

**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.**

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

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## Solution

(A -

$$f(z) = z^7 + 3z^6 + 11z^5 + 19z^4 + 36z^3 + 38z^2 + 36z + 24$$

row	1	11	36	36
1	2	1	3	6
2	6	3	8	24
3	14	19	28	0
4	3	3	24	0
5	0	0	0	0
6	16	40	0	0
7	10	24	0	0
8	1.6	0	0	0
	24	0	0	0

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ 4x^4 + 20x^2 + 24 \right] = 16x^3 + 40x$$

B.

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

## Solution

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

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & s^6 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & s^5 & 2 & 8 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & s^4 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & s^3 & B = \frac{8E-4}{E} & C = \frac{8E-8}{E} & 0 & 0 \\ \hookrightarrow & & D = 2 - \frac{E(8E-8)}{(8E-4)} & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & s^2 & E & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & s^1 & 4E & 0 & - & - \\ 7 & s^0 & & & & \end{array}$$
$$E = \left( 2 - \frac{E(8E-8)}{(8E-4)} \right) \left( \frac{-(8E-8)}{E} \right) - \frac{4 \left( \frac{8E-4}{E} \right)}{2 - \frac{E(8E-8)}{(8E-4)}}$$
$$E = \frac{-16E + 16}{E} - \frac{(8E-8)^2}{8E-4} - \frac{\left( \frac{32E-16}{E} \right)}{8E-4}$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} A = 0^+$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} B = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} D = 2$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} E = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} 4E = +\infty$$

rigid

rigid

rigid

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^-} = 0^-$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^-} B = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^-} D = 2$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^-} E = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^-} 4E = +\infty$$

2 roots in the RHP

**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.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 1 & s^5 & 1 & 24 & a & \\
 2 & s^4 & 8 & 32 & ab & \\
 3 & s^3 & 20 & a - \frac{ab}{8} & 0 & \left( a - \frac{ab}{8} \right) - \frac{1200ab}{a+ab} \\
 4 & s^2 & 32 - \frac{a+ab}{20} & ab & 0 & \\
 5 & s^1 & 0 & \frac{8a-ab}{8} & \frac{1200ab}{a+ab} & \\
 6 & s^0 & ab & & & 
 \end{array}$$

conditions:

$$ab > 0$$

$$\frac{640 - a(b+1)}{20} > 0 \Rightarrow a(b+1) < 640$$

$$Q > 0 \Rightarrow b \neq -1$$

$$a[b^2 - 7b - 8] + 9600b < 0$$

$$(8a-ab)(a+ab) =$$

$$8a^2 + 8a^2b - a^2b - a^2b^2 = -a^2[b^2 - 7b - 8]$$

$$9600ab$$

$$-a^2[b^2 - 7b - 8] - 9600ab$$

$$8a(b+1)$$

$$-a[b^2 - 7b - 8] - 9600b$$

$$Q \triangleq$$

$$\frac{8a(b+1)}{8(b+1)}$$

**Problem 3 (Lyapunov Stability).**A. Does the choice of  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$  provide a Lyapunov function for the following system,

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

**Solution**

3 A.  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{M} = -(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A})$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = -\left[ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right] = -\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{M}| = 4 - 9 \\ = -5 < 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{M} \text{ is negative definite}$$

$\mathbf{M}$  needs to be positive definite for  $\mathbf{Q}$  to provide a Lyapunov function.

$\therefore \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$  does not provide a Lyapunov function.

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

### Solution

$$3 B. \quad \dot{\vec{x}}(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(\tau)$$
$$\left| (A - \lambda I) \right| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} -1-\lambda & 1 \\ -4 & -1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right|$$
$$= (-1-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) + 4$$
$$= \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 5 = 0$$

1	2	1	5
2	4	2	0
3	0	5	0

stable

C. Find a Lyapunov function for the above system.

## Solution

3c.

