

# Control Theory (00350188)

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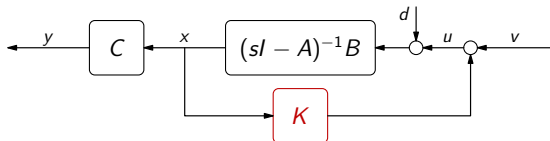
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## Disturbance response of state feedback



If  $\dot{x} = Ax + B(u + d)$  and  $u = Kx + v$ , then

$$T_{yd}(s) = C(sI - A_K)^{-1}B \quad \text{and} \quad T_{ud}(s) = K(sI - A_K)^{-1}B$$

The effect of  $K$  is not immediate, although (remember Vieta's formulae)

$$|T_{yd}(0)| = \frac{|N_P(0)|}{|\chi_{cl}(0)|} = \frac{|N_P(0)|}{\prod_i |\lambda_i|}$$

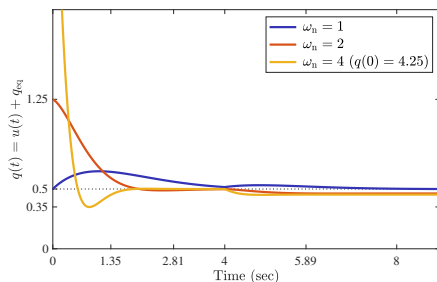
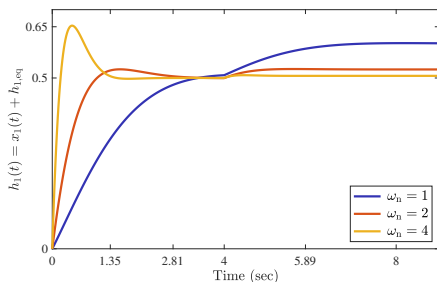
where  $\lambda_i$  are roots of  $\chi_{cl}(s)$ . Hence,

- faster poles  $\implies$  smaller steady-state effects of  $d = 1$

## Two-tank example: state feedback and disturbances

Input disturbance could be caused by an external leakage in the first tank.

With  $d(t) = 0.05\mathbb{1}(t - 4)$ ,



Thus,

- faster poles  $\implies$  smaller the effect of  $d$

## State observer and disturbances

If

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + B(u(t) + d(t)), & x(0) = x_0 \\ y_m(t) = Cx(t) + n(t) \end{cases}$$

the estimator is still

$$\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = A\hat{x}(t) + Bu(t) - L(y_m(t) - C\hat{x}(t)), \quad \hat{x}(0) = \hat{x}_0$$

(we use all information available), but the estimation error,

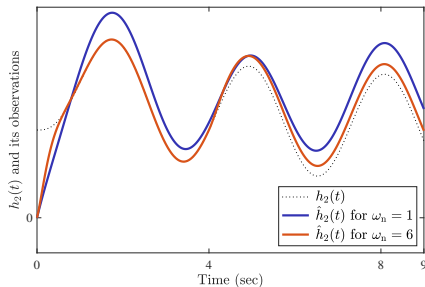
$$\dot{\epsilon}(t) = A_L\epsilon(t) + Bd(t) + Ln(t), \quad \epsilon(0) = x_0 - \hat{x}_0$$

includes both  $d$  and  $n$ .

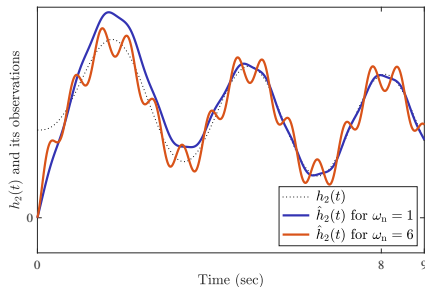
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Returning to our two-tank system,

$$d(t) = 0.051(t - 4) \text{ and } n(t) = 0$$



$$d(t) = 0 \text{ and } n(t) = 0.025 \sin(10t)$$



and observations no longer converge to  $h_2(t)$ , with

- faster poles  $\implies$  higher gain  $L \implies$  smaller effect of  $d$
- slower poles  $\implies$  lower gain  $L \implies$  smaller effect of  $n$

(but be careful with generalizing that).

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Hence (check it),

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## Disturbance generators (exosystem)

Possible model of (unmeasurable)  $d$ :

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_d(t) = A_d x_d(t), & x_d(0) = x_{d,0}, \\ d(t) = C_d x_d(t), \end{cases}$$

for known  $A_d$  and  $C_d$ , reflecting our knowledge about  $d$ , and unknown  $x_{d,0}$ , reflecting uncertainty in  $d$ . This system

- called **disturbance generator**

and typically  $A_d$  has all its eigenvalues on the  $j\omega$ -axis, generating persistent signals. This model describes the family of signals,

$$d(t) = C_d e^{A_d t} x_{d,0} \iff D(s) = C_d (sI - A_d)^{-1} x_{d,0}$$

for some unknown  $x_{d,0}$ .

