Homework 4

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24-677 Special Topics: Linear Control Systems

Due: Oct 6, 2023, 11:59 pm. Submit within deadline.

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Exercise 1. *Canonical forms* **(10 points)**

Consider the system given by:

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{s+3}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

Find the controllable canonical form state space representation.

Solution:

By inspection, $n = 2$ (the highest exponent of s), therefore $a_1 = 3, a_0 = 2$ $b_2 = 0, b_1 = 1$ and $b_0 = 3$.

This is achieved by comparing the coefficients with the companion matrix form.

The controllable canonical form is given by:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 - b_2 a_0 & b_1 - b_2 a_1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} b_2 \end{bmatrix} u$$

We can write the state space model as follows:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

Exercise 2. *Realization matrix form of realizable MIMO system* **(15 points)**

Find a state-space realization for

$$\hat{G}_1(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{1}{s} & \dfrac{s+3}{s+1} \\ \dfrac{1}{s+3} & \dfrac{s}{s+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

A state space realization for the above system is

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_1 I_p & -\alpha_2 I_p & -\alpha_3 I_p \\ I_p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_p & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} I_p \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise 3. *Minimum Realizations* ***(20 points)***

Are the two state equations

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} x$$

and

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$

equivalent, i.e. do they have the same transfer function? Are they minimal realizations?

Solution:

For the first state equations we have

$$G(s) = C(SI - A)^{-1}B$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(s-2)(s-1)} \begin{bmatrix} s-1 & 1 \\ 0 & s-2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2(s-1)}{(s-2)(s-1)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{(s-2)}$$

$$= \frac{2(s+1)}{s^2 - s - 2}$$

Note that this is a realization of $\dfrac{2s+2}{s^2-s-2}$, and is not a minimal realization, as the minimal realization would result in $\dfrac{2}{s-2}$ and not $\dfrac{2(s+1)}{(s-2)(s+1)}$. In addition, the controllability matrix of (A, B) does not have full rank.

For case 2 we have

$$G(s) = C(SI - A)^{-1}B$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(s-2)(s+1)} \begin{bmatrix} s+1 & 0 \\ -1 & s-2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2(s+1)}{(s-2)(s+1)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{(s-2)}$$

$$= \frac{2(s+1)}{s^2 - s - 2}$$

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Once again, this is not a minimal realization, and the observability matrix does not have full rank.

The transfer functions are the same, but are not minimal realizations.

Exercise 4. *Realization* **(15 points)**

Consider the following transfer function

$$g(s) = \frac{2s - 4}{s^3 - 7s + 6}$$

(a) Determine the canonical controllable realization. **(5 points)**

(b) Determine the canonical observable realization. **(5 points)**

(c) Determine a minimal realization. **(5 points)**

Solution:
The denominator of $g(s)$ is:

$$\Delta(s) = s^3 - 7s + 6$$

and thus, $n = 3, a_2 = 0, a_1 = -7, a_0 = 6$. And,

$$b_0 = -4, b_1 = 2, b_2 = 0.$$

Note also that $D = 0$, since $g(s)$ is strictly proper.

(a) The controllable canonical form is given by

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 - b_n a_0 & b_1 - b_n a_1 & \cdots & b_{n-1} - b_n a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} x + b_n u$$

From the strictly proper transfer function $g(s)$, the standard controllable realization can be immediately obtained as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -6 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = 0$$

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(b) From the strictly proper transfer function $g(s)$, the standard controllable realization can be immediately obtained as

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{n-1} & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ -a_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} b_{n-1} - b_n a_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ b_1 - b_n a_1 \\ b_0 - b_n a_0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + b_n u$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 1 \\ -6 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = 0$$

This realization is observable by construction.

(c) Let us simplify the transfer function:

$$g(s) = \frac{2s - 4}{s^3 - 7s + 6} = \frac{2(s-2)}{(s-2)(s-1)(s+3)} = \frac{2}{(s-1)(s+3)}$$

$$g(s) = \frac{2}{(s-1)(s+3)}$$

and let us determine the controllable canonical form:

$$\chi(s) = (s-1)(s+3) = s^2 + 2s - 3 \rightarrow a_1 = 2, a_0 = -3$$

and

$$b_0 = 2, b_1 = 0$$

So the controllable canonical form is:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = 0$$

Is this realization minimal? It is controllable by construction, and so we have only to check if it is observable:

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is clearly full rank. Therefore, this realization is minimal.

Exercise 5. *Controllable decomposition* **(10 points)**

Reduce the state equation

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

to a controllable form. Is the reduced state equation observable?

