

# EECS 128 LECTURE NOTES II

## GOALS:

- convert from transfer functions to state space equations
- controllable canonical form
- observable canonical form
- The controllability test & its proof
- examples.

## REFS

FPE § 7.3 - 7.4, Appendix D

# Converting from transfer functions to State space equations:

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_0}{s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_0} \quad (*)$$

Two more "canonical" forms:

## 1. Controllable canonical form:

multiply top : bottom of (\*) by  $X(s)$ :

$$\therefore U(s) = (s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_0) X(s)$$

$$Y(s) = (b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_0) X(s)$$

$$\therefore u(t) = x^{(n)} + a_{n-1} x^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0 x$$

$$y(t) = b_m x^{(m)} + b_{m-1} x^{(m-1)} + \dots + b_0 x$$

$$\text{let } x_1 := x$$

$$x_2 := \dot{x}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_n := x^{(n-1)}$$

Thus

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{x}_n = -a_{n-1} x_n - a_{n-2} x_{n-1} \dots - a_0 x_1 + u$$

$$\text{ie. } \dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \dots & \dots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$Y = [b_0 \ b_1 \ \dots \ b_m \ 0 \ \dots \ 0] X + 0 u$$

"controllable canonical form"

Remark: if  $n=m$  then divide numerator of (\*) by denominator  $\Rightarrow D \neq 0!$   
 $\uparrow$   
 direct coupling of input to output.

example:  $\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{s+3}{s^3+9s^2+24s+20} \cdot \frac{X(s)}{X(s)}$

$$\therefore Y(s) = sX(s) + 3X(s)$$

$$U(s) = s^3 X(s) + 9s^2 X(s) + 24s X(s) + 20 X(s)$$

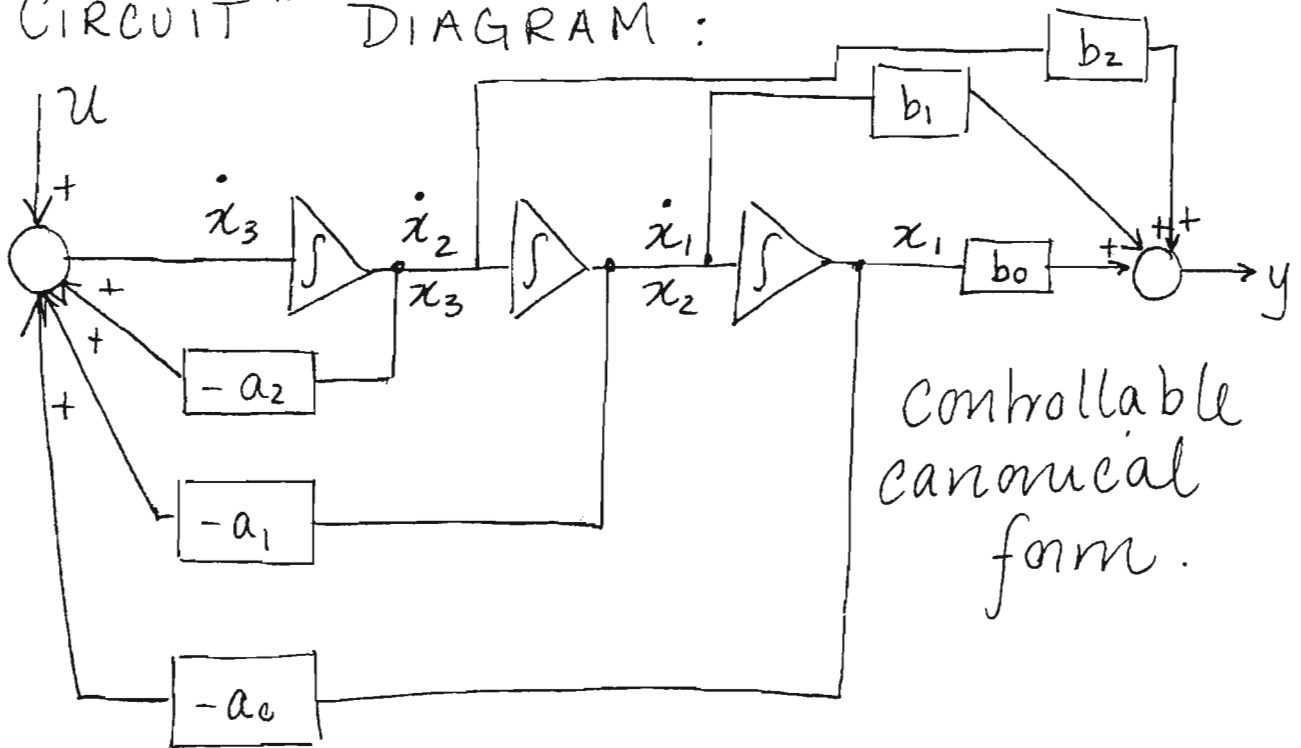
$$\therefore y(t) = \dot{x}(t) + 3x(t)$$

