

Controllable Systems

$$\text{LTV System} \begin{cases} \text{Cont.} \\ \dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u \end{cases} \quad \Bigg/ \quad \begin{cases} \text{Discrete} \\ x(t+1) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t) \end{cases}$$

$t_1 > t_0 \geq 0$

Def. 12.1: Reachable System — The System (LTV or DLTU) or the pair $(A(\cdot), B(\cdot))$ is reachable on $[t_0, t_1]$ if $\mathcal{R}[t_0, t_1] = \mathbb{R}^n$, i.e. you can get to any state from the origin.

Def. 12.2: Controllable System — The System (LTV or DLTU) or pair $(A(\cdot), B(\cdot))$ is controllable on $[t_0, t_1]$ if $\mathcal{C}[t_0, t_1] = \mathbb{R}^n$, i.e. you can ^(transfer) go from any state to the origin.

Thm 12.1 — For an LTI system, it is controllable iff $\text{rank } C = n$.

$$\text{where } C = [B \quad AB \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B]$$

Eigenvalue Tests:

Eigenvector Test: A-Invariant

Def: Given an $n \times n$ matrix A , a linear subspace $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be A -invariant if for every $v \in \mathcal{V}$ we have $Av \in \mathcal{V}$

Example: let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ w/ $A \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} av_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

we have that $\mathcal{V} = \left\{ x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is A -invariant

$$\text{Since } v \in \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{V}$$

Properties: Given an $n \times n$ matrix A and a non-zero A -invariant subspace $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

P12.1 If the columns of $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ form a basis for \mathcal{V} , there exists a $k \times k$ \bar{A} s.t.

$$AV = V\bar{A}$$

(n \times n) (n \times k) (n \times k) (k \times k)

P.12.2 \mathcal{V} contains at least 1 e-vector of A .

Proof:^(12.1) Let $V = [v_1 \dots v_k]$ form a basis for \mathcal{V} ~~same~~ ^{single} values.

then $Av_i \in \mathcal{V}$ implies that $Av_i = \bar{a}_1 v_1 + \bar{a}_2 v_2 + \dots + \bar{a}_k v_k$
 $= V\bar{a}_i$

$$\Rightarrow A[v_1 \dots v_k] = [V\bar{a}_1 \ V\bar{a}_2 \ \dots \ V\bar{a}_k]$$

$$\Rightarrow AV = V\bar{A}$$

↑
different
col vectors.

can write the
basis vectors
as a linear combination
of cols of V
mult. by another
col vector \bar{a}_i

Proof (12.2): Let (λ, \bar{v}) be the e-pair of \bar{A} ,

Then $\bar{A}\bar{v} = \lambda\bar{v}$. from 12.1 property

$$\Rightarrow \text{And } AV\bar{v} = \underbrace{V\bar{A}\bar{v}}_{\lambda V\bar{v}} = V\lambda\bar{v}$$

$\therefore (\lambda, V\bar{v})$ is an e-pair of A and $V\bar{v} \in \mathcal{V}$

— Because this is a linear combination of the cols of V and $V \in \mathcal{V}$.

E-vector test for Controllability:

The LTI system (cont. + discrete) (A, B) is controllable iff there is no eigenvector of A^T that is in the kernel of B^T .

Proof: (necessary cond.)

Assume (A, B) -controllable. To complete the proof by contradiction, assume that there is an e-vector of A^T that is in the kernel of B^T .

i.e. $\exists x \neq 0$ s.t. $A^T x = \lambda x$ and $B^T x = 0$

Then

$$C^T x = \begin{bmatrix} B^T \\ B^T A^T \\ \vdots \\ B^T (A^{n-1})^T \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} B^T x \\ \lambda B^T x \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^{n-1} B^T x \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow C$ is not full rank

$\Rightarrow (A, B)$ is not controllable

(Sufficient)

