

# Control Theory (035188)

## lecture no. 11

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## So far on state-space design

State feedback:

- pole placement rationale (Ackermann)
- optimization-based rationale (LQR)

State observer:

- pole placement rationale (Luenberger)
- optimization-based rationale (Kalman)

Output feedback:

- just combine state feedback with state observer

Common assumption:

- only initial conditions are uncertain  
(i.e. no disturbances / noised beyond impulses or other white signals)

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## Idea

Consider state reconstruction for

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

If  $d(t)$

- measurable,  $\dot{\epsilon}(t) = A_L \epsilon(t)$  and hence  $\epsilon(t) \rightarrow 0$
- unmeasurable,  $\dot{\epsilon}(t) = A_L \epsilon(t) + Bd(t)$  and hence  $\epsilon(t) \not\rightarrow 0$  in general

To overcome this problem, we may try to

- **observe** not only  $x(t)$  but also  $d(t)$ ,

which makes sense

- only if some information about  $d(t)$  available

(like the observation of  $x(t)$  makes sense only if a state model is available).

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## Disturbance generators

Possible model of (unmeasurable)  $d(t)$ :

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

for known  $A_d$  and  $C_d$  (reflect our knowledge about  $d(t)$ ) and unknown  $x_{d,0}$  (reflects uncertainty in  $d(t)$ ). This system

– called **disturbance generator**

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

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

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

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## Examples of disturbance generators: step

Let

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

for some unknown  $d_0$ . Laplace transform of this signal is

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

which corresponds to the following signal generator:

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

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

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## Examples of disturbance generators: ramp

Let

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

for some unknown  $d_0$  and  $d_r$ . Laplace transform of this signal is

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

which corresponds to the following signal generator:

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

i.e. with  $A_d = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C_d = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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## Examples of disturbance generators: harmonic signal

Let

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

for some known  $\omega$  and unknown  $a$  and  $\phi$ . Laplace transform of this signal is

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

which corresponds to the following signal generator<sup>1</sup>:

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

i.e. with  $A_d = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega \\ -\omega & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C_d = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

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## Combined system: plant + disturbance

Now we have two systems (assume minimality of both):

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + B(u(t) + d(t)) \\ y(t) = Cx(t) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x}_d(t) = A_d x_d(t) \\ d(t) = C_d x_d(t) \end{cases}$$

with corresponding initial conditions. This can be written as

$$P_a : \begin{cases} \dot{\xi}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} \xi(t) + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t), & \xi(0) = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_{d,0} \end{bmatrix} \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi(t), \end{cases}$$

with  $\xi := \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$ , with uncontrollable modes of  $A_d$ . Important is that

- the combined system has **no unmeasurable inputs**,

only unknown initial conditions. Hence, a Luenberger observer can be built to asymptotically estimate both  $x$  and  $x_d$ , if the realization is detectable.

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## Combined system: observability

Consider the series

$$G(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B \cdot C_d(sI - A_d)^{-1}.$$

We know (Lecture 6) that its realization is

$$G : \begin{cases} \dot{\xi}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} \xi(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} u(t), \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi(t), \end{cases}$$

and (Lecture 7) that it remains observable iff

- no modes of  $A_d$  are canceled by zeros of  $C(sI - A)^{-1}B$ .

Because  $G$  and  $P_a$  have the same “A” and “C” parameters, we have that

- $P_a$  is observable iff the plant has no zeros in  $\text{spec}(A_d)$ ,

which is reasonable.

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## Observer for combined system

Straightforward use of known formulae:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\xi}}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} \hat{\xi}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t) - \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} (y(t) - \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\xi}(t)) \\ &= \left( \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \hat{\xi}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t) - \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} y(t) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\hat{\xi}(0) = \hat{\xi}_0$ . In this case error  $\epsilon(t) := \xi(t) - \hat{\xi}(t)$  satisfies

$$\dot{\epsilon}(t) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \epsilon(t), \quad \epsilon(0) = \xi_0 - \hat{\xi}_0,$$

and asymptotically converges to zero if  $L$  and  $L_d$  are chosen properly.

