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Homework 4

Problem 1. Consider the following characteristic equations:

$$D_1(s) = s^4 + Ks^3 + s^2 + s + 1 = 0$$

$$D_2(s) = s^4 + 2s^3 + (4 + K)s^2 + 9s + 25 = 0$$

Using the Routh stability criterion, determine the range of K for stability.
(Hint: it is possible that the system cannot be stable for any K .)

Problem 2. Consider the closed-loop system shown in Figure 1. Determine the range of K for stability. Assume that $K > 0$.

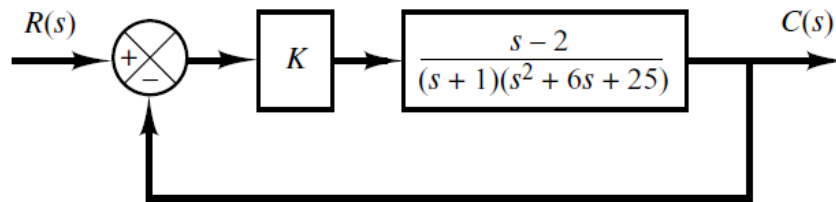


Figure 1: Block diagram of a system.

Problem 3. Consider the servo system with tachometer feedback shown in Figure 2. Determine the ranges of stability for K and K_h . (Note that K_h must be positive.)

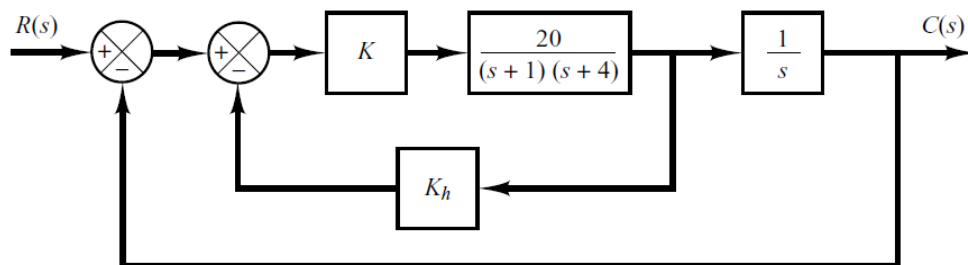


Figure 2: Block diagram of a system.

Problem 4. Consider a unity-feedback control system whose open-loop transfer function is

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{s(Js + B)}$$

Discuss the effects that varying the values of K and B has on the steady-state error in unit-ramp response. Sketch typical unit-ramp response curves for a small value, medium value, and large value of K , assuming that B is constant.

Problem 5 (MATLAB). Read the following MATLAB Documentation:

- PID Controller: <https://www.mathworks.com/help/simulink/slref/pidcontroller.html>
- PID Tuner: <https://www.mathworks.com/help/control/ref/pidtuner-app.html>

1) In MATLAB/Simulink, build the transfer function model.

$$G_p(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - 1}$$

Provide your MATLAB/Simulink simulation by plotting the open-loop unit step response.

2) Then, apply the PID controller and construct the feedback system. Use PID Tuner to obtain the value of control gains. Provide your MATLAB/Simulink simulation by plotting the closed-loop unit step response.