

It follows from (1), (2) that

$$\mathcal{Y}_{k,r} = \Gamma_{k,r} x(k) + M_{k,r} \mathcal{U}_{k,r} = \Psi_{k,r} \begin{bmatrix} x(k) \\ \mathcal{U}_{k,r} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\Psi_{k,r} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{k,r} & M_{k,r} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(r+1)p \times [n+(r+1)m]}. \quad (7)$$

Next, define

$$P_{k,r} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} C_{k+1}B_k \\ \vdots \\ C_{k+r} \prod_{i=k+1}^{k+r-1} A_i B_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

$$Q_{k,r} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} C_{k+r} \prod_{i=k+1}^{k+r-1} A_i B_k & \cdots & C_{k+r} B_{k+r-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

where $\prod_{i=1}^2 M_i \triangleq M_2 M_1$. Note that

$$M_{k,r} = \begin{bmatrix} D_k & 0 \\ P_{k,r} & M_{k+1,r-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{k,r-1} & 0 \\ Q_{k,r} & D_{k+r} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (10)$$

For all $k \geq 0$, it follows from (10) that

$$\text{rank } M_{k+1,r-1} \leq \text{rank } M_{k,r} \quad (11)$$

$$\leq m + \text{rank } M_{k+1,r-1}. \quad (12)$$

III. STATE ESTIMATION

For all $k \geq 0$, define

$$\mu_k \triangleq \min\{l \geq 0 : \text{rank } \Psi_{k,l} = n + \text{rank } M_{k,l}\}. \quad (13)$$

If μ_k does not exist, then we set $\mu_k = \infty$. If μ_k is finite, then the following theorem provides state estimates with delay μ_k and without knowledge of u .

Theorem 1. Let $k \geq 0$, assume that μ_k is finite. Then, for all $r \geq \mu_k$,

$$x(k) = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0_{n \times (r+1)m} \end{bmatrix} \Psi_{k,r}^+ \mathcal{Y}_{k,r}. \quad (14)$$

Proof. Let $k \geq 0$. Since μ_k is finite, it follows from (13) that

$$\text{rank } \Psi_{k,\mu_k} = n + \text{rank } M_{k,\mu_k}. \quad (15)$$

Next, noting $\Psi_{k,\mu_k} = [\Gamma_{k,\mu_k} \ M_{k,\mu_k}]$ and using Fact 2.11.9 in [29, p. 131] yields

$$\text{rank } \Psi_{k,\mu_k} = \text{rank } \Gamma_{k,\mu_k} + \text{rank } M_{k,\mu_k} - \dim(\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_{k,\mu_k}) \cap \mathcal{R}(M_{k,\mu_k})). \quad (16)$$

Combining (15) with (16) yields

$$0 \leq \dim(\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_{k,\mu_k}) \cap \mathcal{R}(M_{k,\mu_k})) = \text{rank } \Gamma_{k,\mu_k} - n \leq 0,$$

which implies that Γ_{k,μ_k} has full column rank and

$$\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_{k,\mu_k}) \cap \mathcal{R}(M_{k,\mu_k}) = \{0\}. \quad (17)$$

Since Γ_{k,μ_k} has full column rank, it follows from (4) that, for all $r \geq \mu_k$, $\Gamma_{k,r}$ has full column rank.

Next, note that

$$\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_{k,\mu_k+1}) \cap \mathcal{R}(M_{k,\mu_k+1}) = \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{k,\mu_k} \\ R_{k,\mu_k+1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} M_{k,\mu_k} & 0 \\ Q_{k,\mu_k+1} & D_{k+\mu_k+1} \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad (18)$$

where $R_{k,r} \triangleq C_{k+r} \prod_{i=k}^{k+r-1} A_i$. Since Γ_{k,μ_k} has full column rank and $\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_{k,\mu_k}) \cap \mathcal{R}(M_{k,\mu_k}) = \{0\}$, it follows from (18) and Lemma A that

$$\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_{k,\mu_k+1}) \cap \mathcal{R}(M_{k,\mu_k+1}) = \{0\}.$$

By similar arguments, it follows that, for all $r \geq \mu_k$,

$$\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_{k,r}) \cap \mathcal{R}(M_{k,r}) = \{0\}. \quad (19)$$

Using (19), it follows from Lemma B that, for all $r \geq \mu_k$,

$$\Psi_{k,r}^+ \Psi_{k,r} = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{k,r}^+ \Gamma_{k,r} & 0 \\ 0 & M_{k,r}^+ M_{k,r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & M_{k,r}^+ M_{k,r} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

Next, multiplying (20) by $[x^\top(k) \ \mathcal{U}_{k,r}^\top]^\top$ implies that, for all $r \geq \mu_k$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & M_{k,r}^+ M_{k,r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(k) \\ \mathcal{U}_{k,r} \end{bmatrix} = \Psi_{k,r}^+ \mathcal{Y}_{k,r}. \quad (21)$$

Finally, multiplying (21) by $[I_n \ 0_{n \times (r+1)m}]$ implies that, for all $r \geq \mu_k$, (14) holds. \square

IV. INPUT RECONSTRUCTION

For all $k \geq 0$, define

$$\eta_k \triangleq \min\{l \geq 0 : \text{rank } M_{k,l} = m + \text{rank } M_{k+1,l-1}\}. \quad (22)$$

If η_k does not exist, then we set $\eta_k = \infty$.