$$u(t) = x^{(3)}(t) + 9\ddot{x}(t) + 24\dot{x}(t) + 20x(t)$$

letting  $x_1 = x$ ,  $x_2 = \dot{x}$ ,  $x_3 = \ddot{x}$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{X} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -20 & -24 & -9 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u \\ Y &= [3 \ 1 \ 0] X \end{aligned} \right\} \leftarrow \text{C.C.F.}$$

"CIRCUIT" DIAGRAM :



2. Observable canonical form:

Cross-multiply<sup>(\*)</sup> in the Laplace domain:

$$s^n Y(s) + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} Y(s) + \dots + a_0 Y(s) = s^{n-1} b_{n-1} u(s) + s^{n-2} b_{n-2} u(s) + \dots + b_0 u(s)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^n} \left[ s^{n-1} (b_{n-1} u(s) - a_{n-1} Y(s)) + s^{n-2} (b_{n-2} u(s) - a_{n-2} Y(s)) + \dots + s^0 (b_0 u(s) - a_0 Y(s)) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore Y(s) = & \frac{1}{s} (b_{n-1} u(s) - a_{n-1} Y(s)) \\ & + \frac{1}{s} (b_{n-2} u(s) - a_{n-2} Y(s)) \\ & + \frac{1}{s} (\dots \\ & \dots \\ & + \frac{1}{s} (b_0 u(s) - a_0 Y(s))) \dots \end{aligned}$$

now define :

$$x_n(s) := \frac{1}{s} (b_0 u(s) - a_0 Y(s))$$

$$x_{n-1}(s) := \frac{1}{s} (b_1 u(s) - a_1 Y(s) + x_n(s))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_1(s) := \frac{1}{s} (b_{n-1} u(s) - a_{n-1} Y(s) + x_2(s))$$

$$Y(s) = x_1(s).$$

$$\therefore \dot{x}_1 = b_{n-1} u - a_{n-1} x_1 + x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = b_{n-2} u - a_{n-2} x_1 + x_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{x}_n = b_0 u - a_0 x_1$$

$$y = x_1$$

$$1e. \quad \dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{n-1} & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -a_{n-2} & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \\ -a_0 & 0 & \cdots & & 0 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} b_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$Y = [1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0] X$$

"observable canonical form".

example:  $\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{s+3}{s^3 + 9s^2 + 24s + 20}$

$$s^3 Y(s) + 9s^2 Y(s) + 24s Y(s) + 20Y(s) = sU(s) + 3U(s)$$

$$\therefore Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} (-9Y(s) + \frac{1}{s} (U(s) - 24Y(s) + \frac{1}{s} (3U(s) - 20Y(s))))$$

Defining:

$$X_3(s) = \frac{1}{s} (3u - 20Y)$$

$$X_2(s) = \frac{1}{s} (u - 24Y + X_3)$$

$$X_1(s) = \frac{1}{s} (-9Y + X_2)$$

We have

$$\dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 1 & 0 \\ -24 & 0 & 1 \\ -20 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} u \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 1 & 0 \\ -24 & 0 & 1 \\ -20 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \right\} \text{O.C.F.}$$

$$Y = [1 \ 0 \ 0] X$$

Theorem The system with state equation:

$$\dot{X} = AX + BU \quad (A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n})$$

is controllable if  $\text{rank}(\mathcal{C}) = n$   
where:

$\mathcal{C} = [B \mid AB \mid \dots \mid A^{n-1}B]$  is called  
the "controllability matrix."

