

Linearization

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STEP 0 - get EOMs

## MODEL OF DYNAMICS

$$\underbrace{(J+mr^2)}_{c_1} \ddot{q} = \tau - \underbrace{mgr \sin q}_{c_2}$$

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

STEP 1 - rewrite EOMs as a set of first-order ODEs

$$\ddot{q}$$

$$v = \dot{q}$$

$$c_1 \dot{v} = \tau - c_2 \sin q$$

$$\dot{q} = v$$

$$\dot{q} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = (1/c_1)\tau - (c_2/c_1)\sin q$$

← find time derivative of highest order

← define new variables for each time derivative of lower order

← rewrite EOMs in terms of new variables

← add an ODE for each new variable

← collect ODEs together, solving for time derivatives if necessary

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix}}_{\dot{m}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v \\ (1/c_1)\tau - (c_2/c_1)\sin q \end{bmatrix}}_{f(m, n)}$$

← write in standard form

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad n = [\tau]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{g} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ (1/c_1)\tau - (c_2/c_1)\sin g \end{bmatrix}$$

STEP 2 - find an equilibrium point

$$0 = v_e$$

← set time derivatives to zero

$$0 = (1/c_1)\tau_e - (c_2/c_1)\sin g_e$$

$$v_e = 0$$

← solve

$$\tau_e = c_2 \sin g_e$$

$$g_e = \pi/2 \quad v_e = 0 \quad \tau_e = c_2$$

← pick a solution

$$m_e = \begin{bmatrix} \pi/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad u_e = [c_2]$$

← write in standard form

STEP 3 - define state and input

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} g - (\pi/2) \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\leftarrow x = m - m_e$$

$$u = [\tau - c_2]$$

$$\leftarrow u = u - u_e$$

STEP 4 - compute A and B

We defined the state  $x$  and the input  $u$  like this:

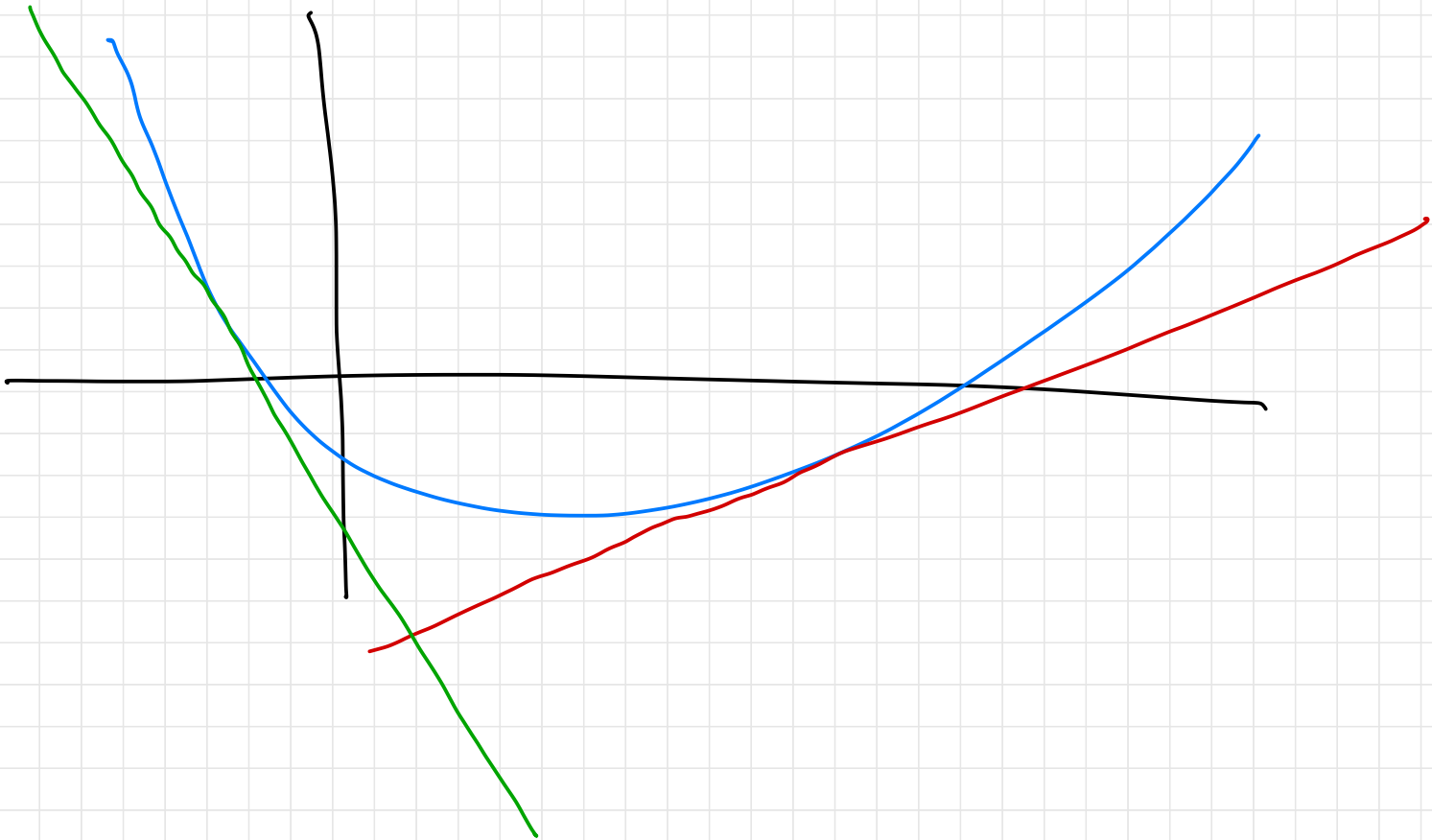
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi - (\pi/2) \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad u = [\tau - c_2]$$