The following result shows that, if for a given $k \geq 0$, η_k is finite and $x(k)$ is known, then the unknown input $u(k)$ can be reconstructed with delay η_k .

Theorem 2. Let $k \geq 0$, and assume that η_k is finite and $x(k)$ is known. Then, for all $r \geq \eta_k$,

$$u(k) = \begin{bmatrix} I_m & 0_{m \times rm} \end{bmatrix} M_{k,r}^+ (\mathcal{Y}_{k,r} - \Gamma_{k,r} x(k)). \quad (23)$$

Proof. Let $k \geq 0$. Since η_k is finite, it follows from (22) that

$$\text{rank } M_{k,\eta_k} = m + \text{rank } M_{k+1,\eta_k-1}. \quad (24)$$

Next, noting

$$M_{k,\eta_k} = \begin{bmatrix} D_k & 0 \\ P_{k,\eta_k} & M_{k+1,\eta_k-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

and using Fact 2.11.9 in [29, p. 131] yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank } M_{k,\eta_k} &= \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} + \text{rank } M_{k+1,\eta_k-1} \\ &\quad - \dim \left(\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,\eta_k-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Combining (24) with (26) yields

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \dim \left(\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,\eta_k-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) \\ &= \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} - m \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix}$ has full column rank and

$$\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,\eta_k-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \{0\}. \quad (27)$$

Since $\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix}$ has full column rank, it follows from (8)

that, for all $r \geq \eta_k$, $\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,r} \end{bmatrix}$ has full column rank.

Next, note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k+1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \\ \hline C_{k+\eta_k+1} \prod_{i=k+1}^{k+\eta_k} A_i B_k \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &\quad \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M_{k+1,\eta_k-1} & 0 \\ \hline S_{k,\eta_k+1} & D_{k+\eta_k+1} \end{bmatrix} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where $S_{k,r} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} C_{k+r} \prod_{i=k+2}^{k+r-1} A_i B_{k+1} & \cdots & C_{k+r} B_{k+r-1} \end{bmatrix}$.

Since $\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix}$ has full column rank and $\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,\eta_k-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \{0\}$, it follows from (28) and Lemma A that

$$\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,\eta_k+1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,\eta_k} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \{0\}.$$

By similar arguments, it follows that, for all $r \geq \eta_k$,

$$\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,r} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,r-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \{0\}. \quad (29)$$

Using (29), it follows from Lemma B that, for all $r \geq \eta_k$,

$$\begin{aligned} &M_{k,r}^+ M_{k,r} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,r} \end{bmatrix}^+ \begin{bmatrix} D_k \\ P_{k,r} \end{bmatrix} & 0 \\ 0 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,r-1} \end{bmatrix}^+ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_{k+1,r-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & M_{k+1,r-1}^+ M_{k+1,r-1} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Next, multiplying (6) by $M_{k,r}^+$ and rearranging terms yields, for all $r \geq \eta_k \geq 0$,

$$M_{k,r}^+ M_{k,r} \mathcal{U}_{k,r} = M_{k,r}^+ (\mathcal{Y}_{k,r} - \Gamma_{k,r} x(k)). \quad (31)$$

Substituting (30) into (31) yields, for all $r \geq \eta_k$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & M_{k+1,r-1}^+ M_{k+1,r-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{U}_{k,r} = M_{k,r}^+ (\mathcal{Y}_{k,r} - \Gamma_{k,r} x(k)). \quad (32)$$

Finally, multiplying (32) by $[I_m \ 0_{m \times rm}]$ implies that, for all $r \geq \eta_k$, (23) holds. \square

V. SIMULTANEOUS INPUT RECONSTRUCTION AND STATE ESTIMATION

The following theorem combines Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 to provide simultaneous input reconstruction and state estimation.

