

## Homework 1

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**Instructions:** i) Paper size “ANSI A” ( $8.5 \times 11$  in) is preferred; ii) Write your answers in order; iii) Show all details for credit.

1. (25pts) Consider the following system consisting of a cart of mass  $m$  attached to a rigid wall by a spring and a damper. The spring stiffness  $k(w)$  is a nonlinear function of displacement  $w$  such that the spring pull (force) applied to the mass is in the form of  $f_s = k_1 w - k_3 w^3$ , where  $k_1$  and  $k_3$  are constant scalars. Also, the damping coefficient  $c$  is a constant scalar. The cart is subject to a control force  $u$ . Assume that the cart rolls freely without friction. It can be shown that the equation of motion is  $m\ddot{w} + c\dot{w} + k_1 w - k_3 w^3 = u$ .
- The cart is instrumented with an accelerometer, which provides a measurement equation of the form  $y = \ddot{w}$ . Express the nonlinear equations of motion, including the output equation, in the state space form.
  - Assume  $m = 1$  (kg),  $k_1 = 4$  (N/m),  $k_3 = 1$  (N/m<sup>3</sup>), and  $c = 1$  (N s/m). Determine all the equilibrium points of the system assuming  $u = 0$ .
  - Using the numerical assumption above, linearize the equations of motion about the equilibrium point  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . That is, provide the linear state space model about that point in the form of

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\dot{\bar{x}}(t) &= A \delta\bar{x}(t) + B \delta\bar{u}(t) \\ \delta y(t) &= C \delta\bar{x}(t) + D \delta\bar{u}(t) \\ \delta\bar{x}(0) &= \delta\bar{x}_0\end{aligned}$$

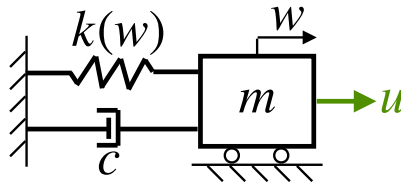


Figure 1: See Problem 1

2. (25pts) For the mass-spring-damper system given in Fig. 2, where  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $c_1$ , and  $c_2$  are constant scalars,
- obtain the differential equations of motion of the system;
  - write the equations of motion in the state space form

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\bar{x}} &= A\bar{x} + B\bar{u} \\ \bar{y} &= C\bar{x} + D\bar{u}\end{aligned}$$

such that the  $A$  matrix is in the form of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{2 \times 2} & I_2 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $I_2$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix. In your solution, assume that the output is  $y = \begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ \dot{w}_1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Your solution should clearly indicate the expressions for  $A_{21}$ ,  $A_{22}$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ .

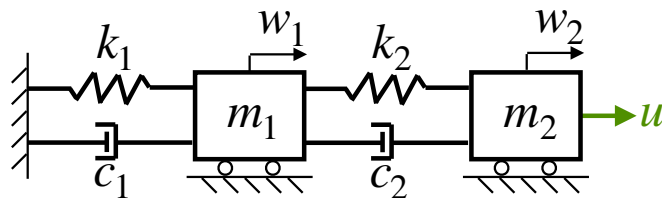


Figure 2: See Problem 2

3. (15pts) Find a state space representation for the system described by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{w}_1 + 3(w_1 + w_2) &= u_1 \\ \ddot{w}_2 + 4\dot{w}_2 + 3w_2 &= u_2 \end{aligned}$$

Show the  $A$  and  $B$  matrices in your solution.

4. (15pts) Find the transfer function matrix for the system described as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\bar{x}} &= \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -2 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{y} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ans. } H(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1/(s+3) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. (20pts) The model of a control system with input  $u(t)$  and output  $y(t)$  is given as

$$\ddot{y}(t) + 3\dot{y}(t) + 7y(t) = \dot{u}(t) + 2u(t)$$

All initial conditions are zero and the system is subjected to a unit step input.

- Find the transfer function  $\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)}$ .
- Find the values of all poles and zeros.
- Find the steady state output response using the final value theorem.

[Approximate Answer for part c)  $y_{ss} \approx 0.3$  (Obtain the exact value accurate to the fourth decimal.)]