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Course Code: EET401

Course Name: ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

PART A

Answer all questions; each carries 3 marks.

Marks

- 1 Illustrate, using a block diagram, the state and output equations of a linear time-invariant continuous-time system. (3)
- 2 Develop the state-space model of a series RLC circuit excited by an input voltage $V(t)$, taking the inductor current and capacitor voltage as the state variables, and the capacitor voltage as the output. (3)
- 3 Derive the solution for an autonomous system using the Laplace transform approach. (3)
- 4 Using the Cayley-Hamilton method, determine the state transition matrix for the system matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ (3)
- 5 What are the limitations of state feedback controllers in real-world systems? (3)
- 6 Explain Gilbert's method for testing the observability of a system with repeated eigenvalues. (3)
- 7 Explain intentional and inherent nonlinearities with a suitable example. (3)
- 8 How is the describing function method used to determine the existence of limit cycles? (3)
- 9 Explain how stability is analysed by the second method (direct method) of Lyapunov. (3)
- 10 Determine the definiteness of the function $V(x) = (x_1 + x_2)^2 + x_3^2$ (3)

PART B

Answer any one full question from each module, each carries 14 marks.

Module I

- 11 a) Model the system described by the following differential equations in phase variable form. (5)

$$\frac{d^2 y_1}{dt^2} + \frac{dy_1}{dt} + 3 \frac{dy_2}{dt} + 2y_1 = 2u_1 + u_2$$

$$\frac{d^2 y_2}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy_2}{dt} + \frac{dy_1}{dt} + 2y_2 = u_1 + 4u_2$$

- b) Derive the state-space model of an armature-controlled DC motor. Identify the state variables, input, and output, and briefly comment on the physical significance of each. (9)

OR

- 12 a) Justify the statement "The state-space representation of a system is not unique" with an appropriate example. (6)

- b) Consider the system given by (8)

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{4}{(s+1)(s+2)(s+3)}$$

Obtain the block diagram and construct the diagonal canonical form of the system.

Module II

- 13 a) Derive the transfer function for the plant model of a position control system given by (5)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0] \mathbf{x}$$

- b) Obtain the response $y(t)$ of the following system to a unit step input under $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ initial conditions. (9)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [1 \quad 0] \mathbf{x}$$

OR

- 14 a) Obtain the state transition matrix $\phi(t)$ of the system described by (7)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}; \quad y = [0 \quad 1 \quad 0] \mathbf{x}$$

- b) Derive the phase variable form for the discrete-time system described by (7)

$$\frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{5}{z^3 + 7z^2 + 5z + 3}$$

Module III

- 15 a) Obtain the condition for complete state controllability for the electrical system (5)
described by the following state equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_c \\ \dot{I}_L \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{RC} & \frac{1}{C} \\ -\frac{1}{L} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_c \\ I_L \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{RC} \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} V_s$$

- b) Consider a system described by the transfer function (9)

$$\frac{Y(s)}{G(s)} = \frac{20(s+5)}{s(s+1)(s+4)}$$

Design a state feedback controller to yield a percentage overshoot of 9.5% and a settling time of 0.74 seconds.

OR

- 16 a) What is an state observer? Under what conditions is an observer employed in the state feedback design of a control system? Briefly explain the configuration of an observer. (8)

- b) Consider the following state model of the system given by $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bu}$ and $y = \mathbf{Cx}$ Where (6)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

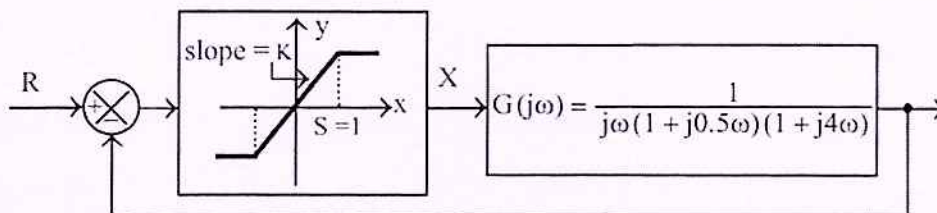
Design a full-order observer such that observer poles are placed at $-1 \pm j$.

Module IV

- 17 a) Explain any six nonlinear system behaviours. (6)
b) Derive the describing function of saturation nonlinearity. (8)

OR

- 18 Consider a unity feedback system having a saturating amplifier with gain K. (14)
Determine the maximum value of K for the system to stay stable. What would be the frequency and nature of the limit cycle for a gain of $K = 2.5$?



Module V

- 19 a) Consider the nonlinear system described by the differential equation (10)

$$\ddot{y} - 0.1\dot{y} + y + y^2 = 0$$

- i) Find all singular points of the system
 - ii) Classify them
 - iii) Sketch the phase portrait in the neighbourhood of the singularities.
- b) Consider the nonlinear system described by the state equations (4)

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_1^2 x_2$$

Check the stability of the equilibrium state of the system with $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$.

OR

- 20 a) With a neat sketch, explain the isocline method for the construction of a phase trajectory. (7)
- b) Compute the Lyapunov function, $V(x)$, for which the system given below is asymptotically stable. (7)

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