



# State Space Methods

## *Lecture 2: controllability and state feedback*

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# Controllability (1)

A continuous time system

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When is  $x(n) = \xi$  solvable for any  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ?



# Controllability (4)

**THEOREM.** A system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) & (\text{continuous time}) \\ x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) & (\text{discrete time}) \end{cases}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , is controllable if and only if

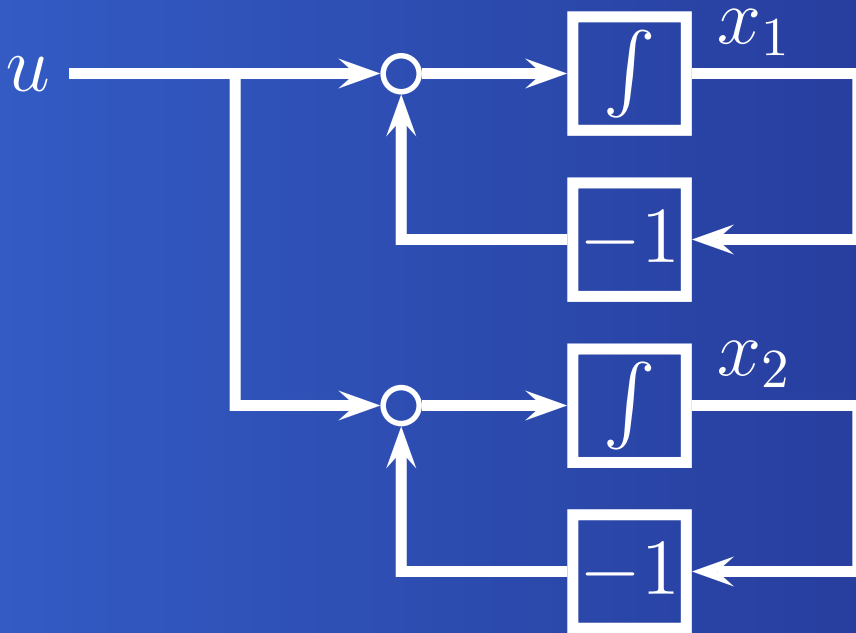
$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} B & AB & \dots & A^{n-1}B \end{pmatrix} = n$$

For  $m = 1$  this reduces to

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} B & AB & \dots & A^{n-1}B \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$



# Example: parallel connection (1)



State space equations:

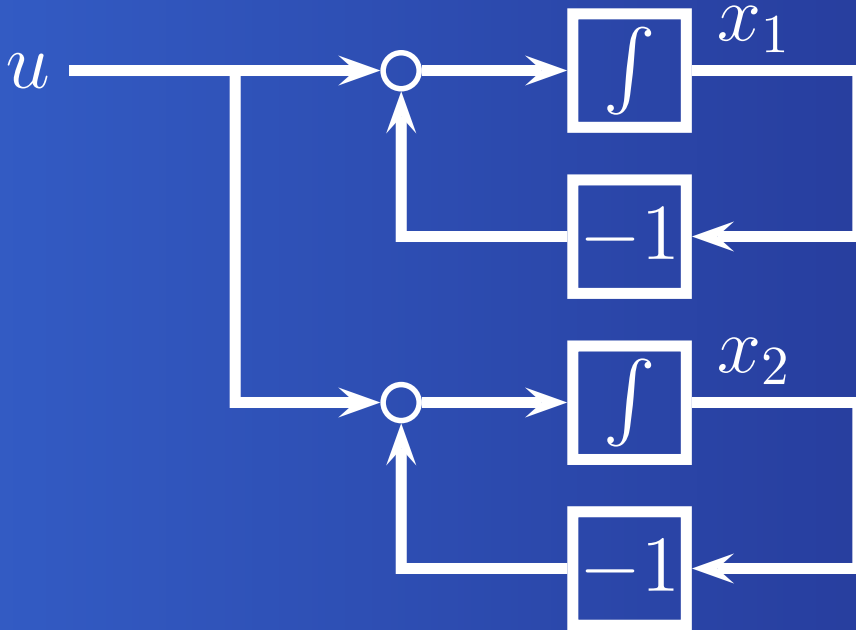
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State space equations in matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u$$



