

ss.sfbck Controller design method

We will consider single-input single-output (SISO) control plants that can be written with input u ; state vector x ; output y ; state model matrices A, B, C , and D ; and state and output equations

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad (14)$$

$$y = Cx + Du \quad (15)$$

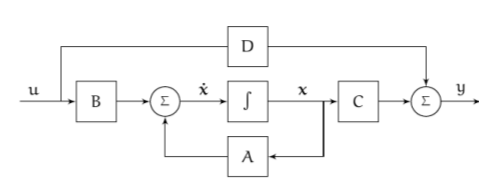


Figure sfbck.1: the plant state model of Eq. 1 written in block diagram form.

Plants of this form can be written in block diagram form, as illustrated in Fig. sfbck.1. In general, SISO systems are of order n with n state variables.

Let us consider the following feedback control method called state feedback control. We will feed back the state vector x , operate on it with a $1 \times n$ vector of gains $K \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and subtract the result from the command r , the result of which becomes the input u , as shown in Fig. sfbck.2. The control problem for state feedback control is to determine the gains in K such that the closed-loop poles are located in desirable positions. The gain $N \in \mathbb{R}$ is provided for steady-state error considerations, which will be addressed in Lec. ss.sfbck. A new state model can be derived for the closed-loop system as follows. Let us consider the command r to be our new "input," instead of u , which is now the control effort. From the block diagram,

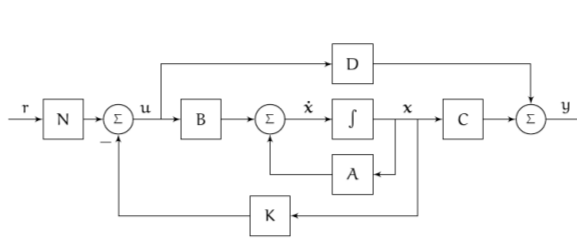


Figure sfbck.2: the state feedback control block diagram.

which can be substituted into Eq. 1 to define the new state model

$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x + NB r \quad (26)$$

$$y = (C - DK)x + ND r \quad (27)$$

The eigenvalues of $A - BK$, which can be found from equating zero and the closed-loop characteristic polynomial

$$P_c = \det(sI - A + BK) \quad (4)$$

are equal to the closed-loop poles, which we would like to place in specific locations. Those specific locations can be specified by the design characteristic polynomial P_d . P_d depends on the n gains K_i , and n equations can be found by equating the polynomial coefficients of P_c and P_d .

Solving for K_i is straightforward but can be very tedious in the general case. Let the coefficients of P_d be δ_i and those of P_c be denoted α_i . Then the $n \times 1$ vector containing K_i can be expressed as a linear combination of K_i as

$$K = X K^* \quad (5)$$

where X is an $n \times n$ matrix of coefficients that were derived from A and B . Let δ be the $n \times 1$ vector of components δ_i . Since the vector δ is specified by our design requirements, we can solve for K as follows.

$$K = X \delta \quad (6)$$

and therefore,

$$X K^* = \delta \implies K^* = X^{-1} \delta \implies K = (X^{-1} \delta)^T \quad (7)$$

Eq. 7 is valid for all cases in which X is invertible.¹ However, there is a special form of the original state-space model that always yields a simple solution for K : the phase-variable canonical form (see Appendix B.02).

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= Ax + Bu \\ &= Ax + B(Nr - Kx) \\ &= Ax - BKx + BNr \\ &= (A - BK)x + BNr \end{aligned}$$

$$H(s) = (C - DK)(sI - A + BK)^{-1}NB + ND$$

¹ We leave the following as an open question: under what conditions is X invertible?

Solving for the gain via the phase-variable canonical form

The phase-variable canonical form of the original system is:

$$\dot{x}_p = A_p x_p + B_p u \quad (8a)$$

$$y = C_p x_p + D_p u \quad (8b)$$

where

$$A_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & -a_2 & \dots & -a_{n-2} & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_p = [c_1 \quad c_2 \quad \dots \quad c_n], \quad \text{and} \quad D_p = [d_1] \quad (8d)$$

where the components a_i are defined by the original characteristic polynomial

$$P = \det(sI - A) = s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1s + a_0 \quad (9)$$

With A_p defined, the form of the feedback state model with feedback row vector K_p is:

$$A'_p = A_p - B_p K_p, \quad B'_p = B_p \quad (10a)$$

$$C'_p = C_p - D_p K_p, \quad D'_p = D_p \quad (10b)$$

A'_p deserves further attention. The special canonical form of A_p and B_p makes the expression for A'_p simply

$$A'_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -(a_0 + K'_1) & -(a_1 + K'_2) & \dots & -(a_{n-2} + K'_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

where K'_i is the row vector of gains in the phase-variable canonical basis. The design characteristic polynomial coefficients δ_i must equal the characteristic polynomial coefficients

$$\delta_i = a_i + K'_{i+1} \quad (12)$$

which gives

$$K'_i = \delta_i - a_i - 1 \quad (13)$$

This yields K' . If we equate the feedback

$$Kx = K'_p x_p \implies K = K'_p T_c \quad (14)$$

Let U and T_c be the controllability matrices for the original basis and the phase-variable canonical basis, respectively. From Appendix B.02, we can compute the transformation matrix to be

$$T_c = U_c U^{-1} \quad (15)$$

Steady-state error

We can use the gain N to drive the closed-loop steady-state error to zero for step inputs. The idea is that we can scale the input by the reciprocal of the closed-loop steady-state error.

Let $G_{CL}(s)$ be the closed-loop transfer function. From the final value theorem for a unit step input,

$$N = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{G_{CL}(s)} \quad (16)$$

If N is nonzero and finite, the response will have zero steady-state error. Although it is derived from unit step inputs, we can apply this formula to slowly varying inputs as well.

Example ss.sfbck-1 re: state feedback pole placement design

Given the state-space model

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

design a controller with 15% overshoot and a settling time of 1 sec.

$$s_2 = \frac{-\zeta\omega_n \pm j\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 + 4\zeta^2(1 - \zeta^2)}} = \frac{-0.317 \pm j0.947}{0.97} = -0.32 \pm j0.97$$

$$T_s = \frac{4}{s\omega_n} \implies \omega_n = \frac{4}{sT_s} = \frac{4}{0.32} = 12.5 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$P_{1,2} = -s\omega_n \pm j\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = -4 \pm j6.67$$

$$H(s) = (sI - A)^{-1}B + D = \frac{1}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

$$P_d = (s - P_1)(s - P_2)(s - P_3) = s^3 + 28s^2 + 219.9s + 1198$$

$$A_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & -a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K' = [1198 - 2, 219.9 - 3, 28 - 3]$$

$$= [1196, 216.9, 25]$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^2B = AAB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U_c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_c B_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_c^2 B_c = A_c A_c B_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T_c = U_c U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = K' T_c = [1196 \quad 216.9 \quad 25] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [25, -166.9, 1009.1]$$

$$N = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{N(C - DK)(sI - A + BK)^{-1}B + ND} = \frac{1}{(C - DK)(A + BK)^{-1}B + D} = 1198$$