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Given:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= Ax + Bu \\ PA + A^T P &\leq 0 \\ P &> 0\end{aligned}$$

Find:

A globally stabilizing feedback law $u = -\psi(x)$ such that $\|\psi(x)\| < k\|x\|$ where k is a positive constant.

Solution:

Begin by defining the linear system

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

Let $V(x) = x^T P x$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(x) &= x^T (P + P^T) \dot{x} \\ &= x^T (PA + P^T A)x + x^T (PB + P^T B)u \\ &= x^T (PA + A^T P)x + x^T (PB + B^T P)u \\ &= x^T (PA + A^T P)x + x^T (PB)u = -B^T P x u\end{aligned}$$

Let $C = B^T P x$, therefore

$$\dot{V} = x^T (PA + A^T P)x + x^T (PB)u = yx$$

Which means signifies that the system is passive. Furthermore, setting $u = 0$ and stating $x = 0 \implies y = 0$ which means that the system is zero state observable. Therefore we choose the control to be $u = -ky$ where $k > 0$.
