

CONTROL SYSTEMS

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1 Question

2 Answer

Chapter 2 - Question 50

Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = f(x) \quad (1.1)$$

where $f(x)$ is the input and is a function of the output, x . If $f(x) = \sin x$, linearize the differential equation for small excursions.

- a. $x = 0$
- b. $x = \pi$

Answer:

- The presence of $\sin x$ makes the equation non-linear.

a: Since we want to linearize the equation about $x = 0$, we let $x = \delta x + 0$,

where

δx is the small excursion about 0, and substitute x in equation :
1.1

$$\frac{d^2(\delta x + 0)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x + 0)}{dt} + 2(\delta x) = \sin(\delta x + 0) \quad (2.1)$$

Since,

$$\sin(\delta x + 0) - \sin(0) = \left. \frac{d\sin x}{dx} \right|_{x=0} \delta x \quad (2.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\delta x + 0) = 0 + \cos x|_{x=0} \delta x = \delta x \quad (2.3)$$

Continuation..

Therefore,

$$\frac{d^2(\delta x)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x)}{dt} + 2(\delta x) = \delta x \quad (2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2(\delta x)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x)}{dt} + \delta x = 0 \quad (2.5)$$

Therefore, the linearized differential equation is:

$$\frac{d^2(\delta x)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x)}{dt} + \delta x = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

Continuation..

b: Since we want to linearize the equation about $x = \pi$, we let $x = \delta x + \pi$, where δx is the small excursion about π , and substitute x in equation : 1.1

$$\frac{d^2(\delta x + \pi)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x + \pi)}{dt} + 2(\delta x) = \sin(\delta x + \pi) \quad (2.7)$$

Since,

$$\sin(\delta x + \pi) - \sin(\pi) = \left. \frac{d\sin x}{dx} \right|_{x=\pi} \delta x \quad (2.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\delta x + \pi) = 0 + \cos x|_{x=\pi} \delta x = -\delta x \quad (2.9)$$

Continuation..

Therefore,

$$\frac{d^2(\delta x)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x)}{dt} + 2(\delta x) = -\delta x \quad (2.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2(\delta x)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x)}{dt} + 3(\delta x) = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

Therefore, the linearized differential equation is:

$$\frac{d^2(\delta x)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{d(\delta x)}{dt} + 3(\delta x) = 0 \quad (2.12)$$