



# **Introduction to State-Space**

ELEC 3004: Systems: Signals & Controls

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13	30-May	System Identification & Information Theory
13	1-Jun	Summary and Course Review

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# Follow Along Reading:



B. P. Lathi Signal processing and linear systems 1998 TK5102.9.L38 1998

Digital Control of Dynamic Systems

G. Franklin,
J. Powell,
M. Workman
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→ State-space ← [A stately idea! ⊕]

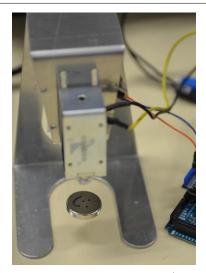
- FPW
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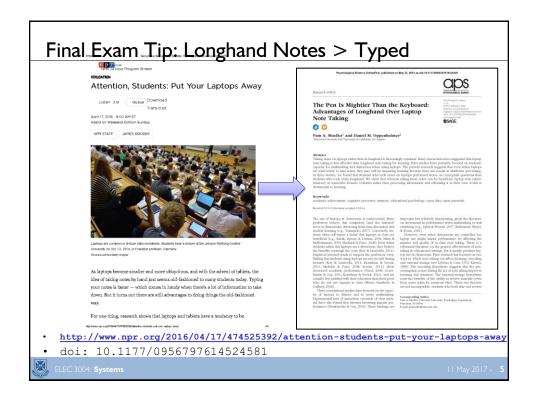
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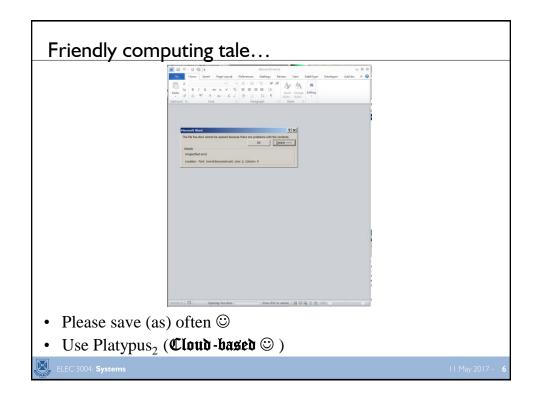


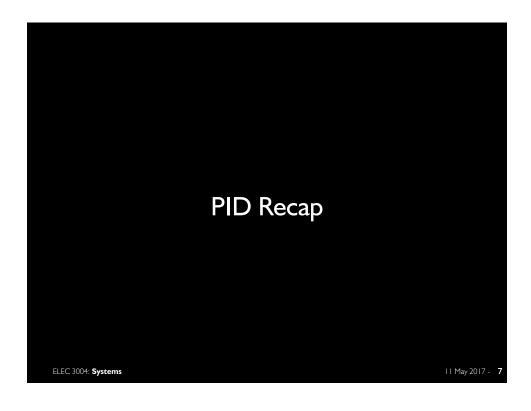
• AKA "Revenge of the TUNING! "

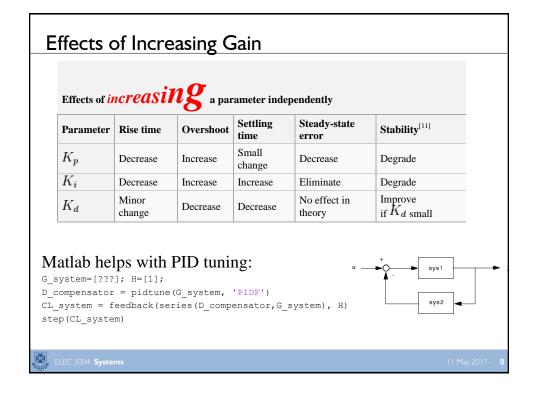


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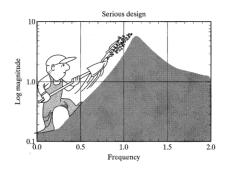






# Seeing PID – No Free Lunch

• The energy (and sensitivity) moves around (in this case in "frequency")



• Sensitivity reduction at low frequency unavoidably leads to sensitivity increase at higher frequencies.

Source: Gunter Stein's interpretation of the water bed effect - G. Stein, IEEE Control Systems Magazine, 2003.



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# When Can PID Control Be Used?

