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On the other hand, the pressure source  $P_s$  is used to provide the "hydraulic-assisted" forces to the wheel which is regulated through the control valve NLR.

The pressure across the valve NLR and the fluid flow through the valve NLR is given by

$$Q_m = cA\sqrt{P_{23}}$$

or equivalently,

$$\frac{1}{(cA)^2} Q_m^2 = P_{23}$$

where  $c$  is a valve constant and  $A$  is the area of opening of the valve. For providing the required assisted torque, the opening of control valve NLR, which is denoted by  $A$ , is regulated based on the amount of spring torsion in the steering wheel bar  $T_2$ , i.e.,  $A = f(T_2)$  for some function  $f$ .

The fluid inductor has an inductance of  $I$  and the fluid capacitor has the capacitance of  $C_f$ . The pressure across the coupling device  $P_{3r}$  and the fluid flow through the coupling device  $Q_m$  is converted to a linear force  $F_2$  and a linear velocity  $v$  by the following formula

$$D P_{3r} = F_2 \text{ and } D v = Q_m$$

The linear force due to the driver torque  $F_1$  and due to the hydraulic pressure  $F_2$  drive the wheel mass  $m_{\text{wheel}}$  which interacts with the road through friction. The friction is modeled by a damper with the damping coefficient of  $B_1$ .

Write the state-space equations of the complete systems with the input  $\begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ P_s \end{bmatrix}$ , the state

$\begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ P_{2r} \\ F_k \\ \omega_1 \\ v \end{bmatrix}$  and the measured output of torsion torque  $T_k!$  (20 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} I \frac{dQ_1}{dt} &= P_{12} = P_s - P_{23} - P_{3r} \\ &= P_s - \frac{1}{(cA)^2} Q_m^2 - \frac{1}{D} F_2 \\ &= P_s - \frac{1}{(cA)^2} D^2 v^2 - \frac{1}{D} F_2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$C_f \frac{dP_{2r}}{dt} = Q_c = Q_1 - Q_m = Q_1 - Dv \quad (2)$$

$$m_{\text{wheel}} \frac{dv}{dt} = F_2 + F_1 - B_1 v \quad (3)$$

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$$J_{steering} \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} = T_1 - T_k \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \frac{dT_k}{dt} = \omega_1 - \omega_2 = \omega_1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} v \quad (5)$$

From (3), we get

$$m_{wheel} \frac{dv}{dt} = F_2 + \frac{1}{\alpha} T_k - B_1 v$$

$$F_2 = m_{wheel} \frac{dv}{dt} - \frac{1}{\alpha} T_k + B_1 v$$

Substituting this to (1), we arrive at

$$I \frac{dQ_1}{dt} = P_s - \frac{1}{(CA)^2} D^2 v^2 - \frac{1}{D} \left( m_{wheel} \frac{dv}{dt} - \frac{1}{\alpha} T_k + B_1 v \right)$$

$$I \frac{dQ_1}{dt} + \frac{m_{wheel}}{D} \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{1}{(CA)^2} D^2 v^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha D} T_k - \frac{B_1}{D} v + P_s$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{m_{wheel}}{D} \\ 0 & C_f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & J_{steering} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dQ_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dP_{2r}}{dt} \\ \frac{dT_k}{dt} \\ \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dv}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{(CA)^2} D^2 v^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha D} T_k - \frac{B_1}{D} v + P_s \\ Q_1 - Dv \\ \omega_1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} v \\ T_1 - T_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Or alternatively, we modify (1) into

$$I \frac{dQ_1}{dt} = P_s - P_{2r} \quad (1)$$

and modify (3) into

$$\begin{aligned} m_{wheel} \frac{dv}{dt} &= D P_{3r} + \frac{1}{\alpha} T_k - B_1 v \\ &= D (-P_{23} + P_{2r}) + \frac{1}{\alpha} T_k - B_1 v \end{aligned}$$

$$= D \left( -\frac{1}{(CA)^2} D^2 v^2 + P_{2r} \right) + \frac{1}{\alpha} T_k - B_1 v \quad (3)$$

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### Question 3. (Total mark: 20) (State-space modeling, linearization, delay)

Consider a simple model of hydraulic drilling machine as shown in Figure 5. The constant flow source  $Q_s$  which is controlled by the control valve NLR is used to drive the hydraulic motor (via the coupling device) for rotating the drilling bit. There is a fluid capacitor with capacitance of  $C_f$ .

