

## ME531 Problem Set 2 Solutions

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ME 531: Problem Set 2

Question 1a:

$f_c$  = flow of cold water,  $f_H$  = flow of hot water ;  $\bar{T}_H$  = Temperature in hot compartment,  $\bar{T}_c$  = Temperature in cold compartment ;  $\bar{T}_{Hi}$  = Temperature of hot inflow,  $\bar{T}_{ci}$  = Temperature of the cold inflow ;  $V_H$  = Volume of hot water,  $V_c$  = Volume of cold water.

Temperatures evolve according to :

$$V_c \frac{d\bar{T}_c}{dt} = f_c (\bar{T}_{ci} - \bar{T}_c) + \beta (\bar{T}_H - \bar{T}_c) \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$V_H \frac{d\bar{T}_H}{dt} = f_H (\bar{T}_{Hi} - \bar{T}_H) - \beta (\bar{T}_H - \bar{T}_c) \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

Inputs to the system,  $u_1 = \bar{T}_{ci}$ ,  $u_2 = \bar{T}_{Hi}$  ; Output,  $y_1 = \bar{T}_c$  and  $y_2 = \bar{T}_H$

$f_c = f_H = 0.1 \text{ (m}^3/\text{min)}$ ,  $\beta = 0.2 \text{ (m}^3/\text{min)}$  and  $V_H = V_c = 1 \text{ (m}^3)$

Substituting the above into eqn  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$  :

$$1 \frac{dy_1}{dt} = 0.1(u_1 - y_1) + 0.2(y_2 - y_1)$$

$$1 \frac{dy_2}{dt} = 0.1(u_2 - y_2) - 0.2(y_2 - y_1)$$

$$\dot{y}_1 = 0.1u_1 - 0.3y_1 + 0.2y_2$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = 0.1u_2 + 0.2y_1 - 0.3y_2$$

for zero inputs ;  $u_1 = u_2 = 0$

$$\dot{y}_1 = -0.3y_1 + 0.2y_2$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = 0.2y_1 - 0.3y_2$$

In matrix form :  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  ;  $\dot{x} = Ax$  or  $\dot{y} = Ay$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of  $A$  :  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (-0.3 - \lambda) & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & (-0.3 - \lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-0.3 - \lambda)^2 - (0.2)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 0.6\lambda + 0.09 - 0.04 = \lambda^2 + 0.6\lambda + 0.05 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-0.6 \pm \sqrt{(0.6)^2 - 4(0.05)}}{2} = \frac{-0.6 \pm 0.4}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = -0.1 \text{ and } \lambda_2 = -0.5$$

Eigenvectors for each eigenvalue of  $A$  :  $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$

$$\lambda_1 = -0.1 : \begin{bmatrix} -0.3 - (-0.1) & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & -0.3 - (-0.1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-0.2v_1 + 0.2v_2 = 0$$

$$v_1 = v_2 \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector for } \lambda = -0.1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -0.5 : \begin{bmatrix} -0.3 - (-0.5) & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & -0.3 - (-0.5) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = -v_2 \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector for } \lambda_2 = -0.5$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The unforced solution :

$$y(t) = \bar{T} e^{Dt} \bar{T}^{-1} y(0)$$

$$\bar{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{T}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{\begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} t} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} y(0)$$

$$y(t) = \cancel{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-0.1t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-0.5t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} y(0)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5e^{-0.1t} & 0.5e^{-0.1t} \\ 0.5e^{-0.5t} & -0.5e^{-0.5t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(0) \\ y_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-0.1t} + e^{-0.5t} & e^{-0.1t} - e^{-0.5t} \\ e^{-0.1t} - e^{-0.5t} & e^{-0.1t} + e^{-0.5t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(0) \\ y_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(0)(e^{-0.1t} + e^{-0.5t}) + y_2(0)(e^{-0.1t} - e^{-0.5t}) \\ y_1(0)(e^{-0.1t} - e^{-0.5t}) + y_2(0)(e^{-0.1t} + e^{-0.5t}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( y_1(0) (e^{-0.1t} + e^{-0.5t}) + y_2(0) (e^{-0.1t} - e^{-0.5t}) \right)$$

$$y_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( y_1(0) (e^{-0.1t} - e^{-0.5t}) + y_2(0) (e^{-0.1t} + e^{-0.5t}) \right)$$

The above represent the eqns to determine  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$ , i.e. the solution to eqn ① and ②. //

Question 1b:

Yes, the system is stable. This is because both the eigenvalues of  $A$  are real negative numbers.  $\lambda_1 = -0.1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -0.5$  //

Question 2a:

$$\text{Van der Pol oscillator: } \ddot{y} - \mu(1-y^2)\dot{y} + y = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{let } x = y$$

$$\dot{x} = \dot{y}$$

$$\text{let } v = \dot{y} = \dot{x} \quad ; \quad \dot{x} = v \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\dot{v} = \ddot{y}$$

$$\text{The eqn ① becomes: } \dot{v} - \mu(1-x^2)v + x = 0$$

$$\dot{v} = -x + \mu(1-x^2)v \quad \text{--- ③}$$

Eqn ② and ③ in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \mu(1-x^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus eqn ① as a system of 1st order differential equations =

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \mu(1-y^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 2b:

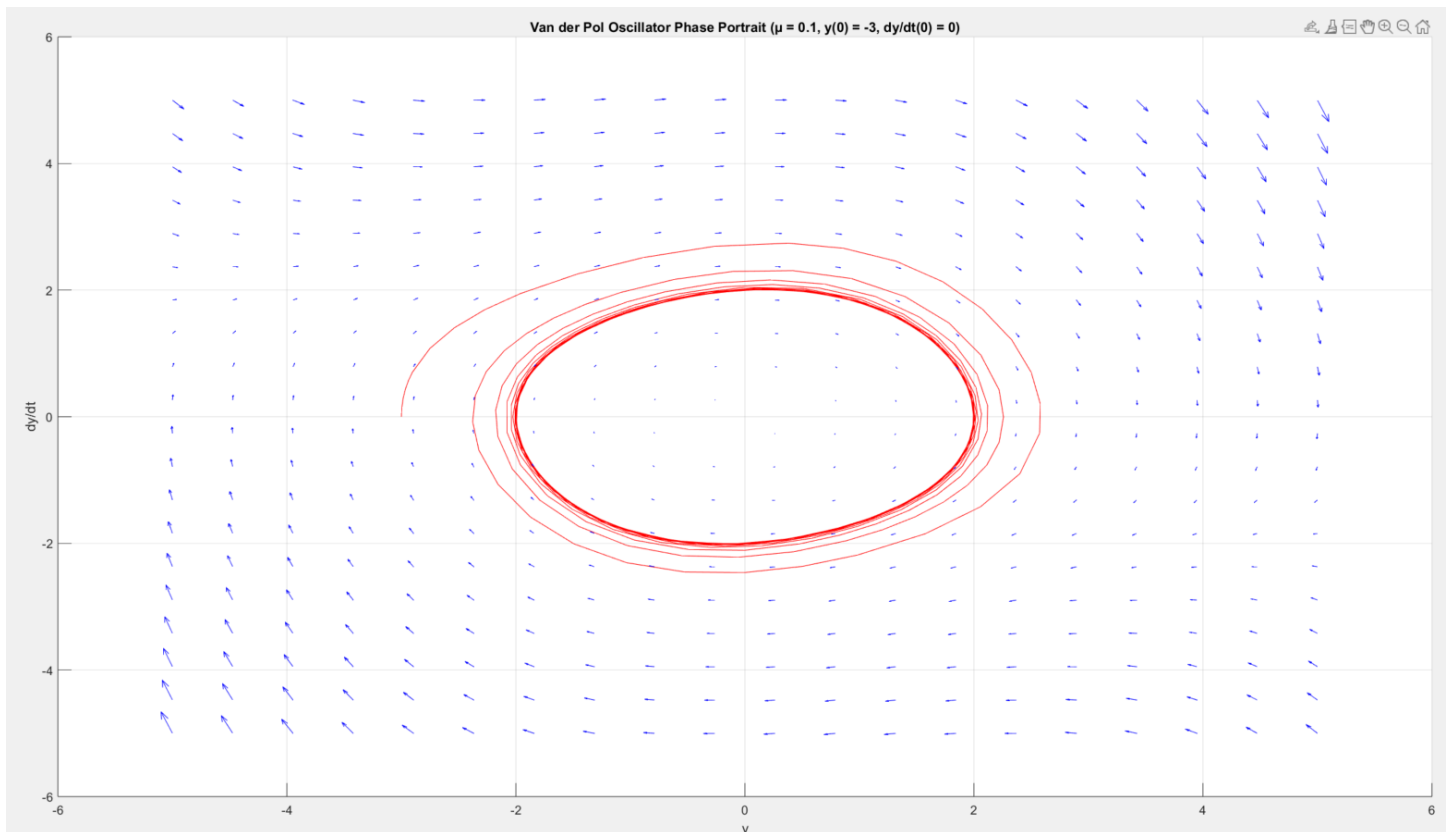
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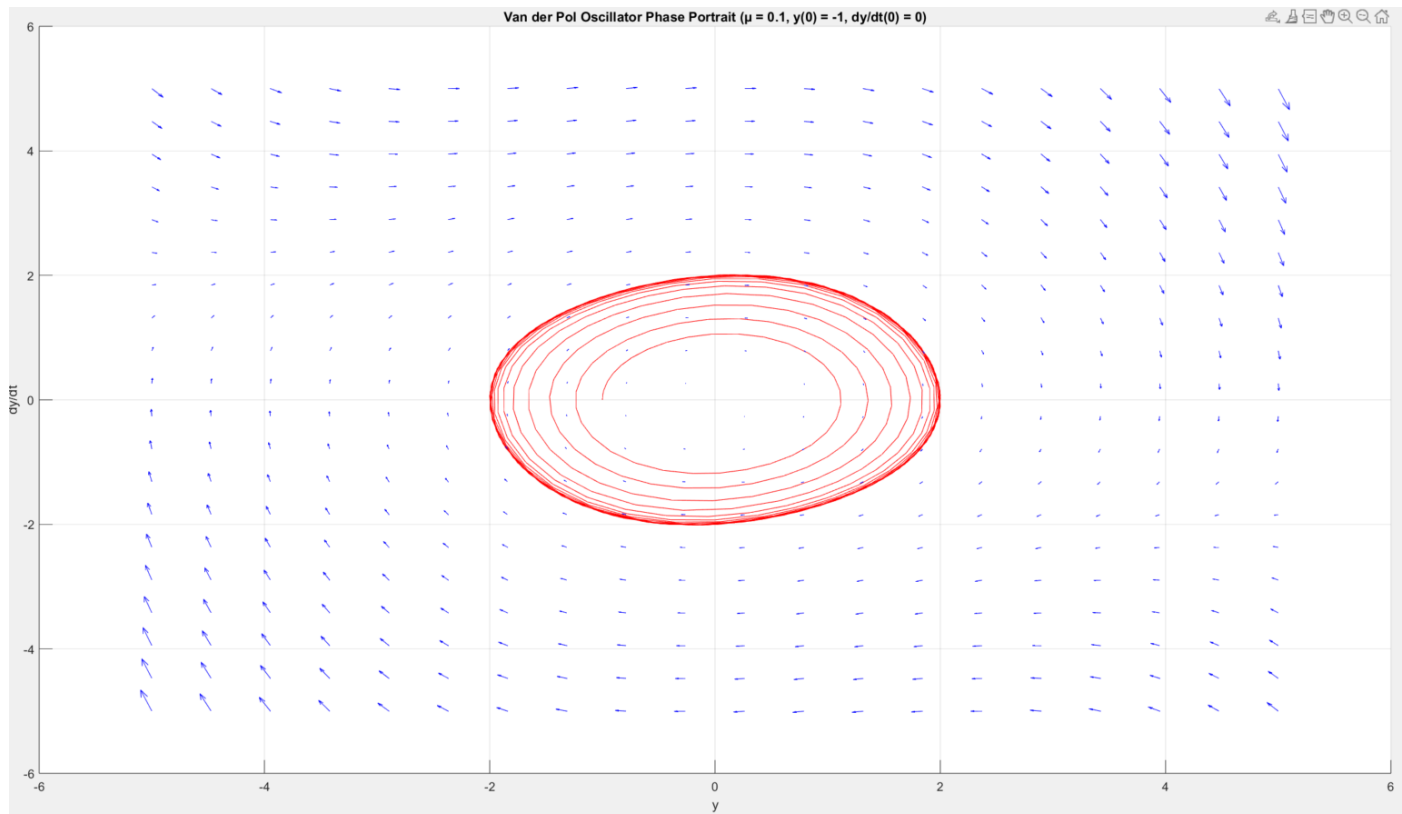
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## Question 2B:

First initial condition

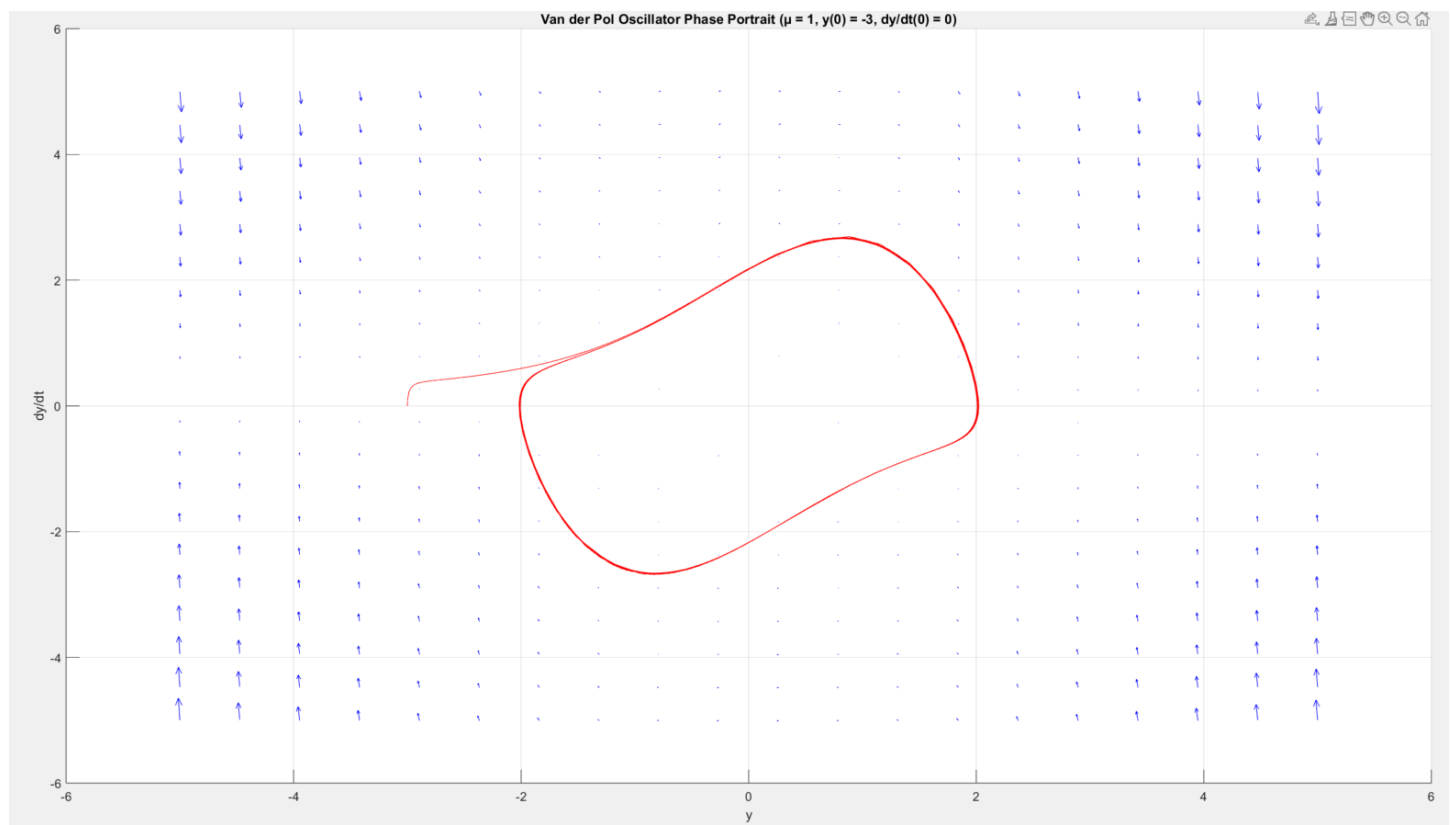


## Second initial condition

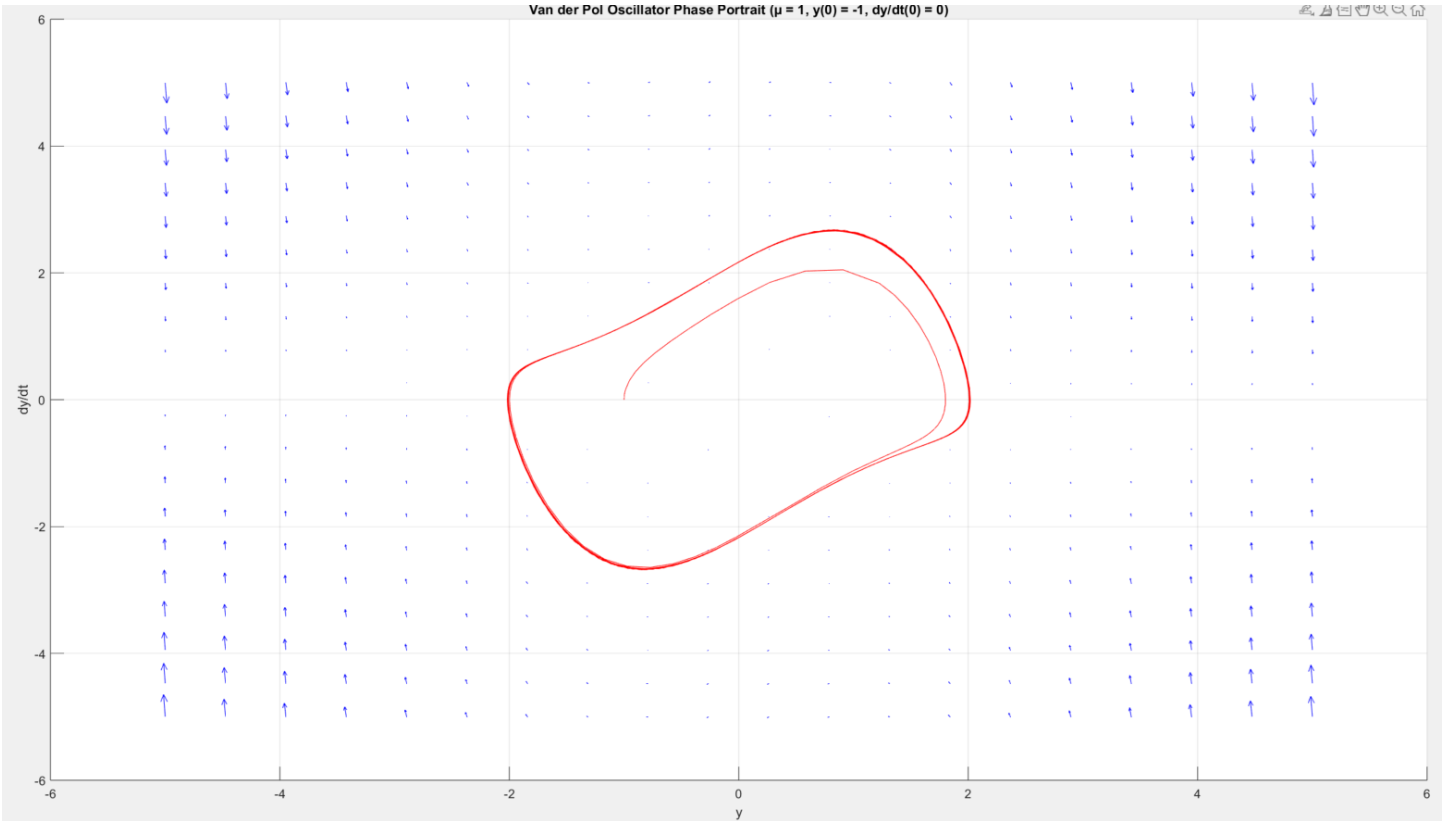


## Question 2C:

### First initial condition



Second initial condition



Below is the MATLAB code for the above plots:

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%% -----Question 2 -----

function dzdt = van_der_pol(t, z, mu)
    % fcn for the Van der Pol oscillator equation.
    % z = [x; v], where x = y and v = dy/dt
    dzdt = [z(2); mu * (1 - z(1)^2) * z(2) - z(1)];
end

t_span = [0, 100];

% vector field
[X, V] = meshgrid(linspace(-5, 5, 20), linspace(-5, 5, 20));

% --- Part (b): mu = 0.1 -----
mu_b = 0.1;
initial_conditions_b = [[-3; 0], [-1; 0]]; % [[x0; v0], [x1; v1]]

% solution with ode45 and plots
for i = 1:size(initial_conditions_b, 2)
    z0 = initial_conditions_b(:, i);
    [t, z_b] = ode45(@(t, z) van_der_pol(t, z, mu_b), t_span, z0);

    figure;
    title(sprintf('Van der Pol Oscillator Phase Portrait ( $\mu = 0.1$ ,  $y(0) = \%g$ ,  $dy/dt(0) = \%g$ )', z0(1), z0(2)));
    xlabel('y');
    ylabel('dy/dt');
    hold on;

    plot(z_b(:, 1), z_b(:, 2), 'r');

    dX = V;
    dV = mu_b * (1 - X.^2) .* V - X;
    quiver(X, V, dX, dV, 'b', 'AutoScaleFactor', 0.5);

    hold off;
    grid on;
end

%--- Part (2c): mu = 1 ---
mu_c = 1;
initial_conditions_c = [[-3; 0], [-1; 0]];

% solution with ode45 and plots
for i = 1:size(initial_conditions_c, 2)
    z0 = initial_conditions_c(:, i);
    [t, z_c] = ode45(@(t, z) van_der_pol(t, z, mu_c), t_span, z0);

    figure;
    title(sprintf('Van der Pol Oscillator Phase Portrait ( $\mu = 1$ ,  $y(0) = \%g$ ,  $dy/dt(0) = \%g$ )', z0(1), z0(2)));
    xlabel('y');
    ylabel('dy/dt');
    hold on;

    plot(z_c(:, 1), z_c(:, 2), 'r');

    dX = V;
    dV = mu_c * (1 - X.^2) .* V - X;
    quiver(X, V, dX, dV, 'b', 'AutoScaleFactor', 0.5);

    hold off;
    grid on;
end
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### Question 3a :

The nonlinear system :

$$\dot{x} = 2x - 2x^2 - xy$$

$$\dot{y} = 2y - xy - 2y^2$$

Jacobian linearization at fixed point  $(2/3, 2/3)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - 2x^2 - xy \\ 2y - xy - 2y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{Df}{Dx}(\bar{x}) \cdot \Delta x$$

$$\text{Jacobian, } \frac{Df}{Dx}(\bar{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-4x-y & -x \\ -y & 2-x-4y \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian at fixed point  $(2/3, 2/3)$  :

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (2-4(2/3)-2/3) & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & (2-2/3-4(2/3)) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & -4/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The linearized system is :  $\dot{x} = \frac{Df}{Dx}(\bar{x}) \cdot \Delta x$  where  $\Delta x = x - \bar{x}$

$$\text{Thus, } \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & -4/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - 2/3 \\ y - 2/3 \end{bmatrix} //$$

Question 36:

The eigenvalues of the Jacobian Matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -4/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & -4/3 \end{bmatrix} =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -4/3 - \lambda & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & -4/3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-4/3 - \lambda)^2 - (-2/3)^2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 4/3)^2 - 4/9 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 8/3\lambda + 16/9 - 4/9 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 8/3\lambda + 12/9 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 8/3\lambda + 4/3 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-(8/3) \pm \sqrt{(8/3)^2 - 4(4/3)}}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-8/3 \pm \sqrt{16/9}}{2} = \frac{-8/3 \pm 4/3}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{-8/3 + 4/3}{2} = \frac{-4/3}{2} = -2/3$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{-8/3 - 4/3}{2} = \frac{-12/3}{2} = -2$$

The linear system is stable since all the eigenvalues ( $\lambda_1 = -2/3$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -2$ ) of the Jacobian matrix are real and negative.

Therefore the linearized model is stable at the fixed point  $(2/3, 2/3)$ .

Question 4 :

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu(t)$$

The Controllability matrix,  $C = [B \quad AB]$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & \vdots & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ k_2 & \vdots & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & k_1 - k_2 \\ k_2 & -k_1 + k_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system is completely controllable if  $C$  has full rank, ~~the~~ and since  $C$  is  $2 \times 2$  matrix, the rank of  $C$  = order of  $C$  if

$$\det(C) \neq 0$$

$$\text{that is; } \begin{vmatrix} k_1 & k_1 - k_2 \\ k_2 & -k_1 + k_2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$k_1(-k_1 + k_2) - k_2(k_1 - k_2) \neq 0$$

$$-k_1^2 + k_1 k_2 - k_1 k_2 + k_2^2 \neq 0$$

$$-k_1^2 + k_2^2 \neq 0$$

$$k_2^2 - k_1^2 \neq 0$$

$$(k_2 - k_1)(k_2 + k_1) \neq 0$$

- $k_2 - k_1 \neq 0$  ,  $k_2 \neq k_1$
- $k_2 + k_1 \neq 0$  ,  $k_2 \neq -k_1$

The system is completely controllable for all values of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  except when  $k_1 = k_2$  or  $k_1 = -k_2$   
 or  $k_1 \neq \pm k_2$  for the system to be completely controllable.