### When:

- "Industrial processes" such that the demands on the performance of the control are not too high.
  - Control authority/actuation
  - Fast (clean) sensing
- PI: Most common
  - All stable processes can be controlled by a PI law (modest performance)
  - First order dynamics

## PID (PI + Derivative):

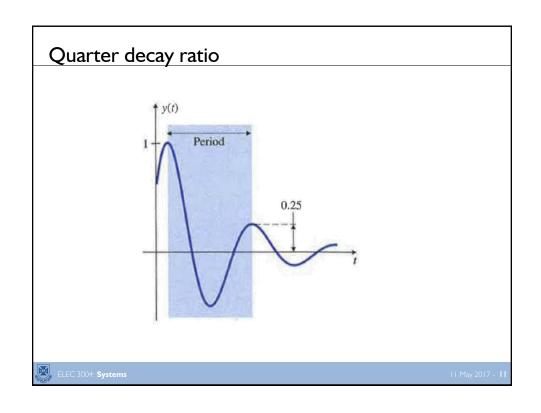
- Second order

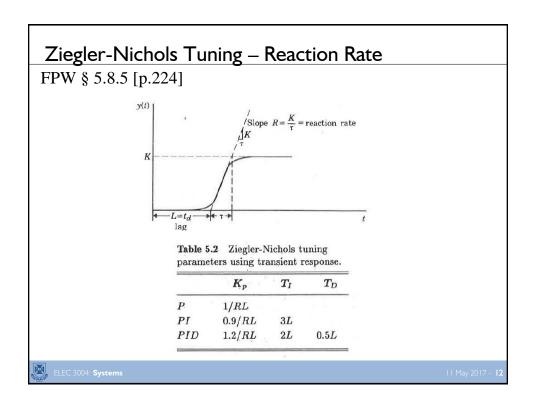
   (A double integrator cannot be controlled by PI)
- Speed up response
   When time constants differ
   in magnitude
   (Thermal Systems)

### **Something More Sophisticated:**

- · Large time delays
- Oscillatory modes between inertia and compliances







# Ziegler-Nichols Tuning – Stability Limit Method

FPW § 5.8.5 [p.226]

- Increase K<sub>P</sub> until the system has continuous oscillations
  - $\equiv$  K<sub>U</sub>: Oscillation Gain for "Ultimate stability"
  - $\equiv$  P<sub>U</sub>: Oscillation Period for "Ultimate stability"

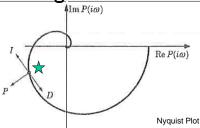
Table 5.3 Ziegler-Nichols tuning parameters using stability limit.

	$K_{p}$	$T_I$	$T_D$
P $PI$	$0.5K_{u} \ 0.45K_{u}$	$P_{u}/1.2$	
PID	$0.45K_u$	$P_u/2$	$P_u/8$

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Ziegler-Nichols Tuning / Intuition

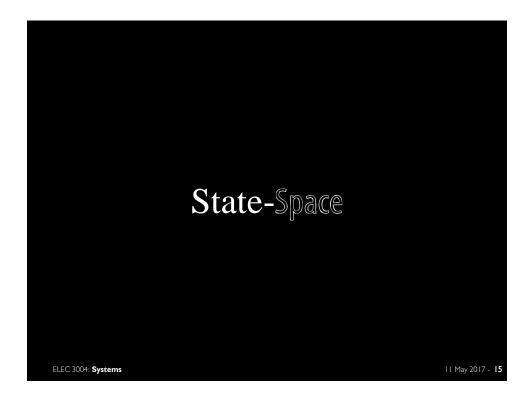


$$C(i\omega_u) = K\left(1 + i\left(\omega_u T_d - \frac{1}{\omega_u T_i}\right)\right) \approx 0.6K_u(1 + 0.467i)$$

• For a Given Point (★), the effect of increasing P,I and D in the "s-plane" are shown by the arrows above Nyquist plot

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# Or more aptly...

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# State-Space!

( It be stated -- Hallelujah!)

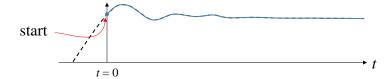
- More general mathematical model
  - MIMO, time-varying, nonlinear
- Matrix notation (think LAPACK → MATLAB)
- Good for discrete systems
- More design tools!

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## Affairs of state

- Introductory brain-teaser:
  - If you have a dynamic system model with history (ie. integration) how do you represent the instantaneous state of the plant?

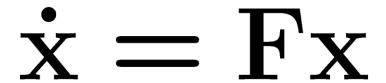
Eg. how would you setup a simulation of a step response, mid-step?





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# State-Space Control



(That can not be all of it? There has to be more to it than this...)



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# State-Space Control

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{u}$$

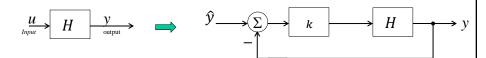
### **Benefits:**

- Characterises the process by systems of coupled, first-order differential equations
- More general mathematical model
  - MIMO, time-varying, nonlinear
- Mathematically esoteric (who needs practical solutions)
- Yet, well suited for digital computer implementation
  - That is: based on vectors/matrices (think LAPACK → MATLAB)



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# Difference Equations & Feedback



• Start with the Open-Loop:

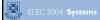
$$y = kHu$$

• Close the loop:

$$u = ke = k(\hat{y} - y) \rightarrow y = H[k(\hat{y} - y)]$$

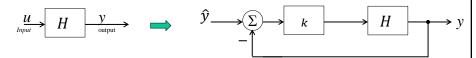
$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{Hk}{1 + Hk} \hat{y}$$

• All easy! (yesa!)