Theorem 3. Let $k \geq 0$, and assume that η_k and μ_k are finite. Then, for all $r \geq \max\{\eta_k, \mu_k\}$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(k) \\ u(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n+m} & 0_{(n+m) \times rm} \end{bmatrix} \Psi_{k,r}^+ \mathcal{Y}_{k,r}. \quad (33)$$

VI. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

Example 1. Consider the linear periodically time-varying system, where, for all $k \geq 0$,

$$A_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (34)$$

$$B_k = [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T, \quad D_k = [0 \ 0]^T, \quad (35)$$

and

$$C_k = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & k = 0, 2, 4, \dots, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, & k = 1, 3, 5, \dots \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

To apply Theorem 3 at each time step k using (33), we choose $r = \gamma_k \triangleq \max\{\eta_k, \mu_k\}$. It thus follows from (33) that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(k) \\ u(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n+m} & 0_{(n+m) \times \gamma_k m} \end{bmatrix} \Psi_{k,\gamma_k}^+ \mathcal{Y}_{k,\gamma_k}. \quad (37)$$

Therefore, for all $0 \leq k \leq 18$, $(\eta_k, \mu_k, \gamma_k)$ are given by

$$(\eta_k, \mu_k, \gamma_k) = \begin{cases} (1, 2, 2), & k = 0, 2, 4, \dots, 18, \\ (3, 1, 3), & k = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 17, \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

which implies that the delay for simultaneous input reconstruction and state estimation is 2 steps and 3 steps at even and odd time steps, respectively.

Let the unknown initial condition be $x(0) = [4 \ 6 \ 10]^T$, and let the unknown input be $u(k) = 1 + w(k) + \sin(kT_s)$, where w is zero-mean Gaussian white noise with variance 0.1. Furthermore, let the available measurement be $[y^T(0) \ y^T(1) \ \cdots \ y^T(20)]^T$. For all $0 \leq k \leq 20 - \gamma_{18} = 18$,

Figures 1 and 2 show that the estimated state is equal to the actual state, and the reconstructed input is equal to the actual input, respectively. Therefore, (37) is satisfied, which confirms Theorem 3. \diamond

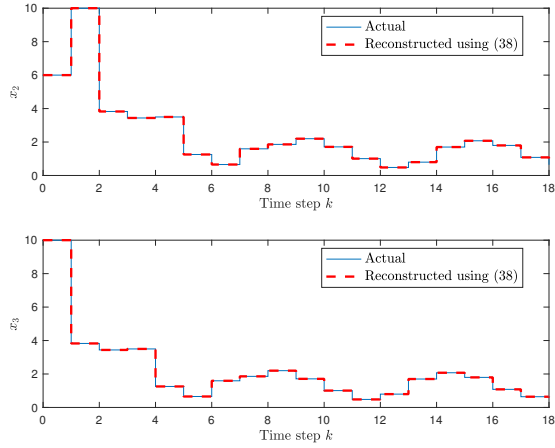


Fig. 1: Application of Theorem 3 to Example 1. For all $0 \leq k \leq 20 - \gamma_{18} = 18$, the estimates of states x_2 and x_3 are equal to the actual states.

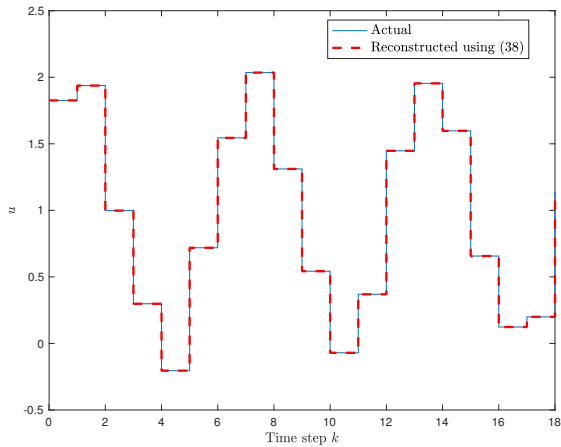


Fig. 2: Application of Theorem 3 to Example 1. For all $0 \leq k \leq 20 - \gamma_{18} = 18$, the reconstructed input is equal to the actual input. Together with the state estimates in Figure 1, these numerical results satisfy (37), and thus confirm Theorem 3.

Example 2. Consider the Mathieu equation

$$\ddot{q} + (\alpha + \beta \cos(\omega t))q = bu, \quad (39)$$

where $\omega > 0$ is the stiffness frequency, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$. A continuous-time state-space representation of (39) with state vector $x \triangleq [q \ \dot{q}]^T$ is given by

$$\dot{x} = A_c x + B_c u, \quad (40)$$

where

$$A_c(t) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -(\alpha + \beta \cos(\omega t)) & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_c(t) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix}. \quad (41)$$

Let $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = 1$, $\omega = 1$, and $b = 1$. For all $k \geq 0$, we discretize (40) as

$$A_k \triangleq I_n + T_s A_c(kT_s), \quad B_k \triangleq T_s B_c(kT_s), \quad (42)$$

$$C_k \triangleq [1 \ 0], \quad D_k \triangleq 0, \quad (43)$$

where $T_s = 0.01$ sec is the sample time. This discretized model is taken as the truth model for demonstrating input and state estimation. Let the unknown initial condition be $x(0) = [1 \ -1]^T$, and let the unknown input be $u(t) = 1 + \sin(2t)$. Furthermore, let the available measurement from the continuous-time system (40) be $[y(0) \ y(0.01) \ \dots \ y(10)]^T$.

