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Sixth Semester B.E./B.Tech. Degree Examination, Dec.2024/Jan.2025

**Process Control and Automation**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.

**Module-1**

- 1 a. Explain with a neat sketch, the principles and operation of pressure measuring instruments. (10 Marks)
- b. Describe on-line method of Biomass estimation. (04 Marks)
- c. Define the following :  
i) Instrumentation ii) Process control iii) Automation. (06 Marks)

**OR**

- 2 a. With a neat sketch, explain flow injection analysis. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain with various modes of temperature measuring devices. (10 Marks)

**Module-2**

- 3 a. Derive the transfer function of first order liquid level system. (10 Marks)
- b. Given a system with the transfer function  $\frac{y(s)}{x(s)} = \frac{(\tau_1 s + 1)}{(\tau_2 s + 1)}$ . Find  $y(t)$  if  $x(t)$  is a unit step function. If  $\frac{\tau_1}{\tau_2} = 5$ . Sketch  $y(t)$  versus  $\frac{t}{\tau_2}$  show the numerical values of minimum, maximum and ultimate values that may occur during the transient. (10 Marks)

**OR**

- 4 a. Define Linearization. With an example of liquid level system, explain the concept. (10 Marks)
- b. With a neat sketch, explain the first order system for non-interacting system. (10 Marks)

**Module-3**

- 5 a. Derive the transfer function for the 2<sup>nd</sup> order system for a spring damper. (10 Marks)
- b. Define and explain :  
i) Overshoot ii) Rise time iii)  $y_{\max}$  iv) Period of oscillation v) Peak time. (10 Marks)

**OR**

- 6 a. What do you mean by transportation lag? Derive transfer function for transportation lag. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain the significance of damping ratio ( $\xi$ ) graphically. (04 Marks)
- c. Derive an expression for the step response of non interacting multcapacity control system. (06 Marks)

**Module-4**

- 7 a. What is FCE? Add a note on it. (04 Marks)  
 b. Determine the overall transfer function  $C(s)/R(s)$  for the system shown in Fig Q7(b)

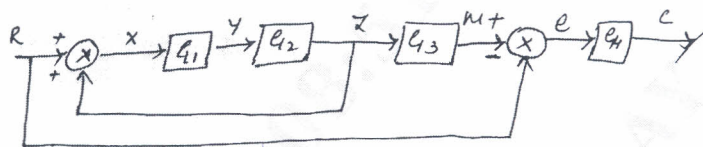


Fig Q7(b)

- c. Derive an expression for Regulator control problem for negative feedback system.

(06 Marks)

(10 Marks)

**OR**

- 8 a. Define controller. Explain two mode controllers with example. (10 Marks)  
 b. In a PID controller the error is increased linearly at the rate of  $5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ . The proportional sensitivity of the PID controller is 4, the reset rate is 1 and the derivative time  $\tau_D$  is 0.5 min. Obtain the response equation. (10 Marks)

**Module-5**

- 9 a. Discuss the Routh test for stability, and theorems on Routh test. Add a note on merits and demerits of the same. (10 Marks)  
 b. Find : i) Characteristic equation ii) Determine the value of  $K_c$  for which control system is stable iii) For which value of  $K_c$  the control system is on the threshold of stability.

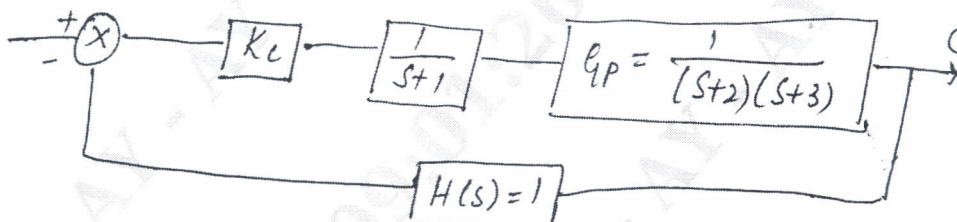


Fig Q9(b)

(10 Marks)

**OR**

- 10 a. Explain the rules for plotting the Root locus diagram. (10 Marks)  
 b. Plot a Root locus, gives open loop transfer function  $G H(s) = \frac{K_c}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$ . Determine the value of  $K_c$  for which the control system is just unstable. (10 Marks)

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