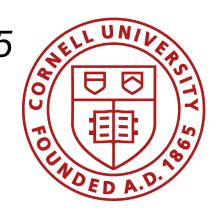
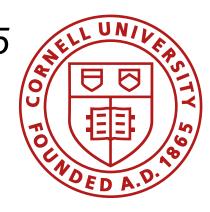
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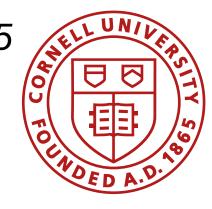


Class Action Items

- I am out of town at the beginning of next week.
 - Prof. Petersen is going to fill in to teach class on Tuesday.
 - I will miss lab sections, but will hold additional open hours when I return!
- Lab 4 check-in
- Lab 5 things to consider

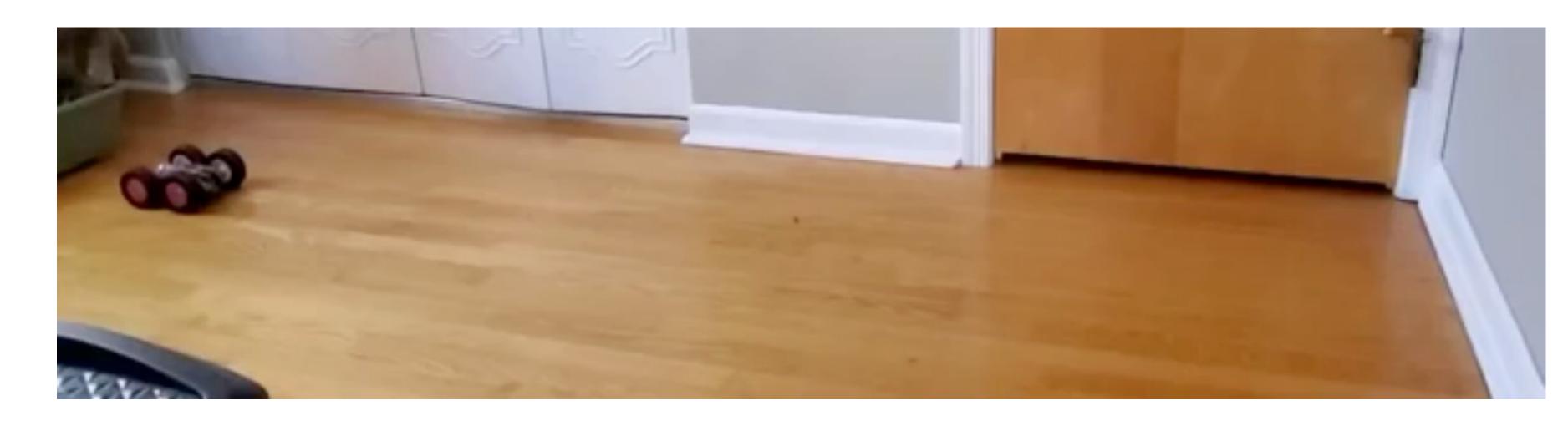


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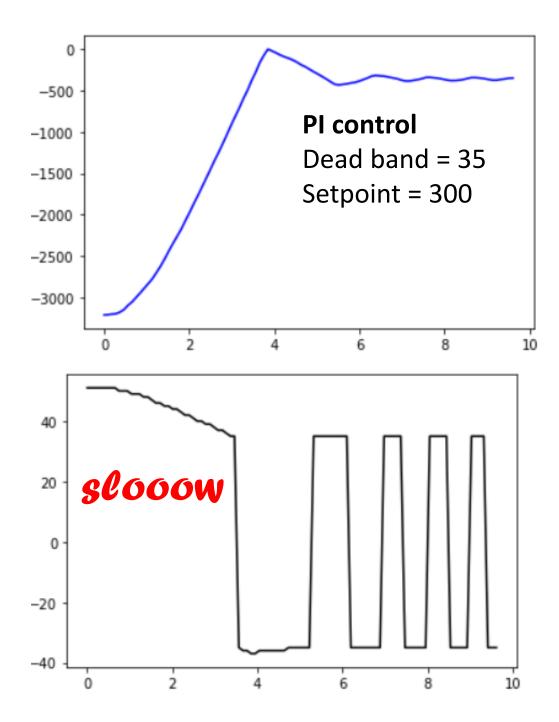


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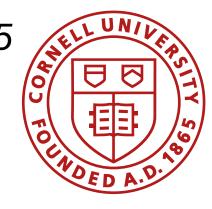
- - My advice, go really slowly to start



Great example from last year: <u>https://fast.synthghost.com/lab-5-linear-pid-</u> <u>control/</u> from Stephan Wagner. You can breeze past his program organization and just get to the lab tasks. Mikayla also had a good report from last year.



Linear Systems

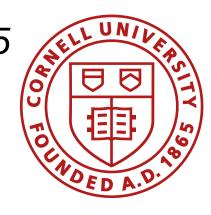


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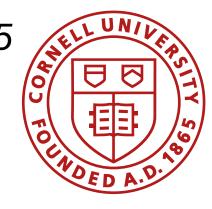


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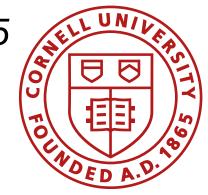
- MATH2940 Linear Algebra
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- ECE5210 Theory of Linear Systems
- MAE3260 System Dynamics
- and many others...





- Is the system controllable? \bullet
 - A system is controllable if you call your state x anywhere you want in
 - Matlab >>rank(ctrb(A, B))
- How do we design the control law,

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$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$\dot{x} = Ax - BKx \qquad A \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x \qquad u \in \mathbb{R}$$
n steer
n \mathbb{R}^n
New dynamics $B \in \mathbb{R}^n$
$$u? \qquad \underbrace{u}_{k=Ax+Bu}_{k=Ax+Bu} \qquad \underbrace{y=x}_{\text{"full state feedb}}$$

A linear controller (K matrix) can be optimal for linear systems!





