

INTRODUCTION TO CONTINUOUS CONTROL SYSTEMS
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Homework 9

Problem 1 (Hurwitz Criterion).

Using the Hurwitz Criterion, determine whether the following two characteristic equations describe asymptotically stable systems.

A.

$$P(s) = s^3 + 2s^2 + s + 3 \tag{1}$$

Solution

$$P_{n-1} = 2 \tag{2}$$

$$P_{n-2} = 1 \tag{3}$$

$$P_{n-3} = 3 \tag{4}$$

$$\tag{5}$$

$$|2| > 0 \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -3 < 0 \tag{7}$$

Therefore the system is Unstable.

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B.

$$P(s) = s^4 + 2s^3 + 2s^2 + 4s + 2 \quad (8)$$

Solution

$$P_{n-1} = 2 \quad (9)$$

$$P_{n-2} = 2 \quad (10)$$

$$P_{n-3} = 4 \quad (11)$$

$$P_{n-4} = 2 \quad (12)$$

$$(13)$$

$$|2| > 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (15)$$

Therefore the system is not asymptotically syable. It is Marginally Stable.

Problem 2 (Eigensystem).

Solve the following equation by using the Eigenvalue-Eigenvector approach:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \quad (16)$$

$$y(t) = [1 \ 0] \mathbf{x}(t) \quad (17)$$

where the initial conditions are given by,

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

Solution

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & -4 \\ 1 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = (3 - \lambda)(-2 - \lambda) + 4 \quad (21)$$

$$= -6 - 3\lambda + 2\lambda + \lambda^2 + 4 \quad (22)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 \quad (23)$$

$$(24)$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+8}}{2} \quad (25)$$

$$= 2, -1 \quad (26)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \quad (27)$$

$$if\ v_{1,1} = 1 \implies 1 - 4v_{1,2} = 0, \ v_{1,2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_1 = 2 \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}} \quad (28)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - (-1)\mathbf{I})\vec{v}_2 = \left[\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] \vec{v}_2 \quad (29)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 \quad (30)$$

$$= \vec{0} \quad (31)$$

$$-v_{2,1} + v_{2,2} = 0 \quad (32)$$

$$if\ v_{2,1} = 1 \implies v_{2,2} = 1$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_2 = -1 \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \quad (33)$$

$$\mathbf{M} = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2] \quad (34)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (35)$$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (36)$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \vec{x}(0) \quad (38)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (39)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (40)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (41)$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \vec{x}_0 \quad (42)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (43)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{-t} \\ \frac{1}{4}e^{2t} & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (44)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \quad (45)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t) \quad (46)$$

$$= e^{-t} \quad (47)$$