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**Title of Paper : Control Engineering I**

**Course Number : EE431**

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**Time Allowed : 3 hrs**

**Instructions :**

1. Answer any four (4) questions
2. Each question carries 25 marks
3. Useful information is attached at the end of the question paper

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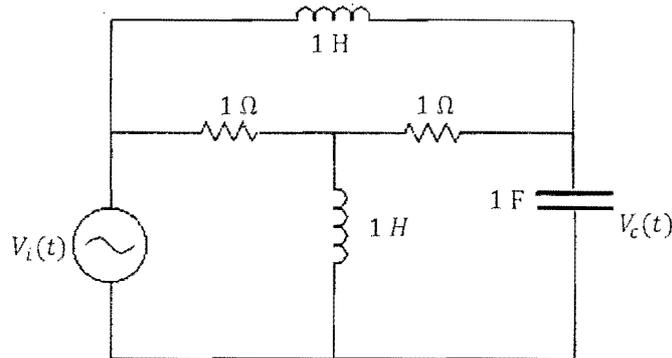
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**Question 1 (25 Marks )**

(a) For the electric circuit given in Figure Q.1

(i) Determine the state space representation, [10]

(ii) The transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{V_c(s)}{V_i(s)}$ , hint  $G(s) = \mathcal{C}(sI - A)^{-1}B + D$  [10]



**Figure Q.1**

(b) Given the following transfer function  $\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{s+2}{(s+3)(s+5)(s+7)}$ , determine its step response. [5]

**Question 2 (25 Marks)**

(a) Answer the following question

(i) Discuss stability in digital systems [3]

(ii) What causes an entire row of zeros to show up in a Routh table [2]

(b) Given the following transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{1}{25s+100}$ , Sketch the Bode diagram of the system [10]

(c) Show that for a unit ramp function where  $f(kT) = kT$ , the z-transform is  $\frac{Tz}{(z-1)^2}$  [10]

**Question 3 (25 Marks)**

(a) Define the following terms , *Rise Time*, *Peak time*, *Percentage overshoot* for 2<sup>nd</sup> order system. [3]

(b) Given the following transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{225}{s^2+30s+225}$ , determine the following

- (i) Natural frequency [1]
- (ii) Damping ratio [1]
- (iii) State the step response in relation with the damping ratio,  $\xi$ . [1]
- (iv) Settling Time [1]

(c) Given a feedback system whose open-loop transfer function is

$$G(s) = \frac{K(s+3)}{(s+5)(s+8)(s+12)}$$

Where K is the feedback gain. Evaluate the system's close-loop behaviour using the root locus technique.

- (i) How many asymptotes are there in this system's root locus? What are the asymptotes angles? [2]
- (ii) Where is the asymptotes real-axis intercept? [2]
- (iii) Sketch the root locus based on the information from the previous questions. [6]

NB: No need to annotate break-in/away points and imaginary axis intercepts, if there are any.

- (iv) If you had to recommend this system to a customer, what would you advise with respect to increasing the feedback gain K indefinitely? [3]

(d) Study the diagram below and answer the questions that follow.

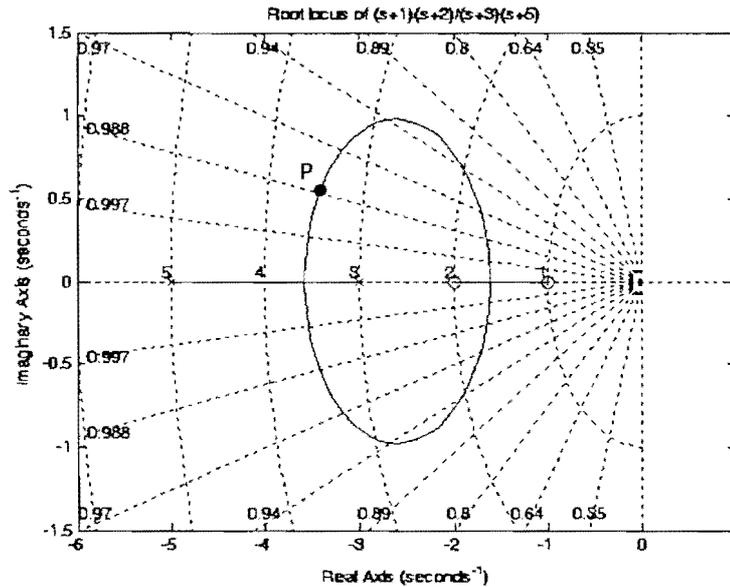


Figure Q.2

Is it possible to tune this system to achieve a damping ratio of  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  Explain your answer? [3]

Is it possible to achieve the following settling time. Explain your answer

- (i)  $T_s = 1$  sec [1]
- (ii)  $T_s = 4$  sec [1]

**Question 4 (25 Marks)**

(a) Given the following transfer function

$$T(s) = \frac{5}{s^2 + 7s + 10}$$

Find the steady state error for the following input functions

- (i) For Unit step [3]
- (ii) Unit Ramp [2]

(b) Determine the range of K to make the following system stable and is it possible to get a steady state error of 5% with this design of K ? Determine the expected minimum steady state error for this system [15]

$$G(s) = \frac{K(s + 20)}{s(s + 2)(s + 3)}$$

(c) Determine the magnitude and phase angle expressions and hence sketch polar plot the following transfer function: [5]

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{e^{-j\omega L}}{(1 + j\omega T)}$$