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# Difference Equations & Feedback



• Now add delay (image the plant is a replica with a delay  $\tau$ )

$$y(t) = u(t - \tau)$$

• Close the loop:

$$u(t - \tau) = ke(t - \tau) = k \left[ \hat{y}(t - \tau) - y(t - \tau) \right]$$

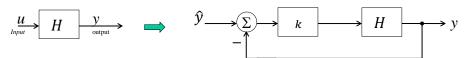
$$\Rightarrow y(t) = k \left[ \hat{y}(t - \tau) - y(t - \tau) \right]$$

• Notice we have a difference equation!



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# Difference Equations & Feedback



• What happens with a single delay and a unit step?

$$u(t) = k \text{ for } 0 < t < \tau$$
$$y(t) = u(t - \tau) \text{ for } \tau < t < 2\tau$$

• Then with feedback we get:

$$u(t) = k(1 - k) = k - k^{2}$$
  

$$y(t) = k - k^{2} + k^{3} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1}k^{n-1}$$

• If k<1: then:

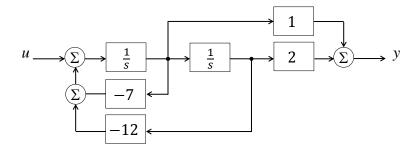
$$\Rightarrow \lim y(t) = \frac{k}{1+k}$$



# Introduction to state-space

• Linear systems can be written as networks of simple dynamic elements:

$$H = \frac{s+2}{s^2+7s+12} = \frac{2}{s+4} + \frac{-1}{s+3}$$

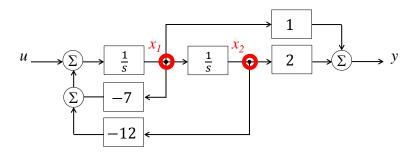


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# Introduction to state-space

- We can identify the nodes in the system
  - These nodes contain the integrated time-history values of the system response
  - We call them "states"

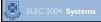


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# Linear system equations

• We can represent the dynamic relationship between the states with a linear system:

$$\dot{x_1} = -7x_1 - 12x_2 + u 
\dot{x_2} = x_1 + 0x_2 + 0u 
y = x_1 + 2x_2 + 0u$$



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# State-space representation

• We can write linear systems in matrix form:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 12 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} x + 0u$$

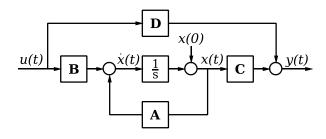
Or, more generally:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$
 $y = Cx + Du$ 
"State-space equations"

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# State-Space Terminology



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

$$y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$$



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# LTI State-Space

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

$$y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$$

• If the system is linear and time invariant, then A,B,C,D are constant coefficient

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

$$\rightarrow y = Cx + Du$$

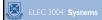
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# Discrete Time State-Space

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

$$y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$$

• If the system is discrete, then x and u are given by difference equations



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# Block Diagram Algebra in State Space

• Series:

$$X(s)$$
  $F(s)$   $G(s)$   $Y(s)$ 

$$X(s)$$
  $F(s)G(s)$   $Y(s)$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_G' \\ x_F' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_G & B_G C_F \\ 0 & A_F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_G \\ x_F \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_G D_F \\ B_F \end{bmatrix} u$$

System 1:

$$\begin{aligned} x_F' &= A_F x_F + B_F u \\ y_F &= C_F x_F + D_F u \end{aligned}$$

System 2:

$$x_G' = A_G x_G + B_G y_F$$
$$y_G = C_G x_G + D_G y_F$$

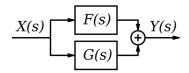
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_G \\ y_F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_G & D_G C_F \\ 0 & C_F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_G \\ x_F \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} D_G D_F \\ D_F \end{bmatrix} u$$

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# Block Diagram Algebra in State Space

• Parallel:



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & C_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + (D_1 + D_2)u$$

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# State-space representation

- State-space matrices are not necessarily a unique representation of a system
  - There are two common forms
- Control canonical form
  - Each node each entry in x represents a state of the system (each order of s maps to a state)
- · Modal form
  - Diagonals of the state matrix A are the poles ("modes") of the transfer function

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# Why is this "Kind of awesome"?

- The controllability of a system depends on the particular set of states you chose
- You can't tell just from a transfer function whether all the states of *x* are controllable
- The poles of the system are the Eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $(p_i)$ .



