

To make the observer problem look exactly like the regulator problem, use the following facts from linear algebra

Fact 1: A matrix  $M$  and its transpose  $M^T$  have the same eigenvalues.

Fact 2:  $(M_1 + M_2)^T = M_1^T + M_2^T$

Fact 3:  $(M_1 \cdot M_2)^T = M_2^T \cdot M_1^T$

We are interested in the eigenvalues of  $\Phi - LC$ . By Fact 1 we can work with the transpose of this matrix and use Facts 2 & 3.

$$(\Phi - LC)^T = \Phi^T - (LC)^T = \boxed{\Phi^T} - \boxed{C^T} \boxed{L^T}$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{Known} & & \text{Known} & \text{unknown} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ n \times n & & n \times 1 & 1 \times h \end{matrix}$

same form as regulator:  $\boxed{\Phi} - \boxed{\Gamma} \boxed{K}$

Regulator

$\Phi$

$\rightarrow$

Observer

$\Phi^T$

$\Gamma$

$\rightarrow$

$C^T$

$K$

$\rightarrow$

$L^T$  (calculate  $L^T$ ,

then transpose result to get  $L$ .)

Consider the example of a

4<sup>th</sup>-order, single-input, single-output plant,  $(A, B, C)$ . ZOH plant equivalent is  $(\Phi, \Gamma, C)$  where  $[\Phi, \Gamma] = \text{c2d}(A, B, T)$

(Example for (A,B,C) 4<sup>th</sup>-order plant.)

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Calculate  $\underline{K}$  (regulator gains)

$T_s$  = regulator settling time

$s_{poles} = s_4 / T_s$  (all Bessel poles, for example)

$z_{poles} = \exp(T \times s_{poles})$

$K = \text{place}(\phi, \gamma, z_{poles})$

Calculate  $\underline{L}$  (observer gains)

$T_{so}$  = observer settling time (guideline given below)

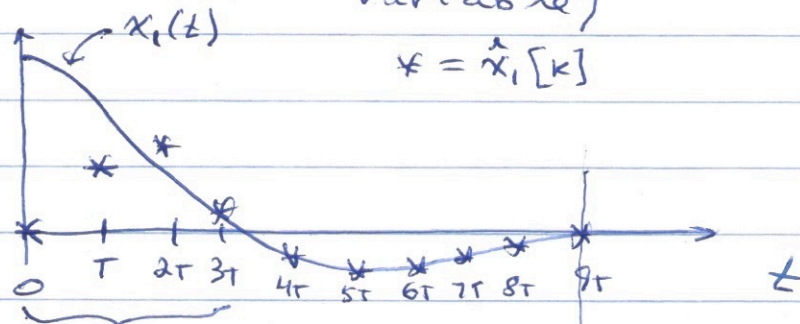
$s_{opoles} = s_4 / T_{so}$

$z_{opoles} = \exp(T \times s_{opoles})$

$L = \text{place}(\phi', C', z_{opoles})$   
computes  $L^T$

need to  
transpose  
the result

Typical Picture (first state variable)



$T_{so} = 3T$ ,  
time it takes  
for  $\hat{x}[k] \rightarrow x(kT)$

$T_s = 9T$  (time it takes  
for  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ )

In order to use observer estimate  $\hat{x}[k]$  to perform state feedback regulation we need  $T_{so} < T_s$ . Guideline:

