

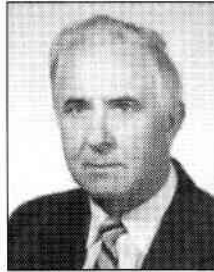
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## Full-order perfect observers for continuous-time linear systems

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## Streszczenie

Podano nową koncepcję obserwatorów doskonałych pełnego rzędu dla ciągłych układów liniowych. Sformułowano warunki dostateczne istnienia obserwatorów doskonałych oraz podano procedurę wyznaczania tych obserwatorów.

## Abstract

A new concept of the full – order perfect observer for continuous-time linear systems is presented. Conditions for the existence of the perfect observer are established and its design procedure is derived.

Key Words: full-order, perfect observer, continuous-time, linear system

## 1. Introduction

The observer problem for standard and singular (descriptor) continuous-time and discrete-time linear systems has been considered in many papers and books [1-6, 8-19]. Observers have many applications in state feedback control, system supervision and fault diagnosis. In the last decade great interest [1-3,5,10, 15-19] has been observed in studying observer problems of linear singular systems. Most investigations [3,4, 9-19] have been devoted to the Luenberger – type observers for singular systems while less attention has been devoted to singular observers [1-3,5]. Recently in [5] necessary and sufficient conditions have been established for the existence of a generalised observers for singular linear systems.

Dai has shown [1,2] that it is possible to construct a singular observer which exactly reconstructs the state  $x(k)$  of the singular system  $Ex(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$ ,  $y(k) = Cx(k)$  for all  $k=0,1,\dots$

The main subject of this paper is to extend the Dai's concept of the perfect observer for standard continuous-time linear systems. Conditions will be established under which there exist the full – order perfect observer for standard continuous-time linear systems. A design procedure of the perfect observer will be derived and illustrated by a numerical example.

## 2. Perfect observer for singular systems

Consider the singular continuous-time linear system

$$E\dot{\bar{x}} = A\bar{x} + Bu, \quad \bar{x}(0) = x_0 \quad (1a)$$

$$y = C\bar{x} \quad (1b)$$

where  $\dot{\bar{x}} = \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt}$ ,  $\bar{x}(t) \in R^n$ ,  $u = u(t) \in R^m$ ,  $y = y(t) \in R^p$  are the state, input and output vectors respectively and  $E, A \in R^{n \times n}$ ,  $B \in R^{n \times m}$ ,  $C \in R^{p \times n}$  and  $E \neq 0$ .

Definition 1. The singular system

$$E\dot{\bar{x}} = A\bar{x} + Bu + K(C\bar{x} - y), \quad \bar{x}(0) = \bar{x}_0 \quad (2)$$

is called full-order perfect observer of the system (1) if

$$\bar{x}(t) = x(t) \text{ for } t > 0$$

and any initial conditions  $x_0$  and  $\bar{x}_0$  where  $\bar{x} \in R^n$ ,  $u$ ,  $y$  and  $E, A, B, C$  are the same as for (1) and  $K \in R^{n \times p}$ .

Lemma 1. [1,2,8] The matrix  $K$  can be chosen for the singular system (1) so that

$$\det[Es - (A + KC)] = \alpha \neq 0 \quad (3)$$

if and only if

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ C \end{bmatrix} = n \quad (4a)$$

and

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} Es - A \\ C \end{bmatrix} = n \text{ for all finite } s \in \mathbb{C} \text{ (the field of complex numbers)} \quad (4b)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a constant independent of  $s$ .

Theorem 1. There exists a perfect observer (2) for the singular

system (1) if the conditions (4) are satisfied

**Proof. Let.**  $e = x - \hat{x}$  Then from (1) and (2) we obtain

$$E\dot{e} = E\dot{x} - E\dot{\hat{x}} = (A + KC)e \quad (5)$$

By Lemma 1 if the conditions (4) are satisfied then (3) holds and

$$[Es - (A + KC)]^{-1} = \sum_{i=-\mu}^{\infty} \Phi_i s^{-(i+1)} = \sum_{i=-\mu}^{-1} \Phi_i s^{-(i+1)}$$

and

$$\Phi_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

It is easy to show that (6) implies  $e(t) = 0$  for  $t > 0$ .  $\square$

### 3. Perfect observer for standard systems

Consider the standard system

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = Ax + Bu, \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad (7a)$$

$$y = Cx \quad (7b)$$

with the derivative output feedback

$$u = v - Fy^{\&} = v - FCx \quad (8)$$

where  $F \in R^{m \times p}$  and  $v$  is the new input.

Substitution of (8) into (7a) yields the closed-loop system

$$E\dot{\hat{x}} = Ax + Bv, \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad (9a)$$

$$y = Cx \quad (9b)$$

where

$$E := I_n + BFC \quad (10)$$

Conditions will be established under which there exists a matrix  $F$  such that the matrix (10) is singular. Then applying the concept of perfect observer to the singular system (9) we may construct a full-order perfect observer for the standard systems (7).

