### Analysis of discrete-time systems

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### BIBO-stability vs. Lyapunov-stability

The general solution of the state equation  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t)$  is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{A}(t-t_k)} \mathbf{x}(t_k) + \int_{t_k}^t \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{A}(t-s')} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(s') ds'$$

The behaviour of state  $\mathbf{x}$  in the future depends on two terms: autonomous part (initial conditions) and control inputs.

Lyapunov stability concerns the autonomous part. The initial state is disturbed a bit, and it is investigated how this deviation behaves in the future; no control inputs are used.

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### Stability

- Stability of one solution (non-linear and/or time-varying systems)
- System stability (global property of linear systems)
- Global stability vs. local stability (non-linear systems)
- (General) stability
- Asymptotic stability
- BIBO stability (Bounded Input Bounded Output)

Stability of linear systems:

A linear, discrete, time-invariant system is asymptotically stable, if and only if all the eigenvalues of the system matrix  $\Phi$  are inside the unit circle.

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### BIBO-stability vs. Lyapunov-stability

BIBO-stability is related to the input/output-behaviour, and it is connected to the second term of the solution. The system is *BIBO-stable* (bounded input-bounded output), if a bounded input  $\mathbf{u}$  leads to a bounded output  $\mathbf{y}$ .

E.g. a stock (integrator) and an ideal oscillator (harmonic oscillator) are marginally stable (generally stable) and Lyapunov stable, but not asymptotically stable nor BIBO-stable.

An inverted pendulum is unstable according to all definitions of stability.

An ideally mixed vessel (low-pass filter) is stable according to all above definitions.







The Jury stability criterion

 $a_0 > 0, a_0^1 > 0, a_0^0 > 0$ 

so that all roots are inside the unit circle and the system is stable (in fact the roots can easily be solved directly;  $-0.3333 \pm 0.4714i$ ).

The Jury table is formed as follows: The last term of the first row is divided by the first term. The second row is multiplied by this factor. The second row is then subtracted from the first row, which gives the third row. The fourth row is obtained by changing the row vector of the third row upside down. Again a factor is formed by dividing the last term in the third row by the first one. The procedure then continues as described above.

Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering The Jury stability criterion

The eigenvalues and roots of polynomials can most conveniently be calculated by using numerical routines and available software. The

Jury method on the other hand can easily be used in the case of a small system, when a computer is not at hand.

The real power of the Jury criterion comes into action in symbolic calculations. Stability can then be determined as a function of one or even more parameters. Consider the following example  $A(z) = z^2 + a_1 z + a_2$ 

The characteristic polynomial:

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## The Jury stability criterion The Jury stability criterion $1 - (a_2)^2 - \frac{(a_1)^2(1-a_2)}{1+a_2} = (1+a_2)(1-a_2) - \frac{(a_1)^2(1-a_2)}{1+a_2}$ $= (1-a_2) \left( (1+a_2) - \frac{(a_1)^2}{1+a_2} \right) = (1-a_2) \left( \frac{(1+a_2)^2}{1+a_2} - \frac{(a_1)^2}{1+a_2} \right)$ $= (1-a_2) \left( \frac{(1+a_2)^2 - (a_1)^2}{1+a_2} \right) = \frac{1-a_2}{1+a_2} ((1+a_2)^2 - (a_1)^2)$ $= \frac{(1-a_2)(1+a_2+a_1)(1+a_2-a_1)}{1+a_2} > 0$ Encoded the electrical





### Stability in frequency domain

The frequency response of G(s) is  $G(i\omega)$ ,  $\omega \in [0, \infty[$ . It can graphically be presented in the complex plane as the Nyquist curve or as amplitude/phase curves as a function of frequency (Bode diagram).

Correspondingly, for a discrete system H(z) the frequency response is  $H(e^{i\omega h})$ ,  $\omega h \in [0, \pi]$ . This can also be presented graphically as a discrete Nyquist or discrete Bode diagram.

The difference is, that in the discrete case only the frequency interval  $\omega h \in [-\pi, \pi]$  is considered.



### Stability in frequency domain

The continuous system  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1.4s + 1}$ is sampled, (*h* = 0.4), giving the discrete ZOH-equivalent  $U(z) = -\frac{0.066z + 0.055}{z^2 + 0.055}$ 

 $H(z) = \frac{0.066z + 0.055}{z^2 - 1.450z + 0.571}$ 

Compare the continuous frequency response  $G(i\omega)$  with the discrete one  $H(e^{i\omega h})$ , in the frequency range  $\omega h \in [0, \pi]$ .







