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scheme	order	registers	(s^{IM}, s^{EX})	stability of DIRK part $[\sigma(z^{\text{IM}} \rightarrow \infty; z^{\text{EX}})]$	Stability of ERK part on negative real axis	truncation error	other properties				
IMEXRKCB2	second	[2R]	(2,3)	L-stable [0]	$-5.81 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(3)} = 0.114$	embedded, SSP ($c = 1.0$)				
IMEXRKCB3a		[2R]	(2,3)	strongly A-stable [-0.738]	$-2.51 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(4)} = 0.226$					
IMEXRKCB3b			(3,4)	strongly A-stable [-0.732-0.366z ^{EX}]	$-2.21 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(4)} = 0.186$	ESDIRK				
IMEXRKCB3c	thind.			L-stable [0]	$-6.00 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(4)} = 0.113$	embedded, SSP ($c = 0.70$)				
IMEXRKCB3d	third				$-2.52 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(4)} = 0.207$	embedded, SSP ($c = 0.77$)				
IMEXRKCB3e					$-2.79 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(4)} = 0.0824$					
IMEXRKCB3f		[3R]	(4,4)	L-stable [0]	$-6.00 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(4)} = 0.107$	embedded, SO2				
IMEXRKCB4	fourth	[3R]	(6,6)	L-stable [0]	$-6.04 \le z^{\rm EX} \le 0$	$A^{(5)} = 0.106$	embedded, SO2				
CN/RKW3	second	[2R]	(3,3)	A-stable [-1]	$-2.51 \le z^{\text{EX}} \le 0$	$A^{(3)} = 0.0387$					
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Riccati analysis for coordinated feedback control

Characterization of saddle point. The control ϕ which minimizes ${\mathcal I}$ and the disturbance ψ which maximizes \mathcal{I} are given by

$$\frac{\mathscr{D}\mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D}\phi} = 0, \quad \frac{\mathscr{D}\mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D}\psi} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi = -\frac{1}{\ell^2} B_{\phi}^* \mathbf{r}, \quad \psi = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} B_{\psi}^* \mathbf{r}$$

Combined matrix form. Combining the perturbation and adjoint eqns at the saddle point determined above, assuming E = I, gives:

control and disturbance at saddle point

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Perturbation equation
$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}'} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -\frac{1}{\ell^2} B_{\phi} B_{\phi}^* + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} B_{\psi} B_{\psi}^* \\ -Q & -A^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution Ansatz. Relate perturbation $\mathbf{q}' = \mathbf{q}'(t)$ and adjoint $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t)$:

$$\mathbf{r} = X\mathbf{q}'$$
, where $X = X(t)$

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Riccati equation. Inserting solution ansatz into the combined matrix form to eliminate \mathbf{r} and combining rows to eliminate $\dot{\mathbf{q}}'$ gives:

$$-\dot{X} = A^*X + XA + X\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2}B_{\psi}B_{\psi}^* - \frac{1}{\ell^2}B_{\phi}B_{\phi}^*\right)X + Q\right]\mathbf{q}'.$$

As this equation is valid for all q', it follows that:

$$-\dot{X} = A^*X + XA + X\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2}B_{\Psi}B_{\Psi}^* - \frac{1}{\ell^2}B_{\phi}B_{\phi}^*\right)X + Q\,.$$

Due to the terminal conditions on **r**, we must have X = 0 at t = TNote solutions of this matrix equation satisfy $X^* = X$. Note also that, by the characterization of the saddle point, we have

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} B_{\psi}^* \mathbf{r}$$
 and $\phi = K \mathbf{q}'$ where $K = -\frac{1}{\ell^2} B_{\phi}^* X$.

This is the finite-horizon \mathcal{H}_{∞} control solution, and may be solved for linear time-varying (LTV) systems or marched to steady state.

