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ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IIA

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Tuesday, 23 April 2024 9.30 to 11.10

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**Module 3F1**

**SIGNALS & SYSTEMS**

*Answer not more than **three** questions.*

*All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*The **approximate** percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Write your candidate number **not** your name on the cover sheet.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

Single-sided script paper

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAM**

CUED approved calculator allowed

Engineering Data Book

**10 minutes reading time is allowed for this paper at the start of the exam.**

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

**You may not remove any stationery from the Examination Room.**

1 (a) For each of the three systems with transfer functions

$$H_1(z) = \frac{z + 2}{z^2 + 1}$$

$$H_2(z) = \frac{z^2 + \frac{1}{3}}{(z - 1)^2}$$

$$H_3(z) = \frac{z \left( z + \frac{1}{3} \right)}{(z + 1)^2}$$

draw a pole-zero diagram in the Argand plane. [10%]

(b) Figure 2 contains the Nyquist diagrams of the three systems defined in part (a) drawn as the normalised frequency  $\theta$  goes from 0 to  $\pi$  in shuffled order. Assign the correct Nyquist diagram to each of those three systems and justify your choice. [20%]

(c) Sketch the complete Nyquist diagrams for the three systems. [30%]

(d) For each of the three systems, determine whether the system can be stabilised using a proportional controller  $K$  in a closed loop system as indicated in Fig. 1 and if so, specify a stability range for the controller  $K$ . [10%]

(e) Determine the output sequence  $y_k$  of the system with transfer function  $H_1(z)$  for the bounded input sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \geq 0} = \{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} k\}_{k \geq 0}$  and verify that it is unbounded. [15%]

*Hint:* the  $z$  transform of  $\left\{ \frac{k}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} k \right\}_{k \geq 0}$  is  $\frac{-z^2}{(z^2+1)^2}$ .

(f) Now consider the system with transfer function  $H_1(z)$  placed in a closed loop control system as indicated in Fig. 1 with  $K = -1/2$ . Show that the closed loop system is stable and hence determine the stationary response to the input sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \geq 0} = \{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} k\}_{k \geq 0}$  [15%]

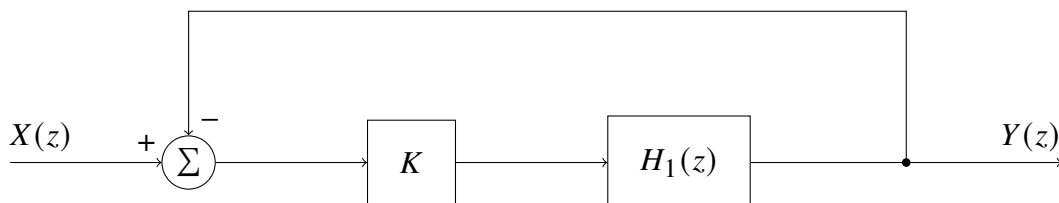
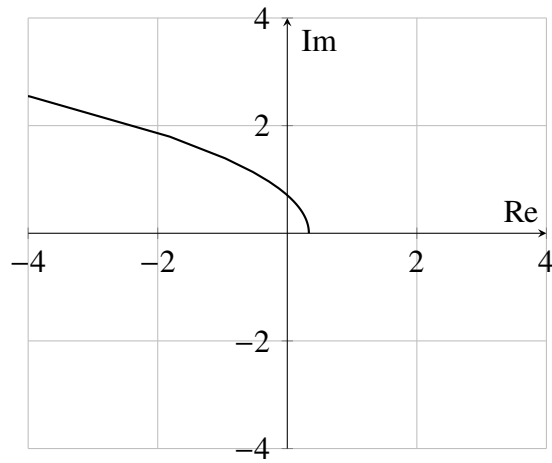
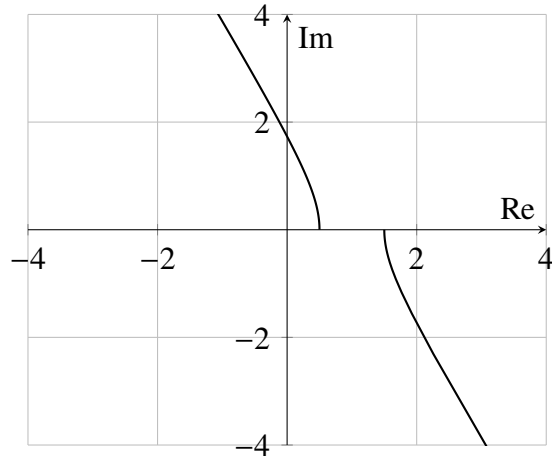


