

EE 575, Fall 2022  
Introduction to Control Theory

Midterm Exam

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Problem #	Maximum Points	Grading
1.1	0.5	
1.2	0.5	
1.3	0.5	
1.4	0.5	
1.5	0.5	2.5
1.6	0.5	
1.7	0.5	
1.8	0.5	
2.1	1	1
2.2	1	
3	4	3.25
4	5	4.5
5	5	4
6	5	4.25
7	5	4.75
Total	30	

24.25

**Section 1: True or False (0.5 points each, 8 questions, 4 points total)**

1.1. For a linear time-invariant system with the transfer function  $H(s)$ , for the input of  $e^{at}$ , the corresponding system output is  $H(a) * e^{at}$ . *can be proved formulaically*

- (a) True  
(b) ☒ False

1.2. On the root locus plot, the number of separate loci is equal to the number of zeros.

- (a) True  
(b) ☒ False

1.3. For a linear time-invariant system, if the system output is  $y(t)$  with the input of  $u(t)$ , then the system output is  $y(t - a)$  with the input of  $u(t - a)$ .

- (a) ☒ True  
(b) False

1.4. The system with the characteristic equation  $s^7 + 8s^6 + 8s^5 - s^4 + 100s^3 + 100000s^2 + 9999s + 8976 = 0$  is stable.

- (a) True  
(b) ☒ False

1.5. Lead compensator approximates the PD control to improve the steady-state accuracy.

- (a) ☒ True  
(b) False

*Not for*

1.6. The transfer function  $T(s) = \frac{(s+2)(s-1)}{s^2(s+10)(s^2+6s+25)}$  describes a minimum-phase system.

- (a) True  
(b) ☒ False

1.7. A state-space representation of a system can always be written in a strict diagonal form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u, \quad y = [c_1 \quad c_2 \quad \dots \quad c_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) True  
(b) ☒ False

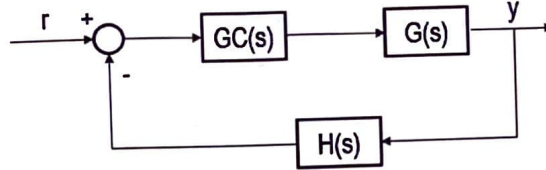
1.8. According to the final value theorem  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sY(s)$ , for a system with the dynamic output of  $Y(s) =$

$\frac{3(s+2)}{s(s+4)(s-3)^2}$ , the final steady-state output of the system is equal to  $\frac{3 \cdot 2}{4 \cdot (-3)} = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

- (a) ☒ True  
(b) False

**Section 2: Single Choice (1 point each, 2 questions, 2 points total)**

2.1. Consider the system in the below figure with  $GC(s) = 10$ ,  $H(s) = 1$ , and  $G(s) = \frac{s+50}{s^2+60s+500}$ . With a unit step input, the final output  $y_{ss}$  is



$$TF = \frac{GC(s)G(s)}{1 + GC(s)G(s)H(s)}$$

$$= \frac{10s + 500}{s^2 + 70s + 1000}$$

- (a) 100
- (b) 1
- (c) 50
- ☒ (d) None of the above.

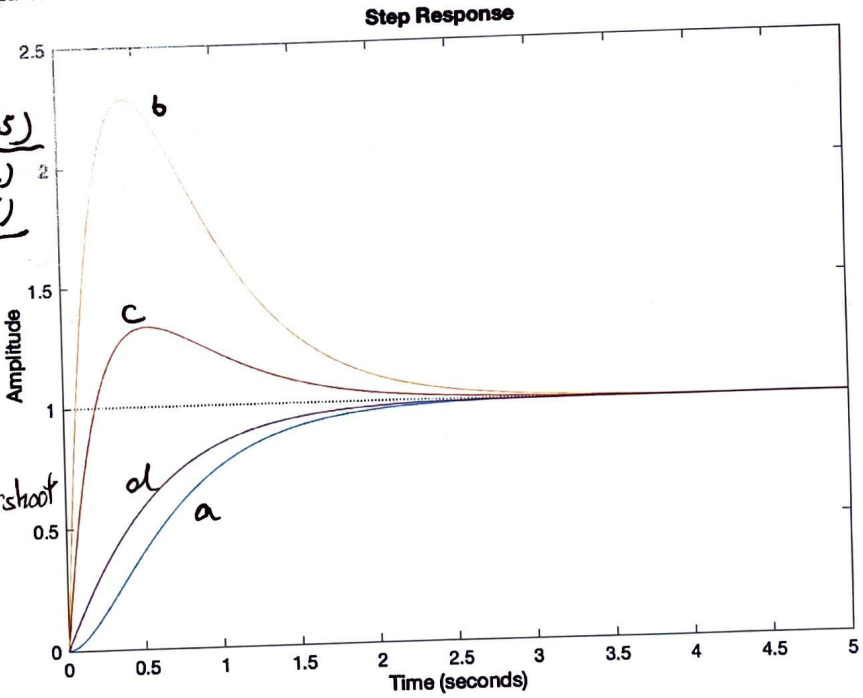
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2.2 Below figure shows the time domain step responses of the following three transfer functions. Please choose which transfer function could correspond to the red curve (the second to the top).

