

**MAE 5803 Nonlinear Control Systems**  
**Homework #3**

**Assigned: Feb 14, 2017**  
**Due: Feb 23, 2017**

*Submit your answers to all questions below. Show your working steps in sufficient details.*

1. (20 pts.)

Consider the system:

$$\mathbf{A}_1 \ddot{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{A}_2 \dot{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{A}_3 \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$$

where the  $2n \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{y}^T \quad \dot{\mathbf{y}}^T]^T$  is the state vector, and the  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}_j$  are all *symmetric positive definite*. Show that:

- $\mathbf{0}$  is a *unique equilibrium point* of the system.
- the system is *globally asymptotically stable*.

2. (15 pts.)

Find a *Lyapunov function* to describe the system:

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

3. (20 pts.)

Determine the *stability* of the following systems. If it is stable, indicate whether the stability is asymptotic and whether it is global.

a.  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \sin t \\ 0 & -(t+1) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

b.  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & e^{2t} \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

4. (15 pts.)

Consider a scalar, lower bounded, and twice differentiable function  $V(t)$  for which

$$\forall t \geq 0 \quad ; \quad \dot{V}(t) \leq 0$$

Show that  $\forall t \geq 0: \dot{V}(t) = 0$  implies  $\ddot{V}(t) = 0$

5. (30 pts.)

The mathematical model of a nonlinear pendulum is given by:

$$\ddot{x} - \omega_0^2 x \sin x = u$$

where  $\omega_0^2$  is a positive constant smaller than 2 (not known exactly), and  $u$  is the control input.

- Using Lyapunov's direct method, design a controller that will make the equilibrium point at the origin *globally asymptotically stable*. Justify your design properly.

- b. Simulate the time responses of the pendulum,  $x(t)$ , for a few cases (at least 3) with different  $\omega_0^2$  values within the specified bound. For each case, plot the responses with and without control.