DESIGN OF ROBUST OPTIMAL EIGENVALUE-ASSIGNABLE OUTPUT FEEDBACK PID CONTROLLERS FOR LINEAR UNCERTAIN MULTIVARIABLE SYSTEMS VIA ORTHOGONAL-FUNCTIONS APPROACH AND GENETIC ALGORITHM

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ABSTRACT. By complementarily fusing of the robust regional eigenvalue-assignability condition, the orthogonal-functions approach (OFA) and the hybrid Taguchi-genetic algorithm (HTGA), an integrative method is proposed in this paper to design the robust optimal eigenvalue-assignable output feedback PID (proportional-integral-derivative) controller such that (i) the eigenvalues of a linear closed-loop uncertain multivariable system can be retained inside the same specified region as the nominal closed-loop system does, and (ii) a quadratic finite-horizon integral performance index for the linear nominal multivariable control system can be minimized. In this paper, the robust optimal eigenvalue-assignable output feedback PID control problem of a linear uncertain multivariable control system is converted to the robust optimal eigenvalue-assignable static output feedback control problem of a linear uncertain singular system. A design example of the robust optimal eigenvalue-assignable output feedback PID controller for an uncertain stirred tank system is given to demonstrate the applicability of the proposed integrative approach.

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1. Introduction. The PID (proportional-integral-derivative) controller is the most common form of feedback in use today, and is successfully used for a wide range of application: process control, motor drives, magnetic and optic memories, automotive, flight control, instrumentation and so on [1-4]. But the problem for the performance design of linear multivariable PID control systems is still a real challenge to control system engineers [5]. Therefore, recently, some researchers have proposed some approaches to study the performance design problems of linear multivariable PID control systems (see, for example, [5-15] and references therein).