# Automatic Control - Final Project

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## I. Exercise 1

The vibration absorber [1][Ch. 9.11], also called dynamic vibration absorber, is a mechanical device which is used to reduce or eliminate unwanted vibration. It consists of a mass and a spring attached to the main (or original) mass that needs to be protected from vibration. Vibration absorbers are commonly used in a variety of applications which include sanders, saws, internal combustion engines and high-voltage transmission lines. A sketch of the system is pictured in Figure 1.

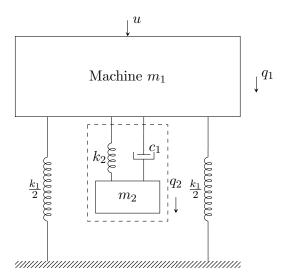


Figure 1: Representation of the harmonic absorber.

The equations of motion for this two-degrees of freedom system can easily obtained using a Lagrange formulation and can be conveniently written in the following matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{q}_1 \\ \ddot{q}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (1)

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## II. Answer

#### i. 1

Starting from the equation of motion, seen in the equation (1), we obtain the state space representation as below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-(k_1 + k_2)}{m_1} & \frac{k_2}{m_1} & \frac{-c_2}{m_1} & \frac{c_2}{m_1} \\ \frac{k_2}{m_2} & \frac{-k_2}{m_2} & \frac{c_2}{m_2} & \frac{-c_2}{m_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{m_1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## ii. 2

Setting u = 0 through the help of the sdpt3 solver the solution was solved numerically, obtaining the solution from the Lyapunov inequality for **P** given in the matrix (2) is obtained.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 603.3417 & -8.5265 & 0.1252 & -5.0157 \\ -8.5265 & 128.7847 & 2.8368 & 0.6276 \\ 0.1252 & 2.8368 & 3.9082 & 0.5233 \\ -5.0157 & 0.6276 & 0.5233 & 1.1363 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
-0.7983 + 14.2721i \\
-0.7983 - 14.2721i \\
-0.3517 + 9.8873i \\
-0.3517 - 9.8873i
\end{bmatrix}$$
(3)

### iii. 3

Using the LMI formulation[2] and using the "sdpt3" solver the  $\mathcal{L}_2$  value of the  $\gamma$  system is estimated. Where the minimum value assumed by  $\gamma$  is  $0.5456 \times 10^{-3}$ . Moreover, the same result was obtained using the matlab toolbox.

#### iv. 4

From the calculation of the transfer matrix (4), calculated in, we obtain the Bode diagram in the figure 2, where we can see that the peak has a value of  $0.544\,001\,5\times10^{-3}$ .

$$G(s) = \frac{y(s)}{u(s)} = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$$

$$= \frac{0.01s^2 + 0.02s + 1.333}{s^4 + 2.3s^3 + 303.3s^2 + 300s + 20000}$$
(4)

It is observed that the value of  $\mathcal{L}_2 = 0.5456 \times 10^{-3}$  is similar to the peak present in the Bode diagram in Figure 2.  $\mathcal{L}_2$  gain is a popular measure of smallness for system approximation errors and dynamical perturbations. Consider a causal convolution model of an LTI system, possibly of an infinite order, defined by the impulse response matrix g = g(t) or by a transfer matrix G = G(s). Remember that such system defines the output y as a convolution integral.

$$y(t) = \int_0^\infty h(\tau)f(t-\tau)d\tau \tag{5}$$

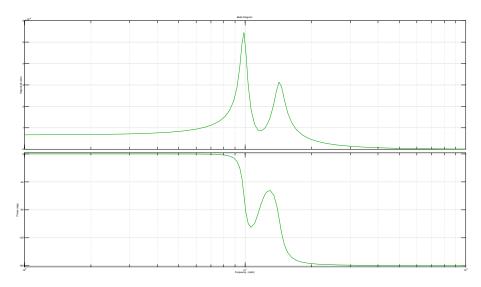


Figure 2: Bode diagram of transer matrix.

where f is assumed to vanish fast enough as  $t \to -\infty$ .

Let  $\hat{g} = \hat{g}(t)$  and  $\hat{G} = \hat{G}(s)$  be the impulse response and the transfer matrix of another convolution model, intended to serve as a simplified approximation of the original one. One common way of measuring approximation quality is by comparing system responses  $y_0 = y_0(t)$  and  $\hat{y}_0 = \hat{y}_0(t)$  to a particular "testing" input  $f_0 = f_0(t)$ . This leads to the so-called H-Infinity norm of the difference  $H(s) = G(s) - \hat{G}(s)$  as the approximation error measure of choice.[3]

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