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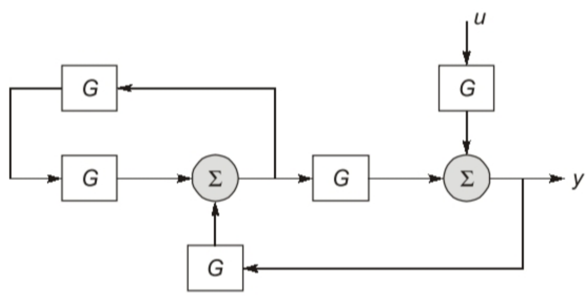
Question: In the block diagram shown in the figure, the transfer function $G = \frac{K}{\tau s+1}$ with $K > 0$ and $\tau > 0$. The maximum value of K below which the system remains stable is ____(rounded off to two decimal places) (GATE CH 2022)



Solution:

Parameter	Value	Description
G	$\frac{K}{\tau s+1}$	Transfer function shown in blocks
Y		Laplace transform of y(output)
U		Laplace transform of u(input)
X,Z		Laplace transform of x and z
T	$\frac{Y}{U}$	Transfer function of complete system

TABLE 1
PARAMETERS

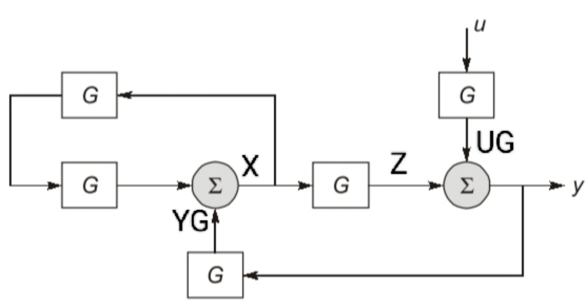


Fig. 1. Block Diagram

$$X = XG^2 + YG \tag{1}$$
$$\implies X = \frac{YG}{1-G^2} \tag{2}$$
$$Z = XG \tag{3}$$
$$Y = Z + UG \tag{4}$$
$$Y = XG + UG \tag{5}$$
$$Y = \frac{YG^2}{1-G^2} + UG \tag{6}$$
$$\implies Y = \frac{UG(1-G^2)}{1-2G^2} \tag{7}$$

From Table 1,

$$T = \frac{G(1-G^2)}{1-2G^2} \tag{8}$$

So, Characteristic equation : $1 - 2G^2$

$$\implies \tau^2 s^2 + 2\tau s + 1 - 2K^2 = 0 \tag{9}$$

s^n	a_0	a_2	a_4	...
s^{n-1}	a_1	a_3	a_5	...
s^{n-2}	$b_1 = \frac{a_1a_2 - a_3a_0}{a_1}$	$b_2 = \frac{a_1a_4 - a_5a_0}{a_1}$	...	..
s^{n-3}	$c_1 = \frac{b_1a_3 - b_2a_1}{b_1}$	$\vdots$		
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		
s^1	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		
s^0	a_n			

TABLE 2
ROUTH ARRAY

From Table 2:

s^2	τ^2	$1-2K^2$
s^1	2τ	0
s^0	$1-2K^2$	

TABLE 3

Given $\tau > 0$ and $K > 0$, for system to be stable,

$$1 - 2K^2 \geq 0 \tag{10}$$

$$\implies 0 < K \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{11}$$

$$K_{max} \approx 0.71 \tag{12}$$