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Module Name: Control System Design (C-18)

[Three Hours]

[Answer all questions, each question carries 12 marks]

Note: Formulas you may require are given in page 5. A table of Laplace transforms is attached in page 6.

- Q1 a) i) Using necessary block diagrams, explain the terms "open-loop control" and "closed-loop control" in control engineering.
ii) Describe the main advantage and the main disadvantage of the closed-loop control systems. *accurate, less affected by noise* [2.5 Marks]
- b) i) Drawing a suitable time response, explain the terms; *costly, complex, gain reduction* rise time, settling time, maximum overshoot and peak time, associated with a control system. ✓
ii) An underdamped second order system is shown in Figure Q1(b). Assume that $k > 0$. It is required to design the system so that it gets 5% maximum overshoot and 2 s peak time. Determine whether both specifications can be met simultaneously by selecting a value for k . ✓ *us* ✓ [4.5 Marks]
- c) i) Consider the system shown in Figure Q1(c1). Show that a non-zero steady-state error exists in the system for a unit-ramp input.
ii) In order to eliminate the steady-state error for a unit-ramp input, an input filter is added to the system as shown in Figure Q1(c2). Determine the input filter transfer function $H(s)$. [5 Marks]
- Q2 a) i) In terms of the characteristic equation of a system, what is the necessary condition to be fulfilled to have a stable system?
ii) State the Routh's necessary and sufficient condition to have a stable system. [1.5 Marks]
- b) The characteristic equation of a system is given by
$$s^4 + 2s^3 + (4 + k)s^2 + 9s + 25 = 0$$

Using Routh's stability criterion, determine the range of k so that the system becomes stable. [3 Marks]
- c) Explain a method to check the stability, when the transfer function of the system is not known. [1.5 Marks]

- d) i) Write the general form of matrix equations so that a system is represented in state-variable form. Name the matrices in your matrix equations.
- ii) Consider the RLC circuit shown in Figure Q2. The input voltage is V_i and the output voltage is V_o , the voltage across the capacitor. Writing differential equations for the RLC circuit, obtain the state-variable form of the system. Take the state vector x as $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$, where $x_1 = V_o$ and $x_2 = \dot{V}_o$.
- Input and output of the system is V_i and V_o , respectively.
- iii) Using the state-variable form obtained in part ii), obtain the poles of the system. Hence, derive the condition to be fulfilled so that the system becomes an underdamped system.

[6 Marks]

- Q3 a) Figure Q3(a) shows the root locus of a system whose plant transfer function is $G(s)$.
- i) What is a root locus?
- ii) Is the open-loop system stable for any gain K ? Briefly explain the reasons for your answer.
- iii) Is the closed-loop system stable for any gain K ? Briefly explain the reasons for your answer.
- iii) Derive the transfer function of the plant, $G(s)$.

[4.0 Marks]

- b) Consider the closed-loop system given in Figure Q3(b), where

$$G(s) = \frac{(s+2)(s+5)}{(s^2-5s+11)}$$

- i) Sketch the root locus for the system after finding the following.
- Break-away/ Break-in points if exists
 - Imaginary axis crossings
 - Departure angles at open-loop complex poles/ Arrival angles at open-loop complex zeros
- ii) Find the range of gain K where the closed-loop system stable.
- iii) Determine whether the point $-1.8+2.65j$ is on the root locus.
- iv) Find the closed-loop poles when the gain is 10.
- v) Find the gain corresponding to closed-loop pole $-2.8+1.51j$.

[8.0 Marks]

- Q4 a) i) What are the functions of a controller in a closed-loop system.
- ii) State four types of controllers that can be used in closed-loop systems and briefly explain their functions.

[3.0 Marks]

- b) Using your knowledge of root locus design technique, answer this question. Note that it is NOT necessary to sketch the root locus of the system.

Figure Q4 shows a closed-loop control system where the plant's transfer function is given by:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{(s + 15)(s^2 + 2s + 4)}$$

Design a PID compensator for this system to achieve the following specifications for a unit step input:

Percent overshoot, $M_p\% \approx 10\%$,

Peak time, $t_p \approx 0.3$ seconds,

Steady state error = 0.

State and justify any assumptions made.

[9.0 Marks] ✓

- Q5 a) i) Draw the Bode diagrams for the following system using asymptotic approximations.

$$G(s) = \frac{25(s + 30)}{s(s + 1)(s + 5)}$$

- ii) Draw the frequency responses of a lag compensator and a lead compensator.

