

# MUS420/EE367A Supplementary Lecture

## Introduction to State Space Models

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# State Space Models

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An important representation for linear systems is the *state-space* formulation

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{x}(n+1) &= A\underline{x}(n) + B\underline{u}(n) \\ \underline{y}(n) &= C\underline{x}(n) + D\underline{u}(n)\end{aligned}$$

where

- $\underline{x}(n) \in \mathbf{R}^N$  = *state vector* at time  $n$
- $\underline{u}(n) = p \times 1$  vector of inputs
- $\underline{y}(n) = q \times 1$  output vector
- $A = N \times N$  *state transition matrix*
- $B = N \times p$  *input coefficient matrix*
- $C = q \times N$  *output coefficient matrix*
- $D = q \times p$  *direct path coefficient matrix*

The state-space representation is especially powerful for

- *multi-input, multi-output* (MIMO) linear systems
- *time-varying* linear systems

We'll be concerned primarily with the single-input, single-output (SISO) case, i.e.,  $p = q = 1$ .

# Markov Parameters

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The *impulse response* of a state-space model is easily found by direct calculation: Let  $\underline{x}(0) \triangleq 0$ . Then

$$h(0) = C\underline{x}(0)B + D = D$$

$$\underline{x}(1) = A\underline{x}(0) + B\underline{\delta}(0) = B$$

$$h(1) = CB$$

$$\underline{x}(2) = A\underline{x}(1) + B\underline{\delta}(1) = AB$$

$$h(2) = CAB$$

$$\underline{x}(3) = A\underline{x}(2) + B\underline{\delta}(2) = A^2B$$

$$h(3) = CA^2B$$

$\vdots$

$$h(n) = CA^{n-1}B, \quad n > 0$$

Thus, the impulse response of the state-space model can be summarized as

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} D, & n = 0 \\ CA^{n-1}B, & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

The impulse response terms  $CA^nB$  for  $n \geq 0$  are known as the *Markov parameters*.

# State Space Model Transfer Function

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The *transfer function* is the  $z$  transform of the impulse response:

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &\triangleq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(n)z^{-n} = D + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (CA^{n-1}B) z^{-n} \\ &= D + z^{-1}C \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z^{-1}A)^n \right] B \end{aligned}$$

The closed-form sum of a matrix geometric series gives

$$\boxed{H(z) = D + C(zI - A)^{-1}B}$$

Note that if there are  $p$  inputs and  $q$  outputs,  $H(z)$  is a  $p \times q$  *matrix* transfer function.

**Example:** ( $p = 3, q = 2$ )

$$H(z) = \begin{bmatrix} z^{-1} & \frac{1-z^{-1}}{1-0.5z^{-1}} & 1+z^{-1} \\ \frac{2+3z^{-1}}{1-0.1z^{-1}} & \frac{1+z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}} & \frac{(1-z^{-1})^2}{(1-0.1z^{-1})(1-0.2z^{-1})} \end{bmatrix}$$

# System Poles

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Above, we found the transfer function to be

$$H(z) = D + C(zI - A)^{-1}B$$

The poles of  $H(z)$  are the same as those of

$$H_p(z) \triangleq (zI - A)^{-1}$$

By *Cramer's rule* for matrix inversion, the denominator polynomial for  $(zI - A)^{-1}$  is given by the *determinant*:

$$D(z) \triangleq |zI - A|$$

where  $|Q|$  denotes the *determinant* of the square matrix  $Q$  (also written as  $\det(Q)$ .)