## Examples of disturbance generators: step

If

$$d(t) = d_0 \cdot \mathbb{1}(t) = \begin{array}{c} d_0 \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ t \end{array}$$

for some unknown  $d_0$ , then

$$D(s) = \frac{d_0}{s}.$$


The corresponding signal generator is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_d(t) = 0 \cdot x_d(t), & x_d(0) = d_0, \\ d(t) = 1 \cdot x_d(t), \end{cases}$$

i.e.  $A_d = 0$  and  $C_d = 1$ .

## Examples of disturbance generators: ramp

If

$$d(t) = (d_0 + d_r \cdot t) \cdot \mathbb{1}(t) =$$


for some unknown  $d_0$  and  $d_r$ , then

$$D(s) = \frac{d_0 s + d_r}{s^2},$$

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## Examples of disturbance generators: harmonic signal

If

$$d(t) = a \sin(\omega t + \phi) \cdot \mathbb{1}(t) =$$


for some known  $\omega$  and unknown  $a$  and  $\phi$ , then

$$D(s) = \frac{a \sin(\phi) s + a\omega \cos(\phi)}{s^2 + \omega^2},$$

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_d(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega \\ -\omega & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_d(t), & x_d(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\phi) \\ \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix} a, \\ d(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_d(t), \end{cases}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Take the observer form and apply the similarity transformation with  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\omega \end{bmatrix}$ .

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<sup>2</sup>This is true also if  $\text{spec}(A) \cap \text{spec}(A_d) \neq \emptyset$ , but proving is beyond our toolset.

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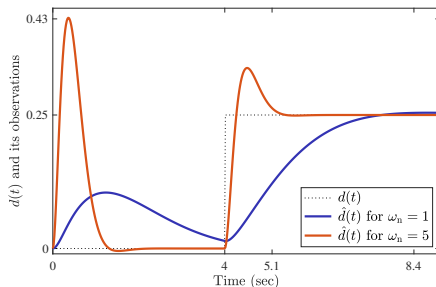
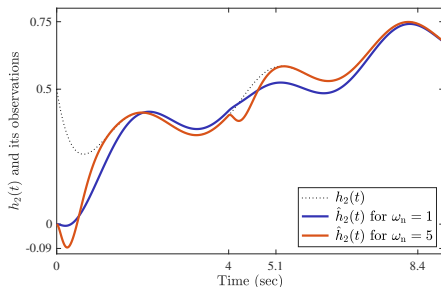
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$$\hat{\chi}_{cl}(s) = (s^2 + 2\hat{\xi}\hat{\omega}_n s + \hat{\omega}_n^2)(s + 7) \quad \text{for } \hat{\xi} = 0.8 \text{ and } \hat{\omega}_n = \{1, 5\}$$

as the observer characteristic polynomial, we end up with



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where

$$A + BK \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} [C \ 0] = \begin{bmatrix} A + LC & BC_d \\ L_d C & A_d \end{bmatrix}$$

are Hurwitz. The state relation reads

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With the standard (by now) trick of replacing  $\hat{x} \rightarrow \epsilon_x := x - \hat{x}$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{\epsilon}_x(t) \\ -\dot{\hat{x}}_d(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A+BK & -BK & BC_d \\ 0 & A+LC & BC_d \\ 0 & L_dC & A_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \epsilon_x(t) \\ -\hat{x}_d(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} d(t)$$

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With the standard (by now) trick of replacing  $\hat{x} \rightarrow \epsilon_x := x - \hat{x}$ ,

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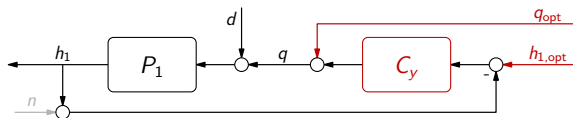
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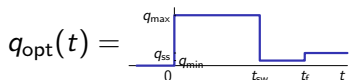
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## Two-tank example

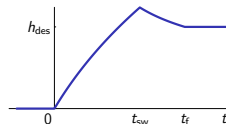
Use the 2DOF control architecture



for the time-optimal



and  $h_{1,opt}(t) =$



under given bounds  $q_{min}$  and  $q_{max}$ .

Assuming that  $d = d_0 \mathbb{1}$  for an unknown  $d_0$ , we design an

- observer-based  $C_y$  with the disturbance model which therefore contains an integral action.

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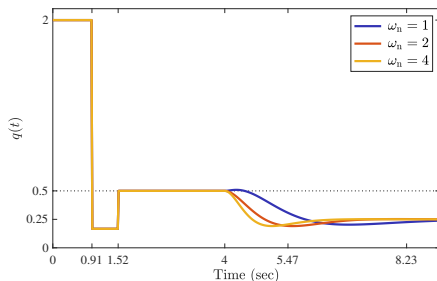
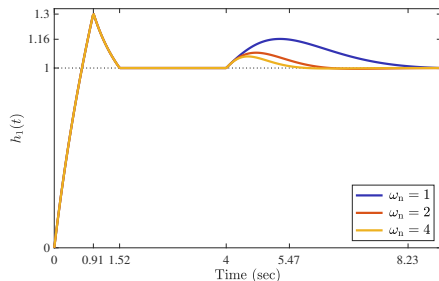
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