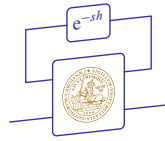


Introduction to Time-Delay Systems



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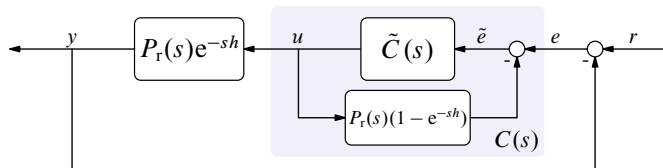
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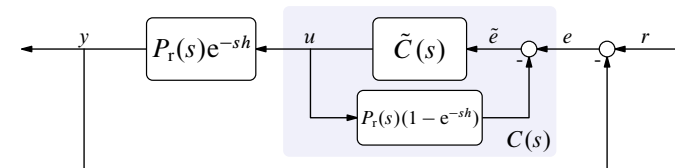
The scheme



Introduced by **Otto J. M. Smith** more than half a century ago (in 1957).

- ▶ $\tilde{C}(s)$ called **primary controller**
- ▶ $P_r(s)(1 - e^{-sh})$ called **Smith predictor**
(note that $\tilde{e} = (r - y) - P_r(1 - e^{-sh})u = r - P_ru$, which is “prediction” of e with $h = 0$)

The magic



Closed-loop signal trailing:

$$u = \tilde{C}((r - P_re^{-sh}u) - P_r(1 - e^{-sh})u) = \tilde{C}(r - P_ru)$$

from which the closed-loop systems from r to u and y are

$$T_u(s) = \frac{\tilde{C}(s)}{1 + P_r(s)\tilde{C}(s)} \quad \text{and} \quad T(s) = \frac{P_r(s)\tilde{C}(s)}{1 + P_r(s)\tilde{C}(s)} e^{-sh},$$

respectively. Thus, delay is eliminated from the characteristic equation and

- ▶ stabilization of (P_re^{-sh}, C) reduces to **delay-free** stabilization of (P_r, \tilde{C}) .

Extensions

The idea of Smith can be extended to

- ▶ more general class of i/o delays
- ▶ unstable systems (e.g., the modified Smith predictor)

We'll study some of these extensions in due course...

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Preliminary: state feedback revised

Let

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

and $u(t) = Fx(t)$. Rewrite this set of equations in s -domain as

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -B \\ -F & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The characteristic equation of this system is¹

$$\chi(s) = \det \begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -B \\ -F & I \end{bmatrix} = \det(sI - A - BF) = 0,$$

so the closed-loop system stable iff $A + BF$ is Hurwitz.

Preliminary: Laplace transform of distributed delay

Let

$$\zeta(t) = \int_{t-h}^t \Phi(t-\theta)\xi(\theta)d\theta$$

for some function Φ . This can be seen as the convolution $\zeta = \tilde{\Phi} * \xi$, where

$$\tilde{\Phi}(t) := \Phi(t)\mathbb{1}_{[0,h]}(t), \quad \text{where } \mathbb{1}_A \text{ is the indicator function of } A \subset \mathbb{R}^+.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_{t-h}^t \Phi(t-\theta)\xi(\theta)d\theta\right\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\tilde{\Phi}\}\mathcal{L}\{\xi\} = \int_0^\infty \tilde{\Phi}(t)e^{-st}dt\mathcal{E}(s) \\ &= \int_0^h \Phi(t)e^{-st}dt\mathcal{E}(s) \end{aligned}$$

¹Remember, $\det \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \det(A_{22})\det(A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21})$ whenever $\det(A_{22}) \neq 0$.

Problem statement

Let

$$\Sigma_h : \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t-h), \quad (x(0), u_\tau(0)) = (x_0, 0)$$

and we measure $x(t)$. We look for $u(t)$ stabilizing Σ_h for any given h .

