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# 1 Problem P5: Decentralized MIMO control of the aiming system

Notation clarification: (row, column):  $(1, 1) = r_w \rightarrow w$ ,  $(2, 1) = r_w \rightarrow \theta$ ,  $(1, 2) = r_\theta \rightarrow w$ , and  $(2, 2) = r_\theta \rightarrow \theta$ .

## 1.1 (a) Justification from MIMO Bode Plot of $P_3(s)$

As we may observe in the Figure 1-1 below, we may observe the magnitude gain for both  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 1)$  are below 0[dB], and the phase margin is 0[deg]. This is a great indication that the cross-channel interference is minimal. For the DC gain (steady-state), the diagonal terms  $(1, 1)$  and  $(2, 2)$  of the plant dominant the entire system. Specifically, the  $(1, 1)$  term indicates that the force input  $u_1 = F$  dominates the effect of base displacement  $y_1 = w$ , and has negligible effect on rod angle  $y_2 = \theta$  as  $(2, 1)$  bode suggested. Similarly, the  $(2, 2)$  term indicates the torque input  $u_2 = \tau$  dominates the effect of the rod angle  $y_2 = \theta$ .

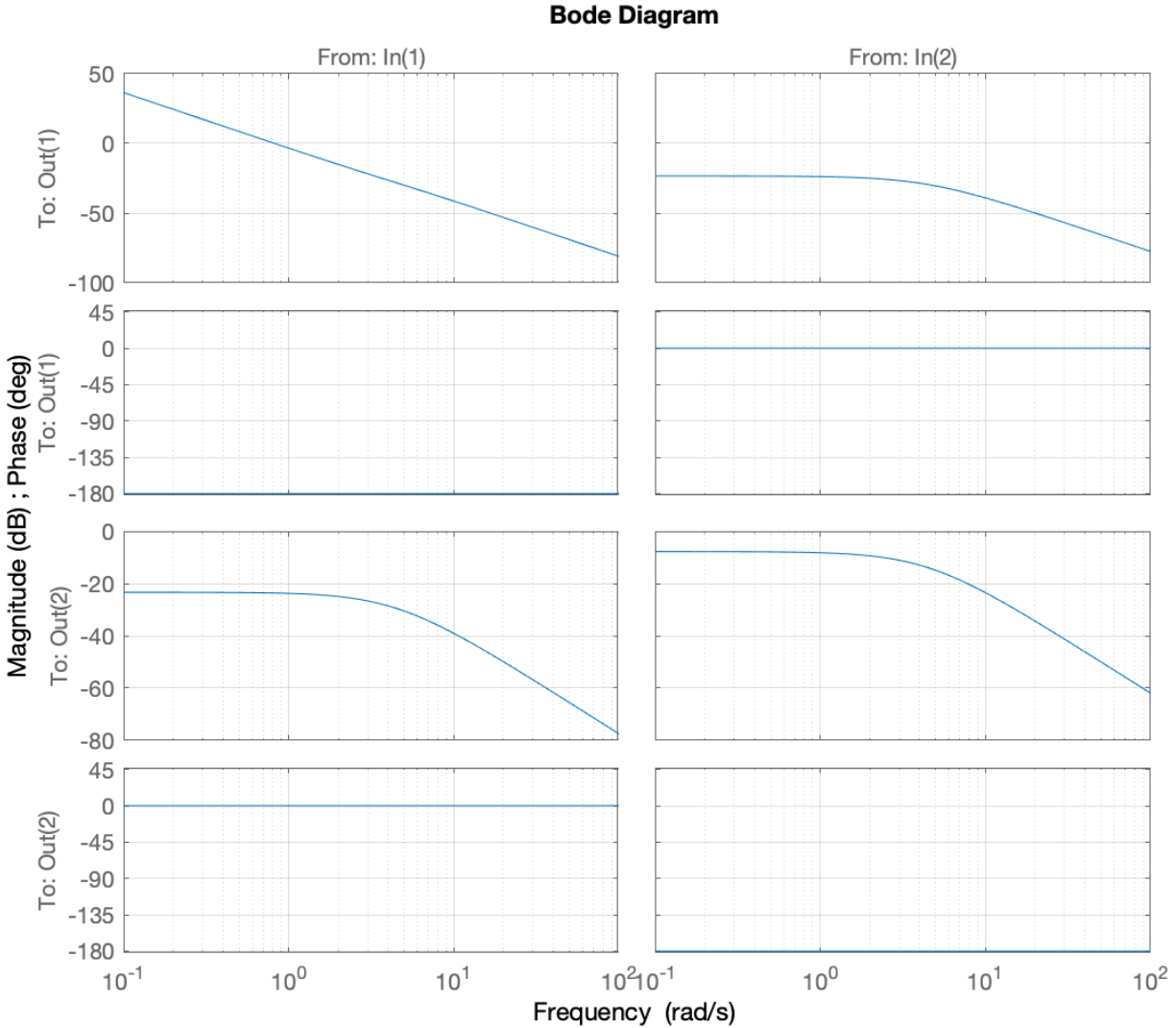


Figure 1-1. Bode Plot of  $P_3(s)$

Hence, we can control the base position using the force input and control the rod angle using the torque input. Consequently, we can apply decentralized design strategy to this particular MIMO system.

## 1.2 (b) Derivation of $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$

Recall the actual  $P_3(s)$ , we have previously found there is little effect on the steady-state from the cross-channel. We may deal the system as a decentralized system.

$$P_3(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{0.8889(s+3.834)(s-3.834)}{s^2(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} & \frac{-1.3333s^2}{s^2(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} \\ -\frac{1.3333}{(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} & \frac{8.0}{(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

However, instead of blindly ignoring the off-diagonal terms within  $P_3(s)$ , we can design an approximated plant by isolating the system:

Firstly, from the perspective of the force input, we can treat the entire system as whole:

$$F = (m + M)\ddot{w} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Laplace Tranform + T.S. Expansion} \Rightarrow F(s) = (m + M)(s^2 W(s) + s\dot{w}(0) + \cancel{w(0)})^0 \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{3,\text{approx},11} = \frac{W(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{(m + M)s^2} \quad (4)$$

Lastly, from the perspective of the torque input, we can treat the position base is fixed, and only compute the effect of the rod:

$$\tau + mg\frac{L}{2}\sin\theta = J\ddot{\theta} \quad (5)$$

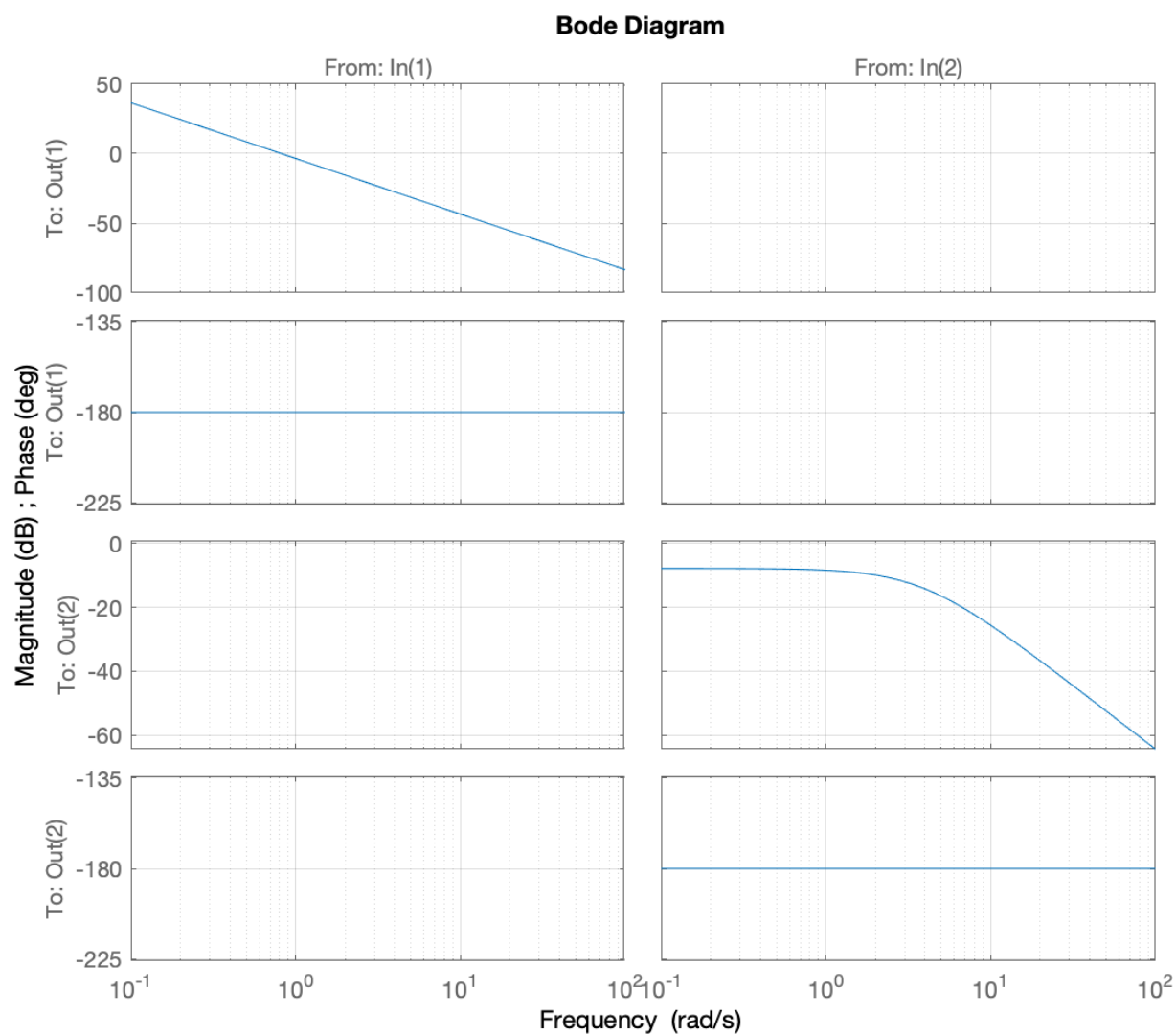
$$\text{Laplace Tranform + T.S. Expansion} \Rightarrow T(s) = \frac{mL^2}{3}(s^2\Theta(s)) - mg\frac{L}{2}\Theta(s) \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{3,\text{approx},22} = \frac{\Theta(s)}{T(s)} = \frac{6}{2mL^2 s^2 - 3mgL} \quad (7)$$

As a result, we can form the approximated plant  $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$  as:

$$P_{3,\text{approx}}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(m+M)s^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{6}{2mL^2 s^2 - 3mgL} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{0.66667}{s^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{6.0}{(s-3.834)(s+3.834)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

To further ensure the integrity of the approximated plant, we may plot the bode plot of the plant as well. As we may see from Figure 1-2 below, the diagonal channels indeed appear to be similar to the original bode plot in Figure 1-1.

Figure 1-2. Bode Plot of  $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$

### 1.3 (c) Design 1-DOF SISO Controller $C_{11}(s)$ for the (1,1) entry of $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$

Three design specifications are imposed:

- I Closed-loop stable
- II Perfect steady-state tracking
- III  $\text{PM} \geq 50^\circ$

As we may observe from (1,1) entry in the bode plot from Figure 1-2, the phase margin is  $0^\circ$ . As a result, we need a lead filter to pull up the phase margin to satisfy Spec III. Since, we have double integrator in the  $P_{3,\text{approx},11}(s)$  plant, it naturally satisfy the perfect steady-state tracking Spec II. As a result, the closed loop system should be stable.

Using the 'sisotool', we may manually find the suitable controller quickly, as seen in Figure 1-3.

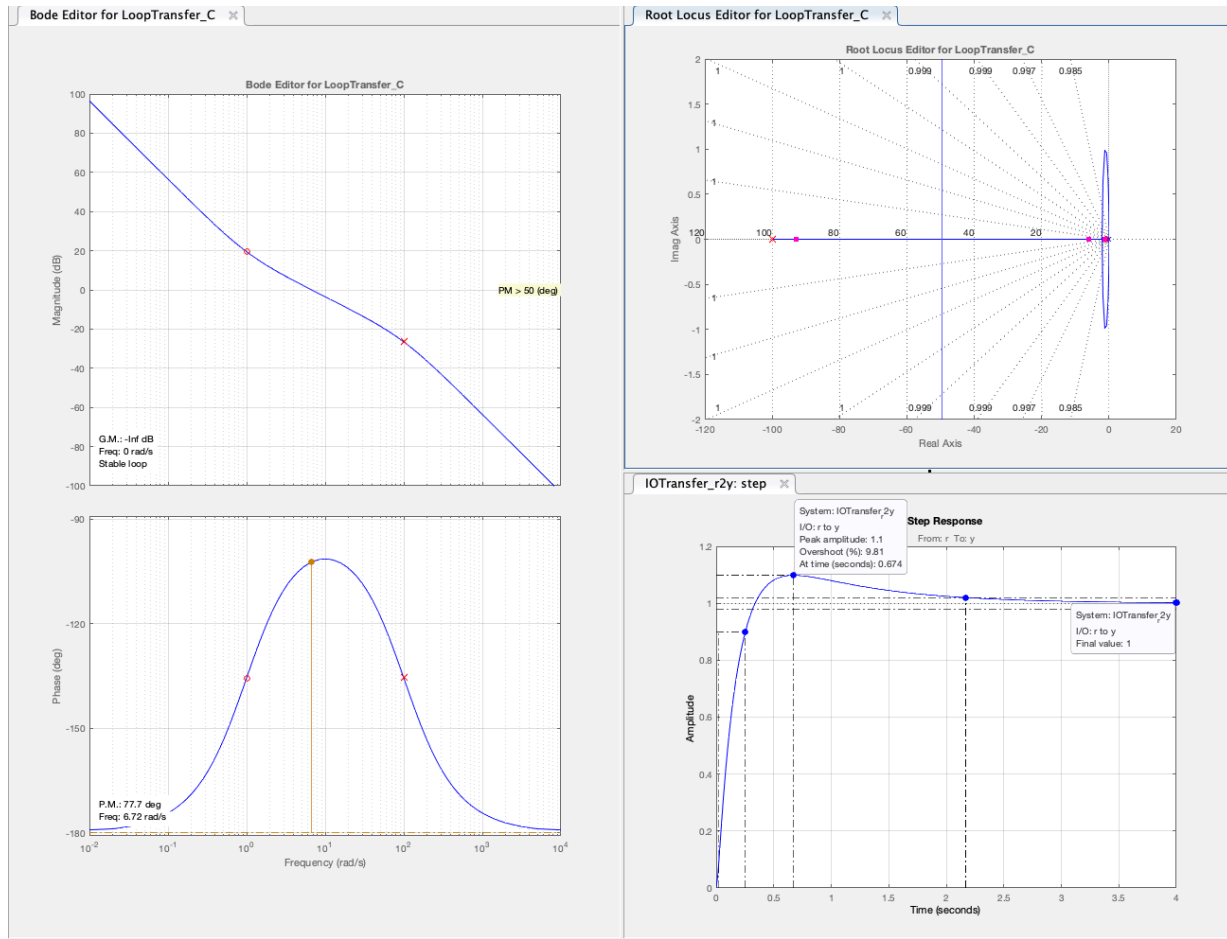


Figure 1-3. SISO design tool of closed-loop controller design for  $P_{3,\text{approx},11}(s)$

