

goal: develop systematic / automated techniques to control physical systems in state-space form

1°. state feedback  
1!. stabilization

[AMv2 ch 7]  
[Nv7 ch 12.2]

2°. output feedback  
2!. observer design

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1°. state feedback

\* start by assuming we (our controller) know whole system state

(i.e. "x" in  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ )

eg all lumped element voltages / currents in circuit  
all positions and velocities in mechanical system

not:  $u \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{SISO}} \rightarrow y \in \mathbb{R}$

instead:  $u \in \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \boxed{\dot{x} = Ax + Bu} \rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

• we've seen that roots of system's characteristic polynomial govern its dynamics & stability

→ we'll build up tools that enable us to place these roots

you ... system ... stability  
 → we'll build up tools that enable us to place these roots wherever we want to

## 1. stabilization

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

→ we seek to stabilize the system, that is, determine input  $u$  as a function of state  $x$ ,  $u(x)$ , such that closed-loop system

$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu(x)$  is stable  $\quad K \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$

\* if we use linear state feedback,  $u = -Kx$ , then the closed-loop dynamics are: generalized proportional control

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

$$= Ax - BKx = (A - BK)x$$

which is stable if Real part of eigenvalues of  $(A - BK)$  are negative:  $\text{Re}(\lambda(A - BK)) < 0$

→ given  $\dot{x} = ax + bu$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}$

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$x$

→



ex:

$x$  - vehicle speed

$u$  - engine throttle / force

cruise control

$u = -K(x - r)$ ,  $r$  - reference speed

$x$  - heading error

$u$  - steering wheel / rudder angle

$\sigma$  - unit conversion between



$u$  - steering wheel / rudder

$k$  - unit conversion between heading angle & rudder angle

→ determine the range of values for  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  that stabilize the system if  $u = -kx$

- given  $\dot{x} = ax + bu$ , so  $u = -kx$   
yields  $\dot{x} = ax - bkx = (a - bk)x$   
which is stable if  $\text{Re}(\lambda(a - bk)) < 0$   
i.e. if  $(a - bk) < 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{b} < k$$

→ more generally, we want to determine entries in  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$  to ensure eigenvalues of  $A - BK$  are where we want them (i.e. in left-half plane for stability)

- suppose we want eigenvalues to be  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$

- then we want the characteristic polynomial of closed-loop system  $\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$  to be

$$a(s) = \det(sI - (A - BK))$$

$$= s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n$$

$$= (s - \lambda_1) \cdot (s - \lambda_2) \cdot \dots \cdot (s - \lambda_n)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n (s - \lambda_i)$$

} this is just notation that means "multiply stuff together"

$\{a_i\}_{i=1}^n$  depend on entries of  $(A - BK)$  in (potentially) complex way

$i=1$

that means multiplying with  $\gamma$

procedure: 1°: compute  $\det(sI - (A - BK))$  symbolically

2°: compute  $\prod_{i=1}^n (s - \lambda_i)$  symbolically

3°: determine what  $K$ 's entries need to be to make (1°) = (2°)

→ apply this procedure when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

and (2°) =  $s^2 - 2\zeta\omega s + \omega^2$

•  $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$

•  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ , i.e.  $K = [k_1 \ k_2]$

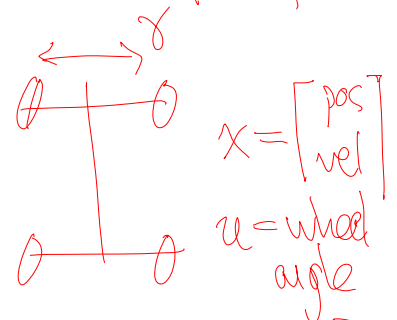
so  $BK = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [k_1 \ k_2] = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma k_1 & \gamma k_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$

•  $\det(sI - (A - BK)) = s^2 + (\gamma k_1 + k_2)s + k_1 = (1°)$

want: (2°) =  $s^2 - 2\zeta\omega s + \omega^2$

want:  $\gamma k_1 + k_2 = -2\zeta\omega$  and  $k_1 = \omega^2$

i.e.  $\gamma\omega^2 + k_2 = -2\zeta\omega \Leftrightarrow k_2 = -2\zeta\omega - \gamma\omega^2$



[AMv2 Ex 7.4]

2°: output feedback

(an output from a system is a measured quantity)

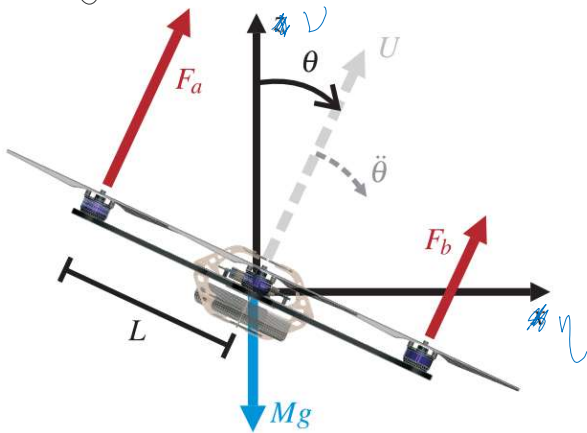
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- determine a state vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- think about how you would measure each state variable (what is the sensor? how reliable/expensive is the sensor?)