Proof

Method of proof:

1) Show that the similarity transform

$$\begin{cases} PAP^{-1} = \bar{A} \\ PB = \bar{B} \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{where } P, P^{-1} \text{ are} \\ \text{computed from } \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}^{-1}. \end{array} \right.$$

results in  $(\bar{A}, \bar{B})$  in  
controllable canonical form.

2) Show that any system that can  
be transformed to controllable  
canonical form is controllable (by  
Def<sup>n</sup>)

[We will prove for SISO systems.  $u \in \mathbb{R}^1$ .  
Theorem holds in general]

Proof (cont<sup>d</sup>):

1. Assume  $\mathcal{C}$  is invertible and  $(\bar{A}, \bar{B})$  is in controllable canonical form.

$$\text{Now } \begin{aligned} PAP^{-1} &= \bar{A} \\ PB &= \bar{B} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} PA &= \bar{A}P \\ PB &= \bar{B} \end{aligned}$$

let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  denote the rows of  $P$

Then:

$$\bar{A}P = PA$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -p_1 \\ -p_2 \\ \vdots \\ -p_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 A \\ p_2 A \\ \vdots \\ p_n A \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \therefore p_2 &= p_1 A \\ p_3 &= p_2 A = p_1 A^2 \\ p_4 &= p_3 A = p_1 A^3 \\ &\vdots \\ p_n &= p_{n-1} A = p_1 A^{n-1} \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

$$\text{Also, } \bar{B} = PB \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 B \\ p_2 B \\ \vdots \\ p_n B \end{bmatrix}$$

## Proof (cont<sup>d</sup>)

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$$\begin{aligned}\therefore P_1 B &= 0 \\ P_2 B &= P_1 A B = 0 \\ P_3 B &= P_1 A^2 B = 0 \\ &\vdots \\ P_n B &= P_1 A^{n-1} B = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P_1 [B \ AB \ A^2 B \ \dots \ A^{n-1} B] = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 1]$$

$$\therefore P_1 = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 1] C^{-1}$$

where  $C = [B \ AB \ A^2 B \ \dots \ A^{n-1} B]$ . Having found  $P_1$ , we can now go back to (\*) and construct all the rows of  $P$ .

### Summary (of 1.)

1. compute  $C = [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1} B]$
2. compute  $P$  where  $P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ \vdots \\ P_n \end{bmatrix}$   
and  $P_1 = [0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1] C^{-1}$   
 $P_2 = P_1 A$   
 $\vdots$   
 $P_n = P_1 A^{n-1}$ .

3.  $(\bar{A}, \bar{B}) = (PAP^{-1}, PB)$  is in controllable canonical form.

# Question

In 11-6, 11-7 we showed that if  $\mathcal{L}$  is invertible and  $(\bar{A}, \bar{B})$  is in controllable canonical form (CCF), then we could construct a matrix  $P$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} PA &= \bar{A}P \\ PB &= \bar{B} \end{aligned}$$

How do we know  $P^{-1}$  exists?

Answer:  $P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix}$  ←  $p_i$ :  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $P$

$$p_1 [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B] = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1]$$

$$p_2 = p_1 A$$

$$\therefore p_2 [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B] = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 1 \ *]$$

$$p_3 = p_2 A$$

$$\therefore p_3 [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B] = [0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 1 \ * \ *]$$

⋮

$$p_n [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B] = [1 \ * \ * \ \dots \ *]$$

$$\therefore P \mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & * & * & \dots & * \\ 1 & * & \dots & \dots & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{(lower triangular)} \\ \text{"L"} \end{array}$$

$\therefore P = L \mathcal{L}^{-1}$  always exists since  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  exists

$\therefore P^{-1} = \mathcal{L} L^{-1}$  always exists since  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  and  $L^{-1}$  exist!

