

Homework 1
Mathematical Systems Theory, SF2832
Spring 2012

You may use $\min(5,(\text{your score})/5)$ as bonus credit on the exam.

1. Find the state transition matrix for the following systems

(a) $\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & t \end{bmatrix} x(t)$
 (2p)

(b) $\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2k & -2 - 3k & -3 - k \end{bmatrix} x(t),$
 where the constant $k > 2$ (3p)

(c) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where a_1, a_2, a_3 are constants satisfying $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 = 1$. Show

$$e^{At} = I + A \sin(t) + A^2(1 - \cos(t)).$$

(Hint: show first $A^{2n+1} = (-1)^n A$, $n \geq 0$ and $A^{2n} = (-1)^{n+1} A^2$, $n \geq 1$.) (4p)

2. Consider the inverted pendulum

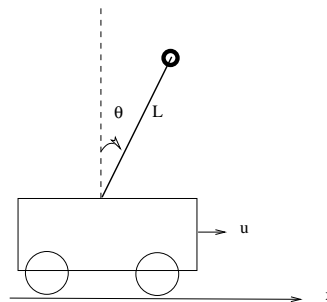


Figure 1: Inverted pendulum on a cart.

The following equation describes the motion of the pendulum around the equilibrium $\theta = 0$:

$$L\ddot{\theta} - g \sin(\theta) + \ddot{x} \cos(\theta) = 0$$

- (a) We consider \ddot{x} as the input u and θ as the output y . Let $x_1 = \theta$ and $x_2 = \dot{\theta}$. Derive the state space model for the linearized system (i.e. let $\sin(\theta) \approx \theta$ and $\cos(\theta) \approx 1$).....(2p)
- (b) Derive the input-output description of the system in (a), with $L = 1$ and $g = 10$. (3p)
- (c) Show the model you derive in (a) is both controllable and observable. ... (4p)

3. Consider the attitude control system for a spacecraft (after linearization) :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\omega}_1 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 \\ \dot{\omega}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i u_i,$$

where ϕ, θ, ψ describe the angular position of the spacecraft, and ω_i are angular velocities. Each scalar control u_i is implemented by an opposing pair of gas jets. b_i depends on where the gas jets are placed.

- (a) Suppose we have three control inputs. Discuss conditions on the placements of the gas jets (i.e. conditions on b_i) such that the system is controllable. (4p)
- (b) When only two pairs of gas jets are functioning, can the system still be controllable? (3p)