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## PREDICTIVE CONTROL

Friday, 18 May 10:00 am

Time allowed: 3:00 hours

There are SIX questions on this paper.

Answer FOUR questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

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1. a) Formulate the following problem as a linear program:

$$\min_{\theta} \|C\theta - d\|_{\infty}$$

where 
$$C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$
,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

[8]

b) Consider the following finite-horizon discrete-time optimal control problem:

$$\min_{u_0,u_1,\dots,u_{N-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (\|Qx_k\|_{\infty} + \|Ru_k\|_{\infty})$$

where the system dynamics are given by

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1,$$

where the states  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , inputs  $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and weighting matrices  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$  and  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times m}$ . N is the horizon length and an estimate of the current state  $x_0 = \hat{x}$  is given.

Formulate the above optimal control problem as an equivalent linear program with inequality constraints only. Pay particular attention to defining the sizes of the various matrices and vectors that define the optimisation problem. [12]

## 2. Consider the discrete-time system given by

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1,$$

where the states  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , inputs  $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and an estimate of the current state  $x_0 = \hat{x}$  is given. N is the horizon length.

We also define the following vectors:

$$\overline{x} := \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{u} := \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) Show that

$$\left(I_{(N+1)n} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ I_N \otimes A & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \overline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_N \otimes B \end{bmatrix} \overline{u},$$

where 0 represents a zero matrix of compatible size.

[10]

b) Show that

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{(N+1)n} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ I_{N} \otimes A & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n} & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ A & I_{n} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A^{2} & A & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ A^{N} & A^{N-1} & \cdots & A & I_{n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

[6]

c) Using the results in parts a) and b), show that

$$\overline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ A \\ A^2 \\ \vdots \\ A^N \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ B & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ AB & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ A^{N-1}B & \cdots & AB & B \end{bmatrix} \overline{u}.$$

[4]

3. We are interested in solving the following optimal control problem:

$$\min_{u_0,\dots,u_{N-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( \|Qx_{k+1}\|_2^2 + \|Ru_k\|_2^2 \right)$$

subject to the constraints

$$x_0 = \hat{x},$$
  
 $x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$   
 $\delta_{\ell} \le u_k - u_{k-1} \le \delta_h, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ 

where the states  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , inputs  $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and weights  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$  and  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ . N is the horizon length. The previous value of the input  $u_{-1}$  is known and an estimate of the current state  $\hat{x}$  is given.

We also define the following vectors:

$$\overline{x} := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{u} := \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Give a condition on R such that the optimal control problem has a unique solution. [2]
- b) Show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( \|Qx_{k+1}\|_2^2 + \|Ru_k\|_2^2 \right) = \|(I_N \otimes Q)\overline{x}||_2^2 + \|(I_N \otimes R)\overline{u}||_2^2.$$

[4]

c) Give an expression for the matrix C and vector d such that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (\|Qx_{k+1}\|_2^2 + \|Ru_k\|_2^2) = \|C\overline{u} - d\|_2^2.$$

[6]

d) Give an expression for the matrix E and vector f such that one can solve the above optimal control problem by solving the constrained least squares problem

$$\min_{\overline{u}} \|C\overline{u} - d\|_2^2$$

subject to

$$E\overline{u} < f$$
.

[8]

Suppose we are given a set of inequality constraints  $c(\theta) \leq 0$  and equality constraints  $d(\theta) = 0$ , where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and the functions  $c : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $d : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^p$  are differentiable.

Assume that a feasible point exists such that the equality constraints can be satisfied. Show that one can determine whether a point  $\theta$  exists that also satisfies the inequality constraints by solving a suitably-defined optimisation problem of the form

$$\min_{x} f(x)$$

subject to

$$g(x) \le 0, \quad h(x) = 0,$$

where f, g and h are all differentiable functions.

[10]

b) Suppose that the inequality constraints are in the form

$$c(\theta) := \begin{bmatrix} c_H(\theta) \\ c_S(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \le 0,$$

were  $c_H(\theta) \le 0$  represents the hard constraints and  $c_S(\theta) \le 0$  represents q soft constraints.