Motivation

If at each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ we measured $x(t+h)$, the control law

$$u(t) = Fx(t+h)$$

would stabilize Σ_h whenever $A + BF$ is Hurwitz. Although $x(t+h)$ cannot be measured, we may try to use its calculated (predicted) values

$$\begin{aligned} x_h(t) &:= e^{Ah}x(t) + \int_t^{t+h} e^{A(t+h-\theta)} Bu(\theta-h) d\theta \\ &= e^{Ah}x(t) + \int_{t-h}^t e^{A(t-\theta)} Bu(\theta) d\theta \\ &= e^{Ah}x(t) + \int_0^h e^{A\theta} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

instead (think of observer-based feedback). **Will it work?**

Characteristic equation

In s -domain,

$$sX(s) - x_0 = AX(s) + Be^{-sh}U(s)$$

$$U(s) = Fe^{Ah}X(s) + F \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B U(s)$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -Be^{-sh} \\ -Fe^{Ah} & I - F \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, the characteristic quasi-polynomial is

$$\chi_h(s) = \det \begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -Be^{-sh} \\ -Fe^{Ah} & I - F \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \end{bmatrix}.$$

Characteristic equation (contd)

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -Be^{-sh} \\ -Fe^{Ah} & I - F \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & -e^{-Ah} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -Be^{-sh} - e^{-Ah}(sI - A) \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \\ -Fe^{Ah} & I \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -e^{-Ah}B \\ -Fe^{Ah} & I \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

because

$$-e^{-Ah}(sI - A) \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta = e^{-Ah}(e^{-(sI-A)h} - I) = e^{-sh}I - e^{-Ah}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_h(s) &= \det(sI - A - e^{-Ah}BF e^{Ah}) = \det(e^{-Ah}(sI - A - BF)e^{Ah}) \\ &= \det(sI - A - BF). \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic equation (contd)

Thus,

▶ characteristic quasi-polynomial is actually a polynomial and the characteristic equation,

$$\det(sI - A - BF) = 0,$$

is finite dimensional. In other words, (predictive) control law

$$u(t) = Fx_h(t)$$

keeps the closed-loop spectrum finite. Hence the terms

- ▶ finite spectrum assignment (FSA).

Problem solution

Theorem

The FSA control law

$$u(t) = F \left(e^{Ah} x(t) + \int_0^h e^{A\theta} B u(t - \theta) d\theta \right)$$

stabilizes

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t - h)$$

iff $A + BF$ is Hurwitz.

Note that

- ▶ stabilizability of Σ_h is equivalent to that of its delay-free version Σ_0 .

Extensions

Was extended to the cases when

- ▶ we measure $y(t) = Cx(t)$
In this case *observer-predictor* of the form

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}}(t) = (A + LC)\hat{x}(t) + Bu(t - h) - Ly(t) \\ u(t) = F \left(e^{Ah} \hat{x}(t) + \int_0^h e^{A\theta} B u(t - \theta) d\theta \right) \end{cases}$$

should be used.

- ▶ there are multiple / distributed input delays
- ▶ there are limited classes of state delays

Historical remarks

- ▶ First proposed by Mayne (1968) for single input delay, $y = Cx$ (effectively forgotten; as of April 2012, is cited *once* according to Google Scholar; as of November 2012, 4 more citations were added)
- ▶ Independently derived by Kleinman (1969) (as a solution to delayed LQG, not credited with the invention of FSA either)
- ▶ Solving the case of measured x is credited to Manitius & Olbrot (1979) (general input delays and some classes of state delay)
- ▶ Observer-predictor proposed by Furukawa & Shimemura (1983)

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Preliminary: Leibniz integral rule

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} f(\theta, t) d\theta \\ = \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(\theta, t) d\theta + \frac{db(t)}{dt} f(b(t), t) - \frac{da(t)}{dt} f(a(t), t) \end{aligned}$$

Reduced system

Introduce

$$\tilde{x}(t) := x(t) + \int_0^h e^{A(\theta-h)} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta = x(t) + \int_{t-h}^t e^{A(t-\theta-h)} Bu(\theta) d\theta$$

(note that $\tilde{x} = e^{-Ah} x_h$). Then, using Leibniz rule, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) &= \dot{x}(t) + A \int_{t-h}^t e^{A(t-\theta-h)} Bu(\theta) d\theta + e^{-Ah} Bu(t) - Bu(t-h) \\ &= Ax(t) + A \int_{t-h}^t e^{A(t-\theta-h)} Bu(\theta) d\theta + e^{-Ah} Bu(t) \\ &= \underbrace{A}_{\tilde{A}} \tilde{x}(t) + \underbrace{e^{-Ah} B}_{\tilde{B}} u(t) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

- ▶ $\tilde{x}(t)$ satisfies ordinary (delay-free) differential equation.