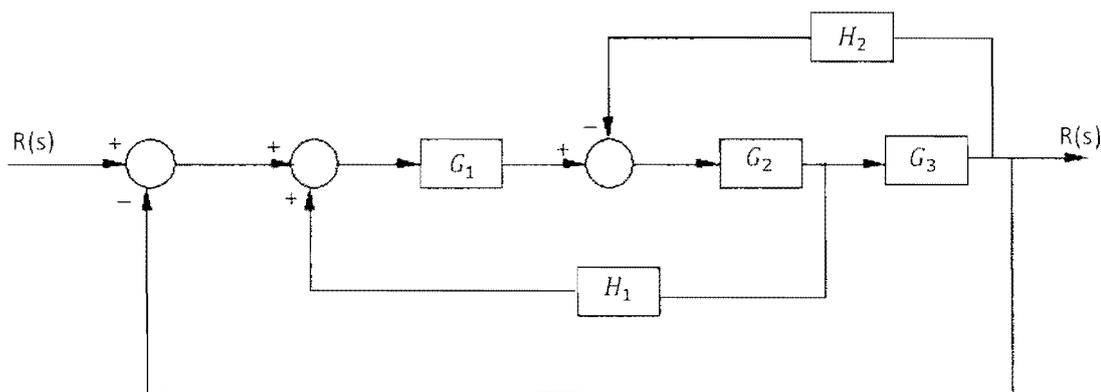
**Question 5 (25 Marks)**

(a) Given the following system draw the signal flow diagram [5]

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} r$$

$$y = [0 \quad 1 \quad 0]x$$

(b) Reduce the system shown in Figure Q.3 to a single transfer function using Mason's rule [10]



**Figure Q.3**

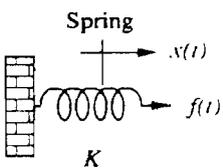
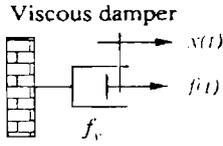
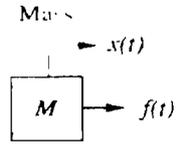
(c) Verify your answer in (b) using the block reduction method. [10]

Table 1

Component	Voltage-current	Current-voltage	Voltage-charge	Impedance $Z(s) = V(s)/I(s)$	Admittance $Y(s) = I(s)/V(s)$
 Capacitor	$v(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(\tau) d\tau$	$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$	$v(t) = \frac{1}{C} q(t)$	$\frac{1}{Cs}$	$Cs$
 Resistor	$v(t) = Ri(t)$	$i(t) = \frac{1}{R} v(t)$	$v(t) = R \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$	$R$	$\frac{1}{R} = G$
 Inductor	$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$	$i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$	$v(t) = L \frac{d^2q(t)}{dt^2}$	$Ls$	$\frac{1}{Ls}$

Note: The following set of symbols and units is used throughout this book:  $v(t) = V$  (volts),  $i(t) = A$  (amps),  $q(t) = Q$  (coulombs),  $C = F$  (farads),  $R = \Omega$  (ohms),  $G = \text{U}$  (mhos),  $L = H$  (henries).

Table 2

Component	Force-velocity	Force-displacement	Impedance $Z_M(s) = F(s)/X(s)$
 Spring $K$	$f(t) = K \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$	$f(t) = Kx(t)$	$K$
 Viscous damper $f_v$	$f(t) = f_v v(t)$	$f(t) = f_v \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$	$f_v s$
 Mass $M$	$f(t) = M \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$	$f(t) = M \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2}$	$Ms^2$

Note: The following set of symbols and units is used throughout this book:  $f(t) = N$  (newtons),  $x(t) = m$  (meters),  $v(t) = m/s$  (meters/second),  $K = N/m$  (newtons/meter),  $f_v = N\cdot s/m$  (newton-seconds/meter),  $M = kg$  (kilograms = newton-seconds<sup>2</sup>/meter).

Table 3

Input	Steady-state error formula	Type 0		Type 1		Type 2	
		Static error constant	Error	Static error constant	Error	Static error constant	Error
Step, $u(t)$	$\frac{1}{1 + K_p}$	$K_p =$ Constant	$\frac{1}{1 + K_p}$	$K_p = \infty$	0	$K_p = \infty$	0
Ramp, $t u(t)$	$\frac{1}{K_v}$	$K_v = 0$	$\infty$	$K_v =$ Constant	$\frac{1}{K_v}$	$K_v = \infty$	0
Parabola, $\frac{1}{2} t^2 u(t)$	$\frac{1}{K_a}$	$K_a = 0$	$\infty$	$K_a = 0$	$\infty$	$K_a =$ Constant	$\frac{1}{K_a}$

### Static Error Constants

For a step input,  $u(t)$ ,

$$e(\infty) = e_{\text{step}}(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)}$$

For a ramp input,  $t u(t)$ ,

$$e(\infty) = e_{\text{ramp}}(\infty) = \frac{1}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s G(s)}$$

For a parabolic input,  $\frac{1}{2} t^2 u(t)$ ,

$$e(\infty) = e_{\text{parabola}}(\infty) = \frac{1}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)}$$

Position constant,  $K_p$ , where

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)$$

Velocity constant,  $K_v$ , where

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s G(s)$$

Acceleration constant,  $K_a$ , where

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)$$

$$f^*(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kT \delta(t - kT)$$

$$F^*(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kT e^{-kTs}$$

$$e^{-kTs} = Z^{-k}$$