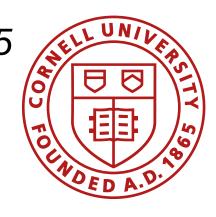






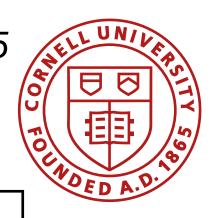


- Can you control this system?
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 - Systems with tightly coupled dynamics can be controllable..
 - Get away with using a simple B and fewer lacksquaresensors



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For the second system:

 $\mathbb{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 \\ 1 & 0 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

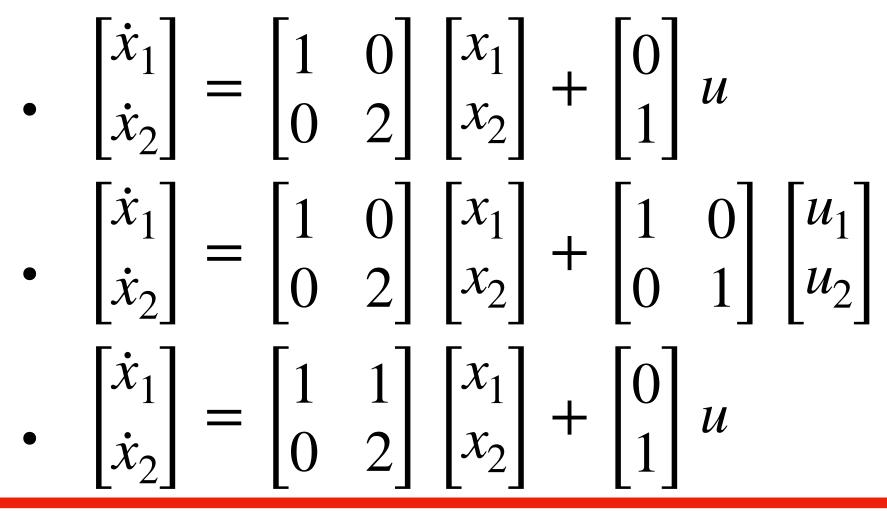
For the first system:

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|n = 2, rank = 1

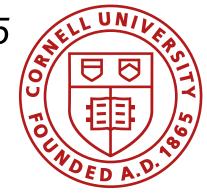
For the third system: $0 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1$ $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 + 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ |n = 2, rank = 2

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- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ $\dot{x} = Ax - BKx$
- $\dot{x} = (A BK)x$ $u \in \mathbb{R}^q$

New dynamics

 $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$

FYI! Just because a linearized, nonlinear system is uncontrollable, this does not mean that the nonlinear system is uncontrollable!







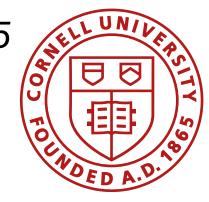




Controllability in Discrete Time

- $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\mathbb{C} = \begin{bmatrix} B & AB & A^2B & \dots & A^{n-1}B \end{bmatrix}$
- Why does C predict controllability?
- Discrete time impulse response: $x(k + 1) = \tilde{A}x(k) + \tilde{B}u(k)$ x(0) = 0u(0) = 1 $x(1) = \tilde{A}x(0) + \tilde{B}u(0) = \tilde{B}$ u(1) = 0 $x(2) = \tilde{A}x(1) + \tilde{B}u(1) = \tilde{A}\tilde{B}$ u(2) = 0 $x(3) = \tilde{A}^2 \tilde{B}$ u(3) = 0 $x(m) = \tilde{A}^{m-1}\tilde{B}$ u(m) = 0

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(assume a single input actuator)

If the system is controllable, then the impulse response affects every state in \mathbb{R}^n





Review

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- Solution: $x(t) = e^{At}x(0)$
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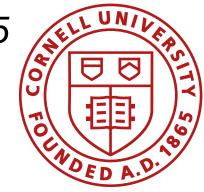
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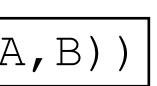
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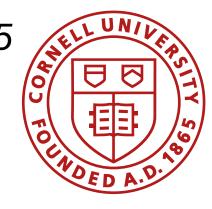
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Reachability



Controllability and Reachability

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Equivalences

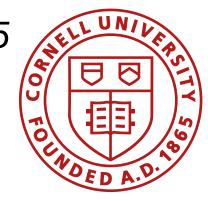
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 - iff $rank(\mathbb{C}) = n$
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$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$$

• You can reach anywhere in \mathbb{R}^n in a finite amount of time and energy

•
$$\mathscr{R}_t = \mathbb{R}^n$$

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Reachability

• \mathscr{R}_t : states that are reachable at time t

• $\mathscr{R}_t = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ for which there is an input } u(t) \text{ that makes } x(t) = \xi$



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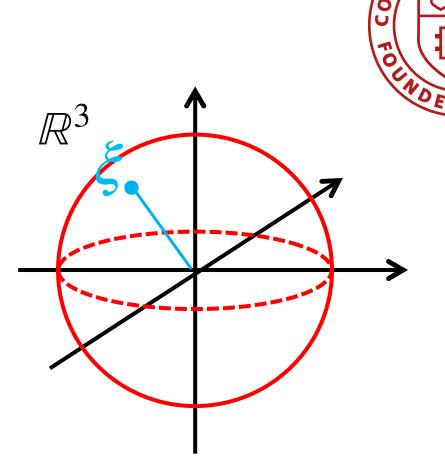
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If the point is reachable, any point in that direction is reachable



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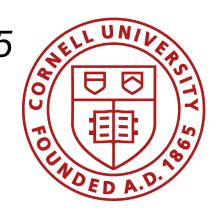
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>>K = scipy.signal.place_poles(A, B, poles)







- We can test if the system is controllable
- ... but not how easy it is to control
- ... or which directions are the easiest
- ... or how we could best improve our control authority



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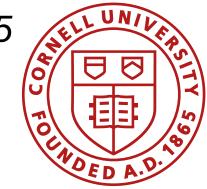
Controllability Gramian

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$$W_t = \int_0^t e^{A\tau} B B^T e^{A^T \tau} d\tau \qquad W_t \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times t}$$

- $W_t \xi = \lambda \xi$
- Discrete time
 - $W_t \approx \mathbb{C}\mathbb{C}^T$

The eigenvectors with the biggest eigenvalues of the controllability gramian are also the most controllable directions in state space!

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The SVD of A takes the form: $A = U \Sigma V^T$

- U =left singular vector
- V = right singular vector
- Σ = diagonal matrix of singular values









