

1(a) Bookwork.

$$(b)(i) \quad m\ddot{y} = k(n-y) \Rightarrow (ms^2+k)\bar{y} = k\bar{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{n}} = \frac{k}{ms^2+k}$$

Hence

$$T_{\bar{n} \rightarrow \bar{f}} = \frac{k(\bar{n}-\bar{y})}{\bar{n}} = k \left(1 - \frac{k}{ms^2+k} \right) = \frac{kms^2}{ms^2+k}$$

(ii) Closed loop poles are roots of:

$$ms^2+k+\alpha kms^2 = (1+\alpha k)ms^2+k = 0$$

for a proportional gain of α . Roots are always on $j\omega$ -axis, or one is in RHP (if $1+\alpha k < 0$).

(iii) Closed loop poles are roots of:

$$(ms^2+k)(\tau s+1) + \alpha kms^2$$

$$= m\tau s^3 + (m+\alpha km)s^2 + k\tau s + k$$

$$= a_0 s^3 + a_1 s^2 + a_2 s + a_3$$

Since $m, k, \tau > 0$, from Routh-Hurwitz criterion, all roots are in the LHP if and only if

$$a_1 a_2 - a_0 a_3 = (m+\alpha km)k\tau - m\tau k$$

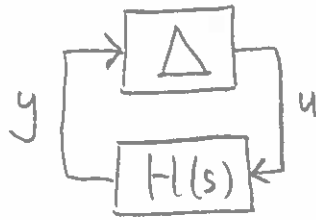
$$= \alpha k^2 m \tau > 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \alpha > 0$$

(iv) $f = k(n-y)$ ✓

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{1+\Delta} \frac{1}{m_0 s^2} \bar{f} \Rightarrow m\ddot{y} = f \quad \checkmark$$

These are the same equations as used in (b)(i), hence the result.

(v) Set $r=0$ in Fig. 2 and re-draw as:



To find $H(s)$ set $\Delta = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= -\bar{u} + \frac{1}{m_0 s^2} \bar{f} \\ \bar{f} &= k(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \\ \bar{x} &= -G_a k \bar{f} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f} = k(-G_a k \bar{f} - \bar{y})$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f} = \frac{-k \bar{y}}{1 + k G_a k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{y} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m_0 s^2} \frac{k}{1 + k G_a k} \right) = -\bar{u}$$

Hence

$$H(s) = \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{u}} = \frac{-m_0 s^2 (1 + k G_a k)}{m_0 s^2 (1 + k G_a k) + k}$$

By the Small Gain Theorem Fig. 2 is stable for all $\Delta(s)$ satisfying $|\Delta(j\omega)| \leq h$ if and only if $|H(j\omega)| < h^{-1}$ for all ω .

(vi) $H(\infty) = -1$ when $k(s) = \alpha$, hence $h < 1$.

$m = m_0(1 + \Delta)$ clearly can't be negative but there is an upper bound on predicted m to stabilise Fig. 2. This is more conservative than Part (b)(iii), as expected since Small Gain approach assumes a frequency dependent Δ .

Q1. Robustness and small gain theorem for micro-mechanical system.

15 attempts, mean 13.9/20 (69.7%), maximum 19, minimum 8.

