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Answer FOUR questions.

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*Some useful transforms*

$f_k$	$f^Z(z)$	$f^D(\gamma)$
$i_k = 0^k$	1	$T$
$1^k$	$\frac{z}{z-1}$	$\frac{1+\gamma T}{\gamma}$
$t_k$	$\frac{Tz}{(z-1)^2}$	$\frac{1+\gamma T}{\gamma^2}$
$\alpha^k$	$\frac{z}{z-\alpha}$	$\frac{1+\gamma T}{\gamma-\bar{\alpha}}$
$k\alpha^k$	$\frac{z\alpha}{(z-\alpha)^2}$	$\frac{(1+\gamma T)(1+\bar{\alpha} T)}{T(\gamma-\bar{\alpha})^2}$

where  $\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha-1}{T}$

$f(t)$	$f^L(s)$
$e^{\alpha t}$	$\frac{1}{s-\alpha}$

*Some notation*

' denotes transposition of a vector or matrix

$q$  is the forward shift operator

$f^Z(z)$ ,  $f^D(\gamma)$ ,  $f^F(j\omega)$ ,  $f^W(w)$  denote the  $Z$ -, Delta-, discrete-time Fourier and  $W$ -transforms, respectively, of  $\{f_k\}$

$f^L(s)$  denotes the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$

$t_k = kT$ .

**The Routh Test**

Every root of  $a_0 w^n + a_1 w^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$  has strictly negative real part iff all  $n + 1$  entries in the first column of the following Routh-table are non-zero and have the same sign:

1:	$a_0$	$a_2$	$a_4$	.....
2:	$a_1$	$a_3$	$a_5$	.....
3:	$\frac{a_1 a_2 - a_0 a_3}{a_1}$	$\frac{a_1 a_4 - a_0 a_5}{a_1}$	$\frac{a_1 a_6 - a_0 a_7}{a_1}$	.....
...:	.....			
$n+1$ :	.....			

**The Jury Test**

Every root of  $d(z) \triangleq \alpha_n z^n + \alpha_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_0 = 0$  has modulus strictly less than one iff

$$d(1) > 0,$$

and

$$d(-1) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ < 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and

$$|a_0| < a_n, |b_0| > |b_{n-1}|, |c_0| > |c_{n-2}|, \dots,$$

where the  $b_i, c_i$  etc., are determined from the following Jury-table

1:	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	.....	$a_n$
2:	$a_n$	$a_{n-1}$	$a_{n-2}$	.....	$a_0$
3:	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$	.....	$b_{n-1}$
	where $b_i = a_0 a_i - a_n a_{n-i}$				
4:	$b_{n-1}$	$b_{n-2}$	.....	$b_0$	
...:	.....				
$2n-3$ :	.....				

Here, for all  $i$ ,

$$a_i = \begin{cases} \alpha_i & \text{if } \alpha_n > 0 \\ -\alpha_i & \text{if } \alpha_n < 0. \end{cases}$$

## The Questions

1. (a) Consider the system of Figure 1.1, where  $G^L(s) = \frac{2-4s}{(s-1)(s-2)}$ .  
Using a step-response and a partial fraction expansion, determine the pulse Z-transfer function from  $u^Z(z)$  to  $y^Z(z)$  when the sample period is  $T$ . [6]

(b) Show that  $Z\{kf_k\} = -z \frac{d}{dz} f^Z(z)$ . [2]

- (c) Assume that each pole of the transforms  $f^Z(z)$  and  $g^Z(z)$  has modulus smaller than one.

- (i) Adapt the proof of the Z-transform version of Parseval's theorem to show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k g_k = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) g^Z(z^{-1}) z^{-1} dz$$
[6]

where  $\Gamma_1$  denotes the disc of unit radius in the complex plane that is centred on the origin. You may use without proof the fact that

$$f_k = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) z^{k-1} dz.$$

- (ii) For  $\{f_k\} = \{1, 2, 0, 0, 0, \dots\}$ , use residues to evaluate

$$\frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) f^Z(z^{-1}) z^{-1} dz.$$

Check your result by carrying out a discrete-time summation. [6]

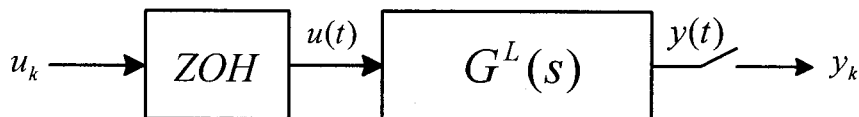


Figure 1.1

2. Consider the system of Figure 2.1 where the continuous-time system  $S_c$  is modelled by

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), y(t) = c'x(t) \quad (\text{£})$$

and the sample period is  $T$ .