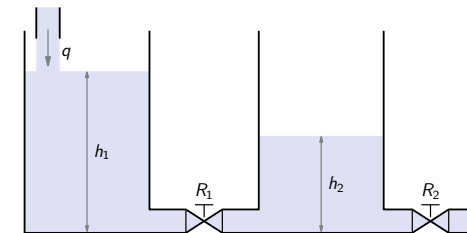
Because  $\xi = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$ ,

- $\hat{\xi}$  reconstructs both  $x$  (plant state) and  $x_d$  (disturbance state).

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## Example

Return to the two-tank example from Lecture 8:



whose (linearized) model is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{h}_1(t) \\ \dot{h}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_1(t) \\ h_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} q(t),$$

The goal is to

- reconstruct  $h_2(t)$  from measured  $h_1(t)$

despite load disturbances of the form  $d = d_0 \mathbb{1}$  for an unknown  $d_0$ .

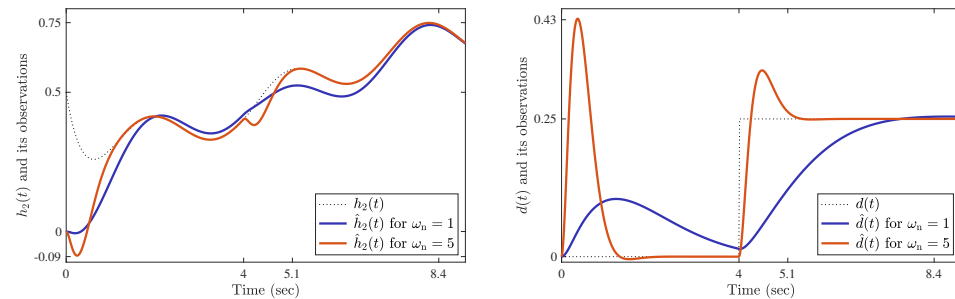
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## Example (contd)

With  $q(t) = 0.5(\sin(2t) + 1)$ ,  $d(t) = 0.25\mathbb{1}(t - 4)$ , and

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

as the observer characteristic polynomial, we end up with



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## Idea

Consider controller design for

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

If both  $x$  and  $d$  were measurable, we could use

$$u(t) = Kx(t) - d(t)$$

to stabilize the system and reject  $d$  (the reference signal can be handled by the 2DOF architecture, so its addition changes nothing).

We know what to do when

- $x$  is not measurable  $\implies$  observer-based feedback.

What if we use the same idea with a disturbance observer?

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## Controller

Naturally,

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{\xi}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} \hat{\xi}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t) - \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} (y(t) - [C \ 0] \hat{\xi}(t)) \\ u(t) = [K \ -C_d] \hat{\xi}(t) \end{cases}$$

The state relation reads

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\xi}}(t) &= \left( \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [K \ -C_d] + \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} [C \ 0] \right) \hat{\xi}(t) - \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} y(t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A + BK + LC & 0 \\ L_d C & A_d \end{bmatrix} \hat{\xi}(t) - \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} y(t) \end{aligned}$$

and we end up with the controller

$$C_y(s) = - [K \ -C_d] \left( sI - \begin{bmatrix} A + BK + LC & 0 \\ L_d C & A_d \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Closed-loop dynamics

Combining the plant of controller, the closed-loop state

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

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

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

which are stable, provided  $A+BK$  and

$$\begin{bmatrix} A+LC & BC_d \\ L_dC & A_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

are Hurwitz (state feedback and observer dynamics are separated yet again).

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## Disturbance response

If  $d$  is indeed generated by its model, then

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

with some initial conditions. Introducing  $\epsilon_d := x_d - \hat{x}_d$ , these dynamics read

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{\epsilon}_x(t) \\ \dot{\epsilon}_d(t) \\ \dot{x}_d(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A+BK & -BK & BC_d & 0 \\ 0 & A+LC & BC_d & 0 \\ 0 & L_dC & A_d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \epsilon_x(t) \\ \epsilon_d(t) \\ x_d(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ \epsilon_x(0) \\ \epsilon_d(0) \\ x_d(0) \end{bmatrix} = \dots$$

Therefore,

- $x$  is decoupled from  $x_d \implies y = Cx$  is decoupled from  $d = C_d x_d$  meaning **perfect asymptotic rejection** of disturbances from a given class.

