

Diagonalization (Part 1)

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LAST TIME

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= Ax + Bu \\ u &= -Kx\end{aligned}$$

← state-space model (dynamics)
← linear state feedback (controller)

$$\downarrow$$
$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$$

← closed-loop system

$$\downarrow$$
$$x(t) = e^{(A - BK)t} x(0)$$

← solution (by matrix exponential)

→ $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ if and only if all eigenvalues of $A - BK$ have negative real part } asymptotic stability

↑
OUR GOAL IS TO PROVE THIS RESULT

$\dot{x} = Fx$ ← for which F does $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$???

STRATEGY

- ① Answer this question in the special case when F is diagonal
- ② Show how to rewrite (almost) any F as diagonal
- ③ Answer this question for (almost) any F

① Answer the question in the special case when F is diagonal

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow e^{Ft} = I + Ft + \frac{1}{2!}(Ft)^2 + \dots$$

$x(t) = e^{Ft} x(0)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} s_1 t & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2!}(s_1 t)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2!}(s_2 t)^2 \end{bmatrix} + \dots$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + s_1 t + \frac{1}{2!}(s_1 t)^2 + \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + s_2 t + \frac{1}{2!}(s_2 t)^2 + \dots \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^{s_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{s_2 t} \end{bmatrix}$$

← when F is diagonal, e^{Ft} is easy to find

WHAT ARE THE TERMS?

if $s = \sigma + j\omega$ then $e^{st} = e^{(\sigma + j\omega)t} = e^{(\sigma t + j\omega t)}$

$$= e^{\sigma t} e^{j\omega t} = e^{\sigma t} (\cos(\omega t) + j \sin(\omega t))$$

② Show how to rewrite (almost) any F as diagonal (1/3)

KEY: COORDINATE TRANSFORMATION

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{old coordinates} \\ \downarrow \\ x = Vz \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{new coordinates} \\ \downarrow \\ z \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE \rightarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} g \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

EXAMPLE \rightarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} g \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g+v \\ g-v \end{bmatrix}$$

② Show how to rewrite (almost) any F as diagonal (2/3)

solve for $x(t)$ with matrix exponential

$$\dot{x} = Fx$$

plug in $x = Vz$ for some invertible V

$$V\dot{z} = FVz$$

solve for \dot{z}

$$z = V^{-1}x$$

$$\dot{z} = (V^{-1}FV)z$$

solve for $z(t)$ with matrix exponential

$$z(t) = e^{(V^{-1}FV)t} z(0)$$

plug in $z = V^{-1}x$ and solve for x

$$V^{-1}x(t) = e^{(V^{-1}FV)t} V^{-1}x(0)$$

$$x(t) = V e^{(V^{-1}FV)t} V^{-1}x(0)$$

must be equal for any invertible V

$$x(t) = e^{Ft} x(0)$$