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The Python Control Systems Library (*python-control*) is a Python package that implements basic operations for analysis and design of feedback control systems.

**Features**

- Linear input/output systems in state-space and frequency domain
- Nonlinear input/output system modeling, simulation, and analysis
- Block diagram algebra: serial, parallel, and feedback interconnections
- Time response: initial, step, impulse
- Frequency response: Bode and Nyquist plots
- Control analysis: stability, reachability, observability, stability margins
- Control design: eigenvalue placement, LQR, H2, Hinf
- Model reduction: balanced realizations, Hankel singular values
- Estimator design: linear quadratic estimator (Kalman filter)

**Documentation**
CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Python Control Systems Toolbox (python-control) User’s Manual. This manual contains information on using the python-control package, including documentation for all functions in the package and examples illustrating their use.

1.1 Overview of the toolbox

The python-control package is a set of python classes and functions that implement common operations for the analysis and design of feedback control systems. The initial goal is to implement all of the functionality required to work through the examples in the textbook Feedback Systems by Astrom and Murray. A MATLAB compatibility module is available that provides many of the common functions corresponding to commands available in the MATLAB Control Systems Toolbox.

1.2 Some differences from MATLAB

The python-control package makes use of NumPy and SciPy. A list of general differences between NumPy and MATLAB can be found here.

In terms of the python-control package more specifically, here are some thing to keep in mind:

- You must include commas in vectors. So [1 2 3] must be [1, 2, 3].
- Functions that return multiple arguments use tuples.
- You cannot use braces for collections; use tuples instead.

1.3 Installation

The python-control package can be installed using pip, conda or the standard distutils/setuptools mechanisms. The package requires numpy and scipy, and the plotting routines require matplotlib. In addition, some routines require the slycot library in order to implement more advanced features (including some MIMO functionality).

To install using pip:

```bash
pip install slycot  # optional
pip install control
```

Many parts of python-control will work without slycot, but some functionality is limited or absent, and installation of slycot is recommended. Users can check to insure that slycot is installed correctly by running the command:
and verifying that no error message appears. More information on the slycot package can be obtained from the slycot
project page.

For users with the Anaconda distribution of Python, the following commands can be used:

```bash
conda install numpy scipy matplotlib  # if not yet installed
conda install -c conda-forge control slycot
```

This installs slycot and python-control from conda-forge, including the openblas package.

Alternatively, to use setuptools, first download the source and unpack it. To install in your home directory, use:

```bash
python setup.py install --user
```

or to install for all users (on Linux or Mac OS):

```bash
python setup.py build
sudo python setup.py install
```

## 1.4 Getting started

There are two different ways to use the package. For the default interface described in Function reference, simply
import the control package as follows:

```python
>>> import control
```

If you want to have a MATLAB-like environment, use the MATLAB compatibility module:

```python
>>> from control.matlab import *
```
The python-control library uses a set of standard conventions for the way that different types of standard information used by the library.

2.1 LTI system representation

Linear time invariant (LTI) systems are represented in python-control in state space, transfer function, or frequency response data (FRD) form. Most functions in the toolbox will operate on any of these data types and functions for converting between compatible types is provided.

2.1.1 State space systems

The StateSpace class is used to represent state-space realizations of linear time-invariant (LTI) systems:

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dx}{dt} &= Ax + Bu \\
y &= Cx + Du
\end{align*}
\]

where \( u \) is the input, \( y \) is the output, and \( x \) is the state.

To create a state space system, use the StateSpace constructor:

\[
\text{sys} = \text{StateSpace}(A, B, C, D)
\]

State space systems can be manipulated using standard arithmetic operations as well as the \texttt{feedback()}, \texttt{parallel()}, and \texttt{series()} function. A full list of functions can be found in \texttt{Function reference}.

2.1.2 Transfer functions

The TransferFunction class is used to represent input/output transfer functions

\[
G(s) = \frac{\text{num}(s)}{\text{den}(s)} = \frac{a_0s^m + a_1s^{m-1} + \cdots + a_m}{b_0s^n + b_1s^{n-1} + \cdots + b_n},
\]

where \( n \) is generally greater than or equal to \( m \) (for a proper transfer function).

To create a transfer function, use the TransferFunction constructor:

\[
\text{sys} = \text{TransferFunction}(\text{num}, \text{den})
\]

Transfer functions can be manipulated using standard arithmetic operations as well as the \texttt{feedback()}, \texttt{parallel()}, and \texttt{series()} function. A full list of functions can be found in \texttt{Function reference}. 
2.1.3 FRD (frequency response data) systems

The `FrequencyResponseData` (FRD) class is used to represent systems in frequency response data form.

The main data members are `omega` and `fresp`, where `omega` is a 1D array with the frequency points of the response, and `fresp` is a 3D array, with the first dimension corresponding to the output index of the FRD, the second dimension corresponding to the input index, and the 3rd dimension corresponding to the frequency points in `omega`.

FRD systems have a somewhat more limited set of functions that are available, although all of the standard algebraic manipulations can be performed.

2.1.4 Discrete time systems

A discrete time system is created by specifying a nonzero ‘timebase’, `dt`. The timebase argument can be given when a system is constructed:

- `dt = 0`: continuous time system (default)
- `dt > 0`: discrete time system with sampling period ‘dt’
- `dt = True`: discrete time with unspecified sampling period
- `dt = None`: no timebase specified

Only the `StateSpace`, `TransferFunction`, and `InputOutputSystem` classes allow explicit representation of discrete time systems.

Systems must have compatible timebases in order to be combined. A discrete time system with unspecified sampling time (`dt = True`) can be combined with a system having a specified sampling time; the result will be a discrete time system with the sample time of the latter system. Similarly, a system with timebase `None` can be combined with a system having a specified timebase; the result will have the timebase of the latter system. For continuous time systems, the `sample_system()` function or the `StateSpace.sample()` and `TransferFunction.sample()` methods can be used to create a discrete time system from a continuous time system. See Utility functions and conversions. The default value of ‘dt’ can be changed by changing the value of `control.config.defaults['control.default_dt']`.

2.1.5 Conversion between representations

LTI systems can be converted between representations either by calling the constructor for the desired data type using the original system as the sole argument or using the explicit conversion functions `ss2tf()` and `tf2ss()`.

2.2 Time series data

A variety of functions in the library return time series data: sequences of values that change over time. A common set of conventions is used for returning such data: columns represent different points in time, rows are different components (e.g., inputs, outputs or states). For return arguments, an array of times is given as the first returned argument, followed by one or more arrays of variable values. This convention is used throughout the library, for example in the functions `forced_response()`, `step_response()`, `impulse_response()`, and `initial_response()`.

Note: The convention used by python-control is different from the convention used in the scipy.signal library. In Scipy’s convention the meaning of rows and columns is interchanged. Thus, all 2D values must be transposed when they are used with functions from scipy.signal.

Types:
• **Arguments** can be arrays, matrices, or nested lists.

• **Return values** are arrays (not matrices).

The time vector is a 1D array with shape \((n, )\):

\[
T = [t_1, t_2, t_3, \ldots, t_n]
\]

Input, state, and output all follow the same convention. Columns are different points in time, rows are different components:

\[
U = [[u_1(t_1), u_1(t_2), u_1(t_3), \ldots, u_1(t_n)]
   [u_2(t_1), u_2(t_2), u_2(t_3), \ldots, u_2(t_n)]
   \ldots
   \ldots
   [u_i(t_1), u_i(t_2), u_i(t_3), \ldots, u_i(t_n)]]
\]

Same for \(X, Y\)

So, \(U[:,2]\) is the system’s input at the third point in time; and \(U[1]\) or \(U[1,:]\) is the sequence of values for the system’s second input.

When there is only one row, a 1D object is accepted or returned, which adds convenience for SISO systems:

The initial conditions are either 1D, or 2D with shape \((j, 1)\):

\[
X_0 = [[x_1]
   [x_2]
   \ldots
   \ldots
   [x_j]]
\]

Functions that return time responses (e.g., `forced_response()`, `impulse_response()`, `input_output_response()`, `initial_response()`, and `step_response()`) return a `TimeResponseData` object that contains the data for the time response. These data can be accessed via the `time`, `outputs`, `states` and `inputs` properties:

\[
sys = rss(4, 1, 1)
sresponse = step_response(sys)
plot(response.time, response.outputs)
\]

The dimensions of the response properties depend on the function being called and whether the system is SISO or MIMO. In addition, some time response function can return multiple “traces” (input/output pairs), such as the `step_response()` function applied to a MIMO system, which will compute the step response for each input/output pair. See `TimeResponseData` for more details.

The time response functions can also be assigned to a tuple, which extracts the time and output (and optionally the state, if the `return_x` keyword is used). This allows simple commands for plotting:

\[
t, y = step_response(sys)
plot(t, y)
\]

The output of a MIMO system can be plotted like this:

\[
t, y = forced_response(sys, t, u)
plot(t, y[0], label='y_0')
plot(t, y[1], label='y_1')
\]
The convention also works well with the state space form of linear systems. If $D$ is the feedthrough matrix (2D array) of a linear system, and $U$ is its input (array), then the feedthrough part of the system’s response, can be computed like this:

$$ft = D \otimes U$$

### 2.3 Package configuration parameters

The python-control library can be customized to allow for different default values for selected parameters. This includes the ability to set the style for various types of plots and establishing the underlying representation for state space matrices.

To set the default value of a configuration variable, set the appropriate element of the `control.config.defaults` dictionary:

```python
control.config.defaults[‘module.parameter’] = value
```

The `~control.config.set_defaults` function can also be used to set multiple configuration parameters at the same time:

```python
control.config.set_defaults(‘module’, param1=val1, param2=val2, …]
```

Finally, there are also functions available set collections of variables based on standard configurations.

Selected variables that can be configured, along with their default values:

- `freqplot.dB` (False): Bode plot magnitude plotted in dB (otherwise powers of 10)
- `freqplot.deg` (True): Bode plot phase plotted in degrees (otherwise radians)
- `freqplot.Hz` (False): Bode plot frequency plotted in Hertz (otherwise rad/sec)
- `freqplot.grid` (True): Include grids for magnitude and phase plots
- `freqplot.number_of_samples` (1000): Number of frequency points in Bode plots
- `freqplot.feature_periphery_decade` (1.0): How many decades to include in the frequency range on both sides of features (poles, zeros).
- `statesp.use_numpy_matrix` (True): set the return type for state space matrices to `numpy.matrix` (versus `numpy.ndarray`)
- `statesp.default_dt` and `xferfcn.default_dt` (None): set the default value of dt when constructing new LTI systems
- `statesp.remove_useless_states` (True): remove states that have no effect on the input-output dynamics of the system

Additional parameter variables are documented in individual functions

Functions that can be used to set standard configurations:

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<td>Reset configuration values to their default (initial) values.</td>
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<td>Use Feedback Systems (FBS) compatible settings.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>use_matlab_defaults()</code></td>
<td>Use MATLAB compatible configuration settings.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>use_numpy_matrix(flag, warn)</code></td>
<td>Turn on/off use of Numpy <code>matrix</code> class for state space operations.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>use_legacy_defaults(version)</code></td>
<td>Sets the defaults to whatever they were in a given release.</td>
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2.3.1 control.reset_defaults

control.reset_defaults()
Reset configuration values to their default (initial) values.

2.3.2 control.use_fbs_defaults

control.use_fbs_defaults()
Use Feedback Systems (FBS) compatible settings.

The following conventions are used:

• Bode plots plot gain in powers of ten, phase in degrees, frequency in rad/sec, no grid
• Nyquist plots use dashed lines for mirror image of Nyquist curve

2.3.3 control.use_matlab_defaults

control.use_matlab_defaults()
Use MATLAB compatible configuration settings.

The following conventions are used:

• Bode plots plot gain in dB, phase in degrees, frequency in rad/sec, with grids
• State space class and functions use Numpy matrix objects

2.3.4 control.use_numpy_matrix

control.use_numpy_matrix(flag=True, warn=True)
Turn on/off use of Numpy matrix class for state space operations.

Parameters

• flag (bool) – If flag is True (default), use the deprecated Numpy matrix class to represent matrices in the ~control.StateSpace class and functions. If flat is False, then matrices are represented by a 2D ndarray object.

• warn (bool) – If flag is True (default), issue a warning when turning on the use of the Numpy matrix class. Set warn to false to omit display of the warning message.

Notes

Prior to release 0.9.x, the default type for 2D arrays is the Numpy matrix class. Starting in release 0.9.0, the default type for state space operations is a 2D array.
2.3.5 control.use_legacy_defaults

control.use_legacy_defaults(version)

Sets the defaults to whatever they were in a given release.

Parameters:
version (string) – Version number of the defaults desired. Ranges from ‘0.1’ to ‘0.8.4’.
The Python Control Systems Library `control` provides common functions for analyzing and designing feedback control systems.

## 3.1 System creation

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<td><code>ss(A, B, C, D[, dt])</code></td>
<td>Create a state space system.</td>
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<td><code>tf(num, den[, dt])</code></td>
<td>Create a transfer function system.</td>
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<td><code>frd(d, w)</code></td>
<td>Construct a frequency response data model</td>
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<td><code>rss([states, outputs, inputs, strictly_proper])</code></td>
<td>Create a stable continuous random state space object.</td>
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<td><code>drss([states, outputs, inputs, strictly_proper])</code></td>
<td>Create a stable discrete random state space object.</td>
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### 3.1.1 control.ss

control.ss(A, B, C, D[, dt])
Create a state space system.

The function accepts either 1, 4 or 5 parameters:

- **ss(sys)** Convert a linear system into space system form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is already a StateSpace object.
- **ss(A, B, C, D)** Create a state space system from the matrices of its state and output equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x} &= A \cdot x + B \cdot u \\
y &= C \cdot x + D \cdot u
\end{align*}
\]

- **ss(A, B, C, D, dt)** Create a discrete-time state space system from the matrices of its state and output equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
x[k+1] &= A \cdot x[k] + B \cdot u[k] \\
y[k] &= C \cdot x[k] + D \cdot u[k]
\end{align*}
\]

The matrices can be given as array like data types or strings. Everything that the constructor of `numpy.matrix` accepts is permissible here too.

**Parameters**

- `sys` ([StateSpace or TransferFunction]) – A linear system
- `A` ([array_like or string]) – System matrix
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- **B** (array_like or string) – Control matrix
- **C** (array_like or string) – Output matrix
- **D** (array_like or string) – Feed forward matrix
- **dt** (If present, specifies the timebase of the system) –

**Returns out** – The new linear system

**Return type** StateSpace

**Raises** ValueError – if matrix sizes are not self-consistent

See also: StateSpace, tf, ss2tf, tf2ss

**Examples**

```python
generate code
>>> # Create a StateSpace object from four "matrices".
>>> sys1 = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")

>>> # Convert a TransferFunction to a StateSpace object.
>>> sys_tf = tf([2.], [1., 3])
>>> sys2 = ss(sys_tf)
```

### 3.1.2 control.tf

**control.tf** *(num, den[, dt]*)

Create a transfer function system. Can create MIMO systems.

The function accepts either 1, 2, or 3 parameters:

- **tf(sys)** Convert a linear system into transfer function form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is already a TransferFunction object.

- **tf(num, den)** Create a transfer function system from its numerator and denominator polynomial coefficients.

  If *num* and *den* are 1D array_like objects, the function creates a SISO system.

  To create a MIMO system, *num* and *den* need to be 2D nested lists of array_like objects. (A 3 dimensional data structure in total.) (For details see note below.)

- **tf(num, den, dt)** Create a discrete time transfer function system; *dt* can either be a positive number indicating the sampling time or ‘True’ if no specific timebase is given.

- **tf('s')** or **tf('z')** Create a transfer function representing the differential operator (‘s’) or delay operator (‘z').

**Parameters**

- **sys** *(LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – A linear system

- **num** *(array_like, or list of list of array_like) – Polynomial coefficients of the numerator

- **den** *(array_like, or list of list of array_like) – Polynomial coefficients of the denominator*
Returns out – The new linear system
Return type TransferFunction
Raises
• ValueError – if num and den have invalid or unequal dimensions
• TypeError – if num or den are of incorrect type

See also:
TransferFunction, ss, ss2tf, tf2ss

Notes
num[i][j] contains the polynomial coefficients of the numerator for the transfer function from the (j+1)st input to the (i+1)st output. den[i][j] works the same way.
The list [2, 3, 4] denotes the polynomial $2s^2 + 3s + 4$.
The special forms tf('s') and tf('z') can be used to create transfer functions for differentiation and unit delays.

Examples
>>> # Create a MIMO transfer function object
>>> # The transfer function from the 2nd input to the 1st output is
>>> # (3s + 4) / (6s^2 + 5s + 4).
>>> num = [[[1., 2.], [3., 4.]], [[5., 6.], [7., 8.]]]
>>> den = [[[9., 8., 7.], [6., 5., 4.]], [[3., 2., 1.], [-1., -2., -3.]]]
>>> sys1 = tf(num, den)

>>> # Create a variable 's' to allow algebra operations for SISO systems
>>> s = tf('s')
>>> G = (s + 1)/(s**2 + 2*s + 1)

>>> # Convert a StateSpace to a TransferFunction object.
>>> sys_ss = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
>>> sys2 = tf(sys1)

3.1.3 control.frd

control.frd(d, w)
Construct a frequency response data model
frd models store the (measured) frequency response of a system.
This function can be called in different ways:
frd(response, freqs) Create an frd model with the given response data, in the form of complex response vector, at matching frequency freqs [in rad/s]
frd(sys, freqs) Convert an LTI system into an frd model with data at frequencies freqs.

Parameters
• **response** *(array_like, or list)* – complex vector with the system response
• **freq** *(array_like or list)* – vector with frequencies
• **sys** *(LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction))* – A linear system

Returns sys – New frequency response system

Return type FRD

See also:
FRD, ss, tf

### 3.1.4 control.rss

**control.rss** *(states=1, outputs=1, inputs=1, strictly_proper=False)*

Create a stable *continuous* random state space object.

Parameters

- **states** *(int)* – Number of state variables
- **outputs** *(int)* – Number of system outputs
- **inputs** *(int)* – Number of system inputs
- **strictly_proper** *(bool, optional)* – If set to ‘True’, returns a proper system (no direct term).

Returns sys – The randomly created linear system

Return type StateSpace

Raises ValueError – if any input is not a positive integer

See also:
drss

**Notes**

If the number of states, inputs, or outputs is not specified, then the missing numbers are assumed to be 1. The poles of the returned system will always have a negative real part.

### 3.1.5 control.drss

**control.drss** *(states=1, outputs=1, inputs=1, strictly_proper=False)*

Create a stable *discrete* random state space object.

Parameters

- **states** *(int)* – Number of state variables
- **inputs** *(integer)* – Number of system inputs
- **outputs** *(int)* – Number of system outputs
- **strictly_proper** *(bool, optional)* – If set to ‘True’, returns a proper system (no direct term).

Returns sys – The randomly created linear system
Return type: `StateSpace`

Raises `ValueError` – if any input is not a positive integer

See also:

`rss`

Notes

If the number of states, inputs, or outputs is not specified, then the missing numbers are assumed to be 1. The poles of the returned system will always have a magnitude less than 1.

### 3.2 System interconnections

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<td>Group models by appending their inputs and outputs.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>connect(sys, Q, inputv, outputv)</code></td>
<td>Index-based interconnection of an LTI system.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>feedback(sys1, sys2, sign)</code></td>
<td>Feedback interconnection between two I/O systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>negate(sys)</code></td>
<td>Return the negative of a system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>parallel(sys1, sys2, [..., sysn])</code></td>
<td>Return the parallel connection $sys1 + sys2 (+ ... + sysn)$.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>series(sys1, sys2, [..., sysn])</code></td>
<td>Return the series connection $(sysn * ... *)sys2 * sys1$.</td>
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#### 3.2.1 control.append

`control.append(sys1, sys2, [...], sysn)`

Group models by appending their inputs and outputs.

Forms an augmented system model, and appends the inputs and outputs together. The system type will be the type of the first system given; if you mix state-space systems and gain matrices, make sure the gain matrices are not first.

**Parameters**

- `sys1` ([`StateSpace` or `TransferFunction`]) – LTI systems to combine
- `sys2` ([`StateSpace` or `TransferFunction`]) – LTI systems to combine
- `...` ([`StateSpace` or `TransferFunction`]) – LTI systems to combine
- `sysn` ([`StateSpace` or `TransferFunction`]) – LTI systems to combine

**Returns** `sys` – Combined LTI system, with input/output vectors consisting of all input/output vectors appended

**Return type** LTI system
Examples

```python
>>> sys1 = ss([[-2,], [3., -4]], [[5.], [7]], [[6., 8.]], [[9.]])
>>> sys2 = ss([[-1.]], [[1.]], [[1.]], [[0.]])
>>> sys = append(sys1, sys2)
```

3.2.2 control.connect

```python
def connect(sys, Q, inputv, outputv):
    # Example code...
```

**control.connect**<br>

Index-based interconnection of an LTI system.

The system `sys` is a system typically constructed with `append`, with multiple inputs and outputs. The inputs and outputs are connected according to the interconnection matrix `Q`, and then the final inputs and outputs are trimmed according to the inputs and outputs listed in `inputv` and `outputv`.

NOTE: Inputs and outputs are indexed starting at 1 and negative values correspond to a negative feedback interconnection.

**Parameters**

- `sys` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – System to be connected
- `Q` (*2D array*) – Interconnection matrix. First column gives the input to be connected. The second column gives the index of an output that is to be fed into that input. Each additional column gives the index of an additional input that may be optionally added to that input. Negative values mean the feedback is negative. A zero value is ignored. Inputs and outputs are indexed starting at 1 to communicate sign information.
- `inputv` (*1D array*) – list of final external inputs, indexed starting at 1
- `outputv` (*1D array*) – list of final external outputs, indexed starting at 1

**Returns**

- `sys` – Connected and trimmed LTI system

**Return type**

LTI system

Examples

```python
>>> sys1 = ss([[-2,], [3., -4]], [[5.], [7]], [[6., 8.]], [[9.]])
>>> sys2 = ss([[-1.]], [[1.]], [[1.]], [[0.]])
>>> sys = append(sys1, sys2)
>>> Q = [[1, 2], [2, -1]]  # negative feedback interconnection
>>> sysc = connect(sys, Q, [2], [1, 2])
```

Notes

The *interconnect()* function in the *input/output systems* module allows the use of named signals and provides an alternative method for interconnecting multiple systems.
3.2.3 control.feedback

control.feedback(sys1, sys2=1, sign=-1)
Feedback interconnection between two I/O systems.

Parameters

- sys1 (scalar, StateSpace, TransferFunction, FRD) – The primary process.
- sys2 (scalar, StateSpace, TransferFunction, FRD) – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
- sign (scalar) – The sign of feedback. sign = -1 indicates negative feedback, and sign = 1 indicates positive feedback. sign is an optional argument; it assumes a value of -1 if not specified.

Returns out

Return type StateSpace or TransferFunction

Raises

- ValueError – if sys1 does not have as many inputs as sys2 has outputs, or if sys2 does not have as many inputs as sys1 has outputs
- NotImplementedError – if an attempt is made to perform a feedback on a MIMO TransferFunction object

See also:

series, parallel

Notes

This function is a wrapper for the feedback function in the StateSpace and TransferFunction classes. It calls TransferFunction.feedback if sys1 is a TransferFunction object, and StateSpace.feedback if sys1 is a StateSpace object. If sys1 is a scalar, then it is converted to sys2’s type, and the corresponding feedback function is used. If sys1 and sys2 are both scalars, then TransferFunction.feedback is used.

3.2.4 control.negate

control.negate(sys)
Return the negative of a system.

Parameters sys (StateSpace, TransferFunction or FRD) –

Returns out

Return type StateSpace or TransferFunction
Notes

This function is a wrapper for the `__neg__` function in the `StateSpace` and `TransferFunction` classes. The output type is the same as the input type.

Examples

```python
>>> sys2 = negate(sys1)  # Same as sys2 = -sys1.
```

3.2.5 control.parallel

callable parallel(sys1, sys2[, ..., sysn])

Return the parallel connection `sys1 + sys2 (+ ... + sysn)`.

Parameters

- `sys1` (scalar, `StateSpace`, `TransferFunction`, or `FRD`) –
- `sysn` (other scalars, `StateSpaces`, `TransferFunctions`, or `FRDs`) –

Returns out

Return type scalar, `StateSpace`, or `TransferFunction`

Raises `ValueError` – if `sys1` and `sys2` do not have the same numbers of inputs and outputs

See also:

`series`, `feedback`

Notes

This function is a wrapper for the `__add__` function in the `StateSpace` and `TransferFunction` classes. The output type is usually the type of `sys1`. If `sys1` is a scalar, then the output type is the type of `sys2`.

If both systems have a defined timebase (dt = 0 for continuous time, dt > 0 for discrete time), then the timebase for both systems must match. If only one of the system has a timebase, the return timebase will be set to match it.

Examples

```python
>>> sys3 = parallel(sys1, sys2)  # Same as sys3 = sys1 + sys2

>>> sys5 = parallel(sys1, sys2, sys3, sys4)  # More systems
```
3.2.6 control.series

```
control.series(sys1, sys2[, ...., sysn])
```

Return the series connection (sysn * ... *) sys2 * sys1.

**Parameters**

- `sys1` (scalar, StateSpace, TransferFunction, or FRD) –
- `*sysn` (other scalars, StateSpaces, TransferFunctions, or FRDs) –

**Returns out**

**Return type** scalar, StateSpace, or TransferFunction

**Raises** `ValueError` – if `sys2.ninputs` does not equal `sys1.noutputs` if `sys1.dt` is not compatible with `sys2.dt`

**See also:**

parallel, feedback

**Notes**

This function is a wrapper for the `__mul__` function in the StateSpace and TransferFunction classes. The output type is usually the type of `sys2`. If `sys2` is a scalar, then the output type is the type of `sys1`.

If both systems have a defined timebase (dt = 0 for continuous time, dt > 0 for discrete time), then the timebase for both systems must match. If only one of the system has a timebase, the return timebase will be set to match it.

**Examples**

```python
>>> sys3 = series(sys1, sys2)  # Same as sys3 = sys2 * sys1
>>> sys5 = series(sys1, sys2, sys3, sys4)  # More systems
```

See also the `Input/output systems` module, which can be used to create and interconnect nonlinear input/output systems.

3.3 Frequency domain plotting

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3.3.1 control.bode_plot

control.bode_plot(syslist, omega=None, plot=True, omega_limits=None, omega_num=None, margins=None, method='best', *args, **kwargs)

Bode plot for a system

Plots a Bode plot for the system over a (optional) frequency range.

Parameters

- **syslist** (linsys) – List of linear input/output systems (single system is OK)
- **omega** (array_like) – List of frequencies in rad/sec to be used for frequency response
- **dB** (bool) – If True, plot result in dB. Default is false.
- **Hz** (bool) – If True, plot frequency in Hz (omega must be provided in rad/sec). Default value (False) set by config.defaults['freqplot.Hz']
- **deg** (bool) – If True, plot phase in degrees (else radians). Default value (True) config.defaults['freqplot.deg']
- **plot** (bool) – If True (default), plot magnitude and phase
- **omega_limits** (array_like of two values) – Limits of the to generate frequency vector. If Hz=True the limits are in Hz otherwise in rad/s.
- **omega_num** (int) – Number of samples to plot. Defaults to config.defaults['freqplot.number_of_samples'].
- **margins** (bool) – If True, plot gain and phase margin.
- **method** (method to use in computing margins (see stability_margins())) –
- ***args** (matplotlib.pyplot.plot() positional properties, optional) – Additional arguments for matplotlib plots (color, linestyle, etc)
- ****kwargs** (matplotlib.pyplot.plot() keyword properties, optional) – Additional keywords (passed to matplotlib)
- **grid** (bool) – If True, plot grid lines on gain and phase plots. Default is set by config.defaults['freqplot.grid'].
- **initial_phase** (float) – Set the reference phase to use for the lowest frequency. If set, the initial phase of the Bode plot will be set to the value closest to the value specified. Units are in either degrees or radians, depending on the deg parameter. Default is -180 if wrap_phase is False, 0 if wrap_phase is True.
- **wrap_phase** (bool or float) – If wrap_phase is False, then the phase will be unwrapped so that it is continuously increasing or decreasing. If wrap_phase is True the phase will be restricted to the range [-180, 180] (or [-π, π] radians). If wrap_phase is specified as a float, the phase will be offset by 360 degrees if it falls below the specified value. Default to False, set by config.defaults['freqplot.wrap_phase'].
- **reset** (The default values for Bode plot configuration parameters can be) –
  - **dictionary** (using the config.defaults) –
  - 'bode'.(with module name) –

Returns

- **mag** (ndarray (or list of ndarray if len(syslist) > 1)) – magnitude
• **phase** *(ndarray (or list of ndarray if len(syslist) > 1)) – phase in radians*
• **omega** *(ndarray (or list of ndarray if len(syslist) > 1)) – frequency in rad/sec*

**Notes**

1. Alternatively, you may use the lower-level methods `LTI.frequency_response()` or `sys(s)` or `sys(z)` or to generate the frequency response for a single system.

2. If a discrete time model is given, the frequency response is plotted along the upper branch of the unit circle, using the mapping $z = \exp(1j * \omega * \text{dt})$ where $\omega$ ranges from 0 to $\pi/\text{dt}$ and $\text{dt}$ is the discrete timebase. If timebase not specified ($\text{dt=True}$), $\text{dt}$ is set to 1.

**Examples**

```python
>>> sys = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
>>> mag, phase, omega = bode(sys)
```

### 3.3.2 **control.describing_function_plot**

`control.describing_function_plot(H, F, A, omega=None, refine=True, label='%5.2g @ %-5.2g', **kwargs)`

Plot a Nyquist plot with a describing function for a nonlinear system.

This function generates a Nyquist plot for a closed loop system consisting of a linear system with a static nonlinear function in the feedback path.

**Parameters**

- **H** *(LTI system)* – Linear time-invariant (LTI) system (state space, transfer function, or FRD)
- **F** *(static nonlinear function)* – A static nonlinearity, either a scalar function or a single-input, single-output, static input/output system.
- **A** *(list)* – List of amplitudes to be used for the describing function plot.
- **omega** *(list, optional)* – List of frequencies to be used for the linear system Nyquist curve.
- **label** *(str, optional)* – Formatting string used to label intersection points on the Nyquist plot. Defaults to “%5.2g @ %-5.2g”. Set to `None` to omit labels.

**Returns** *

**intersections** – A list of all amplitudes and frequencies in which $H(j\omega)N(a) = -1$, where $N(a)$ is the describing function associated with $F$, or `None` if there are no such points. Each pair represents a potential limit cycle for the closed loop system with amplitude given by the first value of the tuple and frequency given by the second value.

**Return type** 1D array of 2-tuples or None
Example

```python
>>> H_simple = ct.tf([8], [1, 2, 2, 1])
>>> F_saturation = ct.descfcn.saturation_nonlinearity(1)
>>> amp = np.linspace(1, 4, 10)
>>> ct.describing_function_plot(H_simple, F_saturation, amp)
[(3.344008947853124, 1.414213099755523)]
```

3.3.3 control.nyquist_plot

`control.nyquist_plot(syslist, omega=None, plot=True, omega_limits=None, omega_num=None, label_freq=0, color=None, return_contour=False, warn_nyquist=True, *args, **kwargs)`

Nyquist plot for a system

Plots a Nyquist plot for the system over a (optional) frequency range. The curve is computed by evaluating the Nyquist segment along the positive imaginary axis, with a mirror image generated to reflect the negative imaginary axis. Poles on or near the imaginary axis are avoided using a small indentation. The portion of the Nyquist contour at infinity is not explicitly computed (since it maps to a constant value for any system with a proper transfer function).

Parameters

- `syslist` ([list of LTI](https://control什麽.robots.ox.ac.uk/control/controlsys.html)) – List of linear input/output systems (single system is OK). Nyquist curves for each system are plotted on the same graph.
- `plot` (boolean) – If True, plot magnitude
- `omega_limits` ([array_like of two values](https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/generated/numpy.array.html)) – Limits to the range of frequencies. Ignored if omega is provided, and auto-generated if omitted.
- `omega_num` ([int](https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#int)) – Number of frequency samples to plot. Defaults to `config.defaults['freqplot.number_of_samples']`.
- `color` ([string](https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/colors_api.html)) – Used to specify the color of the line and arrowhead.
- `mirror_style` ([string or False](https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/lines_api.html#matplotlib.lines.Line2D)) – Linestyle for mirror image of the Nyquist curve. If False then omit completely. Default linestyle ('–') is determined by `config.defaults['nyquist.mirror_style']`.
- `return_contour` (bool) – If 'True', return the contour used to evaluate the Nyquist plot.
- `label_freq` ([int](https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#int)) – Label every nth frequency on the plot. If not specified, no labels are generated.
- `arrows` ([int or 1D/2D array of floats](https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/generated/numpy.array.html)) – Specify the number of arrows to plot on the Nyquist curve. If an integer is passed, that number of equally spaced arrows will be plotted on each of the primary segment and the mirror image. If a 1D array is passed, it should consist of a sorted list of floats between 0 and 1, indicating the location along the curve to plot an arrow. If a 2D array is passed, the first row will be used to specify arrow locations for the primary curve and the second row will be used for the mirror image.
- `arrow_size` (float) – Arrowhead width and length (in display coordinates). Default value is 8 and can be set using `config.defaults['nyquist.arrow_size']`.
• **indent_radius** (*float*) – Amount to indent the Nyquist contour around poles that are at or near the imaginary axis.

• **indent_direction** (*str*) – For poles on the imaginary axis, set the direction of indentation to be ‘right’ (default), ‘left’, or ‘none’.

• **warn_nyquist** (*bool*, *optional*) – If set to ‘False’, turn off warnings about frequencies above Nyquist.

• **args** (*matplotlib.pyplot.plot() positional properties*, *optional*) – Additional arguments for *matplotlib* plots (color, linestyle, etc)

• **kwargs** (*matplotlib.pyplot.plot() keyword properties*, *optional*) – Additional keywords (passed to *matplotlib*)

Returns

• **count** (*int* ([or list of int if len(syslist) > 1]*) – Number of encirclements of the point -1 by the Nyquist curve. If multiple systems are given, an array of counts is returned.

• **contour** (*ndarray (or list of ndarray if len(syslist) > 1)*, *optional*) – The contour used to create the primary Nyquist curve segment. To obtain the Nyquist curve values, evaluate system(s) along contour.

Notes

1. If a discrete time model is given, the frequency response is computed along the upper branch of the unit circle, using the mapping \( z = \exp(1j \times \omega \times dt) \) where \( \omega \) ranges from 0 to \( \pi/dt \) and \( dt \) is the discrete timebase. If timebase not specified (\( dt=True \)), \( dt \) is set to 1.

2. If a continuous-time system contains poles on or near the imaginary axis, a small indentation will be used to avoid the pole. The radius of the indentation is given by *indent_radius* and it is taken to the right of stable poles and the left of unstable poles. If a pole is exactly on the imaginary axis, the *indent_direction* parameter can be used to set the direction of indentation. Setting *indent_direction* to *none* will turn off indentation. If *return_contour* is True, the exact contour used for evaluation is returned.

Examples

```python
>>> sys = ss([[1, -2], [3, -4]], [[5], [7]], [[6, 8]], [[9]])
>>> count = nyquist_plot(sys)
```

### 3.3.4 control.gangof4_plot

control.gangof4_plot(*P*, *C*, *omega=None*, **kwargs)

Plot the “Gang of 4” transfer functions for a system

Generates a 2x2 plot showing the “Gang of 4” sensitivity functions [T, PS; CS, S]

Parameters

• **P** (*LTI*) – Linear input/output systems (process and control)

• **C** (*LTI*) – Linear input/output systems (process and control)

• **omega** (*array*) – Range of frequencies (list or bounds) in rad/sec

• **kwargs** (*matplotlib.pyplot.plot() keyword properties*, *optional*) – Additional keywords (passed to *matplotlib*)
### 3.3.5 control.nichols_plot

**control.nichols_plot** *(sys_list, omega=None, grid=None)*

Nichols plot for a system

Plots a Nichols plot for the system over a (optional) frequency range.

**Parameters**

- `sys_list` *(list of LTI, or LTI)* – List of linear input/output systems (single system is OK)
- `omega` *(array_like)* – Range of frequencies (list or bounds) in rad/sec
- `grid` *(boolean, optional)* – True if the plot should include a Nichols-chart grid. Default is True.

**Returns**

**Return type** None

### 3.3.6 control.nichols_grid

**control.nichols_grid** *(cl_mags=None, cl_phases=None, line_style='dotted')*

Nichols chart grid

Plots a Nichols chart grid on the current axis, or creates a new chart if no plot already exists.

**Parameters**

- `cl_mags` *(array-like (dB), optional)* – Array of closed-loop magnitudes defining the iso-gain lines on a custom Nichols chart.
- `cl_phases` *(array-like (degrees), optional)* – Array of closed-loop phases defining the iso-phase lines on a custom Nichols chart. Must be in the range -360 < cl_phases < 0
- `line_style` *(string, optional)* – Matplotlib linestyle

**Note:** For plotting commands that create multiple axes on the same plot, the individual axes can be retrieved using the axes label (retrieved using the `get_label` method for the matplotlib axes object). The following labels are currently defined:

- Bode plots: `control-bode-magnitude`, `control-bode-phase`
- Gang of 4 plots: `control-gangof4-s`, `control-gangof4-cs`, `control-gangof4-ps`, `control-gangof4-t`
3.4 Time domain simulation

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3.4.1 control.forced_response

`control.forced_response(sys, T=None, U=0.0, X0=0.0, transpose=False, interpolate=False, return_x=None, squeeze=None)`

Simulate the output of a linear system.

As a convenience for parameters `U`, `X0`: Numbers (scalars) are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape. The correct shape is inferred from arguments `sys` and `T`.

For information on the shape of parameters `U`, `T`, `X0` and return values `T`, `yout`, `xout`, see Time series data.

Parameters

- `sys` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – LTI system to simulate
- `T` (array_like, optional for discrete LTI `sys`) – Time steps at which the input is defined; values must be evenly spaced.
  - If None, `U` must be given and `len(U)` time steps of `sys.dt` are simulated. If `sys.dt` is None or True (undetermined time step), a time step of 1.0 is assumed.
- `U` (array_like or float, optional) – Input array giving input at each time `T`. If `U` is None or 0, `T` must be given, even for discrete time systems. In this case, for continuous time systems, a direct calculation of the matrix exponential is used, which is faster than the general interpolating algorithm used otherwise.
- `X0` (array_like or float, default=0.) – Initial condition.
- `transpose` (bool, default=False) – If True, transpose all input and output arrays (for backward compatibility with MATLAB and *scipy.signal.lsim()*).
- `interpolate` (bool, default=False) – If True and system is a discrete time system, the input will be interpolated between the given time steps and the output will be given at system sampling rate. Otherwise, only return the output at the times given in `T`. No effect on continuous time simulations.
- `return_x` (bool, default=None) – Used if the time response data is assigned to a tuple:
  - If False, return only the time and output vectors.
  - If True, also return the the state vector.
  - If None, determine the returned variables by `config.defaults['forced_response.return_x']`, which was True before version 0.9 and is False since then.
- `squeeze` (bool, optional) – By default, if a system is single-input, single-output (SISO) then the output response is returned as a 1D array (indexed by time). If `squeeze` is True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If `squeeze` is False, keep the output as a 2D array (indexed by the output number
and time) even if the system is SISO. The default behavior can be overridden by config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_time_response’].

**Returns**

results – Time response represented as a `TimeResponseData` object containing the following properties:

- time (array): Time values of the output.
- outputs (array): Response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 2D (indexed by output and time).
- states (array): Time evolution of the state vector, represented as a 2D array indexed by state and time.
- inputs (array): Input(s) to the system, indexed by input and time.

The return value of the system can also be accessed by assigning the function to a tuple of length 2 (time, output) or of length 3 (time, output, state) if `return_x` is True.

**Return type** `TimeResponseData`

**See also:** `step_response`, `initial_response`, `impulse_response`

**Notes**

For discrete time systems, the input/output response is computed using the `scipy.signal.dlsim()` function.

For continuous time systems, the output is computed using the matrix exponential $\exp(A t)$ and assuming linear interpolation of the inputs between time points.

**Examples**

```python
>>> T, yout, xout = forced_response(sys, T, u, X0)
```

See `Time series data` and `Package configuration parameters`.

### 3.4.2 control.impulse_response

**control.impulse_response**

```python
control.impulse_response(sys, T=None, X0=0.0, input=None, output=None, T_num=None, transpose=False, return_x=False, squeeze=None)
```

Compute the impulse response for a linear system.

If the system has multiple inputs and/or multiple outputs, the impulse response is computed for each input/output pair, with all other inputs set to zero. Optionally, a single input and/or single output can be selected, in which case all other inputs are set to 0 and all other outputs are ignored.

For information on the shape of parameters $T, X0$ and return values $T, yout$, see `Time series data`.

**Parameters**

- `sys` ([`StateSpace`, `TransferFunction`] – LTI system to simulate
- `T` (array_like or float, optional) – Time vector, or simulation time duration if a scalar (time vector is autocomputed if not given; see `step_response()` for more detail)
• **X0** (*array_like or float, optional*) – Initial condition (default = 0)
  Numbers are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape.

• **input** (*int, optional*) – Only compute the impulse response for the listed input. If not specified, the impulse responses for each independent input are computed.

• **output** (*int, optional*) – Only report the step response for the listed output. If not specified, all outputs are reported.

• **T_num** (*int, optional*) – Number of time steps to use in simulation if T is not provided as an array (autocomputed if not given); ignored if sys is discrete-time.

• **transpose** (*bool, optional*) – If True, transpose all input and output arrays (for backward compatibility with MATLAB and `scipy.signal.lsim()`). Default value is False.

• **return_x** (*bool, optional*) – If True, return the state vector when assigning to a tuple (default = False). See `forced_response()` for more details.

• **squeeze** (*bool, optional*) – By default, if a system is single-input, single-output (SISO) then the output response is returned as a 1D array (indexed by time). If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep the output as a 2D array (indexed by the output number and time) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response'].

**Returns**

results – Impulse response represented as a `TimeResponseData` object containing the following properties:

• **time** (array): Time values of the output.

• **outputs** (array): Response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 3D (indexed by the output, trace, and time).

• **states** (array): Time evolution of the state vector, represented as either a 2D array indexed by state and time (if SISO) or a 3D array indexed by state, trace, and time. Not affected by squeeze.

The return value of the system can also be accessed by assigning the function to a tuple of length 2 (time, output) or of length 3 (time, output, state) if return_x is True.

**Return type** `TimeResponseData`

**See also:**

`forced_response`, `initial_response`, `step_response`

**Notes**

This function uses the `forced_response` function to compute the time response. For continuous time systems, the initial condition is altered to account for the initial impulse.
Examples

```python
>>> T, yout = impulse_response(sys, T, X0)
```

### 3.4.3 control.initial_response

The function `control.initial_response(sys, T=None, X0=0.0, input=0, output=None, T_num=None, transpose=False, return_x=False, squeeze=None)` is used to simulate the initial condition response of a linear system.

- **sys** (StateSpace or TransferFunction) – LTI system to simulate
- **T** (array_like or float, optional) – Time vector, or simulation time duration if a number (time vector is autocomputed if not given; see `step_response()` for more detail)
- **X0** (array_like or float, optional) – Initial condition (default = 0). Numbers are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape.
- **input** (int) – Ignored, has no meaning in initial condition calculation. Parameter ensures compatibility with step_response and impulse_response.
- **output** (int) – Index of the output that will be used in this simulation. Set to None to not trim outputs.
- **T_num** (int, optional) – Number of time steps to use in simulation if T is not provided as an array (autocomputed if not given); ignored if sys is discrete-time.
- **transpose** (bool, optional) – If True, transpose all input and output arrays (for backward compatibility with MATLAB and `scipy.signal.lsim()`). Default value is False.
- **return_x** (bool, optional) – If True, return the state vector when assigning to a tuple (default = False). See `forced_response()` for more details.
- **squeeze** (bool, optional) – By default, if a system is single-input, single-output (SISO) then the output response is returned as a 1D array (indexed by time). If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep the output as a 2D array (indexed by the output number and time) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_time_response’].

**Returns**

- **results** – Time response represented as a `TimeResponseData` object containing the following properties:
  - `time` (array): Time values of the output.
  - `outputs` (array): Response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 2D (indexed by the output and time).
  - `states` (array): Time evolution of the state vector, represented as either a 2D array indexed by state and time (if SISO). Not affected by squeeze.
The return value of the system can also be accessed by assigning the function to a tuple of length 2 (time, output) or of length 3 (time, output, state) if `return_x` is True.

**Return type** *TimeResponseData*

**See also:**
*forced_response, impulse_response, step_response*

**Notes**

This function uses the `forced_response` function with the input set to zero.

**Examples**

```python
>>> T, yout = initial_response(sys, T, X0)
```

### 3.4.4 control.input_output_response

```python
control.input_output_response(sys, T, U=0.0, X0=0, params={}, transpose=False, return_x=False, squeeze=None, solve_ivp_kwargs={}, **kwargs)
```

Compute the output response of a system to a given input.

Simulate a dynamical system with a given input and return its output and state values.

**Parameters**

- `sys` (*InputOutputSystem*) – Input/output system to simulate.
- `T` (*array-like*) – Time steps at which the input is defined; values must be evenly spaced.
- `U` (*array-like or number, optional*) – Input array giving input at each time `T` (default = 0).
- `X0` (*array-like or number, optional*) – Initial condition (default = 0).
- `return_x` (*bool, optional*) – If True, return the state vector when assigning to a tuple (default = False). See `forced_response()` for more details. If True, return the values of the state at each time (default = False).
- `squeeze` (*bool, optional*) – If True and if the system has a single output, return the system output as a 1D array rather than a 2D array. If False, return the system output as a 2D array even if the system is SISO. Default value set by config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response'].
- `solve_ivp_method` (*str, optional*) – Set the method used by `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp()`. Defaults to ‘RK45’.
- `solve_ivp_kwargs` (*str, optional*) – Pass additional keywords to `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp()`.

**Returns**

- `results` – Time response represented as a *TimeResponseData* object containing the following properties:
  - `time` (*array*) – Time values of the output.
• outputs (array): Response of the system. If the system is SISO and `squeeze` is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or `squeeze` is False, the array is 2D (indexed by output and time).

• states (array): Time evolution of the state vector, represented as a 2D array indexed by state and time.

• inputs (array): Input(s) to the system, indexed by input and time.

The return value of the system can also be accessed by assigning the function to a tuple of length 2 (time, output) or of length 3 (time, output, state) if `return_x` is True. If the input/output system signals are named, these names will be used as labels for the time response.

Return type  `TimeResponseData`

Raises

• `TypeError` – If the system is not an input/output system.

• `ValueError` – If time step does not match sampling time (for discrete time systems).

### 3.4.5 control.step_response

```python
control.step_response(sys, T=None, X0=0.0, input=None, output=None, T_num=None, transpose=False, return_x=False, squeeze=None)
```

Compute the step response for a linear system.

If the system has multiple inputs and/or multiple outputs, the step response is computed for each input/output pair, with all other inputs set to zero. Optionally, a single input and/or single output can be selected, in which case all other inputs are set to 0 and all other outputs are ignored.

For information on the shape of parameters `T`, `X0` and return values `T`, `yout`, see *Time series data*.

Parameters

• `sys` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – LTI system to simulate

• `T` (*array_like* or *float*, optional) – Time vector, or simulation time duration if a number. If `T` is not provided, an attempt is made to create it automatically from the dynamics of `sys`. If `sys` is continuous-time, the time increment `dt` is chosen small enough to show the fastest mode, and the simulation time period `tfinal` long enough to show the slowest mode, excluding poles at the origin and pole-zero cancellations. If this results in too many time steps (>5000), `dt` is reduced. If `sys` is discrete-time, only `tfinal` is computed, and final is reduced if it requires too many simulation steps.

• `X0` (*array_like* or *float*, optional) – Initial condition (default = 0). Numbers are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape.

• `input` (*int*, optional) – Only compute the step response for the listed input. If not specified, the step responses for each independent input are computed (as separate traces).

• `output` (*int*, optional) – Only report the step response for the listed output. If not specified, all outputs are reported.

• `T_num` (*int*, optional) – Number of time steps to use in simulation if `T` is not provided as an array (autocomputed if not given); ignored if `sys` is discrete-time.

• `transpose` (*bool*, optional) – If True, transpose all input and output arrays (for backward compatibility with MATLAB and `scipy.signal.lsim()`). Default value is False.

• `return_x` (*bool*, optional) – If True, return the state vector when assigning to a tuple (default = False). See `forced_response()` for more details.
• **squeeze** *(bool, optional)* – By default, if a system is single-input, single-output (SISO) then the output response is returned as a 1D array (indexed by time). If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep the output as a 3D array (indexed by the output, input, and time) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_time_response’].

**Returns**

**results** – Time response represented as a `TimeResponseData` object containing the following properties:

- **time** (array): Time values of the output.
- **outputs** (array): Response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 3D (indexed by the output, trace, and time).
- **states** (array): Time evolution of the state vector, represented as either a 2D array indexed by state and time (if SISO) or a 3D array indexed by state, trace, and time. Not affected by squeeze.
- **inputs** (array): Input(s) to the system, indexed in the same manner as outputs.

The return value of the system can also be accessed by assigning the function to a tuple of length 2 (time, output) or of length 3 (time, output, state) if return_x is True.

**Return type** `TimeResponseData`

**See also:** `forced_response`, `initial_response`, `impulse_response`

**Notes**

This function uses the `forced_response` function with the input set to a unit step.

**Examples**

```python
>>> T, yout = step_response(sys, T, X0)
```

### 3.4.6 control.phase_plot

**control.phase_plot**(odefun, X=None, Y=None, scale=1, X0=None, T=None, lingrid=None, lintime=None, logtime=None, timepts=None, parms=(), verbose=True)

Phase plot for 2D dynamical systems

Produces a vector field or stream line plot for a planar system.

**Call signatures:** phase_plot(func, X, Y, ...) - display vector field on meshgrid phase_plot(func, X, Y, scale, ...) - scale arrows phase_plot(func, X0=(...), T=Tmax, ...) - display stream lines phase_plot(func, X, Y, X0=[...], T=Tmax, ...) - plot both phase_plot(func, X0=[...], T=Tmax, lingrid=N, ...) - plot both phase_plot(func, X0=[...], lintime=N, ...) - stream lines with arrows

**Parameters**
• **func** *(callable(x, t, ...)) – Computes the time derivative of y (compatible with odeint). The function should be the same for as used for scipy.integrate. Namely, it should be a function of the form \( \frac{dx}{dt} = F(x, t) \) that accepts a state \( x \) of dimension 2 and returns a derivative \( \frac{dx}{dt} \) of dimension 2.*

• **X** *(3-element sequences, optional, as [start, stop, npts]) – Two 3-element sequences specifying x and y coordinates of a grid. These arguments are passed to linspace and meshgrid to generate the points at which the vector field is plotted. If absent (or None), the vector field is not plotted.*

• **Y** *(3-element sequences, optional, as [start, stop, npts]) – Two 3-element sequences specifying x and y coordinates of a grid. These arguments are passed to linspace and meshgrid to generate the points at which the vector field is plotted. If absent (or None), the vector field is not plotted.*

• **scale** *(float, optional) – Scale size of arrows; default = 1*

• **X0** *(ndarray of initial conditions, optional) – List of initial conditions from which streamlines are plotted. Each initial condition should be a pair of numbers.*

• **T** *(array-like or number, optional) – Length of time to run simulations that generate streamlines. If a single number, the same simulation time is used for all initial conditions. Otherwise, should be a list of length \( \text{len}(X0) \) that gives the simulation time for each initial condition. Default value = 50.*

• **lingrid** *(integer or 2-tuple of integers, optional) – Argument is either N or (N, M). If X0 is given and X, Y are missing, a grid of arrows is produced using the limits of the initial conditions, with N grid points in each dimension or N grid points in \( x \) and M grid points in \( y \).*

• **lintime** *(integer or tuple (integer, float), optional) – If a single integer N is given, draw N arrows using equally space time points. If a tuple (N, lambda) is given, draw N arrows using exponential time constant lambda*

• **timepts** *(array-like, optional) – Draw arrows at the given list times \([t1, t2, ...]\)*

• **parms** *(tuple, optional) – List of parameters to pass to vector field: \( \text{func}(x, t, *\text{parms}) \)

See also:

box_grid construct box-shaped grid of initial conditions

### Examples

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3.5.1 control.dcgain

control.dcgain(sys)

Return the zero-frequency (or DC) gain of the given system

Returns gain – The zero-frequency gain, or (inf + nanj) if the system has a pole at the origin, (nan + nanj) if there is a pole/zero cancellation at the origin.

Return type ndarray

3.5.2 control.describing_function

control.describing_function(F, A, num_points=100, zero_check=True, try_method=True)

Numerical compute the describing function of a nonlinear function

The describing function of a nonlinearity is given by magnitude and phase of the first harmonic of the function when evaluated along a sinusoidal input $A \sin \omega t$. This function returns the magnitude and phase of the describing function at amplitude $A$.

Parameters

- **F (callable)** – The function F() should accept a scalar number as an argument and return a scalar number. For compatibility with (static) nonlinear input/output systems, the output can also return a 1D array with a single element.

If the function is an object with a method `describing_function` then this method will be used to computing the describing function instead of a nonlinear computation. Some common nonlinearities use the `DescribingFunctionNonlinearity` class, which provides this functionality.

- **A (array_like)** – The amplitude(s) at which the describing function should be calculated.

- **zero_check (bool, optional)** – If True (default) then $A$ is zero, the function will be evaluated and checked to make sure it is zero. If not, a `TypeError` exception is raised. If `zero_check` is `False`, no check is made on the value of the function at zero.

- **try_method (bool, optional)** – If True (default), check the $F$ argument to see if it is an object with a `describing_function` method and use this to compute the describing function. More information in the `describing_function` method for the `DescribingFunctionNonlinearity` class.

Returns df – The (complex) value of the describing function at the given amplitudes.
Return type  array of complex

Raises  TypeError – If A[i] < 0 or if A[i] = 0 and the function F(0) is non-zero.

3.5.3  control.evalfr

control.evalfr(sys, x, squeeze=None)
Evaluate the transfer function of an LTI system for complex frequency x.

Returns the complex frequency response \( sys(x) \) where \( x \) is \( s \) for continuous-time systems and \( z \) for discrete-time systems, with \( m = sys.ninputs \) number of inputs and \( p = sys.noutputs \) number of outputs.

To evaluate at a frequency omega in radians per second, enter \( x = \omega * 1j \) for continuous-time systems, or \( x = \exp(1j * \omega * dt) \) for discrete-time systems, or use freqresp(sys, omega).

Parameters

- **sys** (StateSpace or TransferFunction) – Linear system
- **x** (complex scalar or 1D array_like) – Complex frequency(s)
- **squeeze** (bool, optional (default=True)) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_frequency_response’].

Returns  fresp – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the shape of the array matches the shape of omega. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match omega. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

Return type  complex ndarray

See also:  freqresp, bode

Notes

This function is a wrapper for StateSpace.__call__() and TransferFunction.__call__().

Examples

```python
>>> sys = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9."")
>>> evalfr(sys, 1j)
array([[ 44.8-21.4j]])
>>> # This is the transfer function matrix evaluated at s = i.
```

Todo: Add example with MIMO system
3.5.4 control.freqresp

control.freqresp(sys, omega, squeeze=None)

Frequency response of an LTI system at multiple angular frequencies.

In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where \( m = sys.ninputs \) number of inputs and \( p = sys.noutputs \) number of outputs.

