

Solution to the Final Exam of M2CNES

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Problem 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \\ x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) \\ x_3^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u.$$

Define $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$, $f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \\ x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) \\ x_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$, and

$g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, we have

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u.$$

a) Now we need to define three independent vectors that belong to the strong accessibility algebra \mathcal{C}_{sa} . To this end,

We compute

$$[f, g] = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x)f(x) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x)g(x)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \\ x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) \\ x_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1+2x_2 & 2x_3 \\ \cos(x_1 - x_3) & 0 & 1 - \cos(x_1 - x_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 2x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 \\ -1 \\ -2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[f, [f, g]] = \frac{\partial [f, g]}{\partial x} (x) f(x) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (x) [f, g](x)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \\ x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) \\ x_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 + 2x_2 & 2x_3 \\ \cos(x_1 - x_3) & 0 & 1 - \cos(x_1 - x_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 2x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 \\ -1 \\ -2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3^2 \\ 2x_3 \\ 2x_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that $g, [f, g], [f, [f, g]]$ are contained in the strong accessibility algebra \mathcal{C}_{sa} .

Let us construct a matrix $M_{\mathcal{C}_{sa}}$ with these vector fields

as

$$M_{\mathcal{C}_{sa}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2x_3 & 1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3^2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2x_3 \\ 1 & -2x_3 & 2x_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

whose determinant is $1 + 2x_2$. Therefore, \mathcal{C}_{sa} contains $n=3$ independent vector fields if $x_2 \neq -1/2$. It follows that the system is locally strongly accessible for $x_2 \neq -1/2$.

b) We first check if the vector fields g , $\text{ad}_f g$ and $\text{ad}_f^2 g$ are independent near x_0 . To this end, we have from part (a):

$$\text{ad}_f g = [f, g] = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 \\ -1 \\ -2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \text{ad}_f^2 g = [f, \text{ad}_f g] = [f, [f, g]] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3^2 \\ 2x_3 \\ 2x_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We define

$$M(x) = \begin{bmatrix} g(x) & \text{ad}_f g(x) & \text{ad}_f^2 g(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2x_3 & 1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3^2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2x_3 \\ 1 & -2x_3 & 2x_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det M(x) = 1 + 2x_2$$

which implies that the vector fields are independent for $x_2 \neq -1/2$.

Now we need to check if

$$\Delta(x_0) = \text{span} \{g, \text{ad}_f g\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2x_{3_0} \\ -1 \\ -2x_{3_0} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is involutive. To this end, we compute

$$[g, \text{ad}_f g] = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 0 = - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = -2g \in \Delta.$$

Hence, $\Delta(x_0)$ is involutive, therefore, the system is linearizable to a controllable linear system.

c) Consider the output $y = x_2$. We have

$$L_g h(x) = [0 \ 1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$L_f h(x) = [0 \ 1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \\ x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) \\ x_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ = x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3)$$

So,

$$L_g L_f h(x) = [\cos(x_1 - x_3) \ 0 \ 1 - \cos(x_1 - x_3)] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = 1$$

So, relative degree for this system ρ is 2.

d) Now the input-output linearization is achieved for

$$u = \frac{1}{L_g L_f h(x)} (-L_f^2 h(x) + v)$$

$$u = -L_f^2 h(x) + v \text{ as } L_g L_f h(x) = 1.$$

Now

$$L_f^2 h = [\cos(x_1 - x_3) \ 0 \ 1 - \cos(x_1 - x_3)] \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 \\ x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) \\ x_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \cos(x_1 - x_3) (x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) + x_3^2 - x_3^2 \cos(x_1 - x_3)$$

Hence,

$$u = - (x_2 + x_2^2) \cos(x_1 - x_3) - x_3^2 + V$$

Now for reference trajectory tracking, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V &= y_{\text{ref}}^{(2)}(t) - \alpha_1 (y^{(1)}(t) - y_{\text{ref}}^{(1)}(t)) - \alpha_0 (y(t) - y_{\text{ref}}(t)) \\ &= -\omega^2 \cos(\omega t) - \alpha_1 (x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) + \omega \sin(\omega t)) \\ &\quad - \alpha_0 (x_2 - \cos(\omega t)) \end{aligned}$$

Choosing, for instance, $\alpha_0 = 1$ and $\alpha_1 = 2$ gives a control law

$$\begin{aligned} u &= - (x_2 + x_2^2) \cos(x_1 - x_3) - x_3^2 - \omega^2 \cos(\omega t) \\ &\quad - 2(x_3 + \sin(x_1 - x_3) + \omega \sin(\omega t)) \\ &\quad - (x_2 - \cos(\omega t)) \end{aligned}$$

that tracks the reference trajectory $y_{\text{ref}}(t) = \cos(\omega t)$ for some $\omega > 0$.

Problem 2

(a) Consider

$$\dot{x} = (1+\epsilon)x^2 + u$$

with $u = -x^2 - x + v$ for $v=0$. Then the perturbed closed-loop system is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= (1+\epsilon)x^2 - x^2 - x \\ &= \epsilon x^2 - x\end{aligned}$$

Note that for $x > 1/\epsilon$, we have $\dot{x} > 0$, which implies that the trajectories tend to infinity. Thus, global cancellation is non-robust in the sense that it requires a very precise mathematical model.

b) Now consider $\dot{x} = (1+\epsilon)x^2 + u$ with $u = -x^2 - x - kx^3 + v$ with $v=0$, then the perturbed closed-loop system is given by

$$\dot{x} = \epsilon x^2 - x - kx^3.$$

Now for any non-zero ϵ , if we choose k such that $kx^3 > \epsilon x^2 - x$, then the trajectories tend to zero as $\dot{x} < 0$.

