

Lec II

Transfer functions of  
SISO systems

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① Let  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix  
 $b$  a  $n \times 1$  vector  
 $c$  a  $1 \times n$  vector

We define a rational function

$$g(s) = c(sI - A)^{-1}b$$

The f<sup>n</sup>  $g(s)$  can be written as a ratio of two polynomials  $\frac{n(s)}{d(s)}$  where

$n(s)$  is of degree  $\leq n-1$

$d(s)$  is a monic polynomial of degree  $n$ .

Ex: 1

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c = (c_1 \quad c_2)$$

Q: What is  $g(s)$ ?

$$\text{Ans: } sI - A = \begin{pmatrix} s & -1 \\ -\alpha & s - \beta \end{pmatrix};$$

$$(sI - A)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} s - \beta & 1 \\ \alpha & s \end{pmatrix} / \det(sI - A).$$

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$$\det (sI - A) = s^2 - \beta s - \alpha$$

$$C(sI - A)^{-1}b =$$

$$\frac{c_2 s + c_1}{s^2 - \beta s - \alpha}$$

Thus

$$g(s) = \frac{c_2 s + c_1}{s^2 - \beta s - \alpha}$$

Def: A pair of polynomials  $n(s)$ ,  $d(s)$  is said to be coprime if

$$\text{rank} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} n(s) & d(s) \end{pmatrix}}_{1 \times 2 \text{ vector}} = 1 \quad \forall s.$$

Remark: Two coprime polynomials do not have a common root.

Ex: 2  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $c = (1 \ 1)$

$$g(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+3s+2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

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Controllability matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ which is of rank 2}$$

Observability matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ which is of rank 1}$$

The dynamical system in example 2 is controllable but not observable.

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Def: Let  $g(s) = \frac{n(s)}{d(s)}$  where

- ①  $n(s)$  &  $d(s)$  are coprime
- ② degree  $n(s) \leq$  degree  $d(s)$

We shall define

$$\text{degree of } g(s) = \text{degree of } d(s).$$

Degree of  $g(s)$  in Ex 2 is 1.

II When are two polynomials co-prime??

Let us consider two quadratic polynomials

$$n(s) = as^2 + bs + c$$

$$d(s) = ds^2 + es + f$$

We want to find out when are the polynomials

$n(s)$  and  $d(s)$  co-prime.

If  $n(s)$  and  $d(s)$  are not co-prime, then

$$\frac{n(s)}{d(s)} = \frac{\alpha s + \beta}{\gamma s + \delta} \quad \text{i.e. there will be a cancellation.}$$

writing

$$(as^2 + bs + c)(\gamma s + \delta) = (ds^2 + es + f)(\alpha s + \beta)$$

$\Rightarrow$	$(a\gamma - d\alpha)s^3$	$\Rightarrow$	$a\gamma - d\alpha = 0$
	$+ (a\delta + b\gamma - d\beta - e\alpha)s^2$		$a\delta + b\gamma - d\beta - e\alpha = 0$
	$+ (c\gamma + b\delta - f\alpha - e\beta)s$		$c\gamma + b\delta - f\alpha - e\beta = 0$
	$+ (c\delta - f\beta) = 0$		$c\delta - f\beta = 0$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a & -d & 0 & 0 \\ b & -e & a & -d \\ c & -f & b & -e \\ 0 & 0 & c & -f \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ \alpha \\ \delta \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (*)$$

If  $n(s)$  and  $d(s)$  are not co-prime then (\*) can be solved for a non trivial

vector  $\begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ \alpha \\ \delta \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$  i.e. if

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & -d & 0 & 0 \\ b & -e & a & -d \\ c & -f & b & -e \\ 0 & 0 & c & -f \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

## Theorem 1

$n(s)$  and  $d(s)$  are co-prime iff

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & d & 0 & 0 \\ b & e & a & d \\ c & f & b & e \\ 0 & 0 & c & f \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