## Proof (cont<sup>d</sup>)

2. Once the system is in controllable canonical form, closed loop poles can be placed arbitrarily using state feedback.

ie.  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \dots & \dots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$   $\bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Proof: Algorithm for Pole Placement (cont'd). 11-10

If  $F = [f_1 \ f_2 \ \dots \ f_n]$  we get

$$A - bF = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ -a_0 - f_1 & -a_1 - f_2 & \dots & \dots & \dots & -a_{n-1} - f_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $A - bF$  are given by the roots of  $\det(\lambda I - A + bF) = 0$  which is:

$$\lambda^n + (a_{n-1} + f_n)\lambda^{n-1} + (a_{n-2} + f_{n-1})\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + a_0 + f_1 = 0$$

compare this with the desired closed loop polynomial:

$$\lambda^n + \beta_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \beta_2 \lambda^{n-2} + \dots + \beta_{n-1} \lambda + \beta_n = 0$$

and solve:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_1 = \beta_n - a_0 \\ f_2 = \beta_{n-1} - a_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n = \beta_1 - a_{n-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{These equations yield the desired feedback law.}$$

end of Proof.  $\blacksquare$

Returning to the example from lecture 10:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & a \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

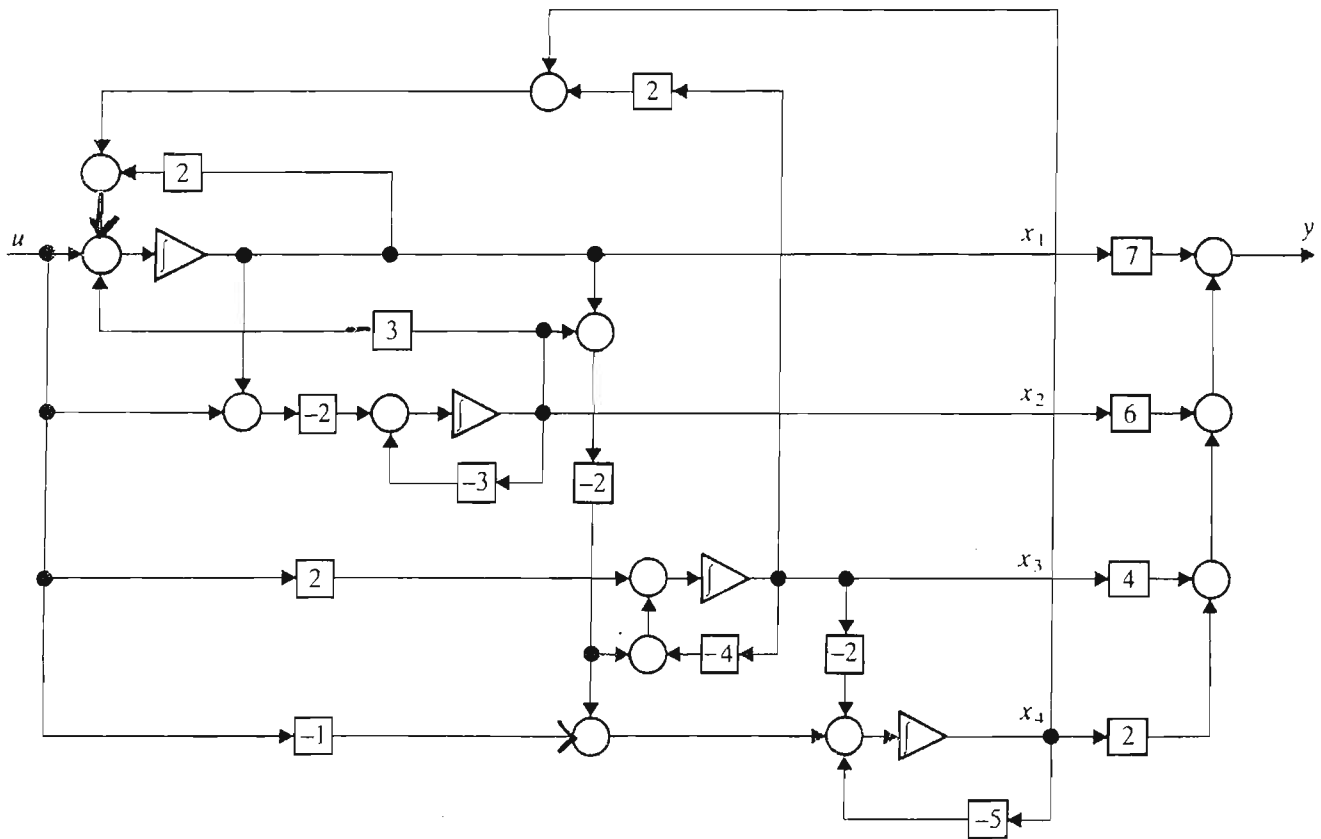
$$\therefore [B|AB] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ which has rank 1 when } a=0.$$