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# State evolution

• Consider the system matrix relation:

$$\dot{x} = \mathbf{F}x + \mathbf{G}u$$
$$y = \mathbf{H}x + Ju$$

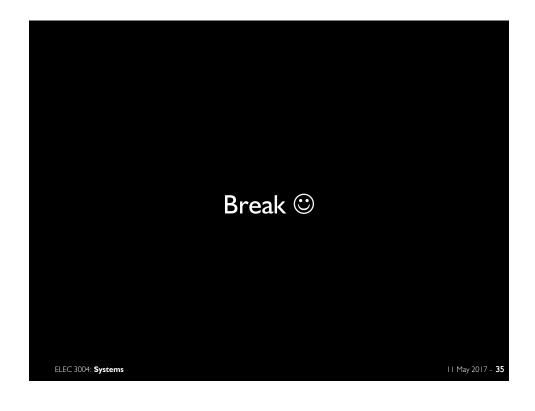
The time solution of this system is:

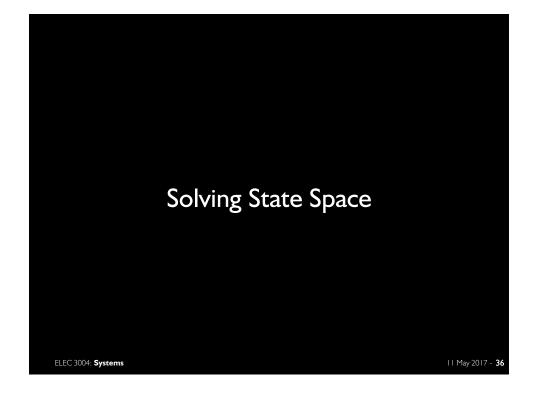
$$x(t) = e^{\mathbf{F}(t-t_0)} x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{\mathbf{F}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{G}u(\tau) d\tau$$

If you didn't know, the matrix exponential is:

$$e^{\mathbf{K}t} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{K}t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{K}^2t^2 + \frac{1}{3!}\mathbf{K}^3t^3 + \cdots$$

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## Great, so how about control?

• Given  $\dot{x} = \mathbf{F}x + \mathbf{G}u$ , if we know  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ , we can design a controller  $u = -\mathbf{K}x$  such that

$$eig(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{K}) < 0$$

• In fact, if we have full measurement and control of the states of x, we can position the poles of the system in arbitrary locations!

(Of course, that never happens in reality.)



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# Solving State Space...

• Recall:

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u, t)$$

• For Linear Systems:

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

$$y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$$

• For LTI:

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

$$\rightarrow y = Cx + Du$$

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# → Solutions to State Equations

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

$$sX(s) - x(0) = AX(s) + BU(s)$$

$$X(s) = (sI - A)^{-1}x(0) + (sI - A)^{-1}BU(s)$$

$$X(s) = \mathcal{L}[e^{At}]x(0) + \mathcal{L}[e^{At}]BU(s)$$

$$x(t) = \int_0^t e^{At}Bu(\tau)d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{At}$$

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# → State-Transition Matrix Φ

- $\Phi(t) = e^{At} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[(sI A)^{-1}]$
- It contains all the information about the free motions of the system described by  $\dot{x} = Ax$

## **LTI** Properties:

- $\Phi(0) = e^{0t} = I$
- $\Phi^{-1}(t) = \Phi(-t)$
- $\Phi(t_1 + t_2) = \Phi(t_1)\Phi(t_2) = \Phi(t_2)\Phi(t_1)$
- $[\Phi(t)]^n = \Phi(nt)$
- → The closed-loop poles are the eignvalues of the system matrix

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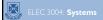
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# Digital State Space:

• Difference equations in state-space form:

$$x[n+1] = Ax[n] + Bu[n]$$
$$y[n] = Cx[n] + Du[n]$$

- Where:
  - u[n], y[n]: input & output (scalars)
  - x[n]: state vector



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# Digital Control Law Design

In Chapter 2, we saw that the state-space description of a continuous system is given by (2.43),

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{G}u,\tag{6.1}$$

and (2.44),

$$y = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}.\tag{6.2}$$

We assume the control is applied from the computer by a ZOH as shown in Fig. 1.1. Therefore, (6.1) and (6.2) have an exact discrete representation as given by (2.57),

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{x}(k) + \mathbf{\Gamma}u(k),$$
  
 $y(k) = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}(k),$  (6.3)

where

$$\Phi = e^{\mathbf{F}T},\tag{6.4a}$$

(6.4b)



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# A Systematic Procedure for Determining State Eqs.

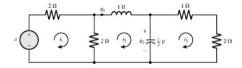
- 1. Choose all independent capacitor voltages and inductor currents to be the state variables.
- 2. Choose a set of loop currents; express the state variables and their first derivatives in terms of these loop currents.
- 3. Write the loop equations and eliminate all variables other than state variables (and their first derivatives) from the equations derived in Steps 2 and 3.