We call this finite-dimensional system **reduced system** and denote it as $\tilde{\Sigma}$.

Stabilization via reduced system

It can be proved that

- ▶ $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is controllable iff Σ_h is (absolutely²) controllable
- ▶ if the control law

$$u(t) = \tilde{F} \tilde{x}(t) = \tilde{F} \left(x(t) + \int_0^h e^{A(\theta-h)} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta \right)$$

stabilizes $\tilde{\Sigma}$, then it stabilizes Σ_h as well.

²Absolute controllability means the controllability of the whole $(x(t), u_\tau(t))$.

FSA property

The transformation

$$\tilde{x}(t) = x(t) + \int_{t-h}^t e^{A(t-\theta-h)} B u(\theta) d\theta$$

can be rewritten in the s -domain as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{X}(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & e^{-Ah} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

(haven't we already seen it?). If $u = \tilde{F}\tilde{x}$, the closed-loop reduced system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -e^{-Ah} B \\ -\tilde{F} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{X}(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -e^{-Ah} B \\ -\tilde{F} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & e^{-Ah} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

FSA property (contd)

Thus, using the equality

$$e^{-Ah}(sI - A) \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta = e^{-Ah} - e^{-sh} I$$

again, we have the following closed-loop equations for Σ_h :

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI - A & -e^{-sh} B \\ -\tilde{F} & I - \tilde{F} e^{-Ah} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In other words, the control law $u = \tilde{F}\tilde{x}$ applied to Σ_h yields a closed-loop system with finite spectrum. Moreover,

$$\text{spec}(\Sigma_{h,\text{cl}}) = \text{spec}(\tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{cl}}) = \text{spec}(A + e^{-Ah} B \tilde{F})$$

and the choice $\tilde{F} = F e^{Ah}$ returns us to FSA.

Extension to distributed input delay

Let now

$$\Sigma_h : \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + \int_{-h}^0 \beta(\tau) u(t + \tau) d\tau.$$

Introduce

$$\tilde{x}(t) := x(t) + \int_{t-h}^t \int_{-h}^{\theta-t} e^{A(t-\theta+\tau)} \beta(\tau) d\tau u(\theta) d\theta$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) &= \dot{x}(t) + \int_{t-h}^t \left(A \int_{-h}^{\theta-t} e^{A(t-\theta+\tau)} \beta(\tau) d\tau - \beta(\theta-t) - 0 \right) u(\theta) d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A\tau} \beta(\tau) d\tau u(t) - 0 \\ &= A\tilde{x}(t) + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A\tau} \beta(\tau) d\tau u(t) \end{aligned}$$

and we only need to stabilize $\tilde{\Sigma}$ with $\tilde{A} = A$ and $\tilde{B} = \int_{-h}^0 e^{A\tau} \beta(\tau) d\tau$.

Historical remarks

- ▶ Roots in optimal control, e.g., (Bate, 1969; Slater & Wells, 1972)
- ▶ First explicitly proposed by Kwon & Pearson (1980) for systems of the form $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + B_0 u(t) + B_h u(t-h)$ (motivated by finite-horizon minimum energy control with zero final constraints)
- ▶ Extended by Artstein (1982) to rather general class of input delays and to time-varying systems
- ▶ Extended by Fiagbedzi & Pearson (1986, 1990) to state / measurement delays (although details of the algorithm are less elegant in general)

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Nontrivial complication

So far, we studied problems in which Σ_h has finite spectrum. Let now

$$\Sigma_h : \dot{x}(t) = A_0 x(t) + A_h x(t-h) + Bu(t),$$

which might have

- ▶ infinite number of open-loop poles ← complicates matters

Workaround:

- ▶ move only part of these eigenvalues by feedback, namely, unstable ones (we know that there is only a finite number of them).