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## Controller structure

Returning to

$$C_y(s) = - [K \quad -C_d] \left( sI - \begin{bmatrix} A+BK+LC & 0 \\ L_dC & A_d \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L_d \end{bmatrix}$$

its "A" matrix has all eigenvalues of  $A_d$  as its eigenvalues. Moreover, it can be shown that

- eigenvalues of  $A_d$  are always poles of  $C_y(s)$

(to this end we need to prove that all eigenvalues of  $A_d$  are both controllable and observable in the realization above, which is true).

This is a version of the **Internal Model Principle**, roughly saying that

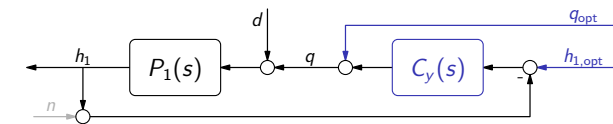
- disturbance model should be a part of the controller.

We are supposed to know it well for the case of  $A_d = 0$  (integral action)...

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## Example

For the two-tank example from Lecture 8 use the 2DOF control



for the time-optimal

$$q_{\text{opt}}(t) = \begin{cases} q_{\text{max}} & 0 \leq t < t_{\text{sw}} \\ q_{\text{ss}} & t_{\text{sw}} \leq t < t_f \\ q_{\text{min}} & t_f \leq t \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad h_{1,\text{opt}}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < t_{\text{sw}} \\ h_{\text{des}} & t_{\text{sw}} \leq t < t_f \\ h_{\text{des}} & t_f \leq t \end{cases}$$

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

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

- observer-based  $C_y(s)$  that contains an integral action.

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## Example (contd)

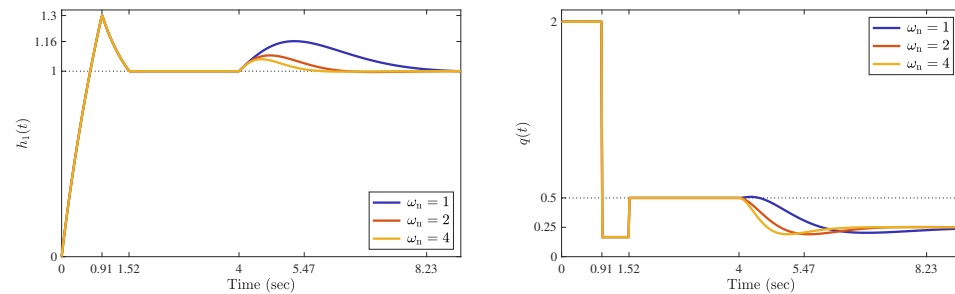
With  $q_{\min} = 0.2$ ,  $q_{\max} = 2$ ,  $d(t) = 0.25\mathbb{1}(t - 4)$ ,

$$\chi_{\text{cl}}(s) = s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 \quad \text{for } \zeta = 0.8 \text{ and } \omega_n = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

as the state-feedback characteristic polynomial (independent of  $W_d$ ), and

$$\hat{\chi}_{\text{cl}}(s) = (s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)(s + 7) \quad \text{for } \zeta = 0.8 \text{ and } \omega_n = 2$$

as the observer characteristic polynomial, we end up with



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## Kalman filtering setup

Simple version:

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

where  $d(t)$  and  $n(t)$  are **white noise** signals with intensities  $\sigma_d$  and  $\sigma_n$ .

More general formulation:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + B_w w(t), & x(0) = 0, \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + D_w w(t), \end{cases}$$

where each element of  $w(t)$  is a **white unit-intensity noise**.

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## Is white noise assumption realistic?

The white noise assumption might not reflect our knowledge of properties of  $d(t)$  and  $n(t)$ .

- Low-frequency harmonics typically dominate spectrum of  $d(t)$ . In this case, it might be more natural to assume that

$$|D(\omega)|^2 = \Phi_d(\omega)$$

for some  $\Phi_d(\omega) \geq 0$  (power **spectral density**), large at low frequencies and small at high frequencies (like  $a^2/(\omega^2 + a^2)$ ,  $a \neq 0$ ).

- High-frequency harmonics typically dominate spectrum of  $n(t)$ . In this case, it might be more natural to assume that

$$|N(\omega)|^2 = \Phi_n(\omega)$$

for some  $\Phi_n(\omega) \geq 0$  (power spectral density), small at low frequencies and large at high frequencies (like  $\omega^2/(\omega^2 + a^2)$ ,  $a \neq 0$ ).

