

7 Lyapunov and Riccati Equations

Notation:

\mathbb{F} = either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}

For $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$, $\text{spec}(A)$ = the set of eigenvalues of A .
 $\mathbb{C}_-^o = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re}(\lambda) < 0\}$

7.1 Lyapunov Operator

Definition 7.1 For $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$, a linear operator

$$\mathcal{L}_A(X) := A^*X + XA$$

is called Lyapunov operator.

Suppose A is diagonalizable (the following can be generalized even if this is not the case). Let $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ be the eigenvalues of A . Then the eigenvector matrix of A^*

$$V = [v_1, \dots, v_n] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$$

is invertible, and

$$A^*v_i = \bar{\lambda}_i v_i.$$

Lemma 7.2 For each $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, define

$$X_{ij} = v_i v_j^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}.$$

The set $\{X_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ is a linearly independent set, and this set is a full set of eigenvectors for the linear operator \mathcal{L}_A . Moreover, the eigenvalues of \mathcal{L}_A is the set of complex numbers $\{\bar{\lambda}_i + \lambda_j\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$.

Proof. Let

$$V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad w_i \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Then $V^{-1}V = I$, so

$$w_i^T v_j = \delta_{ij}.$$

Suppose $\{\alpha_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ are scalars such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} X_{ij} = 0_{n \times n}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= w_l^T \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} X_{ij} \right) \bar{w}_k \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} w_l^T v_i v_j^* \bar{w}_k \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} \\
&= \alpha_{lk}
\end{aligned}$$

which holds for any $1 \leq l, k \leq n$. Therefore, $\{X_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i,j \leq n}$ is a linearly independent set.

Also, by definition of \mathcal{L}_A , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_A(X_{ij}) &= A^* X_{ij} + X_{ij} A \\
&= A^* v_i v_j^* + v_i v_j^* A \\
&= (\bar{\lambda}_i v_i) v_j^* + v_i (\lambda_j v_j^*) \\
&= (\bar{\lambda}_i + \lambda_j) X_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, X_{ij} is an eigenvector of \mathcal{L}_A corresponding to eigenvalue $\{\bar{\lambda}_i + \lambda_j\}$. \square

Theorem 7.3 *Let $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ be given and suppose that A is stable. Then \mathcal{L}_A is invertible, and for any $Q \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$, the unique $X \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ solving $\mathcal{L}_A(X) = -Q$ is given by*

$$X = \int_0^\infty e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A \tau} d\tau. \quad (1)$$

Proof. If A is stable (all eigenvalues in \mathbb{C}_-), then $\bar{\lambda}_i + \lambda_j \neq 0$ for all i, j . Thus \mathcal{L}_A is an invertible linear operator. For $t \geq 0$,

$$S(t) := \int_0^t e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A \tau} d\tau$$

has a well-defined limit as $t \rightarrow \infty$ because A is stable. And $X := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
A^* S(t) + S(t) A &= \int_0^t \left(A^* e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A \tau} + e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A \tau} A \right) d\tau \\
&= \int_0^t \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A \tau} \right) d\tau \\
&= e^{A^* t} Q e^{At} - Q.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty}$ gives

$$A^* X + X A = -Q$$

as desired.

□

Theorem 7.4 Let $A, Q \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ be given and suppose that A is stable and $Q = Q^* \geq 0$. Then (A, Q) is observable iff

$$X := \int_0^\infty e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A\tau} d\tau > 0.$$