Yet another transformation

Consider

$$\tilde{x}(t) := Qx(t) + \int_{t-h}^t e^{\tilde{A}(t-\theta-h)} Q A_h x(\theta) d\theta$$

for some $\tilde{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{n}}$ and $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times n}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) &= Q \dot{x}(t) + \tilde{A} \int_{t-h}^t e^{\tilde{A}(t-\theta-h)} Q A_h x(\theta) d\theta + e^{-\tilde{A}h} Q A_h x(t) - Q A_h x(t-h) \\ &= Q A_0 x(t) + Q B u(t) + \tilde{A} \int_{t-h}^t e^{\tilde{A}(t-\theta-h)} Q A_h x(\theta) d\theta + e^{-\tilde{A}h} Q A_h x(t) \\ &= \tilde{A} \tilde{x}(t) + Q B u(t) - (\tilde{A} Q - Q A_0 - e^{-\tilde{A}h} Q A_h) x(t). \end{aligned}$$

If we can choose \tilde{A} satisfying the **left characteristic matrix equation**

$$\tilde{A} Q = Q A_0 + e^{-\tilde{A}h} Q A_h, \quad (\text{l.c.m.e.})$$

Σ_h reduces to

$$\tilde{\Sigma} : \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = \tilde{A} \tilde{x}(t) + Q B u(t).$$

Properties of solutions of l.c.m.e. $\tilde{A} Q = Q A_0 + e^{-\tilde{A}h} Q A_h$

Let $\tilde{\lambda} \in \text{spec}(\tilde{A})$ and $\tilde{\eta}$ be the corresponding left eigenvector. Then

$$\tilde{\lambda} \tilde{\eta} Q = \tilde{\eta} \tilde{A} Q = \tilde{\eta} Q A_0 + \tilde{\eta} e^{-\tilde{A}h} Q A_h = \tilde{\eta} Q (A_0 + e^{-\tilde{\lambda}h} A_h).$$

In other words, $\tilde{\eta} Q (\tilde{\lambda} I - A_0 - e^{-\tilde{\lambda}h} A_h) = 0$, so that

- ▶ whenever $\eta := \tilde{\eta} Q \neq 0$, every eigenvalue of \tilde{A} is a pole of Σ_h (remember, those poles are the roots of $\chi_h(s) = \det(sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh})$).

Closed-loop spectrum

Suppose we can solve (l.c.m.e.) in \tilde{A} and Q . Then

$$u(t) = \tilde{F}\tilde{x}(t) = \tilde{F}\left(Qx(t) + \int_{t-h}^t e^{\tilde{A}(t-\theta-h)}QA_hx(\theta)d\theta\right)$$

for some \tilde{F} leads to the closed-loop system

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh} & -B \\ -\tilde{F}Q - \tilde{F}e^{-\tilde{A}h} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-\tilde{A})\theta}d\theta QA_h & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(s) \\ U(s) \end{bmatrix} = [\text{l.c.}].$$

and the characteristic quasi-polynomial $\chi_{\text{cl}}(s) = \det \Delta(s)$, where

$$\Delta(s) := \begin{bmatrix} sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh} & -B \\ -\tilde{F}(Q + e^{-\tilde{A}h} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-\tilde{A})\theta}d\theta QA_h) & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

Closed-loop spectrum (contd)

Next,

$$\begin{aligned} (sI - \tilde{A})\left(Q + e^{-\tilde{A}h} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-\tilde{A})\theta}d\theta QA_h\right) \\ = sQ - \tilde{A}Q + (e^{-\tilde{A}h} - e^{-sh}I)QA_h = Q(sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh}), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$Q + e^{-\tilde{A}h} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-\tilde{A})\theta}d\theta QA_h = (sI - \tilde{A})^{-1}Q(sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh}).$$

Then

$$\Delta(s) = \begin{bmatrix} sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh} & -B \\ -\tilde{F}(sI - \tilde{A})^{-1}Q(sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh}) & I \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\text{cl}}(s) &= \det((sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh}) - B\tilde{F}(sI - \tilde{A})^{-1}Q(sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh})) \\ &= \det(I - B\tilde{F}(sI - \tilde{A})^{-1}Q) \det(sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh}). \end{aligned}$$

Closed-loop spectrum (contd)

Because

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{A} & Q \\ \hline -B\tilde{F} & I \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{A} + QB\tilde{F} & Q \\ \hline B\tilde{F} & I \end{array} \right]^{-1},$$

we have that

$$\det(I - \tilde{F}(sI - \tilde{A})^{-1}QB) = \frac{\det(sI - \tilde{A} - QB\tilde{F})}{\det(sI - \tilde{A})}$$

and thus

$$\chi_{\text{cl}}(s) = \frac{\det(sI - A_0 - A_h e^{-sh})}{\det(sI - \tilde{A})} \det(sI - \tilde{A} - QB\tilde{F}).$$

In other words,

$$\blacktriangleright \text{spec}(\Sigma_{h,\text{cl}}) = [\text{spec}(\Sigma_h) \setminus \text{spec}(\tilde{A})] \cup \text{spec}(\tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{cl}})$$

(remember, $\text{spec}(\tilde{A}) \subset \text{spec}(\Sigma_h)$).