Referring to your answer in part a), what would you do if a feasible point does not exist and you want to find a point that minimises the worst case violation of the soft constraints, but still satisfies the hard constraints and equality constraints?

c) Explain how hard and soft constraints arise in predictive control. Show how you would define  $\theta$ ,  $c(\cdot)$  and  $d(\cdot)$  so that you can use your answers in parts a) and b) to compute an input sequence that minimises the worst case violation of the soft constraints over the whole prediction horizon, if the system and constraints are linear?

- 5. a) Give a sufficient condition on the matrix M for which one can guarantee that the system of linear equations  $M\theta = d$  has a solution for any vector d. Justify your condition using mathematical arguments.
  - b) Discuss, with the aid of a block diagram and equations, how you would implement a control scheme so that a given linear combination of the states can track constant, non-zero setpoints. Assume the dynamical system is linear and discrete-time, the setpoints are such that they can be tracked, measurements of all states are available and a stabilising linear state feedback gain matrix K is given.
  - c) Recall that a system is defined to be reachable if there exists an input sequence that can take the system from any state to any other state in finite time. Give an example of a reachable linear discrete-time system for which it is not possible for all the states to track arbitrary constant, non-zero setpoints. Use detailed mathematical arguments to justify your example.

6. a) State the Popov-Bellevitch-Hautus (PBH) detectability test for the discrete-time linear system

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad y_k = Cx_k,$$

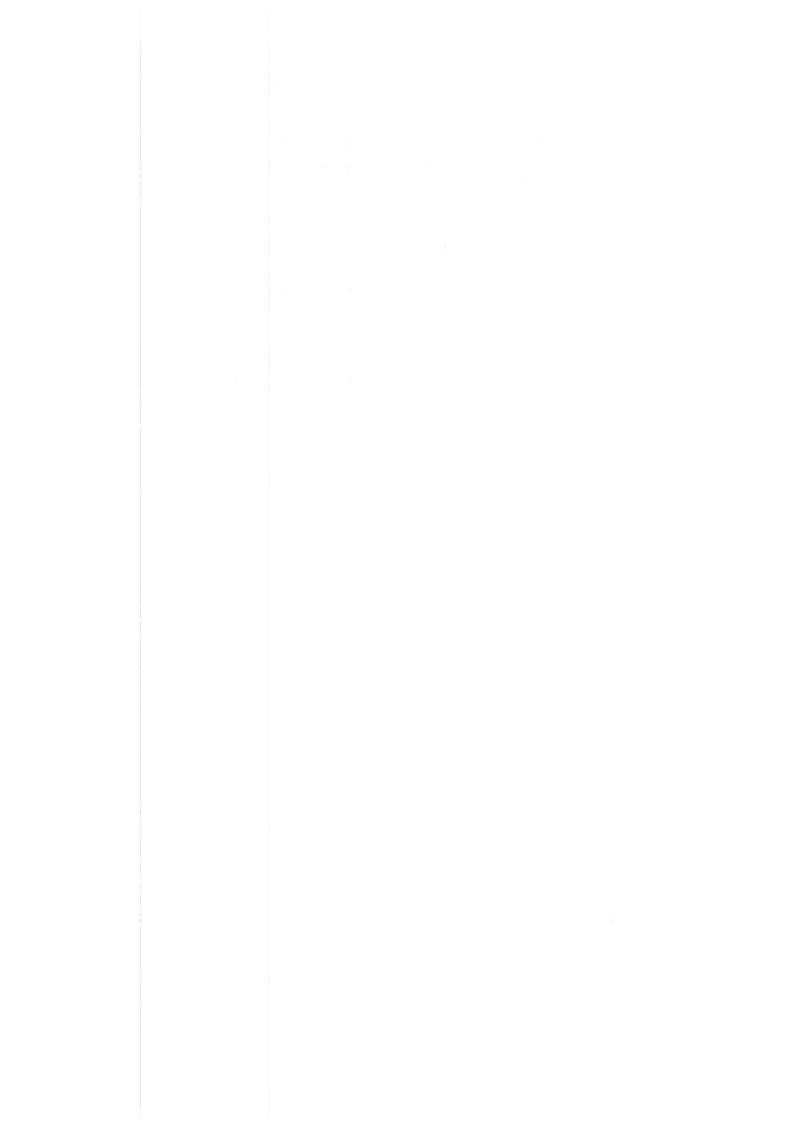
where the states  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , inputs  $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and measured outputs  $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . [4]

b) Suppose you now have constant, unknown disturbances  $d \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell}$  acting on the system such that

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + B_d d, \quad y_k = Cx_k.$$

Derive a necessary and sufficient condition such that one can construct a stable observer to estimate the disturbances.