- In linear algebra, the polynomial  $D(z) = |zI - A|$  is called the *characteristic polynomial* for the matrix  $A$ .
- The roots of the characteristic polynomial are called the *eigenvalues* of  $A$ .
- Thus, *the eigenvalues of the state transition matrix  $A$  are the system poles.*

# Difference Equation to State Space Form

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A digital filter is often specified by its *difference equation* (Direct Form I). Second-order example:

$$y(n) = u(n) + 2u(n-1) + 3u(n-2) - \frac{1}{2}y(n-1) - \frac{1}{3}y(n-2)$$

Every  $n$ th order *difference equation* can be reformulated as a *first order vector difference equation* called the “state space” (or “state variable”) representation:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{x}(n+1) &= A\underline{x}(n) + Bu(n) \\ y(n) &= C\underline{x}(n) + Du(n)\end{aligned}$$

For the above example, we have, as we’ll show,

$$A \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{state transition matrix})$$

$$B \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{matrix routing input to state variables})$$

$$C \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 8/3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{output linear-combination matrix})$$

$$D \triangleq 1 \quad (\text{direct feedforward coefficient})$$

## Converting to State-Space Form by Hand

1. First, determine the filter transfer function  $H(z)$ . In the example, the transfer function can be written, by inspection, as

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1} + 3z^{-2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-2}}$$

2. If  $h(0) \neq 0$ , we must “pull out” the parallel delay-free path:

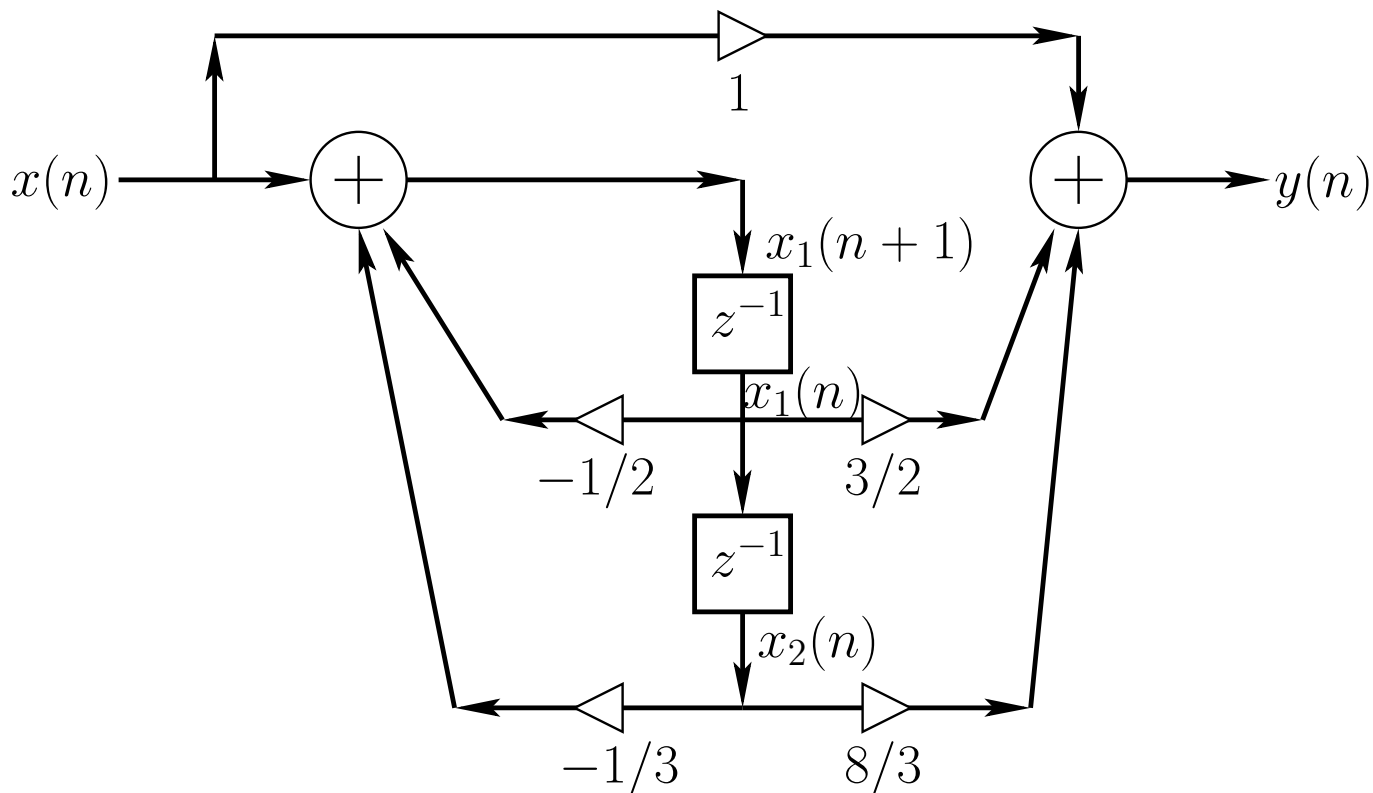
$$H(z) = d_0 + \frac{b_1z^{-1} + b_2z^{-2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-2}}$$

