

Zero-Pole Assignment for Time Delay Systems Control with Uncertainties Considered

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Abstract:

Controlled systems are inherently affected by uncertainties due to nonlinearities, fluctuations in physical parameters, ambient conditions, etc. In addition, their models suffer from inaccuracies and require simplifications of physical reality. These factors have to be taken into account when designing controllers in practice. Time-delay systems include latencies in their internal feedback loops. They belong to the class of infinite-dimensional systems. This feature poses multiple obstacles to analyzing and controlling the system dynamics, mainly due to an infinite number of response modes and non-minimum-phase behavior.

Based on the facts above, robust control design for time-delay systems remains a challenging task in control engineering. This research question can be addressed using standard, well-established tools (such as sensitivity functions, robust performance, robust stability, stability margins, etc.), advanced principles (such as pseudospectrum and smoothed spectral abscissa), or a combination of both. Hence, the student is to adopt, compare, and enhance these approaches. The spectral properties of the control system should be emphasized. Besides, a method that includes not only poles but also feedback system zeros, recently proposed by the supervisor, should be applied, worked on, and further analyzed.

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