
Midterm exam - October 3, 2022 - 1h00

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Diploma (IA2R/M3):

Instructions:

1. When necessary, you can answer in French or in English.
2. The only material you can consult is your personal A4 recto-verso piece of paper.
3. You may use a hand calculator with no communication capabilities.
4. Marking rule: for each question, +2 points for a correct answer and 0 point for a wrong or no answer
5. Good luck!

List 3 examples of feedback control systems (1 point per correct answer):

First example: asservissement d'altitude d'un drone

Second example: régulation de vitesse d'une voiture

Third example: régulation de température d'un four

Multiple choice questions (there is one correct answer from the choices only)**Control engineering is applicable to which of the following engineering fields?**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical and aerospace engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical and biomedical engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical and civil engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the previous answers |

**If the differential equation of a system is: $\dot{y}(t) + 0.1y(t) = 0.2u(t)$
then the steady-state gain of the system is:**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0.1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 |

**If the transfer function of a first-order system is: $G(s) = \frac{10}{s+5}$
then the time-constant of the system is**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 seconds | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 second |
| <input type="checkbox"/> $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\frac{1}{5}$ seconds |

**If the transfer function of a second-order system is: $G(s) = \frac{1}{0.01s^2 + 0.2s + 1}$
then the damping ratio of the system is**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> $\frac{1}{2}$ | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |

**If the transfer function of a second-order system is: $G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{s}{(s+2)(s+4)}$
then its response to a unit step $u(t) = \Gamma(t)$ is**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> $y(t) = 0.5(e^{2t} - e^{4t})\Gamma(t)$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $y(t) = 0.5(e^{-2t} - e^{-4t})\Gamma(t)$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> $y(t) = (t + 0.5e^{-2t} - 0.5e^{-4t})\Gamma(t)$ | <input type="checkbox"/> $y(t) = 0.5(1 - e^{-6t})\Gamma(t)$ |

Would you classify the step response from the previous question as

- undamped
- critically damped
- underdamped
- overdamped

Match each of the zero-pole plots labelled with a number (1 to 3) displayed in Figure 1.1

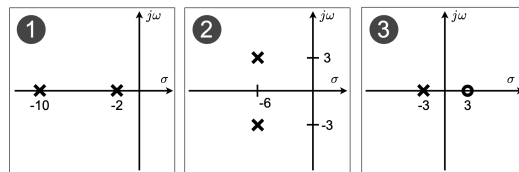


Figure 1.1: Zero-pole plot of 3 different linear systems

with one of the transfer functions $G_i(s)$ for $i = 1, \dots, 6$ given below

$$G_1(s) = \frac{K(s-3)}{s+3}; \quad G_2(s) = \frac{K}{s^2+12s+20}; \quad G_3(s) = \frac{K}{(s+3)(s+6)}$$

$$G_4(s) = \frac{K}{(s+6)^2}; \quad G_5(s) = \frac{K}{s^2+12s+45}; \quad G_6(s) = \frac{K}{(s+6-3i)(s-6+3i)}$$

Your answer : ① - $G_2(s)$ ② - $G_5(s)$ ③ - $G_1(s)$

Match each of the four pole-zero diagrams labelled with a number (1 to 4) with one of the unit step responses labelled with a letter (A to D) displayed in Figure 1.2.

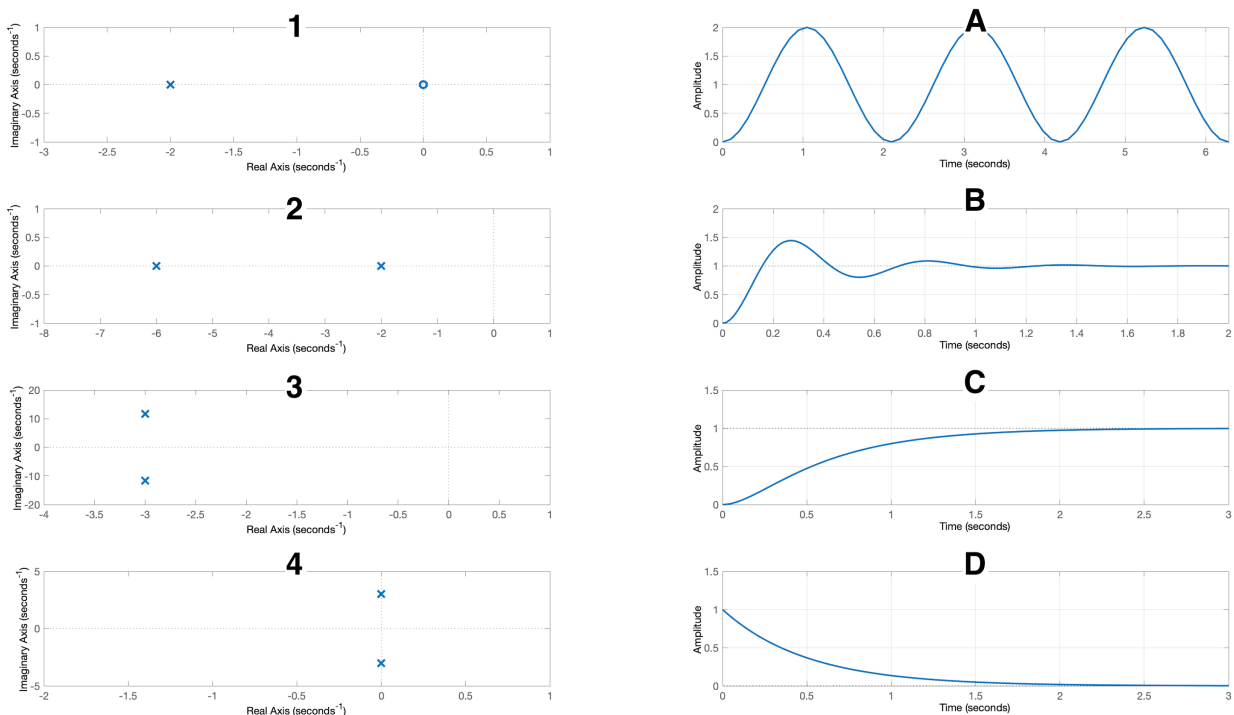


Figure 1.2: Pole-zero diagrams and step responses to be paired

Your answer :

