



KTH Matematik

**Homework 2**  
**Mathematical Systems Theory, SF2832**  
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You may use  $\min(5,(\text{your score})/7)$  as bonus credit on the exam.

1. (a) It is well known that  $(C, A)$ , where  $A$  is  $n \times n$ , is observable if and only if the complex matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI - A \\ C \end{bmatrix}$$

has rank  $n$  for all  $s \in \mathcal{C}$ . Here show only the necessity of this rank condition for observability. .... (3p)

- (b) The purpose of this problem is to prove the statement on zero-pole cancellation on p. 50 of the compendium. Given the following control system

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 & \cdots & -a_n \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [c_1 \ c_2 \ \cdots \ c_n] x,$$

show the system is observable if and only if no root of the polynomial  $c_n s^{n-1} + \cdots + c_1$  is an eigenvalue of the  $A$  matrix (hint: use the criterion in (a))... (4p)

- (c) For the system in (b), discuss conditions on  $c$  such that  $(c, A + bk)$  is observable for arbitrary  $k$ .... (2p)

2. Consider a time-invariant system

$$\dot{x} = Ax,$$

where  $x \in R^n$  and  $A^T = -A$ , namely  $A$  is skew symmetric.

Show

- (a) The system is not asymptotically stable (around  $x = 0$ ). .... (2p)  
(b) The system is (critically) stable. .... (2p)

3. (a) Consider the system in 1.(b) and let  $n = 2$ . Using state feedback one can place the poles of the closed-loop system at  $s_1 = -p$  and  $s_2 = -2p$ , where  $p > 0$ , and let  $p$  be sufficiently large. This is the so-called high gain control. Show that however, there are closed-loop solutions  $x(t)$ , such that as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $|x(T_p)| \rightarrow \infty$ , for some finite  $T_p$ . .... (3p)

(b) Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= Ax + Bu \\ y &= Cx.\end{aligned}$$

Show that the reachable and unobservable subspaces are invariant under output feedback control  $u = Ky + v$ . .... (3p)

4. Consider

$$R(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s+2}{s+1} & \frac{1}{s+1} \\ \frac{2}{s+1} & \frac{s+1}{s+2} \end{bmatrix},$$

- (a) Determine the standard reachable realization of  $R(s)$ . .... (3p)
- (b) Is the realization in (a) observable? .... (2p)
- (c) Determine the standard observable realization of  $R(s)$ . .... (3p)
- (d) What is the McMillan degree of  $R(s)$ ? .... (2p)

5. Suppose the following is a realization of a given  $R(s)$ :

$$(A, B, C) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0] \right)$$

- (a) Find a feedback control  $u = Kx$  that assigns poles to  $\{-1, -1, -2, -2\}$ . . (3p)
- (b) Is the realization minimal? If not, use Kalman decomposition to find a minimal realization. .... (3p)