See also: Lathi § 13.2-1 (p. 788)



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# A Quick Example



- 1. The inductor current  $q_1$  and the capacitor voltage  $q_2$  as the state variables.
- 2.  $q_1 = i_2$  $\frac{1}{2}\dot{q}_2 = i_2 - i_3$

 $\dot{q}_1 = 2(i_1 - i_2) - q_2$ 

 $\dot{q}_1 = -q_1 - q_2 + \frac{1}{2}x$ 

- 3.  $4i_1 2i_2 = x$  $2(i_2 i_1) + \dot{q}_1 + q_2 = 0$  $-q_2 + 3i_3 = 0$
- $\dot{q}_2 = 2q_1 \frac{2}{3}q_2$

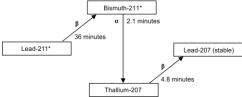
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$

See also: Fig. 13.2, Lathi p. 789

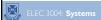


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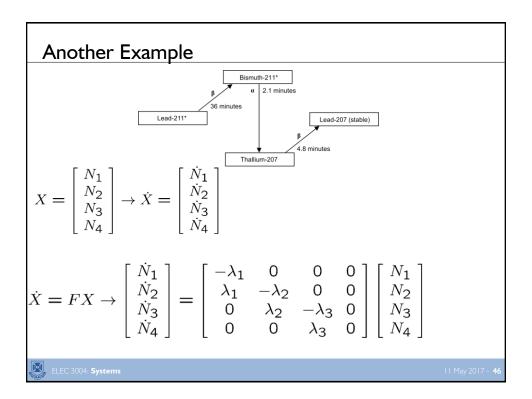
# **Another Example**



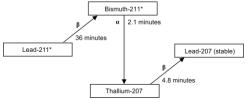
- $\frac{dN1(t)}{dt} = -\lambda_1 N1(t)$
- $\frac{dN2(t)}{dt} = -\lambda_2 N2(t) + \lambda_1 N1(t)$
- $\frac{dN3(t)}{dt} = -\lambda_3 N3(t) + \lambda_2 N2(t)$
- $\frac{dN4(t)}{dt} = \lambda_3 N3(t)$



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# **Another Example**



- $N_1(t) = N_1(0) \exp(-\lambda_1 t)$
- $N2(t) = N2(0)exp(-\lambda_2 t) N1(0)\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2 \lambda_1}(exp(-\lambda_2 t) exp(-\lambda_1 t))$
- $N3(t) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 N1(0) \left[ \frac{\exp(-\lambda_1 t)}{(\lambda_2 \lambda_1)(\lambda_3 \lambda_1)} + \frac{\exp(-\lambda_2 t)}{(\lambda_1 \lambda_2)(\lambda_3 \lambda_2)} + \frac{\exp(-\lambda_3 t)}{(\lambda_1 \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 \lambda_3)} \right]$
- $N4(t) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 N1(0) \left[ \frac{\exp(-\lambda_1 t)}{(\lambda_2 \lambda_1)(\lambda_3 \lambda_1)(-\lambda_1)} + \frac{\exp(-\lambda_2 t)}{(\lambda_1 \lambda_2)(\lambda_3 \lambda_2)(-\lambda_2)} + \frac{\exp(-\lambda_3 t)}{(\lambda_1 \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 \lambda_3)(-\lambda_3)} + \frac{1}{(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3)} \right]$



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# Discretisation (FPW!)

• We can use the time-domain representation to produce difference equations!

$$\mathbf{x}(kT+T) = e^{\mathbf{F}T} \mathbf{x}(kT) + \int_{kT}^{kT+T} e^{\mathbf{F}(kT+T-\tau)} \mathbf{G}u(\tau) d\tau$$

Notice  $u(\tau)$  is not based on a discrete ZOH input, but rather an integrated time-series.

We can structure this by using the form:

$$u(\tau) = u(kT), \qquad kT \le \tau \le kT + T$$

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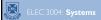
# State-space z-transform

We can apply the z-transform to our system:

$$(z\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Phi})\mathbf{X}(z) = \mathbf{\Gamma}U(k)$$
  
 $Y(z) = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}(z)$ 

which yields the transfer function:

$$\frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = G(z) = \mathbf{H}(z\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Phi})^{-1}\mathbf{\Gamma}$$



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# State-space control design iiiQue pasa????

- Design for discrete state-space systems is just like the continuous case.
  - Apply linear state-variable feedback:

$$u = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}$$

such that  $det(z\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Phi} + \mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{K}) = \alpha_c(z)$ 

where  $\alpha_c(z)$  is the desired control characteristic equation

Predictably, this requires the system controllability matrix

$$\mathcal{C} = [\Gamma \quad \Phi\Gamma \quad \Phi^2\Gamma \quad \cdots \quad \Phi^{n-1}\Gamma]$$
 to be full-rank.

