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Time allowed: 3 hours

Answer four questions  
All questions carry equal marks

The use of departmental approved non-programmable calculators is permitted

1.

- (a) Give Shannon's sampling theorem and comment on the benefits of over-sampling, in particular focussing on control applications. Explain why it is necessary to employ anti-aliasing filters, before sampling. Give some indication how sampling rate and filter bandwidth would be selected. [8 Marks]

- (b) Derive Tustin's transform. [5 Marks]

- (c) Consider the following closed-loop digital control scheme,

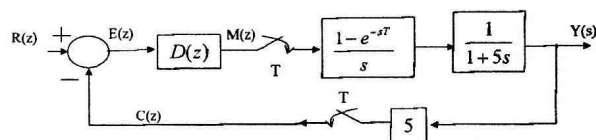


Fig. 1.1 Digital control system

The following discrete-time controller has been designed with the sample time  $T=1$  second,

$$m(k) = Ke(k-1) + 0.7m(k-1).$$

Sketch the root locus diagram for this process, on the Z plane template, and use it to explain how the closed-loop dynamics depend on the choice of the controller gain  $K$ .

[12 Marks]

2.

- (a) The following unit step response has been obtained for a certain discrete process,  $\frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = G(z)$ .

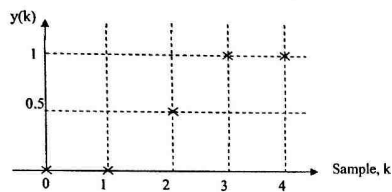


Fig. 2.1 Discrete unit step response

Sketch the response for this process, to the discrete ramp input,

$$u(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } k < 0 \\ 2k & \text{for } k \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

[5 Marks]

- (b) Derive the following deadbeat controller, from a basic prescription of the shape of the desired closed-loop step response,

$$D(z) = \frac{1}{G_m(z)} \frac{1}{z^N - 1}$$

Here  $G_m(z) = C(z)/U(z)$  is the discrete-time transfer function model of the process, with  $N$  representing a tuning parameter, used to determine the desired closed-loop response.

Consider the discrete-time closed-loop system in Fig. 2.2.

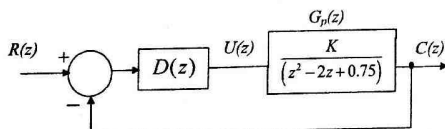


Fig. 2.2 Closed-loop, Discrete-time Process

Show by use of a root-locus plot, why a deadbeat controller will provide unsatisfactory closed-loop performance.

[10 Marks]

- (c) Consider the continuous-time PID controller,

$$m(t) = K_p \left( e(t) + \frac{1}{T_i} \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + T_d \frac{de(t)}{dt} \right)$$

The controller time constants are related according to:  $T_D = \frac{T_i}{4}$ ,

Use the matched-pole-zero approach to derive the following difference equation representation of this controller for implementation on a digital computer, with sample time  $T_s$ . Show clearly in your derivation how the parameters of the difference equation are related to parameters of the continuous PID controller.

$$m(k) = m(k-1) + \alpha e(k) + \beta e(k-1) + \gamma e(k-2)$$

(Hint: An extra pole at  $z=0$  is required to produce a causal (realisable) control algorithm. Due to the integral action present in the original controller  $C(s)$ , you will need to determine the gain of the digital controller  $D(z)$  according to:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sC(s) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1)D(z)$$

[10 Marks]

3.

(a)

A certain process is known to have the following open-loop transfer function,

$$G(z) = \frac{0.5z^{-2}}{(1 - 0.7z^{-1})(1 - 0.8z^{-1})}$$

Design a pole-placement controller for this system which will place the two dominant closed loop poles at  $z = -0.5$ . It is also desired that this control scheme will provide perfect tracking of step set-point signals.

Clearly show the development of the Sylvester matrix used to solve the Diophantine pole-placement design equation.

[12 Marks]

(b)

Derive in full, the following least-squares algorithm, for the identification of the parameters  $\hat{\theta}(k)$ , of a discrete-time transfer function. Here  $\Phi(k)$  is a matrix of input and output data, and the vector  $y(k)$  contains the sampled process output, up to the current  $k^{\text{th}}$  sample,  $y(k)$ .

$$\hat{\theta}(k) = (\Phi(k)^T \Phi(k))^{-1} \Phi(k)^T y(k)$$

If a square matrix  $P(k)$  is now defined as  $P(k) = (\Phi(k)^T \Phi(k))^{-1}$ , derive the following update equation to obtain  $P(k+1)$  from process data up to the  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  sample,

$$P(k+1) = (P(k)^{-1} + \psi(k+1)\psi(k+1)^T)^{-1}$$

where vector  $\psi(k+1)$  contains process input and output data sampled up to the  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  sample.

Show by application of Householder's Matrix Inversion Lemma,

$$(A + BCD)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}B(C^{-1} + DA^{-1}B)^{-1}DA^{-1}$$

that the following update equation for the model parameter vector can be obtained:

$$\hat{\theta}(k+1) = \left[ P(k) - \frac{P(k)\psi(k+1)\psi(k+1)^T P(k)}{1 + \psi(k+1)^T P(k)\psi(k+1)} \right] \Phi(k)^T y(k) + \psi(k+1)y(k+1)$$

[13 Marks]

4.

(a) Consider the following state-space equations,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underline{x}(t) = A\underline{x}(t) + B\underline{u}(t)$$

Develop fully the solution for the state trajectory  $\underline{x}(t)$ , for  $t \geq 0$ , where  $\underline{x}(0)$  is the initial state vector at  $t=0$ .

[6 Marks]

(b) Consider the following second-order SISO process,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine the discrete-time state-space representation of this system. A zero-order hold is assumed and the sample-time is  $T=0.1$  seconds.

