



## State Equation Representation of Dynamic Systems

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## Outline

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- Last class
  - Transfer functions vs. state-space models
  - Creating state-space models from  $n^{\text{th}}$  order differential equations
- Today and next class
  - Review and context
  - State-space models --> transfer functions
  - Linear algebra review
  - Closed-form solution to state-space models



## Context: What we've done

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- Introduction to control systems
  - Actuators, sensors, and the role of control
- Modeling of control systems
  - Time domain ( $F=ma$ , KVL, KCL, etc.)
    - Linearization
  - Frequency domain (transfer functions)
    - Laplace transform
    - Block diagram manipulation
    - Implementation through op-amps



## Context: What we're doing

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- State-space models
  - **Specific** time-domain model that is very useful
  - For the purpose of control, will be a **complementary but related framework** to frequency domain methods
  - From state-space to transfer function
  - From transfer function to state-space
  - Closed-form solution (  $x(t) = \dots$  )
  - Requires some linear algebra



## Context: What we will do

- Feedback characteristics
  - What the closed-loop systems should look like
- Control in frequency domain (*classical control*)
  - Root locus
  - Bode diagrams
  - Nyquist criterion
- Control in state-space domain (*modern control*)
  - Pole placement
  - Controllability
  - Observability



## Context: General picture

- How LTI systems can and should behave
  - Modeling of LTI systems
    - Frequency domain (transfer functions)
    - Time domain (state-space descriptions)
  - Tools to analyze LTI systems
    - Frequency domain
    - Time domain
- How to design controllers to make LTI systems behave in a desired manner
  - Frequency domain
  - Time-domain



## State-Space Models

Transfer function  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{Laplace transformation}}$  State-space equations

- The state-variable model, state-space model, or state-space description
  - A differential equation model
  - Equations are written in a *specific* format
  - Expressed as  $n$  first-order coupled differential equations
  - Preserve the system's input-output relationship (for the *same transfer function*)



## State-space models

- State differential equations are an alternative way to describe a dynamic system (*time-domain* method)
- For LTI systems, it is routine to move between state and transfer function representations i.e. between frequency and time domains
- Most multivariable design methods are based on state equations
- **Basic technology:** A physical system can be described by a high order differential equation,

One  $n^{\text{th}}$  order differential equation  $\xrightarrow{\text{State-space modeling}}$  Set of  $n$  1<sup>st</sup> order differential equations



# The State Differential Equation

- The general state space description for a *linear time-invariant, continuous-time* dynamical system is:

State differential equation:  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$  (1)

Output equation:  $y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$  (2)

*Annotations: A is system matrix, B is input matrix, u(t) is input vector, C is output matrix.*

where  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

- $A$  is  $(n \times n)$ ,  $B$  is  $(n \times m)$ ,  $C$  is  $(p \times n)$  and  $D$  is  $(p \times m)$ . Shorthand for this system is  $[A, B, C, D]$



# State-space models

- To get a state-space model:
  - Start with a high-order differential equation
  - Convert to a set of 1st order coupled differential equations
  - Write in state-space form (A,B,C,D)



# Example: RLC Circuit

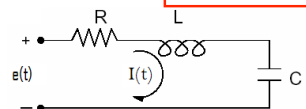
- Consider an RLC circuit described by:

$$e(t) = RI(t) + L \frac{d}{dt} I(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t I(\tau) d\tau$$

With  $x_1(t) = \int_0^t I(\tau) d\tau$  and  $x_2(t) = I(t)$  the state-space formulation is

$$\frac{d}{dt} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{LC} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} e(t)$$

*Annotations: x is state vector, the above equation is the State differential equation.*



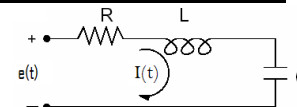
$$I(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

*Annotations: I(t) is the output, the above equation is the Output equation.*



# Example: RLC Circuit

- Consider the RLC circuit:
- Applying KVL yields



$$e(t) = RI(t) + L \frac{d}{dt} I(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t I(\tau) d\tau$$

- With input  $e(t)$  and output  $I(t)$
- Choose the state  $x = [x_1(t), x_2(t)]$ ,

With  $x_1(t) = \int_0^t I(\tau) d\tau$  and  $x_2(t) = I(t)$

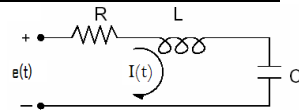
- Write the state differential equation in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + Du$$



## Example: RLC Circuit



- Through substitution:

$$e(t) = Rx_2(t) + L \frac{dx_2}{dt} + \frac{1}{C}x_1(t)$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -\frac{1}{LC}x_1(t) - \frac{R}{L}x_2(t) + \frac{1}{L}e(t)$$

- Now recall that through definition of the state

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2(t)$$

- Put coefficients into appropriate matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{LC} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} u$$

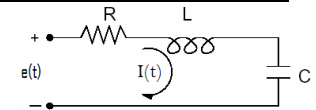
$$y = [0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Example: RLC Circuit



- Where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{LC} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = [0 \ 1]$$

$$D = 0$$

- Represents the state-space model

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{LC} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> order system

- Consider the second-order system:

$$\ddot{y} + 2\omega\zeta\dot{y} + \omega^2y = u(t)$$

With  $x = [y \ \dot{y}]^T$  its state-space description is

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -2\omega\zeta \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$$y(t) = [1 \ 0] x$$

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## State-space models

- Now that we have a state-space model:

- How does this relate to transfer functions?
- How can we find a transfer function from a given state-space model?

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## Transfer function of state eqns

- The Laplace transform of

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

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

- (for a SISO system) is

$$sX(s) = AX(s) + BU(s)$$

$$Y(s) = CX(s) + DU(s)$$

- Re-arrange to find  $X(s)$  in terms of  $U(s)$ ,  $x(0)$ :

$$(sI - A)X(s) = BU(s)$$

$$\text{So, } X(s) = (sI - A)^{-1}BU(s)$$



## Transfer function of state eqns

- (Note: We assume  $x(0)=0$  for simplicity.)

- Then substituting

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

into the output equation

$$Y(s) = CX(s) + DU(s)$$

yields

$$Y(s) = (C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D)U(s)$$

$$= G(s)U(s)$$

- For SISO case, the **transfer function** is\*\*

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D$$



## Transfer function of state eqns

- Take the Laplace transform of

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

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

- (with **non-zero** initial conditions)

- Re-arrange to find  $X(s)$  in terms of  $U(s)$ ,  $x(0)$ :

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

$$(sI - A)X(s) = BU(s) + x(0)$$

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



## Solution to the State Eq'ns

- Why is this representation so useful?  
Because we know what its solution looks like.

- Given the state equations

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

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

- We can show that

$$x(t) = e^{At}x(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau$$

\*\*Note that this is a **matrix exponential!**



## Key results: State-space to T.F.

- With zero initial conditions:

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D$$

- With non-zero initial conditions:

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

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

- \*\* What is  $(sI - A)^{-1}$ ? We need some linear algebra to find this.