Implications

Thus, if we can

- ▶ solve (l.c.m.e.) so that \tilde{A} contains all unstable modes of Σ_h ,
- ▶ find \tilde{F} so that $\tilde{A} + QB\tilde{F}$ is Hurwitz (requires stabilizability of (\tilde{A}, QB)),

the control law

$$u(t) = \tilde{F}\left(Qx(t) + \int_{t-h}^t e^{\tilde{A}(t-\theta-h)}QA_hx(\theta)d\theta\right)$$

stabilizes Σ_h by moving all its unstable modes—those in $\text{spec}(\tilde{A})$ —to the eigenvalues of $\tilde{A} + QB\tilde{F}$ and keeping the other modes of Σ_h untouched.

Distributed state / input delays

Let

$$\Sigma_h : \dot{x}(t) = \int_{-h}^0 (\alpha(\tau)x(t+\tau) + \beta(\tau)u(t+\tau))d\tau.$$

Then transformation

$$\tilde{x}(t) := Qx(t) + \int_{t-h}^t \int_{-h}^{\theta-t} e^{\tilde{A}(t-\theta+\tau)} Q(\alpha(\tau)x(\theta) + \beta(\tau)u(\theta))d\tau d\theta$$

with l.c.m.e.

$$\tilde{A}Q = \int_{-h}^0 e^{\tilde{A}\tau} Q\alpha(\tau)d\tau \quad (\text{l.c.m.e.'})$$

yields reduced system

$$\tilde{\Sigma} : \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = \tilde{A}\tilde{x} + \tilde{B}u(t), \quad \text{where } \tilde{B} := \int_{-h}^0 e^{\tilde{A}\tau} Q\beta(\tau)d\tau$$

and

$$\text{spec}(\Sigma_{h,\text{cl}}) = [\text{spec}(\Sigma_h) \setminus \text{spec}(\tilde{A})] \cup \text{spec}(\tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{cl}}).$$

Is it that simple?

Not quite, solving $\tilde{A}Q = \int_{-h}^0 e^{\tilde{A}\tau} Q\alpha(\tau)d\tau$ is highly nontrivial. Specifically,

- ▶ we have to find all troublesome modes of Σ_h
(in most cases, have to rely on numerical approaches)
- ▶ solve (l.c.m.e.) / (l.c.m.e.)'
(solution is non-unique and not especially elegant)

Only a handful of cases where the steps above can be solved analytically.

One example is

$$\alpha(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & \cdots & * & * \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \delta(\tau) + \sum_i \begin{bmatrix} 0 & * & \cdots & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & * & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta(\tau + h_i)$$

in which case $\text{spec}(\Sigma_h)$ is finite and (l.c.m.e.)' is solvable with $Q = I$.

Example

Let

$$\Sigma_h : \dot{x}(t) = -x(t) + x(t-h) + u(t),$$

whole characteristic quasi-polynomial is (here $s = \sigma + j\omega$)

$$\chi_h(s) = s + 1 - e^{-sh} = \sigma + 1 + j\omega - e^{-\sigma h} e^{-j\omega h}.$$

Solutions of $\chi_h(s) = 0$ must satisfy the magnitude condition

$$(\sigma + 1)^2 + \omega^2 = e^{-2\sigma h}.$$

If $\sigma > 0$, this equation is unsolvable. If $\sigma = 0$, then $\omega = 0$ is the only option. Indeed, $s = 0$ is a root. Then, by L'Hôpital's rule,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\chi_h(s)}{s} = 1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - e^{-sh}}{s} = 1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{1} = 1 + h,$$

which implies that $s = 0$ is a single root.

