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# **Outline of Lecture 14**

- Continuous-time Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR) problem
- Kleinman's algorithm for the Algebraic Riccati Equation (ARE)
   properties
- Discrete-time LQR problem
- □ Schur method for solving the ARE





## **Infinite Horizon Continuous time** LQR problem

- Problem
  - Consider a linear time-invariant system:

 $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu; x(0) = x_0$ 

- Want to find an optimal linear control law:

 $\underline{u} = -L\underline{x} \underbrace{\Rightarrow} \int_{0}^{\infty} [\underline{x}^{T} Q \underline{x} + \underline{u}^{T} R \underline{u}] dt = J(u) \text{ is a minimum}$ 

• Pick any gain  $L_0 \ni A - BL_0 = \overline{A}_0$  is stable ... will come back to the problem of picking  $L_0$  later.

Recall that  $J_0 = \underline{x}_0^T V_0 \underline{x}_0$  where  $V_0$  satisfies the Lyapunov equation  $0 = \overline{A}_0^T V_0 + V_0 \overline{A}_0 + Q + L_0^T R L_0$ (1)

• Objective: want to find  $L^*$  that gives the smallest PD matrix P so that

$$J^* = \underline{X}_0^T P \underline{X}_0$$
 is a minimum.

#### **Newton's Method for ARE - 1**

- We seek an iterative process:  $L_0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow ... \rightarrow L_k \rightarrow ... \rightarrow L^*$ - Find  $L_1$  next that is better than  $L_0$ , that is,  $0 = \overline{A}_1^T V_1 + V_1 A_1 + Q + L_1^T R L_1$  (2)
  - Note that

$$\overline{A}_0 = A - BL_0 = A - BL_1 + B(L_1 - L_0) = \overline{A}_1 - B\delta L; where \,\delta L = (L_0 - L_1)$$
- Eq. (1) can be written in terms of  $\overline{A}_1$  as:  

$$0 = \overline{A}_1^T V_0 + V_0 \overline{A}_1 - \delta L^T B^T V_0 - V_0 B\delta L + Q + L_0^T RL_0$$

- subtract Eq. (2) from Eq. (1), that is (1)-(2), to obtain:

$$0 = \overline{A}_1^T \delta V + \delta V \overline{A}_1 - \delta L^T B^T V_0 - V_0 B \delta L + L_0^T R L_0 - L_1^T R L_1; where \, \delta V = V_0 - V_1$$

- this equation can be simplified to:  

$$0 = \overline{A}_{1}^{T} \delta V + \delta V \overline{A}_{1} + \delta L^{T} R \delta L - \delta L^{T} (B^{T} V_{0} - RL_{1}) - (B^{T} V_{0} - RL_{1}^{T}) \delta L$$
- so, if  $L_{1} = R^{-1} B^{T} V_{0}$  then  

$$0 = \overline{A}_{1}^{T} \delta V + \delta V \overline{A}_{1} + \delta L^{T} R \delta L$$

**Newton's Method for ARE - 2**  $\Rightarrow$  if  $A_1$  is stable  $\delta V \ge 0 \text{ or } V_1 \le V_0$ -so, for every  $\underline{x}_0$ , we have  $\underline{x}_0^T V_0 \underline{x}_0 \ge \underline{x}_0^T V_1 \underline{x}_0$  $-but, is \overline{A}$  stable? Yes!! - from (1)  $\overline{A}_{1}^{T}V_{0} + V_{0}\overline{A}_{1} - \delta L^{T}RL_{1} - L_{1}^{T}R\delta L + Q + L_{0}^{T}RL_{0} = 0$ or  $\overline{A}_{1}^{T}V_{0} + V_{0}\overline{A}_{1} + \delta L^{T}R\delta L + L_{1}^{T}RL_{1} + Q = 0$ can also see this form  $V_0 = V_1 + \delta V$ . Thus,  $\overline{A}_1$  is stable by Lyapunov theorem, if  $A_0$  does. - Continuing the iterative process with  $L_{k+1} = R^{-1}B^T V_k, k = 0, 1, 2, ...,$ we obtain  $V_{k+1} < V_k$ , k = 0, 1, 2, ...,-  $\{V_k\}$  are monotonically decreasing and bounded below by zero.  $\Rightarrow \lim V_k \rightarrow P \text{ exists and is PD}$ 



## **Newton's Method for ARE - 3**

- consequently,  $L^* = R^{-1}B^T P$  is the converged gain
- Equation for P = cost matrix associated with  $L^*$

