



**B.E/B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: APRIL/ MAY 2024**

(Regulation 2018)

Fourth Semester

**AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING**

U18AEI4202: Automatic Control Systems

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1: Determine the transfer function of mechanical and electrical systems.  
 CO2: Analyze the time response of LTI systems.  
 CO3: Design compensators/controllers for control systems.  
 CO4: Explain the behavior of aircraft autopilot systems.

**Time: Three Hours**

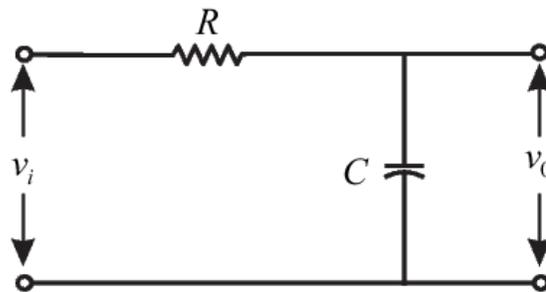
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions:-**

**PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 40 words)**

1. Draw the block diagram of a typical feedback control system. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
2. Determine the transfer function  $V_o(s)/V_i(s)$  for the system shown in figure. CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]

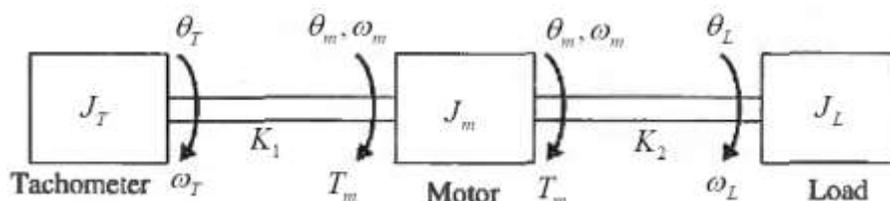


3. The unit-step response of a system starting from rest is given by  $c(t) = 1 - e^{-2t}$  for  $t \geq 0$ . Find the transfer function of the system. CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
4. For a second-order system with  $\xi = 0.707$ , and  $\omega_n = 10$  rad/s, find the peak time and the settling time. CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
5. For a unity negative feedback system with  $G(s) = \frac{100500(s+5)(s+14)(s+23)}{s(s+27)(s+\alpha)(s+33)}$ , find the value of  $\alpha$  to yield a static error constant of 25000. CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
6. What is a major limitation of the simple gain adjustment method using the root locus for getting the desired transient response for a control system? CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]

7. For a unity negative feedback system with open-loop transfer function given by  $G(s) = \frac{K(s+1.5)}{s(s+1)(s+5)}$ , show the existence of the root locus on the real-axis of s-plane. CO3 [K<sub>3</sub>]
8. What is the functional similarity and difference between PI controller and lag compensator? CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
9. What is the function of a PID controller, and what are its characteristics? CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
10. What is the purpose of adding rate feedback as an inner loop in the pitch autopilot system? CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]

**Answer any FIVE Questions:-**  
**PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)**  
**(Answer not more than 400 words)**

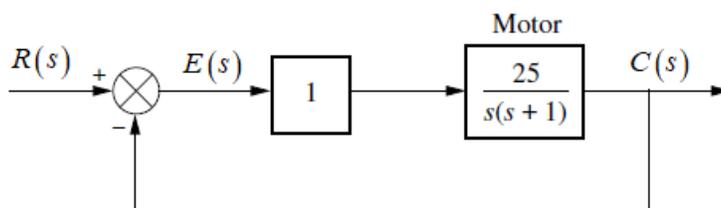
11. The schematic diagram of a control system containing a motor coupled to a tachometer and an inertial load is shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1.**

The following parameters and variables are defined:  $T_m$  is the motor torque;  $J_m$  is the motor inertia;  $J_T$  is the tachometer inertia;  $J_L$  is the load inertia;  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the spring constants of the shafts;  $\theta_T$  is the tachometer displacement;  $\theta_m$  is the motor displacement;  $\theta_L$  is the load displacement;  $\omega_m$  is the motor velocity;  $\omega_T$  is the tachometer velocity;  $\omega_L$  is the load velocity; and  $B_m$  is the motor viscous-friction coefficient.

- (i) Write the differential equations of the system. 4 CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
- (ii) Find the following transfer functions:  $\frac{\theta_m(s)}{T_m(s)}$ ,  $\frac{\theta_L(s)}{T_m(s)}$  12 CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
12. A motor whose transfer function is shown in Figure 2 is used as the forward path of a closed-loop, unity feedback system.