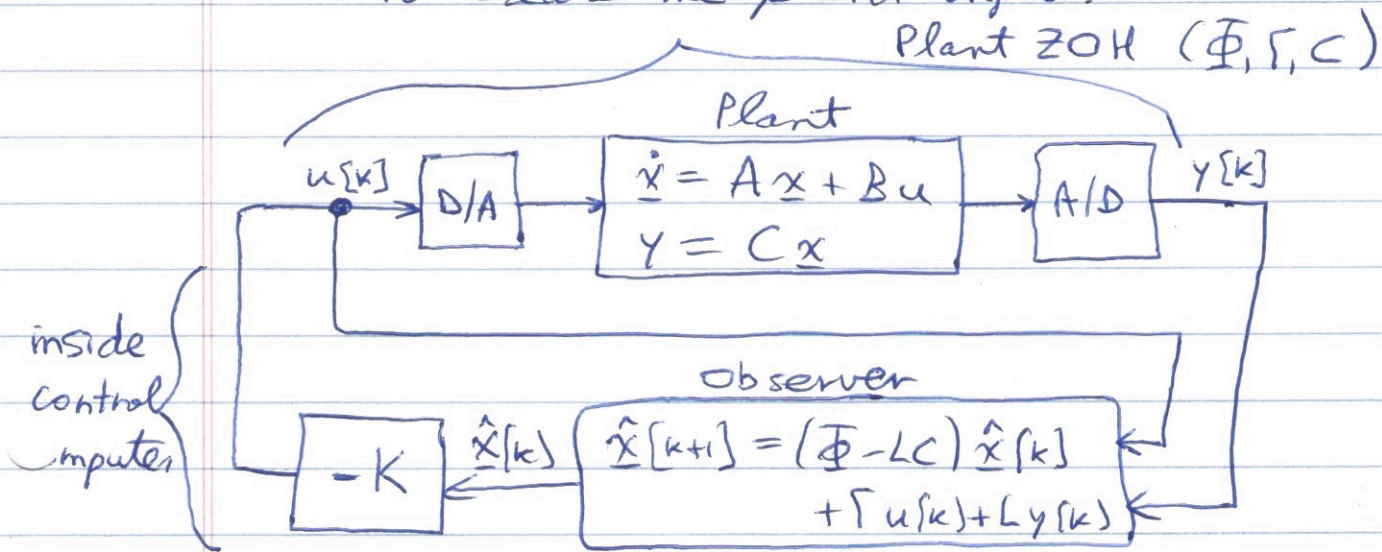
Choose  $T_{so} = \frac{T_s}{f}$ , where  $3 \leq f \leq 5$

The observer is said to be "f times faster"

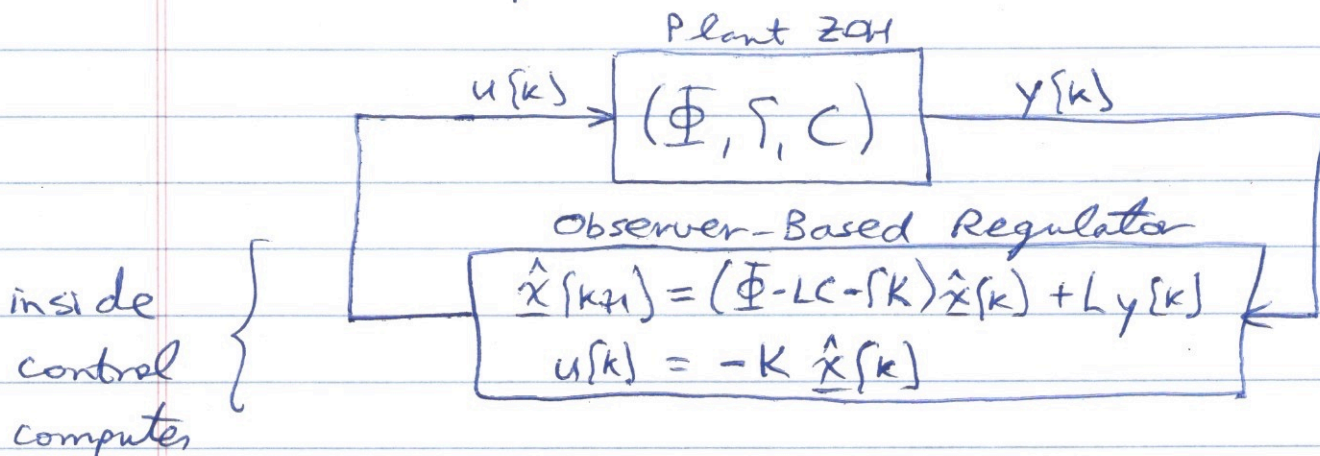


## Idea of an observer-based regulator:

- Send the plant input and output ( $u[k]$  and  $y[k]$ ) to an observer. The observer calculates  $\hat{x}[k]$ .
- Send the estimated state vector  $\hat{x}[k]$  through the state feedback gain vector  $K$  to create the plant input.