Solving the Riccati equation. Recall $2N \times 2N$ Hamiltonian problem $d\mathbf{v}/dt = Z\mathbf{v}$. The steady-state solution X > 0 (of the "CARE") is given by taking the ordered Schur decomposition of Z:

$$Z = VTV^{-1}, \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} Q & * \\ R & * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{v}^1 & \mathbf{v}^2 & \dots & \mathbf{v}^n & * \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}^i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}^i \\ \mathbf{r}^i \end{bmatrix};$$

T is enumerated with its *N* LHP eigenvalues appearing first. Defining $\mathbf{y} = V^{-1}\mathbf{v}$, we have $d\mathbf{y}/dt = T\mathbf{y}$; stable solutions of \mathbf{y} are spanned by first *n* columns of *T*. Since $\mathbf{v} = V\mathbf{y}$, stable solutions of \mathbf{v} are spanned by first *n* columns of *V*. To achieve stability of \mathbf{v} via $\mathbf{r} = X\mathbf{q}$ for each of these directions \mathbf{v}^i , we have $\mathbf{r}^i = X\mathbf{q}^i$ for i = 1...n. Thus:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} & & & & \\ \mathbf{r}^{1} & \mathbf{r}^{2} & \dots & \mathbf{r}^{n} \\ \mid & \mid & & \mid \end{bmatrix} = X \begin{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} & & & & \\ \mathbf{q}^{1} & \mathbf{q}^{2} & \dots & \mathbf{q}^{n} \\ \mid & \mid & & \mid \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{array}{c} R = XQ, \\ X = RQ^{-1}. \end{array}$$

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A bit of provocative philosophical pondering

Typically, to control high-dimensional discretizations of fluid systems, people first reduce the model in an open loop fashion via an eigenvalue problem (usually a POD, which is just an SVD). Such "open-loop" model reduction methods neglect the control objective, even if they account for B and C in some sort of "balanced" fashion.

Then the control problem is solved, which involves a <u>second</u> eigenvalue problem (i.e., the Schur decomposition of a $2N \times 2N$ Hamiltonian matrix).

Q: Why TWO eigenvalue problems?? By splitting the problem into two parts, the model is reduced in a manner ignorant of the control problem being considered. That is reckless! We consider here 4 alternatives.

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Four approaches to solve large Riccati problems that bypass open-loop model reduction

Chandrasekhar's method

MCE: MINIMUM CONTROL ENERGY STABILIZATION ADA: THE ADJOINT OF THE DIRECT-ADJOINT OSSI: OPPOSITELY-SHIFTED SUBSPACE ITERATION **Chandrasekhar's method** (Kailath 1973). Consider evolution equations for a low-rank factor F(t) of (dX/dt) and K(t).

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = F_1(t)F_1^H(t) - F_2(t)F_2^H(t) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 & F_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_1^H \\ F_2^H \end{pmatrix}$$

Differentiating DRE w.r.t. time and inserting $dX/dt = FHF^H$, we have

 $dK(t)/dt = -R^{-1}B^{H}F(t)HF^{H}(t),$ $dF(t)/dt = -[A+BK(t)]^{H}F(t),$

with terminal conditions

$$K(T) = -R^{-1}B^{H}Q_{T},$$

$$F(T)HF^{H}(T) = dX(t)/dt|_{t=T},$$

where $dX/dt|_{t=T}$ is determined from the original DRE evaluated at t = T, and F(T) by its factorization.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} A & -BR^{-1}B^{H} \\ -Q & -A^{H} \end{bmatrix} V_{c} = ZV_{c} = V_{c}\Lambda_{c} \text{ where } V_{c} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ P \end{bmatrix}.$$

We know both Λ_c and Z; we just need to compute V_c . Then, as before,

$$\mathbf{u} = K\mathbf{x}$$
 with $K = -R^{-1}B^H W$, $W = PX^{-1}$
where $AX - BR^{-1}B^H P = X\Lambda_c$ and $-QX - A^H P = P\Lambda_c$

Solving for X and substituting gives

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$$AQ^{-1}(A^{H}P + P\Lambda_{c}) + BR^{-1}B^{H}P = Q^{-1}(A^{H}P + P\Lambda_{c})\Lambda_{c}$$
(1)
$$OX = -(A^{H}P + P\Lambda_{c}).$$

Note that (1) is linear in P. Once P is found, calculation of X is trivial.