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### Corollary: 1

The t.f.  $g(s)$  in example 1 is of degree 2 iff

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c_2 - \beta & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ c_1 - \alpha & c_2 - \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_1 - \alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$\equiv -\det \begin{pmatrix} c_2 & 0 & 1 \\ c_1 & c_2 - \beta \\ 0 & c_1 - \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

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The determinant is given by

$$(-1) [c_2 (-c_2 \alpha + c_1 \beta)]$$

$$+ (-1) [c_1^2]$$

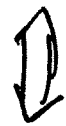
$$= c_2^2 \alpha - c_1 c_2 \beta - c_1^2$$

Thus  $g(s)$  in example 1 is of degree 2 iff

$$c_1^2 + c_1 c_2 \beta - c_2^2 \alpha \neq 0$$



$$\det \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 \\ c_2 \alpha & c_1 + c_2 \beta \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$



$$\det \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

where  $C = (c_1 \ c_2)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$



Ex 1 (continued)

Consider

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

$$y = cx$$

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where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix}; \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad c = (c_1 \quad c_2)$$

Define  $g(s) = c(sI - A)^{-1}b$

We have seen so far that

$g(s)$  is of degree 2 iff (\*\*) is observable

Note that (\*\*) is always controllable.

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III Using the matrices  $A, b, C$  we can define a sequence of real numbers

$$h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots$$

as follows

$$h_j = CA^{j-1}b \quad , j=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The sequence defined is given by

$$Cb, CA^1b, CA^2b, CA^3b, \dots$$

Using the above sequence we construct a hankel matrix

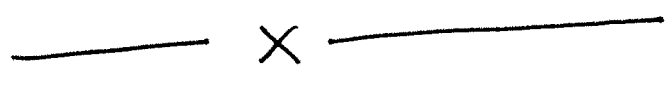
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & \dots \\ h_2 & h_3 & h_4 & \dots \\ h_3 & h_4 & h_5 & \dots \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

and the submatrices

$$H_j = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & \dots & h_j \\ h_2 & h_3 & \dots & h_{j+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ h_j & h_{j+1} & \dots & h_{2j-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

We define

$$\text{rank } H \triangleq \sup_j [\text{rank}(H_j)].$$



IV Connection between the sequence

$$cb, cAb, cA^2b, \dots$$

and the rational f<sup>n</sup>

$$g(s) = c(sI - A)^{-1}b$$

is the following:

Write  $(sI - A) = s(I - \frac{A}{s})$ , we compute

$$(sI - A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{s} \left[ I + \frac{A}{s} + \frac{A^2}{s^2} + \dots \right]$$

$$g(s) = \frac{cb}{s} + \frac{cAb}{s^2} + \frac{cA^2b}{s^3} + \dots$$

Example 2 (continued)

$$g(s) = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$$s+2 \ ) \ 1 \ \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s^3} - \dots \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 + \frac{2}{s} \\
 - \quad - \frac{2}{s} \\
 \hline
 - \frac{2}{s} \\
 - \frac{2}{s} - \frac{4}{s^2} \\
 + \quad + \frac{4}{s^2} \\
 \hline
 \frac{4}{s^2} \\
 \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{8}{s^3} \\
 - \quad - \frac{8}{s^3} \\
 \hline
 - \frac{8}{s^3} \\
 \dots
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore g(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s^3} - \dots$$

We obtain a sequence  
1, -2, 4, .....

Every rational fn  $g(s)$  can be associated with a unique sequence by successive long division.

The Hankel matrix is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & \dots & \dots \\ -2 & 4 & -8 & \dots & \dots \\ 4 & -8 & 16 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{which is of rank 1}$$

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Question:

Given a sequence

$$h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots$$

define

$$g(s) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_j}{s^j} = \frac{h_1}{s} + \frac{h_2}{s^2} + \frac{h_3}{s^3} + \dots$$

When is  $g(s)$  a strictly proper rational function of degree  $n$ .