- (a)  $G1(s) = \frac{8}{(s^2+6s+8)}$
- (b)  $G2(s) = \frac{8(s+1)}{(s^2+6s+8)}$
- ☒ (c)  $G3(s) = \frac{16(s+0.5)}{(s^2+6s+8)} = \frac{3(s+0.5)}{0.5(s+5)}$
- (d)  $G4(s) = \frac{1.6(s+5)}{(s^2+6s+8)}$

s (m)

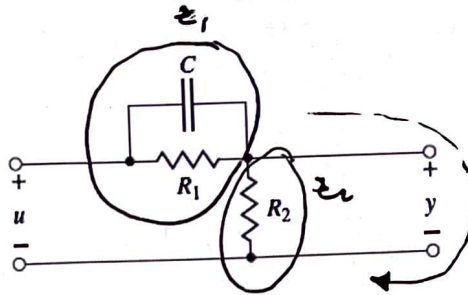
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bigger s = bigger overshoot



### Section 3: Computations

#### 3. Transfer Function of Analog Circuit (4 points)

Calculate the transfer function  $T(s)=Y(s)/U(s)$  of the below system, and determine whether it is a lead or lag compensator.



$$T(s) = Y(s)/U(s) = \cancel{z_2} \quad z_1 \parallel z_2 \text{ so } z_{||} = \frac{z_2}{z_2 + z_1}$$

$$z_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 s C + 1} \quad z_2 = R_2$$

~~z\_1~~ Voltage Division:

$$y = u \frac{z_2}{z_2 + z_1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$TF = \frac{Y}{U} =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{R_2}{R_2 + sC + 1}}$$

check.

lead / lag?

#### 4. Routh's Criteria for Stability Analysis (5 points)

The closed-loop transfer function of a system is

$$T(s) = \frac{18}{s^5 + 2s^4 + 5s^3 + 6s^2 + 11s + 2}$$

Use Routh's Criteria to determine the stability of the system. If it is unstable, how many closed-loop poles are located in the right half-plane?

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} s^5 & 1 & 5 & 11 \\ s^4 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ s^3 & 4 & 10 & 0 \\ s^2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ s^1 & 2 & 0 & \\ s^0 & 2 & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} / 2 &= -\frac{[2-22]}{2} = 10 \checkmark \\ -\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} / 2 &= -\frac{[6-10]}{2} = 2 \\ -\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} / 4 &= -\frac{[20-24]}{4} = 1 \\ -\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} / 4 &= -\frac{[0-8]}{4} = 2 \\ -\det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} / 1 &= -[8-10] = 2 \\ -\det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} / 1 &= -[0-0] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

First Column is all positive; system is stable.



$$GD = \frac{K(s+10)}{(s^2+5s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{K(s+10)}{4s^3+8s^2+5s^2+10s+1s+2}$$

### 5. System Type and Stability (5 points)

Given a second-order system  $G = \frac{1}{(s+1)(4s+1)}$ , we add  $D = \frac{K(s+10)}{s+2}$  in series with  $G(s)$  in a unity feedback structure.

- Determine the system type, and the corresponding finite constant error.
- What are the limits on  $K$  so that the system is stable? (Must be positive)  $> 0$

A.) Characteristic Equation:  $(s+2)(s+1)(4s+1) = 0$

No poles at the origin; system is **Type 0**

$$\text{Error} = \frac{1}{1+GD} = \frac{1}{1 + \left[ \frac{K(s+10)}{4s^3+13s^2+11s+2} \right]} = \frac{4s^3+13s^2+11s+2}{4s^3+13s^2+[11+K]s+[10K+2]}$$

B.)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t)$

$$\begin{array}{c|l} s^3 & 4[11+K] \\ s^2 & 13[10K+2] \\ s & -27K+124 \\ \hline & 13 \end{array}$$

$$-\det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & [11+K] \\ 13 & [10K+2] \end{bmatrix} / 13 = - \frac{[40K+8] - [132+13K]}{13} = - \frac{27K-124}{13}$$

$$\frac{-27K+124}{13} > 0$$

$$0 < K < \frac{124}{27}$$

$$-27K > -124$$

$$K < \frac{124}{27}$$

$$[P_1, P_2]^2 + [-P_1^2 P_2 - P_1, P_2^2]$$

Control Canonical:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -P_1 & -P_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

