

We assumed that all state variables are available for feedback. In practice, however, not all state variables are available for feedback. Then we need to estimate unavailable state variables.

Estimation of unmeasurable state variables is commonly called observation. A device (or a computer program) that estimates or observes the state variables is called a state observer.

If the state observer observes all state variables of the system, regardless of whether some state variables are available for direct measurement, it is called a full-order state observer.

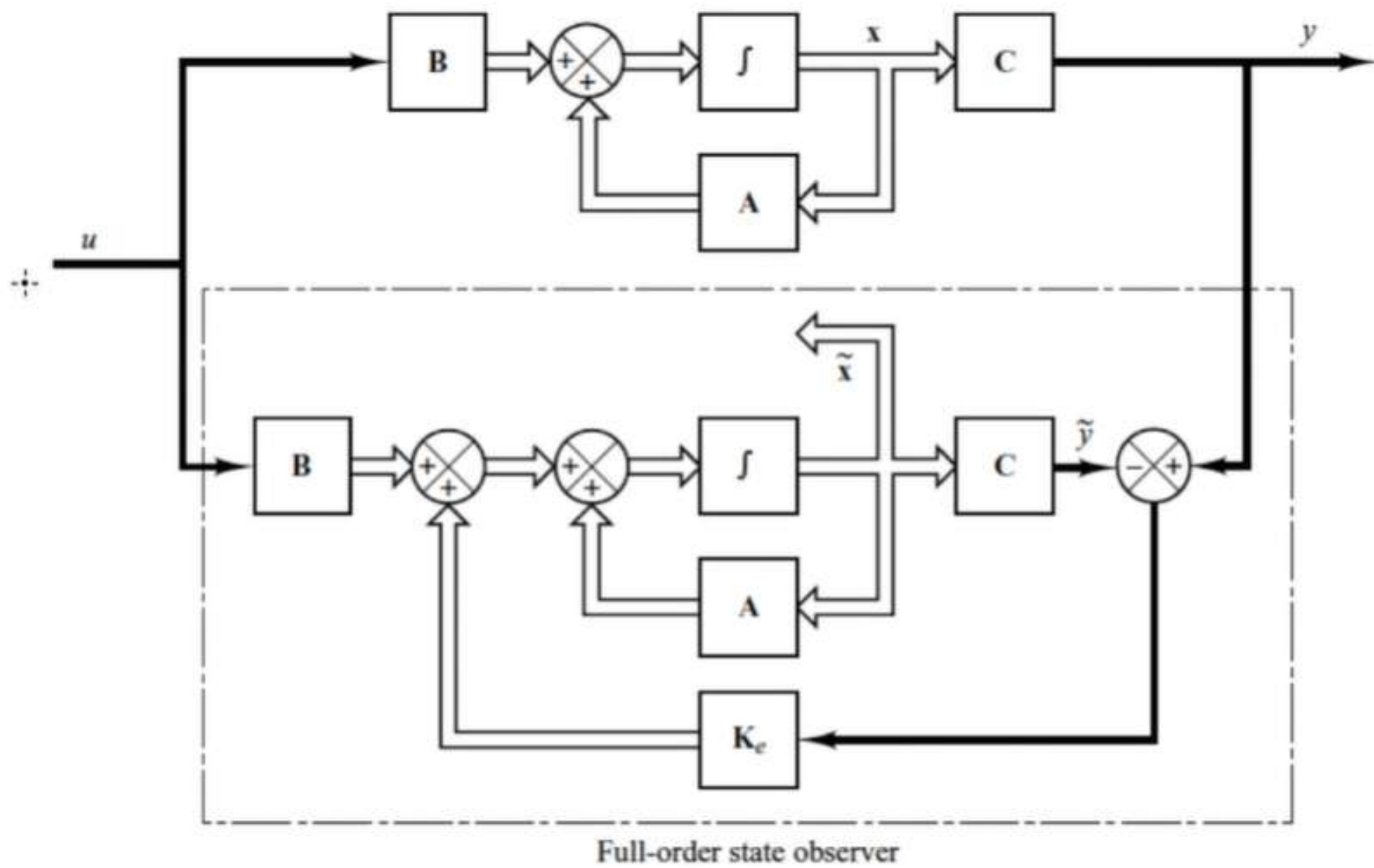
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Sometimes we will need observation of only the unmeasurable state variables, but not of those that are directly measurable as well.