Parameters

- **sys** (StateSpace or TransferFunction) – Linear system
- **omega** (float or 1D array_like) – A list of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system should be evaluated. The list can be either a python list or a numpy array and will be sorted before evaluation.
- **squeeze** (bool, optional) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response'].

Returns

- **mag** (ndarray) – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency response. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D, indexed by frequency. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 3D, indexed by the output, input, and frequency. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.
- **phase** (ndarray) – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.
- **omega** (ndarray) – The list of sorted frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

See also:

evalfr, bode

Notes

This function is a wrapper for StateSpace.frequency_response() and TransferFunction.frequency_response().

Examples

```python
>>> sys = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
>>> mag, phase, omega = freqresp(sys, [0.1, 1., 10.])
>>> mag
array([[ 58.8576682 ,  49.64876635,  13.40825927]])
>>> phase
array([[-0.05408304, -0.44563154, -0.66837155]])
```

Todo: Add example with MIMO system

```python
#>>> sys = rss(3, 2, 2) #>>> mag, phase, omega = freqresp(sys, [0.1, 1., 10.])
#>>> mag[0, 1, :]
#array([55.43747231, 42.47766549, 1.97225895])
#>>> phase[1, 0, :]
#array([-0.12611087, -1.14294316, 2.5764547])
#>>> This is the magnitude of the frequency response from the 2nd input to the 1st output, and the
```
phase (in radians) of the frequency response from the 1st input to the 2nd output, for \( s = 0.1i, i, 10i. \)

### 3.5.5 control.margin

**control.margin**(*sysdata*)

Calculate gain and phase margins and associated crossover frequencies

**Parameters**

- `sysdata` *(LTI system or (mag, phase, omega) sequence)*
  - `sys` *(StateSpace or TransferFunction)* Linear SISO system representing the loop transfer function
  - `mag`, `phase`, `omega` *(sequence of array_like)* Input magnitude, phase (in deg.), and frequencies (rad/sec) from bode frequency response data

**Returns**

- `gm` *(float)* – Gain margin
- `pm` *(float)* – Phase margin (in degrees)
- `wcg` *(float or array_like)* – Crossover frequency associated with gain margin (phase crossover frequency), where phase crosses below -180 degrees.
- `wcp` *(float or array_like)* – Crossover frequency associated with phase margin (gain crossover frequency), where gain crosses below 1.

Margins are calculated for a SISO open-loop system.

If there is more than one gain crossover, the one at the smallest margin (deviation from gain = 1), in absolute sense, is returned. Likewise the smallest phase margin (in absolute sense) is returned.

**Examples**

```python
>>> sys = tf(1, [1, 2, 1, 0])
>>> gm, pm, wcg, wcp = margin(sys)
```

### 3.5.6 control.stabilityMargins

**control.stabilityMargins**(*sysdata, returnall=False, epsw=0.0, method='best'*)

Calculate stability margins and associated crossover frequencies.

**Parameters**

- `sysdata` *(LTI system or (mag, phase, omega) sequence)*
  - `sys` *(LTI system)* Linear SISO system representing the loop transfer function
  - `mag`, `phase`, `omega` *(sequence of array_like)* Arrays of magnitudes (absolute values, not dB), phases (degrees), and corresponding frequencies. Crossover frequencies returned are in the same units as those in `omega` (e.g., rad/sec or Hz).
- `returnall` *(bool, optional)* – If true, return all margins found. If False (default), return only the minimum stability margins. For frequency data or FRD systems, only margins in the given frequency region can be found and returned.
• **epsw** (*float, optional*) – Frequencies below this value (default 0.0) are considered static gain, and not returned as margin.

• **method** (*string, optional*) – Method to use (default is ‘best’): ‘poly’: use polynomial method if passed a LTI system. ‘frd’: calculate crossover frequencies using numerical interpolation of a *FrequencyResponseData* representation of the system if passed a LTI system. ‘best’: use the ‘poly’ method if possible, reverting to ‘frd’ if it is detected that numerical inaccuracy is likely to arise in the ‘poly’ method for for discrete-time systems.

**Returns**

• **gm** (*float or array_like*) – Gain margin

• **pm** (*float or array_like*) – Phase margin

• **sm** (*float or array_like*) – Stability margin, the minimum distance from the Nyquist plot to -1

• **wpc** (*float or array_like*) – Phase crossover frequency (where phase crosses -180 degrees), which is associated with the gain margin.

• **wgc** (*float or array_like*) – Gain crossover frequency (where gain crosses 1), which is associated with the phase margin.

• **wms** (*float or array_like*) – Stability margin frequency (where Nyquist plot is closest to -1)

• Note that the gain margin is determined by the gain of the loop

• transfer function at the phase crossover frequency(s), the phase

• margin is determined by the phase of the loop transfer function at

• the gain crossover frequency(s), and the stability margin is

• determined by the frequency of maximum sensitivity (given by the

• magnitude of \(1/(1+L)\)).

### 3.5.7 control.phase_crossover_frequencies

**control.phase_crossover_frequencies(sys)**

Compute frequencies and gains at intersections with real axis in Nyquist plot.

**Parameters** `sys` (*SISO LTI system*) –

**Returns**

• **omega** (*ndarray*) – 1d array of (non-negative) frequencies where Nyquist plot intersects the real axis

• **gain** (*ndarray*) – 1d array of corresponding gains
Examples

```python
>>> tf = TransferFunction([1], [1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> phase_crossover_frequencies(tf)
(array([ 1.73205081, 0. ]), array([-0.5 , 0.25]))
```

3.5.8 control.pole

`control.pole(sys)`

Compute system poles.

**Parameters**

- `sys` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – Linear system

**Returns**

- `poles` – Array that contains the system’s poles.

**Return type**

`ndarray`

**Raises**

- `NotImplementedError` – when called on a TransferFunction object

See also:

`zero`, `TransferFunction.pole`, `StateSpace.pole`

3.5.9 control.zero

`control.zero(sys)`

Compute system zeros.

**Parameters**

- `sys` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – Linear system

**Returns**

- `zeros` – Array that contains the system’s zeros.

**Return type**

`ndarray`

**Raises**

- `NotImplementedError` – when called on a MIMO system

See also:

`pole`, `StateSpace.zero`, `TransferFunction.zero`

3.5.10 control.pzmap

`control.pzmap(sys, plot=None, grid=None, title='Pole Zero Map', **kwargs)`

Plot a pole/zero map for a linear system.

**Parameters**

- `sys` (*LTI* (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*)) – Linear system for which poles and zeros are computed.
- `plot` (*bool*, *optional*) – If True a graph is generated with Matplotlib, otherwise the poles and zeros are only computed and returned.
- `grid` (*boolean* (*default* = *False*)) – If True plot omega-damping grid.

**Returns**

- `poles` (*array*) – The system’s poles
- `zeros` (*array*) – The system’s zeros.
3.5.11 control.root_locus

```python
control.root_locus(sys, kvect=None, xlim=None, ylim=None, plotstr=None, plot=True, print_gain=None, grid=None, ax=None, **kwargs)
```

**Root locus plot**

Calculate the root locus by finding the roots of 1+k*TF(s) where TF is self.num(s)/self.den(s) and each k is an element of kvect.

**Parameters**

- `sys` (*LTI object*) – Linear input/output systems (SISO only, for now).
- `kvect` (*list or ndarray, optional*) – List of gains to use in computing diagram.
- `xlim` (*tuple or list, optional*) – Set limits of x axis, normally with tuple (see matplotlib.axes).
- `ylim` (*tuple or list, optional*) – Set limits of y axis, normally with tuple (see matplotlib.axes).
- `plotstr` (*matplotlib.pyplot.plot() format string, optional*) – Plotting style specification
- `plot` (*boolean, optional*) – If True (default), plot root locus diagram.
- `print_gain` (*bool*) – If True (default), report mouse clicks when close to the root locus branches, calculate gain, damping and print.
- `grid` (*bool*) – If True plot omega-damping grid. Default is False.
- `ax` (*matplotlib.axes.Axes*) – Axes on which to create root locus plot

**Returns**

- `rlist` (*ndarray*) – Computed root locations, given as a 2D array
- `klist` (*ndarray or list*) – Gains used. Same as klist keyword argument if provided.

3.5.12 control.sisotool

```python
control.sisotool(sys, kvect=None, xlim_rlocus=None, ylim_rlocus=None, plotstr_rlocus='ts1', rlocus_grid=False, omega=None, dB=None, Hz=None, deg=None, omega_limits=None, omega_num=None, margins_bode=True, tvect=None)
```

**sisotool style collection of plots inspired by MATLAB’s sisotool**. The left two plots contain the bode magnitude and phase diagrams. The top right plot is a clickable root locus plot, clicking on the root locus will change the gain of the system. The bottom left plot shows a closed loop time response.

**Parameters**

- `sys` (*LTI object*) – Linear input/output systems. If sys is SISO, use the same system for the root locus and step response. If it is desired to see a different step response than feedback(K*loop,1), sys can be provided as a two-input, two-output system (e.g. by using bdgalg.connect 'or :func:`iosys.interconnect()`). Sisotool inserts the negative of the selected gain K between the first output and first input and uses the second input and output for computing the step response. This allows you to see the step responses of more complex systems, for example, systems with a feedforward path into the plant or in which the gain appears in the feedback path.
- `kvect` (*list or ndarray, optional*) – List of gains to use for plotting root locus
• **xlim_rlocus** *(tuple or list, optional)* – control of x-axis range, normally with tuple (see matplotlib.axes).

• **ylim_rlocus** *(tuple or list, optional)* – control of y-axis range

• **plotstr_rlocus** *(matplotlib.pyplot.plot() format string, optional)* – plotting style for the root locus plot(color, linestyle, etc)

• **rlocus_grid** *(boolean (default = False))* – If True plot s- or z-plane grid.

• **omega** *(array_like)* – List of frequencies in rad/sec to be used for bode plot

• **dB** *(boolean)* – If True, plot result in dB for the bode plot

• **Hz** *(boolean)* – If True, plot frequency in Hz for the bode plot (omega must be provided in rad/sec)

• **deg** *(boolean)* – If True, plot phase in degrees for the bode plot (else radians)

• **omega_limits** *(array_like of two values)* – Limits of the to generate frequency vector. If Hz=True the limits are in Hz otherwise in rad/s. Ignored if omega is provided, and auto-generated if omitted.

• **omega_num** *(int)* – Number of samples to plot. Defaults to config.defaults['freqplot.number_of_samples'].

• **margins_bode** *(boolean)* – If True, plot gain and phase margin in the bode plot

• **tvect** *(list or ndarray, optional)* – List of timesteps to use for closed loop step response

### Examples

```python
>>> sys = tf([1000], [1,25,100,0])
>>> sisotool(sys)
```

#### 3.6 Matrix computations

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3.6.1 control.care

control.care(A, B, Q, R=None, S=None, E=None, stabilizing=True)

(X, L, G) = care(A, B, Q, R=None) solves the continuous-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X + X A - X B R^{-1} B^T X + Q = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q and R are symmetric matrices. If R is None, it is set to the identity matrix. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix \( G = B^T X \) and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of \( A - B G \).

(X, L, G) = care(A, B, Q, R, S, E) solves the generalized continuous-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X E + E^T X A - (E^T X B + S) R^{-1} (B^T X E + S^T) + Q = 0 \]

where A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q and R are symmetric matrices. If R is None, it is set to the identity matrix. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix \( G = R^{-1} (B^T X E + S^T) \) and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of \( A - B G \).

Parameters

- A (2D arrays) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- B (2D arrays) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- Q (2D arrays) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- R (2D arrays, optional) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- S (2D arrays, optional) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- E (2D arrays, optional) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation

Returns

- X (2D array (or matrix)) – Solution to the Riccati equation
- L (1D array) – Closed loop eigenvalues
- G (2D array (or matrix)) – Gain matrix

Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See use_numpy_matrix().

3.6.2 control.dare

control.dare(A, B, Q, R=None, S=None, E=None, stabilizing=True)

(X, L, G) = dare(A, B, Q, R) solves the discrete-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X A - X - A^T X B (B^T X B + R)^{-1} B^T X A + Q = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q is a symmetric matrix. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix \( G = (B^T X B + R)^{-1} B^T X A \) and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of \( A - B G \).

(X, L, G) = dare(A, B, Q, R, S, E) solves the generalized discrete-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X A - E^T X E - (A^T X B + S) (B^T X B + R)^{-1} (B^T X A + S^T) + Q = 0 \]
where A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q and R are symmetric matrices. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix \( G = (B^T X B + R)^{-1}(B^T X A + S^T) \) and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of \( A - B G \), E.

**Parameters**

- **A** *(2D arrays)* – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- **B** *(2D arrays)* – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- **Q** *(2D arrays)* – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- **R** *(2D arrays, optional)* – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- **S** *(2D arrays, optional)* – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- **E** *(2D arrays, optional)* – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation

**Returns**

- **X** *(2D array (or matrix))* – Solution to the Ricatti equation
- **L** *(1D array)* – Closed loop eigenvalues
- **G** *(2D array (or matrix))* – Gain matrix

**Notes**

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

### 3.6.3 control.lyap

```python
control.lyap(A, Q, C=None, E=None)
```

\[ AX + XA^T + Q = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q must be symmetric.

\[ AX + XQ + C = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices.

\[ AXE^T + EXA^T + Q = 0 \]

where Q is a symmetric matrix and A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension.

**Parameters**

- **A** *(2D array)* – Dynamics matrix
- **C** *(2D array, optional)* – If present, solve the Sylvester equation
- **E** *(2D array, optional)* – If present, solve the generalized Lyapunov equation

**Returns**

- **Q** – Solution to the Lyapunov or Sylvester equation

**Return type** 2D array (or matrix)
Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

3.6.4 control.dlyap

control.dlyap(A, Q, C=None, E=None)
dlyap(A,Q) solves the discrete-time Lyapunov equation
\[ AXAT - X + Q = 0 \]
where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further Q must be symmetric.
dlyap(A,Q,C) solves the Sylvester equation
\[ AXQT - X + C = 0 \]
where A and Q are square matrices.
dlyap(A,Q,None,E) solves the generalized discrete-time Lyapunov equation
\[ AXAT - EXET + Q = 0 \]
where Q is a symmetric matrix and A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension.

3.6.5 control ctrb

control ctrb(A, B)
Controllabilty matrix

Parameters

- A (array_like or string) – Dynamics and input matrix of the system
- B (array_like or string) – Dynamics and input matrix of the system

Returns C – Controllability matrix

Return type 2D array (or matrix)

Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

Examples

```python
>>> C = ctrb(A, B)
```
3.6.6 control.obsv

control.obsv(A, C)
Observability matrix

Parameters

- A (array_like or string) – Dynamics and output matrix of the system
- C (array_like or string) – Dynamics and output matrix of the system

Returns O – Observability matrix
Return type 2D array (or matrix)

Notes
The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

Examples

```python
>>> O = obsv(A, C)
```

3.6.7 control.gram

control.gram(sys, type)
Gramian (controllability or observability)

Parameters

- sys (StateSpace) – System description
- type (String) – Type of desired computation. type is either ‘c’ (controllability) or ‘o’ (observability). To compute the Cholesky factors of Gramians use ‘cf’ (controllability) or ‘of’ (observability)

Returns gram – Gramian of system
Return type 2D array (or matrix)

Raises

- ValueError –
  - if system is not instance of StateSpace class
  - if type is not ‘c’, ‘o’, ‘cf’ or ‘of’ * if system is unstable (sys.A has eigenvalues not in left half plane)
- ControlSlycot – if slycot routine sb03md cannot be found if slycot routine sb03od cannot be found
Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

Examples

```python
>>> Wc = gram(sys, 'c')
>>> Wo = gram(sys, 'o')
>>> Rc = gram(sys, 'cf'), where Wc = Rc' * Rc
>>> Ro = gram(sys, 'of'), where Wo = Ro' * Ro
```

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3.7.1 control.acker

`control.acker(A, B, poles)`  
Pole placement using Ackermann method

Call: K = acker(A, B, poles)

Parameters

- **A** *(2D array_like)* – State and input matrix of the system
- **B** *(2D array_like)* – State and input matrix of the system
- **poles** *(1D array_like)* – Desired eigenvalue locations

Returns **K** – Gains such that A - B K has given eigenvalues

Return type **2D array** (or matrix)
Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

3.7.2 control.h2syn

control.h2syn(P, nmeas, ncon)
H_2 control synthesis for plant P.

Parameters

- P (partitioned lti plant (State-space sys)) –
- nmeas (number of measurements (input to controller)) –
- ncon (number of control inputs (output from controller)) –

Returns K

Return type controller to stabilize P (State-space sys)

Raises ImportError – if slycot routine sb10hd is not loaded

See also: StateSpace

Examples

```python
>>> K = h2syn(P, nmeas, ncon)
```

3.7.3 control.hinfysn

control.hinfysn(P, nmeas, ncon)
H_{inf} control synthesis for plant P.

Parameters

- P (partitioned lti plant) –
- nmeas (number of measurements (input to controller)) –
- ncon (number of control inputs (output from controller)) –

Returns

- K (controller to stabilize P (State-space sys))
- CL (closed loop system (State-space sys))
- gam (infinity norm of closed loop system)
- rcond (4-vector, reciprocal condition estimates of:) – 1: control transformation matrix 2: measurement transformation matrix 3: X-Riccati equation 4: Y-Riccati equation
- TODO (document significance of rcond)

Raises ImportError – if slycot routine sb10ad is not loaded
See also:
StateSpace

Examples

```
>>> K, CL, gam, rcond = hinfsyn(P,nmeas,ncon)
```

### 3.7.4 control.lqr

`control.lqr(A, B, Q[, R[, N]])`

Linear quadratic regulator design

The `lqr()` function computes the optimal state feedback controller that minimizes the quadratic cost

\[
J = \int_0^\infty (x'Qx + u'Ru + 2x'Nu)dt
\]

The function can be called with either 3, 4, or 5 arguments:

- `K, S, E = lqr(sys, Q, R)`
- `K, S, E = lqr(sys, Q, R, N)`
- `K, S, E = lqr(A, B, Q, R)`
- `K, S, E = lqr(A, B, Q, R, N)`

where `sys` is an `LTI` object, and `A, B, Q, R, and N` are 2D arrays or matrices of appropriate dimension.

**Parameters**

- `A` *(2D array_like)* – Dynamics and input matrices
- `B` *(2D array_like)* – Dynamics and input matrices
- `sys` *(LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction))* – Linear I/O system
- `Q` *(2D array)* – State and input weight matrices
- `R` *(2D array)* – State and input weight matrices
- `N` *(2D array, optional)* – Cross weight matrix

**Returns**

- `K` *(2D array (or matrix))* – State feedback gains
- `S` *(2D array (or matrix))* – Solution to Riccati equation
- `E` *(1D array)* – Eigenvalues of the closed loop system

See also:

`lqe`
Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

Examples

```python
>>> K, S, E = lqr(sys, Q, R, [N])
>>> K, S, E = lqr(A, B, Q, R, [N])
```

3.7.5 `control.lqe`

`control.lqe(A, G, C, Q, R[, N])`

Linear quadratic estimator design (Kalman filter) for continuous-time systems. Given the system

\[
\begin{align*}
x &= Ax + Bu + Gw \\
y &= Cx + Du + v
\end{align*}
\]

with unbiased process noise \(w\) and measurement noise \(v\) with covariances

\[
E_{ww'} = Q, \ E_{vv'} = R, \ E_{wv'} = N
\]

The `lqe()` function computes the observer gain matrix \(L\) such that the stationary (non-time-varying) Kalman filter

\[
x_e = Ax_e + Bu + L(y - Cx_e - Du)
\]

produces a state estimate \(x_e\) that minimizes the expected squared error using the sensor measurements \(y\). The noise cross-correlation \(N\) is set to zero when omitted.

The function can be called with either 3, 4, 5, or 6 arguments:

- \(L, P, E = lqe(sys, Q, R)\)
- \(L, P, E = lqe(sys, Q, R, N)\)
- \(L, P, E = lqe(A, G, C, Q, R)\)
- \(L, P, E = lqe(A, B, C, Q, R, N)\)

where \(sys\) is an \(LTI\) object, and \(A, G, C, Q, R, N\) are 2D arrays or matrices of appropriate dimension.

Parameters

- \(A\) (2D array_like) – Dynamics, process noise (disturbance), and output matrices
- \(G\) (2D array_like) – Dynamics, process noise (disturbance), and output matrices
- \(C\) (2D array_like) – Dynamics, process noise (disturbance), and output matrices
- \(sys\) (LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – Linear I/O system, with the process noise input taken as the system input.
- \(Q\) (2D array_like) – Process and sensor noise covariance matrices
- \(R\) (2D array_like) – Process and sensor noise covariance matrices
- \(N\) (2D array, optional) – Cross covariance matrix. Not currently implemented.

Returns
• **L** (*2D array (or matrix)*) – Kalman estimator gain

• **P** (*2D array (or matrix)*) – Solution to Riccati equation

\[
AP + PA^T - (PC^T + GN)R^{-1}(CP + NTG^T) + GQG^T = 0
\]

• **E** (*1D array*) – Eigenvalues of estimator poles \(\text{eig}(A - L C)\)

### Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

### Examples

```python
>>> L, P, E = lqe(A, G, C, QN, RN)
>>> L, P, E = lqe(A, G, C, QN, RN, NN)
```

See also:

`lqr`

#### 3.7.6 control.mixsyn

```python
control.mixsyn(g, w1=None, w2=None, w3=None)
```

Mixed-sensitivity H-infinity synthesis.

`mixsyn(g,w1,w2,w3) -> k,cl,info`

**Parameters**

• **g** (*LTI; the plant for which controller must be synthesized*) –

• **w1** (*At least one of*) –

• **w2** (*weighting on \(k^*s\); None, or scalar or \(k2\)-by-\(nu\) LTI*) –

• **w3** (*weighting on \(t = g^*k^*(1+g^*k)^{-1}\); None, or scalar or \(k3\)-by-\(ny\) LTI*) –

• **w1** –

• **w2** –

• **None. (and w3 must not be)** –

**Returns**

• **k** (*synthesized controller; StateSpace object*)

• **cl** (*closed system mapping evaluation inputs to evaluation outputs; if*)

• **p** (*is the augmented plant, with \([z] = [p11p12] [w]. [y] [p21g] [u]*

• **then cl is the system from w->z with u=-k*y. StateSpace object.**

• **info** (*tuple with entries, in order;*) –

  – gamma: scalar; H-infinity norm of cl

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– rcond: array; estimates of reciprocal condition numbers computed during synthesis. See hinfssyn for details

• If a weighting \( w \) is scalar, it will be replaced by \( I^*w \), where \( I \) is

• ny-by-ny for \( w_1 \) and \( w_3 \), and nu-by-nu for \( w_2 \).

See also:

hinfsyn, augw

3.7.7 control.place

control.place(A, B, p)

Place closed loop eigenvalues

\( K = \text{place}(A, B, p) \)

Parameters

• \( A \) (2D array_like) – Dynamics matrix

• \( B \) (2D array_like) – Input matrix

• \( p \) (1D array_like) – Desired eigenvalue locations

Returns \( K \) – Gain such that \( A - B \ K \) has eigenvalues given in \( p \)

Return type 2D array (or matrix)

Notes

Algorithm This is a wrapper function for scipy.signal.place_poles(), which implements the Tits and Yang algorithm\(^1\). It will handle SISO, MISO, and MIMO systems. If you want more control over the algorithm, use scipy.signal.place_poles() directly.

Limitations The algorithm will not place poles at the same location more than rank(\( B \)) times.

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See use_numpy_matrix().

References

Examples

```python
>>> A = [[-1, -1], [0, 1]]
>>> B = [[0], [1]]
>>> K = place(A, B, [-2, -5])
```

See also:

place_varga, acker

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Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

3.8 Model simplification tools

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<td>Calculate the first m Markov parameters [D CB CAB …] from input U, output Y.</td>
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3.8.1 control.minreal

```python
control.minreal(sys, tol=None, verbose=True)
```

Eliminates uncontrollable or unobservable states in state-space models or cancelling pole-zero pairs in transfer functions. The output sysr has minimal order and the same response characteristics as the original model sys.

Parameters

- `sys` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – Original system
- `tol` (real) – Tolerance
- `verbose` (bool) – Print results if True

Returns `sysr` – Cleaned model

Return type *StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*

3.8.2 control.balred

```python
control.balred(sys, orders[, method='truncate', alpha=None])
```

Balanced reduced order model of sys of a given order. States are eliminated based on Hankel singular value. If sys has unstable modes, they are removed, the balanced realization is done on the stable part, then reinserted in accordance with the reference below.


Parameters

- `sys` (*StateSpace*) – Original system to reduce
- `orders` (integer or array of integer) – Desired order of reduced order model (if a vector, returns a vector of systems)
• **method** (*string*) – Method of removing states, either ‘truncate’ or ‘matchdc’.

• **alpha** (*float*) – Redefines the stability boundary for eigenvalues of the system matrix A. By default for continuous-time systems, alpha <= 0 defines the stability boundary for the real part of A’s eigenvalues and for discrete-time systems, 0 <= alpha <= 1 defines the stability boundary for the modulus of A’s eigenvalues. See SLICOT routines AB09MD and AB09ND for more information.

**Returns**  
rsys – A reduced order model or a list of reduced order models if orders is a list.

**Return type**  
*StateSpace*

**Raises**

• **ValueError** – If method is not ‘truncate’ or ‘matchdc’

• **ImportError** – if slycot routine ab09ad, ab09md, or ab09nd is not found

• **ValueError** – if there are more unstable modes than any value in orders

**Examples**

```python
>>> rsys = balred(sys, orders, method='truncate')
```

### 3.8.3 control.hsvd

**control.hsvd(sys)**

Calculate the Hankel singular values.

**Parameters**  
*sys* (*StateSpace*) – A state space system

**Returns**  
H – A list of Hankel singular values

**Return type**  
*array*

**See also:**

*gram*

**Notes**

The Hankel singular values are the singular values of the Hankel operator. In practice, we compute the square root of the eigenvalues of the matrix formed by taking the product of the observability and controllability gramians. There are other (more efficient) methods based on solving the Lyapunov equation in a particular way (more details soon).

**Examples**

```python
>>> H = hsvd(sys)
```
3.8.4 control.modred

control.modred(sys, ELIM, method='matchdc')
Model reduction of sys by eliminating the states in ELIM using a given method.

Parameters

- sys (StateSpace) – Original system to reduce
- ELIM (array) – Vector of states to eliminate
- method (string) – Method of removing states in ELIM: either 'truncate' or 'matchdc'.

Returns rsys – A reduced order model

Return type StateSpace

Raises ValueError – Raised under the following conditions:

* if method is not either 'matchdc' or 'truncate'
* if eigenvalues of sys.A are not all in left half plane (sys must be stable)

Examples

```python
>>> rsys = modred(sys, ELIM, method='truncate')
```

3.8.5 control.era

control.era(YY, m, n, nin, nout, r)
Calculate an ERA model of order r based on the impulse-response data YY.

Note: This function is not implemented yet.

Parameters

- YY (array) – nout x nin dimensional impulse-response data
- m (integer) – Number of rows in Hankel matrix
- n (integer) – Number of columns in Hankel matrix
- nin (integer) – Number of input variables
- nout (integer) – Number of output variables
- r (integer) – Order of model

Returns sys – A reduced order model sys=ss(Ar,Br,Cr,Dr)

Return type StateSpace
Examples

```python
>>> rsys = era(YY, m, n, nin, nout, r)
```

### 3.8.6 control.markov

**control.markov**(Y, U=None, transpose=False)

Calculate the first `m` Markov parameters `[D CB CAB ...]` from input `U`, output `Y`.

This function computes the Markov parameters for a discrete time system

\[
x[k + 1] = Ax[k] + Bu[k]
\]
\[
y[k] = Cx[k] + Du[k]
\]

given data for u and y. The algorithm assumes that that \( C A^kB = 0 \) for \( k > m-2 \) (see\(^1\)). Note that the problem is ill-posed if the length of the input data is less than the desired number of Markov parameters (a warning message is generated in this case).

**Parameters**

- **Y** (*array_like*) – Output data. If the array is 1D, the system is assumed to be single input. If the array is 2D and transpose=False, the columns of Y are taken as time points, otherwise the rows of Y are taken as time points.
- **U** (*array_like*) – Input data, arranged in the same way as Y.
- **m** (*int, optional*) – Number of Markov parameters to output. Defaults to len(U).
- **transpose** (*bool, optional*) – Assume that input data is transposed relative to the standard *Time series data*. Default value is False.

**Returns**

- **H** – First m Markov parameters, [D CB CAB ...]

**Return type** *ndarray*

**References**

**Notes**

Currently only works for SISO systems.

This function does not currently comply with the Python Control Library *Time series data* for representation of time series data. Use transpose=False to make use of the standard convention (this will be updated in a future release).

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Examples

```python
>>> T = numpy.linspace(0, 10, 100)
>>> U = numpy.ones((1, 100))
>>> T, Y, _ = forced_response(tf([1], [1, 0.5], True), T, U)
>>> H = markov(Y, U, 3, transpose=False)
```

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3.9.1 control.find_eqpt

`control.find_eqpt(sys, x0, u0=[], y0=None, t=0, params={}, iu=None, iy=None, ix=None, dx0=None, return_y=False, return_result=False, **kw)`

Find the equilibrium point for an input/output system.

Returns the value of an equilibrium point given the initial state and either input value or desired output value for the equilibrium point.

**Parameters**

- `x0` (list of initial state values) – Initial guess for the value of the state near the equilibrium point.
- `u0` (list of input values, optional) – If `y0` is not specified, sets the equilibrium value of the input. If `y0` is given, provides an initial guess for the value of the input. Can be omitted if the system does not have any inputs.
- `y0` (list of output values, optional) – If specified, sets the desired values of the outputs at the equilibrium point.
- `t` (float, optional) – Evaluation time, for time-varying systems
- `params` (dict, optional) – Parameter values for the system. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.
- `iu` (list of input indices, optional) – If specified, only the inputs with the given indices will be fixed at the specified values in solving for an equilibrium point. All other inputs will be varied. Input indices can be listed in any order.
• **iy** *(list of output indices, optional)* – If specified, only the outputs with the given indices will be fixed at the specified values in solving for an equilibrium point. All other outputs will be varied. Output indices can be listed in any order.

• **ix** *(list of state indices, optional)* – If specified, states with the given indices will be fixed at the specified values in solving for an equilibrium point. All other states will be varied. State indices can be listed in any order.

• **dx0** *(list of update values, optional)* – If specified, the value of update map must match the listed value instead of the default value of 0.

• **idx** *(list of state indices, optional)* – If specified, state updates with the given indices will have their update maps fixed at the values given in dx0. All other update values will be ignored in solving for an equilibrium point. State indices can be listed in any order. By default, all updates will be fixed at dx0 in searching for an equilibrium point.

• **return_y** *(bool, optional)* – If True, return the value of output at the equilibrium point.

• **return_result** *(bool, optional)* – If True, return the result option from the scipy.optimize.root() function used to compute the equilibrium point.

**Returns**

• **xeq** *(array of states)* – Value of the states at the equilibrium point, or None if no equilibrium point was found and return_result was False.

• **ueq** *(array of input values)* – Value of the inputs at the equilibrium point, or None if no equilibrium point was found and return_result was False.

• **yeq** *(array of output values, optional)* – If return_y is True, returns the value of the outputs at the equilibrium point, or None if no equilibrium point was found and return_result was False.

• **result** *(scipy.optimize.OptimizeResult, optional)* – If return_result is True, returns the result from the scipy.optimize.root() function.

### 3.9.2 control.interconnect

**control.interconnect** *(syslist, connections=None, inplist=[], outlist=[], inputs=None, outputs=None, states=None, params={}, dt=None, name=None, check_unused=True, ignore_inputs=None, ignore_outputs=None, **kwargs)*

Interconnect a set of input/output systems.

This function creates a new system that is an interconnection of a set of input/output systems. If all of the input systems are linear I/O systems (type *LinearIOSystem*) then the resulting system will be a linear interconnected I/O system (type *LinearICSSystem*) with the appropriate inputs, outputs, and states. Otherwise, an interconnected I/O system (type *InterconnectedSystem*) will be created.

**Parameters**

• **syslist** *(list of InputOutputSystems)* – The list of input/output systems to be connected

• **connections** *(list of connections, optional)* – Description of the internal connections between the subsystems:

  
  ```python
  [connection1, connection2, ...]
  ```

  Each connection is itself a list that describes an input to one of the subsystems. The entries are of the form:

  ```python
  [input-spec, output-spec1, output-spec2, ...]
  ```
The input-spec can be in a number of different forms. The lowest level representation is a tuple of the form \((\text{subsys}_i, \text{inp}_j)\) where \(\text{subsys}_i\) is the index into \(\text{syslist}\) and \(\text{inp}_j\) is the index into the input vector for the subsystem. If \(\text{subsys}_i\) has a single input, then the subsystem index \(\text{subsys}_i\) can be listed as the input-spec. If systems and signals are given names, then the form ‘sys.sig’ or (‘sys’, ‘sig’) are also recognized.

Similarly, each output-spec should describe an output signal from one of the subsystems. The lowest level representation is a tuple of the form \((\text{subsys}_i, \text{out}_j, \text{gain})\). The input will be constructed by summing the listed outputs after multiplying by the gain term. If the gain term is omitted, it is assumed to be 1. If the system has a single output, then the subsystem index \(\text{subsys}_i\) can be listed as the input-spec. If systems and signals are given names, then the form ‘sys.sig’, (‘sys’, ‘sig’) or (‘sys’, ‘sig’, gain) are also recognized, and the special form ‘-sys.sig’ can be used to specify a signal with gain -1.

If omitted, the interconnect function will attempt to create the interconnection map by connecting all signals with the same base names (ignoring the system name). Specifically, for each input signal name in the list of systems, if that signal name corresponds to the output signal in any of the systems, it will be connected to that input (with a summation across all signals if the output name occurs in more than one system).

The connections keyword can also be set to False, which will leave the connection map empty and it can be specified instead using the low-level set_connect_map() method.

- **inplist** *(list of input connections, optional)* – List of connections for how the inputs for the overall system are mapped to the subsystem inputs. The input specification is similar to the form defined in the connection specification, except that connections do not specify an input-spec, since these are the system inputs. The entries for a connection are thus of the form:

  \[
  \{\text{input-spec1, input-spec2, ...}\}
  \]

  Each system input is added to the input for the listed subsystem. If the system input connects to only one subsystem input, a single input specification can be given (without the inner list).

  If omitted, the input map can be specified using the set_input_map() method.

- **outlist** *(list of output connections, optional)* – List of connections for how the outputs from the subsystems are mapped to overall system outputs. The output connection description is the same as the form defined in the inplist specification (including the optional gain term). Numbered outputs must be chosen from the list of subsystem outputs, but named outputs can also be contained in the list of subsystem inputs.

  If an output connection contains more than one signal specification, then those signals are added together (multiplying by the any gain term) to form the system output.

  If omitted, the output map can be specified using the set_output_map() method.

- **inputs** *(int, list of str or None, optional)* – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \(sfij\) (where \(s\) is one of \(u\), \(y\), or \(x\)). If this parameter is not given or given as None, the relevant quantity will be determined when possible based on other information provided to functions using the system.

- **outputs** *(int, list of str or None, optional)* – Description of the system outputs. Same format as inputs.

- **states** *(int, list of str, or None, optional)* – Description of the system states. Same format as inputs. The default is None, in which case the states will be given names of
the form `<subsys_name><state_name>`, for each subsys in syslist and each state_name of each subsys.

- **params** *(dict, optional)* – Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

- **dt** *(timebase, optional)* – The timebase for the system, used to specify whether the system is operating in continuous or discrete time. It can have the following values:
  - `dt = 0`: continuous time system (default)
  - `dt > 0`: discrete time system with sampling period ‘dt’
  - `dt = True`: discrete time with unspecified sampling period
  - `dt = None`: no timebase specified

- **name** *(string, optional)* – System name (used for specifying signals). If unspecified, a generic name `<sys[id]>` is generated with a unique integer id.

- **check_unused** *(bool)* – If True, check for unused sub-system signals. This check is not done if connections is False, and neither input nor output mappings are specified.

- **ignore_inputs** *(list of input-spec)* – A list of sub-system inputs known not to be connected. This is only used in checking for unused signals, and does not disable use of the input.

Besides the usual input-spec forms (see connections), an input-spec can be just the signal base name, in which case all signals from all sub-systems with that base name are considered ignored.

- **ignore_outputs** *(list of output-spec)* – A list of sub-system outputs known not to be connected. This is only used in checking for unused signals, and does not disable use of the output.

Besides the usual output-spec forms (see connections), an output-spec can be just the signal base name, in which all outputs from all sub-systems with that base name are considered ignored.

### Example

```python
>>> P = control.LinearIOSystem(
    control.rss(2, 2, 2, strictly_proper=True), name='P')
>>> C = control.LinearIOSystem(control.rss(2, 2, 2), name='C')
>>> T = control.interconnect([P, C],
    connections = [
        ['P.u[0]', 'C.y[0]'], ['P.u[1]', 'C.y[1]'],
        ['C.u[0]', '-P.y[0]'], ['C.u[1]', '-P.y[1]']],
    inplist = ['C.u[0]', 'C.u[1]'],
    outlist = ['P.y[0]', 'P.y[1]'],
)
```

For a SISO system, this example can be simplified by using the `summing_block()` function and the ability to automatically interconnect signals with the same names:

```python
>>> P = control.tf2io(control.tf(1, [1, 0]), inputs='u', outputs='y')
>>> C = control.tf2io(control.tf(10, [1, 1]), inputs='e', outputs='u')
```

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Notes

If a system is duplicated in the list of systems to be connected, a warning is generated and a copy of the system is created with the name of the new system determined by adding the prefix and suffix strings in config.defaults[‘iosys.linearized_system_name_prefix’] and config.defaults[‘iosys.linearized_system_name_suffix’], with the default being to add the suffix ‘$copy’$ to the system name.

It is possible to replace lists in most of arguments with tuples instead, but strictly speaking the only use of tuples should be in the specification of an input- or output-signal via the tuple notation (subsys_i, signal_j, gain) (where gain is optional). If you get an unexpected error message about a specification being of the wrong type, check your use of tuples.

In addition to its use for general nonlinear I/O systems, the interconnect() function allows linear systems to be interconnected using named signals (compared with the connect() function, which uses signal indices) and to be treated as both a StateSpace system as well as an InputOutputSystem.

The input and output keywords can be used instead of inputs and outputs, for more natural naming of SISO systems.

3.9.3 control.linearize

control.linearize(sys, xeq=[], ueq=[], t=0, params={}, **kw)

Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.

This function computes the linearization of an input/output system at a given state and input value and returns a StateSpace object. The evaluation point need not be an equilibrium point.

Parameters

• **sys** (InputOutputSystem) – The system to be linearized
• **xeq** (array) – The state at which the linearization will be evaluated (does not need to be an equilibrium state).
• **ueq** (array) – The input at which the linearization will be evaluated (does not need to correspond to an equilibrium state).
• **t** (float, optional) – The time at which the linearization will be computed (for time-varying systems).
• **params** (dict, optional) – Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.
• **copy** (bool, Optional) – If copy is True, copy the names of the input signals, output signals, and states to the linearized system. If name is not specified, the system name is set to the input system name with the string ‘_linearized’ appended.
• **name** (string, optional) – Set the name of the linearized system. If not specified and if copy is False, a generic name <sys[id]> is generated with a unique integer id. If copy is True, the new system name is determined by adding the prefix and suffix strings in config.defaults[‘iosys.linearized_system_name_prefix’] and config.defaults[‘iosys.linearized_system_name_suffix’], with the default being to add the suffix ‘$linearized’.

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Returns `ss_sys` – The linearization of the system, as a `LinearIOSystem` object (which is also a `StateSpace` object).

Return type `LinearIOSystem`

### 3.9.4 `control.ss2io`

`control.ss2io(*args, **kwargs)`

Create an I/O system from a state space linear system.

Converts a `StateSpace` system into an `InputOutputSystem` with the same inputs, outputs, and states. The new system can be a continuous or discrete time system.

### 3.9.5 `control.summing_junction`

`control.summing_junction(inputs=None, output=None, dimension=None, name=None, prefix='u', **kwargs)`

Create a summing junction as an input/output system.

This function creates a static input/output system that outputs the sum of the inputs, potentially with a change in sign for each individual input. The input/output system that is created by this function can be used as a component in the `interconnect()` function.

Parameters

- **inputs** *(int, string or list of strings)* – Description of the inputs to the summing junction. This can be given as an integer count, a string, or a list of strings. If an integer count is specified, the names of the input signals will be of the form `u[i]`.

- **output** *(string, optional)* – Name of the system output. If not specified, the output will be `y`.

- **dimension** *(int, optional)* – The dimension of the summing junction. If the dimension is set to a positive integer, a multi-input, multi-output summing junction will be created. The input and output signal names will be of the form `<signal>[i]` where `<signal>` is the input/output signal name specified by the `inputs` and `output` keywords. Default value is `None`.

- **name** *(string, optional)* – System name (used for specifying signals). If unspecified, a generic name `<sys[id]>` is generated with a unique integer id.

- **prefix** *(string, optional)* – If `inputs` is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘u`). The names of the input will be of the form `prefix[i]`.

Returns `sys` – Linear input/output system object with no states and only a direct term that implements the summing junction.

Return type static `LinearIOSystem`
Example

```python
>>> P = control.tf2io(ct.tf(1, [1, 0]), input='u', output='y')
>>> C = control.tf2io(ct.tf(10, [1, 1]), input='e', output='u')
>>> sumblk = control.summing_junction(inputs=['r', '-y'], output='e')
>>> T = control.interconnect((P, C, sumblk), input='r', output='y')
```

### 3.9.6 control.tf2io

*control.tf2io(*args, **kwargs)*

Convert a transfer function into an I/O system.

### 3.9.7 control.flatsys.point_to_point

*control.flatsys.point_to_point(sys, timepts, x0=0, u0=0, xf=0, uf=0, T0=0, basis=None, cost=None, constraints=None, initial_guess=None, minimize_kwargs={}, **kwargs)*

Compute trajectory between an initial and final conditions.

Compute a feasible trajectory for a differentially flat system between an initial condition and a final condition.

**Parameters**

- **flatsys** (*FlatSystem object*) – Description of the differentially flat system. This object must define a function `flatsys.forward()` that takes the system state and produces the flag of flat outputs and a system `flatsys.reverse()` that takes the flag of the flat output and produces the state and input.

- **timepts** (*float or 1D array_like*) – The list of points for evaluating cost and constraints, as well as the time horizon. If given as a float, indicates the final time for the trajectory (corresponding to xf).

- **x0** (*1D arrays*) – Define the desired initial and final conditions for the system. If any of the values are given as None, they are replaced by a vector of zeros of the appropriate dimension.

- **u0** (*1D arrays*) – Define the desired initial and final conditions for the system. If any of the values are given as None, they are replaced by a vector of zeros of the appropriate dimension.

- **xf** (*1D arrays*) – Define the desired initial and final conditions for the system. If any of the values are given as None, they are replaced by a vector of zeros of the appropriate dimension.

- **uf** (*1D arrays*) – Define the desired initial and final conditions for the system. If any of the values are given as None, they are replaced by a vector of zeros of the appropriate dimension.

- **T0** (*float, optional*) – The initial time for the trajectory (corresponding to x0). If not specified, its value is taken to be zero.

- **basis** (*BasisFamily object, optional*) – The basis functions to use for generating the trajectory. If not specified, the PolyFamily basis family will be used, with the minimal number of elements required to find a feasible trajectory (twice the number of system states).

- **cost** (*callable*) – Function that returns the integral cost given the current state and input. Called as `cost(x, u)`.

- **constraints** (*list of tuples, optional*) – List of constraints that should hold at each point in the time vector. Each element of the list should consist of a tuple
with first element given by `scipy.optimize.LinearConstraint` or `scipy.optimize.NonlinearConstraint` and the remaining elements of the tuple are the arguments that would be passed to those functions. The following tuples are supported:

- `(LinearConstraint, A, lb, ub)`: The matrix A is multiplied by stacked vector of the state and input at each point on the trajectory for comparison against the upper and lower bounds.
- `(NonlinearConstraint, fun, lb, ub)`: a user-specific constraint function `fun(x, u)` is called at each point along the trajectory and compared against the upper and lower bounds.

The constraints are applied at each time point along the trajectory.

- **`minimize_kwargs`** *(str, optional)* – Pass additional keywords to `scipy.optimize.minimize()`.

**Returns** `traj` – The system trajectory is returned as an object that implements the `eval()` function, we can be used to compute the value of the state and input and a given time t.

**Return type** SystemTrajectory object

**Notes**

Additional keyword parameters can be used to fine tune the behavior of the underlying optimization function. See `minimize_*` keywords in `OptimalControlProblem()` for more information.

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3.10.1 control.augw

```python
control.augw(g, w1=None, w2=None, w3=None)
```

Augment plant for mixed sensitivity problem.

**Parameters**

- `g` *(LTI object, ny-by-nu)*
- `w1` *(weighting on S; None, scalar, or k1-by-ny LTI object)*
- `w2` *(weighting on KS; None, scalar, or k2-by-nu LTI object)*
- `w3` *(ny-by-ny for w1 and)*
- `p` *(augmented plant; StateSpace object)*
- `None` *(If a weighting is)*
- `least` *(no augmentation is done for it. At)*
- `None` *(one weighting must not be)*
- `scalar` *(If a weighting w is)*
- `I*w` *(it will be replaced by)*
- `is` *(where I)*
- `w3`
- `w2` *(and nu-by-nu for)*

**Returns** `p`

**Return type** plant augmented with weightings, suitable for submission to hinfsyn or h2syn.

**Raises** `ValueError`

- if all weightings are `None`

**See also:**
- `h2syn`
- `hinfsyn`
- `mixsyn`

3.10.2 control.bdschur

```python
control.bdschur(a, condmax=None, sort=None)
```

Block-diagonal Schur decomposition

**Parameters**

- `a` *(M, M) array_like)* – Real matrix to decompose
- `condmax` *(None or float, optional)* – If `None` (default), use 1/sqrt(eps), which is approximately 1e8

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• **sort** ({None, 'continuous', 'discrete'}) – Block sorting; see below.

Returns

• **amodal** ((M, M) real ndarray) – Block-diagonal Schur decomposition of a

• **tmodal** ((M, M) real ndarray) – Similarity transform relating a and amodal

• **blksizes** ((N,) int ndarray) – Array of Schur block sizes

Notes

If *sort* is None, the blocks are not sorted.

If *sort* is ‘continuous’, the blocks are sorted according to associated eigenvalues. The ordering is first by real part of eigenvalue, in descending order, then by absolute value of imaginary part of eigenvalue, also in decreasing order.

If *sort* is ‘discrete’, the blocks are sorted as for ‘continuous’, but applied to log of eigenvalues (i.e., continuous-equivalent eigenvalues).

### 3.10.3 control.canonical_form

**control.canonical_form**(xsys, form='reachable')

Convert a system into canonical form

Parameters

• **xsys** (*StateSpace object*) – System to be transformed, with state ‘x’

• **form** (str) –

  Canonical form for transformation. Chosen from:

  – ‘reachable’ - reachable canonical form
  – ‘observable’ - observable canonical form
  – ‘modal’ - modal canonical form

Returns

• **zsys** (*StateSpace object*) – System in desired canonical form, with state ‘z’

• **T** ((M, M) real ndarray) – Coordinate transformation matrix, z = T * x

### 3.10.4 control.damp

**control.damp**(sys, doprint=True)

Compute natural frequency, damping ratio, and poles of a system

The function takes 1 or 2 parameters

Parameters

• **sys** (*LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – A linear system object

• **doprint** – if true, print table with values

Returns

• **wn** (array) – Natural frequencies of the poles
• **damping** *(array)* – Damping values
• **poles** *(array)* – Pole locations

**Algorithm**

• If the system is continuous, \( \omega_n = \text{abs}(\text{poles}) \]
  \( Z = -\text{real}(\text{poles})/\text{poles}. \)

• If the system is discrete, the discrete poles are mapped to their equivalent location in the s-plane via \( s = \log_{10}(\text{poles})/dt \)
  \( \omega_n = \text{abs}(s) Z = -\text{real}(s)/\omega_n. \)

  See also:
  pole

### 3.10.5 control.db2mag

**control.db2mag** *(db)*

Convert a gain in decibels (dB) to a magnitude

If A is magnitude,

\[
\text{db} = 20 \times \log_{10}(A)
\]

**Parameters**

- **db** *(float or ndarray)* – input value or array of values, given in decibels

**Returns**

- **mag** – corresponding magnitudes

**Return type**

float or ndarray

### 3.10.6 control.isctime

**control.isctime** *(sys, strict=\text{False})*

Check to see if a system is a continuous-time system

**Parameters**

- **sys** *(LTI system)* – System to be checked
- **strict** *(bool (default = \text{False}))* – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None

### 3.10.7 control.isdtime

**control.isdtime** *(sys, strict=\text{False})*

Check to see if a system is a discrete time system

**Parameters**

- **sys** *(LTI system)* – System to be checked
- **strict** *(bool (default = \text{False}))* – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None
3.10.8 control.issiso

control.issiso(sys, strict=False)

Check to see if a system is single input, single output

Parameters

- sys (LTI system) – System to be checked
- strict (bool (default = False)) – If strict is True, do not treat scalars as SISO

3.10.9 control.issys

control.issys(obj)

Return True if an object is a system, otherwise False

3.10.10 control.mag2db

control.mag2db(mag)

Convert a magnitude to decibels (dB)

If A is magnitude,

\[ \text{db} = 20 \times \log_{10}(A) \]

Parameters mag (float or ndarray) – input magnitude or array of magnitudes

Returns db – corresponding values in decibels

Return type float or ndarray

3.10.11 control.modal_form

control.modal_form(xsys, condmax=None, sort=False)

Convert a system into modal canonical form

Parameters

- xsys (StateSpace object) – System to be transformed, with state x
- condmax (None or float, optional) – An upper bound on individual transformations. If None, use bdschur default.
- sort (bool, optional) – If False (default), Schur blocks will not be sorted. See bdschur for sort order.

Returns

- zsys (StateSpace object) – System in modal canonical form, with state z
- T ((M, M) ndarray) – Coordinate transformation: \( z = T \times x \)
3.10.12 control.observable_form

control.observable_form(xsys)
Convert a system into observable canonical form

Parameters xsys (StateSpace object) – System to be transformed, with state x

Returns
• zsys (StateSpace object) – System in observable canonical form, with state z
• T (M, M) real ndarray – Coordinate transformation: z = T * x

3.10.13 control.pade

control.pade(T, n=1, numdeg=None)
Create a linear system that approximates a delay.
Return the numerator and denominator coefficients of the Pade approximation.

Parameters
• T (number) – time delay
• n (positive integer) – degree of denominator of approximation
• numdeg (integer, or None (the default)) – If None, numerator degree equals denominator degree If >= 0, specifies degree of numerator If < 0, numerator degree is n+numdeg

Returns num, den – Polynomial coefficients of the delay model, in descending powers of s.

Return type array

Notes

Based on:
1. Algorithm 11.3.1 in Golub and van Loan, “Matrix Computation” 3rd. Ed. pp. 572-574

3.10.14 control.reachable_form

control.reachable_form(xsys)
Convert a system into reachable canonical form

Parameters xsys (StateSpace object) – System to be transformed, with state x

Returns
• zsys (StateSpace object) – System in reachable canonical form, with state z
• T (M, M) real ndarray – Coordinate transformation: z = T * x
3.10.15 control.sample_system

control.sample_system(sysc, Ts, method='zoh', alpha=None, prewarp_frequency=None)

Convert a continuous time system to discrete time by sampling

Parameters

- **sysc** (*LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)*) – Continuous time system to be converted
- **Ts** (*float > 0*) – Sampling period
- **method** (*string*) – Method to use for conversion, e.g. ‘bilinear’, ‘zoh’ (default)
- **alpha** (*float within [0, 1]*) – The generalized bilinear transformation weighting parameter, which should only be specified with method='gbt', and is ignored otherwise. See scipy.signal.cont2discrete().
- **prewarp_frequency** (*float within [0, infinity]*) – The frequency [rad/s] at which to match with the input continuous-time system’s magnitude and phase (only valid for method='bilinear')

Returns **sysd** – Discrete time system, with sampling rate Ts

Return type linsys

Notes

See StateSpace.sample() or TransferFunction.sample() for further details.

Examples

```python
>>> sysc = TransferFunction([1], [1, 2, 1])
>>> sysd = sample_system(sysc, 1, method='bilinear')
```

3.10.16 control.ss2tf

control.ss2tf(sys)

Transform a state space system to a transfer function.

The function accepts either 1 or 4 parameters:

**ss2tf(sys)** Convert a linear system into space system form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is already a StateSpace object.

**ss2tf(A, B, C, D)** Create a state space system from the matrices of its state and output equations.

For details see: ss()

Parameters

- **sys** (*StateSpace*) – A linear system
- **A** (*array_like or string*) – System matrix
- **B** (*array_like or string*) – Control matrix
- **C** (*array_like or string*) – Output matrix
• D (array_like or string) – Feedthrough matrix

Returns out – New linear system in transfer function form

Return type TransferFunction

Raises

• ValueError – if matrix sizes are not self-consistent, or if an invalid number of arguments is passed in

• TypeError – if sys is not a StateSpace object

See also:

tf, ss, tf2ss

Examples

```python
>>> A = [[1., -2], [3, -4]]
>>> B = [[5.], [7]]
>>> C = [[6., 8]]
>>> D = [[9.]]
>>> sys1 = ss2tf(A, B, C, D)

>>> sys_ss = ss(A, B, C, D)
>>> sys2 = ss2tf(sys_ss)
```

3.10.17 control.ssdata

control.ssdata(sys)

Return state space data objects for a system

Parameters sys (LTI (StateSpace, or TransferFunction)) – LTI system whose data will be returned

Returns (A, B, C, D) – State space data for the system

Return type list of matrices

3.10.18 control.tf2ss

c control.tf2ss(sys)

Transform a transfer function to a state space system.

The function accepts either 1 or 2 parameters:

tf2ss(sys) Convert a linear system into transfer function form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is already a TransferFunction object.

tf2ss(num, den) Create a transfer function system from its numerator and denominator polynomial coefficients.

For details see: tf()
Python Control Library Documentation, Release dev

- **sys** (*LTI* (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – A linear system
- **num** (*array_like*, or list of list of *array_like*) – Polynomial coefficients of the numerator
- **den** (*array_like*, or list of list of *array_like*) – Polynomial coefficients of the denominator

**Returns** out – New linear system in state space form

**Return type** StateSpace

**Raises**
- **ValueError** – if *num* and *den* have invalid or unequal dimensions, or if an invalid number of arguments is passed in
- **TypeError** – if *num* or *den* are of incorrect type, or if *sys* is not a TransferFunction object

**See also:** ss, tf, ss2tf

**Examples**

```python
>>> num = [[[1., 2.], [3., 4.]], [[5., 6.], [7., 8.]]
>>> den = [[[9., 8., 7.], [6., 5., 4.]], [[3., 2., 1.], [-1., -2., -3.]]
>>> sys1 = tf2ss(num, den)

>>> sys_tf = tf(num, den)
>>> sys2 = tf2ss(sys_tf)
```

### 3.10.19 control.tfdata

**control.tfdata(sys)**

Return transfer function data objects for a system

**Parameters**

- **sys** (*LTI* (StateSpace, or TransferFunction)) – LTI system whose data will be returned

**Returns**

- **num, den** – Transfer function coefficients (SISO only)

**Return type** numerator and denominator arrays

### 3.10.20 control.timebase

**control.timebase(sys, strict=True)**

Return the timebase for an LTI system

**Parameters**

- **sys**
- **strict** (default=True)

**Returns**

- **dt**

  returns the timebase for a system ‘sys’. If the strict option is set to False, dt = True will be returned as 1.
3.10.21 control.timebaseEqual

control.timebaseEqual(sys1, sys2)
Check to see if two systems have the same timebase

timebaseEqual(sys1, sys2)
returns True if the timebases for the two systems are compatible. By default, systems with timebase ‘None’ are compatible with either discrete or continuous timebase systems. If two systems have a discrete timebase (dt > 0) then their timebases must be equal.