The pressure across the valve NLR and the fluid flow through the valve NLR is given by

$$\frac{1}{(cA)^2} Q_m^2 = P_{12}$$

where  $c$  is a valve constant and  $A$  is the area of opening of the valve which will be the control input of the drilling machine.

The pressure across the coupling device  $P_{2r}$  and the fluid flow through the coupling device  $Q_m$  is converted to a linear force  $F_2$  and a linear velocity  $v$  by the following formula

$$D P_{2r} = T \text{ and } D \omega = Q_m$$

The generated torque rotates the drilling bit with an inertia of  $J_{drill}$  and it interacts with the soil through friction force, which has a damping constant of  $B_1$ .

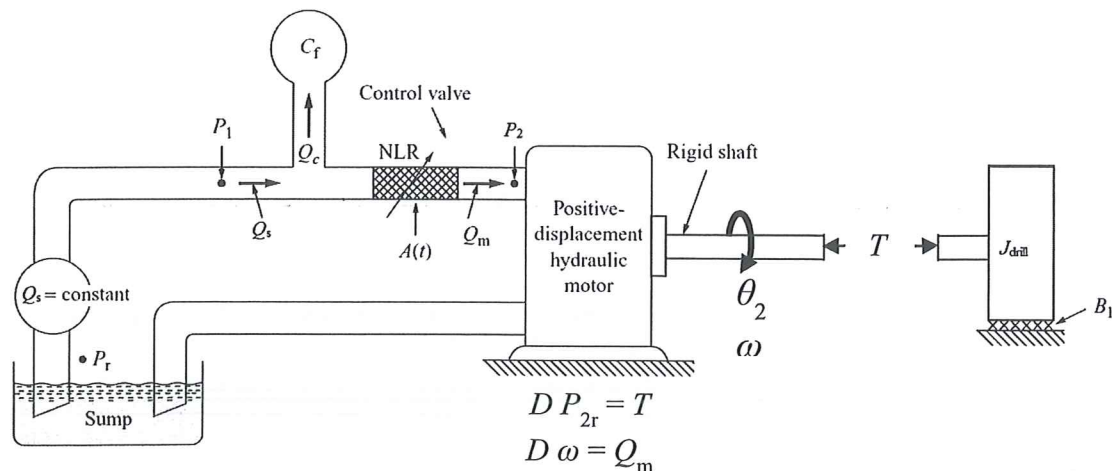


Figure 5. A simple electrical-mechanical system.

- a) If the input  $u$  is given by area  $A$ , the flow source  $Q_s$  is assumed to be a constant 2 (i.e.,  $Q_s = 2$ ) and the measured output  $y$  is the angular velocity  $\omega$ , show that the state space equation of the system can be given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{P}_{1r} \\ \dot{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{C_f} (-D\omega + 2) \\ \frac{1}{J_{drill}} \left( DP_{1r} - \frac{D^3}{(cu)^2} \omega^2 - B_1 \omega \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = [0 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} P_{1r} \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 marks)