- (a) (i) An approximation to  $x(t+h)$  is given by

$$x(t+h) \approx x(t) + h\dot{x}(t).$$

Use this method of approximation to determine an approximation to  $x(t_k + \frac{T}{2})$  and use it again to determine the matrices  $\tilde{A}$ ,  $\tilde{B}$  of an approximation  $x_{k+1}$  to  $x(t_k + T)$  of the form

$$x_{k+1} = \tilde{A}x_k + \tilde{B}u_k, y_k = c'x_k. \quad (\text{\$}) \quad [6]$$

- (ii) State the connection between the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{A}$  of part (i) and BIBO-stability of (\\$). [1]

- (iii) Assuming that  $A$  of (£) has distinct eigenvalues, determine a formula for  $\tilde{A}$  of part (i) in terms of the spectral form for  $A$  and hence determine an inequality for each eigenvalue of  $A$  that guarantees BIBO-stability of (\\$). [4]

- (b) Consider the discrete-time model

$$x_{k+1} = \bar{A}x_k + \bar{B}u_k, y_k = c'x_k$$

of (£) that satisfies  $x_k = x(t_k)$  for all  $k \geq 0$ .

Derive from  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  the approximation

$$x_{k+1} = (I + A\frac{T}{2})(I - A\frac{T}{2})^{-1}x_k + T(I - A\frac{T}{2})^{-1}Bu_k, y_k = c'x_k. \quad [3]$$

- (c) Suppose the pulse  $Z$ -transfer function, from  $u^Z(z)$  to  $y^Z(z)$ , for the system of Figure 2.1 is  $G^Z(z) = \frac{z-1}{z^2-4}$ .

Use residues to determine the corresponding pulse response sequence. [6]



Figure 2.1

3. Consider the feedback system of Figure 3.1 where  $K \geq 0$ , the sample period is  $T$  and  $G^Z(z)$  is the pulse  $Z$ -transfer function, from  $u^Z(z)$  to  $y^Z(z)$ , of the system of Figure 3.2.

(a) Show that  $y^L(j\omega) = \left( \frac{1-e^{-j\omega T}}{j\omega} \right) G^L(j\omega) u^F(\omega T)$ . [6]

(b) Suppose  $G^Z(z) = \frac{z+0.5}{z(z-2)}$ .

(i) Determine the break-points of the root-locus for the closed-loop system of Figure 3.1 and hence draw accurately the root-locus for that system. [6]

(ii) Use the root-locus of part (i) to determine the set of values of the gain  $K$  for which the closed-loop system is BIBO-stable. [4]

(iii) Verify your set of part (ii) using the Jury test. [4]

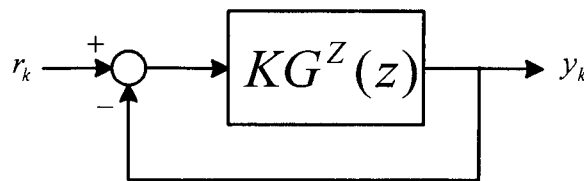


Figure 3.1

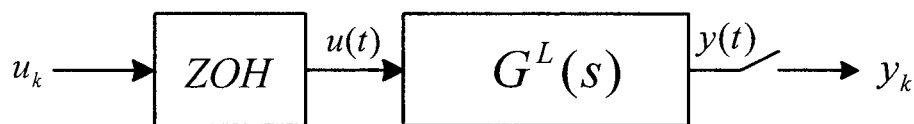


Figure 3.2

4. (a) Prove that if  $z = \frac{1+w}{1-w}$  then  $|z| < 1$  iff  $\Re(w) < 0$ . Discuss very briefly (in, say, one or two sentences) the significance of this result. [5]

- (b) Consider the system of Figure 4.1, for which  $K \geq 0$  and

$$G^Z(z) = \frac{(z+10)}{(z-1)(z+0.3)}.$$

Let  $K_{max}$  be the largest value of  $K$  such that the closed-loop system is BIBO-stable for all  $K \in [0, K_{max})$ .

