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Output Controllability

Let the system be described by:-

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\bar{x}} &= \bar{A}\bar{x} + \bar{B}\bar{u} \\ \bar{y} &= \bar{C}\bar{x}\end{aligned}\quad \begin{cases} \bar{x} \rightarrow n\text{-Vector} \\ \bar{u} \rightarrow m\text{-Vector} \\ \bar{y} \rightarrow m\text{-Vector} \end{cases}$$

It is completely output Controllable if and only if the Composite $m \times n$ matrix \bar{P} , where

$$\bar{P} = [\bar{C}\bar{B} \mid \bar{C}\bar{A}\bar{B} \mid \dots \mid \bar{C}\bar{A}^{n-1}\bar{B}]$$

is of rank m .

Notice: Complete State Controllability is neither necessary nor sufficient for complete output Controllability

\Rightarrow Suppose the system is output Controllable and the output $y(t)$ starting from $y(0)$ the initial output, can be transferred to the origin of the output space in finite time interval $0 \leq t \leq T$.

$$\bar{y}(T) = \bar{C}\bar{x}(T) = 0$$

$$\bar{x}(t) = e^{\bar{A}t} \left[\bar{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{-\bar{A}\tau} \bar{B}\bar{u}(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

at $t=T$

$$\bar{x}(T) = e^{\bar{A}T} \left[\bar{x}(0) + \int_0^T e^{-\bar{A}\tau} \bar{B}\bar{u}(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

$$\text{So, } \bar{y}(T) = \bar{C} \bar{x}(T) = \bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \left[\bar{x}(0) + \int_0^T e^{-\bar{A}\tau} \bar{B} \bar{u}(\tau) d\tau \right] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \bar{x}(0) &= -\bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \int_0^T e^{-\bar{A}\tau} \bar{B} \bar{u}(\tau) d\tau \\ &= -\bar{C} \int_0^T e^{\bar{A}(T-\tau)} \bar{B} \bar{u}(\tau) d\tau \\ &= -\bar{C} \int_0^T e^{\bar{A}\tau} \bar{B} \bar{u}(T-\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{\bar{A}\tau} = \sum_{i=0}^{P-1} \alpha_i(\tau) \bar{A}^i \quad \left\{ P \Rightarrow \text{degree of the minimal polynomial of } \bar{A} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \bar{x}(0) &= -\bar{C} \int_0^T \sum_{i=0}^{P-1} (\alpha_i(\tau) \bar{A}^i) \bar{B} \bar{u}(T-\tau) d\tau \\ &= -\bar{C} \sum_{i=0}^{P-1} \bar{A}^i \bar{B} \int_0^T \alpha_i(\tau) \bar{u}(T-\tau) d\tau \\ &= -\sum_{i=0}^{P-1} \bar{C} \bar{A}^i \bar{B} \int_0^T \alpha_i(\tau) \bar{u}(T-\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \gamma_{ij} = \int_0^T \alpha_i(\tau) u_j(T-\tau) d\tau$$

\rightarrow j^{th} element of vector u

Let \bar{B}_j be j^{th} column of \bar{B}

$$\text{So } \bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \bar{x}(0) = -\sum_{i=0}^{P-1} \bar{C} \bar{A}^i \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} \bar{B}_j$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{Y}_i = \int_0^T \alpha_i(\tau) \bar{u}(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \bar{x}(0) = - \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \bar{C} \bar{A}^i \bar{B} \bar{Y}_i$$

$$= - \left[\bar{C} \bar{B} \mid \bar{C} \bar{A} \bar{B} \mid \bar{C} \bar{A}^2 \bar{B} \mid \dots \mid \bar{C} \bar{A}^{p-1} \bar{B} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \bar{Y}_1 \\ \bar{Y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{Y}_{p-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \bar{x}(0) = - \bar{Q} \bar{Y}$$

If \bar{Q} is of rank m then $\bar{C} e^{\bar{A}T} \bar{x}(0)$ spans the m -dimensional output space.

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This means that if the rank of \bar{Q} is m the $\bar{C} \bar{x}(0)$ also spans the m -dimensional output space and the system is completely output controllable.