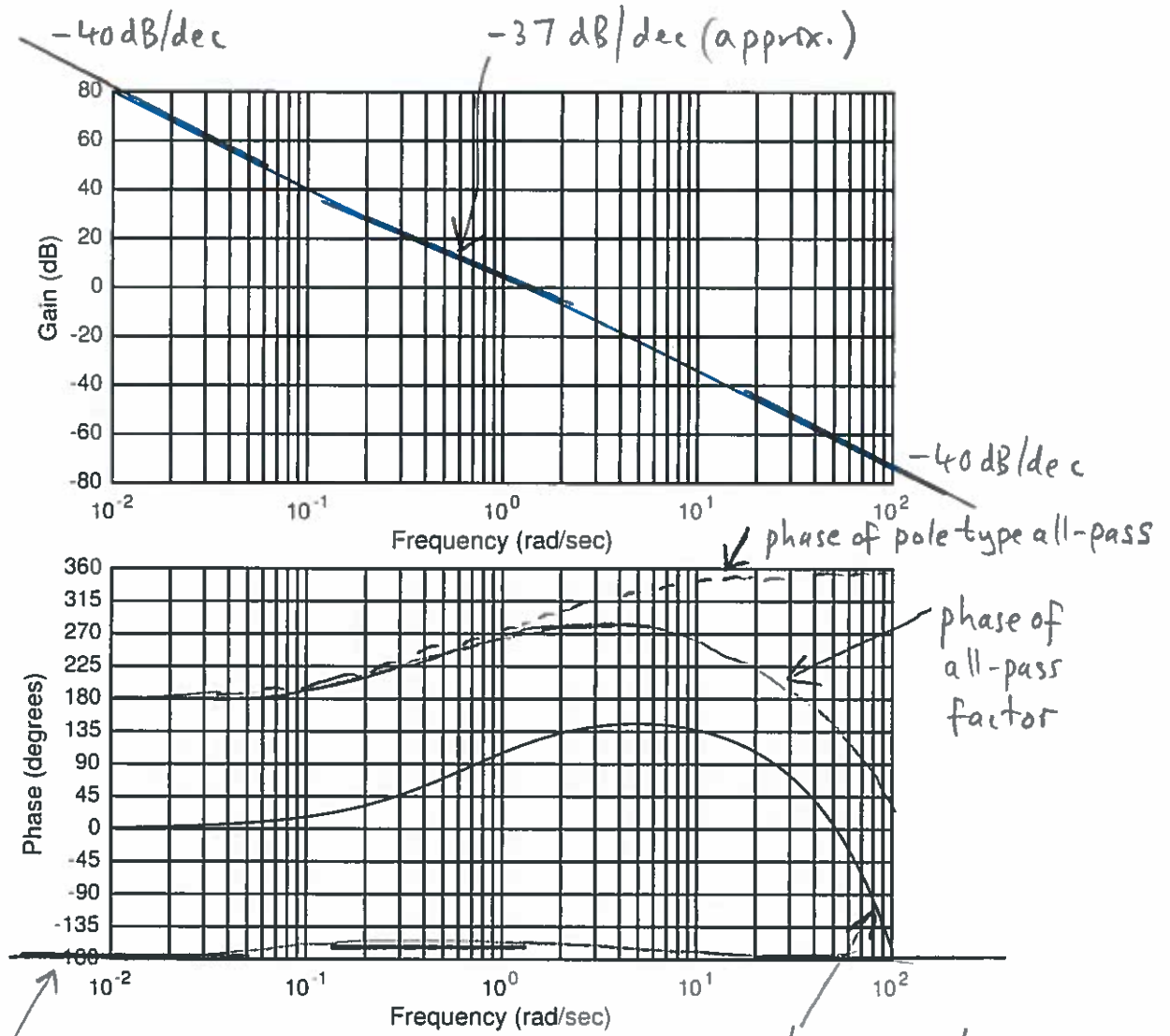
Candidates were generally able to give correct solutions to Part (a) and Parts (b)(i)-(b)(iv). Parts (v) and (vi) caused more difficulties, especially the comparison of the small gain theorem robustness test to the result of Part (b)(iii) which few candidates answered sensibly.

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2 (a)(i)



Extra copy of Bode diagram

min. phase close to -180° shape suggests
a time delay

$$(a)(ii) \text{ all-pass factor} = -\frac{p+s}{p-s} e^{-sT}$$

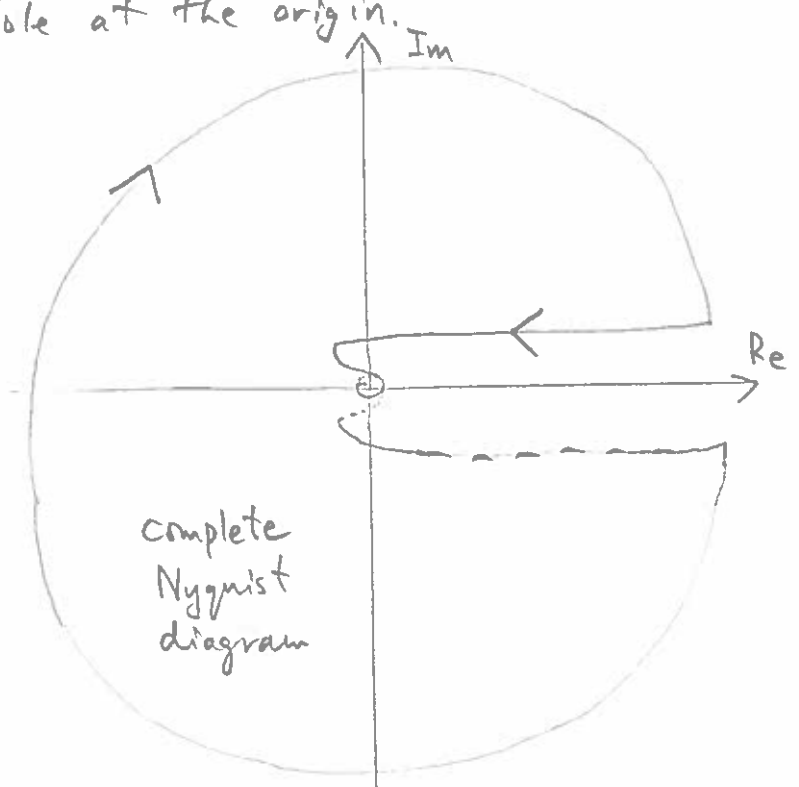
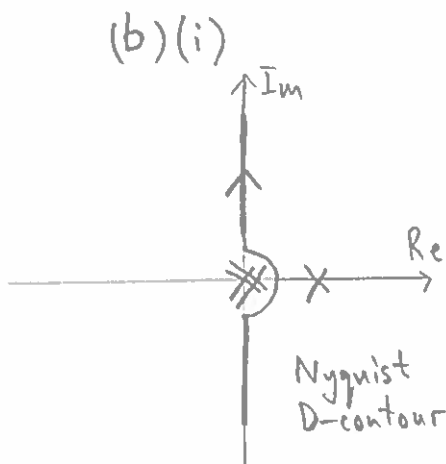
sketch of probable factor without time delay suggests $p \approx 1$

phase lag of about 330° from time delay at 100 rad/sec

$$\Rightarrow 100T = 330 \times 2\pi/360 \Rightarrow T \approx 5.8 \times 10^{-2}$$

2 (a) (iii) For conventional loop shape cross-over should not be much lower than 1 rad/sec because of RHP pole, and should not be much greater than about $\pi/(2T) \approx 27$ rad/sec, where phase lag from time delay is 90° .