Obtaining a common denominator and equating numerator coefficients yields

$$\begin{aligned}d_0 &= 1 \\b_1 &= 2 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \\b_2 &= 3 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{8}{3}\end{aligned}$$

The same result is obtained using long or synthetic division.

3. Next, draw the strictly causal part in *direct form II*, as shown below:



It is important that the filter representation be *canonical with respect to delay*, i.e., the number of delay elements equals the order of the filter.

4. Assign a state variable to the output of each delay element (see figure).
5. Write down the state-space representation by inspection. (Try it and compare to answer above.)

## Matlab Conversion from Direct-Form to State-Space Form

Matlab has extensive support for state-space models, such as

- `tf2ss` - transfer-function to state-space conversion
- `ss2tf` - state-space to transfer-function conversion

Note that these utilities are documented primarily for continuous-time systems, but they are also used for discrete-time systems.

Let's repeat the previous example using Matlab:

## Previous Example Using Matlab

```
>> num = [1 2 3]; % transfer function numerator  
>> den = [1 1/2 1/3]; % denominator coefficients  
>> [A,B,C,D] = tf2ss(num,den)
```

```
A =  
   -0.5000   -0.3333  
    1.0000         0
```

```
B =  
     1  
     0
```

```
C =  1.5000   2.6667
```

```
D =  1
```

```
>> [N,D] = ss2tf(A,B,C,D)
```

```
N =  1.0000   2.0000   3.0000
```

```
D =  1.0000   0.5000   0.3333
```

## Matlab Documentation

The `tf2ss` and `ss2tf` functions are documented at <http://www.mathworks.com/access/helpdesk/help/toolbox/signal/tf2ss.shtml> as well as within Matlab itself (e.g., `help tf2ss`).

Related Signal Processing Toolbox functions include

- `tf2sos` — Convert digital filter transfer function parameters to second-order sections form.
- `sos2ss` — Convert second-order filter sections to state-space form.
- `tf2zp` — Convert transfer function filter parameters to zero-pole-gain form.
- `zp2ss` — Convert zero-pole-gain filter parameters to state-space form.

# Similarity Transformations

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A *similarity transformation* of a state-space system is a *linear change of state variable coordinates*:

$$\underline{x}(n) \triangleq \mathbf{E}\tilde{\underline{x}}(n)$$

where

- $\underline{x}(n)$  = original state vector
- $\tilde{\underline{x}}(n)$  = state vector in *new coordinates*
- $\mathbf{E}$  = any *invertible* (one-to-one) matrix (linear transformation)

Substituting  $\underline{x}(n) = \mathbf{E}\tilde{\underline{x}}(n)$  into the general state-space model gives

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}\tilde{\underline{x}}(n+1) &= A\mathbf{E}\tilde{\underline{x}}(n) + B\underline{u}(n) \\ \underline{y}(n) &= C\mathbf{E}\tilde{\underline{x}}(n) + D\underline{u}(n)\end{aligned}$$

Premultiplying the first equation above by  $\mathbf{E}^{-1}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\underline{x}}(n+1) &= (\mathbf{E}^{-1}A\mathbf{E})\tilde{\underline{x}}(n) + (\mathbf{E}^{-1}B)\underline{u}(n) \\ \underline{y}(n) &= (C\mathbf{E})\tilde{\underline{x}}(n) + D\underline{u}(n).\end{aligned}$$

