

# Control Theory (035188)

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## Preliminary simplifying observation

Without loss of generality we can take  $x_0 = 0$ . Indeed,

$$x(t_1) = e^{At_1}x_0 + \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)}Bu(s)ds$$

implies

$$\tilde{x}(t_1) := x(t_1) - e^{At_1}x_0 = \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)}Bu(s)ds.$$

Thus, moving  $x(t)$  from  $x(0) = x_0$  to  $x(t_1) = x_1$  is equivalent to moving it from  $x(0) = 0$  to  $x(t_1) = \tilde{x}(t_1)$ . If every  $\tilde{x}(t_1)$  is reachable from  $x(0) = 0$ , then every  $x_1 = \tilde{x}(t_1) + e^{At_1}x_0$  is reachable from  $x(0) = x_0$ .

**Remark** Alternatively, we may take  $x_1 = 0$ , based on the relation

$$0 = e^{At_1}(x_0 - e^{-At_1}x(t_1)) + \int_0^{t_1} e^{A(t_1-s)}Bu(s)ds,$$

which is possible because  $e^{At_1}$  is always invertible.

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## Controllability and similarity

If  $\hat{A} = TAT^{-1}$  and  $\hat{B} = TB$  for some nonsingular  $T$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{M}_c &:= [\hat{B} \quad \hat{A}\hat{B} \quad \dots \quad \hat{A}^{n-1}\hat{B}] = T [B \quad AB \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B] \\ &= TM_c,\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

- controllability is not affected by similarity transformations.

## Controllability: some other tests

### Theorem

*The following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $(A, B)$  is controllable;
2.  $\det M_c \neq 0$ ;
3.  $\det W_c(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t > 0$ , where  $W_c(t) := \int_0^t e^{As} B B' e^{A's} ds \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ;
4.  $[A - \lambda I \quad B] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n+1}$  has full row rank  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  (**PBH test**);
5.  $\tilde{\eta}' B \neq 0$  for every left eigenvector  $\tilde{\eta}$  of  $A$ ;
6. eigenvalues of  $A + BK$  can be freely assigned by  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ .

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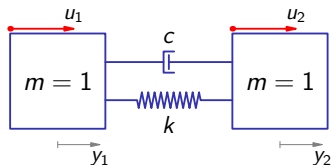
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## Setup

Consider the following 2-mass system:



with external forces  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . It is described by the following equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y}_1(t) \\ \ddot{y}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & -c \\ -c & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1(t) \\ \dot{y}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k & -k \\ -k & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1(t) \\ u_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$



## State-space model

Possible realization (non-unique):

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System has 4 modes (eigenvalues of  $A$ ):

- $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$  rigid body motion
- $\lambda_{3,4} = -c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 2k}$  spring-damper dynamics

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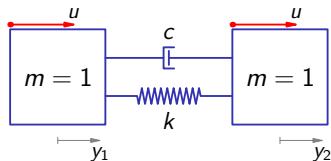
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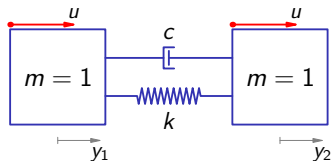


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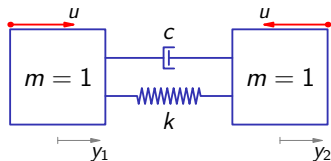
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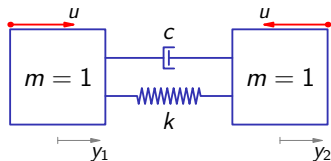


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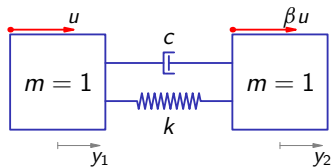
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## Transfer functions for $u_1 = u$ and $u_2 = \beta u$



Transfer function from  $u$  to  $y_1$ :

$$P_1(s) = \frac{s^2 + c(\beta + 1)s + k(\beta + 1)}{s^2(s^2 + 2cs + 2k)}$$

and transfer function from  $u$  to  $y_2$ :