(iv) Slope at low freqs. = -40 dB/dec which suggests a double pole at the origin.



(ii) Need 1 anti-clockwise encirclement about $-1/k$ for closed-loop stability. Not satisfied; 0 encirclements for $k < 0$ and 1 clockwise (or more) when $k > 0$.

(c) (i) Peak phase is around 5 rad/sec. Approach: increase phase by close to 90° at around that frequency and make that the gain cross-over frequency. Choose $k(s) = k k_1(s)^2$ where

$$k_1(s) = \frac{\alpha (s + \omega_c/\alpha)}{s + \omega_c \alpha}$$

$\alpha = \sqrt{5}$, $\omega_c = 5$ gives peak phase advance of 41.8° at 5 rad/sec
 $\Rightarrow 83.6^\circ$ phase lead - sufficient to take phase above 225°
 Need $20 \log_{10} k = 22$ approx to make 5 rad/sec the gain crossover
 $\Rightarrow k = 12.6$

2(c)(i) cont.

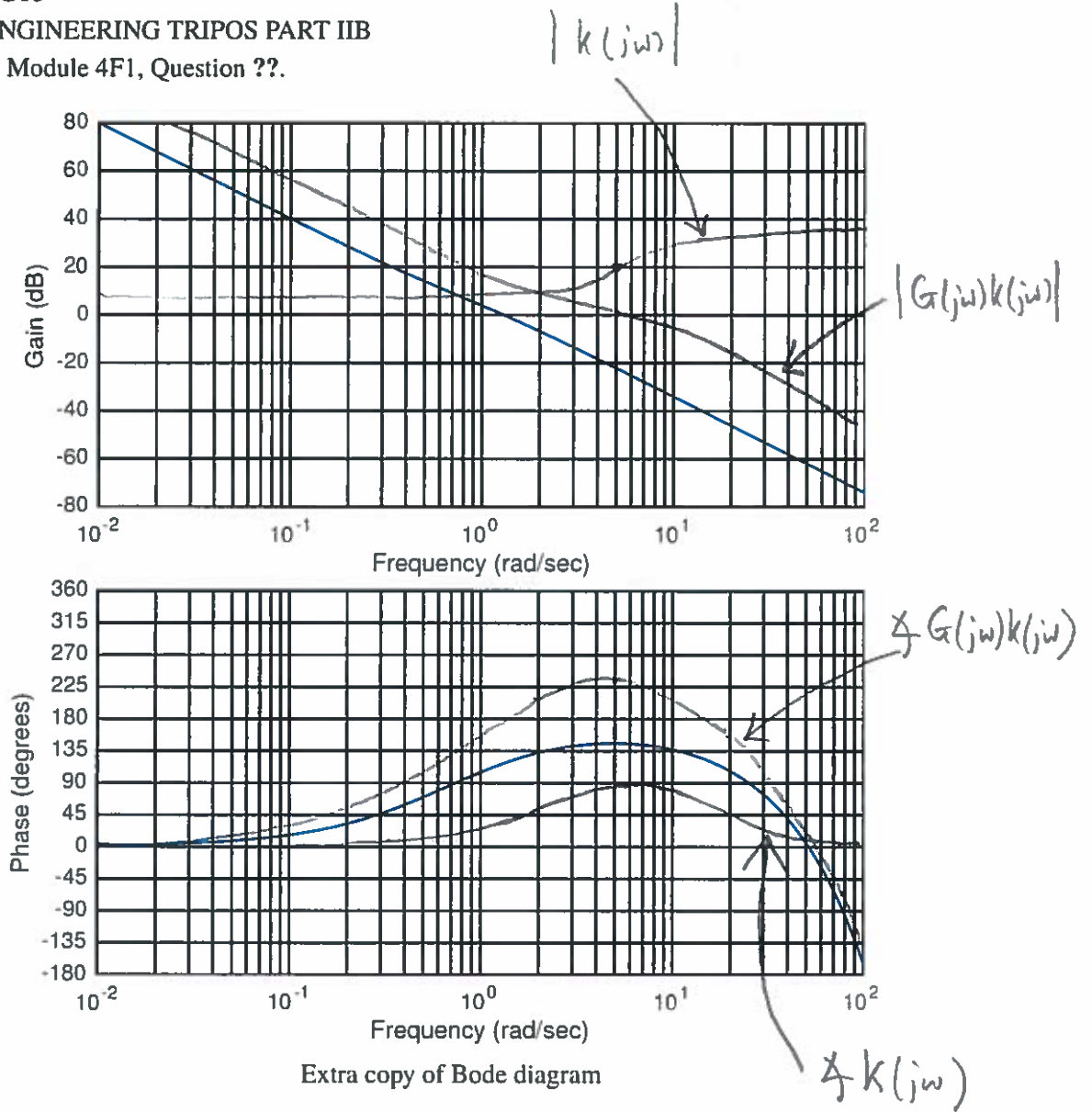
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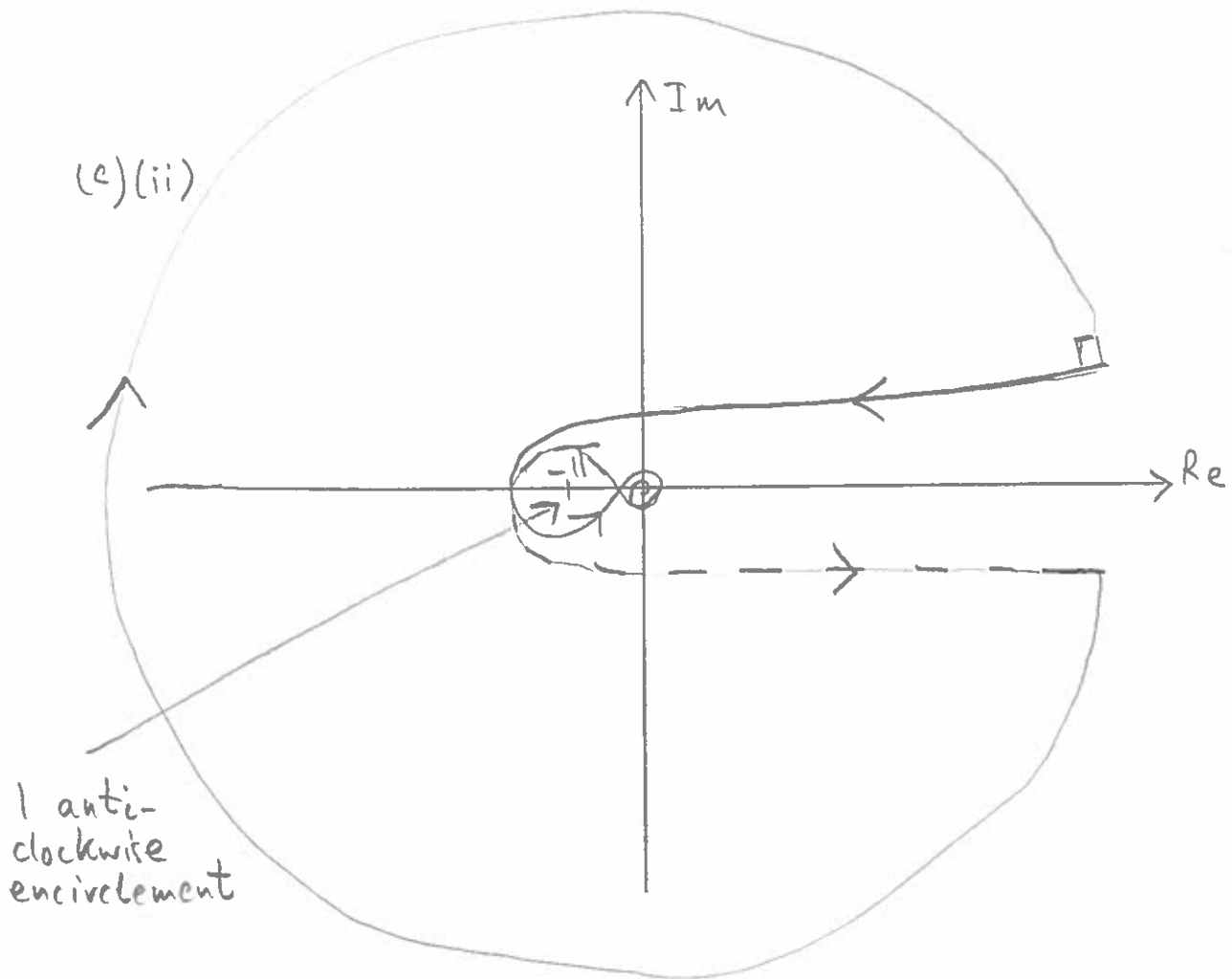
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Nyquist diagram of $G(s)k(s)$ (not to scale)

Note there is one anti-clockwise encirclement of -1 point as required for closed-loop stability

(iii) Phase margin just about 45° .

$$\text{Extra time delay: } \omega T_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow T_0 = \frac{\pi}{20} = 0.157 \text{ sec}$$

[Actual transfer function of $G(s)$ was $\frac{2s+1}{s^2(s-1)} e^{-0.06s}$]

2(a)(i)

