

ME 417 Control of Mechanical Systems

Spring 2020 Homework #2

Complete the following problems and submit a hard copy of your solutions. You are encouraged to work together to discuss the problems but submitted work **MUST** be your own. This is an **individually** submitted assignment.

Problem 1 (20pts)

For each of the following systems, sketch a **general shape** root-locus and includes, **as applicable**:

- Asymptotes intercept and angles

$$\text{a) } G(s) = \frac{(s+6)}{(s+1)(s^2+2s+4)}$$

$$\text{b) } G(s) = \frac{(s-5)(s+20)}{s(s^2+4s+16)}$$

$$\text{c) } G(s) = \frac{(s^2+2s+3)(s+20)}{s(s^2+2s+6)}$$

$$\text{d) } G(s) = \frac{(s+3)(s-20)}{s^2(s^2+4s+100)}$$

Problem 2 (20pts)

For each of the following systems, sketch a **refined** root-locus and includes, **as applicable**:

- Break-in and Break-away points
- $j\omega$ crossing and the gain value at the crossing
- Angle of departures

Also, find the range of K for which the system is stable. SHOW YOUR WORK

$$\text{a) } G(s) = \frac{(s+6)}{(s+1)(s+2)(s^2+2s+4)}$$

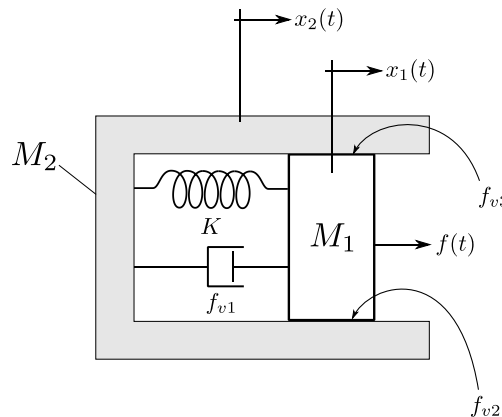
$$\text{b) } G(s) = \frac{(s-5)(s+20)}{s^2(s^2+16)}$$

Problem 3 (20 Pts)

Given the mechanical system shown on the figure. Use MATLAB to verify your work, but carryout the solutions and controller design by hand.

- Derive the equations of motion for the system
- Find the transfer function relating the input $f(t)$ to $x_1(t)$, $G_1(s) = \frac{x_1(s)}{f(s)}$
- Analyze the stability of the system $G_1(s)$
- Design a feedback controller, using the root-locus technique, around G_1 to achieve: Zero Steady-State Error, Settling time of 2s, Peak Time of 2.5s, to a step input. Justify if the system can be approximated as second order.
- Derive the transfer function relating the reference position to $x_1(t)$
- Derive the transfer function relating the reference position to $x_2(t)$, with the feedback system derived above

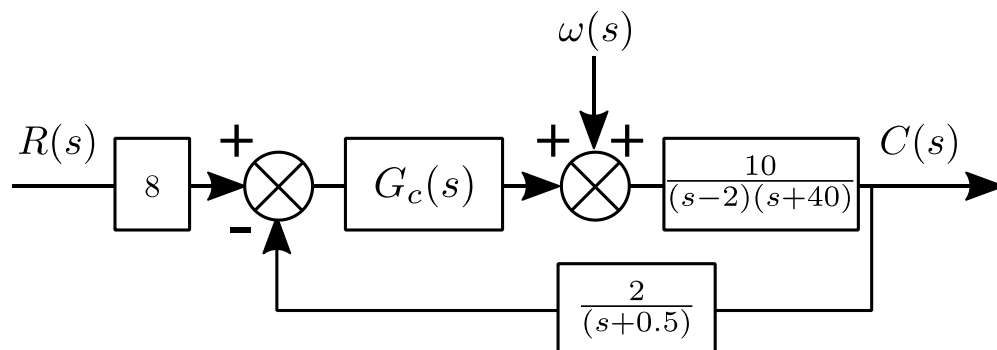
$$M_1 = 2kg, M_2 = 1kg, K = 10 N/m, f_{v1} = 2N \cdot s/m, f_{v2} = f_{v3} = 2N \cdot s/m$$



Problem 4 (20 Pts)

A closed-loop system with input disturbance is shown.

- Design a controller that results in stable response with a settling time of $T_s = 0.667s$. Is a second order approximation valid? Justify. Hint: Choose a convenient constraint for ζ or ω_d to simplify your calculations.
- Show that the steady-state error of the closed-loop system, to an **impulse disturbance** input, is zero.
- Given your designed controller, derive the transfer function relating the input $r(t)$ to the controller output $u(t)$, then find the time domain equation of $u(t)$ to an input $r(t) = 5$.



Problem 5 (20 Pts)

Given the following open-loop system

$$G_p = \frac{1}{(s+3)} + \frac{(s+5)}{(s-1)(s+2)}$$

- a) Discuss the stability of the system
- b) Design a controller that yields a stable and critically damped response with a gain less than 10
- c) With the controller you designed, discuss whether the closed-loop system can be considered second-order.