

ECE-320: Linear Control Systems
Homework 8

Due: Wednesday May 10 at 3:30 PM

1) For the plant

$$G_p(s) = \frac{K}{\frac{1}{\omega_n^2}s^2 + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n}s + 1}$$

a) If the plant input is $u(t)$ and the output is $x(t)$, show that we can represent this system with the differential equation

$$\frac{1}{\omega_n^2}\ddot{x}(t) + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n}\dot{x}(t) + x(t) = Ku(t)$$

b) Assuming we use states $q_1(t) = x(t)$ and $q_2(t) = \dot{x}(t)$, and the output is $x(t)$, show that we can write the state variable description of the system as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} q_1(t) \\ q_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega_n^2 & -2\zeta\omega_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1(t) \\ q_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ K\omega_n^2 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$$y(t) = [1 \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} q_1(t) \\ q_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + [0]u(t)$$

or

$$\dot{q}(t) = Aq(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$y(t) = Cq(t) + Du(t)$$

Determine the A, B, C and D matrices.

c) Assume we use state variable feedback of the form $u(t) = G_{pf}r(t) - kq(t)$, where $r(t)$ is the new input to the system, G_{pf} is a prefilter (for controlling the steady state error), and k is the state variable feedback gain vector. Show that the state variable model for the closed loop system is

$$\dot{q}(t) = (A - Bk)q(t) + (BG_{pf})r(t)$$

$$y(t) = (C - Dk)q(t) + (DG_{pf})r(t)$$

or

$$\dot{q}(t) = \tilde{A}q(t) + \tilde{B}r(t)$$

$$y(t) = \tilde{C}q(t) + \tilde{D}r(t)$$

d) Show that the transfer function (matrix) for the closed loop system between input and output is given by

$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = (C - Dk)(sI - (A - Bk))^{-1} BG_{pf} + DG_{pf}$$

and if D is zero this simplifies to

$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = C(sI - (A - Bk))^{-1} BG_{pf}$$

e) Assume $r(t) = 1$ and $D = 0$. Show that, in order for $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 1$, we must have

$$G_{pf} = \frac{-1}{C(A - Bk)^{-1} B}$$

Note that the prefilter gain is a function of the state variable feedback gain!

If matrix P is given as

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

and the determinant of P is given by $ad - bc$. This determinant will also give us the characteristic polynomial of the system.

2) For each of the systems below:

- determine the transfer function when there is state variable feedback
- determine if k_1 and k_2 exist ($k = [k_1 \quad k_2]$) to allow us to place the closed loop poles anywhere. That is, can we make the denominator look like $s^2 + a_1s + a_0$ for any a_1 and any a_0 . If this is true, the system is said to be **controllable**.

a) Show that for

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} q + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u \\ y &= [0 \quad 1] q + [0] u \end{aligned}$$

the closed loop transfer function with state variable feedback is

$$G(s) = \frac{(s-1)G_{pf}}{(s-1)(s-1+k_2)}$$

b) Show that for

$$\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} q + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = [0 \quad 1] q + [0] u$$

the closed loop transfer function with state variable feedback is

$$G(s) = \frac{sG_{pf}}{s^2 + (k_2 - 1)s + k_1}$$

c) Show that for

$$\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} q + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = [1 \quad 0] q + [0] u$$

the closed loop transfer function with state variable feedback is

$$G(s) = \frac{G_{pf}}{s^2 + (k_2 - 1)s + (k_1 - 1)}$$

3) Consider the state variable model of a plant

$$\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} q + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [0 \quad 1]q + [0]u$$

a) Show that the plant transfer function is

$$G_p(s) = \frac{(s+1)}{s^2-1} = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

b) The **eigenvalues** of the A matrix are determined by setting the determinant of the matrix $A - \lambda I$ equal to 0, i.e. they are solutions to $|A - \lambda I| = 0$. Find the eigenvalues of the plant **analytically** (i.e., by hand). *The equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ is the same as the equation $|sI - A| = 0$. However, the determinant of $sI - A$ gives us the characteristic equation of the plant transfer function $G_p(s)$. Hence the eigenvalues of A are the poles of the plant transfer function.*

c) Show that the closed loop transfer function with state variable feedback is

$$G(s) = \frac{(s+1)G_{pf}}{(s+k_1)(s+k_2) - (k_1-1)(k_2-1)}$$

d) Show that, for $G_{pf} = 1$ and $k_1 = k_2 = 0$, the closed loop transfer function is the same as that of the original system (plant). *This is important! State variable feedback only changes the gain of the system and the location of the closed loop poles. It does not increase the order of the system or add zeros to the transfer function.*

e) Show that for $k_1 = 2$ and $k_2 = 2$, the closed loop system has poles at -1 and -3.

f) Find the eigenvalues of $A - Bk$ **analytically**, and show they are equal to the poles of the closed loop transfer function. *The equation $|(A - Bk) - \lambda I| = 0$ is the same as the equation $|sI - (A - Bk)| = 0$. However, the determinant of $sI - (A - Bk)$ gives us the characteristic equation of the closed loop transfer function. Hence the eigenvalues of $A - Bk$ are the poles of the closed loop transfer function.*

g) Show that this system is not controllable.

4) For one of the rectilinear systems in lab, I found the following state variable representations:

$$\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -174.8205 & -2.6469 \end{bmatrix} q + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5050 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [1 \quad 0]q + [0]u$$

The closed loop transfer function with state variable feedback is

$$G_o(s) = \frac{5050G_{pf}}{s^2 + (2.6469 + 5050k_2)s + (174.8205 + 5050k_1)}$$

a) **Design I**

- Determine feedback gains k_1 and k_2 so the resulting system has real poles and a bandwidth of 2 Hz. Set the second pole twice as far from the origin as the first pole.
- Use the final value Theorem to determine the prefilter gain so the steady state error for a step input is zero.
- Estimate the settling time for the step response based on the system bandwidth.
- Use Matlab to plot the Bode plot of the closed loop system (to verify the bandwidth) and plot the step response (to verify the estimated settling time).