As a result, the SISO controller we designed for  $P_{3,\text{approx},11}(s)$  is:

$$C_{11}(s) = \frac{1000(s+1)}{(s+100)} \quad (9)$$

We may also plot the final plot of bode diagram, root locus, and the step response similar to the 'sisotool':

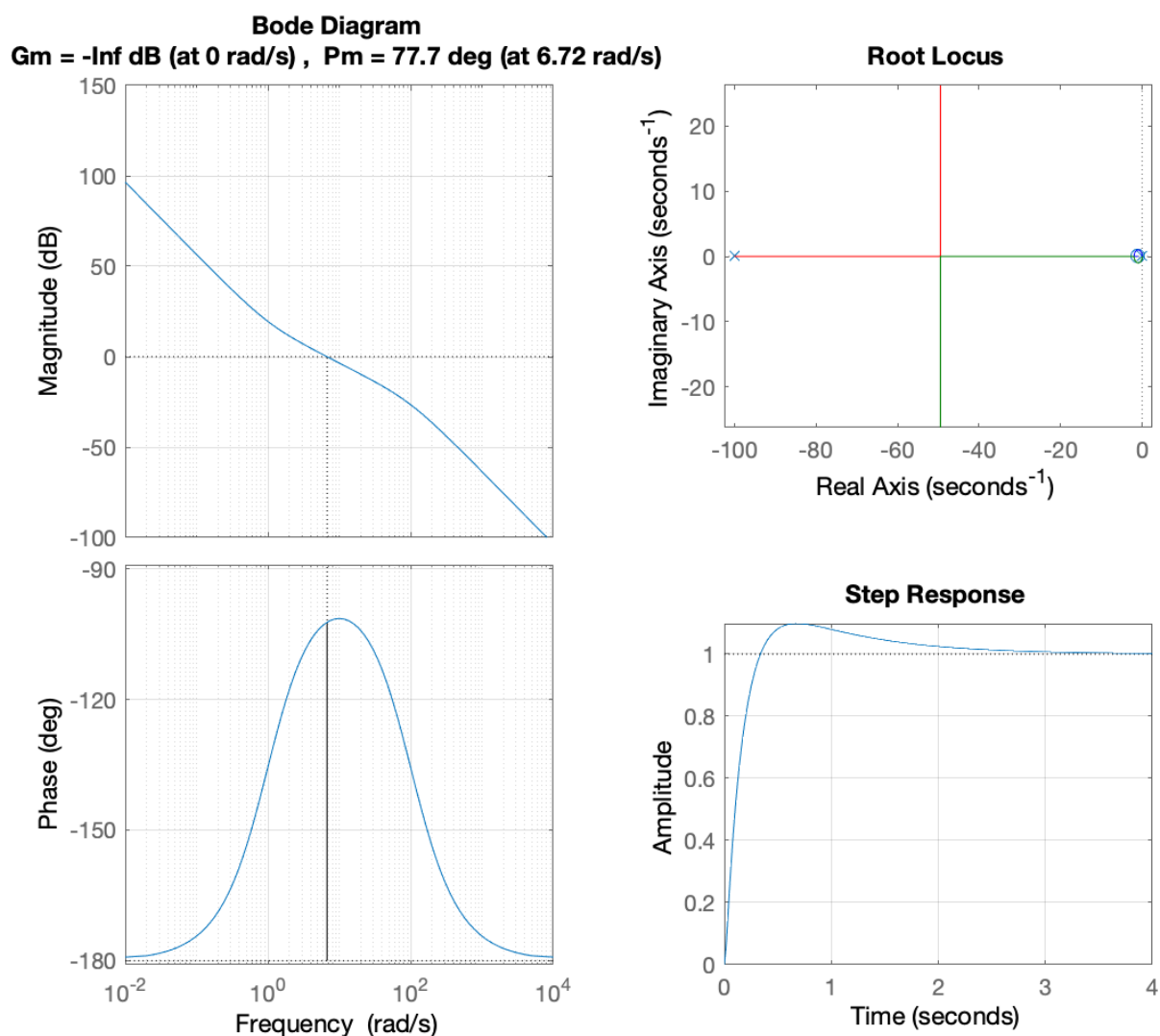


Figure 1-4. Final SISO plot of closed-loop controller design for  $P_{3,\text{approx},11}(s)$

### 1.4 (d) Design 1-DOF SISO Controller $C_{22}(s)$ for the (2,2) entry of $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$

Similarly, as we may observe from (2,2) entry in the bode plot from Figure 1-2, the phase margin is  $0^\circ$ . As a result, we need a lead filter to pull up the phase margin to satisfy Spec III. In this case, we do not have any integrator in the  $P_{3,\text{approx},22}(s)$  plant, hence, there is a need to include an integrator inside the controller to achieve the perfect steady-state tracking Spec II.

To note, there exists a RHP pole in the plant. In order to make the closed loop system stable (Spec I), we need to introduce a LHP zero between the stable and unstable pole to pull the closed-loop pole to the LHP.

Using the 'sisotool', we may manually find the suitable controller quickly, as seen in Figure 1-5. Firstly, adding an integrator in the controller, and introduce a LHP zero at  $s = -3$  and adjust the gain to make the closed-loop poles back into the OLHP. Lastly, adding the lead filter to make the phase margin above the Spec III.

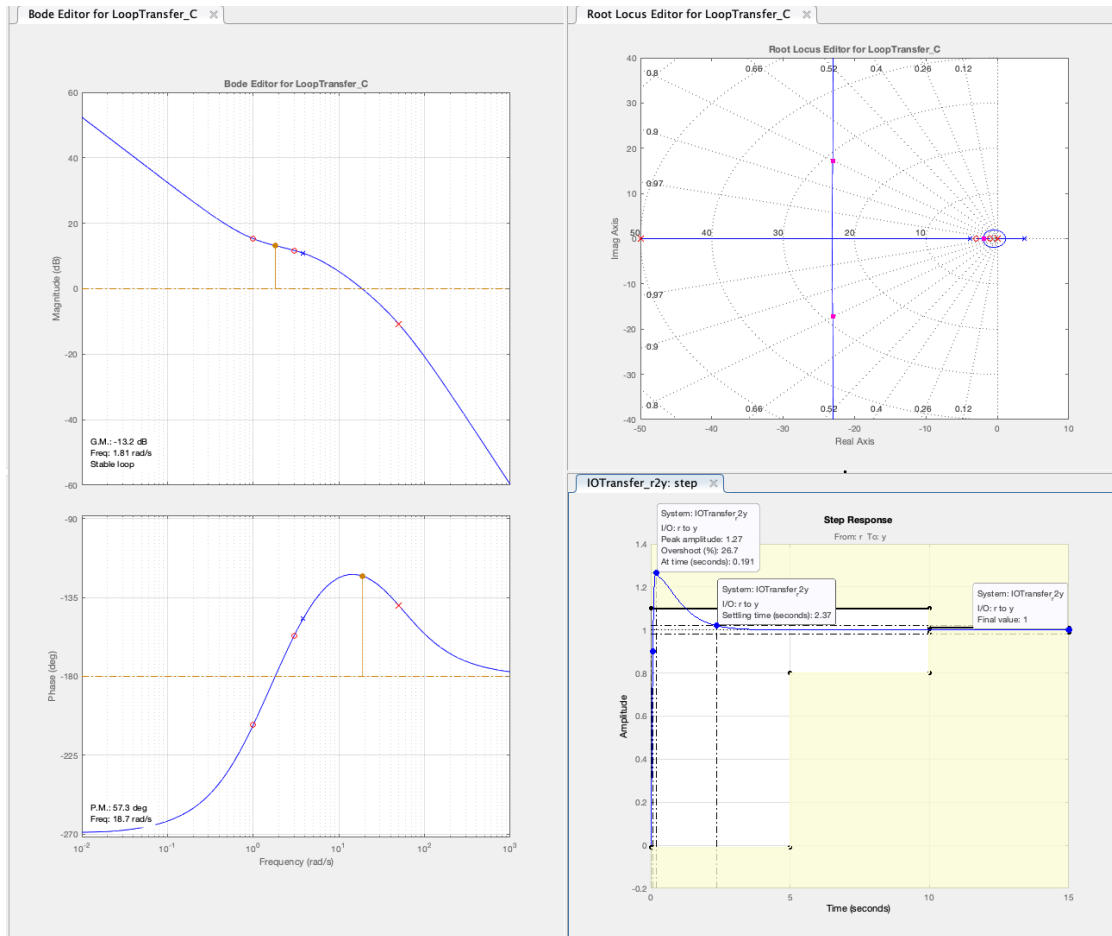


Figure 1-5. SISO design tool of closed-loop controller design for  $P_{3,\text{approx},22}(s)$

As a result, the SISO controller we designed for  $P_{3,\text{approx},22}(s)$  is:

$$C_{11}(s) = \frac{170.54(s+1)(s+3)}{(s+50)s} \quad (10)$$

We may also plot the final plot of bode diagram, root locus, and the step response similar to the 'sisotool':



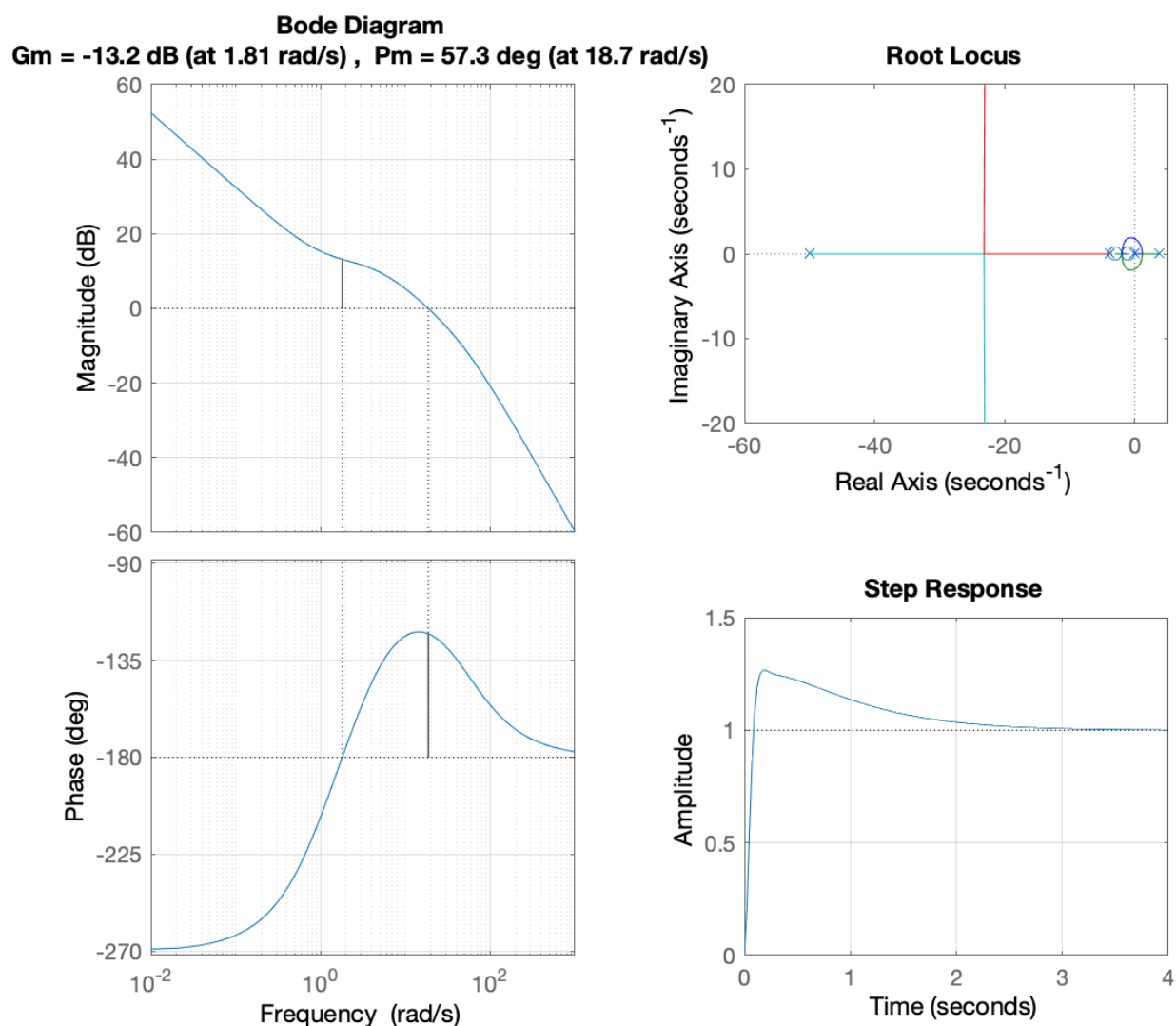


Figure 1-6. Final SISO plot of closed-loop controller design for  $P_{3,\text{approx},22}(s)$

### 1.5 (e) Analyze the designed controller $C_3(s)$

From Section 1.3 and Section 1.4, we may obtain the final controller designed for the approximated plant  $P_{3,\text{approx}}$ :

$$C_3(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1000(s+1)}{(s+100)} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{170.54(s+1)(s+3)}{(s+50)s} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Let's apply this final controller with the approximated plant  $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$  it designed from. We may obtain the step response graph as shown in Figure 1-7 below and both transient and steady-state performance as shown in Table 1-1 below.

