

**M.E. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & M.E. CONTROL SYSTEM  
ENGINEERING, FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2024**

**OPTIMAL AND ROBUST CONTROL**

Time: Three Hours; Full Marks: 100

Answer any five questions  
All questions carry equal marks

1. a) Find the 2-norm and  $\infty$ -norm of the following signal: 8+6+6

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ 1/(2\sqrt{t}), & \text{if } 0 < t \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } t > 1 \end{cases}$$

- b) State the methods used to compute  $\|G\|_{\infty}$  for a system with given transfer function  $G(s)$ .

- c) For the system with transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{10(s+2)}{(s+1)(s+5)}$ , find  $\|G\|_{\infty}$ .

2. a) Enumerate the possible sources of parameter perturbation in a control system. 5+5+10

- b) State Kharitonov's Theorem for an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order system.

- c) For the unity feedback system of a damped rotating gun turret, the forward path transfer function is given by

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{(1+sT)} \cdot \frac{1}{s(s+a)}$$

The nominal system parameters are  $a=5$ ;  $T=0.1$ ;  $K=2$ . Investigate the robust stability of the closed-loop system for  $\pm 10\%$  variation in each of these parameters.

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3. For a unity feedback control system, the plant transfer function is given by 12+8

$P(s) = \frac{10}{s(s+5)}$  and the forward path proportional controller transfer function is given by  $C(s) = 2$ .

Find

- (i) the largest value of the complementary sensitivity  $M_t$  and the corresponding frequency  $\omega_{mt}$ .
  - (ii) the allowable size of the process uncertainty  $\Delta P$ .
4. a) For the system shown in Fig. 1, with plant  $P(s)$ , controller  $C(s)$ ,  $F(s)=1$  10+6+4  
 and  $r=0$ , find the  $\|H\|_\infty$  norm when the input is chosen as  $w = (-n, d)$   
 and the output is chosen as  $z = (x, v)$ .

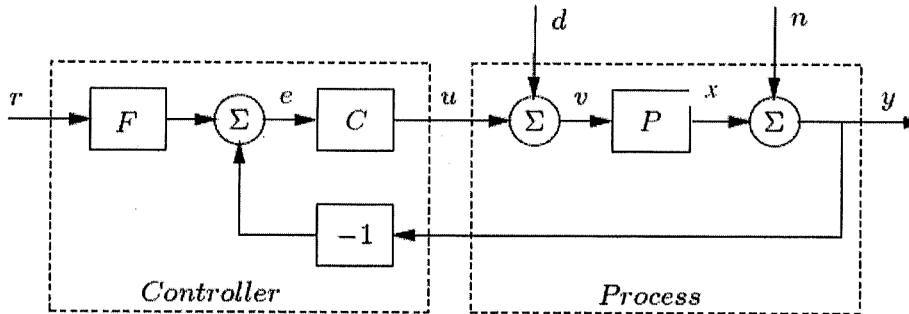


Fig. 1

- b) Enumerate the steps involved in the design of  $H_\infty$  controller for a given system.
- c) Prove that the distance from -1 to the Nyquist plot of  $L$  equals  $1/\|S\|_\infty$ , where  $L$  is the loop transfer function and  $S$  is the sensitivity function for any system.

5. a) Explain what you understand by the term *Quadratic performance index* with the help of an example. 5+(8+7)
- b) A regulator contains a plant that is described by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -2x_1 - 3x_2 + u \\ y &= x_1\end{aligned}$$

and has a performance index given by

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + u^2 \right\} dt$$

- (i) Find the elements of the Riccati matrix  $P$  in the steady state.
- (ii) Design an optimum controller for the above system.

6. a) Briefly explain the following: (3x2)+8+6
- (i) Geodesic problem
- (ii) Isoperimetric problem

- b) Find a curve  $y(x)$  which gives an extremum value to the functional

$$J = \int_0^1 \left( 1 + y'^2 \right) dx \quad \text{with } y(0) = 1, y(1) = 2.$$

- c) Derive the condition for the extremum of a functional dependent on higher order derivatives.

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7. a) Derive the expression for the extremum of the functional

$$J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x; y; y') dx \quad \text{for the variable end-point problem.} \quad 8+6+6$$

- b) What are transversality conditions?  
 c) Using transversality conditions, prove that the line lying on the line of centers will be the shortest distance between two circles.

8. a) Find the extremal for the following functional

$$J = \int_a^b \left( y + yy' + y' + \frac{1}{2}y'^2 \right) dx \quad 8+6+6$$

- b) State the Brachistochrone problem and derive an expression for the time of descent of a particle in a Brachistochrone problem.  
 c) Find the curve which is the solution to the above Brachistochrone problem, given initial position is A  $(x_1, y_1)$  and final position is B  $(x_2, y_2)$ .