[4.0 Marks]

- b) Using your knowledge of frequency response design technique, answer this question. Note that it is NOT necessary to draw the frequency response of the system.

Figure Q4 shows a closed-loop control system where the plant's transfer function is given by:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 7s + 15}$$

Design a Lag compensator for this system to achieve the following specifications for a unit step input:

Percent overshoot, $M_p\% \approx 12\%$,

Steady state error = 0.1%.

[8.0 Marks]

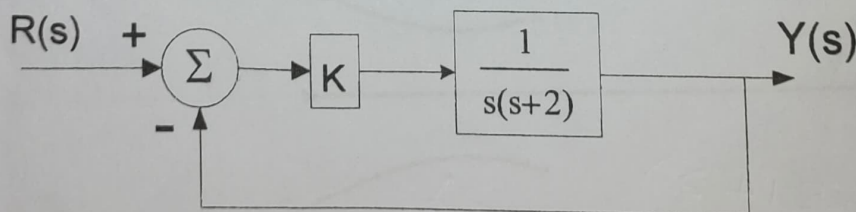


Figure Q1(b).

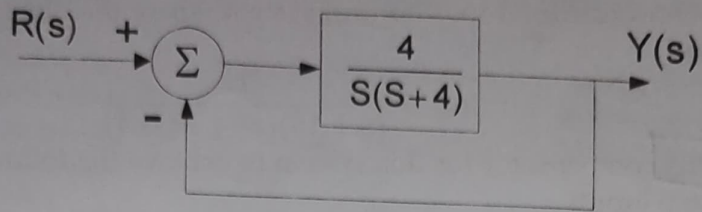


Figure Q1(c1).

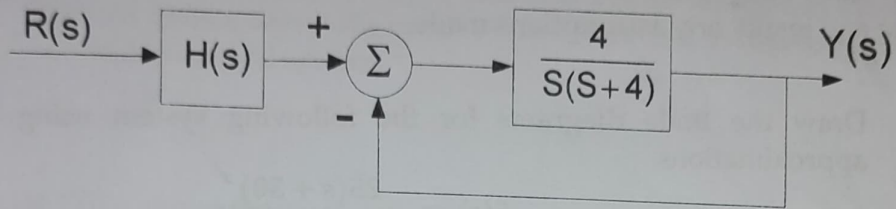


Figure Q1(c2).

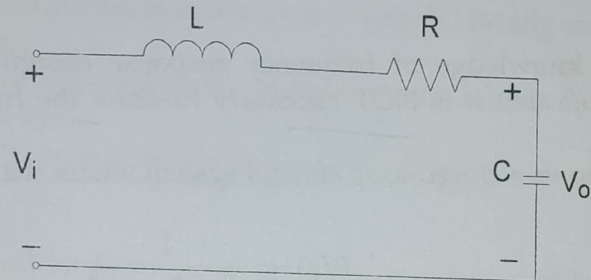


Figure Q2.