Define the *transformed system matrices* by

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A} &= \mathbf{E}^{-1}A\mathbf{E} \\ \tilde{B} &= \mathbf{E}^{-1}B \\ \tilde{C} &= C\mathbf{E} \\ \tilde{D} &= D\end{aligned}$$

We can now write

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\tilde{x}}(n+1) &= \tilde{A}\underline{\tilde{x}}(n) + \tilde{B}\underline{u}(n) \\ \underline{y}(n) &= \tilde{C}\underline{\tilde{x}}(n) + D\underline{u}(n)\end{aligned}$$

The transformed system describes the *same system* in new state-variable coordinates.

Let's verify that the transfer function has not changed:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{H}(z) &= \tilde{D} + \tilde{C}(zI - \tilde{A})^{-1}\tilde{B} \\ &= D + (C\mathbf{E})(zI - \mathbf{E}^{-1}A\mathbf{E})^{-1}(\mathbf{E}^{-1}B) \\ &= D + C[\mathbf{E}(zI - \mathbf{E}^{-1}A\mathbf{E})\mathbf{E}^{-1}]^{-1}B \\ &= D + C(zI - A)^{-1}B = H(z)\end{aligned}$$

- Since the eigenvalues of  $A$  are the poles of the system, it follows that the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{A} = \mathbf{E}^{-1}A\mathbf{E}$  are the same. In other words, eigenvalues are unaffected by a similarity transformation.
- The transformed Markov parameters,  $\tilde{C}\tilde{A}^n\tilde{B}$ , are also unchanged since they are given by the inverse  $z$

transform of the transfer function  $\tilde{H}(z)$ . However, it is also easy to show this by direct calculation.

# State Space Modal Representation

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*Diagonal* state transition matrix = *modal representation*:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(n+1) \\ x_2(n+1) \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1}(n+1) \\ x_N(n+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_{N-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(n) \\ x_2(n) \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1}(n) \\ x_N(n) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_{N-1} \\ b_N \end{bmatrix} u(n)$$
$$y(n) = C\underline{x}(n) + Du(n)$$

The  $N$  complex modes are *decoupled*:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(n+1) &= \lambda_1 x_1(n) + b_1 u(n) \\ x_2(n+1) &= \lambda_2 x_2(n) + b_2 u(n) \\ &\vdots \\ x_N(n+1) &= \lambda_N x_N(n) + b_N u(n) \\ y(n) &= c_1 x_1(n) + c_2 x_2(n) + \cdots + c_N x_N(n) + Du(n) \end{aligned}$$

That is, diagonal state-space system consists of  $N$  *parallel one-pole systems*.

## Diagonalizing a State-Space Model

To obtain the *modal representation*, we must *diagonalize the state-space model*.

The *similarity transformation* which diagonalizes the system is given by the *matrix of eigenvectors* of the state transition matrix  $A$ .

An eigenvector  $\underline{e}_i$  of  $A$  satisfies, by definition,

$$A\underline{e}_i = \lambda_i\underline{e}_i$$

where  $\underline{e}_i$  and  $\lambda_i$  may be complex.

In other words, a state-space model is diagonalized by a similarity transformation matrix  $\mathbf{E}$  whose columns are given by the eigenvectors of  $A$ :

$$\mathbf{E} = [\underline{e}_1 \ \cdots \ \underline{e}_N]$$

- A system can be diagonalized whenever the eigenvectors of  $A$  are *linearly independent*.
  - This always holds when the system poles are *distinct*.
  - It may or may not hold when poles are *repeated*

## State Space Diagonalization

- Suppose we solve the equation  $A\underline{e}_i = \lambda_i\underline{e}_i$  and find  $N$  linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$
- Form the  $N \times N$  matrix  $\mathbf{E} = [\underline{e}_1 \dots \underline{e}_N]$  having these eigenvectors as columns.
- Since the eigenvectors are linearly independent,  $\mathbf{E}$  is *full rank* and can be *inverted*. This means it is *one-to-one* and qualifies as a *linear coordinate transformation matrix*.
- As derived above, the *transformed* state transition matrix is given by

$$\tilde{A} = \mathbf{E}^{-1}A\mathbf{E}$$

- Since  $A\underline{e}_i = \lambda_i\underline{e}_i$ , we have

$$A\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}\Lambda$$

where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix having the (complex) eigenvalues of  $A$  along its diagonal.