[7 Marks]

(c)

Consider the mechatronic system represented by the block diagram given in Fig. 4.1.

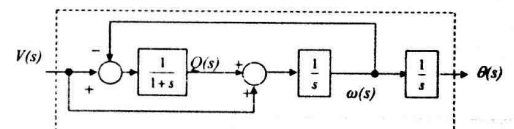


Fig. 4.1: Open-loop servomechanism block diagram

- Develop a state-space model of this process using the states  $q(t)$ ,  $\omega(t)$  and  $\theta(t)$ .
- Determine the poles of this system.
- Determine whether the internal states are observable from measurements of the output angle  $\theta$  and the input voltage  $v$ .

[12 Marks]

5.

- (a) Consider the following  $N^{\text{th}}$  order open-loop process, with one input  $u(t)$  and a single output  $y(t)$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underline{x}(t) = A \underline{x}(t) + B u(t)$$

$$y(t) = C \underline{x}(t)$$

If this process is under the following state space control-law with integral action,

$$u(t) = -K \underline{x}(t) + K_I \int_0^t (r(\tau) - y(\tau)) d\tau$$

show that the closed-loop characteristic equation is:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} sI_N - A + BK & -BK_I \\ C & s \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

[7 Marks]

- (b) A classical control scheme for a general DC motor based positioning system is shown in Fig. 5.1.

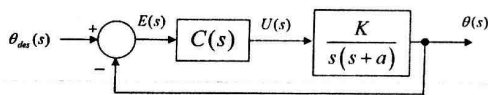


Fig. 5.1: Closed-loop position control system

Here the following PD controller  $C(s)$  is used;

$$C(s) = K_c (s + z).$$

The set-point is usually constant. Use the state-space method to design the PD controller to place both the desired closed loop poles at  $s = -2a$

[8 Marks]

- (c) Figure 5.1 shows a variable-speed wind-turbine, connected to the grid via fully rated back-to-back inverters:

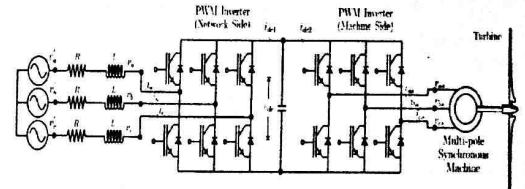


Fig. 5.1 Variable speed wind-turbine

The network-side converter dynamics can be modelled in the DQ domain using the following differential equations,

$$L \frac{di_d}{dt} - \omega L i_q(t) + R i_d(t) = v_d'(t) - v_d(t)$$

$$L \frac{di_q}{dt} + \omega L i_d(t) + R i_q(t) = v_q'(t) - v_q(t)$$

Here  $i_d(t)$  and  $i_q(t)$  are the D and Q axis currents. The network voltages in the DQ domain are  $v_d'$  and  $v_q'$ . The control inputs to this system are the inverter voltages  $v_d(t)$  and  $v_q(t)$ .

At unity power factor, a simplified power balance at the DC link capacitor yields,

$$C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} v_{dc}(t) = \frac{1}{2} (v_d(t) i_d(t)) + P_w(t).$$

Here  $v_{dc}(t)$  is the link capacitor voltage and  $P_w(t)$  is the power delivered onto the DC link from the wind-turbine.

The parameters for this system are given in Table I below.

In normal rated operation, this wind turbine will extract 1MW of power from the wind, and deliver this to the grid (neglecting losses) with unity power factor ( $i_q=0A$ ). Determine a linear state-space model of this process at this operating point. (Hint: the equilibrium value for the D axis inverter voltage is positive)

[10 Marks]

TABLE I: System Parameters

	Parameter	Value
Resistance	R	0.003Ω
Inductance	L	89μH
DC-link capacitance	C	0.2F
Nominal D axis grid voltage	$v_d^*$	690V
Nominal Q axis grid voltage	$v_q^*$	0V
Nominal DC-link voltage	$V_{dc}^*$	1050V
Electrical frequency	$\omega$	314.16rad/s

6.

- (a) A certain process can be modelled by the transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{K(s + \alpha)}{(s + \beta)(s + \gamma)}$$

Develop fully a simulation diagram for the Observer Canonical representation of this process.

[5 Marks]

- (b) Consider the following  $N^{\text{th}}$  order open-loop process, with single input  $u(t)$ , single output  $y(t)$ , and state-vector  $\underline{x}(t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \underline{x}(t) &= A \underline{x}(t) + B u(t) \\ y(t) &= C \underline{x}(t) \end{aligned}$$

The state vector is not measured directly, but is estimated as  $\hat{\underline{x}}(t)$  using a full-state Luenberger observer with estimator gain matrix  $G$ .

The following control-law is utilised, where  $r(t)$  is the setpoint signal,

$$u(t) = -K \hat{\underline{x}}(t) + N r(t)$$

- (i) Develop fully the following representation of the closed loop system,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \\ \underline{e}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A - BK & BK \\ 0 & A - GC \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \\ \underline{e}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} BN \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} r(t)$$

where the estimation error  $\underline{e}(t)$  is defined as,  $\underline{e}(t) = \underline{x}(t) - \hat{\underline{x}}(t)$

Use this representation to explain the "Separation Principle", and how this principle is applied in state-space control design.

[10 Marks]

- (ii) Show that the closed-loop system could be represented by the following classical realisation, based on a pre-filter and a feedback transfer function:

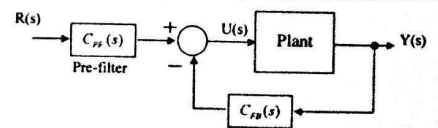


Fig. 6.1: Classical representation of closed-loop system

[10 Marks]