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$$C_f \frac{dP_{1r}}{dt} = Q_s - Q_m = Q_s - D\omega$$

$$J_{\text{drill}} \frac{d\omega}{dt} = T = D P_{1r} - B_1 \omega = D(P_{1r} - P_{12}) - B_1 \omega$$

$$= D \left( P_{1r} - \frac{1}{(cA)^2} Q_m^2 \right) - B_1 \omega$$

$$= D P_{1r} - \frac{1}{(cA)^2} D^3 \omega^2 - B_1 \omega$$

Putting these to a combined state equation, we have

$$\dot{P}_{1r} = \frac{1}{C_f} Q_s - \frac{D}{C_f} \omega = \frac{2}{C_f} - \frac{D}{C_f} \omega$$

$$\dot{\omega} = \frac{D}{J_{\text{drill}}} P_{1r} - \frac{D^3}{(cA)^2 J_{\text{drill}}} \omega^2 - B_1 \omega$$

and the measured output is

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{1r} \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

- b) Suppose now that the following numerical values are used for the state-space as above:  $C_f = 1$ ,  $J_{\text{drill}} = 1$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $B_1 = 2$ ,  $D = 2$ ;  
 Show that the linearization of the system around the operating point ( $\omega^* = 1$ ,  $P_{1r}^* = 2$ ,  $u^* = 2$ ) is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{P}}_{1r} \\ \dot{\tilde{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P}_{1r} \\ \tilde{\omega} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{u}$$

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P}_{1r} \\ \tilde{\omega} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\tilde{P}_{1r} = P_{1r} - P_{1r}^*$ ,  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega - \omega^*$ ,  $\tilde{u} = u - u^*$  and  $e = \tilde{y}$ . (5 marks)

Using these numerical values, we have (from (a))

$$\dot{P}_{1r} = -2\omega + 2$$

$$\dot{\omega} = 2P_{1r} - \frac{8}{u^2} \omega^2 - 2\omega$$

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and using  $\tilde{P}_{ir} = P_{ir} - P_{ir}^*$   
 $\tilde{\omega} = \omega - \omega^*$   
 $\tilde{u} = u - u^*$

Linearizing it around  $\omega^* = 1$ ,  $P_{ir}^* = 2$  &  $u^* = 2$ , we get

$$\dot{\tilde{P}}_{ir} = -2 \tilde{\omega}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{\omega}} = 2 \tilde{P}_{ir} - \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left( \frac{8}{u^2} \omega^2 \right) \right|_{\substack{\omega^* \\ u^*}} \tilde{\omega} - \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left( \frac{8}{u^2} \omega^2 \right) \right|_{\substack{\omega^* \\ u^*}} \tilde{u} - 2 \tilde{\omega}$$

$$= 2 \tilde{P}_{ir} - \frac{16 \omega^*}{(u^*)^2} \tilde{\omega} + \frac{16}{(u^*)^3} (\omega^*)^2 \tilde{u} - 2 \tilde{\omega}$$

$$= 2 \tilde{P}_{ir} - 4 \tilde{\omega} + 2 \tilde{u} - 2 \tilde{\omega}$$

$$= 2 \tilde{P}_{ir} - 6 \tilde{\omega} + 2 \tilde{u}$$

Putting everything into state-space matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{P}}_{ir} \\ \dot{\tilde{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P}_{ir} \\ \tilde{\omega} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{u}$$

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P}_{ir} \\ \tilde{\omega} \end{bmatrix}$$

- c) Based on the answer in a), show that the transfer function from  $\tilde{u}$  to  $e$  is given by