Proof.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that (A, Q) is not observable. Then $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{F}^n, x_0 \neq 0$ such that

$$Q e^{At} x_0 = 0$$

for all $t \geq 0$. Thus $x_0^* e^{A^* t} Q e^{At} x_0 = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. Integration gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^t \left(x_0^* e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A\tau} x_0 \right) d\tau \\ &= x_0^* \left(\int_0^t e^{A^* \tau} Q e^{A\tau} d\tau \right) x_0 \\ &= e^{A^* t} X e^{At}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus X is not pos def.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that X is not pos def (note X is at least pos. semidef.). Then $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{F}^n, x_0 \neq 0$ such that $x_0^* X x_0 = 0$. Using (1) and the fact that $Q \geq 0$ gives

$$\int_0^\infty \|Q^{1/2} e^{A\tau} x_0\| d\tau = 0$$

The integrand is conti and nonneg for all $\tau \geq 0$, this it must be 0 for all $\tau \geq 0$. Since $x_0 \neq 0$, (A, Q) is not observable. □

Theorem 7.5 Let (A, C) be detectable and suppose X is any solution to $\mathcal{L}_A = -C^* C$. Then $X \geq 0$ iff A is stable.

(Note that there is no assumption that \mathcal{L}_A is invertible, hence there could be multiple solutions.)

Proof.

(\Leftarrow) Since A is stable, \mathcal{L}_A is invertible, and the unique $X \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ solving $\mathcal{L}_A(X) = -C^* C$ is given by

$$X = \int_0^\infty e^{A^* \tau} C^* C e^{A\tau} d\tau,$$

which is clearly pos semidef.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that A is not stable. Then $\exists v \in \mathbb{C}^n, v \neq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{F}, Re(\lambda) \geq 0$ such that $Av = \lambda v$. Since (A, C) is detectable, $Cv \neq 0$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= ||Cv||^2 \\ &= v^* C^* Cv \\ &= -v^*(A^* X + X A)v \\ &= -(\bar{\lambda} + \lambda)v^* X v \\ &= -2Re(\lambda)v^* X v \end{aligned}$$

Since $Re(\lambda) \geq 0$ we must have $Re(\lambda) > 0$ and $v^* X v < 0$. Hence X is not pos def. \square

Let A be stable, so \mathcal{L}_A is invertible. Use $\mathcal{L}_A^{-1}(-Q)$ to denote the unique solution to $\mathcal{L}_A = -Q$ where $Q = Q^*$. Then we can obtain the following results about the ordering of the solutions.

Lemma 7.6 *If symmetric matrices $Q_1 \geq Q_2$, then*

$$\mathcal{L}_A^{-1}(-Q_1) \geq \mathcal{L}_A^{-1}(-Q_2).$$

Proof. See below.

Lemma 7.7 *If symmetric matrices $Q_1 > Q_2$, then*

$$\mathcal{L}_A^{-1}(-Q_1) > \mathcal{L}_A^{-1}(-Q_2).$$

Proof. Let X_1, X_2 be the solutions, $A^* X_i + X_i A = -Q_i$. Then

$$A^*(X_1 - X_2) + (X_1 - X_2)A = -(Q_1 - Q_2)$$

Since A is stable,

$$(X_1 - X_2) = \int_0^\infty e^{A^* \tau} (Q_1 - Q_2) e^{A \tau} d\tau,$$

If $(Q_1 - Q_2) \geq 0$ then $(X_1 - X_2) \geq 0$, which proves the previous lemma.
If $(Q_1 - Q_2) > 0$ then $(A, (Q_1 - Q_2))$ is observable, so by the theorem 7.4, $(X_1 - X_2) > 0$. \square

But converses of the lemmas 7.6 and 7.7 are NOT true.

7.2 Algebraic Riccati Equation

- $A^T X + X A + X R X - Q = 0 \quad : \text{ARE} \quad (1)$
 $A, R, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ given.
 $R = R^T, Q = Q^T$
solutions $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$.
- multiple solns in general,
but at most one soln w/ $A+RX$ Hurwitz.
- We're primarily interested in solns X s.t.
 $\text{spec}(A+RX) \subset \mathbb{C}_-$,
called stabilizing solns of the Riccati egn
- Hamiltonian Matrix

$$H := \begin{bmatrix} A & R \\ -Q & -A^* \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

is used to obtain the solns to ARE.

H is real, we know that the eigenvalues of H are symmetric about the real axis. Now, we'll see additional symmetry in the eigenvalues.

