank =  $N$ .