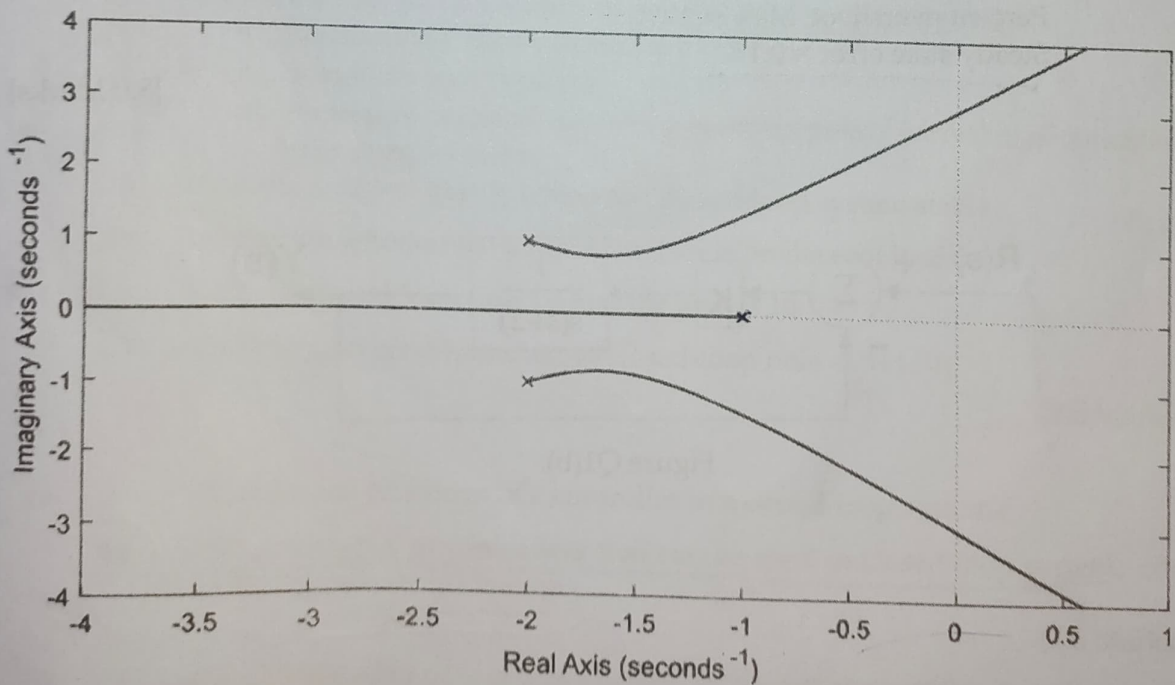


Figure Q3(a).

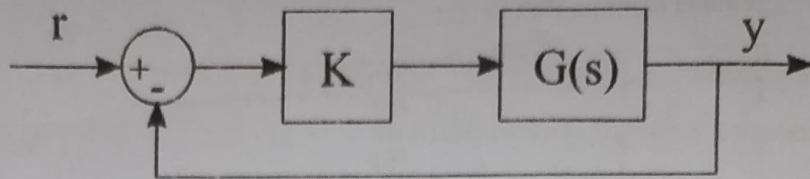


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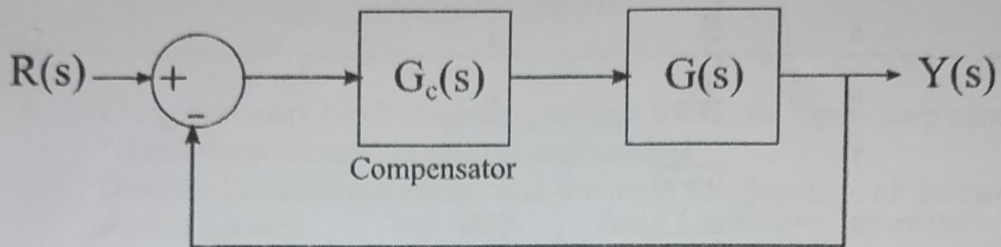


Figure Q4.

Formulas you may require:

(All notations have their usual meanings.)

For an underdamped second order system,

$$M_p = e^{-\pi\zeta/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$

$$t_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d}$$

$$\omega_d = \omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$$

$$\phi_{PM} = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta}{\sqrt{-2\zeta^2 + \sqrt{1 + 4\zeta^4}}}$$

Table of Laplace Transforms

Number	$F(s)$	$f(t), t \geq 0$
1	1	$\delta(t)$
2	$\frac{1}{s}$	$1(t)$
3	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	t
4	$\frac{2!}{s^3}$	t^2
5	$\frac{3!}{s^4}$	t^3
6	$\frac{m!}{s^{m+1}}$	t^m
7	$\frac{1}{(s+a)}$	e^{-at}
8	$\frac{1}{(s+a)^2}$	te^{-at}
9	$\frac{1}{(s+a)^3}$	$\frac{1}{2!}t^2e^{-at}$
10	$\frac{1}{(s+a)^m}$	$\frac{1}{(m-1)!}t^{m-1}e^{-at}$
11	$\frac{a}{s(s+a)}$	$1 - e^{-at}$
12	$\frac{a}{s^2(s+a)}$	$\frac{1}{a}(at - 1 + e^{-at})$
13	$\frac{b-a}{(s+a)(s+b)}$	$e^{-at} - e^{-bt}$
14	$\frac{s}{(s+a)^2}$	$(1 - at)e^{-at}$
15	$\frac{a^2}{s(s+a)^2}$	$1 - e^{-at}(1 + at)$
16	$\frac{(b-a)s}{(s+a)(s+b)}$	$be^{-at} - ae^{-bt}$
17	$\frac{a}{(s^2+a^2)}$	$\sin at$
18	$\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)}$	$\cos at$
19	$\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2+b^2}$	$e^{-at} \cos bt$
20	$\frac{b}{(s+a)^2+b^2}$	$e^{-at} \sin bt$
21	$\frac{a^2+b^2}{s[(s+a)^2+b^2]}$	$1 - e^{-at} \left(\cos bt + \frac{a}{b} \sin bt \right)$