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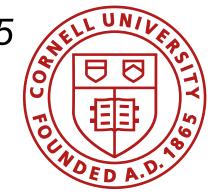
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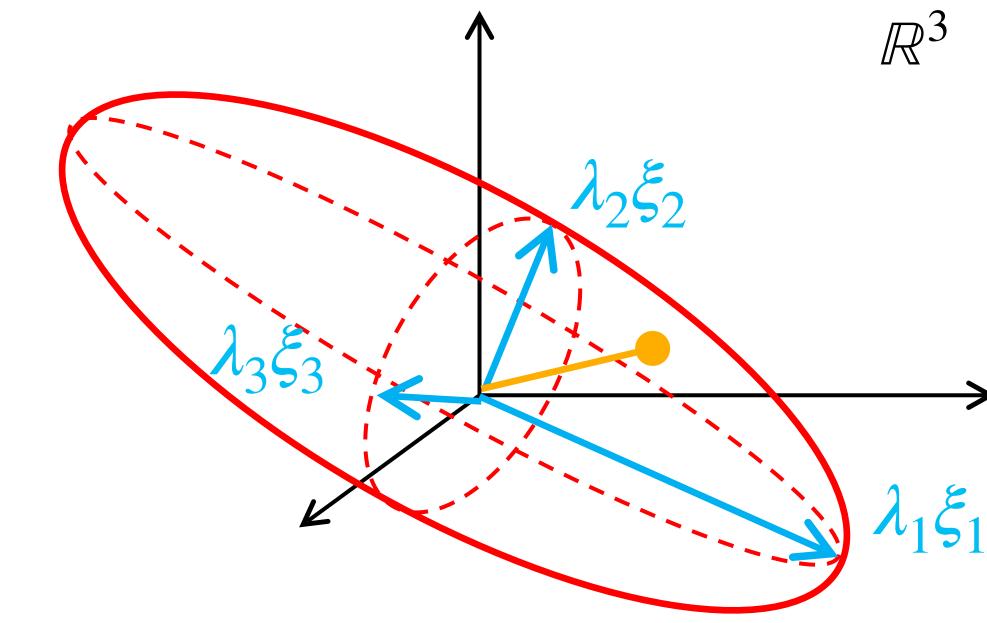
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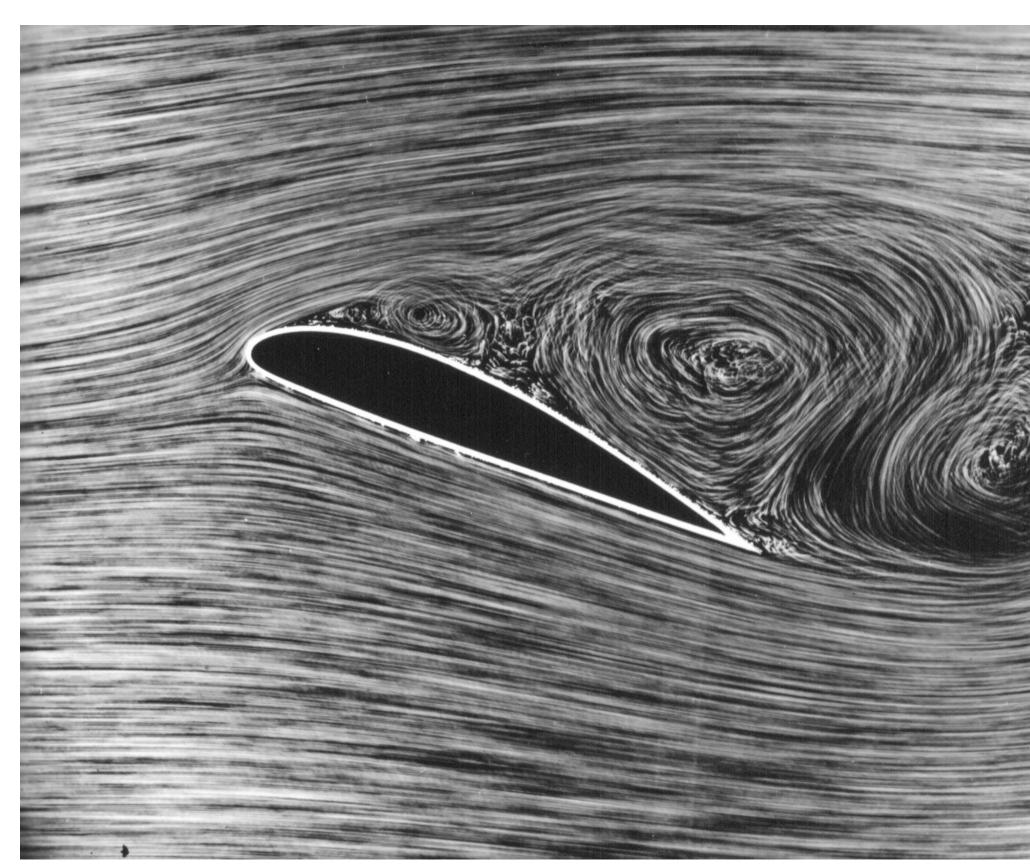


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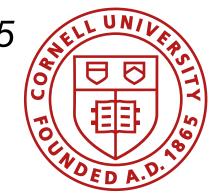






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- Controllability for very high dimensional systems?
- Many directions in \mathbb{R}^n are extremely stable - you only need to control directions that impact your control objective
- Stabilizability





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(convolution of e^{At}

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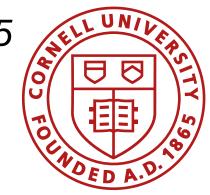
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Stabilizability

... and lightly damped

A system is stabilizable iff all unstable eigenvectors of A are in the controllable subspace

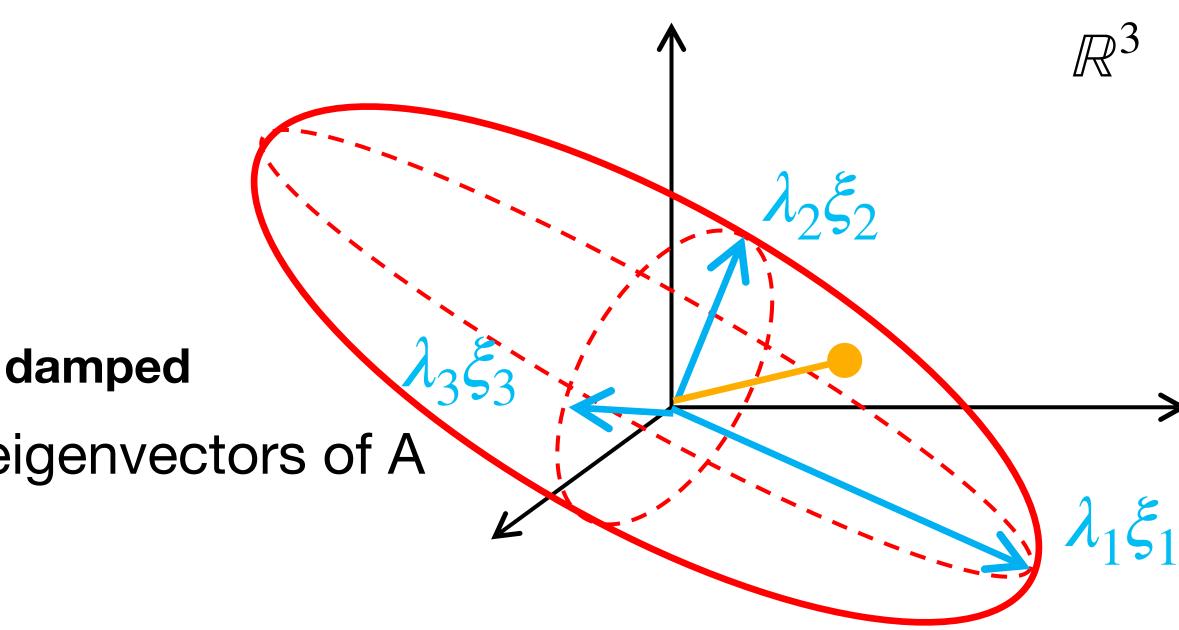
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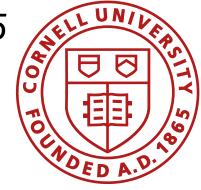
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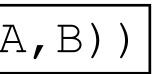
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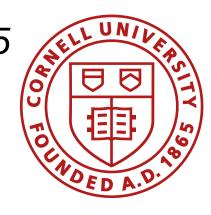