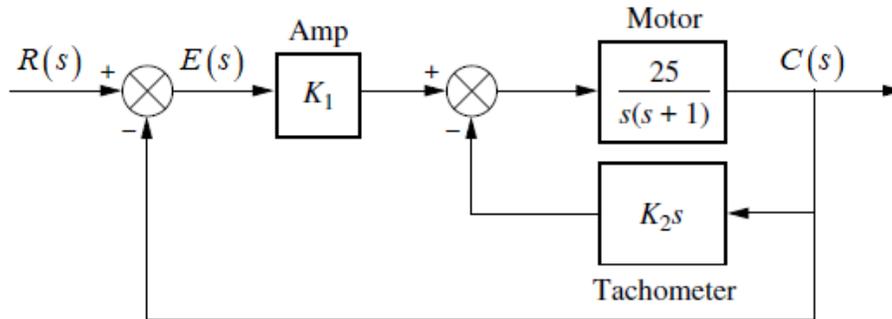
**Figure 2.**

(i) Calculate the overshoot percent and settling time that could be expected.

6 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

(ii) Now, you need to improve the response found in Part (i). Since the motor and the motor constants cannot be changed, an amplifier and a tachometer (voltage generator) are inserted into the loop, as shown in Figure 3. Find the values of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  to yield a 16% overshoot and a settling time of 0.2 seconds.

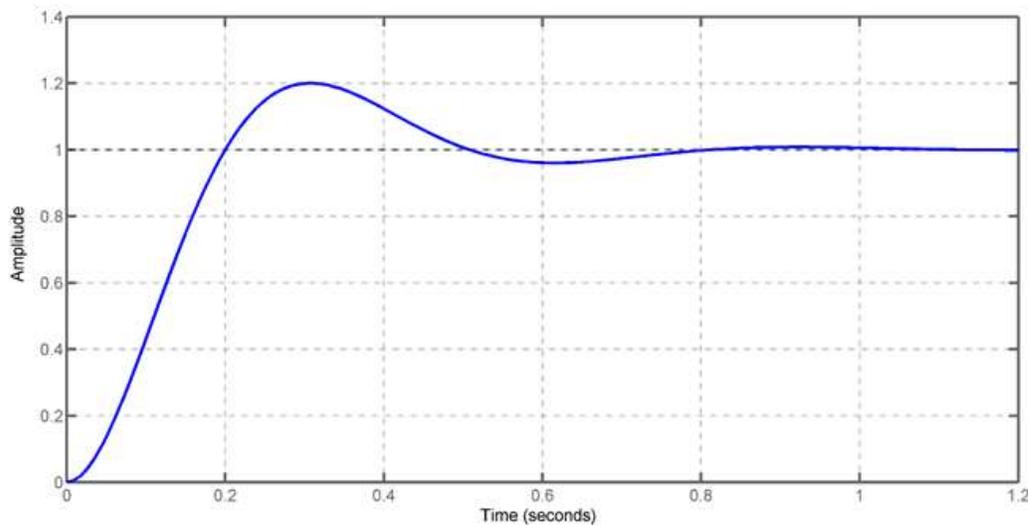
10 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]



**Figure 3.**

13. a) The unit-step response of a second-order LTI system is shown in Figure 4. Find the transfer function for the system.

8 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]



**Figure 4.**

- b) The unit-step response of a second-order system have a maximum value of 2.04 at time  $t = 1.22$  second, with a steady-state or final value of 1.5. Find the system transfer function.

8 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

14. A unity negative feedback system with  $G(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+7)}$  is operating with a closed-loop step response that has 15% overshoot (dominant poles are  $-3.5 \pm 5.79j$ ). Design a lag

16 CO3 [K<sub>3</sub>]

compensator to improve the steady-state error by a factor of 20. Place the compensator pole at  $-0.01$ . Also, find the loop gain  $K$  of the compensated system.

15. A unity negative feedback system with  $G(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+7)}$  is operating with a closed-loop step response that has 15% overshoot (dominant poles are  $-3.5 \pm 5.79j$ ). Evaluate the settling time for the system and design a lead compensator to decrease the settling time by three times. Choose the compensator's zero to be at  $-10$ . Also, find the loop gain  $K$  for the compensated system. 16 CO3 [K<sub>3</sub>]
16. For a unity negative feedback system with  $G(s) = \frac{K}{(s+1)(s+4)}$ , design a PID controller using root locus method that will yield a peak time of 1.047 seconds and a damping ratio of 0.8 (dominant poles are  $-2.5 \pm 1.88j$ ), with zero error for a step input. 16 CO3 [K<sub>3</sub>]

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