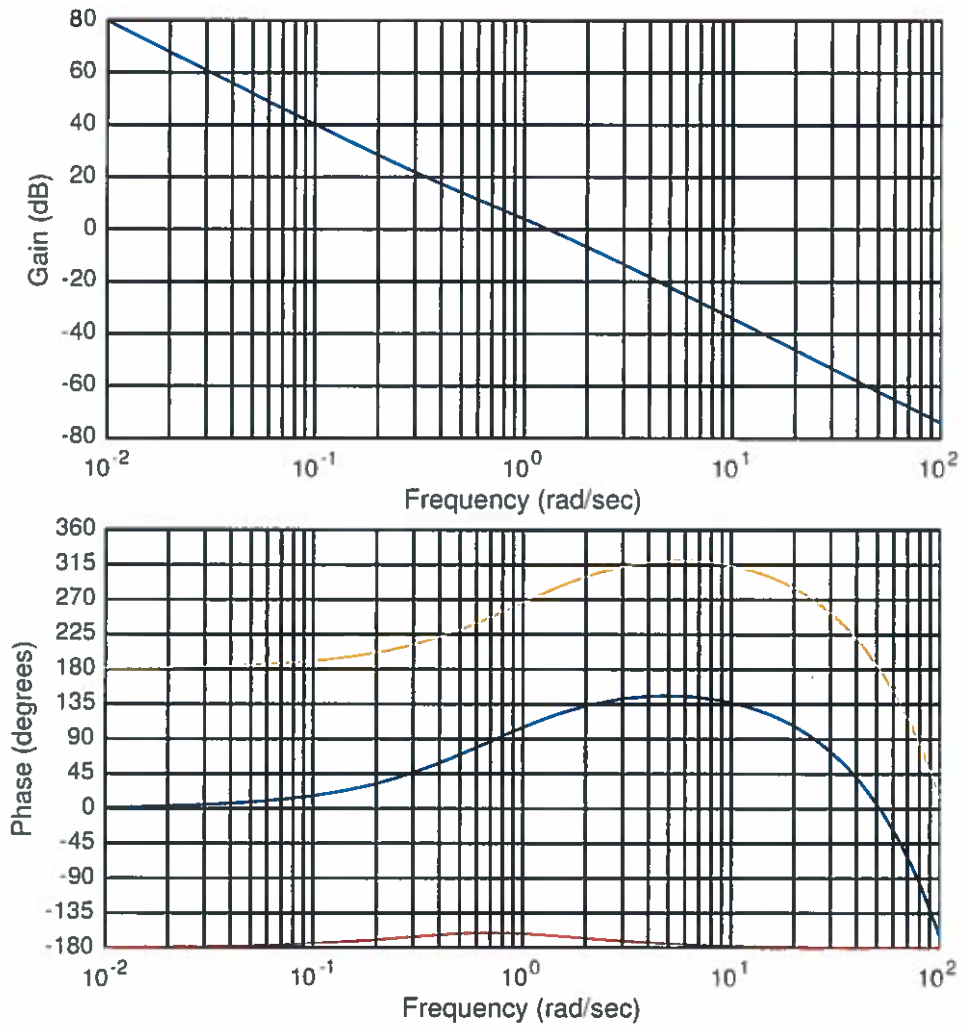
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2 (c)(i)

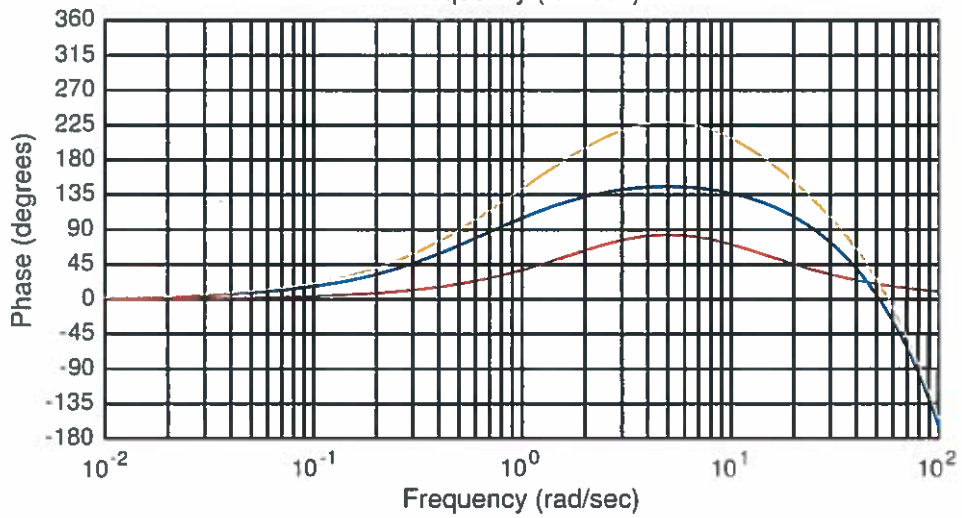
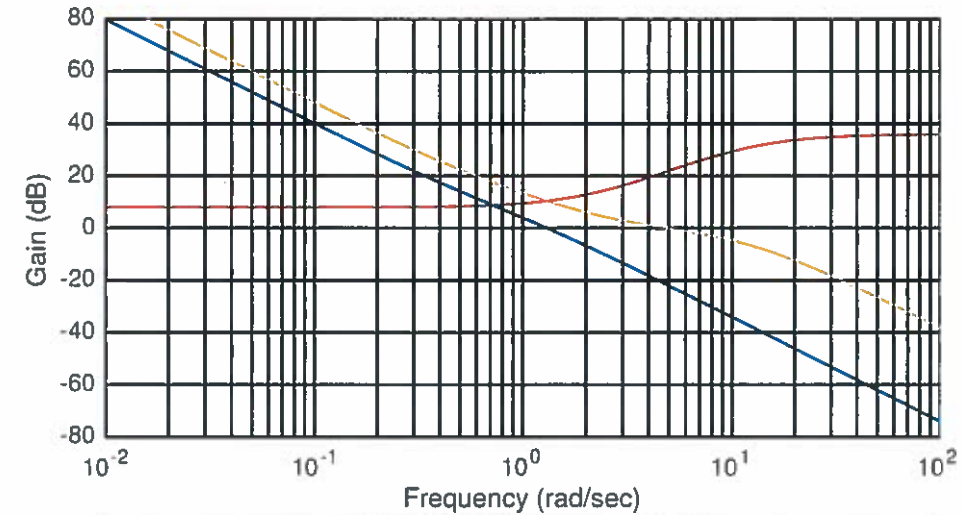
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Q2. Bode gain-phase relations and compensator design.

