FFCF 360 Lecture 7



State Equation Representation of **Dynamic Systems**

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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)
- 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 statespace model?



Outline

- Previously
 - Transfer functions vs. state-space models
- Today
 - Linear algebra review
 - State-space models --> transfer functions
 - Closed-form solution to state-space models
- Next time
 - Transfer function --> state-space models

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The State Differential Equation

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

State differential $\dot{x}(t)$ equation: Output equation: y(t)

matrix matrix. vector Ax(t) + Bu(t)-Cx(t) + Du(t)

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where
$$x(t) \in \Re^n$$
, $u(t) \in \Re^m$ and $y(t) \in \Re^p$.

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

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Relating state-space models

- One state-space model is related to another state-space model through a linear transformation z = Px.
- The matrix *P* must be *invertible* (the transformation must work in both directions).
- This is known as a similarity transformation, and the two state-space representations are said to be similar, or equivalent.
- We can show that transfer functions for both of these systems are the same.

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Relating state-space models







Example: Spring-Mass-Damper

- To find the transfer function
 - Plug the system matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -\frac{k}{M} & -\frac{b}{M} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ \frac{1}{M} \end{bmatrix},$$
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = 0$$

into the formula

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

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Example: Spring-Mass-Damper

Exercise:

- Find the new system matrices A, B, C, D that arise when the state is comprised of speed and position of the mass (in that order).
- Show that this system has the same transfer function as the system on the previous page.
- Bonus: What is the similarity transformation P that relates this system to the one on the previous page?



- Today and the last class
 - Linear algebra review 1
 - State-space models --> transfer functions
- Next time
 - Transfer function --> state-space models
 - Closed-form solution to state-space models
 - Linear algebra 2

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