 $(A - BR^{-1}B^{T}P)^{T}P + P(A - BR^{-1}B^{T}P) + Q + PBR^{-1}B^{T}P = 0$ (or)  $A^{T}P + PA + Q - PBR^{-1}B^{T}P = 0$ 

- The above Equation is called the Algebraic Ricatti equation (ARE)
- Thus, *P* is the unique PD solution of ARE
- LQR Result: The optimal control is  $\underline{u} = -L^* \underline{x}$  where  $L^* = R^{-1}B^T P$ , where *P* is the unique PD solution of ARE. Well known result in optimal control.....Linear quadratic regulator (LQR) problem.



#### **Kleinman's Algorithm**

• Kleinman's Algorithm for ARE (Newton's Method)

pick  $L_0 \ni A_0$  is stable (to be addressed later) Do for k = 0, 1, 2...solve  $\overline{A}_{k}^{T}V_{k} + V_{k}\overline{A}_{k} + Q + L_{k}^{T}RL_{k} = 0$  $L_{k+1} = R^{-1}B^T V_k; \overline{A}_{k+1} = A_k - BL_{k+1}$ check for convergence if  $tr \, \delta V \leq TOL.tr(V_k)$ , stop, found  $P, L^*$ endif end DO

#### **Quadratic Convergence - 1**

 $P \leq V_k \forall k \quad \text{infact, can show quadratic convergence}$   $\overline{A}_k^T V_k + V_k \overline{A}_k + Q + L_k^T R L_k = 0$   $\overline{A}^{*T} P + P \overline{A}^* + Q + L^{*T} R L^* = 0$   $\overline{A}_k^T (V_k - P) + (V_k - P) \overline{A}_k + (L_k - L^*)^T R (L_k - L^*) = 0$  $\Rightarrow (V_k - P) = \int_0^\infty e^{\overline{A}_k^T \sigma} (L_k - L^*)^T R (L_k - L^*) e^{\overline{A}_k \sigma} d\sigma$ 

– But, know that

$$L_{k} = R^{-1}B^{T}V_{k-1} \text{ and } L^{*} = R^{-1}B^{T}P$$
  
$$\Rightarrow (V_{k} - P) = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{\bar{A}_{k}^{T}\sigma} (V_{k-1} - P)^{T}BR^{-1}B^{T} (V_{k-1} - P) e^{\bar{A}_{k}\sigma}d\sigma$$

- Taking norms on both sides:

$$||V_{k} - P|| \leq \int_{0}^{\infty} ||e^{\bar{A}_{k}\sigma}||^{2} ||BR^{-1}B^{T}|| ||V_{k-1} - P||^{2} d\sigma$$
$$= ||V_{k-1} - P||^{2} . ||BR^{-1}B^{T}|| \int_{0}^{\infty} ||e^{\bar{A}_{k}\sigma}||^{2} d\sigma$$

1.



## **Quadratic Convergence - 2**

- So, in the limit we have quadratic convergence.
- Rate depends on  $||BR^{-1}B^T||$  and on how stable  $\overline{A}_k$  is.
- When  $V_k$  is far from P, we find linear convergence.
- 2. Algorithm is what you would get if you applied Newton's method to solve ARE directly.
  - But, we have also shown the need for stability of  $\overline{A}_k$  and monotonicity.
- 3. P is the steady state solution of the Ricatti differential equation

•  $P = PA + AP + Q - PBR^{-1}B^T P$ with P(0) = arbitary PSD



(suggest using integration methods ..... but poor and lose PSD)

- 4.  $u = -L^* \underline{x}$  is not just the optimal linear c ontrol law. It is the optimal control  $\forall$  control law linear or nonlinear.
- 5. Scheme requires  $\sim 10$  iterations
  - $\approx 250n^3$  operations using iterative Lyapunov
  - $\approx 150n^3$  operations using Bartels-Stewart algorithm
- 6. Note that the Lyapunov equation must be solved to a greater accuracy.
  - If we want to solve the Lyapunov equation for *P* to an *n*-digit accuracy, we need to solve  $V_k$  to (n+1)-digit accuracy.
  - Usually  $10^{-4}$  on trace  $(\delta V_k)$  is good enough convergence criterion.