$$\frac{E(s)}{\tilde{U}(s)} = \frac{2s}{s^2 + 6s + 4}$$

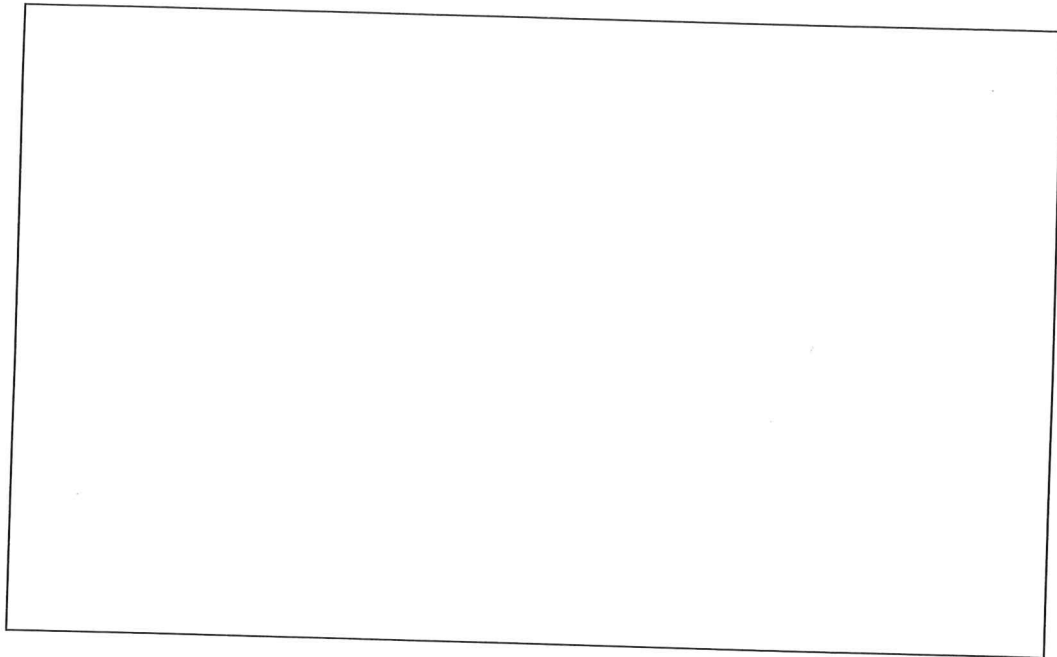
(5 marks)

$$\frac{E(s)}{\tilde{U}(s)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s & 2 \\ -2 & s+6 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2 + 6s + 4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s+6 & -2 \\ 2 & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2s}{s^2 + 6s + 4}$$

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- d) If a proportional+integral feedback control is used in the linearized equation where  $C(s) = 2 + \frac{1}{s}$ , estimate the critical time delay that is tolerable for the stability of the closed-loop system! (5 marks)

Using  $G(s) = \frac{E(s)}{D(s)}$

$$C(s)G(s) = \frac{2s}{s^2 + 6s + 4} \cdot \frac{2s + 1}{s} = \frac{4s + 2}{s^2 + 6s + 4}$$

For getting critical time delay, we need to compute the phase margin as follows.

The freq. response is given by

$$C(\omega i)G(\omega i) = \frac{4\omega i + 2}{-\omega^2 + 4 + 6\omega i}$$

The amplitude is given by

$$|C(\omega i)G(\omega i)| = \frac{\sqrt{4 + 16\omega^2}}{\sqrt{(4 - \omega^2)^2 + 36\omega^2}}$$

The frequency  $\omega^*$  where the amplitude is one is given by

$$\sqrt{4 + 16(\omega^*)^2} = \sqrt{(4 - \omega^{*2})^2 + 36(\omega^*)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 16\omega^{*2} = 16 - 8\omega^{*2} + \omega^{*4} + 36\omega^{*2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{24\omega^{*2} + 8\omega^{*2} + 12} = \omega^{*4} + 12\omega^{*2} + 12 = 0$$

$$\omega^* = \frac{8}{42} \pm \sqrt{\frac{64}{42^2} - \frac{24 \times 2}{42}}$$

which are complex numbers

$$\omega^{*2} = \frac{-12}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{144 - 48}$$

$$= -6 \pm \frac{\sqrt{96}}{2} \approx -6 \pm 4.9$$

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$\omega^*$  is complex number which implies that there is no freq  $\omega^*$  where the gain is equal to one.  
Then the system has an infinite phase margin ( $P_m$ )

Since the critical time delay is calculated from

$$\cancel{\omega^*} - T_{\text{critical}} \omega^* \cancel{\omega^*} + \angle G(\omega^*i)C(\omega^*i) = -\pi$$

and since  $\omega^*$  is not a real number, there is no critical-time delay in the closed-loop systems.