Show that $\ker C^T$ is A^T -invariant

Let $x \in \ker C^T$ i.e. $C^T x = 0$ is
$$\begin{bmatrix} B^T \\ B^T A^T \\ \vdots \\ B^T (A^{n-1})^T \end{bmatrix} x = 0$$

Need to show that $Ax \in \ker C^T$ or

$$C^T A^T x = \begin{bmatrix} B^T A^T \\ B^T (A^2)^T \\ \vdots \\ B^T (A^{n-1})^T \\ B^T (A^n)^T \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ B^T (A^n)^T x \end{bmatrix}$$

But by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem -

$$(A^n)^T = \alpha_0 I + \alpha_1 A^T + \alpha_2 (A^2)^T + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} (A^{n-1})^T$$

$$\Rightarrow B^T (A^n)^T x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax \in \ker C^T$$

From property 12.2 $\ker C^T$ contains at least one e-vector x of A^T i.e. $C^T x = 0 \Rightarrow B^T x = 0$.

\Rightarrow If no e-vector of A^T in $\ker B^T$ then

there is no $x \neq 0$ s.t. $C^T x = 0$

$\Rightarrow \text{rank } C = n \Rightarrow \text{controllable}$

Thm 12.3 (Popov-Belevitch-Hautus - PBH test for controllability) The LTI system

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~~The LTI system (A, B)~~ (A, B) is controllable

iff $\text{rank} [A - \lambda I \quad B] = n \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

Proof :

generic
matrix

$$\text{rank } W + \dim \ker W^T = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \ker \begin{bmatrix} A^T - \lambda I \\ B^T \end{bmatrix} = n - \text{rank} [A - \lambda I \quad B]$$

$$\text{So } \text{rank} [A - \lambda I \quad B] = n \Rightarrow \dim \ker \begin{bmatrix} A^T - \lambda I \\ B^T \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ker \begin{bmatrix} A^T - \lambda I \\ B^T \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : A^T x = \lambda x + B^T x = 0 \right\} = \{0\}$$

\Rightarrow No e-vectors of A^T are in $\ker B^T$

$\Rightarrow (A, B)$ is controllable

Example: PBH test for controllability

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

controllability matrix

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{rank}(C) = 1 \\ \text{det}(C) = 0 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{rank}(C) = 1 \\ \text{det}(C) = 0 \end{array}} \right\} \text{not controllable}$$

PBH test :

$$\begin{aligned} \det(sI - A) &= s^2 + 5s + 4 \quad \lambda = -1, -4 \\ &= (s+4)(s+1) \end{aligned}$$

For $\lambda = -1$

$$\text{rank} [A - \lambda I \quad B] = n$$

$$[A - (-1)I \quad B] = \left[\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A+I} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_B \right] \quad \text{rank}([A+I \quad B]) = 2$$

For $\lambda = -4$

$$[A - (-4)I \quad B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}([A+4I \quad B]) = 1$$

→ The system is not controllable & -4 is the uncontrollable e-value.

Lyapunov test for controllability:

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- Consider the LTI system $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$

Thm 12.4: Assume A is a stability matrix

(All e -values in LHP or Hurwitz). Then (A, B) is controllable iff \exists a unique pos-def solution

to $AW + WA^T = -BB^T$, w/ unique solution

$$W = \int_0^\infty e^{A\tau} BB^T e^{A^T\tau} d\tau = \lim_{(t, -t_0) \rightarrow \infty} W_R(t_0, t)$$

→ Note - even though the Gramian has limits to infinity it still provides info about finite time.

Proof: ① Assume $AW + WA^T = -BB^T$ has pos-def soln W
Then show (A, B) is controllable.

Suppose there exists a unique positive-def soln to $AW + WA^T = -BB^T$. We will use the e -vector test by letting $x \neq 0$ be an e -vector of A^T . We need to show that $B^T x \neq 0$

$$x^* (AW + WA^T) x = -x^* BB^T x = -\|B^T x\|^2$$

↳ complex conjugate transpose

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But, } x^* (A^T W + W A) x &= (A^T \bar{x})^T W x + x^* W A^T x \\ &= \bar{\lambda} x^* W x + \lambda x^* W x \\ &= 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \lambda \} x^* W x \end{aligned}$$

< 0 since $W > 0$ + A is a stability matrix
($\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0$)

$\therefore \|B^T x\| \neq 0 \Rightarrow (A, B)$ is controllable.