10 attempts, mean 14.8/20 (74%), maximum 18, minimum 11.

The least popular question but with mostly very good solutions. Not many candidates spotted that the stable all-pass factor in (a)(i) was a time delay, and there were a lot of errors in computing the smallest time delay in (c)(iii).

3(a)(i)

$$\bar{y}(s) = G(s) \frac{1}{s}$$

$$G(0) = 1$$

$$\dot{y}(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$$

INITIAL VALUE THEOREM

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s^2 \bar{y}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s G(s)$$

$$= \frac{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}}{b_n}$$

$$(b_n > 0)$$

initial undershoot $\Leftrightarrow \dot{y}(0^+) < 0$

\Leftrightarrow odd number of a_i are negative

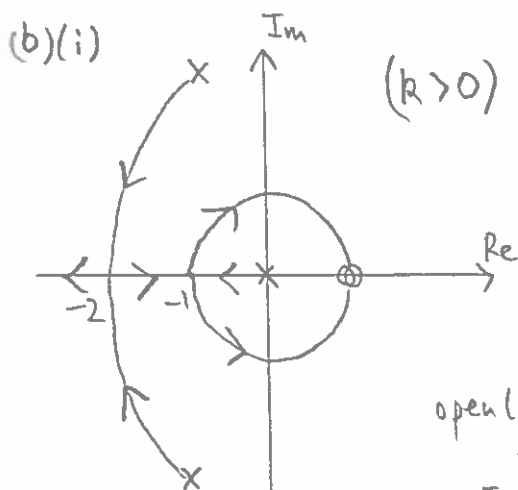
$$(ii) \quad \bar{y}(s) = G(s) \frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow \bar{y}(-1/a_i) = 0$$

$$\bar{y}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} y(t) e^{-st} dt$$

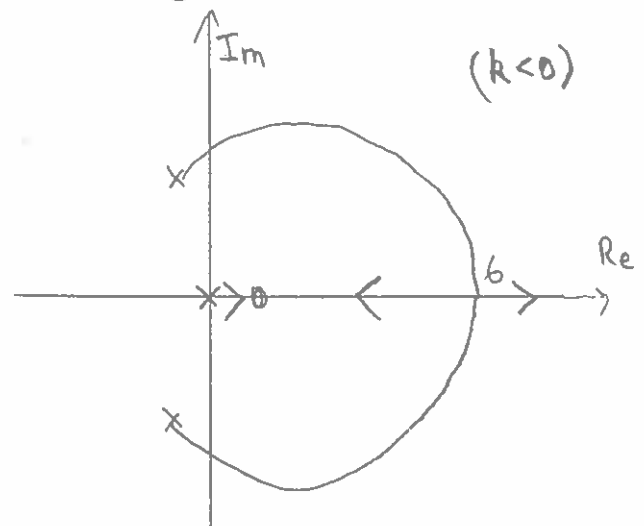
Since $a_i < 0$, $-1/a_i$ is in the region of convergence of the transform. Hence

$$0 = \int_0^{\infty} y(t) e^{t/a_i} dt$$

(iii) The integral in (ii) implies that $y(t)$ will be positive at some times and negative at others. Hence there must be at least one $t_1 > 0$ where $y(t_1) = 0$.