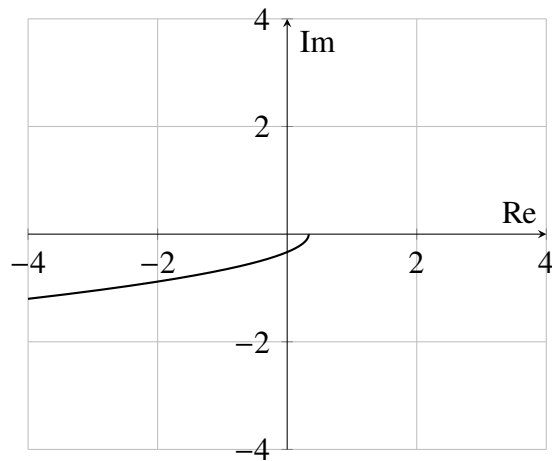
Fig. 1



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 2

2 (a) Consider the system of difference equations

$$\begin{cases} u_k + y_{k-1} = y_k \\ 4w_k + 2y_{k-1} = 3x_k \\ 2y_k + 2w_{k-2} = 3u_{k-1} \end{cases}$$

where all signals are zero for  $k < 0$ .

(i) Compute the transfer function  $G(z)$  of the system that maps the input  $X(z)$  to the output  $Y(z)$ . [10%]

*Hint:*  $G(z)$  has a pole at  $z = 1/2$ .

(ii) For  $x_k = \cos(k\pi)$  for  $k \geq 0$ , determine the output sequence  $\{y_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ . [40%]

(b) Consider the following two lists of time domain vectors and of Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) frequency domain vectors.  $u$  and  $w$  are non-zero real numbers.

Time domain

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = [2, \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{3}]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = [0, 1 + j\sqrt{3}, 0, 1 + j, 0, 1 - j\sqrt{3}]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_3 = [\frac{3}{2}, j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{3}{2}, -j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_4 = [\frac{5}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_5 = [\frac{10}{3}, 0, \frac{1-j\sqrt{3}}{3}, 0, \frac{1+j\sqrt{3}}{3}, 0]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_6 = [\frac{7}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, -1, \frac{1}{3}, 0]$$

Frequency Domain

$$\mathbf{X}_a = [u + jw, u - jw, u + jw, -u - jw, -u + jw, -u - jw]$$

$$\mathbf{X}_b = [u, 0, w, 0, w, 0]$$

$$\mathbf{X}_c = [u + w, u - w, u + w, u + w, u - w, u + w]$$

$$\mathbf{X}_d = [u - w, u, w, u + w, w, u]$$

$$\mathbf{X}_e = [0, u + w, 0, u, 0, u - w]$$

$$\mathbf{X}_f = [u, u + jw, w - ju, w, w + ju, u - jw]$$

(i) Determine which frequency domain vector corresponds to which time domain vector and give a justification for your choice in each case. [40%]

(ii) Determine the values of  $u$  and  $w$ . [10%]

3 For an audio system with sampling rate  $f_s = 48$  kHz, a digital lowpass filter is required with corner frequency 8 kHz. In this question, we will explore different techniques for obtaining such a digital filter.

(a) A first-order analogue lowpass filter with the transfer function  $H(s) = \frac{1}{1+s/\omega_0}$  has a 3dB corner frequency of  $\omega_0$  rad s<sup>-1</sup>.

(i) Design the required digital filter starting from an appropriately designed first-order analogue filter using the bilinear transform  $s \rightarrow \frac{z-1}{z+1}$ . [20%]

(ii) Calculate the poles and zeros of the digital filter. [10%]

(iii) Show that it achieves 3dB at the required corner frequency. [10%]

(b) We now explore direct design of a Finite Impulse Response (FIR) filter in the discrete-time domain.

