

PROPORTIONAL INTEGRAL OBSERVER USED IN RECOVERY DESIGN

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ABSTRACT.

The contribution of this paper is to formulate a design problem for Proportional Integral (PI) observers which facilitate their use in recovery design. It is shown that the PI-observers make it possible to obtain time recovery, i.e. exact recovery for $t \rightarrow \infty$. An Loop Transfer Recovery (LTR) design method based on LQG design is derived which make it possible to obtain both time recovery and frequency-domain (normal) recovery at the same time. An example demonstrates this facility.

1. INTRODUCTION.

Since the first paper by Doyle and Stein [3] dealing with Loop Transfer Recovery (LTR) appeared, a lot of papers has been written in this area for both continuous-time and discrete-time systems, see e.g. [2,5,6,7,8].

In [2] the PI-observer has been introduced in connection with LTR design. The results derived in that paper are based on an extension of the LTR results for the full-order observer in [3] and later generalized in [5]. The pay-off of the PI-observer in connection with LTR design is the time recovery effect. Under mild conditions the PI-observer will result in exact recovery as time tends to infinity, named time recovery. One advantage by using the PI-observer in LTR design is that it is possible to obtain time recovery by using relatively low observer gains compared with LTR design of a full-order observer.

The key contribution of this paper is to derive a new formulation of the PI-observer, which will make it possible to derive systematic design methods for the observer, such as LQG and pole placement based methods. Further, based on this formulation and the LQG/LTR design method for full-order observers, a recovery design method for the PI-observer is derived.

2. THE PI-OBSERVER.

Consider a FDLTI system Σ described by a minimal state-space realization (A,B,C):

$$\Sigma: \begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ y = Cx & y \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with $m \geq r$, $n > m$, (A,B) is stabilizable, (C,A) is detectable and C,B of full rank. Now let the plant be controlled by an observer-based controller containing a state-feedback:

$$u = F\hat{x} + r \quad (2)$$

where F is the state feedback gain and \hat{x} the state estimate. The states are estimated by using a PI-observer (the dual version of the PI-state feedback [1]):

$$\Sigma_o: \begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + K(C\hat{x} - y) + Bu + Bv \\ \dot{v} = H(C\hat{x} - y) \\ u = F\hat{x} + r \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where $H \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is the I-gain and $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ is the P-gain. The stability condition requires that the eigenvalues of R:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} A_x & B \\ HC & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_x = A + KC \quad (4)$$

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have negative real parts.

In this configuration, the design freedom has $(n+m) \times m$ parameters for placing the $n+m$ observer poles. Moreover, it is possible to derive systematic design methods for the PI-observer by considering the closed loop system as an extended state system. The PI-observer can be represented by:

$$\Sigma_o: \begin{cases} \dot{z} = A_x z + K_x(C_x z + y) + B_x u \\ u = F_x z \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

$$A_x = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_x = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_x = [C \quad 0], \quad (6)$$

$$F_x = [F \quad 0], \quad K_x = \begin{bmatrix} K \\ H \end{bmatrix}$$

Methods as LQG, eigenstructure-assignment etc. can now be applied for the observer design, as for ordinary observer design by designing K_x .

3. RECOVERY DESIGN USING PI-OBSERVERS.

Recovery design using the PI-observer has been treated in [2] without any design methods. The PI-observer for the LTR problem has also been considered with LTR of the Luenberger observer [5].

First, let us introduce the LTR design methodology based on recovery errors as in [5].

To design a controller for the system Σ by the LTR methodology, we first determine a static state feedback, the target design, which satisfies our design specifications. The design specifications, such as robustness and performance conditions, are assumed to be reflected to the plant input node [6]. The resulting target sensitivity transfer function becomes:

$$S_{TR}(s) = (I - F(sI - A)^{-1}B)^{-1} \quad (7)$$

where F is the target state feedback design.

Second, the LTR step is performed, where the target design is recovered over the range of frequencies by a dynamic compensator C(s), given a full loop sensitivity transfer function of the form:

$$S_f(s) = (I - C(s)G(s))^{-1} \quad (8)$$

As a measure of the quality of the recovery, we define the sensitivity recovery error by:

$$E_s(s) = S_{TR}(s) - S_f(s) \quad (9)$$

Applying a PI-observer, the recovery error can then be rewritten as [5]:

$$E_s(s) = S_{TR}(s)M(s) \quad (10)$$

$$M(s) = sF(s^2I - s(A + KC) - BHC)^{-1}B$$

M is called the recovery matrix [5]. Note that the recovery matrix given by (10) might equal zero in the steady state ($s \rightarrow 0$). We denote this as *time recovery*. The necessary and sufficient condition for obtaining time recovery is that the largest invariant subspace of the matrix $A_x^{-1}BHC$ corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 contained in the controllable subspace of the pair $(A_x^{-1}BHC, A_x^{-1}B)$ is itself contained in the unobservable subspace of the pair $(F, A_x^{-1}BHC)$. A matrix test for this can be found in [4]. Generically, the condition is that HC must have full row rank.

The steady-state property of the PI-observer indicates some advantages in the LTR design in comparison to the normal full-order observer, see below.

Standard LQG design of PI-observers.

The LQG observer design is determined by the following Riccati

equation:

$$A_1 P + P A_1^T + \Gamma - P C_1^T \Sigma^{-1} C_1 P = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$K_x = \begin{bmatrix} K \\ H \end{bmatrix} = P C_1^T \Sigma^{-1}, \quad \Gamma = L^T L \geq 0, \quad \Sigma > 0 \quad (12)$$

The design parameters are Γ and Σ .