Kalman filtering assumptions do not account for such situations explicitly.

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## Spectral factorization

Situation is not hopeless though. Fundamental is the following result:

### Theorem (spectral factorization)

If  $\Phi_x(\omega) \neq 0$  is real-rational and such that  $\Phi_x(\omega) \geq 0$ , then there is  $W_x(s)$  having no poles and zeros in  $\text{Re } s > 0$  and satisfying

$$\Phi_x(\omega) = W_x(-j\omega)W_x(j\omega) = |W_x(j\omega)|^2.$$

If  $0 < \Phi_x(\omega) < \infty$ , then  $W_x(s)$  is stable and minimum-phase and is called the **spectral factor** of  $\Phi_x(\omega)$ .

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} - \Phi_x(\omega) = \frac{a^2}{\omega^2 + a^2} &\implies W_x(s) = \frac{a}{s + a} \quad \text{as } \Phi_x(\omega) = \frac{a^2}{-s^2 + a^2} \Big|_{s=j\omega} \\ - \Phi_x(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 + a^2} &\implies W_x(s) = \frac{s}{s + a} \\ - \Phi_x(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega^2} &\implies W_x(s) = \frac{1}{s} \end{aligned}$$

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## Whitening signals / “colorifying” white noise

If  $x$  is such that  $|X(\omega)|^2 = \Phi_x(\omega)$ , then the signal

$$- \tilde{x} := \frac{1}{W_x(s)}x \text{ is white with unit intensity.}$$

Indeed,

$$|\tilde{X}(\omega)|^2 = \frac{|X(\omega)|^2}{|W_x(j\omega)|^2} = \frac{\Phi_x(\omega)}{|W_x(j\omega)|^2} \equiv 1$$

Hence, the term “whitening filter” for  $1/W_x$ . Important implication is that

– signal with any spectrum can be generated by white noise with the use of **shaping filter** (cf. signal generator for disturbance observer),

$$x = W_x(s)\tilde{x}$$

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## Example: Dryden gusts

A widely used spectral model of the lateral wind turbulence for an aircraft flying at a (constant) speed  $V$  through a frozen turbulence field is

$$\Phi_v(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_v^2 L_v V}{\pi} \frac{3L_v^2 \omega^2 + V^2}{(L_v^2 \omega^2 + V^2)^2} = \left| \frac{1}{s + a_1} \right|^2,$$

where  $\sigma_v$  and  $L_v$  represent turbulence intensity and scale length, resp. As

$$a_1^2 \omega^2 + a_0^2 = -a_1^2 s^2 + a_0^2 \Big|_{s=j\omega} = (-a_1 s + a_0)(a_1 s + a_0) \Big|_{s=j\omega},$$

we end up with the following spectral factor:

$$W_v(s) = \sigma_v \sqrt{\frac{L_v V}{\pi}} \frac{\sqrt{3}L_v s + V}{(L_v s + V)^2},$$

which is an LPF. Similar models exist for longitudinal and vertical gusts.

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## Colorifying disturbances

Let shaping filter for  $d$ ,  $W_d(s)$ , have (minimal) state space realization

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_d(t) = A_d x_d(t) + B_d w_d(t) \\ d(t) = C_d x_d(t) \end{cases}$$

where  $w_d$  is white. State-space realization of plant and filter is then

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{x}_d(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d \\ 0 & A_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ x_d(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ B_d \end{bmatrix} w_d(t) \\ y(t) = [C \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ x_d(t) \end{bmatrix} + n(t) \end{cases}$$

This fits the general Kalman filtering formulation under

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B_w \\ C & D_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & BC_d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_d & B_d \sqrt{\sigma_{w_d}} & 0 \\ C & C_n & 0 & \sqrt{\sigma_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad w(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1/\sigma_{w_d}} w_d(t) \\ \sqrt{1/\sigma_n} n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Colorifying measurement noise

Now, let shaping filter for  $n$ ,  $W_n(s)$ , have (minimal) state space realization

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_n(t) = A_n x_n(t) + B_n w_n(t) \\ n(t) = C_n x_n(t) + D_n w_n(t) \end{cases}$$

where  $w_n$  is white. Joint state-space realization:

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{x}_n(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t) + \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & B_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d(t) \\ w_n(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C & C_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & D_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d(t) \\ w_n(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

