

ECE 141 Homework 4

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Problem 1

We have that

$$\beta = \arctan\left(\frac{l_r}{l_r + l_f} \tan(u)\right)$$

therefore

$$\tan(\beta) = \frac{l_r}{l_r + l_f} \tan(u)$$

therefore since the range of \tan is $-\infty$ to ∞ for any β we can find a u that satisfies the equation.

Problem 2

We have that

$$\frac{d}{dt}y = v \sin(\psi + \beta)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\psi = \frac{v}{l_R} \sin(\beta)$$

$$\beta = \arctan\left(\frac{l_r}{l_r + l_f} \tan(u)\right)$$

Linearizing around $\psi = 0$ $\beta = 0$, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}y = v(\psi + \beta)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\psi = \frac{v}{l_R}\beta$$

therefore taking the laplace transform we have

$$sY = v(\psi + \beta)$$

$$s\psi = \frac{v}{l_r}\beta$$

Therefore we get

$$sY = v\left(\frac{v}{l_r s} + 1\right)\beta$$

Therefore the transfer function is

$$\frac{Y(s)}{\beta} = \frac{v(v + l_r s)}{l_r s^2}$$

So now with a controller $D_c(s)$ and unity feedback we have that the transfer function is

$$\frac{Y}{R} = \frac{D_c(s) \frac{v(v+l_r s)}{l_r s^2}}{1 + D_c(s) \frac{v(v+l_r s)}{l_r s^2}}$$

Letting the controller be a PID controller, we have that the characteristic polynomial is

$$l_r s^3 + (k_p s + k_d s^2 + k_i)(v^2 + l_r v s) = 0$$

$$l_r(1 + k_d v)s^3 + (k_d v^2 + l_r v k_p)s^2 + (k_p v^2 + l_r v k_i)s + v^2 k_i = 0$$

$$s^3 + \frac{(k_d v^2 + l_r v k_p)}{l_r(1 + k_d v)}s^2 + \frac{(k_p v^2 + l_r v k_i)}{l_r(1 + k_d v)}s + \frac{v^2 k_i}{l_r(1 + k_d v)} = 0$$

picking $k_p = 1$, $k_i = 1$, $k_d = 1$ we get the following polynomial

$$s^3 + 9.5908s^2 + 9.5908s + 8.6509 = 0$$

Routh array of this polynomial can be computed using the following code in matlab

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sympref('FloatingPointOutput',true)
syms EPS
k_p=1;
k_d=1;
k_i=1;
v=15.6464;
l_r=1.7;
ra=routh([1 (k_d*v^2+l_r*v*k_p)/(l_r*(1+k_d*v)) (k_p*v^2+l_r*v*k_i)/(l_r*(1+k_d*v))
simplify(ra)

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which outputs the following routh array