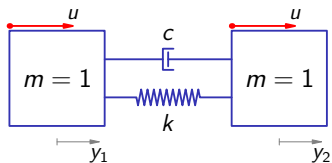
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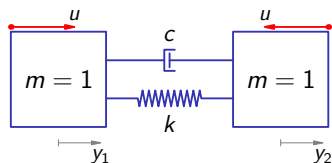
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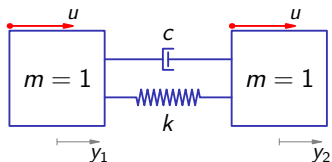
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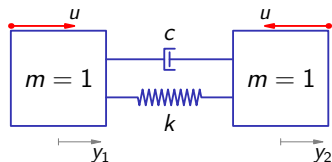
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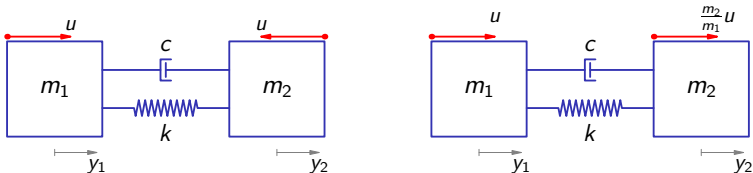
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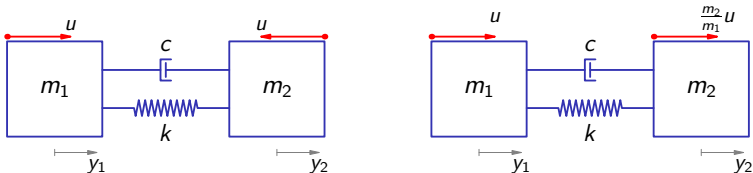
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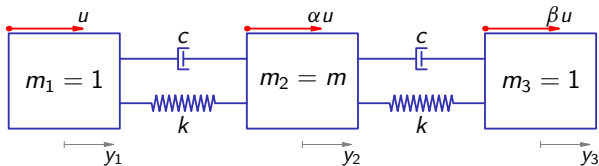
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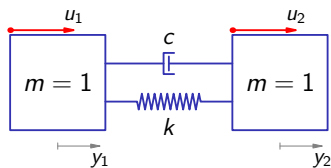
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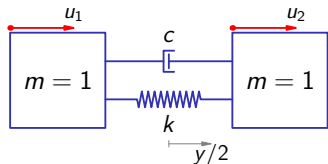
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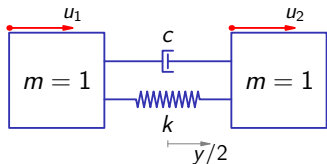


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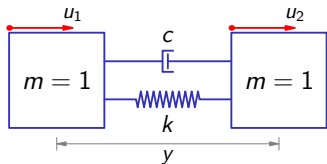
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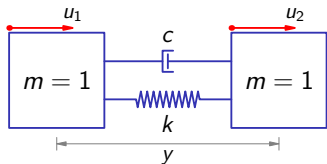


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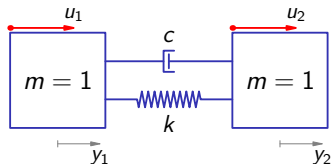
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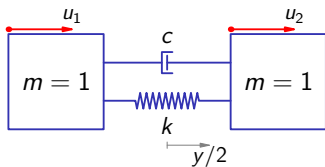
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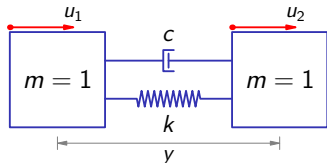
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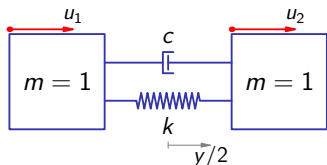
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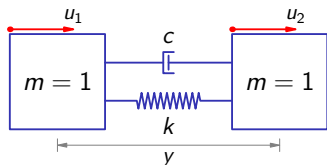
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- every two minimal realizations of the same system are similar (i.e. there is a similarity transformation between them).

## Minimality and poles

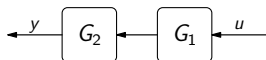
### Theorem

*If*

$$G : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), & x(0) = 0, \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{cases}$$

*is minimal, then  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is a pole of  $G(s) = D + C(sI - A)^{-1}B$  iff it is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .*

## Minimality of the cascade connection



We already saw that the state-space realization of  $G = G_2 G_1$  is

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_1(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 C_1 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2(t) \\ x_1(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ B_1 \end{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2(t) \\ x_1(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

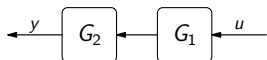
(the order of the state is swapped comparing to what we saw in Lecture 6).