Example (contd)

Thus, we have only one unstable pole to shift and may pick $\tilde{n} = 1$, $\tilde{A} = 0$. Eqn. (l.c.m.e.) then reads $0 = -q + q$, so we may pick $q = 1$. Then

$$\tilde{\Sigma} : \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = u(t),$$

which is stabilized by $u(t) = -k\tilde{x}(t)$ for any $k > 0$. Thus

$$u(t) = -k \left(x(t) + \int_{t-h}^t x(\theta)d\theta \right)$$

stabilizes Σ_h and renders its closed-loop characteristic polynomial

$$\chi_{h,\text{cl}}(s) = \frac{s+k}{s} (s+1 - e^{-sh}).$$

In fact, the controller above has the transfer function

$$C(s) = -k \left(1 + \frac{1 - e^{-sh}}{s} \right) \in H^\infty.$$

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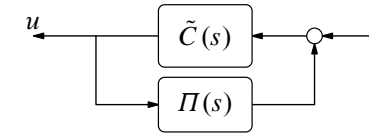
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Controllers with internal infinite-dimensional feedback



Smith controller: $\Pi(s) = -P_r(s)(1 - e^{-sh})$ and $\tilde{C}(s)$ is designed for $P_r(s)$

FSA: $\Pi(s) = e^{-Ah} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B$ and $\tilde{C}(s) = F e^{Ah}$, with F designed for (rational) $\tilde{P}(s) = (sI - A)^{-1} B$

Reduction: $\Pi(s) = e^{-Ah} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B$ and $\tilde{C}(s) = \tilde{F}$, with \tilde{F} designed for (rational) $\tilde{P}(s) = (sI - A)^{-1} e^{-Ah} B$

Each of them introduced as a clever trick, but there should be a reason for

- ▶ ending up with essentially the same structure...
- ▶ having essentially the same rationale (prediction) behind $\Pi(s)$...

Static state feedback: discrete-time case

Consider

$$\bar{\Sigma}_h : \bar{x}[k+1] = \bar{A}\bar{x}[k] + \bar{B}\bar{u}[k-h]$$

and assume that we measure whole \bar{x} . “True” state-space representation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k] \\ \bar{u}[k-1] \\ \vdots \\ \bar{u}[k-h+1] \\ \bar{x}[k+1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k-1] \\ \bar{u}[k-2] \\ \vdots \\ \bar{u}[k-h] \\ \bar{x}[k] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k]$$

and we measure whole state vector $\bar{x}_a[k] = [\bar{u}'[k-h] \cdots \bar{u}'[k-1] \bar{x}'[k]]'$. Static **state feedback** in this case is

$$\bar{u}[k] = \underbrace{[\bar{F}_{u,1} \ \bar{F}_{u,2} \ \cdots \ \bar{F}_{u,h} \ \bar{F}_x]}_{\bar{F}_a} \bar{x}_a[k] = \bar{F}_x \bar{x}[k] + \sum_{i=1}^h \bar{F}_{u,i} \bar{u}[k-i],$$

which is **dynamic** control law in \bar{x} : $\bar{U}(z) = (I - \sum_{i=1}^h \bar{F}_{u,i} z^{-i})^{-1} \bar{F}_x \bar{X}(z)$.

Choice of \bar{F}_a : what can we do?

If (\bar{A}, \bar{B}) is controllable, then so is the realization

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k] \\ \bar{u}[k-1] \\ \vdots \\ \bar{u}[k-h+1] \\ \bar{x}[k+1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k-1] \\ \bar{u}[k-2] \\ \vdots \\ \bar{u}[k-h] \\ \bar{x}[k] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k]$$

because its controllability matrix

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{c,a} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & I & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & I & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \bar{B} & \bar{A}\bar{B} & \cdots & A^{n-1}\bar{B} \end{bmatrix} =: \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\mathcal{M}}_c \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(mh+n) \times (mh+n)}$$

So, in principle, we **can** assign closed-loop poles **arbitrarily** by \bar{F}_a .

Choice of \bar{F}_a : what makes sense to do?