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# **Additional Insights - 2**

- 7. If have "good" guess for  $day day day (s \hat{L} tabilizing)$  pick  $L_0 = \hat{L}$
- 8. If have "good" guess for , say ,  $\hat{P}$  pick  $L_0 = R^{-1}B^T\hat{P}$ , is stable.
- 9. If the process stops before converg ence, have better than whe n started.
- 10. If want to minimize  $\lim_{T \to \infty} \int_{0}^{t} \underline{x}^{T} Q \underline{x} + \underline{u}^{T} R \underline{u} \ dt \in E \ \underline{x}^{T} Q \underline{x} + \underline{u}^{T} R \underline{u}$

for the linear stochastic system:

$$\underline{x} = A\underline{x} + B\underline{u} + E\underline{w}$$

where  $\underline{w}$  is zero mean white Gaussian noise vector with covariance matrix W.

• Then the cost can be rewritten as:

$$J = E\{\underline{x}^T Q \underline{x} + \underline{u}^T R \underline{u}\}$$
 and  $J^* = tr(PEWE^T)$ 



### **How to Pick Initial Gains? - 1**

- Again same control law.
- This is the so called certainty equivalence(CE) property.

One unanswered question: How to pick  $L_0$ ?

- We know from Lecture 3 that  $L_0 = B^T e^{A^T T} \left[ \int_0^T e^{A\sigma} B B^T e^{A^T \sigma} d\sigma \right]^{\dagger} e^{AT} \text{ stabilizes } A - BL_0$ Replace  $B \to \widetilde{B} = B R^{-1/2}$

Since 
$$R > 0$$
,  $R^{-1/2}$  always exists  

$$L_0 = R^{-1/2} B^T e^{A^T T} [\int_0^T e^{A\sigma} B R^{-1} B^T e^{A^T \sigma} d\sigma]^{\dagger} e^{AT}$$
stabilizes  $A - B R^{-1/2} L_0^0$ 

or 
$$L_0 = R^{-1}B^T e^{A^T T} \left[ \int_0^T e^{A\sigma} B R^{-1} B^T e^{A^T \sigma} d\sigma \right]^{\dagger} e^{A^T T}$$
  
stabilizes  $A - BL_0 \forall R > 0$ 



### **How to Pick Initial Gains? - 2**

• Note that  $L_0$  stabilizes A and is of the form  $L_0 = R^{-1}B^T V_{-1}$ , where

$$V_{-1} = e^{A^T T} \left[ \int_0^T e^{A\sigma} B R^{-1} B^T e^{A^T \sigma} d\sigma \right]^{\dagger} e^{AT}$$

The computation of  $V_{-1}$  proceeds as follows:

1. Compute  $\int_{0}^{T} e^{A\sigma} BR^{-1}B^{T}e^{A^{T}\sigma}d\sigma = W(T)$ .....Lecture 3 2. Factor  $W = \Gamma\Gamma^{T}$ ;  $\Gamma = n \times p$ ; p = rank W3. Compute  $\Gamma^{\dagger}$ .  $W^{\dagger} = (\Gamma^{\dagger})^{T}\Gamma^{\dagger}$ 

4. 
$$Z = \Gamma^{\dagger} e^{AT}; V_{-1} = Z^T Z$$

### **How to Pick Initial Gains? - 3**

Note that in theory *T* is arbitrary. But, in practice, try to pick  $T \ni V_{-1}$  is close to *P* ... an open problem.

- Usually, the following choices work:
  - 1. T = 1

2. 
$$T = 2/||A|| \approx 2/|\lambda_{\max}(A)|$$

3. 
$$T = 2/|\lambda_{avg}(\overline{A})| = 2n/|tr(\overline{A})|$$

• For 3), how to get 
$$tr(\overline{A})$$
?

assume  $BR^{-1}B^T = S$  has an inverse.

Note that

$$\overline{A}^{T}S^{-1}\overline{A} = (A^{T} - PS)S^{-1}(A - SP)$$
$$= A^{T}S^{-1}A - PA - A^{T}P + PSP = A^{T}S^{-1}A + Q$$
take  $tr(\overline{A}^{T}S^{-1}\overline{A})$  to obtain:
$$tr(\overline{A}\overline{A}^{T}S^{-1}) = tr((AA^{T} + QS)S^{-1})$$

Use

$$tr(AA^{T} + QS)$$
 as an estimate of  $tr(\overline{A}\overline{A}^{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i}^{2}$ ,

**How to Pick Initial Gains? - 4** 

where  $\{\sigma_i\}$  are singular values of *A* further use

$$\frac{1}{n}\sqrt{tr(AA^{T}+QS)} \text{ as an estimate of } |\lambda_{avg}(\overline{A})|$$
$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{2n}{\sqrt{tr(AA^{T}+QS)}}$$

