

6.241 Spring 2011

Final Exam

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Problem 1

Let $(A, b, c, 0)$ be a state-space model of a LTI system, with $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $b, c' \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume that $\lambda_i(A) + \lambda_j(A) \neq 0$, for all i, j . Consider the equation

$$AX + XA + bc = 0;$$

show that there exists a non-singular matrix X that satisfies the equation if and only if (A, b) is controllable and (c, A) is observable.

Problem 2

Consider a LTI system described by the following state-space model:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [1 \quad -1 \quad 0], \quad D = 0.$$

1. Construct a Kalman decomposition for this system, and compute the transfer function of the system. Is the system controllable/stabilizable, observable/detectable?
2. Design a stabilizing model-based compensator (i.e., composed of a full-state controller and an observer).
3. What is the transfer function of the compensator? Can you give a “classical” interpretation of the control law?

Problem 3

Consider a plant with transfer function $G(s) = 1/(s - 1)$. Find all feedback compensators $K(s)$ such that (i) the closed-loop system is stable, and (ii) the output response to a unit step disturbance at the output is asymptotically zero.

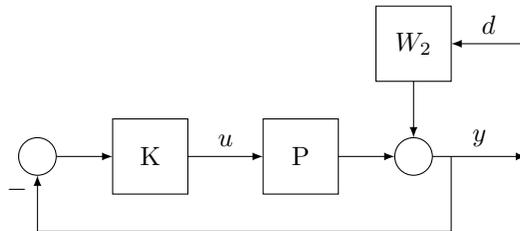
(Recall that, assuming the closed-loop transfer function T_{yd} is stable, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} y(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sT_{yd}(s)D(s)$, where $D(s)$ is the Laplace transform of the input signal.)

Problem 4

Consider the block diagram shown below. P is an uncertain SISO plant with transfer function $P(s) = P_0(s) + W_1(s)\Delta_1(s)$, where $W_1(s)$ is a stable transfer function, $P(s)$ and $P_0(s)$ have the same number of right half-plane poles, and

$$|\operatorname{Re}[\Delta_1(s)]| \leq \alpha, \quad |\operatorname{Im}[\Delta_1(s)]| \leq \beta, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{C}.$$

The transfer function $W_2(s)$ is a stable frequency weight.



1. Derive necessary and sufficient conditions for robust stability, i.e., such that the closed-loop system shown in the figure is externally stable for all admissible $\Delta_1(s)$.
2. Assume $P = P_0$. Derive necessary and sufficient conditions for nominal performance, i.e., to ensure that $\|y\| \leq \|d\|$, for all square-integrable disturbance inputs $d \in \mathcal{L}_2$.
3. Derive necessary and sufficient conditions for robust stability and performance, i.e., such that the closed loop system is stable, and $\|y\| \leq \|d\|$, for all square-integrable disturbance inputs $d \in \mathcal{L}_2$, and for any admissible $\Delta_1(s)$.
4. Can you give a graphical interpretation of these conditions?

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