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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
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**MAIN CAMPUS**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE  
OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND  
COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING**

**COURSE CODE: ECE 411**

**COURSE TITLE: CONTROL SYSTEMS II**

**DATE: TUESDAY 19/12/2023      TIME: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.  
QUESTION ONE CARRIES 30 MARKS AND ALL OTHERS 20 MARKS EACH.

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)**

- a) State two advantages of the state-space representation over the transfer function representation.

[2 Marks]

- b) For both time domain and frequency domain state any three system specifications in control engineering

[2 Marks]

- c) Using relevant block diagrams of type 0, first order system and equations show that a PD control does not improve the steady-state performance of the system while PI improve the steady-state performance of the system

[6 Marks]

- d) Discuss any 3 types of compensator configurations using appropriate diagrams.

[6 Marks]

- e) Differentiate the following terms as applied in control engineering

- i. System type and system order
- ii. Phase margin and Gain margin in Bode plot
- iii. State variables and State vector

[6 Marks]

- f) A PID controller is inserted in series with a system having a transfer function. If The system has unity feedback.

$$G(s) = \frac{10}{2s + 5}$$

- i. Find the gain constants of the PID controller required to locate the closed-loop poles at  $s = -4 \pm j5$ .
- ii. Determine the undamped natural frequency  $\omega_n$  of the system
- iii. Determine the damping factor  $\zeta$  of the system
- iv. Determine the time constant  $\tau$  of the system

[8 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Given a system:

$$G(s) = \frac{2}{s(s + 4)}$$

Based on root locus approach, design a phase lead controller such that for the closed-loop system, the dominant pole pair has an undamped natural frequency  $\omega_n = 2$  and the damping factor  $\zeta = 0.75$ .

[10 Marks]

- b) In control system what is an integrator windup and list the methods of integrator anti-windup

[2 Marks]

c) Using the Ziegler-Nichols rules for process reaction given below

Controller	Optimum Gain		
	$K_P$	$T_I$	$T_D$
P	$\frac{1}{LR}$	-	-
PI	$\frac{0.9}{LR}$	$\frac{L}{0.3}$	-
PID	$\frac{1.2}{LR}$	$2L$	$0.5L$

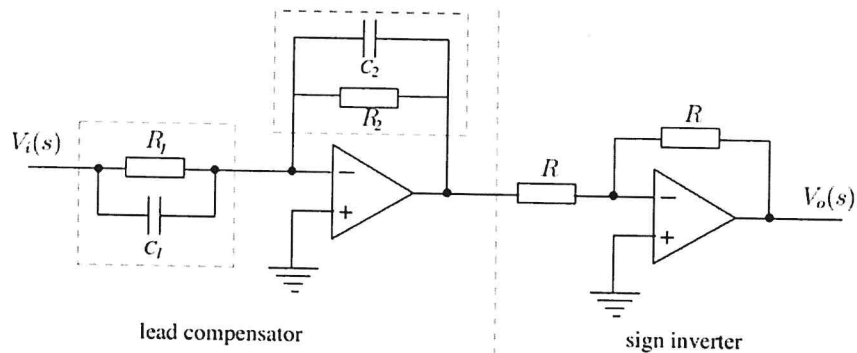
Determine the controller gains for P, PI and PID controllers for the system whose measured open-loop response of a system to a unit step is given below

t (sec)	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0
Amplitude	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.15	0.28	0.43	0.57	0.70	0.80	0.88	0.92	0.95	0.96	0.97

[8 Marks]

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Below is an electronic lead compensator



- Determine the transfer function of the circuit
- Find the expressions for the compensator gain  $K_c$ , zero-pole ratio  $\alpha$  and time constant  $\tau$
- What is the criteria of selecting  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$

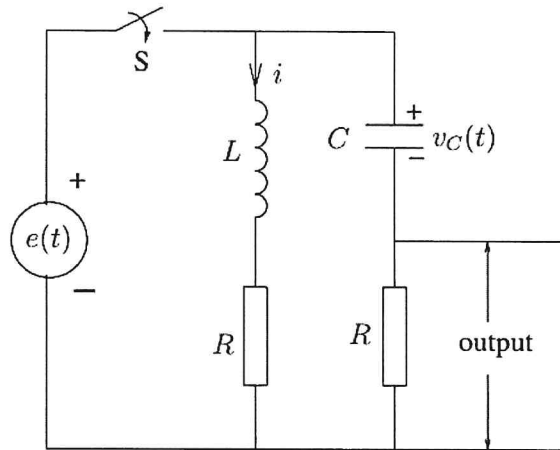
[6 Marks]

b) Represent the following system to control canonical form

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{3s + 4}{s^2 + 2s + 5}$$

[4 Marks]

- c) Consider the circuit shown below. Assuming that the switch  $S$  is closed at time  $t = 0$ . Taking the inductor current as the state  $x_1(t)$ , the capacitor voltage as state  $x_2(t)$ ,  $e(t) = u(t)$  and output voltage is  $y(t)$ .



