



# EE611

# Deterministic Systems

**Controllability and Observability Discrete  
Systems**

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# Canonical Decompositions

Given the Controllability matrix of an  $n$  dimensional system that is not controllable:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{B} & \dots & \mathbf{A}^{n-1}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \rho(C) = n_1 < n$$

Define equivalence transformation

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{q}_{n_1} & \dots & \mathbf{q}_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$$

where the first  $n_1$  columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are the  $n_1$  l.i. columns of  $C$ , and the other columns are arbitrary vectors added such that  $\mathbf{Q}$  is nonsingular.

# Canonical Decompositions

Then equivalence transformation  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}$  partitions original state-space equations into:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_c \\ \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_c & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{12} \\ \mathbf{0} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_c \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_c \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{C}}_c & \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_c \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_c$  is  $n_1 \times n_1$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\bar{c}}$  is  $(n-n_1) \times (n-n_1)$ , and the  $n_1$  dimensional subequation is controllable and has the same transfer matrix as the original state-space equation.

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_c = \bar{\mathbf{A}}_c \bar{\mathbf{x}}_c + \bar{\mathbf{B}}_c \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \bar{\mathbf{C}}_c \bar{\mathbf{x}}_c + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

# Canonical Decompositions

Given the Observability matrix of an  $n$  dimensional system that is not observable:

$$O = [C' \quad A'C' \quad A^2'C' \quad A^3'C' \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}'C']'$$

where  $\rho(O) = n_2 < n$

Define equivalence transformation

$$P = [p_1' \quad p_2' \quad \dots \quad p_{n_2}' \quad \dots \quad p_n']' \quad Q = P^{-1}$$

where the first  $n_2$  rows of  $P$  are the  $n_2$  l.i. rows of  $O$ , and the other rows are arbitrary vectors added such that  $P$  is nonsingular.

# Canonical Decompositions

Then equivalence transformation  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}$  partitions original state-space equations into:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_o \\ \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_o & \mathbf{0} \\ \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{21} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_o \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_o \\ \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{C}}_o & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_o \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_o$  is  $n_2 \times n_2$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\bar{o}}$  is  $(n-n_2) \times (n-n_2)$ , and the  $n_2$  dimensional subequation is observable and has the same transfer matrix as the original state-space equation:

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_o = \bar{\mathbf{A}}_o \bar{\mathbf{x}}_o + \bar{\mathbf{B}}_o \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \bar{\mathbf{C}}_o \bar{\mathbf{x}}_o + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

# Example Decomposition

Find the transformation to partition system below into observable and unobservable:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t) \quad y = [0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0] \mathbf{x}$$

Show result:

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t) \quad y = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0] \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

# Kalman Decomposition Theorem

An equivalence transformation exists to transform any state-space equation into the following canonical form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{co} \\ \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{c\bar{o}} \\ \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{\bar{c}o} \\ \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{\bar{c}\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{co} & \mathbf{0} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{13} & \mathbf{0} \\ \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{21} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{c\bar{o}} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{23} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{24} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\bar{c}o} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{43} & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\bar{c}\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{co} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{c\bar{o}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{c}o} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{c}\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{co} \\ \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{c\bar{o}} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{co} & \mathbf{0} & \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{\bar{c}o} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{co} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{c\bar{o}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{c}o} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\bar{c}\bar{o}} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

where subscript  $co$  indicates the controllable and observable, and the bar over the subscript indicates *not*.

# Kalman Decomposition Example

Perform a Kalman decomposition on:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -24 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -74 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -85 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -45 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = [2 \quad -3 \quad 6 \quad -16 \quad 38 \quad -60] \mathbf{x}$$

# Kalman Decomposition Example

Previous example should yield :

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -12 & -31 & -27 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.0856 & 0.2884 & 0.1393 & 0.0199 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \\ -16 \\ 38 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 2] \mathbf{x}$$

# Kalman Decomposition Theorem

The controllable and observable subsystem is equivalent to the zero-state system given as:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{\text{co}} &= \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{co}} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{co}} + \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{\text{co}} \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}} &= \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{\text{co}} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{co}} + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}(t)\end{aligned}$$

and has transfer matrix:

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}}(s) = \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{\text{co}} (s \mathbf{I} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{co}})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\text{co}} + \mathbf{D}$$

# Controllability (Discrete)

The state equation:

$$\mathbf{x}[k+1] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}[k]$$

is controllable if for any pair of states  $\mathbf{x}[k_1]$  and  $\mathbf{x}[k_0]$ ,  $\exists$  an input  $\mathbf{u}[k]$  that drives state  $\mathbf{x}[k_0]$  to  $\mathbf{x}[k_1]$  in a finite number of samples.