3.10.22 control.unwrap

control.unwrap(angle, period=6.283185307179586)
Unwrap a phase angle to give a continuous curve

Parameters
• angle (array_like) – Array of angles to be unwrapped
• period (float, optional) – Period (defaults to 2*pi)

Returns angle_out – Output array, with jumps of period/2 eliminated

Return type array_like

Examples

```python
>>> import numpy as np
>>> theta = [5.74, 5.97, 6.19, 0.13, 0.35, 0.57]
>>> unwrap(theta, period=2 * np.pi)
[5.74, 5.97, 6.19, 6.413185307179586, 6.633185307179586, 6.8531853071795865]
```
CHAPTER
FOUR

CONTROL SYSTEM CLASSES

The classes listed below are used to represent models of linear time-invariant (LTI) systems. They are usually created from factory functions such as `tf()` and `ss()`, so the user should normally not need to instantiate these directly.

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4.1 control.TransferFunction

class control.TransferFunction(num, den[, dt])
Bases: control.lti.LTI

A class for representing transfer functions.

The TransferFunction class is used to represent systems in transfer function form.

Parameters

- `num (array_like, or list of list of array_like)` – Polynomial coefficients of the numerator
- `den (array_like, or list of list of array_like)` – Polynomial coefficients of the denominator
- `dt (None, True or float, optional)` – System timebase. 0 (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with unspecified sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time, None indicates unspecified timebase (either continuous or discrete time).

`ninputs, noutputs, nstates`
Number of input, output and state variables.

Type int

`num, den`
Polynomial coefficients of the numerator and denominator.

Type 2D list of array

`dt`
System timebase. 0 (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with unspecified sam-
pling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time, None indicates unspecified time-
base (either continuous or discrete time).

Type  None, True or float

Notes

The attributes ‘num’ and ‘den’ are 2-D lists of arrays containing MIMO numerator and denominator coefficients. For example,

```python
>>> num[2][5] = numpy.array([1., 4., 8.])
```

means that the numerator of the transfer function from the 6th input to the 3rd output is set to \( s^2 + 4s + 8 \).

A discrete time transfer function is created by specifying a nonzero ‘timebase’ \( dt \) when the system is constructed:

- \( dt = 0 \): continuous time system (default)
- \( dt > 0 \): discrete time system with sampling period ‘\( dt \)’
- \( dt = \text{True} \): discrete time with unspecified sampling period
- \( dt = \text{None} \): no timebase specified

Systems must have compatible timebases in order to be combined. A discrete time system with unspecified sampling time (\( dt = \text{True} \)) can be combined with a system having a specified sampling time; the result will be a discrete time system with the sample time of the latter system. Similarly, a system with timebase \( \text{None} \) can be combined with a system having any timebase; the result will have the timebase of the latter system. The default value of dt can be changed by changing the value of `control.config.defaults['control.default_dt']`.

A transfer function is callable and returns the value of the transfer function evaluated at a point in the complex plane. See `__call__()` for a more detailed description.

The TransferFunction class defines two constants \( s \) and \( z \) that represent the differentiation and delay operators in continuous and discrete time. These can be used to create variables that allow algebraic creation of transfer functions. For example,

```python
>>> s = TransferFunction.s
>>> G = (s + 1)/(s**2 + 2*s + 1)
```

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__add__(other)
Add two LTI objects (parallel connection).

__call__(x, squeeze=None, warn_infinite=True)
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequencies.

Returns the complex frequency response $sys(x)$ where $x$ is $s$ for continuous-time systems and $z$ for discrete-time systems.

In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where $m = self.ninputs$ number of inputs and $p = self.noutputs$ number of outputs.

To evaluate at a frequency omega in radians per second, enter $x = \omega * 1j$, for continuous-time systems, or $x = \exp(1j * \omega * dt)$ for discrete-time systems. Or use `TransferFunction.frequency_response()`.

Parameters

- **x** (complex or complex 1D array_like) – Complex frequencies
- **squeeze** (bool, optional) – If `squeeze=True`, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If `squeeze=False`, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using `config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response']`. If True and the system is single-input single-output (SISO), return a 1D array rather than a 3D array. Default value (True) set by `config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response']`.
- **warn_infinite** (bool, optional) – If set to False, turn off divide by zero warning.

Returns *fresp* – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the shape of the array matches the shape of omega. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match omega. If `squeeze` is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

Return type complex ndarray

__mul__(other)
Multiply two LTI objects (serial connection).

__neg__()
Negate a transfer function.

__radd__(other)
Right add two LTI objects (parallel connection).

__rmul__(other)
Right multiply two LTI objects (serial connection).

__rsub__(other)
Right subtract two LTI objects.

__rtruediv__(other)
Right divide two LTI objects.
__sub__(other)
    Subtract two LTI objects.

__truediv__(other)
    Divide two LTI objects.

damp()
    Natural frequency, damping ratio of system poles

    Returns

    - wn (array) – Natural frequencies for each system pole
    - zeta (array) – Damping ratio for each system pole
    - poles (array) – Array of system poles

dcgain(warn_infinite=False)
    Return the zero-frequency (or DC) gain

    For a continuous-time transfer function G(s), the DC gain is G(0) For a discrete-time transfer function G(z),
    the DC gain is G(1)

    Parameters

    - warn_infinite (bool, optional) – By default, don't issue a warning message
      if the zero-frequency gain is infinite. Setting warn_infinite to generate the warning message.

    Returns

    - gain – Array or scalar value for SISO systems, depending on config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response'].
      The value of the array elements or the scalar is either the zero-frequency (or DC) gain, or inf, if the frequency response
      is singular.

      For real valued systems, the empty imaginary part of the complex zero-frequency response is
      discarded and a real array or scalar is returned.

    Return type (noutputs, ninputs) ndarray or scalar

den
    Transfer function denominator polynomial (array)

    The numerator of the transfer function is store as an 2D list of arrays containing MIMO numerator co-
    efficients, indexed by outputs and inputs. For example, den[2][5] is the array of coefficients for the
    denominator of the transfer function from the sixth input to the third output.

feedback(other=1, sign=-1)
    Feedback interconnection between two LTI objects.

freqresp(omega)
    (deprecated) Evaluate transfer function at complex frequencies.

frequency_response(omega, squeeze=None)
    Evaluate the linear time-invariant system at an array of angular frequencies.

    Reports the frequency response of the system,

    \[ G(j\omega) = \text{mag} \times \exp(j\text{phase}) \]

    for continuous time systems. For discrete time systems, the response is evaluated around the unit circle
    such that

    \[ G(\exp(j\omega dt)) = \text{mag} \times \exp(j\text{phase}). \]
In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where \( m = \text{self.ninputs} \) number of inputs and \( p = \text{self.noutputs} \) number of outputs.

**Parameters**
- **\( \omega \) (float or 1D array_like)** – A list, tuple, array, or scalar value of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system will be evaluated.
- **squeeze (bool, optional)** – If \( \text{squeeze} = \text{True} \), remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If \( \text{squeeze} = \text{False} \), keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using \( \text{config.defaults[\text{\char13}\text{control.squeeze_frequency_response}]} \).

**Returns**
- **mag (ndarray)** – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency response. If the system is SISO and \( \text{squeeze} = \text{True} \), the array is 1D, indexed by frequency. If the system is not SISO or \( \text{squeeze} = \text{False} \), the array is 3D, indexed by the output, input, and frequency. If \( \text{squeeze} = \text{True} \) then single-dimensional axes are removed.
- **phase (ndarray)** – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.
- **omega (ndarray)** – The (sorted) frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

**horner\((x, \text{warn\_infinite=\text{True}})\)**
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Horner’s method.
Evaluates \( \text{sys}(x) \) where \( x \) is \( s \) for continuous-time systems and \( z \) for discrete-time systems.
Expect inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use \( \text{sys}(x) \) for a more user-friendly interface.

**Parameters**
- **\( x \) (complex array_like or complex scalar)** – Complex frequencies

**Returns**
- **output** – Frequency response

**Return type** (self.noutputs, self.ninputs, len(x)) complex ndarray

**property inputs**
Deprecated attribute; use \( \text{ninputs} \) instead.
The input attribute was used to store the number of system inputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of inputs for an LTI system, use \( \text{ninputs} \).

**isctime\((\text{strict=}\text{False})\)**
Check to see if a system is a continuous-time system

**Parameters**
- **sys (LTI system)** – System to be checked
- **strict (bool, optional)** – If \( \text{strict} = \text{True} \), make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**isdtime\((\text{strict=}\text{False})\)**
Check to see if a system is a discrete-time system

**Parameters**
- **strict (bool, optional)** – If \( \text{strict} = \text{True} \), make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**issiso\()**
Check to see if a system is single input, single output

**minreal\((\text{tol=}\text{None})\)**
Remove cancelling pole/zero pairs from a transfer function
**ninputs**

Number of system inputs.

**noutputs**

Number of system outputs.

**num**

Transfer function numerator polynomial (array)

The numerator of the transfer function is stored as an 2D list of arrays containing MIMO numerator coefficients, indexed by outputs and inputs. For example, `num[2][5]` is the array of coefficients for the numerator of the transfer function from the sixth input to the third output.

**property outputs**

Deprecated attribute; use `noutputs` instead.

The output attribute was used to store the number of system outputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of outputs for an LTI system, use `noutputs`.

**pole()**

Compute the poles of a transfer function.

**returnScipySignalLTI(strict=True)**

Return a list of a list of `scipy.signal.lti` objects.

For instance,

```python
>>> out = tfobject.returnScipySignalLTI()
>>> out[3][5]
```

is a `scipy.signal.lti` object corresponding to the transfer function from the 6th input to the 4th output.

**Parameters**

- **strict** *(bool, optional)* –

  - **True** *(default)*: The timebase `tfobject.dt` cannot be None; it must be continuous (0) or discrete (True or > 0).
  - **False**: if `tfobject.dt` is None, continuous time `scipy.signal.lti` objects are returned

  **Returns**

  - `out` – continuous time (inheriting from `scipy.signal.lti`) or discrete time (inheriting from `scipy.signal.dlti`) SISO objects

  **Return type**

  list of list of `scipy.signal.TransferFunction`

**s**

Differentiation operator (continuous time)

The `s` constant can be used to create continuous time transfer functions using algebraic expressions.
Example

```python
>>> s = TransferFunction.s
>>> G = (s + 1)/(s**2 + 2*s + 1)
```

```python
def sample(Ts, method='zoh', alpha=None, prewarp_frequency=None):
    """Convert a continuous-time system to discrete time

    Creates a discrete-time system from a continuous-time system by sampling. Multiple methods of conversion are supported.

    Parameters
    ----------
    Ts : float
        Sampling period
    method : str, optional
        Method to use for sampling:
        - 'gbt': generalized bilinear transformation
        - 'bilinear': Tustin's approximation ('gbt' with \( \alpha = 0.5 \))
        - 'euler': Euler (or forward difference) method ('gbt' with \( \alpha = 0 \))
        - 'backward_diff': Backwards difference ('gbt' with \( \alpha = 1 \))
        - 'zoh': zero-order hold
    alpha : float, optional
        The generalized bilinear transformation weighting parameter, which should only be specified with method='gbt', and is ignored otherwise. See scipy.signal.cont2discrete().
    prewarp_frequency : float, optional
        The frequency [rad/s] at which to match with the input continuous-time system's magnitude and phase (the gain=1 crossover frequency, for example). Should only be specified with method='bilinear' or 'gbt' with \( \alpha = 0.5 \) and ignored otherwise.

    Returns
    -------
    sysd : TransferFunction system

    Return type
    TransferFunction system

    Notes
    -----  
    1. Available only for SISO systems
    2. Uses scipy.signal.cont2discrete()

```
Examples

```python
>>> sys = TransferFunction(1, [1,1])
>>> sysd = sys.sample(0.5, method='bilinear')
```

*Delay operator (discrete time)*

The z constant can be used to create discrete time transfer functions using algebraic expressions.

**Example**

```python
>>> z = TransferFunction.z
>>> G = 2 * z / (4 * z**3 + 3*z - 1)
```

**zero()**

Compute the zeros of a transfer function.

### 4.2 control.StateSpace

**class** `control.StateSpace(A, B, C, D[, dt])`

* Bases: `control.lti.LTI`  

A class for representing state-space models.

The StateSpace class is used to represent state-space realizations of linear time-invariant (LTI) systems:

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax + Bu \\
y = Cx + Du
\]

where u is the input, y is the output, and x is the state.

**Parameters**

- `A` *(array_like)*  – System matrices of the appropriate dimensions.
- `B` *(array_like)*  – System matrices of the appropriate dimensions.
- `C` *(array_like)*  – System matrices of the appropriate dimensions.
- `D` *(array_like)*  – System matrices of the appropriate dimensions.
- `dt` *(None, True or float, optional)*  – System timebase. 0 (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with unspecified sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time, None indicates unspecified timebase (either continuous or discrete time).

**ninputs, noutputs, nstates**

Number of input, output and state variables.

* Type `int`

`A, B, C, D`

System matrices defining the input/output dynamics.

* Type `2D arrays`
dt
System timebase. 0 (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with unspecified sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time, None indicates unspecified timebase (either continuous or discrete time).

Type None, True or float

Notes
The main data members in the StateSpace class are the A, B, C, and D matrices. The class also keeps track of the number of states (i.e., the size of A). The data format used to store state space matrices is set using the value of config.defaults['use_numpy_matrix']. If True (default), the state space elements are stored as numpy.matrix objects; otherwise they are numpy.ndarray objects. The use_numpy_matrix function can be used to set the storage type.

A discrete time system is created by specifying a nonzero ‘timebase’, dt when the system is constructed:
• dt = 0: continuous time system (default)
• dt > 0: discrete time system with sampling period ‘dt’
• dt = True: discrete time with unspecified sampling period
• dt = None: no timebase specified

Systems must have compatible timebases in order to be combined. A discrete time system with unspecified sampling time (dt = True) can be combined with a system having a specified sampling time; the result will be a discrete time system with the sample time of the latter system. Similarly, a system with timebase None can be combined with a system having any timebase; the result will have the timebase of the latter system. The default value of dt can be changed by changing the value of control.config.defaults['control.default_dt'].

A state space system is callable and returns the value of the transfer function evaluated at a point in the complex plane. See __call__() for a more detailed description.

StateSpace instances have support for IPython LaTeX output, intended for pretty-printing in Jupyter notebooks. The LaTeX output can be configured using control.config.defaults['statesp.latex_num_format'] and control.config.defaults['statesp.latex_repr_type']. The LaTeX output is tailored for MathJax, as used in Jupyter, and may look odd when typeset by non-MathJax LaTeX systems.

control.config.defaults['statesp.latex_num_format'] is a format string fragment, specifically the part of the format string after ‘{:' used to convert floating-point numbers to strings. By default it is ‘.3g’.

closest.config.defaults['statesp.latex_repr_type'] must either be ‘partitioned’ or ‘separate’. If ‘partitioned’, the A, B, C, D matrices are shown as a single, partitioned matrix; if ‘separate’, the matrices are shown separately.

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Dynamics matrix.

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__add__(other)
Add two LTI systems (parallel connection).

__call__(x, squeeze=None, warn_infinite=True)
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency.

Returns the complex frequency response $sys(x)$ where $x$ is $s$ for continuous-time systems and $z$ for discrete-time systems.

To evaluate at a frequency omega in radians per second, enter $x = \omega * 1j$, for continuous-time systems, or $x = \exp(1j * \omega * dt)$ for discrete-time systems. Or use StateSpace.frequency_response().

Parameters

- $x$ (complex or complex 1D array_like) – Complex frequencies
- squeeze (bool, optional) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response'].
- warn_infinite (bool, optional) – If set to False, don’t warn if frequency response is infinite.
Returns `fresp` – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and `squeeze` is not True, the shape of the array matches the shape of `omega`. If the system is not SISO or `squeeze` is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match `omega`. If `squeeze` is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

Return type complex ndarray

`__div__(other)`
Divide two LTI systems.

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`__mul__(other)`
Multiply two LTI objects (serial connection).

`__neg__()`
Negate a state space system.

`__radd__(other)`
Right add two LTI systems (parallel connection).

`__rdiv__(other)`
Right divide two LTI systems.

`__rmul__(other)`
Right multiply two LTI objects (serial connection).

`__rsub__(other)`
Right subtract two LTI systems.

`__sub__(other)`
Subtract two LTI systems.

`append(other)`
Append a second model to the present model.
The second model is converted to state-space if necessary, inputs and outputs are appended and their order is preserved.

`damp()`
Natural frequency, damping ratio of system poles

Returns

- `wn (array)` – Natural frequencies for each system pole
- `zeta (array)` – Damping ratio for each system pole
- `poles (array)` – Array of system poles

`dcgain(warn_infinite=False)`
Return the zero-frequency gain

The zero-frequency gain of a continuous-time state-space system is given by:

and of a discrete-time state-space system by:

Parameters `warn_infinite (bool, optional)` – By default, don’t issue a warning message if the zero-frequency gain is infinite. Setting `warn_infinite` to generate the warning message.

Returns
gain – Array or scalar value for SISO systems, depending on config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response']. The value of the array elements or the scalar is either the zero-frequency (or DC) gain, or inf, if the frequency response is singular.

For real valued systems, the empty imaginary part of the complex zero-frequency response is discarded and a real array or scalar is returned.

Return type (noutputs, ninputs) ndarray or scalar

dynamics(t, x, u=None)
Compute the dynamics of the system

Given input u and state x, returns the dynamics of the state-space system. If the system is continuous, returns the time derivative dx/dt

\[ \frac{dx}{dt} = Ax + Bu \]

where A and B are the state-space matrices of the system. If the system is discrete-time, returns the next value of x:

\[ x[t+dt] = Ax[t] + Bu[t] \]

The inputs x and u must be of the correct length for the system.

The first argument t is ignored because StateSpace systems are time-invariant. It is included so that the dynamics can be passed to most numerical integrators, such as scipy.integrate.solve_ivp() and for consistency with IOSystem systems.

Parameters
• t (float (ignored)) – time
• x (array_like) – current state
• u (array_like (optional)) – input, zero if omitted

Returns dx/dt or x[t+dt]

Return type ndarray

feedback(other=1, sign=-1)
Feedback interconnection between two LTI systems.

freqresp(omega)
(deprecated) Evaluate transfer function at complex frequencies.

frequency_response(omega, squeeze=None)
Evaluate the linear time-invariant system at an array of angular frequencies.

Reports the frequency response of the system,

\[ G(j\omega) = mag*exp(j\phi) \]

for continuous time systems. For discrete time systems, the response is evaluated around the unit circle such that

\[ G(exp(j\omega*dt)) = mag*exp(j\phi). \]

In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where m = self.ninputs number of inputs and p = self.noutputs number of outputs.

Parameters
• omega (float or 1D array_like) – A list, tuple, array, or scalar value of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system will be evaluated.
• `squeeze (bool, optional)` – If `squeeze=True`, remove single-dimensional entries from
the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If `squeeze=False`, keep all indices
(output, input and, if `omega` is `array_like`, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default
value can be set using `config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response']`.

Returns

• `mag (ndarray)` – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency
response. If the system is SISO and `squeeze` is not True, the array is 1D, indexed by fre-
quency. If the system is not SISO or `squeeze` is False, the array is 3D, indexed by the output,
input, and frequency. If `squeeze` is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

• `phase (ndarray)` – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.

• `omega (ndarray)` – The (sorted) frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

`horner(x, warn_infinite=True)`

Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s or Horner’s method.

Evaluates `sys(x)` where `x` is `s` for continuous-time systems and `z` for discrete-time systems.

Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use `sys(x)` for a more user-friendly interface.

Parameters `x (complex array_like or complex)` – Complex frequencies

Returns `output` – Frequency response

Return type `(self.noutputs, self.ninputs, len(x)) complex ndarray`

Notes

Attempts to use Laub’s method from Slycot library, with a fall-back to python code.

`property inputs`  
Deprecated attribute; use `ninputs` instead.

The input attribute was used to store the number of system inputs. It is no longer used. If you need access
to the number of inputs for an LTI system, use `ninputs`.

`issctime(strict=False)`

Check to see if a system is a continuous-time system

Parameters

• `sys (LTI system)` – System to be checked

• `strict (bool, optional)` – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. De-
default is False.

`isdtime(strict=False)`

Check to see if a system is a discrete-time system

Parameters `strict (bool, optional)` – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None.
Default is False.

`issiso()`

Check to see if a system is single input, single output

`lft(other, nu=-1, ny=-1)`

Return the Linear Fractional Transformation.

A definition of the LFT operator can be found in Appendix A.7, page 512 in the 2nd Edition, Multivariable
Feedback Control by Sigurd Skogestad.
An alternative definition can be found here: https://www.mathworks.com/help/control/ref/lft.html

**Parameters**

- `other (LTI)` – The lower LTI system
- `ny (int, optional)` – Dimension of (plant) measurement output.
- `nu (int, optional)` – Dimension of (plant) control input.

**minreal(tol=0.0)**

Calculate a minimal realization, removes unobservable and uncontrollable states

**nininputs**

Number of system inputs.

**noutputs**

Number of system outputs.

**nstates**

Number of system states.

**output(t, x, u=None)**

Compute the output of the system

Given input `u` and state `x`, returns the output `y` of the state-space system:

\[
y = C x + D u
\]

where `A` and `B` are the state-space matrices of the system.

The first argument `t` is ignored because `StateSpace` systems are time-invariant. It is included so that the dynamics can be passed to most numerical integrators, such as scipy’s `integrate.solve_ivp` and for consistency with `IOSystem` systems.

The inputs `x` and `u` must be of the correct length for the system.

**Parameters**

- `t (float (ignored))` – time
- `x (array_like)` – current state
- `u (array_like (optional))` – input (zero if omitted)

**Returns** `y`

**Return type** `ndarray`

**property outputs**

Deprecated attribute; use `noutputs` instead.

The output attribute was used to store the number of system outputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of outputs for an LTI system, use `noutputs`.

**pole()**

Compute the poles of a state space system.

**returnScipySignalLTI(strict=True)**

Return a list of a list of `scipy.signal.lti` objects.

For instance,
```python
>>> out = ssobject.returnScipySignalLTI()
>>> out[3][5]
```
is a `scipy.signal.lti` object corresponding to the transfer function from the 6th input to the 4th output.

**Parameters**

`strict (bool, optional)` –

- **True** *(default)*: The timebase `ssobject.dt` cannot be None; it must be continuous (0) or discrete (True or > 0).
- **False**: If `ssobject.dt` is None, continuous time `scipy.signal.lti` objects are returned.

**Returns**

- `out` – continuous time (inheriting from `scipy.signal.lti`) or discrete time (inheriting from `scipy.signal.dlti`) SISO objects

**Return type**

- list of list of `scipy.signal.StateSpace`

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### sample(Ts, method='zoh', alpha=None, prewarp_frequency=None)

Convert a continuous time system to discrete time

Creates a discrete-time system from a continuous-time system by sampling. Multiple methods of conversion are supported.

**Parameters**

- **Ts** *(float)* – Sampling period
- **method** *("gbt", "bilinear", "euler", "backward_diff", "zoh")* – Which method to use:
  - gbt: generalized bilinear transformation
  - bilinear: Tustin’s approximation (“gbt” with alpha=0.5)
  - euler: Euler (or forward differencing) method (“gbt” with alpha=0)
  - backward_diff: Backwards differencing (“gbt” with alpha=1.0)
  - zoh: zero-order hold (default)
- **alpha** *(float within [0, 1])* – The generalized bilinear transformation weighting parameter, which should only be specified with method="gbt", and is ignored otherwise
- **prewarp_frequency** *(float within [0, infinity])* – The frequency [rad/s] at which to match with the input continuous-time system’s magnitude and phase (the gain=1 crossover frequency, for example). Should only be specified with method='bilinear' or 'gbt' with alpha=0.5 and ignored otherwise.

**Returns**

- `sysd` – Discrete time system, with sampling rate Ts

**Return type**

- `StateSpace`

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**Notes**

Uses `scipy.signal.cont2discrete()`
Examples

```python
>>> sys = StateSpace(0, 1, 1, 0)
>>> sysd = sys.sample(0.5, method='bilinear')
```

`slycot_laub(x)`
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s method from Slycot.

Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use `sys(x)` for a more user-friendly interface.

**Parameters**
- `x` (*complex array_like or complex*) – Complex frequency

**Returns**
- `output` – Frequency response

**Return type**
- (number_outputs, number_inputs, len(x)) complex ndarray

`property states`
Deprecated attribute; use `nstates` instead.

The state attribute was used to store the number of states for a state space system. It is no longer used. If you need to access the number of states, use `nstates`.

`zero()`
Compute the zeros of a state space system.

### 4.3 control.FrequencyResponseData

class `control.FrequencyResponseData`(d, w[, smooth ])

**Bases:** `control.lti.LTI`

A class for models defined by frequency response data (FRD).

The FrequencyResponseData (FRD) class is used to represent systems in frequency response data form.

**Parameters**
- `d` (*1D or 3D complex array_like*) – The frequency response at each frequency point. If 1D, the system is assumed to be SISO. If 3D, the system is MIMO, with the first dimension corresponding to the output index of the FRD, the second dimension corresponding to the input index, and the 3rd dimension corresponding to the frequency points in omega.
- `w` (*iterable of real frequencies*) – List of frequency points for which data are available.
- `smooth` (*bool, optional*) – If True, create an interpolation function that allows the frequency response to be computed at any frequency within the range of frequencies given in `w`. If False (default), frequency response can only be obtained at the frequencies specified in `w`.

`ninputs, noutputs`
Number of input and output variables.

**Type**
- `int`

`omega`
Frequency points of the response.

**Type**
- `1D array`

`fresp`
Frequency response, indexed by output index, input index, and frequency point.
Type  3D array

Notes
The main data members are ‘omega’ and ‘fresp’, where ‘omega’ is a 1D array of frequency points and and ‘fresp’
is a 3D array of frequency responses, with the first dimension corresponding to the output index of the FRD, the
second dimension corresponding to the input index, and the 3rd dimension corresponding to the frequency points
in omega. For example,

```python
>>> frdata[2,5,:] = numpy.array([1., 0.8-0.2j, 0.2-0.8j])
```

means that the frequency response from the 6th input to the 3rd output at the frequencies defined in omega is set
to the array above, i.e. the rows represent the outputs and the columns represent the inputs.

A frequency response data object is callable and returns the value of the transfer function evaluated at a point in
the complex plane (must be on the imaginary access). See `__call__()` for a more detailed description.

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`__add__(other)`
Add two LTI objects (parallel connection).

`__call__(s, squeeze=None)`
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequencies.

Returns the complex frequency response `sys(s)` of system `sys` with `m = sys.ninputs` number of inputs and `p = sys.noutputs` number of outputs.

To evaluate at a frequency omega in radians per second, enter `s = omega * 1j` or use `sys.eval(omega)`

For a frequency response data object, the argument must be an imaginary number (since only the frequency
response is defined).

Parameters

- `s` *(complex scalar or 1D array_like)* – Complex frequencies
- `squeeze` *(bool, optional (default=True))* – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using `config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response']`.  

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Returns `fresp` – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and `squeeze` is not True, the shape of the array matches the shape of `omega`. If the system is not SISO or `squeeze` is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match `omega`. If `squeeze` is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

**Return type** complex ndarray

**Raises** `ValueError` – If `s` is not purely imaginary, because `FrequencyDomainData` systems are only defined at imaginary frequency values.

```python
__mul__(other)
Multiply two LTI objects (serial connection).
__neg__( )
Negate a transfer function.
__radd__(other)
Right add two LTI objects (parallel connection).
__rmul__(other)
Right Multiply two LTI objects (serial connection).
__rsub__(other)
Right subtract two LTI objects.
__rtruediv__(other)
Right divide two LTI objects.
__sub__(other)
Subtract two LTI objects.
__truediv__(other)
Divide two LTI objects.
```

damp()
Natural frequency, damping ratio of system poles

**Returns**

- `wn (array)` – Natural frequencies for each system pole
- `zeta (array)` – Damping ratio for each system pole
- `poles (array)` – Array of system poles

dcgain()
Return the zero-frequency gain

eval(omega, squeeze=None)
Evaluate a transfer function at angular frequency `omega`.

Note that a “normal” FRD only returns values for which there is an entry in the omega vector. An interpolating FRD can return intermediate values.

**Parameters**

- `omega (float or 1D array_like)` – Frequencies in radians per second
- `squeeze (bool, optional)` – If `squeeze=True`, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If `squeeze=False`, keep all indices (output, input and, if `omega` is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using `config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_frequency_response’]`.

Returns **fresp** – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the shape of the array matches the shape of omega. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match omega. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

Return type complex ndarray

**feedback**(other=1, sign=-1)
Feedback interconnection between two FRD objects.

**freqresp**(omega)
(deprecated) Evaluate transfer function at complex frequencies.

**frequency_response**(omega, squeeze=None)
Evaluate the linear time-invariant system at an array of angular frequencies.

Reports the frequency response of the system,

\[ G(j\omega) = \text{mag} \times \exp(j\text{phase}) \]

for continuous time systems. For discrete time systems, the response is evaluated around the unit circle such that

\[ G(\exp(j\omega dt)) = \text{mag} \times \exp(j\text{phase}). \]

In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where \( m = \text{self.ninputs} \) number of inputs and \( p = \text{self.noutputs} \) number of outputs.

Parameters

- **omega** (*float or 1D array_like*) – A list, tuple, array, or scalar value of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system will be evaluated.
- **squeeze** (*bool, optional*) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response'].

Returns

- **mag** (*ndarray*) – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency response. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D, indexed by frequency. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 3D, indexed by the output, input, and frequency. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.
- **phase** (*ndarray*) – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.
- **omega** (*ndarray*) – The (sorted) frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

**property inputs**
Depreciated attribute; use **ninputs** instead.

The input attribute was used to store the number of system inputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of inputs for an LTI system, use **ninputs**.

**isctime**(strict=False)
Check to see if a system is a continuous-time system.

Parameters

- **sys** (*LTI system*) – System to be checked
- **strict** (*bool, optional*) – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.
isdtime(strict=False)
Check to see if a system is a discrete-time system

Parameters strict (bool, optional) – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None.
   Default is False.

issiso()
Check to see if a system is single input, single output

ninputs
Number of system inputs.

noutputs
Number of system outputs.

property outputs
   Deprecated attribute; use noutputs instead.

   The output attribute was used to store the number of system outputs. It is no longer used. If you need
   access to the number of outputs for an LTI system, use noutputs.

4.4 control.TimeResponseData

class control.TimeResponseData (time, outputs, states=None, inputs=None, issiso=None,
   output_labels=None, state_labels=None, input_labels=None,
   transpose=False, return_x=False, squeeze=None, multi_trace=False)

   Bases: object

   A class for returning time responses.

   This class maintains and manipulates the data corresponding to the temporal response of an input/output system.
   It is used as the return type for time domain simulations (step response, input/output response, etc).

   A time response consists of a time vector, an output vector, and optionally an input vector and/or state vector.
   Inputs and outputs can be 1D (scalar input/output) or 2D (vector input/output).

   A time response can be stored for multiple input signals (called traces), with the output and state indexed by
   the trace number. This allows for input/output response matrices, which is mainly useful for impulse and step
   responses for linear systems. For multi-trace responses, the same time vector must be used for all traces.

   Time responses are accessed through either the raw data, stored as t, y, x, u, or using a set of properties time,
   outputs, states, inputs. When accessing time responses via their properties, squeeze processing is applied
   so that (by default) single-input, single-output systems will have the output and input indices supressed. This
   behavior is set using the squeeze keyword.

   t
   Time values of the input/output response(s). This attribute is normally accessed via the time property.

   Type  1D array

   y
   Output response data, indexed either by output index and time (for single trace responses) or output, trace,
   and time (for multi-trace responses). These data are normally accessed via the outputs property, which
   performs squeeze processing.

   Type  2D or 3D array
State space data, indexed either by output number and time (for single trace responses) or output, trace, and time (for multi-trace responses). If no state data are present, value is `None`. These data are normally accessed via the `states` property, which performs squeeze processing.

Type 2D or 3D array, or `None`

Input signal data, indexed either by input index and time (for single trace responses) or input, trace, and time (for multi-trace responses). If no input data are present, value is `None`. These data are normally accessed via the `inputs` property, which performs squeeze processing.

Type 2D or 3D array, or `None`

By default, if a system is single-input, single-output (SISO) then the outputs (and inputs) are returned as a 1D array (indexed by time) and if a system is multi-input or multi-output, then the outputs are returned as a 2D array (indexed by output and time) or a 3D array (indexed by output, trace, and time). If `squeeze=True`, access to the output response will remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the inputs and outputs even if the system is not SISO. If `squeeze=False`, the output is returned as a 2D or 3D array (indexed by the output [if multi-input], trace [if multi-trace] and time) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using `config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response']`.

Type `bool`, optional

If True, transpose all input and output arrays (for backward compatibility with MATLAB and `scipy.signal.lsim()`). Default value is False.

Type `bool`, optional

Set to `True` if the system generating the data is single-input, single-output. If passed as `None` (default), the input data will be used to set the value.

Type `bool`, optional

Number of inputs, outputs, and states of the underlying system.

Type `int`

Names for the input, output, and state variables.

Type `array of str`

Number of independent traces represented in the input/output response. If `ntraces` is 0 then the data represents a single trace with the trace index suppressed in the data.

Type `int`
Notes

1. For backward compatibility with earlier versions of python-control, this class has an __iter__ method that allows it to be assigned to a tuple with a variable number of elements. This allows the following patterns to work:

   \[
   t, y = \text{step} \_ \text{response}(\text{sys})
   \]

   \[
   t, x = \text{step} \_ \text{response}(\text{sys}, \text{return}_x=\text{True})
   \]

   When using this (legacy) interface, the state vector is not affected by the squeeze parameter.

2. For backward compatibility with earlier version of python-control, this class has __getitem__ and __len__ methods that allow the return value to be indexed:

   \[
   \text{response}[0]: \text{returns the time vector}
   \]

   \[
   \text{response}[1]: \text{returns the output vector}
   \]

   \[
   \text{response}[2]: \text{returns the state vector}
   \]

   When using this (legacy) interface, the state vector is not affected by the squeeze parameter.

3. The default settings for return_x, squeeze and transpose can be changed by calling the class instance and passing new values:

   \[
   \text{response}(\text{transpose}=\text{True}).\text{input}
   \]

   See TimeResponseData.__call__() for more information.

Methods

__call__

__call__(**kwargs)

Change value of processing keywords.

Calling the time response object will create a copy of the object and change the values of the keywords used to control the outputs, states, and inputs properties.

Parameters

• squeeze (bool, optional) – If squeeze=True, access to the output response will remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the inputs, outputs, and states even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep the input as a 2D or 3D array (indexed by the input (if multi-input), trace (if single input) and time) and the output and states as a 3D array (indexed by the output/state, trace, and time) even if the system is SISO.

• transpose (bool, optional) – If True, transpose all input and output arrays (for backward compatibility with MATLAB and scipy.signal.lsim()). Default value is False.

• return_x (bool, optional) – If True, return the state vector when enumerating result by assigning to a tuple (default = False).

• input_labels (array of str) – Labels for the inputs, outputs, and states, given as a list of strings matching the appropriate signal dimension.

• output_labels (array of str) – Labels for the inputs, outputs, and states, given as a list of strings matching the appropriate signal dimension.

• state_labels (array of str) – Labels for the inputs, outputs, and states, given as a list of strings matching the appropriate signal dimension.

property inputs

Time response input vector.
Input(s) to the system, indexed by input (optional), trace (optional), and time. If a 1D vector is passed, the input corresponds to a scalar-valued input. If a 2D vector is passed, then it can either represent multiple single-input traces or a single multi-input trace. The optional `multi_trace` keyword should be used to disambiguate the two. If a 3D vector is passed, then it represents a multi-trace, multi-input signal, indexed by input, trace, and time.

See `TimeResponseData.squeeze` for a description of how the dimensions of the input vector can be modified using the `squeeze` keyword.

**Type**: 1D or 2D array

**Property outputs**

Time response output vector.

Output response of the system, indexed by either the output and time (if only a single input is given) or the output, trace, and time (for multiple traces). See `TimeResponseData.squeeze` for a description of how this can be modified using the `squeeze` keyword.

**Type**: 1D, 2D, or 3D array

**Property states**

Time response state vector.

Time evolution of the state vector, indexed by either the state and time (if only a single trace is given) or the state, trace, and time (for multiple traces). See `TimeResponseData.squeeze` for a description of how this can be modified using the `squeeze` keyword.

**Type**: 2D or 3D array

**Property time**

Time vector.

Time values of the input/output response(s).

**Type**: 1D array

### 4.5 Input/output system subclasses

Input/output systems are accessed primarily via a set of subclasses that allow for linear, nonlinear, and interconnected elements:

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The `control.matlab` module contains a number of functions that emulate some of the functionality of MATLAB. The intent of these functions is to provide a simple interface to the python control systems library (python-control) for people who are familiar with the MATLAB Control Systems Toolbox (tm).

## 5.1 Creating linear models

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### 5.1.1 control.matlab.tf

`control.matlab.tf(num, den[, dt])`

Create a transfer function system. Can create MIMO systems.

The function accepts either 1, 2, or 3 parameters:

- **tf(sys)** Convert a linear system into transfer function form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is already a TransferFunction object.
- **tf(num, den)** Create a transfer function system from its numerator and denominator polynomial coefficients.
  
  If `num` and `den` are 1D array_like objects, the function creates a SISO system.

  To create a MIMO system, `num` and `den` need to be 2D nested lists of array_like objects. (A 3 dimensional data structure in total.) (For details see note below.)

- **tf(num, den, dt)** Create a discrete time transfer function system; `dt` can either be a positive number indicating the sampling time or ‘True’ if no specific timebase is given.
- **tf('s')** or **tf('z')** Create a transfer function representing the differential operator (‘s’) or delay operator (‘z’).

**Parameters**

- **sys** *(LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – A linear system*
- **num** *(array_like, or list of list of array_like) – Polynomial coefficients of the numerator*
• **den** *(array_like, or list of list of array_like)* – Polynomial coefficients of the denominator

  **Returns out** – The new linear system

  **Return type** TransferFunction

  **Raises**

  • **ValueError** – if `num` and `den` have invalid or unequal dimensions
  • **TypeError** – if `num` or `den` are of incorrect type

  **See also:**

  TransferFunction, *ss, ss2tf, tf2ss*

**Notes**

`num[i][j]` contains the polynomial coefficients of the numerator for the transfer function from the `(j+1)st input to the (i+1)st output. `den[i][j]` works the same way.

The list `[2, 3, 4]` denotes the polynomial `2s^2 + 3s + 4`.

The special forms `tf('s')` and `tf('z')` can be used to create transfer functions for differentiation and unit delays.

**Examples**

```python
>>> # Create a MIMO transfer function object
>>> # The transfer function from the 2nd input to the 1st output is
>>> # (3s + 4) / (6s^2 + 5s + 4).
>>> num = [[[1., 2.], [3., 4.]], [[5., 6.], [7., 8.]]]
>>> den = [[[9., 8., 7.], [6., 5., 4.]], [[3., 2., 1.], [-1., -2., -3.]]]
>>> sys1 = tf(num, den)

>>> # Create a variable 's' to allow algebra operations for SISO systems
>>> s = tf('s')
>>> G = (s + 1)/(s**2 + 2*s + 1)

>>> # Convert a StateSpace to a TransferFunction object.
>>> sys_ss = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
>>> sys2 = tf(sys1)
```

**5.1.2 control.matlab.ss**

`control.matlab.ss(A, B, C, D[, dt])`

Create a state space system.

The function accepts either 1, 4 or 5 parameters:

- **ss(sys)** Convert a linear system into space system form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is already a StateSpace object.
**ss(A, B, C, D)** Create a state space system from the matrices of its state and output equations:

\[
\dot{x} = A \cdot x + B \cdot u \\
y = C \cdot x + D \cdot u
\]

**ss(A, B, C, D, dt)** Create a discrete-time state space system from the matrices of its state and output equations:

\[
x[k + 1] = A \cdot x[k] + B \cdot u[k] \\
y[k] = C \cdot x[k] + D \cdot u[k]
\]

The matrices can be given as *array like* data types or strings. Everything that the constructor of `numpy.matrix` accepts is permissible here too.

**Parameters**
- *sys* ([StateSpace](#) or [TransferFunction](#)) – A linear system
- *A* (*array_like* or *string*) – System matrix
- *B* (*array_like* or *string*) – Control matrix
- *C* (*array_like* or *string*) – Output matrix
- *D* (*array_like* or *string*) – Feed forward matrix
- *dt* (*If present, specifies the timebase of the system*)

**Returns** *out* – The new linear system

**Return type** StateSpace

**Raises** ValueError – if matrix sizes are not self-consistent

**See also:**
- StateSpace, tf, ss2tf, tf2ss

**Examples**

```python
>>> # Create a StateSpace object from four "matrices".
>>> sys1 = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
```

```python
>>> # Convert a TransferFunction to a StateSpace object.
>>> sys_tf = tf([2.], [1., 3])
>>> sys2 = ss(sys_tf)
```

### 5.1.3 control.matlab.frd

control.matlab.frd(*d, w*)

Construct a frequency response data model

frd models store the (measured) frequency response of a system.

This function can be called in different ways:

**frd(response, freqs)** Create an frd model with the given response data, in the form of complex response vector, at matching frequency freqs [in rad/s]
frd(sys, freqs)  Convert an LTI system into an frd model with data at frequencies freqs.

Parameters

- **response** (*array_like*, *or* *list*) – complex vector with the system response
- **freq** (*array_like* or *list*) – vector with frequencies
- **sys** (*LTI* (*StateSpace* *or* *TransferFunction*)) – A linear system

Returns sys – New frequency response system

Return type FRD

See also:
FRD, ss, tf

5.1.4 control.matlab.rss

control.matlab.rss(*states=1, outputs=1, inputs=1, strictly_proper=False*)
Create a stable continuous random state space object.

Parameters

- **states** (*int*) – Number of state variables
- **outputs** (*int*) – Number of system outputs
- **inputs** (*int*) – Number of system inputs
- **strictly_proper** (*bool*, *optional*) – If set to ‘True’, returns a proper system (no direct term).

Returns sys – The randomly created linear system

Return type *StateSpace*

Raises **ValueError** – if any input is not a positive integer

See also:
drss

Notes

If the number of states, inputs, or outputs is not specified, then the missing numbers are assumed to be 1. The poles of the returned system will always have a negative real part.

5.1.5 control.matlab.drss

control.matlab.drss(*states=1, outputs=1, inputs=1, strictly_proper=False*)
Create a stable discrete random state space object.

Parameters

- **states** (*int*) – Number of state variables
- **inputs** (*integer*) – Number of system inputs
- **outputs** (*int*) – Number of system outputs
• **strictly_proper** *(bool, optional)* – If set to ‘True’, returns a proper system (no direct term).

**Returns** `sys` – The randomly created linear system

**Return type** *StateSpace*

**Raises** *ValueError* – if any input is not a positive integer

**See also:**

`rss`

**Notes**

If the number of states, inputs, or outputs is not specified, then the missing numbers are assumed to be 1. The poles of the returned system will always have a magnitude less than 1.

### 5.2 Utility functions and conversions

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#### 5.2.1 control.matlab.mag2db

```python
control.matlab.mag2db(mag)
```

Convert a magnitude to decibels (dB)

- If `A` is magnitude,
  
  \[
  \text{db} = 20 \times \log_{10}(A)
  \]

**Parameters** `mag` *(float or ndarray)* – input magnitude or array of magnitudes

**Returns** `db` – corresponding values in decibels

**Return type** float or ndarray

#### 5.2.2 control.matlab.db2mag

```python
control.matlab.db2mag(db)
```

Convert a gain in decibels (dB) to a magnitude

- If `A` is magnitude,
  
  \[
  \text{db} = 20 \times \log_{10}(A)
  \]

**Parameters** `db` *(float or ndarray)* – input value or array of values, given in decibels

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Returns `mag` – corresponding magnitudes

Return type float or ndarray

### 5.2.3 control.matlab.c2d

`control.matlab.c2d(sysc, Ts, method='zoh', prewarp_frequency=None)`

Convert a continuous time system to discrete time by sampling

**Parameters**

- `sysc` (LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – Continuous time system to be converted
- `Ts` (float > 0) – Sampling period
- `method` (string) – Method to use for conversion, e.g. ‘bilinear’, ‘zoh’ (default)
- `prewarp_frequency` (real within [0, infinity)) – The frequency [rad/s] at which to match with the input continuous-time system’s magnitude and phase (only valid for `method='bilinear'`)

**Returns**

- `sysd` – Discrete time system, with sampling rate `Ts`

**Return type** LTI of the same class

**Notes**

See `StateSpace.sample()` or `TransferFunction.sample()` for further details.

**Examples**

```python
>>> sysc = TransferFunction([1], [1, 2, 1])
>>> sysd = sample_system(sysc, 1, method='bilinear')
```

### 5.2.4 control.matlab.ss2tf

`control.matlab.ss2tf(sys)`

Transform a state space system to a transfer function.

The function accepts either 1 or 4 parameters:

- `ss2tf(sys)` – Convert a linear system into space system form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is already a StateSpace object.
- `ss2tf(A, B, C, D)` – Create a state space system from the matrices of its state and output equations.

For details see: `ss()`

**Parameters**

- `sys` (StateSpace) – A linear system
- `A` (array_like or string) – System matrix
- `B` (array_like or string) – Control matrix
- `C` (array_like or string) – Output matrix
D (array_like or string) – Feedthrough matrix

Returns out – New linear system in transfer function form

Return type TransferFunction

Raises

• ValueError – if matrix sizes are not self-consistent, or if an invalid number of arguments
  is passed in

• TypeError – if sys is not a StateSpace object

See also:

tf, ss, tf2ss

Examples

```python
>>> A = [[1., -2], [3, -4]]
>>> B = [[5.], [7]]
>>> C = [[6., 8]]
>>> D = [[9.]]
>>> sys1 = ss2tf(A, B, C, D)

>>> sys_ss = ss(A, B, C, D)
>>> sys2 = ss2tf(sys_ss)
```

5.2.5 control.matlab.tf2ss

control.matlab.tf2ss(sys)

Transform a transfer function to a state space system.

The function accepts either 1 or 2 parameters:

tf2ss(sys) Convert a linear system into transfer function form. Always creates a new system, even if sys is
already a TransferFunction object.

tf2ss(num, den) Create a transfer function system from its numerator and denominator polynomial coefficients.

For details see: tf()

Parameters

• sys (LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – A linear system

• num (array_like, or list of list of array_like) – Polynomial coefficients of
  the numerator

• den (array_like, or list of list of array_like) – Polynomial coefficients of
  the denominator

Returns out – New linear system in state space form

Return type StateSpace

Raises
• **ValueError** – if `num` and `den` have invalid or unequal dimensions, or if an invalid number of arguments is passed in

• **TypeError** – if `num` or `den` are of incorrect type, or if `sys` is not a TransferFunction object

See also:

`sos, tf, ss2tf`

**Examples**

```python
>>> num = [[[1., 2.], [3., 4.]], [[5., 6.], [7., 8.]]
>>> den = [[[9., 8., 7.], [6., 5., 4.]], [[3., 2., 1.], [-1., -2., -3.]]]
>>> sys1 = tf2ss(num, den)
```

```python
>>> sys_tf = tf(num, den)
>>> sys2 = tf2ss(sys_tf)
```

5.2.6 **control.matlab.tfdata**

control.matlab.tfdata(sys)

Return transfer function data objects for a system.

**Parameters**

- `sys` *(LTI (StateSpace, or TransferFunction)) – LTI system whose data will be returned*

**Returns**

- `(num, den)` – Transfer function coefficients (SISO only)

**Return type**

- numerator and denominator arrays

5.3 **System interconnections**

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<td>Group models by appending their inputs and outputs.</td>
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5.3.1 **control.matlab.series**

control.matlab.series(sys1, sys2[, ...], sysn)

Return the series connection `(sysn * ... *) sys2 * sys1`.

**Parameters**

- `sys1` *(scalar, StateSpace, TransferFunction, or FRD) –*

- `*sysn` *(other scalars, StateSpaces, TransferFunctions, or FRDs) –*

**Returns**

- `out`
**Return type**  scalar, *StateSpace*, or *TransferFunction*

**Raises**  *ValueError* – if *sys2.ninputs* does not equal *sys1.noutputs* if *sys1.dt* is not compatible with *sys2.dt*

**See also:**

*parallel*, *feedback*

**Notes**

This function is a wrapper for the __mul__ function in the StateSpace and TransferFunction classes. The output type is usually the type of *sys2*. If *sys2* is a scalar, then the output type is the type of *sys1*.

If both systems have a defined timebase (dt = 0 for continuous time, dt > 0 for discrete time), then the timebase for both systems must match. If only one of the system has a timebase, the return timebase will be set to match it.

**Examples**

```python
>>> sys3 = series(sys1, sys2)  # Same as sys3 = sys2 * sys1
```

```python
>>> sys5 = series(sys1, sys2, sys3, sys4)  # More systems
```

### 5.3.2 control.matlab.parallel

**control.matlab.parallel**(sys1, sys2[, ..., sysn])

Return the parallel connection sys1 + sys2 (+ ... + sysn).

**Parameters**

- **sys1**  (scalar, *StateSpace*, *TransferFunction*, or *FRD*) –
- ***sysn**  (other scalars, *StateSpaces*, *TransferFunctions*, or *FRDs*) –

**Returns**  out

**Return type**  scalar, *StateSpace*, or *TransferFunction*

**Raises**  *ValueError* – if *sysI* and *sys2* do not have the same numbers of inputs and outputs

**See also:**

*series*, *feedback*

**Notes**

This function is a wrapper for the __add__ function in the StateSpace and TransferFunction classes. The output type is usually the type of *sys1*. If *sys1* is a scalar, then the output type is the type of *sys2*.

If both systems have a defined timebase (dt = 0 for continuous time, dt > 0 for discrete time), then the timebase for both systems must match. If only one of the system has a timebase, the return timebase will be set to match it.
Examples

```python
>>> sys3 = parallel(sys1, sys2)  # Same as sys3 = sys1 + sys2

>>> sys5 = parallel(sys1, sys2, sys3, sys4)  # More systems
```

5.3.3 control.matlab.feedback

```python
control.matlab.feedback(sys1, sys2=1, sign=-1)
```
Feedback interconnection between two I/O systems.

**Parameters**

- `sys1` *(scalar, StateSpace, TransferFunction, FRD)* – The primary process.
- `sys2` *(scalar, StateSpace, TransferFunction, FRD)* – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
- `sign` *(scalar)* – The sign of feedback. `sign = 1` indicates negative feedback, and `sign = -1` indicates positive feedback. `sign` is an optional argument; it assumes a value of -1 if not specified.

**Returns** `out`

**Return type** *StateSpace or TransferFunction*

**Raises**

- `ValueError` – if `sys1` does not have as many inputs as `sys2` has outputs, or if `sys2` does not have as many inputs as `sys1` has outputs
- `NotImplementedError` – if an attempt is made to perform a feedback on a MIMO TransferFunction object

**See also:**

*series, parallel*

**Notes**

This function is a wrapper for the feedback function in the StateSpace and TransferFunction classes. It calls TransferFunction.feedback if `sys1` is a TransferFunction object, and StateSpace.feedback if `sys1` is a StateSpace object. If `sys1` is a scalar, then it is converted to `sys2`'s type, and the corresponding feedback function is used. If `sys1` and `sys2` are both scalars, then TransferFunction.feedback is used.

5.3.4 control.matlab.negate

```python
control.matlab.negate(sys)
```
Return the negative of a system.

**Parameters** `sys` *(StateSpace, TransferFunction or FRD)* –

**Returns** `out`

**Return type** *StateSpace or TransferFunction*
Notes

This function is a wrapper for the \_\_neg\_\_ function in the StateSpace and TransferFunction classes. The output type is the same as the input type.

Examples

```python
>>> sys2 = negate(sys1) # Same as sys2 = -sys1.
```

5.3.5 control.matlab.connect

control.matlab.connect(sys, Q, inputv, outputv)

Index-based interconnection of an LTI system.

The system \textit{sys} is a system typically constructed with \textit{append}, with multiple inputs and outputs. The inputs and outputs are connected according to the interconnection matrix \textit{Q}, and then the final inputs and outputs are trimmed according to the inputs and outputs listed in \textit{inputv} and \textit{outputv}.

\textbf{NOTE:} Inputs and outputs are indexed starting at 1 and negative values correspond to a negative feedback interconnection.

\textbf{Parameters}

- \textit{sys} (\texttt{StateSpace} or \texttt{TransferFunction}) – System to be connected
- \textit{Q} (2D array) – Interconnection matrix. First column gives the input to be connected. The second column gives the index of an output that is to be fed into that input. Each additional column gives the index of an additional input that may be optionally added to that input. Negative values mean the feedback is negative. A zero value is ignored. Inputs and outputs are indexed starting at 1 to communicate sign information.
- \textit{inputv} (1D array) – list of final external inputs, indexed starting at 1
- \textit{outputv} (1D array) – list of final external outputs, indexed starting at 1

\textbf{Returns} \textit{sys} – Connected and trimmed LTI system

\textbf{Return type} LTI system

Examples

```python
>>> sys1 = ss([[1., -2], [3., -4]], [[5.], [7]], [[6, 8]], [[9.]])
>>> sys2 = ss([-1.], [[1.]], [[1.]], [[0.]])
>>> sys = append(sys1, sys2)
>>> Q = [[1, 2], [2, -1]] # negative feedback interconnection
>>> sysc = connect(sys, Q, [2], [1, 2])
```
Notes

The `interconnect()` function in the input/output systems module allows the use of named signals and provides an alternative method for interconnecting multiple systems.

### 5.3.6 control.matlab.append

**control.matlab.append**(sys1, sys2[, ..., sysn])

Group models by appending their inputs and outputs.

Forms an augmented system model, and appends the inputs and outputs together. The system type will be the type of the first system given; if you mix state-space systems and gain matrices, make sure the gain matrices are not first.

**Parameters**

- `sys1` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – LTI systems to combine
- `sys2` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – LTI systems to combine
- `...` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – LTI systems to combine
- `sysn` (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – LTI systems to combine

**Returns** sys – Combined LTI system, with input/output vectors consisting of all input/output vectors appended

**Return type** LTI system

**Examples**

```python
>>> sys1 = ss([[1., -2], [3., -4]], [[5.]], [[6., 8]], [[9.]])
>>> sys2 = ss([-1.], [[1.]], [[1.]], [[0.]])
>>> sys = append(sys1, sys2)
```

### 5.4 System gain and dynamics

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5.4.1 control.matlab.dcgain

control.matlab.dcgain(*args)

Compute the gain of the system in steady state.

The function takes either 1, 2, 3, or 4 parameters:

Parameters

- A (array-like) – A linear system in state space form.
- B (array-like) – A linear system in state space form.
- C (array-like) – A linear system in state space form.
- D (array-like) – A linear system in state space form.
- Z (array-like, array-like, number) – A linear system in zero, pole, gain form.
- P (array-like, array-like, number) – A linear system in zero, pole, gain form.
- k (array-like, array-like, number) – A linear system in zero, pole, gain form.
- num (array-like) – A linear system in transfer function form.
- den (array-like) – A linear system in transfer function form.
- sys (LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – A linear system object.