(Every e-value of A^T is not in the ker of B^T)

② Assume controllability $\Rightarrow A^T W + W A = -B B^T$ has pos.-def solution W .

$$\text{Let } B B^T = Q \quad + \quad A^T = \bar{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{A}^T W + W \bar{A} = -Q \quad (\text{same format as Lyap eq.})$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^T P + P A &= -Q \\ \text{w/sol. } P &= \int_0^\infty e^{A^T t} Q e^{A t} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$W = \int_0^\infty e^{A^T z} B B^T e^{A z} dz \quad \text{is a solution of}$$

$$A^T W + W A = -B B^T$$

But $\Rightarrow B B^T$ is not guaranteed to be pos.-def.
(only showed $W \geq 0$)

$$\text{But } x^T W x = x^T \left(\int_0^\infty e^{A^T \tau} B B^T e^{A \tau} d\tau \right) x$$

$$\geq x^T \left(\int_0^1 e^{A^T \tau} B B^T e^{A \tau} d\tau \right) x = x^T W_P(0, 1) x > 0$$

$\Rightarrow W > 0$ \rightarrow Because (A, B) is controllable

- we can also show that if \exists a pos-def
 solution P to $AP + PA^T = -BB^T$ + (A, B) is
 controllable,
Then A is a stability matrix

Proof — let (λ, x) be an e-pair of A^T

Then $(A, B) = \text{controllable} \Rightarrow B^T x \neq 0$

$$\text{So } x^*(AP + PA^T)x = -x^*BB^Tx$$

$$2 \underbrace{\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}}_{> 0} \underbrace{x^*Px}_{\text{by assumption}} = - \underbrace{\|B^Tx\|^2}_{\text{non-zero by controllability}}$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\} < 0$$

$\Rightarrow A^T = \text{stability matrix}$

$\Rightarrow A = \text{stability matrix}$

(a matrix + its transpose
 have same set of
 e-values)

Feedback Stabilization:

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If (A, B) is controllable

Then $(-\mu I - A, B)$ is controllable for every $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof: Since $A^T x = \lambda x \iff (\cancel{-\mu I - A})^T x = \cancel{-\mu x - \lambda x}$
 $(-\mu I - A)^T x = -\mu x - \lambda x$
 $= -(\mu + \lambda)x$

\Rightarrow This implies that $A^T + (-\mu I - A)^T$ have the same e-vector, and $B^T x \neq 0$

\therefore we can choose μ to make $(-\mu I - A)$ a stability matrix.

\rightarrow w/ (A, B) = controllable + sufficiently large μ

Then $(-\mu I - A)W + W(-\mu I - A)^T = BB^T$

$$\Rightarrow AW + WA^T - BB^T = -2\mu W$$

Let $P = W^{-1} > 0$ + pre/post multiply by P

$$PA + A^T P - P B B^T P = -2\mu P$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A - \frac{1}{2} B B^T P) + (A - \frac{1}{2} B B^T P)^T P = \boxed{} - 2\mu P$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A - Bk) + (A - Bk)^T P = -2\mu P$$

$$w/ \quad k = \frac{1}{2} B^T P$$

$$\star P > 0 \Rightarrow 2\mu P > 0$$

$\therefore (A - Bk)$ is a stability matrix + $u = -kx$ asymptotically stabilizes the system

Thm. 12.6

When (A, B) - controllable.

For every $\mu > 0$, it is possible to find a controller $u = -Kx$ that places all of the e-values of $\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$ on $\operatorname{Re}\{s\} \leq -\mu$

Note: Controllability is unaffected by state feedback.