Straightforward simplification of this problem, written in a modal representation of *just the unstable system dynamics*, leads to the following:

Theorem 1 (Lauga & B, *Proc Roy Soc* 2003). *Consider a stabilizable system* $d\mathbf{x}/dt = A\mathbf{x} + B\mathbf{u}$ where *A* has no pure imaginary eigenvalues. Determine the unstable eigenvalues and corresponding left eigenvectors of *A* such that $Y_u^H A = \Lambda_u Y_u^H$ (i.e., determine the unstable eigenvalues and corresponding right eigenvectors of A^H such that $A^H Y_u = Y_u \Lambda_u^H$). Define $\bar{B}_u = Y_u^H B$ and $C = \bar{B}_u R^{-1} \bar{B}_u^H$, and compute a matrix *X* with elements $x_{ij} = c_{ij}/(\lambda_i + \lambda_j^*)$. The minimal-energy stabilizing feedback controller is then given by $\mathbf{u} = K\mathbf{x}$, where $K = -R^{-1} \bar{B}_u^H X^{-1} Y_u^H$.



Figure 4. Locus of the first 20 eigenvalues of the CGL operator with supercriticality $\delta = 3$ before (pluses) and after (circles) optimal control is applied (with $\ell = 10^4$ and $x_{\rm f} = 47$). Note that, in this minimal-energy optimal control setting, the stable eigenmodes of the system matrix are unchanged, and the unstable eigenvalues of the system matrix are reflected across the imaginary axis.

Lauga & B, Proc Roy Soc 2003

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For any \mathbf{x}_0 , adjoint optimization of \mathbf{u} for minimization of $J(\mathbf{u})$ proceeds as before; when converged, $DJ/D\mathbf{u} = 0$ and $\mathbf{u} = -R^{-1}B^H\mathbf{p}$ on $t \in [0, T]$. The input is \mathbf{x}_0 ; focus for now on the output \mathbf{u} at time t = 0, denoted \mathbf{u}_0 . If $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_{n \times 1}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{m \times 1}$ and we solve this problem *n* times, then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_0^1 & \mathbf{u}_0^2 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_0^n \end{bmatrix} = K_0 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_0^1 & \mathbf{x}_0^2 & \dots & \mathbf{x}_0^n \end{bmatrix}.$$
(1)

Solving for K_0 determines the feedback gain matrix K at time t = 0,

$$\mathbf{u}(0) = K_0 \mathbf{x}(0).$$

This approach requires *n* optimizations to set up (1), which may be solved to compute the $m \times n$ matrix K_0 . If $n \gg m$, it is more efficient to consider the adjoint of this problem, thus leading to an algorithm requiring only *m* optimizations to compute K_0 .

Taking $Q \ge 0$ and R > 0, define

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} BR^{-1}B^H & d/dt - A \\ -d/dt - A^H & -Q \end{bmatrix}$.

The converged solution of the "forward TPBVP" may now be written

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \\ \mathbf{p}(T) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Defining $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \int_0^T \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{b} dt$, we may express the adjoint identity

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{L}^* \tilde{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + b \text{ where } \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{p}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using integration by parts, it follows that $L^* = L$ (L is "self-adjoint"), and

$$b = (\tilde{\mathbf{p}}^H \mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^H \mathbf{p})_{t=T} - (\tilde{\mathbf{p}}^H \mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^H \mathbf{p})_{t=0}.$$

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Now use L^* to define an appropriate "adjoint TPBVP"

$$\mathbf{L}^* \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{p}}(T) = 0, \end{cases}$$

Note that this TPBVP is *exactly* the same as that given previously, it is just written with different variables and has a different interpretation given to the "input" $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0)$ and the "output" $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(0)$. Thus, this "adjoint TPBVP" may also be solved using the same machinery as before.

Substituting into the adjoint identity leads to $[\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(0)]^H \mathbf{x}(0) = [\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0)]^H \mathbf{p}(0)$. Recall also that $\mathbf{u}(0) = [K_0^H]^H \mathbf{x}(0) = [-BR^{-1}]^H \mathbf{p}(0)$. Thus, setting $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0)$ to the first column of $[-BR^{-1}]$ and solving the adjoint TPBVP (iterating all the way to convergence!), the resulting value of $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(0)$ is simply the first column of K_0^H , etc. That is, after solving the adjoint TPBVP just *m* times (note: not *n* times!), the entire K_0 is constructed directly.


