

# Homework 5

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24-677 Special Topics: Linear Control Systems

**Due: Oct 13, 2023, 11:59 pm. Submit within deadline.**

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**Exercise 1.** *Asymptotic stability and Lyapunov stability. (10 points)*

For each of the systems given below, determine whether it is Lyapunov stable, whether it is asymptotic stable.

(a) (5 points)

$$x(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} x(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$

(b) (5 points)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -2 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

**Solution:**

(a) We have  $|A - \lambda I| = (1 - \lambda)(0.5 - \lambda) = 0$ , therefore the eigenvalues are 1 and 0.5. It is Lyapunov stable but it is not asymptotically stable.

(b) We have  $\lambda_A = -1, -5, -3$ , thus it is both Lyapunov stable and asymptotically stable.

**Exercise 2. Stabilizability (20 points)**

Decompose the state equation

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

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

**Solution:**

A system is state stabilizable if all unstable modes are state controllable. A system is state detectable if all unstable modes are state observable.

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

We wish to reduce the system to the standard form with a controllable part and an uncontrollable part. Here,

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} B & AB & A^2B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence  $\text{rank}(P) = q = 2 < 3 = n$

Thus,  $\dim(\mathcal{R}\{P\}) = 2$  and a basis  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  for the range is found by taking two linearly independent columns of  $P$ , say the first two, to obtain:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} & 0 \\ v_1 & v_2 & 0 \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the last column is selected to make  $M$  nonsingular. We have,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A} &= M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} =: \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{11} & \tilde{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ \tilde{B} &= M^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{C} = CM = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The controllable system, therefore is:

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

The above equations represent the reduced form.

Since the reduced form is always controllable, it is always stabilizable.

Checking Observability:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(Q) = 1 < 2$$

Hence the system is not observable.

Eigen values of  $(A_{11})$ :  $\lambda = 0, -1$

Corresponding Eigen Vectors:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For } v_1, y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \rightarrow \text{Observable}$$

$$\text{For } v_2, y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \text{Not Observable}$$

Therefore the system is not observable.

Checking stability of Non observable mode:

$\lambda = -1 < 0$ ; Hence stable i.s.L.

Therefore, the non observable mode is stable; hence detectable.

Therefore, the reduced system is stabilizable, non observable and detectable.

**Exercise 3. Stability (15 points)**

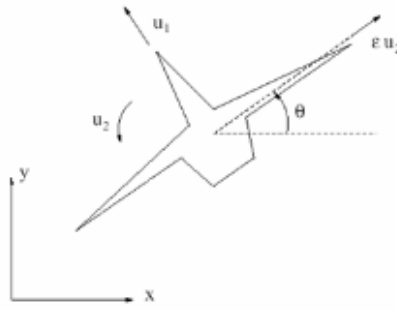


Figure 1: The VTOL. aircraft

The following is a planar model of a Vertical Take-off and Landing (VTOL) aircraft such as Lock-heed's F35 Joint Strike fighter around hover (cf. Figure 1):

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x} &= -u_1 \sin \theta + \epsilon u_2 \cos \theta \\ m\ddot{y} &= u_1 \cos \theta + \epsilon u_2 \sin \theta - mg \\ J\ddot{\theta} &= u_2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x, y$  are the position of the center of mass of the aircraft in the vertical plane and  $\theta$  is the roll angle of the aircraft.  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are the thrust forces (control inputs). The thrust is generated by a powerful fan and is vectored into two forces  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .  $J$  is the moment of inertia, and  $\epsilon$  is a small coupling constant. Determine the stability of the linearized model around the equilibrium solution

$$\tilde{x}(t), \tilde{y}(t), \tilde{\theta}(t) = 0, \tilde{u}_1(t) = mg; \tilde{u}_2(t) = 0.$$

The linearized model should be time invariant. The state  $z = [\theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta}]^T$ ,  $u = [u_1, u_2]^T$

**Solution:**

Choose  $\theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}$  and  $\dot{\theta}$  as the states of the system. The system is

$$f(\theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta}, u) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \frac{-u_1 \sin \theta + \epsilon u_2 \cos \theta}{m} \\ \frac{u_1 \cos \theta + \epsilon u_2 \sin \theta}{m} - g \\ \frac{u_2}{J} \end{bmatrix}$$

the Jacobian is given by

$$J_1 = \frac{\partial f(\theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta}, u)}{\partial z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-u_1 \cos \theta - \epsilon u_2 \sin \theta}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-u_1 \sin \theta + \epsilon u_2 \cos \theta}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