The question is:

- if the realizations of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are minimal, when so is that of  $G$ ?



## Pole-zero cancellations & state space: I



Let  $\alpha$  be pole of  $G_1(s)$  and not pole of  $G_2(s)$ . Assuming that all realizations are minimal,  $\alpha$  is an eigenvalue of  $A_1$  and not that of  $A_2$ . Define

$$v := \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha I - A_2)^{-1} B_2 C_1 \\ I \end{bmatrix} v_\alpha, \quad \text{where } (\alpha I - A_1)v_\alpha = 0$$

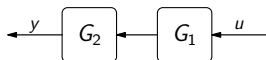
(note that minimality means that  $C_1 v_\alpha \neq 0$ ). Then,

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 C_1 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} v = \begin{bmatrix} (A_2(\alpha I - A_2)^{-1} + I) B_2 C_1 \\ A_1 \end{bmatrix} v_\alpha = \alpha v$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} v = C_2(\alpha I - A_2)^{-1} B_2 C_1 v_\alpha = G_2(\alpha) C_1 v_\alpha.$$

## Pole-zero cancellations & state space: I (contd)



Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} v = 0 \iff G_2(\alpha) = 0$$

and  $\alpha$  is **unobservable** mode of  $G_2 G_1$  iff it is zero of  $G_2(s)$ . In other words,  
— any mode of  $G_1$  is unobservable from  $y$  iff it's canceled by a zero of  $G_2$ .

## Pole-zero cancellations & state space: I (contd)



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## Pole-zero cancellations & state space: II



Let  $\beta$  be pole of  $G_2(s)$  and not pole of  $G_1(s)$ . Assuming that all realizations are minimal,  $\beta$  is an eigenvalue of  $A_2$  and not that of  $A_1$ . Define

$$v' := v'_\beta \begin{bmatrix} I & B_2 C_1 (\beta I - A_1)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where } v'_\beta (\beta I - A_2) = 0$$

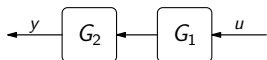
(note that minimality means that  $v'_\beta B_2 \neq 0$ ). Then,

$$v' \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 C_1 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v'_\beta A_2 & v'_\beta B_2 C_1 (I + (\beta I - A_1)^{-1} A_1) \end{bmatrix} = \beta v'$$

and

$$v' \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ B_1 \end{bmatrix} = v'_\beta B_2 C_1 (\beta I - A_1)^{-1} B_1 = v'_\beta B_2 G_1(\beta).$$

## Pole-zero cancellations & state space: II (contd)



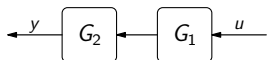
Thus,

$$v' \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ B_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \iff G_1(\beta) = 0$$

and  $\beta$  is **uncontrollable** mode of  $G_2 G_1$  iff it is zero of  $G_1(s)$ . In other words,

— any mode of  $G_2$  is uncontrollable by  $u$  iff it's canceled by a zero of  $G_1$ .

## Pole-zero cancellations & state space: II (contd)



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## Controllability of the companion form

In this case

$$A = A_{\text{cf}} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = B_{\text{cf}} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

and we have:

### Theorem

*A realization in the companion form is always controllable.*

**Remark:** It can be shown that

$$M_{\text{c,cf}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & 1 \\ a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n-1} & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \quad \implies \quad \det M_{\text{c,cf}} = (-1)^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}.$$



## Controllability of the companion form: proof

If  $K = [k_0 \ k_1 \ \cdots \ k_{n-1}]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_K &:= A_{cf} + B_{cf}K \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [k_0 \ k_1 \ \cdots \ k_{n-1}] \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -(a_0 - k_0) & -(a_1 - k_1) & \cdots & -(a_{n-1} - k_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

is still a companion form. Hence,

$$\chi_{A_K}(s) = s^n + (a_{n-1} - k_{n-1})s^{n-1} + \cdots + (a_1 - k_1)s + (a_0 - k_0)$$

can be made arbitrary by a choice of  $K \implies$  controllability. □

## Observability of the observer form

In this case

$$A = A_{\text{of}} := \begin{bmatrix} -a_{n-1} & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -a_1 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = C_{\text{of}} := [1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0].$$

and we have (prove it yourselves):

### Theorem

*A realization in the observer form is always observable.*

**Remark:** It can be shown that

$$M_{\text{o,of}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ a_{n-1} & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \implies \det M_{\text{o,of}} = 1.$$