

## Solution for TSRT09 Control Theory, 2023-03-24

1. (a) See section 7.4 of the book.
- (b) (i) The controllability matrix

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has  $\text{rank}(S) = 3$ , hence the system is not controllable. The controllable subspace (i.e.,  $\text{range}(S)$ ) is for instance generated by

$$\text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

- (ii) The observability matrix

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -8 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has  $\text{rank}(O) = 3$ , hence the system is not observable. The non-observable subspace (i.e.,  $\text{ker}(O)$ ) is for instance generated by

$$\text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

- (iii) Since all eigenvalues of  $A$  are in LHP, the system is both stabilizable and detectable.
- (iv) Since the system is neither controllable nor observable the realization is not minimal.
- (v)  $G(s)$  is straightforwardly computed as

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s+2} & \frac{2}{s+1} \\ \frac{1}{s+1} & \frac{-2}{s+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

of pole polynomial  $p(s) = (s + 1)^2(s + 2)$  and zero polynomial  $z(s) = 2s + 3$ . Hence the poles are  $s = -1$  of multiplicity 2, and  $s = -2$  of multiplicity 1. The zero is  $s = -1.5$ .

2. (a) From  $x = F(s)v_1 = \frac{1}{s+2}v_1$ , the spectrum is  $\phi_x(\omega) = F(i\omega)r_1F^*(i\omega) = \frac{r_1}{\omega^2+4}$ . The variance of  $x$ ,  $\pi_x = E[x^2]$ , can be computed from the Lyapunov equation (Theorem 5.3 of the book)

$$-2\pi_x - 2\pi_x + r_1 = 0 \implies \pi_x = \frac{r_1}{4}$$

- (b) The observer equation can be rewritten as  $\dot{\hat{x}} = -(2+K)\hat{x} + Ky$ . Laplace transforming:  $G(s) = \frac{K}{s+2+K}$ .

- (c) Similarly,  $\dot{\hat{x}} = -(2+K)\hat{x} + v_1 - Kv_2$ . Laplace transforming:

$$H_1(s) = \frac{1}{s+2+K}, \quad H_2(s) = -\frac{K}{s+2+K}$$

The associated variances can be computed solving Lyapunov equations, similarly to (a):

$$E[\hat{x}_1^2] = \frac{r_1}{2(2+K)}, \quad E[\hat{x}_2^2] = \frac{r_2K^2}{2(2+K)}$$

- (d) We need to find the minimum of the total variance  $V(K) = \frac{r_1+r_2K^2}{2(2+K)}$ . If  $2+K > 0$  (i.e., when the observer is stable), then  $V(K) > 0$ , and its minimum in  $K$  can be found computing where the derivative vanishes:

$$\frac{\partial V(K)}{\partial K} = \frac{2r_2K^2 + 8r_2K - 2r_1}{4(2+K)^2} = 0 \implies K_{1,2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{4 + \frac{r_1}{r_2}}$$

To guarantee stability of the observer (i.e.,  $-(2+K) < 0$ ) we need to chose the solution with + sign:  $K_{\min} = -2 + \sqrt{4 + \frac{r_1}{r_2}}$ .

- (e) The Kalman filter is obtained choosing  $K_{\text{kalman}} = p/r_2$ , where  $p$  solves the Riccati equation:

$$-2p - 2p - \frac{p^2}{r_2} + r_1 = 0 \implies p_{1,2} = -2r_2 \pm \sqrt{4r_2^2 + r_1r_2}$$

Also here, since  $p$  must be positive definite, we must choose the solution with + sign:  $K_{\text{kalman}} = -2 + \sqrt{4 + \frac{r_1}{r_2}}$ . Not surprisingly, it is  $K_{\text{kalman}} = K_{\min}$ .