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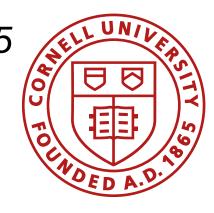
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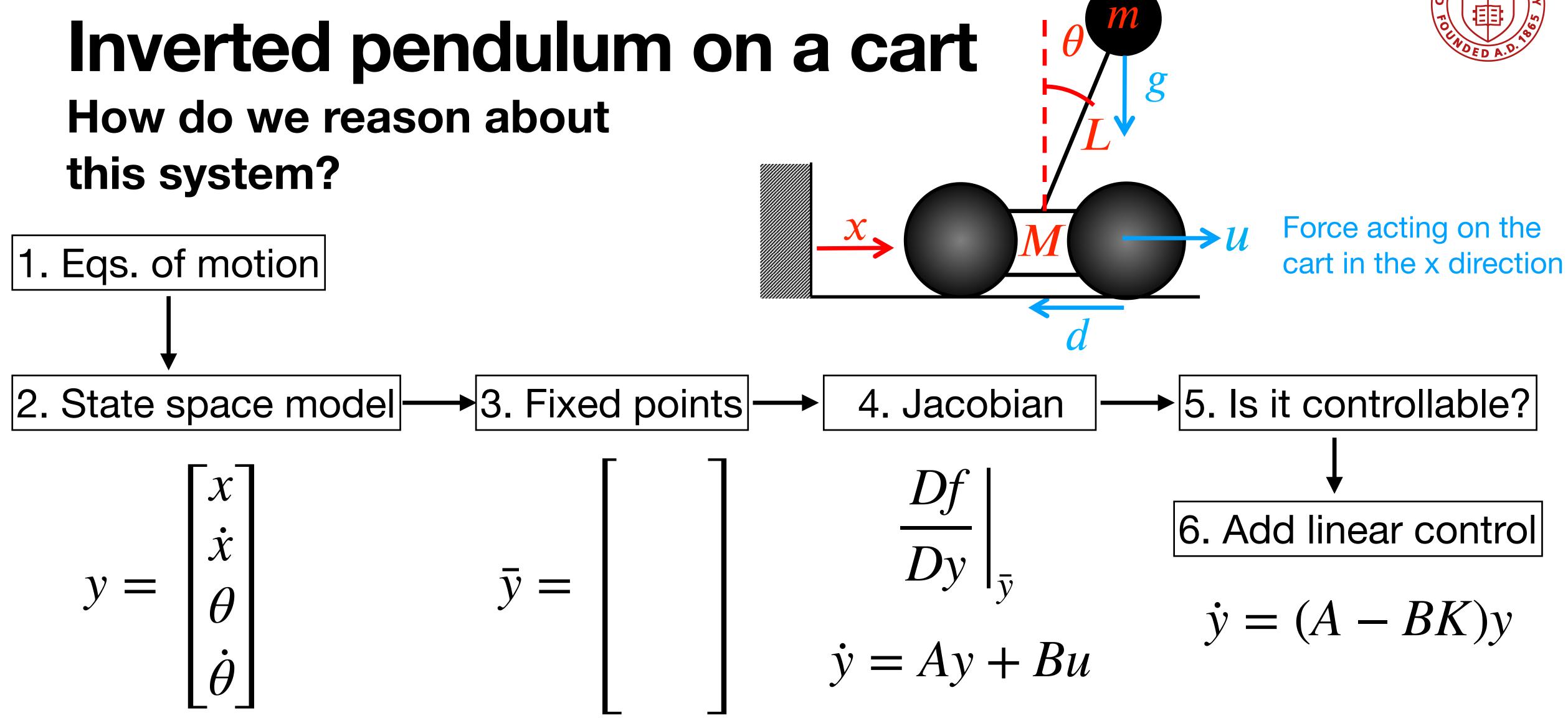
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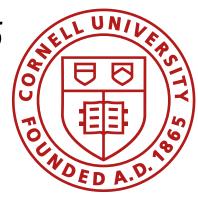


Cart Pole

Based entirely on Steve Brunton's Controlled Bootcamp Lecture Series







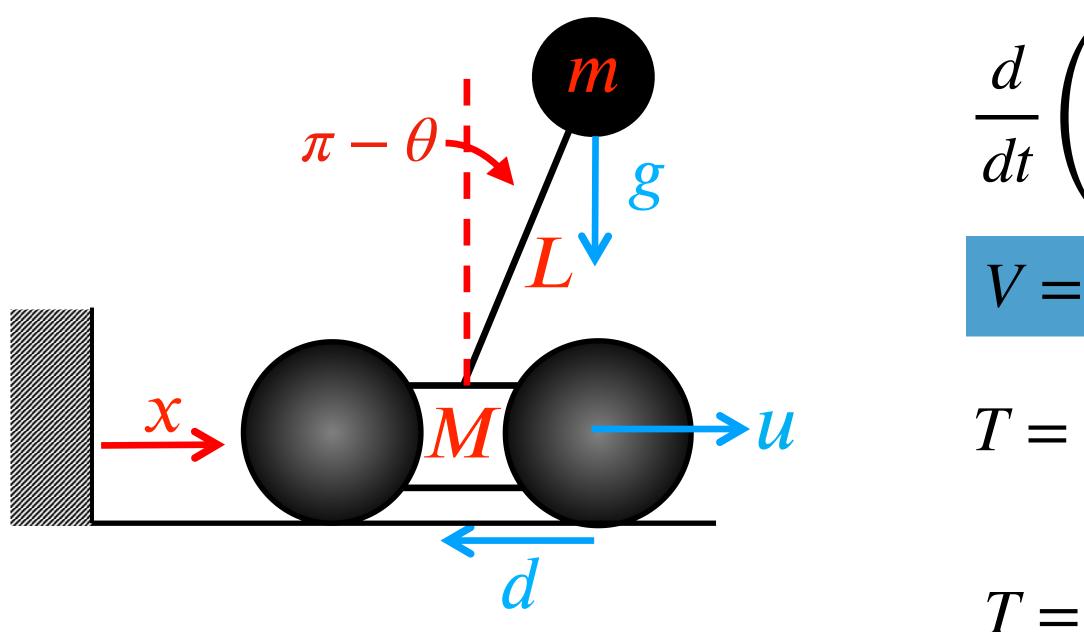






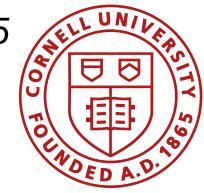


Inverted pendulum on a cart **Equations of motion**



T = -(M +

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Euler Lagrange Formulation

$$\left(\frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}_i}\right) - \frac{\delta L}{\delta q_i} = Q_i \qquad L = T - V$$