6. State-Space Representation, Controllability, Observability (5 points)  $y = \begin{bmatrix} z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} u$

Consider the following transfer function  $\frac{s+z}{(s+p_1)(s+p_2)}$

a. Write down its observer canonical form.

b. If  $z, p_1$ , and  $p_2$  are all negative, and  $z \neq p_1$  and  $z \neq p_2$ , prove that the ~~control~~ canonical form in (a) is both controllable and observable.

observer

A.)  $\frac{s+z}{(s+p_1)(s+p_2)} = \frac{1s + 1z}{(s+p_1)(s+p_2)} = \frac{\dot{x}_2 + z x_1}{\ddot{x}_1 + [P_1 + P_2]\dot{x}_1 + P_1 P_2 x_1} = u(t)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -P_1 & -P_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$x_2 = \dot{x}_1$$

$$u(t) = \dot{x}_2 + [P_1 + P_2]x_2 + P_1 P_2 x_1 = u(t)$$

$$y(t) = x_2 + z x_1$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -[P_1 + P_2]x_2 - P_1 P_2 x_1 + u(t)$$

Observer:

B.)  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -P_1 P_2 \\ 1 & -[P_1 + P_2] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$

~~Control Canonical~~: Controllable:  $C = [B \ AB \ \dots \ A^{n-1}B] \neq 0$

Observable:  $\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -P_1 P_2 \\ 1 & [P_1 + P_2] \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = [B \ AB]$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + 0 + 0 - P_1 P_2 \\ 0 + 0 + 1 + P_1 + P_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -P_1 P_2 \\ 1 + P_1 + P_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -P_1 P_2 \\ 1 & [1 + P_1 + P_2] \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$0 + P_1 P_2 \neq 0 \quad \checkmark \quad \therefore \text{Controllable}$$

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$CA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -P_1 P_2 \\ 1 & [1 + P_1 + P_2] \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -P_1 P_2 \\ 1 & [P_1 + P_2] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -P_1 P_2 [P_1 + P_2] + [-P_1^2 P_2 - P_1 P_2^2] \\ [1 + P_1 + P_2] \times [P_1 + P_2] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -P_1 P_2 \\ 1 & [1 + P_1 + P_2] \end{bmatrix} \quad (-P_1 P_2 + [P_1 + P_2] - P_1 P_2 - P_1^2 P_2 - P_1 P_2^2 + ([1 + P_1 + P_2] \times [P_1 + P_2]))$$

Not enough 0 products and terms to cancel out

$\therefore$  Observable

$$CA = C \begin{bmatrix} z & 1 \\ 0 & -p_1 p_2 \\ 1 & [p_1 + p_2] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z & 1 \\ -z p_1 p_2 + z[p_1 + p_2] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z & 1 \\ z & 1 \\ -z p_1 p_2 + z[p_1 + p_2] \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

$[p_1 + p_2 - p_1 p_2]$



## 7. State-Space Transfer Function and Tracking Performance (5 points)

Consider the single-input single-output system described via the following dynamic equations (with  $u$  as input and  $y$  as output)

$$\ddot{x}_1 + 2\dot{x}_1 + 4x_1 = Ku; \quad y = x_1$$

- Write down the system **state-space control canonical form** with  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  as state variables, where  $x_2$  is defined as  $x_2 = \dot{x}_1$ .
- Calculate the transfer function.
- Determine the value of  $K$  resulting in a zero steady-state tracking error with a unit step input. The tracking error is defined as  $e(t) = u(t) - y(t)$ .

A.)  $x_2 = \dot{x}_1$

$$\dot{x}_2 + 2x_2 + 4x_1 = Ku$$

$$y = x_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ K \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

B.)

$$TF = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{L(y)}{L(u)}$$

Inverse Laplace

$$x_1^{(2)} + 2x_1^{(1)} + 4x_1 = Ku$$

$$y = x_1$$

$$\approx s^2 + 2s + 4$$

$$\approx 1$$

$$TF = \frac{K}{s^2 + 2s + 4}$$

C.)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ s \frac{s^n}{s^n + P(s)} \frac{1}{s^{n+1}} \right]$$

$$Y(s) = K \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right] \text{ unit-step}$$

$$U(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$E(s) = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 4} - K \right]$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{s} (s^2 + 2s + 4) - K \right] = 4 - K$$

$$4 - K = 0$$

$$K = 4$$