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**Question 5. (Total mark: 20) (State-feedback and state-observer)**

Consider again the system as given in the Question 3a) where the linearized system is described as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Design an optimal state feedback which minimizes the following cost function:

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} 3x_1^2(\tau) + 2x_1(\tau)x_2(\tau) + 14x_2^2(\tau) + u^2(\tau) d\tau. \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

Let us compute the solution to the LQR problem.  
 Denote  $P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix}$  and from the cost function, it can be deduced that  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $R=1$ .

Then from the formula  $A^T P + PA - PBR^{-1}B^T P + Q = 0$  we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_2 & p_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 14 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2p_2 & 2p_3 \\ -2p_1 - 6p_2 & -2p_2 - 6p_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2p_2 & -2p_1 - 6p_2 \\ 2p_3 & -2p_2 - 6p_3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4p_2^2 & 4p_2 p_3 \\ 4p_2 p_3 & 4p_3^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 14 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4p_2 - 4p_2^2 + 3 & 2p_3 - 2p_1 - 6p_2 - 4p_2 p_3 + 1 \\ 2p_3 - 2p_1 - 6p_2 - 4p_2 p_3 + 1 & -4p_2 - 12p_3 - 4p_3^2 + 14 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

There are three equations to be solved, namely:

$$4p_2 - 4p_2^2 + 3 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$-4p_2 - 12p_3 - 4p_3^2 + 14 = 0 \quad (2)$$

and  $2p_3 - 2p_1 - 6p_2 - 4p_2 p_3 + 1 = 0 \quad (3)$

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Solving (1) we get

$$-4p_2^2 + 4p_2 + 3 = -(2p_2 + 1)(2p_2 - 3) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } p_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } p_2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

Take  $p_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$  (since the other root does not lead to a positive definite  $P$  if we carry on using  $p_2 = \frac{3}{2}$ ).

then, we can solve (2) as follows:

$$4p_3^2 + 12p_3 - 14 - 2 = 4p_3^2 + 12p_3 - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2p_3 - 2)(2p_3 + 8) = 0$$

which means we have two roots  $p_3 = 4$  and  $p_3 = -4$ .

Since we want to have a positive definite  $P$ , the principal diagonal must be positive, hence  $p_3 = 4$  is chosen (the principal diagonal of  $P$  are  $p_1$  &  $p_3$ ). Using  $p_3 = 4$  &  $p_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$ , we can solve (3) as follows

$$2 - 2p_1 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 0$$

$$p_1 = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

Hence  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  which is positive definite.

The control law is then given by

$$u = -R^{-1}B^T P x = -[0 \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ = x_1 - 2x_2.$$

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- b) Let a state observer be designed for the above system where it has the following form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\hat{x}}_1 \\ \dot{\hat{x}}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} u + L(y - \hat{y})$$

$$\hat{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is the estimated state,  $\hat{y}$  is the estimated output and  $L$  is the

observer gain. Design the observer gain  $L$ , such that the dynamics of the estimation error has eigenvalues at  $-10$  and  $-15$ , i.e., the desired characteristics polynomial of the error dynamics is given by

$$\lambda^2 + 25\lambda + 150 = 0$$

(10 marks)

The error estimation dynamics is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{x}}_1 \\ \dot{\tilde{x}}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\tilde{x}_1 = x_1 - \hat{x}_1$  and  $\tilde{x}_2 = x_2 - \hat{x}_2$ .

