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QUESTION 1 (15 points)

Part a

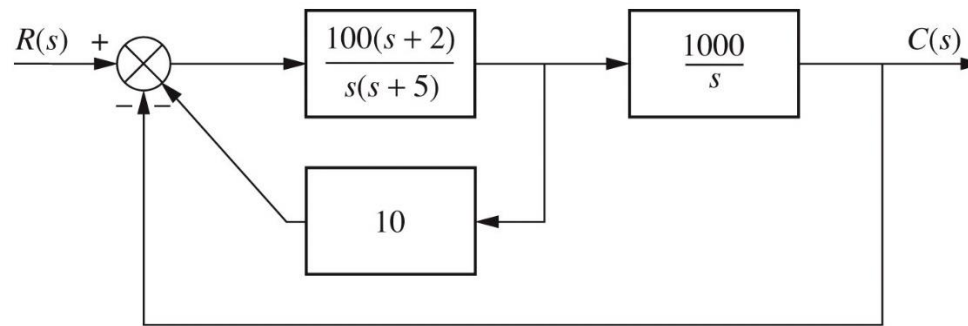
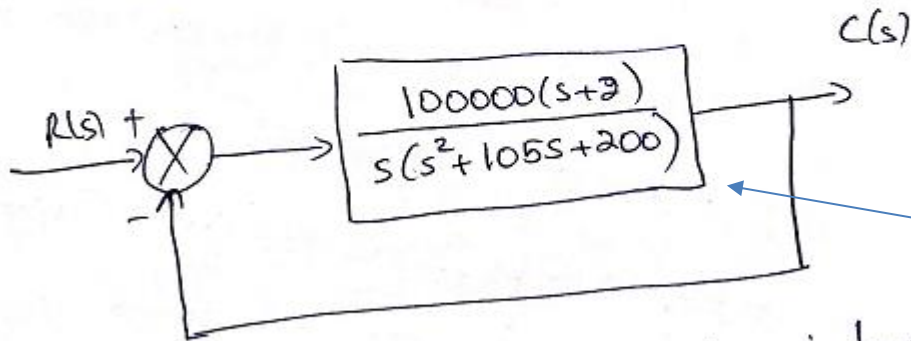
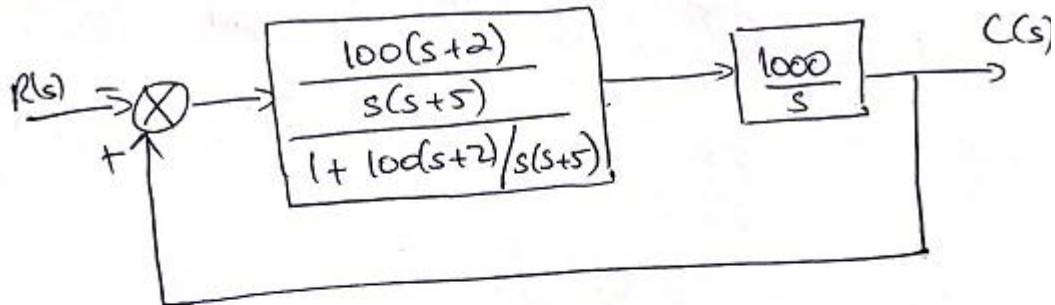


Figure 1

Determine the type of the system in Figure 1.

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we can clearly see that the system is type 1

4 points for finding the inner loop transfer function

3 points for specifying the type

Part b

Consider the system shown in Figure 2.

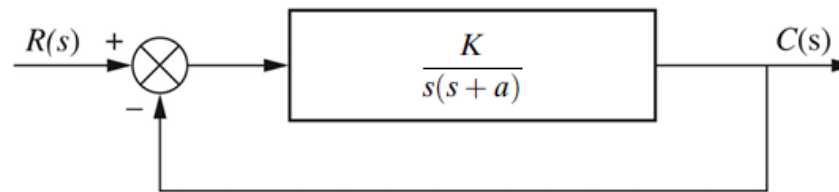


Figure 2

Find the value of K and a to yield a 1% error in the steady state and a
[8]

10% overshoot.

