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## **Examination paper for: TMR4243 MARINE CONTROL SYSTEMS II**

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**Examination time (from-to):** 09:00 – 13:00

**Permitted examination support material:** A – All printed and handwritten material allowed. All approved calculators allowed.

### **Other information:**

The solutions to the 5 problems are given a maximum of 100 points. The exam counts 60% on the final grade.

Work fast; your answers should be short, clear, and concise. All statements should be explained; all mathematical answers should be derived.

Make qualified assumptions if:

- you cannot find an intermediate answer that is needed in further calculations, or
- there are missing (or obvious wrong) information in the problem text.

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**Notation:** Throughout this exam  $|x|$  means the vector 2-norm, i.e.  $|x| = \sqrt{x^\top x}$ .

## 1 Solutions to nonlinear ODEs (22 pts)

1. Consider the nonlinear ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad x_0 = x(0)$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (a) What does it mean that a solution is **forward complete**?
- (b) What does it mean that this system is **locally Lipschitz**?
- (c) What can you say about the solutions if it is *locally Lipschitz*?
- (d) What does it mean that this system is **globally Lipschitz**?
- (e) What can you say about the solutions if it is *globally Lipschitz*?

2. For the scalar system

$$\dot{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad x_0 = 0$$

we propose the following solutions for  $t \geq 0$ :

$$x(t) = 0 \quad \& \quad x(t) = \left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

- (a) Show that the proposed solutions are indeed solutions to the ODE.
- (b) What is the Lipschitz property of this ODE?
- (c) What is the stability property of this ODE?

3. For the scalar system

$$\dot{x} = kx, \quad x_0 = -1, \quad k = \text{const.}$$

we propose the solution for  $t \geq 0$ :

$$x(t) = -e^{kt}$$

- (a) Show that the proposed solution is indeed a solution to this ODE.
- (b) What is the Lipschitz property of this ODE?
- (c) What is the stability property of this ODE for  $k > 0$ ?

## 2 Stability of nonlinear systems (18 pts)

1. Consider the nonlinear time-varying system:

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x), \quad x_0 = x(t_0), \quad t_0 \geq 0$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , and assume  $f(t, 0) = 0, \forall t \geq 0$ .

- (a) Define UGS and UGAS for the system solutions with respect to  $x = 0$  based on class- $\mathcal{K}$  and class- $\mathcal{KL}$  functions.
  - (b) What meaning does *Uniform* have?
  - (c) What meaning does *Global* have?
  - (d) What meaning does *Asymptotic* have?
2. In terms of equilibrium points you can have three types: *single point*, *multiple isolated points*, and a *continuum of points*. Explain each of these and whether they are possible for linear vs. nonlinear systems.
3. Consider the linear time-varying system:

$$\dot{x} = Q(x - x_d(t)) + \dot{x}_d(t)$$

where  $Q = Q^\top$ , and  $(x_d(t), \dot{x}_d(t))$  are bounded reference signals. Let

$$V(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} (x - x_d(t))^\top (x - x_d(t))$$

be a Lyapunov function candidate.

- (a) Show how to differentiate  $V(t, x)$ .
- (b) What is your stability conclusion if  $Q < 0$ ?
- (c) What is your stability conclusion if  $Q \geq 0$ ?

### 3 Lyapunov stability (22 pts)

Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - x_2 + \frac{k}{\sqrt{5}}x_2^2\end{aligned}$$

1. Assume  $k = 0$ . Differentiate the Lyapunov function

$$V_1(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$$

and discuss stability of the origin by Lyapunov's method and the Krasovskii-LaSalle theorem.

2. Assume  $k = 0$ . Differentiate the Lyapunov function

$$V_2(x) = \frac{3}{2}x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2$$

and discuss stability of the origin by Lyapunov's method.

3. Show that the system can be written in vector form with state vector  $x = \text{col}(x_1, x_2)$ , as

$$\dot{x} = Ax + kbx_2^2$$

by appropriate definitions of  $A$  and  $b$ .

(a) Show that  $|x_2|^2 \leq |x|^2$ .

(b) Show that the Lyapunov function  $V_2(x)$  above can be written

$$V_2(x) = x^\top Px$$

where  $P$  is symmetric positive definite.

(c) Show that  $(P, A)$  satisfies the Lyapunov equation with  $Q = I$ .