Rewriting (12) as:

$$K_x = \begin{bmatrix} K \\ H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{12}^T & P_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^T \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} C^T \Sigma^{-1} \\ P_{12}^T C^T \Sigma^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

shows that H has full rank if CP_{12} has full rank, which will result in obtaining time recovery.

The condition for H to have full rank can be derived from the Riccati equation in (11). The Riccati equation is equivalent to 4 (effectively 3) equations given by:

$$\begin{aligned} A P_{11} + P_{11} A^T + B P_{12}^T + P_{12} B^T + P_{11} C^T \Sigma^{-1} C P_{11} + L_1^T L_1 &= 0 \\ A P_{12} + B P_{22} + P_{11} C^T \Sigma^{-1} C P_{12} + L_1^T L_2 &= 0 \\ P_{12}^T C^T \Sigma^{-1} C P_{12} + L_2^T L_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{11} & \Gamma_{12} \\ \Gamma_{21} & \Gamma_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_1^T \\ L_2^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} L_1 & L_2 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (15)$$

From (14) we have that CP_{12} has full rank if and only if Γ_{22} is positive definite. Using a standard LQG design of a PI-observer will result in time recovery if the weight matrix Γ_{22} is positive definite.

LQG/LTR design of PI-observers.

Let's instead apply the LQG/LTR method to the PI-observer. Let the weight matrices in (11) and (12) be given by [3]:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \Gamma_0 + q^2 B_1 V B_1^T, \quad \Gamma_0 \geq 0, \quad V > 0, \quad 0 \leq q < \infty \\ \Sigma &= \Sigma_0, \quad \Sigma_0 > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

As q approaches the limit, the observer gain behaves as [3]:

$$\frac{K_x}{q} = B_1 V^{1/2} \Theta \Sigma^{-1/2} = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1/2} \Theta \Gamma^{-1/2}, \quad \text{as } q \rightarrow \infty \quad (17)$$

where Θ is an orthogonal matrix. Equation (17) shows that the I-gain H is zero in the limit. Hence, the PI-observer reduces to a normal full-order observer without time recovery effects.

Modified LQG/LTR design of PI-observers.

Using the LQG/LTR weight matrices (16) in the last equation in (14) gives:

$$P_{12}(q)^T C^T \Sigma^{-1} C P_{12}(q) + L_2^T L_2 = 0 \quad (18)$$

As a consequence of (18) it can be shown that as q approach infinity $L_2^T L_2 / q^2 \rightarrow 0$, $\Sigma^{-1/2} C P_{12} / q \rightarrow 0$ and the integral effect in the observer will disappear.

However, by introducing a scalar parameter $\alpha(q)$ ($0 \leq \alpha(q) < \infty$) in (18) as:

make it possible explicit to control the limitation of the integral effect in

$$P_{12}(q)^T C^T \Sigma^{-1} C P_{12}(q) + (1 + \alpha(q)) L_2^T L_2 = 0 \quad (19)$$

the observer as q approach infinity in the recovery design. The modified LQG/LTR weight matrices is then given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \Gamma_0(\alpha) + q^2 B_1 V B_1^T, \quad \alpha \geq 0, \quad q \geq 0 \\ \Sigma &= \Sigma_0, \quad \Sigma_0 > 0 \\ \Gamma_0(\alpha) &= \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{11} & \Gamma_{12} \\ \Gamma_{12}^T & (1+\alpha)\Gamma_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Gamma_0(0) \geq 0, \quad \Gamma_{22} > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

The q parameter is related to the frequency-domain recovery properties whereas α is related to the time recovery properties.

4. EXAMPLE.

Consider the minimum phase system (A,B,C) described by:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [2 \ 1]$$

A target design (state-feedback) for Σ is given by [3]:

$$u = Fx \quad \text{with } F = [-50 \quad -10]$$

Let's use the modified LQG/LTR design method for the PI-observer. Let the weight matrices Γ_0 and Σ be given by:

$$\Gamma_0 = I_{2 \times 2}, \quad \Sigma_0 = I_{2 \times 2}, \quad \Gamma_0(3,3)(\alpha) = (1+\alpha)\Gamma_0(3,3)$$

where α is the tuning parameter of the integral effect in the LTR design. By using $q = 1000$, fig. 4.1 shows directly the effect on the recovery matrix of an increasing α -parameter (a LQG/LTR design of a full-order observer with $q = 1000$ is also shown in fig. 4.1). Further, it is seen from fig. 4.1 that the gain of the recovery matrix at high frequencies is independent of the selected α -parameter. However, if we increase α , the norm of the observer gain will also increase in the same way as when q is increased.

5. CONCLUSION.

An LTR design method based on LQG has been derived for PI-observers. The LQG/LTR design method for full-order observers has been modified by including an extra design parameter which make it possible to design the integral effect explicitly. The advantage of using an PI-observer in the recovery design instead of full-order observers is that it is possible both to reduce the maximal gain of $M(s)$ (by increasing q) and to reduce the gain of $M(s)$ at low frequencies (by increasing α). The future research in LTR design of PI-observers must also include the non-minimum phase case, where asymptotic recovery is in general impossible. The limiting effects of RHP zeros on the recovery design of the PI-observers, (the equivalent of the results in [8] for the full-order observer) must be derived.

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