

goal: estimate state of an observable LTI system in closed-loop
by filtering output through an LTI observer

ref: Hespanha Ch 16.5

recall: open-loop state estimation — offline, i.e. from batch data

• given (LTV-DE) $\dot{x}/x^+ = A(t)x + B(t)u$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^k$

$$y = C(t)x + D(t)u, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

• let $\tilde{y}(t) = C(t)\Phi(t, t_0)x_0$

$$= y(t) - \int_{t_0}^t C(\tau)\Phi(\tau, t_0)B(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau + D(t)u(t)$$

be "augmented output" produced by x_0

$$\text{and } M(t_0, t_1) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \Phi(\tau, t_0)^T C(\tau)^T C(\tau) \Phi(\tau, t_0) d\tau$$

... .. assuming CT LTI observable,

be observability Gramian — assume CT-LTV observable
so $M(t_0, t_1)$ nonsingular

• then:
$$\hat{x}_0 = M(t_0, t_1)^{-1} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \Phi(t, t_0)^T C(t)^T \tilde{y}(t) dt \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

is an "open-loop" estimate of initial state

→ sensitive to errors: — unmodeled dynamics / model inaccuracy
— external disturbances
— measurement noise

closed-loop state estimation — online, i.e. using data stream

• consider LTI-DE $\dot{x}/x^+ = Ax + Bu, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^k$
 $y = Cx + Du, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

• recall that, if (A, B) controllable, we can synthesize $K \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$
such that full-state feedback $u = -Kx$ stabilizes (LTI-DE)
— all eigenvalues of "closed-loop" matrix $A - BK$ is stable

* need to know — or estimate — system state x at all times

• consider $\widehat{\text{LTI-DE}} \quad \hat{\dot{x}}/\hat{x}^+ = A\hat{x} + Bu$

(observer system)

and dynamics of error $e = \hat{x} - x$ are LTI:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{e}/e^+ &= \dot{\hat{x}}/\hat{x}^+ - \dot{x}/x^+ = A\hat{x} + \cancel{Bu} - (Ax + \cancel{Bu}) \\ &= A\hat{x} - Ax = Ae\end{aligned}$$

* if A stable then $e(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$!

i.e. observer state $\hat{x}(t) \rightarrow x(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ ✓

• if A is not stable: augment error dynamics by augmenting

observer dynamics: $\dot{\hat{x}}/\hat{x}^+ = A\hat{x} + Bu - \underbrace{L(\hat{y} - y)}_{\text{"output error injection"}}, L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$
 $\hat{y} = C\hat{x} + Du$

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

* if $(A - LC)$ stable then $e(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$!

i.e. observer state $\hat{x}(t) \rightarrow x(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ ✓

fact: can synthesize L s.t. $A-LC$ stable

\Leftrightarrow " " L^T s.t. $A^T - C^T L^T$ stable

$\Leftrightarrow (A^T, C^T)$ controllable $\Leftrightarrow (A, C)$ observable