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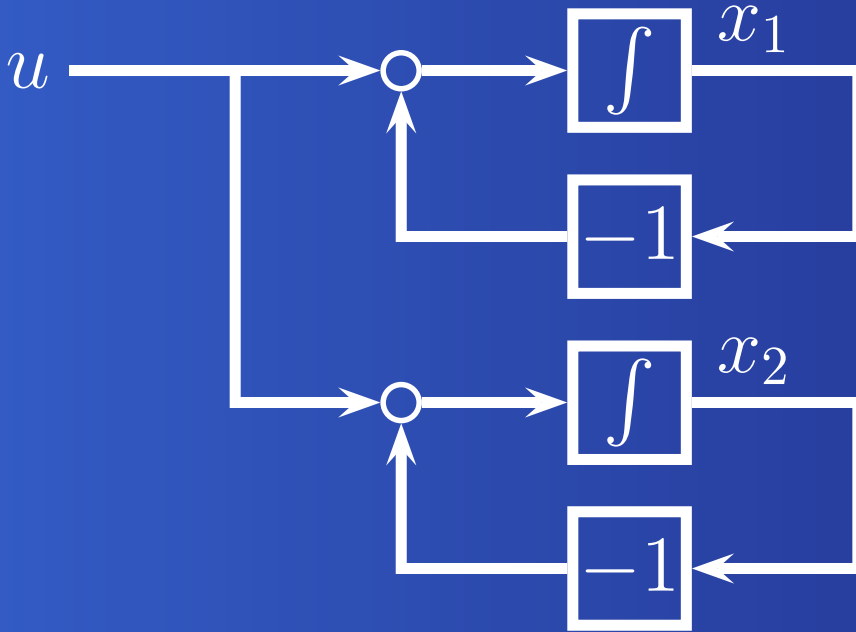
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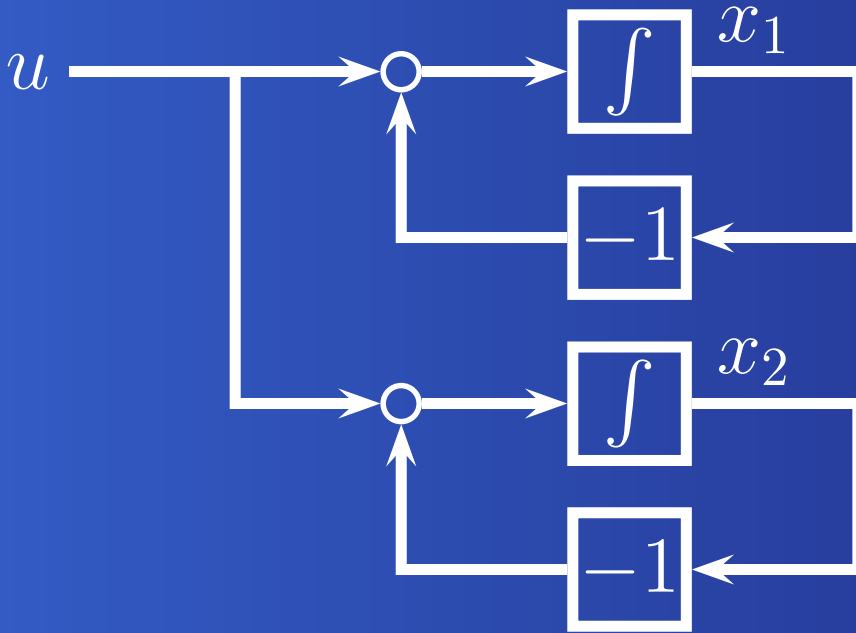
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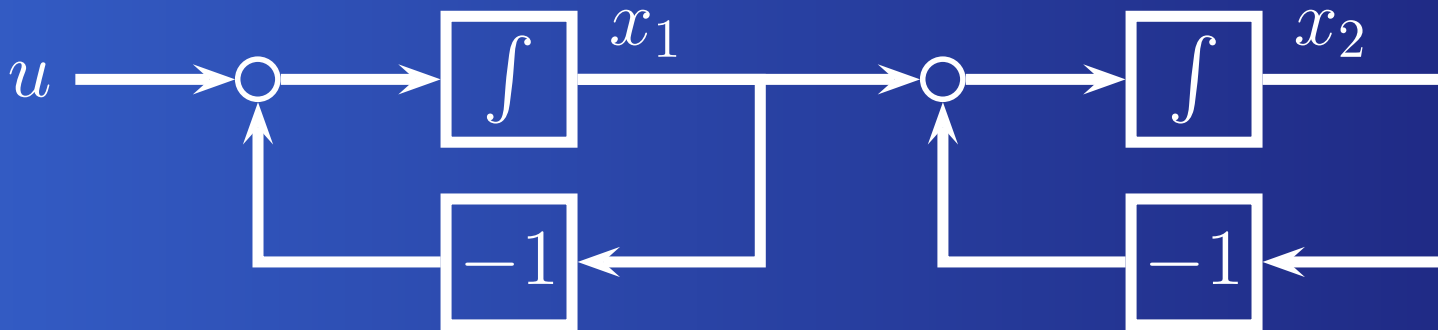
$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{pmatrix} B & AB \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det(\mathcal{C}) = 0$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathcal{C}) = 1 < 2 \implies \text{uncontrollable}$$





