

goal: characterize controllability of stable LTI-DE
using a Lyapunov test

ref: Hespanha Ch 12.3

• consider (LTI-DE) $\dot{x}/x^+ = Ax + Bu$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^k$

thm: if (LTI-DE) is stable, then:

(LTI-DE) is controllable \Leftrightarrow there is a unique solution

$W = W^T > 0$ to Lyapunov equation: (CT) $AW + WA^T = -BB^T$

(DT) $AWA^T - W = -BB^T$

in this case,
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(CT)} \quad W = \int_0^\infty e^{A\tau} B B^T e^{A^T \tau} d\tau \\ \text{(DT)} \quad W = \sum_{\tau=0}^\infty A^\tau B B^T (A^T)^\tau \end{array} \right\} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} W(0, t)$$

pf: (sketch)

(\Leftarrow) assume $\exists! W = W^T > 0$ solution to Lyapunov equation
and let $v \neq 0$ satisfy $A^T v = \lambda v \Rightarrow v^* A = \lambda^* v^*$

• then $v^* (AW + WA^T) v = -v^* B B^T v = -\|B^T v\|^2$

• but $v^* (AW + WA^T) v = v^* A W v + v^* W A^T v$
 $= \lambda^* v^* W v + \lambda v^* W v$
 $= 2 \underbrace{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)}_{< 0} \underbrace{v^* W v}_{> 0} < 0$

• conclude $B^T v \neq 0$, i.e. there is no eigenvector of A^T in the nullspace of B^T , so (LT1-DE) is controllable

(\Rightarrow) assuming (LT1-DE) controllable (and stable)

we know $\exists! W = W^T > 0$ to Lyapunov equation

with $Q = B B^T \geq 0 \leftarrow$ some subtlety involved in handling positive semi-definite Q , but it can be handled