

1a) To evaluate the similarity transformation, let's first find the eigenvalues of A:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |sI - A| = \begin{vmatrix} s-4 & -8 \\ -8 & s-4 \end{vmatrix} = s^2 - 8s - 48 = (s-12)(s+4) = 0 \quad \therefore s_1 = 12 \text{ and } s_2 = -4$$

Next, let's find the eigenvectors of A:

$$[s_1 I - A] \underline{P}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 12-4 & -8 \\ -8 & 12-4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -8 \\ -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{12} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \therefore \underline{P}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[s_2 I - A] \underline{P}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4-4 & -8 \\ -8 & -4-4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -8 \\ -8 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_{21} \\ p_{22} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \therefore \underline{P}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{21} \\ p_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

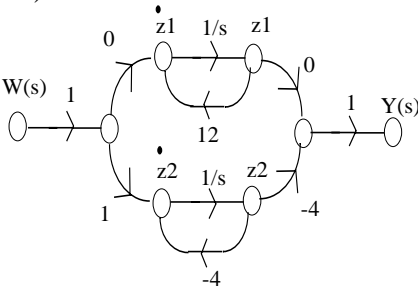
Therefore  $P = [\underline{P}_1 \quad \underline{P}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $S = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus, if we let  $x = Pz$  and

$$\dot{z} = P^{-1}APz + P^{-1}bw = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} w = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w$$

The output equation in the decoupled coordinates is

$$y = CPz = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} z$$

1b) To illustrate the controllable and observable eigenvalues (modes), let's look at the decoupled SFG:



Clearly,  $s_1=12$  (or mode  $z_1$ ) is uncontrollable, unobservable, and unstable. Contrastingly,  $s_2=-4$  (or mode  $z_2$ ) is controllable, observable, and stable.

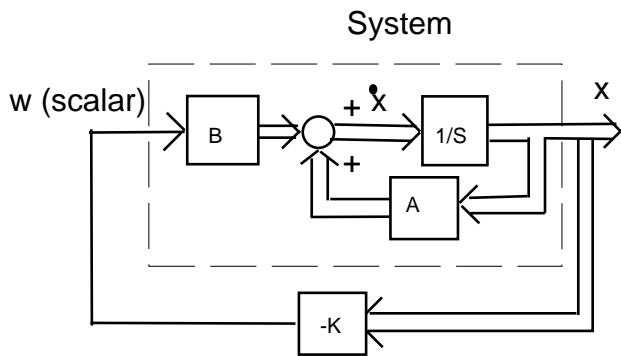
1d) The system is  $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} w$  which is in phase variable form. Hence, the

characteristic equation is  $|sI - A| = s^2 + a_1s + a_0 = s^2 + 4s - 5 = (s+5)(s-1) = 0$ . Therefore, the eigenvalues are  $s_1 = -5$  and  $s_2 = 1$ . Thus, the system is NOT asymptotically stable and is actually unstable because  $s_2 = 1$  is in the RHP.

1e) Our desired characteristic equation is  $(s+5)(s+6) = s^2 + 11s + 30 = 0$ . Let  $w = -Kx = -[k_0 \ k_1]x$ . Then, the closed-loop system is:  $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -(k_0 - 5) & -(k_1 + 4) \end{bmatrix} x$ . Note, that this is still in phase-variable form! So the closed-loop

characteristic equation is solution is  $|sI - (A - bK)| = s^2 + (k_1 + 4)s + (k_0 - 5) = 0$ . Equating coefficients, we obtain:  $(k_1 + 4) = 11$  and  $(k_0 - 5) = 30$  thus  $k_0 = 35$  and  $k_1 = 7$ . So the feedback control is  $w = -[k_0 \ k_1]x = -[35 \ 7]x$ .

1f) The vector block diagram is:



1g) The settling time of the new closed-loop system is  $t_s = -4/-5 = 0.8$  seconds. This is a measure of how quickly the **decoupled** modes will decay to within 2% of their initial value.