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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

A table of Laplace and Z-transforms

This paper consists of **five** Questions; Attempt any **THREE** Questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- (a) Obtain the state space representation of the system described by: $\frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + 6\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 11\frac{dy}{dt} + 6y = 6u$ where y is the output and u is the input to the system. (6 marks)
- (b) Given the linear single-input, single-output, mass-spring-damper translational mechanical system of Figure Q1 (b), derive the system model and then convert it to a state-space description. For this system, the input is the force $f(t)$ and the output is displacement $y(t)$ (6 marks)

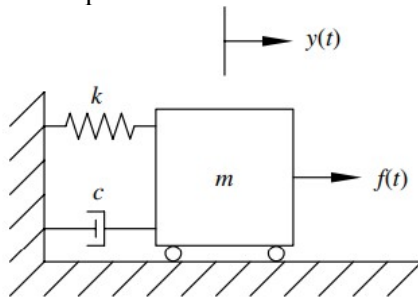


Figure Q1 (b)

- (c) Determine the transfer function of a system with a state model given below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

(8 marks)

Question TWO

- (a) State the Shannon's sampling theorem (1 mark)
- (b) Explain the sample and hold process. (4 marks)
- (c) Figure Q2 (c) shows a digital control system. When the controller gain K is unity and the sampling time is 0.5 seconds, determine:
- Open loop pulse transfer function
 - Closed loop pulse transfer function
 - The difference equation for the discrete time response
 - A sketch of the unit step response assuming zero initial conditions
 - The steady state value of the system output

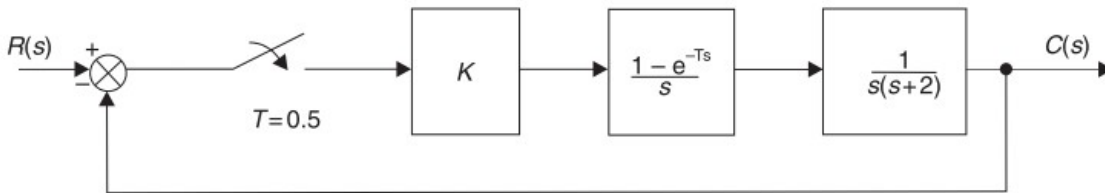


Figure Q2 (c)

(15 marks)

Question THREE

- (a) A control system has an open loop transfer function:

$$\frac{U(s)}{Y(s)} = \frac{1}{s(s+4)}$$

When $x_1 = y$ and $x_2 = \dot{x}_1$, express the state equation in the controllable canonical form and evaluate the coefficients of the state feedback gain matrix such that the closed loop poles have the values $s = -2, s = -2$

(10 marks)

- (b) A system is described by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Design a full order observer that has an undamped natural frequency of 10 rad/sec and a damping ratio of 0.5

(10 marks)

Question FOUR

- (a) Draw the block diagram and signal flow graph of discrete state-space model (4 marks)
- (b) Sketch a block diagram of a discrete-time system with the state space representation

$$x(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} x(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(k)$$

$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -7 \end{bmatrix} x(k)$$

(4 marks)

- (c) Check the stability in both the discrete complex z-plane and the complex s-plane of the sampled data system of

figure Q4(c) if $G(s) = \frac{2}{s(s+4)}$, and the sampling period is $T=1\text{sec}$. (12 marks)

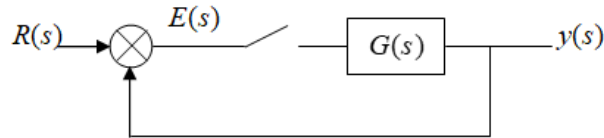


Figure Q4(c)

Question FIVE

- (a) Distinguish between a singular and non-singular matrix (2 marks)

- (b) The state space equation of a 2nd order system is given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [u]$$

Evaluate

- i) The characteristic equation, its roots, ω_n and ζ

- ii) The transition matrices $\phi(s)$ and $\phi(t)$

- iii) The transient response of the state variables from the set of initial conditions $y(0)=1$ and $\dot{y}(0)=0$ (18 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.	$\frac{a^2}{s^2(s + a)}$	$at - 1 + e^{-at}$	$akT - 1 + e^{-akT}$	$\frac{[(aT - 1 + e^{-aT}) + (1 - e^{-aT} - aT e^{-aT}) z^{-1}] z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2 (1 - e^{-aT} z^{-1})}$
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, $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$