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# Example: PID control

- Consider a system parameterised by three states:
  - $x_1, x_2, x_3$
  - where  $x_2 = \dot{x}_1$  and  $x_3 = \dot{x}_2$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{K}u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + 0u$$

 $x_2$  is the output state of the system;  $x_1$  is the value of the integral;  $x_3$  is the velocity.



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# Example: PID control [2]

• We can choose **K** to move the eigenvalues of the system as desired:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - K_1 & & & \\ & 1 - K_2 & & \\ & & -2 - K_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

All of these eigenvalues must be positive.

It's straightforward to see how adding derivative gain  $K_3$  can stabilise the system.

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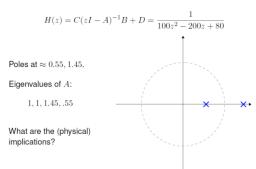
# Can you use this for more than Control?

# YES!

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# Frequency Response in State Space

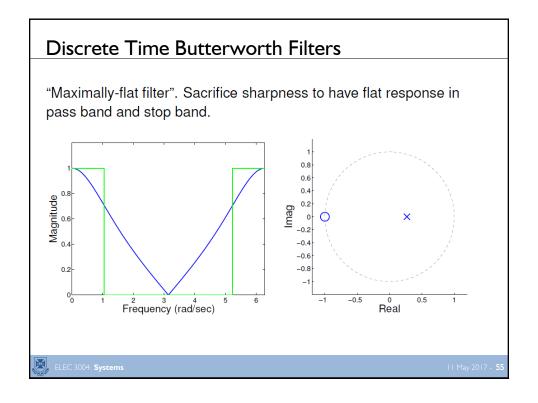


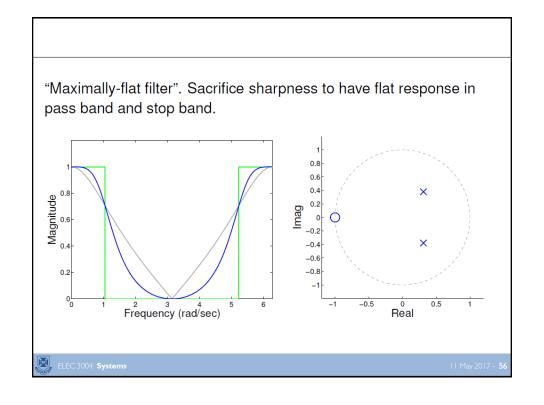
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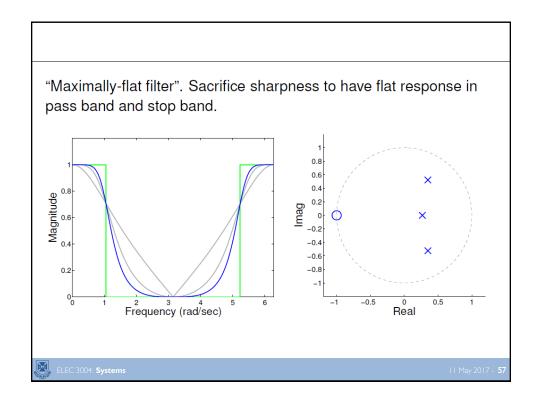
- Formulate the goal of control as an **optimization** (e.g. minimal impulse response, minimal effort, ...).
- You've already seen some examples of optimization-based design:
  - Used least-squares to obtain an FIR system which matched (in the least-squares sense) the desired frequency response.
  - Poles/zeros lecture: Butterworth filter

