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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **five** Questions; Question ONE is compulsory. In addition attempt any Other TWO Questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE (Compulsory 30 marks)

- a) (i) Define the term control systems
(ii) Explain the features of closed loop and open loop control systems.
(iii) Outline any FOUR advantages and limitations of open loop control systems.

[13 marks]

- b) For a unity feedback system having a forward transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{s(1+0.6s)(1+0.4s)}$$

- determine;
(i) Range of values of **K** for stability
(ii) Marginal value of **K**
(iii) Frequency of sustained oscillations

[8 marks]

- c) For the closed-loop control system with negative feedback

- (i) Write down an expression for the open loop transfer function.
(ii) Sketch the Nyquist diagram
(iii) Comment upon the stability of the system.

[9 marks]

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

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1+0.5s}$$

Question TWO

- a) For the **Figure Q2a** determine the transfer function $\frac{X_1(s)}{F(s)}$

[12 marks]

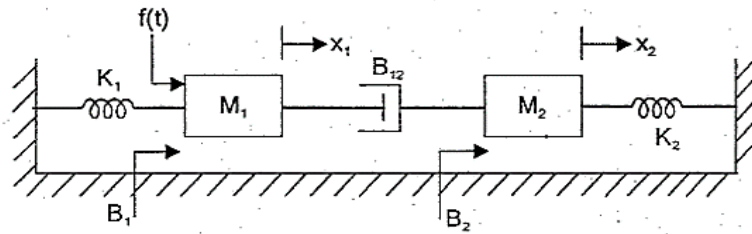


Figure Q2a

- b) Using Routh criterion, determine the stability of a unity feedback system having a loop transfer function

[8 marks]

$$G(s) = \frac{e^{-sT}}{s(s+1)}$$

Question THREE

- a) Using block diagram reduction technique, determine closed loop transfer function $C(s)/R(s)$ of figure Q3a

[11 marks]

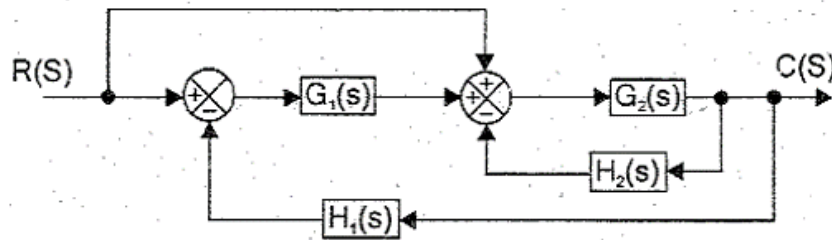


Figure Q3a

- b) Draw a signal flow diagram of the system whose block diagram is Figure 3Qb. Apply Masons gain formula to determine the overall transmittance of the system

[9 marks]

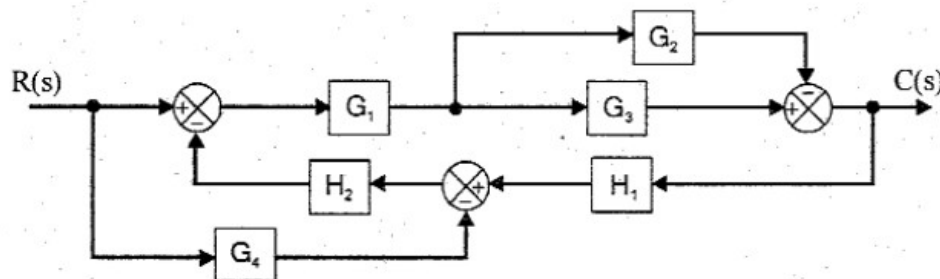


Figure Q3b

Question FOUR

a) With the aid of diagram explain the following as applied to control systems.

- (i) Delay time
- (ii) Rise time
- (iii) Peak time

[6 marks]

b) Figure Q4b is a positional control system with velocity feedback.

Given that $\xi=0.5$. for a unit step input, determine;

- (i) The response $c(t)$
- (ii) Rise time
- (iii) Peak time
- (iv) Maximum overshoot
- (v) Settling time

[14 marks]

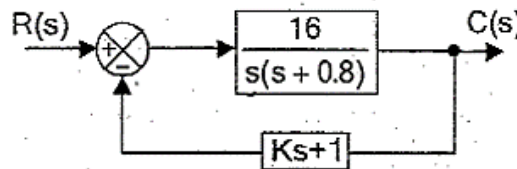


Figure Q4b

Question FIVE

a) A closed-loop control system is used to regulate the speed of an electric motor that drives a conveyor belt on which castings are transported from one location to another. The Control system has an error actuated amplifier that cooperates a high power relay and subsequently this relay drives the electric motor. The motor speed is monitored by a tachogenerator which feeds a voltage signal negatively to the error detector. The gains of the current amplifier, the relay and the electric dc motor are respectively stated as 50 mA/V, 1 60_ V/A, 80 rev/min/V and the tachogenerator has it sensitivity of 2 mV/rev/min.

- (i) Draw a block diagram of the arrangement.
- (ii) Determine for the command (input) voltage that is necessary to maintain a motor Speed of 1,500 rev/min with a particular load on the conveyor belt.
- (iii) Determine the instantaneous change in the error voltage if the load on the belt suddenly increases so that speed falls to 1 250 rev/min,

[11 marks]

b) Define the following terms with the aid of diagrams

- (i) Resonant peak
- (ii) Resonant frequency
- (iii) Band width
- (iv) Cutoff rate

[9 marks]

