Exercise 4 – Implementation of Balanced Truncation

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1 Balancing and Minimality

Consider the following LTI system

$$\dot{x}(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -7 & 0 & -2 \\ 6 & -8 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 9 & -9 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{b} u(t)$$

$$y(t) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{c} x(t)$$

Use the MATLAB command `lyapchol` to compute the factors S and R of the solutions to the Lyapunov equations

$$AP + PA^T + bb^T = 0, \quad A^T Q + QA + c^T c = 0,$$

i.e. find S and R such that $S^T S = P$ and $R^T R = Q$.

If you do not have access to the Control System toolbox, you can find the results in the file `LyapSol.mat` on the course homepage. Compute the singular value decomposition $U\Sigma V^T = SR^T$ of the product of the factors S and R^T.

What can you say about the minimality of the system?

Adjust the transformation matrices by removing the row of $T = \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^T R$ that is associated with the zero (in a numerical sense) values of the diagonal entries of Σ and the corresponding column of its inverse $S^T U \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

Use these transformation matrices to construct a minimal reduced-order model which exactly reproduces the transfer function of the original model, i.e., for the

reduced system it should hold $\hat{H}(s) = H(s)$ for all s. Validate your results by plotting the gain in *dezibel* of the original and the reduced transfer function, i.e.,

$$20 \cdot \log_{10} |H(i\omega)| \quad \text{and} \quad 20 \cdot \log_{10} |\hat{H}(i\omega)|$$

over the range $\omega \in [10^{-1}, 10^5]$ at 1000 equidistant (in log scale) points.

2 Model Reduction by Balanced Truncation

Implement the method of balanced truncation introduced in the course. If you do not have access to the control system toolbox, you can use the routine `lyap_sgn_fac.m` from the course homepage to compute approximations to the Cholesky factors of the solutions to the Lyapunov equations. Try your program by means of the model of a beam which you find as `beam.mat` on the course homepage. Evaluate the transfer function

$$H(i\omega) = C(i\omega I - A)^{-1}B$$

for original and reduced-order models over the frequency interval $\omega \in \left[10^{-2}, 10^4\right]$. Use 1000 logarithmically distributed sample points. Plot the gain of the transfer function, i.e. $20 \cdot \log_{10} |H(j\omega)|$ and that of the reduced transfer functions for the reduced dimensions $r = 10, 50, 100$ on a logarithmic x-scale by using the MATLAB command `semilogx`.