• If  $V_{-1}$  or  $L_0$  fails to stabilize, double T and continue the process



- Infinite Horizon Discrete LQ regulator problem Problem
  - Consider a discrete-time system:

 $\underline{x}_{i+1} = \Phi \underline{x}_i + B \underline{u}_i$ 

• Find a linear feedback control law  $\underline{u}_i = -L\underline{x}_i$  to minimize

$$J = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left[ \underline{x}_i^T Q \underline{x}_i + \underline{u}_i^T R \underline{u}_i \right]$$

- We can develop an algorithm in parallel to the continuous case.
  - Suppose have gain  $L_k$ , then

$$J_k = \underline{x}_0^T V_k \underline{x}_0$$

where  $V_k$  satisfied the algebraic Riccati equation:

$$V_{k} = \overline{\Phi}_{k}^{T} V_{k} \overline{A}^{T} \overline{\Phi}_{k} + Q + L_{k}^{T} R L_{k}$$
  
where  $\overline{\Phi}_{k} = \overline{\Phi} - B L_{k}$  stable

#### **Newton's Mathod for DARE**

LQR Results: optimal control  $u_i^* = -(R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P \Phi x_i$ (some times written as  $-L\Phi \underline{x}_i$ ), where P is the unique PD solution of the discrete ARE  $P = \Phi^T [P - PB(R + B^T PB)^{-1}B^T P] \Phi + Q$  $=\Phi^T P(I+SP)^{-1}\Phi+O$  $= \Phi^T (P^{-1} + S)^{-1} \Phi + Q$  where  $S = BR^{-1}B^T$ Iterative algorithm Pick  $L_0 \ni \Phi_0$  is stable Do for *k*=0,1,2,... solve  $V_{\nu} = \overline{\Phi}_{\nu}^{T} V_{\nu} \overline{\Phi}_{\nu} + Q + L_{\nu}^{T} R L_{\nu}$  $L_{k+1} = (R + B^T V_k B)^{-1} B^T V_k \Phi$  $\overline{\Phi}_{k+1} = \Phi - BL_{k+1} = (I + SV_k)^{-1}\Phi$ check for convergence: If  $tr(\delta V_k) \leq TOL.tr(V_k)$ stop. obtained  $P=V_k$  and  $L^*=L_{k+1}$ end if end Do

# **Algorithmic Properties - 1**

- Properties much the same as in the continuous case
  - Quadratic convergence
  - Takes ~ 10 iterations
  - $J(u^*) = \underline{x}_0^T P \underline{x}_0$ .
  - Also, *P* is the steady state solution of the difference Riccati equation  $P_{i+1} = \Phi^T [P_i - P_i B(R + B^T P_i B)^{-1} B^T P_i] \Phi + Q$ where  $[P_i - P_i B(R + B^T P_i B)^{-1} B^T P_i]$  is the update
  - Recall that this is similar to the update propagate equation of Kalman filter with the associations:
    - $-\Phi \rightarrow \Phi^T$

 $- B \rightarrow C^T$ 



## Schur Method for solving ARE

Consider the continuous time ARE

 $A^T P + P A + Q - P S P = 0$ ;  $S = B R^{-1} B^T$ 

We can show that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\dot{x}}(t) \\ \underline{\dot{p}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -S \\ -Q & -A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \\ \underline{p}(t) \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } p(0) = P(0)x(0); \ \underline{p}(t) = costate$$

□ These are the so-called two-point boundary value problem (TPBVP) equations

• Then  $p(t)=P(t) \underline{x}(t)$ , where P(t) satisfies the Riccati differential equation

$$P = A^T P + PA + Q - PSP$$

• The matrix 
$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} A & -S \\ -Q & -A^T \end{bmatrix}$$
 is called the Hamiltonian

$$J^{T}Z^{T}J = -Z$$
where  $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$J^{T}ZJ = -Z^{T}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & -S \\ -Q & -A^{T} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S & A \\ A^{T} & -Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -A^{T} & Q \\ S & A \end{bmatrix} = -Z^{T}$$

- Note  $tr(Z) = 0 \Rightarrow$  Eigen values are symmetrically disposed around the origin
  - Indeed if  $\lambda_i(Z)$  is an Eigen value of Z, so is  $-\lambda_i(Z)$
  - Furthermore, same multiplicity

