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Automatic Control
Sheet 1(computer problems)

CP2.1. consider the two polynomials $p(s) = s^2 + 7s + 10$ and $q(s) = s + 2$. Compute the following :

- (a) $p(s)q(s)$
- (b) poles and zeros of $G(s) = q(s)/p(s)$
- (C) $p(-1)$

CP2.2 Consider the feedback system depicted in Figure CP2.2.

- (a) Compute the closed-loop transfer function using the series and feedback functions.
- (b) Obtain the closed-loop system unit step response with the step function, and verify that final value of the output is $2/5$.

CP2.3. Consider the differential equation $\ddot{y} + 4\dot{y} + 3y = u$, where $\dot{y}(0) = y(0) = 0$ and $u(t)$ is a unit step. Determine the solution $y(t)$ analytically and verify by coplotting the analytic solution and the step response obtained with the step function

CP2.4 Consider the mechanical system depicted in Figure CP2.4. The input is given $f(t)$ and the output is $y(t)$. Determine the transfer function from $f(t)$ to $y(t)$ and, using an m-file, plot the system response to a unit step input. Let $m = 10$, $k = 1$, and $b = 0.5$. Show that the peak amplitude of the output is about 1.8.

CP2.5 A satellite single-axis attitude control system can be represented by the block diagram in Figure CP2.5. The variables k , a , and b are controller parameters, and J is the spacecraft moment of inertia. Suppose the nominal moment of inertia is $J = 10.8E8$ (slug ft^2), and the controller parameters are $k = 10.8E8$, $a = 1$, and $b = 8$. (a) Develop an m-file script to compute the closedloop transfer function $T(s) = \theta(s)/\theta_d(s)$. (b) Compute and plot the step response to a 10° step input. (c) The exact moment of inertia is generally unknown and may change slowly with time. Compare the step response performance of the spacecraft when J is reduced by 20% and 50%. Use the controller parameters $k = 10.8E8$, $a = 1$, and $b = 8$ and a 10° step input. Discuss your results.

CP2.6. Consider the block diagram in Figure CP2.6.

- (a) Use an m-file to reduce the block diagram in Figure CP2.6, and compute the closed-loop transfer function.

(b) Generate a pole-zero map of the closed-loop transfer function in graphical form using the pzmap function.

(c) Determine explicitly the poles and zeros of the closed-loop transfer function using the pole and zero functions and correlate the results with the pole-zero map in part (b).

CP2.7. For the simple pendulum shown in Figure CP2.7, the nonlinear equation of motion is given by $\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l}\sin(\theta) = 0$, where $L = 0.5$ m, $m = 1$ kg, and $g = 9.8$ m/s². When the nonlinear equation is linearized about the equilibrium point $\theta = 0$, we obtain the linear time-invariant model, $\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l}\theta = 0$. Create an m-file to plot both the nonlinear and the linear response of the simple pendulum when the initial angle of the pendulum is $\theta(0) = 30^\circ$ and explain any differences.

CP2.8 A system has a transfer function $\frac{X(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{(20/z)(s+z)}{s^2+3s+20}$

Plot the response of the system when $R(s)$ is a unit step for the parameter $z = 5, 10$, and 15 .

CP2.9 Consider the feedback control system in Figure CP2.9, where

$$G(s) = \frac{s+1}{s+2} \text{ and } H(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

(a) Using an m-file, determine the closed-loop transfer function.

(b) Obtain the pole-zero map using the pzmap function. Where are the closed-loop system poles and zeros?

(c) Are there any pole-zero cancellations? If so, use the minreal function to cancel common poles and zeros in the closed-loop transfer function.

(d) Why is it important to cancel common poles and zeros in the transfer function?

CP2.10 Consider the block diagram in Figure CP2.10. Create an m-file to complete the following tasks: (a) Compute the step response of the closed-loop system (that is, $R(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ and $T_d(s) = 0$) and plot the steady-state value of the output $Y(s)$ as a function of the controller gain $0 < K \leq 10$.

(b) Compute the disturbance step response of the closed-loop system (that is, $R(s) = 0$ and $T_d(s) = 1/s$) and co-plot the steady-state value of the output $Y(s)$ as a function of the controller gain $0 < K \leq 10$ on the same plot as in (a) above.