1	9.5908
9.5908	8.6509
8.6888	0
8.6509	0

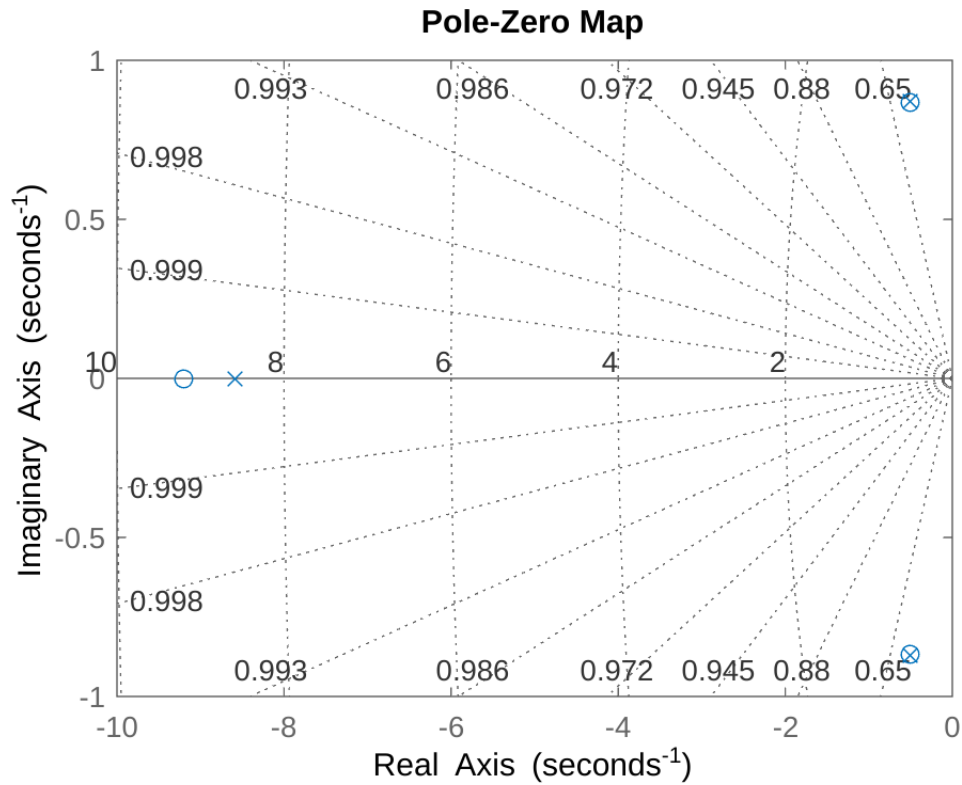
Therefore the controller makes the system stable, we can confirm this by looking at the poles plotting out the pole zero plot with the following code

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sympref('FloatingPointOutput',true)
syms EPS
k_p=1;
k_d=1;
k_i=1;
v=15.6464;
l_r=1.7;
p=[(l_r*(1+k_d*v)) (k_d*v^2+l_r*v*k_p) (k_p*v^2+l_r*v*k_i) v^2*k_i]
sys = tf([(l_r*(k_d*v)) (k_d*v^2+l_r*v*k_p) (k_p*v^2+l_r*v*k_i) v^2*k_i],p);
h = pzplot(sys);
grid on

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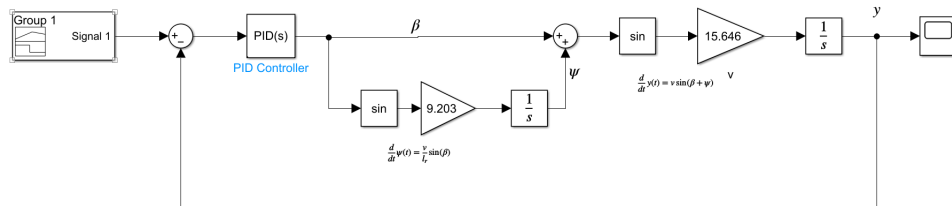
which outputs the following pole zero plot.



As we can see, the poles all have their real parts less than 0, which means the system is stable.

Problem 3

The blockdiagram for the nonlinear system looks like the following



We can modify the initial conditions by modifying the initial conditions for the integrator blocks. We define acceptable behaviour such that the absolute value of y is less than $\frac{3.0-1.8}{2} = 0.6$, ie the car cannot move out of its own lane

Using the following matlab code we can plot out where the initial values of y and ψ result in acceptable behaviour