Returns gain – The gain of each output versus each input: \( y = gain \cdot u \)

Return type ndarray

Notes

This function is only useful for systems with invertible system matrix \( A \).

All systems are first converted to state space form. The function then computes:

\[
gain = -C \cdot A^{-1} \cdot B + D
\]

5.4.2 control.matlab.pole

control.matlab.pole(sys)

Compute system poles.

Parameters sys (StateSpace or TransferFunction) – Linear system

Returns poles – Array that contains the system’s poles.

Return type ndarray

Raises NotImplementedError – when called on a TransferFunction object

See also:

zero, TransferFunction.pole, StateSpace.pole
5.4.3 control.matlab.zero

control.matlab.zero(sys)
Compute system zeros.

Parameters
sys (StateSpace or TransferFunction) – Linear system

Returns
zeros – Array that contains the system’s zeros.

Return type
ndarray

 Raises
NotImplementedError – when called on a MIMO system

See also:
pole, StateSpace.zero, TransferFunction.zero

5.4.4 control.matlab.damp

control.matlab.damp(sys, doprint=True)
Compute natural frequency, damping ratio, and poles of a system

The function takes 1 or 2 parameters

Parameters
• sys (LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – A linear system object
• doprint – if true, print table with values

Returns
• wn (array) – Natural frequencies of the poles
• damping (array) – Damping values
• poles (array) – Pole locations
• Algorithm
• _____
• If the system is continuous, – wn = abs(poles) Z = -real(poles)/poles.
• If the system is discrete, the discrete poles are mapped to their equivalent location in the s-plane via – s = log10(poles)/dt
• and – wn = abs(s) Z = -real(s)/wn.

See also:
pole
5.4.5 control.matlab.pzmap

control.matlab.pzmap(sys, plot=None, grid=None, title='Pole Zero Map', **kwargs)

Plot a pole/zero map for a linear system.

Parameters

- **sys** *(LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)) – Linear system for which poles and zeros are computed.*
- **plot** *(bool, optional) – If True a graph is generated with Matplotlib, otherwise the poles and zeros are only computed and returned.*
- **grid** *(boolean (default = False)) – If True plot omega-damping grid.*

Returns

- **poles** *(array) – The systems poles*
- **zeros** *(array) – The system’s zeros.*

5.5 Time-domain analysis

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<td>Simulate the output of a linear system.</td>
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5.5.1 control.matlab.step

control.matlab.step(sys, T=None, X0=0.0, input=0, output=None, return_x=False)

Step response of a linear system

If the system has multiple inputs or outputs (MIMO), one input has to be selected for the simulation. Optionally, one output may be selected. If no selection is made for the output, all outputs are given. The parameters `input` and `output` do this. All other inputs are set to 0, all other outputs are ignored.

Parameters

- **sys** *(StateSpace, or TransferFunction) – LTI system to simulate*
- **T** *(array-like or number, optional) – Time vector, or simulation time duration if a number (time vector is autocomputed if not given)*
- **X0** *(array-like or number, optional) – Initial condition (default = 0)*
  
  Numbers are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape.
- **input** *(int) – Index of the input that will be used in this simulation.*
- **output** *(int) – If given, index of the output that is returned by this simulation.*

Returns

- **yout** *(array) – Response of the system*
- **T** *(array) – Time values of the output*
- **xout** *(array (if selected)) – Individual response of each x variable*
See also:

\texttt{lsim, initial, impulse}

Examples

\begin{verbatim}
>>> yout, T = step(sys, T, X0)
\end{verbatim}

5.5.2 \texttt{control.matlab.impulse}

\texttt{control.matlab.impulse}(\texttt{sys, T=None, X0=0.0, input=0, output=None, return_x=False})

Impulse response of a linear system

If the system has multiple inputs or outputs (MIMO), one input has to be selected for the simulation. Optionally, one output may be selected. If no selection is made for the output, all outputs are given. The parameters \texttt{input} and \texttt{output} do this. All other inputs are set to 0, all other outputs are ignored.

Parameters

- \texttt{sys} (\texttt{StateSpace, TransferFunction}) – LTI system to simulate
- \texttt{T} (array-like or number, optional) – Time vector, or simulation time duration if a number (time vector is autocomputed if not given)
- \texttt{X0} (array-like or number, optional) – Initial condition (default = 0)

Numbers are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape.

- \texttt{input} (int) – Index of the input that will be used in this simulation.
- \texttt{output} (int) – Index of the output that will be used in this simulation.

Returns

- \texttt{yout} (array) – Response of the system
- \texttt{T} (array) – Time values of the output
- \texttt{xout} (array (if selected)) – Individual response of each x variable

See also:

\texttt{lsim, step, initial}

Examples

\begin{verbatim}
>>> yout, T = impulse(sys, T)
\end{verbatim}
5.5.3 control.matlab.initial

control.matlab.initial(sys, T=None, X0=0.0, input=None, output=None, return_x=False)

Initial condition response of a linear system

If the system has multiple outputs (IMO), optionally, one output may be selected. If no selection is made for the output, all outputs are given.

Parameters

- **sys** (StateSpace, or TransferFunction) – LTI system to simulate
- **T** (array-like or number, optional) – Time vector, or simulation time duration if a number (time vector is autocomputed if not given)
- **X0** (array-like object or number, optional) – Initial condition (default = 0)
  Numbers are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape.
- **input** (int) – This input is ignored, but present for compatibility with step and impulse.
- **output** (int) – If given, index of the output that is returned by this simulation.

Returns

- **yout** (array) – Response of the system
- **T** (array) – Time values of the output
- **xout** (array (if selected)) – Individual response of each x variable

See also:

lsim, step, impulse

Examples

```python
>>> yout, T = initial(sys, T, X0)
```

5.5.4 control.matlab.lsim

control.matlab.lsim(sys, U=0.0, T=None, X0=0.0)

Simulate the output of a linear system.

As a convenience for parameters U, X0: Numbers (scalars) are converted to constant arrays with the correct shape. The correct shape is inferred from arguments sys and T.

Parameters

- **sys** (LTI (StateSpace, or TransferFunction)) – LTI system to simulate
- **U** (array-like or number, optional) – Input array giving input at each time T (default = 0).
  If U is None or 0, a special algorithm is used. This special algorithm is faster than the general algorithm, which is used otherwise.
- **T** (array-like, optional for discrete LTI sys) – Time steps at which the input is defined; values must be evenly spaced.
- **X0** (array-like or number, optional) – Initial condition (default = 0).
Returns

- **yout (array)** – Response of the system.
- **T (array)** – Time values of the output.
- **xout (array)** – Time evolution of the state vector.

See also:

`step`, `initial`, `impulse`

Examples

```python
>>> yout, T, xout = lsim(sys, U, T, X0)
```

## 5.6 Frequency-domain analysis

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### 5.6.1 control.matlab.bode

`control.matlab.bode(syslist[, omega, dB, Hz, deg, ...])`

Bode plot of the frequency response

Plots a bode gain and phase diagram

Parameters

- **sys (LTI, or list of LTI)** – System for which the Bode response is plotted and given. Optionally a list of systems can be entered, or several systems can be specified (i.e. several parameters). The sys arguments may also be interspersed with format strings. A frequency argument (array_like) may also be added, some examples: * >>> bode(sys, w) # one system, freq vector * >>> bode(sys1, sys2, ..., sysN) # several systems * >>> bode(sys1, sys2, ..., sysN, w) * >>> bode(sys1, 'plotstyle1', ..., sysN, 'plotstyleN') # + plot formats
- **omega (freq_range)** – Range of frequencies in rad/s
- **dB (boolean)** – If True, plot result in dB
- **Hz (boolean)** – If True, plot frequency in Hz (omega must be provided in rad/sec)
- **deg (boolean)** – If True, return phase in degrees (else radians)
- **plot (boolean)** – If True, plot magnitude and phase
Examples

```python
>>> sys = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
>>> mag, phase, omega = bode(sys)
```

Todo: Document these use cases

- ```python
  >>> bode(sys, w)
  ```

- ```python
  >>> bode(sys1, sys2, ..., sysN)
  ```

- ```python
  >>> bode(sys1, sys2, ..., sysN, w)
  ```

- ```python
  >>> bode(sys1, 'plotstyle1', ..., sysN, 'plotstyleN')
  ```

5.6.2 control.matlab.nyquist

control.matlab.nyquist(syslist[, omega])

Nyquist plot of the frequency response

Plots a Nyquist plot for the system over a (optional) frequency range.

Parameters

- **sys1** *(list of LTI)* – List of linear input/output systems (single system is OK).
- **...** *(list of LTI)* – List of linear input/output systems (single system is OK).
- **sysn** *(list of LTI)* – List of linear input/output systems (single system is OK).
- **omega** *(array_like)* – Set of frequencies to be evaluated, in rad/sec.

Returns

- **real** *(ndarray (or list of ndarray if len(syslist) > 1))* – real part of the frequency response array
- **imag** *(ndarray (or list of ndarray if len(syslist) > 1))* – imaginary part of the frequency response array
- **omega** *(ndarray (or list of ndarray if len(syslist) > 1))* – frequencies in rad/s

5.6.3 control.matlab.nichols

control.matlab.nichols(sys_list, omega=None, grid=None)

Nichols plot for a system

Plots a Nichols plot for the system over a (optional) frequency range.

Parameters

- **sys_list** *(list of LTI, or LTI)* – List of linear input/output systems (single system is OK)
- **omega** *(array_like)* – Range of frequencies (list or bounds) in rad/sec
• grid (boolean, optional) – True if the plot should include a Nichols-chart grid. Default is True.

Returns
Return type  None

5.6.4 control.matlab.margin

control.matlab.margin(sysdata)
Calculate gain and phase margins and associated crossover frequencies

Parameters sysdata (LTI system or (mag, phase, omega) sequence) –
    sys  [StateSpace or TransferFunction] Linear SISO system representing the loop transfer function
    mag, phase, omega [sequence of array_like] Input magnitude, phase (in deg.), and frequencies (rad/sec) from bode frequency response data

Returns
• gm (float) – Gain margin
• pm (float) – Phase margin (in degrees)
• wcg (float or array_like) – Crossover frequency associated with gain margin (phase crossover frequency), where phase crosses below -180 degrees.
• wcp (float or array_like) – Crossover frequency associated with phase margin (gain crossover frequency), where gain crosses below 1.
• Margins are calculated for a SISO open-loop system.
• If there is more than one gain crossover, the one at the smallest margin (deviation from gain = 1), in absolute sense, is returned. Likewise the smallest phase margin (in absolute sense) is returned.

Examples

```python
>>> sys = tf(1, [1, 2, 1, 0])
>>> gm, pm, wcg, wcp = margin(sys)
```

5.6.5 control.matlab.freqresp

control.matlab.freqresp(sys, omega, squeeze=None)
Frequency response of an LTI system at multiple angular frequencies.

In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where m = sys.ninputs number of inputs and p = sys.noutputs number of outputs.

Parameters
• sys (StateSpace or TransferFunction) – Linear system
• omega (float or 1D array_like) – A list of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system should be evaluated. The list can be either a python list or a numpy array and will be sorted before evaluation.
• **squeeze** (*bool, optional*) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_frequency_response’].

**Returns**

• **mag** (*ndarray*) – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency response. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D, indexed by frequency. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 3D, indexed by the output, input, and frequency. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

• **phase** (*ndarray*) – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.

• **omega** (*ndarray*) – The list of sorted frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

**See also:**

`evalfr`, `bode`

**Notes**

This function is a wrapper for `StateSpace.frequency_response()` and `TransferFunction.frequency_response()`.

**Examples**

```python
g = 1.0j
>> sys = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
>> mag, phase, omega = freqresp(sys, [0.1, 1., 10.])
>> mag
array([[58.8576682, 49.64876635, 13.40825927]])
>> phase
array([[-0.05408304, -0.44563154, -0.66837155]])
```

**Todo:** Add example with MIMO system

```python
>>> sys = rss(3, 2, 2) #>>> mag, phase, omega = freqresp(sys, [0.1, 1., 10.]) #>>> mag[0, 1, :] #array([55.43747231, 42.47766549, 1.97225895]) #>>> phase[1, 0, :] #array([-0.12611087, -1.14294316, 2.5764547])
#>>> This is the magnitude of the frequency response from the 2nd input to the 1st output, and the phase (in radians) of the frequency response from the 1st input to the 2nd output, for s = 0.1i, i, 10i.
```

### 5.6.6 control.matlab.evalfr

`control.matlab.evalfr(sys, x, squeeze=None)`

Evaluate the transfer function of an LTI system for complex frequency `x`.

Returns the complex frequency response `sys(x)` where `x` is `s` for continuous-time systems and `z` for discrete-time systems, with `m = sys.ninputs` number of inputs and `p = sys.noutputs` number of outputs.

To evaluate at a frequency `omega` in radians per second, enter `x = omega * 1j` for continuous-time systems, or `x = exp(1j * omega * dt)` for discrete-time systems, or use `freqresp(sys, omega)`.

**Parameters**

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• **sys** (*StateSpace* or *TransferFunction*) – Linear system
• **x** (*complex scalar or 1D array_like*) – Complex frequency(s)
• **squeeze** (*bool*, optional (*default=True*)) – If `squeeze=True`, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If `squeeze=False`, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_frequency_response’].

**Returns** `fresp` – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and `squeeze` is not True, the shape of the array matches the shape of omega. If the system is not SISO or `squeeze` is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match omega. If `squeeze` is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

**Return type** complex ndarray

**See also:**
`freqresp`, `bode`

**Notes**
This function is a wrapper for *StateSpace*.``__call__()` and *TransferFunction*.``__call__()`.

**Examples**

```python
>>> sys = ss("1. -2; 3. -4", "5.; 7", "6. 8", "9.")
>>> evalfr(sys, 1j)
array([[ 44.8-21.4j]])
>>> # This is the transfer function matrix evaluated at s = i.
```

**Todo:** Add example with MIMO system

## 5.7 Compensator design

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## control.matlab.rlocus

### Parameters

- **sys** (LTI object) – Linear input/output systems (SISO only, for now).
- **kvect** (list or ndarray, optional) – List of gains to use in computing diagram.
- **xlim** (tuple or list, optional) – Set limits of x axis, normally with tuple (see matplotlib.axes).
- **ylim** (tuple or list, optional) – Set limits of y axis, normally with tuple (see matplotlib.axes).
- **plotstr** (matplotlib.pyplot.plot() format string, optional) – Plotting style specification.
- **plot** (boolean, optional) – If True (default), plot root locus diagram.
- **print_gain** (bool) – If True (default), report mouse clicks when close to the root locus branches, calculate gain, damping and print.
- **grid** (bool) – If True plot omega-damping grid. Default is False.
- **ax** (matplotlib.axes.Axes) – Axes on which to create root locus plot

### Returns

- **rlist** (ndarray) – Computed root locations, given as a 2D array
- **klist** (ndarray or list) – Gains used. Same as klist keyword argument if provided.

## control.matlab.sisotool

### Parameters

- **sys** (LTI object) – Linear input/output systems. If sys is SISO, use the same system for the root locus and step response. If it is desired to see a different step response than feedback(K*loop,1), sys can be provided as a two-input, two-output system (e.g. by using bdgalg.connect or :func:`iosys.interconnect()`). Sisotool inserts the negative of the selected gain K between the first output and first input and uses the second input and output for computing the step response. This allows you to see the step responses of more complex systems, for example, systems with a feedforward path into the plant or in which the gain appears in the feedback path.
- **kvect** (list or ndarray, optional) – List of gains to use for plotting root locus
• **xlim_rlocus** *(tuple or list, optional)* – control of x-axis range, normally with tuple (see matplotlib.axes).

• **ylim_rlocus** *(tuple or list, optional)* – control of y-axis range

• **plotstr_rlocus** *(matplotlib.pyplot.plot() format string, optional)* – plotting style for the root locus plot(color, linestyle, etc)

• **rlocus_grid** *(boolean (default = False))* – If True plot s- or z-plane grid.

• **omega** *(array_like)* – List of frequencies in rad/sec to be used for bode plot

• **dB** *(boolean)* – If True, plot result in dB for the bode plot

• **Hz** *(boolean)* – If True, plot frequency in Hz for the bode plot (omega must be provided in rad/sec)

• **deg** *(boolean)* – If True, plot phase in degrees for the bode plot (else radians)

• **omega_limits** *(array_like of two values)* – Limits of the to generate frequency vector. If Hz=True the limits are in Hz otherwise in rad/s. Ignored if omega is provided, and auto-generated if omitted.

• **omega_num** *(int)* – Number of samples to plot. Defaults to config.defaults['freqplot.number_of_samples'].

• **margins_bode** *(boolean)* – If True, plot gain and phase margin in the bode plot

• **tvect** *(list or ndarray, optional)* – List of timesteps to use for closed loop step response

**Examples**

```python
>>> sys = tf([1000], [1,25,100,0])
>>> sisotool(sys)
```

### 5.7.3 control.matlab.place

control.matlab.*place*(A, B, p)

Place closed loop eigenvalues

K = place(A, B, p)

**Parameters**

• **A** *(2D array_like)* – Dynamics matrix

• **B** *(2D array_like)* – Input matrix

• **p** *(1D array_like)* – Desired eigenvalue locations

**Returns**

• **K** – Gain such that A - B K has eigenvalues given in p

**Return type** 2D array (or matrix)
**Notes**

**Algorithm** This is a wrapper function for `scipy.signal.place_poles()`, which implements the Tits and Yang algorithm\(^1\). It will handle SISO, MISO, and MIMO systems. If you want more control over the algorithm, use `scipy.signal.place_poles()` directly.

**Limitations** The algorithm will not place poles at the same location more than rank(B) times.

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

**References**

**Examples**

```python
>>> A = [[-1, -1], [0, 1]]
>>> B = [[0], [1]]
>>> K = place(A, B, [-2, -5])
```

See also:

`place_varga`, `acker`

**Notes**

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

### 5.7.4 control.matlab.lqr

`control.matlab.lqr(A, B, Q, R[, N])`

Linear quadratic regulator design

The lqr() function computes the optimal state feedback controller that minimizes the quadratic cost

\[
J = \int_{0}^{\infty} (x'Qx + u'Ru + 2x'Nu)dt
\]

The function can be called with either 3, 4, or 5 arguments:

- K, S, E = lqr(sys, Q, R)
- K, S, E = lqr(sys, Q, R, N)
- K, S, E = lqr(A, B, Q, R)
- K, S, E = lqr(A, B, Q, R, N)

where `sys` is an `LTI` object, and `A, B, Q, R,` and `N` are 2D arrays or matrices of appropriate dimension.

**Parameters**

- A (2D array_like) – Dynamics and input matrices
- B (2D array_like) – Dynamics and input matrices

• **sys** (*LTI (StateSpace or TransferFunction)*) – Linear I/O system
• **Q** (*2D array*) – State and input weight matrices
• **R** (*2D array*) – State and input weight matrices
• **N** (*2D array, optional*) – Cross weight matrix

**Returns**

• **K** (*2D array (or matrix]*) – State feedback gains
• **S** (*2D array (or matrix]*) – Solution to Riccati equation
• **E** (*1D array*) – Eigenvalues of the closed loop system

**See also:**

lqe

**Notes**

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See *use_numpy_matrix()*.

**Examples**

```python
>>> K, S, E = lqr(sys, Q, R, [N])
>>> K, S, E = lqr(A, B, Q, R, [N])
```

### 5.8 State-space (SS) models

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### 5.8.1 control.matlab.ctrb

control.matlab.ctrb(*A, B*)

Controllability matrix

**Parameters**

• **A** (*array_like or string*) – Dynamics and input matrix of the system
• **B** (*array_like or string*) – Dynamics and input matrix of the system

**Returns**

• **C** – Controllability matrix

**Return type** 2D array (or matrix)
Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

Examples

```python
>>> C = ctrb(A, B)
```

5.8.2 control.matlab.obsv

callable = `control.matlab.obsv`(A, C)

Observability matrix

Parameters

- `A` (array_like or string) – Dynamics and output matrix of the system
- `C` (array_like or string) – Dynamics and output matrix of the system

Returns `O` – Observability matrix

Return type 2D array (or matrix)

Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

Examples

```python
>>> O = obsv(A, C)
```

5.8.3 control.matlab.gram

callable = `control.matlab.gram`(sys, type)

Gramian (controllability or observability)

Parameters

- `sys` (StateSpace) – System description
- `type` (string) – Type of desired computation. `type` is either ‘c’ (controllability) or ‘o’ (observability). To compute the Cholesky factors of Gramians use ‘cf’ (controllability) or ‘of’ (observability)

Returns `gram` – Gramian of system

Return type 2D array (or matrix)

Raises

- ValueError –
– if system is not instance of StateSpace class * if type is not ‘c’, ‘o’, ‘cf’ or ‘of’ * if system
is unstable (sys.A has eigenvalues not in left half plane)

• **ControlSlycot** – if slycot routine sb03md cannot be found if slycot routine sb03od cannot
be found

**Notes**

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See
use_numpy_matrix().

**Examples**

```plaintext
>>> Wc = gram(sys, 'c')
>>> Wo = gram(sys, 'o')
>>> Rc = gram(sys, 'cf'), where Wc = Rc' * Rc
>>> Ro = gram(sys, 'of'), where Wo = Ro' * Ro
```

### 5.9 Model simplification

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#### 5.9.1 control.matlab.minreal

`control.matlab.minreal(sys, tol=None, verbose=True)`

Eliminates uncontrollable or unobservable states in state-space models or cancelling pole-zero pairs in transfer functions. The output sysr has minimal order and the same response characteristics as the original model sys.

**Parameters**

- `sys` *(StateSpace or TransferFunction)* – Original system
- `tol` *(real)* – Tolerance
- `verbose` *(bool)* – Print results if True

**Returns**

- `rsys` – Cleaned model

**Return type** *StateSpace or TransferFunction*
5.9.2 control.matlab.hsvd

control.matlab.hsvd(sys)
Calculate the Hankel singular values.

Parameters  sys (StateSpace) – A state space system
Returns  H – A list of Hankel singular values
Return type  array

See also:
gram

Notes
The Hankel singular values are the singular values of the Hankel operator. In practice, we compute the square root of the eigenvalues of the matrix formed by taking the product of the observability and controllability gramians. There are other (more efficient) methods based on solving the Lyapunov equation in a particular way (more details soon).

Examples

>>> H = hsvd(sys)

5.9.3 control.matlab.balred

control.matlab.balred(sys, orders, method='truncate', alpha=None)
Balanced reduced order model of sys of a given order. States are eliminated based on Hankel singular value. If sys has unstable modes, they are removed, the balanced realization is done on the stable part, then reinserted in accordance with the reference below.


Parameters

•  sys (StateSpace) – Original system to reduce
•  orders (integer or array of integer) – Desired order of reduced order model (if a vector, returns a vector of systems)
•  method (string) – Method of removing states, either 'truncate' or 'matchdc'.
•  alpha (float) – Redefines the stability boundary for eigenvalues of the system matrix A. By default for continuous-time systems, alpha <= 0 defines the stability boundary for the real part of A's eigenvalues and for discrete-time systems, 0 <= alpha <= 1 defines the stability boundary for the modulus of A's eigenvalues. See SLICOT routines AB09MD and AB09ND for more information.

Returns  rsys – A reduced order model or a list of reduced order models if orders is a list.
Return type  StateSpace

Raises

•  ValueError – If method is not 'truncate' or 'matchdc'
• ImportError – if slycot routine ab09ad, ab09md, or ab09nd is not found
• ValueError – if there are more unstable modes than any value in orders

Examples

```python
>>> rsys = balred(sys, orders, method='truncate')
```

5.9.4 control.matlab.modred

control.matlab.modred(sys, ELIM, method='matchdc')

Model reduction of sys by eliminating the states in ELIM using a given method.

Parameters

- **sys** (StateSpace) – Original system to reduce
- **ELIM** (array) – Vector of states to eliminate
- **method** (string) – Method of removing states in ELIM: either 'truncate' or 'matchdc'.

Returns rsys – A reduced order model

Return type StateSpace

Raises ValueError – Raised under the following conditions:

* if method is not either 'matchdc' or 'truncate'
* if eigenvalues of sys.A are not all in left half plane (sys must be stable)

Examples

```python
>>> rsys = modred(sys, ELIM, method='truncate')
```

5.9.5 control.matlab.era

control.matlab.era(YY, m, n, nin, nout, r)

Calculate an ERA model of order r based on the impulse-response data YY.

Note: This function is not implemented yet.

Parameters

- **YY** (array) – nout x nin dimensional impulse-response data
- **m** (integer) – Number of rows in Hankel matrix
- **n** (integer) – Number of columns in Hankel matrix
- **nin** (integer) – Number of input variables
- **nout** (integer) – Number of output variables
- **r** (integer) – Order of model
Returns  sys – A reduced order model sys=ss(Ar,Br,Cr,Dr)

Return type  StateSpace

Examples

```python
>>> rsys = era(YY, m, n, nin, nout, r)
```

5.9.6 control.matlab.markov

control.matlab.markov(Y, U, m=None, transpose=False)

Calculate the first m Markov parameters [D CB CAB …] from input U, output Y.

This function computes the Markov parameters for a discrete time system

\[
\begin{align*}
    x[k+1] &= Ax[k] + Bu[k] \\
    y[k] &= Cx[k] + Du[k]
\end{align*}
\]

given data for u and y. The algorithm assumes that that \( C A^k B = 0 \) for \( k > m-2 \) (see\(^1\)). Note that the problem is ill-posed if the length of the input data is less than the desired number of Markov parameters (a warning message is generated in this case).

Parameters

- **Y** (array_like) – Output data. If the array is 1D, the system is assumed to be single input. If the array is 2D and transpose=False, the columns of Y are taken as time points, otherwise the rows of Y are taken as time points.
- **U** (array_like) – Input data, arranged in the same way as Y.
- **m** (int, optional) – Number of Markov parameters to output. Defaults to len(U).
- **transpose** (bool, optional) – Assume that input data is transposed relative to the standard Time series data. Default value is False.

Returns  H – First m Markov parameters, [D CB CAB …]

Return type  ndarray

References

Notes

Currently only works for SISO systems.

This function does not currently comply with the Python Control Library Time series data for representation of time series data. Use transpose=False to make use of the standard convention (this will be updated in a future release).

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Examples

```python
>>> T = numpy.linspace(0, 10, 100)
>>> U = numpy.ones((1, 100))
>>> T, Y, _ = forced_response(tf([1], [1, 0.5], True), T, U)
>>> H = markov(Y, U, 3, transpose=False)
```

5.10 Time delays

`pade(T[, n, numdeg])` Create a linear system that approximates a delay.

5.10.1 control.matlab.pade

`control.matlab.pade(T, n=1, numdeg=None)` Create a linear system that approximates a delay.

Return the numerator and denominator coefficients of the Pade approximation.

Parameters

- `T (number)` – time delay
- `n (positive integer)` – degree of denominator of approximation
- `numdeg (integer, or None (the default))` – If None, numerator degree equals denominator degree If >= 0, specifies degree of numerator If < 0, numerator degree is n+numdeg

Returns `num, den` – Polynomial coefficients of the delay model, in descending powers of s.

Returns type `array`

Notes

Based on:

1. Algorithm 11.3.1 in Golub and van Loan, “Matrix Computation” 3rd. Ed. pp. 572-574

5.11 Matrix equation solvers and linear algebra

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5.11.1 control.matlab.lyap

control.matlab.lyap(A, Q, C=None, E=None)

X = lyap(A, Q) solves the continuous-time Lyapunov equation

\[ AX + XA^T + Q = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q must be symmetric.

X = lyap(A, Q, C) solves the Sylvester equation

\[ AX + XQ + C = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices.

X = lyap(A, Q, None, E) solves the generalized continuous-time Lyapunov equation

\[ AXE^T + EAX^T + Q = 0 \]

where Q is a symmetric matrix and A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension.

Parameters

- A (2D array) – Dynamics matrix
- C (2D array, optional) – If present, solve the Sylvester equation
- E (2D array, optional) – If present, solve the generalized Lyapunov equation

Returns Q – Solution to the Lyapunov or Sylvester equation

Return type 2D array (or matrix)

Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See use_numpy_matrix().

5.11.2 control.matlab.dlyap

control.matlab.dlyap(A, Q, C=None, E=None)

dlyap(A,Q) solves the discrete-time Lyapunov equation

\[ AXA^T - X + Q = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further Q must be symmetric.

dl yap(A,Q,C) solves the Sylvester equation

\[ AXQ^T - X + C = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices.

dlyap(A,Q,None,E) solves the generalized discrete-time Lyapunov equation

\[ AXA^T - EXE^T + Q = 0 \]

where Q is a symmetric matrix and A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension.
5.11.3 control.matlab.care

control.matlab.care(A, B, Q, R=None, S=None, E=None, stabilizing=True)

(X, L, G) = care(A, B, Q, R=None) solves the continuous-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X + X A - X B R^{-1} B^T X + Q = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q and R are symmetric matrices. If R is None, it is set to the identity matrix. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix G = B^T X and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of A - B G.

(X, L, G) = care(A, B, Q, R, S, E) solves the generalized continuous-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X E + E^T X A - (E^T X B + S)R^{-1}(B^T X E + S^T) + Q = 0 \]

where A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q and R are symmetric matrices. If R is None, it is set to the identity matrix. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix G = R^{-1} (B^T X E + S^T) and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of A - B G, E.

Parameters

- A (2D arrays) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- B (2D arrays) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- Q (2D arrays) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- R (2D arrays, optional) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- S (2D arrays, optional) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- E (2D arrays, optional) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation

Returns

- X (2D array (or matrix)) – Solution to the Riccati equation
- L (1D array) – Closed loop eigenvalues
- G (2D array (or matrix)) – Gain matrix

Notes

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See use_numpy_matrix().

5.11.4 control.matlab.dare

control.matlab.dare(A, B, Q, R, S=None, E=None, stabilizing=True)

(X, L, G) = dare(A, B, Q, R) solves the discrete-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X A - X - A^T X B (B^T X B + R)^{-1} B^T X A + Q = 0 \]

where A and Q are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q is a symmetric matrix. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix G = (B^T X B + R)^{-1} B^T X A and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of A - B G.

(X, L, G) = dare(A, B, Q, R, S, E) solves the generalized discrete-time algebraic Riccati equation

\[ A^T X A - E^T X E - (A^T X B + S)(B^T X B + R)^{-1}(B^T X A + S^T) + Q = 0 \]
where A, Q and E are square matrices of the same dimension. Further, Q and R are symmetric matrices. The function returns the solution X, the gain matrix \( G = (B^TXB + R)^{-1}(B^TXA + S^T) \) and the closed loop eigenvalues L, i.e., the eigenvalues of \( A - BG, E \).

**Parameters**

- **A** (*2D arrays*) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- **B** (*2D arrays*) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- **Q** (*2D arrays*) – Input matrices for the Riccati equation
- **R** (*2D arrays, optional*) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- **S** (*2D arrays, optional*) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation
- **E** (*2D arrays, optional*) – Input matrices for generalized Riccati equation

**Returns**

- **X** (*2D array (or matrix)*) – Solution to the Riccati equation
- **L** (*1D array*) – Closed loop eigenvalues
- **G** (*2D array (or matrix)*) – Gain matrix

**Notes**

The return type for 2D arrays depends on the default class set for state space operations. See `use_numpy_matrix()`.

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#### 5.12.1 control.matlab.gangof4

control.matlab.gangof4(*P, C, omega=None, **kwargs*)

Plot the "Gang of 4" transfer functions for a system

Generates a 2x2 plot showing the “Gang of 4” sensitivity functions [T, PS; CS, S]

**Parameters**

- **P** (*LTI*) – Linear input/output systems (process and control)
- **C** (*LTI*) – Linear input/output systems (process and control)
- **omega** (*array*) – Range of frequencies (list or bounds) in rad/sec
- ****kwargs (**matplotlib.pyplot.plot()** keyword properties, optional) – Additional key-words (passed to `matplotlib`)

**Returns**

**Return type** None
5.12.2 control.matlab.unwrap

control.matlab.unwrap(angle, period=6.283185307179586)
Unwrap a phase angle to give a continuous curve

Parameters

• angle (array_like) – Array of angles to be unwrapped
• period (float, optional) – Period (defaults to \(2*\pi\))

Returns angle_out – Output array, with jumps of period/2 eliminated

Return type array_like

Examples

```python
>>> import numpy as np
>>> theta = [5.74, 5.97, 6.19, 0.13, 0.35, 0.57]
>>> unwrap(theta, period=2 * np.pi)
[5.74, 5.97, 6.19, 6.413185307179586, 6.633185307179586, 6.8531853071795865]
```

5.13 Functions imported from other modules

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<td>zpk2ss(z, p, k)</td>
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<td>Return polynomial transfer function representation from zeros and poles</td>
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DIFFERENTIALLY FLAT SYSTEMS

The control.flatsys package contains a set of classes and functions that can be used to compute trajectories for differentially flat systems.

A differentially flat system is defined by creating an object using the FlatSystem class, which has member functions for mapping the system state and input into and out of flat coordinates. The point_to_point() function can be used to create a trajectory between two endpoints, written in terms of a set of basis functions defined using the BasisFamily class. The resulting trajectory is returned as a SystemTrajectory object and can be evaluated using the eval() member function.

6.1 Overview of differential flatness

A nonlinear differential equation of the form

\[ \dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m \]

is differentially flat if there exists a function \( \alpha \) such that

\[ z = \alpha(x, u, \dot{u}, \ldots, u^{(p)}) \]

and we can write the solutions of the nonlinear system as functions of \( z \) and a finite number of derivatives

\[
\begin{align*}
x &= \beta(z, \dot{z}, \ldots, z^{(q)}) \\
u &= \gamma(z, \dot{z}, \ldots, z^{(q)})
\end{align*}
\]

For a differentially flat system, all of the feasible trajectories for the system can be written as functions of a flat output \( z(\cdot) \) and its derivatives. The number of flat outputs is always equal to the number of system inputs.

Differentially flat systems are useful in situations where explicit trajectory generation is required. Since the behavior of a flat system is determined by the flat outputs, we can plan trajectories in output space, and then map these to appropriate inputs. Suppose we wish to generate a feasible trajectory for the the nonlinear system

\[ \dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad x(0) = x_0, x(T) = x_f. \]

If the system is differentially flat then

\[
\begin{align*}
x(0) &= \beta(z(0), \dot{z}(0), \ldots, z^{(q)}(0)) = x_0, \\
x(T) &= \gamma(z(T), \dot{z}(T), \ldots, z^{(q)}(T)) = x_f,
\end{align*}
\]

and we see that the initial and final condition in the full state space depends on just the output \( z \) and its derivatives at the initial and final times. Thus any trajectory for \( z \) that satisfies these boundary conditions will be a feasible trajectory for the system, using equation (6.1) to determine the full state space and input trajectories.
In particular, given initial and final conditions on $z$ and its derivatives that satisfy the initial and final conditions any curve $z(\cdot)$ satisfying those conditions will correspond to a feasible trajectory of the system. We can parameterize the flat output trajectory using a set of smooth basis functions $\psi_i(t)$:

$$z(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i \psi_i(t), \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

We seek a set of coefficients $\alpha_i, i = 1, \ldots, N$ such that $z(t)$ satisfies the boundary conditions for $x(0)$ and $x(T)$. The derivatives of the flat output can be computed in terms of the derivatives of the basis functions:

$$\dot{z}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i \dot{\psi}_i(t)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{z}^{(q)}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i \dot{\psi}_i^{(q)}(t).$$

We can thus write the conditions on the flat outputs and their derivatives as

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\psi_1(0) & \psi_2(0) & \cdots & \psi_N(0) \\
\dot{\psi}_1(0) & \dot{\psi}_2(0) & \cdots & \dot{\psi}_N(0) \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\psi_1(T) & \psi_2(T) & \cdots & \psi_N(T) \\
\dot{\psi}_1(T) & \dot{\psi}_2(T) & \cdots & \dot{\psi}_N(T) \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\psi_1^{(q)}(T) & \psi_2^{(q)}(T) & \cdots & \psi_N^{(q)}(T)
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\alpha_1 \\
\vdots \\
\alpha_N
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
z(0) \\
\dot{z}(0) \\
\vdots \\
z^{(q)}(0)
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
z(T) \\
\dot{z}(T) \\
\vdots \\
z^{(q)}(T)
\end{bmatrix}
$$

This equation is a linear equation of the form

$$M \alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{z}(0) \\ \bar{z}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\bar{z}$ is called the flat flag for the system. Assuming that $M$ has a sufficient number of columns and that it is full column rank, we can solve for a (possibly non-unique) $\alpha$ that solves the trajectory generation problem.

### 6.2 Module usage

To create a trajectory for a differentially flat system, a `FlatSystem` object must be created. This is done by specifying the `forward` and `reverse` mappings between the system state/input and the differentially flat outputs and their derivatives (“flat flag”).

The `forward()` method computes the flat flag given a state and input:

```python
zflag = sys.forward(x, u)
```

The `reverse()` method computes the state and input given the flat flag:

```python
x, u = sys.reverse(zflag)
```

The flag $\bar{z}$ is implemented as a list of flat outputs $z_i$ and their derivatives up to order $q_i$:

```python
zflag[i][j] = z_i^{(j)}
```
The number of flat outputs must match the number of system inputs.

For a linear system, a flat system representation can be generated using the `LinearFlatSystem` class:

```
sys = control.flatsys.LinearFlatSystem(linsys)
```

For more general systems, the `FlatSystem` object must be created manually:

```
sys = control.flatsys.FlatSystem(nstate, ninputs, forward, reverse)
```

In addition to the flat system description, a set of basis functions $\phi_i(t)$ must be chosen. The `FlatBasis` class is used to represent the basis functions. A polynomial basis function of the form $1, t, t^2, ...$ can be computed using the `PolyBasis` class, which is initialized by passing the desired order of the polynomial basis set:

```
polybasis = control.flatsys.PolyBasis(N)
```

Once the system and basis function have been defined, the `point_to_point()` function can be used to compute a trajectory between initial and final states and inputs:

```
traj = control.flatsys.point_to_point(  
    sys, ff, x0, u0, xf, uf, basis=polybasis)
```

The returned object has class `SystemTrajectory` and can be used to compute the state and input trajectory between the initial and final condition:

```
xd, ud = traj.eval(T)
```

where $T$ is a list of times on which the trajectory should be evaluated (e.g., $T = \text{numpy.linspace}(0, Tf, M)$).

The `point_to_point()` function also allows the specification of a cost function and/or constraints, in the same format as `solve_ocp()`.

### 6.3 Example

To illustrate how we can use a two degree-of-freedom design to improve the performance of the system, consider the problem of steering a car to change lanes on a road. We use the non-normalized form of the dynamics, which are derived *Feedback Systems* by Astrom and Murray, Example 3.11.

```
import control.flatsys as fs

# Function to take states, inputs and return the flat flag
def vehicle_flat_forward(x, u, params={}):
    # Get the parameter values
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)

    # Create a list of arrays to store the flat output and its derivatives
    zflag = [np.zeros(3), np.zeros(3)]

    # Flat output is the x, y position of the rear wheels
    zflag[0][0] = x[0]
    zflag[1][0] = x[1]

    # First derivatives of the flat output
    zflag[0][1] = u[0] * np.cos(x[2])  # dx/dt
```

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zflag[1][1] = u[0] * np.sin(x[2])  # dy/dt

# First derivative of the angle
thdot = (u[0]/b) * np.tan(u[1])

# Second derivatives of the flat output (setting vdot = 0)
zflag[0][2] = -u[0] * thdot * np.sin(x[2])
zflag[1][2] = u[0] * thdot * np.cos(x[2])

return zflag

# Function to take the flat flag and return states, inputs
def vehicle_flat_reverse(zflag, params={}):
    # Get the parameter values
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)

    # Create a vector to store the state and inputs
    x = np.zeros(3)
u = np.zeros(2)

    # Given the flat variables, solve for the state
    x[0] = zflag[0][0]  # x position
    x[1] = zflag[1][0]  # y position
    x[2] = np.arctan2(zflag[1][1], zflag[0][1])  # tan(theta) = ydot/xdot

    # And next solve for the inputs
    u[0] = zflag[0][1] * np.cos(x[2]) + zflag[1][1] * np.sin(x[2])
u[1] = np.arctan2((zflag[1][2] * np.cos(x[2]) - zflag[0][2] * np.sin(x[2])), u[0]/b)

    return x, u

vehicle_flat = fs.FlatSystem(3, 2, forward=vehicle_flat_forward, reverse=vehicle_flat_reverse)

To find a trajectory from an initial state $x_0$ to a final state $x_f$ in time $T_f$ we solve a point-to-point trajectory generation problem. We also set the initial and final inputs, which sets the vehicle velocity $v$ and steering wheel angle $\delta$ at the endpoints.

# Define the endpoints of the trajectory
x0 = [0., -2., 0.]; u0 = [10., 0.]
xf = [100., 2., 0.]; uf = [10., 0.]
Tf = 10

# Define a set of basis functions to use for the trajectories
poly = fs.PolyFamily(6)

# Find a trajectory between the initial condition and the final condition
traj = fs.point_to_point(vehicle_flat, Tf, x0, u0, xf, uf, basis=poly)

# Create the trajectory
t = np.linspace(0, Tf, 100)
6.4 Module classes and functions

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6.4.1 control.flatsys.BasisFamily

class control.flatsys.BasisFamily(N)
    Bases: object

    Base class for implementing basis functions for flat systems.

    A BasisFamily object is used to construct trajectories for a flat system. The class must implement a single function that computes the jth derivative of the ith basis function at a time t:

    \[ z_i^{(n)}(t) = \text{basis.eval_deriv(self, i, j, t)} \]

    Parameters
    
    **N** (int) – Order of the basis set.

    Methods

    eval_deriv

    __call__(i, t)

        Evaluate the ith basis function at a point in time

6.4.2 control.flatsys.BezierFamily

class control.flatsys.BezierFamily(N, T=I)
    Bases: control.flatsys.basis.BasisFamily

    Bezier curve basis functions.

    This class represents the family of polynomials of the form

    \[ \phi_i(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{n}{i} \left( \frac{t}{T_f} - t \right)^{n-i} \left( \frac{t}{T_f} \right)^i \]
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6.4.3 control.flatsys.FlatSystem

class control.flatsys.FlatSystem(forward, reverse, updfcn=None, outfcn=None, inputs=None, outputs=None, states=None, params={}, dt=None, name=None)

Bases: control.iiosys.NonlinearIOSystem

Base class for representing a differentially flat system.

The FlatSystem class is used as a base class to describe differentially flat systems for trajectory generation. The output of the system does not need to be the differentially flat output.

Parameters

- **forward** (callable) – A function to compute the flat flag given the states and input.
- **reverse** (callable) – A function to compute the states and input given the flat flag.
- **updfcn** (callable, optional) – Function returning the state update function
  
  
  updfcn(t, x, u[, param]) -> array
  
  where x is a 1-D array with shape (nstates,), u is a 1-D array with shape (ninputs,), t is a float representing the current time, and param is an optional dict containing the values of parameters used by the function. If not specified, the state space update will be computed using the flat system coordinates.
- **outfcn** (callable) – Function returning the output at the given state
  
  outfcn(t, x, u[, param]) -> array
  
  where the arguments are the same as for upfcn. If not specified, the output will be the flat outputs.
- **inputs** (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form s[i] (where s is one of u, y, or x). If this parameter is not given or given as None, the relevant quantity will be determined when possible based on other information provided to functions using the system.
- **outputs** (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system outputs. Same format as inputs.
- **states** (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system states. Same format as inputs.
- **dt** (None, True or float, optional) – System timebase. None (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with undefined sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time.
• **params** (*dict, optional*) – Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

• **name** (*string, optional*) – System name (used for specifying signals)

**Notes**

The class must implement two functions:

`zflag = flatsys.forward(x, u)`  This function computes the flag (derivatives) of the flat output. The inputs to this function are the state `x` and inputs `u` (both 1D arrays). The output should be a 2D array with the first dimension equal to the number of system inputs and the second dimension of the length required to represent the full system dynamics (typically the number of states)

`x, u = flatsys.reverse(zflag)`  This function system state and inputs give the the flag (derivatives) of the flat output. The input to this function is an 2D array whose first dimension is equal to the number of system inputs and whose second dimension is of length required to represent the full system dynamics (typically the number of states). The output is the state `x` and inputs `u` (both 1D arrays).

A flat system is also an input/output system supporting simulation, composition, and linearization. If the update and output methods are given, they are used in place of the flat coordinates.

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**__add__**(sys2)
Add two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

**__call__**(u, params=None, squeeze=None)
Evaluate a (static) nonlinearity at a given input value

If a nonlinear I/O system has no internal state, then evaluating the system at an input `u` gives the output `y = F(u)`, determined by the output function.

**Parameters**
• **params** (*dict, optional*) – Parameter values for the system. Passed to the evaluation function for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

• **squeeze** (*bool, optional*) – If True and if the system has a single output, return the system output as a 1D array rather than a 2D array. If False, return the system output as a 2D array even if the system is SISO. Default value set by config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response'],

```python
__mul__(sys1)
Multiply two input/output systems (series interconnection)
__neg__()
Negate an input/output systems (rescale)
__radd__(sys2)
Parallel addition of input/output system to a compatible object.
__rmul__(sys2)
Pre-multiply an input/output systems by a scalar/matrix
__rsub__(sys2)
Parallel subtraction of I/O system to a compatible object.
__sub__(sys2)
Subtract two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)
```

copy(*newname=None*)
Make a copy of an input/output system.

dynamics(*t, x, u*)
Compute the dynamics of a differential or difference equation.

Given time *t*, input *u* and state *x*, returns the value of the right hand side of the dynamical system. If the system is continuous, returns the time derivative

\[ \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x, u) \]

where *f* is the system’s (possibly nonlinear) dynamics function. If the system is discrete-time, returns the next value of *x*:

\[ x[t+dt] = f(t, x[t], u[t]) \]

Where *t* is a scalar.

The inputs *x* and *u* must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**

- *t* (*float*) – the time at which to evaluate
- *x* (*array_like*) – current state
- *u* (*array_like*) – input

**Returns**

* dx/dt or x[t+dt]

**Return type** *ndarray*

```python
feedback(*other=1, sign=-1, params={}*)
Feedback interconnection between two input/output systems
```

**Parameters**

- *sys1* (**InputOutputSystem**) – The primary process.
- *sys2* (**InputOutputSystem**) – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
• **sign** *(scalar, optional)* – The sign of feedback. \( \text{sign} = -1 \) indicates negative feedback, and \( \text{sign} = 1 \) indicates positive feedback. \( \text{sign} \) is an optional argument; it assumes a value of \(-1\) if not specified.

**Returns** \( \text{out} \)

**Return type** *InputOutputSystem*

**Raises** *ValueError* – if the inputs, outputs, or timebases of the systems are incompatible.

**find_input** *(name)*

Find the index for an input given its name (\( \text{None} \) if not found)

**find_output** *(name)*

Find the index for an output given its name (\( \text{None} \) if not found)

**find_state** *(name)*

Find the index for a state given its name (\( \text{None} \) if not found)

**forward** *(x, u, params=\{\})*

Compute the flat flag given the states and input.

Given the states and inputs for a system, compute the flat outputs and their derivatives (the flat “flag”) for the system.

**Parameters**

- **x** *(list or array)* – The state of the system.
- **u** *(list or array)* – The input to the system.
- **params** *(dict, optional)* – Parameter values for the system. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

**Returns** \( \text{zflag} \) – For each flat output \( z_i \), \( \text{zflag}[i] \) should be an ndarray of length \( q_i \) that contains the flat output and its first \( q_i \) derivatives.

**Return type** list of 1D arrays

**issiso** *(\)*

Check to see if a system is single input, single output

**linearize** *(x0, u0, t=0, params=\{\}, eps=1e-06, name=None, copy=False, **kwargs)*

Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.

Return the linearization of an input/output system at a given state and input value as a StateSpace system. See *linearize()* for complete documentation.

**output** *(t, x, u)*

Compute the output of the system

Given time \( t \), input \( u \) and state \( x \), returns the output of the system:

\[
y = g(t, x, u)
\]

The inputs \( x \) and \( u \) must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**

- **t** *(float)* – the time at which to evaluate
- **x** *(array_like)* – current state
- **u** *(array_like)* – input

**Returns** \( y \)
Return type  ndarray

\texttt{reverse(zflag, params={})}

Compute the states and input given the flat flag.

Parameters

- \texttt{zflag (list of arrays)} – For each flat output \(z_i\), \(zflag[i]\) should be an ndarray of length \(q_i\) that contains the flat output and its first \(q_i\) derivatives.

- \texttt{params (dict, optional)} – Parameter values for the system. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

Returns

- \(x\) (1D array) – The state of the system corresponding to the flat flag.

- \(u\) (1D array) – The input to the system corresponding to the flat flag.

\texttt{set_inputs(inputs, prefix='u')}

Set the number/names of the system inputs.

Parameters

- \texttt{inputs (int, list of str, or None)} – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \(u[i]\) (where the prefix \(u\) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

- \texttt{prefix (string, optional)} – If \texttt{inputs} is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘u’). The names of the input will be of the form \(prefix[i]\).

\texttt{set_outputs(outputs, prefix='y')}

Set the number/names of the system outputs.

Parameters

- \texttt{outputs (int, list of str, or None)} – Description of the system outputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \(u[i]\) (where the prefix \(u\) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

- \texttt{prefix (string, optional)} – If \texttt{outputs} is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘y’). The names of the input will be of the form \(prefix[i]\).

\texttt{set_states(states, prefix='x')}

Set the number/names of the system states.

Parameters

- \texttt{states (int, list of str, or None)} – Description of the system states. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \(u[i]\) (where the prefix \(u\) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

- \texttt{prefix (string, optional)} – If \texttt{states} is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘x’). The names of the input will be of the form \(prefix[i]\).
6.4.4 control.flatsys.LinearFlatSystem

class control.flatsys.LinearFlatSystem(linsys, inputs=None, outputs=None, states=None, name=None)

Bases: control.flatsys.flatsys.FlatSystem, control.iosys.LinearIOSystem

Base class for a linear, differentially flat system.

This class is used to create a differentially flat system representation from a linear system.

Parameters

- **linsys** (*StateSpace*) – LTI StateSpace system to be converted
- **inputs** (*int, list of str or None, optional*) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form s\[ij\] (where s is one of u, y, or x). If this parameter is not given or given as *None*, the relevant quantity will be determined when possible based on other information provided to functions using the system.
- **outputs** (*int, list of str or None, optional*) – Description of the system outputs. Same format as *inputs*.
- **states** (*int, list of str, or None, optional*) – Description of the system states. Same format as *inputs*.
- **dt** (*None, True or float, optional*) – System timebase. None (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with undefined sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time.
- **params** (*dict, optional*) – Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.
- **name** (*string, optional*) – System name (used for specifying signals)

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__add__(sys2)
Add two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

__call__(u, params=None, squeeze=None)
Evaluate a (static) nonlinearity at a given input value
If a nonlinear I/O system has no internal state, then evaluating the system at an input \( u \) gives the output \( y = F(u) \), determined by the output function.

Parameters

- **params** (dict, optional) – Parameter values for the system. Passed to the evaluation function for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.
- **squeeze** (bool, optional) – If True and if the system has a single output, return the system output as a 1D array rather than a 2D array. If False, return the system output as a 2D array even if the system is SISO. Default value set by config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response'].

__div__(other)
Divide two LTI systems.

__getitem__(indices)
Array style access

__mul__(sys1)
Multiply two input/output systems (series interconnection)

__neg__()
Negate an input/output systems (rescale)

__radd__(sys2)
Parallel addition of input/output system to a compatible object.

__rdiv__(other)
Right divide two LTI systems.
__rmul__(sys2)
Pre-multiply an input/output systems by a scalar/matrix

__rsub__(sys2)
Parallel subtraction of I/O system to a compatible object.

__sub__(sys2)
Subtract two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

append(other)
Append a second model to the present model.
The second model is converted to state-space if necessary, inputs and outputs are appended and their order
is preserved

copy(newname=None)
Make a copy of an input/output system.

damp()
Natural frequency, damping ratio of system poles

Returns
- wn (array) – Natural frequencies for each system pole
- zeta (array) – Damping ratio for each system pole
- poles (array) – Array of system poles

dcgain(warn_infinite=False)
Return the zero-frequency gain

The zero-frequency gain of a continuous-time state-space system is given by:
and of a discrete-time state-space system by:

Parameters warn_infinite (bool, optional) – By default, don’t issue a warning message
if the zero-frequency gain is infinite. Setting warn_infinite to generate the warning message.

Returns
gain – Array or scalar value for SISO systems, depending on con-
fig.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response']. The value of the array elements or
the scalar is either the zero-frequency (or DC) gain, or inf, if the frequency response is
singular.

For real valued systems, the empty imaginary part of the complex zero-frequency response is
discarded and a real array or scalar is returned.

Return type (noutputs, ninputs) ndarray or scalar

dynamics(t, x, u)
Compute the dynamics of a differential or difference equation.

Given time t, input u and state x, returns the value of the right hand side of the dynamical system. If the
system is continuous, returns the time derivative
dx/dt = f(t, x, u)

where f is the system’s (possibly nonlinear) dynamics function. If the system is discrete-time, returns the
next value of x:
x[t+dt] = f(t, x[t], u[t])
Where $t$ is a scalar.

The inputs $x$ and $u$ must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**

- $t$ (*float*) – the time at which to evaluate
- $x$ (*array_like*) – current state
- $u$ (*array_like*) – input

**Returns** $dx/dt$ or $x[t+dt]$  

**Return type** `ndarray`

**feedback**  
Feedback interconnection between two input/output systems

**Parameters**

- $sys1$ (*InputOutputSystem*) – The primary process.
- $sys2$ (*InputOutputSystem*) – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
- $sign$ (*scalar, optional*) – The sign of feedback. $sign = -1$ indicates negative feedback, and $sign = 1$ indicates positive feedback. $sign$ is an optional argument; it assumes a value of -1 if not specified.

**Returns** $out$

**Return type** *InputOutputSystem*

**Raises** `ValueError` – if the inputs, outputs, or timebases of the systems are incompatible.

**find_input**(*name*)  
Find the index for an input given its name (*None* if not found)

**find_output**(*name*)  
Find the index for an output given its name (*None* if not found)

**find_state**(*name*)  
Find the index for a state given its name (*None* if not found)

**forward**(*x, u*)  
Compute the flat flag given the states and input.

See `control.flatsys.FlatSystem.forward()` for more info.

**freqresp**(*omega*)  
(deprecated) Evaluate transfer function at complex frequencies.

**frequency_response**(*omega, squeeze=None*)  
Evaluate the linear time-invariant system at an array of angular frequencies.

Reports the frequency response of the system,

$$G(j*omega) = \text{mag} * \exp(j*\text{phase})$$

for continuous time systems. For discrete time systems, the response is evaluated around the unit circle such that

$$G(\exp(j*omega*dt)) = \text{mag} * \exp(j*\text{phase}).$$

In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where $m = self.ninputs$ number of inputs and $p = self.noutputs$ number of outputs.

**Parameters**
- **omega** (*float or 1D array_like*) – A list, tuple, array, or scalar value of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system will be evaluated.

- **squeeze** (*bool, optional*) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response'].

**Returns**

- **mag** (*ndarray*) – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency response. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D, indexed by frequency. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 3D, indexed by the output, input, and frequency. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

- **phase** (*ndarray*) – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.

- **omega** (*ndarray*) – The (sorted) frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

**horner**(*x*, **warn_infinite**=True)

Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s or Horner’s method.