For example, since the output variables are observable and they are linearly related to the state variables, we need not observe all state variables, but observe only  $n-m$  state variables, where  $n$  is the dimension of the state vector and  $m$  is the dimension of the output vector.

An observer that estimates fewer than  $n$  state variables, where  $n$  is the dimension of the state vector, is called a reduced-order state observer.

If the order of the reduced-order state observer is the minimum possible, the observer is called a minimum-order state observer or minimum-order observer.



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From Equation (10-59), we see that the dynamic behavior of the error vector is determined by the eigenvalues of matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}$ . If matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}$  is a stable matrix, the error vector will converge to zero for any initial error vector  $\mathbf{e}(0)$ . That is,  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)$  will converge to  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  regardless of the values of  $\mathbf{x}(0)$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0)$ . If the eigenvalues of matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}$  are chosen in such a way that the dynamic behavior of the error vector is asymptotically stable and is adequately fast, then any error vector will tend to zero (the origin) with an adequate speed.

If the plant is completely observable, then it can be proved that it is possible to choose matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  such that  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}$  has arbitrarily desired eigenvalues. That is, the observer gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  can be determined to yield the desired matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}$ . We shall discuss this matter in what follows.

**Dual Problem.** The problem of designing a full-order observer becomes that of determining the observer gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  such that the error dynamics defined by Equation (10-59) are asymptotically stable with sufficient speed of response. (The asymptotic stability and the speed of response of the error dynamics are determined by the eigenvalues of matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}$ .) Hence, the design of the full-order observer becomes that of determining an appropriate  $\mathbf{K}_e$  such that  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}$  has desired eigenvalues. Thus, the problem here becomes the same as the pole-placement problem we discussed in Section 10-2. In fact, the two problems are mathematically the same. This property is called duality.

Consider the system defined by

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}u$$

$$y = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$$

In designing the full-order state observer, we may solve the dual problem, that is, solve the pole-placement problem for the dual system

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{C}^*v$$

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assuming the control signal  $v$  to be

$$v = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{z}$$

x

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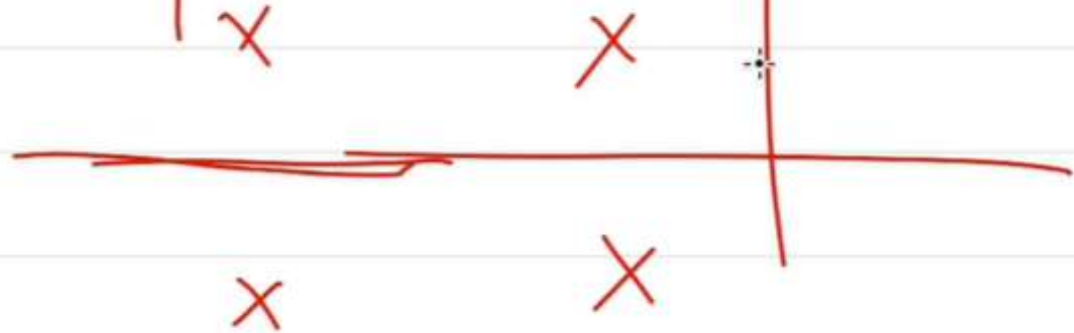
Pole placement

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observer  $\rightarrow Ke$

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**Comments on Selecting the Best  $\mathbf{K}_e$ .** Referring to Figure 10–11, notice that the feedback signal through the observer gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  serves as a correction signal to the plant model to account for the unknowns in the plant. If significant unknowns are involved, the feedback signal through the matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  should be relatively large. However, if the output signal is contaminated significantly by disturbances and measurement noises, then the output  $y$  is not reliable and the feedback signal through the matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  should be relatively small. In determining the matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$ , we should carefully examine the effects of disturbances and noises involved in the output  $y$ .

