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Controllability

# Controllable Canonical Form (CCF)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} [-a_1 & \dots & -a_n] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} I_{(n-1) \times (n-1)} \\ 0_{(n-1) \times 1} \end{array} \right] \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} [1] \\ 0_{(n-1) \times 1} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Facts

$$\det(sI - A) = s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n$$

$$A - BK = \begin{bmatrix} [-a_1 - k_1 & \dots & -a_n - k_n] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} I \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(sI - (A - BK)) = s^n + (a_1 + k_1) s^{n-1} + \dots + (a_{n-1} + k_{n-1}) s + (a_n + k_n)$$

## Consequence

if you want

$$s^n + r_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + r_{n-1} s + r_n$$

then

$$k_1 = r_1 - a_1 \quad \dots \quad k_n = r_n - a_n$$

*no symbolic  
computation!*

If we could put a system in CCF...

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$\downarrow \boxed{x = Vz} \leftarrow z = V^{-1}x$$

$$\dot{z} = A_{ccf}z + B_{ccf}u$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$V\dot{z} = AVz + Bu$$

$$\dot{z} = \boxed{V^{-1}AV}z + \boxed{V^{-1}B}u$$

$A_{ccf} \qquad B_{ccf}$

Then ... easy to find

$$u = -\overbrace{K_{ccf}}^{\text{easy to find}} z$$

$$= -\underbrace{K_{ccf} V^{-1}}_K x$$

$K$  (what we want)

$$\dot{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 5 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$   
 $1 \qquad 0$

$$A_{ccf} - B_{ccf}K_{ccf}$$

How?

solve for  $V^{-1}$  (that's what we need to find  $K$  given  $K_{CF}$ )

$$A_{CCF} = V^{-1}AV \quad B_{CCF} = V^{-1}B$$

$$\rightarrow B_{CCF} = V^{-1}B$$

$$\rightarrow A_{CCF}B_{CCF} = (V^{-1}AV)(V^{-1}B) = \cancel{V^{-1}AV}V^{-1}B = V^{-1}AB$$

$$\rightarrow A_{CCF}^2 B_{CCF} = \cancel{V^{-1}AV} \cancel{V^{-1}AV} V^{-1}B = V^{-1}A^2B$$

⋮

$$\rightarrow A_{CCF}^{n-1} B_{CCF} = V^{-1}A^{n-1}B$$

$$\underbrace{[B_{CCF} \quad A_{CCF}B_{CCF} \quad A_{CCF}^2 B_{CCF} \quad \dots \quad A_{CCF}^{n-1} B_{CCF}]}_{W_{CCF} \leftarrow} = V^{-1} \underbrace{[B \quad AB \quad A^2B \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B]}_W \leftarrow$$

$$V^{-1} = W_{CCF} W^{-1}$$

↑ works as long as  $W$  is invertible

# ACKERMANN'S METHOD

- Compute the characteristic equation that we want:

$$(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n) = s^n + r_1 s^{n-1} + \cdots + r_{n-1} s + r_n \quad \text{np. poly}$$

- Compute the characteristic equation that we have:

$$\det(sI - A) = s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1} s + a_n \quad \text{np. poly}$$

- Compute the controllability matrix of the original system (and check that  $\det(W) \neq 0$ ):

$$W = [B \quad AB \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}B] \quad \leftarrow \text{np. block}$$

- Compute the controllability matrix of the transformed system:

$$W_{\text{ccf}} = [B_{\text{ccf}} \quad A_{\text{ccf}} B_{\text{ccf}} \quad \cdots \quad A_{\text{ccf}}^{n-1} B_{\text{ccf}}] \quad \leftarrow \text{np. block}$$

where

$$A_{\text{ccf}} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & -a_2 & \cdots & -a_{n-1} & -a_n \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B_{\text{ccf}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compute the gains for the transformed system:

$$K_{\text{ccf}} = [r_1 - a_1 \quad \cdots \quad r_n - a_n]$$

- Compute the gains for the original system:

$$K = K_{\text{ccf}} W_{\text{ccf}}^{-1} W^{-1}$$

The system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

is **controllable** if

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

has full rank.

in python this means "`np.linalg.matrix_rank(W)`" is the same as "`n`"



if there is only one input,  $W$  is square, and so "full rank" and "invertible" mean the same thing — so, for a system with only one input, you can simply check if  $\det(W) \neq 0$

" $n$ " is the number of states (i.e., the size of  $x$ )