

# Structural Properties

## Reachability - DT.

Describes whether it is possible to drive a system's state from the origin (or an initial state) to a desired state using a sequence of control inputs over a finite number of steps.

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

The system is reachable if there exists a finite sequence of inputs  $\{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{T-1}\}$  that can drive the state from the zero state  $x_0 = 0$  to a desired state  $x_T$  in exactly  $T$  steps.

$$x_T = A^T x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{T-1} A^{T-j-1} B u_j$$

Starting from  $x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow A^T x_0 = 0$

## Reachable subspace $X^r$

Set of all states that can be reached from the origin using some input sequence is called the reachable subspace  $X^r$

$$X^r = \text{span} \{B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B\}$$

The subspace  $X_i^r$  satisfy the chain of inclusion

$$X_1^r \subseteq X_2^r \subseteq \dots \subseteq X_k^r \subseteq \dots \subseteq X_n^r = X_{n+i}^r, \forall i=1, \dots, \infty$$

Reachability matrix

$$R = [B \quad AB \quad A^2B \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B]$$

System is completely reachable if

$$\text{rank}(R) = n$$

where  $n$  is the dimension of the state vector

Controllability vs. Reachability

A system is controllable if it is possible to drive the system from any initial state  $x_0$  to the origin using a finite sequence of inputs.

$x^c$  the subspace of controllable states

Reachability in T-step

$$x_T = A^T x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{T-1} A^{T-j-1} B u_j$$

$$R_T = [B \quad AB \quad \dots \quad A^{T-1}B]$$

Reachability from  $x_0 \neq 0$

$$x_k = A^k x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A^{k-j-1} B u_j$$

state  $x_k$  can be reached from a non-zero  $x_0$  if Controllability



matrix is full rank and  $A$  is invertible

called transferability:

starting from  $x_0$  move the system to  $x$  in  $T$  steps  
 $T \geq n$  with minimal energy

$$x_T = A^T x_0 + R_T \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{T-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad T \geq n \quad \text{rank } R_n = n$$

## Reachability - C.T.

$$\dot{x}(t) = A x(t) + B u(t)$$

state  $x(t)$  is said reachable from the origin if there exists a finite input sequence  $u(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  s.t.:

$$x(t) = \int_0^T e^{A(t-\tau)} B u(\tau) d\tau$$

in continuous time

Reachability = Controllability

## Controllability Gramian

a tool for determining controllability over a continuous interval

$$W_c(t) = \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} B B^T e^{A^T(t-\tau)} d\tau$$

a system is controllable if  $W_c(t)$  is positive definite for some  $t > 0$ .

$W_c(t)$  positive definite: all directions in the state space can be influenced by the input.

Numerical tool to check controllability without needing to compute eigenvectors directly.

### Minimal Energy Transferability

finding the least effort control input to transfer the state from one point to another

minimize energy of the control input:

$$J(u) = \int_0^T \|u(t)\|^2 dt$$

Optimal input

$$\hat{u}(t) = B^T e^{A^T(t-T)} W_c^{-1}(t) x_f$$

where  $x_f$  is the desired final state

optimal trajectory is

$$\hat{x}(t) = e^{At} W_c^{-1}(t) x_f$$



## Properties of Reachable LTI Systems

- 1)  $(A, B)$  reachable  $\Rightarrow (T^{-1}AT, T^{-1}B, CT, D)$  reachable
- 2) RCR1, RCR2 represent reachable systems

## Canonical Reachability Representation

$$T = [B_r \mid B_{\bar{r}}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ invertible}$$

$B_r$  basis for  $x^r$

$B_{\bar{r}}$  basis for  $x^{\bar{r}}$

$$x = Tz$$

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x_r \\ x_{\bar{r}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{r,k+1} \\ x_{\bar{r},k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_r & A_{r\bar{r}} \\ 0 & A_{\bar{r}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{r,k} \\ x_{\bar{r},k} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u_k$$