On the equilibrium we have  $u_1(t) \equiv mg$ ,  $u_2(t) \equiv 0$ ,  $x(t) \equiv 0$ ,  $y(t) \equiv 0$ , and  $\theta(t) = 0$ , and so at the equilibrium the Jacobian evaluates to

$$J_1 = \frac{\partial f(\theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta}, u)}{\partial z} \Big|_{ref} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -g & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, the Jacobian of  $f$  with respect to  $u$  is

$$J_2 = \frac{\partial f(\theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta}, u)}{\partial u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} & \frac{\epsilon \cos \theta}{\epsilon \sin \theta} \\ \frac{m}{m} & \frac{m}{m} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{J} \end{bmatrix}$$

and so

$$\frac{\partial f(\theta, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta}, u)}{\partial u} \Big|_{ref} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\epsilon}{m} \\ \frac{1}{m} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{J} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the linearized equation about the equilibrium is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \delta \theta \\ \frac{d}{dt} \delta \dot{x} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \delta \dot{y} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \delta \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -g & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta \theta \\ \delta \dot{x} \\ \delta \dot{y} \\ \delta \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\epsilon}{m} \\ \frac{1}{m} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{J} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta u_1 \\ \delta u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigen values of the A matrix of the linearized system are 0.

Doing Jordan decomposition on A, we get J matrix as  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  As we can see, for  $\lambda =$

0, there exist terms in J (of the form  $t^m e^{R_e t} (\cos(I_m t) + j \sin(I_m t))$  for which  $m > 0$ ). Hence the system is unstable.

**Exercise 4.** *Lyapunov's direct method (10 points)*

An LTI system is described by the equations

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

Use Lyapunov's direct method to determine the range of variable  $a$  for which the system is asymptotically stable. Consider the Lyapunov function,

$$V = x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

**Solution:**

Let  $x = [x_1 \ x_2]$ , and the Lyapunov function be  $V = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ , and we have

$$\dot{V} = 2(ax_1^2 + x_1x_2 - x_2^2)$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} ax_1^2 + x_1x_2 - x_2^2 &< 0 \\ a\left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)^2 + \frac{x_1}{x_2} &< 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\frac{x_1}{x_2} = k$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} ak^2 + k - 1 &< 0 \\ 1 + 4a &< 0 \\ a &< -0.25 \end{aligned}$$

thus we have  $a \in (-\infty, -0.25)$

**Exercise 5. Stability of Non-Linear Systems (20 points)**

Consider the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 - x_1 x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1^3\end{aligned}$$

(a) Is the approximated linearized system stable? Based on Lyapunov's Indirect method, is the system stable? [Hint: can you get a firm answer in this case?] **(5 points)**

(b) Based on Lyapunov's Direct method? **(5 points)** Consider the Lyapunov function:

$$V(x_1, x_2) = x_1^4 + 2x_2^2$$

(c) Plot the Phase Portrait plot of the original system and linearized system in a. **(5 points)**. Submit the code to Gradescope.

(d) Generate a 3D plot showing the variation of  $\dot{V}$  with respect to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . **(5 points)** [Hint: Use Axes3D python library]. Submit the code to Gradescope.

Note: For (c) and (d), include the code along with the plot in the pdf to be submitted. No need to submit .py file.

**Solution:**

1. The equilibrium point of the system is  $[0, 0]$ .

Computing the Jacobian Matrix:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2^2 & 1 - 2x_1x_2 \\ -3x_1^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The linearized system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the linearized system is unstable. Based on Lyapunov's Indirect method, the system's stability is inconclusive as we have eigen value(s) at 0.

2. If we show that  $\dot{V} < 0$ , then the system is stable.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= 4x_1^3\dot{x}_1 + 4x_2\dot{x}_2 \\ &= 4x_1^3(x_2 - x_1x_2^2) + 4x_2(-x_1^3) \\ &= -4x_1^4x_2^2\end{aligned}$$

Since  $-4x_1^4x_2^2 < 0$ , the energy of the system is decreasing and hence the system is stable, based on Lyapunov's direct method.



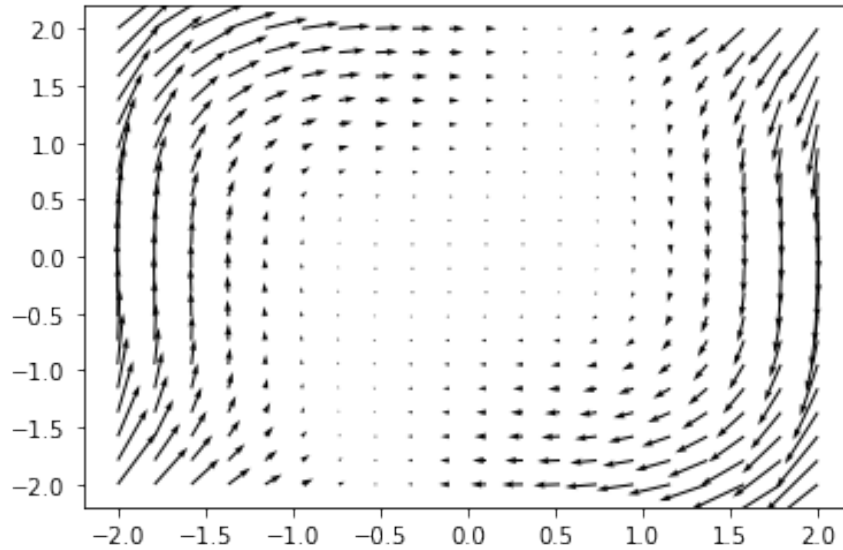


Figure 2: Phase Portrait Plot of Original System

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3. import numpy as np
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