$$= mgy_m = - mgl\cos(\theta)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}M\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_m^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{y}_m^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}M\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}_m^2 + \dot{y}_m^2)$$

$$x_{m} = x + l \sin(\theta)$$

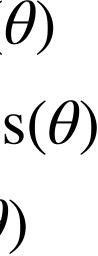
$$\dot{x}_{m} = \dot{x} + l\dot{\theta}\cos(\theta)$$

$$y_{m} = -l\cos(\theta)$$

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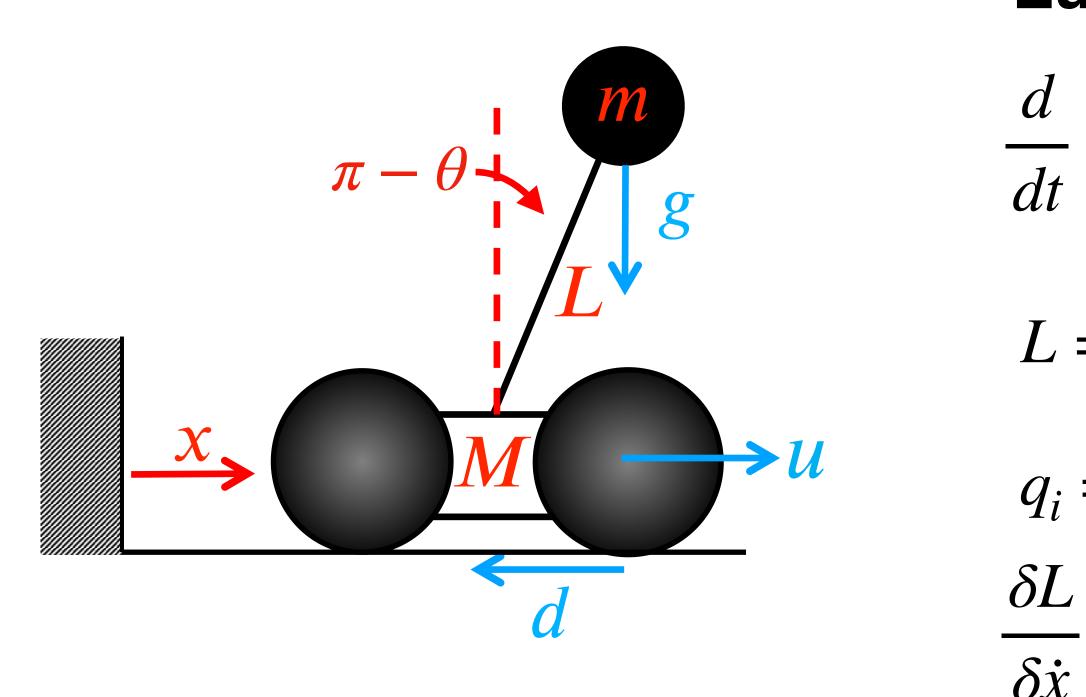
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$$(-m)\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}ml^2\dot{\theta}^2 + ml\dot{\theta}\dot{x}\cos(\theta)$$



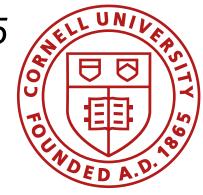


Inverted pendulum on a cart Equations of motion in x



 $\delta \dot{x}$ dt

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$$L = \frac{1}{2} (M + m) \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + m l \dot{\theta} \dot{x} \cos(\theta) + m g l \cos(\theta)$$

$$q_i = x, \quad Q_i = F - d \dot{x}$$

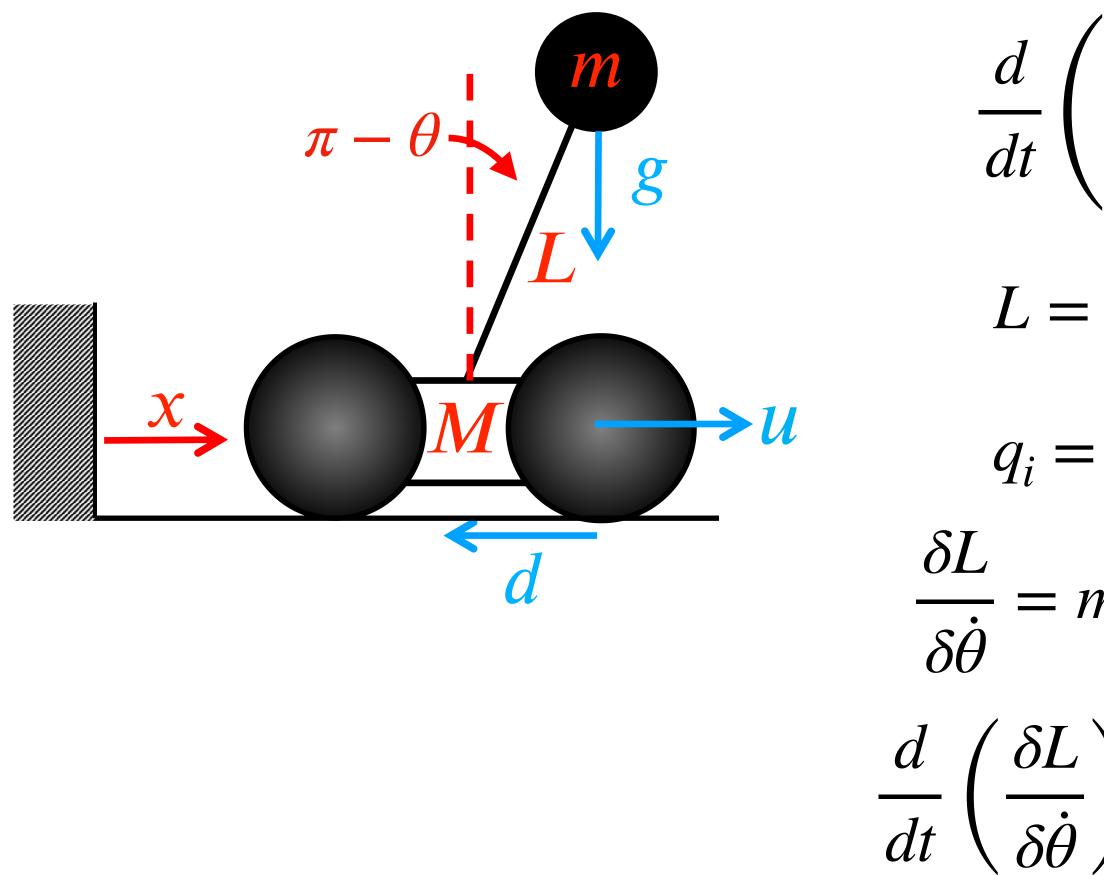
$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{x}} = (M + m) \dot{x} + m l \dot{\theta} \cos(\theta) \qquad \frac{\delta L}{\delta x} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{x}} \right) = (M + m) \ddot{x} + m l \ddot{\theta} \cos(\theta) - m l \dot{\theta}^2 \sin(\theta)$$

