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**Problem 1.(15 % )**

Using the root locus, find the range of gain for which the following system is unstable:

The plant has transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{s + 2}{s(s - 2)(s^2 + 2s + 10)} .$$

**Problem 2.(15 %)**

Consider the following linear system:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

1. Can you stabilize the system using output feedback? If yes, find the feedback law that places the closed-loop poles at  $-1 \pm 2i$ .
2. Can you stabilize the system using state feedback? If yes, find the feedback law that places the closed-loop poles at  $-0.5 \pm 1.32i$ .

**Problem 3.(15 %)**

Is the following system completely controllable?

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

If yes, find the change of variables so that the system is in controllable canonical form.

**Problem 4.(15 %)**

Let

$$G(s) = \frac{25(s+1)}{s(s+2)(s^2+2s+16)}$$

in the following system:

1. Draw the Bode diagrams.
2. Draw the Nyquist plot.
3. For which values of  $K$  is the system stable?
4. Sketch the root locus to verify your conclusion.

**Problem 5.(10 % )**

Consider the following ODE:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + x_1x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 + u(x_1, x_2)\end{aligned}$$

where  $u(x_1, x_2)$  is a function of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  (the control law) such that  $u(0, 0) = 0$ . First observe that the point  $(0, 0)$  is an equilibrium point. Next design a control law (i.e., find a function  $u(x_1, x_2)$ ) that will make the system asymptotically stable around the point  $(0, 0)$ . *Hint:* Consider the function  $V(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ . Find  $u(x_1, x_2)$  so that  $V(x_1, x_2)$  is a Lyapunov function. Try a polynomial in  $x_1, x_2$ .

**Problem 6.(15 %)**

Consider the following discrete time system:

$$x(n+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ -4.5 & -11 \end{bmatrix} x(n) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} u(n)$$

$$y(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} x(n)$$

1. Find the transfer function from  $u$  to  $y$ .
2. Is the system BIBO stable?

**Problem 7.(10 %)**

Indicate whether True (T) or False (F) for each of the following questions. *Warning:* A correct response will give you 1 point, no response will give you no points, and a wrong response will take off 1 point, so that if you answer the questions at random, the average score will be 0 (as if you had omitted this problem completely).

1. The system  $\dot{x} = x^2 + 5x$  has only one stable equilibrium point.

**T**            **F**

2. In a unity feedback system the closed loop poles are continuous functions of the gain  $K$ .

**T**            **F**

3. The solution of the linear system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ , where  $A(t)$  is a time-dependent matrix, is  $x(t) = e^{A(t)t}$ .

**T**            **F**

4. When we discretize a stable continuous time system using forward differences the resulting discrete time system is always stable.

**T**            **F**