open loop poles at
 $-1 \pm j\sqrt{11}$
 $= -1 \pm j3.317$



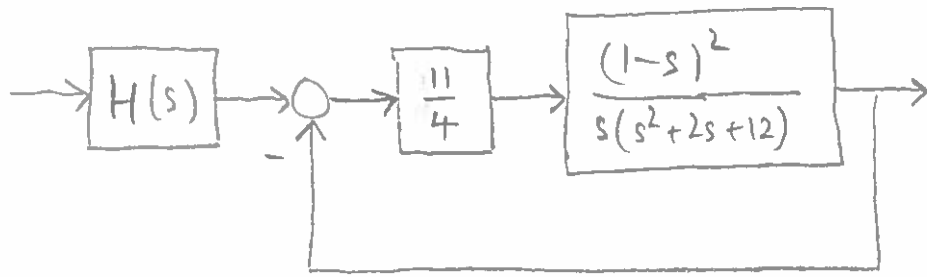
$$(b)(ii) \quad G(-1) = \frac{4}{-1(11)} \Rightarrow k = \frac{11}{4}$$

Since -1 is a breakaway point this should be a double root. Hence

$$s(s^2 + 2s + 12) + \frac{11}{4}(s-1)^2 \equiv (s+1)^2(s+c)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{11}{4}, \text{ so poles are at: } -1, -1, -\frac{11}{4}$$

(iii)

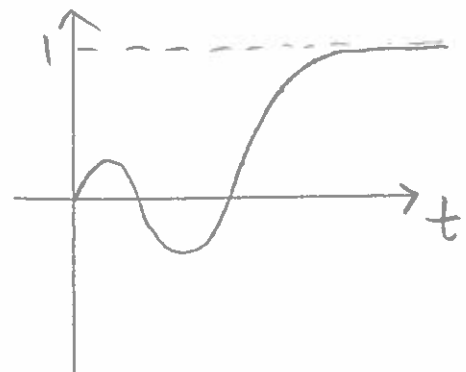


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Need: } \frac{(1-s)^2}{(s+1)^3} &= H(s) \frac{\frac{11}{4}(1-s)^2}{s(s^2+2s+12) + \frac{11}{4}(1-s)^2} \\ &= H(s) \frac{\frac{11}{4}(1-s)^2}{(s+1)^2(s + \frac{11}{4})} \end{aligned}$$

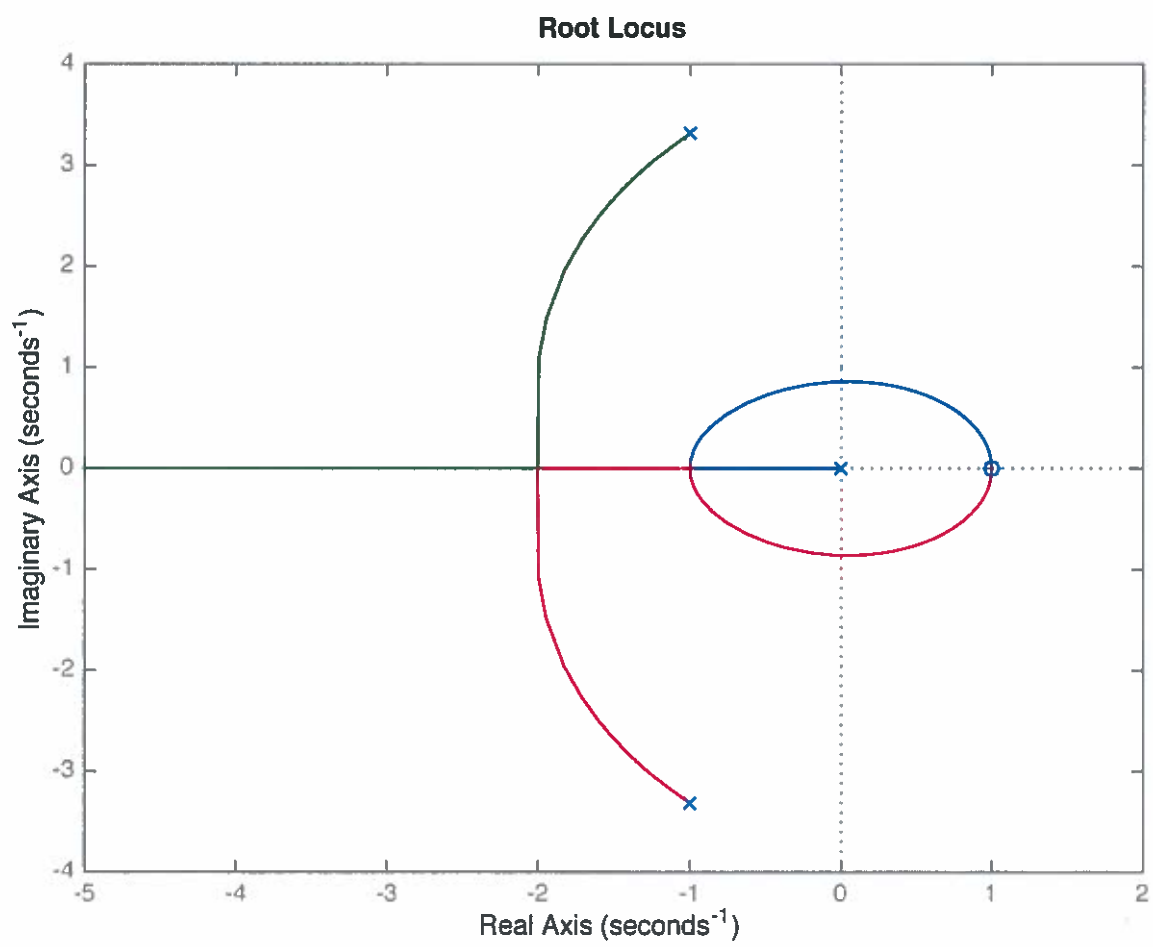
$$\Rightarrow H(s) = \frac{4}{11} \frac{(s + \frac{11}{4})}{s+1} = \frac{\frac{4s}{11} + 1}{s+1}$$