Remark 1: You don't have to transform your system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$  to CCF to perform pole placement; you could do pole placement directly on the  $(A, B)$  system above by computing the characteristic equation of  $(A - BF, B)$  directly.

Remark 2: This development was for state feedback  $u = -Fx$ . Would we have as much freedom in choosing the closed loop pole locations if we used OUTPUT FEEDBACK  $u = -Ky$  ?

# Controllability : Examples.

Example 1 : Consider the following system :



The differential equations of the system  
(by inspection of the above) are:

$$\dot{x}_1 = 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 + u$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -2x_1 - 3x_2 - 2u$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = -2x_1 - 2x_2 - 4x_3 + 2u$$

$$\dot{x}_4 = -2x_1 - 2x_2 - 2x_3 - 5x_4 - u$$

and

$$y = 7x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4.$$

Thus, the matrices of the state space representation are:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -4 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = [7 \ 6 \ 4 \ 2]$$

$$\therefore (sI - A)^{-1} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta(s)} \begin{bmatrix} s^3 + 12s^2 + 47s + 6 & 3s^2 + 21s + 36 & 2s^2 + 14s + 24 & s^2 + 7s + 12 \\ -2s^2 - 18s - 40 & s^3 + 7s^2 + 8s - 16 & -4s - 16 & -2s - 8 \\ -2s^2 - 12s - 10 & -2s^2 - 12s - 10 & s^3 + 6s^2 + 7s + 2 & -2s - 2 \\ -2s^2 - 6s - 4 & -2s^2 - 6s - 4 & -2s^2 - 6s - 4 & s^3 + 5s^2 + 8s + 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta(s) = s^4 + 21s^3 + 35s^2 + 50s + 24$$

$$\therefore H(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$$

$$= \frac{s^3 + 9s^2 + 26s + 24}{s^4 + 21s^3 + 35s^2 + 50s + 24}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s+1} \quad !$$

To explain this behavior ... diagonalize:

$$\bar{X} = PX$$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore P = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore PAP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{B} = PB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{C} = CP^{-1} = [1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0]$$

$$\therefore \dot{\bar{x}}_1 = -\bar{x}_1 + u$$

$$\dot{\bar{x}}_2 = -2\bar{x}_2$$

$$\dot{\bar{x}}_3 = -3\bar{x}_3 + u$$

$$\dot{\bar{x}}_4 = -4\bar{x}_4$$

$$y = \bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2$$

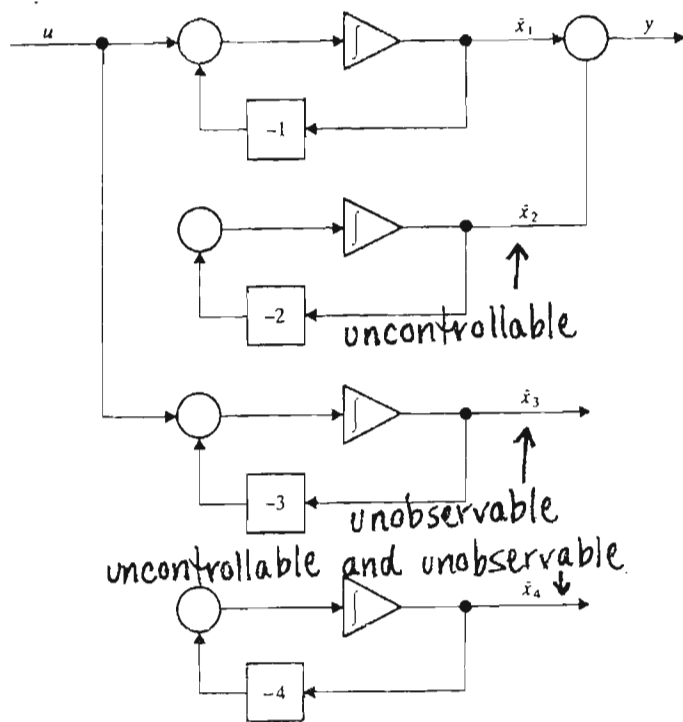
$\bar{x}_1$ : affected by the input; visible in the output.