Evaluates *sys(x)* where *x* is *s* for continuous-time systems and *z* for discrete-time systems.

Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use *sys(x)* for a more user-friendly interface.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*complex array_like or complex*) – Complex frequencies

**Returns**

- **output** – Frequency response

**Return type** (*self.noutputs, self.ninputs, len(x)*) complex ndarray

**Notes**

Attempts to use Laub’s method from Slycot library, with a fall-back to python code.

**property inputs**

Deprecated attribute; use **ninputs** instead.

The input attribute was used to store the number of system inputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of inputs for an LTI system, use **ninputs**.

**isctime**(*strict=False*)

Check to see if a system is a continuous-time system

**Parameters**

- **sys** (*LTI system*) – System to be checked

- **strict** (*bool, optional*) – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**isdtime**(*strict=False*)

Check to see if a system is a discrete-time system

**Parameters**

- **strict** (*bool, optional*) – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**issiso**()

Check to see if a system is single input, single output

**lft**(*other, nu=-1, ny=-1*)

Return the Linear Fractional Transformation.
A definition of the LFT operator can be found in Appendix A.7, page 512 in the 2nd Edition, Multivariable Feedback Control by Sigurd Skogestad.

An alternative definition can be found here: https://www.mathworks.com/help/control/ref/lft.html

**Parameters**

- **other** (LTI) – The lower LTI system
- **ny** (int, optional) – Dimension of (plant) measurement output.
- **nu** (int, optional) – Dimension of (plant) control input.

**linearize**\( (x_0, u_0, t=0, params={}, eps=1e-06, name=None, copy=False, **kwargs) \)

Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.

Return the linearization of an input/output system at a given state and input value as a StateSpace system. See \( \text{linearize()} \) for complete documentation.

**minreal**\( (tol=0.0) \)

Calculate a minimal realization, removes unobservable and uncontrollable states

**output**\( (t, x, u) \)

Compute the output of the system

Given time \( t \), input \( u \) and state \( x \), returns the output of the system:

\[ y = g(t, x, u) \]

The inputs \( x \) and \( u \) must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**

- **t** (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- **x** (array_like) – current state
- **u** (array_like) – input

**Returns** \( y \)

**Return type** ndarray

**property outputs**

Deprecated attribute; use \( \text{noutputs} \) instead.

The output attribute was used to store the number of system outputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of outputs for an LTI system, use \( \text{noutputs} \).

**pole()**

Compute the poles of a state space system.

**returnScipySignalLTI**(strict=True)

Return a list of a list of \( \text{scipy.signal.lti} \) objects.

For instance,

```python
>>> out = ssobject.returnScipySignalLTI()
>>> out[3][5]
```

is a \( \text{scipy.signal.lti} \) object corresponding to the transfer function from the 6th input to the 4th output.

**Parameters** \( \text{strict}(bool, optional) \)

- **True** (default): The timebase \( ssobject.dt \) cannot be None; it must be continuous (0) or discrete (True or > 0).
False: If ssobject.dt is None, continuous time scipy.signal.lti objects are returned.

Returns out – continuous time (inheriting from scipy.signal.lti) or discrete time (inheriting from scipy.signal.dlti) SISO objects

Return type list of scipy.signal.StateSpace

reverse(zflag)
Compute the states and input given the flat flag.
See control.flatsys.FlatSystem.reverse() for more info.

sample(Ts, method='zoh', alpha=None, prewarp_frequency=None)
Convert a continuous time system to discrete time
Creates a discrete-time system from a continuous-time system by sampling. Multiple methods of conversion are supported.

Parameters

- **Ts** (float) – Sampling period
- **method** ("gbt", "bilinear", "euler", "backward_diff", "zoh") – Which method to use:
  - gbt: generalized bilinear transformation
  - bilinear: Tustin’s approximation (“gbt” with alpha=0.5)
  - euler: Euler (or forward differencing) method (“gbt” with alpha=0)
  - backward_diff: Backwards differencing (“gbt” with alpha=1.0)
  - zoh: zero-order hold (default)
- **alpha** (float within [0, 1]) – The generalized bilinear transformation weighting parameter, which should only be specified with method="gbt", and is ignored otherwise
- **prewarp_frequency** (float within [0, infinity]) – The frequency [rad/s] at which to match with the input continuous-time system’s magnitude and phase (the gain=1 crossover frequency, for example). Should only be specified with method='bilinear' or 'gbt' with alpha=0.5 and ignored otherwise.

Returns sysd – Discrete time system, with sampling rate Ts

Return type StateSpace

Notes

Uses scipy.signal.cont2discrete()

Examples

```python
>>> sys = StateSpace(0, 1, 1, 0)
>>> sysd = sys.sample(0.5, method='bilinear')
```

set_inputs(inputs, prefix='u')
Set the number/names of the system inputs.

Parameters
• **inputs** (*int, list of str, or None*) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \( u[i] \) (where the prefix \( u \) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

• **prefix** (*string, optional*) – If inputs is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘u’). The names of the input will be of the form \( prefix[i] \).

**set_outputs** (*outputs, prefix='y'*)
Set the number/names of the system outputs.

Parameters

• **outputs** (*int, list of str, or None*) – Description of the system outputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \( u[i] \) (where the prefix \( u \) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

• **prefix** (*string, optional*) – If outputs is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘y’). The names of the input will be of the form \( prefix[i] \).

**set_states** (*states, prefix='x'*)
Set the number/names of the system states.

Parameters

• **states** (*int, list of str, or None*) – Description of the system states. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \( u[i] \) (where the prefix \( u \) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

• **prefix** (*string, optional*) – If states is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘x’). The names of the input will be of the form \( prefix[i] \).

**slycot_laub** (*x*)
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s method from Slycot.

Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use `sys(x)` for a more user-friendly interface.

Parameters

• **x** (*complex array_like or complex*) – Complex frequency

Returns

• **output** – Frequency response

Return type

(number_outputs, number_inputs, len(x)) complex ndarray

**zero**()
Compute the zeros of a state space system.

### 6.4.5 control.flatsys.PolyFamily

**class** **control.flatsys.PolyFamily** (*N*)

Bases: **control.flatsys.basis.BasisFamily**

Polynomial basis functions.

This class represents the family of polynomials of the form

\[ \phi_i(t) = t^i \]
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__call__(i, t)
Evaluate the ith basis function at a point in time

eval_deriv(i, k, t)
Evaluate the kth derivative of the ith basis function at time t.

6.4.6 control.flatsys.SystemTrajectory

class control.flatsys.SystemTrajectory(sys, basis, coeffs=[], flaglen=[])
Bases: object

Class representing a system trajectory.

The SystemTrajectory class is used to represent the trajectory of a (differentially flat) system. Used by the point_to_point() function to return a trajectory.

Parameters
- **sys** (FlatSystem) – Flat system object associated with this trajectory.
- **basis** (BasisFamily) – Family of basis vectors to use to represent the trajectory.
- **coeffs** (list of 1D arrays, optional) – For each flat output, define the coefficients of the basis functions used to represent the trajectory. Defaults to an empty list.
- **flaglen** (list of ints, optional) – For each flat output, the number of derivatives of the flat output used to define the trajectory. Defaults to an empty list.

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**eval(tlist)**
Return the state and input for a trajectory at a list of times.

Evaluate the trajectory at a list of time points, returning the state and input vectors for the trajectory:

x, u = traj.eval(tlist)

**Parameters**
**tlist** (1D array) – List of times to evaluate the trajectory.

**Returns**
- **x** (2D array) – For each state, the values of the state at the given times.
- **u** (2D array) – For each input, the values of the input at the given times.
| `point_to_point(sys, timepts[, x0, u0, xf, ...])` | Compute trajectory between an initial and final conditions. |
7.1 Module usage

An input/output system is defined as a dynamical system that has a system state as well as inputs and outputs (either inputs or states can be empty). The dynamics of the system can be in continuous or discrete time. To simulate an input/output system, use the `input_output_response()` function:

```python
t, y = input_output_response(io_sys, T, U, X0, params)
```

An input/output system can be linearized around an equilibrium point to obtain a `StateSpace` linear system. Use the `find_eqpt()` function to obtain an equilibrium point and the `linearize()` function to linearize about that equilibrium point:

```python
xeq, ueq = find_eqpt(io_sys, X0, U0)
ss_sys = linearize(io_sys, xeq, ueq)
```

Input/output systems can be created from state space LTI systems by using the `LinearIOSystem` class:

```python
io_sys = LinearIOSystem(ss_sys)
```

Nonlinear input/output systems can be created using the `NonlinearIOSystem` class, which requires the definition of an update function (for the right hand side of the differential or different equation) and an output function (computes the outputs from the state):

```python
io_sys = NonlinearIOSystem(updfcn, outfcn, inputs=M, outputs=P, states=N)
```

More complex input/output systems can be constructed by using the `interconnect()` function, which allows a collection of input/output subsystems to be combined with internal connections between the subsystems and a set of overall system inputs and outputs that link to the subsystems:

```python
steering = ct.interconnect(
    [plant, controller], name='system',
    connections=[[controller.e, '-plant.y']],
    inplist=['controller.e'], inputs='r',
    outlist=['plant.y'], outputs='y')
```

Interconnected systems can also be created using block diagram manipulations such as the `series()`, `parallel()`, and `feedback()` functions. The `InputOutputSystem` class also supports various algebraic operations such as * (series interconnection) and + (parallel interconnection).
7.2 Example

To illustrate the use of the input/output systems module, we create a model for a predator/prey system, following the notation and parameter values in FBS2e.

We begin by defining the dynamics of the system

```python
import control
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Parameter setup
a = params.get('a', 3.2)
b = params.get('b', 0.6)
c = params.get('c', 50.)
d = params.get('d', 0.56)
k = params.get('k', 125)
r = params.get('r', 1.6)

# Map the states into local variable names
H = x[0]
L = x[1]

# Compute the control action (only allow addition of food)
u_0 = u if u > 0 else 0

# Compute the discrete updates
dH = (r + u_0) * H * (1 - H/k) - (a * H * L)/(c + H)
dL = b * (a * H * L)/(c + H) - d * L

return [dH, dL]
```

We now create an input/output system using these dynamics:

```python
io_predprey = control.NonlinearIOSystem(
    predprey_rhs, None, inputs=('u'), outputs=('H', 'L'),
    states=('H', 'L'), name='predprey')
```

Note that since we have not specified an output function, the entire state will be used as the output of the system.

The `io_predprey` system can now be simulated to obtain the open loop dynamics of the system:

```python
X0 = [25, 20] # Initial H, L
T = np.linspace(0, 70, 500) # Simulation 70 years of time

t, y = control.input_output_response(io_predprey, T, 0, X0)

# Plot the response
plt.figure(1)
plt.plot(t, y[0])
plt.plot(t, y[1])
plt.legend(['Hare', 'Lynx'])
```

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We can also create a feedback controller to stabilize a desired population of the system. We begin by finding the (unstable) equilibrium point for the system and computing the linearization about that point.

\[
\text{eqpt} = \text{control.find_eqpt}(\text{io_predprey}, \text{X0}, 0) \\
\text{xeq} = \text{eqpt}[0] \\
\text{lin_predprey} = \text{control.linearize}(\text{io_predprey}, \text{xeq}, 0)
\]

We next compute a controller that stabilizes the equilibrium point using eigenvalue placement and computing the feedforward gain using the number of lynxes as the desired output (following FBS2e, Example 7.5):

\[
\text{K} = \text{control.place}(\text{lin_predprey.A}, \text{lin_predprey.B}, [-0.1, -0.2]) \\
\text{A, B} = \text{lin_predprey.A, lin_predprey.B} \\
\text{C} = \text{np.array}([[0, 1]]) \\
\text{kf} = -1/(\text{C @ np.linalg.inv}(A - B @ K) @ B)
\]

To construct the control law, we build a simple input/output system that applies a corrective input based on deviations from the equilibrium point. This system has no dynamics, since it is a static (affine) map, and can constructed using the \texttt{~control.ios.NonlinearIOSystem} class:

\[
\text{io_controller} = \text{control.NonlinearIOSystem}(  
\text{None},  
\lambda t, x, u,\text{ params: }-\text{K} \odot (u[1:] - \text{xeq}) + \text{kf} \star (u[0] - \text{xeq}[1]),  
\text{inputs='[}'Ld', 'u1', 'u2'{]}, \text{ outputs=1, name='control'}
\)

The input to the controller is \(u\), consisting of the vector of hare and lynx populations followed by the desired lynx population.

To connect the controller to the predatory-prey model, we create an \texttt{InterconnectedSystem} using the \texttt{interconnect()} function:

\[
\text{io_closed} = \text{control.interconnect}(  
[\text{io_predprey}, \text{io_controller}],  
\text{connections=[}  
['predprey.u', 'control.y[0]'],  
['control.u1', 'predprey.H']],  
['control.u2', 'predprey.L']  
],  
\text{inplist=['control.Ld']},  
\text{outlist=['predprey.H', 'predprey.L', 'control.y[0]']}  
)
\]

Finally, we simulate the closed loop system:

\[
\text{# Simulate the system}  
\text{t, y} = \text{control.input_output_response}(\text{io_closed}, \text{T}, 30, [15, 20])
\]

\[
\text{# Plot the response}  
\text{plt.figure}(2)  
\text{plt.subplot}(2, 1, 1)  
\text{plt.plot}(\text{t, y[0]})  
\text{plt.plot}(\text{t, y[1]})
\]

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7.3 Additional features

The I/O systems module has a number of other features that can be used to simplify the creation of interconnected input/output systems.

7.3.1 Summing junction

The `summing_junction()` function can be used to create an input/output system that takes the sum of an arbitrary number of inputs. For example, to create an input/output system that takes the sum of three inputs, use the command

```python
sumblk = ct.summing_junction(3)
```

By default, the name of the inputs will be of the form `u[i]` and the output will be `y`. This can be changed by giving an explicit list of names:

```python
sumblk = ct.summing_junction(inputs=['a', 'b', 'c'], output='d')
```

A more typical usage would be to define an input/output system that compares a reference signal to the output of the process and computes the error:

```python
sumblk = ct.summing_junction(inputs=['r', '-y'], output='e')
```

Note the use of the minus sign as a means of setting the sign of the input ‘y’ to be negative instead of positive.

It is also possible to define “vector” summing blocks that take multi-dimensional inputs and produce a multi-dimensional output. For example, the command

```python
sumblk = ct.summing_junction(inputs=['r', '-y'], output='e', dimension=2)
```

will produce an input/output block that implements \( e[0] = r[0] - y[0] \) and \( e[1] = r[1] - y[1] \).

7.3.2 Automatic connections using signal names

The `interconnect()` function allows the interconnection of multiple systems by using signal names of the form `sys.signal`. In many situations, it can be cumbersome to explicitly connect all of the appropriate inputs and outputs. As an alternative, if the `connections` keyword is omitted, the `interconnect()` function will connect all signals of the same name to each other. This can allow for simplified methods of interconnecting systems, especially when combined with the `summing_junction()` function. For example, the following code will create a unity gain, negative feedback system:

```python
P = control.tf2io(control.tf(1, [1, 0]), inputs='u', outputs='y')
C = control.tf2io(control.tf(10, [1, 1]), inputs='e', outputs='u')
sumblk = control.summing_junction(inputs=['r', '-y'], output='e')
T = control.interconnect([P, C, sumblk], inplist='r', outlist='y')
```
If a signal name appears in multiple outputs then that signal will be summed when it is interconnected. Similarly, if a signal name appears in multiple inputs then all systems using that signal name will receive the same input. The interconnect() function will generate an error if an signal listed in inplist or outlist (corresponding to the inputs and outputs of the interconnected system) is not found, but inputs and outputs of individual systems that are not connected to other systems are left unconnected (so be careful!).

### 7.4 Module classes and functions

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### 7.4.1 control.InputOutputSystem

**class control.InputOutputSystem(inputs=None, outputs=None, states=None, params={}, name=None, **kwargs)***

**Bases:** object  
A class for representing input/output systems.

The InputOutputSystem class allows (possibly nonlinear) input/output systems to be represented in Python. It is intended as a parent class for a set of subclasses that are used to implement specific structures and operations for different types of input/output dynamical systems.

**Parameters**

- **inputs** *(int, list of str, or None)* – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \( s[i] \) (where \( s \) is one of \( u, y, \) or \( x \)). If this parameter is not given or given as None, the relevant quantity will be determined when possible based on other information provided to functions using the system.

- **outputs** *(int, list of str, or None)* – Description of the system outputs. Same format as inputs.

- **states** *(int, list of str, or None)* – Description of the system states. Same format as inputs.

- **dt** *(None, True or float, optional)* – System timebase. 0 (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with unspecified sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time, None indicates unspecified timebase (either continuous or discrete time).

- **params** *(dict, optional)* – Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

- **name** *(string, optional)* – System name (used for specifying signals). If unspecified, a generic name <sys[id]> is generated with a unique integer id.

**ninputs, noutputs, nstates**  
Number of input, output and state variables

**Type** int
**input_index, output_index, state_index**

Dictionary of signal names for the inputs, outputs and states and the index of the corresponding array

**Type** dict

**dt**

System timebase. 0 (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with unspecified sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time, None indicates unspecified timebase (either continuous or discrete time).

**Type** None, True or float

**params**

Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

**Type** dict, optional

**name**

System name (used for specifying signals)

**Type** string, optional

**Notes**

The `InputOutputSystem` class (and its subclasses) makes use of two special methods for implementing much of the work of the class:

- \(_\text{rhs}(t, x, u)\): compute the right hand side of the differential or difference equation for the system. This must be specified by the subclass for the system.

- \(_\text{out}(t, x, u)\): compute the output for the current state of the system. The default is to return the entire system state.

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__add__(sys2)
Add two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

__mul__(sys1)
Multiply two input/output systems (series interconnection)

__neg__()
Negate an input/output systems (rescale)

__radd__(sys2)
Parallel addition of input/output system to a compatible object.

__rmul__(sys2)
Pre-multiply an input/output systems by a scalar/matrix

__rsub__(sys2)
Parallel subtraction of I/O system to a compatible object.

__sub__(sys2)
Subtract two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

copy(newname=None)
Make a copy of an input/output system.

dynamics(t, x, u)
Compute the dynamics of a differential or difference equation.
Given time \( t \), input \( u \) and state \( x \), returns the value of the right hand side of the dynamical system. If the system is continuous, returns the time derivative

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x, u)
\]
where \( f \) is the system’s (possibly nonlinear) dynamics function. If the system is discrete-time, returns the next value of \( x \):

\[
x[t+dt] = f(t, x[t], u[t])
\]
Where \( t \) is a scalar.
The inputs \( x \) and \( u \) must be of the correct length.

Parameters
- \( t \) (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- \( x \) (array_like) – current state
- \( u \) (array_like) – input

Returns \( \frac{dx}{dt} \) or \( x[t+dt] \)

Return type
ndarray

feedback(other=1, sign=-1, params=())
Feedback interconnection between two input/output systems

Parameters
- \( sys1 \) (InputOutputSystem) – The primary process.
- \( sys2 \) (InputOutputSystem) – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
- \( sign \) (scalar, optional) – The sign of feedback. \( sign = -1 \) indicates negative feedback, and \( sign = 1 \) indicates positive feedback. \( sign \) is an optional argument; it assumes a value of -1 if not specified.

Returns out

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Return type: `InputOutputSystem`

Raises `ValueError` – if the inputs, outputs, or timebases of the systems are incompatible.

```python
find_input(name)
```
Find the index for an input given its name (`None` if not found)

```python
find_output(name)
```
Find the index for an output given its name (`None` if not found)

```python
find_state(name)
```
Find the index for a state given its name (`None` if not found)

```python
issiso()
```
Check to see if a system is single input, single output

```python
linearize(x0, u0, t=0, params={}, eps=1e-06, name=None, copy=False, **kwargs)
```
Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.

- Return the linearization of an input/output system at a given state and input value as a StateSpace system.
- See `linearize()` for complete documentation.

```python
ninputs
```
Number of system inputs.

```python
noutputs
```
Number of system outputs.

```python
nstates
```
Number of system states.

```python
output(t, x, u)
```
Compute the output of the system

- Given time `t`, input `u` and state `x`, returns the output of the system:
  \[ y = g(t, x, u) \]

  - The inputs `x` and `u` must be of the correct length.

  Parameters
  - `t` (*float*) – the time at which to evaluate
  - `x` (*array_like*) – current state
  - `u` (*array_like*) – input

  Returns `y`  

  Return type: `ndarray`

```python
set_inputs(inputs, prefix='u')
```
Set the number/names of the system inputs.

- Parameters
  - `inputs` (*int, list of str, or None*) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form `u[i]` (where the prefix `u` can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
• **prefix** *(string, optional)* – If *inputs* is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘u’). The names of the input will be of the form *prefix*[i].

**set_outputs**(outputs, prefix=’y’)

Set the number/names of the system outputs.

**Parameters**

• **outputs** *(int, list of str, or None)* – Description of the system outputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form *u*[i] (where the prefix *u* can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

• **prefix** *(string, optional)* – If *outputs* is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘y’). The names of the input will be of the form *prefix*[i].

**set_states**(states, prefix=’x’)

Set the number/names of the system states.

**Parameters**

• **states** *(int, list of str, or None)* – Description of the system states. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form *u*[i] (where the prefix *u* can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

• **prefix** *(string, optional)* – If *states* is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘x’). The names of the input will be of the form *prefix*[i].

### 7.4.2 `control.InterconnectedSystem`

**class** `control.InterconnectedSystem` *(syslist, connections=[], inplist=[], outlist=[], inputs=None, outputs=None, states=None, params={}, dt=None, name=None, **kwargs)*

**Bases:** `control.iomsys.InputOutputSystem`

Interconnection of a set of input/output systems.

This class is used to implement a system that is an interconnection of input/output systems. The *sys* consists of a collection of subsystems whose inputs and outputs are connected via a connection map. The overall system inputs and outputs are subsets of the subsystem inputs and outputs.

See `interconnect()` for a list of parameters.

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__add__(sys2)
Add two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

__mul__(sys1)
Multiply two input/output systems (series interconnection)

_neg_()
Negate an input/output systems (rescale)

__radd__(sys2)
Parallel addition of input/output system to a compatible object.

__rmul__(sys2)
Pre-multiply an input/output systems by a scalar/matrix

__rsub__(sys2)
Parallel subtraction of I/O system to a compatible object.

__sub__(sys2)
Subtract two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

check_unused_signals(ignore_inputs=None, ignore_outputs=None)
Check for unused subsystem inputs and outputs
If any unused inputs or outputs are found, emit a warning.

Parameters

- **ignore_inputs** *(list of input-spec)* –
  Subsystem inputs known to be unused. input-spec can be any of: 'sig', 'sys.sig', (isys, isig), ('sys', isig)
  If the 'sig' form is used, all subsystem inputs with that name are considered ignored.

- **ignore_outputs** *(list of output-spec)* –
  Subsystem outputs known to be unused. output-spec can be any of: 'sig', 'sys.sig', (isys, isig), ('sys', isig)
  If the 'sig' form is used, all subsystem outputs with that name are considered ignored.

`copy(newname=None)`
Make a copy of an input/output system.
```
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\textbf{dynamics}(t, x, u)
Compute the dynamics of a differential or difference equation.

Given time \( t \), input \( u \) and state \( x \), returns the value of the right hand side of the dynamical system. If the
system is continuous, returns the time derivative

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x, u)
\]
where \( f \) is the system’s (possibly nonlinear) dynamics function. If the system is discrete-time, returns the
next value of \( x \):

\[
x[t+dt] = f(t, x[t], u[t])
\]

Where \( t \) is a scalar.

The inputs \( x \) and \( u \) must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**

- \( t \) (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- \( x \) (array_like) – current state
- \( u \) (array_like) – input

**Returns** \( \frac{dx}{dt} \) or \( x[t+dt] \)

**Return type** ndarray

\textbf{feedback}(other=1, sign=-1, params=1)
Feedback interconnection between two input/output systems

**Parameters**

- \( \text{sys1} \) (InputOutputSystem) – The primary process.
- \( \text{sys2} \) (InputOutputSystem) – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
- \( \text{sign} \) (scalar, optional) – The sign of feedback. \( \text{sign} = -1 \) indicates negative feedback,
  and \( \text{sign} = 1 \) indicates positive feedback. \( \text{sign} \) is an optional argument; it assumes a value
  of \(-1\) if not specified.

**Returns** \( \text{out} \)

**Return type** InputOutputSystem

**Raises** ValueError – if the inputs, outputs, or timebases of the systems are incompatible.

\textbf{find_input}(name)
Find the index for an input given its name (None if not found)

\textbf{find_output}(name)
Find the index for an output given its name (None if not found)

\textbf{find_state}(name)
Find the index for a state given its name (None if not found)

\textbf{issiso}()
Check to see if a system is single input, single output

\textbf{linearize}(x0, u0, t=0, params={}, eps=1e-06, name=None, copy=False, **kwargs)
Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.

Return the linearization of an input/output system at a given state and input value as a StateSpace system.
See \textbf{linearize()} for complete documentation.

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output(t, x, u)
Compute the output of the system

Given time $t$, input $u$ and state $x$, returns the output of the system:

$$y = g(t, x, u)$$

The inputs $x$ and $u$ must be of the correct length.

Parameters
- $t$ (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- $x$ (array_like) – current state
- $u$ (array_like) – input

Returns y

Return type ndarray

set_connect_map(connect_map)
Set the connection map for an interconnected I/O system.

Parameters
- connect_map (2D array) – Specify the matrix that will be used to multiply the vector of subsystem outputs to obtain the vector of subsystem inputs.

set_input_map(input_map)
Set the input map for an interconnected I/O system.

Parameters
- input_map (2D array) – Specify the matrix that will be used to multiply the vector of system inputs to obtain the vector of subsystem inputs. These values are added to the inputs specified in the connection map.

set_inputs(inputs, prefix='u')
Set the number/names of the system inputs.

Parameters
- inputs (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form $u[i]$ (where the prefix $u$ can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- prefix (string, optional) – If inputs is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘u’). The names of the input will be of the form $prefix[i]$.

set_output_map(output_map)
Set the output map for an interconnected I/O system.

Parameters
- output_map (2D array) – Specify the matrix that will be used to multiply the vector of subsystem outputs to obtain the vector of system outputs.

set_outputs(outputs, prefix='y')
Set the number/names of the system outputs.

Parameters
- outputs (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system outputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form $u[i]$ (where the prefix $u$ can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- prefix (string, optional) – If outputs is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘y’). The names of the input will be of the form $prefix[i]$. 

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set_states(states, prefix='x')

Set the number/names of the system states.

Parameters

- **states** (*int, list of str, or None*) – Description of the system states. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form u[i] (where the prefix u can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

- **prefix** (*string, optional*) – If states is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘x’). The names of the input will be of the form prefix[i].

unused_signals()

Find unused subsystem inputs and outputs

Returns

- **unused_inputs** (*dict*) – A mapping from tuple of indices (isys, isig) to string '{sys}.{sig}', for all unused subsystem inputs.

- **unused_outputs** (*dict*) – A mapping from tuple of indices (isys, isig) to string '{sys}.{sig}', for all unused subsystem outputs.

7.4.3 control.LinearICSystem

class control.LinearICSystem(io_sys, ss_sys=None)

Bases: control_iosys.InterconnectedSystem, control_iosys.LinearIOSystem

Interconnection of a set of linear input/output systems.

This class is used to implement a system that is an interconnection of linear input/output systems. It has all of the structure of an InterconnectedSystem, but also maintains the requirement elements of LinearIOSystem, including the StateSpace class structure, allowing it to be passed to functions that expect a StateSpace system.

This class is usually generated using interconnect() and not called directly

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__add__ (sys2)
Add two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

__call__ (x, squeeze=None, warn_infinite=True)
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency.

Returns the complex frequency response \( sys(x) \) where \( x \) is \( s \) for continuous-time systems and \( z \) for discrete-time systems.

To evaluate at a frequency \( \omega \) in radians per second, enter \( x = \omega \ast \ast 1j \), for continuous-time systems, or \( x = \exp(1j \ast \omega \ast dt) \) for discrete-time systems. Or use StateSpace. frequency_response().

Parameters

- **x** (complex or complex 1D array_like) – Complex frequencies
- **squeeze** (bool, optional) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_frequency_response’].
- **warn_infinite** (bool, optional) – If set to False, don’t warn if frequency response is infinite.

Returns fresp – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is
not True, the shape of the array matches the shape of omega. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match omega. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

**Return type** complex ndarray

```python
__div__(other)
```
Divide two LTI systems.

```python
__getitem__(indices)
```
Array style access

```python
__mul__(sys1)
```
Multiply two input/output systems (series interconnection)

```python
__neg__()
```
Negate an input/output systems (rescale)

```python
__radd__(sys2)
```
Parallel addition of input/output system to a compatible object.

```python
__rdiv__(other)
```
Right divide two LTI systems.

```python
__rmul__(sys2)
```
Pre-multiply an input/output systems by a scalar/matrix

```python
__rsub__(sys2)
```
Parallel subtraction of I/O system to a compatible object.

```python
__sub__(sys2)
```
Subtract two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

```python
append(other)
```
Append a second model to the present model.

The second model is converted to state-space if necessary, inputs and outputs are appended and their order is preserved

```python
check_unused_signals(ignore_inputs=None, ignore_outputs=None)
```
Check for unused subsystem inputs and outputs

If any unused inputs or outputs are found, emit a warning.

**Parameters**

- **ignore_inputs** *(list of input-spec)* –
  Subsystem inputs known to be unused. input-spec can be any of: ‘sig’, ‘sys.sig’,
  (isys, isig), (‘sys’, isig)
  If the ‘sig’ form is used, all subsystem inputs with that name are considered ignored.

- **ignore_outputs** *(list of output-spec)* –
  Subsystem outputs known to be unused. output-spec can be any of: ‘sig’, ‘sys.sig’,
  (isys, isig), (‘sys’, isig)
  If the ‘sig’ form is used, all subsystem outputs with that name are considered ignored.

```python
copy(newname=None)
```
Make a copy of an input/output system.

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damp()

Natural frequency, damping ratio of system poles

Returns

• **wn** (array) – Natural frequencies for each system pole
• **zeta** (array) – Damping ratio for each system pole
• **poles** (array) – Array of system poles

dcgain(**warn_infinite=False**)  
Return the zero-frequency gain

The zero-frequency gain of a continuous-time state-space system is given by:

and of a discrete-time state-space system by:

Parameters **warn_infinite** (bool, optional) – By default, don’t issue a warning message if the zero-frequency gain is infinite. Setting **warn_infinite** to generate the warning message.

Returns

**gain** – Array or scalar value for SISO systems, depending on config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_frequency_response’]. The value of the array elements or the scalar is either the zero-frequency (or DC) gain, or *inf*, if the frequency response is singular.

For real valued systems, the empty imaginary part of the complex zero-frequency response is discarded and a real array or scalar is returned.

Return type (noutputs, ninputs) ndarray or scalar

dynamics(**t, x, u**)  
Compute the dynamics of a differential or difference equation.

Given time *t*, input *u* and state *x*, returns the value of the right hand side of the dynamical system. If the system is continuous, returns the time derivative

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x, u)
\]

where *f* is the system’s (possibly nonlinear) dynamics function. If the system is discrete-time, returns the next value of *x*:

\[
x[t+dt] = f(t, x[t], u[t])
\]

Where *t* is a scalar.

The inputs *x* and *u* must be of the correct length.

Parameters

• **t** (float) – the time at which to evaluate
• **x** (array_like) – current state
• **u** (array_like) – input

Returns **dx/dt or x[t+dt]**

Return type ndarray

feedback(**other=1, sign=-1, params=()**)  
Feedback interconnection between two input/output systems

Parameters

• **sys1** (InputOutputSystem) – The primary process.
• **sys2** *(InputOutputSystem)* – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).

• **sign** *(scalar, optional)* – The sign of feedback. \( \text{sign} = -1 \) indicates negative feedback, and \( \text{sign} = 1 \) indicates positive feedback. \( \text{sign} \) is an optional argument; it assumes a value of -1 if not specified.

**Returns**  
**out**

**Return type** *InputOutputSystem*

**Raises** *ValueError* – if the inputs, outputs, or timebases of the systems are incompatible.

**find_input** *(name)*

Find the index for an input given its name *(None if not found)*

**find_output** *(name)*

Find the index for an output given its name *(None if not found)*

**find_state** *(name)*

Find the index for a state given its name *(None if not found)*

**freqresp** *(omega)*

(deprecated) Evaluate transfer function at complex frequencies.

**frequency_response** *(omega, squeeze=None)*

Evaluate the linear time-invariant system at an array of angular frequencies.

Reports the frequency response of the system,

\[
G(j*omega) = \text{mag}*\exp(j*\text{phase})
\]

for continuous time systems. For discrete time systems, the response is evaluated around the unit circle such that

\[
G(\exp(j*omega*dt)) = \text{mag}*\exp(j*\text{phase}).
\]

In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where \( m = \text{self.ninputs} \) number of inputs and \( p = \text{self.noutputs} \) number of outputs.

**Parameters**

• **omega** *(float or 1D array_like)* – A list, tuple, array, or scalar value of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system will be evaluated.

• **squeeze** *(bool, optional)* – If \( \text{squeeze} = \text{True} \), remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If \( \text{squeeze} = \text{False} \), keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response'].

**Returns**

• **mag** *(ndarray)* – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency response. If the system is SISO and \( \text{squeeze} = \text{True} \), the array is 1D, indexed by frequency. If the system is not SISO or \( \text{squeeze} = \text{False} \), the array is 3D, indexed by the output, input, and frequency. \( \text{If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.} \)

• **phase** *(ndarray)* – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.

• **omega** *(ndarray)* – The (sorted) frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

**horner** *(x, warn_infinite=True)*

Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s or Horner’s method.

Evaluates \( \text{sys}(x) \) where \( x \) is \( s \) for continuous-time systems and \( z \) for discrete-time systems.

Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use \( \text{sys}(x) \) for a more user-friendly interface.

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Parameters :math:`x` *(complex array_like or complex)* – Complex frequencies

Returns *output* – Frequency response

Return type *(self.noutputs, self.ninputs, len(x)) complex ndarray*

**Notes**

Attempts to use Laub’s method from Slycot library, with a fall-back to python code.

**property inputs**

Depreciated attribute; use *ninputs* instead.

The *input* attribute was used to store the number of system inputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of inputs for an LTI system, use *ninputs*.

**isctime**(strict=False)

Check to see if a system is a continuous-time system

Parameters

* **sys** *(LTI system)* – System to be checked
* **strict** *(bool, optional)* – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**isdtime**(strict=False)

Check to see if a system is a discrete-time system

Parameters **strict** *(bool, optional)* – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**issiso**()

Check to see if a system is single input, single output

**lft**(other, nu=-1, ny=-1)

Return the Linear Fractional Transformation.

A definition of the LFT operator can be found in Appendix A.7, page 512 in the 2nd Edition, Multivariable Feedback Control by Sigurd Skogestad.

An alternative definition can be found here: https://www.mathworks.com/help/control/ref/lft.html

Parameters

* **other** *(LTI)* – The lower LTI system
* **ny** *(int, optional)* – Dimension of (plant) measurement output.
* **nu** *(int, optional)* – Dimension of (plant) control input.

**linearize**(x0, u0, t=0, params={}, eps=1e-06, name=None, copy=False, **kwargs)

Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.

Return the linearization of an input/output system at a given state and input value as a StateSpace system. See *linearize()* for complete documentation.

**minreal**(tol=0.0)

Calculate a minimal realization, removes unobservable and uncontrollable states

**output**(t, x, u)

Compute the output of the system

Given time *t*, input *u* and state *x*, returns the output of the system:
\[ y = g(t, x, u) \]

The inputs \( x \) and \( u \) must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**
- \( t \) (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- \( x \) (array_like) – current state
- \( u \) (array_like) – input

**Returns** \( y \)

**Return type** ndarray

**property outputs**
Deprecated attribute; use `noutputs` instead.

The output attribute was used to store the number of system outputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of outputs for an LTI system, use `noutputs`.

**pole()**
Compute the poles of a state space system.

**returnScipySignalLTI**(strict=True)
Return a list of a list of scipy.signal.lti objects.

For instance,

```python
>>> out = ssobject.returnScipySignalLTI()
>>> out[3][5]
```

is a scipy.signal.lti object corresponding to the transfer function from the 6th input to the 4th output.

**Parameters** `strict` (bool, optional) –
- True (default): The timebase `ssobject.dt` cannot be None; it must be continuous (0) or discrete (True or > 0).
- False: If `ssobject.dt` is None, continuous time scipy.signal.lti objects are returned.

**Returns** `out` – continuous time (inheriting from scipy.signal.lti) or discrete time (inheriting from scipy.signal.dlti) SISO objects

**Return type** list of list of scipy.signal.StateSpace

**sample**(Ts, method='zoh', alpha=None, prewarp_frequency=None)
Convert a continuous time system to discrete time

Creates a discrete-time system from a continuous-time system by sampling. Multiple methods of conversion are supported.

**Parameters**
- \( Ts \) (float) – Sampling period
- method ("gbt", "bilinear", "euler", "backward_diff", "zoh") – Which method to use:
  - gbt: generalized bilinear transformation
  - bilinear: Tustin’s approximation (“gbt” with alpha=0.5)
  - euler: Euler (or forward differencing) method (“gbt” with alpha=0)
  - backward_diff: Backwards differencing (“gbt” with alpha=1.0)
– zoh: zero-order hold (default)

• alpha (float within [0, 1]) – The generalized bilinear transformation weighting parameter, which should only be specified with method='gbt', and is ignored otherwise

• prewarp_frequency (float within [0, infinity)) – The frequency [rad/s] at which to match with the input continuous-time system’s magnitude and phase (the gain=1 crossover frequency, for example). Should only be specified with method='bilinear' or 'gbt' with alpha=0.5 and ignored otherwise.

Returns sysd – Discrete time system, with sampling rate Ts

Return type StateSpace

Notes

Uses scipy.signal.cont2discrete()

Examples

```python
>>> sys = StateSpace(0, 1, 1, 0)
>>> sysd = sys.sample(0.5, method='bilinear')
```

set_connect_map(connect_map)
Set the connection map for an interconnected I/O system.

Parameters connect_map (2D array) – Specify the matrix that will be used to multiply the vector of subsystem outputs to obtain the vector of subsystem inputs.

set_input_map(input_map)
Set the input map for an interconnected I/O system.

Parameters input_map (2D array) – Specify the matrix that will be used to multiply the vector of system inputs to obtain the vector of subsystem inputs. These values are added to the inputs specified in the connection map.

set_outputs(outputs, prefix='y')
Set the number/names of the system outputs.

Parameters
• **outputs** *(int, list of str, or None)* – Description of the system outputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \(u[i]\) (where the prefix \(u\) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

• **prefix** *(string, optional)* – If *outputs* is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘y’). The names of the input will be of the form \(prefix[i]\).

**set_states** *(states, prefix='x')*

Set the number/names of the system states.

**Parameters**

• **states** *(int, list of str, or None)* – Description of the system states. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \(u[i]\) (where the prefix \(u\) can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).

• **prefix** *(string, optional)* – If *states* is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘x’). The names of the input will be of the form \(prefix[i]\).

**slycot_laub** *(x)*

Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s method from Slycot.

Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use *sys(x)* for a more user-friendly interface.

**Parameters**

• **x** *(complex array_like or complex)* – Complex frequency

**Returns**

• **output** – Frequency response

**Return type** *(number_outputs, number_inputs, len(x)) complex ndarray*

**property states**

Deprecated attribute; use *nstates* instead.

The *state* attribute was used to store the number of states for a state space system. It is no longer used. If you need to access the number of states, use *nstates*.

**unused_signals**()

Find unused subsystem inputs and outputs

**Returns**

• **unused_inputs** *(dict)* – A mapping from tuple of indices (isys, isig) to string ‘{sys}.{sig}’, for all unused subsystem inputs.

• **unused_outputs** *(dict)* – A mapping from tuple of indices (isys, isig) to string ‘{sys}.{sig}’, for all unused subsystem outputs.

**zero**()

Compute the zeros of a state space system.
7.4.4 control.LinearIOSystem

class control.LinearIOSystem(linsys, inputs=None, outputs=None, states=None, name=None, **kwargs)

Bases: control.iosys.InputOutputSystem, control.statesp.StateSpace

Input/output representation of a linear (state space) system.

This class is used to implement a system that is a linear state space system (defined by the StateSpace system object).

Parameters

- **linsys** (StateSpace or TransferFunction) – LTI system to be converted
- **inputs** (int, list of str or None, optional) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \( sji \) (where \( s \) is one of \( u \), \( y \), or \( x \)). If this parameter is not given or given as None, the relevant quantity will be determined when possible based on other information provided to functions using the system.
- **outputs** (int, list of str or None, optional) – Description of the system outputs. Same format as **inputs**.
- **states** (int, list of str, or None, optional) – Description of the system states. Same format as **inputs**.
- **dt** (None, True or float, optional) – System timebase. 0 (default) indicates continuous time, True indicates discrete time with unspecified sampling time, positive number is discrete time with specified sampling time, None indicates unspecified timebase (either continuous or discrete time).
- **params** (dict, optional) – Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.
- **name** (string, optional) – System name (used for specifying signals). If unspecified, a generic name \(<sys[id]>\) is generated with a unique integer id.

ninputs, noutputs, nstates, dt, etc

See InputOutputSystem for inherited attributes.

A, B, C, D

See StateSpace for inherited attributes.

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__add__(sys2)
Add two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

__call__(x, squeeze=None, warn_infinite=True)
Evaluate system's transfer function at complex frequency.

Returns the complex frequency response \( \text{sys}(x) \) where \( x \) is \( s \) for continuous-time systems and \( z \) for discrete-time systems.

To evaluate at a frequency \( \omega \) in radians per second, enter \( x = \omega \times 1j \) for continuous-time systems, or \( x = \exp(1j \times \omega \times dt) \) for discrete-time systems. Or use `StateSpace.frequency_response()`.

Parameters

- \( x \) (complex or complex 1D array_like) – Complex frequencies
- `squeeze` (bool, optional) – If `squeeze=True`, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If `squeeze=False`, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using `config.defaults[control.squeeze_frequency_response]`.
- `warn_infinite` (bool, optional) – If set to `False`, don’t warn if frequency response is infinite.

Returns `fresp` – The frequency response of the system. If the system is SISO and `squeeze` is not `True`, the shape of the array matches the shape of omega. If the system is not SISO or...
squeeze is False, the first two dimensions of the array are indices for the output and input and the remaining dimensions match omega. If `squeeze` is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.

**Return type** complex ndarray

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_div\_\_}}(\text{other}) \]
Divide two LTI systems.

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_getitem\_\_}}(\text{indices}) \]
Array style access

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_mul\_\_}}(\text{sys1}) \]
Multiply two input/output systems (series interconnection)

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_neg\_\_}}() \]
Negate an input/output systems (rescale)

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_radd\_\_}}(\text{sys2}) \]
Parallel addition of input/output system to a compatible object.

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_rdiv\_\_}}(\text{other}) \]
Right divide two LTI systems.

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_rmul\_\_}}(\text{sys2}) \]
Pre-multiply an input/output systems by a scalar/matrix

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_rsub\_\_}}(\text{sys2}) \]
Parallel subtraction of I/O system to a compatible object.

\[ \text{\texttt{\_\_sub\_\_}}(\text{sys2}) \]
Subtract two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

\[ \text{\texttt{append}}(\text{other}) \]
Append a second model to the present model.

The second model is converted to state-space if necessary, inputs and outputs are appended and their order is preserved

\[ \text{\texttt{copy}}(\text{newname=\texttt{None}}) \]
Make a copy of an input/output system.

\[ \text{\texttt{damp}}() \]
Natural frequency, damping ratio of system poles

**Returns**

- \[ \text{\texttt{wn}} (\text{array}) \] – Natural frequencies for each system pole
- \[ \text{\texttt{zeta}} (\text{array}) \] – Damping ratio for each system pole
- \[ \text{\texttt{poles}} (\text{array}) \] – Array of system poles

\[ \text{\texttt{dcgain}}(\text{warn\_infinite=False}) \]
Return the zero-frequency gain

The zero-frequency gain of a continuous-time state-space system is given by:

and of a discrete-time state-space system by:

**Parameters** \[ \text{\texttt{warn\_infinite}} (\texttt{bool, optional}) \] – By default, don’t issue a warning message if the zero-frequency gain is infinite. Setting \texttt{warn\_infinite} to generate the warning message.

**Returns**
**gain** – Array or scalar value for SISO systems, depending on config.defaults['control.squeeze_frequency_response']. The value of the array elements or the scalar is either the zero-frequency (or DC) gain, or inf, if the frequency response is singular.

For real valued systems, the empty imaginary part of the complex zero-frequency response is discarded and a real array or scalar is returned.

**Return type** (noutputs, ninputs) ndarray or scalar

**dynamics**(t, x, u)
Compute the dynamics of a differential or difference equation.

Given time t, input u and state x, returns the value of the right hand side of the dynamical system. If the system is continuous, returns the time derivative

\[ \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x, u) \]

where f is the system’s (possibly nonlinear) dynamics function. If the system is discrete-time, returns the next value of x:

\[ x[t+dt] = f(t, x[t], u[t]) \]

Where t is a scalar.

The inputs x and u must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**

- t (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- x (array_like) – current state
- u (array_like) – input

**Returns** dx/dt or x[t+dt]

**Return type** ndarray

**feedback**(other=1, sign=-1, params=())
Feedback interconnection between two input/output systems

**Parameters**

- sys1 (InputOutputSystem) – The primary process.
- sys2 (InputOutputSystem) – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
- sign (scalar, optional) – The sign of feedback. sign = -1 indicates negative feedback, and sign = 1 indicates positive feedback. sign is an optional argument; it assumes a value of -1 if not specified.

**Returns** out

**Return type** InputOutputSystem

**Raises** ValueError – if the inputs, outputs, or timebases of the systems are incompatible.

**find_input**(name)
Find the index for an input given its name (None if not found)

**find_output**(name)
Find the index for an output given its name (None if not found)

**find_state**(name)
Find the index for a state given its name (None if not found)
freqresp(omega)
(deprecated) Evaluate transfer function at complex frequencies.

frequency_response(omega, squeeze=None)
Evaluate the linear time-invariant system at an array of angular frequencies.
Reports the frequency response of the system,
\[ G(j*\omega) = \text{mag}\cdot\exp(j*\text{phase}) \]
for continuous time systems. For discrete time systems, the response is evaluated around the unit circle such that
\[ G(\exp(j*\omega*dt)) = \text{mag}\cdot\exp(j*\text{phase}). \]
In general the system may be multiple input, multiple output (MIMO), where \( m = \text{self.ninputs} \) number of inputs and \( p = \text{self.noutputs} \) number of outputs.

Parameters
- **omega** (float or 1D array_like) – A list, tuple, array, or scalar value of frequencies in radians/sec at which the system will be evaluated.
- **squeeze** (bool, optional) – If squeeze=True, remove single-dimensional entries from the shape of the output even if the system is not SISO. If squeeze=False, keep all indices (output, input and, if omega is array_like, frequency) even if the system is SISO. The default value can be set using config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_frequency_response’].

Returns
- **mag** (ndarray) – The magnitude (absolute value, not dB or log10) of the system frequency response. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D, indexed by frequency. If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 3D, indexed by the output, input, and frequency. If squeeze is True then single-dimensional axes are removed.
- **phase** (ndarray) – The wrapped phase in radians of the system frequency response.
- **omega** (ndarray) – The (sorted) frequencies at which the response was evaluated.

horner(x, warn_infinite=True)
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s or Horner’s method.
Evaluates \( \text{sys}(x) \) where \( x \) is \( s \) for continuous-time systems and \( z \) for discrete-time systems.
Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use \( \text{sys}(x) \) for a more user-friendly interface.

Parameters **x** (complex array_like or complex) – Complex frequencies

Returns **output** – Frequency response

Return type (self.noutputs, self.ninputs, len(x)) complex ndarray

Notes
Attempts to use Laub’s method from Slycot library, with a fall-back to python code.

property inputs
Deprecated attribute; use ninputs instead.

The input attribute was used to store the number of system inputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of inputs for an LTI system, use ninputs.

isctime(strict=False)
Check to see if a system is a continuous-time system
Parameters

- **sys** (*LTI system*) – System to be checked
- **strict** (*bool, optional*) – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**isdti0me**(strict=False)
Check to see if a system is a discrete-time system

**Parameters**

- **strict** (*bool, optional*) – If strict is True, make sure that timebase is not None. Default is False.

**issiso**()
Check to see if a system is single input, single output

**lft**(other, nu=-1, ny=-1)
Return the Linear Fractional Transformation.

A definition of the LFT operator can be found in Appendix A.7, page 512 in the 2nd Edition, Multivariable Feedback Control by Sigurd Skogestad.

An alternative definition can be found here: https://www.mathworks.com/help/control/ref/lft.html

**Parameters**

- **other** (*LTI*) – The lower LTI system
- **nu** (*int, optional*) – Dimension of (plant) measurement output.
- **ny** (*int, optional*) – Dimension of (plant) control input.

**linearize**(x0, u0, t=0, params={}, eps=1e-06, name=None, copy=False, **kwargs)
Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input value as a StateSpace system.

See **linearize()** for complete documentation.

**minreal**(tol=0.0)
Calculate a minimal realization, removes unobservable and uncontrollable states

**output**(t, x, u)
Compute the output of the system

Given time t, input u and state x, returns the output of the system:

\[ y = g(t, x, u) \]

The inputs x and u must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**

- **t** (*float*) – the time at which to evaluate
- **x** (*array_like*) – current state
- **u** (*array_like*) – input

**Returns**

\[ y \]

**Return type**

ndarray

**property outputs**

Deprecated attribute; use `noutputs` instead.

The output attribute was used to store the number of system outputs. It is no longer used. If you need access to the number of outputs for an LTI system, use `noutputs`. 

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pole()
Compute the poles of a state space system.

returnScipySignalLTI(strict=True)
Return a list of a list of scipy.signal.lti objects.
For instance,

```python
>>> out = ssobject.returnScipySignalLTI()
>>> out[3][5]
```
is a scipy.signal.lti object corresponding to the transfer function from the 6th input to the 4th output.

Parameters

strict (bool, optional) –

   True (default): The timebase ssobject.dt cannot be None; it must be continuous (0) or discrete (True or > 0).

   False: If ssobject.dt is None, continuous time scipy.signal.lti objects are returned.

Returns

out – continuous time (inheriting from scipy.signal.lti) or discrete time (inheriting from scipy.signal.dlti) SISO objects

Return type

list of list of scipy.signal.StateSpace

sample(Ts, method='zoh', alpha=None, prewarp_frequency=None)
Convert a continuous time system to discrete time

Creates a discrete-time system from a continuous-time system by sampling. Multiple methods of conversion are supported.

Parameters

- Ts (float) – Sampling period
- method ("gbt", "bilinear", "euler", "backward_diff", "zoh") – Which method to use:
  - gbt: generalized bilinear transformation
  - bilinear: Tustin’s approximation (“gbt” with alpha=0.5)
  - euler: Euler (or forward differencing) method (“gbt” with alpha=0)
  - backward_diff: Backwards differencing (“gbt” with alpha=1.0)
  - zoh: zero-order hold (default)
- alpha (float within [0, 1]) – The generalized bilinear transformation weighting parameter, which should only be specified with method=”gbt”, and is ignored otherwise
- prewarp_frequency (float within [0, infinity]) – The frequency [rad/s] at which to match with the input continuous-time system’s magnitude and phase (the gain=1 crossover frequency, for example). Should only be specified with method=’bilinear’ or ‘gbt’ with alpha=0.5 and ignored otherwise.

Returns

sysd – Discrete time system, with sampling rate Ts

Return type

StateSpace

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Notes

Uses `scipy.signal.cont2discrete()`

Examples

```python
>>> sys = StateSpace(0, 1, 1, 0)
>>> sysd = sys.sample(0.5, method='bilinear')
```

`set_inputs(inputs, prefix='u')`
Set the number/names of the system inputs.

Parameters

- `inputs` (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form `u[i]` (where the prefix `u` can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- `prefix` (string, optional) – If `inputs` is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘u’). The names of the input will be of the form `prefix[i]`.

`set_outputs(outputs, prefix='y')`
Set the number/names of the system outputs.

Parameters

- `outputs` (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system outputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form `u[i]` (where the prefix `u` can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- `prefix` (string, optional) – If `outputs` is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘y’). The names of the input will be of the form `prefix[i]`.

`set_states(states, prefix='x')`
Set the number/names of the system states.

Parameters

- `states` (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system states. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form `u[i]` (where the prefix `u` can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- `prefix` (string, optional) – If `states` is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘x’). The names of the input will be of the form `prefix[i]`.

`slycot_laub(x)`
Evaluate system’s transfer function at complex frequency using Laub’s method from Slycot.

Expects inputs and outputs to be formatted correctly. Use `sys(x)` for a more user-friendly interface.

Parameters `x` (complex array_like or complex) – Complex frequency

Returns `output` – Frequency response

Return type (number_outputs, number_inputs, len(x)) complex ndarray

property `states`
Deprecated attribute; use `nstates` instead.

7.4. Module classes and functions
The `state` attribute was used to store the number of states for a state space system. It is no longer used. If you need to access the number of states, use `nstates`.

`zero()`
Compute the zeros of a state space system.

7.4.5 `control.NonlinearIOSystem`

class `control.NonlinearIOSystem`(updfcn, outfcn=None, inputs=None, outputs=None, states=None, params={}, name=None, **kwargs)

Bases: `control.iosys.InputOutputSystem`

Nonlinear I/O system.

Creates an `InputOutputSystem` for a nonlinear system by specifying a state update function and an output function. The new system can be a continuous or discrete time system (Note: discrete-time systems are not yet supported by most functions.)

Parameters

- `updfcn` *(callable)* – Function returning the state update function
  
  `updfcn(t, x, u, params) -> array`

  where `x` is a 1-D array with shape `(nstates,)`, `u` is a 1-D array with shape `(ninputs,)`, `t` is a float representing the current time, and `params` is a dict containing the values of parameters used by the function.

- `outfcn` *(callable)* – Function returning the output at the given state
  
  `outfcn(t, x, u, params) -> array`

  where the arguments are the same as for `upfcn`.

- `inputs` *(int, list of str or None, optional)* – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form `s[i]` (where `s` is one of `u`, `y`, or `x`). If this parameter is not given or given as `None`, the relevant quantity will be determined when possible based on other information provided to functions using the system.

- `outputs` *(int, list of str or None, optional)* – Description of the system outputs. Same format as `inputs`.

- `states` *(int, list of str, or None, optional)* – Description of the system states. Same format as `inputs`.

- `params` *(dict, optional)* – Parameter values for the systems. Passed to the evaluation functions for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

- `dt` *(timebase, optional)* – The timebase for the system, used to specify whether the system is operating in continuous or discrete time. It can have the following values:
  - `dt = 0`: continuous time system (default)
  - `dt > 0`: discrete time system with sampling period ‘dt’
  - `dt = True`: discrete time with unspecified sampling period
  - `dt = None`: no timebase specified

- `name` *(string, optional)* – System name (used for specifying signals). If unspecified, a generic name <sys[id]> is generated with a unique integer id.
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#### `__add__`(sys2)
Add two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)

#### `__call__`(u, params=None, squeeze=None)
Evaluate a (static) nonlinearity at a given input value
If a nonlinear I/O system has no internal state, then evaluating the system at an input \( u \) gives the output \( y = F(u) \), determined by the output function.

**Parameters**

- `params` *(dict, optional)* – Parameter values for the system. Passed to the evaluation function for the system as default values, overriding internal defaults.

- `squeeze` *(bool, optional)* – If True and if the system has a single output, return the system output as a 1D array rather than a 2D array. If False, return the system output as a 2D array even if the system is SISO. Default value set by config.defaults[‘control.squeeze_time_response’].

#### `__mul__`(sys1)
Multiply two input/output systems (series interconnection)

#### `__neg__`()  
Negate an input/output systems (rescale)

#### `__radd__`(sys2)
Parallel addition of input/output system to a compatible object.

#### `__rmul__`(sys2)
Pre-multiply an input/output systems by a scalar/matrix

#### `__rsub__`(sys2)
Parallel subtraction of I/O system to a compatible object.

#### `__sub__`(sys2)
Subtract two input/output systems (parallel interconnection)
copy(newname=None)
Make a copy of an input/output system.

dynamics(t, x, u)
Compute the dynamics of a differential or difference equation.
Given time t, input u and state x, returns the value of the right hand side of the dynamical system. If the system is continuous, returns the time derivative
\[ dx/dt = f(t, x, u) \]
where \( f \) is the system’s (possibly nonlinear) dynamics function. If the system is discrete-time, returns the next value of x:
\[ x[t+dt] = f(t, x[t], u[t]) \]
Where \( t \) is a scalar.
The inputs \( x \) and \( u \) must be of the correct length.

Parameters
- \( t \) (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- \( x \) (array_like) – current state
- \( u \) (array_like) – input

Returns \( dx/dt \) or \( x[t+dt] \)

Return type ndarray

feedback(other=1, sign=- 1, params={})
Feedback interconnection between two input/output systems

Parameters
- \( sys1 \) (InputOutputSystem) – The primary process.
- \( sys2 \) (InputOutputSystem) – The feedback process (often a feedback controller).
- \( sign \) (scalar, optional) – The sign of feedback. \( sign = -1 \) indicates negative feedback, and \( sign = 1 \) indicates positive feedback. \( sign \) is an optional argument; it assumes a value of -1 if not specified.

Returns \( out \)

Return type InputOutputSystem

Raises ValueError – if the inputs, outputs, or timebases of the systems are incompatible.

find_input(name)
Find the index for an input given its name (None if not found)

find_output(name)
Find the index for an output given its name (None if not found)

find_state(name)
Find the index for a state given its name (None if not found)

issiso()
Check to see if a system is single input, single output

linearize(x0, u0, t=0, params={}, eps=1e-06, name=None, copy=False, **kwargs)
Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.
Return the linearization of an input/output system at a given state and input value as a StateSpace system. See `linearize()` for complete documentation.

**output**(t, x, u)
Compute the output of the system

Given time t, input u and state x, returns the output of the system:

\[ y = g(t, x, u) \]

The inputs x and u must be of the correct length.

**Parameters**
- t (float) – the time at which to evaluate
- x (array_like) – current state
- u (array_like) – input

**Returns**
y

**Return type** ndarray

**set_inputs**(inputs, prefix='u')
Set the number/names of the system inputs.

**Parameters**
- inputs (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system inputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \[ u[i] \] (where the prefix u can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- prefix (string, optional) – If inputs is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘u’). The names of the input will be of the form prefix[i].

**set_outputs**(outputs, prefix='y')
Set the number/names of the system outputs.

**Parameters**
- outputs (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system outputs. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \[ u[i] \] (where the prefix u can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- prefix (string, optional) – If outputs is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘y’). The names of the input will be of the form prefix[i].

**set_states**(states, prefix='x')
Set the number/names of the system states.

**Parameters**
- states (int, list of str, or None) – Description of the system states. This can be given as an integer count or as a list of strings that name the individual signals. If an integer count is specified, the names of the signal will be of the form \[ u[i] \] (where the prefix u can be changed using the optional prefix parameter).
- prefix (string, optional) – If states is an integer, create the names of the states using the given prefix (default = ‘x’). The names of the input will be of the form prefix[i].
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<td>Find the equilibrium point for an input/output system.</td>
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<td><code>linearize(sys, xeq[, ueq, t, params])</code></td>
<td>Linearize an input/output system at a given state and input.</td>
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<td><code>input_output_response(sys, T[, U, X0, ...])</code></td>
<td>Compute the output response of a system to a given input.</td>
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<td><code>tf2io(*args, **kwargs)</code></td>
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For nonlinear systems consisting of a feedback connection between a linear system and a static nonlinearity, it is possible to obtain a generalization of Nyquist’s stability criterion based on the idea of describing functions. The basic concept involves approximating the response of a static nonlinearity to an input \( u = A e^{j\omega t} \) as an output \( y = N(A)(A e^{j\omega t}) \), where \( N(A) \in \mathbb{C} \) represents the (amplitude-dependent) gain and phase associated with the nonlinearity.

Stability analysis of a linear system \( H(s) \) with a feedback nonlinearity \( F(x) \) is done by looking for amplitudes \( A \) and frequencies \( \omega \) such that

\[
H(j\omega)N(A) = -1
\]

If such an intersection exists, it indicates that there may be a limit cycle of amplitude \( A \) with frequency \( \omega \).

Describing function analysis is a simple method, but it is approximate because it assumes that higher harmonics can be neglected.

### 8.1 Module usage

The function `describing_function()` can be used to compute the describing function of a nonlinear function:

\[
N = \text{ct.describing_function}(F, A)
\]

Stability analysis using describing functions is done by looking for amplitudes \( a \) and frequencies \( \omega \) such that

\[
H(j\omega) = \frac{-1}{N(A)}
\]

These points can be determined by generating a Nyquist plot in which the transfer function \( H(j\omega) \) intersections the negative reciprocal of the describing function \( N(A) \). The `describing_function_plot()` function generates this plot and returns the amplitude and frequency of any points of intersection:

\[
\text{ct.describing_function_plot}(H, F, \text{amp_range}[, \text{omega_range}])
\]
8.2 Pre-defined nonlinearities

To facilitate the use of common describing functions, the following nonlinearity constructors are predefined:

```python
friction_backlash_nonlinearity(b)  # backlash nonlinearity with width b
relay_hysteresis_nonlinearity(b, c)  # relay output of amplitude b with
                                   # hysteresis of half-width c
saturation_nonlinearity(ub[, lb])  # saturation nonlinearity with upper
                                   # bound and (optional) lower bound
```

Calling these functions will create an object `F` that can be used for describing function analysis. For example, to create a saturation nonlinearity:

```python
F = ct.saturation_nonlinearity(1)
```

These functions use the `DescribingFunctionNonlinearity`, which allows an analytical description of the describing function.

8.3 Module classes and functions

```python
describing_function_nonlinearity()  # Backlash nonlinearity for describing function analysis.
describing_function_nonlinearity([ub, lb])  # Saturation nonlinearity for use in describing function analysis.
```

8.3.1 control.DescribingFunctionNonlinearity

```python
class control.DescribingFunctionNonlinearity
    Bases: object

    Base class for nonlinear systems with a describing function.

