



KTH Matematik

Solution to Homework 3
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1. Determine a state feedback K such that the eigenvalues of the closed-loop system $\dot{x} = (A + BK)x$ are located in $\{-1, -2, -3, -4\}$, for the case where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

..... (4p)

Solution: Due to the structure of the system, one can design $u_1 = k_1(x_1, x_2)^T$ and $u_2 = k_2(x_3, x_4)^T$ separately for the following subsystems:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Consider

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

$$y = [1 \quad 1 \quad 0] x.$$

- (a) Is the system observable? (1p)
Solution: Yes.

- (b) Design a feedback controller $u = kx$ such that the closed-loop poles are placed at $\{-1, -2, -3\}$ (2p)
Solution: omitted.

- (c) Explain what happens to the observability of the closed-loop system. (2p)
Solution: The closed-loop system is not observable since there is a pole/zero cancellation.

- (d) Assume now that the full state is not available. Can we always design an observer-based control that stabilizes the overall system, with the closed-loop poles located at $\{-1, -2, -3\}$ and the observer dynamics having poles at $\{-1, -2, -3\}$? (1p)
Solution: Yes since the system is both controllable and observable.

3. Consider

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

where (A, B) is controllable and A does not have any eigenvalue on the imaginary axis. Given the cost function

$$J = \int_0^\infty u^T u dt,$$

we can show that $u = -B^T P x$ is the optimal control, where P is a positive *semi-definite* solution to the corresponding ARE.

(a) What are the eigenvalues of $(A - BB^T P)$ if A is a stable matrix? (1p)

Solution: Since A is a stable matrix, $x(t)$ is bounded if $u = 0$. Thus $u = 0$ is a feasible control that apparently also minimizes the cost function. Therefore $(A - BB^T P) = A$.

(b) What are the eigenvalues of $(A - BB^T P)$ if $-A$ is a stable matrix? (4p)

Solution: In order to make $A - BB^T P$ a stable matrix (thus $u = -B^T P x$ feasible), P has to be positive definite by our discussion in Ch. 8. Since $A^T P + PA - PBB^T P = 0$ implies $A - BB^T P = -P^{-1} A^T P$, it has same eigenvalues as $-A^T$ thus as $-A$.

Hint: an optimal control is necessarily a feasible control.

4. Consider again

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

where (A, B) is controllable. Given the cost function

$$J = \int_0^{t_1} u^T u dt + x(t_1)^T S x(t_1),$$

where S is positive definite, and let $u = -B^T P(t_1 - t)x$ denote the optimal control.

(a) Compute $\lim_{t_1-t \rightarrow \infty} P(t_1 - t)$ for the case A is a stable matrix. (2p)

Solution: By using the adjoint system, we have $Y = \exp(A^T(t_1 - t))S$, $X = \exp(-A(t_1 - t)) + \int_0^{t_1-t} \exp(-As)BB^T \exp(-A^T s) ds \exp(A^T(t_1 - t))S$.

$P^{-1} = XY^{-1} = \exp(-A(t_1 - t))S^{-1} \exp(-A^T(t_1 - t)) + \int_0^{t_1-t} \exp(-As)BB^T \exp(-A^T s) ds$.
 If A is stable, $P^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$; if $-A$ is stable, $P^{-1} \rightarrow \int_0^\infty \exp(-As)BB^T \exp(-A^T s) ds$, which satisfies $-P^{-1}A^T - AP^{-1} + BB^T = 0$.

(b) Compute $\lim_{t_1-t \rightarrow \infty} P(t_1 - t)$ for the case $-A$ is a stable matrix. (3p)

Solution: see (a).

(c) Comparing your results with those P in Problem 3, what conclusion can you draw? (2p)

Solution: the limits are the same as those P in Problem 3.

Hint: to determine P is the same as determining P^{-1} if P is invertible.

5. Consider a second order random walk model

$$x(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a^2}{2} \\ a \end{bmatrix} v(t)$$
$$y(t) = [1 \ 0] x(t) + w(t),$$

where v, w are uncorrelated white noises, with covariances q, r respectively.

Design Kalman filter for the system. (3p)

Solution: omitted.