

SSY281 Model Predictive Control

# Assignment 5

MPC Stability

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## Instructions

This assignment is **individual** and must be solved according to the following rules and instructions:

- Written report:
  - For those questions where a text (motivations, explanations, observations from simulations) rather than a numerical value is asked, the answers should be concisely written in the report.
  - Figures included in the report should have legends, and axes should be labeled.
  - The report should be uploaded *before the deadline* to your project document area in PingPong.
  - Name the report as A5\_XX.pdf, where XX is your *group* number.
- Code:
  - Your code should be written in the Matlab template provided with this assignment following the instructions therein.
  - Name the Matlab script as A5\_XX.m and Pf\_XX.m where XX is your *group* number.
  - Strictly follow the instructions in the Matlab template.
- Grading:
  - This assignment is worth **15 points** in total.

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**Question 1 (Points: 1).** Consider the discrete-time system

$$x(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 1 \\ -0.1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} x(k) \quad (1)$$

where  $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $k \geq 0$ . Find a Lyapunov function  $V(x(k)) = x(k)^\top S x(k)$ .

**Question 2 (Points: 1).** Consider the discrete-time system

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad (2)$$

with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

Show that  $V(u, x_0)$  in (3) with the parameters in (4) is a Lyapunov function for the system (2) controlled with the controller obtained by minimizing  $V(u, x_0)$ .

$$V(u, x_0) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (x(i)^\top Q x(i) + u(i)^\top R u(i)), \quad (3)$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = 1. \quad (4)$$

**Question 3 (Points: 3).** Consider the system (2), the cost function (5), and the parameters (4), (6).

$$V_N(x) = x(N)^\top P_f x(N) + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (x(i)^\top Q x(i) + u(i)^\top R u(i)), \quad (5)$$

$$P_f = Q. \quad (6)$$

- (a) Find the shortest  $N$  such that the RH controller designed with the cost (5) and the system and weighting matrices in (4) stabilizes the system.
- (b) What is the effect of  $Q$  on the stability when  $N = 1$ ?
- (c) Find a  $P_f$  for which the system is stable with  $N = 1$ . Fill in the function `Pf.m` which takes  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  as inputs and returns  $P_f$  for which the system is stable with  $N = 1$ . Concisely motivate your answer in the report.

- (d) Consider the parameters (4), find another  $R$  for which the system is stable with  $N = 1$  and  $P_f$  as in (6).

**Question 4 (Points: 4).** Consider the following parameters for the system (2).

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{(n-1) \times n} \\ 0_{1 \times n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_f = \text{diag}([p_1 \quad p_2 \quad \dots \quad p_n]), \quad N = 1$$

where  $\bar{A}$  is an arbitrary matrix,  $P_f$  is a positive definite diagonal matrix,  $(A, B)$  are controllable, and  $A$  is unstable. Show that a RH controller cannot stabilize the system with the cost function (5) regardless of  $Q$  and  $R$ .

**Question 5 (Points: 4).** Consider system (2), the cost function (5), and parameters (4).

- (a) Analytically find the range of  $R$  for which the system is stable with  $N = 1$ .
- (b) Analytically find the range of  $R$  for which the system is stable with  $N = 2$ .

**Question 6 (Points: 2).** Show that the system (2) is stable when controlled with an infinite-time LQ controller. Note that  $R$  and  $Q$  are positive definite. Hint: use  $V(x) = x^T P x$  as the Lyapunov function where matrix  $P$  is the solution to the Riccati equation.