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Prototype subspace iteration algorithm. A basic power method may be visualized as an EE march to convergence

$$d\mathbf{v}/dt = A\mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^{k+1} = (I+hA)\mathbf{v}^k = \mathbf{v}^k + hA\mathbf{v}^k$$

A basic block power method may be written $V \leftarrow V + hAV$ with Gram-Schmidt applied at each step. The emerging eigenvalues may be estimated with the Rayleigh quotient ($\sigma = \mathbf{v}^H A \mathbf{v}$), which for multiple vectors may be written $\Sigma = V^H A V$. Schur decomposition of Σ then gives

$$\Sigma = \overline{U} \,\overline{T} \,\overline{U}^H = V^H A V \quad \Rightarrow \quad \overline{T} = (V\overline{U})^H A \, (V\overline{U})$$

and thus

$$V \leftarrow (V\overline{U})$$
 and $\Sigma \leftarrow \overline{T}$

keeps Σ triangular (and the columns of V orthogonal) as the iterations proceed.

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As a further refinement, we may apply a small shift of $-(hV\Sigma)$ to the march for $V{:}$

$V \leftarrow V + h \left(A V - V \Sigma \right).$

This shifted form has the same essential effect as before (that is, preferential focusing of the columns of *V* in the direction of the leading Schur vectors of *A*), with the added benefit of ensuring that the update to *V* itself approaches zero as *V* approaches a basis of a set of Schur vectors, and thus $(AV - V\Sigma)$ approaches zero.

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We now extend such methods to find the *central* eigenmodes of a large Hamiltonian matrix *Z*. We seek the least-stable LHP Schur vectors V, and partition them into their state and adjoint components:

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} A & -BR^{-1}B^H \\ -Q & -A^H \end{bmatrix}, \qquad V = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$

We will approximate the resulting feedback gain matrix *K* using the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse $K = -R^{-1}B^{H}(PX^{+})$.

The working hypothesis is that the neglected (well-damped) closed-loop Schur vectors of *Z* likely play a reduced role in the full computation of *K* [idea motivated by Amodei & Buchot (2010, 2011)].



-> *leading* (least-damped) eigenvalues

Oppositely-shifted subspace iteration (OSSI) -> <u>central</u> eigenvalues of Hamiltonian matrix

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All current subspace iteration methods converge to *extremal* eigenvalues. Convergence to the *central* eigenvalues of *Z*, using existing algorithms, requires computation of $Z^{-1}\mathbf{x}$, which is expensive. We seek a method to find the central Schur vectors of *Z* without access to Z^{-1} .

In the MCE case, one of the off-diagonal terms of *Z* is zero, and the subspace iteration algorithm described above gives (a) the least-stable eigenvalues of *A*, and (b) the least-stable eigenvalues of $-A^H$. For the control of a system with a few unstable eigenvalues and many stable eigenvalues extending off into the LHP, we need (a), which are the eigenvalues of *A* near the imaginary axis. Rather than (b), however, we need to the *most*-stable eigenvalues of $-A^H$. These may be found simply by *changing the sign* of the related march!

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The eigenvalues of *Z* vary continuously as its elements are varied. If both *Q* and $BR^{-1}B^H$ are nonzero but the norm of their product is small (that is, a modest generalization from the MCE limit), application of a slightly modified subspace iteration algorithm, with the adjoint component marching the opposite direction in time, returns those eigenvalues of *Z* near the least stable eigenvalues of *A* together with those eigenvalues of *Z* near the most stable eigenvalues of $-A^H$. **OSSI via an EE discretization**. The idea described above is straightforward to implement. The update to *X* and *P* is split into two parts, with a *positive* sign in the shift of *X*, and a *negative* sign in the shift of *P*:

$$X \leftarrow X + hX_1, \quad P \leftarrow P - hP_1$$

where, leveraging the structure of Z,

$$X_1 = AX - (BR^{-1}B^H)P, \quad P_1 = -QX - A^HP.$$

As before, to accelerate convergence, we may instead apply shifts via

$$X \leftarrow X + h(X_1 - X\Sigma), \quad P \leftarrow P - h(P_1 - P\Sigma).$$

The resulting algorithm is referred to as *opposite shifting*.





