

ECE 141, Spring 2022  
Homework 2

**3.21** Find the transfer functions for the block diagrams in Fig. 3.51, using the ideas of block-diagram simplification. The special structure in Fig. 3.51(b) is called the “observer canonical form” and will be discussed in Chapter 7.

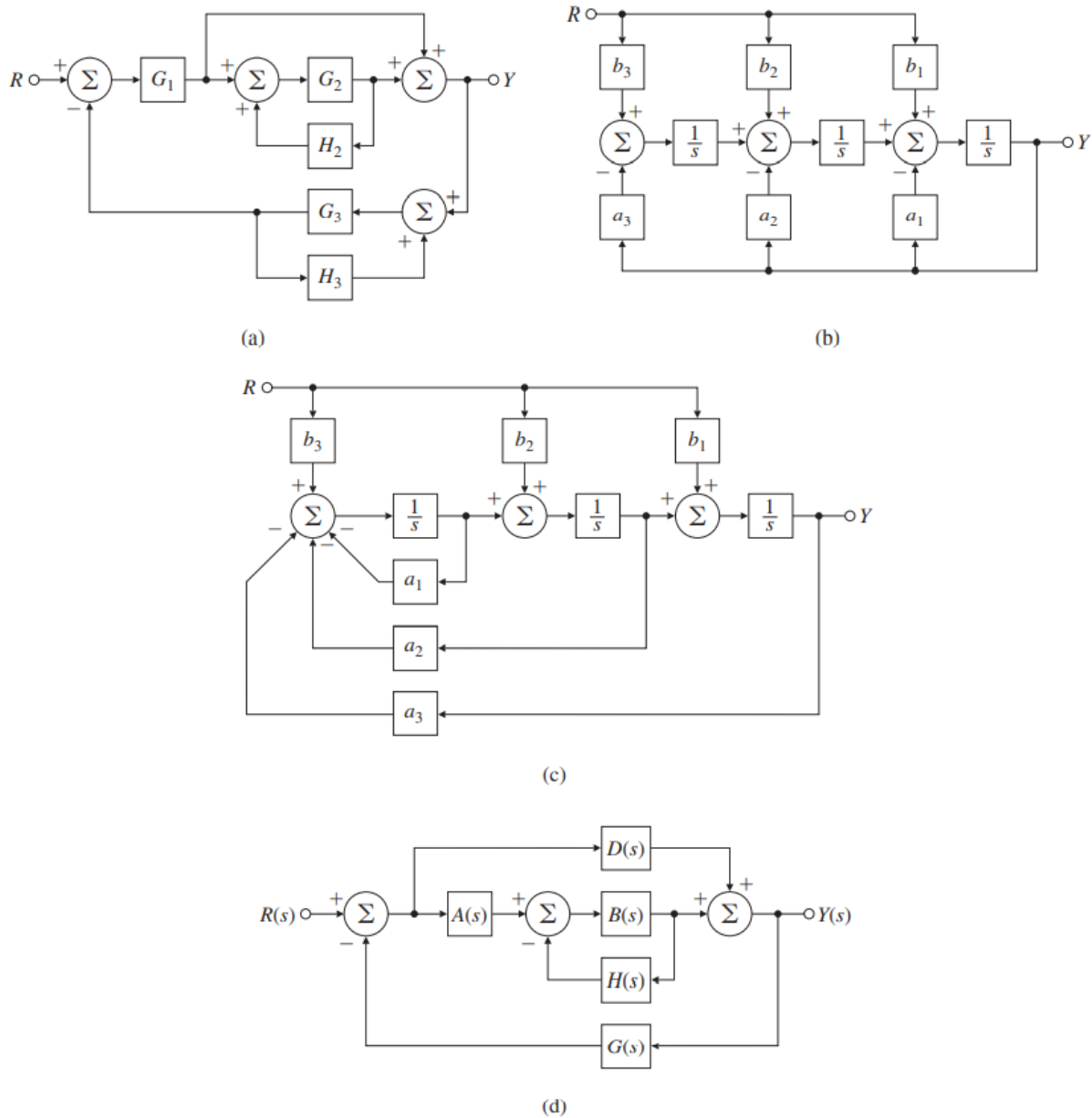


Figure 3.51

**3.30** A feedback system has the following response specifications:

- Percent overshoot  $M_p \leq 16\%$
  - Settling time  $t_s \leq 6.9$  sec
  - Rise time  $t_r \leq 1.8$  sec
- (a) Sketch the region of acceptable closed-loop poles in the  $s$ -plane for the system, assuming the transfer function can be approximated as simple second order.
- (b) What is the expected overshoot if the rise time and settling time specifications are met *exactly*?

**3.32** The open-loop transfer function of a unity feedback system is

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+2)}.$$

The desired system response to a step input is specified as peak time  $t_p = 1$  sec and overshoot  $M_p = 5\%$ .

- (a) Determine whether both specifications can be met simultaneously by selecting the right value of  $K$ .
- (b) Sketch the associated region in the  $s$ -plane where both specifications are met, and indicate what root locations are possible for some likely values of  $K$ .
- (c) Relax the specifications in part (a) by the same factor and pick a suitable value for  $K$ , and use Matlab to verify that the new specifications are satisfied.

**3.36** You wish to control the elevation of the satellite-tracking antenna shown in Fig. 3.60 and Fig. 3.61. The antenna and drive parts have a moment of

inertia  $J$  and a damping  $B$ ; these arise to some extent from bearing and aerodynamic friction, but mostly from the back emf of the DC drive motor. The equations of motion are

$$J\ddot{\theta} + B\dot{\theta} = T_c,$$

where  $T_c$  is the torque from the drive motor. Assume that

$$J = 600,000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2 \quad B = 20,000 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}\cdot\text{sec}.$$

- (a) Find the transfer function between the applied torque  $T_c$  and the antenna angle  $\theta$ .
- (b) Suppose the applied torque is computed so that  $\theta$  tracks a reference command  $\theta_r$  according to the feedback law

$$T_c = K(\theta_r - \theta),$$

where  $K$  is the feedback gain. Find the transfer function between  $\theta_r$  and  $\theta$ .

- (c) What is the maximum value of  $K$  that can be used if you wish to have an overshoot  $M_p < 10\%$ ?
- (d) What values of  $K$  will provide a rise time of less than 80 sec? (Ignore the  $M_p$  constraint.)
- (e) Use Matlab to plot the step response of the antenna system for  $K = 200, 400, 1000$ , and  $2000$ . Find the overshoot and rise time of the four step responses by examining your plots. Do the plots to confirm your calculations in parts (c) and (d)?

**Figure 3.60**

Satellite-tracking  
antenna

*Source: Courtesy Space  
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**Figure 3.61**

Schematic of antenna  
for Problem 3.36

