

goal: characterize when and how any state of LTI-DE can be reached from the origin

ref: Hespanha Ch 11.6, 12.2, 12.3

• given $\dot{x}/x^+ = Ax + Bu$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^k$

the reachability Grammian is $W(t) = \int_0^t e^{A\tau} B B^T e^{A^T \tau} d\tau \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

→ verify this formula by applying change-of-variables to $W(t_0, t_1)$ with $t = t_1 - t_0$

the controllability matrix is $C = [B \mid AB \mid A^2 B \mid \dots \mid A^{n-1} B]$
 $\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times nk}$

thm: $\mathcal{R}[t_0, t_1] = \mathcal{R}(W(t_1 - t_0)) = \mathcal{R}(C)$

pf: (DT: $x_1 \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow x_1 \in \mathcal{R}[t_0, t_1], t_1 - t_0 \geq n$)

$$x_1 \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow \exists w \in \mathbb{R}^{nk} \text{ s.t. } x_1 = \mathcal{C} \cdot w$$

$$\mathcal{C} \cdot w = [B \ AB \ A^2B \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B] \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad w_k \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$= Bw_0 + ABw_1 + \dots + A^{n-1}Bw_{n-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^k B w_k$$

* since $t_1 - t_0 \geq n$ can define $u: [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$

$$\text{by } u(\tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & t_0 \leq \tau < t_1 - n \\ w_{t_1 - \tau - 1} & t_1 - n \leq \tau \leq t_1 - 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{which yields } x(t_1) = \sum_{\tau=t_0}^{t_1-1} A^{t_1-\tau-1} B u(\tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^k B w_k = x_1$$

($x(t_0) = 0$)

$$\text{so } x_1 \in \mathcal{R}[t_0, t_1]$$

def: we'll say (LTI-DE) is (completely) controllable

$$\text{if } \dim \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{C}) = n \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{R}^n$$