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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; Attempt Question ONE any other TWO Questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- (a) Draw a block diagram of a simple process-control loop and identify each element. (5 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between supervisory and direct digital control as applied in process control systems (2 marks)
- (c) Draw process control loops for:
 - i) Supervisory control
 - ii) Direct digital control (DDC)
 (4 marks)
- (d) Classify with examples, the following types of nonlinearities
 - i) Inherent nonlinearities, and
 - ii) Intentional nonlinearities.
 (4 marks)
- (e) Describe the characteristics of the following nonlinearities
 - i) Saturation
 - ii) Friction
 - iii) Dead zone
 (6 marks)
- (f) Find the z-transform of the unit step function $f(t)=1$ (3 marks)
- (g) Given that: $U(z)=\frac{z}{(z-2)(z-4)}$, Expand $U(z)$ into partial fraction form and find its time domain representation using inverse z-transform. (6 marks)

Question TWO

- (a) Linearize the nonlinear equation $z = xy$ in the region $5 \leq x \leq 7; 10 \leq y \leq 12$ (6 marks)

A system is described by the following second-order nonlinear differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x^2 \left(\frac{dx}{dt} - 1 \right) + x = 0$$

Investigate the stability of the system near the point of equilibrium. (7 marks)

- (b) A nonlinear continuous system represented by:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{dx}{dt} + \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^3 + x = 0$$

. Prove that the system is stable according to the function of Lyapunov

$$V(x) = (x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$

(7 marks)

Question THREE

- (a) Consider the second order system: $\ddot{x} + \alpha \dot{x} - x + x^3 = 0$. Determine:

- The equilibrium points
- the eigenvalues
- The corresponding eigenvectors

(6 marks)

- (b) Describe the following frequency response methods of nonlinear systems analysis

- Describing function
- Nyquist stability criterion

(8 marks)

- (c) Define the following with reference to nonlinear system

- Singular points
- Limit cycles
- Autonomous system

(6 marks)

Question FOUR

- (a) For the system of Figure Q 4(a) with

$G(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$ and $T = 0.1$ s, Derive the controller $D(z)$ that satisfies the steady-state error requirement $e_{ss} = 0.01$, when a unit ramp function is applied.

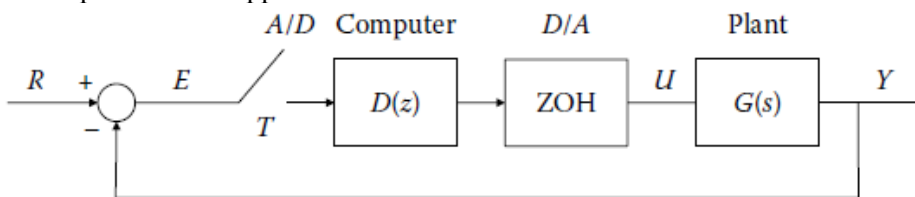


Figure Q4 (a)

(14 marks)

- (a) Derive the difference equations of the systems with transfer functions:

i) $G(z) = \frac{z^4 + 3z^3 + 2z^2 + z + 1}{z^4 + 4z^3 + 5z^2 + 3z + 2}$ and

ii) $H(z) = \frac{z}{5z^2 - 1.7z + 0.72}$

(6 marks)

Question FIVE.

- (a) A three-term controller is described by the equation

$$\theta_c(t) = 20 \left[e(t) + \frac{1}{T_r} \int_0^t e(t) dt + T_d \frac{de(t)}{dt} \right]$$

Where, θ_c is controller output, T_r is the integral reset time., $e(t)$ is system error and T_d is the derivative time. This controller is used to control a process with transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{40}{10s^2 + 80s + 800}$$

Unity feedback is used. If the integral action is not employed, find the derivative time required to make the closed loop damping ratio unity. (10 marks)

- (b) Explain how a Deadbeat Digital Controller works (4 marks)
- (c) Briefly explain the Stability limit method of digital PID controller tuning (6 marks)

