Heat Equation Pole Placement Example

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Problem: Design a feedback controller for a 20th-order RC filter:

- A DC gain of 1.00
- No overshoot for a step input, and
- A 2% settling time of 4 seconds.



Temperature Along a Metal Bar: Modeled as a 20-Stage RC Filter: $R = 0.2\Omega$, C = 0.2F

If you model this as a 20th order system, you'll get 20 feedback gains

• Meaning you need to use 20 sensors

Approximate this with a 4th-order model

- Lump 5 capacitors & 5 resistors together
- Slightly wrong but now only needs 4 sensors



Simplified Model: Lump Five Nodes Together to Give a 4-Stage RC Filter with R = 1Ω and C = 1F

The 4th-order approximation for the 20th-order system is

$$s \begin{bmatrix} V_5 \\ V_{10} \\ V_{15} \\ V_{20} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_5 \\ V_{10} \\ V_{15} \\ V_{20} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V_0$$
$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_5 \\ V_{10} \\ V_{15} \\ V_{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now find the feedback gains using Bass Gura

Step 1: Input the system into Matlab

Decide where you want to place the closed-loop poles.

- Dominant pole: s = -1
- Arbitrarily place the other three poles at {-2, -3, 4}

Step 2: Determine the feedback gains, Kx From before,

```
>> Kx = ppl(A, B, [-1, -2, -3, -4])
3.00 5.00 7.00 8.00
>> eig(A - B*Kx)
-4.0000
-3.0000
-2.0000
-1.0000
```

Step 3: Find Kr so that the DC gain is one. The closed-loop system is

```
>> DC = -C*inv(A - B*Kx)*B
>> Kr = 1/DC
24.0000
```

This gives you the control law:

 $V_0 = K_r R - K_x X$

Step 4: Check the step response of the closed-loop system:

```
>> G = ss(A-B*Kx, B*Kr, C, 0);
>> t = [0:0.01:10]';
>> y = step(G,t);
>> plot(t,y);
>> xlabel('Time (seconds)');
```

- DC gain = 1.000
- 2% settling time = 4 seconds (ish)
- No overshoot



Comparison to the 20th-Order Model

The 4th order model is slightly wrong

• Moved C's so they could be lumped

How do these gains work for a 20th-order system?

```
A20 = zeros(20,20);
for i=1:19
    A20(i,i) = -50;
    A20(i+1,i) = 25;
    A20(i,i+1) = 25;
    end
A20(20,20) = -25;
B20 = zeros(20,1);
B20(1) = 25;
C20 = zeros(1,20);
C20(20) = 1;
```

Add in the feedback gains, Kx. These are zero execpt at elements {5,10,15,20}

>> K20 = zeros(1,20);
>> K20([5,10,15,20]) = Kx;

Case 1: Closed-Loop Poles = $\{-1, -2, -3, -4\}$		
The 4th-order Model gives	20th order Model	
>> eig(A-B*Kx)	eig(A20-B20*K20)	
-4.0000 -3.0000 -2.0000	-1.3662 + 1.0369i -1.3662 - 1.0369i -5.6278 + 3.5131i	
-1.0000	-5.6278 - 3.5131i -12.1576 + 5.2447i -12.1576 - 5.2447i -21.9870 + 4.8499i -21.9870 - 4.8499i -41.9362	
	-50.0000 -57.4661 + 5.1074i -57.4661 - 5.1074i -68.6791 + 7.0008i -68.6791 - 7.0008i	
	-79.8836 + 4.9956i -79.8836 - 4.9956i -91.7830 -98.2965 + 1.5098i -98.2965 - 1.5098i	

Comparing Step Responses

- Blue: 20th Order Model
- Red: 4th Order Model

```
K20 = zeros(1,20);
K20([5,10,15,20]) = Kx;
G4 = ss(A-B*Kx, B*Kr, C, 0);
G20 = ss(A20-B20*K20, B20*Kr,
C20, 0);
t = [0:0.01:10]';
y4 = step(G4,t);
y20 = step(G4,t);
plot(t,y20,'b',t,y4,'r');
xlabel('Time (seconds)');
```



Why are the poles wrong?

- Kx is too large
- Large gains indicate you're moving the poles too far
- The desired response is too different from the open-loop response

Check the open-loop poles:

• How the system *wants* to behave.

```
>> eig(A)
-3.5321
-2.3473
-1.0000
-0.1206
```

Placing the closed-loop dominant pole at -1 means we're trying to make the system 8x faster. That's a lot. Instead, let's try to make the closed-loop system twice as fast and leave the other poles unchanged.

