MAE 143A Signals and Systems

Homework 1

Problem 1. Derive the state space model for each of the following circuits, using voltages on the capacitors as the state variables:

(a)



(b)



(c)



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Problem 2. Consider the following mass-damper system



where u(t) is a forcing velocity, m is the mass of each of the three mass elements, b is the resistance of each of the dampers, and v_1 , v_2 , v_3 are, respectively, the velocities of the left, middle, and right mass, in the rightward reference direction. Derive the state space model with u(t) as the input, $v = [v_1, v_2, v_3]^T$ as the state, and the force acting on the middle mass (in the rightward direction) as the output y.

Problem 3. Consider the system

$$\begin{split} \ddot{\theta} + \theta - \theta^2 &= \sin u \\ \dot{\zeta} + \zeta &= \dot{\theta} + (\zeta + \theta)u \end{split}$$

(This system does not come from any physical application but its structure and its nonlinear terms mimic phenomena that arise in mechanical and bio-chemaical systems.)

- (a) Treating θ as the output and u as the input, derive a state space representation of the system
- (b) For u = 0, find all the equilibria of the system.
- (c) For each equilibrium, find the linearization around that equilibrium.
- **Problem 4.** One of the state-of-the-art HIV models is (Wodarz'99 with specific values of the parameters)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \dot{x} &=& 2-x-3xy(1-u) \\ \dot{y} &=& -y-zy+3xy(1-u) \\ \dot{w} &=& 2xyw-yw-\frac{1}{3}w \\ \dot{z} &=& yw-z \,, \end{array}$$

where u is the input (drug concentration) and x, y, w, and z are concentrations of healthy cells, infected cells, memory cells, and killer cells, respectively.

For u = 0 (no treatment), there exist 3 equilibria in this system. One corresponds to a healthy person, another one corresponds to a person with AIDS, and the third one corresponds to a long-term non-progressor, i.e. a person with HIV who never develops AIDS.

- (a) Find the three equilibria.
- (b) For each equilibrium, find the linearization around that equilibrium.