Question 5a :

System:  $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$

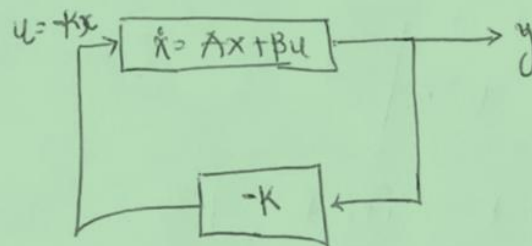
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\lambda_1 = -5, \lambda_2 = -6$

Characteristic equation with desired eigenvalues:

$$(c - \lambda_1)(c - \lambda_2) = 0$$

$$(c + 5)(c + 6) = 0$$

$$c^2 + 11c + 30 = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$



$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad \text{but } u = -kx$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B(-Kx)$$

$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$$

let  $K = [k_1 \ k_2]$  and  $(A - BK)$  = Closed loop system matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The closed loop system matrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [k_1 \ k_2] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - k_1 & 1 - k_2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic eqn of the closed loop system matrix

$$= \det(CI - (A - BK)) = 0$$

$$= \left| \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1-K_1 & 1-K_2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} C - (1-K_1) & -(1-K_2) \\ -1 & C-2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= (C - (1-K_1))(C-2) + 1(1-K_2) = 0$$

$$= (C - 1 + K_1)(C-2) - (1-K_2) = 0$$

$$= C^2 + (K_1 - 3)C + (1 - 2K_1 + K_2) = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

Comparing the coefficients of eqn ① and ②

$$K_1 - 3 = 11 \Rightarrow K_1 = 14$$

$$1 - 2K_1 + K_2 = 30 \quad \text{but } K_1 = 14$$

$$1 - 2(14) + K_2 = 30$$

$$-27 + K_2 = 30$$

$$K_2 = 30 + 27 = 57$$

$$\therefore K = [K_1 \ K_2] = [14 \ 57]$$

The state feedback gain matrix that places the eigenvalues at -5 and -6 is  $K = [14 \ 57]$

Question 5b:

Matlab solution below

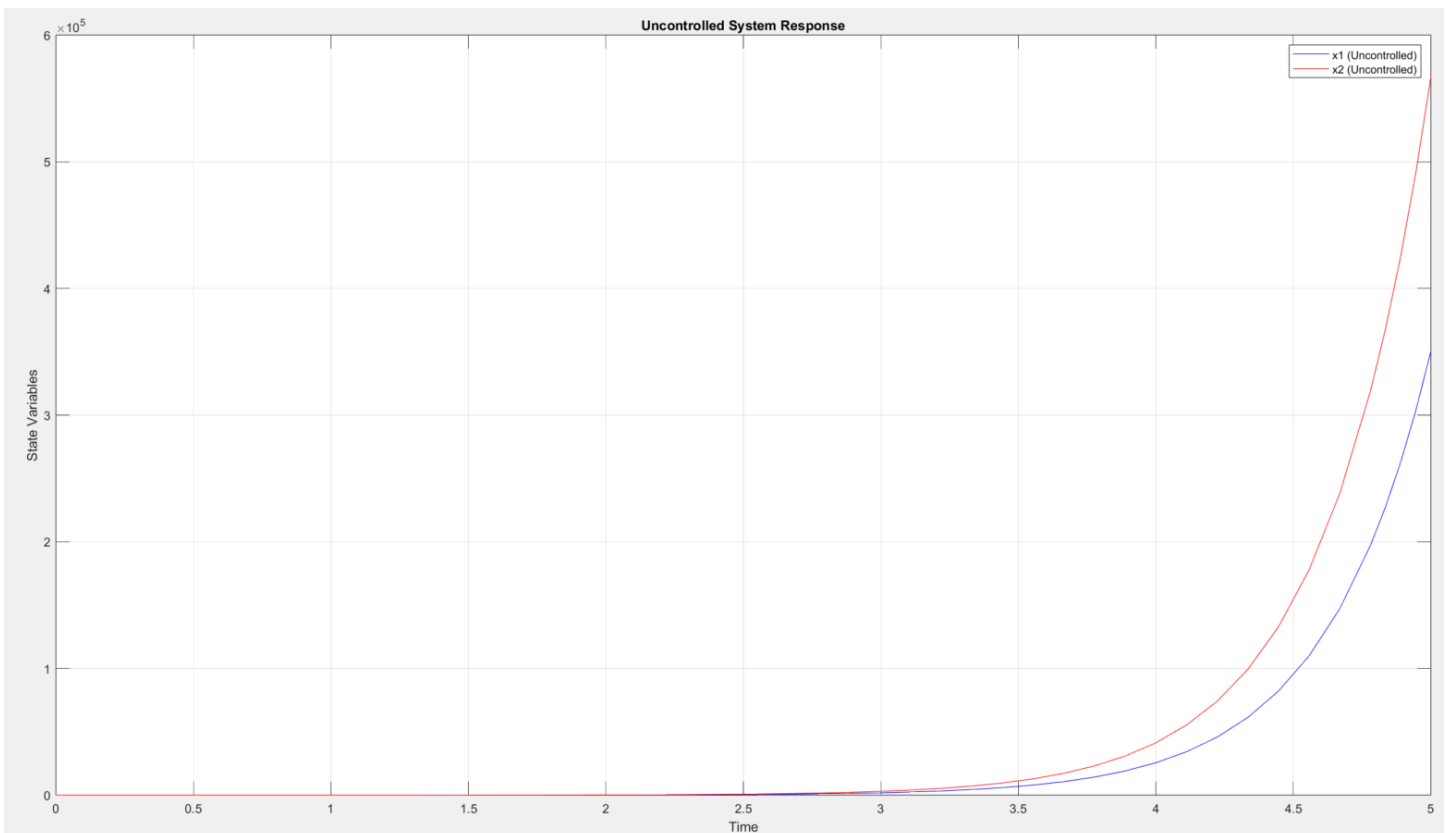
Question 5c:

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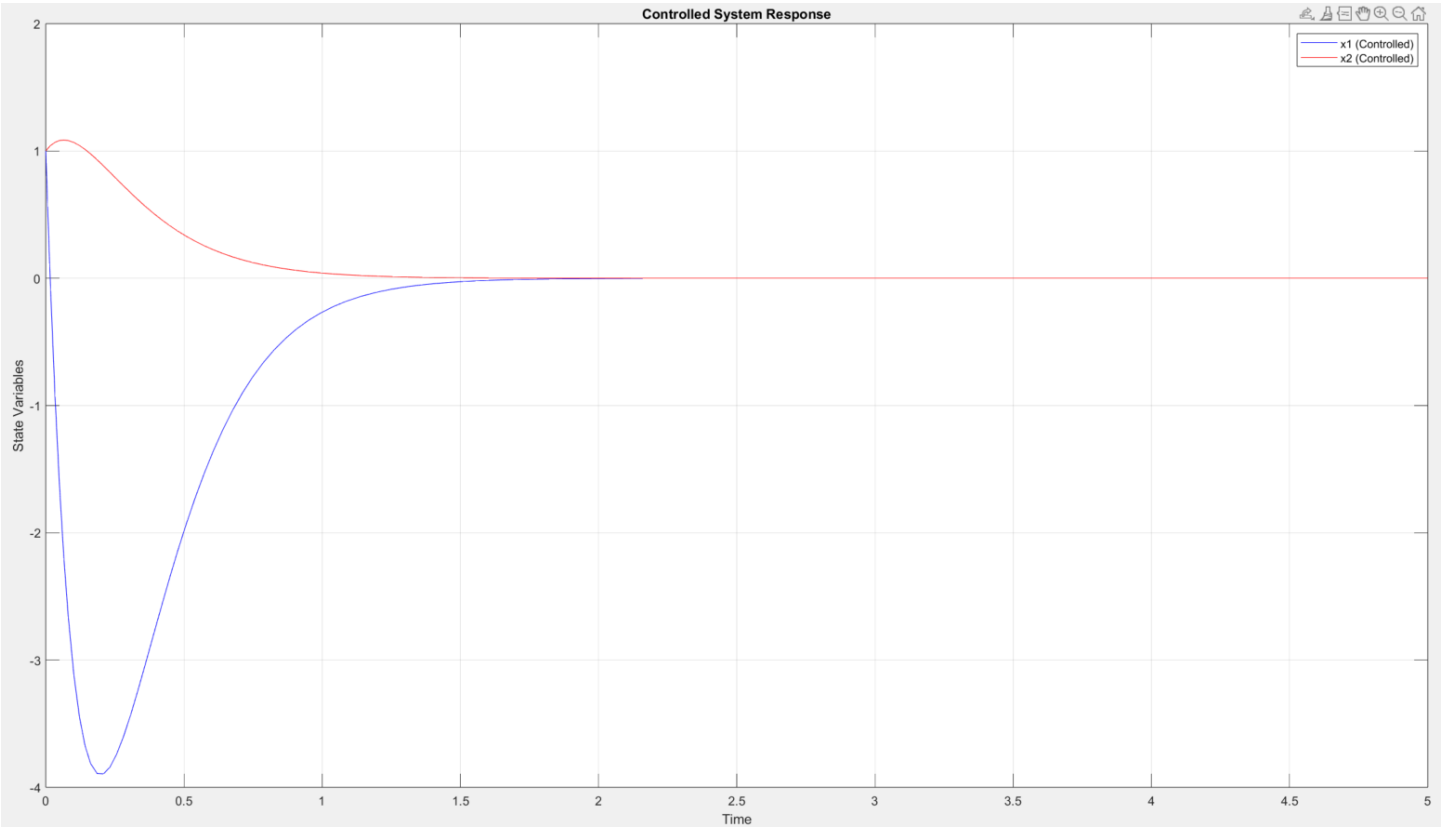
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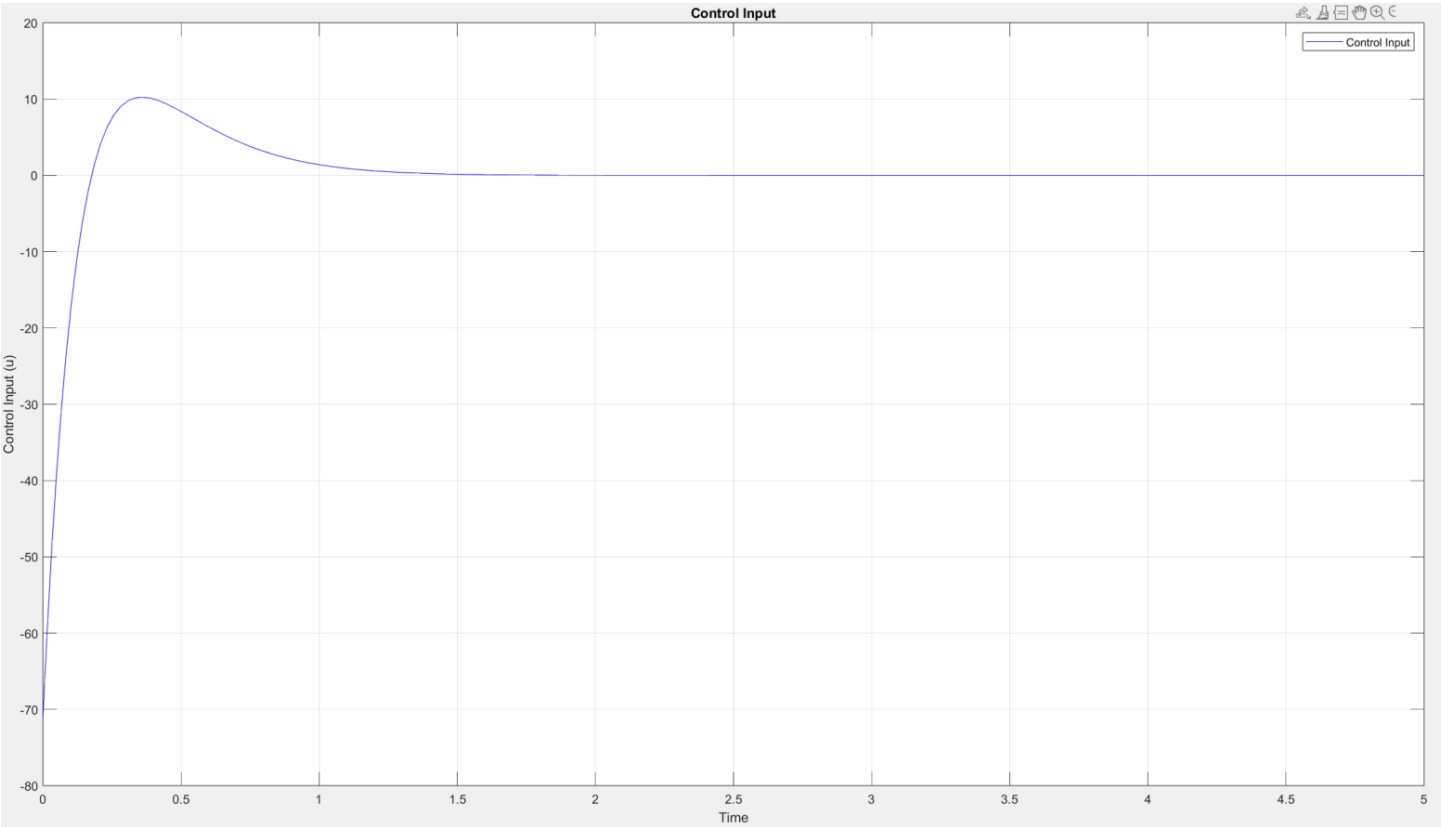
**Question 5b:**