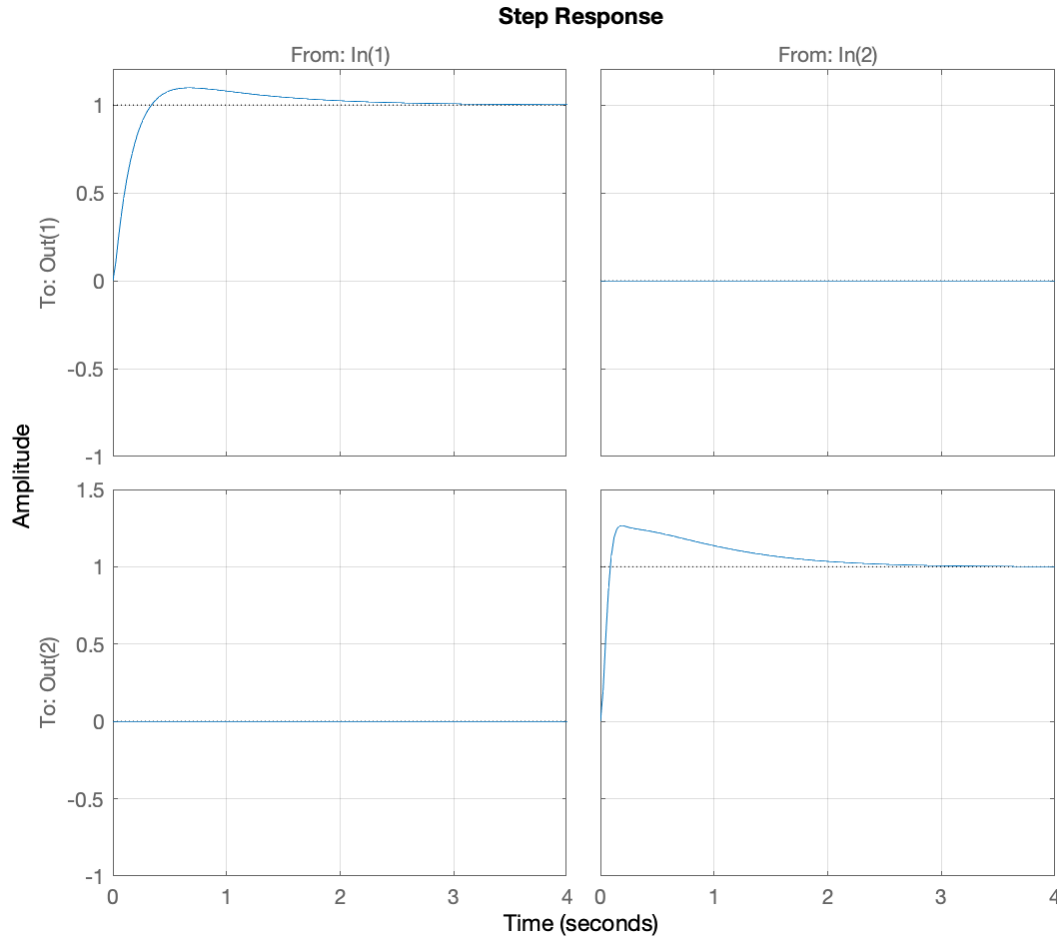
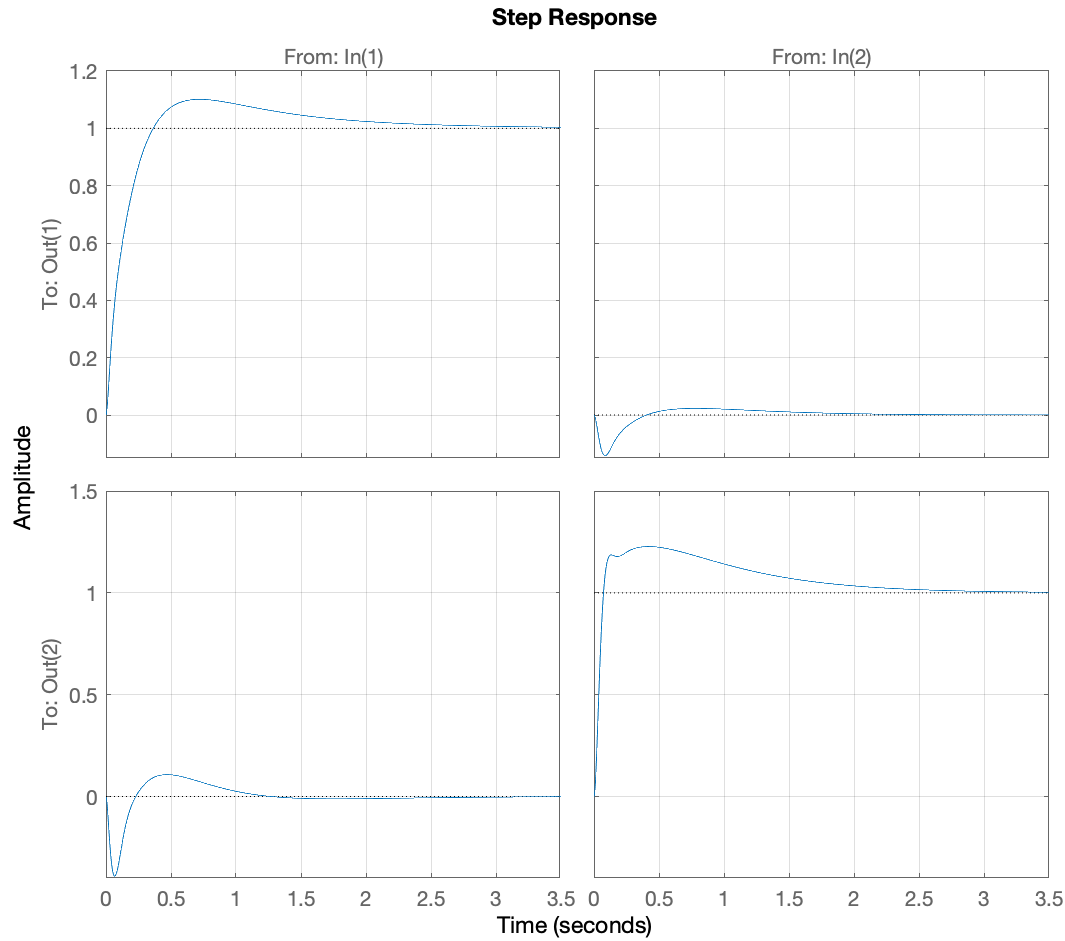


Figure 1-7. Ideal step response with the approximated plant  $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$

Table 1-1. Ideal Performance Summary ( $C_3(s)$  with  $P_{3,\text{approx}}(s)$ )

	$t_{\text{rise}}$	$t_{\text{settling}}$	$t_{\text{peak}}$	$y_{\text{peak}}$	$y_{\text{ss}}$	OS%	US%
(1,1)	0.2298	2.1687	0.67103	1.0981	1.0037	9.8058	0
(1,2)	0	0	0	0	0	$\infty$	0
(2,1)	0	0	0	0	0	$\infty$	0
(2,2)	0.064222	2.3662	0.19172	1.2666	1.003	26.6601	0

Similarly, let's apply this final controller with the actual plant  $P_3(s)$  it designed from. We may obtain the step response graph as shown in Figure 1-8 below and both transient and steady-state performance as shown in Table 1-2 below.

Figure 1-8. Actual step response with the actual plant  $P_3(s)$ Table 1-2. Actual Performance Summary ( $C_3(s)$  with  $P_3(s)$ )

	$t_{rise}$	$t_{settling}$	$t_{peak}$	$y_{peak}$	$y_{ss}$	$OS\%$	$US\%$
(1,1)	0.2506	2.143	0.71721	1.1012	1.0044	10.1206	0
(1,2)	2.1704e-13	2.2418	0.085915	0.14246	0.00015909	131127080892444.7	21200873797753.34
(2,1)	3.933e-13	2.305	0.067238	0.39121	-0.0014772	36100623416931.88	9911777297481.107
(2,2)	0.049924	2.3456	0.41837	1.2272	1.0038	22.7219	0

### 1.5.1 Assuming the SISO loops from parts (c) and (d) are stable, do you necessarily expect the MIMO closed-loop system to be stable?

As per discussion when justifying the decentralization strategy in Section 1.1, we can neglect the coupling effect from the cross-channels. As Figure 1-2 suggested, the approximation plant exhibits similar mode characteristics as the original plant. As a result, as long as we give a reasonable GM and PM when designing the controller for the approximated plant  $P_{3,approx}(s)$ , we do expect the MIMO likely to be closed-loop stable. But, there is no guarantee that the MIMO closed-loop system in the end to be stable, since the controller was designed neglecting the coupling effects, and a large gain in the controller could possibly excite the coupling term and make the system unstable.

In our controller designed above, the closed-loop system appear to be stable for both the SISO (decentralized MIMO) and actual MIMO system with a unit step input, as both ideal response in Figure 1-7 and actual response in Figure 1-8 shown above.

### 1.5.2 Assuming the MIMO closed-loop system is stable, is there a guarantee of perfect steady-state tracking for step references?

Assuming the MIMO closed-loop system is stable, there is no guarantee of 100% perfect steady-state tracking. Depending on the coupling term, the coupling term may have some effect on the final steady-state.

In our particular scenario, the actual steady-state performance is close to perfect (as stated in Table 1-2): 1.0044 and 1.0038 for diagonal terms, and 0.00016 and -0.0015 for the cross-channel terms. The actual steady-state performance is extremely close to the expectation in Table 1-1. As a result, the controller we designed is a great controller in terms of steady-state performance with about  $< 2.5$  [s] settling time.

### 1.5.3 Assuming the MIMO closed-loop system is stable, is there a guarantee that the step response transients will be identical to the step response transients of the individual SISO feedback loops from parts (c) and (d)?

There is no guarantee that the step response transients would be identical to the step response transients of the individual SISO feedback loops. Since the coupling term would bring some transient impacts to the system, unless there is no coupling effects in the original plant in the first place.

As we may see from the transient performance tabulated in Table 1-2 and Table 1-1, and the step response graph in Figure 1-8 and Figure 1-7 for the actual system and approximated system respectively, we can see there are quite difference in terms of transient performance (including rising time, settling time, peak time, peak, overshoot percentage and undershoot percentage). From the step response graph, we can see undershoot and overshoot effects in transient for coupling channels, which was expected to have no or little effect originally. In addition, there is a wobbling effect in the (2,2) entry of the step response. Hence, we can conclude the transient performance would not be identical to the individual SISO feedback, as long as there exists cross-channeling effects originally.

(We will see and further discuss about these effects visually in the simulation section (Section 1.6) below).

## 1.6 (f) [Optional] Simulation

### 1.6.0.1 Step Input of $r_w = 1$ [m]

Firstly, let's fix the rod angle, and try to move the base without changing the rod angle.

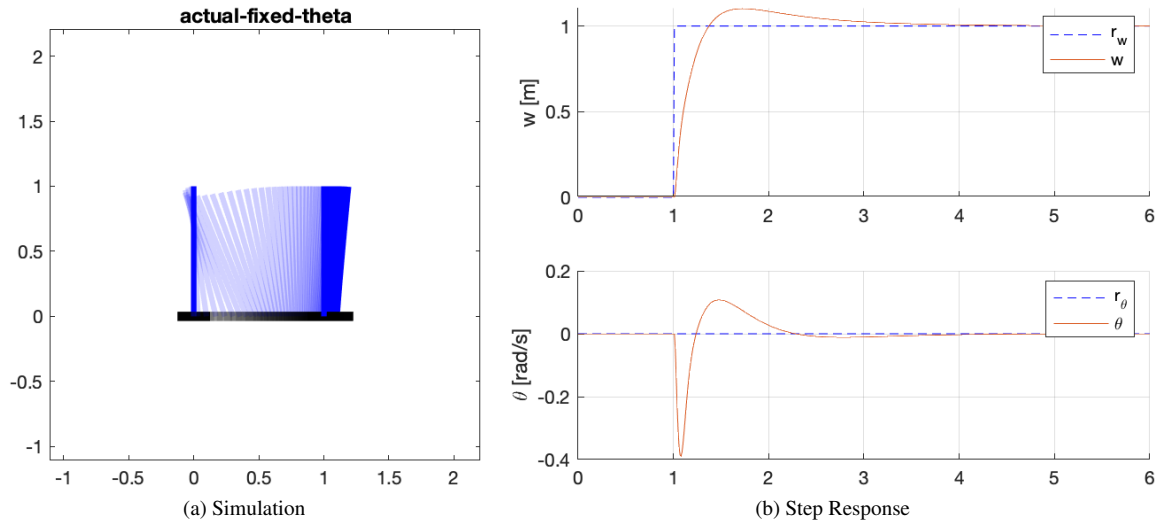


Figure 1-9. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_w = 1$  [m]

As we have discussed, we observed the undershoot and overshoot in the actual plant due to the ignorance of cross-channelling effects when designing the controller. This causes a bad transient performance, but the steady-state of the system looks pretty decent. The coupling effect from the base position to the rod angular position is quite significant, and observable in the simulation plot in Figure 1-9.