- c) Referring to your answer in part b), explain why a necessary condition for a stabilising observer to exist is that there should be at least as many measured variables as disturbances.
- d) Assume the system in part b) is stabilizable. Derive a necessary and sufficient condition on the system and disturbances in part b) such that one can find an input sequence that asymptotically drives the state of the system to zero. [6]



2012 Predictive Control -E=4-54 EE9654-1 Questian 1 Silutims 2012 min {t | - 1 mt = (0-d = 1 t) (a) Bodwork.  $= \min_{\substack{(e) \\ (e)}} \binom{0}{1}^{T} \binom{e}{t} \quad \text{st.} \quad \begin{cases} (o-d \leq 1nt) \\ -(o+d \leq +1nt) \end{cases}$  $= \min_{\substack{(0) \\ (0) \\ (1)}} \binom{0}{t} t \binom{0}{t} \text{ st. } \binom{0}{t} \leq \binom{d}{d}$ In is a column vector of m ones. (b) New problem. Det I the Board I graving the equality constraints for now, the we get min  $\begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (t_k + s_k) st. & -1pt_k \leq Qx_k \leq 1pt_l \\ -1qs_k \leq Ru_k \leq 1qs_l \\ s_0, ..., s_{N-1} \end{cases}$  $1^{T} + 1^{T} = st. - (I_N \otimes 1_p) = (I_N \otimes 0) = (I_N$ min u, s, t  $(\underline{T}_{N} \otimes \underline{G}) \overline{x} \leq (\underline{I}_{N} \otimes \underline{I}_{p}) \overline{t}$   $- (\underline{I}_{N} \otimes \underline{I}_{g}) \overline{s} \leq (\underline{I}_{N} \otimes R) \overline{u}$   $(\underline{I}_{N} \otimes R) \overline{u} \leq (\underline{I}_{N} \otimes \underline{I}_{g}) \overline{s}$ where  $\overline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{0} \\ x_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\overline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{0} \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\overline{t} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{0} \\ \vdots \\ s_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}$ Equality constraints are  $\bar{x} = \bar{\Phi} \hat{x} + \bar{\Gamma} \bar{u}$ , where  $\bar{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{A} \\ \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{B} \\ \bar{B} \\ \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}$   $\bar{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{A} \\ \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}$ .

16) continued.

Inequality constraints now become:

$$-\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{Q}\right)\left(\underline{\mathfrak{D}}_{\mathsf{A}}^{2}+\Gamma\overline{\mathsf{u}}\right)-\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{1}_{\mathsf{p}}\right)\overline{\mathsf{t}}\leq0$$

$$+\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{Q}\right)\left(\underline{\mathfrak{D}}_{\mathsf{A}}^{2}+\Gamma\overline{\mathsf{u}}\right)-\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{1}_{\mathsf{p}}\right)\overline{\mathsf{t}}\leq0$$

$$-\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{R}\right)\overline{\mathsf{u}}=-\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{1}_{\mathsf{q}}\right)\overline{\mathsf{s}}\leq0$$

$$+\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{R}\right)\overline{\mathsf{u}}=-\left(\underline{\mathsf{I}}_{\mathsf{N}}\otimes\mathbb{1}_{\mathsf{q}}\right)\overline{\mathsf{s}}\leq0$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} O_{Nm} \\ I_{N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{U} \\ \overline{S} \\ \overline{t} \end{pmatrix}$$
 s.t.  $\begin{pmatrix} \overline{U} \\ \overline{S} \\ \overline{t} \end{pmatrix}$ 

Question

(a) Emily New problem.