- 1 - D
- 2 - C
- 3 - B
- 4 - A

- From the pole-zero diagram shown in Figure 1.3, the system is
- stable
 - marginally stable
 - unstable
 - possibly stable

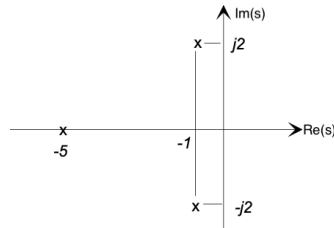


Figure 1.3: Pole-zero diagram.

Assuming the system has unit steady-state gain, from the pole-zero diagram shown in Figure 1.3, determine its transfer function: $G(s) = \frac{25}{(s + 5)(s^2 + 2s + 5)}$

A system has the following characteristic equation: $s^3 + s^2 + 2s + 24 = 0$.
 Select the number of roots in the right half of s -plane that the system has:

- zero
- one
- two
- four

The closed-loop block-diagram for a system is shown in Figure 1.4.

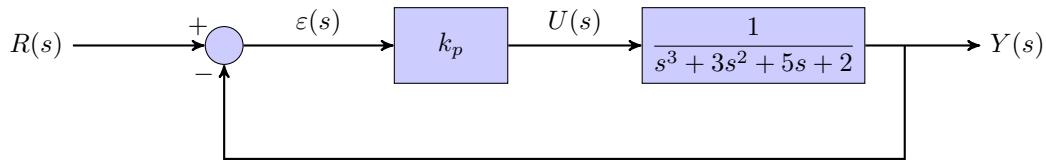


Figure 1.4: Closed-loop block-diagram of a feedback control system

The range of values for k_p that ensures the stability of the closed-loop system is:

- $0 < k_p < 2$
- $k_p > 1$
- $k_p > 13$
- $-2 < k_p < 13$

The block-diagram of a traditional closed-loop feedback system is shown in Figure 1.5 (the correct answer gives 3 points).

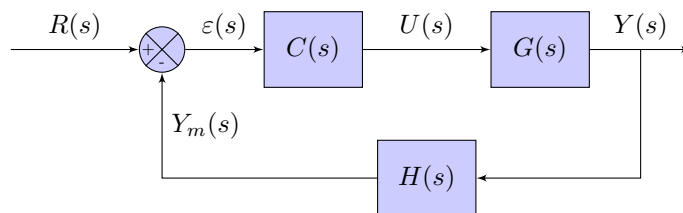


Figure 1.5: Block-diagram of a traditional closed-loop feedback system

Derive the closed-loop transfer function: $F_{CL}(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)}$. Explain how you get it!

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y(s) &= G(s)U(s) \\
 U(s) &= C(s)\varepsilon(s) \\
 \varepsilon(s) &= R(s) - Y_m(s) \\
 Y_m(s) &= H(s)Y(s) \\
 F_{CL}(s) &= \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{C(s)G(s)}{1 + C(s)G(s)H(s)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Some useful properties of the Laplace transform

$$L(\alpha x(t) + \beta y(t)) = \alpha X(s) + \beta Y(s)$$

$$L(\dot{x}(t)) = sX(s) - x(0)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sX(s) \quad \text{if the limit exists}$$

Some Laplace transform pairs

Signal	Laplace transform
$\Gamma(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
$e^{-at}\Gamma(t)$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$
$t^n e^{-at}\Gamma(t)$	$\frac{n!}{(s+a)^{n+1}}$

First-order systems

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

The 2 characteristic parameters of a first order system are:

- K : steady-state gain: $K = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)$
- T : time-constant

Characteristic values of a first-order system step response

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rise-time at 63\%} & \quad T_m^{63\%} = T \\ \text{Rise-time at 95\%} & \quad T_m^{95\%} \approx 3T \\ \text{Settling-time at 5 \%} & \quad T_r^{5\%} \approx 3T \end{aligned}$$

Second-order systems

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{\frac{s^2}{\omega_0^2} + 2\frac{z}{\omega_0}s + 1} = \frac{K\omega_0^2}{s^2 + 2z\omega_0s + \omega_0^2}$$

- K : steady-state gain
- z : damping ratio ($z > 0$)
- ω_0 : undamped natural frequency

Characteristic values of a underdamped second-order system step response

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Value of the first overshoot in \%} & \quad D_{1\%} = \frac{y(T_{D_1}) - y(+\infty)}{y(+\infty) - y(0)} \times 100 = e^{\frac{-\pi z}{\sqrt{1-z^2}}} \times 100 \\ \text{Damping coefficient as a function of } D_1 \text{ (not in \%)} & \quad z = \sqrt{\frac{(\ln(D_1))^2}{(\ln(D_1))^2 + \pi^2}} \\ \text{Time-instant of the first overshoot} & \quad T_{D_1} = \frac{\pi}{\omega_0 \sqrt{1-z^2}} \\ \text{Value of the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ overshoot in \%} & \quad D_{n\%} = -(-D_1)^n \times 100 \\ \text{Time-instant of the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ overshoot} & \quad T_{D_n} = n T_{D_1} \end{aligned}$$