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- Textbooks (or printed versions) of Fossen (2011) and Beard & McLain (2012)
- Printed lecture notes/slides.
- Printed assignments, problems and examination sheets.
- All handwritten materials and digital notes are allowed.

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Problem 1: Ship Path-Following Control System (35%)



Figure 1: NTNU's research vessel, R/V Gunnerus,

Consider the kinematic equations:

$$\begin{split} \dot{N} &= u \cos(\psi) \cos(\theta) + v [\cos(\psi) \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi) - \sin(\psi) \cos(\phi)] \\ &+ w \left[\sin(\psi) \sin(\phi) + \cos(\psi) \cos(\phi) \sin(\theta) \right] \\ \dot{E} &= u \sin(\psi) \cos(\theta) + v [\cos(\psi) \cos(\phi) + \sin(\phi) \sin(\phi) \sin(\psi)] \\ &+ w [\sin(\theta) \sin(\psi) \cos(\phi) - \cos(\psi) \sin(\phi)] \\ \dot{D} &= -u \sin(\theta) + v \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) + w \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi) \\ \dot{\phi} &= p + q \sin(\phi) \tan(\theta) + r \cos(\phi) \tan(\theta) \\ \dot{\theta} &= q \cos(\phi) - r \sin(\phi) \\ \dot{\psi} &= q \frac{\sin(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)} + r \frac{\cos(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)}, \quad \theta \neq \pm 90^o \end{split}$$

and Nomoto model:

$$T\dot{r} + r = K\delta \tag{1}$$

with T = 22.0 s and K = 0.1 s⁻¹.

1a (2%) The ship is moving at U=10 m/s. What is the steady-state turning radius of the ship for $\delta=10$ deg.?

1b (2%) The control objective is to track a straight line at constant forward speed U = constant. A 2-D Cartesian system is oriented such that the x-axis points Northwards, while the y-axis points Eastwards. Explain under which conditions:

$$\dot{\psi} = r \tag{2}$$

$$\dot{y}_e = U\psi \tag{3}$$

is a good approximation for the ship cross-track error y_e .

1c (5%) Find the expressions for A, b, c and the state vector x in

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}\,\delta\tag{4}$$

$$y_e = \mathbf{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} \tag{5}$$

where the control objective is $y_e = 0$. Show how the linear optimal regulator δ can be computed and explain how you will choose the weighting matrices.

1d (5%) Modify the state-space model (expressions A, b and c) such that the resulting optimal control law includes integral action.

1e (8%) Assume that

$$\dot{y}_e = U\sin(\psi) \tag{6}$$

and choose the line-of-sight (LOS) guidance law according to

$$\psi_d = \tan^{-1}(-K_p y_e) \tag{7}$$

where $K_p>0$. Assume that $\psi=\psi_d$ and find an expression for the function $f(y_e,U)$ such that:

$$\dot{y}_e = f(y_e, U) \tag{8}$$

What is the equilibrium point of (8)? Linearize the cross-track error dynamics (8) about the equilibrium point. Under what conditions is the equilibrium point of the linearized system exponentially stable?

Hint: $\sin\left(\tan^{-1}(x)\right) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$.

1f (5%) Use pole-placement to design a PD-controller for the system (1) such that

$$\frac{\psi}{\psi_d}(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \tag{9}$$

Compute the numerical values for the PD gains K_p and K_d for $\zeta = 1.0$ such that the bandwidth of the closed-loop system is 0.3 rad/s.

- 1g (3%) Draw a block diagram showing how the LOS guidance algorithm (Problem 1e) can be combined with the pole-placement algorithm (Problem 1f) to solve the path-following control problem of a ship moving on a straight line.
- **1h** (5%) Explain how the path-following guidance system can be modified to track several straight-line segments. Include equations describing your approach and make a drawing (block diagram) showing how the equations can be used to implement the guidance and control systems.

Problem 2: UAV Altitude Control System (25%)



Figure 2: NTNU's Penguin UAV system.

