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6.245: MULTIVARIABLE CONTROL SYSTEMS

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Problem Set 3 (due February 25, 2004) ¹

Problem 3.1

Consider a control system described by

$$\ddot{q}(t) - a^2q(t) = v(t) + f_1(t), \quad g(t) = q(t) + f_2(t),$$

where $f = [f_1; f_2]$ is a normalized white noise, v is the control signal, g is the sensor measurement, and $a > 0$ is a parameter. The objective is to find a dynamic feedback controller (with input g and output v) which stabilizes the system while using a minimum of control effort (defined as the asymptotic variance of $v(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$).

- (a) Find the coefficients of the auxiliary abstract H2 optimization problems associated with the original task.
- (b) Write analytically the associated Hamiltonian matrices, bases of their stable invariant subspaces, stabilizing solutions of the Riccati equations, and optimal controller and observer gains.
- (c) Derive an analytical expression for the transfer function of the optimal dynamic feedback controller, and verify it using numerical calculations with `h2syn.m`.

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Problem 3.2

Random signal $q = q(t)$ is assumed to be a “bandlimited white noise” of a given bandwidth B (i.e. the result of passing the true white noise $v_1(t)$ through an ideal low-pass filter of bandwidth w_0 rad/sec). A high quality sensor is assumed to measure $q(t)$ accurately, except for a white additive noise, with the signal-to-noise ratio of 10.

- (a) Use `h2syn.m` to design a 10-th order linear filter which inputs the sensor output, and outputs an estimate of $\dot{q}(t)$ which makes the mean square estimation error as small as possible.
- (b) Test your design by comparing the *simulated* performance of filters you have designed for $B = 10$ rad/sec and $B = 1$ rad/sec on signals $q(\cdot)$ of bandwidths of $B = 10$ and $B = 1$ rad/sec. (One expects that the filter optimized for $B = 10$ rad/sec will be better on the $q(\cdot)$ with bandwidth $B = 10$ rad/sec than the filter optimized for $B = 1$ rad/sec, and vice versa.) Use the generator of bandlimited white noise supplied with the SIMULINK to perform the simulations.