Figures:

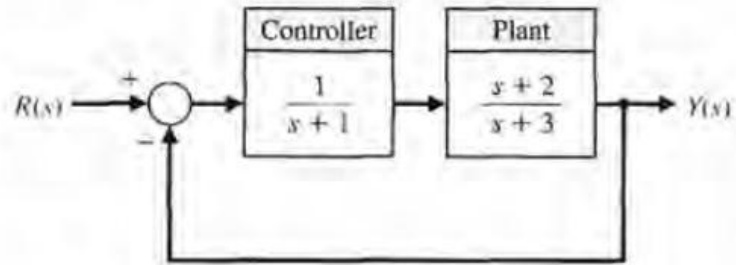


FIGURE CP2.2 A negative feedback control system.

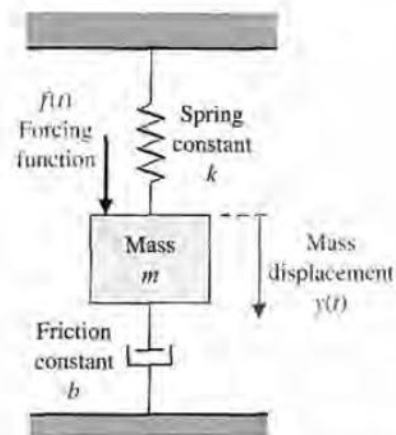


FIGURE CP2.4 A mechanical spring-mass-damper system.

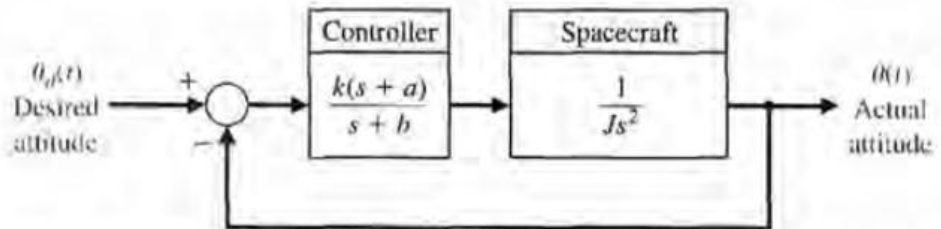


FIGURE CP2.5 A spacecraft single-axis attitude control block diagram.

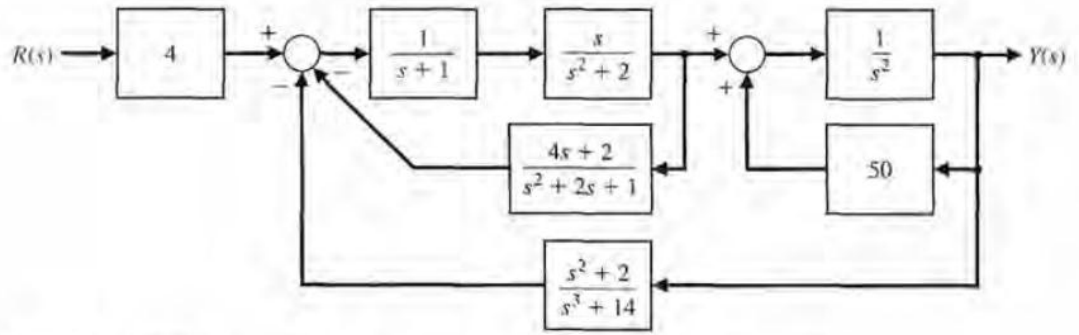


FIGURE CP2.6 A multiple-loop feedback control system block diagram.

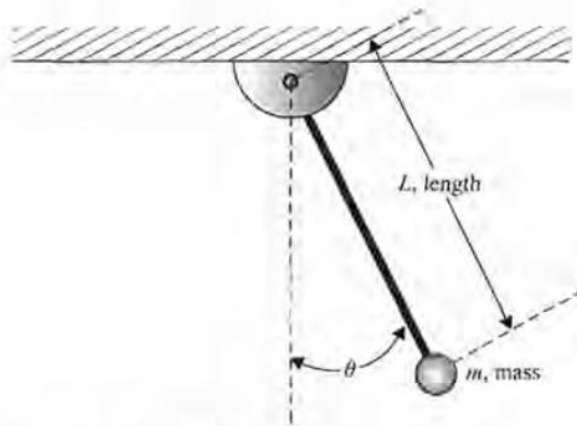


FIGURE CP2.7 Simple pendulum.

FIGURE CP2.10 Block diagram of a unity feedback system with a reference input $R(s)$ and a disturbance input $T_d(s)$.