### 1.6.0.2 Step Input of $r_\theta = 0.5$ [rad]

Now, let's fix the base position, and try to rotate the rod angle without changing the base position.

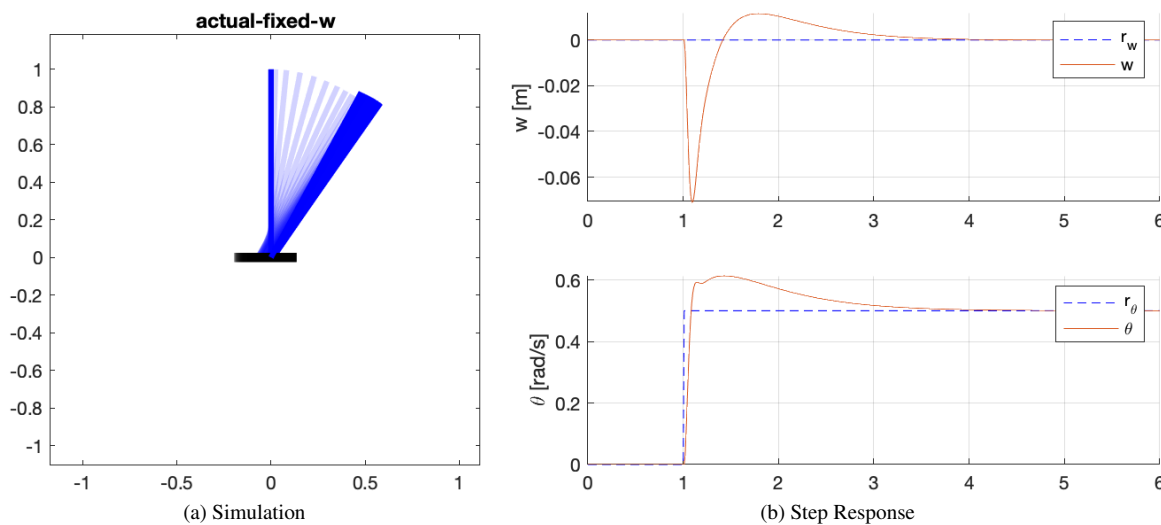


Figure 1-10. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_\theta = 0.5$  [rad]

Similarly, we observed the undershoot and overshoot in the actual plant due to the ignorance of cross-channelling effects when designing the controller. The system indeed reaches a perfect steady-state, despite bad transient

performance. To note, this transient effect is almost negligible, hence, we may conclude that the rod angle position has little coupling effect of the base position in this setup (as suggest by Figure 1-10).

### 1.6.0.3 Combined Step Input

Finally, let's combine both step input.

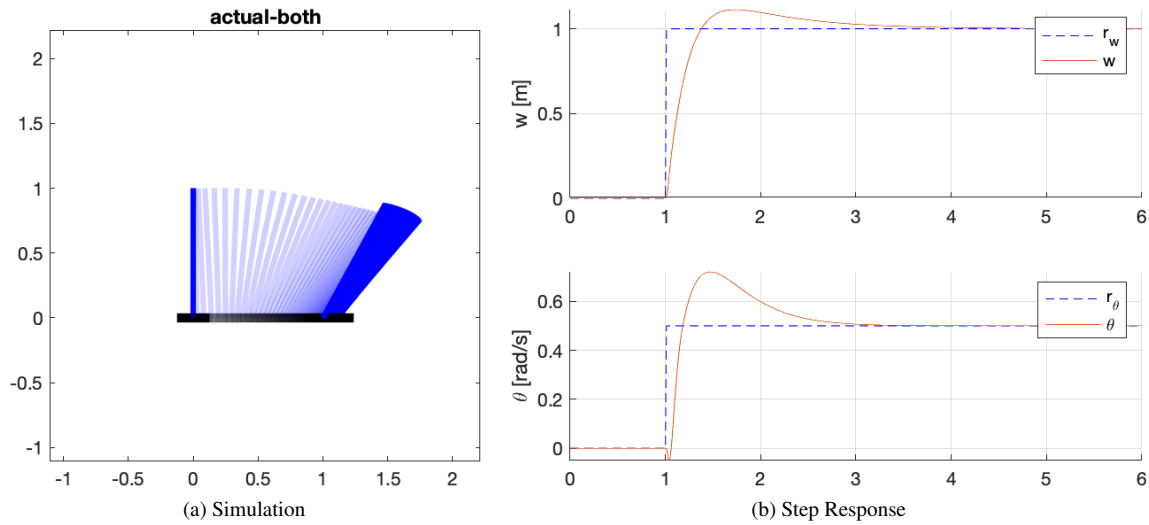


Figure 1-11. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_\theta = 0.5$  [rad] and  $r_w = 1$  [m]

The result looks pretty good, except the undershoot in the rod angle from the coupling effects from the base motion. The final steady-state for both final position and final rod angle looks decent.

## 2 Problem P6: Use of state-space methods to control the MIMO aiming system

### 2.1 (a) MIMO one-rod aiming system

#### 2.1.1 (i) Transfer Function

The transfer function from "zpk" is truly the same as given in Equation (1) in Problem P5.

$$P_3(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{0.8889(s+3.834)(s-3.834)}{s^2(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} & \frac{-1.3333s^2}{s^2(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} \\ -\frac{1.3333}{(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} & \frac{8.0}{(s-4.427)(s+4.427)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

#### 2.1.2 (ii) Plain State-Feedback Control with Integral Action

##### 2.1.2.1 Augmented System is Controllable

From the matlab, we can find the rank of the controllability matrix is 6 (full rank), hence, the augmented system is controllable.

##### 2.1.2.2 Closed-loop Step Response

Poles are placed about  $s = -20$ , specifically:  $\{-19.9900, -19.9800, -19.9700, -20.0100, -20.0200, -20.0300\}$ .

The closed-loop step response is plotted as shown in Figure 2-1 below.

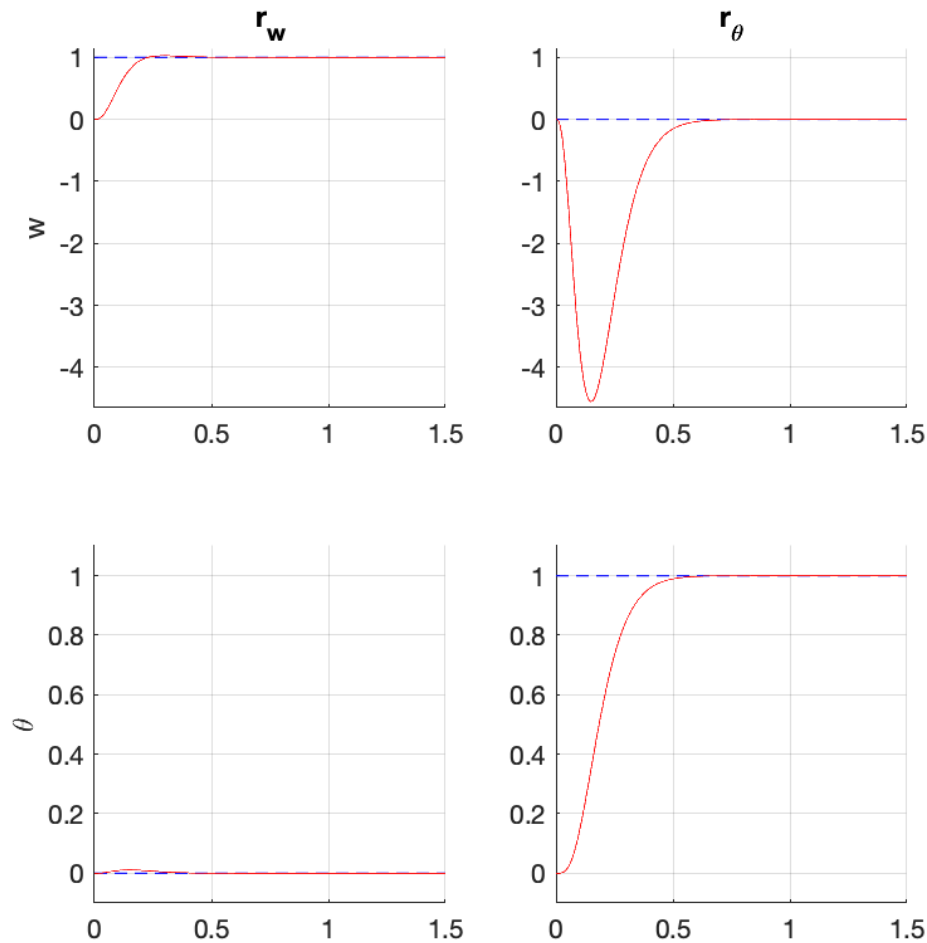


Figure 2-1. Closed Loop Step Response

### 2.1.2.3 [Optional] Simulation:

As we may see in the simulation result below, the base control is quite perfect and behaves much better than the decentralized design back in Section 1.6. However, the rod angle control suffers a severe undershoot to the base position in terms of transient performance, which is significantly worse than the decentralized design in Section 1.6. The system is much responsive at the cost of the significant coupling effects when controlling the  $\theta$  angular position.

- Step Input of  $r_w = 1$  [m]:

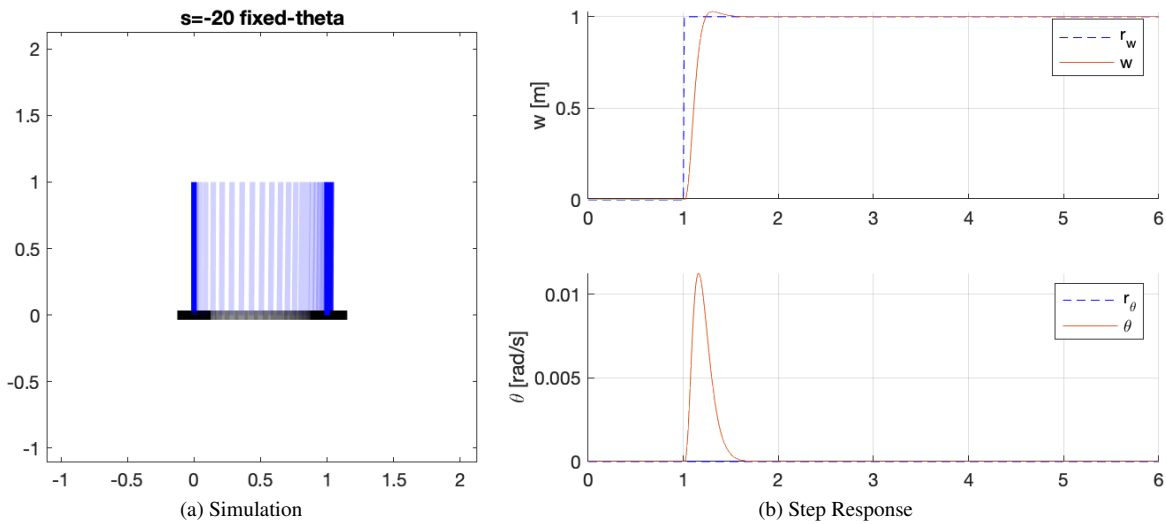


Figure 2-2. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_w = 1$

- Step Input of  $r_\theta = 0.5$  [rad]:

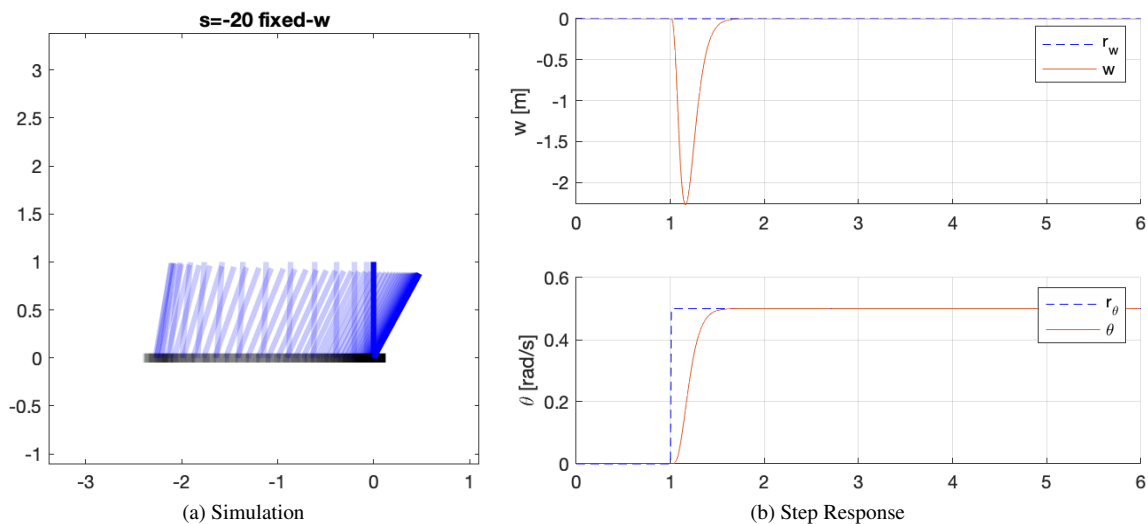
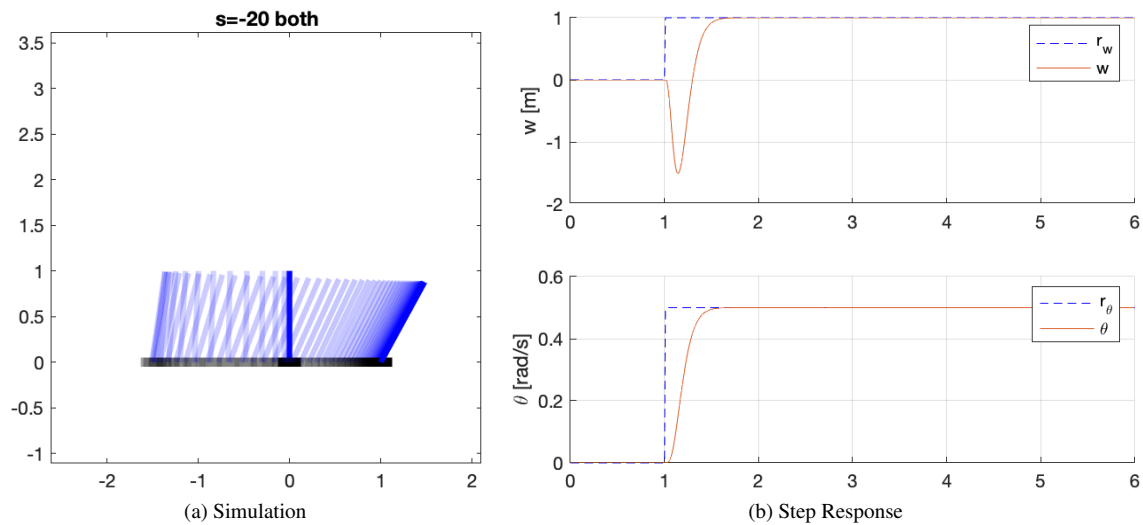


Figure 2-3. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_\theta = 0.5$

- Combined Step Input:



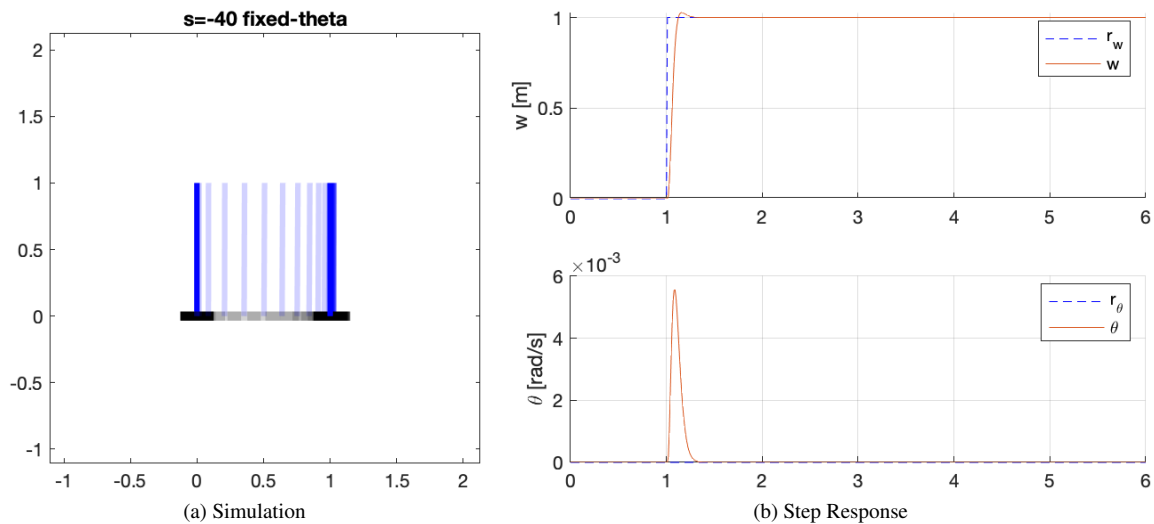
Figure 2-4. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_w = 1$  and  $r_\theta = 0.5$ 

#### 2.1.2.4 [Optional] Place the poles further from the origin ( $s = -40$ ):

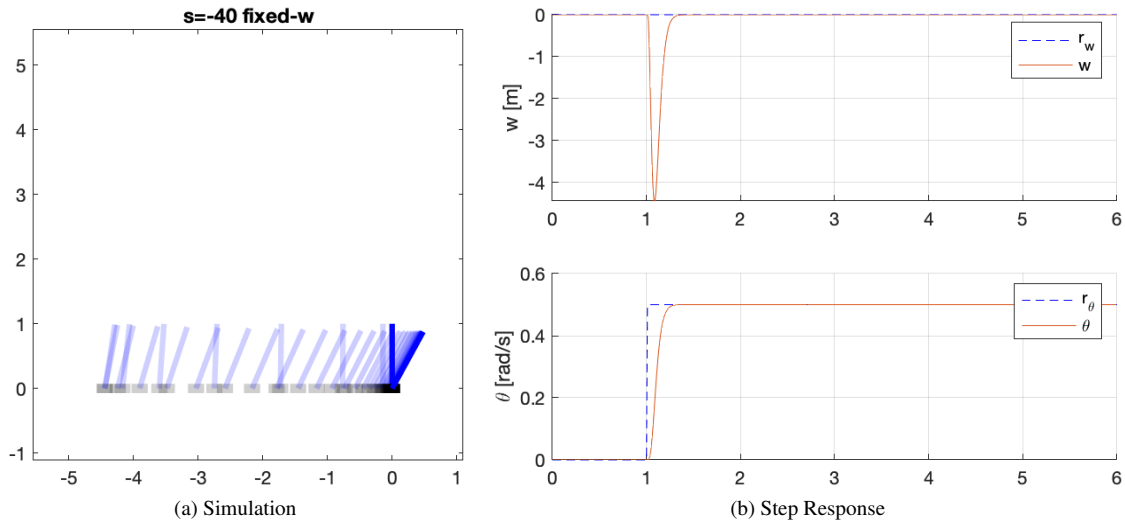
As we increase the pole further into LHP, the system response speeds up, and it also result a much significant undershoot of the base position when controlling the angle of the joint as shown in Figure 2-6.

As we increase further  $r$ , the system is on the verge of instability.

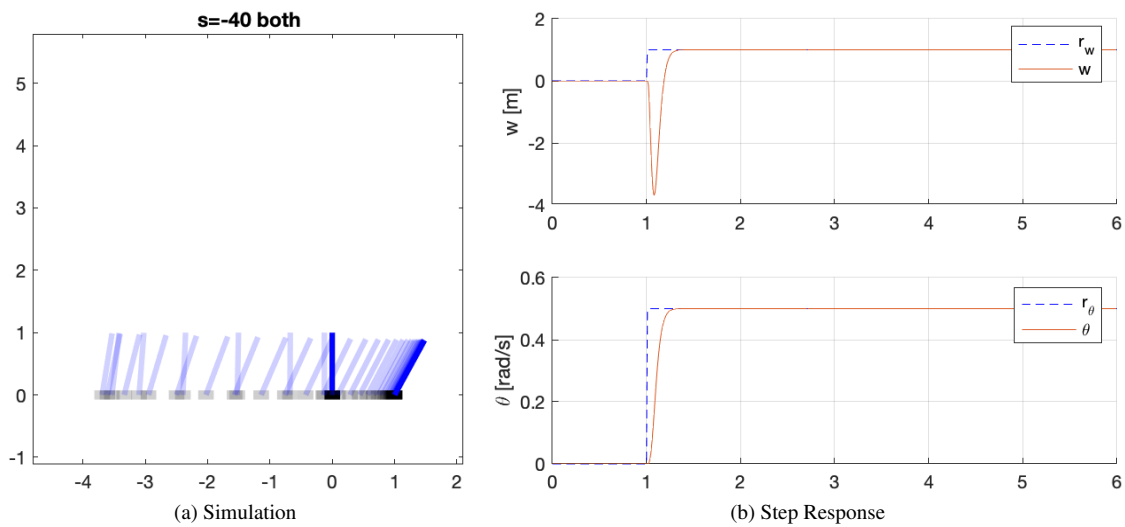
##### - Step Input of $r_w = 1$ [m]:

Figure 2-5. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_w = 1$ 

##### - Step Input of $r_\theta = 0.5$ [rad]:

Figure 2-6. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_\theta = 0.5$ 

### - Combined Step Input:

Figure 2-7. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_w = 1$  and  $r_\theta = 0.5$

## 2.2 (b) MIMO two-rod aiming system

### 2.2.1 (i) Transfer Function

From matlab, we may find the transfer function for two-rod system:

$$P_6(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{0.9333(s+10.16)(s+3.788)(s-10.16)(s-3.788)}{s^2(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} & \frac{-2.4(s+7.668)(s-7.668)(s^2+1.199e-14)}{s^2(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} & \frac{0.8(s^2+7.27e-15)(s^2+176.4)}{s^2(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} \\ \frac{-2.4(s-7.668)(s+7.668)}{(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} & \frac{33.6(s-5.797)(s+5.797)}{(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} & \frac{-43.2(s-1.032e-07)(s+1.032e-07)}{(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} \\ \frac{0.8(s^2+176.4)}{(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} & \frac{-43.2s^2}{(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} & \frac{110.4(s-5.539)(s+5.539)}{(s+10.52)(s+4.331)(s-10.52)(s-4.331)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

### 2.2.2 (ii) Plain State-Feedback Control with Integral Action

#### 2.2.2.1 Augmented System is Controllable

From matlab, we can find the controllability rank is 9, hence it is full rank and the system is controllable.

#### 2.2.2.2 Closed-loop Step Response

Poles are placed about  $s = -20$ , and the closed-loop step response is plotted as shown in Figure 2-8 below.

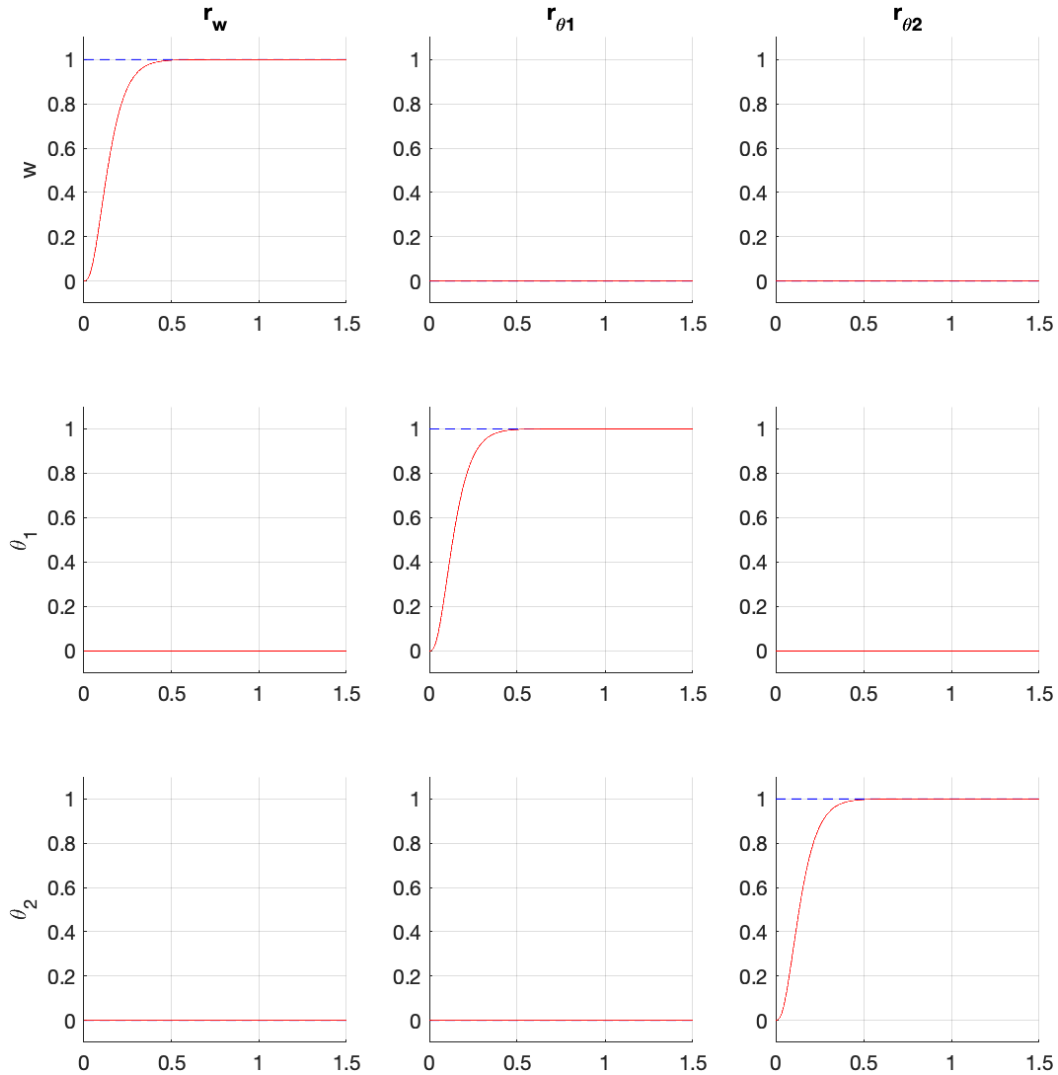


Figure 2-8. Closed Loop Step Response

### 2.2.3 (iii) Observer-based State-Feedback Control with Integral Action

#### 2.2.3.1 Observability

From matlab, we can find the observability rank is 6, hence the state-space realization is fully observable. After placing poles at  $s = -20$  and poles of observer error at  $s = -4$ , we can obtain the closed-loop step response in red color in Figure 2-9 below. If we change the initial error values of 0.5 in 'lsim', we can see the “locking on” effects as shown in orange color in Figure 2-9. We may see the observer-based state-feedback control is quite powerful, and it is capable to reach state equilibrium quickly.