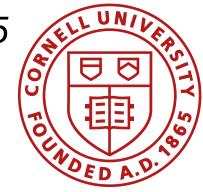
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Inverted pendulum on a cart Equations of motion in θ **Euler Lagrange Formulation**



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$$\left(\frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{q}_i}\right) - \frac{\delta L}{\delta q_i} = Q_i$$

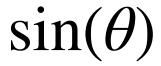
= $\frac{1}{2}(M+m)\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}ml^2\dot{\theta}^2 + ml\dot{\theta}\dot{x}\cos(\theta) + mgl\cos(\theta)$
= θ , $Q_i = 0$

 $\frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{\theta}} = ml^2 \dot{\theta} + ml\dot{x}\cos(\theta) \quad \frac{\delta L}{\delta \theta} = -ml\dot{\theta}\dot{x}\sin(\theta) - mgl\sin(\theta)$

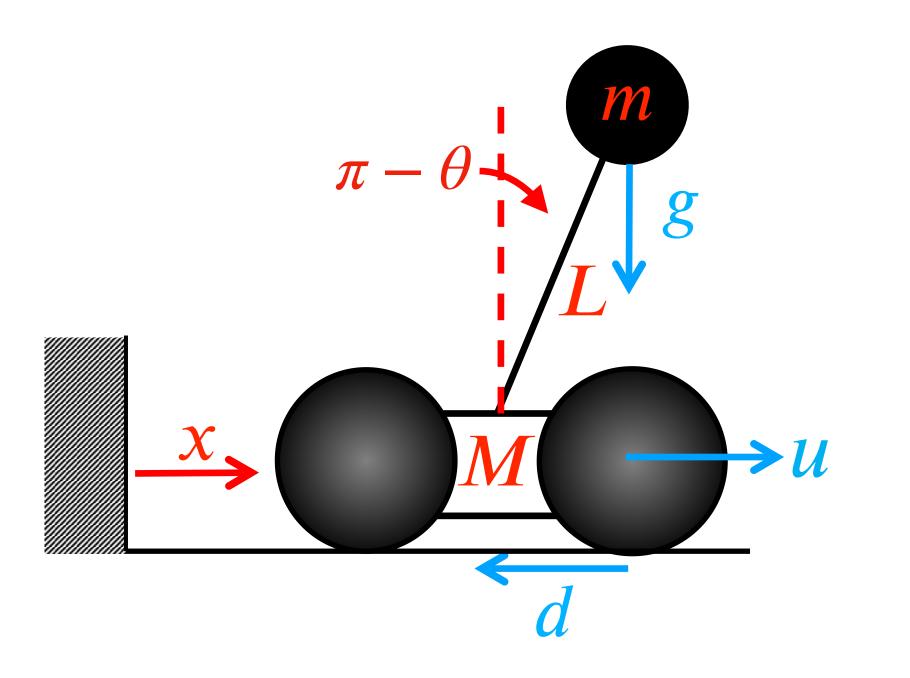
 $= ml^2\ddot{\theta} + ml\ddot{x}\cos(\theta) - ml\dot{x}\dot{\theta}\sin(\theta)$

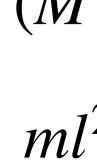
 $ml^2\ddot{\theta} + ml\ddot{x}\cos(\theta) + mgl\sin(\theta) = 0$





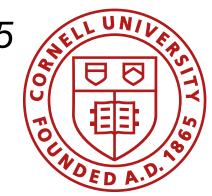
Inverted pendulum on a cart **Equations of motion**





(M $ml \alpha$

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 $(M+m)\ddot{x} + ml\ddot{\theta}\cos(\theta) - ml\dot{\theta}^{2}\sin(\theta) = F - d\dot{x}$ $ml^{2}\ddot{\theta} + ml\ddot{x}\cos(\theta) + mgl\sin(\theta) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} +m & ml\cos(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) & ml^2 \end{array} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F + ml\dot{\theta}^2\sin(\theta) - d\dot{x} \\ -mgl\sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

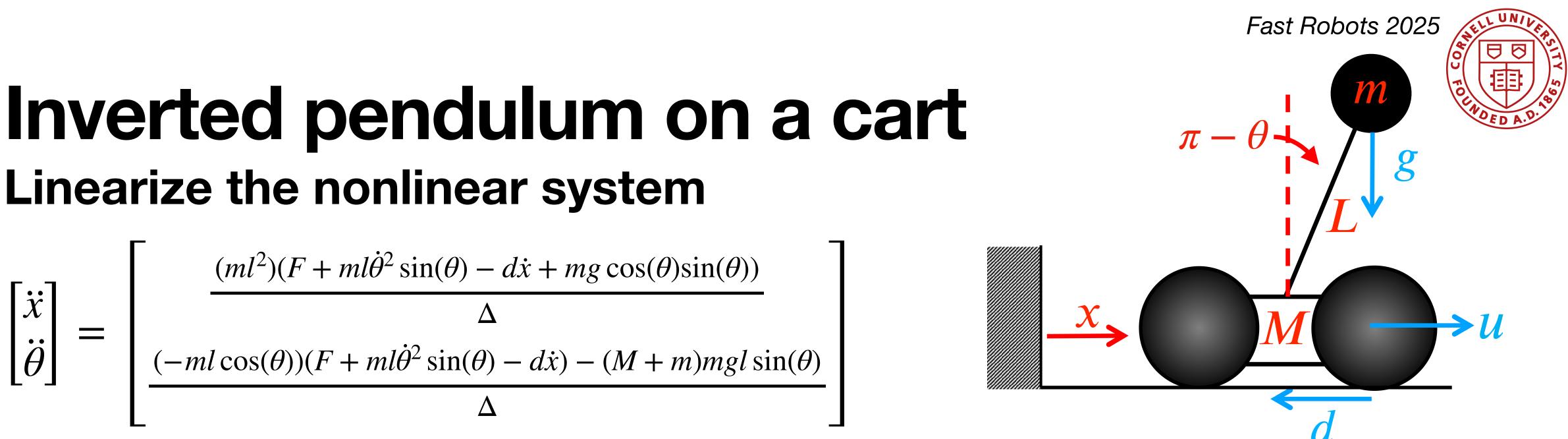
$$= \underbrace{ \frac{(ml^2)(F + ml\dot{\theta}^2 \sin(\theta) - d\dot{x} + mg\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta))}{\Delta}}_{(-ml\cos(\theta))(F + ml\dot{\theta}^2 \sin(\theta) - d\dot{x}) - (M + m)mgl\sin(\theta)}}_{\Delta}$$

