

Robotics II

Day 10: Control Systems I

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1. Linearization and Laplace transform the Equation of Motion for an inverted pendulum.

Equation of motion for an inverted pendulum

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I + m_\theta l_g^2 & m_\theta l_g \cos(\theta) \\ m_\theta l_g \cos(\theta) & m_x + m_\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{x} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ m_\theta l_g \sin(\theta) \dot{\theta}^2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} m_\theta g l_g \sin(\theta) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Linearization

$$\begin{cases} f = (m_x + m_\theta) \ddot{x} + m_\theta l_g \ddot{\theta} \\ 0 = m_\theta l_g \ddot{x} + (I + m_\theta l_g^2) \ddot{\theta} - m_\theta g l_g \theta \end{cases}$$

Laplace transforming

$$\begin{cases} F(s) = (m_x + m_\theta) s^2 X(s) + m_\theta l_g s^2 \theta(s) \\ 0 = m_\theta l_g s^2 X(s) + (I + m_\theta l_g^2) s^2 \theta(s) - m_\theta g l_g \theta(s) \end{cases}$$

2. Derive the transfer function of the inverted pendulum.

$$G(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{F(s)}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{-\left[\frac{I(m_x + m_\theta)}{m_\theta l_g} + m_x l_g \right] s^2 + (m_x + m_\theta) g}$$

3. Stability Analysis.

Characteristic Equation,

$$-\left[\frac{I(m_x + m_\theta)}{m_\theta l_g} + m_x l_g \right] s^2 + (m_x + m_\theta) g = 0$$

The characteristic equation has positive real roots, hence it is unstable.

Hurwitz stability criterion

$$[H] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\left[\frac{I(m_x + m_\theta)}{m_\theta l_g} + m_x l_g \right] & (m_x + m_\theta) g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}[H_1] &= [0] \\ [H_1] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}[H_2] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\left[\frac{I(m_x + m_\theta)}{m_\theta l_g} + m_x l_g\right] & (m_x + m_\theta)g \end{bmatrix} \\ [H_2] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}[H_3] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\left[\frac{I(m_x + m_\theta)}{m_\theta l_g} + m_x l_g\right] & (m_x + m_\theta)g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ [H_3] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Since all the determinants are non-positive, the system is unstable.