   # Defining the range of inputs x1,x2
   x1=np.linspace(-2,2,20)
   x2=np.linspace(-2,2,20)

   # Formlating meshgrid from x1,x2
   X1,X2=np.meshgrid(x1,x2)

   dot_X1=X2-X1*X2**2
   dot_X2=-X1**3
   # Plotting the phase plot
   plt.figure()
   plt.quiver(X1,X2,dot_X1,dot_X2)
   plt.show()

   # Equations of linearized system:
   #           x1_dot=x2
   #           x2_dot=0
   dot_X1=X2
   dot_X2=np.zeros(X1.shape)
   # Plotting the phase plot
   plt.figure()
   plt.quiver(X1,X2,dot_X1,dot_X2)
   plt.show()
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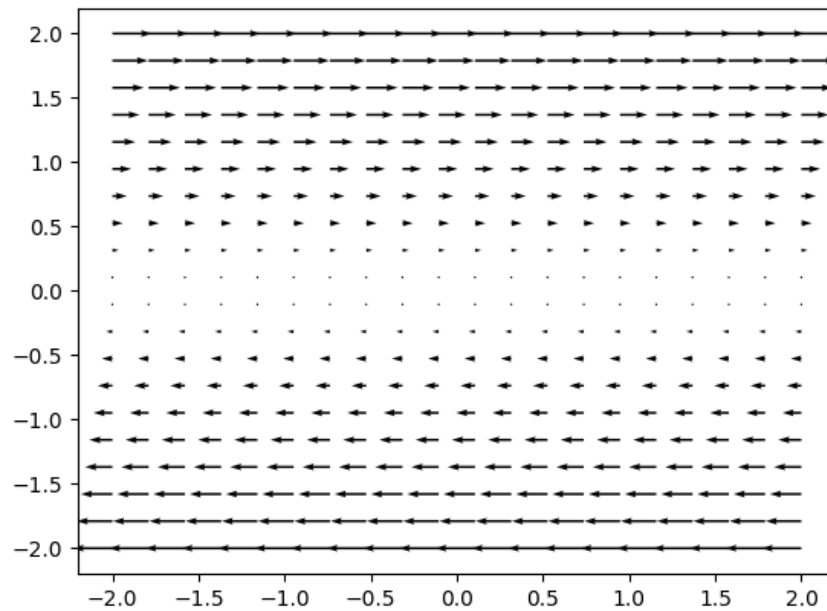


Figure 3: Phase Portrait Plot of Linearized System

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4. import numpy as np
   from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   from matplotlib import cm

   # Defining a range of inputs x1 and x2
   X1=np.arange(-100,100)
   X2=np.arange(-100,100)

   # Computing a meshgrid from the 2 inputs
   x1,x2=np.meshgrid(X1,X2)

   # Computing  $V_{dot} = -4*(x1^4)*(x2^2)$ 
   v=-4*np.power(x1,4)*np.power(x2,2)

   # Plotting v, x1, x2
   fig=plt.figure()
   ax=fig.gca(projection='3d')

   ax.plot_surface(x1,x2,v,cmap=cm.coolwarm, linewidth=0, antialiased=False)
   plt.show()

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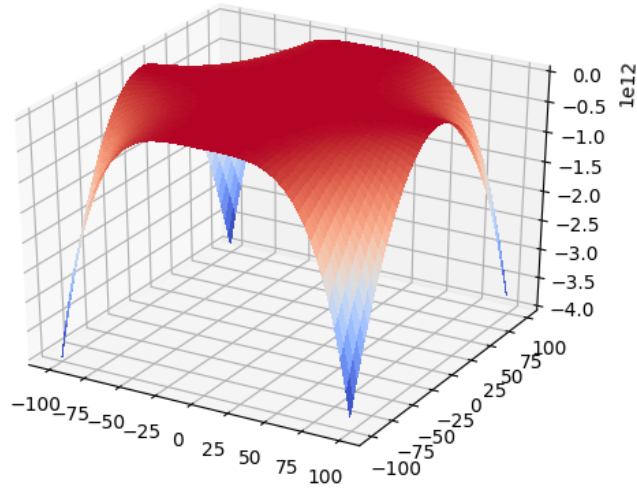


Figure 4:  $\dot{V}$  vs  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

**Exercise 6. BIBO Stability (10 points)**

For each of the systems given below, determine whether it is BIBO stable.