In a compact form, we have it as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{x}}_1 \\ \dot{\tilde{x}}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2-l_1 \\ 2 & -6-l_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial is given by

$$\left| \begin{bmatrix} \lambda I - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2-l_1 \\ 2 & -6-l_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \right| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 2+l_1 \\ -2 & \lambda+6+l_2 \end{bmatrix} \right|$$

$$= \lambda^2 + (6+l_2)\lambda + 4+2l_1$$

Equating the desired characteristic polynomial in the question with the above one, we arrive at

$$6+l_2 = 25 \Rightarrow l_2 = 19$$

$$\text{and } 4+2l_1 = 150 \Rightarrow l_1 = 73$$

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**Question 6. (Total mark: 20) (Mechanical systems modeling)**

Consider the problem of dynamical modeling of a flexible conveyor belt as shown in Figure 7.

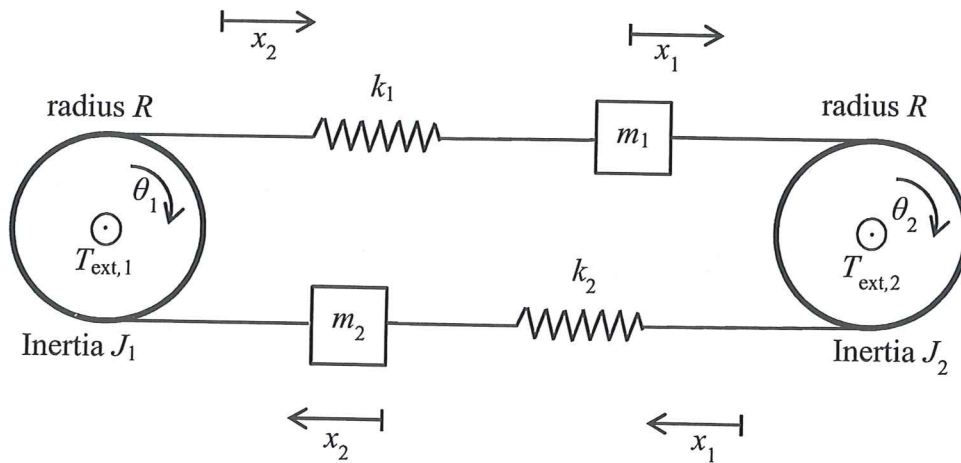


Figure 7. Modeling of a flexible conveyor belt with two masses,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .

In the conveyor belt system as in Figure 7, two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , are driven by two pulleys where each of these are driven by a motor with torque of  $T_{ext,1}$  and  $T_{ext,2}$ , respectively. The conveyor is considered to be flexible and is modeled by springs with spring constants,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , respectively.

With a reference to the illustration in Figure 7, derive the dynamical modeling of the system (either via classical Newton's laws or via Euler-Lagrange formalism) with the generalized coordinate of  $(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  and the generalized forces are given by  $T_{ext,1}$  and  $T_{ext,2}$ .

Using Newtons: Let us consider every elements as follows

Then for every components we have

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 &= F_2 - F_1 & \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} F_1 &= k_1 (x_1 - x_2) & \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} J_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 &= F_1 R - F_4 R \\ \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} m_2 \ddot{x}_2 &= F_4 - F_3 & \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} F_3 &= k_2 (x_2 - x_1) & \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} J_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 &= F_3 R - F_2 R \end{aligned}$$

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Substituting  $F_1$  &  $F_2$  to every masses & inertias we get

$$\textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = F_2 - k_1 (x_1 - x_2)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = F_1 - k_2 (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\textcircled{1} J_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 = k_1 R (x_1 - x_2) - F_1 R + \text{Text}_{1,1}$$

$$\textcircled{1} J_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 = k_2 R (x_2 - x_1) - F_2 R + \text{Text}_{1,2}$$