    This class is intended to be used as a base class for nonlinear functions that have an analytically defined describing function. Subclasses should override the `__call__` and `describing_function` methods and (optionally) the `isstatic` method (should be `False` if `__call__` updates the instance state).

    Methods

    `describing_function`  # Return the describing function for a nonlinearity.

    `__call__`(A)
    Evaluate the nonlinearity at a (scalar) input value.

    `describing_function`(A)
    Return the describing function for a nonlinearity.
    This method is used to allow analytical representations of the describing function for a nonlinearity. It turns
the (complex) value of the describing function for sinusoidal input of amplitude $A$.

### 8.3.2 control.friction_backlash_nonlinearity

**class** `control.friction_backlash_nonlinearity(b)`  
**Bases:** `control.descfcn.DescribingFunctionNonlinearity`  
Backlash nonlinearity for describing function analysis.  
This class creates a nonlinear function representing a friction-dominated backlash nonlinearity, including the describing function for the nonlinearity. The following call creates a nonlinear function suitable for describing function analysis:

```python
F = friction_backlash_nonlinearity(b)
```

This function maintains an internal state representing the ‘center’ of a mechanism with backlash. If the new input is within $b/2$ of the current center, the output is unchanged. Otherwise, the output is given by the input shifted by $b/2$.

**Methods**

- **describing_function**  
  Return the describing function for a nonlinearity.

  ```python
  describing_function(A)
  ```

  This method is used to allow analytical representations of the describing function for a nonlinearity. It turns the (complex) value of the describing function for sinusoidal input of amplitude $A$.

### 8.3.3 control.relay_hysteresis_nonlinearity

**class** `control.relay_hysteresis_nonlinearity(b, c)`  
**Bases:** `control.descfcn.DescribingFunctionNonlinearity`  
Relay w/ hysteresis nonlinearity for describing function analysis.  
This class creates a nonlinear function representing a relay with symmetric upper and lower bounds of magnitude $b$ and a hysteretic region of width $c$ (using the notation from [FBS2e](https://fbsbook.org), Example 10.12, including the describing function for the nonlinearity. The following call creates a nonlinear function suitable for describing function analysis:

```python
F = relay_hysteresis_nonlinearity(b, c)
```

The output of this function is $b$ if $x > c$ and $-b$ if $x < -c$. For $-c <= x <= c$, the value depends on the branch of the hysteresis loop (as illustrated in Figure 10.20 of FBS2e).
Methods

**describing_function**

Return the describing function for a nonlinearity.

```python
__call__(x)
```

Evaluate the nonlinearity at a (scalar) input value.

```python
describing_function(A)
```

Return the describing function for a nonlinearity.

This method is used to allow analytical representations of the describing function for a nonlinearity. It turns
the (complex) value of the describing function for sinusoidal input of amplitude $A$.

### 8.3.4 `control.saturation_nonlinearity`

class `control.saturation_nonlinearity`(ub=1, lb=None)

Bases: `control.descfcn.DescribingFunctionNonlinearity`  

Create saturation nonlinearity for use in describing function analysis.

This class creates a nonlinear function representing a saturation with given upper and lower bounds, including the
 describing function for the nonlinearity. The following call creates a nonlinear function suitable for describing
 function analysis:

```python
F = saturation_nonlinearity(ub[, lb])
```

By default, the lower bound is set to the negative of the upper bound. Asymmetric saturation functions can be
 created, but note that these functions will not have zero bias and hence care must be taken in using the nonlinearity
 for analysis.

Methods

**describing_function**

Return the describing function for a nonlinearity.

```python
__call__(x)
```

Evaluate the nonlinearity at a (scalar) input value.

```python
describing_function(A)
```

Return the describing function for a nonlinearity.

This method is used to allow analytical representations of the describing function for a nonlinearity. It turns
the (complex) value of the describing function for sinusoidal input of amplitude $A$.
The optimal module provides support for optimization-based controllers for nonlinear systems with state and input constraints.

### 9.1 Problem setup

Consider the optimal control problem:

\[
\min_{u(\cdot)} \int_0^T L(x, u) \, dt + V(x(T))
\]

subject to the constraint

\[
\dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ u \in \mathbb{R}^m.
\]

Abstractly, this is a constrained optimization problem where we seek a feasible trajectory \((x(t), u(t))\) that minimizes the cost function

\[
J(x, u) = \int_0^T L(x, u) \, dt + V(x(T)).
\]

More formally, this problem is equivalent to the “standard” problem of minimizing a cost function \(J(x, u)\) where \((x, u) \in L^2[0, T]\) (the set of square integrable functions) and \(h(z) = \dot{x}(t) - f(x(t), u(t)) = 0\) models the dynamics. The term \(L(x, u)\) is referred to as the integral (or trajectory) cost and \(V(x(T))\) is the final (or terminal) cost.

It is often convenient to ask that the final value of the trajectory, denoted \(x_f\), be specified. We can do this by requiring that \(x(T) = x_f\) or by using a more general form of constraint:

\[
\psi_i(x(T)) = 0, \quad i = 1, \ldots, q.
\]

The fully constrained case is obtained by setting \(q = n\) and defining \(\psi_i(x(T)) = x_i(T) - x_{i,f}\). For a control problem with a full set of terminal constraints, \(V(x(T))\) can be omitted (since its value is fixed).

Finally, we may wish to consider optimizations in which either the state or the inputs are constrained by a set of nonlinear functions of the form

\[
lb_i \leq g_i(x, u) \leq ub_i, \quad i = 1, \ldots, k.
\]

where \(lb_i\) and \(ub_i\) represent lower and upper bounds on the constraint function \(g_i\). Note that these constraints can be on the input, the state, or combinations of input and state, depending on the form of \(g_i\). Furthermore, these constraints are intended to hold at all instants in time along the trajectory.

A common use of optimization-based control techniques is the implementation of model predictive control (also called receding horizon control). In model predictive control, a finite horizon optimal control problem is solved, generating
open-loop state and control trajectories. The resulting control trajectory is applied to the system for a fraction of the horizon length. This process is then repeated, resulting in a sampled data feedback law. This approach is illustrated in the following figure:

Every $\Delta T$ seconds, an optimal control problem is solved over a $T$ second horizon, starting from the current state. The first $\Delta T$ seconds of the optimal control $u_T(\cdot; x(t))$ is then applied to the system. If we let $x_T(\cdot; x(t))$ represent the optimal trajectory starting from $x(t)$ at current time $t$ to $x_T^*(\delta T, x(t))$ at the next sample time $t + \Delta T$, assuming no model uncertainty.

In reality, the system will not follow the predicted path exactly, so that the red (computed) and blue (actual) trajectories will diverge. We thus recompute the optimal path from the new state at time $t + \Delta T$, extending our horizon by an additional $\Delta T$ units of time. This approach can be shown to generate stabilizing control laws under suitable conditions (see, for example, the FBS2e supplement on Optimization-Based Control.

### 9.2 Module usage

The optimal control module provides a means of computing optimal trajectories for nonlinear systems and implementing optimization-based controllers, including model predictive control. It follows the basic problem setup described above, but carries out all computations in discrete time (so that integrals become sums) and over a finite horizon.

To describe an optimal control problem we need an input/output system, a time horizon, a cost function, and (optionally) a set of constraints on the state and/or input, either along the trajectory and at the terminal time. The optimal control module operates by converting the optimal control problem into a standard optimization problem that can be solved by scipy.optimize.minimize(). The optimal control problem can be solved by using the solve_ocp() function:

```python
res = obt.solve_ocp(sys, horizon, X0, cost, constraints)
```

The `sys` parameter should be an `InputOutputSystem` and the `horizon` parameter should represent a time vector that gives the list of times at which the cost and constraints should be evaluated.

The `cost` function has call signature `cost(t, x, u)` and should return the (incremental) cost at the given time, state, and input. It will be evaluated at each point in the `horizon` vector. The `terminal_cost` parameter can be used to specify a cost function for the final point in the trajectory.

The `constraints` parameter is a list of constraints similar to that used by the `scipy.optimize.minimize()` function. Each constraint is a tuple of one of the following forms:
For a linear constraint, the 2D array $A$ is multiplied by a vector consisting of the current state $x$ and current input $u$ stacked vertically, then compared with the upper and lower bound. This constrain is satisfied if

$$lb \leq A \@ \text{np.hstack([x, u])} \leq ub$$

A nonlinear constraint is satisfied if

$$lb \leq f(x, u) \leq ub$$

By default, constraints are taken to be trajectory constraints holding at all points on the trajectory. The terminal constraint parameter can be used to specify a constraint that only holds at the final point of the trajectory.

The return value for \texttt{solve_ocp()} is a bundle object that has the following elements:

- \texttt{res.success}: True if the optimization was successfully solved
- \texttt{res.inputs}: optimal input
- \texttt{res.states}: state trajectory (if return\_x was True)
- \texttt{res.time}: copy of the time horizon vector

In addition, the results from \texttt{scipy.optimize.minimize()} are also available.

To simplify the specification of cost functions and constraints, the \texttt{ios} module defines a number of utility functions:

- \texttt{quadratic\_cost(sys, Q, R[, x0, u0])}: Create quadratic cost function
- \texttt{input\_poly\_constraint(sys, A, b)}: Create input constraint from polytope
- \texttt{input\_range\_constraint(sys, lb, ub)}: Create input constraint from polytope
- \texttt{output\_poly\_constraint(sys, A, b)}: Create output constraint from polytope
- \texttt{output\_range\_constraint(sys, lb, ub)}: Create output constraint from range
- \texttt{state\_poly\_constraint(sys, A, b)}: Create state constraint from polytope
- \texttt{state\_range\_constraint(sys, lb, ub)}: Create state constraint from polytope

### 9.3 Example

Consider the vehicle steering example described in FBS2e. The dynamics of the system can be defined as a nonlinear input/output system using the following code:

```python
import numpy as np
import control as ct
import control.optimal as opt
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def vehicle_update(t, x, u, params):
    # Get the parameters for the model
    l = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)    # vehicle wheelbase
    phimax = params.get('maxsteer', 0.5) # max steering angle (rad)

    # Saturate the steering input
    phi = np.clip(u[1], -phimax, phimax)
```

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# Return the derivative of the state

```python
return np.array([np.cos(x[2]) * u[0],  # xdot = cos(theta) v
                 np.sin(x[2]) * u[0],  # ydot = sin(theta) v
                 (u[0] / l) * np.tan(phi)  # thdot = v/l tan(phi)
                 ])
```

def vehicle_output(t, x, u, params):
    return x  # return x, y, theta (full state)

# Define the vehicle steering dynamics as an input/output system
vehicle = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    vehicle_update, vehicle_output, states=3, name='vehicle',
    inputs=('v', 'phi'), outputs=('x', 'y', 'theta'))

We consider an optimal control problem that consists of “changing lanes” by moving from the point \(x = 0\) m, \(y = -2\) m, \(\theta = 0\) to the point \(x = 100\) m, \(y = 2\) m, \(\theta = 0\) over a period of 10 seconds and with a with a starting and ending velocity of 10 m/s:

\[
x_0 = [0., -2., 0.]; u_0 = [10., 0.0]
x_f = [100., 2., 0.]; u_f = [10., 0.0]
T_f = 10
\]

To set up the optimal control problem we design a cost function that penalizes the state and input using quadratic cost functions:

```python
Q = np.diag([0.1, 10, 0.1])  # keep lateral error low
R = np.eye(2) * 0.1
cost = opt.quadratic_cost(vehicle, Q, R, x0=x_f, u0=u_f)
```

We also constraint the maximum turning rate to 0.1 radians (about 6 degrees) and constrain the velocity to be in the range of 9 m/s to 11 m/s:

```python
constraints = [opt.input_range_constraint(vehicle, [8, -0.1], [12, 0.1])]
```

Finally, we solve for the optimal inputs:

```python
horizon = np.linspace(0, T_f, 20, endpoint=True)  # slight left veer
bend_left = [10, 0.01]
result = opt.solve_ocp(
    vehicle, horizon, x0, cost, constraints, initial_guess=bend_left,
    options={'eps': 0.01})  # set step size for gradient calculation
```

# Extract the results
u = result.inputs
t, y = ct.input_output_response(vehicle, horizon, u, x0)

Plotting the results:

```python
# Plot the results
plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
```

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plt.plot(y[0], y[1])
plt.plot(x0[0], x0[1], 'ro', xf[0], xf[1], 'ro')
plt.xlabel("x [m]")
plt.ylabel("y [m]")

plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
plt.plot(t, u[0])
plt.plot([0, 10], [9, 9], 'k--', [0, 10], [11, 11], 'k--')
plt.xlabel("t [sec]")
plt.ylabel("u1 [m/s]")

plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
plt.plot(t, u[1])
plt.plot([0, 10], [-0.1, -0.1], 'k--', [0, 10], [0.1, 0.1], 'k--')
plt.xlabel("t [sec]")
plt.ylabel("u2 [rad/s]")

plt.suptitle("Lane change maneuver")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
9.4 Module classes and functions

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9.4.1 control.optimal.OptimalControlProblem

class control.optimal.OptimalControlProblem(sys, timepts, integral_cost, trajectory_constraints=[], terminal_cost=None, terminal_constraints=[], initial_guess=None, basis=None, log=False, **kwargs)

  Bases: object

Description of a finite horizon, optimal control problem.

The OptimalControlProblem class holds all of the information required to specify an optimal control problem: the system dynamics, cost function, and constraints. As much as possible, the information used to specify an optimal control problem matches the notation and terminology of the SciPy optimize.minimize module, with the hope that this makes it easier to remember how to describe a problem.

Parameters

- `sys` (InputOutputSystem) – I/O system for which the optimal input will be computed.
• **timepts** (*1D array_like*) – List of times at which the optimal input should be computed.

• **integral_cost** (*callable*) – Function that returns the integral cost given the current state and input. Called as integral_cost(x, u).

• **trajectory_constraints** (*list of tuples, optional*) – List of constraints that should hold at each point in the time vector. Each element of the list should consist of a tuple with first element given by `LinearConstraint()` or `NonlinearConstraint()` and the remaining elements of the tuple are the arguments that would be passed to those functions. The constraints will be applied at each time point along the trajectory.

• **terminal_cost** (*callable, optional*) – Function that returns the terminal cost given the current state and input. Called as terminal_cost(x, u).

• **initial_guess** (*1D or 2D array_like*) – Initial inputs to use as a guess for the optimal input. The inputs should either be a 2D vector of shape (ninputs, horizon) or a 1D input of shape (ninputs,) that will be broadcast by extension of the time axis.

• **log** (*bool, optional*) – If True, turn on logging messages (using Python logging module).

• **kwargs** (*dict, optional*) – Additional parameters (passed to `scipy.optimize.minimize()`).

**Returns**

• **ocp** (*`OptimalControlProblem`*) – Optimal control problem object, to be used in computing optimal controllers.

• **Additional parameters**

• **solve_ivp_method** (*str, optional*) – Set the method used by `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp()`.

• **solve_ivp_kwargs** (*str, optional*) – Pass additional keywords to `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp()`.

• **minimize_method** (*str, optional*) – Set the method used by `scipy.optimize.minimize()`.

• **minimize_options** (*str, optional*) – Set the options keyword used by `scipy.optimize.minimize()`.

• **minimize_kwargs** (*str, optional*) – Pass additional keywords to `scipy.optimize.minimize()`.

**Notes**

To describe an optimal control problem we need an input/output system, a time horizon, a cost function, and (optionally) a set of constraints on the state and/or input, either along the trajectory and at the terminal time. This class sets up an optimization over the inputs at each point in time, using the integral and terminal costs as well as the trajectory and terminal constraints. The `compute_trajectory` method sets up an optimization problem that can be solved using `scipy.optimize.minimize()`.

The _cost_function_ method takes the information computes the cost of the trajectory generated by the proposed input. It does this by calling a user-defined function for the integral_cost given the current states and inputs at each point along the trajectory and then adding the value of a user-defined terminal cost at the final point in the trajectory.

The _constraint_function_ method evaluates the constraint functions along the trajectory generated by the proposed input. As in the case of the cost function, the constraints are evaluated at the state and input along each.
point on the trajectory. This information is compared against the constraint upper and lower bounds. The con- 
straint function is processed in the class initializer, so that it only needs to be computed once.

If *basis* is specified, then the optimization is done over coefficients of the basis elements. Otherwise, the opti-
mization is performed over the values of the input at the specified times (using linear interpolation for 
continuous systems).

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**compute_mpc**(*x*, *squeeze=None*)

Compute the optimal input at state *x*

This function calls the *compute_trajectory()* method and returns the input at the first time point.

**Parameters**

- **x** *(array-like or number, optional)* – Initial state for the system.
- **squeeze** *(bool, optional)* – If True and if the system has a single output, return the system output as a 1D array rather than a 2D array. If False, return the system output as a 2D array even if the system is SISO. Default value set by config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response'].

**Returns**

- **input** – Optimal input for the system at the current time. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 2D (indexed by the output number and time). Set to *None* if the optimization failed.

**Return type** array

**compute_trajectory**(*x*, *squeeze=None, transpose=None, return_states=None, initial_guess=None, print_summary=True, **kwargs*)

Compute the optimal input at state *x*

**Parameters**

- **x** *(array-like or number, optional)* – Initial state for the system.
- **return_states** *(bool, optional)* – If True, return the values of the state at each time (default = False).
- **squeeze** *(bool, optional)* – If True and if the system has a single output, return the system output as a 1D array rather than a 2D array. If False, return the system output as a 2D array even if the system is SISO. Default value set by config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response'].
- **transpose** *(bool, optional)* – If True, assume that 2D input arrays are transposed from the standard format. Used to convert MATLAB-style inputs to our format.

**Returns**

- **res** *(OptimalControlResult)* – Bundle object with the results of the optimal control problem.
- **res.success** *(bool)* – Boolean flag indicating whether the optimization was successful.
- **res.time** *(array)* – Time values of the input.
• \texttt{res.inputs} \texttt{(array)} – Optimal inputs for the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 2D (indexed by the output number and time).

• \texttt{res.states} \texttt{(array)} – Time evolution of the state vector (if return\_states=True).

### 9.4.2 \texttt{control.optimal.OptimalControlResult}

```python
class control.optimal.OptimalControlResult(ocp, res, return_states=False, print_summary=False, transpose=None, squeeze=None)
```

Bases: \texttt{scipy.optimize.optimize.OptimizeResult}

Result from solving an optimal control problem.

This class is a subclass of \texttt{scipy.optimize.optimize.OptimizeResult} with additional attributes associated with solving optimal control problems.

**inputs**

The optimal inputs associated with the optimal control problem.

\texttt{Type \ ndarray}

**states**

If \texttt{return\_states} was set to true, stores the state trajectory associated with the optimal input.

\texttt{Type \ ndarray}

**success**

Whether or not the optimizer exited successful.

\texttt{Type \ bool}

**problem**

Optimal control problem that generated this solution.

\texttt{Type \ OptimalControlProblem}

**Methods**

- \texttt{clear}
- \texttt{copy}
- \texttt{fromkeys}

Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.

- \texttt{get}

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

- \texttt{items}

- \texttt{keys}

- \texttt{pop}

If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise KeyError is raised

- \texttt{popitem}

2-tuple; but raise KeyError if D is empty.

- \texttt{setdefault}

Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.

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**__contains__**(key, /)
True if the dictionary has the specified key, else False.

**__delattr__**(key, /)
Delete self[key].

**__delitem__**(key, /)
Delete self[key].

**__dir__**( )
Default dir() implementation.

**__eq__**(value, /)
Return self==value.

**__ge__**(value, /)
Return self>=value.

**__getattribute__**(name, /)
Return getattr(self, name).

**__getitem__**( )
x.__getitem__(y) <==> x[y]

**__gt__**(value, /)
Return self>value.

**__hash__** = None

**__iter__**( )
Implement iter(self).

**__le__**(value, /)
Return self<=value.

**__len__**( )
Return len(self).

**__lt__**(value, /)
Return self<value.

**__ne__**(value, /)
Return self!=value.

**__new__**( **kwargs)

**__setattr__**( key, value, /)
Set self[key] to value.

**__setitem__**( key, value, /)
Set self[key] to value.

**__sizeof__**( ) → size of D in memory, in bytes

**clear**( ) → None. Remove all items from D.
Python Control Library Documentation, Release dev

**copy()** → a shallow copy of D

**fromkeys(value=None, /)**

Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.

**get(key, default=None, /)**

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

**items()** → a set-like object providing a view on D's items

**keys()** → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

**pop(k[, d])** → v, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.

If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise KeyError is raised

**popitem()** → (k, v), remove and return some (key, value) pair as a 2-tuple; but raise KeyError if D is empty.

**setdefault(key, default=None, /)**

Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

**update([E], **F)** → None. Update D from dict/iterable E and F.

If E is present and has a .keys() method, then does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k] If E is present and lacks a .keys() method, then does: for k, v in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: D[k] = F[k]

**values()** → an object providing a view on D's values

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**solve_ocp**(sys, horizon, X0, cost[, ...]) Compute the solution to an optimal control problem

**create_mpc_iosystem**(sys, horizon, cost[, ...]) Create a model predictive I/O control system

**input_poly_constraint**(sys, A, b) Create input constraint from polytope

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**state_poly_constraint**(sys, A, b) Create state constraint from polytope

**state_range_constraint**(sys, lb, ub) Create state constraint from range

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**9.4.3 control.optimal.solve_ocp**

**control.optimal.solve_ocp**(sys, horizon, X0, cost[, ...], terminal_cost=None, terminal_constraints=[], initial_guess=None, basis=None, squeeze=None, transpose=None, return_states=False, log=False, **kwargs)

Compute the solution to an optimal control problem

**Parameters**

- **sys (InputOutputSystem)** – I/O system for which the optimal input will be computed.
- **horizon (1D array_like)** – List of times at which the optimal input should be computed.
- **X0 (array-like or number, optional)** – Initial condition (default = 0).
- **cost (callable)** – Function that returns the integral cost given the current state and input. Called as cost(x, u).
- **constraints (list of tuples, optional)** – List of constraints that should hold at each point in the time vector. Each element of the list should consist of a tuple with first element given by scipy.optimize.LinearConstraint() or scipy.optimize.
NonlinearConstraint() and the remaining elements of the tuple are the arguments that would be passed to those functions. The following tuples are supported:

- (LinearConstraint, A, lb, ub): The matrix A is multiplied by stacked vector of the state and input at each point on the trajectory for comparison against the upper and lower bounds.
- (NonlinearConstraint, fun, lb, ub): a user-specific constraint function fun(x, u) is called at each point along the trajectory and compared against the upper and lower bounds.

The constraints are applied at each time point along the trajectory.

• **terminal_cost** *(callable, optional)* – Function that returns the terminal cost given the current state and input. Called as terminal_cost(x, u).

• **terminal_constraints** *(list of tuples, optional)* – List of constraints that should hold at the end of the trajectory. Same format as constraints.

• **initial_guess** *(1D or 2D array_like)* – Initial inputs to use as a guess for the optimal input. The inputs should either be a 2D vector of shape (nininputs, horizon) or a 1D input of shape (ninputs,) that will be broadcast by extension of the time axis.

• **log** *(bool, optional)* – If True, turn on logging messages (using Python logging module).

• **return_states** *(bool, optional)* – If True, return the values of the state at each time (default = False).

• **squeeze** *(bool, optional)* – If True and if the system has a single output, return the system output as a 1D array rather than a 2D array. If False, return the system output as a 2D array even if the system is SISO. Default value set by config.defaults['control.squeeze_time_response'].

• **transpose** *(bool, optional)* – If True, assume that 2D input arrays are transposed from the standard format. Used to convert MATLAB-style inputs to our format.

• **kwargs** *(dict, optional)* – Additional parameters (passed to scipy.optimize.minimize()).

**Returns**

- **res** *(OptimalControlResult)* – Bundle object with the results of the optimal control problem.

- **res.success** *(bool)* – Boolean flag indicating whether the optimization was successful.

- **res.time** *(array)* – Time values of the input.

- **res.inputs** *(array)* – Optimal inputs for the system. If the system is SISO and squeeze is not True, the array is 1D (indexed by time). If the system is not SISO or squeeze is False, the array is 2D (indexed by the output number and time).

- **res.states** *(array)* – Time evolution of the state vector (if return_states=True).

**Notes**

Additional keyword parameters can be used to fine tune the behavior of the underlying optimization and integrations functions. See OptimalControlProblem() for more information.
9.4.4  control.optimal.create_mpc_iosystem

control.optimal.create_mpc_iosystem(sys, horizon, cost, constraints=[], terminal_cost=None, terminal_constraints=[], dt=True, log=False, **kwargs)

Create a model predictive I/O control system.

This function creates an input/output system that implements a model predictive control for a system given the time horizon, cost function and constraints that define the finite-horizon optimization that should be carried out at each state.

**Parameters**

- **sys** (*InputOutputSystem*) – I/O system for which the optimal input will be computed.
- **horizon** (*1D array_like*) – List of times at which the optimal input should be computed.
- **cost** (*callable*) – Function that returns the integral cost given the current state and input. Called as cost(x, u).
- **constraints** (*list of tuples, optional*) – List of constraints that should hold at each point in the time vector. See `solve_ocp()` for more details.
- **terminal_cost** (*callable, optional*) – Function that returns the terminal cost given the current state and input. Called as terminal_cost(x, u).
- **terminal_constraints** (*list of tuples, optional*) – List of constraints that should hold at the end of the trajectory. Same format as `constraints`.
- **kwargs** (*dict, optional*) – Additional parameters (passed to `scipy.optimal.minimize()`).

**Returns**

- **ctrl** – An I/O system taking the current state of the model system and returning the current input to be applied that minimizes the cost function while satisfying the constraints.

**Return type** *InputOutputSystem*

**Notes**

Additional keyword parameters can be used to fine tune the behavior of the underlying optimization and integrations functions. See `OptimalControlProblem()` for more information.

9.4.5  control.optimal.input_poly_constraint

control.optimal.input_poly_constraint(sys, A, b)

Create input constraint from polytope.

Creates a linear constraint on the system input of the form A u ≤ b that can be used as an optimal control constraint (trajectory or terminal).

**Parameters**

- **sys** (*InputOutputSystem*) – I/O system for which the constraint is being defined.
- **A** (*2D array*) – Constraint matrix
- **b** (*1D array*) – Upper bound for the constraint

**Returns**

- **constraint** – A tuple consisting of the constraint type and parameter values.

**Return type** *tuple*
9.4.6 control.optimal.input_range_constraint

control.optimal.input_range_constraint(sys, lb, ub)
Create input constraint from polytope

Creates a linear constraint on the system input that bounds the range of the individual states to be between \( lb \) and \( ub \). The upper and lower bounds can be set of \( \text{inf} \) and \( -\text{inf} \) to indicate there is no constraint or to the same value to describe an equality constraint.

**Parameters**

- **sys** (*InputOutputSystem*) – I/O system for which the constraint is being defined.
- **lb** (*1D array*) – Lower bound for each of the inputs.
- **ub** (*1D array*) – Upper bound for each of the inputs.

**Returns**

- **constraint** – A tuple consisting of the constraint type and parameter values.

**Return type**
tuple

9.4.7 control.optimal.output_poly_constraint

control.optimal.output_poly_constraint(sys, A, b)
Create output constraint from polytope

Creates a linear constraint on the system output of the form \( A \ y \leq b \) that can be used as an optimal control constraint (trajectory or terminal).

**Parameters**

- **sys** (*InputOutputSystem*) – I/O system for which the constraint is being defined.
- **A** (*2D array*) – Constraint matrix
- **b** (*1D array*) – Upper bound for the constraint

**Returns**

- **constraint** – A tuple consisting of the constraint type and parameter values.

**Return type**
tuple

9.4.8 control.optimal.output_range_constraint

control.optimal.output_range_constraint(sys, lb, ub)
Create output constraint from range

Creates a linear constraint on the system output that bounds the range of the individual states to be between \( lb \) and \( ub \). The upper and lower bounds can be set of \( \text{inf} \) and \( -\text{inf} \) to indicate there is no constraint or to the same value to describe an equality constraint.

**Parameters**

- **sys** (*InputOutputSystem*) – I/O system for which the constraint is being defined.
- **lb** (*1D array*) – Lower bound for each of the outputs.
- **ub** (*1D array*) – Upper bound for each of the outputs.

**Returns**

- **constraint** – A tuple consisting of the constraint type and parameter values.

**Return type**
tuple
9.4.9 control.optimal.state_poly_constraint

control.optimal.state_poly_constraint(sys, A, b)
Create state constraint from polytope

Creates a linear constraint on the system state of the form $A x \leq b$ that can be used as an optimal control constraint (trajectory or terminal).

Parameters

- **sys** (*InputOutputSystem*) – I/O system for which the constraint is being defined.
- **A** (*2D array*) – Constraint matrix
- **b** (*1D array*) – Upper bound for the constraint

Returns **constraint** – A tuple consisting of the constraint type and parameter values.

Return type tuple

9.4.10 control.optimal.state_range_constraint

control.optimal.state_range_constraint(sys, lb, ub)
Create state constraint from polytope

Creates a linear constraint on the system state that bounds the range of the individual states to be between $lb$ and $ub$. The upper and lower bounds can be set of $inf$ and $-inf$ to indicate there is no constraint or to the same value to describe an equality constraint.

Parameters

- **sys** (*InputOutputSystem*) – I/O system for which the constraint is being defined.
- **lb** (*1D array*) – Lower bound for each of the states.
- **ub** (*1D array*) – Upper bound for each of the states.

Returns **constraint** – A tuple consisting of the constraint type and parameter values.

Return type tuple
The source code for the examples below are available in the `examples/` subdirectory of the source code distribution. They can also be accessed online via the [python-control GitHub repository](https://github.com/python-control/python-control/tree/master/examples).

## 10.1 Python scripts

The following Python scripts document the use of a variety of methods in the Python Control Toolbox on examples drawn from standard control textbooks and other sources.

### 10.1.1 Second order system (MATLAB module example)

This example computes time and frequency responses for a second-order system using the MATLAB compatibility module.

### Code

```python
# second.py - demonstrate some standard MATLAB commands
# RMM, 25 May 09

import os
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # MATLAB plotting functions
from control.matlab import * # MATLAB-like functions

# Parameters defining the system
m = 250.0 # system mass
k = 40.0 # spring constant
b = 60.0 # damping constant

# System matrices
A = [[0, 1.], [-k/m, -b/m]]
B = [[0], [1/m]]
C = [[1., 0]]
sys = ss(A, B, C, 0)

# Step response for the system
plt.figure(1)
yout, T = step(sys)
```

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Notes

1. The environment variable `PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES` is used for testing to turn off plotting of the outputs.

### 10.1.2 Inner/outer control design for vertical takeoff and landing aircraft

This script demonstrates the use of the python-control package for analysis and design of a controller for a vectored thrust aircraft model that is used as a running example through the text Feedback Systems by Astrom and Murray. This example makes use of MATLAB compatible commands.

**Code**

```python
# pvtol-nested.py - inner/outer design for vectored thrust aircraft
# RMM, 5 Sep 09
#
# This file works through a fairly complicated control design and
# analysis, corresponding to the planar vertical takeoff and landing
# (PVTOL) aircraft in Astrom and Murray, Chapter 11. It is intended
# to demonstrate the basic functionality of the python-control
# package.
#
from __future__ import print_function
import os
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  # MATLAB plotting functions
import control.matlab as C  # MATLAB-like functions
import numpy as np

# System parameters
```
m = 4  # mass of aircraft
J = 0.0475  # inertia around pitch axis
r = 0.25  # distance to center of force
g = 9.8  # gravitational constant
c = 0.05  # damping factor (estimated)

# Transfer functions for dynamics
Pi = tf([r], [J, 0, 0])  # inner loop (roll)
Po = tf([1], [m, c, 0])  # outer loop (position)

# Inner loop control design

# This is the controller for the pitch dynamics. Goal is to have
# fast response for the pitch dynamics so that we can use this as a
# control for the lateral dynamics

# Design a simple lead controller for the system
k, a, b = 200, 2, 50
Ci = k*tf([1, a], [1, b])  # lead compensator
Li = Pi*Ci

# Bode plot for the open loop process
plt.figure(1)
bode(Pi)

# Bode plot for the loop transfer function, with margins
plt.figure(2)
bode(Li)

# Compute out the gain and phase margins
#! Not implemented
# gm, pm, wcg, wcp = margin(Li)

# Compute the sensitivity and complementary sensitivity functions
Si = feedback(1, Li)
Ti = Li*Si

# Check to make sure that the specification is met
plt.figure(3)
gangof4(Pi, Ci)

# Compute out the actual transfer function from u1 to v1 (see L8.2 notes)
# Hi = Ci*(1-m*g*Pi)/(1+Ci*Pi)
Hi = parallel(feedback(Ci, Pi), -m*g*feedback(Ci*Pi, 1))

plt.figure(4)
plt.clf()
plt.subplot(221)
bode(Hi)

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# Now design the lateral control system
a, b, K = 0.02, 5, 2
Co = -K*tf([1, 0.3], [1, 10])  # another lead compensator
Lo = -m*Po*Co

plt.figure(5)
bode(Lo)  # margin(Lo)

# Finally compute the real outer-loop loop gain + responses
L = Co*Hi*Po
S = feedback(1, L)
T = feedback(L, 1)

# Compute stability margins
gm, pm, wgc, wpc = margin(L)
print("Gain margin: %g at %g" % (gm, wgc))
print("Phase margin: %g at %g" % (pm, wpc))

plt.figure(6)
plt.clf()
bode(L, np.logspace(-4, 3))

# Add crossover line to the magnitude plot
#
# Note: in matplotlib before v2.1, the following code worked:
# plt.subplot(211); hold(True);
# loglog([1e-4, 1e3], [1, 1], 'k-')
#
# In later versions of matplotlib the call to plt.subplot will clear the
# axes and so we have to extract the axes that we want to use by hand.
# In addition, hold() is deprecated so we no longer require it.
#
for ax in plt.gcf().axes:
    if ax.get_label() == 'control-bode-magnitude':
        break
ax.semilogx([1e-4, 1e3], 20*np.log10([1, 1]), 'k-')

# Replot phase starting at -90 degrees
#
# Get the phase plot axes
for ax in plt.gcf().axes:
    if ax.get_label() == 'control-bode-phase':
        break

# Recreate the frequency response and shift the phase
mag, phase, w = freqresp(L, np.logspace(-4, 3))
phase = phase - 360

# Replot the phase by hand
ax.semilogx([1e-4, 1e3], [-180, -180], 'k-')
```python
ax.semilogx(w, np.squeeze(phase), 'b-')
plt.axis([1e-4, 1e3, -360, 0])
plt.xlabel('Frequency [deg]')
plt.ylabel('Phase [deg]')
# plt.set(gca, 'YTick', [-360, -270, -180, -90, 0])
# plt.set(gca, 'XTick', [10^-4, 10^-2, 1, 100])

# Nyquist plot for complete design
# plt.figure(7)
plt.clf()
nyquist(L, (0.0001, 1000))

# Add a box in the region we are going to expand
plt.plot([-2, -2, 1, 1, -2], [-4, 4, 4, -4, -4], 'r-')

# Expanded region
plt.figure(8)
plt.clf()
nyquist(L)
plt.axis([-2, 1, -4, 4])

# set up the color
color = 'b'

# Add arrows to the plot
# H1 = L.evalfr(0.4); H2 = L.evalfr(0.41);
# arrow([real(H1), imag(H1)], [real(H2), imag(H2)], AM_normal_arrowsize, 
# 'EdgeColor', color, 'FaceColor', color);
# H1 = freqresp(L, 0.35); H2 = freqresp(L, 0.36);
# arrow([real(H2), -imag(H2)], [real(H1), -imag(H1)], AM_normal_arrowsize, 
# 'EdgeColor', color, 'FaceColor', color);

plt.figure(9)
Yvec, Tvec = step(T, np.linspace(0, 20))
plt.plot(Tvec.T, Yvec.T)

Yvec, Tvec = step(Co*S, np.linspace(0, 20))
plt.plot(Tvec.T, Yvec.T)

plt.figure(10)
plt.clf()
P, Z = pzmap(T, plot=True, grid=True)
print("Closed loop poles and zeros: ", P, Z)

# Gang of Four
plt.figure(11)
plt.clf()
gangof4(Hi*Po, Co)
```

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1. Importing `print_function` from `__future__` in line 11 is only required if using Python 2.7.
2. The environment variable `PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES` is used for testing to turn off plotting of the outputs.

### 10.1.3 LQR control design for vertical takeoff and landing aircraft

This script demonstrates the use of the python-control package for analysis and design of a controller for a vectored thrust aircraft model that is used as a running example through the text Feedback Systems by Astrom and Murray. This example makes use of MATLAB compatible commands.

#### Code

```python
import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  # MATLAB plotting functions
from control.matlab import *  # MATLAB-like functions

# System dynamics
# These are the dynamics for the PVTOL system, written in state space form.

# System parameters
m = 4  # mass of aircraft
J = 0.0475  # inertia around pitch axis
r = 0.25  # distance to center of force
g = 9.8  # gravitational constant
c = 0.05  # damping factor (estimated)

# State space dynamics
xe = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]  # equilibrium point of interest
ue = [0, m*g]  # (note these are lists, not matrices)
```
# TODO: The following objects need converting from np.matrix to np.array
# This will involve re-working the subsequent equations as the shapes
# See below.

# Dynamics matrix (use matrix type so that * works for multiplication)
A = np.matrix(
    [[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0],
     [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0],
     [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1],
     [0, 0, (-ue[0]*np.sin(xe[2]) - ue[1]*np.cos(xe[2]))/m, -c/m, 0, 0],
     [0, 0, (ue[0]*np.cos(xe[2]) - ue[1]*np.sin(xe[2]))/m, 0, -c/m, 0],
     [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]])

# Input matrix
B = np.matrix(
    [[0, 0],
     [0, 0],
     [0, 0],
     [np.cos(xe[2])/m, -np.sin(xe[2])/m],
     [np.sin(xe[2])/m, np.cos(xe[2])/m],
     [r/J, 0]])

# Output matrix
C = np.matrix([[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]])
D = np.matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]])

# Construct inputs and outputs corresponding to steps in xy position
# The vectors xd and yd correspond to the states that are the desired
# equilibrium states for the system. The matrices Cx and Cy are the
# corresponding outputs.
# The way these vectors are used is to compute the closed loop system
# dynamics as
# xdot = Ax + B u => xdot = (A-BK)x + K xd
# u = -K(x - xd) y = Cx

# The closed loop dynamics can be simulated using the "step" command,
# with K*xd as the input vector (assumes that the "input" is unit size,
# so that xdot corresponds to the desired steady state.

xd = np.matrix([[1], [0], [0], [0], [0], [0]])
yd = np.matrix([[0], [1], [0], [0], [0], [0]])

# Extract the relevant dynamics for use with SISO library
# The current python-control library only supports SISO transfer
# functions, so we have to modify some parts of the original MATLAB
# code to extract out SISO systems. To do this, we define the 'lat' and
# 'alt' index vectors to consist of the states that are are relevant
# to the lateral (x) and vertical (y) dynamics.
#
# Indices for the parts of the state that we want
lat = (0, 2, 3, 5)
alt = (1, 4)

# Decoupled dynamics
Ax = A[np.ix_(lat, lat)]
Bx = B[lat, 0]
Cx = C[0, lat]
Dx = D[0, 0]

Ay = A[np.ix_(alt, alt)]
By = B[alt, 1]
Cy = C[1, alt]
Dy = D[1, 1]

# Label the plot
plt.clf()
plt.suptitle("LQR controllers for vectored thrust aircraft (pvtol-lqr)")

# LQR design

# Start with a diagonal weighting
Qx1 = np.diag([1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1])
Qu1a = np.diag([1, 1])
K, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Qu1a)
K1a = np.matrix(K)

# Close the loop: xdot = Ax - B K (x-xd)
# Note: python-control requires we do this 1 input at a time
# H1a = ss(A-B*K1a, B*K1a*concatenate((xd, yd), axis=1), C, D);
# (T, Y) = step(H1a, T=np.linspace(0,10,100));

# TODO: The following equations will need modifying when converting from np.matrix to np.array
# because the results and even intermediate calculations will be different with numpy arrays
# For example:
# Bx = B[lat, 0]
# Will need to be changed to:
# Bx = B[lat, 0].reshape(-1, 1)
# (if we want it to have the same shape as before)

# For reference, here is a list of the correct shapes of these objects:
# A: (6, 6)
# B: (6, 2)
# Step response for the first input
H1ax = ss(Ax - Bx*K1a[0, lat], Bx*K1a[0, lat]*xd[lat, :], Cx, Dx)
Yx, Tx = step(H1ax, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))

# Step response for the second input
H1ay = ss(Ay - By*K1a[1, alt], By*K1a[1, alt]*yd[alt, :], Cy, Dy)
Yy, Ty = step(H1ay, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))

plt.subplot(221)
plt.title("Identity weights")
plt.plot(Tx.T, Yx.T, '-', Ty.T, Yy.T, '--')
plt.plot([0, 10], [1, 1], 'k-')
plt.axis([0, 10, -0.1, 1.4])
plt.ylabel('position')
plt.legend(('x', 'y'), loc='lower right')

# Look at different input weightings
Qu1a = np.diag([1, 1])
K1a, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Qu1a)
H1ax = ss(Ax - Bx*K1a[0, lat], Bx*K1a[0, lat]*xd[lat, :], Cx, Dx)

Qu1b = (40 ** 2)*np.diag([1, 1])
K1b, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Qu1b)
H1bx = ss(Ax - Bx*K1b[0, lat], Bx*K1b[0, lat]*xd[lat, :], Cx, Dx)

Qu1c = (200 ** 2)*np.diag([1, 1])
K1c, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Qu1c)
H1cx = ss(Ax - Bx*K1c[0, lat], Bx*K1c[0, lat]*xd[lat, :], Cx, Dx)

[Y1, T1] = step(H1ax, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))
[Y2, T2] = step(H1bx, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))
[Y3, T3] = step(H1cx, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))

plt.subplot(222)
plt.title("Effect of input weights")
plt.plot(T1.T, Y1.T, 'b-')
plt.plot(T2.T, Y2.T, 'b-')
plt.plot(T3.T, Y3.T, 'b-')

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plt.plot([0, 10], [1, 1], 'k-')
plt.axis([0, 10, -0.1, 1.4])
# arccircle([1.3, 0.8], [5, 0.45], -6)
plt.text(5.3, 0.4, 'rho')

# Output weighting - change Qx to use outputs
Qx2 = C.T*C
Qu2 = 0.1*np.diag([1, 1])
K, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx2, Qu2)
K2 = np.matrix(K)
H2x = ss(Ax - Bx*K2[0, lat], Bx*K2[0, alt]*xd[lat, :], Cx, Dx)
H2y = ss(Ay - By*K2[1, alt], By*K2[1, alt]*yd[alt, :], Cy, Dy)
plt.subplot(223)
plt.title("Output weighting")
[Y2x, T2x] = step(H2x, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))
[Y2y, T2y] = step(H2y, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))
plt.plot(T2x.T, Y2x.T, T2y.T, Y2y.T)
plt.ylabel('position')
plt.xlabel('time')
plt.legend(('x', 'y'), loc='lower right')

# Physically motivated weighting
# Shoot for 1 cm error in x, 10 cm error in y. Try to keep the angle
# less than 5 degrees in making the adjustments. Penalize side forces
# due to loss in efficiency.