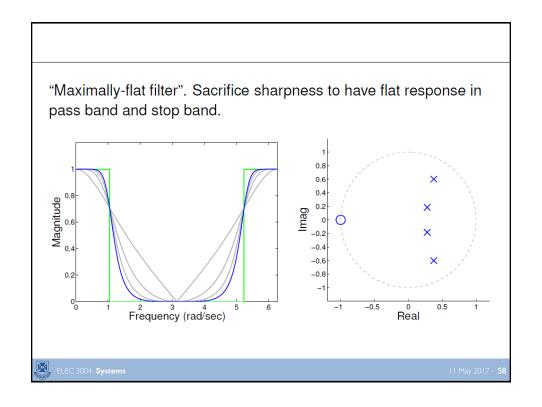


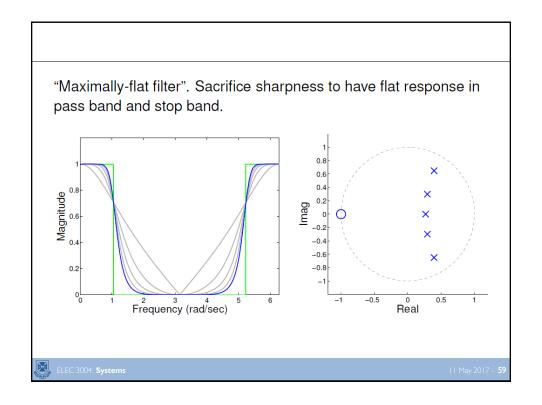
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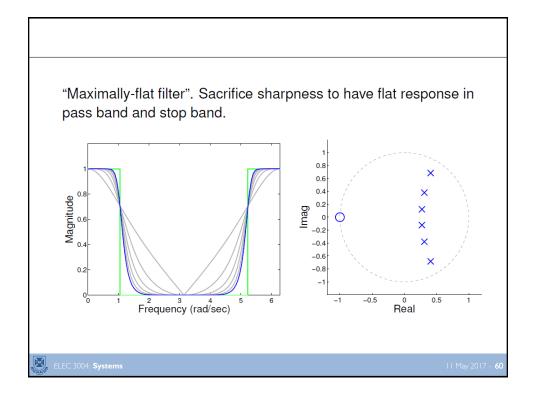


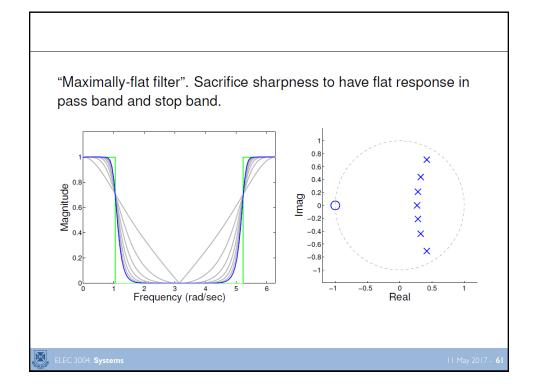












# How?

• Constrained Least-Squares ...

One formulation: Given  $\boldsymbol{x}[0]$ 

 $\text{subject to} \quad x[N] = 0.$ 

Note that

$$x[n] = A^n x[0] + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^{(n-1-k)} Bu[k],$$

so this problem can be written as

$$\underset{x_{ls}}{\operatorname{minimize}} \, ||A_{ls}x_{ls} - b_{ls}||^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad C_{ls}x_{ls} = D_{ls}.$$

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# Extension!

Solving State Space (Extended Version)

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# Solving State Space (Extended Version)...

• Recall:

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u, t)$$

• For Linear Systems:

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

$$y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$$

• For LTI:

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- In the conventional, frequency-domain approach the differential equations are converted to transfer functions as soon as possible
  - The dynamics of a system comprising several subsystems is obtained by combining the transfer functions!
- With the state-space methods, on the other hand, the description of the system dynamics in the form of differential equations is retained throughout the analysis and design.



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# State-transition matrix $\Phi(t)$

• Describes how the state x(t) of the system at some time t evolves into (or from) the state  $x(\tau)$  at some other time T.

$$x(t) = \Phi(t, \tau) x(\tau)$$



# Solving State Space...

Time-invariant dynamics The simplest form of the general differential equation of the form (3.1) is the "homogeneous," i.e., unforced equation

$$\dot{x} = Ax \tag{3.2}$$

where A is a constant k by k matrix. The solution to (3.2) can be expressed as

$$x(t) = e^{At}c (3.3)$$

where  $e^{At}$  is the matrix exponential function

$$e^{At} = I + At + A^2 \frac{t^2}{2} + A^3 \frac{t^3}{3!} + \cdots$$
 (3.4)

and c is a suitably chosen constant vector. To verify (3.3) calculate the derivative of x(t)

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(e^{At})c\tag{3.5}$$

and, from the defining series (3.4),

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{At}) = A + A^2t + A^3\frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots = A\left(I + At + A^2\frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots\right) = A e^{At}$$

Thus (3.5) becomes

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = Ae^{At}c = Ax(t)$$



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which was to be shown. To evaluate the constant c suppose that at some time  $\tau$  the state  $x(\tau)$  is given. Then, from (3.3),

$$x(\tau) = e^{A\tau}c\tag{3.6}$$

Multiplying both sides of (3.6) by the inverse of  $e^{A\tau}$  we find that

$$c = (e^{A\tau})^{-1}x(\tau)$$

Thus the general solution to (3.2) for the state x(t) at time t, given the state  $x(\tau)$  at time  $\tau$ , is

$$x(t) = e^{At}(e^{A\tau})^{-1}x(\tau)$$
 (3.7)

The following property of the matrix exponential can readily be established by a variety of methods—the easiest perhaps being the use of the series definition (3.4)—

$$e^{A(\iota_1 + \iota_2)} = e^{A\iota_1} e^{A\iota_2} \tag{3.8}$$

for any  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . From this property it follows that

$$(e^{A\tau})^{-1} = e^{-A\tau} (3.9)$$

and hence that (3.7) can be written

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-\tau)}x(\tau) \tag{3.10}$$

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The matrix  $e^{A(t-\tau)}$  is a special form of the *state-transition matrix* to be discussed subsequently.