 $\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$  is an Eigen vector of Z for  $\lambda_i$ 

Then, 
$$\begin{pmatrix} A & -S \\ -Q & -A^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{a} \\ \underline{b} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_i \begin{pmatrix} \underline{a} \\ \underline{b} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A\underline{a} - S\underline{b} = \lambda_i \underline{a} \\ -Q\underline{a} - A^T \underline{b} = \lambda_i \underline{b}$$

Hamiltonian Properties - 2

Note that

b

Suppose

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{T} & -Q \\ -S & -A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ a \end{pmatrix} = -\lambda_{i} \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ a \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{-A^{T} \underline{b} - Q \underline{a}}{S \underline{b} - A \underline{a}} = -\lambda_{i} \underline{a}$$
  
So,  $\begin{pmatrix} -b \\ a \end{pmatrix}$  is also an eigen value of  $Z^{T}$   
since  $\lambda_{i}(Z) = \lambda_{i}(Z^{T}) \Rightarrow \lambda_{i}, -\lambda_{i}$  are eigen values of Z.

**Schur Method for Solving ARE** 

Find an orthogonal transformation  $Q(2n \ge 2n)$ 

 $Q^{T}ZQ = \tilde{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{Z}_{11} & \tilde{Z}_{12} \\ 0 & \tilde{Z}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\tilde{Z}$  is an upper Schur form (real)

□ Moreover, it is possible to arrange such that the real parts of the spectrum of  $\tilde{Z}_{11}$  are negative, while those of  $\tilde{Z}_{22}$  are positive

**C**Write*Q*such that it is conformal with*Z*.

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} \\ Q_{21} & Q_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

# **Theory Behind Schur Method - 1**

Theorem:

- 1.  $Q_{11}$  is invertible
- 2.  $P = Q_{21}Q_{11}^{-1}$ , and P is symmetric PD matrix
- 3.  $\lambda_i (Z_{11}) = \lambda_i (A BL^*) = \lambda_i (A SP) =$  eigen values of

the closed loop system

Proof:

Let T be

 $T^{-1}ZT = \begin{pmatrix} -\Lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda \end{pmatrix}, \ \Lambda \text{ can be complex}$ but,  $\Lambda = \text{diagonal matrix with postive real parts}$ then,  $Z\begin{pmatrix} T_{11} \\ T_{21} \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} T_{11} \\ T_{21} \end{pmatrix} \Lambda \text{ and } Z\begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{21} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{21} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{Z}_{11}$ 

**Theory Behind Schur Method - 2**  
Proof (contd.):  

$$Let \Gamma^{-1}\tilde{Z}_{11}\Gamma = -\Lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow Z\begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{21} \end{pmatrix}\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{21} \end{pmatrix}\Gamma\Gamma^{-1}\tilde{Z}_{11}\Gamma = -\begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{21} \end{pmatrix}\Gamma\Lambda$$
 (2)  

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{21} \end{pmatrix}\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} \\ T_{21} \end{pmatrix}D, \text{ where D is a diagonal matrix with  $\pm 1$ 's  

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{21} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} \\ T_{21} \end{pmatrix}D\Gamma^{-1}$$
Since  $T_{21}T_{11}^{-1}$  solves Ricatti equation, so does  $Q_{21}Q_{11}^{-1}$ . Why ?  
I Theorem: (*Potter, 1963*)  $T_{21}T_{11}^{-1}$  solves Riccati equation  
Proof:  
Let  $G = A - SP = \text{closed-loop matrix.}$   
then  $PG = -(Q + A^T P)$   
Let U be the set of Eigen vectors of  $\overline{A} = A - SP$ .$$





## Why Schur & NOT Potter's Method?

- Computing via Eigen vector method is bad because the Eigen vector computation leads to numerical instabilities
- However, Schur method is OK because Q is orthogonal
- □ So, solve  $PQ_{11} = Q_{21}$  via *LU* decomposition  $Q_{11}^T P = Q_{21}^T$ 
  - Computational Load
    - Transform  $Z \rightarrow$  upper Hessenberg:  $5 (2n)^3/3$
    - Upper Hessenberg  $\rightarrow$  Upper Schur = 4  $\sigma(2n)^3$  = 48 $n^3$ ;  $\sigma$  = 1.5
    - Solution  $PQ_{11} = Q_{21}$  via LU decomposition  $\Rightarrow 4n^3 / 3$

 $\Rightarrow$  So, total computational load = 63  $n^3$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  1/3 to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the iterative method



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