

The following notes are useful for this discussion: [Note 10](#), [Note 11](#), [Note 12](#)

### 1. Eigenvalue Placement in Discrete Time

Recall that, for a discrete linear system to be stable, we require that all of the eigenvalues of  $A$  in  $\vec{x}[i+1] = A\vec{x}[i] + B\vec{u}[i]$  must have magnitude less than 1.

Consider the following linear discrete time system

$$\vec{x}[i+1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}[i] + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u[i] + \vec{w}[i] \quad (1)$$

(a) **Is the system given in eq. (1) stable?**

(b) We can attempt to stabilize the system by implementing closed loop feedback. That is, we choose our input  $u[i]$  so that the system is stable. **If we were to use state feedback as in eq. (2), what is an equivalent representation for this system? Write your answer as  $\vec{x}[i+1] = A_{CL}\vec{x}[i]$  for some matrix  $A_{CL}$ .**

$$u[i] = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}[i] \quad (2)$$

*HINT: If you're having trouble parsing the expression for  $u[i]$ , note that  $\begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a row vector, while  $\vec{x}[i]$  is column vector. What happens when we multiply a row vector with a column vector like this?)*

- (c) Find the appropriate state feedback constants,  $f_1, f_2$ , that place the eigenvalues of the state space representation matrix at  $\lambda_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ .

- (d) Is the system now stable in closed-loop, using the control feedback coefficients  $f_1, f_2$  that we derived above?

- (e) Suppose that instead of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u[i]$  in eq. (1), we had  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u[i]$  as the way that the discrete-time control acted on the system. In other words, the system is as given in eq. (3). As before, we use  $u[i] = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}[i]$  to try and control the system.

$$\vec{x}[i+1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}[i] + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u[i] \quad (3)$$

Show that the resulting closed-loop state space matrix is

$$A_{CL} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 + 1 \\ f_1 + 2 & f_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Is it possible to stabilize this system?

- (f) **(PRACTICE)** Suppose you had a discrete, 2D, linear system with a real  $A$  matrix, and that you could modify both eigenvalues with feedback control (such as the system in eq. (1)). **Can you place the eigenvalues at complex conjugates, such that  $\lambda_1 = a + jb, \lambda_2 = a - jb$  using only real feedback gains  $f_1, f_2$ ? How about placing them at any arbitrary complex numbers, such that  $\lambda_1 = a + jb, \lambda_2 = c + jd$ ?**

## 2. Uncontrollability

Recall that, for a  $n$ -dimensional, discrete-time linear system to be controllable, we require that the controllability matrix  $C = \begin{bmatrix} A^{n-1}B & A^{n-2}B & \dots & AB & B \end{bmatrix}$  to be rank  $n$ .

Consider the following discrete-time system with the given initial state:

$$\vec{x}[i+1] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}[i] + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} u[i] \quad (5)$$

$$\vec{x}[0] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

- (a) **Is the system controllable?**

(b) Show that we can write the  $i$ th state as

$$\vec{x}[i] = \begin{bmatrix} 2^i \\ -3x_1[i-1] + x_3[i-1] \\ x_2[i-1] + 2u[i-1] \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Is it possible to reach  $\vec{x}[\ell] = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  for some  $\ell$ ? If so, for what input sequence  $u[i]$  up to  $i = \ell - 1$ ?

(c) (PRACTICE) Is it possible to reach  $\vec{x}[\ell] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  for some  $\ell$ ? For what input sequence  $u[i]$  for

$i = 0$  to  $i = \ell - 1$ ?

*HINT: Use the result for  $\vec{x}[i]$  from the previous part.*

(d) Find the set of all  $\vec{x}[2]$ , given that you are free to choose any  $u[0]$  and  $u[1]$ .

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