3. (a) The extended system is

$$G_e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & W_u \\ 0 & W_T G \\ W_S & W_S G \\ 1 & G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{(s+1)(s+2)}{(s+0.1)(s+3)(s+10)} \\ \frac{10}{s+1} & \frac{10}{(s+0.1)(s+3)} \\ 1 & \frac{s+1}{(s+0.1)(s+3)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) For  $\gamma = 3.0644$ , the  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controller is

$$F_y = \frac{294.19(s+10)(s+3)(s+0.1)}{(s+99.05)(s+10.03)(s+1.301)(s+1)}$$

(c) The  $\mathcal{H}_2$  controller is

$$F_y = \frac{6.0952(s + 10)(s + 3)(s + 0.1)}{(s + 10.06)(s + 4.505)(s + 1)(s + 0.8632)}$$

(d)  $S$ ,  $T$  and  $G_{wu}$  for the two designs are shown in Fig. 1. As can be seen, the  $\mathcal{H}_2$  loopshaping corresponds to bigger sensitivity at low frequencies, compensated by a lower complementary sensitivity at higher frequencies. Overall the  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  closed loop transfer function  $G_c$  has larger bandwidth than the  $\mathcal{H}_2$  design, and a higher static gain. Correspondingly, the step response of the close loop system is prompter for the  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  than for the  $\mathcal{H}_2$  design.

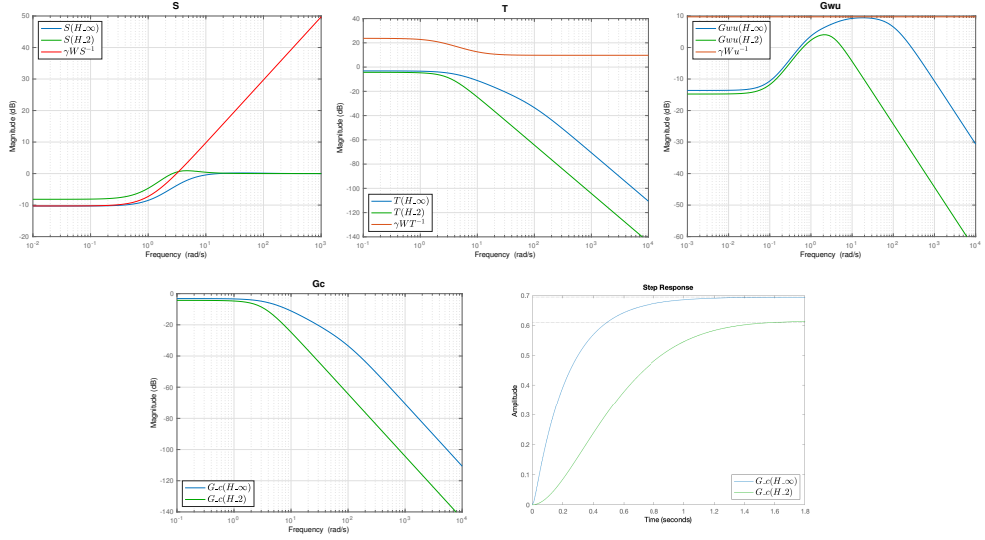


Figure 1:  $\mathcal{H}_2$  (green) and  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  (blue) design of Ex. 3.

4. (a) Consider the transfer function in Eq. (3) of the text. Since  $\tanh(v) \leq v$  for all  $v \geq 0$  (and  $\tanh(v) \geq v$  for all  $v \leq 0$ ), the nonlinearity has unit gain:  $\|\tanh(v)\| = 1$ . Hence for the small gain theorem,  $\|KG\|_\infty \|\tanh(v)\| < 1$  simply means  $K\|G\|_\infty < 1$ . Since  $\|G\|_\infty = 0.2193$  (i.e.  $-13.1805$  dB), it must be  $K < 4.5606$ .
- (b) The circle associated to  $\tanh(v)$  has  $k_1 = 0$  and  $k_2 = 1$ , hence it has an infinite radius and it is passing through  $-1$ , i.e., the region to avoid is the half plane to the left of  $-1$ , see blue area in Fig. 2(a). For the circle criterion to be satisfied, the “loop gain”  $KG(i\omega)$  must be to the right of this region. The Nyquist curve of  $G(i\omega)$  is also shown in green in Fig. 2(a). Computing the rightmost value of  $G(i\omega)$  (i.e.,  $\eta = \min_\omega(\text{Real}(G(i\omega)))$ ), this value is  $\eta = 0.1667$ , meaning that if  $K < 1/\eta = 6$  the circle criterion is satisfied, see red curve in Fig. 2(a). As expected, the circle criterion is less conservative than the small gain theorem.
- (c) The transfer function of Eq. (4) is the minimum phase version of the one in Eq. (3). Hence the two have the same  $\|G\|_\infty = 0.2193$  (minimum and nonminimum phase TF have the same amplitude), meaning that the small gain condition on  $K$  is the