Also, there is 1-1 correspondence between n -dim invariant subspaces of H with the invertibility property and solutions of the Riccati equation. And $A + RX$ is similar to the restriction of H on the inv subspace ν , $H|_\nu$. So the eigenvalues of $A + RX$ will always be a subset of the eigenvalues of H .

Note λ is an eval of H iff $-\bar{\lambda}$ is.

Pf $J := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow J^*HJ = -H^*$ ($\because J^* = -I$).

\Rightarrow the spectrum of H and $-H^*$ are similar.
the Im axis.

If H has no evals on the Im axis, then
 n evals in OLHP, and n evals in ORHP

Thm Let $V \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ denote the n -dimensional invariant
subspace of H , and let $X_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, $X_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be
two cpx matrices st.

$$\text{If } X_1 \text{ is invertible, then } V = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

sln to ARE, and $X := X_2 X_1^{-1}$ is a stabilizing
 $\text{spec}(A+RX) = \text{spec}(H|_V)$.

Pf Since V is H -invariant, $\exists \Lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & R \\ Q & -A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5) \quad \Lambda: \text{matrix representation}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} AX_1 + RX_2 = X_1 \Lambda \\ QX_1 - A^T X_2 = X_2 \Lambda \end{cases} \quad (3) \quad \text{of the map } H|_V$$

(4)

$$X_2 X_1^{-1} \times (5) \times X_1^{-1} \Rightarrow X_2 X_1^{-1} A + (X_2 X_1^{-1}) R (X_2 X_1^{-1}) = X_2 \Lambda X_1^{-1}$$

$$(4) \times X_1^{-1} \Rightarrow Q - A^T X_2 X_1^{-1} = X_2 \Lambda X_1^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T X_2 X_1^{-1} + X_2 X_1^{-1} A + X_2 X_1^{-1} R X_2 X_1^{-1} - Q = 0$$

$\therefore X_2 X_1^{-1}$ is a sln to ARE.

$$(3) \Rightarrow A + R(X_2 X_1^{-1}) = X_1 \Lambda X_1^{-1}$$

$\therefore A + R(X_2 X_1^{-1})$ and Λ have the same evals.

Thm 2 Let V, X_1, X_2 be as above.

Suppose there are two other matrices $\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{X}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ s.t. $V = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{X}_1 \\ \tilde{X}_2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then X_1 is invertible iff \tilde{X}_1 is invertible. And in fact, $X_2 X_1^{-1} = \tilde{X}_2 \tilde{X}_1^{-1}$.

Pf Since both sets of columns span the same n -dim subspace, \exists an invertible $K \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{X}_1 \\ \tilde{X}_2 \end{bmatrix} K.$$

$\therefore X_1$ is invertible iff \tilde{X}_1 is invertible.

$$X_2 X_1^{-1} = (\tilde{X}_2 K) (\tilde{X}_1 K)^{-1} = \tilde{X}_2 \tilde{X}_1^{-1}$$

Rank This thm shows that the specific choice of matrices X_1, X_2 is not important. And the question of whether or not X_1 is invertible is a property of the subspace, not of the particular basis choice for the subspace.

Thm 3 (Converse of thm 1)

If $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is a soln to the ARE, then $\exists X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ with X_1 invertible, such that $X = X_2 X_1^{-1}$ and the columns of $\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$ span an n -dim invariant subspace of H .

Pf $\Lambda := A + RX \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$$\Rightarrow X\Lambda = XA + XRX = Q - A^T X$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & R \\ Q & -A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix} \Lambda.$$

\therefore The columns of $\begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix}$ span an n -dim invariant subspace of H . Defining $X_1 = I$, $X_2 = X$ completes the proof. #

Thm 4 Suppose V is an n -dim invariant subspace of H , and $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ form a matrix whose columns span V as before. Let Λ be a matrix representation of $H|_V$. If $\lambda_i + \overline{\lambda_j} \neq 0$ for all eigenvalues $\lambda_i, \lambda_j \in \text{spec}(\Lambda)$, then $x_1^* x_2 = x_2^* x_1$.

