

**Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Examination, 2022**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

**Advanced Control Theory**

Full Marks: 70

**Answer both parts on the same answer script**

**Part-I**

**Answer any three questions from this part (all questions carry equal marks)**

*Two marks for neat and well-organized answerscript*

1. a) Discuss the common sources of nonlinearity in plants. 4+4+3  
b) What is static non-linearity? Give two examples of static nonlinearity.  
c) What is hysteresis? Explain why it is called a nonlinearity with memory.
  
2. a) Explain what is meant by “Equilibrium Point” of a nonlinear dynamic system. 2+3+6  
b) A nonlinear system is expressed as follows:  
$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2$$
$$\dot{x}_2 = 2x_1 - 8x_2 - 5x_1^2 - x_1^3$$
  - (i). Determine the equilibrium points of the above system.
  - (ii). Linearize the above system about ALL its equilibrium points.
  
3. a) State Lyapunov’s 2nd theorem. What are its limitations? 3+8  
b) The dynamics of an unforced nonlinear system is described by  
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ -x_1 - x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{bmatrix}$$
. Using the function  $V = \frac{1}{2}(x_2^2 + x_1^2)$  as the Lyapunov function, investigate the stability of the system about its equilibrium point at the origin.
  
4. a) Enumerate the advantages and disadvantages of on-off control. 6+5  
b) With schematic diagrams explain how an on-off type temperature control system functions. Sketch the necessary controller characteristics.

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5. a) What is a phase plane plot? 3+8  
 b) With suitable phase plane diagrams discuss how the stability of standard second order systems with different pole locations may be analyzed by their phase portraits.
6. A satellite attitude control system has forward-reverse type of thrusters and a controller with proportional plus derivative control with dead zone. 4+2+5  
 a) Draw the block diagram of the above system.  
 b) Sketch the controller characteristics.  
 c) With the help of a phase plane plot investigate the stability of the system.

### Part II

**Answer any three questions from this part (all questions carry equal marks)**

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7. a) Explain the difference between the terms ‘Structured uncertainty’ and ‘Unstructured uncertainty’. 6+5  
 b) Check for the robust stability of the system whose characteristic polynomial is given by  

$$p_5s^5 + p_4s^4 + p_3s^3 + p_2s^2 + p_1s + p_0 = 0,$$
 where  

$$p_5 \in [1, 1], p_4 \in [35, 40], p_3 \in [61, 64], p_2 \in [35, 36],$$

$$p_1 \in [11, 15] \text{ and } p_0 \in [52, 58].$$
8. A process plant given by  $G_1(s) = \frac{2}{(s+1)(0.01s+1)}$  is modeled by using the 3+5+3  
 transfer function  $G_2(s) = \frac{2}{s+1}$ . Compare (i) the open loop unit step responses, (ii) the closed loop unit step responses and (iii) the frequency responses of the plant and its model.

9. a) What is the physical significance of  $H_2$  norm of a signal? 2+4+5
- b) Given a transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{16}{(s+1)(s+2)^2(s+4)}$ . Find  $\|G\|_2$ .
- c) For the system with transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{0.2s+1}{s+1}$ , find  $\|G\|_\infty$ .
10. a) What is an observer? What are its uses? Explain with the help of a block diagram. 6+5
- b) Design a full order observer for observing the second state variable for the following continuous time system so that the observer poles are located at -5, -5
- $$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.01 \end{bmatrix} u ; \quad y = [1 \ 0] \mathbf{x} .$$
11. a) Explain the meaning of the term 'quadratic performance index'. 1+10
- b) Explain what is meant by the following terms giving an example in each case:
- (i) The tracking control problem
  - (ii) The regulator control problem
  - (iii) The terminal control problem
  - (iv) The minimum-time control problem
  - (v) The minimum energy control problem
12. A regulator contains a plant described by 6+2+3
- $$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u ; \quad y = [1 \ 0] \mathbf{x}$$
- and has the performance index
- $$J = \int_0^{\infty} \mathbf{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + u^2 dt .$$
- Determine
- a) the Riccati matrix P
  - b) the optimal control law
  - c) the closed loop eigenvalues.