Consider the following UAV model:

$$\begin{split} &\dot{p}_n = (\cos\theta\cos\psi)u + (\sin\phi\sin\theta\cos\psi - \cos\phi\sin\psi)v + (\cos\phi\sin\theta\cos\psi + \sin\phi\sin\psi)w \\ &\dot{p}_e = (\cos\theta\sin\psi)u + (\sin\phi\sin\theta\sin\psi + \cos\phi\cos\psi)v + (\cos\phi\sin\theta\sin\psi - \sin\phi\cos\psi)w \\ &\dot{h} = u\sin\theta - v\sin\phi\cos\theta - w\cos\phi\cos\theta \\ &\dot{u} = rv - qw - g\sin\theta + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2m} \left[C_X(\alpha) + C_{X_q}(\alpha) \frac{cq}{2V_a} + C_{X_{\delta_e}}(\alpha)\delta_e \right] + \frac{\rho S_{\text{prop}}C_{\text{prop}}}{2m} \left[(k_{\text{motor}}\delta_t)^2 - V_a^2 \right] \\ &\dot{v} = pw - ru + g\cos\theta\sin\phi + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2m} \left[C_{Y_0} + C_{Y_\beta}\beta + C_{Y_p} \frac{bp}{2V_a} + C_{Y_{\delta_a}}\delta_a + C_{Y_{\delta_r}}\delta_r \right] \\ &\dot{w} = qu - pv + g\cos\theta\cos\phi + \frac{\rho V_a^2 S}{2m} \left[C_Z(\alpha) + C_{Z_q}(\alpha) \frac{cq}{2V_a} + C_{Z_{\delta_e}}(\alpha)\delta_e \right] \\ &\dot{\phi} = p + q\sin\phi\tan\theta + r\cos\phi\tan\theta \\ &\dot{\theta} = q\cos\phi - r\sin\phi \\ &\dot{\psi} = q\sin\phi\sec\theta + r\cos\phi\sec\theta \\ &\dot{p} = \Gamma_1 pq - \Gamma_2 qr + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_a^2 Sb \left[C_{p_0} + C_{p_\beta}\beta + C_{p_p} \frac{bp}{2V_a} + C_{p_r} \frac{br}{2V_a} + C_{p_{\delta_a}}\delta_a + C_{p_{\delta_r}}\delta_r \right] \\ &\dot{q} = \Gamma_5 pr - \Gamma_6 (p^2 - r^2) + \frac{\rho V_a^2 Sc}{2J_y} \left[C_{m_0} + C_{m_\alpha}\alpha + C_{m_q} \frac{cq}{2V_a} + C_{m_{\delta_e}}\delta_e \right] \\ &\dot{r} = \Gamma_7 pq - \Gamma_1 qr + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_a^2 Sb \left[C_{r_0} + C_{r_\beta}\beta + C_{r_p} \frac{bp}{2V_c} + C_{r_r} \frac{br}{2V_c} + C_{r_{\delta_a}}\delta_a + C_{r_{\delta_r}}\delta_r \right] \end{split}$$

2a (4%) Explain under which conditions

$$\dot{h} = u\theta - w \tag{10}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = q \tag{11}$$

is a good approximation for aircraft altitude.

2b (8%) Assume that δ_t is chosen such that $V_a = \text{constant}$. Furthermore, assume that $\dot{u} = 0$, and that the lateral motions and wind can be neglected. Design a backstepping controller for altitude control using elevator δ_e as control input. Use the kinematic equation (10) and explain why you choose u, θ or w as virtual controller. The desired altitude $h_d = \text{constant}$. It is not necessary to include integral action when you design the control law.

- **2c** (2%) Find an expression for the time derivative of stabilizing function, $\dot{\alpha}_1$, which is only function of the states and not the time derivative of the states.
- 2d (6%) What is the equilibrium point of the closed-loop system? Write the error dynamics in matrix-vector form and discuss if the equilibrium point is locally/globally asymptotically/exponentially stable by using Lyapunov stability theory.
- **2e** (3%) What kind of navigation and sensor system do you need to implement the backstepping controller.
- 2f (2%) Is the backstepping controller robust? Explain why/why not.