- It follows that

$$\tilde{A} = \mathbf{E}^{-1}A\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}^{-1}\mathbf{E}\Lambda = \Lambda$$

Thus, the new state transition matrix  $\Lambda$  is *diagonal* consisting of the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

- The transfer function of the diagonalized system is

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(z) &= \tilde{D} + \tilde{C} (zI - \Lambda)^{-1} \tilde{B} \\
 &= \tilde{D} + \frac{\tilde{c}_1 \tilde{b}_1 z^{-1}}{1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1}} + \frac{\tilde{c}_2 \tilde{b}_2 z^{-1}}{1 - \lambda_2 z^{-1}} + \cdots + \frac{\tilde{c}_N \tilde{b}_N z^{-1}}{1 - \lambda_N z^{-1}} \\
 &= \tilde{D} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\tilde{c}_i \tilde{b}_i z^{-1}}{1 - \lambda_i z^{-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

We see again that the diagonalized system (modal representation) consists of  $N$  *parallel one-pole systems*.

- Dynamic modes  $\lambda_i$  are *decoupled*
- Closely related to *partial-fraction expansion* of  $H(z)$ :
  - *Residue* of the  $i$ th pole is  $c_i b_i$
  - Complex-conjugate poles may be combined to form real second-order sections

## Finding the Eigenvalues of A in Practice

Small problems may be solved by hand by solving the system of equations

$$A\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}\Lambda$$

The Matlab built-in function `eig()` may be used to find the eigenvalues of  $A$  (system poles).

### Example of State-Space Diagonalization

For the previous example

$$A \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 8/3 \end{bmatrix} \quad D \triangleq 1$$

we obtain the following in Matlab:

```
>> eig(A) % eigenvalues of state transition matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```
-0.2500 + 0.5204i
```

```
-0.2500 - 0.5204i
```

```
>> roots(den) % poles of transfer function H(z)
```

```
ans =
```

```
-0.2500 + 0.5204i
```

```
-0.2500 - 0.5204i
```

```
% They are the same, as they must be.
```

```
>> abs(roots(den)) % check stability
```

```
ans =
```

```
0.5774
```

```
0.5774
```

The system is stable.

Complex-conjugate poles are typically combined to produce real, second-order ( $2 \times 2$ ) parallel sections in the modal representation. Thus, our second-order example is already in *real* modal form. However, to illustrate the computations, let's obtain the eigenvectors and compute

the *complex* modal representation:

```
>> % Initial state space model from example above:
```

```
>> A = [-1/2, -1/3; 1, 0];
```

```
>> B = [1; 0];
```

```
>> C = [2-1/2, 3-1/3];
```

```
>> D = 1;
```

```
>> % Diagonalizing similarity transformation:
```

```
>> [E,L] = eig(A) % [Evecs, Evals] = eig(A)
```

```
E =
```

```
    -0.4507 - 0.2165i    -0.4507 + 0.2165i  
           0 + 0.8660i           0 - 0.8660i
```

```
L =
```

```
    -0.2500 + 0.5204i         0  
           0         -0.2500 - 0.5204i
```

```
>> A * E - E * L % should be zero
```

```
ans =
```