 $det = \Delta = ml^2(M + m(1 - \cos^2(\theta)))$





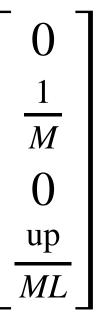
Linearize the nonlinear system



$$\Delta = ml^{2}(M + m(1 - \cos^{2}(\theta)))$$

$$\lim_{d \to T} \left[\dot{x} \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot$$

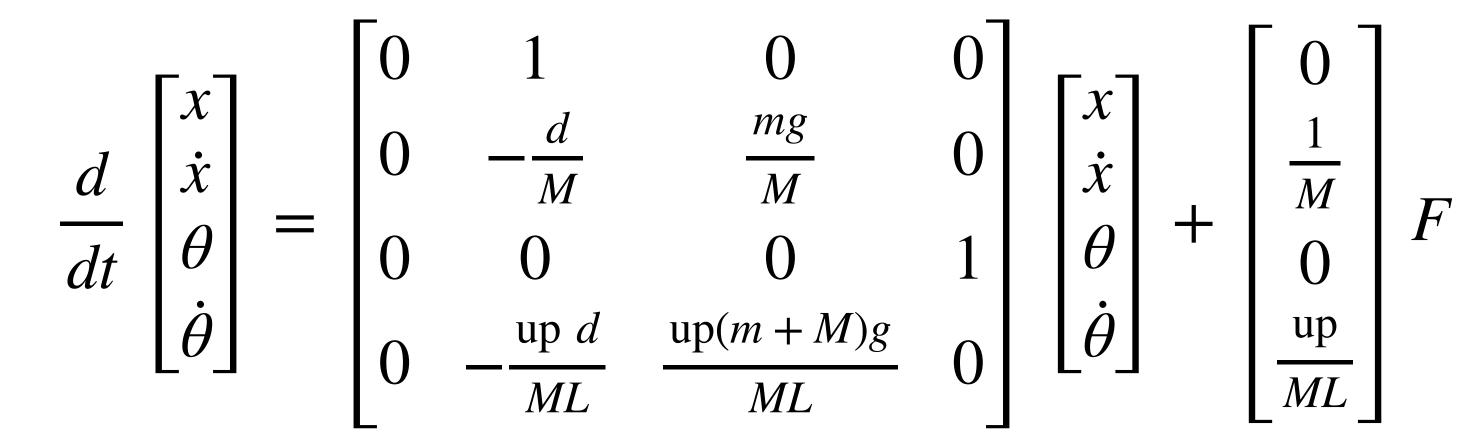
where up = 1 at $\theta = \pi$ and up = -1 at $\theta = 0$





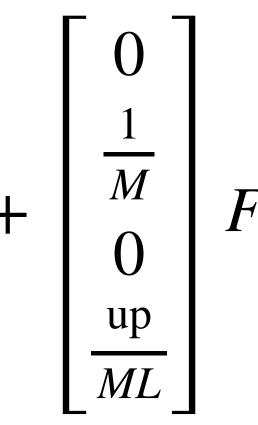


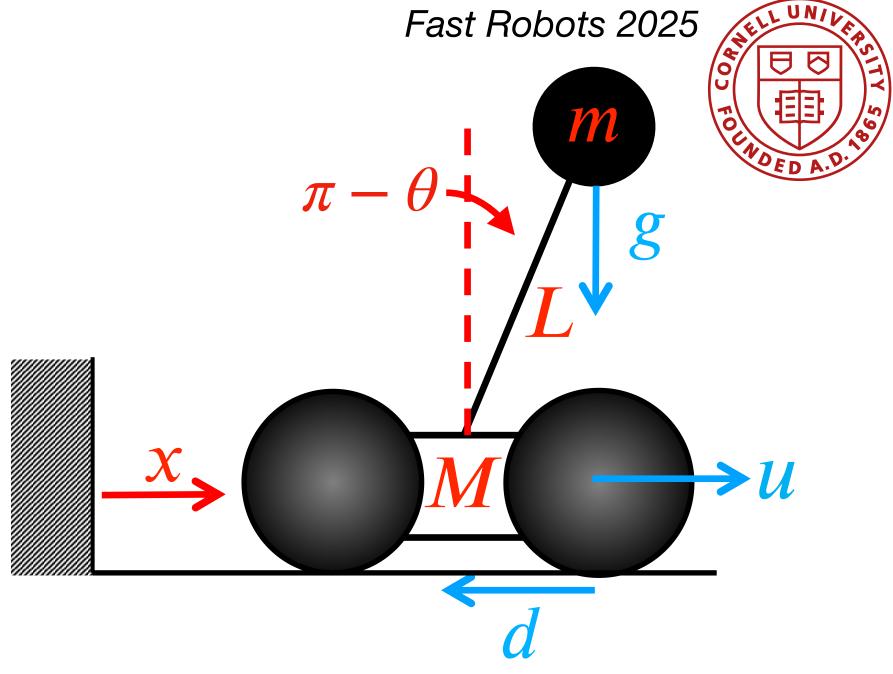
Inverted pendulum on a cart **Eigenvalues, Stability, Controllability**



Let's go to Matlab!

- Check nonlinear equations
- Run open-loop simulation
- Check for stability, controllability

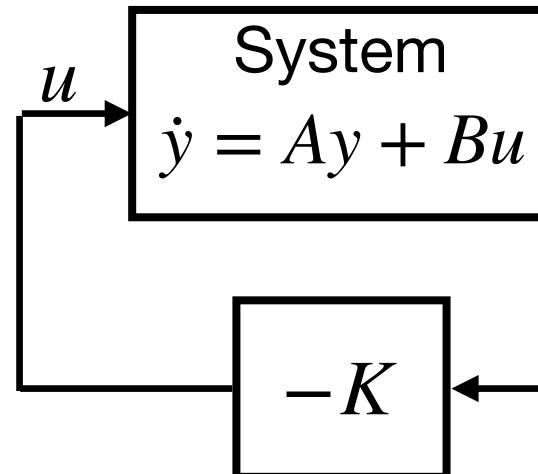




Inverted pendulum on a cart **Control Law**

$$\dot{y} = Ay + Bu$$
$$u = -Ky$$

$$\dot{y} = (A - BK)y$$



Let's go to Matlab!