Ans:

Precisely when

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & \dots \\ h_2 & h_3 & h_4 & \dots \\ h_3 & h_4 & h_5 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \text{ has rank } n.$$

Let us try to understand this for  $n=2$

If  $g(s)$  is a strictly proper rational fn of degree 2 we obtain

$$g(s) = \frac{h_1}{s} + \frac{h_2}{s^2} + \frac{h_3}{s^3} + \dots = \frac{bs + c}{s^2 + es + f}$$

for some  $b, c, e, f$ .

Cross multiplying and equating the coefficients we obtain

$$h_1 = b$$

$$h_1 e + h_2 = c$$

$$h_1 f + h_2 e + h_3 = 0$$

$$h_2 f + h_3 e + h_4 = 0$$

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$$h_j f + h_{j+1} e + h_{j+2} = 0 \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_3 \\ h_4 \\ h_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = -f \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} - e \begin{pmatrix} h_2 \\ h_3 \\ h_4 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{⊛}$$

Thus the hankel matrix  $H$  has rank 2.

Conversely, if  $H$  has rank 2 one can uniquely solve for  $f$  and  $e$  using the recursion ⊛. One can now

solve for  $b$  and  $c$  using

$$b = h_1$$

$$c = h_1 e + h_2.$$

This way one constructs  $g(s)$  uniquely from the sequence  $h_1, h_2, \dots$ .

Moreover  $\deg g(s) = 2$  for otherwise  $H$  would not have rank 2 violating the assumption that it does have rank 2.

Conclusion:

There is a 1-1 correspondence between strictly proper rational functions of degree 2 and Hankel matrices of rank 2.



Ex 3

Consider the following sequence

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, - - - - -

The corresponding Hankel matrix is

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & \dots \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{which is of rank 2.}$$

Define

$$g(s) = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{3}{s^4} + \frac{8}{s^5} + \dots$$

As claimed earlier, we can write

$$g(s) = \frac{bs + c}{s^2 + es + f}$$

where

$$b = h_1 = 1$$

$$c = h_1 e + h_2 = e + 1$$

$$f = e = -1 \text{ (from the recursion in } \star \text{)}.$$

$$\therefore c = e + 1 = 0.$$

$$\therefore g(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - s - 1}.$$

If we define

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, c = (0 \ 1)$$

$$g(s) = c(sI - A)^{-1} b = \frac{s}{s^2 - s - 1}.$$

Thus we have established a connection between

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① Fibonacci sequence

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, - - - - -

② Rational function.

$$g(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - s - 1}$$

③ Dynamical system.

$$\dot{x} = Ax + bu, \quad y = cx$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c = (0 \ 1).$$

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(V) We are now ready to write down the main theorem of this lecture. Consider matrices  $A, b, c$  as defined on page 1.

### Main Theorem

The following statements are equivalent.

(I)  $\dot{x} = Ax + bu, y = cx$  is controllable and observable.

(II) The hankel matrix

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} cb & cAb & cA^2b & \dots & \dots \\ cAb & cA^2b & cA^3b & \dots & \dots \\ cA^2b & cA^3b & cA^4b & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \text{ has rank } n.$$

(III)  $g(s) = c(sI - A)^{-1}b$  is of degree  $n$ .

# Proof of the Main Theorem.

(and you thought that we shall never prove anything)

$$\textcircled{I} \Rightarrow \textcircled{II}$$

controllability  $\Rightarrow (b \quad Ab \quad A^2b \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}b)$  has rank  $n$ .

observability  $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$  has rank  $n$ .

Hence

$$H_n = \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} (b \quad Ab \quad A^2b \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}b)$$

has rank  $n$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} Cb & CAB & CA^2b & \dots & CA^{n-1}b \\ CAB & CA^2b & CA^3b & \dots & CA^n b \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ CA^{n-1}b & CA^n b & CA^{n+1}b & \dots & CA^{2n-2}b \end{pmatrix}$$

has rank  $n$ .