$$\vec{x}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(s)$$

if  $M = I$

$$A^T Q + Q A = -M$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} \\ Q_{21} & Q_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} \\ Q_{21} & Q_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -Q_{11} - 4Q_{12} - Q_{11} - 4Q_{12} = -1 \Rightarrow 2Q_{11} + 8Q_{12} = 1$$

$$Q_{11} = \frac{1}{2} - 4Q_{12} \quad \textcircled{5}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad -Q_{12} - 4Q_{22} + Q_{11} - Q_{12} = 0 \Rightarrow 4Q_{22} + 2Q_{12} - Q_{11} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad Q_{11} - Q_{12} - Q_{12} - 4Q_{22} = 0 \Rightarrow 4Q_{22} + 2Q_{12} - Q_{11} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad Q_{12} - Q_{22} + Q_{12} - Q_{22} = -1 \Rightarrow 2Q_{22} = 1 + 2Q_{12} \quad \textcircled{6}$$

$$\text{plug } \textcircled{5} \text{ into } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 4Q_{22} + 2Q_{12} - \frac{1}{2} + 4Q_{12} = 0$$

$$4Q_{22} + 6Q_{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$8Q_{22} + 12Q_{12} = 1 \quad \textcircled{7}$$

$$\text{plug } \textcircled{6} \text{ into } \textcircled{7} \Rightarrow 4 + 8Q_{12} + 12Q_{12} = 1$$

$$20Q_{12} = -3$$

$$Q_{12} = -\frac{3}{20} \quad \textcircled{8}$$

$$\text{plug } \textcircled{8} \text{ into } \textcircled{6} \quad 2Q_{22} = 1 - \frac{3}{10}$$

$$Q_{22} = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$\text{plug ③ into ⑤} \Rightarrow Q_{11} = \frac{1}{2} - 4 \left( -\frac{3}{20} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{11}{10}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{10} & -\frac{3}{20} \\ -\frac{3}{20} & \frac{7}{20} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} 22 & -3 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|Q| = \frac{1}{20} (22 \times 7 - 9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{20} (154 - 9)$$