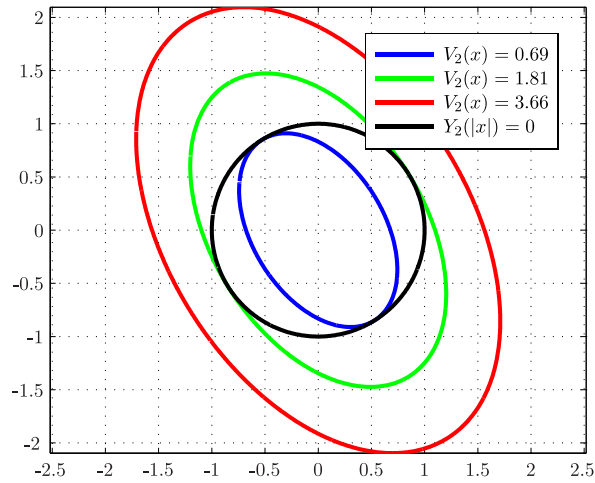
(d) Assume  $k = 1$ . Show that  $|Pb| = \frac{1}{2}$  and that

$$\dot{V}_2 \leq -|x|^2 + |x|^3 =: Y_2(|x|)$$

For what state values  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is  $Y_2(|x|)$  negative definite?

(e) For  $k = 1$ , what stability of  $x = 0$  can you conclude for the nonlinear system based on  $V_2(x)$ ?

4. The figure below shows three ellipsoidal level curves of  $V_2(x)$ , i.e. the curves  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : V(x) = c\}$  for  $c = \{0.69, 1.81, 3.66\}$ , and the level curve  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} : Y_2(|x|) = 0\}$ .



Which of the 4 ellipses can be used as an estimate of the Region of Convergence (ROC)? Justify your answer.

## 4 Nonlinear feedback control (22 pts)

Consider a marine system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\eta} &= R(\eta)\nu \\ M\dot{\nu} &= \tau + \rho(\eta, \nu) + d(t)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a position/orientation vector,  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a velocity vector,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the control input,  $\rho(\eta, \nu) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a locally Lipschitz vector function,  $d(t)$  is a bounded bias,  $M = M^\top > 0$ , and  $R(\eta)$  is a rotation matrix with the properties  $R(\eta)^\top R(\eta) = R(\eta)R(\eta)^\top = I$  and  $\dot{R} = R(\eta)S(\nu)$  where  $S(\nu) = -S(\nu)^\top$ .

1. Choosing  $x_1 = \eta$ ,  $x_2 = R(\eta)\nu$ , and  $x = \text{col}(x_1, x_2)$ , show that you can transform the system into the controller form:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B\Gamma(\eta, \nu) [\tau + \varphi(\eta, \nu) + d(t)]$$

where  $\Gamma$  is nonsingular. Show that  $(A, B)$  is a controllable pair.

2. Assume all states and the model is fully known, and  $d(t) = 0$ . Design a static state feedback control law  $\tau = \alpha(\eta, \nu)$ , using *feedback linearization*, that renders the closed-loop system linear and  $x = 0$  UGES.
3. For  $d(t)$  a bounded unknown bias, show that your static feedback control law renders the system Input-to-State-Stable (ISS) from  $d(t)$  as input.
4. Suppose  $d(t) = d = \text{constant}$  and unknown, and that the static control law  $\tau = \alpha(\eta, \nu) + \tau_0$  renders the closed-loop system into

$$\dot{x} = A_0x + B\Gamma(\eta, \nu) [\tau_0 + d]$$

where  $A_0$  is Hurwitz. Augmenting the control law with integral action  $\tau_0$ , let

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\xi} &= \gamma \\ \tau_0 &= -K_i\xi, \quad K_i = K_i^\top > 0\end{aligned}$$

where the function  $\gamma$  shall be designed. Define  $\tilde{\xi} = \xi - K_i^{-1}d$ , let  $P = P^\top > 0$  satisfy  $PA_0 + A_0^\top P = -I$ , and define the CLF

$$V(x, \tilde{\xi}) = x^\top Px + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\xi}^\top K_i \tilde{\xi}$$

- (a) Write down the state equations for  $(\tilde{\xi}, x)$ .
- (b) Differentiate  $V(x, \tilde{\xi})$  and design  $\gamma$  so that  $\dot{V}$  becomes

$$\dot{V} = -x^\top x$$

- (c) What stability properties can you conclude for  $(\tilde{\xi}, x) = (0, 0)$  (Hint: Use the LaSalle-Yoshizawa theorem).

## 5 Backstepping (16 pts)

Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= g(x_1)x_2 - \sin(x_1) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= u - |x_2|x_2 + b\end{aligned}$$

where  $1 \leq g(x_1) \leq 10$  for all  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  is the control input, and  $b$  is a constant bias.

1. Suppose  $b = 0$ , and let the control objective be to stabilize  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$ . Use *backstepping* to design a feedback control law for  $u$  that solves the regulation control objective.
2. Suppose  $b \neq 0$ , let  $\hat{b}$  be an estimate of  $b$ , and define the estimation error  $\tilde{b} = b - \hat{b}$ . Augment the Step 2 CLF  $V_2$  with a term  $\frac{1}{2\gamma}\tilde{b}^2$ , and design an adaptive update law for  $\dot{\hat{b}}$  that renders  $(z_1, z_2, \tilde{b}) = 0$  UGS and ensures the convergence  $(x_1(t), x_2(t)) \rightarrow 0$ .