This fits the general Kalman filtering formulation under

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B_w \\ C & D_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & B\sqrt{\sigma_d} & 0 \\ 0 & A_n & 0 & B_n\sqrt{\sigma_{w_n}} \\ C & C_n & 0 & D_n\sqrt{\sigma_{w_n}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad w(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1/\sigma_d} d(t) \\ \sqrt{1/\sigma_{w_n}} w_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Example 1: high-frequency measurement noise

Consider again

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} d(t) \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + n(t), \end{cases}$$

and now assume that  $n$  is a high-pass signal with the power spectral density

$$\Phi_n(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 + 10^4} = \left| \frac{100}{-j\omega + 100} \frac{j\omega}{j\omega + 100} \right|^2,$$

so that  $W_n(s) = s/(s + 100)$  or, equivalently,

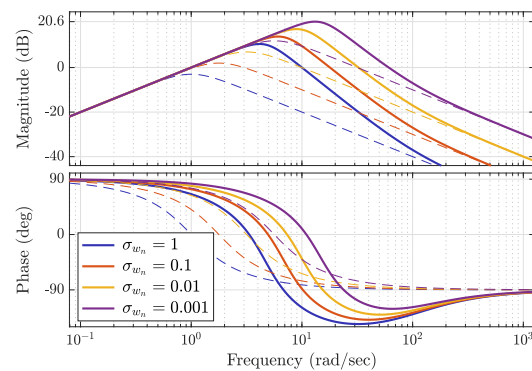
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_n(t) = -100x_n(t) - 100w_n(t) \\ n(t) = x_n(t) + w_n(t) \end{cases}$$

for a white  $w_n(t)$ .

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## Example 1: frequency responses

Bode plots of  $G_{\hat{y}}(s)$  for different choices of  $\sigma_{w_n}$ :



For each  $\sigma_{w_n}$  the filter is more aggressive than in the case of white  $n$ . Why?

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## Example 1: insight

Now our *assumed* measurement signal is

$$y = \frac{1}{s^2} d + \frac{s}{s + 100} w_n =: y_s + y_n.$$

Its signal to noise ratio

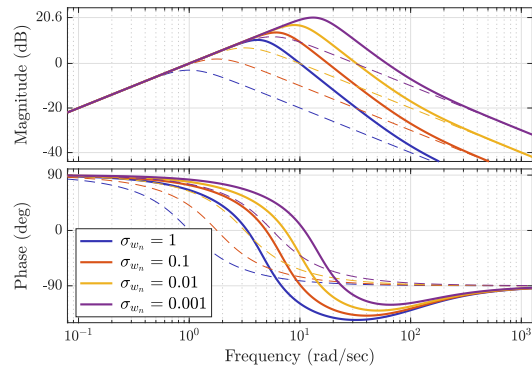
$$\text{SNR}(\omega) := \frac{|Y_s(j\omega)|}{|Y_n(j\omega)|} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_d} \sqrt{1 + 100^2/\omega^2}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{w_n}} \omega^2} > \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_d}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{w_n}} \omega^2}$$

especially for  $\omega < 100$ . But the quality of measurements returns to that of the white  $n$  with the intensity  $\sigma_{w_n}$  as  $\omega$  goes beyond 100.

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## Example 1: insight (contd)



In our case, with  $\sigma_d = 1$ ,

$$\text{SNR}(\omega) = 1 \iff \omega = \{4.6433, 6.8182, 10.0167, 14.7306\}$$

vs.  $\omega = \{1, 1.7783, 3.1623, 5.6234\}$  under white  $n$ .

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## Example 2: measurement noise at 10Hz

Assume now that  $n(t)$  has dominant harmonic at  $\omega_0 = 20\pi$ . A way to model this is to assume the power spectral density

$$\Phi_n(\omega) = \frac{\omega^4 + \omega_0^4}{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2} = \left| \frac{1}{\omega_0} \right| = \frac{\omega^2 + j\sqrt{2}\omega_0\omega - \omega_0^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2} \frac{\omega^2 - j\sqrt{2}\omega_0\omega - \omega_0^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2},$$

