## Solution for TSRT09 Control Theory, 2023-08-22

- 1. (a) A system is non-minimum phase e.g. when it has a zero in the RHP, or a delay (in general, in the SISO case: when the inverse of its transfer function is unstable).
  - (b) For perfect disturbance cancelation (y = 0) you need u = -2(s+1)d/(s+3). The static gain  $d \to u$  in this expression is 2/3. Since the maximal amplitude of the disturbance is |d| = 3, you need an input amplitude of at least 2 for u, which is at odds with the constraint  $|u| \leq 1$ . Hence the answer is no.
  - (c) The pole polynomial is p(s) = (s+1)(s+3)(s+5) and the poles are -1, -3, -5, all with multiplicity 1.
  - (d) Use the spectral factorization theorem: given a spectrum  $\Phi_v(\omega)$  write it as  $\Phi_v(\omega) = |G(i\omega)|^2$ , where G(s) is a linear, stable transfer function. Simulate this linear system driven by white noise.
  - (e) The Bode integral theorem says that, under the assumption that the loop gain decays at least as  $|s|^{-2}$ , then it has to have at least an unstable pole.
- 2. (a)

$$G(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 5\\ 4/3 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow RGA(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0596 & 1.0596\\ 1.0596 & -0.0596 \end{bmatrix}$$

The  $u_1 \leftrightarrow y_1$ ,  $u_2 \leftrightarrow y_2$  pairing is unsuitable as it corresponds to negative diagonal elements. Instead the other pairing  $u_1 \leftrightarrow y_2$ ,  $u_2 \leftrightarrow y_1$  corresponds to off-diagonal elements that are close to 1, hence it should work.

(b) Using

$$F_{y_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2\\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The pole polynomial for the closed loop system  $G_{c_2} = (I + GF_{y_2})^{-1}G$  (taking  $F_{r_2} = I$ )

$$p(s) = s^4 + 28s^3 + 249s^2 + 854s + 932$$

gives the poles

$$-14.7607, -6.4512, -4.7101, -2.0780$$

Using instead  $F_{y_1}$  would lead to the closed-loop poles

$$-15.8194, -4.0000, -2.0978, 3.9173$$

i.e., to an unstable closed-loop system, as expected from RGA.

(c) Computing  $S = (I + GF_{y_2})^{-1}$ , one gets the singular values shown in Fig. 1. Constant disturbances and low-frequency disturbance, up to around 1 rad/s, get an attenuation of around 10 dB. The 3 dB threshold is passed at around 5 rad/s.



Figure 1: Ex. 2. Singular values of S.

3. (a) The extended system is

$$G_e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & W_u \\ 0 & W_T G \\ W_S & W_S G \\ 1 & G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{10}{s+1} \\ 0 & \frac{(s+2)}{(s+0.2)(s+5)} \\ \frac{K(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+5)} & \frac{K(s+2)(s+3)}{(s+0.2)(s+1)^2(s+5)} \\ 1 & \frac{s+2}{(s+0.2)(s+1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Since what matters is  $W_S^{-1}$ , K = 10 pushes down S at low frequencies more than K = 1, hence we choose K = 10.
- (c) The resulting  $\mathcal{H}_2$  controller is

$$F_y = \frac{4.84 \cdot 10^6 (s + 4.019)(s + 0.2)}{(s + 1.55 \cdot 10^7)(s + 4.981)(s + 0.7114)}$$

S, T and  $G_{wu}$  for the two designs are shown in Fig. 2.



Figure 2:  $\mathcal{H}_2$  loopshaping for K = 1 (blue) and K = 10 (green) design of Ex. 3.

- (d) As can be seen in Fig. 2, the K = 10 loopshaping (green) corresponds to lower sensitivity at low frequencies, compensated however by a higher complementary sensitivity T and higher  $G_{wu}$  at all frequencies. Also the static gain and cross over frequency are higher for the K = 10 design, see  $G_c$  plot in Fig. 2.
- 4. The cubic nonlinearity is such that  $k_1 = 1 \leq \frac{f(u)}{u} \leq \infty = k_2$ , see Fig. 3(a). This means that the "forbidden region" in the circle criterion is a disk passing through -1 and 0 (blue disk in Fig. 3(b)). From Fig. 3(b), only the Nyquist curve of  $G_2$  does not intersects this disk, hence this is the only stable closed loop system. It is so for all values of K > 0.



Figure 3: Ex. 4. (a): The cubic nonlinearity f (blue). The  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  lines are in red. (b): Nyquist diagrams of  $G_i(s)$  (red) and disk for f (blue).

5. (a) It is straightforward to check that  $x_{eq} = 0$  is an equilibrium point. The Jacobian linearization of the system at  $x_{eq}$  is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 0$  (of multiplicity 2) and  $\lambda = 1$ . Hence the open loop system is unstable.

(b) The controllability matrix for the linearization

$$S = [B \ AB \ A^2B] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has full rank, hence we can use the Jacobian linearization for local stabilization. One possible gain is  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 7 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$  which places the closed-loop poles of A - BL in  $\{-1, -2, -3\}$ .

(c) Differentiating the output, for  $h_1(x)$  it is

$$\dot{y} = x_1^3 + x_2$$
  
 $\ddot{y} = 3x_1^5 + 3x_1^2x_2 + u$ 

meaning that the relative degree is 2, while for  $h_2(x)$  it is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y} &= x_3 + \sin x_1 \\ \ddot{y} &= x_3 + \sin x_1 + x_1^3 \cos x_1 + x_2 \cos x_1 \\ \ddot{y} &= x_3 + \left(1 - x_1^3 (x_1^3 + x_2) - x_2\right) \sin x_1 + \cos x_1 (x_1^3 + x_2) (1 + 3x_1^2) + u \cos x_1 \end{aligned}$$

i.e., the relative degree is 3. Only the latter case leads to an easy feedback linearization, as there is no zero dynamics.