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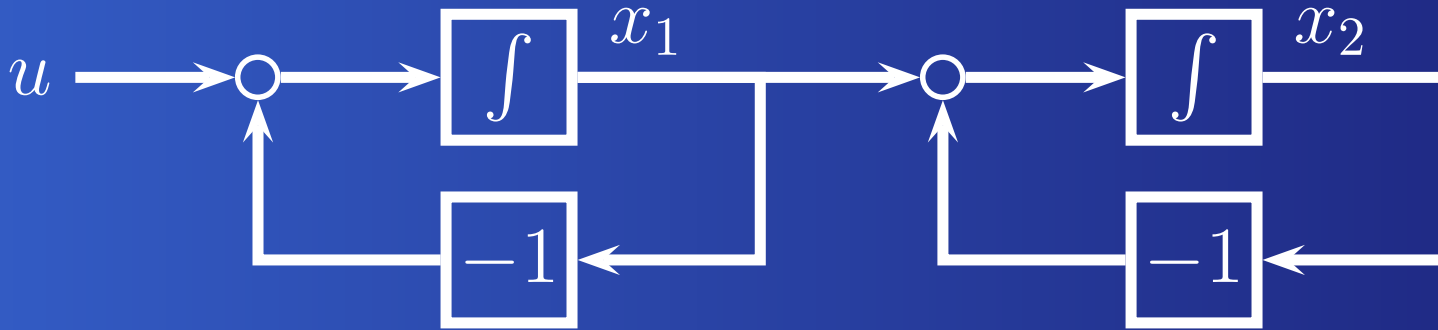
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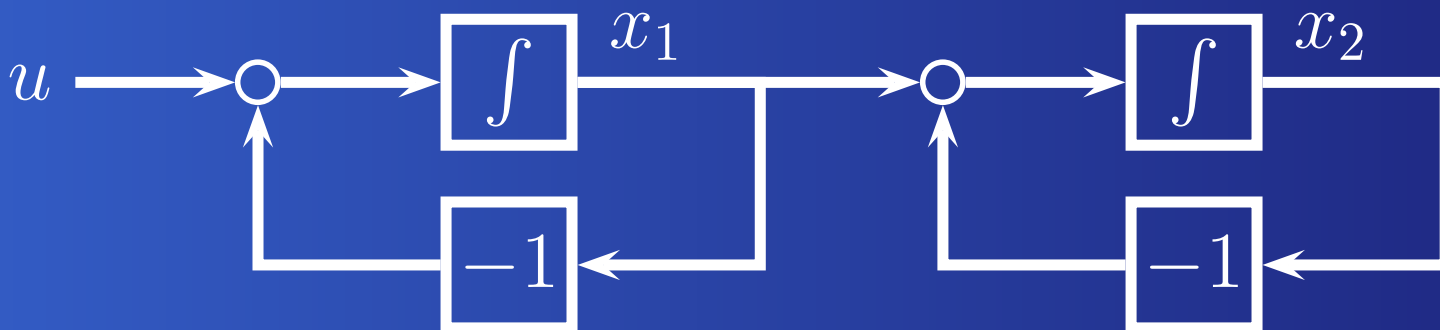
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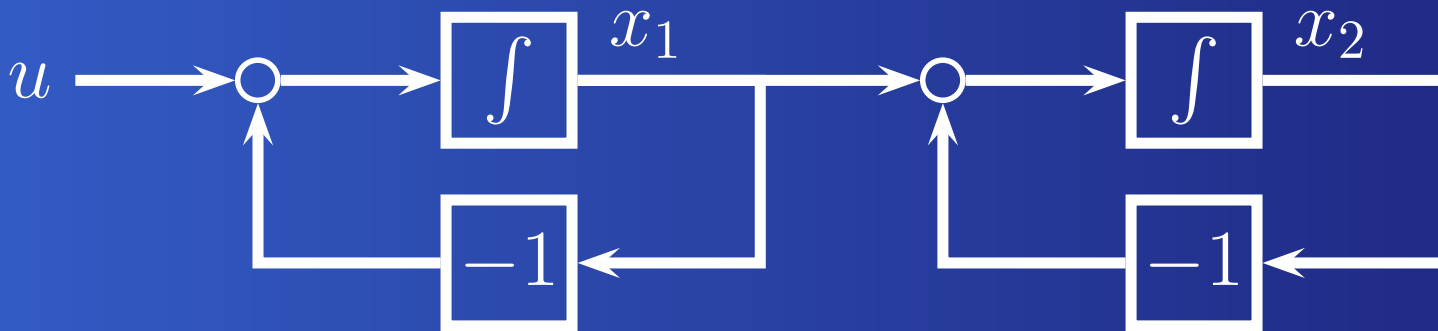
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$\text{rank}(\mathcal{C}) = 2 \implies \text{controllable}$