$$= \frac{145}{20} > 0$$

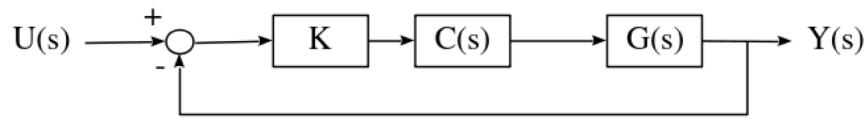
∴ system is asymptotically stable

**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,

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

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

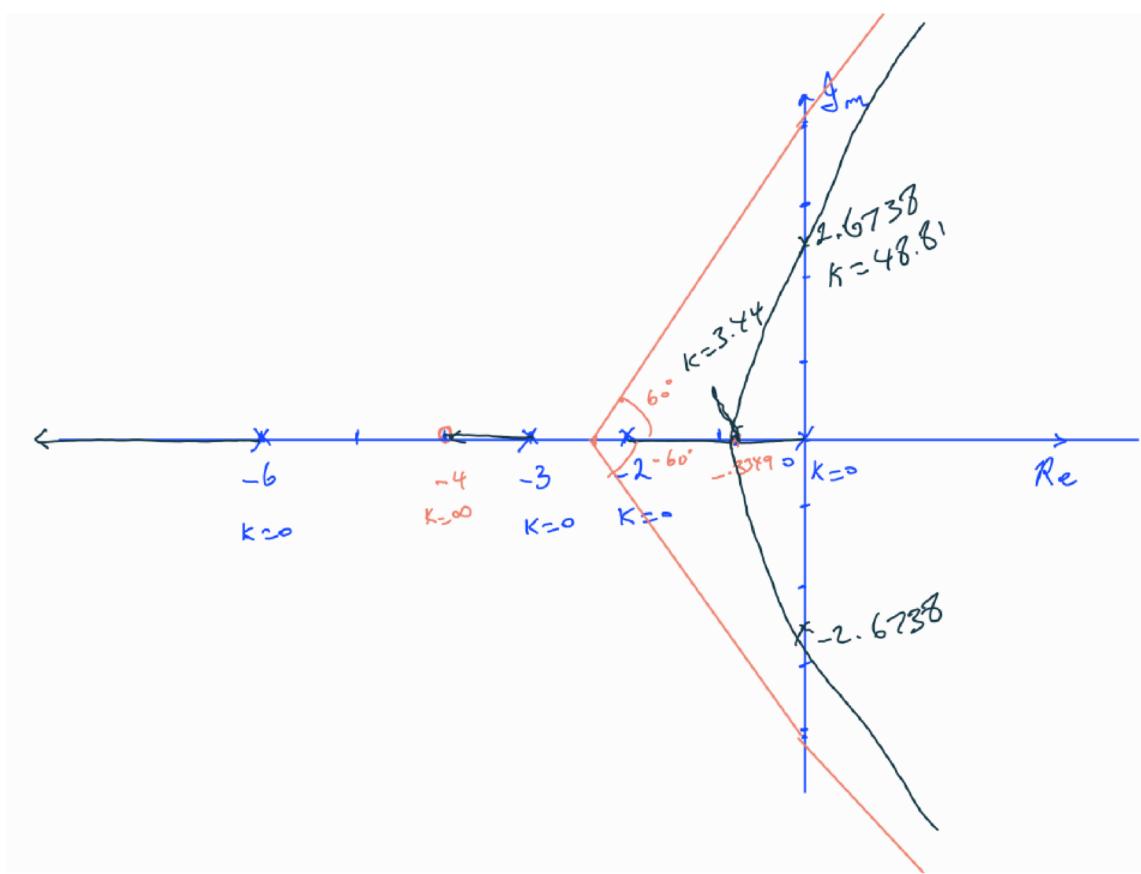


**Fig. 1:** Closed-Loop Block Diagram

**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.

## Solution A and B



$$1 + \frac{(n+4)}{n(n+2)(n+3)(n+6)} = 0$$

$$\left| \frac{(n+4)}{n(n+2)(n+3)(n+6)} \right| \leq \left| -\frac{1}{k} \right|$$
$$= \left| \frac{1}{k} \right|$$

Rule 5: Angles of the asymptotes

$$\theta_e = \frac{2l+1}{|m-n|} \times 180^\circ$$

$$l = 0, 1, \dots, |m-n|-1$$

$$\theta_0 = \frac{1}{3} \times 180^\circ = 60^\circ$$

$$\theta_1 = \frac{3}{3} \times 180^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{5}{3} \times 180^\circ = 300^\circ = -60^\circ$$

Rule 6: Intersection of the asymptotes with the real axis

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \frac{\sum \text{Re}(\text{pole}) - \sum \text{Re}(\text{zero})}{m-n} \\ &= \frac{0 - 2 - 3 - 6 + 4}{3} \\ &= -2.33 \end{aligned}$$

Rule 10: B real away points

$$-K = \frac{n(n+2)(n+3)(n+6)}{n+4}$$

$$-\frac{dK}{dn} = \frac{d}{dn} \left[ \frac{n(n+2)(n+3)(n+6)}{n+4} \right]$$

$$= d \left[ \frac{n^4 + 11n^3 + 36n^2 + 36n}{n+4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(4n^7 + 27n^6 + 72n^5 + 36n^4) - (n^8 + 11n^7 + 36n^6 + 36n^5)}{(n+4)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3n^8 + 38n^7 + 168n^6 + 288n^5 + 144n^4}{n^2 + 8n + 16} \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\approx}$$

$$3n^4 + 38n^3 + 168n^2 + 288n + 144 \approx$$

Real root: ~~-2.8967~~ <sup>not for K > 0</sup>  $\boxed{-0.8349}$  ✓

B real away pt

$$|K| = \left| \frac{n(n+2)(n+3)(n+6)}{n+4} \right|_{n=-0.8349}$$

$$\approx 3.4369$$

if imaginary axis:

$$-K = \left. \frac{\omega(\omega+2)(\omega+3)(\omega+6)}{\omega+4} \right|_{\omega=i\omega}$$

$$-K = \left. \frac{\omega^4 + 11\omega^3 + 36\omega^2 + 36\omega}{\omega+4} \right|_{\omega=i\omega}$$

$$-K = \frac{(\omega^4 - i11\omega^3 - 36\omega^2 + i36\omega)}{(\omega+4)} \frac{(\omega-4)}{(\omega-i\omega)}$$

$$= \frac{4\omega^4 - i44\omega^3 - 144\omega^2 + i144\omega - i\omega^5 - 11\omega^4 + 36i\omega^3 + 36\omega^2}{\omega^2 + 16}$$

$$= \frac{[-7\omega^4 - 108\omega^2] - i[\omega^5 + 8\omega^3 - 44\omega^2 - 144\omega]}{(\omega^2 + 16)}$$

$$= \frac{-\omega^2(7\omega^2 + 108) - i\omega[\omega^4 + 8\omega^2 - 44\omega - 144]}{\omega^2 + 16}$$