Question 5c



Question 5d:





## MATLAB Code for Question 5:

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%% Question 5
% --- 5(a): State Feedback-----
A = [1 1; 1 2];
B = [1; 0];
desired_poles = [-5; -6];
%
K = place(A, B, desired_poles);
%
% disp('State Feedback Gain K:');
% disp(K);

% --- 5(b): Uncontrolled System Response ---
%A = [1 1; 1 2];
x0 = [1; 1];
t_span = [0, 5];

[t_uncontrolled, x_uncontrolled] = ode45(@(t, x) A * x, t_span, x0);

figure;
plot(t_uncontrolled, x_uncontrolled(:, 1), 'b', 'DisplayName', 'x1 (Uncontrolled)');
hold on;
plot(t_uncontrolled, x_uncontrolled(:, 2), 'r', 'DisplayName', 'x2 (Uncontrolled)');
hold off;
xlabel('Time');
ylabel('State Variables');
title('Uncontrolled System Response');
legend;
grid on;

% --- 5(c): Controlled System Response ---
A_cl = A - B * K;
x0 = [1; 1];
t_span = [0, 5];

[t_controlled, x_controlled] = ode45(@(t, x) A_cl * x, t_span, x0);

figure;
plot(t_controlled, x_controlled(:, 1), 'b', 'DisplayName', 'x1 (Controlled)');
hold on;
plot(t_controlled, x_controlled(:, 2), 'r', 'DisplayName', 'x2 (Controlled)');
hold off;
xlabel('Time');
ylabel('State Variables');
title('Controlled System Response');
legend;
grid on;

% --- 5(d): Control Input ---
u_controlled = -K * x_controlled';
u_controlled = u_controlled';

figure;
plot(t_controlled, u_controlled, 'b', 'DisplayName', 'Control Input');
xlabel('Time');
ylabel('Control Input (u)');
title('Control Input');
legend;
grid on;
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