Problem 3: Estimation and Navigation (30%)

Consider the vehicle model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}^n = \mathbf{R}_b^n(\mathbf{\Theta})\mathbf{v}^b \tag{12}$$

$$\mathbf{M}\dot{\mathbf{v}}^b + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{v}^b = \boldsymbol{\tau}^b \tag{13}$$

where M is the mass matrix, D is the damping matrix and τ^b is the control input. Furthermore, $\mathbf{p}^n = [x, y, z]^{\mathsf{T}}$ and $\mathbf{v}^b = [u, v, w]^{\mathsf{T}}$. Assume that you measure the attitude vector $\mathbf{\Theta} = [\phi, \theta, \psi]^{\mathsf{T}}$ perfectly such that:

$$\mathbf{R}_{b}^{n}(\mathbf{\Theta}(t)) := \mathbf{R}(t) \tag{14}$$

3a (2%) The measurement equations for linear acceleration and position are:

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{p}^n + \mathbf{w}_1 \tag{15}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = \mathbf{R}_n^b(\mathbf{\Theta})(\dot{\mathbf{v}}^n - \mathbf{g}^n) + \mathbf{w}_2 \tag{16}$$

where \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 are Gaussian white noise and $\mathbf{g}^n = [0, 0, 9.81]^{\mathsf{T}}$. What kind of sensors/navigation systems can provide measurements \mathbf{z}_1 and \mathbf{z}_2 for:

- underwater vehicles
- surface ships

3b (4%) Show that z_2 can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{v}}^b + \mathbf{S}(t)\mathbf{v}^b - \mathbf{R}(t)^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{g}^n + \mathbf{w}_2 \tag{17}$$

if $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/n}^b$ is known and

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/n}^b \times \mathbf{v}^b := \mathbf{S}(t)\mathbf{v}^b \tag{18}$$

3c (8%) Find the expressions for A(t), B, C(t) and D(t), the state vector x and u in

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{E}\mathbf{v} \tag{19}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{C}(t)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}(t)\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \tag{20}$$

where the objective is to estimate \mathbf{x} from the measurements \mathbf{z} and \mathbf{u} . Explain how you will model the terms \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{v} if the goal is to estimate \mathbf{x} using a linear time-varying (LTV) Kalman filter.

- **3d** (6%) Explain how you will modify the measurement equation z_2 and the state-space model under 3b) to estimate acceleration bias.
- **3e** (6%) Assume that the model (12)–(13) is unknown. Show that:

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}^n = \mathbf{v}^n \tag{21}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}^n = \mathbf{u}_a^n \tag{22}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{p}^n + \mathbf{w}_1 \tag{23}$$

where

$$\mathbf{u}_a^n := \mathbf{R}(t)\mathbf{z}_2 + \mathbf{g}^n - \mathbf{R}(t)\mathbf{w}_2 \tag{24}$$

Propose a state-estimator for p^n and v^n , which is globally exponentially stable.

3f (4%) What are the conceptual differences of the estimators in 3c and 3e. Also set up a list of advantages and disadvantages of these two approaches.

Problem 4: Multiple-Choice Problems (10%)

The YES and NO questions below give you 2 points for correct answer, -1 point for wrong answer and 0 points for no answer. Please answer only YES or NO, alternately no answer at all.

- 4a (2%) The roll and pitch periods of a ship depends on the sea state and load condition.
- **4b** (2%) It is possible to use rudders in dynamic positioning systems even though lift and drag are zero for zero water speed.
- 4c (2%) The Nomoto model

$$h(s) = \frac{K}{s(Ts+1)} + d(s)$$
 (25)

of a ship where d(s) is a constant wind disturbance has an open-loop integrator so it is not necessary to include integral action in the control law in order to avoid steady-state errors.

- 4d (2%) The added mass matrix is independent of the location of the coordinate system.
- **4e** (2%) Coriolis forces can destabilize ships and underwater vehicles.