so that

$$W_n(s) = \frac{s^2 + \sqrt{2}\omega_0 s + \omega_0^2}{s^2 + \omega_0^2}$$

or, equivalently,

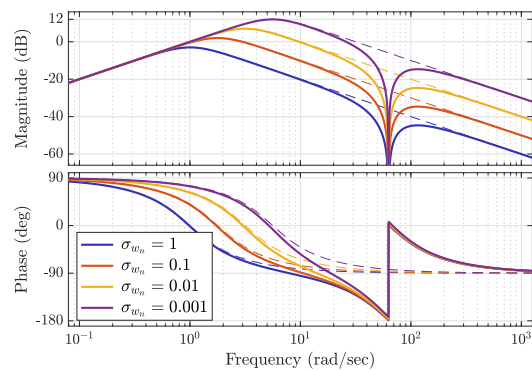
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_n(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega_0 \\ -\omega_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_n(t) + \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}\omega_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} w_n(t) \\ n(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_n(t) + w_n(t) \end{cases}$$

for a white  $w_n(t)$ .

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## Example 2: measurement noise at 10Hz (contd)

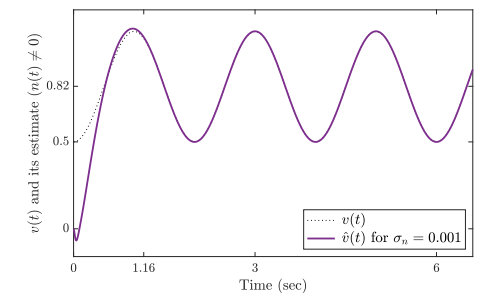
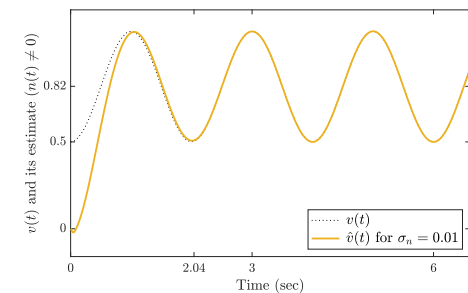
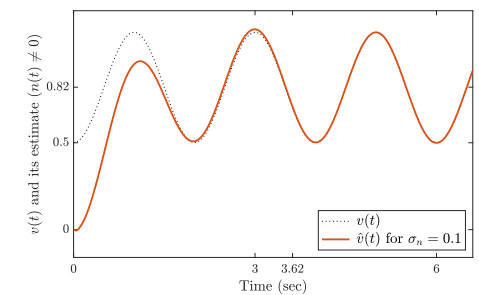
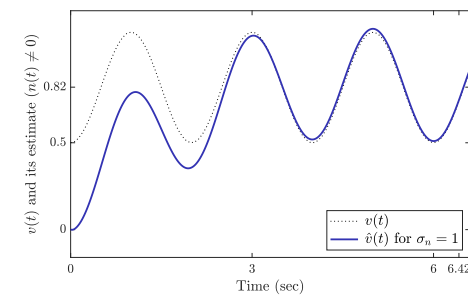
The filters  $G_{\hat{v}y}(s)$  for different choices of  $\sigma_{w_n}$ ,



have the **notch** property at  $\omega = 20\pi$  [rad/sec], imposed (implicitly) via the model of  $n(t)$ , because the assumed  $\text{SNR}(\omega) = 0$  at  $\omega = \omega_0$ .

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## Example 2: time responses with $n(t) = 0.2 \sin(20\pi t)$



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## Outline

Disturbance observers

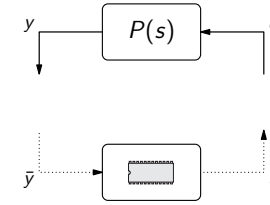
Observer-based feedback with disturbance observers

Accounting for colored noise

Sampled-data systems

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## Computer-controller systems



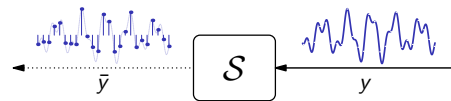
Control laws are often implemented on digital computers. Feedback loops in this case contain

- analog plant, having analog i/o signals
- digital controller, having digital i/o signals (digital sequences)

We, therefore, need to provide analog/digital and digital/analog interfaces.

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## A/D conversion (sampling)



By **sampler** (A/D converter) we understand

- any device transforming analog signal into digital sequence.

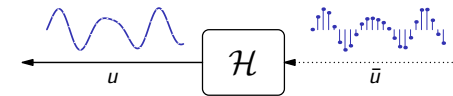
Constant  $h > 0$  called the **sampling period**.

