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# DESIGN OF LINEAR MULTIVARIABLE CONTROL SYSTEMS

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Time allowed: 3:00 hours

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**There are FOUR questions on this paper.**

**Answer ALL questions**

*All questions carry equal marks*

**Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.**

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- I. Consider a state-variable model described by the dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) &= Cx(t).\end{aligned}$$

- a) Suppose that

$$G(s) \triangleq \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

- i) Find the uncontrollable and/or unobservable modes and determine whether the realisation is detectable and stabilisable. [ 4 ]
- ii) Obtain a minimum realisation of  $G(s)$ . [ 4 ]
- b) i) Suppose there exists a matrix  $Q = Q' \succ 0$  such that

$$A'Q + QA \prec 0.$$

Prove that  $A$  is stable. [ 4 ]

- ii) Suppose there exist matrices  $Q = Q' \succ 0$  and  $Y$  such that

$$A'Q + QA + YC + C'Y' \prec 0.$$

Prove that the pair  $(A, C)$  is detectable and find a matrix  $L$  (in terms of  $Q$  and  $Y$ ) such that  $A + LC$  is stable. [ 4 ]

- iii) State a corresponding result for the stabilisability of the pair  $(A, B)$ , together with a matrix  $K$  such that  $A + BK$  is stable. [ 4 ]

2. a) Consider a state-variable model described by the dynamics

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t),$$

and let  $H(s) = D + C(sI - A)^{-1}B$  denote the corresponding transfer matrix.

- i) By defining suitable Lyapunov and cost functions and completing a square, derive sufficient conditions, in the form of matrix inequalities, that simultaneously guarantee the stability of  $H(s)$  and the condition  $\|H\|_{\infty} < \gamma$ , where  $\gamma > 0$  is given. [ 5 ]
- ii) By using a Schur complement argument, express the conditions derived above in a form that is linear in the matrices  $C$  and  $D$ . [ 5 ]

- b) Consider the output injection problem shown in Figure 2. Let  $w = [w_1^T \ w_2^T]^T$  and let  $T_{ew}(s)$  denote the transfer matrix from  $w$  to  $e$ . An internally stabilizing output injection gain matrix  $L$  is to be designed such that, for a given  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\|T_{ew}\|_{\infty} < \gamma$ .

- i) Derive a state space realization for  $T_{ew}(s)$ . [ 5 ]
- ii) By using the answer to Part (a) above, or otherwise, derive sufficient conditions for the existence of a feasible  $L$ . Your conditions should be in the form of the existence of certain solutions to linear matrix inequalities. [ 5 ]

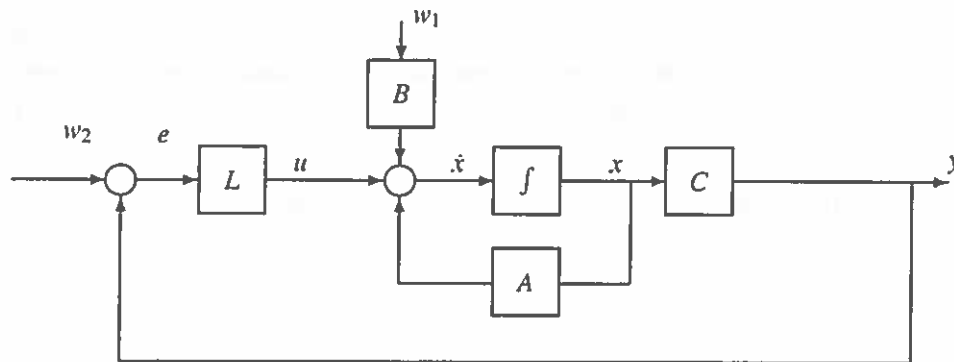


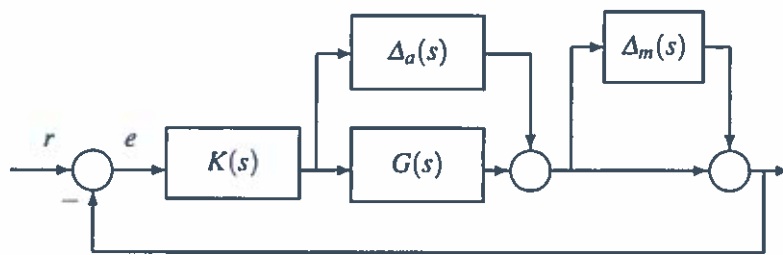
Figure 2

3. Consider the feedback configuration in Figure 3. Here,  $G(s)$  is a nominal plant model and  $K(s)$  is a compensator. The stable transfer matrices  $\Delta_a(s)$  and  $\Delta_m(s)$  represent additive and multiplicative uncertainties, respectively, on the nominal model.

