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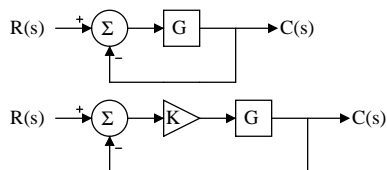
Instructions

The test is open book, open class notes (yours and mine), open Sakai page for this class, and open Pundit. No other resources are allowed. If you have a question about whether something is allowed, ask the instructor. Be sure that you are in a place where you can work undisturbed for the duration of the test. If a situation arises that disrupts your work, let the instructor know - you will be allowed to pause the clock and resume work later. The Start Time above should be when you first started working on the test (after saving it, printing it out, etc.) and the End Time should be when you stopped doing work on the test and started working on scanning / photographing and uploading it.

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Note: in all problems, $u(t)$ is the unit step and $\delta(t)$ is the unit impulse. Also, transfer functions labeled T are generally overall transfer functions while G and H are generally subordinate forward and feedback transfer functions, respectively. Finally, the following represent the block diagrams for unity feedback systems and unity feedback systems with cascaded proportional (gain) control, respectively:



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Problem I: [20 pts.] Transient and Steady-State Characteristics

- (1) Determine the steady-state value and the approximate settling time of the step response for a system that has an overall transfer function of:

$$T_w(s) = \frac{200}{(s+2)(s+50)}$$

- (2) Determine the steady-state value and the approximate settling time of the step response for a unity feedback system that has a forward transfer function of:

$$G_x(s) = \frac{5}{s+4}$$

- (3) Determine the steady-state value, settling time, and %OS of the step response as well as the natural frequency, damping ratio, and damped frequency for a system that has an overall transfer function of:

$$T_y(s) = \frac{25}{s^2 + 4s + 35}$$

$$c_{\text{step}}(\infty) = \quad T_S = \quad \%OS =$$

$$\omega_n = \quad \zeta = \quad \omega_d =$$

- (4) Determine the steady-state value, settling time, and %OS of the step response as well as the natural frequency, damping ratio, and damped frequency for a unity feedback system that has a forward transfer function of:

$$G_z(s) = \frac{35}{s^2 + s + 5}$$

$$c_{\text{step}}(\infty) = \quad T_S = \quad \%OS =$$

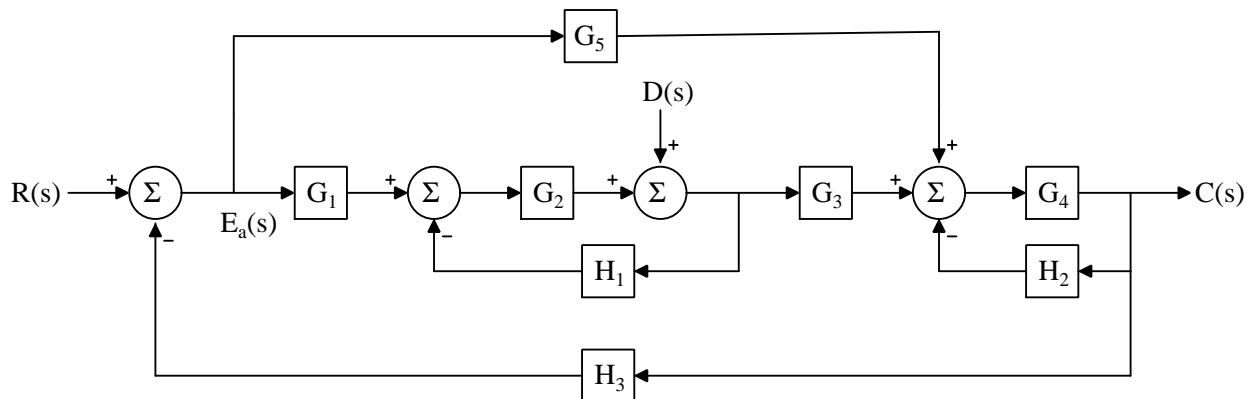
$$\omega_n = \quad \zeta = \quad \omega_d =$$

- (5) An underdamped second-order system is found to have a step response with a steady state value of 0.8; the transient settles in 5 seconds and includes a maximum 10% overshoot. Where are its dominant poles?

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Problem II: [20 pts.] System Simplification

Given the system below:



- (1) Clearly draw a signal flow diagram for the system. Be sure to indicate where each node is on the diagram - especially R , C , E_a , and D . Note that $E_a(s)$ is the input to system G_1 .
- (2) Clearly use Mason's Rule to determine the overall transfer function $T_\alpha(s) = C(s)/R(s)$. Note that once you define components in terms of the individual transfer functions, you do *not* need to simplify nor do you need to substitute them into the final result.
- (3) Clearly use Mason's Rule to determine the transfer function $T_\beta(s) = E_a(s)/D(s)$. Note that once you define components in terms of the individual transfer functions, you do *not* need to simplify nor do you need to substitute them into the final result. If you re-use any components defined for $T_\alpha(s)$ above, simply state that (but be careful!).

