

Pole Placement Control Design

Assumptions:

- The system is completely state controllable.
- The state variables are measurable and are available for feedback.
- Control input is unconstrained.

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Objective:

The closed loop poles should lie at μ_1, \dots, μ_n , which are their 'desired locations'.

Difference from classical approach:

Not only the “dominant poles”, but “all poles” are forced to lie at specific desired locations.

Necessary and sufficient condition:

The system is completely state controllable.

Closed Loop System Dynamics

$$\dot{X} = AX + BU$$

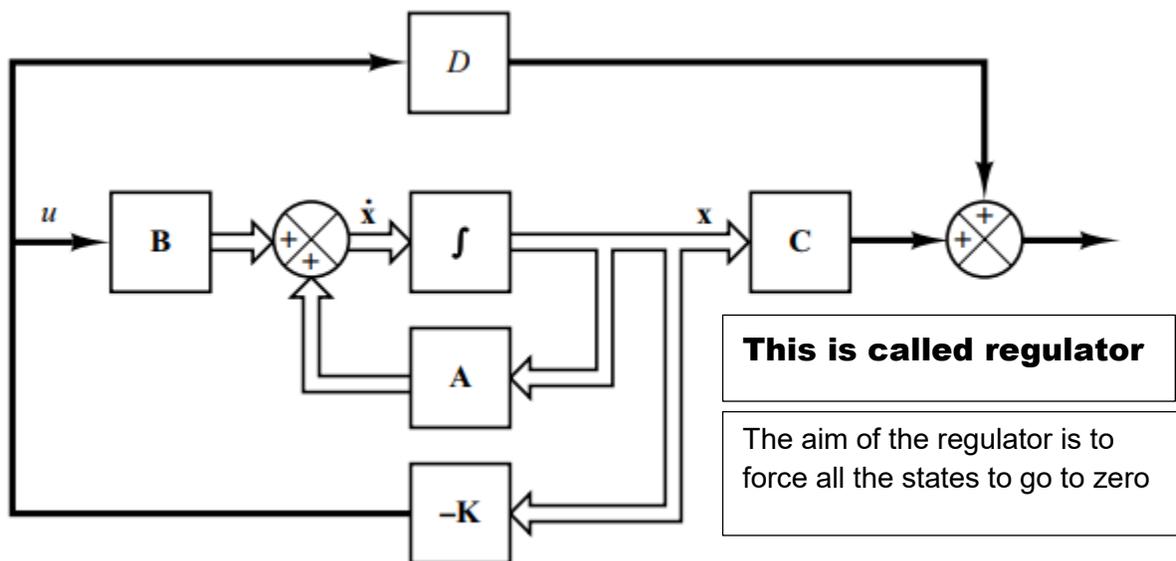
The control vector U is designed in the following state feedback form

$$U = -KX$$

This leads to the following closed loop system

$$\dot{X} = (A - BK)X = A_{CL}X$$

where $A_{CL} \triangleq (A - BK)$



Philosophy of Pole Placement Control Design

The gain matrix K is designed in such a way that

$$|sI - (A - BK)| = (s - \mu_1)(s - \mu_2) \cdots (s - \mu_n)$$

where μ_1, \dots, μ_n are the desired pole locations.

Pole Placement Design Steps: Method 1 (low order systems, $n \leq 3$)

- Check controllability
- Define $K = [k_1 \quad k_2 \quad k_3]$
- Substitute this gain in the desired characteristic polynomial equation
$$|sI - A + BK| = (s - \mu_1) \cdots (s - \mu_n)$$
- Solve for k_1, k_2, k_3 by equating the like powers on both sides

Matlab:

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P=[-lamda1 -lamda2 ..... -lamdan] % desired eigenvalues
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K=place(A,B, P)
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Example 1: Consider the following system

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

1-Check the controllability:

$$M = [B \ AB] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$|M| = -2$ Therefore the system is fully state controllable

2-Define: $K = [k_1 \quad k_2]$

3-Design a regulator with the following performance $T_s = 1$ second and $\zeta = 0.8$