A plot of  $G^Z(e^{j\Omega})$  for  $\Omega \in (0, 2\pi)$  is shown in Figure 4.2.

Draw the relevant discrete-time Nyquist path, sketch the corresponding discrete-time Nyquist locus and estimate  $K_{max}$  from your locus. Give enough explanation to make clear how you have obtained your locus and determined  $K_{max}$  from it. [7]

- (c) Discuss the use of full-state observers in the feedback control of linear discrete-time single-input single-output systems described by

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + bu_k, y_k = c'x_k.$$

Your discussion should include: the observer equation, the associated eigenvalues and how to assign them using a standard eigenvalue assignment algorithm for choosing feedback gains, and properties of the observer that are relevant to feedback control. [8]

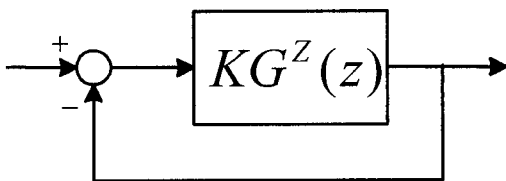


Figure 4.1

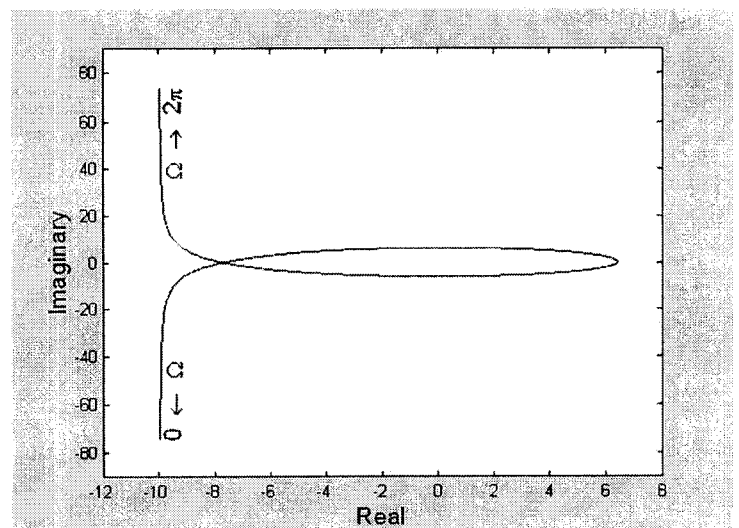


Figure 4.2

5. Consider the system of Figure 5.1 below, where the controller  $C^Z(z)$  and plant  $P^Z(z)$  are specified by

$$\begin{aligned} [C^Z] \quad & \bar{x}_{k+1} = \bar{A}\bar{x}_k + \bar{b}e_k, \quad u_k = \bar{c}'\bar{x}_k \\ [P^Z] \quad & x_{k+1} = Ax_k + bu_k, \quad y_k = c'x_k. \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Suppose

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.75 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{c}' = [1 \quad -1.5].$$

Determine  $C^Z(z)$  and the decoupling zero(s).

[6]

- (ii) For a (different) controller  $C^Z(z) = \frac{(z-2)(z+3)}{(z-1)(z+0.5)}$ , determine a control canonical realisation and a series realisation.

[7]

- (iii) Let  $\tilde{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \bar{x}_k \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{c}$  of a model of the forward path having the form

$$\tilde{x}_{k+1} = \tilde{A} \tilde{x}_k + \tilde{b}e_k, \quad y_k = \tilde{c}' \tilde{x}_k.$$

Suppose the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and those of  $\bar{A}$  are  $\bar{\lambda}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \bar{n}$ . Prove, using the basic definition of an eigenvector, that the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  are also eigenvalues of  $\tilde{A}$ .

Discuss very briefly the significance of this when an unstable pole of  $P^Z(z)$  is cancelled by a zero of  $C^Z(z)$ .