You should get numbers like 0.028, 0.0069, 0.06, and 0.32. When you look at the Bode plot, the bandwidth will not be 2 Hz, primarily because the second pole is too close to the first pole.

b) **Design II**

- Determine feedback gains k_1 and k_2 so the resulting (ideal second order) system has a percent overshoot of 15% and a settling time of 0.5 seconds.
- Use the final value Theorem to determine the prefilter gain so the steady state error for a step input is zero.
- Use Matlab to plot the step response (to verify the percent overshoot and settling time).
- Determine (analytically) the steady state output if the input to the closed loop system is $r(t) = 1 \cos(4t)$ cm and determine the time delay between the input and the output.

You should get numbers like 0.0128, 0.0026, 0.047, and a time delay of 0.07 seconds. Your step response should be fairly close to the requirements.

5) For one of the rotational systems in lab, I found the following state variable representations:

$$\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -329.8427 & -1.2501 \end{bmatrix} q + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 938.3581 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [1 \quad 0]q + [0]u$$

The closed loop transfer function with state variable feedback is

$$G_o(s) = \frac{938.3581G_{pf}}{s^2 + (1.2501 + 938.3581k_2)s + (329.8427 + 938.3581k_1)}$$

a) **Design I**

- Determine feedback gains k_1 and k_2 so the resulting system has real poles and a bandwidth of 3 Hz. Set the second pole twice as far from the origin as the first pole.
- Use the final value Theorem to determine the prefilter gain so the steady state error for a step input is zero.
- Estimate the settling time for the step response based on the system bandwidth.
- Use Matlab to plot the Bode plot of the closed loop system (to verify the bandwidth) and plot the step response (to verify the estimated settling time).

You should get numbers like 0.4058, 0.058939, 0.76, and 0.2. When you look at the Bode plot, the bandwidth will not be 2 Hz, primarily because the second pole is too close to the first pole.

b) **Design II**

- Determine feedback gains k_1 and k_2 so the resulting (ideal second order) system has a percent overshoot of 10% and a settling time of 0.8 seconds.
- Use the final value Theorem to determine the prefilter gain so the steady state error for a step input is zero.
- Use Matlab to plot the step response (to verify the percent overshoot and settling time).
- Determine (analytically) the steady state output if the input to the closed loop system is $r(t) = 15^\circ \cos(10t)$ and determine the time delay between the input and the output.

You should get numbers like -0.27, 0.009, 0.076, and a time delay of 0.18 seconds. Your step response should be fairly close to the requirements.

Preparation for Lab 8

6) You will be using this code and the following designs in Lab 8, so come prepared!

a) The one degree of freedom Simulink model (**Basic_1dof_State_Variable_Model.mdl**) implements a state variable model for a one degree of freedom system. This model uses the Matlab code **Basic_1dof_State_Variable_Model_Driver.m** to drive it. Both of these programs are available on the course website.

a) Get the state variable model files for the systems you modeled in lab. *Since you will be implementing these controllers during lab89, if you have any clue at all you and your lab partner will do different systems!*

*You will need to have **Basic_1dof_state_Variable_Model_Driver.m** load the correct state model into the system!*

b) You need to set the **saturation_level** to the correct level for the rectilinear (model 210) or torsional (model 205) system. Assume we have an input step of 1 cm or 15 degrees (be sure to convert to radians!)

c) Design a state variable feedback system using **pole placement** for your rectilinear system. For this method, we basically guess the pole locations and simulate the system. To set the location of the closed loop poles, find the part of the code that assigns poles to the variable **p**, and change the elements of **p**. You will need to choose the closed loop pole locations (This is a guess and check sort of thing. The biggest problem is making sure the control effort is not too large.) Your resulting design must have a settling time of 0.5 seconds or less and must have a percent overshoot of 10% or less. Your design should not saturate the system (control effort) and you should use a **constant prefilter**.

d) Run your simulation for 2.0 seconds. Plot both the system output (from 0 to 2 seconds) and the control effort (from 0 to 0.2 seconds). Plot the control effort only out to 0.2 seconds since the control effort is usually largest near the initial time. If your control effort reaches its limits, you need to go back and modify your design. Turn in your plot with your closed loop poles and your gains (you can just write these on your plot).

e) An alternative method for determining the feedback gains is based on what is called a **linear quadratic regulator**. The linear quadratic regulator finds the gain **K** to minimize

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} [x^T(t)Qx(t) + u(t)^T Ru(t)] dt$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ u(t) &= -Kx(t)\end{aligned}$$

For our one degree of freedom systems, **Q** is a 2x2 positive definite matrix, and **R** is a scalar. Since we will use a diagonal matrix for **Q** and for our system **u(t)** is a scalar, we can rewrite **J** as

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} [q_1 x_1^2(t) + q_2 \dot{x}_1^2(t) + Ru^2(t)] dt$$

This is very similar to the quadratic optimal control we already discussed in class for transfer functions. A large value of R penalizes a large control signal, a large value of q_1 will penalize the position of the first cart, while a large value of q_2 will penalize a large value of the velocity of the first cart. All of the q_i should be zero or positive.

It's easiest to find K using the following command in Matlab: $K = lqr(A, B, \text{diag}([q_1 \quad q_2]), R)$

Try different values of the q_i to find an acceptable controller. Turn in your plot with your closed loop poles and your gains (you can just write these on your plot).

Turn in your code.