Handling augmented system $\bar{x}_a[k+1] = \bar{A}_a \bar{x}_a[k] + \bar{B}_a \bar{u}[k]$ as structureless finite-dimensional system is straightforward, yet

- ▶ numerically expensive (computational burden grows rapidly with h)
- ▶ conceptually wasteful (there is a plenty of structure to exploit)

Poles of system $\bar{P}_h(z) = \bar{P}_0(z)z^{-h} = \bar{P}_0(z) \cdot z^{-h} I_m$ are union of

1. n poles of delay-free system $\bar{P}_0(z)$
2. mh , where $m := \dim \bar{u}$, of delay z^{-h} at the origin

Poles at the origin are perfectly good, so we

- ▶ may only concentrate on poles of $\bar{P}_0(z)$

and don't need to waste our efforts on moving mh poles at $z = 0$.

Approach 1: pole placement via Ackermann's formula

Assume $m = 1$ and let required closed-loop characteristic polynomial be

$$\bar{\chi}_{cl,a}(z) = z^h \bar{\chi}_{cl}(z) = z^{n+h} + \bar{a}_{n-1} z^{n+h-1} + \dots + a_1 z^{h+1} + a_0 z^h$$

By Ackermann's formula,

$$\bar{F}_a = [0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1] \bar{\mathcal{M}}_{c,a}^{-1} \bar{\chi}_{cl,a}(\bar{A}_a).$$

Looks cumbersome, yet good news is that

- ▶ structure of \bar{A}_a can be exploited to obtain tangible results.

Approach 1: exploiting structure of (\bar{A}_a, \bar{B}_a)

Straightforward, albeit boring, manipulations yield:

$$\bar{A}_a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{A}_a^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \bar{B} & \bar{A}\bar{B} & \bar{A}^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\dots, \bar{A}_a^h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{B} & \bar{A}\bar{B} & \dots & \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} & \bar{A}^h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \dots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h]$$

Approach 1: exploiting structure of (\bar{A}_a, \bar{B}_a) (contd)

Thus,

$$\bar{A}_a^{h+i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \bar{A}^i [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \dots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h], \quad \forall i = 0, 1, \dots$$

Hence,

$$\bar{\chi}_{cl,a}(\bar{A}_a) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \bar{\chi}_{cl}(\bar{A}) [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \dots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h]$$

and

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{c,a}^{-1} \bar{\chi}_{cl,a}(\bar{A}_a) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathcal{M}}_c^{-1} \bar{\chi}_{cl}(\bar{A}) [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \dots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h].$$

Approach 1: state feedback gain

Finally, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{F}_a &= [\bar{F}_{u,1} \ \bar{F}_{u,2} \ \cdots \ \bar{F}_{u,h} \ \bar{F}_x] \\ &= [0 \ \cdots \ 0 \ 1] \bar{\mathcal{M}}_a^{-1} \bar{\chi}_{cl}(\bar{A}) [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \cdots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h]\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $\bar{F} := [0 \ \cdots \ 0 \ 1] \bar{\mathcal{M}}_a^{-1} \bar{\chi}_{cl}(\bar{A})$ is state feedback gain assigning poles of delay-free system ($h = 0$) to $\bar{\chi}_{cl}(z)$. Thus, we end up with

$$\bar{F}_a = \bar{F} [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \cdots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h]$$

and corresponding control law

$$\bar{u}[k] = \bar{F} \left(\bar{A}^h \bar{x}[k] + \sum_{i=1}^h \bar{A}^{i-1} \bar{B} \bar{u}[k-i] \right),$$

which assigns closed-loop poles to $\bar{\chi}_{cl}(z) = z^h \det(zI - (\bar{A} + \bar{B}\bar{F}))$.

Approach 2: geometric reasonings

Let

$$\bar{\Sigma}_0 : \bar{x}[k+1] = \bar{A}\bar{x}[k] + \bar{B}\bar{u}[k]$$

and assume that we'd like to shift only a part of $\text{spec}(\bar{A})$ by state feedback. An easy way to accomplish this is to use any similarity transform T such that

$$T\bar{x}[k+1] = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{\text{shift}} & 0 \\ \bar{A}_{21} & \bar{A}_{\text{keep}} \end{bmatrix} T\bar{x}[k] + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_{\text{shift}} \\ \bar{B}_2 \end{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k]$$

and then, if $(\bar{A}_{\text{shift}}, \bar{B}_{\text{shift}})$ controllable, use $\bar{u}[k] = \bar{F}_{\text{shift}} [I \ 0] T\bar{x}[k]$. In fact, we **do not need** T , but only its first block row $T_{\text{shift}} := [I \ 0] T$ verifying