[7]

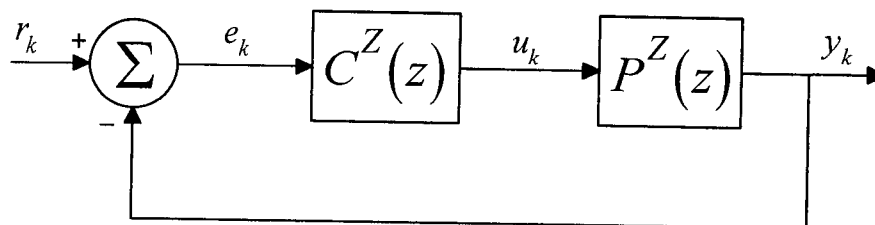


Figure 5.1



6. Consider the scalar-input scalar-output discrete-time system

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + bu_k; y_k = c'x_k$$

where  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(a) Let  $M$  be the system's controllability matrix.  
Use  $M$  to determine a sequence of controls that demonstrates that the system is reachable if  $M$  is non-singular. [4]

(b) Suppose  $n = 2$  and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, c' = [1 \quad 1].$$

(i) The pulse  $Z$ -transfer function from  $u^Z(z)$  to  $y^Z(z)$  is  $4/(z^2 + 16)$ .  
Show, using root-locus analysis, that the system cannot be stabilized by the control law  $u_k = r_k - Ky_k$  for any positive gain  $K$ . [3]

(ii) Now consider control of the form  $u_k = r_k - f'x_k$  for  $f \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .  
Let  $p'$  be the bottom row of the inverse of the controllability matrix  $M$  and let

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} p' \\ p'A \\ \dots \\ p'A^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use  $V$  to determine the control canonical form for the system and use it to choose  $f$  to stabilize the system by locating the closed-loop poles at the origin. [11]

Verify that your closed-loop system has the desired eigenvalues. [2]

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1. (a) Pulse Z-transfer function

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(z-1)}{z} \mathcal{Z}\{\mathcal{L}^{-1}(G^L(s)/s)(t_k)\} = \frac{(z-1)}{z} \mathcal{Z}\{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{2-4s}{s(s-1)(s-2)}\right)(t_k)\} \\
 &= \frac{(z-1)}{z} \mathcal{Z}\{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{s-1} + \frac{c}{s-2}\right)(t_k)\} \\
 &\quad (\text{where } a = (2-4s)(s-1)^{-1}(s-2)^{-1}|_{s=0} = 1, \quad b = (2-4s)s^{-1}(s-2)^{-1}|_{s=1} = 2, \\
 &\quad \quad c = (2-4s)s^{-1}(s-1)^{-1}|_{s=2} = -3) \\
 &= \frac{(z-1)}{z} \mathcal{Z}\{\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{2}{s-1} - \frac{3}{s-2}\right)(t_k)\} = \frac{(z-1)}{z} \mathcal{Z}\{(1 + 2e^{+t} - 3e^{+2t})|_{t=kT}\} \\
 &= \frac{(z-1)}{z} \mathcal{Z}\{1 + 2e^{+Tk} - 3e^{+2Tk}\} = \frac{(z-1)}{z} \left\{ \frac{z}{z-1} + 2 \frac{z}{z-e^{+T}} - 3 \frac{z}{z-e^{+2T}} \right\} \\
 &= 1 + 2 \frac{z-1}{z-e^{+T}} - 3 \frac{z-1}{z-e^{+2T}}. \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) -z \frac{d}{dz} f^Z(z) = -z \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k z^{-k} = - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k (-k) z^{-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k f_k z^{-k} = Z\{k f_k\}(z). \tag{2}$$

(c) (i) Now  $f_k = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) z^{k-1} dz$  because all the poles of  $f^Z(z)$  are within  $\Gamma_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k g_k &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) z^{k-1} dz \right\} g_k = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k z^{k-1} dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k z^k \right) z^{-1} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z) g^Z(z^{-1}) z^{-1} dz. \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) For  $\{f_k\} = \{1, 2, 0, 0, 0, \dots\}$ , we have  $f^Z(z) = 1 + 2z^{-1} = \frac{z+2}{(z-0)}$  so