1.0e-016 \*

0 + 0.2776i

0

0 - 0.2776i

0

Now form the complete diagonalized state-space model (complex):

```
>> Ei = inv(E); % matrix inverse  
>> Ab = Ei*A*E % diagonalized state xition mtx
```

```
Ab =  
  -0.2500 + 0.5204i    0.0000 + 0.0000i  
  -0.0000             -0.2500 - 0.5204i
```

```
>> Bb = Ei*B % new input "routing vector"
```

```
Bb =  
  -1.1094  
  -1.1094
```

```
>> Cb = C*E % new output linear combination
```

```
Cb =  
  -0.6760 + 1.9846i  -0.6760 - 1.9846i
```

```
>> Db = D % feed-through term unchanged
```

```
Db =  
  1
```

Verify that we still have the same transfer function:

```
>> [numb,denb] = ss2tf(Ab,Bb,Cb,Db)
```

```
numb =
```

```
1      2 + 0i    3 + 0i
```

```
denb =
```

```
1      0.5 - 0i    0.3333
```

```
>> num = [1, 2, 3]; % original numerator
```

```
>> norm(num-numb)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1.5543e-015
```

```
>> den = [1, 1/2, 1/3]; % original denominator
```

```
>> norm(den-denb)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1.3597e-016
```

Close enough.

## Properties of the Modal Representation

- The modal representation is not *unique* since  $B$  and  $C$  may be scaled in compensating ways to produce the same transfer function. Also, the diagonal elements of  $A$  may be permuted.
- For oscillatory systems, the  $\lambda_i$  are *complex*.
- If mode  $i$  is oscillatory and *undamped* (lossless), the state variable  $x_i(n)$  oscillates *sinusoidally* at some frequency  $\omega_i$ , where

$$\lambda_i = e^{j\omega_i T}$$

- In the damped oscillatory case, we have

$$\lambda_i = R_i e^{j\omega_i T}$$

where  $R_i$  is the pole (eigenvalue) radius. For stability, we must have  $|R_i| < 1$ .

- In practice, we often prefer to combine complex-conjugate pole-pairs to form a real, “block-diagonal” system in which  $A$  has two-by-two real matrices along its diagonal.
- Matlab function `cdf2rdf()` can be used to convert complex diagonal form to real block-diagonal form.

- The input vector  $\tilde{B}$  in the modal representation specifies *how the modes are excited* by the input signal  $u(n)$ :

$$x_i(n) = \tilde{b}_i u(n)$$

- The output vector  $\tilde{C}$  in the modal representation specifies *how the modes are mixed* in the output signal  $y(n)$ :

$$y(n) = \tilde{C} \underline{\tilde{x}}(n) = \tilde{c}_1 \tilde{x}_1(n) + \tilde{c}_2 \tilde{x}_2(n) + \cdots + \tilde{c}_N \tilde{x}_N(n)$$