Qx3 = np.diag([100, 10, 2*np.pi/5, 0, 0, 0])
Qu3 = 0.1*np.diag([1, 1])
(K, X, E) = lqr(A, B, Qx3, Qu3)
K3 = np.matrix(K)
H3x = ss(Ax - Bx*K3[0, lat], Bx*K3[0, alt]*xd[lat, :], Cx, Dx)
H3y = ss(Ay - By*K3[1, alt], By*K3[1, alt]*yd[alt, :], Cy, Dy)
plt.subplot(224)
# step(H3x, H3y, 10)
[Y3x, T3x] = step(H3x, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))
[Y3y, T3y] = step(H3y, T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100))
plt.plot(T3x.T, Y3x.T, T3y.T, Y3y.T)
plt.title("Physically motivated weights")
plt.xlabel('time')
plt.legend(('x', 'y'), loc='lower right')

if 'PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES' not in os.environ:
    plt.show()
Notes

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10.1.4 Balanced model reduction examples

Code

```python
#!/usr/bin/env python

import os

import numpy as np
import control.modelsimp as msimp
import control.matlab as mt
from control.statesp import StateSpace
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.close('all')

# controllable canonical realization computed in MATLAB for the
# transfer function: num = [1 11 45 32], den = [1 15 60 200 60]
A = np.array([[-15., -7.5, -6.25, -1.875],
              [8., 0., 0., 0.],
              [0., 4., 0., 0.],
              [0., 0., 1., 0.]])
B = np.array([[2.],
              [0.],
              [0.],
              [0.]])
C = np.array([[0.5, 0.6875, 0.7031, 0.5]])
D = np.array([[0.]])

# The full system
fsys = StateSpace(A, B, C, D)

# The reduced system, truncating the order by 1
n = 3
rsys = msimp.balred(fsys, n, method='truncate')

# Comparison of the step responses of the full and reduced systems
plt.figure(1)
y, t = mt.step(fsys)
yr, tr = mt.step(rsys)
plt.plot(t.T, y.T)
plt.plot(tr.T, yr.T)

# Repeat balanced reduction, now with 100-dimensional random state space
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```
sysrand = mt.rss(100, 1, 1)
rsysrand = msimp.balred(sysrand, 10, method='truncate')

# Comparison of the impulse responses of the full and reduced random systems
plt.figure(2)
yrand, trand = mt.impulse(sysrand)
yrandr, trandr = mt.impulse(rsysrand)
plt.plot(trand.T, yrand.T, trandr.T, yrandr.T)

if 'PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES' not in os.environ:
    plt.show()

Notes

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10.1.5 Phase plot examples

Code

# phaseplots.py - examples of phase portraits
# RMM, 24 July 2011
#
# This file contains examples of phase portraits pulled from “Feedback
# Systems” by Astrom and Murray (Princeton University Press, 2008).

import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from control.phaseplot import phase_plot
from numpy import pi

# Clear out any figures that are present
plt.close('all')

# Inverted pendulum

# Define the ODEs for a damped (inverted) pendulum
def invpend_ode(x, t, m=1., l=1., b=0.2, g=1):
    return x[1], -b/m*x[1] + (g*l/m)*np.sin(x[0])

# Set up the figure the way we want it to look
plt.figure()
plt.clf()
plt.axis([-2*pi, 2*pi, -2.1, 2.1])
plt.title('Inverted pendulum')

# Outer trajectories
phase_plot(
    invpend_ode,
    X0=[[[-2*pi, 1.6], [-2*pi, 0.5], [-1.8, 2.1], [-1, 2.1], [4.2, 2.1], [5, 2.1], [2*pi, -1.6], [2*pi, -0.5], [1.8, -2.1], [1, -2.1], [-4.2, -2.1], [-5, -2.1]],
    T=np.linspace(0, 40, 200),
    logtime=(3, 0.7)
)

# Separatrices
phase_plot(invpend_ode, X0=[[[-2.3056, 2.1], [2.3056, -2.1]], T=6, lingrid=0)

# Systems of ODEs: damped oscillator example (simulation + phase portrait)

def oscillator_ode(x, t, m=1., b=1, k=1):
    return x[1], -k/m*x[0] - b/m*x[1]

# Generate a vector plot for the damped oscillator
plt.figure()
plt.clf()
phase_plot(oscillator_ode, [-1, 1, 10], [-1, 1, 10], 0.15)
plt.plot([0], [0], 'k.' )
plt.xlabel('$x_1$')
plt.ylabel('$x_2$')
plt.title('Damped oscillator, vector field')

# Generate a phase plot for the damped oscillator
plt.figure()
plt.clf()
plt.axis([-1, 1, -1, 1])
phase_plot(oscillator_ode, X0=[[-1, -0.3, 0.25, 0.75, 1, 0.5, 1, 1, 1], [-1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [-1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]],
    T=np.linspace(0, 8, 80),
    timepts=[0.25, 0.8, 2, 3],
    MarkerSize=AM_data_markersize*3)
plt.xlabel('$x_1$')
plt.ylabel('$x_2$')
plt.title('Damped oscillator, vector field and stream lines')
# Stability definitions
# This set of plots illustrates the various types of equilibrium points.

def saddle_ode(x, t):
    """Saddle point vector field"""
    return x[0] - 3*x[1], -3*x[0] + x[1]

# Asy stable
m = 1
b = 1
k = 1  # default values
plt.figure()
plt.clf()
plt.axis([-1, 1, -1, 1])  # set(gca, 'DataAspectRatio',[1 1 1]);
phase_plot(
    oscillator_ode,
    X0=[
        [-1, 1], [-0.3, 1], [0, 1], [0.25, 1], [0.5, 1], [0.7, 1], [1, 1], [1.3, 1],
        [1, -1], [0.3, -1], [0, -1], [-0.25, -1], [-0.5, -1], [-0.7, -1], [-1, -1],
        [-1.3, -1]
    ],
    T=np.linspace(0, 10, 100),
    timepts=[0.3, 1, 2, 3],
    parms=(m, b, k)
)
plt.plot([0], [0], 'k.')  # 'MarkerSize', AM_data_markersize*3)
# plt.set(gca,'FontSize', 16)
plt.xlabel('x_1')
plt.ylabel('x_2')
plt.title('Asymptotically stable point')

# Saddle
plt.figure()
plt.clf()
plt.axis([-1, 1, -1, 1])  # set(gca, 'DataAspectRatio',[1 1 1])
phase_plot(
    saddle_ode,
    scale=2,
    timepts=[0.2, 0.5, 0.8],
    X0=[
        [-1, -1], [1, 1],
        [-1, -0.95], [-1, -0.9], [-1, -0.8], [-1, -0.6], [-1, -0.4], [-1, -0.2],
        [-0.95, -1], [-0.9, -1], [-0.8, -1], [-0.6, -1], [-0.4, -1], [-0.2, -1],
        [1, 0.95], [1, 0.9], [1, 0.8], [1, 0.6], [1, 0.4], [1, 0.2],
        [0.95, 1], [0.9, 1], [0.8, 1], [0.6, 1], [0.4, 1], [0.2, 1],
        [-0.5, -0.45], [-0.45, -0.5], [0.5, 0.45], [0.45, 0.5],
    ]
)
134 [-0.04, 0.04], [0.04, -0.04]
135 T=np.linspace(0, 2, 20)
136 plt.plot([0], [0], 'k.' )  # 'MarkerSize', AM_data_markersize*3)
137 # set(gca,'FontSize', 16)
138 plt.xlabel('x_1$
139 plt.ylabel('x_2$
140 plt.title('Saddle point')
141 # Stable isL
142 m = 1
143 b = 0
144 k = 1  # zero damping
145 plt.figure()
146 plt.clf()
147 plt.axis([-1, 1, -1, 1])  # set(gca,'DataAspectRatio', [1 1 1]);
148 phase_plot(
149     oscillator_ode,
150     timepts=[pi/6, pi/3, pi/2, 2*pi/3, 5*pi/6, pi, 7*pi/6,
151     4*pi/3, 9*pi/6, 5*pi/3, 11*pi/6, 2*pi],
152     X0=[[0.2, 0], [0.4, 0], [0.6, 0], [0.8, 0], [1.0, 0], [1.2, 0], [1.4, 0]],
153     T=np.linspace(0, 20, 200),
154     parms=(m, b, k)
155 )
156 plt.plot([0], [0], 'k.' )  # 'MarkerSize', AM_data_markersize*3)
157 # plt.set(gca,'FontSize', 16)
158 plt.xlabel('x_1$
159 plt.ylabel('x_2$
160 plt.title('Undamped system\nLyapunov stable, not asympt. stable')
161 if 'PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES' not in os.environ:
162     plt.show()

Notes

1. The environment variable PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES is used for testing to turn off plotting of the outputs.

10.1.6 SISO robust control example (SP96, Example 2.1)

Code

```python
"""
"""
```python
import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from control import tf, mixsyn, feedback, step_response

s = tf([1, 0], 1)  # the plant

# the plant

g = 200/(10*s + 1) / (0.05*s + 1)**2
# disturbance plant

gd = 100/(10*s + 1)

# first design
# sensitivity weighting
M = 1.5
wb = 10
A = 1e-4
ws1 = (s/M + wb) / (s + wb*A)
# KS weighting
wu = tf(1, 1)

k1, cl1, info1 = mixsyn(g, ws1, wu)

# sensitivity (S) and complementary sensitivity (T) functions for
# design 1
s1 = feedback(1, g*k1)
t1 = feedback(g*k1, 1)

# second design
# this weighting differs from the text, where A**0.5 is used; if you use that,
# the frequency response doesn't match the figure. The time responses
# are similar, though.
ws2 = (s/M ** 0.5 + wb)**2 / (s + wb*A)**2
# the KS weighting is the same as for the first design

k2, cl2, info2 = mixsyn(g, ws2, wu)

# S and T for design 2
s2 = feedback(1, g*k2)
t2 = feedback(g*k2, 1)

# frequency response
omega = np.logspace(-2, 2, 101)
ws1mag, _, _ = ws1.frequency_response(omega)
s1mag, _, _ = s1.frequency_response(omega)
ws2mag, _, _ = ws2.frequency_response(omega)
s2mag, _, _ = s2.frequency_response(omega)

plt.figure(1)
# text uses log-scaled absolute, but dB are probably more familiar to most control
# engineers
```

plt.semilogx(omega, 20*np.log10(s1mag.flat), label='$S_1$')
plt.semilogx(omega, 20*np.log10(s2mag.flat), label='$S_2$')
# -1 in logspace is inverse
plt.semilogx(omega, -20*np.log10(ws1mag.flat), label='$1/w_{P1}$')
plt.semilogx(omega, -20*np.log10(ws2mag.flat), label='$1/w_{P2}$')
plt.ylim([-80, 10])
plt.xlim([1e-2, 1e2])
plt.xlabel('freq [rad/s]')
plt.ylabel('mag [dB]')
plt.legend()
plt.title('Sensitivity and sensitivity weighting frequency responses')

# time response
time = np.linspace(0, 3, 201)
_, y1 = step_response(t1, time)
_, y2 = step_response(t2, time)

# gd injects into the output (that is, g and gd are summed), and the
# closed loop mapping from output disturbance->output is S.
_, y1d = step_response(s1*gd, time)
_, y2d = step_response(s2*gd, time)

plt.figure(2)
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(time, y1, label='$y_1(t)$')
plt.plot(time, y2, label='$y_2(t)$')
plt.ylim([-0.1, 1.5])
plt.xlim([0, 3])
plt.xlabel('time [s]')
plt.ylabel('signal [1]')
plt.legend()
plt.title('Tracking response')

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(time, y1d, label='$y_1(t)$')
plt.plot(time, y2d, label='$y_2(t)$')
plt.ylim([-0.1, 1.5])
plt.xlim([0, 3])
plt.xlabel('time [s]')
plt.ylabel('signal [1]')
plt.legend()
plt.title('Disturbance response')

if 'PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES' not in os.environ:
    plt.show()
Notes

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10.1.7 MIMO robust control example (SP96, Example 3.8)

Code

```python
"""robust_mimo.py

Demonstrate mixed-sensitivity H-infinity design for a MIMO plant.

Based on Example 3.8 from Multivariable Feedback Control, Skogestad and Postlethwaite, 1st Edition.
"""

import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from control import tf, ss, mixsyn, step_response

def weighting(wb, m, a):
    """weighting(wb,m,a) -> wf
    wb - design frequency (where |wf| is approximately 1)
    m - high frequency gain of 1/wf; should be > 1
    a - low frequency gain of 1/wf; should be < 1
    wf - SISO LTI object
    """
    s = tf([1, 0], [1])
    return (s/m + wb) / (s + wb*a)

def plant():
    """plant() -> g
    g - LTI object; 2x2 plant with a RHP zero, at s=0.5.
    """
    den = [0.2, 1.2, 1]
    gtf = tf([[1], [1]],
             [[2, 1], [2]],
             [[den, den],
             [den, den]])
    return ss(gtf)

# as of this writing (2017-07-01), python-control doesn't have an
# equivalent to Matlab's sigma function, so use a trivial stand-in.
def triv_sigma(g, w):
    """triv_sigma(g,w) -> s
    g - LTI object, order n
    """
```

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\( w \) - frequencies, length \( m \)
\( s \) - \((m,n)\) array of singular values of \( g(1jw)\)

```python
m, p, _ = g.frequency_response(w)
sjw = (m*np.exp(1j*p)).transpose(2, 0, 1)
sv = np.linalg.svd(sjw, compute_uv=False)
return sv
```

```python
def analysis():
    """Plot open-loop responses for various inputs"""
    g = plant()

    t = np.linspace(0, 10, 101)
    _, yu1 = step_response(g, t, input=0, squeeze=True)
    _, yu2 = step_response(g, t, input=1, squeeze=True)

    # linear system, so scale and sum previous results to get the
    # \([1,-1]\) response
    yuz = yu1 - yu2

    plt.figure(1)
    plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
    plt.plot(t, yu1[0], label='$y_1$')
    plt.plot(t, yu1[1], label='$y_2$')
    plt.xlabel('time')
    plt.ylabel('output')
    plt.ylim([-1.1, 2.1])
    plt.legend()
    plt.title('o/l response\nto input \([1,0]\)')

    plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
    plt.plot(t, yu2[0], label='$y_1$')
    plt.plot(t, yu2[1], label='$y_2$')
    plt.xlabel('time')
    plt.ylabel('output')
    plt.ylim([-1.1, 2.1])
    plt.legend()
    plt.title('o/l response\nto input \([0,1]\)')

    plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
    plt.plot(t, yuz[0], label='$y_1$')
    plt.plot(t, yuz[1], label='$y_2$')
    plt.xlabel('time')
    plt.ylabel('output')
    plt.ylim([-1.1, 2.1])
    plt.legend()
    plt.title('o/l response\nto input \([1,-1]\)')

def synth(wb1, wb2):
    """synth(wb1,wb2) -> k,gamma
    wb1: S weighting frequency
    ""
    return k, gamma
```
**wb2: KS weighting frequency**

**k: controller**

**gamma: H-infinity norm of ‘design’, that is, of evaluation system with loop closed through design**

```python
g = plant()
wu = ss([], [], [], np.eye(2))
wp1 = ss(weighting(wb=wb1, m=1.5, a=1e-4))
wp2 = ss(weighting(wb=wb2, m=1.5, a=1e-4))
w = wp1.append(wp2)
k, _, info = mixsyn(g, wp, wu)
```

**def step_opposite(g, t):**

"""response to step of [-1,1]""

```python
_, yu1 = step_response(g, t, input=0, squeeze=True)
_, yu2 = step_response(g, t, input=1, squeeze=True)
return yu1 - yu2
```

**def design():**

"""Show results of designs""

```python
k1, gam1 = synth(0.25, 0.25)
# increase “bandwidth” of output 2 by moving crossover weighting frequency 100 times higher
k2, gam2 = synth(0.25, 25)
# now weight output 1 more heavily
# won’t plot this one, just want gamma
_, gam3 = synth(25, 0.25)
print('design 1 gamma {:.3g} (Skogestad: 2.80)'.format(gam1))
print('design 2 gamma {:.3g} (Skogestad: 2.92)'.format(gam2))
print('design 3 gamma {:.3g} (Skogestad: 6.73)'.format(gam3))
```

# do the designs

```python
g = plant()
w = np.logspace(-2, 2, 101)
I = ss([], [], [], np.eye(2))
s1 = I.feedback(g*k1)
s2 = I.feedback(g*k2)
```

**# frequency response**

```python
sv1 = triv_sigma(s1, w)
sv2 = triv_sigma(s2, w)
```

```python
plt.figure(2)
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.semilogx(w, 20*np.log10(sv1[:, 0]), label=r'$\sigma_1(S_1)$')
plt.semilogx(w, 20*np.log10(sv1[:, 1]), label=r'$\sigma_2(S_1)$')
```

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```python
plt.semilogx(w, 20*np.log10(sv2[:, 0]), label=r'$\sigma_1(S_2)$')
plt.semilogx(w, 20*np.log10(sv2[:, 1]), label=r'$\sigma_2(S_2)$')
plt.ylim([-60, 10])
plt.ylabel('magnitude [dB]')
plt.xlim([1e-2, 1e2])
plt.xlabel('freq [rad/s]')
plt.legend()
plt.title('Singular values of S')

# time response
# in design 1, both outputs have an inverse initial response; in
design 2, output 2 does not, and is very fast, while output 1
# has a larger initial inverse response than in design 1

time = np.linspace(0, 10, 301)
t1 = (g*k1).feedback(I)
t2 = (g*k2).feedback(I)

y1 = step_opposite(t1, time)
y2 = step_opposite(t2, time)

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(time, y1[0], label='des. 1 $y_1(t)$')
plt.plot(time, y1[1], label='des. 1 $y_2(t)$')
plt.plot(time, y2[0], label='des. 2 $y_1(t)$')
plt.plot(time, y2[1], label='des. 2 $y_2(t)$')
plt.xlabel('time [s]')
plt.ylabel('response [1]')
plt.legend()
plt.title('c/l response to reference [1,-1]')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    analysis()
    design()
    if 'PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES' not in os.environ:
        plt.show()
```

Notes

1. The environment variable `PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES` is used for testing to turn off plotting of the outputs.
10.1.8 Cruise control design example (as a nonlinear I/O system)

Code

```python
# cruise-control.py - Cruise control example from FBS
# RMM, 16 May 2019
#
# The cruise control system of a car is a common feedback system encountered
# in everyday life. The system attempts to maintain a constant velocity in the
# presence of disturbances primarily caused by changes in the slope of a
# road. The controller compensates for these unknowns by measuring the speed
# of the car and adjusting the throttle appropriately.
#
# This file explores the dynamics and control of the cruise control system,
# following the material presented in Feedback Systems by Astrom and Murray.
# A full nonlinear model of the vehicle dynamics is used, with both PI and
# state space control laws. Different methods of constructing control systems
# are shown, all using the InputOutputSystem class (and subclasses).

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from math import pi
import control as ct

# Section 4.1: Cruise control modeling and control
#
# Vehicle model: vehicle()
#
# To develop a mathematical model we start with a force balance for
# the car body. Let v be the speed of the car, m the total mass
# (including passengers), F the force generated by the contact of the
# wheels with the road, and Fd the disturbance force due to gravity,
# friction, and aerodynamic drag.

def vehicle_update(t, x, u, params={}):
    """Vehicle dynamics for cruise control system.

    Parameters
    ----------
    x : array
        System state: car velocity in m/s
    u : array
        System input: [throttle, gear, road_slope], where throttle is
        a float between 0 and 1, gear is an integer between 1 and 5,
        and road_slope is in rad.

    Returns
    -------
    float
        Vehicle acceleration
    """
    # (continues on next page)
```

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```python
""
from math import copysign, sin

sign = lambda x: copysign(1, x)  # define the sign() function

# Set up the system parameters
m = params.get('m', 1600.)
g = params.get('g', 9.8)
Cr = params.get('Cr', 0.01)
Cd = params.get('Cd', 0.32)
rho = params.get('rho', 1.3)
A = params.get('A', 2.4)
alpha = params.get('alpha', [40, 25, 16, 12, 10])  # gear ratio / wheel radius

# Define variables for vehicle state and inputs
v = x[0]  # vehicle velocity
throttle = np.clip(u[0], 0, 1)  # vehicle throttle
gear = u[1]  # vehicle gear
theta = u[2]  # road slope

# Force generated by the engine

omega = alpha[int(gear)-1] * v  # engine angular speed
F = alpha[int(gear)-1] * motor_torque(omega, params) * throttle

# Disturbance forces
# The disturbance force Fd has three major components: Fg, the forces due
# to gravity; Fr, the forces due to rolling friction; and Fa, the
# aerodynamic drag.

# Letting the slope of the road be \theta (theta), gravity gives the
# force Fg = m g sin \theta.
Fg = m * g * sin(theta)

# A simple model of rolling friction is Fr = m g Cr sgn(v), where Cr is
# the coefficient of rolling friction and sgn(v) is the sign of v (+/- 1) or
# zero if v = 0.

Fr = m * g * Cr * sign(v)

# The aerodynamic drag is proportional to the square of the speed: Fa =
# 1/\rho Cd A |v| v, where \rho is the density of air, Cd is the
# shape-dependent aerodynamic drag coefficient, and A is the frontal area
# of the car.

Fa = 1/2 * rho * Cd * A * abs(v) * v

# Final acceleration on the car
Fd = Fg + Fr + Fa
dv = (F - Fd) / m
```

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return dv

# Engine model: motor_torque
#
# The force F is generated by the engine, whose torque is proportional to
# the rate of fuel injection, which is itself proportional to a control
# signal 0 <= u <= 1 that controls the throttle position. The torque also
# depends on engine speed omega.

def motor_torque(omega, params={}):
    # Set up the system parameters
    Tm = params.get('Tm', 190.)  # engine torque constant
    omega_m = params.get('omega_m', 420.)  # peak engine angular speed
    beta = params.get('beta', 0.4)  # peak engine rolloff

    return np.clip(Tm * (1 - beta * (omega/omega_m - 1)**2), 0, None)

# Define the input/output system for the vehicle
vehicle = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    vehicle_update, None, name='vehicle',
    inputs=('u', 'gear', 'theta'), outputs=('v'), states=('v'))

# Figure 1.11: A feedback system for controlling the speed of a vehicle. In
# this example, the speed of the vehicle is measured and compared to the
# desired speed. The controller is a PI controller represented as a transfer
# function. In the textbook, the simulations are done for LTI systems, but
# here we simulate the full nonlinear system.

# Construct a PI controller with rolloff, as a transfer function
Kp = 0.5  # proportional gain
Ki = 0.1  # integral gain
control_tf = ct.tf2io(
    ct.TransferFunction([Kp, Ki], [1, 0.01*Ki/Kp]),
    name='control', inputs='u', outputs='y')

# Construct the closed loop control system
# Inputs: vref, gear, theta
# Outputs: v (vehicle velocity)
cruise_tf = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (control_tf, vehicle), name='cruise',
    connections=
        [['control.u', '-vehicle.v'],
         ['vehicle.u', 'control.y']],
    inplist=('control.u', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'),
    outlist=('vehicle.v', 'vehicle.u'),
    outputs=('v', 'u'))

# Define the time and input vectors
T = np.linspace(0, 25, 101)
vref = 20 * np.ones(T.shape)
gear = 4 * np.ones(T.shape)
theta0 = np.zeros(T.shape)

# Now simulate the effect of a hill at t = 5 seconds
plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Response to change in road slope')
vel_axes = plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
inp_axes = plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
theta_hill = np.array([0 if t <= 5 else 4./180. * pi * (t-5) if t <= 6 else 4./180. * pi for t in T])

for m in (1200, 1600, 2000):
    # Compute the equilibrium state for the system
    X0, U0 = ct.find_eqpt(cruise_tf, [0, vref[0]], [vref[0], gear[0], theta0[0]],
                         iu=[1, 2], y0=[vref[0], 0], iy=[0], params={'m': m})
    t, y = ct.input_output_response(cruise_tf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0, params={'m': m})

    # Plot the velocity
    plt.sca(vel_axes)
    plt.plot(t, y[0])

    # Plot the input
    plt.sca(inp_axes)
    plt.plot(t, y[1])

    # Add labels to the plots
    plt.sca(vel_axes)
    plt.ylabel('Speed [m/s]')
    plt.legend(['m = 1000 kg', 'm = 2000 kg', 'm = 3000 kg'], frameon=False)

    plt.sca(inp_axes)
    plt.ylabel('Throttle')
    plt.xlabel('Time [s]')

# Figure 4.2: Torque curves for a typical car engine. The graph on the
# left shows the torque generated by the engine as a function of the
# angular velocity of the engine, while the curve on the right shows
# torque as a function of car speed for different gears.

# Figure 4.2
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(7, 3))

# (a) - single torque curve as function of omega
ax = axes[0]
omega = np.linspace(0, 700, 701)
ax.plot(omega, motor_torque(omega))
ax.set_xlabel(r'Angular velocity $\omega$ [rad/s]')
206 ax.set_ylabel('Torque $T$ [Nm]')
ax.grid(True, linestyle='dotted')

# (b) - torque curves in different gears, as function of velocity
ax = axes[1]
v = np.linspace(0, 70, 71)
alpha = [40, 25, 16, 12, 10]
for gear in range(5):
    omega = alpha[gear] * v
    T = motor_torque(omega)
    plt.plot(v, T, color='#1f77b4', linestyle='solid')

# Set up the axes and style
ax.axis([0, 70, 100, 200])
ax.grid(True, linestyle='dotted')

# Add labels
plt.text(11.5, 120, '$n$=1')
ax.text(24, 120, '$n$=2')
ax.text(42.5, 120, '$n$=3')
ax.text(58.5, 120, '$n$=4')
ax.text(58.5, 185, '$n$=5')
ax.set_xlabel('Velocity $v$ [m/s]')
ax.set_ylabel('Torque $T$ [Nm]')
plt.suptitle('Torque curves for typical car engine')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show(block=False)

# Figure 4.3: Car with cruise control encountering a sloping road

# PI controller model: control_pi()
#
# We add to this model a feedback controller that attempts to regulate the
# speed of the car in the presence of disturbances. We shall use a
# proportional-integral controller

def pi_update(t, x, u, params={}):
    # Get the controller parameters that we need
    ki = params.get('ki', 0.1)
kaw = params.get('kaw', 2)  # anti-windup gain

    # Assign variables for inputs and states (for readability)
v = u[0]  # current velocity
vref = u[1]  # reference velocity
z = x[0]  # integrated error

    # Compute the nominal controller output (needed for anti-windup)
u_a = pi_output(t, x, u, params)

    # Compute anti-windup compensation (scale by ki to account for structure)
u_aw = kaw/ki * (np.clip(u_a, 0, 1) - u_a) if ki != 0 else 0

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# State is the integrated error, minus anti-windup compensation
return (vref - v) + u_aw

def pi_output(t, x, u, params={}):
    # Get the controller parameters that we need
    kp = params.get('kp', 0.5)
    ki = params.get('ki', 0.1)

    # Assign variables for inputs and states (for readability)
    v = u[0]  # current velocity
    vref = u[1]  # reference velocity
    z = x[0]  # integrated error

    # PI controller
    return kp * (vref - v) + ki * z

closed_loop = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (vehicle, control_pi), name='cruise',
    connections=[
        ['vehicle.u', 'control.u'],
        ['control.v', 'vehicle.v'],
    ],
    inplist=['control.vref', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'],
    outlist=['control.u', 'vehicle.v'],
)

# Figure 4.3b shows the response of the closed loop system. The figure shows
# that even if the hill is so steep that the throttle changes from 0.17 to
# almost full throttle, the largest speed error is less than 1 m/s, and the
# desired velocity is recovered after 20 s.

# Define a function for creating a "standard" cruise control plot
def cruise_plot(sys, t, y, label=None, t_hill=None, vref=20, antiwindup=False,
                linetype='b-', subplots=None, legend=None):
    if subplots is None:
        subplots = [None, None]

    # Figure out the plot bounds and indices
    v_min = vref - 1.2; v_max = vref + 0.5; v_ind = sys.find_output('v')
    u_min = 0; u_max = 2 if antiwindup else 1; u_ind = sys.find_output('u')

    # Make sure the upper and lower bounds on v are OK
    while max(y[v_ind]) > v_max: v_max += 1
    while min(y[v_ind]) < v_min: v_min -= 1

    # Create arrays for return values
    subplot_axes = list(subplots)
```python
# Velocity profile
if subplot_axes[0] is None:
    subplot_axes[0] = plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
else:
    plt.sca(subplots[0])
plt.plot(t, y[v_ind], linetype)
plt.plot(t, vref*np.ones(t.shape), 'k-')
if t_hill:
    plt.axvline(t_hill, color='k', linestyle='--', label='t hill')
plt.axis([0, t[-1], v_min, v_max])
plt.xlabel('Time $t$ [s]')
plt.ylabel('Velocity $v$ [m/s]')

# Commanded input profile
if subplot_axes[1] is None:
    subplot_axes[1] = plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
else:
    plt.sca(subplots[1])
plt.plot(t, y[u_ind], 'r--' if antiwindup else linetype, label=label)
# Applied input profile
if antiwindup:
    # TODO: plot the actual signal from the process?
    plt.plot(t, np.clip(y[u_ind], 0, 1), linetype, label='Applied')
if t_hill:
    plt.axvline(t_hill, color='k', linestyle='--')
if legend:
    plt.legend(frameon=False)
plt.axis([0, t[-1], u_min, u_max])
plt.xlabel('Time $t$ [s]')
plt.ylabel('Throttle $u$')

return subplot_axes

# Define the time and input vectors
T = np.linspace(0, 30, 101)
vref = 20 * np.ones(T.shape)
gear = 4 * np.ones(T.shape)
theta0 = np.zeros(T.shape)

# Compute the equilibrium throttle setting for the desired speed (solve for x
# and u given the gear, slope, and desired output velocity)
X0, U0, Y0 = ct.find_eqpt(
    cruise_pi, [vref[0], 0], [vref[0], gear[0], theta0[0]],
    y0=[0, vref[0]], iu=[1, 2], iy=[1], return_y=True)

# Now simulate the effect of a hill at t = 5 seconds
plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Car with cruise control encountering sloping road')
theta_hill = [
    0 if t <= 5 else
    4./180. * pi * (t-5) if t <= 6 else
    4./180. * pi for t in T]
```
t, y = ct.input_output_response(cruise_pi, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0)
cruise_plot(cruise_pi, t, y, t_hill=5)

# Example 7.8: State space feedback with integral action
#
# State space controller model: control_sf_ia()
#
# Construct a state space controller with integral action, linearized around an equilibrium point. The controller is constructed around the equilibrium point (x_d, u_d) and includes both feedforward and feedback compensation.
#
# Controller inputs: (x, y, r) system states, system output, reference
# Controller state:  z integrated error (y - r)
# Controller output:  u state feedback control
#
# Note: to make the structure of the controller more clear, we implement this as a "nonlinear" input/output module, even though the actual input/output system is linear. This also allows the use of parameters to set the operating point and gains for the controller.

def sf_update(t, z, u, params={}):
    y, r = u[1], u[2]
    return y - r

def sf_output(t, z, u, params={}):
    # Get the controller parameters that we need
    K = params.get('K', 0)
    ki = params.get('ki', 0)
    kf = params.get('kf', 0)
    xd = params.get('xd', 0)
    yd = params.get('yd', 0)
    ud = params.get('ud', 0)

    # Get the system state and reference input
    x, y, r = u[0], u[1], u[2]

    return ud - K * (x - xd) - ki * z + kf * (r - yd)

# Create the input/output system for the controller
control_sf = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    sf_update, sf_output, name='control',
    inputs=('x', 'y', 'r'),
    outputs=('u'),
    states=('z'))

# Create the closed loop system for the state space controller
cruise_sf = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (vehicle, control_sf), name='cruise',
    connections=[
        ['vehicle.u', 'control.u'],
    ]
    (continues on next page)
[control.x], ['vehicle.v'],
['control.y'], ['vehicle.v'],
inplist=('control.r', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'),
outlist=('control.u', 'vehicle.v'), outputs=['u', 'v'])

# Compute the linearization of the dynamics around the equilibrium point
# Y0 represents the steady state with PI control => we can use it to
# identify the steady state velocity and required throttle setting.
xd = Y0[1]
ud = Y0[0]
yd = Y0[1]

# Compute the linearized system at the eq pt
cruise_linearized = ct.linearize(vehicle, xd, [ud, gear[0], 0])

# Construct the gain matrices for the system
A, B, C = cruise_linearized.A, cruise_linearized.B[0, 0], cruise_linearized.C
K = 0.5
kf = -1 / (C * np.linalg.inv(A - B * K) * B)

# Response of the system with no integral feedback term
plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Cruise control with proportional and PI control')
theta_hill = [0 if t <= 8 else 4./180. * pi * (t-8) if t <= 9 else
4./180. * pi for t in T]
t, y = ct.input_output_response(cruise_sf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], [X0[0], 0],
params={'K': K, 'kf': kf, 'ki': 0.0, 'kf': kf, 'xd': xd, 'ud': ud, 'yd': yd})
subplots = cruise_plot(cruise_sf, t, y, label='Proportional', linetype='b--')

# Response of the system with state feedback + integral action
plt.figure()
t, y = ct.input_output_response(cruise_sf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], [X0[0], 0],
params={'K': K, 'kf': kf, 'ki': 0.1, 'kf': kf, 'xd': xd, 'ud': ud, 'yd': yd})
cruise_plot(cruise_sf, t, y, label='PI control', t_hill=8, linetype='b-',
subplots=subplots, legend=True)

# Example 11.5: simulate the effect of a (steeper) hill at t = 5 seconds
# The windup effect occurs when a car encounters a hill that is so steep (6
# deg) that the throttle saturates when the cruise controller attempts to
# maintain speed.
plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Cruise control with integrator windup')
T = np.linspace(0, 70, 101)
vref = 20 * np.ones(T.shape)
theta_hill = [0 if t <= 5 else
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466 \[ \frac{6}{180} \pi (t-5) \text{ if } t \leq 6 \text{ else } \frac{6}{180} \pi \text{ for } t \text{ in } T \]
467 t, y = ct.input_output_response(
468     cruise_pi, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0,
469     params=\{'kaw': 0\})
470 cruise_plot(cruise_pi, t, y, label='Commanded', t_hill=5, antiwindup=True,
471     legend=True)
472
473 # Example 11.6: add anti-windup compensation
474 # Anti-windup can be applied to the system to improve the response. Because of
475 # the feedback from the actuator model, the output of the integrator is
476 # quickly reset to a value such that the controller output is at the
477 # saturation limit.
478
479 plt.figure()
480 plt.suptitle('Cruise control with integrator anti-windup protection')
481 t, y = ct.input_output_response(
482     cruise_pi, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0,
483     params=\{'kaw': 2.\})
484 cruise_plot(cruise_pi, t, y, label='Commanded', t_hill=5, antiwindup=True,
485     legend=True)
486
487 # If running as a standalone program, show plots and wait before closing
488 import os
489 if __name__ == '__main__' and 'PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES' not in os.environ:
490     plt.show()
491 else:
492     plt.show(block=False)

Notes

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10.1.9 Gain scheduled control for vehicle steering (I/O system)

Code

# steering-gainsched.py - gain scheduled control for vehicle steering
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#
# This file works through Example 1.1 in the "Optimization-Based Control"
# course notes by Richard Murray (available at http://fbsbook.org, in the
# optimization-based control supplement). It is intended to demonstrate the
# functionality for nonlinear input/output systems in the python-control
# package.

import numpy as np
import control as ct

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from cmath import sqrt
import matplotlib.pyplot as mpl

# Vehicle steering dynamics
#
# The vehicle dynamics are given by a simple bicycle model. We take the state
# of the system as (x, y, theta) where (x, y) is the position of the vehicle
# in the plane and theta is the angle of the vehicle with respect to
# horizontal. The vehicle input is given by (v, phi) where v is the forward
# velocity of the vehicle and phi is the angle of the steering wheel. The
# model includes saturation of the vehicle steering angle.
#
# System state: x, y, theta
# System input: v, phi
# System output: x, y
# System parameters: wheelbase, maxsteer
#
def vehicle_update(t, x, u, params):
    # Get the parameters for the model
    l = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)  # vehicle wheelbase
    phimax = params.get('maxsteer', 0.5)  # max steering angle (rad)

    # Saturate the steering input
    phi = np.clip(u[1], -phimax, phimax)

    # Return the derivative of the state
    return np.array([np.cos(x[2]) * u[0],  # xdot = cos(theta) v
                     np.sin(x[2]) * u[0],  # ydot = sin(theta) v
                     (u[0] / l) * np.tan(phi)])  # thdot = v/l tan(phi)

def vehicle_output(t, x, u, params):
    return x  # return x, y, theta (full state)

# Define the vehicle steering dynamics as an input/output system
vehicle = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    vehicle_update, vehicle_output, states=3, name='vehicle',
    inputs=('v', 'phi'),
    outputs=('x', 'y', 'theta'))

# Gain scheduled controller
#
# For this system we use a simple schedule on the forward vehicle velocity and
# place the poles of the system at fixed values. The controller takes the
# current vehicle position and orientation plus the velocity velocity as
# inputs, and returns the velocity and steering commands.
#
# System state: none
# System input: ex, ey, etheta, vd, phid
64 # System output: v, phi
65 # System parameters: longpole, latpole1, latpole2
66
def control_output(t, x, u, params):
67 # Get the controller parameters
68 longpole = params.get('longpole', -2.)
69 latpole1 = params.get('latpole1', -1/2 + sqrt(-7)/2)
70 latpole2 = params.get('latpole2', -1/2 - sqrt(-7)/2)
71 l = params.get('wheelbase', 3)
72
73 # Extract the system inputs
74 ex, ey, etheta, vd, phid = u
75
76 # Determine the controller gains
77 alpha1 = -np.real(latpole1 + latpole2)
78 alpha2 = np.real(latpole1 * latpole2)
79
80 # Compute and return the control law
81 v = -longpole * ex  # Note: no feedfwd (to make plot interesting)
82 if vd != 0:
83 phi = phid + (alpha1 * l) / vd * ey + (alpha2 * l) / vd * etheta
84 else:
85 # We aren't moving, so don't turn the steering wheel
86 phi = phid
87
88 return np.array([v, phi])
89
90 # Define the controller as an input/output system
91 controller = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
92 None, control_output, name='controller',  # static system
93 inputs=('ex', 'ey', 'etheta', 'vd', 'phid'),  # system inputs
94 outputs=('v', 'phi')  # system outputs
95 )
96
97 # Reference trajectory subsystem
98 # The reference trajectory block generates a simple trajectory for the system
99 # given the desired speed (vref) and lateral position (yref). The trajectory
100 # consists of a straight line of the form (vref * t, yref, 0) with nominal
101 # input (vref, 0).
102 # System state: none
103 # System input: vref, yref
104 # System output: xd, yd, thetad, vd, phid
105 # System parameters: none
106
def trajgen_output(t, x, u, params):
107 vref, yref = u
108 return np.array([vref * t, yref, 0, vref, 0])
109
110 # Define the trajectory generator as an input/output system
trajgen = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    None, trajgen_output, name='trajgen',
    inputs=('vref', 'yref'),
    outputs=('xd', 'yd', 'thetad', 'vd', 'phid'))

# System construction
#
# The input to the full closed loop system is the desired lateral position and
# the desired forward velocity. The output for the system is taken as the
# full vehicle state plus the velocity of the vehicle. The following diagram
# summarizes the interconnections:
#
# +---------+ +---------------> v
# | | |
# [ yref ] | v | |
# [ ] ---+ trajgen +---> controller --+-> vehicle --+-> [x, y, theta]
# [ vref ] ^|
# | |
# +----------- [-1] ----------------+
#
# We construct the system using the InterconnectedSystem constructor and using
# signal labels to keep track of everything.
steering = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    # List of subsystems
    (trajgen, controller, vehicle), name='steering',

    # Interconnections between subsystems
    connections=(
        ['controller.ex', 'trajgen.xd', '-vehicle.x'],
        ['controller.ey', 'trajgen.yd', '-vehicle.y'],
        ['controller.etheta', 'trajgen.thetad', '-vehicle.thetad'],
        ['controller.vd', 'trajgen.vd'],
        ['controller.phid', 'trajgen.phid'],
        ['vehicle.v', 'controller.v'],
        ['vehicle.phi', 'controller.phi']
    ),

    # System inputs
    inplist=['trajgen.vref', 'trajgen.yref'],
    inputs=['yref', 'vref'],

    # System outputs
    outlist=['vehicle.x', 'vehicle.y', 'vehicle.thetad', 'controller.v',
             'controller.phid'],
    outputs=['x', 'y', 'theta', 'v', 'phi']
)

# Set up the simulation conditions
yref = 1
T = np.linspace(0, 5, 100)
# Set up a figure for plotting the results
mpl.figure();

# Plot the reference trajectory for the \( y \) position
mpl.plot([0, 5], [yref, yref], 'k--')

# Find the signals we want to plot
y_index = steering.find_output('y')
v_index = steering.find_output('v')

# Do an iteration through different speeds
for vref in [8, 10, 12]:
    # Simulate the closed loop controller response
    tout, yout = ct.input_output_response(steering, T, [vref * np.ones(len(T)), yref * np.ones(len(T))])

    # Plot the reference speed
    mpl.plot([0, 5], [vref, vref], 'k--')

    # Plot the system output
    y_line, = mpl.plot(tout, yout[y_index, :], 'r')  # lateral position
    v_line, = mpl.plot(tout, yout[v_index, :], 'b')  # vehicle velocity

    # Add axis labels
    mpl.xlabel('Time (s)')
mpl.ylabel('x vel (m/s), y pos (m)')
mpl.legend((v_line, y_line), ('v', 'y'), loc='center right', frameon=False)

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10.1.10 Differentially flat system - kinematic car

This example demonstrates the use of the flatsys module for generating trajectories for differentially flat systems. The example is drawn from Chapter 8 of FBS2e.
import control.flatsys as fs
import control.optimal as opt

# System model and utility functions
#
# Function to take states, inputs and return the flat flag
def vehicle_flat_forward(x, u, params={}):
    # Get the parameter values
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)

    # Create a list of arrays to store the flat output and its derivatives
    zflag = [np.zeros(3), np.zeros(3)]

    # Flat output is the x, y position of the rear wheels
    zflag[0][0] = x[0]
    zflag[1][0] = x[1]

    # First derivatives of the flat output
    zflag[0][1] = u[0] * np.cos(x[2])  # dx/dt
    zflag[1][1] = u[0] * np.sin(x[2])  # dy/dt

    # First derivative of the angle
    thdot = (u[0]/b) * np.tan(u[1])

    # Second derivatives of the flat output (setting vdot = 0)
    zflag[0][2] = -u[0] * thdot * np.sin(x[2])
    zflag[1][2] = u[0] * thdot * np.cos(x[2])

    return zflag

# Function to take the flat flag and return states, inputs
def vehicle_flat_reverse(zflag, params={}):
    # Get the parameter values
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)

    # Create a vector to store the state and inputs
    x = np.zeros(3)
    u = np.zeros(2)

    # Given the flat variables, solve for the state
    x[0] = zflag[0][0]  # x position
    x[1] = zflag[1][0]  # y position
    x[2] = np.arctan2(zflag[1][1], zflag[0][1])  # tan(theta) = ydot/xdot

    # And next solve for the inputs
    u[0] = zflag[0][1] * np.cos(x[2]) + zflag[1][1] * np.sin(x[2])
    thdot_v = zflag[1][2] * np.cos(x[2]) - zflag[0][2] * np.sin(x[2])
    u[1] = np.arctan2(thdot_v, u[0]**2 / b)
return x, u

# Function to compute the RHS of the system dynamics
def vehicle_update(t, x, u, params):
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)
    dx = np.array([np.cos(x[2]) * u[0],
                   np.sin(x[2]) * u[0],
                   (u[0]/b) * np.tan(u[1])])
    return dx

# Plot the trajectory in xy coordinates
def plot_results(t, x, ud):
    plt.subplot(4, 1, 2)
    plt.plot(x[0], x[1])
    plt.xlabel('x \ [m]')
    plt.ylabel('y \ [m]')
    plt.axis([x0[0], xf[0], x0[1]-1, xf[1]+1])

    # Time traces of the state and input
    plt.subplot(2, 4, 5)
    plt.plot(t, x[1])
    plt.ylabel('y \ [m]')

    plt.subplot(2, 4, 6)
    plt.plot(t, x[2])
    plt.ylabel('theta \ [rad]')

    plt.subplot(2, 4, 7)
    plt.plot(t, ud[0])
    plt.xlabel('Time t \ [sec]')
    plt.ylabel('v \ [m/s]')
    plt.axis([0, Tf, u0[0] - 1, uf[0] + 1])

    plt.subplot(2, 4, 8)
    plt.plot(t, ud[1])
    plt.xlabel('Time t \ [sec]')
    plt.ylabel('$\delta$ \ [rad]')
    plt.tight_layout()

    # Approach 1: point to point solution, no cost or constraints
    # Create differentially flat input/output system
vehicle_flat = fs.FlatSystem(
    vehicle_flat_forward, vehicle_flat_reverse, vehicle_update,
    inputs=('v', 'delta'), outputs=('x', 'y', 'theta'),
    states=('x', 'y', 'theta'))

    # Define the endpoints of the trajectory
x0 = [0., -2., 0.]; u0 = [10., 0.]
xf = [40., 2., 0.]; uf = [10., 0.]
Tf = 4

# Define a set of basis functions to use for the trajectories
poly = fs.PolyFamily(6)

# Find a trajectory between the initial condition and the final condition
traj = fs.point_to_point(vehicle_flat, Tf, x0, u0, xf, uf, basis=poly)

# Create the desired trajectory between the initial and final condition
T = np.linspace(0, Tf, 500)
xd, ud = traj.eval(T)

# Simulation the open system dynamics with the full input
t, y, x = ct.input_output_response(
    vehicle_flat, T, ud, x0, return_x=True)

# Plot the open loop system dynamics
plt.figure(1)
plt.suptitle("Open loop trajectory for kinematic car lane change")
plot_results(t, x, ud)

# Approach #2: add cost function to make lane change quicker
#
# Define timepoints for evaluation plus basis function to use
timepts = np.linspace(0, Tf, 10)
basis = fs.PolyFamily(8)

# Define the cost function (penalize lateral error and steering)
traj_cost = opt.quadratic_cost(
    vehicle_flat, np.diag([0, 0.1, 0]), np.diag([0.1, 1]), x0=xf, u0=uf)

# Solve for an optimal solution
traj = fs.point_to_point(
    vehicle_flat, timepts, x0, u0, xf, uf, cost=traj_cost, basis=basis, )
xd, ud = traj.eval(T)

plt.figure(2)
plt.suptitle("Lane change with lateral error + steering penalties")
plot_results(T, xd, ud)

# Approach #3: optimal cost with trajectory constraints
#
# Resolve the problem with constraints on the inputs
#
constraints = [ 
opt.input_range_constraint(vehicle_flat, [8, -0.1], [12, 0.1]) ]

# Solve for an optimal solution
traj = fs.point_to_point(
    vehicle_flat, timepts, x0, u0, xf, uf, cost=traj_cost,
    constraints=constraints, basis=basis,
)
xd, ud = traj.eval(T)

plt.figure(3)
plt.suptitle("Lane change with penalty + steering constraints")
plot_results(T, xd, ud)

# Show the results unless we are running in batch mode
if 'PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES' not in os.environ:
    plt.show()

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1. The environment variable $PYCONTROL_TEST_EXAMPLES$ is used for testing to turn off plotting of the outputs.

10.2 Jupyter notebooks

The examples below use $python-control$ in a Jupyter notebook environment. These notebooks demonstrate the use of modeling, analysis, and design tools using running examples in FBS2e.

10.2.1 Cruise control

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The cruise control system of a car is a common feedback system encountered in everyday life. The system attempts to maintain a constant velocity in the presence of disturbances primarily caused by changes in the slope of a road. The controller compensates for these unknowns by measuring the speed of the car and adjusting the throttle appropriately.

This notebook explores the dynamics and control of the cruise control system, following the material presenting in Feedback Systems by Astrom and Murray. A nonlinear model of the vehicle dynamics is used, with both state space and frequency domain control laws. The process model is presented in Section 1, and a controller based on state feedback is discussed in Section 2, where we also add integral action to the controller. In Section 3 we explore the behavior with PI control including the effect of actuator saturation and how it is avoided by windup protection. Different methods of constructing control systems are shown, all using the InputOutputSystem class (and subclasses).

[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from math import pi
import control as ct

10.2. Jupyter notebooks
Process Model

Vehicle Dynamics

To develop a mathematical model we start with a force balance for the car body. Let $v$ be the speed of the car, $m$ the total mass (including passengers), $F$ the force generated by the contact of the wheels with the road, and $F_d$ the disturbance force due to gravity, friction, and aerodynamic drag.

```
[2]: def vehicle_update(t, x, u, params={}):
    """Vehicle dynamics for cruise control system."
    Parameters
    ""--
    x : array
        System state: car velocity in m/s
    u : array
        System input: [throttle, gear, road_slope], where throttle is
        a float between 0 and 1, gear is an integer between 1 and 5,
        and road_slope is in rad.
    Returns
    """""""
    float
        Vehicle acceleration
    """"
    from math import copysign, sin
    sign = lambda x: copysign(1, x)  # define the sign() function

    # Set up the system parameters
    m = params.get('m', 1600.)  # vehicle mass, kg
    g = params.get('g', 9.8)    # gravitational constant, m/s^2
    Cr = params.get('Cr', 0.01) # coefficient of rolling friction
    Cd = params.get('Cd', 0.32) # drag coefficient
    rho = params.get('rho', 1.3) # density of air, kg/m^3
    A = params.get('A', 2.4)    # car area, m^2
    alpha = params.get('alpha', [40, 25, 16, 12, 10])  # gear ratio / wheel radius

    # Define variables for vehicle state and inputs
    v = x[0]  # vehicle velocity
    throttle = np.clip(u[0], 0, 1)  # vehicle throttle
    gear = u[1]  # vehicle gear
    theta = u[2]  # road slope

    # Force generated by the engine
    omega = alpha[int(gear)-1] * v  # engine angular speed
    F = alpha[int(gear)-1] * motor_torque(omega, params) * throttle

    # Disturbance forces
    #
    # The disturbance force Fd has three major components: Fg, the forces due

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# to gravity; \( Fr \), the forces due to rolling friction; and \( Fa \), the aerodynamic drag.

# Letting the slope of the road be \( \theta \) (theta), gravity gives the force \( Fg = m \cdot g \cdot \sin \theta \).

\[
Fg = m \cdot g \cdot \sin(\theta)
\]

# A simple model of rolling friction is \( Fr = m \cdot g \cdot Cr \cdot \text{sgn}(v) \), where \( Cr \) is the coefficient of rolling friction and \( \text{sgn}(v) \) is the sign of \( v \) (\( \pm 1 \)) or zero if \( v = 0 \).

\[
Fr = m \cdot g \cdot Cr \cdot \text{sign}(v)
\]

# The aerodynamic drag is proportional to the square of the speed: \( Fa = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot Cd \cdot A \cdot |v| \cdot v \), where \( \rho \) is the density of air, \( Cd \) is the shape-dependent aerodynamic drag coefficient, and \( A \) is the frontal area of the car.

\[
Fa = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot Cd \cdot A \cdot \text{abs}(v) \cdot v
\]

# Final acceleration on the car

\[
F_d = Fg + Fr + Fa
\]

\[
dv = \frac{(F - F_d)}{m}
\]

return \( dv \)

## Engine model

The force \( F \) is generated by the engine, whose torque is proportional to the rate of fuel injection, which is itself proportional to a control signal \( 0 \leq u \leq 1 \) that controls the throttle position. The torque also depends on engine speed \( \omega \).

### Example 3

```python
def motor_torque(omega, params={}):
    # Set up the system parameters
    Tm = params.get('Tm', 190.)  # engine torque constant
    omega_m = params.get('omega_m', 420.)  # peak engine angular speed
    beta = params.get('beta', 0.4)  # peak engine rolloff

    return np.clip(Tm * (1 - beta * (omega/omega_m - 1)**2), 0, None)
```

Torque curves for a typical car engine. The graph on the left shows the torque generated by the engine as a function of the angular velocity of the engine, while the curve on the right shows torque as a function of car speed for different gears.

### Example 4

```python
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(7, 3))

# (a) - single torque curve as function of omega
ax = axes[0]
omega = np.linspace(0, 700, 701)
```
ax.plot(omega, motor_torque(omega))
ax.set_xlabel(r'Angular velocity $\omega$ [rad/s]')
ax.set_ylabel('Torque $T$ [Nm]')
ax.grid(True, linestyle='dotted')

# (b) - torque curves in different gears, as function of velocity
ax = axes[1]
v = np.linspace(0, 70, 71)
alpha = [40, 25, 16, 12, 10]
for gear in range(5):
    omega = alpha[gear] * v
    T = motor_torque(omega)
    plt.plot(v, T, color='#1f77b4', linestyle='solid')

# Set up the axes and style
ax.axis([0, 70, 100, 200])
ax.grid(True, linestyle='dotted')

# Add labels
plt.text(11.5, 120, '$n$=1')
ax.text(24, 120, '$n$=2')
ax.text(42.5, 120, '$n$=3')
ax.text(58.5, 120, '$n$=4')
ax.text(58.5, 185, '$n$=5')
ax.set_xlabel('Velocity $v$ [m/s]')
ax.set_ylabel('Torque $T$ [Nm]')

plt.suptitle('Torque curves for typical car engine')
plt.tight_layout()
Input/output model for the vehicle system

We now create an input/output model for the vehicle system that takes the throttle input $u$, the gear and the angle of the road $\theta$ as input. The output of this model is the current vehicle velocity $v$.

```python
[5]: vehicle = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    vehicle_update, None, name='vehicle',
    inputs = ('u', 'gear', 'theta'), outputs = ('v'), states=('v'))
```

# Define a function for creating a "standard" cruise control plot
```python
def cruise_plot(sys, t, y, label=None, t_hill=None, vref=20, antiwindup=False,
    linetype='b-', subplots=None, legend=None):
    if subplots is None:
        subplots = [None, None]
    # Figure out the plot bounds and indices
    v_min = vref - 1.2; v_max = vref + 0.5; v_ind = sys.find_output('v')
    u_min = 0; u_max = 2 if antiwindup else 1; u_ind = sys.find_output('u')

    # Make sure the upper and lower bounds on v are OK
    while max(y[v_ind]) > v_max: v_max += 1
    while min(y[v_ind]) < v_min: v_min -= 1

    # Create arrays for return values
    subplot_axes = list(subplots)

    # Velocity profile
    if subplot_axes[0] is None:
        subplot_axes[0] = plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
    else:
        plt.sca(subplots[0])
    plt.plot(t, y[v_ind], linetype)
    plt.plot(t, vref*np.ones(t.shape), 'k-')
    if t_hill:
        plt.axvline(t_hill, color='k', linestyle='--', label='t hill')
    plt.axis([0, t[-1], v_min, v_max])
    plt.xlabel('Time $t$ [s]')
    plt.ylabel('Velocity $v$ [m/s]')

    # Commanded input profile
    if subplot_axes[1] is None:
        subplot_axes[1] = plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
    else:
        plt.sca(subplots[1])
    plt.plot(t, y[u_ind], 'r--' if antiwindup else linetype, label=label)
    # Applied input profile
    if antiwindup:
        plt.plot(t, np.clip(y[u_ind], 0, 1), linetype, label='Applied')
    if t_hill:
        plt.axvline(t_hill, color='k', linestyle='--')
    if legend:
        plt.legend(frameon=False)
    plt.axis([0, t[-1], u_min, u_max])
    plt.xlabel('Time $t$ [s]')
```

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plt.ylabel('Throttle $u$')

return subplot_axes

State space controller

Construct a state space controller with integral action, linearized around an equilibrium point. The controller is constructed around the equilibrium point $(x_d, u_d)$ and includes both feedforward and feedback compensation.

- Controller inputs - $(x, y, r)$: system states, system output, reference
- Controller state - $z$: integrated error $(y - r)$
- Controller output - $u$: state feedback control

Note: to make the structure of the controller more clear, we implement this as a “nonlinear” input/output module, even though the actual input/output system is linear. This also allows the use of parameters to set the operating point and gains for the controller.

[6]:

```python
def sf_update(t, z, u, params={}):
    y, r = u[1], u[2]
    return y - r

def sf_output(t, z, u, params={}):
    # Get the controller parameters that we need
    K = params.get('K', 0)
    ki = params.get('ki', 0)
    kf = params.get('kf', 0)
    xd = params.get('xd', 0)
    yd = params.get('yd', 0)
    ud = params.get('ud', 0)

    # Get the system state and reference input
    x, y, r = u[0], u[1], u[2]

    return ud - K * (x - xd) - ki * z + kf * (r - yd)
```

# Create the input/output system for the controller
control_sf = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    sf_update, sf_output, name='control',
    inputs=('x', 'y', 'r'),
    outputs=('u'),
    states=('z'))

# Create the closed loop system for the state space controller

cruise_sf = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (vehicle, control_sf), name='cruise',
    connections=(
        ('vehicle.u', 'control.u'),
        ('control.x', 'vehicle.v'),
        ('control.y', 'vehicle.v')),
    inplist=('control.r', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta', 'vehicle.v'),
    outlist=('control.u', 'vehicle.v'),
    outputs=['u', 'v'])
# Define the time and input vectors
T = np.linspace(0, 25, 501)

vref = 20 * np.ones(T.shape)
gear = 4 * np.ones(T.shape)
theta0 = np.zeros(T.shape)

# Find the equilibrium point for the system
Xeq, Ueq = ct.find_eqpt(
    vehicle, [vref[0]], [0, gear[0], theta0[0]], y0=[vref[0]], iu=[1, 2])

print("Xeq = ", Xeq)
print("Ueq = ", Ueq)

# Compute the linearized system at the eq pt

cruise_linearized = ct.linearize(vehicle, Xeq, [Ueq[0], gear[0], 0])

Xeq = [20.]
Ueq = [0.16874874 4. 0.]

# Construct the gain matrices for the system
A, B, C = cruise_linearized.A, cruise_linearized.B[0, 0], cruise_linearized.C
K = 0.5

kf = -1 / (C * np.linalg.inv(A - B * K) * B)

# Compute the steady state velocity and throttle setting
xd = Xeq[0]
ud = Ueq[0]
yd = vref[-1]

# Response of the system with no integral feedback term
plt.figure()

theta_hill = [0 if t <= 5 else 4./180. * pi * (t-5) if t <= 6 else
4./180. * pi for t in T]
t, y_sfb = ct.input_output_response(
    cruise_sf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], [Xeq[0], 0],
    params={'K': K, 'ki': 0.0, 'kf': kf, 'xd': xd, 'ud': ud, 'yd': yd})

subplots = cruise_plot(cruise_sf, t, y_sfb, t_hill=5, linetype='b--')

# Response of the system with state feedback + integral action

t, y_sfb_int = ct.input_output_response(
    cruise_sf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], [Xeq[0], 0],
    params={'K': K, 'ki': 0.1, 'kf': kf, 'xd': xd, 'ud': ud, 'yd': yd})

cruise_plot(cruise_sf, t, y_sfb_int, t_hill=5, linetype='b-', subplots=subplots)

# Add title and legend
plt.suptitle('Cruise control with state feedback, integral action')

import matplotlib.lines as mlines

p_line = mlines.Line2D([], [], color='blue', linestyle='--', label='State feedback')
pi_line = mlines.Line2D([], [], color='blue', linestyle='-', label='w/ integral action')

plt.legend(handles=[p_line, pi_line], frameon=False, loc='lower right');
Pole/zero cancellation

The transfer function for the linearized dynamics of the cruise control system is given by $P(s) = b/(s + a)$. A simple (but not necessarily good) way to design a PI controller is to choose the parameters of the PI controller as $k_i = a k_p$. The controller transfer function is then $C(s) = k_p + k_i/s = k_i(s + a)/s$. It has a zero at $s = -k_i/k_p = -a$ that cancels the process pole at $s = -a$. We have $P(s)C(s) = k_i/s$ giving the transfer function from reference to vehicle velocity as $G_{yr}(s) = b k_p/(s + b k_p)$, and control design is then simply a matter of choosing the gain $k_p$. The closed loop system dynamics are of first order with the time constant $1/(b k_p)$.

[8]: # Get the transfer function from throttle input + hill to vehicle speed
P = ct.ss2tf(cruise_linearized[0, 0])

# Construction a controller that cancels the pole
kp = 0.5
a = -P.pole()[0]
b = np.real(P(0)) * a
ki = a * kp
C = ct.tf2ss(ct.TransferFunction([kp, ki], [1, 0]))
control_pz = ct.LinearIOSystem(C, name='control', inputs='u', outputs='y')
print("system: a = ", a, " , b = ", b)
print("pzcancel: kp =", kp, " , ki =", ki, " , 1/(kp b) = ", 1/(kp * b))
print("sfb_int: K = ", K, " , ki = 0.1")

# Construct the closed loop system and plot the response
# Create the closed loop system for the state space controller
cruise_pz = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (vehicle, control_pz), name='cruise_pz',
    connections = (
        ('control.u', '-vehicle.v'),
        ('vehicle.u', 'control.y')),
    inplist = ('control.u', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'),
    inputs = ('vref', 'gear', 'theta'),
)
outlist = ('vehicle.v', 'vehicle.u'),
outputs = ('v', 'u'))

# Find the equilibrium point
X0, U0 = ct.find_eqpt(
    cruise_pz, [vref[0], 0], [vref[0], gear[0], theta0[0]],
    iu=[1, 2], y0=[vref[0], 0], iy=[0])

# Response of the system with PI controller canceling process pole
T, y_pzcancel = ct.input_output_response(
    cruise_pz, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0)
subplots = cruise_plot(cruise_pz, t, y_pzcancel, t_hill=5, linetype='b-')
cruise_plot(cruise_sf, t, y_sfb_int, t_hill=5, linetype='b--', subplots=subplots);

system: a = 0.010124405669387215 , b = 1.3203061238159202
pzcancel: kp = 0.5 , ki = 0.005062202834693608 , 1/(kp b) = 1.5148002148317266
sfb_int: K = 0.5 , ki = 0.1

**PI Controller**

In this example, the speed of the vehicle is measured and compared to the desired speed. The controller is a PI controller represented as a transfer function. In the textbook, the simulations are done for LTI systems, but here we simulate the full nonlinear system.
Parameter design through pole placement

To illustrate the design of a PI controller, we choose the gains $k_p$ and $k_i$ so that the characteristic polynomial has the form

$$s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_0 s + \omega_0^2$$

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```python
# Values of the first order transfer function $P(s) = \frac{b}{s + a}$ are set above

# Define the input that we want to track
T = np.linspace(0, 40, 101)
vref = 20 * np.ones(T.shape)
gear = 4 * np.ones(T.shape)
theta_hill = np.array(
    0 if t <= 5 else
    4./180. * pi * (t-5) if t <= 6 else
    4./180. * pi for t in T)

# Fix $\omega_0$ and vary $\zeta$
w0 = 0.5
subplots = [None, None]
for zeta in [0.5, 1, 2]:
    # Create the controller transfer function (as an I/O system)
kp = (2*zeta*w0 - a)/b
ki = w0**2 / b
control_tf = ct.tf2io(
    ct.TransferFunction([kp, ki], [1, 0.01*ki/kp]),
    name='control', inputs='u', outputs='y')

# Construct the closed loop system by interconnecting process and controller
cruise_tf = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (vehicle, control_tf), name='cruise',
    connections = [('control.u', '-vehicle.v'), ('vehicle.u', 'control.y')],
    inplist = ('control.u', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'),
    inputs = ('vref', 'gear', 'theta'),
    outlist = ('vehicle.v', 'vehicle.u'),
    outputs = ('v', 'u'))

# Plot the velocity response
X0, U0 = ct.find_eqpt(
    cruise_tf, [vref[0], 0], [vref[0], gear[0], theta_hill[0]],
    iu=[1, 2], y0=[vref[0], 0], iy=[0])

t, y = ct.input_output_response(cruise_tf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0)
subplots = cruise_plot(cruise_tf, t, y, t_hill=5, subplots=subplots)
```

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Fix $\zeta$ and vary $\omega_0$

$\zeta = 1$

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zeta = 1
subplots = [None, None]
for w0 in [0.2, 0.5, 1]:
    # Create the controller transfer function (as an I/O system)
    kp = (2*zeta*w0 - a)/b
    ki = w0**2 / b
    control_tf = ct.tf2io(
        ct.TransferFunction([kp, ki], [1, 0.01*ki/kp]),
        name='control', inputs='u', outputs='y')

    # Construct the closed loop system by interconnecting process and controller
    cruise_tf = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
        (vehicle, control_tf), name='cruise',
        connections = [('control.u', '-vehicle.v'), ('vehicle.u', 'control.y')],
        inplist = ('control.u', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'),
        inputs = ('vref', 'gear', 'theta'),
        outlist = ('vehicle.v', 'vehicle.u'), outputs = ('v', 'u'))

    # Plot the velocity response
    X0, U0 = ct.find_eqpt(
        cruise_tf, [vref[0], 0], [vref[0], gear[0], theta_hill[0]],
        iu=[1, 2], y0=[vref[0], 0], iy=[0])
    t, y = ct.input_output_response(cruise_tf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0)
    subplots = cruise_plot(cruise_tf, t, y, t_hill=5, subplots=subplots)
```
Robustness to change in mass

[11]: 
# Nominal controller design for remaining analyses
# Construct a PI controller with rolloff, as a transfer function
Kp = 0.5  # proportional gain
Ki = 0.1  # integral gain
control_tf = ct2io(
    ct.TransferFunction([Kp, Ki], [1, 0.01*Ki/Kp]),
    name='control', inputs='u', outputs='y')

cruise_tf = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (vehicle, control_tf), name='cruise',
    connections=[('control.u', '-vehicle.v'), ('vehicle.u', 'control.y')],
    inplist=('control.u', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'), inputs=('vref', 'gear',
    'theta'),
    outplist=('vehicle.v', 'vehicle.u'), outputs=('v', 'u'))

[12]: 
# Define the time and input vectors
T = np.linspace(0, 25, 101)
vref = 20 * np.ones(T.shape)
gear = 4 * np.ones(T.shape)
theta0 = np.zeros(T.shape)

# Now simulate the effect of a hill at t = 5 seconds
plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Response to change in road slope')
theta_hill = np.array([0 if t <= 5 else 4./180. * pi * (t-5) if t <= 6 else
                      4./180. * pi for t in T])

subplots = [None, None]
linecolor = ['red', 'blue', 'green']
handles = []
for i, m in enumerate([1200, 1600, 2000]):
    # Compute the equilibrium state for the system
    X0, U0 = ct.find_eqpt(
        cruise_tf, [vref[0], 0], [vref[0], gear[0], theta[0]],
        iu=[1, 2], y0=[vref[0], 0], iy=[0], params={m:m})
    t, y = ct.input_output_response(
        cruise_tf, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0, params={m:m})

    subplots = cruise_plot(cruise_tf, t, y, t_hill=5, subplots=subplots,
        linetype=linecolor[i][0] + '-')
    handles.append(mlines.Line2D([], [], color=linecolor[i], linestyle='-',
        label="m = %d" % m))

    # Add labels to the plots
    plt.sca(subplots[0])
    plt.ylabel('Speed [m/s]
    plt.legend(handles=handles, frameon=False, loc='lower right');
    plt.sca(subplots[1])
    plt.ylabel('Throttle')
    plt.xlabel('Time [s]');
PI controller with antiwindup protection

We now create a more complicated feedback controller that includes anti-windup protection.