### Discrete Nyquist stability criterion

This fact can be applied in stability analysis. The characteristic equation (CE) has the form

$$1 + \frac{num_{OL}(z)}{den_{OL}(z)} = \frac{den_{OL}(z) + num_{OL}(z)}{den_{OL}(z)} = \frac{num_{CE}(z)}{den_{CE}(z)} = 0$$

The open loop (OL) poles are the same as the poles of the characteristic equation. The **zeros** of the characteristic equation determine stability so that if the characteristic equation has zeros outside the unit circle, the closed loop system is unstable. The stability criterion is thus obtained by setting Z=0 and by demanding that the Nyquist curve encircles point -1 *P* times *counterclockwise*. (Z=N+P=0)









### Discrete Nyquist stability criterion

Stability can also be determined by direct calculus from the pulse transfer function

$$H(z) = \frac{0.4}{(z - 0.5)(z - 0.2)}$$

Substitute *z* with  $e^{i\omega h} = e^{i\omega} = \cos(\omega) + i \sin(\omega)$ , (Euler formula), which gives the frequency response  $H(e^{i\omega h})$ 

$$H(e^{i\omega}) = \frac{0.4}{(e^{i\omega} - 0.5)(e^{i\omega} - 0.2)} = \frac{0.4}{(\cos\omega + i\sin\omega - 0.5)(\cos\omega + i\sin\omega - 0.2)}$$

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### Discrete Nyquist stability criterion

The frequency 0 describes the start point in the Nyquist curve and the frequency  $\arccos(7/20)$  the interception point with the real axis. Substitute it to the frequency response function

$$H(e^{i\arccos\frac{7}{20}}) = \frac{0.4}{2(\frac{7}{20})^2 - 0.7(\frac{7}{20}) - 0.9} = \frac{-4}{9} \approx -0.444$$

The interception point is -0.444. The gain of the controller K can be multiplied by the factor (1/0.444) in order the crossing at point -1 to take place. The controlled system is stable,when

 $K < \frac{9}{4} = 2.25$ 







# Reachability, observabilityPrincipal questions:\* How can any state be transferred into any other state ?\* How can a state be determined from observations ?Consider the state-space $\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}(k+1) = \Phi \ \mathbf{x}(k) + \Gamma \ \mathbf{u}(k) \\ \mathbf{y}(k) = C \mathbf{x}(k) \end{cases}$ , $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$ The solution at the time instant n (n is the dimension of the system or in other words the number of state components) is $\mathbf{x}(n) = \Phi^n \ \mathbf{x}_0 + \Phi^{n-1} \Gamma \ \mathbf{u}(0) + \dots + \Gamma \ \mathbf{u}(n-1) = \Phi^n \ \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{W}_c \mathbf{U}$ $\mathbf{w}_c = [\Gamma \mid \Phi \Gamma \mid \dots \mid \Phi^{n-1} \Gamma]$ $\mathbf{u} = [\mathbf{u}^T(n-1) \mid \mathbf{u}^T(n-2) \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{u}^T(0)]^T$ Account colspan="2">Account contrasting the state state













### Reachability, observability

On the other hand, both the origin (i) and the second state (ii) can be reached even with one control step

i. <b>x</b> (1) = [0 0] <sup>T</sup>	=> <b>U</b> = u(0) = -2	
ii. $x(1) = [0 \ 3]^T$	=> <b>U</b> = u(0) = 1	
iii. $\mathbf{x}(1) = [-1 \ 2]^T$	=> Not reachable	
If the aim is to reach the desired states only after two steps,		
the first control step	can be arbitrary	
	,	
i. $\mathbf{x}(2) = [0 \ 0]^T$	$= U = [u(0) \ u(1)]^T = [* \ 0]^T$	
ii. $\mathbf{x}(2) = [0 \ 3]^T$	$= U = [u(0) u(1)]^{T} = [* 3]^{T}$	
iii. $\mathbf{x}(2) = [-1 \ 2]^T$	=> Not reachable	
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Reachability, observability  

$$Consider \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}(k+1) = \mathbf{\Phi} \, \mathbf{x}(k) + \Gamma \, \mathbf{u}(k) \\ \mathbf{y}(k) = C \mathbf{x}(k) \end{cases}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_{0} \end{cases}$$
Let the output signal  $\mathbf{y}$  and control signal  $\mathbf{u}$  be known from previous time instants. Based on this the aim is to find  $\mathbf{x}_{0}$ .  
Consider the solution for  $\mathbf{y}$ .  