First let's find the closed-loop T.F

$$T.F = \frac{\frac{K}{s(s+a)}}{1 + \frac{K}{s(s+a)}} = \frac{K}{s^2 + as + K}$$

$$e_{ss} = 1\% \Rightarrow \frac{1}{K_v} = 0.01 \Rightarrow K_v = 100 = \frac{K}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K = 100a}$$

2 points for finding the closed loop transfer function

2 points for finding relationship between K and a

$$a = 2\zeta\omega_n \quad \text{or} \quad \omega_n^2 = K \Rightarrow \omega_n = \sqrt{K}$$

$$\%OS = 10\% \Rightarrow e^{-\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = 0.1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{-\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = -2.3 \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta = 0.591$$

1 point for finding ζ

1 point for finding relationship ω_n and K

$$a = 2\zeta\omega_n = 2(0.591)\sqrt{K} = 1.182\sqrt{100a}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 1.397(100a) \Rightarrow a = 139.7$$

and $K = 13970$

2 points for finding relationship the answer for a and K

QUESTION 2 (20 points)

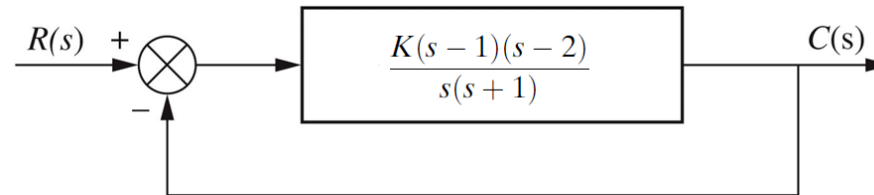


Figure 3

For the unity feedback system of figure 3, find the following:

(a) The breakaway and break-in points

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First Method

The breakaway and break-in points satisfy the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{z_i + \sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i + \sigma} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma-1} + \frac{1}{\sigma-2} = \frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma-1} + \frac{1}{\sigma-2} - \frac{1}{\sigma} - \frac{1}{\sigma+1} = 0 \Rightarrow 4\sigma^2 - 4\sigma - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{1,2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(4)(-2)}}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_1 = -0.37 \text{ and } \sigma_2 = 1.37$$

breakaway point is at $\sigma_1 = -0.37$

break-in point is at $\sigma_2 = 1.37$

6 points for finding sigmas

2 points for specifying the break-in and breakaway points

Second method

$$K G(s) H(s) = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{K (s-1)(s-2)}{s(s+1)} = -1 \Rightarrow$$

$$K = \frac{-s(s+1)}{(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{-s^2 - s}{s^2 - 3s + 2}$$

Let σ the breakaway or breakin point \Rightarrow

$$K = \frac{-\sigma^2 - \sigma}{\sigma^2 - 3\sigma + 2}$$

To find the points

$$\frac{dK}{d\sigma} = 0, \text{ we find } \sigma_1 = -0.37 \text{ and } \sigma_2 = 1.37$$

If student used this method, 2 points for finding K

4 points for finding sigmas

2 points for specifying the break-in and breakaway points

For this part, combine for marks of part b and c

(b) The $j\omega$ -axis crossing

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$$CLTF = \frac{\frac{K(s-1)(s-2)}{s(s+1)}}{1 + \frac{K(s-1)(s-2)}{s(s+1)}} = \frac{K(s-1)(s-2)}{s^2(K+1) + s(1-3K) + 2K}$$

1 points for finding CLTF

Routh table

s^2	$K+1$	$2K$
s	$1-3K$	0
s^0	$2K$	0

3 points for Routh table

for $K > 0$, the only line that can generate a line of 0 is s

$$1-3K=0 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{3}$$

2 points for finding K and
1 point for properly
writing the stability
interval shown in part c

the auxiliary polynomial is $P(s) = (K+1)s^2 + 2K = 0$

for $K = \frac{1}{3}$

$$P(s) = \left(\frac{1}{3} + 1\right)s^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{4}{3}s^2 + \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