Pf Using $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ defined before,

$$\underbrace{[x_1^* \ x_2^*]}_{\sim} J H \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\sim} \text{ is Hermitian. } (\because J J^* = I, H^* = J H J)$$

$$[x_1^* \ x_2^*] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{J} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\sim} \Lambda = \underbrace{(x_1^* x_2 + x_2^* x_1)}_{:= W} \Lambda.$$

Then $W^* = x_1^* x_2 - x_2^* x_1 = -W$,
 $W\Lambda + \Lambda^* W = W\Lambda + (-W\Lambda)^* = 0$
 $(\because W\Lambda \text{ is Hermitian from above})$

By the eigenvalue assumption on Λ , the linear map
 $L_\Lambda: \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ defined by

$$L_\Lambda(X) = X\Lambda + \Lambda^* X$$

is invertible.

$$\therefore W = 0.$$

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Corollary Under the same assumptions as in thm 4,
if x_i is invertible then $x_2 x_i^{-1}$ is Hermitian.

Thm5 Let V be an n -dim invariant subspace of H

with the invertibility property (i.e. in any basis, the top portion is invertible), and let $X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ form a matrix whose columns span V . Then V is conjugate symmetric (i.e. $\forall v \in V: v^\top v = v$) iff $X_2 X_1^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Rmk This says that real (rather than cpx) solns arise when a symmetry condition is imposed on the invariant subspace.

Pf (\Leftarrow) $X := X_2 X_1^{-1}$. By assumption, $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\text{Span} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix} = V$. $\therefore V$ is conjugate symmetric.

(\Rightarrow) Since V is conjugate symmetric, \exists an invertible matrix $K \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_1 \\ \bar{X}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} K.$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{(X_2 X_1^{-1})} = \bar{X}_2 \bar{X}_1^\top = X_2 K (X_1 K)^{-1} = X_2 X_1^{-1}. \therefore \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}.$$

Thm6 There is at most one soln X to the Riccati eqn s.t. $A + RX$ is a stable matrix, and if it does exist, then it is real & symmetric.

Rmk For any square matrix M , there is a 'largest' stable inv subspace, i.e. a stable inv subspace that contains every other stable inv subspace of the linear map. It is simply the span of all the eigvecs and gen eigvecs associated with the OLMR eigenvalues.

Pf If X is such a stabilizing soln, then by Thm 3, it can be constructed from some n -dim invariant subspace of H (call it V).

If $A+RX$ is stable, then $\text{spec}(H|_V) = \text{spec}(A+RX)$ are stable. But the spectrum of H is symmetric about the Im axis, so H has at most n eigenvalues in \mathbb{C}^+ .
 \Rightarrow The only possible choice for V is the stable eigenspace of H .

By Thm 2, every soln (if there are any) constructed from V will be the same. Therefore, there is at most one stabilizing soln.

Associated with the stable eigenspace, any Λ s.t.

$$H \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \Lambda \quad \text{is stable.}$$

If the stable eigenspace has the invertibility property, then we have that $X := X_2 X_1^{-1}$ is Hermitian (by Corollary).

Since H is real, the stable eigenspace of H is conj sym, so the associated soln $X = X_2 X_1^{-1}$ is real & symmetric. \square

If H has no Im-axis evls, then H has a unique n -dim stable invariant subspace $V_S \subset \mathbb{C}^{2n}$, and since H is real, $\exists X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ s.t. $\text{span} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = V_S$.

More concretely, $\exists \Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ s.t.

$$H \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \Lambda, \quad \text{spec}(\Lambda) \subset \mathbb{C}^+.$$

Def ($\text{dom}_S \text{Ric}$)

If $H := \begin{bmatrix} A & R \\ Q & -A^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n}$ has no Im-axis evals,

and the matrices $X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ for which $\text{span} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is the stable, n -dim invariant subspace of H satisfy $\det(X_1) \neq 0$,
then $H \in \text{dom}_S \text{Ric}$.