Next, for all $0 \leq k \leq 998$, it can be shown that $\eta_k = 2$ and $\mu_k = 1$. To apply Theorem 3 at each time step k using (33), we choose $r = \max\{\eta_k, \mu_k\} = 2$. For all $0 \leq t \leq 9.98$ sec, Figures 3 and 4 show that the estimated state is close to the actual state, and the reconstructed input is close to the actual input, respectively. \diamond

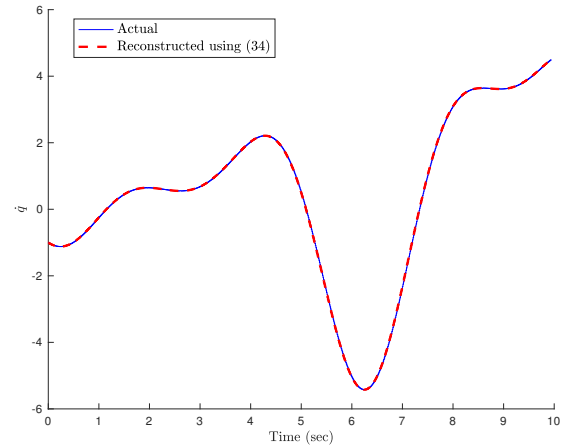


Fig. 3: Application of Theorem 3 to Example 2. For all $0 \leq t \leq 9.98$ sec, the estimates of the state \dot{q} approximate the actual state \dot{q} .

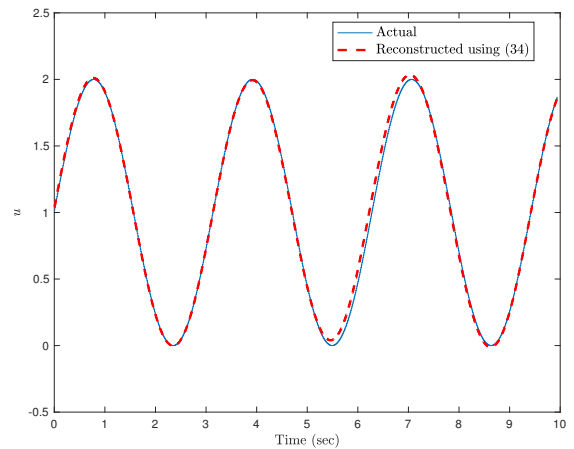


Fig. 4: Application of Theorem 3 to Example 2. For all $0 \leq t \leq 9.98$ sec, the reconstructed input approximates the actual input.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

This paper presented a technique for combined state and input estimation for discrete-time, linear time-varying systems based on the analysis of the rank of the time-dependent matrix that relates vectors of states and input values to a vector of outputs. The time-varying delays under which the state and input can be estimated were defined in terms of the rank of a time-dependent matrix, and the state and input estimates were given in terms of the generalized inverse of a partitioned matrix. The approach was demonstrated on discrete-time examples with linear periodically time-varying dynamics.

The development focused on characterizing the estimation delay within a noise-free setting. Future research will include the effects of process and sensor noise in order to obtain optimal input and state estimates.

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APPENDIX: PARTITIONED MATRICES

The following two lemmas are used in the proofs of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

Lemma A. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m}$, $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $D \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times p}$, and $E \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times q}$. Assume that A has full column rank, and $\mathcal{R}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(C) = \{0\}$. Then

$$\mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \left(\begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \\ D & E \end{bmatrix} \right) = \{0\}. \quad (44)$$

Proof. Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \left(\begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \\ D & E \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Therefore, $x \in \mathcal{R}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(C) = \{0\}$, and thus $x = 0$. Furthermore, there exists $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} z$, and thus $Az = 0$ and $y = Bz$. Since A has full column rank, it follows that $z = 0$, and thus $y = 0$. \square

Lemma B. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}$, define $C \triangleq (I - AA^+)B$ and $D \triangleq (I - BB^+)A$, and assume that $\mathcal{R}(A) \cap \mathcal{R}(B) = \{0\}$. Then, $C^+A = 0$, $D^+B = 0$, $C^+B = B^+B$, $D^+A = A^+A$,

$$[A \ B]^+ = \begin{bmatrix} D^+ \\ C^+ \end{bmatrix}, \quad [A \ B]^+[A \ B] = \begin{bmatrix} A^+A & 0 \\ 0 & B^+B \end{bmatrix}. \quad (45)$$

Proof. The result follows from Theorem 1, line 6 on page 21, and line 7 on page 22 of [30]. \square