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\zeta \omega_n} = 1 \rightarrow \omega_n = 5 \text{ rad/s}$$

Based on the desired eigenvalues are:

$$s_{1,2} = -\zeta \omega_n \pm j \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = -4 \pm 3j$$

The desired characteristic equation is: $(s-s_1)(s-s_2)$

$$(s + 4 - 3j)(s + 4 + 3j) = s^2 + 8s + 25$$

4-Calculate the following equation:

$$[sI - A + BK] = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s-1 & -2 \\ -5+k_1 & s-10+k_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|sI - A + BK| = s^2 + (k_2 - 11)s + (2k_1 - k_2)$$

5-Solve for k_1, k_2 by equating the like powers on both sides:

$$s^2 + 8s + 25 = s^2 + (k_2 - 11)s + (2k_1 - k_2)$$

$$k_2 - 11 = 8 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad k_2 = 19$$

$$2k_1 - k_2 = 25 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad k_1 = 22$$

Consider the regulator system shown in Figure 10–2. The plant is given by

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}u$$

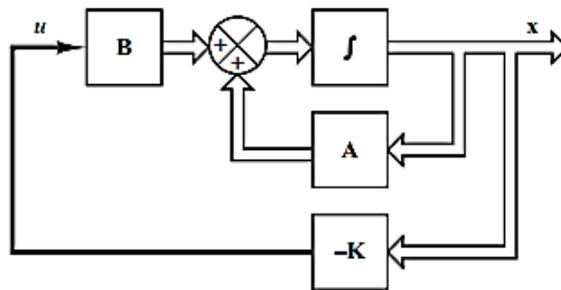
where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & -6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system uses the state feedback control $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}$. Let us choose the desired closed-loop poles at

$$s = -2 + j4, \quad s = -2 - j4, \quad s = -10$$

(We make such a choice because we know from experience that such a set of closed-loop poles will result in a reasonable or acceptable transient response.) Determine the state feedback gain matrix \mathbf{K} .



First, we need to check the controllability matrix of the system. Since the controllability matrix \mathbf{M} is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 \\ 1 & -6 & 31 \end{bmatrix}$$

we find that $|\mathbf{M}| = -1$, and therefore, $\text{rank } \mathbf{M} = 3$. Thus, the system is completely state controllable and arbitrary pole placement is possible.

The desired characteristic equation is

$$\begin{aligned} (s + 2 - j4)(s + 2 + j4)(s + 10) &= s^3 + 14s^2 + 60s + 200 \\ &= s^3 + \alpha_1 s^2 + \alpha_2 s + \alpha_3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\alpha_1 = 14, \quad \alpha_2 = 60, \quad \alpha_3 = 200$$

Method 2: By defining the desired state feedback gain matrix \mathbf{K} as

$$\mathbf{K} = [k_1 \quad k_2 \quad k_3]$$

and equating $|s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{BK}|$ with the desired characteristic equation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{BK}| &= \left| \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [k_1 \quad k_2 \quad k_3] \right| \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} s & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & s & -1 \\ 1 + k_1 & 5 + k_2 & s + 6 + k_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= s^3 + (6 + k_3)s^2 + (5 + k_2)s + 1 + k_1 \\ &= s^3 + 14s^2 + 60s + 200 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$6 + k_3 = 14, \quad 5 + k_2 = 60, \quad 1 + k_1 = 200$$

from which we obtain

$$k_1 = 199, \quad k_2 = 55, \quad k_3 = 8$$

or

$$\mathbf{K} = [199 \quad 55 \quad 8]$$

Method two (Bass-Gura Approach): there are two cases:

Case 1: the system is in the first companion form

Pole Placement Control Design: Method – 2

$$\dot{X} = AX + Bu$$

$$u = -KX, \quad K = [k_1 \ k_2 \ \cdots \ k_n]$$

Let the system be in first companion (controllable canonical) form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & -a_{n-3} & \cdots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