$$\omega^4 + 8\omega^2 - 44\omega - 144 = 0$$

$$\omega = 2.6738 \quad (\text{only positive real root})$$

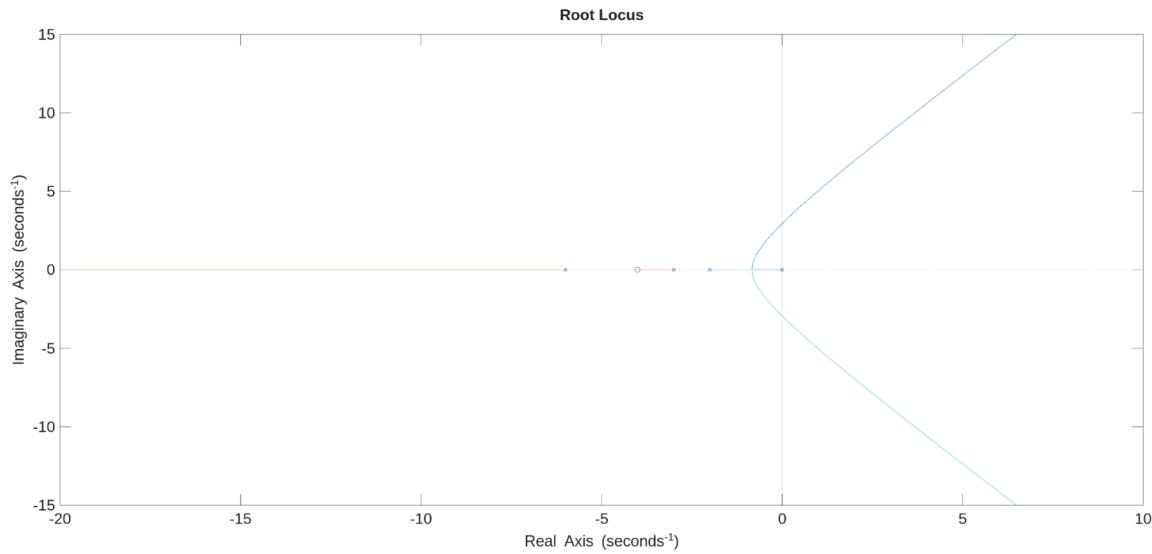
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$$K = \frac{(2.6738)^2 [7(2.6738)^2 + 108]}{2.6738^2 + 16}$$

$$K = 48.81$$

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

## Solution



**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.

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

## Solution

$$= \frac{10}{13}e^{-2t} - \frac{17}{10}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{130} [9\cos 3t + 7\sin 3t]$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 9 & D &= 7 & A &= \sqrt{9^2 + 7^2} = 11.4 \\ \frac{C}{A} &= 9 & \frac{D}{A} &= 7 & \Rightarrow & \Phi = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{9}{7} \right] \\ & & & & & = 0.91 \text{ rad} \\ & & & & & = 52.12^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{10}{13}e^{-2t} - \frac{17}{10}e^{-t} - 0.0877 \sin(3t + 0.91)$$

B.

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

## Solution

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

$$C = \frac{3}{4} \quad D = -1 \quad A = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + 1^2} = 1.25$$

$$\frac{C}{A} > 0 \quad \frac{D}{A} < 0 \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{D}\right) + \pi \\ &= \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + \pi \\ &= 2.5 \text{ rad} \\ &= 143^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{103}{100}e^{-2t} + \frac{29}{10}te^{-2t} - \frac{5}{100} \sin(4t + 2.5)$$

C.

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

## Solution

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

$35 \cos 6t + 6 \sin 6t$ :

$$C = 35 \quad D = 6 \quad A = \sqrt{35^2 + 6^2} = 35.5 \\ \frac{C}{A} > 0 \quad \frac{D}{A} > 0 \Rightarrow \varphi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{D}\right) = 1.4 \text{ rad.} \\ = 80.3^\circ$$

$613 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + \frac{1262}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)$ :

$$C = 613 \quad D = \frac{1262}{\sqrt{3}} \quad A = \sqrt{613^2 + \frac{1262^2}{3}} = 952.2 \\ \frac{C}{A} > 0 \quad \frac{D}{A} > 0 \quad \varphi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{D}\right) = \tan^{-1} 0.84 \\ = 0.7 \text{ rad} \\ = 40^\circ$$

$$y(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{1261} \left[ 35.5 \sin(6t + 1.4) \right] - 1.51 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + 0.7\right)$$

D.

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

**Solution**

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{5} e^{-2t} - \frac{3}{5} [2 \cos t + \sin t]$$
$$C = 2 \quad D = 1 \quad A = \sqrt{c^2 + D^2} = \sqrt{5}$$
$$\frac{C}{A} > 0 \quad \frac{D}{A} > 0 \Rightarrow \varphi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{D}\right) = \tan^{-1}(2)$$
$$= 1.1 \text{ rad.}$$
$$= 63.43^\circ$$

$$y(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{5} e^{-2t} - 1.34 \sin(t + 1.1)$$