\textcircled{1} Noticing that  $x_1 = \theta_2 R$  and  $x_2 = \theta_1 R$  by the standard formula for ~~an~~ radians angle, and by substituting  $F_2$  &  $F_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} J_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 &= k_1 R (\theta_2 R - \theta_1 R) - R (m_2 R \ddot{\theta}_2 + k_2 (R\theta_2 - R\theta_1)) + \text{Text}_{1,1} \\ &= k_1 R^2 \theta_2 - k_1 R^2 \theta_1 - m_2 R^2 \ddot{\theta}_2 - k_2 R^2 \theta_2 + R^2 k_2 \theta_1 + \text{Text}_{1,1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow J_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 + m_2 R^2 \ddot{\theta}_2 + (k_1 R^2 + k_2 R^2) \theta_1 - (k_1 R^2 + k_2 R^2) \theta_2 = \text{Text}_{1,1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} J_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 &= k_2 R (\theta_1 R - \theta_2 R) - R (m_1 R \ddot{\theta}_1 + k_1 (R\theta_2 - R\theta_1)) + \text{Text}_{1,2} \\ &= k_2 R^2 \theta_1 - k_2 R^2 \theta_2 - m_1 R^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 - k_1 R^2 \theta_2 + k_1 R^2 \theta_1 + \text{Text}_{1,2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow J_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 + m_1 R^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 + (k_2 R^2 + k_1 R^2) \theta_2 - (k_2 R^2 + k_1 R^2) \theta_1 = \text{Text}_{1,2}$$

Using the Euler-Lagrange formalism:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \text{ Notice that } x_1 &= \theta_2 R & x_2 &= \theta_1 R \\ \dot{x}_1 &= \dot{\theta}_2 R & \dot{x}_2 &= \dot{\theta}_1 R \\ \ddot{x}_1 &= \ddot{\theta}_2 R & \ddot{x}_2 &= \ddot{\theta}_1 R \end{aligned}$$

The kinetic energy (in the generalized coordinate  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ) is

$$\begin{aligned} E_k &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 R^2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 R^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (m_2 R^2 + J_1) \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m_1 R^2 + J_2) \dot{\theta}_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad \textcircled{4}$$

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The potential energy from the spring:

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} k_1 (x_1 - x_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_2 - x_1)^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} k_1 R^2 (\theta_2 - \theta_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 R^2 (\theta_1 - \theta_2)^2 \quad (4)$$

The Lagrangian is then given by

$$L = E_k - E_p = \frac{1}{2} (m_2 R^2 + J_1) \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m_1 R^2 + J_2) \dot{\theta}_2^2$$
$$- \frac{1}{2} k_1 R^2 (\theta_2 - \theta_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k_2 R^2 (\theta_1 - \theta_2)^2 \quad (5)$$

The Euler-Lagrange eqs:  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1} = T_{ext,1}$  (1)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_2} = T_{ext,2} \quad (2) \quad (1)$$

For calculating (1) we have the following:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( (m_2 R^2 + J_1) \dot{\theta}_1 \right) - \left( -k_1 R^2 (\theta_2 - \theta_1) (-1) - k_2 R^2 (\theta_1 - \theta_2) \right) = T_{ext,1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (m_2 R^2 + J_1) \ddot{\theta}_1 + (k_1 R^2 + k_2 R^2) \theta_1 - (k_1 R^2 + k_2 R^2) \theta_2 = T_{ext,1} \quad (5)$$

Similarly, for (2), we have the following:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( (m_1 R^2 + J_2) \dot{\theta}_2 \right) - \left( -k_1 R^2 (\theta_2 - \theta_1) - k_2 R^2 (\theta_1 - \theta_2) (-1) \right) = T_{ext,2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (m_1 R^2 + J_2) \ddot{\theta}_2 + (k_1 R^2 + k_2 R^2) \theta_2 - (k_1 R^2 + k_2 R^2) \theta_1 = T_{ext,2} \quad (5)$$

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**Question 7. (Total mark: 20) (Time-discretization and z-transform)**

- a) Consider again the drilling system where the transfer function of its linearization is given in Question 3c, i.e.,

$$\frac{E(s)}{\tilde{U}(s)} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 6s + 4}$$