Table of Laplace and Z-transforms

	$X(s)$	$x(t)$	$x(kT)$ or $x(k)$	$X(z)$
1.	—	—	Kronecker delta $\delta_0(k)$ 1 $k = 0$ 0 $k \neq 0$	1
2.	—	—	$\delta_0(n-k)$ 1 $n = k$ 0 $n \neq k$	z^{-k}
3.	$\frac{1}{s}$	$1(t)$	$1(k)$	$\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$
4.	$\frac{1}{s+a}$	e^{-at}	e^{-akT}	$\frac{1}{1-e^{-aT}z^{-1}}$
5.	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	t	kT	$\frac{Tz^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1})^2}$
6.	$\frac{2}{s^3}$	t^2	$(kT)^2$	$\frac{T^2 z^{-1}(1+z^{-1})}{(1-z^{-1})^3}$
7.	$\frac{6}{s^4}$	t^3	$(kT)^3$	$\frac{T^3 z^{-1}(1+4z^{-1}+z^{-2})}{(1-z^{-1})^4}$
8.	$\frac{a}{s(s+a)}$	$1 - e^{-at}$	$1 - e^{-akT}$	$\frac{(1-e^{-aT})z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1})(1-e^{-aT}z^{-1})}$
9.	$\frac{b-a}{(s+a)(s+b)}$	$e^{-at} - e^{-bt}$	$e^{-akT} - e^{-bkT}$	$\frac{(e^{-aT} - e^{-bT})z^{-1}}{(1-e^{-aT}z^{-1})(1-e^{-bT}z^{-1})}$
10.	$\frac{1}{(s+a)^2}$	te^{-at}	kTe^{-akT}	$\frac{T e^{-aT} z^{-1}}{(1-e^{-aT}z^{-1})^2}$
11.	$\frac{s}{(s+a)^2}$	$(1-at)e^{-at}$	$(1-akT)e^{-akT}$	$\frac{1-(1+aT)e^{-aT}z^{-1}}{(1-e^{-aT}z^{-1})^2}$
12.	$\frac{2}{(s+a)^3}$	$t^2 e^{-at}$	$(kT)^2 e^{-akT}$	$\frac{T^2 e^{-aT} (1+e^{-aT}z^{-1})z^{-1}}{(1-e^{-aT}z^{-1})^3}$
13.	$\frac{a^2}{s^2(s+a)}$	$at - 1 + e^{-at}$	$akT - 1 + e^{-akT}$	$\frac{[(aT-1+e^{-aT})+(1-e^{-aT}-aTe^{-aT})z^{-1}]z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1})^2(1-e^{-aT}z^{-1})}$
14.	$\frac{\omega}{s^2+\omega^2}$	$\sin \omega t$	$\sin \omega kT$	$\frac{z^{-1} \sin \omega T}{1-2z^{-1} \cos \omega T + z^{-2}}$
15.	$\frac{s}{s^2+\omega^2}$	$\cos \omega t$	$\cos \omega kT$	$\frac{1-z^{-1} \cos \omega T}{1-2z^{-1} \cos \omega T + z^{-2}}$
16.	$\frac{\omega}{(s+a)^2+\omega^2}$	$e^{-at} \sin \omega t$	$e^{-akT} \sin \omega kT$	$\frac{e^{-aT} z^{-1} \sin \omega T}{1-2e^{-aT} z^{-1} \cos \omega T + e^{-2aT} z^{-2}}$
17.	$\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2+\omega^2}$	$e^{-at} \cos \omega t$	$e^{-akT} \cos \omega kT$	$\frac{1-e^{-aT} z^{-1} \cos \omega T}{1-2e^{-aT} z^{-1} \cos \omega T + e^{-2aT} z^{-2}}$
18.	—	—	a^k	$\frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}$
19.	—	—	a^{k-l} $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$	$\frac{z^{-1}}{1-az^{-1}}$
20.	—	—	ka^{k-l}	$\frac{z^{-1}}{(1-az^{-1})^2}$
21.	—	—	$k^2 a^{k-l}$	$\frac{z^{-1}(1+az^{-1})}{(1-az^{-1})^3}$
22.	—	—	$k^3 a^{k-l}$	$\frac{z^{-1}(1+4az^{-1}+a^2 z^{-2})}{(1-az^{-1})^4}$
23.	—	—	$k^4 a^{k-l}$	$\frac{z^{-1}(1+11az^{-1}+11a^2 z^{-2}+a^3 z^{-3})}{(1-az^{-1})^5}$
24.	—	—	$a^k \cos k\pi$	$\frac{1}{1+az^{-1}}$

$x(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$
 $x(kT) = x(k) = 0$ for $k < 0$
 Unless otherwise noted, $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$