

APPLICATIONS OF SPECTRAL METHODS IN CONTROL THEORY

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ABSTRACT. We examine the closed-loop state operator of a system consisting of the $\Re\mathcal{C}$ electric transmission line controlled, in the positive feedback, by the proportional controller with gain coefficient $K \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathcal{A}_K x = x'', \quad D(\mathcal{A}_K) = \{x \in: x'(1) = 0, x(0) = Kx(1)\} .$$

Using the direct spectral approach based on a discrete version of the spectral theorem and the Riesz basis concept we establish that it generates an **EXS** analytic semigroup on $H = L^2(0, 1)$, provided that $-\cosh \pi < K < 1, K \neq -1$.

Next we compare this result with the indirect spectral approach based on a new result, in spirit of the Weiss-Staffans perturbation theorem, which relies on treating the closed-loop operator

$$\mathcal{A}^c x = \mathcal{A}_0 [x - kdc^\#x], \quad D(\mathcal{A}^c) = \{x \in D(c^\#) : x - kdc^\#x \in D(\mathcal{A}_0)\}$$

as a feedback perturbation of the open-loop state operator $\mathcal{A}_0, k = -K$.

For that we assume that (i) \mathcal{A}_0 generates an **EXS** analytic semigroup, (ii) the vectors d, h , where $h^* = c^\# \mathcal{A}_0^{-1}$, give rise to the so-called *conjugate Balakrishnan-Washburn estimates*, (iii) the transfer function $\hat{g}(s) := sc^\#(sI - \mathcal{A}_0)^{-1}d - c^\#d$ is in $H^\infty(\mathbf{C}^+) \cap H^2(\mathbf{C}^+)$, (iv) $-\frac{1}{k} \notin \overline{\hat{g}(\mathbf{C}^+) \cap \mathbb{R}}$ and (v) $c^\#d = d^\#h$, where $d^\#$ is an extension of $d^* \mathcal{A}_0^*$ from $D(\mathcal{A}_0^*)$ onto $D(d^\#)$ such that $h \in D(d^\#)$.

This result applied to controlled $\Re\mathcal{C}$ electric transmission line with negative proportional feedback of gain k allows to conclude that \mathcal{A}^c generates an **EXS** C_0 -semigroup for $k \in (-1, \cosh \pi)$ though an open question is how to prove the analyticity of this semigroup.

Notice that the direct spectral approach suggests an affirmative answer to this question.

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