Pole Placement in CCF

$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x + Br, \qquad y = Cx$$

$$A - BK = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 1 \\ a_n + k_1 & a_{n-1} + k_2 & \ldots & a_2 + k_{n-1} & a_1 + k_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Closed-loop poles are the roots of the characteristic polynomial

$$\det(Is - A + BK)$$
$$= s^n + (a_1 + k_n)s^{n-1} + \ldots + (a_{n-1} + k_2)s + (a_n + k_1)$$

Key observation: When the system is in CCF, each control gain affects only *one* of the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial, and these coefficients can be assigned arbitrarily by a suitable choice of $k_1, \ldots, k_n$.

Hence the name Controller Canonical Form — convenient for control design.