After applying the control, the closed loop system dynamics is given by

$$\dot{X} = (A - BK)X = A_{CL}X$$

$$A_{CL} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \cdots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ k_1 & k_2 & k_3 & \cdots & k_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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Pole Placement Control Design: Method - 2

If μ_1, \dots, μ_n are the desired poles. Then the desired characteristic polynomial is given by,

$$(s - \mu_1) \cdots (s - \mu_n) = s^n + \alpha_1 s^{n-1} + \alpha_2 s^{n-2} + \cdots + \alpha_n$$

This characteristic polynomial, will lead to the closed loop system matrix as

$$A_{CL} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \\ -\alpha_n & -\alpha_{n-1} & -\alpha_{n-2} & \cdots & -\alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

State space form \rightarrow

Pole Placement Control Design: Method – 2

Comparing Equation (1) and (2), we arrive at:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_n + k_1 = \alpha_n \\ a_{n-1} + k_2 = \alpha_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ a_1 + k_n = \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} k_1 = (\alpha_n - a_n) \\ k_2 = (\alpha_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) \\ \vdots \\ k_n = (\alpha_1 - a_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = (\alpha - a) \quad (\text{Row vector form})$$

Case 2: the system is not in the first companion form:

What if the system is not given in the first companion form?

Define a transformation $X = T\hat{X}$

$$\dot{\hat{X}} = T^{-1}\dot{X}$$

$$\dot{\hat{X}} = T^{-1}(AX + Bu)$$

$$\dot{\hat{X}} = (T^{-1}AT)\hat{X} + (T^{-1}B)u$$

Design a T such that $T^{-1}AT$ will be in first companion form.

Select $T = MW$

where $M \triangleq [B \quad AB \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B]$ is the controllability matrix

Pole Placement Control Design: Method – 2

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & \cdots & a_1 & 1 \\ a_{n-2} & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, design a controller for the transformed system (using the technique for systems in first companion form).

$$u = -\hat{K}\hat{X} = -(\hat{K}T^{-1})X = -KX$$

Note: Because of its role in control design as well as the use of M (Controllability Matrix) in the process, the 'first companion form' is also known as 'Controllable Canonical form'.

Pole Placement Design Steps: Method 2: Bass-Gura Approach

- Check the controllability condition
- Form the characteristic polynomial for A
 $|sI - A| = s^n + a_1s^{n-1} + a_2s^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1}s + a_n$
 find a_i 's
- Find the Transformation matrix T
- Write the desired characteristic polynomial
 $(s - \mu_1) \cdots (s - \mu_n) = s^n + \alpha_1s^{n-1} + \alpha_2s^{n-2} + \cdots + \alpha_n$
 and determine the α_i 's
- The required state feedback gain matrix is
 $K = [(\alpha_n - a_n) \quad (\alpha_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) \quad \cdots \quad (\alpha_1 - a_1)] T^{-1}$

Choice of closed loop poles : Guidelines

- Do not choose the closed loop poles far away from the open loop poles, otherwise it will demand high control effort
- Do not choose the closed loop poles very negative, otherwise the system will be fast reacting (i.e. it will have a small time constant)
 - In frequency domain it leads to large bandwidth, and hence noise gets amplified

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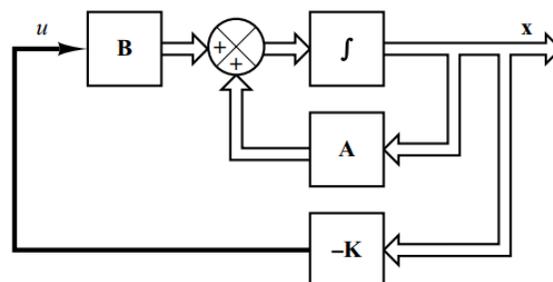
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Next, we shall solve this problem. We shall demonstrate each of the three methods presented in this chapter.