We now turn to the problem of finding a "particular" solution to the nonhomogeneous, or "forced," differential equation (3.1) with A and B being constant matrices. Using the "method of the variation of the constant,"[1] we seek a solution to (3.1) of the form

$$x(t) = e^{At}c(t) (3.11)$$

where c(t) is a function of time to be determined. Take the time derivative of x(t) given by (3.11) and substitute it into (3.1) to obtain:

$$Ae^{At}c(t) + e^{At}\dot{c}(t) = Ae^{At}c(t) + Bu(t)$$

or, upon cancelling the terms  $A e^{At}c(t)$  and premultiplying the remainder by  $e^{-At}$ ,

$$\dot{c}(t) = e^{-At}Bu(t) \tag{3.12}$$

Thus the desired function c(t) can be obtained by simple integration (the mathematician would say "by a quadrature")

$$c(t) = \int_{T}^{t} e^{-A\lambda} Bu(\lambda) \ d\lambda$$

The lower limit T on this integral cannot as yet be specified, because we will need to put the particular solution together with the solution to the



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homogeneous equation to obtain the complete (general) solution. For the present, let T be undefined. Then the particular solution, by (3.11), is

$$x(t) = e^{At} \int_{T}^{t} e^{-A\lambda} Bu(\lambda) \ d\lambda = \int_{T}^{t} \dot{e}^{A(t-\lambda)} Bu(\lambda) \ d\lambda \tag{3.13}$$

In obtaining the second integral in (3.13), the exponential  $e^{At}$ , which does not depend on the variable of integration  $\lambda$ , was moved under the integral, and property (3.8) was invoked to write  $e^{At}e^{-A\lambda}=e^{A(t-\lambda)}$ .

The complete solution to (3.1) is obtained by adding the "complementary solution" (3.10) to the particular solution (3.13). The result is

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-\tau)}x(\tau) + \int_{T}^{t} e^{A(t-\lambda)}Bu(\lambda) d\lambda$$
 (3.14)

We can now determine the proper value for lower limit T on the integral. At  $t = \tau$  (3.14) becomes

$$x(\tau) = x(\tau) + \int_{T}^{\tau} e^{A(t-\lambda)} Bu(\lambda) d\lambda$$
 (3.15)

Thus, the integral in (3.15) must be zero for any u(t), and this is possible only if  $T = \tau$ . Thus, finally we have the complete solution to (3.1) when A and B are constant matrices

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-\tau)}x(\tau) + \int_{\tau}^{t} e^{A(t-\lambda)}Bu(\lambda) d\lambda$$
 (3.16)

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This important relation will be used many times in the remainder of the book. It is worthwhile dwelling upon it. We note, first of all, that the solution is the sum of two terms: the first is due to the "initial" state  $x(\tau)$  and the second—the integral—is due to the input  $u(\tau)$  in the time interval  $\tau \le \lambda \le t$  between the "initial" time  $\tau$  and the "present" time t. The terms initial and present are enclosed in quotes to denote the fact that these are simply convenient definitions. There is no requirement that  $t \ge \tau$ . The relationship is perfectly valid even when  $t \le \tau$ .

Another fact worth noting is that the integral term, due to the input, is a "convolution integral": the contribution to the state x(t) due to the input u is the convolution of u with  $e^{At}B$ . Thus the function  $e^{At}B$  has the role of the impulse response[1] of the system whose output is x(t) and whose input is u(t).

If the output y of the system is not the state x itself but is defined by the observation equation

$$y = Cx$$

then this output is expressed by

$$y(t) = C e^{A(t-\tau)} x(t) + \int_{-\tau}^{\tau} C e^{A(t-\lambda)} Bu(\lambda) d\lambda$$
 (3.17)



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and the impulse response of the system with y regarded as the output is  $C e^{A(\iota-\lambda)} B$ .

The development leading to (3.16) and (3.17) did not really require that B and C be constant matrices. By retracing the steps in the development it is readily seen that when B and C are time-varying, (3.16) and (3.17) generalize to

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-\tau)}x(\tau) + \int_{\tau}^{t} e^{A(t-\lambda)}B(\lambda)u(\lambda) d\lambda$$
 (3.18)

and

$$y(t) = C(t) e^{A(t-\tau)} x(\tau) + \int_{\tau}^{t} C(t) e^{A(t-\lambda)} B(\lambda) u(\lambda) d\lambda$$
 (3.19)



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# Next Time...



- Digital Feedback Control
- Review:
  - Chapter 2 of FPW
- More Pondering??



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