Because  $u[k] = -K \hat{x}[k]$ , this diagram can be simplified as follows:



Note: this closed-loop system has order  $2n$ , ( $n^{\text{th}}$  order plant,  $n^{\text{th}}$  order regulator).

where are the  $2n$  poles located?

It can be shown that the  $2n$  poles of the observer-based regulated system are in the following locations:

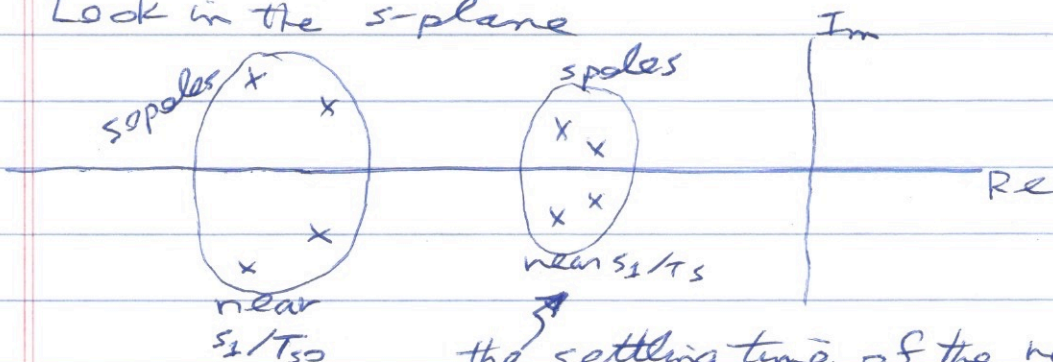
$n$  of the poles are  $\text{eig}(\Phi - \Gamma K) = z_{\text{poles}}$   
and  $n$  of the poles are  $\text{eig}(\Phi - LC) = z_{\text{opoles}}$ .

$z_{\text{poles}}$  are the closed-loop poles we get with full state feedback  $u[k] = -K x[k]$ .

$z_{\text{opoles}}$  are the poles of the observer.

Recall that  $z_{\text{poles}} = \exp(T * s_{\text{poles}})$   
and  $z_{\text{opoles}} = \exp(T * s_{\text{opoles}})$ , where  
 $s_{\text{poles}}$  have a settling time of  $T_s$  seconds and  
 $s_{\text{opoles}}$  have a settling time of  $T_{so}$  seconds,  
where  $T_{so} = \frac{T_s}{f}$ ,  $3 \leq f \leq 5$ .

Look in the  $s$ -plane



the settling time of the regulated system is dominated by these poles.



Q1: We make the observer 3 to 5 times faster. Why not make the observer as fast as possible (e.g. 10 or 100-times faster)?

A1: A fast observer is more sensitive to sensor noise. A 3-5 times faster observer often helps filter out sensor noise but a faster observer will not filter out noise.

Q2: How do you find the classical stability margins for an observer-based regulated system?

A2: Recall that the stability margins for a state-feedback regulator are computed by  $\text{dsm}(\phi, \gamma, K)$ .

The stability margins for any single-input control system can be computed by  $\text{dsm}(\phi_L, \gamma_L, C_L)$ , where  $(\Phi_L, \Gamma_L, C_L)$  is a state-space model for the "loop gain" of the control system.

Q3: How do you find a state-space model for the "loop gain" of any control system?

A3: Use the procedure given on the next page.