- i. Determine the state-space representation of the circuit
- ii. Given that  $R = 0.5\Omega$ ,  $L = 0.25H$ ,  $C = 2F$ ,  $u(t)$  is a unit step voltage starting at  $t = 0$ , and assuming zero initial conditions, determine the expressions for  $x(t)$ , and  $y(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

[10 Marks]

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Compute the transfer function of the system defined by the following state space equations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

[8 Marks]

- b) In a table format outline the differences and the effects of lead and lag compensators in a control system.

[2 Marks]

- c) Design a compensator for the system below

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}$$

Using the frequency response approach design a lead compensator for the system  $G(s)$  such that the static velocity error constant  $K_v = 15 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ , the phase margin is at least  $40^\circ$ . The gain and phase of  $G(j\omega)$  at certain frequencies is tabulated below:

Frequency $\omega$ ( $\text{rad sec}^{-1}$ )	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	1	2	4	6	10
Gain (dB)	20	14	7	3	-3	-13	-24	-31	-40
Phase (degrees)	-96	-101	-112	-121	-135	-153	-166	-171	-174

[10 Marks]

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

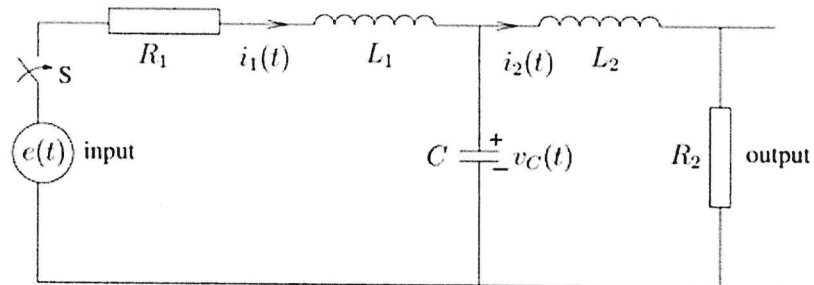
- a) State the conditions for which a system is said to be unobservable

[3 Marks]

- b) Considering a lead compensator show that lower corner frequency  $\omega_1$  and higher corner frequency  $\omega_2$  can be computed by:  $\omega_1 = \frac{1}{\tau}$  and  $\omega_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha\tau}$ .

[7 Marks]

- c) Consider the circuit shown below.



Taking the resistor  $R_1$  current as the state  $x_1(t)$ , the inductor  $L_2$  current as the state  $x_2(t)$ , the capacitor voltage as state  $x_3(t)$ ,  $e(t) = u(t)$  and output voltage is  $y(t)$ . Given that  $R_1 = 8\Omega$ ,  $L_1 = 0.25H$ ,  $R_2 = 4\Omega$ ,  $L_2 = 0.5H$ ,  $C = 1F$ , assuming that the switch  $S$  is closed at time  $t = 0$ .

- i. Use Kalman's test to determine whether the system is controllable.
- ii. Use Kalman's test to determine whether the system is observable.

[10 Marks]

$f(t)$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$	Formula
$f(t) = 1$	$F(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ $s > 0$	A
$f(t) = e^{at}$	$F(s) = \frac{1}{(s-a)}$ $s > a$	B
$f(t) = t^n$	$F(s) = \frac{n!}{s^{(n+1)}}$ $s > 0$	C
$f(t) = \sin(at)$	$F(s) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$ $s > 0$	D
$f(t) = \cos(at)$	$F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$ $s > 0$	E
$f(t) = \sinh(at)$	$F(s) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$ $s >  a $	F
$f(t) = \cosh(at)$	$F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$ $s >  a $	G
$f(t) = t^n e^{at}$	$F(s) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{(n+1)}}$ $s > a$	H
$f(t) = e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$F(s) = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$ $s > a$	I
$f(t) = e^{at} \cos(bt)$	$F(s) = \frac{(s-a)}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$ $s > a$	J
$f(t) = e^{at} \sinh(bt)$	$F(s) = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 - b^2}$ $s - a >  b $	K
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