What matrices A and B would make

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\varphi} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ (1/c_1)\tau - (c_2/c_1) \sin \varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

describe the same set of ODEs?

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\varphi} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix}}_{\dot{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \quad \\ \quad \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \varphi - (\pi/2) \\ v \end{bmatrix}}_x + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \quad \\ \quad \end{bmatrix}}_B \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \tau - c_2 \end{bmatrix}}_u$$



# LINEARIZATION

$$\dot{m} = f(m, n) \approx f(m_e, n_e) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial m} \right|_{(m_e, n_e)} (m - m_e) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} \right|_{(m_e, n_e)} (n - n_e)$$

$$\underbrace{\dot{m}} = \underbrace{f(m, n)} \quad m = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad n = [\tau] \quad m_e = \begin{bmatrix} \pi/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad n_e = [c_2]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\varphi} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ (1/c_1)\tau - (c_2/c_1)\sin\varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} v_e \\ (1/c_1)\tau_e - (c_2/c_1)\sin\varphi_e \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -(c_2/c_1)\cos\varphi_e & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A x + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/c_1 \end{bmatrix}}_B u$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-(\pi/2)} \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad u = [r - 2]$$

MODEL OF CONTROLLER

$$u = -Kx$$

Implement linear state feedback with gain matrix

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$u = -Kx$$

$$[r - 2] = - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-(\pi/2)} \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [-5(e^{-(\pi/2)}) - v]$$

$$r = 2 - 5(e^{-(\pi/2)}) - v$$



# STATE-SPACE MODEL (linear and time-invariant)

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

↑  
state

↑  
input

## LINEAR STATE FEEDBACK

$$u = -Kx$$

↑  
gain matrix

EOMs

↓

write in standard form

$$\dot{m} = f(m, n)$$

↓

choose equilibrium point

$$0 = f(m_e, n_e)$$

↓

linearize about equilibrium point

$$x = m - m_e$$

$$u = n - n_e$$

$$A = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial m} \right|_{(m_e, n_e)}$$

$$B = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} \right|_{(m_e, n_e)}$$