The design specification is to synthesize a compensator  $K(s)$  such that the following performance and robustness specifications are satisfied:

- (i) when  $\Delta_a = 0$  and  $\Delta_m = 0$ ,  $\|e(j\omega)\| < |w(j\omega)^{-1}| \|r(j\omega)\|, \forall \omega$ ,
- (ii) when  $\Delta_a = 0$ , the loop is stable for all  $\Delta_m$  such that  $\|\Delta_m(j\omega)\| < |w_m(j\omega)|, \forall \omega$ ,
- (iii) when  $\Delta_m = 0$  the loop is stable for all  $\Delta_a$  such that  $\|\Delta_a(j\omega)\| < |w_a(j\omega)|, \forall \omega$ ,

where  $w(s)$ ,  $w_a(s)$  and  $w_m(s)$  are appropriate weighting functions.



**Figure 3**

- a) Derive  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -norm bounds, in terms of  $G(s)$ ,  $K(s)$ ,  $w(s)$ ,  $w_a(s)$  and  $w_m(s)$  that are sufficient to achieve the design specifications. [ 6 ]
- b) Define suitable cost, external, measured and control signals and draw a block diagram, showing all these signals, the nominal model, the compensator, as well as suitable weighting functions. [ 6 ]
- c) Hence derive a generalised regulator formulation of the design problem that captures the sufficient conditions. [ 8 ]

4. Consider the regulator shown in Figure 4 for which it is assumed that the pair  $(A, B_2)$  is controllable, the triple  $(A, B_1, C_1)$  is minimal and  $x(0) = x_0$ . Let  $H(s)$  denote the transfer matrix from  $w$  to  $z = [z_1^T \ z_2^T]^T$  and let  $\gamma > 0$  be given.

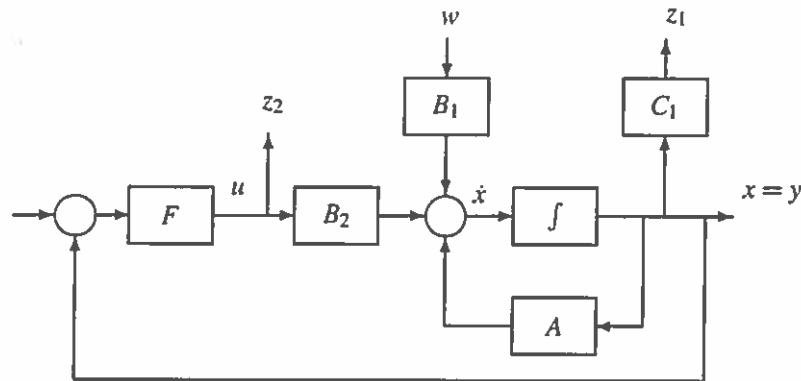


Figure 4

A stabilizing state-feedback gain matrix  $F$  is to be designed such that:

- (i)  $\|H\|_{\infty} \leq \gamma$  for some  $\gamma > 0$ , for robustness against disturbances.
  - (ii)  $\|z\|_2^2 \leq \gamma_2^2$  for some  $\gamma_2 > 0$ , for regulation.
- a) Write down the generalized regulator formulation for this design problem. [ 4 ]
  - b) Let  $J = \|z\|_2^2 - \gamma^2 \|w\|_2^2$ . By defining a suitable Lyapunov function involving an auxiliary variable  $X = X'$ , and carrying out two completions of squares, derive an expression for  $J$  that can be used to solve both design problems. [ 4 ]
  - c) Use the expression for  $J$  to formulate the design problem satisfying only condition (i) above and derive sufficient conditions for its solution. Your conditions should be in the form of the existence of a certain solution to an algebraic Riccati equation. It should also include an expression for  $F$  and an expression for the worst-case disturbance  $w^*$ . [ 4 ]
  - d) Using the solution to Part c) above, derive the tightest bound  $\gamma_2^2$  that satisfies condition (ii) above. [ 4 ]
  - e) Assume that the solution of the Riccati equation above, here denoted as  $X(\gamma)$ , is decreasing in  $\gamma$  in the sense that  $\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_0$  implies that  $X(\gamma_1) \preceq X(\gamma_0)$ . Suggest a design algorithm that can achieve a trade-off between the robustness and regulation requirements in (i) and (ii) above. [ 4 ]

