

Digital Control Technologies and Architectures - 01PDCYP, 01PDCOV, 01PDCLP

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Laboratory practice 4

Objectives: digital LQ control of CT LTI systems.

Problem 1

The continuous time state space representation below describes, for suitable value of the physical parameters, a mass-damper system. The state components x_1 and x_2 are the position and the speed of the mass, respectively. The input u is the force applied to the mass while the output y of the system output is the position of the mass.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(k) &= [1 \ 0] x(t)\end{aligned}$$

Assume a sampling time $T_s = 0.05$ s and design, if possible, a digital infinite horizon LQ controller through the optimization of the following cost function

$$J = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^T(k+i) Q x(k+i) + u^T(k+i) R u(k+i),$$

to obtain zero regulation of the state of the system according to the Euclidean norm (within a tolerance of 10^{-5}) in about 5 s with a tolerance of 2% starting with the initial condition $x(0) = [0.8 \ 0]^T$.

Problem 2

Consider the mass-damper system introduced in Problem 1.

1. Design, if possible, a digital infinite horizon LQ controller with integral action to impose zero steady state tracking error in the presence of a step reference input and a settling time $t_{s,1\%} \approx 2$ s with a tolerance of 2% starting with the initial condition $x(0) = [0 \ 0]^T$. (Hint: start from the design obtained in Problem 1, then tune the weight of the integral state to meet the settling time requirement; what is the effect of increasing such a weight too much?)
2. Modify the design performed at the previous point so that $|u(t)| \leq 1, \forall t$ when $r(t) = \varepsilon(t)$. Is it still possible to obtain the same performance in terms of settling time $t_{s,1\%} \approx 2$?
(Hint : start from the design obtained at the previous point, then tune the input weight until you meet the magnitude condition for the control input).