$$T_{\text{shift}} \bar{A} = \bar{A}_{\text{shift}} T_{\text{shift}}$$

with any \bar{A}_{shift} whose spectrum coincides with the part of $\text{spec}(\bar{A})$ that we want to shift. Indeed, with $\bar{u}[k] = \bar{F}_{\text{shift}} T_{\text{shift}} \bar{x}[k]$ we have that

$$T_{\text{shift}} \bar{x}[k+1] = (\bar{A}_{\text{shift}} + T_{\text{shift}} \bar{B} \cdot \bar{F}_{\text{shift}}) T_{\text{shift}} \bar{x}[k].$$

Approach 2: exploiting structure of (\bar{A}_a, \bar{B}_a)

Now, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k] \\ \bar{u}[k-1] \\ \vdots \\ \bar{u}[k-h+1] \\ \bar{x}[k+1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k-1] \\ \bar{u}[k-2] \\ \vdots \\ \bar{u}[k-h] \\ \bar{x}[k] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{u}[k]$$

and want to shift only the modes of \bar{A} . Let's see whether

$$[T_1 \ T_2 \ \cdots \ T_h \ T_x] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix} = \bar{A} [T_1 \ T_2 \ \cdots \ T_h \ T_x]$$

could be solved for some appropriately dimensioned T_1, T_2, \dots, T_h and T_x .

Approach 2: exploiting structure of (\bar{A}_a, \bar{B}_a) (contd)

Equivalently, we seek for T_1, T_2, \dots, T_h and T_x satisfying

$$T_{i+1} = \bar{A} T_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, h-1) \quad \text{and} \quad T_x [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}] = \bar{A} [T_h \ T_x].$$

Hence, we need to find T_1 and T_x such that $T_x \bar{B} = \bar{A}^h T_1$ and $T_x \bar{A} = \bar{A} T_x$. An easy guess is $T_x = \bar{A}^h$ and $T_1 = \bar{B}$, so that

$$[T_1 \ T_2 \ \cdots \ T_h \ T_x] = [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \cdots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h]$$

and we again end up with the feedback gain

$$\bar{F}_a = \bar{F} [\bar{B} \ \bar{A}\bar{B} \ \cdots \ \bar{A}^{h-1}\bar{B} \ \bar{A}^h]$$

and corresponding control law

$$\bar{u}[k] = \bar{F} \left(\bar{A}^h \bar{x}[k] + \sum_{i=1}^h \bar{A}^{i-1} \bar{B} \bar{u}[k-i] \right),$$

which assigns closed-loop poles to $\bar{\chi}_{cl}(z) = z^{mh} \det(zI - (\bar{A} + \bar{B}\bar{F}))$.

Discrete-time state feedback: interpretation

State-feedback control law can be presented as $\bar{u}[k] = \bar{F}\bar{x}_h[k]$, where

$$\bar{x}_h[k] := \bar{A}^h \bar{x}[k] + \sum_{i=1}^h \bar{A}^{i-1} \bar{B} \bar{u}[k-i].$$

At the same time, we know that solution of $\bar{x}[k+1] = \bar{A}\bar{x}[k] + \bar{B}\bar{u}[k-h]$ is

$$\bar{x}[k+h] = \bar{A}^h \bar{x}[k] + \sum_{i=1}^h \bar{A}^{i-1} \bar{B} \bar{u}[k-i].$$

This means that

- ▶ $\bar{x}_h[k]$ is h steps ahead **prediction** of $\bar{x}[k+h]$

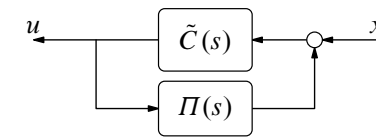
and therefore control law

- ▶ $\bar{u}[k] = \bar{F}\bar{x}_h[k]$ may be called **predictive feedback**

so we end up with exactly the same control rationale as in the FSA case.

Continuous-time FSA feedback: rationale

Thus, predictive control law



with

$$\Pi(s) = e^{-Ah} \int_0^h e^{-(sI-A)\theta} d\theta B \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{C}(s) = F e^{Ah}$$

is nothing but

- ▶ a static state feedback
- ▶ shifting only the finite modes of the plant to $A + BF$