>> Kx = ppl(A, B, [-0.25, -1, -2.34, -3.53]) 0.1200 0.2477 0.3296 0.3677

The 4th-order Model	20th order Model
>> eig(A-B*Kx)	-0.3267
	-1.2062
-0.2500	-3.7687
-1.0000	-6.7989
-2.3400	-11.7347
-3.5300	-16.3435
	-23.6016
	-27.6224
	-37.9640
	-44.5394
	-51.9244
	-59.3244
	-67.1925
	-73.5189
	-80.9994
	-84.7344
	-91.1452
	-95.2955
	-97.5251
	-99.4340

Comparing the two step responses:

- Blue: 20th-order model
- Red: 4th-order approximation

```
DC =-C*inv(A-B*Kx)*B
        0.4842
Kr = 1/DC
        2.0651
G = ss(A-B*Kx,B*Kr,C,D);
y = step(G,t);
G20 = ss(A20-B20*K20, B20*Kr,
C20, 0);
y20 = step(G20,t);
plot(t,y,t,y20)
```



Example 2: Can you make an RC filter oscillate?

• Place the closed-loop poles at

$$s = \{-1 + j5, -1 - j5, -5, -6\}$$

Solution: Same as before. Using Bass Gura to place the poles:

Checking with the 20th-order system:

```
>> K20([5,10,15,20]) = Kx;
>> eig(A20-B20*K20)
1.2002 + 4.4059i
1.2002 - 4.4059i
-3.7469 + 7.8668i
-3.7469 - 7.8668i
-10.1433 +11.5028i
-10.1433 -11.5028i
```

The 20th-order system is unstable

• The gains are too large or

etc

• This model isn't accurate enough for pushing it this hard.

Instead, let's try to not push the system so hard.

• Check the open-loop eigenvalues:

>> eig(A)

-3.5321 -2.3473 -1.0000 -0.1206

The dominant pole is at -0.12.

- Make the system twice as fast and oscillating.
- Keep the fast two poles unchanged to keep the gains down

>> Kx = ppl(A,B,[-0.2+j,-0.2-j,-2.34,-3.53])

-0.7300 0.2982 2.8943 5.1281

These gains are much more reasonable - so let's go with them.

Let's check to make sure Kx places the poles of (A - B Kx) where we want.

```
>> eig(A-B*Kx)
-3.5300
-2.3400
-0.2000 + 1.0000i
-0.2000 - 1.0000i
```

Checking the poles of the 20th-order system:

-0.0554	+	1.1391i
-0.0554	-	1.1391i
-5.0210	+	1.2985i
-5.0210	—	1.2985i
-13.8275	+	2.4604i
-13.8275	—	2.4604i
etc		

Sort of where we put the poles.

• The difference tells you that the model is marginal for making the system this fast.

Now that we know Kx, find Kr to set the DC gain to one:

```
>> DC =-C*inv(A-B*Kx)*B
    0.1164
>> Kr = 1/DC
    8.5906
```

Step 3: Check the closed-loop response:

- Blue: 20th-Order System
- Red: 4th-Order Approximation

```
G = ss(A-B*Kx, B*Kr, C, 0);
t = [0:0.01:5]';
y = step(G,t);
plot(t,y);
xlabel('Time (seconds)');
```



Matlab Simulation: Heat20

```
% 20-stage RC Filter
V = zeros(20,1);
V0 = 1;
DATA = [V0;V];
dV = zeros(20,1);
Ref = 1;
Kx = [3, 5, 7, 8];
Kr = 24;
K20 = zeros(1,20);
K20([5,10,15,20]) = Kx;
dt = 0.001;
```

t = 0;



```
while (t < 10)
    for i2=1:10
% Control Law
      V0 = Kr*Ref - K20*V;
      dV(1) = 25*V0 - 50*V(1) + 25*V(2);
      for i=2:19
         dV(i) = 25*V(i-1) - 50*V(i) + 25*V(i+1);
      end
      dV(20) = 25*V(19) - 25*V(20);
     V = V + dV * dt;
     t = t + dt;
    end
   plot([0:20], [V0;V], '.-');
   ylim([0,2]);
   pause(0.01);
   end
```