Using the bilinear transformation, calculate the discrete-time transfer function (with sampling period of  $T = 0.2\text{sec}$ ) and then compute the corresponding difference equation (associated with the obtained discrete-time transfer function)! (5 marks)

$$\frac{E(z)}{\tilde{U}(z)} = \frac{\frac{2}{0.2} \frac{1-z^{-1}}{1+z^{-1}}}{\left(\frac{2}{0.2} \frac{1-z^{-1}}{1+z^{-1}}\right)^2 + 6\left(\frac{2}{0.2} \frac{1-z^{-1}}{1+z^{-1}}\right) + 4} = \frac{10 \frac{1-z^{-1}}{1+z^{-1}}}{100 \frac{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}}{1+z^{-1}+z^{-2}} + 60 \frac{1-z^{-1}}{1+z^{-1}} + 4}$$

$$= \frac{10(1-z^{-2})}{100(1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}) + 60(1+z^{-1}) + 4}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 10z^{-2}}{40z^{-2} - 200z^{-1} + 164}$$

The corresponding difference equation is obtained via inverse z-transform to the following equation:

$$(40z^{-2} - 200z^{-1} + 164)E(z) = (10 - 10z^{-2})\tilde{U}(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow 164 e(k) - 200 e(k-1) + 40 e(k-2) = 10\tilde{u}(k) - 10\tilde{u}(k-2)$$

- b) Calculate the discrete-time transfer function (via z-transform) associated with the following difference equation

$$y(k) - 1.5y(k-1) - y(k-2) = u(k) + 0.5u(k-1)!$$

(5 marks)

$$Y(z) - 1.5z^{-1}Y(z) - z^{-2}Y(z) = U(z) + 0.5z^{-1}U(z)$$

$$\frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{1 + 0.5z^{-1}}{1 - 1.5z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$

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- c) Explain whether the discrete-time system in Question 7b) is stable or not!  
(5 marks)

The denominator polynomial (which is the characteristic polynomial in  $z$ -domain) is given by  $X(z) = 1 - 1.5z^{-1} - z^{-2} = \cancel{1 - 1.5z^{-1} - z^{-2}} (2 + z^{-1})(\frac{1}{2} - z^{-1})$

The roots of this equation are then

$$\cancel{z = -1.5} \quad z = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad z = 2$$

Since one of the roots is outside the unit circle ~~area~~, then the system is unstable.

Remember !!! that a discrete-time system is stable if the pole is located inside a unit circle.



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- d) Suppose that we want to identify the parameters of a second-order mechanical system given below

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F$$

where  $m$  is the mass,  $b$  is the damping constant,  $k$  is the spring constant,  $x$  is the displacement and  $F$  is the force.

In order to do that, we can use the discrete-time approximation of the system and identify the parameters based on it. Using the Euler-approximation, compute the discrete-time approximation of the above dynamical system!

(5 marks)

~~Wrong~~ Note that by applying Laplace, we get:

$$(ms^2 + bs + k)X(s) = F(s)$$

Using the Euler approximation for transforming from  $s$ -domain to the  $z$ -domain, we get

$$\left(m \left(\frac{1}{T}(1-z^{-1})\right)^2 + b \left(\frac{1}{T}(1-z^{-1})\right) + k\right)X(z) = F(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{m}{T^2}(1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}) + \frac{b}{T}(1-z^{-1}) + k\right)X(z) = F(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{m}{T^2}z^{-2} - \left(\frac{2m}{T^2} + \frac{b}{T}\right)z^{-1} + \frac{m}{T^2} + \frac{b}{T} + k\right)X(z) = F(z)$$

Using the inverse  $z$ -transform, we get.

$$\left(\frac{m}{T^2} + \frac{b}{T} + k\right)x(t) - \left(\frac{2m}{T^2} + \frac{b}{T}\right)x(t-1) + \frac{m}{T^2}x(t-2) = F(t)$$