#### 2.2.3.2 Closed-loop step response

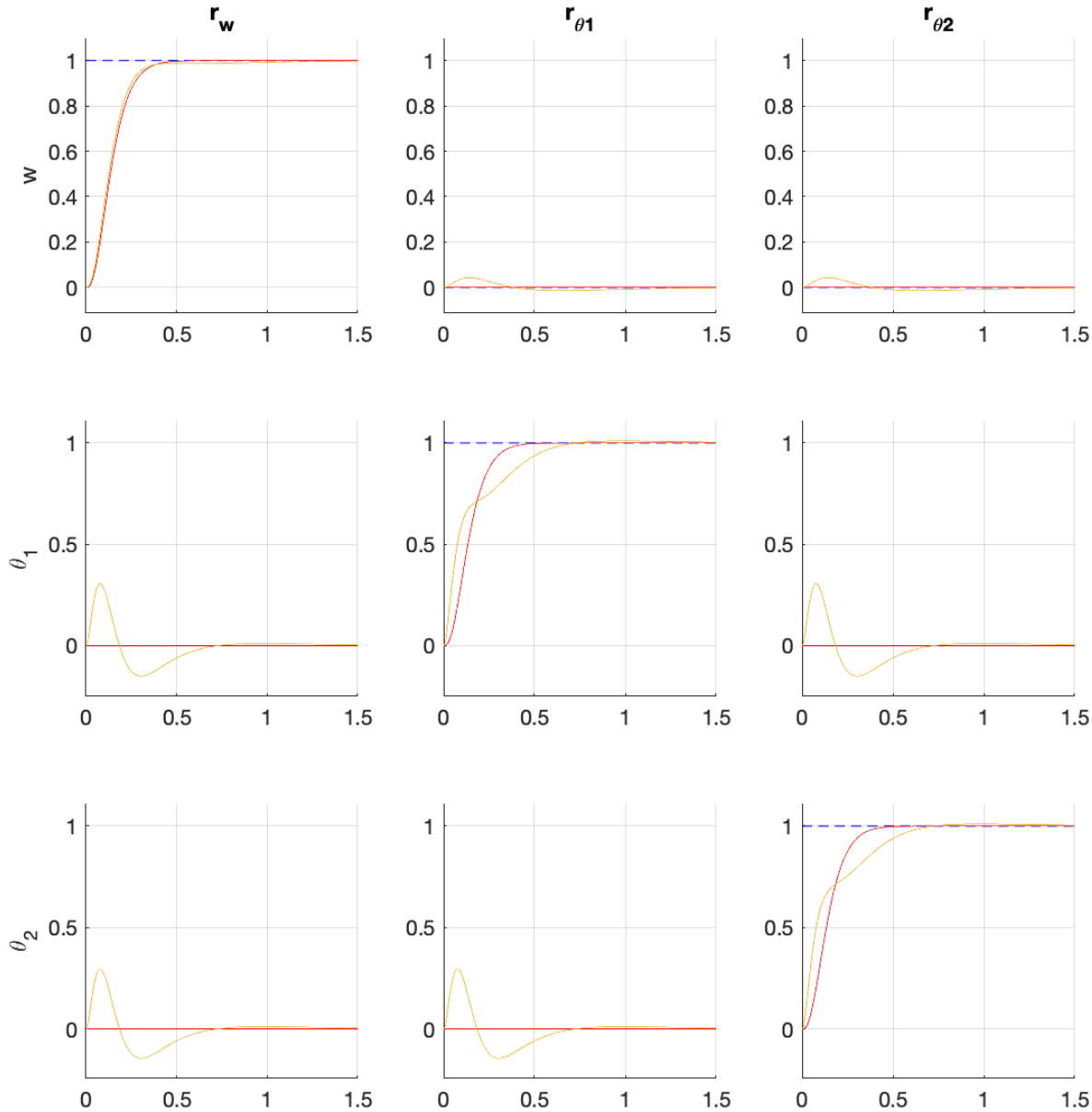


Figure 2-9. Closed Loop Step Response (Observer-based)

### 2.2.3.3 [Optional] Simulation:

As we may expected and seen from the simulation and step response below, the response is nearly perfect, and no significant overshoot nor cross-channeling disturbance observed.

- Step Input of  $r_w = 1$  [m]:

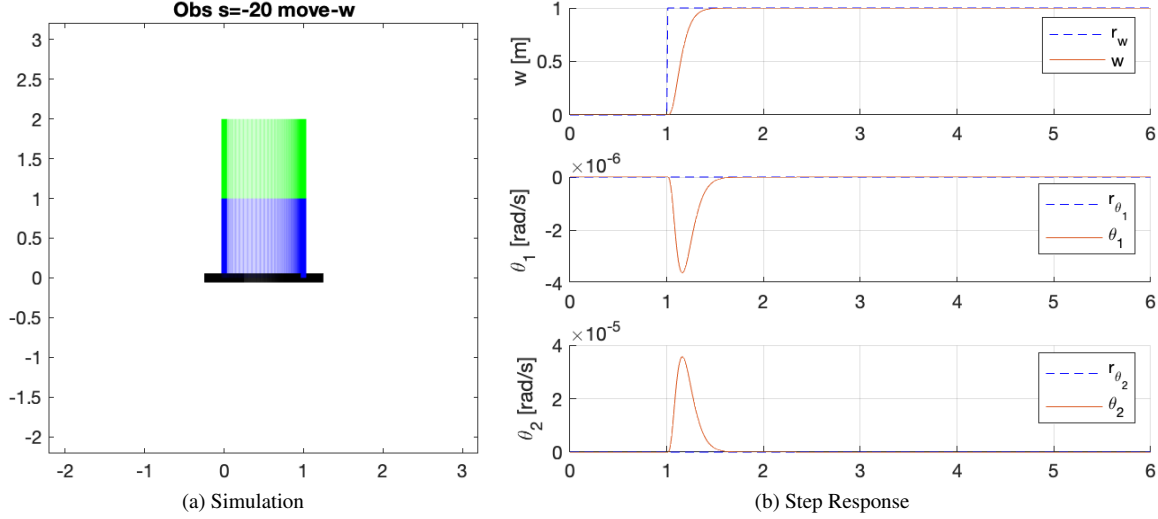


Figure 2-10. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_w = 1$

- Step Input of  $r_{\theta_1} = 0.5$  [rad]:

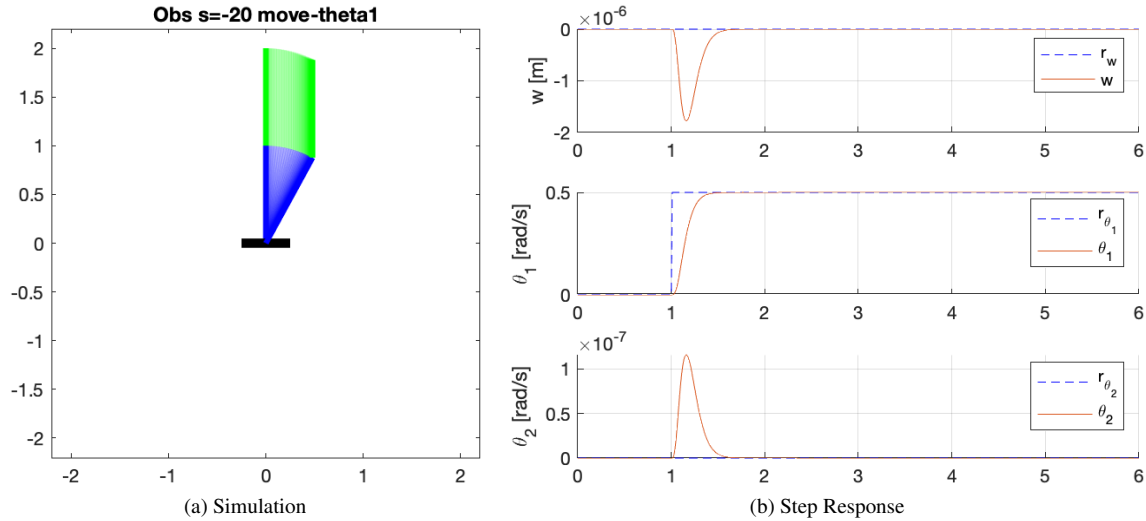
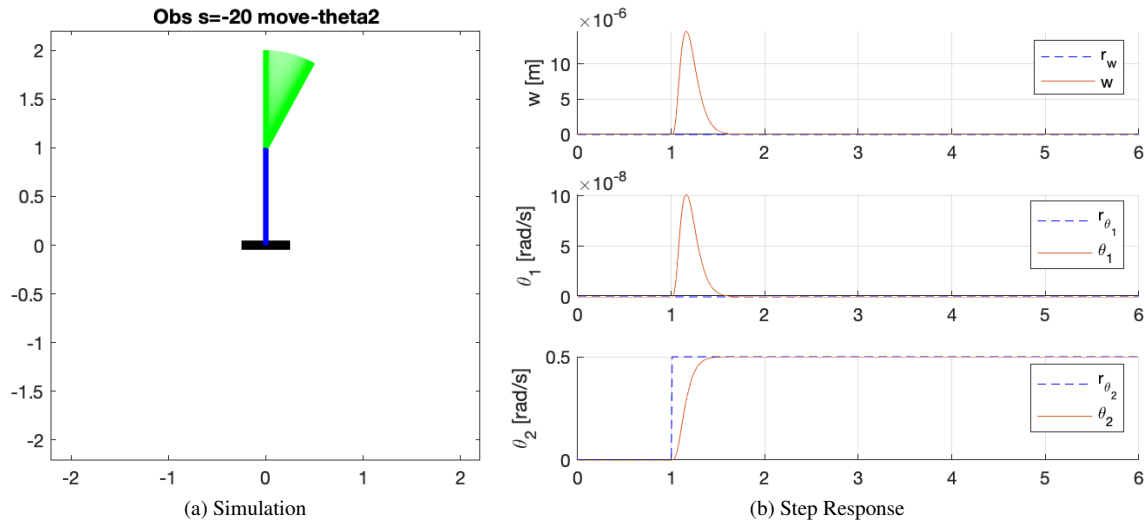
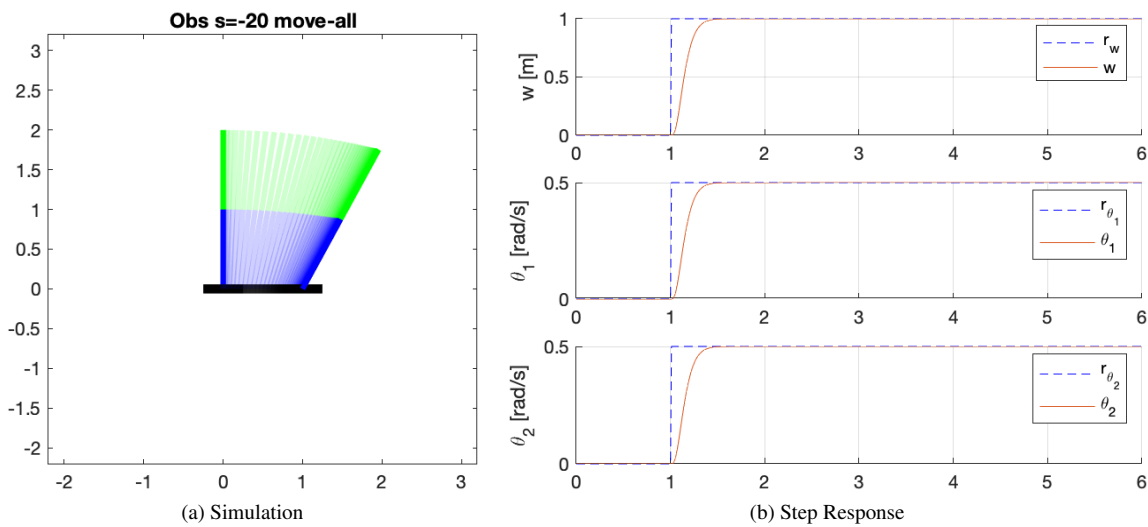


Figure 2-11. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_{\theta_1} = 0.5$

- Step Input of  $r_{\theta_2} = 0.5$  [rad]:

Figure 2-12. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_{\theta_2} = 0.5$ 

### - Combined Step Input:

Figure 2-13. Simulation and Step Response for step input of  $r_w = 1$  and  $r_{\theta} = 0.5$