Remember that the observer gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  depends on the desired characteristic equation

$$(s - \mu_1)(s - \mu_2) \cdots (s - \mu_n) = 0$$

The choice of a set of  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n$  is, in many instances, not unique. As a general rule, however, the observer poles must be two to five times faster than the controller poles to make sure the observation error (estimation error) converges to zero quickly. This means that the observer estimation error decays two to five times faster than does the state vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . Such faster decay of the observer error compared with the desired dynamics makes the controller poles dominate the system response.

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It is important to note that if sensor noise is considerable, we may choose the observer poles to be slower than two times the controller poles, so that the bandwidth of the system will become lower and smooth the noise. In this case the system response will be strongly influenced by the observer poles. If the observer poles are located to the right of the controller poles in the left-half  $s$  plane, the system response will be dominated by the observer poles rather than by the control poles.

In the design of the state observer, it is desirable to determine several observer gain matrices  $\mathbf{K}_e$  based on several different desired characteristic equations. For each of the several different matrices  $\mathbf{K}_e$ , simulation tests must be run to evaluate the resulting system performance. Then we select the best  $\mathbf{K}_e$  from the viewpoint of overall system performance. In many practical cases, the selection of the best matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  boils down to a compromise between speedy response and sensitivity to disturbances and noises.



Consider the system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}u$$

$$y = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 20.6 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = [0 \quad 1]$$

*observable*



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dots +$$

We use the observed state feedback such that

$$u = -\mathbf{K}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

Design a full-order state observer, assuming that the system configuration is identical to that shown in Figure 10–11. Assume that the desired eigenvalues of the observer matrix are

$$\mu_1 = -10, \quad \mu_2 = -10$$

The design of the state observer reduces to the determination of an appropriate observer gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$ .

Let us examine the observability matrix. The rank of

$$[\mathbf{C}^* \mid \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{C}^*] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is 2. Hence, the system is completely observable and the determination of the desired observer gain matrix is possible. We shall solve this problem by three methods.

$$T = MW$$

$$A \rightarrow \text{cont}^{\ddagger}$$

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$$|sI - A| = \begin{vmatrix} s & -20.6 \\ -1 & s \end{vmatrix} = s^2 - 20.6 = s^2 + a_1s + a_2 = 0$$

we have

$$W \rightarrow a_i$$

$$a_1 = 0, \quad a_2 = -20.6$$

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Then the observer gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_e$  can be obtained from Equation (10-61) as follows:

$$\mathbf{K}_e = (\mathbf{W}\mathbf{N}^*)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 - a_2 \\ \alpha_1 - a_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 100 + 20.6 \\ 20 - 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120.6 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Method 2:* Referring to Equation (10-59):

$$\dot{\mathbf{e}} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C})\mathbf{e}$$

the characteristic equation for the observer becomes

$$|s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{C}| = 0$$

Define

$$\mathbf{K}_e = \begin{bmatrix} k_{e1} \\ k_{e2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the characteristic equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 20.6 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_{e1} \\ k_{e2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} s & -20.6 + k_{e1} \\ -1 & s + k_{e2} \end{vmatrix} \\ & = s^2 + k_{e2}s - 20.6 + k_{e1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the desired characteristic equation is

$$s^2 + 20s + 100 = 0$$

by comparing Equation (10-66) with this last equation, we obtain

$$k_{e1} = 120.6, \quad k_{e2} = 20$$

or

$$\mathbf{K}_e = \begin{bmatrix} 120.6 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Method 3:* We shall use Ackermann's formula given by Equation (10-65):

$$\mathbf{K}_e = \phi(\mathbf{A}) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{CA} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\phi(s) = (s - \mu_1)(s - \mu_2) = s^2 + 20s + 100$$

Thus,

$$\phi(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}^2 + 20\mathbf{A} + 100\mathbf{I}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_e &= (\mathbf{A}^2 + 20\mathbf{A} + 100\mathbf{I}) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 120.6 & 412 \\ 20 & 120.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120.6 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

As a matter of course, we get the same  $\mathbf{K}_e$  regardless of the method employed.