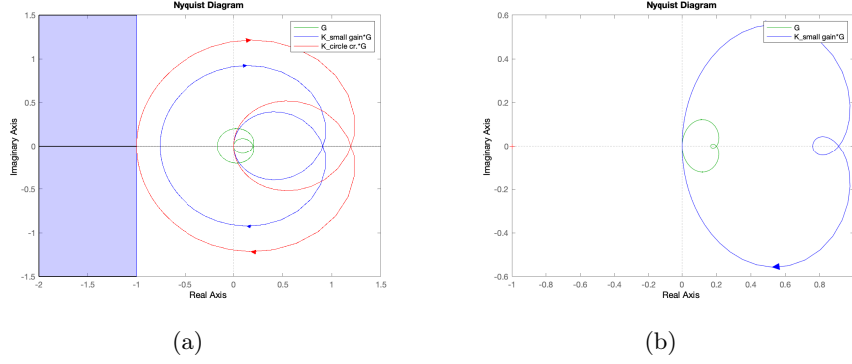


Figure 2: Ex. 4. (a): Nyquist curve for  $G(s)$  and  $KG(s)$  in Eq. (3) of the text. (b): Nyquist curve for  $G(s)$  and  $KG(s)$  in Eq. (4).

same. From the Nyquist plot of the new TF, shown in Fig. 2(b) in green, it can be observed that the amplitude margin is  $\infty$  (the Nyquist curve is all in the RHP), meaning that the closed loop system is stable for all  $K > 0$  (the “loop gain”  $KG(i\omega)$  remains in the LHP for all  $K > 0$ ).

- (d) As already mentioned, the TF of Eq. (4) is the minimum phase version of the one in Eq. (3). Nonminimum phase systems are more stability-critical, and this is just one example of such criticality.

5. (a) (i) The Jacobian linearization is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ , hence it is an undecidable case.

- (ii)  $V(x) > 0$  (p.d.) and

$$\dot{V}(x) = -4x_1^2(1 + 2x_1^2) - 4x_2^4 < 0$$

hence this can be used.

- (iii)  $V(x)$  is not a p.d. function:  $V(\bar{x}) = 0$  when  $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , hence this cannot be used.

- (iv) If  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then we get the  $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  used in (ii), hence this is OK.

- (v)  $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  is radially unbounded, hence the asymptotic stability of the origin is global.

- (b) The Jacobian linearization is now

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

which has eigenvalue  $\lambda = -2$  of multiplicity 2, meaning that local asymptotic stability holds. Also in this case asymptotic stability is global: choosing  $V(s) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ , one gets

$$\dot{V}(x) = -4x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 8x_1^4 - 4x_2^2 - 4x_2^4 = -(x_1 - x_2)^2 - (3x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 8x_1^4 + 4x_2^4) < 0$$

The matrix  $A$  is already in Jordan normal form, meaning that the linearization has a single eigenvector. A sketch of the phase portrait is shown in Fig. 3.

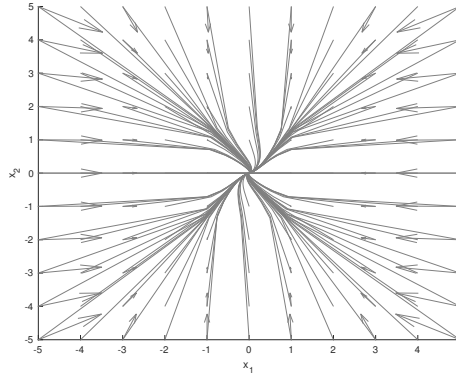


Figure 3: Phase portrait of the system of Ex. 5.