## Glossary

**BSI** Bode Sensitivity Integral.

**LHP** Left Hand Plane.

**ORHP** Open Right Hand Plane.

**PoI** Poisson Integral.

**RHP** Right Hand Plane.

## Appendix A Code for Main

```

1 close all;
2 clear all;
3 clc;
4
5 %% User Param:
6 REBUILD = true ; % Force clear output folder!
7
8 ENV_P5 = false || REBUILD;
9 ENV_P6 = false || REBUILD;
10 ENV_P6b = false || REBUILD;
11 EN_SIM = true || REBUILD;
12
13 % P5 P6:
14 A3 = [0      1.0000      0      0
15       0      0      -3.266666666666667      0
16       0      0      0      1.0000
17       0      0      19.6000      0];
18 B3 = [ 0      0
19       0.888888888888889      -1.333333333333333
20       0      0
21       -1.333333333333333      8.0000 ];
22 C3 = [1 0 0 0; 0 0 1 0];
23 D3 = zeros(2,2);
24 P3 = ss(A3,B3,C3,D3);
25
26 % P6:
27 A6 = [0      1      0      0      0      0;
28       0      0      -4.41      0      0.49      0;
29       0      0      0      1      0      0;
30       0      0      61.74      0      -26.46      0;
31       0      0      0      0      0      1;
32       0      0      -79.38      0      67.62      0];
33 B6 = [ 0      0      0
34       0.9333      -2.40      0.80;
35       0      0      0;
36       -2.40      33.60      -43.20;
37       0      0      0;
38       0.80      -43.20      110.40];
39 C6 = [1 0 0 0 0 0; 0 0 1 0 0 0; 0 0 0 0 1 0];
40 D6 = zeros(3,3);
41 P6 = ss(A6,B6,C6,D6);
42
43 % MISC: Conditional Params [For Simulation]
44 FIG_SIZE = [400, 300];
45 Y_peak = 0.5;
46 T = 0.01;
47 T_END = 6; %[s]
48
49 %% init.
50 helper.createFolder("output", REBUILD);
51 helper.createFolder("output/p5", false);
52 helper.createFolder("output/p6", false);
53 helper.createFolder("output/p6b", false);
54 disp("=== Output Folder Initd for P5 and P6 ===")
55
56 %% TF : Common for P5 and P6

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57 fprintf("=== Init MATLAB [Simulation:%d] ... \n", EN_SIM);
58 % tf
59 s = tf('s');
60 % Generate Test Data
61 t0 = 0:T:1;
62 t1 = (1+T):T:T.END;
63 t = 0:T:T.END;
64 r_step = [zeros(1, size(t0,2)) ones(1, size(t1,2))];
65 r_zero = r_step * 0;
66
67 %% Problem 5 Solution %%%%%%%%%%%%%%
68 fprintf("=== Perform Computation [P5:%d] ... \n", ENV_P5);
69 if ENV_P5
70     zpk(P3) % verify it works!
71
72     %% a) Unstable pz cancellation (1. 2) entry
73     %      - show MIMO Bode plot of P3(s)
74     figure()
75     bodeplot(P3)
76     grid on;
77     helper.saveFigure([600 500], "p5", "P3_bode_plot")
78
79     %% b) off-diagonal approximation:
80     m = 0.5;
81     L = 1.0;
82     g = 9.8;
83     M = 1;
84     P3_aug = [[ 1/(m*M)/(s^2)    0
85                 [ 0            6/(2*m*L^2*s^2 - 3*m*g*L) ]];
86
87     % bode:
88     figure()
89     bodeplot(P3_aug)
90     grid on;
91     helper.saveFigure([600 500], "p5", "P3_aug_bode_plot")
92
93     %% c) C11:
94     % For P3_aug(1,1), we need a lead filter to pull the PM from 0 to > 50
95     % To design:
96     % sisotool(P3_aug(1,1));
97     C11 = 1000 * (s + 1) / (s + 100);
98
99     %% d) C22:
100    % sisotool: 1 integrator + 1 lead filter
101    % save:
102    C22 = 170.54 * (s+1) * (s+3) / (s * (s+50));
103
104    %% e) Analyze
105    C_aug = [C11 0; 0 C22]
106    %% ideal:
107    L_aug = minreal(P3_aug * C_aug);
108    TF_ideal = minreal(L_aug * inv(eye(2) + L_aug));
109
110    % mimo step:
111    figure()
112    step(TF_ideal);
113    grid on;
114    helper.saveFigure([600 500], "p5", "Ideal-step-response")
115
116    % siso figures: bode + rl + step
117    helper.sisoPlot(zpk(L_aug(1,1)), [600 500], "p5", "Ideal(1,1)")
118    helper.sisoPlot(zpk(L_aug(2,2)), [600 500], "p5", "Ideal(2,2)")
119
120    % report performance:
121    perform_table_ideal = helper.performance_table_mimo2x2(TF_ideal);
122
123    % step response grid
124    IC = [0,0,0,0]
125    helper.mimo_step_response(TF_ideal, 6, ["w", "\theta"], ...
126        ["r-w", "r-{\theta}"], IC, "Ideal IC=0", "p5");
127
128    %% actual:
129    L_act = minreal(P3 * C_aug);

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129 TF_actual = minreal(L_act * inv(eye(2) + L_act));
130
131 % mimo step:
132 figure()
133 step(TF_actual);
134 grid on;
135 helper.saveFigure([600 500], "p5", "Actual_step_response")
136
137 % siso figures: bode + rl + step
138 helper.sisoPlot(zpk(L_aug(1,1)), [600 500], "p5", "Ideal(1,1)")
139 helper.sisoPlot(zpk(L_aug(1,2)), [600 500], "p5", "Ideal(1,2)")
140 helper.sisoPlot(zpk(L_aug(2,1)), [600 500], "p5", "Ideal(2,1)")
141 helper.sisoPlot(zpk(L_aug(2,2)), [600 500], "p5", "Ideal(2,2)")
142
143 % report actual performance:
144 perform_table_actual = helper.performance_table_mimo2x2(TF_actual);
145
146 % step response grid
147 IC = [0,0,0,0,0,0,0];
148 helper.mimo_step_response(TF_actual, 6, ["w", "\theta"], ...
149     ["r_w", "r_{\theta}"], IC, "Actual IC=0", "p5");
150
151 %% [Optional] f) simulation:
152 r_theta = 0.5 * r_step'; % scale down to 0.5 [rad] peak
153 r_w = r_step';
154 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(TF_actual, [r_w r_theta], t', "actual-both", EN_SIM, "p5", true);
155
156 % fix base:
157 r_w_0 = r_w * 0;
158 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(TF_actual, [r_w_0 r_theta], t', "actual-fixed-w", EN_SIM, "p5", true);
159
160 %% fix theta:
161 r_theta_0 = r_theta * 0;
162 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(TF_actual, [r_w r_theta_0], t', "actual-fixed-theta", EN_SIM, "p5", true);
163
164 end
165 close all; % end of program
166
167 %% Problem 6 (a) Solution %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
168 fprintf("== Perform Computation [P6(a):%d] ... \n", ENV_P6);
169 if ENV_P6
170     %% i) TF:
171     zpk(P3) % verify it works!
172     %% ii) Plain state-feedback control with integral action control:
173     % check controllability:
174     Atilda = [A3 zeros(4, 2); C3 zeros(2,2)]
175     Btilda = [B3; zeros(2, 2)]
176     rk_ctrl = rank(ctrb(Atilda, Btilda))
177     if (rk_ctrl == length(Atilda))
178         disp("> Augmented Controller is Controllable");
179     else
180         disp("> Augmented Controller is NOT Controllable");
181     end
182     % Arbitrarily place 6 closed-loop poles about s=-20
183     pole_s = -20
184     Poles = pole_s * ones(1, 6) + [0 0.01 0.03 -0.01 -0.02 -0.03]
185     K = place(Atilda, Btilda, Poles)
186     K1 = K(1:2, 1:4)
187     K2 = K(1:2, 5:6)
188     % check closed-loop step response
189     A_cls = [A3-B3*K1 -B3*K2; C3 zeros(2, 2)]
190     B_cls = [zeros(4, 2); -eye(2)]
191     C_cls = [C3 zeros(2,2)]
192     D_cls = zeros(2,2)
193     CLS = ss(A_cls, B_cls, C_cls, D_cls)
194     % step response grid
195     IC = [0,0,0,0,0,0];
196     helper.mimo_step_response(CLS, 1.5, ["w", "\theta"], ...
197         ["r_w", "r_{\theta}"], IC, "IC=0", "p6");
198     figure()

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199 %% plot step response and simulation:
200 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(CLS, [r_step' r_zero'], t', "s=-20 fixed-theta", EN_SIM, "p6", true)
201 ;
202 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(CLS, [r_zero' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "s=-20 fixed-w", EN_SIM, "p6",
203 true);
204 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(CLS, [r_step' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "s=-20 both", EN_SIM, "p6", true);
205 %% [Optional] Poles further away to speed up:
206 pole_s = -40
207 Poles = pole_s * ones(1, 6) + [0 0.01 0.03 -0.01 -0.02 -0.03]
208 K = place(Atilda, Btilda, Poles);
209 K1 = K(1:2, 1:4);
210 K2 = K(1:2, 5:6);
211 % check closed-loop step response
212 A_cls = [A3-B3*K1 -B3*K2; C3 zeros(2, 2)];
213 B_cls = [zeros(4, 2); -eye(2)];
214 C_cls = [C3 zeros(2,2)];
215 D_cls = zeros(2,2);
216 CLS = ss(A_cls, B_cls, C_cls, D_cls);
217 % step response grid
218 IC = [0,0,0,0,0,0]
219 helper.mimo_step_response(CLS, 1.5, ["w", "\theta"], ...
220 ["r_w", "r_{\theta}"], IC, "IC=0-s=-40", "p6");
221 % plot step response and simulation:
222 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(CLS, [r_step' r_zero'], t', "s=-40 fixed-theta", EN_SIM, "p6", true)
223 ;
224 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(CLS, [r_zero' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "s=-40 fixed-w", EN_SIM, "p6",
225 true);
226 helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo(CLS, [r_step' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "s=-40 both", EN_SIM, "p6", true);
227 end
228 close all; % end of program
229
230 %% Problem 6 (b) Solution %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
231 fprintf("=== Perform Computation [P6(b):%d] ... \n", ENV_P6b);
232 if ENV_P6b
233     %% i) TF:
234     zpk(P6) % verify it works!
235     %% ii) Plain state-feedback control with integral action control:
236     % check controllability:
237     Atilda = [A6 zeros(6, 3); C6 zeros(3,3)]
238     Btilda = [B6; zeros(3, 3)]
239     rk_ctrl = rank(ctrb(Atilda, Btilda))
240     if (rk_ctrl == length(Atilda))
241         disp("> Augmented Controller is Controllable");
242     else
243         disp("> Augmented Controller is NOT Controllable");
244     end
245     % Arbitrarily place 9 closed-loop poles about s=-20
246     pole_s = -20
247     Poles = pole_s * ones(1, 9) + [0 0.01 0.03 -0.01 -0.02 -0.03 -0.04 0.04 0.05]
248     % Ks = place(Atilda, Btilda, Poles)
249     Ks = place(Atilda, Btilda, Poles);
250     K1 = Ks(1:3, 1:6)
251     K2 = Ks(1:3, 7:9)
252     % check closed-loop step response
253     A_cls = [A6-B6*K1 -B6*K2; C6 zeros(3,3)]
254     B_cls = [zeros(6, 3); -eye(3)]
255     C_cls = [C6 zeros(3,3)]
256     D_cls = zeros(3,3)
257     CLS = ss(A_cls, B_cls, C_cls, D_cls)
258
259     figure()
260     step(CLS)
261     %% plot step response grid:
262     IC = [0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0]
263     helper.mimo_step_response(CLS, 1.5, ["w", "\theta_1", "\theta_2"], ...
264     ["r_w", "r_{\theta_1}", "r_{\theta_2}"], IC, "IC=0", "p6b");
265
266     if EN_SIM
267         % plot step response and simulation:
268         helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS, ...
269         [r_step' r_zero' r_zero'], t', "s=-20 move-w", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
270         helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS, ...

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267     [r_zero' 0.5 * r_step' r_zero'], t', "s=-20 move-theta1", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
268     helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS, ...
269     [r_zero' r_zero' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "s=-20 move-theta2", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
270     helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS, ...
271     [r_step' 0.5 * r_step' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "s=-20 move-all", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
272 end
273
274 %% iii) Observer-based Control:
275 % check observability:
276 rk_obs = rank(observ(A6, C6))
277 if (rk_obs == length(A6))
278     disp("> Augmented Controller is Observable");
279 else
280     disp("> Augmented Controller is NOT Observable");
281 end
282
283 % place observer error dynamics at s = -4
284 Poles_obs = -4 * ones(1, 6) + [0 0.01 0.03 -0.01 -0.02 -0.03]
285 H = place(A6', C6', Poles_obs)';
286
287 %% find optimal:
288 %opt = lqr(A6', C6', eye(6), eye(3))';
289
290 % close loop:
291 Acl = [A6-B6*K1 -B6*K2 B6*K1; C6 zeros(3,3) zeros(3,6); zeros(6,6) zeros(6,3) A6-H*C6];
292 Bcl = [zeros(6,3); -eye(3); zeros(6,3)];
293 Ccl = [C6 zeros(3,3) zeros(3,6)];
294 Dcl = zeros(3, 3);
295 CLS_obs = ss(Acl,Bcl,Ccl,Dcl);
296
297 %% plot step response grid:
298 IC = [[0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0]
299       [0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,0,0, 0.5,0.5,0.5,0.5,0.5]]
300 helper.mimo_step_response(CLS_obs, 1.5, ["w", "\theta_1", "\theta_2"], ...
301     ["r_w", "r_\theta_1", "r_\theta_2"], IC, "Cls_obs IC=0", "p6b");
302
303 %%
304 if EN_SIM
305     % plot step response and simulation:
306     helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS_obs, ...
307     [r_step' r_zero' r_zero'], t', "Obs s=-20 move-w", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
308     helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS_obs, ...
309     [r_zero' 0.5 * r_step' r_zero'], t', "Obs s=-20 move-theta1", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
310     helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS_obs, ...
311     [r_zero' r_zero' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "Obs s=-20 move-theta2", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
312     helper.simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(CLS_obs, ...
313     [r_step' 0.5 * r_step' 0.5 * r_step'], t', "Obs s=-20 move-all", EN_SIM, "p6b", true);
314 end
315 end
316
317 close all; % end of program
318
319 %%
320 %% Two Rod
321

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Code 1: Main Lab Contents

## Appendix B Code for Helper Class