Equality constraints become: 2( = Axo+ Buo

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2(n = A xn-1 + Bun-1

2 X 6

 $-Ax_0 + x_1$ 

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 $= \begin{pmatrix} I_{n} \\ O \\ \vdots \\ O \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{?}{\times} + \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ B & \vdots \\ \vdots \\ O & B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ U_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$ 

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## Question 3 (a) Book-work. R full column rant @ R positive définite. (b) New problem, slightly different than one done in class. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|Q \times k_{+1}\|_{2}^{2} = \left\| \left( \begin{array}{c} Q \times C_{1} \\ Q \times C_{2} \\ \end{array} \right) \right\|_{2}^{2} = \left\| \left( \begin{array}{c} Q \times C_{1} \\ Q \times C_{2} \\ \end{array} \right) \right\|_{2}^{2}$ = 11 (In @Q) = 1/2 Combin Adding the above, we get the result. (c) Can write. $\overline{z} = \overline{D} \hat{z} + \overline{1} \overline{u}$ , $\overline{D} = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ A \end{pmatrix}$ $\overline{\Box} = \begin{pmatrix} B & O & O \\ AB & B & \cdots \\ A^{N-1}B & --- & AB & B \end{pmatrix}$

(c) Can write 
$$\overline{Z} = \overline{D} \hat{Z} + \overline{D} \overline{U}$$
,  $\overline{D} = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \vdots \\ A^{N} \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\overline{D} = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ A \\ B \\ \vdots \\ A^{N-1}B \\ A \\ B \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{N-1}B - AB B$$

$$\Rightarrow \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_{\overline{x}}\|_{2}^{2} + \|(\text{In} \otimes R)_{\overline{u}}\|_{2}^{2} = \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_{\overline{x}}_{\overline{u}}\|_{2}^{2} + \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_{\overline{u}}\|_{2}^{2} = \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_{\overline{u}}_{\overline{u}}\|_{2}^{2} + \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_{\overline{u}}\|_{2}^{2} + \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_{\overline{u}}\|_{2}^{2} = \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_{\overline{u}}\|_{2}^{2} + \|(\text{In} \otimes Q)_$$

$$=) C = \left( \left[ I_{N} \otimes Q \right) \Gamma \right), d = \left( -\left( I_{N} \otimes Q \right) \overline{D} \hat{x} \right)$$

$$I_{N} \otimes R$$

3 de New problem. Inequality constraints become: Note: U-1 given/known. 8l+U-1 5 U0 5 8h-U-1 8l = U1-U0 5 8h = UN-1 - UN-2 = &L. Se 1,08e + (u) = = [Thing] = 1,08h = (u-1)  $= \begin{bmatrix} I - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ I(u-1)m & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{U \leq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & 8 \\ \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} u-1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{U}$ 

Question 400) Mostly application of boolework. solve the problem.  $t^* := \min_{0, t} t \text{ st. } c(0) \le 1_{mt}, d(0) = 0$ t 2 99  $\stackrel{\text{(a)}}{(t)} \stackrel{\text{(b)}}{(t)} \stackrel{\text{(c)}}{(t)} \stackrel{\text{(d)}}{(t)} \stackrel{\text{$ d(0) = 0 ie. if we let  $x := \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon \\ \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$ , A feasible point exists es to to  $f(x) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \end{pmatrix}$  $g(x) := \left(c(0) - 1mt\right)$ h(x) := d(0)(b) Solve the following problem instead:  $t^* := \min_{(0,t)} t$  st. (H(O) < O (s (0) = 1 t d(0) = 0

(c) Hard constraints often arise due to physical limits, such as actuater constraints of the form.