Problem No 3

$$H = \frac{1}{2} p^T M^{-1} p + \frac{1}{2} q^T \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} q,$$

where

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{p} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{J = -J^T} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} u.$$

Let $x = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ p \end{bmatrix}$ and take H as storage function, then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{H} &= \frac{\partial H^T}{\partial x} \dot{x} = \frac{\partial H^T}{\partial x} \underbrace{J}_{=0 \text{ as } J \text{ is skew-symmetric}} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial H^T}{\partial p} u = \frac{\partial H^T}{\partial p} u = y^T u, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \dot{q} = M^{-1} p.$$

b) Now let $u = - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix}}_D M^{-1} p + v$ with $d_1 \geq 0$ and

$d_2 \geq 0$. It follows that

$$u = -DM^{-1}p + v = -D\dot{q} + v = -D \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} + v.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{p} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -D \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} v \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & -D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} v \end{aligned}$$

Let $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$. Then

$$\dot{x} = (J-R) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + Gv,$$

where $G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix}$. It follows that

$$\dot{H} = \frac{\partial H^T}{\partial x} \dot{x} = -\frac{\partial H^T}{\partial x} R \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial H^T}{\partial p} v \leq \frac{\partial H^T}{\partial p} v = y^T v,$$

with $y = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \dot{q} = M^{-1} p$.

Yes, H is still a storage function.

Problem No 4 (For IEM and ME students)

The sign conditions given in this problem are:

$$QC(Q) > 0 \quad \forall Q \neq 0$$

$$IR(I) > 0 \quad \forall I \neq 0$$

(a) Together with continuity and the above sign conditions on $C(Q)$ and $R(I)$ imply that

$$C(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad R(I) = 0.$$

Now in order to find the equilibrium points, we have that

$$\dot{Q} = 0 = I \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{I} = 0 = -L^{-1}C(Q) - L^{-1}R(0) = 0.$$

This implies that $C(Q) = 0$, which further implies that $Q = 0$. Hence, $x = 0$ is the unique equilibrium point.

b) Consider $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 + \int_0^Q C(q) dq$. Note that $V(0) = 0$. Also note that $\frac{1}{2}LI^2 > 0$ for $I \neq 0$ because $L > 0$. Note that $QC(Q) > 0$ for $Q \neq 0$ implies that $C(Q) > 0$ for $Q > 0$ and $C(Q) < 0$ for $Q < 0$. Hence, if $Q > 0$ then $\int_0^Q C(q) dq > 0$ and if $Q < 0$ then $\int_0^Q C(q) dq > 0$. This implies that $V(x) > 0$ for $x \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 c) \quad \dot{V} &= LI\dot{I} + C(Q)\dot{Q} \\
 &= LI(-L^{-1}C(Q) - L^{-1}R(I)) + C(Q)I \\
 &= -C(Q)I - IR(I) + C(Q)I \\
 &= -IR(I) \leq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, origin is stable (in sense of Lyapunov).

d) Note that $IR(I) = 0 \Rightarrow I = 0$. Now

$$I = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{I} = 0 \Rightarrow -L^{-1}C(Q) - L^{-1}R(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -L^{-1}C(Q) = 0 \Rightarrow Q = 0.$$

Hence, by LaSalle's invariance principle, the origin is asymptotically stable.

e) If the integral $\int_0^Q C(q) dq$ is unbounded as $|Q| \rightarrow \infty$, then V is radially unbounded.

Problem 4 (Mathematics Students)

a) Assume that there exists a diagonal positive definite matrix P such that

$$(\Gamma K)^T P (\Gamma K) - P < 0.$$

Write

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & P_N \end{bmatrix}$$

and consider the function

$$V(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N P_i s_i(x_i).$$

Note that since each $s_i \geq 0$, we have $V(x) \geq 0$.

Then, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^N P_i \dot{s}_i(x_i) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N P_i \left(\frac{1}{2} \gamma_i^2 \|u\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|y_i\|^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N P_i \gamma_i^2 u_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N P_i y_i^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \gamma_i P_i \gamma_i u_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N P_i y_i^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma u)^T P (\Gamma u) - \frac{1}{2} y^T P y \end{aligned}$$

Using $u = Ky$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &\leq \frac{1}{2} y^T (\Gamma K)^T P (\Gamma K) y - \frac{1}{2} y^T P y \\ &= \frac{1}{2} y^T ((\Gamma K)^T P (\Gamma K) - P) y \\ &< 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, based on zero state observability, the origin is asymptotically stable.

b) From part (a), we have

$$\dot{V} \leq \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma u)^T P (\Gamma u) - \frac{1}{2} y^T P y.$$

Now with the choice of $u = Ky + Lv$ and $z = My$, we want to have

$$\dot{V} \leq \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma Ky + \Gamma Lv)^T P (\Gamma Ky + \Gamma Lv) - \frac{1}{2} y^T P y \leq \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 v^T v - \frac{1}{2} y^T M^T M y.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} (\Gamma Ky)^T P (\Gamma Ky) + \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma Ky)^T P (\Gamma Lv) + \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma Lv)^T P (\Gamma Lv) + \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma Lv)^T P (\Gamma Ky) \\ - \frac{1}{2} y^T P y - \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 v^T v + \frac{1}{2} y^T M^T M y \leq 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} y^T & v^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma K - P + M^T M & K^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma L \\ L^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma K & L^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma L - \theta^2 I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ v \end{bmatrix} \leq 0.$$

So a sufficient condition in terms of matrix inequality is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} K^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma K - P + M^T M & K^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma L \\ L^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma K & L^T \Gamma^T P \Gamma L - \theta^2 I \end{bmatrix} \prec 0.$$