```python
[13]: def pi_update(t, x, u, params={}):
    # Get the controller parameters that we need
    ki = params.get('ki', 0.1)
    kaw = params.get('kaw', 2)  # anti-windup gain

    # Assign variables for inputs and states (for readability)
    v = u[0]  # current velocity
    vref = u[1]  # reference velocity
    z = x[0]  # integrated error

    # Compute the nominal controller output (needed for anti-windup)
    u_a = pi_output(t, x, u, params)

    # Compute anti-windup compensation (scale by ki to account for structure)
    u_aw = kaw/ki * (np.clip(u_a, 0, 1) - u_a) if ki != 0 else 0

    # State is the integrated error, minus anti-windup compensation
    return (vref - v) + u_aw

def pi_output(t, x, u, params={}):
    # Get the controller parameters that we need
    kp = params.get('kp', 0.5)
    ki = params.get('ki', 0.1)

    # Assign variables for inputs and states (for readability)
    v = u[0]  # current velocity
    vref = u[1]  # reference velocity
    z = x[0]  # integrated error

    # PI controller
    return kp * (vref - v) + ki * z

control_pi = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    pi_update, pi_output, name='control',
    inputs = ['v', 'vref'], outputs = ['u'], states = ['z'],
    params = {'kp':0.5, 'ki':0.1})

# Create the closed loop system

cruise_pi = ct.InterconnectedSystem(
    (vehicle, control_pi), name='cruise',
    connections=(
        ('vehicle.u', 'control.u'),
        ('control.v', 'vehicle.v')),
    inplist=('control.vref', 'vehicle.gear', 'vehicle.theta'),
    outlist=('control.u', 'vehicle.v'), outputs=['u', 'v'])
```

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Response to a small hill

Figure 4.3b shows the response of the closed loop system. The figure shows that even if the hill is so steep that the throttle changes from 0.17 to almost full throttle, the largest speed error is less than 1 m/s, and the desired velocity is recovered after 20 s.

```python
# Compute the equilibrium throttle setting for the desired speed
X0, U0, Y0 = ct.find_eqpt(cruise_pi, [vref[0], 0], [vref[0], gear[0], theta0[0]], y0=[0, vref[0]], iu=[1, 2], iy=[1], return_y=True)

# Now simulate the effect of a hill at t = 5 seconds
plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Car with cruise control encountering sloping road')
theta_hill = [0 if t <= 5 else 4./180. * pi * (t-5) if t <= 6 else 4./180. * pi for t in T]
t, y = ct.input_output_response(cruise_pi, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0)
cruise_plot(cruise_pi, t, y, t_hill=5);
```

![Car with cruise control encountering sloping road](image)

Effect of Windup

The windup effect occurs when a car encounters a hill that is so steep (6°) that the throttle saturates when the cruise controller attempts to maintain speed.

```python
plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Cruise control with integrator windup')
T = np.linspace(0, 50, 101)
vref = 20 * np.ones(T.shape)
theta_hill = [0 if t <= 5 else
```

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6./180. * pi * (t-5) if t <= 6 else 6./180. * pi for t in T

t, y = ct.input_output_response(
    cruise_pi, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0,
    params={'kaw':0})
cruise_plot(cruise_pi, t, y, label='Commanded', t_hill=5,
    antiwindup=True, legend=True);

### PI controller with anti-windup compensation

Anti-windup can be applied to the system to improve the response. Because of the feedback from the actuator model, the output of the integrator is quickly reset to a value such that the controller output is at the saturation limit.

![Cruise control with integrator windup](image)

```python
[16]: plt.figure()
plt.suptitle('Cruise control with integrator anti-windup protection')
t, y = ct.input_output_response(
    cruise_pi, T, [vref, gear, theta_hill], X0,
    params={'kaw':2.})
cruise_plot(cruise_pi, t, y, label='Commanded', t_hill=5,
    antiwindup=True, legend=True);
```
10.2.2 Describing function analysis

Richard M. Murray, 27 Jan 2021

This Jupyter notebook shows how to use the descfcn module of the Python Control Toolbox to perform describing function analysis of a nonlinear system. A brief introduction to describing functions can be found in Feedback Systems, Section 10.5 (Generalized Notions of Gain and Phase).

[1]: import control as ct
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import math

Built-in describing functions

The Python Control Toolbox has a number of built-in functions that provide describing functions for some standard nonlinearities.

Saturation nonlinearity

A saturation nonlinearity can be obtained using the ct.saturation_nonlinearity function. This function takes the saturation level as an argument.

[2]: saturation=ct.saturation_nonlinearity(0.75)
x = np.linspace(-2, 2, 50)
plt.plot(x, saturation(x))
plt.xlabel("Input, x")
plt.ylabel("Output, y = sat(x)")
plt.title("Input/output map for a saturation nonlinearity");
```python
amp_range = np.linspace(0, 2, 50)
plt.plot(amp_range, ct.describing_function(saturation, amp_range))
plt.xlabel("Amplitude A")
plt.ylabel("Describing function, N(A)")
plt.title("Describing function for a saturation nonlinearity");
```
Backlash nonlinearity

A friction-dominated backlash nonlinearity can be obtained using the `ct.friction_backlash_nonlinearity` function. This function takes as argument the size of the backlash region.

```python
[4]: backlash = ct.friction_backlash_nonlinearity(0.5)
theta = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 50)
x = np.sin(theta)
plt.plot(x, [backlash(z) for z in x])
plt.xlabel("Input, x")
plt.ylabel("Output, y = backlash(x)")
plt.title("Input/output map for a friction-dominated backlash nonlinearity");
```

![Input/output map for a backlash nonlinearity](image)

```python
[5]: amp_range = np.linspace(0, 2, 50)
N_a = ct.describing_function(backlash, amp_range)

plt.figure()
plt.plot(amp_range, abs(N_a))
plt.xlabel("Amplitude A")
plt.ylabel("Amplitude of describing function, N(A)")
plt.title("Describing function for a backlash nonlinearity")

plt.figure()
plt.plot(amp_range, np.angle(N_a))
plt.xlabel("Amplitude A")
plt.ylabel("Phase of describing function, N(A)")
plt.title("Describing function for a backlash nonlinearity");
```
User-defined, static nonlinearities

In addition to pre-defined nonlinearities, it is possible to computing describing functions for static nonlinearities. The describing function for any suitable nonlinear function can be computed numerically using the describing_function function.

[6]: # Define a saturation nonlinearity as a simple function
def my_saturation(x):
    if abs(x) >= 1:
        return math.copysign(1, x)
    else:
        return x

amp_range = np.linspace(0, 2, 50)
plt.plot(amp_range, ct.describing_function(my_saturation, amp_range).real)
Stability analysis using describing functions

Describing functions can be used to assess stability of closed loop systems consisting of a linear system and a static nonlinear using a Nyquist plot.

Limit cycle position for a third order system with saturation nonlinearity

Consider a nonlinear feedback system consisting of a third-order linear system with transfer function $H(s)$ and a saturation nonlinearity having describing function $N(a)$. Stability can be assessed by looking for points at which

$$H(j\omega)N(a) = -1$$

The describing_function_plot function plots $H(j\omega)$ and $-1/N(a)$ and prints out the the amplitudes and frequencies corresponding to intersections of these curves.

```python
# Linear dynamics
H_simple = ct.tf([8], [1, 2, 2, 1])
omega = np.logspace(-3, 3, 500)

# Nonlinearity
F_saturation = ct.saturation_nonlinearity(1)
amp = np.linspace(00, 5, 50)

# Describing function plot (return value = amp, freq)
ct.describing_function_plot(H_simple, F_saturation, amp, omega)
```

```
[(3.343977839598768, 1.4142156916757294)]
```
The intersection occurs at amplitude 3.3 and frequency 1.4 rad/sec (= 0.2 Hz) and thus we predict a limit cycle with amplitude 3.3 and period of approximately 5 seconds.

```
[8]: # Create an I/O system simulation to see what happens
    io_saturation = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
        None,
        lambda t, x, u, params: F_saturation(u),
        inputs=1, outputs=1
    )

    sys = ct.feedback(ct.tf2io(H_simple), io_saturation)
    T = np.linspace(0, 30, 200)
    t, y = ct.input_output_response(sys, T, 0.1, 0)
    plt.plot(t, y);  
```
Limit cycle prediction with for a time-delay system with backlash

This example demonstrates a more complicated interaction between a (non-static) nonlinearity and a higher order transfer function, resulting in multiple intersection points.

```python
[9]: # Linear dynamics
    H_simple = ct.tf([1], [1, 2, 2, 1])
    H_multiple = H_simple * ct.tf(*ct.pade(5, 4)) * 4
    omega = np.logspace(-3, 3, 500)

    # Nonlinearity
    F_backlash = ct.friction_backlash_nonlinearity(1)
    amp = np.linspace(0.6, 5, 50)

    # Describing function plot
    ct.describing_function_plot(H_multiple, F_backlash, amp, omega, mirror_style=False)
```

10.2.3 Model Predictive Control: Aircraft Model

RMM, 13 Feb 2021

This example replicates the MPT3 regulation problem example.

```python
[2]: import control as ct
    import numpy as np
    import control.optimal as opt
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

[3]: # model of an aircraft discretized with 0.2s sampling time
    # Source: https://www.mpt3.org/UI/RegulationProblem
```
A = [[0.99, 0.01, 0.18, -0.09, 0],
     [0, 0.94, 0, 0.29, 0],
     [0, 0.14, 0.81, -0.9, 0],
     [0, -0.2, 0, 0.95, 0],
     [0, 0.09, 0, 0, 0.9]]

B = [[0.01, -0.02],
     [-0.14, 0],
     [0.05, -0.2],
     [0.02, 0],
     [-0.01, 0]]

C = [[0, 1, 0, 0, -1],
     [0, 0, 1, 0, 0],
     [0, 0, 0, 1, 0],
     [1, 0, 0, 0, 0]]

model = ct.ss2io(ct.ss(A, B, C, 0, 0.2))

# For the simulation we need the full state output
sys = ct.ss2io(ct.ss(A, B, np.eye(5), 0, 0.2))

# compute the steady state values for a particular value of the input
ud = np.array([0.8, -0.3])
xd = np.linalg.inv(np.eye(5) - A) @ B @ ud
yd = C @ xd

[4]: # computed values will be used as references for the desired
    # steady state which can be added using "reference" filter
    # model.u.with('reference');
    # model.u.reference = us;
    # model.y.with('reference');
    # model.y.reference = ys;

    # provide constraints on the system signals
    constraints = [opt.input_range_constraint(sys, [-5, -6], [5, 6])]

    # provide penalties on the system signals
    Q = model.C.transpose() @ np.diag([10, 10, 10, 10]) @ model.C
    R = np.diag([3, 2])
    cost = opt.quadratic_cost(model, Q, R, x0=xd, u0=ud)

    # online MPC controller object is constructed with a horizon 6
    ctrl = opt.create_mpc_iosystem(model, np.arange(0, 6) * 0.2, cost, constraints)

[7]: # Define an I/O system implementing model predictive control
    loop = ct.feedback(sys, ctrl, 1)
    print(loop)
import time

# loop = ClosedLoop(ctrl, model);
# x0 = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
Nsim = 60

start = time.time()
tout, xout = ct.input_output_response(loop, np.arange(0, Nsim) * 0.2, 0, 0)
end = time.time()
print("Computation time = %g seconds" % (end-start))

Computation time = 8.28132 seconds

# Plot the results
# plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
for i, y in enumerate(C @ xout):
    plt.plot(tout, y)
    plt.plot(tout, yd[i] * np.ones(tout.shape), 'k--')
plt.title('outputs')

# plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
# plt.plot(t, u);
# plot(np.range(Nsim), us*ones(1, Nsim), 'k--')
# plt.title('inputs')
plt.tight_layout()

# Print the final error
xd = xout[:, -1]

array([-0.15441833, 0.00362039, 0.07760278, 0.00675162, 0.00698118])
10.2.4 Vehicle steering

Karl J. Astrom and Richard M. Murray 23 Jul 2019

This notebook contains the computations for the vehicle steering running example in Feedback Systems.

```python
[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import control as ct
import control.optimal as opt
ct.use_fbs_defaults()
```

Vehicle steering dynamics (Example 3.11)

The vehicle dynamics are given by a simple bicycle model. We take the state of the system as \((x, y, \theta)\) where \((x, y)\) is the position of the reference point of the vehicle in the plane and \(\theta\) is the angle of the vehicle with respect to horizontal. The vehicle input is given by \((v, \delta)\) where \(v\) is the forward velocity of the vehicle and \(\delta\) is the angle of the steering wheel. We take as parameters the wheelbase \(b\) and the offset \(a\) between the rear wheels and the reference point. The model includes saturation of the vehicle steering angle (maxsteer).

- System state: \(x, y, \theta\)
- System input: \(v, \delta\)
- System output: \(x, y\)
- System parameters: wheelbase, refoffset, maxsteer

Assuming no slipping of the wheels, the motion of the vehicle is given by a rotation around a point \(O\) that depends on the steering angle \(\delta\). To compute the angle \(\alpha\) of the velocity of the reference point with respect to the axis of the vehicle, we let the distance from the center of rotation \(O\) to the contact point of the rear wheel be \(r\), and it follows from Figure 3.17 in FBS that \(b = r \tan \delta\) and \(a = r \tan \alpha\), which implies that \(\tan \alpha = (a/b) \tan \delta\).

Reasonable limits for the steering angle depend on the speed. The physical limit is given in our model as 0.5 radians (about 30 degrees). However, this limit is rarely possible when the car is driving since it would cause the tires to slide on the pavement. We use a limit of 0.1 radians (about 6 degrees) at 10 m/s (≈ 35 kph) and 0.05 radians (about 3 degrees) at 30 m/s (≈ 110 kph). Note that a steering angle of 0.05 rad gives a cross acceleration of \((v^2/b) \tan \delta \approx (100/3)0.05 = 1.7\) m/s\(^2\) at 10 m/s and 15 m/s\(^2\) at 30 m/s (≈ 1.5 times the force of gravity).

```python
[2]: def vehicle_update(t, x, u, params):
    # Get the parameters for the model
    a = params.get('refoffset', 1.5) # offset to vehicle reference point
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.) # vehicle wheelbase
    maxsteer = params.get('maxsteer', 0.5) # max steering angle (rad)
    
    # Saturate the steering input
    delta = np.clip(u[1], -maxsteer, maxsteer)
    alpha = np.arctan2(a * np.tan(delta), b)
    
    # Return the derivative of the state
    return np.array([u[0] * np.cos(x[2] + alpha), # xdot = cos(theta + alpha) v
                      u[0] * np.sin(x[2] + alpha), # ydot = sin(theta + alpha) v
                      (u[0] / b) * np.tan(delta) # thdot = v/l tan(phi)
                    ])
```

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def vehicle_output(t, x, u, params):
    return x[0:2]

# Default vehicle parameters (including nominal velocity)
vehicle_params={'refoffset': 1.5, 'wheelbase': 3, 'velocity': 15, 'maxsteer': 0.5}

# Define the vehicle steering dynamics as an input/output system
vehicle = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    vehicle_update, vehicle_output, states=3, name='vehicle',
    inputs=('v', 'delta'), outputs=('x', 'y'), params=vehicle_params)

Vehicle driving on a curvy road (Figure 8.6a)

To illustrate the dynamics of the system, we create an input that correspond to driving down a curvy road. This trajectory will be used in future simulations as a reference trajectory for estimation and control.

```
# System parameters
wheelbase = vehicle_params['wheelbase']
v0 = vehicle_params['velocity']

# Control inputs
T_curvy = np.linspace(0, 7, 500)
v_curvy = v0*np.ones(T_curvy.shape)
delta_curvy = 0.1*np.sin(T_curvy)*np.cos(4*T_curvy) + 0.0025*np.sin(T_curvy*np.pi/7)
u_curvy = [v_curvy, delta_curvy]
X0_curvy = [0, 0.8, 0]

# Simulate the system + estimator
r_t, y_r, x_r = ct.input_output_response(vehiclle, T_curvy, u_curvy, X0_curvy, params=vehicle_params, return_x=True)

# Configure matplotlib plots to be a bit bigger and optimize layout
plt.figure(figsize=[9, 4.5])
plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
plt.plot(t_curvy, y_r[1])
plt.ylabel('Lateral position $y$ [m]')
plt.axis('Equal')
```

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# Plot the steering angle
plt.subplot(2, 2, 4)
plt.plot(t_curvy, delta_curvy)
plt.ylabel(r'
Steering angle $\delta$ [rad]
')
plt.xlabel(r'
Time t [sec]
')
plt.tight_layout()

## Linearization of lateral steering dynamics (Example 6.13)

We are interested in the motion of the vehicle about a straight-line path ($\theta = \theta_0$) with constant velocity $v_0 \neq 0$. To find the relevant equilibrium point, we first set $\dot{\theta} = 0$ and we see that we must have $\delta = 0$, corresponding to the steering wheel being straight. The motion in the $xy$ plane is by definition not at equilibrium and so we focus on lateral deviation of the vehicle from a straight line. For simplicity, we let $\theta_e = 0$, which corresponds to driving along the $x$ axis. We can then focus on the equations of motion in the $y$ and $\theta$ directions with input $u = \delta$.

[4]:

```python
# Define the lateral dynamics as a subset of the full vehicle steering dynamics
lateral = ct.NonlinearIOSystem(
    lambda t, x, u, params: vehicle_update(
        t, [0., x[0], x[1]], [params.get('velocity', 1), u[0]], params)[1:],
    lambda t, x, u, params: vehicle_output(
        t, [0., x[0], x[1]], [params.get('velocity', 1), u[0]], params)[1:],
    states=2, name='lateral', inputs=('phi'), outputs=('y'))

# Compute the linearization at velocity $v_0 = 15$ m/sec
lateral_linearized = ct.linearize(lateral, [0, 0], [0], params=vehicle_params)

# Normalize dynamics using state $[x_1/b, x_2]$ and timescale $v_0 t / b$
b = vehicle_params['wheelbase']
v0 = vehicle_params['velocity']
lateral_transformed = ct.similarity_transform(
    lambda t, x, u, params: vehicle_update(
        t, [x[0]/b, x[1]], [v0, u[0]], params)[1:],
    lambda t, x, u, params: vehicle_output(
        t, [x[0]/b, x[1]], [v0, u[0]], params)[1:],
    states=2, name='lateral_transformed', inputs=('phi'), outputs=('y_transformed'))
```

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lateral_linearized, [[1/b, 0], [0, 1]], timescale=v0/b)

# Set the output to be the normalized state x1/b
lateral_normalized = lateral_transformed * (1/b)
print("Linearized system dynamics:

")
print(lateral_normalized)

# Save the system matrices for later use
A = lateral_normalized.A
B = lateral_normalized.B
C = lateral_normalized.C

Linearized system dynamics:

A = [[0. 1.]
     [0. 0.]]
B = [[0.5]
     [1. ]]
C = [[1. 0.]]
D = [[0.]]

Eigenvalue placement controller design (Example 7.4)

We want to design a controller that stabilizes the dynamics of the vehicle and tracks a given reference value \( r \) of the lateral position of the vehicle. We use feedback to design the dynamics of the system to have the characteristic polynomial \( p(s) = s^2 + 2\zeta_c\omega_c + \omega_c^2 \).

To find reasonable values of \( \omega_c \) we observe that the initial response of the steering angle to a unit step change in the steering command is \( \omega_c^2 r \), where \( r \) is the commanded lateral transition. Recall that the model is normalized so that the length unit is the wheelbase \( b \) and the time unit is the time \( b/v_0 \) to travel one wheelbase. A typical car has a wheelbase of about 3 m and, assuming a speed of 30 m/s, a normalized time unit corresponds to 0.1 s. To determine a reasonable steering angle when making a gentle lane change, we assume that the turning radius is \( R = 600 \) m. For a wheelbase of 3 m this corresponds to a steering angle \( \delta \approx 3/600 = 0.005 \) rad and a lateral acceleration of \( v^2/R = 302/600 = 1.5 \) m/s\(^2\). Assuming that a lane change corresponds to a translation of one wheelbase we find \( \omega_c = \sqrt{0.005} = 0.07 \) rad/s.

The unit step responses for the closed loop system for different values of the design parameters are shown below. The effect of \( \omega_c \) is shown on the left, which shows that the response speed increases with increasing \( \omega_c \). All responses have overshoot less than 5% (15 cm), as indicated by the dashed lines. The settling times range from 30 to 60 normalized time units, which corresponds to about 3–6 s, and are limited by the acceptable lateral acceleration of the vehicle. The effect of \( \zeta_c \) is shown on the right. The response speed and the overshoot increase with decreasing damping. Using these plots, we conclude that a reasonable design choice is \( \omega_c = 0.07 \) and \( \zeta_c = 0.7 \).

[5]: # Utility function to place poles for the normalized vehicle steering system
def normalized_place(wc, zc):
    # Get the dynamics and input matrices, for later use
    A, B = lateral_normalized.A, lateral_normalized.B

    # Compute the eigenvalues from the characteristic polynomial

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```python
eigs = np.roots([1, 2*zc*wc, wc**2])

# Compute the feedback gain using eigenvalue placement
K = ct.place_varga(A, B, eigs)

# Create a new system representing the closed loop response
clsys = ct.StateSpace(A - B @ K, B, lateral_normalized.C, 0)

# Compute the feedforward gain based on the zero frequency gain of the closed loop
kf = np.real(1/clsys(0))

# Scale the input by the feedforward gain
clsys *= kf

# Return gains and closed loop system dynamics
return K, kf, clsys
```

# Utility function to plot simulation results for normalized vehicle steering system
```python
def normalized_plot(t, y, u, inpfig, outfig):
    plt.sca(outfig)
    plt.plot(t, y)
    plt.sca(inpfig)
    plt.plot(t, u[0])
```

# Utility function to label plots of normalized vehicle steering system
```python
def normalized_label(inpfig, outfig):
    plt.sca(inpfig)
    plt.xlabel('Normalized time $v_0 t / b$')
    plt.ylabel('Steering angle $\delta$ [rad]')
    plt.sca(outfig)
    plt.ylabel('Lateral position $y/b$')
    plt.plot([0, 20], [0.95, 0.95], 'k--')
    plt.plot([0, 20], [1.05, 1.05], 'k--')
```

# Configure matplotlib plots to be a bit bigger and optimize layout
```python
plt.figure(figsize=[9, 4.5])
```

# Explore range of values for omega_c, with zeta_c = 0.7
```python
outfig = plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
inpfig = plt.subplot(2, 2, 3)
zc = 0.7
for wc in [0.5, 0.7, 1]:
    # Place the poles of the system
    K, kf, clsys = normalized_place(wc, zc)
    # Compute the step response
    t, y, x = ct.step_response(clsys, np.linspace(0, 20, 100), return_x=True)
    # Compute the input used to generate the control response
    u = -K @ x + kf * 1
```

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# Plot the results
normalized_plot(t, y, u, inpfig, outfig)

# Add labels to the figure
normalized_label(inpfig, outfig)
plt.legend((r'$\omega_c = 0.5$', r'$\omega_c = 0.7$', r'$\omega_c = 0.1$'))

# Explore range of values for zeta_c, with omega_c = 0.07
outfig = plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
inpfig = plt.subplot(2, 2, 4)
w_c = 0.7
for z_c in [0.5, 0.7, 1]:
    # Place the poles of the system
    K, k_f, clsys = normalized_place(w_c, z_c)

    # Compute the step response
    t, y, x = ct.step_response(clsys, np.linspace(0, 20, 100), return_x=True)

    # Compute the input used to generate the control response
    u = -K @ x + k_f * 1

    # Plot the results
    normalized_plot(t, y, u, inpfig, outfig)

# Add labels to the figure
normalized_label(inpfig, outfig)
plt.legend((r'$\zeta_c = 0.5$', r'$\zeta_c = 0.7$', r'$\zeta_c = 1$'))
plt.tight_layout()
Eigenvalue placement observer design (Example 8.3)

We construct an estimator for the (normalized) lateral dynamics by assigning the eigenvalues of the estimator dynamics to desired value, specified in terms of the second order characteristic equation for the estimator dynamics.

```
[6]: # Find the eigenvalue from the characteristic polynomial
    wo = 1  # bandwidth for the observer
    zo = 0.7  # damping ratio for the observer
    eigs = np.roots([1, 2*zo*wo, wo**2])

    # Compute the estimator gain using eigenvalue placement
    L = np.transpose(
        ct.place(np.transpose(A), np.transpose(C), eigs))

    print("L = ", L)

    # Create a linear model of the lateral dynamics driving the estimator
    est = ct.StateSpace(A - L @ C, np.block([[B, L]]), np.eye(2), np.zeros((2,2)))
```

Linear observer applied to nonlinear system output

A simulation of the observer for a vehicle driving on a curvy road is shown below. The first figure shows the trajectory of the vehicle on the road, as viewed from above. The response of the observer is shown on the right, where time is normalized to the vehicle length. We see that the observer error settles in about 4 vehicle lengths.

```
[7]: # Convert the curvy trajectory into normalized coordinates
    x_ref = x_curvy[0] / wheelbase
    y_ref = x_curvy[1] / wheelbase
    theta_ref = x_curvy[2]
    tau = v0 * T_curvy / b

    # Simulate the estimator, with a small initial error in y position
    t, y_est, x_est = ct.forced_response(est, tau, [delta_curvy, y_ref], [0.5, 0], return_˓
       →x=True)

    # Configure matplotlib plots to be a bit bigger and optimize layout
    plt.figure(figsize=[9, 4.5])

    # Plot the actual and estimated states
    ax = plt.subplot(2, 1)
    plt.plot(t, y_ref)
    plt.plot(t, x_est[0])
    ax.set(xlim=[0, 10])
    plt.legend(['actual', 'estimated'])
    plt.ylabel('Lateral position $y/b$')

    ax = plt.subplot(2, 2)
    plt.plot(t, x_est[0] - y_ref)
    ax.set(xlim=[0, 10])
    plt.ylabel('Lateral error')
```

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Output Feedback Controller (Example 8.4)

[8]: # Compute the feedback gains
    # K, kf, clsys = normalized_place(1, 0.707) # Gains from MATLAB
    # K, kf, clsys = normalized_place(0.07, 0.707) # Original gains
    K, kf, clsys = normalized_place(0.7, 0.707) # Final gains

    # Print out the gains
    print("K = ", K)
    print("kf = ", kf)

    # Construct an output-based controller for the system
    clsys = ct.StateSpace(
        np.block([[A, -B@K], [L@C, A - B@K - L@C]]),
        np.block([[B], [B]]) * kf,
        np.block([[C, np.zeros(C.shape)], [np.zeros(C.shape), C]]),
        np.zeros((2,1)))

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# Simulate the system
t, y, x = ct.forced_response(clsys, tau, y_ref, [0.4, 0, 0.0, 0], return_x=True)

# Calculate the input used to generate the control response
u_sfb = kf * y_ref - K @ x[0:2]
u_ofb = kf * y_ref - K @ x[2:4]

# Configure matplotlib plots to be a bit bigger and optimize layout
plt.figure(figsize=[9, 4.5])

# Plot the actual and estimated states
ax = plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(t, x[0])
plt.plot(t, x[2])
plt.plot(t, y_ref, 'k-.')
ax.set(xlim=[0, 30])
plt.legend(['state feedback', 'output feedback', 'reference'])
plt.xlabel('Normalized time $v_0 t / b$')
plt.ylabel('Lateral position $y/b$')
ax = plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
plt.plot(t, x[1])
plt.plot(t, x[3])
plt.plot(t, theta_ref, 'k-.')
ax.set(xlim=[0, 15])
plt.ylabel('Vehicle angle $\theta$')
ax = plt.subplot(2, 2, 4)
plt.plot(t, u_sfb[0])
plt.plot(t, u_ofb[0])
plt.plot(t, delta_curvy, 'k-.')
ax.set(xlim=[0, 15])
plt.xlabel('Normalized time $v_0 t / b$')
plt.ylabel('Steering angle $\delta$')
plt.tight_layout()

K = [[0.49, 0.7448]]
kf = 0.489999999999182
Trajectory Generation (Example 8.8)

To illustrate how we can use a two degree-of-freedom design to improve the performance of the system, consider the problem of steering a car to change lanes on a road. We use the non-normalized form of the dynamics, which were derived in Example 3.11.

[9]: `import control.flatsys as fs`

```python
# Function to take states, inputs and return the flat flag
def vehicle_flat_forward(x, u, params={}):
    # Get the parameter values
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)

    # Create a list of arrays to store the flat output and its derivatives
    zflag = [np.zeros(3), np.zeros(3)]

    # Flat output is the x, y position of the rear wheels
    zflag[0][0] = x[0]
    zflag[1][0] = x[1]

    # First derivatives of the flat output
    zflag[0][1] = u[0] * np.cos(x[2])  # dx/dt
    zflag[1][1] = u[0] * np.sin(x[2])  # dy/dt

    # First derivative of the angle
    thdot = (u[0]/b) * np.tan(u[1])

    # Second derivatives of the flat output (setting vdot = 0)
    zflag[0][2] = -u[0] * thdot * np.sin(x[2])
    zflag[1][2] = u[0] * thdot * np.cos(x[2])
```

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return zflag

# Function to take the flat flag and return states, inputs
def vehicle_flat_reverse(zflag, params={}):
    # Get the parameter values
    b = params.get('wheelbase', 3.)

    # Create a vector to store the state and inputs
    x = np.zeros(3)
    u = np.zeros(2)

    # Given the flat variables, solve for the state
    x[0] = zflag[0][0]  # x position
    x[1] = zflag[1][0]  # y position
    x[2] = np.arctan2(zflag[1][1], zflag[0][1])  # \tan(\theta) = ydot/xdot

    # And next solve for the inputs
    u[0] = zflag[0][1] * np.cos(x[2]) + zflag[1][1] * np.sin(x[2])
    thdot_v = zflag[1][2] * np.cos(x[2]) - zflag[0][2] * np.sin(x[2])
    u[1] = np.arctan2(thdot_v, u[0]**2 / b)

    return x, u

vehicle_flat = fs.FlatSystem(vehicle_flat_forward, vehicle_flat_reverse, inputs=2, states=3)

[10]: # Utility function to plot lane change trajectory
def plot_vehicle_lanechange(traj):
    # Create the trajectory
    t = np.linspace(0, Tf, 100)
    x, u = traj.eval(t)

    # Configure matplotlib plots to be a bit bigger and optimize layout
    plt.figure(figsize=[9, 4.5])

    # Plot the trajectory in xy coordinate
    plt.subplot(2, 4, 3)
    plt.plot(x[1], x[0])
    plt.xlabel('y [m]')
    plt.ylabel('x [m]')

    # Add lane lines and scale the axis
    plt.plot([-4, -4], [0, x[0, -1]], 'k-', linewidth=1)
    plt.plot([0, 0], [0, x[0, -1]], 'k--', linewidth=1)
    plt.plot([4, 4], [0, x[0, -1]], 'k-', linewidth=1)
    plt.axis([-10, 10, -5, x[0, -1] + 5])

    # Time traces of the state and input
    plt.subplot(2, 4, 3)
    plt.plot(t, x[1])
    plt.plot(t, u[1])
    plt.xlabel('t')
    plt.ylabel('y [m]')
To find a trajectory from an initial state $x_0$ to a final state $x_f$ in time $T_f$, we solve a point-to-point trajectory generation problem. We also set the initial and final inputs, which sets the vehicle velocity $v$ and steering wheel angle $\delta$ at the endpoints.

```python
# Define the endpoints of the trajectory
x0 = [0., 2., 0.]; u0 = [15, 0.]
xf = [75, -2., 0.]; uf = [15, 0.]
Tf = xf[0] / uf[0]

# Define a set of basis functions to use for the trajectories
poly = fs.PolyFamily(8)

# Find a trajectory between the initial condition and the final condition
traj1 = fs.point_to_point(vehicle_flat, Tf, x0, u0, xf, uf, basis=poly)
plot_vehicle_lanechange(traj1)
```
Change of basis function

```
[12]: bezier = fs.BezierFamily(8)
    traj2 = fs.point_to_point(vehicle_flat, Tf, x0, u0, xf, uf, basis=bezier)
    plot_vehicle_lanechange(traj2)
```

![Graphs showing vehicle dynamics](image)

Added cost function

```
[14]: timepts = np.linspace(0, Tf, 12)
    poly = fs.PolyFamily(8)
    traj_cost = opt.quadratic_cost(
        vehicle_flat, np.diag([0, 0.1, 0]), np.diag([0.1, 10]), x0=xf, u0=uf)
    constraints = [
        opt.input_range_constraint(vehicle_flat, [8, -0.1], [12, 0.1])
    ]
    traj3 = fs.point_to_point(
        vehicle_flat, timepts, x0, u0, xf, uf, cost=traj_cost, basis=poly
    )
    plot_vehicle_lanechange(traj3)
```
Vehicle transfer functions for forward and reverse driving (Example 10.11)

The vehicle steering model has different properties depending on whether we are driving forward or in reverse. The figures below show step responses from steering angle to lateral translation for a the linearized model when driving forward (dashed) and reverse (solid). In this simulation we have added an extra pole with the time constant $T = 0.1$ to approximately account for the dynamics in the steering system.

With rear-wheel steering the center of mass first moves in the wrong direction and the overall response with rear-wheel steering is significantly delayed compared with that for front-wheel steering. (b) Frequency response for driving forward (dashed) and reverse (solid). Notice that the gain curves are identical, but the phase curve for driving in reverse has non-minimum phase.

[11]:

```python
# Magnitude of the steering input (half maximum)
Msteer = vehicle_params['maxsteer'] / 2

# Create a linearized model of the system going forward at 2 m/s
forward_lateral = ct.linearize(lateral, [0, 0], [0], params={'velocity': 2})
forward_tf = ct.ss2tf(forward_lateral)[0, 0]
print("Forward TF = ", forward_tf)

# Create a linearized model of the system going in reverse at 1 m/s
reverse_lateral = ct.linearize(lateral, [0, 0], [0], params={'velocity': -2})
reverse_tf = ct.ss2tf(reverse_lateral)[0, 0]
print("Reverse TF = ", reverse_tf)
```

Forward TF =

\[
\frac{s + 1.333}{s^2 + 7.828 \times 10^{-16} s - 1.848 \times 10^{-16}}
\]

Reverse TF =

\[
-\frac{s + 1.333}{s^2 + 7.828 \times 10^{-16} s - 1.848 \times 10^{-16}}
\]

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\[ s^2 - 7.828 \times 10^{-16} s - 1.848 \times 10^{-16} \]

[12]: # Configure matplotlib plots to be a bit bigger and optimize layout
plt.figure()

# Forward motion
t, y = ct.step_response(forward_tf * Msteer, np.linspace(0, 4, 500))
plt.plot(t, y, 'b--')

# Reverse motion
t, y = ct.step_response(reverse_tf * Msteer, np.linspace(0, 4, 500))
plt.plot(t, y, 'b-')

# Add labels and reference lines
plt.axis([0, 4, -0.5, 2.5])
plt.legend(['forward', 'reverse'], loc='upper left')
plt.xlabel('Time $t$ [s]')
plt.ylabel('Lateral position [m]')
plt.plot([0, 4], [0, 0], 'k-', linewidth=1)

# Plot the Bode plots
plt.figure()
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
ct.bode_plot(forward_tf[0, 0], np.logspace(-1, 1, 100), color='b', linestyle='--')
ct.bode_plot(reverse_tf[0, 0], np.logspace(-1, 1, 100), color='b', linestyle='-')
plt.legend(('forward', 'reverse'));
Feedforward Compensation (Example 12.6)

For a lane transfer system we would like to have a nice response without overshoot, and we therefore consider the use of feedforward compensation to provide a reference trajectory for the closed loop system. We choose the desired response as \( F_m(s) = \frac{a^2}{s + a^2} \), where the response speed or aggressiveness of the steering is governed by the parameter \( a \).

```python
# Define the desired response of the system
a = 0.2
P = ct.ss2tf(lateral_normalized)
Fm = ct.TransferFunction([a**2], [1, 2*a, a**2])
Fr = Fm / P

# Compute the step response of the feedforward components
r, y_ffwd = ct.step_response(Fm, np.linspace(0, 25, 100))
r, delta_ffwd = ct.step_response(Fr, np.linspace(0, 25, 100))

# Scale and shift to correspond to lane change (-2 to +2)
y_ffwd = 0.5 - 1 * y_ffwd
delta_ffwd *= 1

# Overhead view
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(y_ffwd, r)
plt.plot(-1*np.ones(r.shape), r, 'k-', linewidth=1)
plt.plot(0*np.ones(r.shape), r, 'k--', linewidth=1)
plt.plot(1*np.ones(r.shape), r, 'k-', linewidth=1)
plt.axis([-5, 5, -2, 27])

# Plot the response
plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
plt.plot(r, y_ffwd)
# plt.axis([0, 10, -5, 5])
plt.ylabel('Normalized position y/b')
```

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Fundamental Limits (Example 14.13)

Consider a controller based on state feedback combined with an observer where we want a faster closed loop system and choose $\omega_c = 10$, $\zeta_c = 0.707$, $\omega_o = 20$, and $\zeta_o = 0.707$.

```python
# Compute the feedback gain using eigenvalue placement
wc = 10
zc = 0.707
eigs = np.roots([1, 2*zc*wc, wc**2])
K = ct.place(A, B, eigs)
kr = np.real(1/clsys(0))
print("K = ", np.squeeze(K))

# Compute the estimator gain using eigenvalue placement
wo = 20
zo = 0.707
eigs = np.roots([1, 2*zo*wo, wo**2])
L = np.transpose(ct.place(np.transpose(A), np.transpose(C), eigs))
print("L = ", np.squeeze(L))

# Construct an output-based controller for the system
C1 = ct.ss2tf(ct.StateSpace(A - B@K - L@C, L, K, 0))
print("C(s) = ", C1)
```

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# Compute the loop transfer function and plot Nyquist, Bode

\[
L_1 = P \cdot C_1 \\
\text{plt.figure(); ct.nyquist_plot(L1, np.logspace(0.5, 3, 500))} \\
\text{plt.figure(); ct.bode_plot(L1, np.logspace(-1, 3, 500));}
\]

\[
K = [100. \quad -35.86] \\
L = [28.28 \quad 400. \quad ]
\]

\[
C(s) = \frac{-1.152e+04 \, s + 4e+04}{s^2 + 42.42 \, s + 6658}
\]

[15]: # Modified control law

\[
w_c = 10 \\
z_c = 2.6 \\
eigs = \text{np.roots([1, 2*z_c*w_c, w_c^2])} \\
K = \text{ct.place(A, B, eigs)}
\]
kr = np.real(1/clsys(0))
print("K = ", np.squeeze(K))

# Construct an output-based controller for the system
C2 = ct.ss2tf(ct.StateSpace(A - B*K - L*C, L, K, 0))
print("C(s) = ", C2)

K = [100. 2.]
C(s) =
    3628 s + 4e+04
---------------------
s^2 + 80.28 s + 156.6

10.2.5 Vertical takeoff and landing aircraft

This notebook demonstrates the use of the python-control package for analysis and design of a controller for a vectored thrust aircraft model that is used as a running example through the text *Feedback Systems* by Astrom and Murray. This example makes use of MATLAB compatible commands.

Additional information on this system is available at
http://www.cds.caltech.edu/~murray/wiki/index.php/Python-control/Example:_Vertical_takeoff_and_landing_aircraft
System Description

This example uses a simplified model for a (planar) vertical takeoff and landing aircraft (PVTOL), as shown below:

\[
\begin{align*}
    m \ddot{x} &= F_1 \cos \theta - F_2 \sin \theta - c \dot{x}, \\
    m \ddot{y} &= F_1 \sin \theta + F_2 \cos \theta - mg - c \dot{y}, \\
    J \ddot{\theta} &= r F_1.
\end{align*}
\]

The position and orientation of the center of mass of the aircraft is denoted by \((x, y, \theta)\), \(m\) is the mass of the vehicle, \(J\) the moment of inertia, \(g\) the gravitational constant and \(c\) the damping coefficient. The forces generated by the main downward thruster and the maneuvering thrusters are modeled as a pair of forces \(F_1\) and \(F_2\) acting at a distance \(r\) below the aircraft (determined by the geometry of the thrusters).

Letting \(z = (x, y, \theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta})\), the equations can be written in state space form as:

\[
\frac{dz}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} z_4 \\ z_5 \\ z_6 \\ -c/m z_4 \\ -g/m z_5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \cos \theta F_1 + \frac{1}{m} \sin \theta F_2 \\ \frac{1}{m} \sin \theta F_1 + \frac{1}{m} \cos \theta F_2 \\ r F_1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

LQR state feedback controller

This section demonstrates the design of an LQR state feedback controller for the vectored thrust aircraft example. This example is pulled from Chapter 6 (Linear Systems, Example 6.4) and Chapter 7 (State Feedback, Example 7.9) of Astrom and Murray. The python code listed here are contained the the file pvtol-lqr.py.

To execute this example, we first import the libraries for SciPy, MATLAB plotting and the python-control package:

```
[1]: from numpy import *  # Grab all of the NumPy functions
from matplotlib.pyplot import *  # Grab MATLAB plotting functions
from control.matlab import *  # MATLAB-like functions
%matplotlib inline
```

The parameters for the system are given by

```
[2]: m = 4  # mass of aircraft
J = 0.0475  # inertia around pitch axis
r = 0.25  # distance to center of force
g = 9.8  # gravitational constant
c = 0.05  # damping factor (estimated)
```
Choosing equilibrium inputs to be \( u_e = (0, mg) \), the dynamics of the system \( \frac{dz}{dt} \), and their linearization \( A \) about equilibrium point \( z_e = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \) are given by

\[
\frac{dz}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} z_4 \\ z_5 \\ z_6 \\ -g \sin z_3 - \frac{c}{m} z_4 \\ g(\cos z_3 - 1) - \frac{c}{m} z_5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -g & -c/m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -c/m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\]

[3]: # State space dynamics
xe = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]  # equilibrium point of interest
ue = [0, m*g]  # (note these are lists, not matrices)

[4]: # Dynamics matrix (use matrix type so that * works for multiplication)
# Note that we write A and B here in full generality in case we want
# to test different xe and ue.
A = matrix(
    [[ 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0],
    [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0],
    [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1],
    [ 0, 0, (-ue[0]*sin(xe[2]) - ue[1]*cos(xe[2]))/m, -c/m, 0, 0],
    [ 0, 0, (ue[0]*cos(xe[2]) - ue[1]*sin(xe[2]))/m, 0, -c/m, 0],
    [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]])

# Input matrix
B = matrix(
    [[0, 0],
     [cos(xe[2])/m, -sin(xe[2])/m],
     [sin(xe[2])/m, cos(xe[2])/m],
     [r/J, 0]])

# Output matrix
C = matrix([[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]])
D = matrix([[0, 0], [0, 0]])

To compute a linear quadratic regulator for the system, we write the cost function as

\[
J = \int_0^\infty (\xi^T Q \xi + v^T Q_v v) dt,
\]

where \( \xi = z - z_e \) and \( v = u - u_e \) represent the local coordinates around the desired equilibrium point \((z_e, u_e)\). We begin with diagonal matrices for the state and input costs:

[5]: Qx1 = diag([1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1])
Qv1a = diag([1, 1])
(K, X, E) = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Qv1a); K1a = matrix(K)

This gives a control law of the form \( v = -K \xi \), which can then be used to derive the control law in terms of the original variables:

\[
u = v + u_e = -K(z - z_d) + u_d.
\]

where: math:`u_e = (0, mg)` and: math:`z_d = (x_d, y_d, 0, 0, 0)`
The way we setup the dynamics above, $A$ is already hardcoding $u_d$, so we don’t need to include it as an external input. So we just need to cascade the $-K(z - z_d)$ controller with the PVTOL aircraft’s dynamics to control it. For didactic purposes, we will cheat in two small ways:

- First, we will only interface our controller with the linearized dynamics. Using the nonlinear dynamics would require the `NonlinearIOSystem` functionalities, which we leave to another notebook to introduce.

2. Second, as written, our controller requires full state feedback ($K$ multiplies full state vectors $z$), which we do not have access to because our system, as written above, only returns $x$ and $y$ (because of $C$ matrix). Hence, we would need a state observer, such as a Kalman Filter, to track the state variables. Instead, we assume that we have access to the full state.

The following code implements the closed loop system:

```python
# Our input to the system will only be (x_d, y_d), so we need to
# multiply it by this matrix to turn it into z_d.
Xd = matrix([[1,0,0,0,0,0],
              [0,1,0,0,0,0]]).T

# Closed loop dynamics
H = ss(A-B*K,B*K*Xd,C,D)

# Step response for the first input
x,t = step(H,input=0,output=0,T=linspace(0,10,100))

# Step response for the second input
y,t = step(H,input=1,output=1,T=linspace(0,10,100))
```

The plot above shows the $x$ and $y$ positions of the aircraft when it is commanded to move 1 m in each direction. The following shows the $x$ motion for control weights $\rho = 1, 10^2, 10^4$. A higher weight of the input term in the cost function
causes a more sluggish response. It is created using the code:

```
# Look at different input weightings
Qua = diag([1, 1])
K1a, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Qua)
H1ax = H = ss(A-B*K1a,B*K1a*Xd,C,D)

Quib = (40**2)*diag([1, 1])
K1b, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Quib)
H1bx = H = ss(A-B*K1b,B*K1b*Xd,C,D)

Quic = (200**2)*diag([1, 1])
K1c, X, E = lqr(A, B, Qx1, Quic)
H1cx = ss(A-B*K1c,B*K1c*Xd,C,D)

[Y1, T1] = step(H1ax, T=linspace(0,10,100), input=0,output=0)
[Y2, T2] = step(H1bx, T=linspace(0,10,100), input=0,output=0)
[Y3, T3] = step(H1cx, T=linspace(0,10,100), input=0,output=0)
```

```
[Y1, T1] = step(H1ax, T=linspace(0,10,100), input=0,output=0)
[Y2, T2] = step(H1bx, T=linspace(0,10,100), input=0,output=0)
[Y3, T3] = step(H1cx, T=linspace(0,10,100), input=0,output=0)
```

```
plot(T1, Y1.T, 'b-', T2, Y2.T, 'r-', T3, Y3.T, 'g-')
plot([0 ,10], [1, 1], 'k-')
title('Step Response for Inputs')
ylabel('Position')
xlabel('Time (s)')
legend(('Y1', 'Y2', 'Y3'),loc='lower right')
axis([0, 10, -0.1, 1.4])
show()
```
Lateral control using inner/outer loop design

This section demonstrates the design of loop shaping controller for the vectored thrust aircraft example. This example is pulled from Chapter 11 (Frequency Domain Design) of Astrom and Murray.

To design a controller for the lateral dynamics of the vectored thrust aircraft, we make use of a “inner/outer” loop design methodology. We begin by representing the dynamics using the block diagram

The controller is constructed by splitting the process dynamics and controller into two components: an inner loop consisting of the roll dynamics $P_i$ and control $C_i$ and an outer loop consisting of the lateral position dynamics $P_o$ and controller $C_o$.

The closed inner loop dynamics $H_i$ control the roll angle of the aircraft using the vectored thrust while the outer loop controller $C_o$ commands the roll angle to regulate the lateral position.

The following code imports the libraries that are required and defines the dynamics:

```python
from matplotlib.pyplot import *
# Grab MATLAB plotting functions
from control.matlab import *
# MATLAB-like functions

# System parameters
m = 4
J = 0.0475
r = 0.25
J = 9.8
c = 0.05

# Transfer functions for dynamics
Pi = tf([r], [J, 0, 0])
# inner loop (roll)
Po = tf([1], [m, c, 0])
# outer loop (position)

k = 200
a = 2
b = 50
Ci = k*tf([1, a], [1, b])
# lead compensator
Li = Pi*Ci
```

For the inner loop, use a lead compensator.
The closed loop dynamics of the inner loop, $H_i$, are given by

\[ H_i = \text{parallel}(\text{feedback}(C_i, P_i), -m^2g^2\text{feedback}(C_iP_i, 1)) \]

Finally, we design the lateral compensator using another lead compensator

```python
# Now design the lateral control system
a = 0.02
b = 5
K = 2
Co = -K*tf([1, 0.3], [1, 10])  # another lead compensator
Lo = -m*g*Po*Co
```

The performance of the system can be characterized using the sensitivity function and the complementary sensitivity function:

\[ L = CoH_iP \]
\[ S = \text{feedback}(1, L) \]
\[ T = \text{feedback}(L, 1) \]

```python
L = Co*Hi*Po
S = feedback(1, L)
T = feedback(L, 1)
```

The frequency response and Nyquist plot for the loop transfer function are computed using the commands

```python
[bode(L)
show()]
```
[19]: nyquist(L, (0.0001, 1000))
    show()

[20]: gangof4(Hi*Po, Co)
Development

You can check out the latest version of the source code with the command:

```bash
git clone https://github.com/python-control/python-control.git
```

You can run the unit tests with `pytest` to make sure that everything is working correctly. Inside the source directory, run:

```bash
pytest -v
```

or to test the installed package:

```bash
pytest --pyargs control -v
```

Your contributions are welcome! Simply fork the GitHub repository and send a pull request.

Please see the Developer’s Wiki for detailed instructions.

Links

- Issue tracker: https://github.com/python-control/python-control/issues
- Mailing list: http://sourceforge.net/p/python-control/mailman/
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