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Problem III: [20 pts.] Stability and Steady State Analysis

You must clearly build and interpret Routh arrays to support your conclusions for the following problems in order to get any credit.

- (1) A system has an overall transfer function of:

$$T_\alpha(s) = \frac{a}{bs^3 + cs^2 + ds + e}$$

where a through e are constants.

- (a) Assuming $a, b > 0$, list all the conditions that must be true for the system to be stable. If there are multiple possibilities, list them all.
- (b) Assuming $a, b > 0$, list all the conditions that must be true for the system to be marginally stable. If there are multiple possibilities, list them all.

- (2) The first draft of the question above started with “A system has an overall transfer function of:

$$T_\alpha(s) = \frac{as^2 + bs + c}{ds^3 + es^2 + fs + g}$$

where a through g are constants...” Why is that version trickier than the final version?

- (3) A unity feedback system with gain control K has an overall forward path transfer function of:

$$G_\beta(s) = \frac{K(s+4)}{(s+7)(s+5)(s+3)(s-1)} = \frac{K(s+4)}{s^4 + 14s^3 + 56s^2 + 34s - 105}$$

- (a) Determine the conditions on K for the system to be stable.
- (b) Are there one or more non-trivial values of K which would cause marginal stability? If so, find them and determine the frequency of oscillation at each K where the system is non-trivially marginally stable.
- (c) For values of K that keep the system stable, what is the system type from a steady-state error perspective?
- (d) Given that system type, determine the value for the appropriate finite (non-zero, non-infinite) static error constant and the steady state position error as a function of K .

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Problem IV: [20 pts.] System Analysis I

Be sure to clearly indicate which part of the problem you are answering by writing the appropriate section/subsection before your answer. For example, “(IV.2): The values of K that keep the system stable are...” A unity feedback system T has a gain controller K in cascade with a plant:

$$G(s) = \frac{s^2 - 2s + 5}{(s)(s + 2)(s + 4)} = \frac{s^2 - 2s + 5}{s^3 + 6s^2 + 8s}$$

- (1) Is the plant G all by itself generally overdamped, critically damped, underdamped, undamped (i.e. marginally stable), or unstable? Why do you believe that?
- (2) For what values of K will the overall system T be stable? Justify your answer.
- (3) For values of K that keep the system stable, what system type does this represent from a steady-state error perspective?
- (4) Complete the following sentence with the appropriate subscripts: “When this system is stable, the finite, non-zero static error constant is $K_{\text{—}}$ and the finite, non-zero position error is $e_{\text{—}}(\infty)$.” Your first answer should be one of p , v , or a and your second should be one of step, ramp, or parabola.
- (5) Determine a formula that relates the controller gain K to the finite, non-zero steady-state position error.
- (6) What is the minimum possible finite, non-zero steady-state position error for this system, and what value of the controller K produces it?
- (7) For a particular K value in the stable range, the overall system poles are at -6.157 and $-0.421 \pm j0.797$ while the overall system zeroes are at $1 \pm j2$. Answer the following given this information:
 - (a) For this gain value, what is/are the dominant pole/s?
 - (b) For this gain value, is the system generally overdamped, critically damped, underdamped, undamped (i.e. marginally stable), or unstable? Why do you believe that?

Problem V: [20 pts.] System Analysis II

Be sure to clearly indicate which part of the problem you are answering by writing the appropriate section before your answer. For example, “(V.5): The system is marginally stable when...” A system with gain control has an overall transfer function T of:

$$T(s) = \frac{K(s + 5)}{s^3 + 8s^2 + (K - 15)s + 5K - 54}$$

- (1) For what values of K will the overall system be stable?
- (2) For values of K that keep the system stable, what system type does this represent from a steady-state error perspective?
- (3) Complete the following sentence with the appropriate subscripts: “When this system is stable, the finite, non-zero static error constant is $K_{\underline{\quad}}$ and the finite, non-zero position error is $e_{\underline{\quad}}(\infty)$.” Your first answer should be one of p , v , or a and your second should be one of step, ramp, or parabola.
- (4) Determine a formula that relates the controller gain K to the finite, non-zero steady-state position error.
- (5) For what value(s) of K will the overall system be non-trivially marginally stable?
- (6) For the value(s) of K that makes the system non-trivially marginally stable, what frequency for the input would lead to an unbounded output?