

Homework 1 Mathematical Systems Theory, 5B1742 Spring 2006

1. In this problem we investigate sampling of a harmonic oscillator. The continuous time dynamics is given as

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u \tag{1}$$

(a) Is the harmonic oscillator in (1) completely reachable?

Now consider zero-order hold sampling of the harmonic oscillator. Zero order hold sampling is the most common way to do the digital to analog (D/A) and analog to digital (A/D) conversion when implementing a control algorithm in a computer. The output from the linear system is sampled at time instances t = kh to generate the discrete output sequence $\{z_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$, where $z_k = x(kh)$ (A/D conversion). The computer algorithm uses these samples to generate a control sequence $\{v_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$. This sequence is then fed through the zero order hold circuit, which generates the piecewise constant control signal (D/A conversion)

$$u(t) = v_k, \qquad t \in [kh, (k+1)h)$$

Zero-order hold sampling is illustrated in Figure 1. The purpose of the clock circuit is to synchronize the zero-order hold circuit and the sampler.

For the control design it is important to have a discrete time equivalent of the sampled system, i.e. we need to determine the dynamics from v to z. This is discussed in Lindquist and Sand on page 14.



Figur 1: Zero-order hold sampling of a harmonic oscillator.

(b) The sampled harmonic oscillator is a discrete time system on the form

$$z_{k+1} = F z_k + G u_k \tag{2}$$

Compute F and G.

- (c) For what values of the sampling time h is the discrete time system in (2) completely reachable.
- 2. Consider the classical satellite problem, see Figure 2.



Figur 2: Control of satellite in orbit around the earth.

The satellite is modeled as a particle of unit mass moving in an inverse square law force field. The position of the satellite is given by the radius r(t) and the angle $\theta(t)$. The satellite has the capability of thrusting in the radial direction with a thrust u_1 and thrusting in the tangential direction with a thrust u_2 . The equations of motion are

$$\ddot{r} = r\dot{\theta}^2 - \frac{k}{r^2} + u_1$$
$$\ddot{\theta} = -2\frac{1}{r}\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + \frac{1}{r}u_2.$$

- (a) Verify that with no input applied, $(u_1 = u_2 = 0)$ circular orbits of the form $r(t) = \sigma, \theta(t) = \omega t$, where σ and ω are constants, are possible. What is the relation between k, σ and ω ?
- (b) Normalize such that $\sigma = 1$ and and show that the linearization of the system along the circular orbit becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{x}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3\omega^2 & 0 & 0 & 2\omega \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2\omega & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) Is the linearized system completely reachable?
- (d) Is the system completely reachable if the radial thrust is broken? Is the system completely reachable if the tangential thrust is broken?
- (e) Is the system completely observable if only r can be measured? If only θ can be measured?
- 3. In this problem you will first investigate the controlled system

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \qquad (\mathcal{C})$$

and the dual observed system

$$\dot{z}(t) = -A(t)^T z(t), \quad z(t_1) = z_1$$

$$y(t) = B(t)^T z(t) \tag{O}$$

(a) Prove that the reachability Gramian (corresponding to system C) satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}W_c(t_0, t) = A(t)W_c(t_0, t) + W_c(t_0, t)A(t)^T + B(t)B(t)^T$$

- (b) Let $\Phi_c(t,s)$ be the transition matrix corresponding to the homogeneous part of the system in (\mathcal{C}) (i.e. $\dot{x} = A(t)x$) and $\Phi_o(t,s)$ be the transition matrix corresponding to the homogeneous part of the system in (\mathcal{O}) . Show that $\Phi_o(t,s) = \Phi_c(s,t)^T$.
- (c) Prove that $W_c(t_0, t_1) = \Phi_c(t_1, t_0) M_0(t_0, t_1) \Phi_c(t_1, t_0)^T$, where W_c is the reachability Gramian for (\mathcal{C}) and M_o is the observability Gramian for (\mathcal{O}) .