$\bar{x}_2$ : unaffected by the input; visible in the output.

$\bar{x}_3$ : affected by the input; invisible in the output.

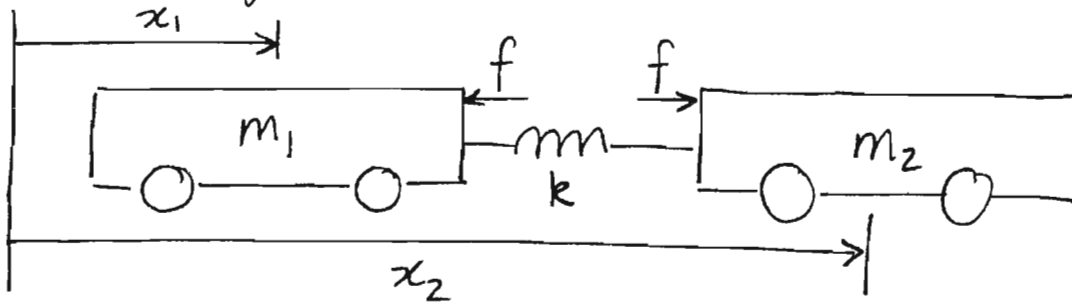
$\bar{x}_4$ : unaffected by the input; invisible in the output.

Block diagram in transformed coordinates.



EXAMPLE 2: how do uncontrollable systems arise?

Consider the following system which is physically uncontrollable:



The only forces & torques are internal to the system. In the above example, as a consequence of Newton's law of action and reaction, the location of the center of mass of a closed system cannot be changed by use of forces within the system.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } x_3 &= \dot{x}_1 \\ x_4 &= \dot{x}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_3$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_4$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = -\frac{k}{m_1}(x_1 - x_2) - \frac{f}{m_1}$$

$$\dot{x}_4 = -\frac{k}{m_2}(x_2 - x_1) + \frac{f}{m_2}$$

$$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -k/m_1 & k/m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ k/m_2 & -k/m_2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1/m_1 \\ 1/m_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check controllability:

$$\mathcal{C} = \left[ B \mid AB \mid A^2B \mid A^3B \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/m_1 & 0 & \frac{k}{m_1^2} + \frac{k}{m_1 m_2} \\ 0 & 1/m_2 & 0 & -\frac{k}{m_1 m_2} - \frac{k}{m_2^2} \\ -1/m_1 & 0 & \frac{k}{m_1^2} + \frac{k}{m_1 m_2} & 0 \\ 1/m_2 & 0 & -\frac{k}{m_1 m_2} - \frac{k}{m_2^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{rank } \mathcal{C} = 2 \neq 4$$

$\therefore$  The system is not controllable.

Let's go back to the dynamics to see why:

Consider the center of mass of the system:

$$x_c = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Define  $m := m_1 + m_2$   
and consider the transformation of state variables to:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}_1 &= x_c \\ \bar{x}_2 &= x_1 - x_2 \\ \bar{x}_3 &= \dot{\bar{x}}_1 \\ \bar{x}_4 &= \dot{\bar{x}}_2 \end{aligned}$$

In this new set of coordinates:

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -k \left[ \frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] \end{bmatrix}; \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ - \left[ \frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

- only non-zero element in  $\bar{B}$  ← This means that the internal force  $f$  can change the distance between  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  but not the coordinates  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  independently. (To do this, an external force is needed).