For $H \in \text{dom}_S \text{Ric}$, define $\underline{\text{Ric}}(H) := X_2 X_1^T$
(i.e. the unique matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ s.t. $A^T X + X A + X R X - Q = 0$, and $X = X^T$)

Thm 7 Suppose H does not have any Im-axis evals,
 R is either ≥ 0 or ≤ 0 , and (A, R) is stabilizable.
Then $H \in \text{dom}_S \text{Ric}$.

Pf Let $\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$ form a basis for the stable, n -dim invariant subspace of H (this exists, due to the eigenvalue assumption about H). Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & R \\ Q & -A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \wedge \quad (5)$$

where $\Lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is a stable matrix.

Then $X_1^T X_2 = X_2^T X_1$ (\because Thm 4).

Now we just need to show that X_1 is invertible.

Step 1 We prove that $\text{Ker} X_1$ is Λ -invariant; i.e.
 $x \in \text{Ker} X_1 \Rightarrow \Lambda x \in \text{Ker} X_1$.

Let $x \in \text{Ker } X_1$.

The top row of (5) : $RX_2 = X_1 \Lambda - AX$, (6)
 $\Rightarrow x^* X_2^* RX_2 x = x^* X_2^* (X_1 \Lambda - AX_1) x$
 $= x^* X_2^* X_1 \Lambda x$
 $= \underbrace{x^* X_1^*}_{\sim} X_2 \Lambda x$
 $= 0$.

Since $R > 0$ or $R \leq 0$, we have $RX_2 x = 0$.

Now (6) gives $X_1 \Lambda x = 0$. $\therefore \Lambda x \in \text{Ker } X_1$.

Step 2 Now, if $\text{Ker } X_1 \neq \{0\}$, then \exists a vector $v \neq 0$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ s.t.

$$X_1 v = 0$$

$$\Lambda v = \lambda v$$

$$RX_2 v = 0 \quad (7)$$

The bottom row of (5) : $QX_1 - A^T X_2 = X_2 \Lambda$.

$$\Rightarrow QX_1 - A^T X_2 v = X_2 \Lambda v = \lambda X_2 v$$
$$\Rightarrow (A^T + \lambda I) X_2 v = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$(7) \& (8) \Rightarrow v^* X_2^* [(A + \bar{\lambda} I) R] = 0$$

Since $\text{Re}(\bar{\lambda}) < 0$ and (A, R) stabilizable, it must be that $X_2 v = 0$.

But $X_1 v = 0$ and $\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}$ has full column rank.

$$\therefore v = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ker } X_1 = \{0\}$$
 trivial.

$\therefore X_1$ is invertible, and $H \in \text{dom Ric}$. #

Main Thm 2

A, B, C given. (A, B) stabilizable
 (A, C) detectable.

Then

$$H := \begin{bmatrix} A & -BB^T \\ -C & -A^T \end{bmatrix} \in \text{dom}_{\text{Ric}}$$

Moreover,

$$0 \in X := \text{Ric}(H),$$

and $\text{ker } X \subset \text{ker} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ CA^m \end{bmatrix}$.

Sketch of Pf

stab. detectable Conditions can be used to show that
 H has no Im axis eigenvalues.

Use pseudo-inverse of B to show that if (A, B) stab
then $(A, -BB^T)$ is also stab.

Then apply Thm 7 to conclude $H \in \text{dom}_{\text{Ric}}$.

Then, rearrange the Ric eqn into a Lyap eqn
and use Thm 7.3 from the previous section
to show that $X \geq 0$.

Finally, show that $\text{ker } X \subset \text{ker } C$

and that $\text{ker } X$ is A invariant.

That shows $\text{ker } X \subset \text{ker } CA^j$ for any $j \geq 0$. ff