It follows that  
 $\text{rank } H \geq n.$

But Cayley Hamilton's Theorem would  
tell us that

$$\text{rank } H \leq n.$$

Hence  $\text{rank } H = n.$

(II)  $\Rightarrow$  (III)

Assume that degree  $g(s) = n_1 < n$ , we  
write

$$g(s) = \frac{\alpha_1 s^{n_1-1} + \alpha_2 s^{n_1-2} + \dots + \alpha_{n_1}}{s^{n_1} + \beta_1 s^{n_1-1} + \beta_2 s^{n_1-2} + \dots + \beta_{n_1}}.$$

Equating  $g(s)$  to

$$\frac{cb}{s} + \frac{cAb}{s^2} + \frac{cA^2b}{s^3} + \dots$$

cross multiplying and comparing the coefficients  $\frac{1}{s}$ ,  $\frac{1}{s^2}$  etc (as was done on pages ⑬ & ⑭) we see that

" $(n_1+1)^{\text{th}}$  column of  $H$  is a linear combination of the first  $n_1$  columns of  $H$ ."

Thus  $\text{rank } H \leq n_1$ .

③  $\Rightarrow$  ①

Let us assume that the dynamical system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + bu, \quad y = Cx$$

is not controllable. Let  $P$  be a  $n \times n$  invertible matrix where

$$x = Pz$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z} &= P^{-1} \dot{x} = P^{-1} Ax + P^{-1} bu \\ &= P^{-1} APz + P^{-1} bu. \end{aligned}$$

$$y = CPz.$$

If

$$\text{rank}(b \quad Ab \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}b) = n_1 < n$$

We can find a P such that

$$P^{-1}AP = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} F_{11} & F_{12} \\ \hline 0 & F_{22} \end{array} \right); \quad P^{-1}b = \left( \begin{array}{c} g_1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$CP = (h_1 \quad h_2)$$

where  $F_1$  is  $n_1 \times n_1$ ,  $g_1$  is  $n_1 \times 1$ ,  $h_1$  is  $1 \times n_1$ , the other matrices have compatible sizes.

It is easy to check that

$$g(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}b = [C P] P^{-1} (sI - A)^{-1} P [P^{-1}b]$$

$$\cancel{P^{-1} (sI - A)^{-1} P} = CP [sI - P^{-1}AP]^{-1} P^{-1}b$$



Thus

$$g(s) = (h_1 \ h_2) \begin{pmatrix} (sI - F_{11})^{-1} & * \\ 0 & (sI - F_{22})^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= h_1 (sI - F_{11})^{-1} g_1$$

It follows that

$$\deg g(s) \leq n_1.$$

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If the dynamical system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + bu, \quad y = Cx$$

is not observable, we assume that

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = n_1 < n$$

and find a  $P$  such that

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & 0 \\ F_{21} & F_{22} \end{pmatrix}; \quad P^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$cP = (h_1 \quad 0)$$

where  $F_{11}$  is  $n_1 \times n_1$ ,  $h_1$  is  $1 \times n_1$  and other matrices are of compatible sizes.

Thus

$$g(s) = h_1 (sI - F_{11})^{-1} g_1$$

$$\deg g(s) \leq n_1.$$



## (VI) Poles and Zeros.

Let us write

$$g(s) = \frac{n(s)}{d(s)} \quad \deg n(s) < \deg d(s)$$

where  $n(s)$  and  $d(s)$  are co-prime.

Define

Finite Zeros of  $g(s) =$  Zeros of  $n(s)$ .

~~Zeros~~  
Poles of  $g(s) =$  Zeros of  $d(s)$ .

If  $r = \deg d(s) - \deg n(s)$ , we say that  $g(s)$  has  $r$  infinite zeros.

Ex 4:

Calculate the poles and zeros of

$$g(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - s - 1}$$

$$n(s) = s$$

$$d(s) = s^2 - s - 1$$

$$d(s) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$s = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

poles at  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$

1 finite zero at  $s = 0$ .

1 infinite zero.

