

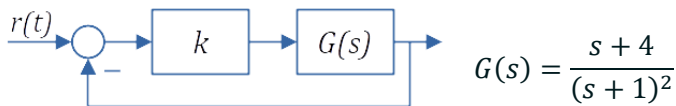
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**P1 (1p).** Circle the right answer: (True OR False OR I Don't Know) (0.2p correct answer, -0.1p wrong answer, 0p IDK)

- [ T F IDK ] The order of a system is equal to the number of poles.
- [ T F IDK ] A system has the poles  $-10$ ,  $-1 + i$ ,  $-1 - i$ . The pole located at  $-10$  is dominant.
- [ T F IDK ] A first-order system is unstable if the poles are complex conjugate.
- [ T F IDK ] A second-order system with the damping factor  $\zeta > 1$  is overdamped.
- [ T F IDK ] A second-order system with no zeros and the poles  $-1$  and  $-10$  is underdamped.

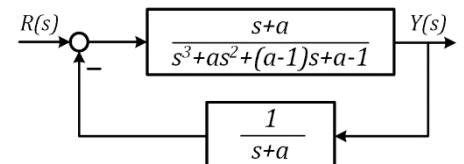
**P2. (2p)** Consider the closed-loop system in the figure, where:



- a) (1p) Sketch the root locus for  $k \in [0, \infty)$  (including the asymptote, the breakaway/breakin points).
- b) (0.5p) Find the values for  $k$  so that the closed-loop poles are equal.
- c) (0.5p) Find the values for  $k$  so that the closed-loop system is underdamped. Use the previous result and the root locus to identify these values and describe how it shows that the system is underdamped.

**P3. (1p)** For the system shown in the figure:

- a) (0.5p) Determine the range of values of the parameter  $a$  so that the closed-loop system is stable.
- b) (0.5p) Choose a value for  $a$  so that the closed-loop system is stable and determine the steady-state error for a ramp input:  $r(t) = 2t$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .



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[ T F IDK ] The transfer function is the ratio of the Laplace transform of the output signal to the Laplace transform of the input signal, with all initial conditions equal to zero.

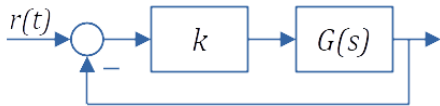
[ T F IDK ] The roots of the characteristic equation are the poles of the closed-loop system

[ T F IDK ] A system is stable if and only if all the poles have negative real parts.

[ T F IDK ] A second-order system with the damping factor  $0 < \zeta < 1$  is underdamped.

[ T F IDK ] A system has the poles  $-1, -10 + i, -10 - i$ . The pole located at  $-1$  is dominant.

**P2. (2p)** Consider the closed-loop system in the figure, where:



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

**a) (1p)** Sketch the root locus for  $k \in [0, \infty)$  (including the asymptotes, the breakaway/breakin points and the intersection with the imaginary axis).

**b) (0.5p)** Find the values for  $k$  so that the closed-loop poles are equal.

**c) (0.5p)** Find the values for  $k$  so that the closed-loop system is overdamped. Use the root locus to identify these values and describe how it shows that the system is overdamped.

**P3. (1p)** For the system shown in the figure:

**a) (0.5p)** Determine the range of values of the parameter  $a$  so that the closed-loop system is stable.

**b) (0.5p)** Choose a value for  $a$  so that the closed-loop system is stable and determine the steady-state error for a step input:  $r(t) = 2, t \geq 0$ .

