



SF2842: Geometric Control Theory
Homework 1

Due February 11, 16:50pm, 2016
 You may use $\min(5, (\text{your score})/4)$ as bonus credit on the exam

1. Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} u \\ y &= (1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0)x. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Compute \mathcal{V}^* and express all friends F of \mathcal{V}^* (2p)

Solution: $V^* = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \mathcal{F}(V^*) = \{F \in R^{2 \times 4} \mid f_{22} - f_{21} = 1, f_{24} - f_{23} = \frac{1}{2}\}$

(b) Compute \mathcal{R}^* that is contained in $\ker C$ (2p)

Solution: $R^* = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = V^*$

(c) Can we find a friend F of \mathcal{V}^* such that $(A + BF)$ has all eigenvalues with negative real parts?..... (3p)

Solution: Yes, since (A, B) is reachable and $E = 0 \in \text{Im } R^*$. According to the theorem 4.3 in the compendium, the pole assignment problem can always be solved.

2. Consider

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

where $x \in R^n$, $u \in R^m$ and $y \in R^p$.

- (a) Show the controllable subspace is $(A+BF)$ -invariant for any F (2p)

Solution: For any vector $v \in R = \langle A|\text{Im}B \rangle$ there exist $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ and v_1, \dots, v_n such that

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i A^{i-1} B v_i.$$

For any F , we have

$$(A + BF)v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (A^i B + BF A^{i-1} B) v_i \in R,$$

since $A^i B v_i \in R$ and $BF A^{i-1} B v_i \in \text{Im}B \subset R$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Hence, R is $(A + BF)$ -invariant for any F .

- (b) Assume further that $CA^k B \neq 0$, for some $k < n$, and (C, A) is not observable. Show the unobservable subspace $\ker \Omega$ is not $(A+BF)$ -invariant for all F . (3p)

Solution: Suppose $\ker \Omega$ is $(A + BF)$ -invariant for any F , and v is a nonzero vector in $\ker \Omega$. We know that $(A + BF)v \in \ker \Omega$, which is equivalent to $\Omega(A + BF)v = 0$. By the definition of Ω , we get $CA^i(A + BF)v = 0$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. $v \in \ker \Omega$ means that $CA^i v = 0$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, which gives $CA^i BFv = 0$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. Especially, we have $CA^k BFv = 0$. Since $CA^k B \neq 0$ and $v \neq 0$, we can always find a matrix F such that $CA^k BFv \neq 0$, which makes a contradiction.

- (c) Suppose (C, A) is observable and the dimension of \mathcal{V}^* is greater or equal to one. Show it is not possible to express a friend F of \mathcal{V}^* as $F = LC$, namely it is not possible to use output feedback to make \mathcal{V}^* invariant. (2p)

Solution: Suppose $F = LC$ is a friend of \mathcal{V}^* and v is a nonzero vector in \mathcal{V}^* . Then we have $(A + BLC)v \in \mathcal{V}^* \subset \ker C$. Since $v \in \mathcal{V}^* \subset \ker C$, $Cv = 0$. So we get $Av \in \mathcal{V}^*$. We can continue the similar derivation to get $A^i v \in \mathcal{V}^* \subset \ker C$, for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. This implies v is a nonzero vector in $\ker \Omega$, which contradicts the assumption that (C, A) is observable.

3. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - \alpha u \\ \dot{x}_3 &= -x_2 - 2x_3 + u \\ \dot{x}_4 &= x_2 - u \\ y &= x_3 + x_4, \end{aligned}$$

where α is a constant.

- (a) Convert the system into the normal form and compute the zero dynamics. (2p)

Solution: Normal form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{z}_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 \\ \dot{\xi}_1 \\ \dot{\xi}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & \frac{\alpha}{2} \\ -1 & -\alpha & 0 & \alpha - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 2(\alpha - 1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} u$$

$$y = \xi_1,$$

where $z_1 = x_1$, $z_2 = x_2 + \alpha x_3$, $\xi_1 = x_3 + x_4$, and $\xi_2 = -2x_3$.
 Zero dynamics:

$$\dot{z} = Nz, \text{ where } N = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -\alpha \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Computer \mathcal{V}^* and \mathcal{R}^* in $\ker C$ (2p)

Solution: $V^* = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, R^* = \{0\}.$

(c) For what α we can find a friend f of \mathcal{V}^* such that $(A + bf)$ is a stable matrix?
 (2p)

Solution: It is only when the zero dynamics is stable can we stabilize the system with a friend of V^* , which is when $\alpha > -1$.