(i) Derive an expression for the non-causal pulse response of the ideal lowpass filter using the inverse Discrete-Time Fourier Transform (DTFT) expression  $h_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} H(e^{j\theta}) e^{jk\theta} d\theta$  applied to the desired spectrum  $H(e^{j\theta}) = 1$  for  $\theta$  in the required passband of the lowpass filter and  $H(e^{j\theta}) = 0$  otherwise. [20%]

(ii) Truncate the response to 5 samples using a rectangular window, shift appropriately to make it causal and state the  $z$  domain transfer function of the resulting FIR filter. [10%]

(iii) Compute the filter gain at the required corner frequency. [10%]

(c) The last method applies the step invariant transform to the analogue filter  $H(s) = \frac{1}{1+s/\omega_1}$  with  $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 8 \times 10^3$  Hz.

(i) Determine the step response of the analogue filter. [10%]

(ii) Obtain a discrete-time filter using the step-invariant transform, state its  $z$  domain transfer function, and compute its gain at the corner frequency. [10%]

4 A linear continuous-time system has impulse response  $h(t) = e^{-\alpha t}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . The input to this linear system is a Wide Sense Stationary process  $\{x(t)\}$  with zero mean and autocorrelation function  $r_{XX}(t) = \frac{\tau}{2}e^{-|t|/\tau}$ .

(a) Using the fact that

$$r_{XX}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tau}{2}e^{-t/\tau} & t \geq 0 \\ \frac{\tau}{2}e^{t/\tau} & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

or otherwise, show that the Power Spectral Density of  $X$  is given by

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = \frac{\tau^2}{1 + \omega^2\tau^2}$$

[40%]

(b) Calculate the Power Spectral Density and average power of the output of the linear system.

[40%]

(c) Approximate sample paths of the process  $X$  are to be generated for use as test inputs to the linear system, using a finite difference approach:

$$x((k+1)\delta) = (1-a)x(k\delta) + bw_k$$

where the  $w_k$  are IID random variables with zero mean and unit variance. How should  $a$  and  $b$  be chosen?

[20%]

**END OF PAPER**

### Numerical Answers

1. (b) (a) is  $H_3(z)$ , (b) is  $H_1(z)$  and (c) is  $H_2(z)$ .
 

(d)  $H_1(z)$  stable for  $-2/3 < K < 0$ ,  $H_2(z)$  and  $H_3(z)$  stable for  $K < -3$  or  $K > 0$ .

(e)  $y_k = -\frac{k+1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2}(k+1) - k \cos \frac{\pi}{2}k$ .

(f) Stable as poles at 0 and  $1/2$  inside the unit circle, stationary response is  $\{\cos \frac{\pi}{2}k\}_{k \geq 0}$ .
  
2. (a) (i)  $G(z) = \frac{-\frac{3}{4}z}{z^3 - \frac{3}{2}z^2 + \frac{3}{2}z - \frac{1}{2}}$ 

(ii)  $y_k = \frac{1}{6} \cos(\pi(k-1)) - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}(k-1)\right)$

(b) (i)  $\mathbf{x}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_f, \mathbf{x}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_a, \mathbf{x}_3 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_e, \mathbf{x}_4 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_b, \mathbf{x}_5 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_c, \mathbf{x}_6 \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_d$

(ii)  $u = 3, w = 1$ .
  
3. (a) (i)  $H(z) = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} \cdot \frac{z+1}{z-2+\sqrt{3}}$ .
 

(ii) Pole at  $2 - \sqrt{3}$  and zero at  $-1$ .

(b) (i)  $h_k = \frac{1}{3} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}k\right)$ .

(ii)  $H(z) = 0.14 + 0.28z^{-1} + 0.33z^{-2} + 0.28z^{-3} + 0.14z^{-4}$ .

(iii) Absolute gain 0.47 (or relative gain 0.41 or  $-7.8\text{dB}$ )

(c) (i)  $u(t) = H(t) - e^{-\omega_1 t}$  where  $H(t)$  is the Heaviside step function.

(ii) Gain 0.74 or  $-2.63\text{dB}$ .
  
4. (b)  $S_{YY}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2 + \omega^2} \cdot \frac{\tau^2}{1 + \tau^2 \omega^2}, \quad \sigma_Y^2 = \frac{\tau^2 / \alpha^2}{2(\tau + 1/\alpha)}$ .
 

(c)  $a = \delta/\tau, b = \sqrt{1/\delta}$ .