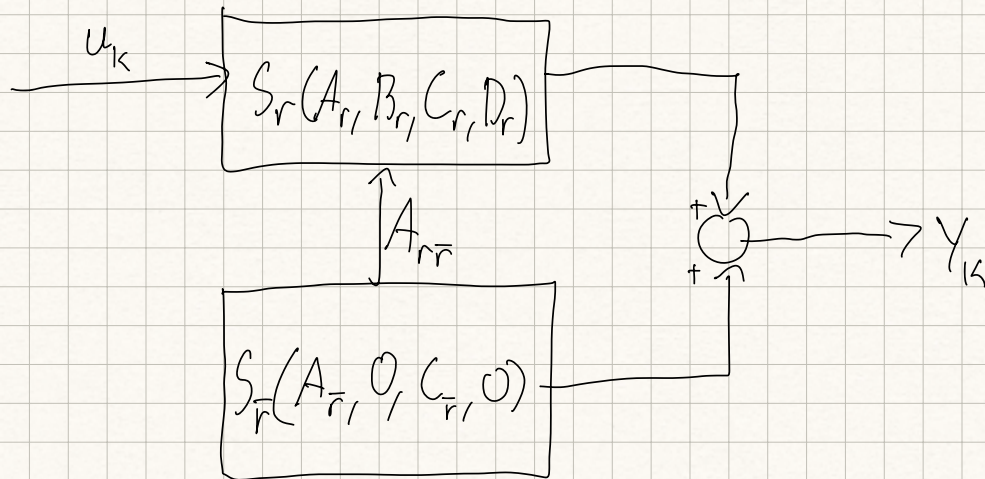
$$y_k = [C_r \mid C_{\bar{r}}] z_k + D_r u_k$$

Two subsystems:

$$x_{r,k+1} = A_r x_{r,k} + A_{r\bar{r}} x_{\bar{r},k} + B_r u_k$$

$$x_{\bar{r},k+1} = A_{\bar{r}} x_{\bar{r},k}$$

$$y_k = C_r x_{r,k} + C_{\bar{r}} x_{\bar{r},k} + D_r u_k$$



$$W_{yu}(\lambda) = C_r(\lambda I - A_r)^{-1} B_r + D_r$$

## Observability - D.T.

determines whether the internal state of a system can be fully determined from knowledge of the output measurements over a finite number of steps,

$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k$$

$$y_k = C x_k + B u_k$$

Observability in T-step:

$$x_k = A^k x_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A^{k-i-1} B u_i$$

$$y_k = C A^k x_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} C A^{k-i-1} B u_i + D u_k$$



## Observability matrix

$$\mathcal{O} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

system is completely observable if  $\mathcal{O}$  has full rank  
 $\text{rank}(\mathcal{O}) = n$

where  $n$  is the dimension of the state vector

## Subspace of non-observability

$$X^{\bar{0}} = \ker(\mathcal{O})$$

$x \in X^{\bar{0}} \Rightarrow x$  is not observable

$$X^{\bar{0}} = \{0_x\} \Rightarrow \text{rank}(\mathcal{O}) = n \Rightarrow \text{full observability}$$

Properties:

$$1) X^{\bar{0}} \subset \ker C \Rightarrow \forall x \in X^{\bar{0}} \Rightarrow Cx = 0$$

$$2) X^{\bar{0}} \text{ is } A\text{-invariant}$$

## Reconstructability

asks whether the current state can be reconstructed from past and current output measurements.

Observability  $\Rightarrow$  reconstructability

Reconstructability +  $A$  full rank  $\Rightarrow$  observability

### Minimum squares error determination of the Initial State

estimate initial state using imperfect measurements with noise or when exact measurements of the output are not available

Output after  $N$  steps

$$Y = \mathcal{O}_N x_0 + H_N U + V$$

$Y$  stacked vector of measurements

$U$  is stacked input sequence

$\mathcal{O}_N$  observability matrix

$H_N$  matrix accounting for inputs

Minimize square error between measured and predicted:

$$J(x_0) = \|Y - \mathcal{O}_N x_0\|^2$$

Optimal solution

$$\hat{x}_0 = (\mathcal{O}_N^T \mathcal{O}_N)^{-1} \mathcal{O}_N^T Y$$

System must be observable for  $\mathcal{O}_N$  to be full rank and the inverse to exist.