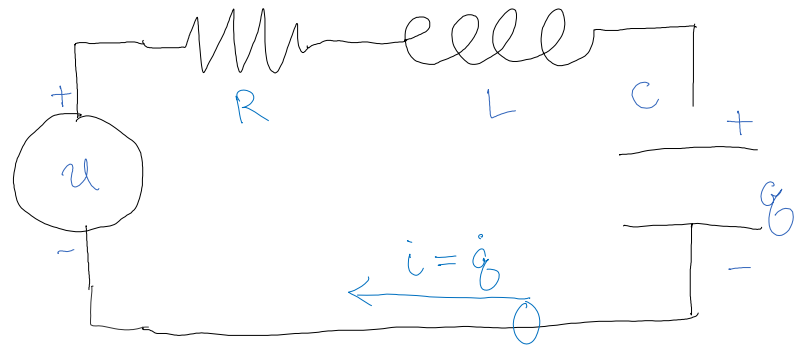
ex: quadrotor



state: (positions, velocities)

measure: - gyro / IMU / accelerometer  
- GPS / localization / SLAM

ex: RLC circuit



state: (voltages, currents)

measure: - voltmeter  
- ammeter

\* last lecture, we derived systematic procedure to design a stabilizing controller that uses all state variables

→ this lecture, we'll derive a systematic procedure to obtain estimates of all state variables using limited number of outputs (i.e. measurement channels/signals)

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2! observers

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- assume we have access to outputs  $y = Cx + Du$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^q$
- note: we're restricting attention to linear observations of state/input

$$C \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$$

$$D \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times p}$$

- \* to solve this problem, we'll construct another system termed an observer:

compare w/  $p \times n$

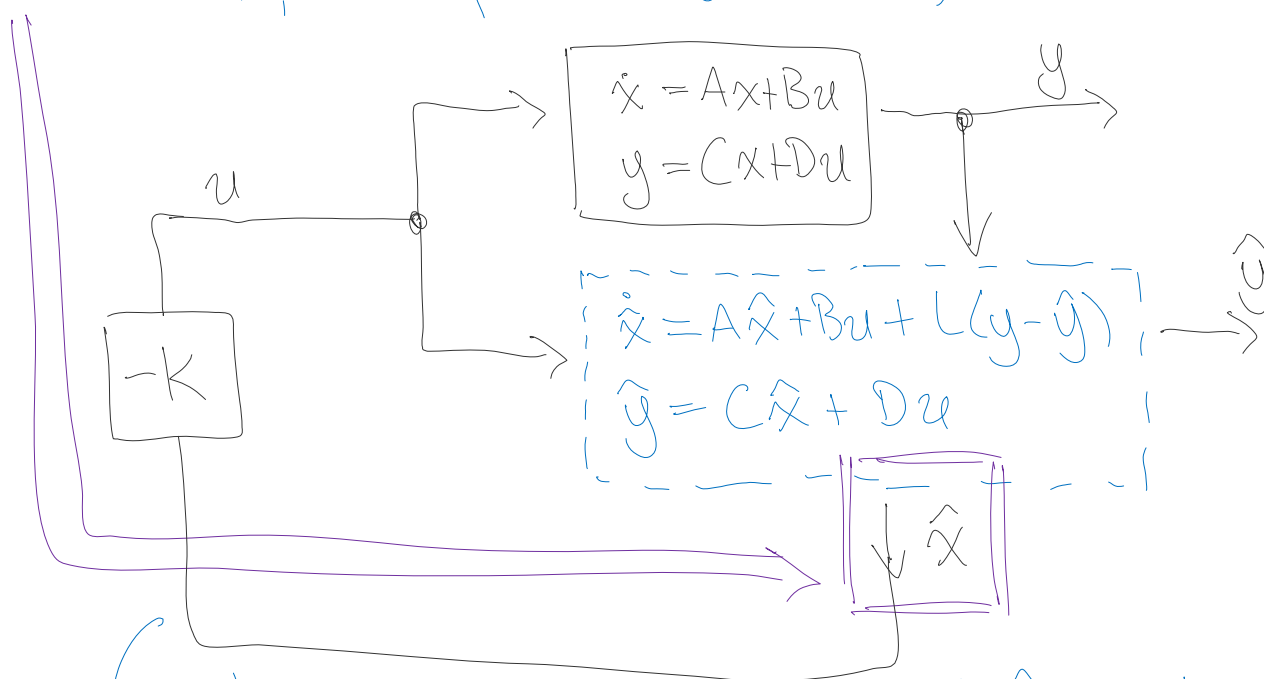
$$K \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + L(y - \hat{y})$$

$$\hat{y} = C\hat{x} + Du$$

output error  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$

- \* unlike  $x$ , all of observer state  $\hat{x}$  is known to us



- idea: if  $\hat{x} \approx x$  then  $u = -K\hat{x} \approx -Kx$ , so this input will control original system