$$\mathbf{y}(0) = C \mathbf{x}(0) = C \mathbf{x}_{0} \\ \mathbf{y}(1) = C \mathbf{x}(1) = C (\mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{x}_{0} + \Gamma \, \mathbf{u}(0)) = C \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{x}_{0} + C \Gamma \, \mathbf{u}(0) \\ \mathbf{y}(2) = C \mathbf{x}(2) = C (\mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{x}(1) + \Gamma \, \mathbf{u}(1)) = C \mathbf{\Phi}^{2} \mathbf{x}_{0} + C \mathbf{\Phi} \Gamma \, \mathbf{u}(0) + C \Gamma \, \mathbf{u}(1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}(n-1) = C \mathbf{\Phi}^{n-1} \mathbf{x}_{0} + C \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{\Phi}^{n-1-i} \Gamma \, \mathbf{u}(i-1) \end{cases}$$

Reachability, observability Because the control **u** is known at time instants  $k = 0 \dots n - 1$ , the determination of  $\mathbf{x}_0$  does not depend on the weighted sum of controls. The formula of **y** can be divided into two parts; one depending on the initial condition  $\mathbf{y}_x$  and one depending on controls  $\mathbf{y}_u$ .  $\mathbf{y}(n-1) = \mathbf{y}_x(n-1) + \mathbf{y}_u(n-1) = \mathbf{C}\Phi^{n-1}\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{C}\sum_{i=1}^{n-1}\Phi^{n-1-i}\Gamma \mathbf{u}(i-1)$ The initial condition is found if  $\mathbf{y}_x$  can be solved at different time instants. Putting the equations at different time instants together gives

 $\mathbf{y}_{x}(n-1) = \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{n-1}\mathbf{x}_{0}$ 



### **Canonical forms** The same system can be described by the difference equation $y(k + n_a) + a_1 y(k + n_a - 1) + \dots + a_{n_a} y(k) = b_0 u(k + n_b) + \dots + b_{n_b} u(k)$ or by the pulse transfer operator or by the pulse transfer function $H(q) = \frac{b_0 q^{n_b} + b_1 q^{n_b - 1} + \dots + b_{n_b}}{q^{n_a} + a_1 q^{n_a - 1} + \dots + a_{n_a}} H(z) = \frac{b_0 z^{n_b} + b_1 z^{n_b - 1} + \dots + b_{n_b}}{z^{n_a} + a_1 z^{n_a - 1} + \dots + a_{n_a}}$ or by the state-space representation. The last alternative is not unique, since it is possible to form an indefinite number of state-space representations, which give the same inputoutput behaviour (e.g. diagonal form or Jordan form)

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### Canonical forms

The above forms are as such valid only for strictly proper systems, but by small modifications they can be modified also in the case that the **D**-matrix is non-zero. However, the state-space representation must always be *causal*, i.e.  $n_a \ge n_b$ .

If  $n_b$  is much smaller than  $n_a$ , the formulas will point to coefficients of the *B*-polynomial, which do not exist (e.g.  $b_{-1}$ ,  $b_{-2}$ , ...). These can always be set to zero.

$$\cdots + \underbrace{b_{-2}}_{0} u(k+n_b+2) + \underbrace{b_{-1}}_{0} u(k+n_b+1) + b_0 u(k+n_b) + \cdots + b_{n_b} u(k)$$

### Canonical forms

Develop controllable canonical forms for the given pulse transfer functions:

$H_a(z) = \frac{2z+1}{z^2+2z+1},  n_b = 1$ $n_a = 2$	$H_b(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + 2z + 1},  \begin{array}{l} n_b = 0\\ n_a = 2 \end{array}$
$a_1 = 2, a_2 = 1, b_0 = 2, b_1 = 1$	$a_1 = 2, a_2 = 1, b_0 = 1$
$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$	$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$
$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(k)$	$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(k)$

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### Analysis of simple control loops

Control problems:

- \* Regulator problem Setpoint is constant
- \* Combination of regulator and servo problems e.g. several but rare step changes in the setpoint.
- \* Servo problem The changing setpoint trajectory must be followed.

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### Non-reachable and/or non-observable systems

There may be several reasons, why a discrete system is not reachable or observable:

\* The original continuous system (which is then sampled) is not reachable or observable.

\* Hidden oscillations (sampling frequency too low)

\* Pole-zero cancellation. Reachability is lost, if sampling leads to a system with a common pole and zero. The sampling interval must be changed.

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### Analysis of simple control loops

Classification of disturbances:

- \* Load disturbance Influence on control variables, often stepwise and change the long term average (low frequencies)
- \* Measurement noise Often high-frequency noise caused by measurement devices.
- \* Parameter changes System parameters change with time.