- Pole placement.
 - **Define poles** >>eigs = [-1 -1.2 -1.3 -1.4];
 - K-matrix >>K = place(A,B,eigs)

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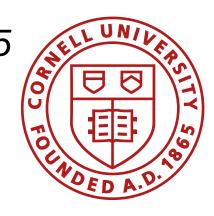




Pole Placement

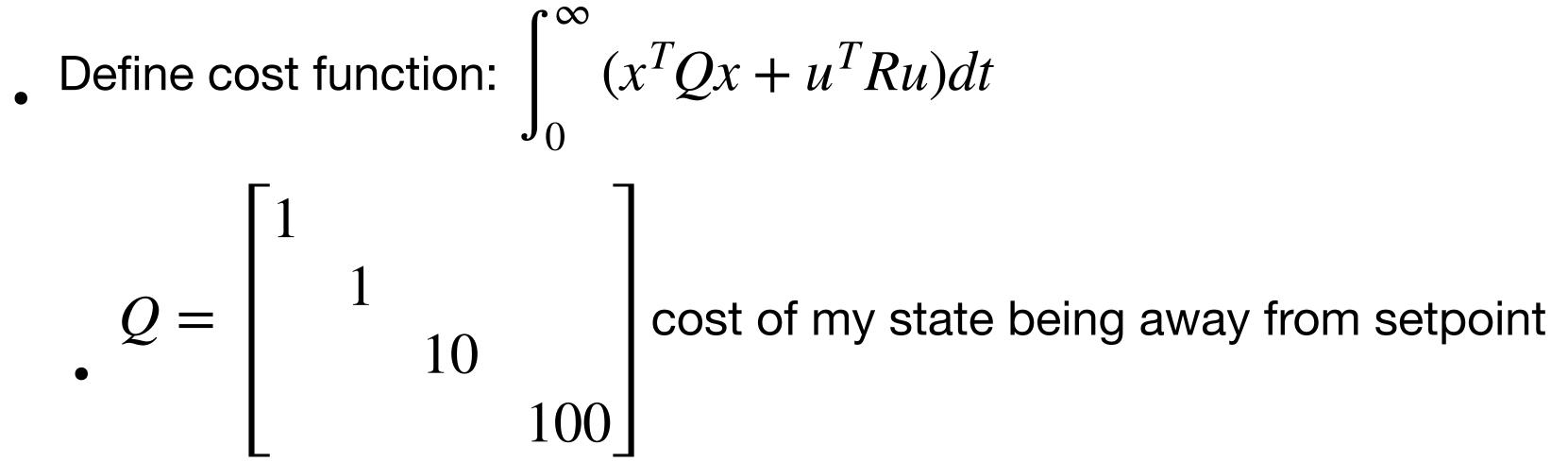
- Python
 - K = scipy.signal.place poles(A,B,poles)¹
- Barely stable eigenvalues: not enough control authority
- More negative eigenvalues: faster response, less robust system

https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.signal.place_poles.html

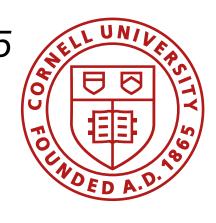


Linear Quadratic Regulator

- What are the optimal eigenvalues for our system? •
 - Tradeoff performance and control effort



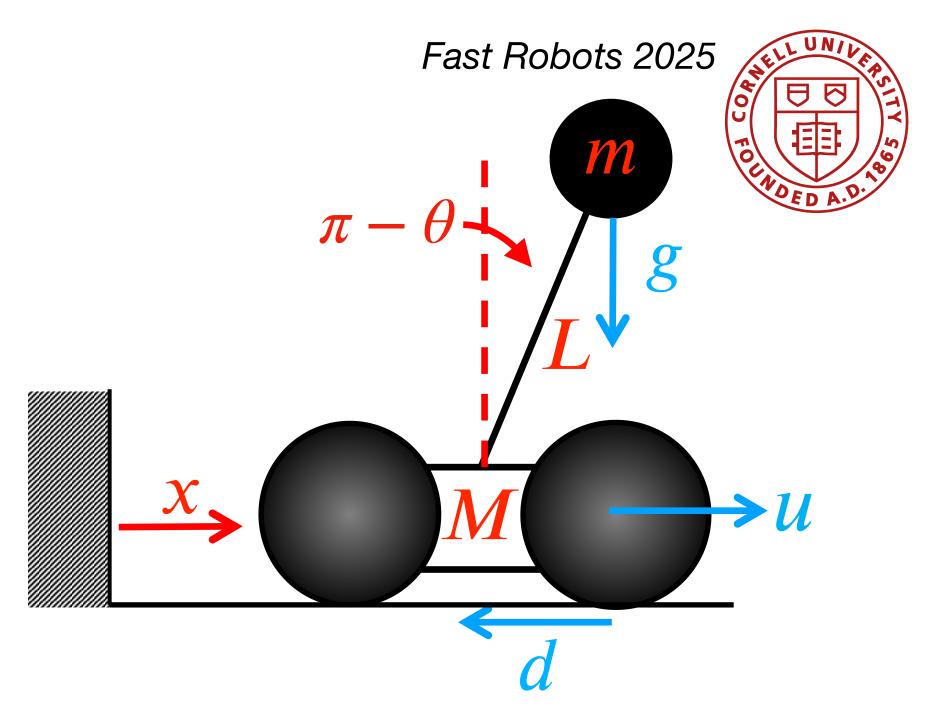
- R = 0.001 cost of input energy
- Solved using the Ricatti Equation (compute expensive O(n³)
- Matlab >>lqr(A, B, Q, R)



Inverted pendulum on a cart The controller works!

Caveats:

- In simulation
- Pratical issues:
 - Imperfect models
 - Nonlinear parts: deadband, saturation, etc.
 - Partial state feedback



Review

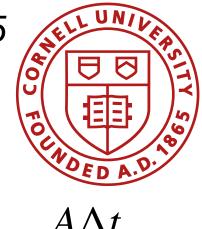
- Linear system: $\dot{x} = Ax$
- Solution: $x(t) = e^{At}x(0)$
- Eigenvectors: $T = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \dots & \xi_n \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvalues: D =

>>[T,D] = eig(A)

- Linear Transform: AT = TD
- Solution: $e^{At} = e^{TDT^{-1}t}$
- Mapping from x to z to x: $x(t) = Te^{Dt}T^{-1}x(0)$
- **Optimal Control (LQR)** |>>LQR (A, B, Q, R) • Stability in continuous time: $\lambda = a + ib$, stable iff a < 0

 λ_n



- Discrete time: $x(k + 1) = \tilde{A}x(k)$, where $\tilde{A} = e^{A\Delta t}$
- Stability in discrete time: $\tilde{\lambda}^n = R^n e^{in\theta}$, stable iff R
- Nonlinear systems: $\dot{x} = f(x)$

• Linearization:
$$\frac{Df}{Dx}\Big|_{\bar{x}}$$

- Controllability: $\dot{x} = (A BK)x$ |>>rank(ctrb(A, B))
- Reachability
- **Controllability Gramian**
- Pole Placement |>>place(A,B,poles)

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