

**TTK4150 Nonlinear Control Systems**  
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**Fall 2014 - Assignment 5**

Due date: Monday 10 November at 12.00.

1. Consider a PID controller

$$h(s) = K_p \beta \frac{(1 + T_i s)(1 + T_d s)}{(1 + \beta T_i s)(1 + \alpha T_d s)} \quad (1)$$

as a system with  $K_p = 1$ ,  $T_d = 1$ ,  $T_i = 2$ ,  $\beta = 1.5$  and  $\alpha = 0.5$ .

- (a) Show that

$$|h(j\omega)| \leq \frac{K_p \beta}{\alpha} \quad \forall \omega \quad (2)$$

- (b) Show that

$$\operatorname{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq K_p \quad \forall \omega \quad (3)$$

For the rest of the exercise, assume that the conditions 2–3 hold for all cases where  $K_p > 0$ ,  $0 \leq T_d < T_i$ ,  $1 \leq \beta < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .

- (c) Show that the system is passive (Hint: See Appendix A).  
 (d) Show that the system is input strictly passive (Hint: See Appendix A).  
 (e) Show that the system is output strictly passive (Hint: See Appendix A).  
 (f) Show that the system is zero-state observable.
2. Exercise 6.11 in Khalil (Hint: Use  $V(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}J_1\omega_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}J_2\omega_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}J_3\omega_3^2$ ).  
 3. Exercise 6.14 in Khalil (Hint: Use  $V_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$  and  $V_2(x_3) = \int_0^{x_3} h_2(z) dz$ ).  
 4. Exercise 6.15 in Khalil (Hint: Use  $V_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$  and  $V_2(x_3) = \frac{1}{4}x_3^4$ ).  
 5. Exercise 14.43 in Khalil (Hint: Theorem 14.4 in Khalil).  
 6. In each of the following cases verify the describing function (See Appendix B).

Hint:

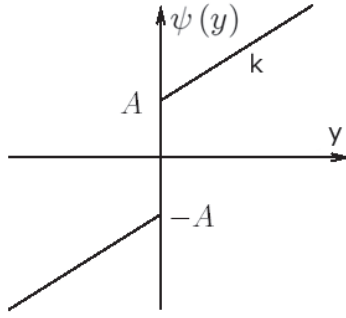
$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^u du = \begin{cases} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots n} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } n \geq 2 \text{ and is an even integer} \\ \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (n-1)}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots n} & \text{if } n \geq 3 \text{ and is an odd integer} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

- (a) Let

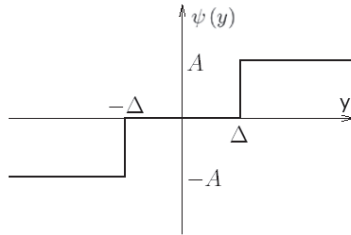
$$\psi(y) = y^5$$

then

$$\Psi(a) = \frac{5a^4}{8}$$



**Figure 1:** Nonlinearity



**Figure 2:** Nonlinearity

(b) Let

$$\psi(y) = y^3 |y|$$

then

$$\Psi(a) = \frac{32a^3}{15\pi}$$

(c) Let the nonlinearity be given by Figure 1, then

$$\Psi(a) = k + \frac{4A}{a\pi}$$

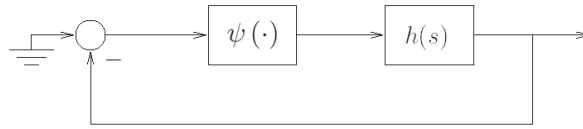
(d) Let the nonlinearity be given by Figure 2 then

$$\Psi(a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } a \leq \Delta \\ \frac{4A}{a\pi} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\Delta}{a}\right)^2} & \text{when } a > \Delta \end{cases}$$

7. Consider the system in Figure 3 where

$$\begin{aligned} h(s) &= \frac{1-s}{s(s+1)} \\ \psi(z) &= z^5 \end{aligned}$$

(a) Justify the use of the describing function method on this system.



**Figure 3:** Closed loop system

- (b) Use analytic methods to investigate possible periodic solutions. If such a solution exists, estimate its frequency and amplitude.
- (c) Use graphical methods to investigate possible periodic solutions. If such a solution exists, estimate its frequency and amplitude.

## Appendix A: Passivity

A linear system given by the scalar transfer function  $h(s)$  such that all poles  $p_i$  satisfy  $\text{Re}[p_i] \leq 0$  is

- passive if  $\text{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq 0 \quad \forall \omega$  such that  $j\omega$  is not a pole.
- input strictly passive if  $\text{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq \delta > 0 \quad \forall \omega$  such that  $j\omega$  is not a pole.
- output strictly passive if  $\text{Re}[h(j\omega)] \geq \epsilon |h(j\omega)|^2 > 0 \quad \forall \omega$  such that  $j\omega$  is not a pole, and for some positive  $\epsilon$ .

## Appendix B: Describing functions

The function  $\Psi(a)$  is called *the describing function* of the nonlinearity  $\psi$ , and it is used to find an approximation of this nonlinearity.

Let  $\Psi(a, \omega)$  be the describing function of the nonlinearity  $\psi(\cdot)$ . Further, let

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= \psi(y(t)) \\ y(t) &= a \sin(\theta) \\ \theta &= \omega t \end{aligned}$$

then an approximation of  $z(t)$  is given by

$$z(t) \approx z_0 + z_1 \sin(\theta + \varphi)$$

where only the first order Fourier coefficients have been used in the approximation. The various parameters are given by

- $z_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \psi(a \sin(\theta)) d\theta$
- $z_1 = \sqrt{z_{1s}^2 + z_{1c}^2}$ 
  - $z_{1s} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \psi(a \sin(\theta)) \sin(\theta) d\theta$
  - $z_{1c} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \psi(a \sin(\theta)) \cos(\theta) d\theta$
- $\varphi = \arctan\left(\frac{z_{1c}}{z_{1s}}\right)$

In the case of odd, time-invariant, memoryless nonlinearities  $\psi(\cdot)$ , the describing function is given as

$$\Psi(a) = \frac{2}{\pi a} \int_0^\pi \psi(a \sin(\theta)) \sin(\theta) d\theta \quad (5)$$