

# Homework 1

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1. 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. Assume that the cart rolls freely without friction. It can be shown that the motion is  $m\ddot{w} + c\dot{w} + k_1 w - k_3 w^3 = u$ 
  - (a) 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 state space form  
This system has two state variables: position and velocity. In order to keep it consistent with the notation in question 1c. the following will be used.

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \text{position} \\ \text{velocity} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ \dot{w} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$k_1 w = u + k_3 w^3 - c\dot{w} - m\ddot{w} \quad (2)$$

$$w = \frac{u + k_3 w^3 - c\dot{w} - m\ddot{w}}{k_1} \quad (3)$$

$$c\dot{w} = u + k_3 w^3 - k_1 w - m\ddot{w} \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{w} = \frac{u + k_3 w^3 - k_1 w - m\ddot{w}}{c} \quad (5)$$

- (b) Assume  $m = 1$ ,  $k_1 = 4$ ,  $k_3 = 1$ ,  $c = 1$ . Determine all the equilibrium points of the system assuming  $u = 0$

TODO: Figure out how to find equilibrium points

- (c) Using the numerical assumptions above, linearize the equations of motion about the equilibrium point

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

That is provide the linear state space model about the point in the form of:

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

For the system that is described by:

$$w = \frac{0 + 1w^3 - 1\dot{w} - 1\ddot{w}}{4} \quad (7)$$

$$\dot{w} = \frac{0 + 1w^3 - 4w - 1\ddot{w}}{1} \quad (8)$$

It can be linearized into:

$$w = 1w + 2\dot{w} + 5u \quad (9)$$

$$w = 3w + 4\dot{w} + 6u \quad (10)$$

which in state space can be represented as:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} u \quad (11)$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u \quad (12)$$