→ to see why this works, determine the dynamics of  $e = x - \hat{x}$  (it shouldn't depend on  $x, \hat{x}, y, \hat{y}$ , or  $u$ )

$$e \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$- \dot{e} = \dot{x} - \dot{\hat{x}}$$

$e \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{aligned}
- \dot{e} &= \dot{x} - \dot{\hat{x}} \\
&= (Ax + Bu) - (A\hat{x} + Bu + L(y - \hat{y})) \\
&= Ax - A\hat{x} - L(Cx - C\hat{x}) \\
&= A(x - \hat{x}) - LC(x - \hat{x}) = (A - LC)e
\end{aligned}$$

$e \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

\* so if  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$  is st.  $\text{Re}(\lambda(A - LC)) < 0$   
 we know  $e(t) = e^{(A-LC)t} e(0) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\Rightarrow \hat{x}(t) \rightarrow x(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   $\nabla$

ex: vehicle steering

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x} &= Ax + Bu & A &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & B &= \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
y &= Cx & C &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

→ compute observer error dynamics  $(A - LC)$   
 and characteristic polynomial

$$- L \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1} \quad - A - LC = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 & 1 \\ -l_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- \det(sI - (A - LC)) = s^2 + l_1 s + l_2$$

\* all we need to do is choose  $l_1, l_2$  to ensure  
 $\text{Re}(\lambda(A - LC)) < 0$

i.e. observer error goes to zero

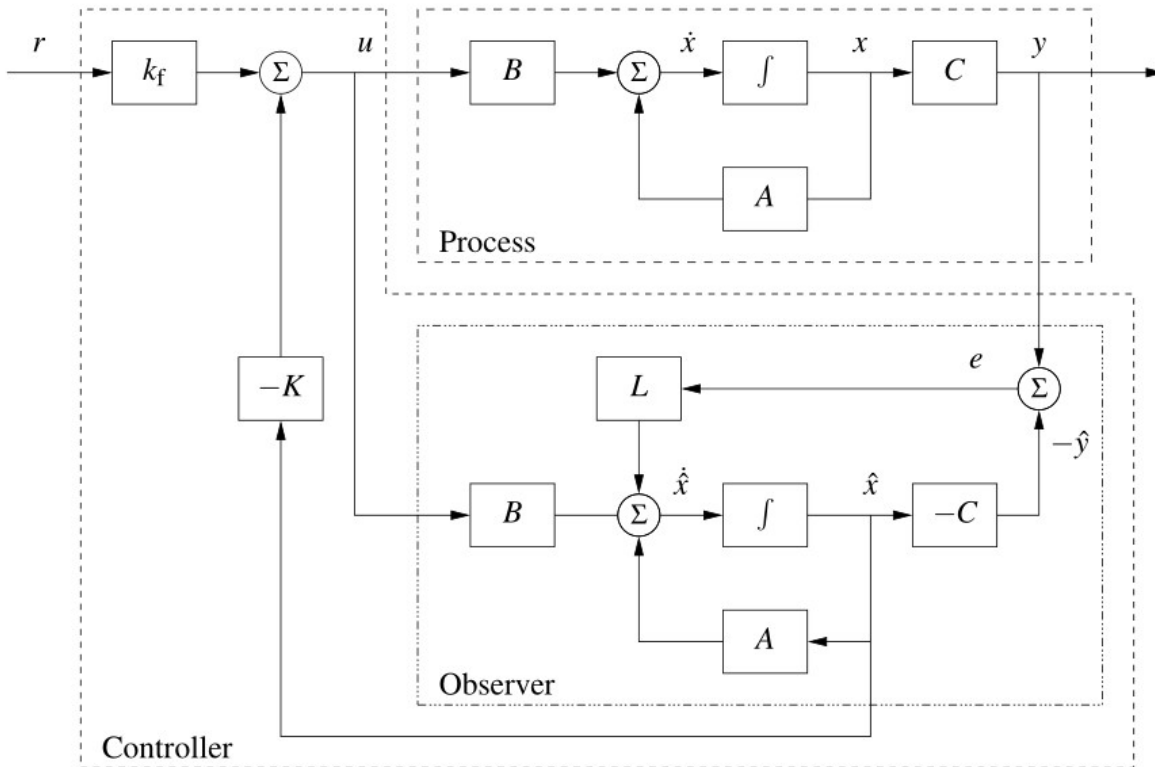
\* numerically, can use ctrl. place:

- know  $\text{place}(A, B) \leadsto K$  s.t.  $\text{Re}(\lambda(A - BK)) < 0$

- so  $(\text{place}(A^T, C^T))^T \leadsto L$  s.t.  $\text{Re}(\lambda(A - LC)) < 0$

$$\downarrow \text{since } (A - L C^T)^T = A^T - C^T L^T$$

\* since  $(A-LC)^T = A^T - C^T L^T$



**Figure 8.7:** Block diagram of an observer-based control system. The observer uses the measured output  $y$  and the input  $u$  to construct an estimate of the state. This estimate is used by a state feedback controller to generate the corrective input. The controller consists of the observer and the state feedback; the observer is identical to that in Figure 8.5.



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