EE2010E Systems and Control Part 1 – Tutorial Set 1 (2 hours)

Q.1. In the following circuit (or electrical system), v(t) is the system input and i(t) is the system output.



- (a) Derive a time-domain model for the circuit.
- (b) Is the system is linear?
- (c) Is the system is time invariant?
- (d) Is that the system is causal?
- (e) Is that the system is BIBO stable?
- **Q.2.** Consider a ball and beam balancing mechanical system below. Let θ be the system input and let *x*, the displacement of the ball, be the system output. Assume that there is no friction on the surfaces.



- (a) Derive a time-domain model for the mechanical system.
- (b) Is the system is linear?
- (c) Is the system is time invariant?
- (d) Is that the system is causal?
- (e) Is that the system is BIBO stable?

Q.3. In the electrical circuit given below, the switch has been in the position shown for a long time and is thrown to the other position for time $t \ge 0$.



- (a) Determine the currents for both inductors for t < 0.
- (b) Determine the currents and voltages for both inductors just right after the switch is closed.
- (c) Derive the differential equation governing the circuit in terms of i_1 .
- (d) Compute the roots of its characteristic polynomial.
- (e) Is the circuit over damped, under damped or critically damped?
- **Q.4.** An input-output relationship of a thermometer can be modeled by the following differential equation:

$$5\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = 0.99u(t)$$

where u(t) is the temperature of the environment in which the thermometer is placed, and y(t) is the measured temperature.

The thermometer is inserted into a heat bath and the temperature reading is allowed to be stabilized before the temperature of the water in the heat bath is increased at a steady rate of 1°C/second. Assume that t = 0 at the instant when the hot bath temperature starts to increase.

- (a) Suppose the measured temperature is 24.75°C when t = 0, i.e. y(0) = 24.75°C. What is the temperature of the heat bath?
- (b) Write a mathematical expression to represent the temperature in the heat bath, u(t). Then solve the differential equation to obtain the time-domain expression of the measured temperature, y(t).

Q.5. Consider a two-mass-spring flexible mechanical system given below.



In the system, u(t) is the input force, k = 1 is the spring constant, x_1 and x_2 are, respectively, the displacements of Mass 1 and Mass 2, which have masses of $m_1 = m_2 = 1$. Assume that there is no friction on the surfaces.

- (a) Drive a differential equation of the mechanical system in terms of the displacement of Mass 2, i.e. x₂.
- (b) Assuming that u(t) = 1 and the masses are initially stationary, show that $x_2(t) = 0.25t^2$ is a solution to the differential equation obtained in (a).
- (c) Is the system BIBO stable?

EE2010E Systems and Control Part 1 – Tutorial Set 2 (2 hours)

Q.1. Consider the square pulse f(t) show in figure below. If we compress the pulse by a factor c > 1 and at the same time amplify its amplitude by the same factor c, we get a new function g(t) as shown in the figure (c = 2 for the given figure).



- (a) Find the Laplace transform of the function g(t) from the transform of f(t).
- (b) Comment on what happens if *c* gets very large.
- **Q.2.** Consider the ball and beam balancing mechanical system again as in Tutorial Set 1. Let θ be the system input and let *x*, the displacement of the ball, be the system output. Assume that θ is changing in a very small range, i.e. $\sin \theta \approx \theta$.



- (a) Find the transfer function of the system from the input θ to the output *x*.
- (b) Find the unit impulse response of the system.
- (c) Find the unit step response of the system.

Q.3. Use Laplace transform to solve the response y(t) in the following integrodifferential equation:

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 5y(t) + 6\int_{0}^{t} y(\tau)d\tau = u(t), \quad y(0) = 2$$

- Q.4. Figure below shows a heat exchanger (a device for transferring heat from one fluid to another, where the fluids are separated by a solid wall so that they never mix). The temperature of the outgoing fluid, $\theta_2(t)$, needs to be maintained at a desired value, $\theta_r(t)$. Factors which influence the exit temperature are:
 - The valve position, *u*(*t*), which adjusts the flow of steam into the system.
 - unmeasurable disturbances in the temperature of the incoming fluid stream, $\theta_1(t)$.



The dynamic behavior of the heat exchanger may be modeled by the following equation:

$$\theta_2(s) = \frac{2}{(s+1)^2}U(s) + \frac{1}{s+1}\theta_1(s)$$

Let the valve position $u(t) = 2 [\theta_r(t) - \theta_2(t)]$, i.e. it is proportional to the error of the desired value and the actual outgoing temperature.

- (a) If $\theta_r(t)$ is a unit step function and $\theta_1(t) = 0$, determine the transfer function $\theta_2(s)/\theta_r(s)$ and then use it to calculate $\theta_2(t)$. Identify the transient and steady-state components in the step response.
- (b) Given that $\theta_1(t)$ is a unit step function and $\theta_r(t) = 0$, find the transfer function $\theta_2(s)/\theta_1(s)$ and $\theta_2(t)$.
- (c) Use superposition to obtain $\theta_2(t)$ given that both $\theta_r(t)$ and $\theta_1(t)$ are unit step functions. Find $\theta_2(\infty)$.
- (d) Use the final value theorem instead to find θ₂(∞) and compare it with the answer obtained in Part (c).

Q.5. Consider the first order system

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

- (a) Find the step response, $y_{\text{step}}(t)$.
- (b) Find the impulse response, $y_{impulse}(t)$.
- (c) Verify that

$$\dot{y}_{\text{step}}(t) = y_{\text{impulse}}(t)$$
 and $\int_{0}^{t} y_{\text{impulse}}(\tau) d\tau = y_{\text{step}}(t)$

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Q.1. Obtain the Bode plots for the following transfer function:

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{U(j\omega)} = \frac{10(j\omega+10)}{j\omega(j\omega+100)}$$

Given $u(t) = 5 \cos(30t + 30^\circ)$, find the corresponding output y(t) using the Bode plots obtained above.

Q.2. A Bode plot of $H(j\omega)$ is given in the figure below. Obtain the transfer function H(s).



Q.3. For the circuit below, obtain the transfer function $I_0(s)/I_i(s)$ and its poles and zeros.



Q.4. A car suspension system and a very simplified version of the system are shown in Figures (a) and (b), respectively.



The transfer function of the simplified car suspension system is

$$G(s) = \frac{bs+k}{ms^2+bs+k}$$

Suppose a toy car (m = 1 kg, k = 1 N/m and b = 1.414 N s / m) is traveling on a road that has speed reducing stripes and the input to the simplified car suspension system, x_i , may be modeled by the periodic square wave, of frequency $\omega = 1$ rad/s, shown in Figure below.



Determine the steady-state displacement of the car body, $x_{0,ss}(t)$.

Hint : The Fourier Series representation of the periodic square wave shown in Figure above is

$$x_{i}(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\sin t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t + \frac{1}{5} \sin 5t + \cdots \right]$$

Q.5. Consider the second order system

$$G(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

whose unit step response has a transient behavior described by the following parameters:

- Rise time, $t_r = 1.8/\omega_n$
- 2% settling time, $t_s = 4/(\zeta \omega_n)$
- Overshoot peak, $M_p = e^{-\pi\zeta/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$

Sketch and shade the allowable region in the s-plane for the system poles if the step response requirements are

$$t_r < 0.9$$
 seconds, $t_s < 3$ seconds, $M_p < 10\%$