```

1 %% Helper Functions %%
2 classdef helper
3     methods(Static)
4         function createFolder(path, clear_folder)
5             if ~exist(path)
6                 mkdir(path)
7                 fprintf("[HELPER] Folder created!\n");
8             else
9                 if ~isempty(path) & clear_folder
10                     rmdir(path, 's');
11                     mkdir(path);

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12         fprintf("[HELPER] Folder is emptied, %s\n", path);
13     else
14         fprintf("[HELPER] Folder already existed!\n");
15     end
16 end
17 end
18 function RH_criterion(coeffs) % [ n , .... , 0 ]
19     num = size(coeffs,2);
20     n = ceil(num / 2);
21
22     if mod(num,2) == 1 % odd number
23         A = [coeffs, 0];
24     else
25         A = coeffs;
26     end
27
28     RH_mat = reshape(A, 2, n);
29
30     for j = 1:n
31         b = sym(zeros(1, n));
32         for i = 1:n-1
33             b(i) = RH_mat(j, 1) * RH_mat(j+1, i+1);
34             b(i) = RH_mat(j+1, 1) * RH_mat(j, i+1) - b(i);
35             b(i) = b(i)/RH_mat(j+1, 1);
36             b(i) = simplifyFraction(b(i))
37         end
38         RH_mat = [RH_mat; b];
39     end
40     disp(RH_mat)
41 end
42 function saveFigure(DIMENSION, FOLDER, FILE_NAME)
43     set(gcf, 'units', 'points', 'position', [0, 0, DIMENSION(1), DIMENSION(2)]);
44     exportgraphics(gcf, sprintf('output/%s/%s.png', ...
45         FOLDER, FILE_NAME), 'BackgroundColor', 'white');
46 end
47 function sisoPlot(L_TF, DIMENSION, FOLDER, TAG)
48     % Plot
49     figure()
50
51     subplot(2, 2, [1,3])
52     margin(L_TF)
53     grid on
54
55     subplot(2, 2, 2)
56     rlocus(L_TF)
57
58     subplot(2, 2, 4)
59     G_TF = minreal(L_TF/(L_TF + 1));
60     step(G_TF)
61     grid on
62
63     helper.saveFigure(DIMENSION, FOLDER, sprintf("siso-plot-%s", TAG))
64 end
65 %% Simulation
66 function simulation_and_plot(TF_r2theta, TF_r2w, r_theta, t, tag, ifsim, FOLDER, verbose)
67     fprintf("=== SIMULATION [%s:%s] ===\n", FOLDER, tag)
68     % sim
69     y_theta = lsim(TF_r2theta, r_theta, t);
70     y_w = lsim(TF_r2w, r_theta, t);
71
72     % analysis
73     rinfo = stepinfo(r_theta, t);
74     yinfo = stepinfo(y_theta, t);
75     t_delay = (yinfo.PeakTime - rinfo.PeakTime);
76     e_peak = (yinfo.Peak - rinfo.Peak);
77     os = e_peak / rinfo.Peak * 100;
78     info_str = sprintf("[ %10s ]: t_{settling}= %.4f, \\theta_{settling}= %.4f, os_{peak}= %.2f
79     %%", ...
80         tag, yinfo.SettlingTime, y_theta(length(y_theta)), os)
81     if verbose
82         disp("r_theta info")
83         disp(rinfo)

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83         disp("y_theta info")
84         disp(yinfo)
85     end
86
87     % Plot
88     figure()
89
90     subplot(3, 1, 1)
91     plot(t, r_theta)
92     grid on;
93     ylabel("r-\theta [rad/s]")
94     title(info_str)
95
96     subplot(3, 1, 2)
97     hold on;
98     plot(t, y_theta)
99     plot(t, r_theta, '--', 'color', '#222222')
100    grid on;
101    ylabel("\theta [rad/s]")
102    legend(["\theta", "r-\theta"])
103
104    subplot(3, 1, 3)
105    plot(t, y_w)
106    grid on;
107    ylabel("w [m]")
108    xlabel("t [s]")
109
110    helper.saveFigure([400, 300], FOLDER, sprintf("step_response_%s", tag))
111
112    % Simulate
113    if ifsim
114        figure()
115        single_pend_fancy_sim(t, [y_w, y_theta], [zeros(length(t),1) r_theta'], 1, 50, tag);
116        helper.saveFigure([300, 300], FOLDER, sprintf("sim_%s", tag))
117    end
118 end
119 function simulation_and_plot_mimo(TF, r, t, tag, ifsim, FOLDER, verbose)
120     fprintf("=== SIMULATION [%s:%s] ===\n", FOLDER, tag)
121     y = lsim(TF, r, t);
122
123     % plot ref & resp:
124     figure()
125     subplot(2, 1, 1)
126     hold on;
127     plot(t, r(:,1), '--', 'color', 'blue')
128     plot(t, y(:,1))
129     grid on;
130     ylabel("w [m]")
131     legend(["r-\{w\}", "w"])
132
133     subplot(2, 1, 2)
134     hold on;
135     plot(t, r(:,2), '--', 'color', 'blue')
136     plot(t, y(:,2))
137     grid on;
138     ylabel("\theta [rad/s]")
139     legend(["r-\{theta\}", "\theta"])
140
141     helper.saveFigure([400, 300], FOLDER, sprintf("square_response_%s", tag))
142
143     % Simulate
144     if ifsim
145         figure()
146         single_pend_fancy_sim(t, y, r, 1, 1, tag);
147         helper.saveFigure([300, 300], FOLDER, sprintf("mimo_sim_%s", tag))
148     end
149 end
150 function simulation_and_plot_mimo_double_pendulum(TF, r, t, tag, ifsim, FOLDER, verbose)
151     fprintf("=== SIMULATION [%s:%s] ===\n", FOLDER, tag)
152     y = lsim(TF, r, t);
153
154     % plot ref & resp:

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155     figure()
156     subplot(3, 1, 1)
157     hold on;
158     plot(t, r(:,1), '--', 'color', 'blue')
159     plot(t, y(:,1))
160     grid on;
161     ylabel("w [m]")
162     legend(["r-{\textit{w}}", "w"])
163
164     subplot(3, 1, 2)
165     hold on;
166     plot(t, r(:,2), '--', 'color', 'blue')
167     plot(t, y(:,2))
168     grid on;
169     ylabel("\theta_1 [rad/s]")
170     legend(["r-{\theta_1}", "\theta_1"])
171
172     subplot(3, 1, 3)
173     hold on;
174     plot(t, r(:,3), '--', 'color', 'blue')
175     plot(t, y(:,3))
176     grid on;
177     ylabel("\theta_2 [rad/s]")
178     legend(["r-{\theta_2}", "\theta_2"])
179
180     helper.saveFigure([400, 300], FOLDER, sprintf("response_%s", tag))
181
182 % Simulate
183 if ifsim
184     figure()
185     double_pend_fancy_sim(t, y, r, 1, 1, 1, tag);
186     helper.saveFigure([300, 300], FOLDER, sprintf("mimo_sim_%s", tag))
187 end
188
189 function mimo_step_response(TF, T_END, OUT_LABEL, IN_LABEL, IC, tag, FOLDER)
190     fprintf("=== GENERATE STEP RESPONSE [%s:%s] ===\n", FOLDER, tag)
191     t = 0:0.001:T_END;
192     r_step = ones(1, length(t));
193     r_zero = zeros(1, length(t));
194
195     [n, d] = size(TF);
196     [icn, icd] = size(IC);
197
198     figure()
199     for i = 1:d
200         r = repmat(r_zero, 1, n);
201         r(:, i) = r_step;
202
203         for k = 1:icn
204             y = lsim(TF, r, t, IC(k,:));
205             for j = 1:n
206                 ax(j,i) = subplot(n, d, j*n+i-n);
207                 hold on;
208                 grid on;
209                 if k == 1
210                     plot(t, r(:,j), '--', 'color', 'blue')
211                     plot(t, y(:,j), 'red')
212                 else
213                     plot(t, y(:,j))
214                 end
215
216                 if i == 1
217                     ylabel(OUT_LABEL(j));
218                 end
219                 if j == 1
220                     title(IN_LABEL(i));
221                 end
222                 ylim([min(y(:,j))-0.1 max(y(:,j))+0.1]);
223             end
224         end
225     end
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227     for j = 1:n
228         linkaxes(ax(j,:), 'y');
229     end
230
231     helper.saveFigure([n*200, d*200], FOLDER, sprintf("mimo_response_%s", tag))
232 end
233 %% Custom Bode
234 function bode_plot_custom(TF, tag, FOLDER, verbose)
235     fprintf("=== BODE PLOT [%s:%s] ===\n", FOLDER, tag);
236     % custom bode plot
237     [mag, phase, wout] = bode(TF);
238     figure()
239     subplot(2,1,1)
240     semilogx(wout, mag2db(abs(mag(:))))
241     grid on
242     ylabel("Magnitude [dB]")
243     hold on
244     yline(0, 'r--')
245     legend(["W(s)", "0 dB"])
246
247     subplot(2,1,2)
248     semilogx(wout, phase(:))
249     grid on
250     ylabel("Phase [deg]")
251     xlabel("\omega [rad/s]")
252
253     if verbose
254         m = allmargin(TF);
255         disp(m)
256         title(sprintf("BODE PLOT [%s:%s]", FOLDER, tag));
257     end
258
259     helper.saveFigure([400, 300], FOLDER, tag)
260 end
261 function bode_plot_margin(TF, tag, FOLDER)
262     fprintf("=== BODE PLOT [%s:%s] ===\n", FOLDER, tag);
263     % custom bode plot
264     figure()
265     margin(TF)
266     grid on
267     helper.saveFigure([400, 300], FOLDER, tag)
268 end
269 %% misc
270 function tflatex(TF)
271     [num, den] = tfdata(TF);
272     syms s
273     t_sym = poly2sym(cell2mat(num), s) / poly2sym(cell2mat(den), s);
274     latex(vpa(t_sym, 5))
275 end
276 function [Table] = performance_table_mimo2x2(TF_actual)
277     [y, t] = step(TF_actual);
278     status = stepinfo(TF_actual);
279     A = status(1,1);
280     B = status(1,2);
281     C = status(2,1);
282     D = status(2,2);
283     CONTENT = [ ...
284         [A.RiseTime, A.SettlingTime, A.PeakTime, A.Peak, y(length(y)-1,1,1), A.Overshoot, A.
285         Undershoot]; ...
286         [B.RiseTime, B.SettlingTime, B.PeakTime, B.Peak, y(length(y)-1,1,2), B.Overshoot, B.
287         Undershoot]; ...
288         [C.RiseTime, C.SettlingTime, C.PeakTime, C.Peak, y(length(y)-1,2,1), C.Overshoot, C.
289         Undershoot]; ...
290         [D.RiseTime, D.SettlingTime, D.PeakTime, D.Peak, y(length(y)-1,2,2), D.Overshoot, D.
291         Undershoot]; ...
292     ];
293     Table = array2table(CONTENT, ...
294         'VariableNames', {'t_{rise}', 't_{settling}', 't_{peak}', 'y_{peak}', 'y_{ss}', 'OS%', 'US%'},
295         'RowName', {'(1,1)', '(1,2)', '(2,1)', '(2,2)'});
296     disp("Performance Summary:")
297     disp(Table)

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294     end
295     function table2latex(T, filename)
296         % Error detection and default parameters
297         if nargin < 2
298             filename = 'table.tex';
299             fprintf('Output path is not defined. The table will be written in %s.\n', filename);
300         elseif ~ischar(filename)
301             error('The output file name must be a string.');
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302         else
303             if ~strcmp(filename(end-3:end), '.tex')
304                 filename = [filename '.tex'];
305             end
306         end
307         if nargin < 1, error('Not enough parameters.');
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308         if ~istable(T), error('Input must be a table.');
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309         % Parameters
310         n_col = size(T,2);
311         col_spec = [];
312         for c = 1:n_col, col_spec = [col_spec 'l']; end
313         col_names = strjoin(T.Properties.VariableNames, ' & ');
314         row_names = T.Properties.RowNames;
315         if ~isempty(row_names)
316             col_spec = ['l' col_spec];
317             col_names = ['& ' col_names];
318         end
319
320         % Writing header
321         fileID = fopen(filename, 'w');
322         fprintf(fileID, '\\begin{tabular}{%s}\n', col_spec);
323         fprintf(fileID, '%s \\\n', col_names);
324         fprintf(fileID, '\\hline \n');
325
326         % Writing the data
327         try
328             for row = 1:size(T,1)
329                 temp{1,n_col} = [];
330                 for col = 1:n_col
331                     value = T{row,col};
332                     if isstruct(value), error('Table must not contain structs.');
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333                     while iscell(value), value = value{1,1}; end
334                     if isinf(value), value = '$\infty$'; end
335                     temp{1,col} = num2str(value);
336                 end
337                 if ~isempty(row_names)
338                     temp = [row_names{row}, temp];
339                 end
340                 fprintf(fileID, '%s \\\n', strjoin(temp, ' & '));
341                 clear temp;
342             end
343         catch
344             error('Unknown error. Make sure that table only contains chars, strings or numeric
345 values.');
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346         end
347
348         % Closing the file
349         fprintf(fileID, '\\hline \n');
350         fprintf(fileID, '\\end{tabular}');
351         fclose(fileID);
352     end
353 end
354 end

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Code 2: Helper and commonly used functions by main