Method 1: The first method is to use Equation (10-13). The characteristic equation for the system is

$$\begin{aligned} |s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}| &= \begin{vmatrix} s & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & s & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & s+6 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= s^3 + 6s^2 + 5s + 1 \\ &= s^3 + a_1s^2 + a_2s + a_3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$a_1 = 6, \quad a_2 = 5, \quad a_3 = 1$$

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$$\mathbf{K} = [\alpha_3 - a_3 \ \vdots \ \alpha_2 - a_2 \ \vdots \ \alpha_1 - a_1]$$

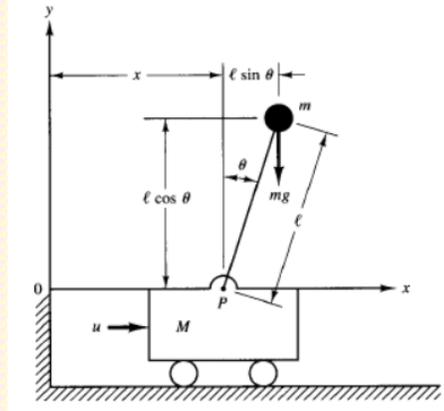
where $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{I}$ for this problem because the given state equation is in the controllable canonical form. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} &= [200 - 1 \ \vdots \ 60 - 5 \ \vdots \ 14 - 6] \\ &= [199 \ 55 \ 8] \end{aligned}$$

Example: Inverted Pendulum

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{x}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{M+m}{Ml}g & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{m}{M}g & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{Ml} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{M} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 20.601 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -0.4905 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}; C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1: Check controllability

$$\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{AB} \mid \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{B}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & -20.601 \\ -1 & 0 & -20.601 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.4905 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.4905 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{M}| \neq 0$$

Hence, the system is controllable.

Step 2: Form the characteristic equation and get a_i 's

$$\begin{aligned} |s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}| &= \begin{vmatrix} s & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -20.601 & s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s & -1 \\ 0.4905 & 0 & 0 & s \end{vmatrix} \\ &= s^4 - 20.601s^2 \\ &= s^4 + a_1s^3 + a_2s^2 + a_3s + a_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_1 = 0, \quad a_2 = -20.601, \quad a_3 = 0, \quad a_4 = 0$$

Step 3: Find Transformation $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{W}$ and its inverse

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & 1 \\ a_2 & a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ a_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -20.601 & 0 & 1 \\ -20.601 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -9.81 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & -9.81 & 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{0.5}{9.81} & 0 & -\frac{1}{9.81} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{0.5}{9.81} & 0 & -\frac{1}{9.81} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 4: Find α_i 's from desired poles $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4$

$$\mu_1 = -2 + j2\sqrt{3}, \quad \mu_2 = -2 - j2\sqrt{3}, \quad \mu_3 = -10, \quad \mu_4 = -10$$

$$\begin{aligned} (s - \mu_1)(s - \mu_2)(s - \mu_3)(s - \mu_4) &= (s + 2 - j2\sqrt{3})(s + 2 + j2\sqrt{3})(s + 10)(s + 10) \\ &= (s^2 + 4s + 16)(s^2 + 20s + 100) \\ &= s^4 + 24s^3 + 196s^2 + 720s + 1600 \\ &= s^4 + \alpha_1s^3 + \alpha_2s^2 + \alpha_3s + \alpha_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1 = 24, \quad \alpha_2 = 196, \quad \alpha_3 = 720, \quad \alpha_4 = 1600$$

Step 5: Find State Feed back matrix \mathbf{K} and input u

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} &= [\alpha_4 - a_4 \quad \alpha_3 - a_3 \quad \alpha_2 - a_2 \quad \alpha_1 - a_1] \mathbf{T}^{-1} \\ &= [1600 - 0 \quad 720 - 0 \quad 196 + 20.601 \quad 24 - 0] \mathbf{T}^{-1} \\ &= [1600 \quad 720 \quad 216.601 \quad 24] \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{0.5}{9.81} & 0 & -\frac{1}{9.81} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{0.5}{9.81} & 0 & -\frac{1}{9.81} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [-298.1504 \quad -60.6972 \quad -163.0989 \quad -73.3945] \end{aligned}$$

$$u = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = 298.1504x_1 + 60.6972x_2 + 163.0989x_3 + 73.3945x_4$$