(a) (5 points)

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} x(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} u(k) \\ y(k) &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} x(k) \end{aligned}$$

(b) (5 points)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -2 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} u \\ y &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

(a)

$$G_D(z) = C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D$$

For the given system, we get  $G_D(z) = 0$

Since the transfer function is zero, the system is stable.

(b)  $H(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$

$$H(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{s+3} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have the poles at  $s = -3$ , thus it is BIBO stable.

**Exercise 7. BIBO Stability (15 points)**

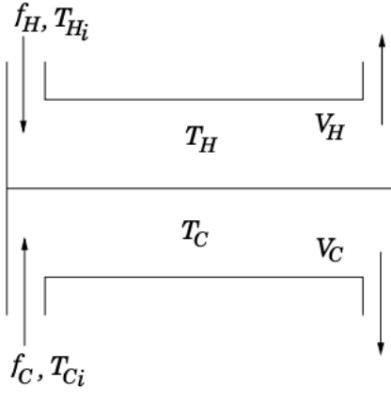


Figure 5: A simple heat exchanger

Consider a simplified model for a heat exchanger shown in Figure 5, in which  $f_C$  and  $f_H$  are the flows (assumed constant) of cold water and hot water,  $T_H$  and  $T_C$  represent the temperatures in the hot and cold compartments, respectively,  $T_{Hi}$  and  $T_{Ci}$  denote the temperature of the hot and cold inflow, respectively, and  $V_H$  and  $V_C$  are the volumes of hot and cold water. The temperatures in both compartments evolve according to:

$$V_C \frac{dT_C}{dt} = f_C(T_{Ci} - T_C) + \beta(T_H - T_C) \quad (1)$$

$$V_H \frac{dT_H}{dt} = f_H(T_{Hi} - T_H) + \beta(T_C - T_H) \quad (2)$$

Let the inputs to the system be  $u_1 = T_{Ci}$ ,  $u_2 = T_{Hi}$ , the outputs are  $y_1 = T_C$  and  $y_2 = T_H$ , and assume that  $f_C = f_H = 0.1(m^3/min)$ ,  $\beta = 0.2(m^3/min)$  and  $V_H = V_C = 1(m^3)$ .

1. Write the state space and output equations for this system. **(5 points)**
2. In the absence of any input, determine  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$ . **(5 points)**
3. Is the system BIBO stable? Show why or why not. **(5 points)**

**Solution:**

1. Choosing  $x_1 = T_C$  and  $x_2 = T_H$  we have  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$  and  $y = x$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

after plugging in numerical values for the constants.

2. We find that the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = -0.1, \lambda_2 = -0.5$ . Recall:

$$f(\lambda) = g(\beta, \lambda) = \beta_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + \beta_1\lambda + \beta_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda) = e^{\lambda_1 t} &= \beta_1\lambda_1 + \beta_0 \Rightarrow e^{-0.1t} = -0.1\beta_1 + \beta_0 \\ f(\lambda) = e^{\lambda_2 t} &= \beta_1\lambda_2 + \beta_0 \Rightarrow e^{-0.5t} = -0.5\beta_1 + \beta_0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \beta_0 = 1.25e^{-0.1t} - 0.25e^{-0.5t} \\ \beta_1 = 2.5e^{-0.1t} - 2.5e^{-0.5t} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(A) = e^{At} = \beta_1 A + \beta_0 I = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5e^{-0.1t} + 0.5e^{-0.5t} & 0.5e^{-0.1t} - 0.5e^{-0.5t} \\ 0.5e^{-0.1t} - 0.5e^{-0.5t} & 0.5e^{-0.1t} + 0.5e^{-0.5t} \end{pmatrix}$$

We can then calculate  $y(t)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= Ce^{A(t-t_0)}x(t_0) + C \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} Bu(\tau) d\tau + Du(t) \\ &= Ce^{A(t-t_0)}x(t_0) \quad (\text{since in the absence of any input}) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.5e^{-0.1t} + 0.5e^{-0.5t} & 0.5e^{-0.1t} - 0.5e^{-0.5t} \\ 0.5e^{-0.1t} - 0.5e^{-0.5t} & 0.5e^{-0.1t} + 0.5e^{-0.5t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (0.5e^{-0.1t} + 0.5e^{-0.5t})x_1(0) + (0.5e^{-0.1t} - 0.5e^{-0.5t})x_2(0) \\ (0.5e^{-0.1t} - 0.5e^{-0.5t})x_1(0) + (0.5e^{-0.1t} + 0.5e^{-0.5t})x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3. The system has both eigenvalues in the open left half plane, and thus is internally exponentially stable. Therefore it is also BIBO stable.