If the system is controllable, then an input to transfer state  $\mathbf{x}[k_0]$  to  $\mathbf{x}[k_1]$  over the input samples in the interval  $[k_0, k_1-1]$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{u}[k] = -\mathbf{B}'(\mathbf{A}')^{[k_1-k-1]} \mathbf{W}_{\text{dc}}^{-1}[k_1-k_0-1] \left( \mathbf{A}^{[k_1-k_0]} \mathbf{x}[k_0] - \mathbf{x}[k_1] \right)$$

where

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{dc}}[n-1] = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}' (\mathbf{A}')^m$$

# Conditions for Controllability

For an  $n$  state and  $p$  input system:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}$

This system is controllable if any one of the equivalent conditions are met:

1. The  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{W}_{dc}[n-1]$  is nonsingular

$$\mathbf{W}_{dc}[n-1] = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}' (\mathbf{A}')^m$$

2. The  $n \times np$  controllability matrix  $\mathbf{C}_d$  has full row rank ( $n$ ):

$$\mathbf{C}_d = [\mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{A}^3 \mathbf{B} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{A}^{n-1} \mathbf{B}]$$

# Conditions for Controllability

3. The  $n \times (n+p)$  matrix  $[(\mathbf{A}-\lambda\mathbf{I}) \ \mathbf{B}]$  has full row rank for every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

4. All eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  have magnitudes less than 1, and the unique solution  $\mathbf{W}_{dc}$  is positive definite.

$$\mathbf{W}_{dc} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{W}_{dc} \mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}'$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_{dc}$  is the discrete controllability Gramian:

$$\mathbf{W}_{dc} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}' (\mathbf{A}')^m$$

# Observability (Discrete)

The discrete state-space equation:

$$\mathbf{x}[k+1] = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}[k] \quad \mathbf{y}[k] = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}[k]$$

is observable if for any unknown initial state  $\mathbf{x}[k_0]$ , there exists a finite integer  $k_1 - k_0 \ni$  knowledge of input  $\mathbf{u}[k]$  and output input  $\mathbf{y}[k]$  over  $[k_0, k_1]$  is all that is required to uniquely determine  $\mathbf{x}[k_0]$ .

If the system is observable, then an estimator/observer to compute state  $\mathbf{x}[k_0]$  from the input and output over the time interval  $[k_0, k_1]$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}[k_0] = \left( \mathbf{W}_{\text{do}}[k_1 - k_0] \right)^{-1} \sum_{m=0}^{k_1 - k_0} (\mathbf{A}')^m \mathbf{C}' \bar{\mathbf{y}}[k_0 + m, k_0]$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{do}}[n-1] = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} (\mathbf{A}')^m \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^m$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}}[k, k_0] = \mathbf{y}[k] - \mathbf{C} \sum_{m=k_0}^{k-1} \mathbf{A}^{k-1-m} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}[m] - \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}[k]$$

# Conditions for Observability

For an  $n$  state and  $q$  output system:

$$\mathbf{x}[k+1] = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}[k] \quad \mathbf{y}[k] = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}[k]$$

1. This system is observable iff the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{W}_{\text{do}}$  is nonsingular

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{do}}[k_1-1] = \sum_{m=0}^{k_1-1} \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}' (\mathbf{A}')^m$$

2. The  $nq \times n$  observability matrix  $\mathbf{O}_d$  has full column rank ( $n$ ):

$$\mathbf{O}_d = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Conditions for Observability

3. The  $(n+q) \times n$  matrix  $[(\mathbf{A}-\lambda\mathbf{I})' \ \mathbf{C}']'$  has full column rank for every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

4. All eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  have magnitudes less than 1, and the unique solution  $\mathbf{W}_{do}$  is positive definite

$$\mathbf{W}_{do} - \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{W}_{do} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{C}$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_{do}$  is the observability Gramian:

$$\mathbf{W}_{do} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (\mathbf{A}')^m \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^m$$

# Controllability After Sampling

Given a controllable continuous-time system, a sufficient condition for controllability of its discretized system using sampling period  $T$  is that:

$\mathbf{Im}[\lambda_i - \lambda_j] \neq 2\pi m / T$  for any  $ij$  pair of eigenvalues from continuous time system whenever  $\mathbf{Re}[\lambda_i - \lambda_j] = 0$ .

For the single-input system the above condition is necessary as well.

# Homework U9.1

Write a Matlab code to compute the initial state  $\mathbf{x}[0]$  and all subsequent states corresponding to the input-output pair sequence the interval  $n \in [0 \ 6]$  and the discrete-time system:

r	u[n]	y[n]
0	1	2
1	1	10.75
2	1	0.3675
3	0	1.1969
4	0	3.2546
5	0	-0.5657
6	0	-1.7105

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & -0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.75 & -0.2 & -0.75 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0.3 & 0.75 & -0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2] \mathbf{x}$$

Indicate the state values for  $n=0$  to 6 and hand in printout of commented code used to solve the problem.

## Homework U9.2

Perform a Kalman decomposition on the system below

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & -0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.75 & -0.2 & -0.75 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0.3 & 0.75 & -0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = [0 \quad -1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0] \mathbf{x}$$

Indicate the A,B, and C matrices for the decomposed systems and write out the subsystem that is both controllable and observable. Hand in printout of commented code used to solve the problem.