For example:

- ideal sampler:  $\bar{y}[k] = y(kh)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,
- averaging sampler:  $\bar{y}[k] = \frac{1}{h} \int_{(k-1)h}^{kh} y(t) dt$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,
- ...

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## D/A conversion (hold)



By **hold device** (D/A converter) we understand

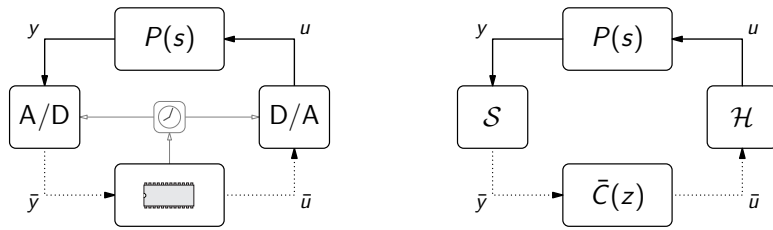
- any device transforming digital sequence into analog signal.

For example (formulae below are for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\tau \in [0, h)$ ):

- zero-order hold:  $u(kh + \tau) = \bar{u}[k]$ ,
- first-order hold:  $u(kh + \tau) = \frac{\tau}{h} \bar{u}[k + 1] + \frac{h - \tau}{h} \bar{u}[k]$  (**non-causal**)
- delayed first-order hold:  $u(kh + \tau) = \frac{\tau}{h} \bar{u}[k] + \frac{h - \tau}{h} \bar{u}[k - 1]$  (**causal**)
- predictive first-order hold:  $u(kh + \tau) = \frac{\tau + h}{h} \bar{u}[k] - \frac{\tau}{h} \bar{u}[k - 1]$
- ...

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## Sampled-data systems



Thus, general sampled-data control system consists of

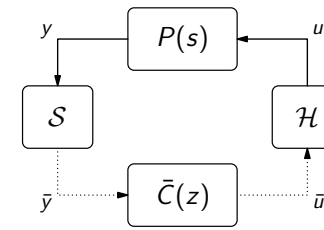
1. continuous-time plant  $P(s)$ ,
2. digital part of the controller  $\bar{C}(z)$ ,
3. A/D converter (sampler)  $S$ ,
4. D/A converter (hold)  $\mathcal{H}$ .

We assume that the

- last three devices are **synchronized**, with sampling period  $h$ .

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## Why sampled-data systems?



- **Progress in computer technology**
- Sampling due to measurements  
(e.g. radar measurements, economic systems, visual systems, etc)
- Sampling due to pulsed operation  
(e.g. internal-combustion engines, particle accelerator, etc)

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## Pros and cons of sampled-data control

Digital equipment is

- ☺ more **flexible**
- ☺ more **reliable**
- ☺ **cheaper**

than its analog counterpart. Consequently,

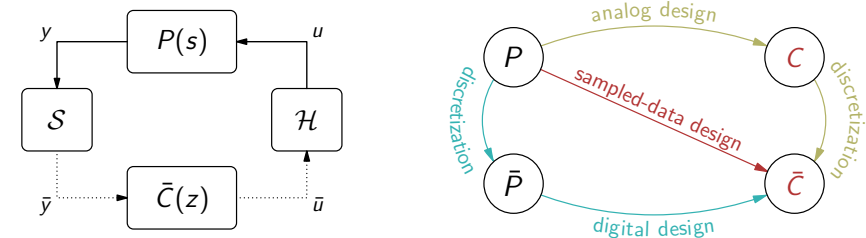
- ☺ more sophisticated control algorithms can be implemented.

On the other hand,

- ☹ in **intersample** time control system is **open loop**;
- ☹ control signals are **waveform limited** (e.g. piecewise constant);
- ☹ rigorous **analysis** of sampled-data systems is more **complicated** comparing with their continuous-time counterparts.

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## Three approaches to sampled-data control design



1. **Digital redesign of analog controllers**  
(do your favorite analog design first, then discretize the resulting controller)
2. **Discrete-time design**  
(discretize the problem first, then do your favorite discrete design)
3. **Direct digital (sampled-data) design**  
(design discrete-time controller  $\bar{C}(z)$  directly for analog specs)

In this course we address mainly the first approach . . .

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