## Observability - C.T.

$$y(t) = Ce^{At}x$$

Same as for D.T.

$$x^{\bar{0}} = \ker \Theta, \quad \Theta = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^{\bar{0}} = \{0_x\} \Rightarrow \text{rank } \Theta = n \Rightarrow \text{full observability}$$

$x^{\bar{0}}$  does not depend on the time  $[0, T]$

In C.T.:

Observability and Reconstructability same concept

## Observability Gramian

$$W_o(t) = \int_0^t e^{A^T \tau} C^T C e^{A \tau} d\tau$$

System is observable over time interval  $[0, T]$  if

$W_o(t)$  positive definite

## Properties of observable state-space realizations

$$(A, B, C, D) \cong (T^{-1}AT, T^{-1}B, CT, D)$$

$(A, C)$  observable  $\Leftrightarrow (T^{-1}AT, CT)$  observable

Dual Systems

$$\underset{\text{primal}}{(A, B, C, D)} \underset{*}{\approx} \underset{\text{dual}}{(A^*, B^*, C^*, D^*)}$$

$$A^* = A^T, \quad B^* = C^T, \quad C^* = B^T, \quad D^* = D$$

$$\text{rank} \underbrace{[B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B]}_R = n \Rightarrow R^T = \begin{bmatrix} B^T \\ B^T A^T \\ \vdots \\ B^T (A^{n-1})^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C^* \\ C^* A^* \\ \vdots \\ C^* (A^{n-1})^* \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{O}^*$$

$$\text{rank } B^T = n \Rightarrow \text{rank } \mathcal{O}^* = n$$

Primal reachable  $\Leftrightarrow$  Dual observable

Primal observable  $\Leftrightarrow$  Dual reachable

Canonical Representation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_0 \\ \dot{x}_{\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_0 & 0 \\ A_{0\bar{0}} & A_{\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_{\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_0 \\ B_{\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [C_0 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_{\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix} + D_0 u$$



## PBH test

For Controllability:

a system is controllable if  $\forall \lambda \in \text{eig}(A)$ :

$$\text{rank} [\lambda I - A \quad B] = n$$

For Observability:

a system is observable if  $\forall \lambda \in \text{eig}(A)$ :

$$\text{rank} [\lambda I - A^T \quad C^T] = n$$

## The Kalman Canonical

$$x = Tz$$

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x_{r0} \\ x_{r\bar{0}} \\ x_{\bar{r}0} \\ x_{\bar{r}\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{r0} & \beta_{r\bar{0}} & \beta_{\bar{r}0} & \beta_{\bar{r}\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ invertible}$$

$$\beta_{r\bar{0}} = \beta_r \cap \beta_{\bar{0}} \quad (x^r \cap x^{\bar{0}})$$

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} A_{r0} & 0 & A_{13} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{r\bar{0}} & A_{23} & A_{24} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & A_{\bar{r}0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{43} & A_{\bar{r}\bar{0}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad T^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{r0} \\ \beta_{r\bar{0}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C\bar{T} = [C_{r0} \ 0 \ C_{\bar{r}0} \ 0], \quad D_{r0}$$

$$W_{yu}(\lambda) = [C_{r0} \ 0 \ C_{\bar{r}0} \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda I - A_{r0} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda I - A_{\bar{r}0} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} B_{r0} \\ B_{\bar{r}0} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + D_{r0}$$

$$= C_{r0}(\lambda I - A_{r0})^{-1} B_{r0} + D_{r0}$$

We say that  $(A, B, C, D)$  is a minimal realization when it is fully reachable and observable

For minimal realizations:

- $W_{yu}(\lambda)$  has dimension  $n$
- Internal stability  $\Leftrightarrow$  External Stability