(iv) From (a)(ii) initial slope > 0 .
From (a)(iii) at least one zero crossing. DC gain = 1.

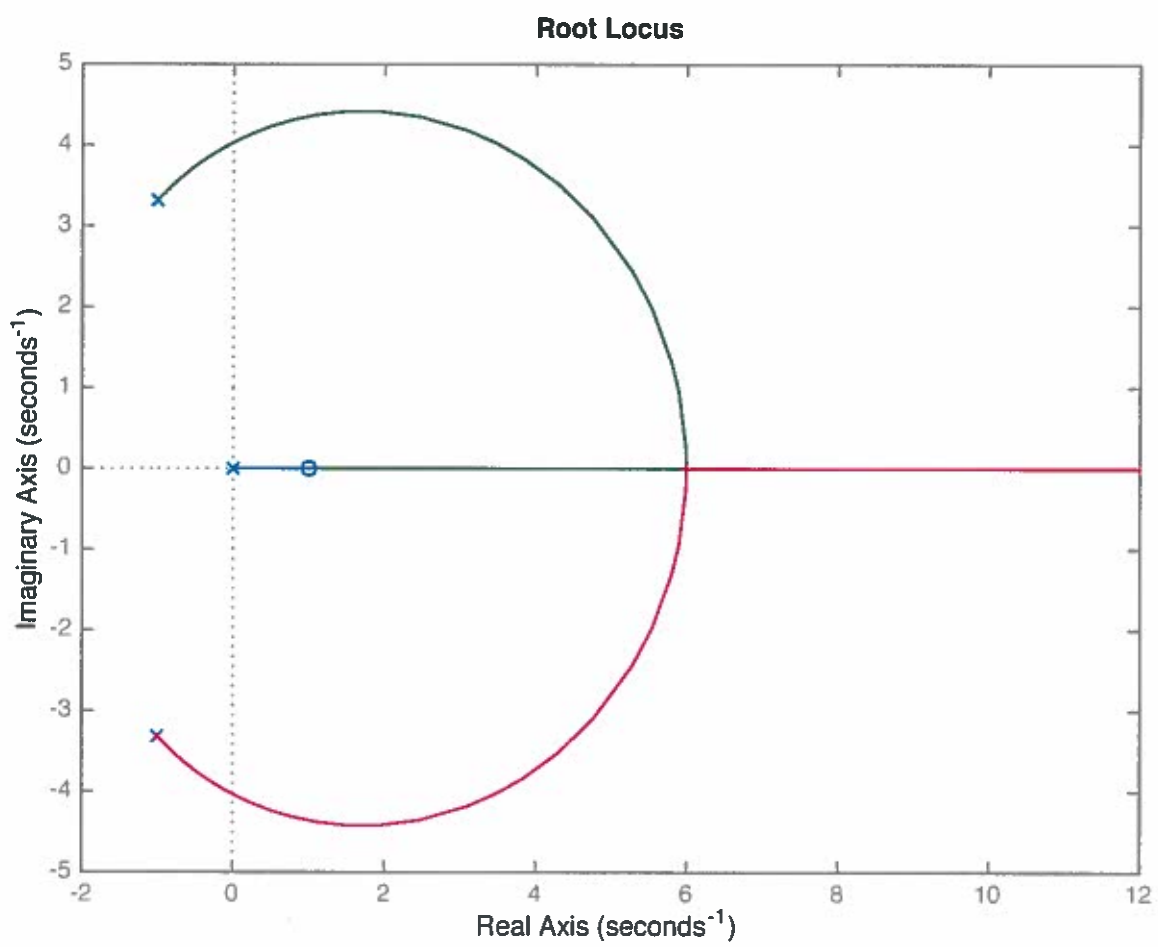
Double zero in $R(s)$ at $s=1$ must remain, hence there must be zero crossings in step response.



3(b)(i)



3(b)(i)



Q3. Non-minimum phase response, root-locus and two-degree-of-freedom design.

15 attempts, mean 12.7/20 (63.7%), maximum 19, minimum 7.

A popular question with some very good answers, though a number of parts caused difficulties. Not many candidates got the root-locus correct for negative and positive k in (b)(i). In (b)(iii) most had the general idea but few completed the two-degree-of-freedom design together with block diagram. Many candidates failed to draw the correct conclusions about the step response in (b)(iv).

3(b)(iv)