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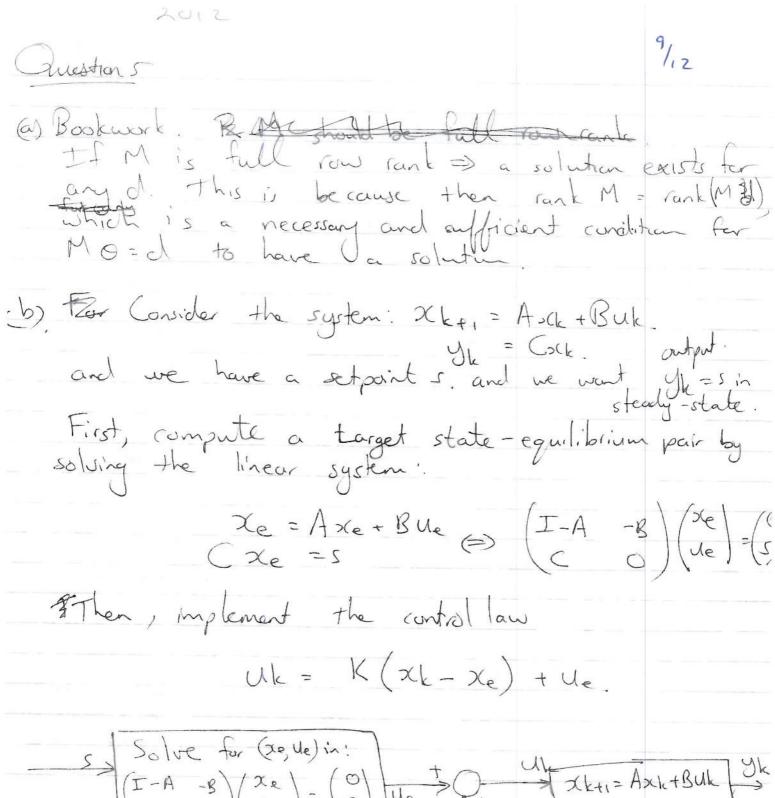
4 c) continued... Soft constraints are usually on the outputs and operant desirable limits that we would be like to satisfy, but which might be violated, if necessary, e.g. ye = yh = yh, h= 91,... Non If our system dynamics are of the form: J(k+1 = A)(k+Buk, &=0)..., N-1 (I)

YL = (>1)..., N, (II) then we can define  $O = \begin{cases} x_1 \\ x_N \\ y_0 \end{cases}$ , xogiven define a suitable  $(y_N - 1)$  and seen the function of (0) to implement (1). One can convert the input constraints above into the form  $Uk \ge Uh \le 0$ , k=0,...,N-1 and side to define  $(\mu(0))$ . Similarly with the output constraints:

(xle-yh = 0

-Cxk + yl = 0

and use the left hard side to define Go). Any sensible answer osimilar to above will be acceptable.



Solve for (xe, ue) in:

(I-A-B)(xe) = (O) | Ue > Pt | Xk+1 = Axk+BUL | Yk

(Xe) | Xe | XL

Tf g(A+BK)(1 =) lim yk = 5

(c) Application of theory. To construct such a system, we reed to find an example Consider the day system of a reachable system and.

Such that (I-A-B)(Xe)=(S)does not have a solution. This will be the rayer if rank (I-A-B) < rank (I-A-B o) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  $= \left(\begin{array}{c} I - A & -B \\ C & O \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} O & -1 & O \\ O & O & 1 \\ 1 & O & O \end{array}\right), \text{ which has rank } 3.$ => (I-A -15 0) = (0 -1 0 6), which has

1 0 0 1 0 0 | non zero det=hence runk 4. Reachabilty matrix is (B AB) - 1000 = (0 1), so system which has 50 system is reachable. Any souther other example will be acceptable.

Question 6 a) Bookwork. The system is reachable iff.

rank  $(\lambda I - A) = n$  for all equalies  $\lambda \neq A$ on or outside the unit dusk. (b) We can construct the augmented system. DUct, = A DUC + Bolole + Bul. dk+1 = dk yk = Cxk + odk this system is detectable (=> rank (2I-A -Bd) = n for all e/values of A on / outside unit dusk. e/values of A = e/values of A and {1,...,13. Note that Consider all equalies  $\lambda \neq 1$  on or outside the unit disk => rank  $\lambda \neq 1$  on or outside  $\lambda \neq 1$   $\lambda \neq$ 

rank (  $\lambda I = I$ ) = m  $\forall \lambda \neq 1$ .

(b) continued

(considering all A = 1=) rank (A = 1)So we require that this matrix be full columnant as well (C) (C) A) detectable and (C) = n+l

(I-A -Bd) (c) the matrix (C G) has n+p rows and n+l columns. The matrix will be full colum rank only if it is sking, ie. n+p = n+l (=) p = l. equilibrium parel exists such that a state-input (xeyle) and Xe = DXe + Bue + Bold (equilibrium)

(setpoint) Bue = -Bld & Note decoupted.

Ze = 0

In other words, we require rank B = ra. A solution will exist if and only if rank (B) = rank (-Bold)