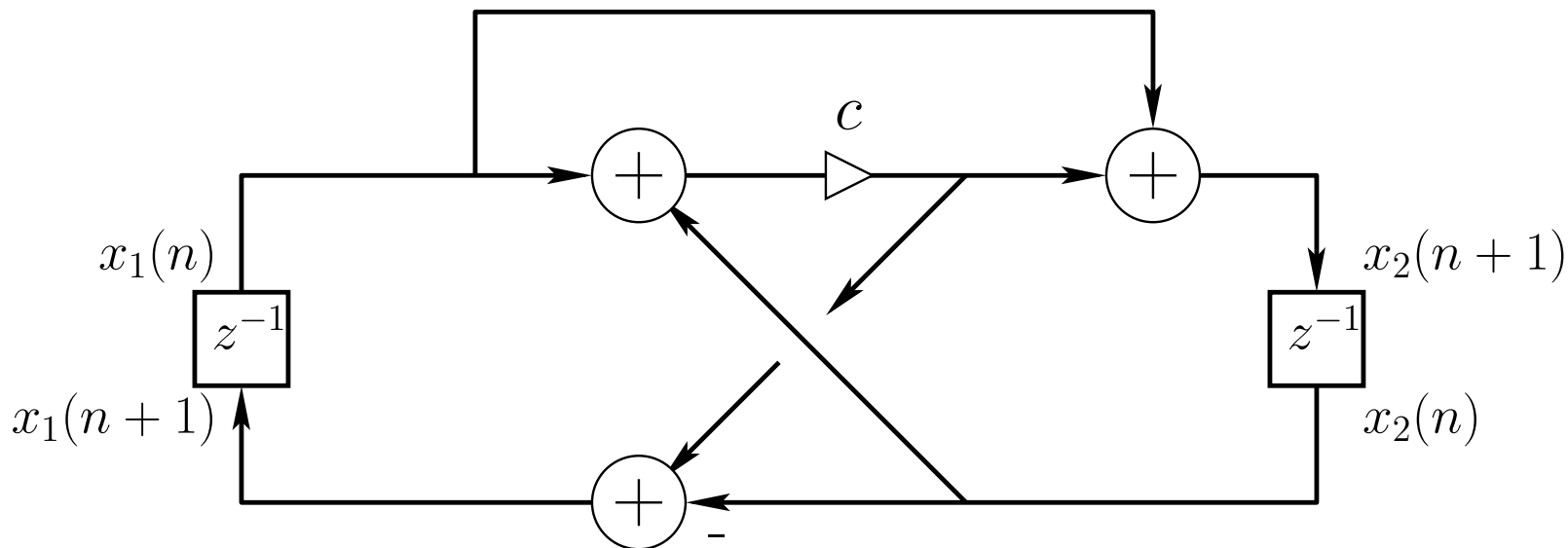
## Repeated Poles

For repeated poles  $\lambda_i$ . we have two cases:

- If the corresponding eigenvectors are *linearly independent*, the modes are independent and can be decoupled (system can be diagonalized)
- Otherwise, if  $\lambda_i$  corresponds to  $k$  linearly *dependent* eigenvectors, the diagonalized system will contain a *Jordan block* of order  $k$  corresponding to that mode.
- Same as repeated roots in a partial-fraction expansion
- Impulse response looks like  $n\lambda^n$ ,  $n^2\lambda^n$ , etc.

# State-Space Analysis Example: The Digital Waveguide Oscillator

Let's use state-space analysis to determine the frequency of oscillation of the following system:



The second-order digital waveguide oscillator.

Note the assignments of unit-delay *outputs* to state variables  $x_1(n)$  and  $x_2(n)$ .

We have

$$x_1(n+1) = c[x_1(n) + x_2(n)] - x_2(n) = cx_1(n) + (c-1)x_2(n)$$

and

$$x_2(n+1) = x_1(n) + c[x_1(n) + x_2(n)] = (1+c)x_1(n) + cx_2(n)$$

In matrix form, the state time-update can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(n+1) \\ x_2(n+1) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c & c-1 \\ c+1 & c \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1(n) \\ x_2(n) \end{bmatrix}$$

or, in vector notation,

$$\underline{x}(n+1) = A \underline{x}(n)$$

We have two natural choices of output, corresponding to the choices  $C = [1, 0]$  and  $C = [0, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(n) &\triangleq x_1(n) = [1, 0] \underline{x}(n) \\ y_2(n) &\triangleq x_2(n) = [0, 1] \underline{x}(n) \end{aligned}$$

The determinant of a matrix is equal to the product of its eigenvalues. As a quick check, we find that the determinant of  $A$  is

$$|A| = c^2 - (c+1)(c-1) = c^2 - (c^2 - 1) = 1.$$

We expect this of any second-order real sinusoidal oscillator.

## Oscillation Frequency

If this system is to generate a real sampled sinusoid at radian frequency  $\omega$ , we must have modes of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &= e^{j\omega T} \\ \lambda_2 &= e^{-j\omega T}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can determine the frequency of oscillation  $\omega$  from eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $A$ .

