Unified Engineering Quiz 4

Wednesday December 5

Total: 30/110 points

A system is described by the following differential equations:

$$\dot{x}_1 = -3x_1 + x_2 + u$$
$$\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - 3x_2 + u.$$

The scalar input to the system is u(t). The two outputs are $y_1(t) = x_1(t)$ and $y_2(t) = x_2(t)$.

- (a) [8 pt] What are the state-space matrices A, B, C, and D that describe this system?
- (b) [6 pt] Is the system overdamped, underdamped or critically damped? Explain your answer.
- (c) [8 pt] Using the state transformation

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

we get the transformed state-space system

$$\dot{\vec{x}}' = A'\vec{x}' + B'\vec{u},$$

$$\vec{y} = C'\vec{x}' + D'\vec{u}.$$

With this choice of transformation, the matrix A' is

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the matrices B', C' and D'.

- (d) [6 pt] Draw the block diagram of your state equations $\dot{\vec{x}}' = A'\vec{x}' + B'\vec{u}$ in the transformed state, \vec{x}' . (Note: your block diagram does not need to show the output equation.)
- (e) [2 pt] In one sentence, comment on our ability to control the state of this system using the given input.

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