

**INTRODUCTION TO CONTINUOUS CONTROL SYSTEMS**  
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## Homework 10

**Problem 1** (Routh).

*Use the Routh criterion on the following polynomials to determine the number of roots in the right-half complex plane.*

**A.**

$$P(s) = s^7 + 3s^6 + 11s^5 + 19s^4 + 36s^3 + 38s^2 + 36s + 24 \quad (1)$$

**B.**

$$P(s) = s^6 + 2s^5 + 4s^4 + 8s^3 + 6s^2 + 8s + 4 \quad (2)$$

**Problem 2** (Routh-Hurwitz).

*A system has the following characteristic polynomial,*

$$s^5 + 8s^4 + 24s^3 + 32s^2 + as + ab = 0 \quad (3)$$

*where  $a$  and  $b$  are unspecified parameters. Use the Routh criterion to determine the constraints that must be imposed on the values of  $a$  and  $b$  to make the above system stable.*

**Problem 3** (Lyapunov Stability).

**A.** Does the choice of  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$  provide a Lyapunov function for the following system,

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \quad (4)$$

**B.** Determine the stability of the above system using Routh-Hurwitz.

**C.** Find a Lyapunov function for the above system.

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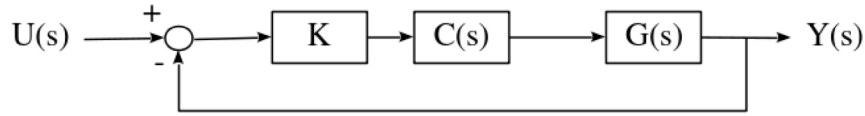
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**Problem 4** (Root Locus).

Consider the closed-loop system of Figure 1 where the transfer functions for the corresponding blocks are given by the following,

$$C(s) = s + 4 \quad (5)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+2)(s+3)(s+6)} \quad (6)$$



**Fig. 1:** Closed-Loop Block Diagram

**A.** Find all the pertinent information according to rules 1 through 11 and plot the root locus according to the outcome of these rules.

**B.** Using the above application of rules, determine at what  $K$  the system will go unstable.

**C.** Plot the root locus using Matlab and compare to your hand-drawn plot.

**Problem 5** (Amplitude and Phase).

Express the following solutions by combining cosine and sine pairs to be represented in terms of sine only, with an amplitude and a phase.

**A.**

$$y(t) = \frac{10}{13}e^{-2t} - \frac{17}{10}e^{-t} - \frac{9}{130}\cos(3t) - \frac{7}{130}\sin(3t) \quad (7)$$

**B.**

$$y(t) = \frac{103}{100}e^{-2t} + \frac{29}{10}te^{-2t} - \frac{3}{100}\cos(4t) + \frac{1}{25}\sin(4t) \quad (8)$$

**C.**

$$y(t) = 1 - \frac{35}{1261}\cos(6t) + \frac{6}{1261}\sin(6t) - \frac{2}{1261}e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \left( 613\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + \frac{1262}{\sqrt{3}}\sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \right) \quad (9)$$

**D.**

$$y(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{5}e^{-2t} - \frac{6}{5}\cos(t) + \frac{2}{5}\sin(t) \quad (10)$$