## Eigenstructure of A

Starting with

$$A\underline{e}_i = \lambda_i \underline{e}_i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & c-1 \\ c+1 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \eta_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i \\ \lambda_i \eta_i \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The first element of  $\underline{e}_i$  is normalized arbitrarily to 1
- We have two equations in two unknowns:

$$\begin{aligned} c + \eta_i(c-1) &= \lambda_i \\ (1+c) + c\eta_i &= \lambda_i \eta_i \end{aligned}$$

- Substitute the first into the second to eliminate  $\lambda_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + c + c\eta_i &= [c + \eta_i(c-1)]\eta_i = c\eta_i + \eta_i^2(c-1) \\ \implies 1 + c &= \eta_i^2(c-1) \\ \implies \eta_i &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{c+1}{c-1}} \end{aligned}$$

- We have found both eigenvectors:

$$\underline{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\eta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \eta \triangleq \sqrt{\frac{c+1}{c-1}}$$

They are linearly independent provided  $\eta \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow c \neq -1$  and finite provided  $c \neq 1$ .

- The eigenvalues are then

$$\lambda_i = c + \eta_i(c-1) = c \pm \sqrt{\frac{c+1}{c-1}}(c-1) = c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 1}$$

- Assuming  $|c| < 1$ , they can be written as

$$\lambda_i = c \pm j\sqrt{1 - c^2}$$

- With  $c \in (-1, 1)$ , define  $\theta = \arccos(c)$ , i.e.,  
 $c \triangleq \cos(\theta)$  and  $\sqrt{1 - c^2} = \sin(\theta)$ .

- The eigenvalues become

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= c + j\sqrt{1 - c^2} = \cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta) = e^{j\theta} \\ \lambda_2 &= c - j\sqrt{1 - c^2} = \cos(\theta) - j\sin(\theta) = e^{-j\theta} \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

We now have an explicit formula for the frequency of oscillation:

$$\omega = \theta/T = f_s \arccos(c),$$

where  $f_s$  denotes the sampling rate. Or,

$$\boxed{c = \cos(\omega T)}$$

The coefficient range  $c \in (-1, 1)$  corresponds to frequencies  $f \in (-f_s/2, f_s/2)$ .

We have shown that the example system oscillates sinusoidally at any desired digital frequency  $\omega$  when  $c = \cos(\omega T)$ , where  $T$  denotes the sampling interval.

## Choice of Output Signal and Initial Conditions

The two most natural choices of output signal are

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(n) &= [1, 0]\underline{x}(n) = [1, 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \eta & -\eta \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\underline{x}}(n) \\ &= [1, 1]\tilde{\underline{x}}(n) = \lambda_1^n \tilde{x}_1(0) + \lambda_2^n \tilde{x}_2(0) \\ y_2(n) &= [0, 1]\underline{x}(n) = [0, 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \eta & -\eta \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\underline{x}}(n) \\ &= [\eta, -\eta]\tilde{\underline{x}}(n) = \eta\lambda_1^n \tilde{x}_1(0) - \eta\lambda_2^n \tilde{x}_2(0) \end{aligned}$$

The output signal from the first state variable  $x_1(n)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(n) &= \lambda_1^n \tilde{x}_1(0) + \lambda_2^n \tilde{x}_2(0) \\ &= e^{j\omega n T} \tilde{x}_1(0) + e^{-j\omega n T} \tilde{x}_2(0) \end{aligned}$$

The *initial condition*  $\underline{x}(0) = [1, 0]^T$  corresponds to modal initial state

$$\tilde{\underline{x}}(0) = \mathbf{E}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-1}{2e} \begin{bmatrix} -e & -1 \\ -e & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For this initialization, the output  $y_1$  from the first state variable  $x_1$  is simply

$$y_1(n) = \frac{e^{j\omega nT} + e^{-j\omega nT}}{2} = \cos(\omega nT)$$

Similarly  $y_2(n)$  is proportional to  $\sin(\omega nT)$  (“phase quadrature” output).

## On-Line Reader

A superset of these overheads, recommended for printing, exists online at

[http://ccrma.stanford.edu/~jos/filters/State\\_Space\\_Models.html](http://ccrma.stanford.edu/~jos/filters/State_Space_Models.html)