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# Controllable canonical form (1)

Any controllable *single input* system can be written in the form:

$$\dot{x}_c = A_c x_c + B_c u, \quad x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}$$

where

$$A_c = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} a^T & \\ \hline I_{n-1} & 0_{(n-1) \times 1} \end{array} \right), \quad B_c = \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0_{(n-1) \times 1} \end{array} \right)$$

and where  $a \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ,  $a^T = (a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n)$ . It can be shown that

$$\det(\lambda I - A_c) = \lambda^n - a_1 \lambda^{n-1} - \dots - a_n$$



## Controllable canonical form (2)

For  $n = 3$  the controllable canonical form becomes:

$$A_c = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right), \quad B_c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is indeed controllable:

$$\mathcal{C}_c = \begin{pmatrix} B_c & A_c B_c & A_c^2 B_c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_1 & a_1^2 + a_2 \\ 0 & 1 & a_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\det(\mathcal{C}) = 1 \neq 0 \implies$  system is controllable.



## Controllable canonical form (3)

Given a state space model of a controllable system:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}$$

we wish to find a basis transformation  $x = Tx_c$ , such that:

$$\dot{x}_c = A_c x_c + B_c u, \quad x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}$$

where  $A_c = T^{-1}AT$  and  $B_c = T^{-1}B$ , is in controllable canonical form. We can solve for  $T^{-1}$  by rewriting these equations as

$$A_c T^{-1} = T^{-1}A \quad \text{and} \quad B_c = T^{-1}B$$





# Controllable canonical form (4)

We consider  $n = 3$ , and introduce the following notation for the rows of  $T^{-1}$

$$T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad s_1, s_2, s_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$$

Then we can rewrite the transformation equations  $A_c T^{-1} = T^{-1} A$  and  $T^{-1} B = B_c$  as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{pmatrix} A, \quad \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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# Controllable canonical form (6)

Combining the equations

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we obtain

$$s_3 \begin{pmatrix} B & AB & A^2 B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

yielding the solution

$$s_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} C^{-1}, \quad s_2 = s_3 A, \quad s_1 = s_2 A$$

for nonsingular  $C = \begin{pmatrix} B & AB & A^2 B \end{pmatrix}$ .





# Example: companion form (1)

We consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} u \\ y &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} x\end{aligned}$$

having the controllability matrix

$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{pmatrix} B & AB \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det(\mathcal{C}) = 1 \neq 0$$



## Example: companion form (2)

We compute the rows of  $T^{-1}$  by

$$s_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} C^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s_1 = s_2 A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \implies T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



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# State feedback (1)

For a state space model

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

a *state feedback* is a feedback of the form

$$u = Fx$$

Combining these two equations, we obtain:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + BFx = (A + BF)x$$

Thus, the result of a state feedback is a system with a modified system matrix, and thus with modified poles.



## State feedback (2)

For a single input system in companion form, a state feedback takes a particular simple form:

$$A_c = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right), \quad B_c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Applying the feedback  $u = Fx$  with

$$F_c = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



## State feedback (3)

We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} A_c + B_c F_c &= \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} a_1 + f_1 & a_2 + f_2 & a_3 + f_3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$



## State feedback (4)

Thus, the characteristic polynomial has been changed from

$$\det(\lambda I - A_c) = \lambda^n - a_1\lambda^{n-1} - \dots - a_n$$

to

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - (A_c + B_c F_c)) = \\ \lambda^n - (a_1 + f_1)\lambda^{n-1} - \dots - (a_n + f_n) \end{aligned}$$

By choosing  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  appropriately, *any* closed loop pole configuration can be obtained. This is known as *pole assignment*.



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