**Lemma 2.** For the standard system (7)

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} I_n s - A \\ C \end{bmatrix} = n \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbf{C} \quad (11)$$

if and only if for singular system (9)

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} Es - A \\ C \end{bmatrix} = n \quad \text{for all finite } s \in \mathbf{C} \quad (12)$$

**Proof.** Using (10) we may write

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} Es - A \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} I_n s - A + BFCs \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} I_n & BFs \\ 0 & I_p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n s - A \\ C \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} I_n s - A \\ C \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbf{C}$

**Lemma 3.** For singular system (9)

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ C \end{bmatrix} = n \quad \text{for any } F \quad (13)$$

**Proof.** Using (10) we may write

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} I_n + BFC \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} I_n & BF \\ 0 & I_p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ C \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ C \end{bmatrix} = n \quad \square$$

It is well - known [6] that if (11) holds then there exist a nonsingular matrix  $P \in R^{n \times n}$  such that

$$\bar{A} = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{11} & \Lambda & \bar{A}_{1p} \\ \bar{A}_{p1} & \Lambda & \bar{A}_{pp} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{B} = P^{-1}B, \quad \bar{C} = CP = [c_1 \quad c_2 \quad \Lambda \quad c_p] \quad (14a)$$

where

$$\bar{A}_{ii} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in R^{d_i \times d_i}, \quad \bar{A}_{ij} = [0 \quad a_{ij}] \in R^{d_i \times d_j} \quad (i \neq j, i, j = 1, \dots, p) \quad (14b)$$

$$C_i = [0 \quad \vdots \quad c_i] \in R^{m \times d_i}, \quad c_i = [0 \quad \Lambda \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad c_{i+1} \quad \Lambda \quad c_{ip}]^T, \quad n = \sum_{i=1}^p d_i$$

( $T$  denotes the transpose)

Let us define

$$\hat{C} := \text{block diag}[\hat{c}_1, \Lambda, \hat{c}_p], \quad \hat{c}_i := [0 \quad \Lambda \quad 0 \quad 1] \in R^{d_i}$$

It is easy to check that

$$\bar{C} = \tilde{C}\hat{C} \quad (15)$$

where

$$\tilde{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Lambda & 0 \\ c_{21} & 1 & \Lambda & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{p1} & c_{p2} & \Lambda & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Note that

$$\bar{C}\bar{B} = CPP^{-1}B = CB \quad (17)$$

and

$$\bar{E} := (I_n + \bar{B}\bar{F}\bar{C}) = P^{-1}(I_n + BFC)P = P^{-1}EP \quad (18)$$

Using (18) and (15) we obtain

$$\bar{E} = I_n + \bar{B}\bar{F}\hat{C} \quad (19)$$

where

$$\bar{F} := F\tilde{C} \quad (20)$$

**Theorem 2.** Let the condition (11) be satisfied and the matrices  $\bar{A}, \bar{C}$  have the form (14). There exists a matrix  $F$  such that

$$\bar{E} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{t_1} & \bar{e}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{e}_2 & I_{t_2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad t_1 + t_2 = n - 1, \quad \bar{e}_1 \in R^{t_1}, \quad \bar{e}_2 \in R^{t_2} \quad (21)$$

if and only if

$$CB \neq 0 \quad (22)$$



It is easy to check that the system (7) with (35) satisfies the conditions (11) and (22) since

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} Is - A \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ -1 & s-2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & s & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & s-1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{and } CB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the procedure we obtain

**Step 1.** The matrices (35) have already the desired form (14)  
 $\bar{A} = A$ ,  $\bar{B} = B$ ,  $\bar{C} = C$  and  $P = I_4$ .

**Step 2.** Using (23) and (32) we obtain

$$\bar{F} = [0 \quad -1], \quad F = \bar{F}\bar{C}^{-1} = [0 \quad -1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = [1 \quad -1]$$

$$\text{and } E = I_n + BFC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Step 3.**

Using (30) and (27) and taking onto account that  $\bar{e}_1 = 1$ ,  $\bar{e}_2 = 0$   
 $\bar{e}_3 = 1$  and  $\bar{A}_2 = [1 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 3]^T$ ,  $\bar{A}_4 = [2 \quad -1 \quad 0 \quad 1]^T$   
 we obtain

$$k = [\alpha, -\bar{e}_1, -\bar{e}_2, -\bar{e}_3]^T = [1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad -1]^T$$

$$\bar{K} = [-\bar{A}_2 + e_3, -\bar{A}_4 - k] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$K = P\bar{K}\bar{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Step 4.** The desired observer has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} y$$

## 4. Concluding remarks

A new concept of the full-order perfect observer for standard continuous-time linear systems has been presented. Conditions have been established for the existence of full-order perfect observer for standard continuous-time linear system (7). A design procedure of the perfect observer have been derived and illustrated by a numerical example. With slight modifications the considerations can be extended for standard discrete-time linear systems. Applying the approach presented in [8] the considerations can be extended for reduced-order perfect observers for the standard continuous-time linear systems. The considerations can be also extended for two-dimensional singular and standard linear systems [6,7].

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