Solution:

The controllability matrix $P = \begin{bmatrix} B & AB \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ has rank 1. The model matrix is chosen as $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\hat{A} = M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{B} = M^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{C} = CM = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The transformed state equation is therefore given by

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 3 & 4 \\ \hline 0 & -5 \end{array} \right] \hat{x} + \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right] u$$

$$y = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \hat{x}$$

The controllable reduced form is therefore

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = 3\hat{x} + 1u$$

$$y = 2\hat{x}$$

The reduced equation is observable

Exercise 6. *kalman decomposition* ***(10 points)***

Decompose the state equation

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

to a form that is both controllable and observable.
Hint: If you use the correct approach, you don't need to compute any complicated algebra and matrix calculations.

Solution:

Note that the given $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is in Jordan form. To find the controllability

matrix $P = [B\ AB\ A^2B\ A^3B\ A^4B]$, we first write the generalized form for A^kB

$$A^kB = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & k\lambda_1^{k-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1^k & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2^k & k\lambda_2^{k-1} & \frac{k(k-1)}{2}\lambda_2^{k-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2^k & k\lambda_2^{k-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k\lambda_1^{k-1} \\ \lambda_1^k \\ \lambda_2^k \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The controllability matrix $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2\lambda_1 & 3\lambda_1^2 & 4\lambda_1^3 \\ 1 & \lambda_1^1 & \lambda_1^2 & \lambda_1^3 & \lambda_1^4 \\ 1 & \lambda_2^1 & \lambda_2^2 & \lambda_2^3 & \lambda_2^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow rank(P) = 3 = n_c.$

Given A is already in Jordan form, the given state equation can be treated as equivalent to the modal decomposed form. Writing the state equation to identify controllable and uncontrollable parts, we get

$$\dot{x} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 \end{array} \right] x + \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \hline 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] u$$

$$y = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] x$$

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The reduced controllable equation is therefore

$$\dot{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} x_c + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_c$$

The observability matrix for the reduced form is $Q = \begin{bmatrix} C_c \\ C_c A_c \\ C_c A_c^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ 0 & \lambda_1^2 & \lambda_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow rank(Q) =$

$2 = n_O$

For simplicity, choose the M^{-1} matrix as

$$M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad CM = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore we can rewrite the system equation as

$$\dot{x}_c = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{array} \right] x_c + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] x_c$$

Therefore, the reduced state equation which is both controllable and observable is

$$\dot{x}_{co} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} x_{co} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_{co}$$

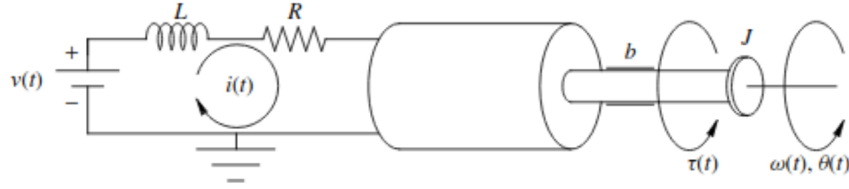**Exercise 7.** *Controllable Canonical Form* **(20 points)**

Figure 1: An electromechanical system

The dynamic model of this system can be derived in three segments: a circuit model, electromechanical coupling, and a rotational mechanical model. For the circuit model, Kirchoff's voltage law yields a first order differential equation relating the armature current to the armature voltage; that is,

$$L\frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) = v(t) \tag{1}$$

Motor torque is modeled as being proportional to the armature current, so the electromechanical coupling equation is

$$\tau(t) = k_T i(t) \tag{2}$$

where k_T is the motor torque constant. For the rotational mechanical model, Euler's rotational law results in the following second-order differential equation relating the motor shaft angle $\theta(t)$ to the input torque $\tau(t)$.

$$J\ddot{\theta}(t) + b\dot{\theta}(t) = \tau(t) \tag{3}$$

Converting the ODEs into transfer functions and multiplying them together, we eliminate the intermediate variables to get the overall transfer function:

$$\frac{\Theta(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{k_T}{(Ls + R)(Js^2 + bs)} \tag{4}$$

Write the controllable canonical form of this system.

Solution:
The transfer function of this system is:

$$\frac{\Theta(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{k_T}{LJs^3 + (RJ + Lb)s^2 + Rbs}$$

Dividing the numerator and denominator by LJ which is the coefficient of the highest order of s, we get,

$$\frac{\Theta(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{k_T/LJ}{s^3 + (R/L + b/J)s^2 + (Rb/LJ)s}$$

The denominator of $g(s)$ is:

$$\chi(s) = s^3 + (R/L + b/J)s^2 + (Rb/LJ)s$$

and thus, $n = 3, a_0 = 0, a_1 = Rb/LJ, a_2 = R/L + b/J$. And,

$$b_0 = k_T/LJ.$$

Note also that $D = 0$, since $g(s)$ is strictly proper.
The controllable canonical form is given by

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 - b_n a_0 & b_1 - b_n a_1 & \cdots & b_{n-1} - b_n a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} x + b_n u$$

From the strictly proper transfer function $g(s)$, the standard controllable realization can be immediately obtained as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -Rb/LJ & -(R/L + b/J) \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} k_T/LJ & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = 0$$