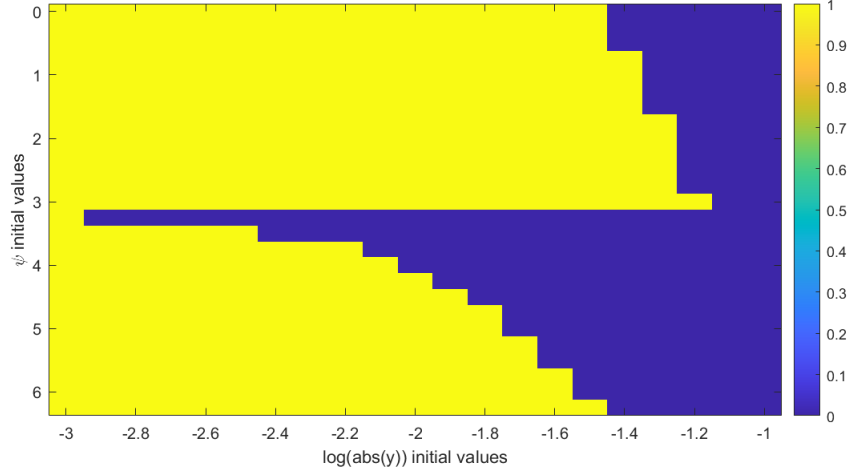
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psi_sweep=0:0.25:2*pi;
y_sweep=-3:0.1:-1;
t_final=40;
valid = zeros(length(psi_sweep),length(y_sweep));
for i=1:length(psi_sweep)
    psi_initial=psi_sweep(i);
    for j=1:length(y_sweep)
        y_initial=10^(y_sweep(j));
        a=sim("Problem3.slx");

        data=a.yout.getElement("y");

        if max(abs(data.Values.Data))<0.6
            valid(i,j)=1;
        end
    end
end

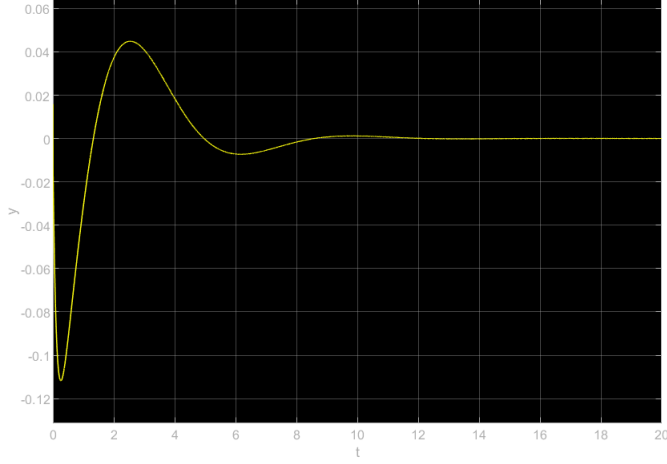
imagesc(y_sweep,psi_sweep,valid)
colorbar
ylabel("\psi initial values")
xlabel("log(abs(y)) initial values")
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which outputs the following plot

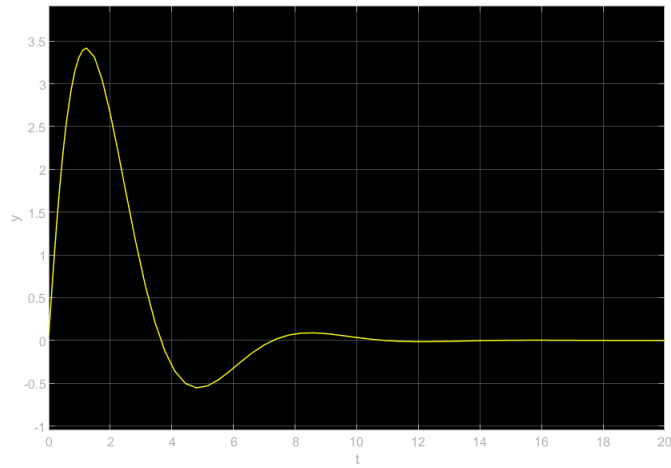


Where the yellow block is the acceptable region, and the blue blocks are the unacceptable regions.

To check this, let us plot out the behaviour of the system for the initial conditions $y(0) = 10^{-1.8} = 0.0158$ and $\psi(0) = 5$



As we can see, for these initial conditions, the maximum deviation is around -0.1 so the controller has adequate performance. Let us also plot out the car's y position when $y(0) = 10^{-1.2} = 0.0631$ and $\psi(0) = \frac{7\pi}{4}$,



As we can see for these initial conditions, the maximum deviation is around 3.5 so the controller has inadequate performance for these initial conditions. Both of these discovers agree with the plot of initial conditions that result in adequate performance that we generated

Problem 4