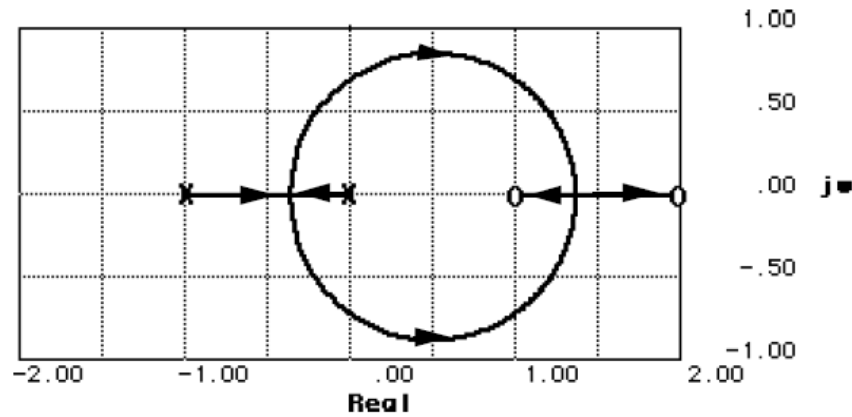
$$\Rightarrow s = \pm j\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow s = \pm j0.71$$

3 points for finding the
crossing points s

(c) The gain K at $j\omega$ -axis crossing. What is the interval of K for which the system is stable?
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We have already found that $K = \frac{1}{3}$ at the $j\omega$ axis crossing. The system is stable for $0 < K \leq \frac{1}{3}$

(d) Sketch the root locus for the system of Figure 3. You must show all the points of interest on the sketch.
[4]



1.5 points for properly showing the $j\omega$ crossing and breakaway and break-in points on the root locus and 2.5 points for the root locus sketch. If the students showed a rectangular shape instead of a circular shape for the root locus it is ok as long as the root locus is symmetrical around the real axis

QUESTION 3 (15 points)

Part a

Consider the Routh table shown below. Notice that the s^5 row was originally all zeros. Tell how many roots are in the right half-plane, left half-plane and on the $j\omega$ -axis. Briefly explain your answer. [5]

s^7	1	2	-1	-2
s^6	1	2	-1	-2
s^5	0	0	0	0
s^4	1	-1	-3	0
s^3	7	8	0	0
s^2	-15	-21	0	0
s^1	-9	0	0	0
s^0	-21	0	0	0

Between s^6 and s^0 , there is 1 sign change, therefore there is one RHP, 1 LHP (due to symmetry rule), and 4 poles on the $j\omega$ -axis. On the other hand, between s^7 and s^6 there is no sign change, therefore there exists one LHP.

In conclusion: **1 RHP, 2 LHP, and 4 $j\omega$ poles**

The student must explain the reasoning before giving his/her answer, if the answer is given without proper explanation then the maximum point given is 2

Part b

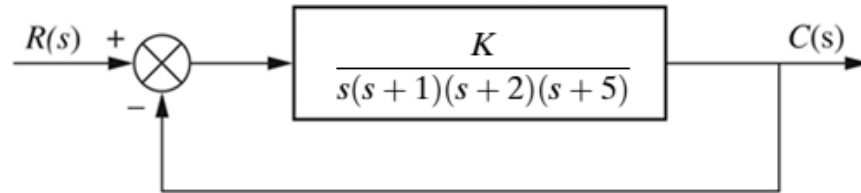


Figure 4

Find the value of K and the frequency that will make the system in Figure 4 marginally stable. [10]

The CLTF is

$$T(s) = \frac{K}{s^4 + 8s^3 + 17s^2 + 10s + K}$$

s^4	1	17	K
s^3	8	10	0
s^2	$\frac{126}{8}$	K	0
s^1	$-\frac{32}{63}K + 10$	0	0
s^0	K	0	0

1 points for finding the CLTP

3 points for finding the Routh table

The system is marginally stable if there exists two poles on the $j\omega$ axis.

1 point for stating when the system is stable

The only line that can produce a line of zeros is s^1 , therefore $-\frac{32}{63}K + 10 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 32K = 630 \Rightarrow K = 19.69$$

1 point identifying the line that can produce a line of zeros

1 point for find the gain K

The auxiliary polynomial

$$P(s) = \frac{126}{8}s^2 + K = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{126}{8}s^2 + 19.69 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 = -1.25 \Rightarrow s = \pm j1.118$$

2 points for finding s

1 point for finding the frequency

\Rightarrow the system is marginally stable for $K=19.69$ and $\omega_n=1.118$