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^Z(z^{-1}) &= 1 + 2(z)^{-1}. \\
 \text{Hence } \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z^{-1}) f^Z(z) z^{-1} dz &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \{1 + 2z\} \frac{z+2}{(z-0)} z^{-1} dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \left\{ \frac{z+2+2z^2+4z}{(z-0)^2} \right\} dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \left\{ \frac{2z^2+5z+2}{(z-0)^2} \right\} dz \\
 &= \text{residue of } \left\{ \frac{2z^2+5z+2}{(z-0)^2} \right\} \text{ at } z = 0 \\
 &= \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{2z^2+5z+2}{(z-0)^2} (z-0)^2 \right\} \Big|_{z=0} = \frac{d}{dz} \{2z^2 + 5z + 2\} \Big|_{z=0} = \{4z + 5\} \Big|_{z=0} = 5.
 \end{aligned}$$

According to Parseval's theorem,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma_1} f^Z(z^{-1}) f^Z(z) z^{-1} dz = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 = 5$$

confirming the above calculation using a residue. [6]

2. (a) Using  $x(t+h) \approx x(t) + h\dot{x}(t)$ , we obtain

$$x(t_k + \frac{T}{2}) \approx x(t_k) + (\frac{T}{2})[Ax(t_k) + Bu(t_k)] = (I + A\frac{T}{2})x(t_k) + (\frac{T}{2})Bu(t_k)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} x(t_k + T) &\approx (I + A\frac{T}{2})x(t_k + \frac{T}{2}) + (\frac{T}{2})Bu(t_k + \frac{T}{2}) \\ &\approx (I + A\frac{T}{2})[(I + A\frac{T}{2})x(t_k) + (\frac{T}{2})Bu(t_k)] + (\frac{T}{2})Bu(t_k + \frac{T}{2}) \\ &= (I + A\frac{T}{2})[(I + A\frac{T}{2})x(t_k) + (\frac{T}{2})Bu_k] + (\frac{T}{2})Bu_k \\ &\quad (\text{since } u(t_k) = u(t_k + \frac{T}{2}) = u_k) \\ &= (I + A\frac{T}{2})^2x(t_k) + [(I + A\frac{T}{2})\frac{T}{2} + \frac{T}{2}]Bu_k \end{aligned}$$

giving rise to the approximation

$$x_{k+1} = \tilde{A}x_k + \tilde{B}u_k$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{A} = (I + A\frac{T}{2})^2, \tilde{B} = [(I + A\frac{T}{2})\frac{T}{2} + \frac{T}{2}]B. \quad [6]$$

(i) the system is BIBO-stable if the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{A}$  each have modulus smaller than one. [1]

(ii) Since  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues, it has the spectral form  $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\tilde{A}$  can be written as  $\tilde{A} = (I + A\frac{T}{2})^2 = (I + V\Lambda V^{-1}\frac{T}{2})^2 = [V(I + \Lambda\frac{T}{2})V^{-1}]^2 = V(I + \Lambda\frac{T}{2})^2V^{-1}$  so the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{A}$  are  $(1 + \lambda_i\frac{T}{2})^2$ . Hence the condition for BIBO-stability is that  $|1 + \lambda_i\frac{T}{2}| < 1, \forall i$ . [4]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } x_{k+1} &= \exp(AT)x_k + \int_0^T \exp(A\tau)d\tau Bu_k \approx e^{AT/2}(e^{-AT/2})^{-1}x_k + Te^{AT/2}Bu_k \\ &\approx e^{AT/2}(e^{-AT/2})^{-1}x_k + T[e^{-AT/2}]^{-1}Bu_k \\ &\approx (I + A\frac{T}{2})(I - A\frac{T}{2})^{-1}x_k + T(I - A\frac{T}{2})^{-1}Bu_k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have the approximation

$$x_{k+1} = (I + A\frac{T}{2})(I - A\frac{T}{2})^{-1}x_k + T(I - A\frac{T}{2})^{-1}Bu_k, y_k = c'x_k \quad [3]$$

(b) The pulse response sequence is  $\{h_k\} = Z^{-1}\{G^Z(z)\} = Z^{-1}\{\frac{(z-1)}{z^2-4}\}$ .

$$h_0 = \lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(z-1)}{z^2-4} = 0.$$

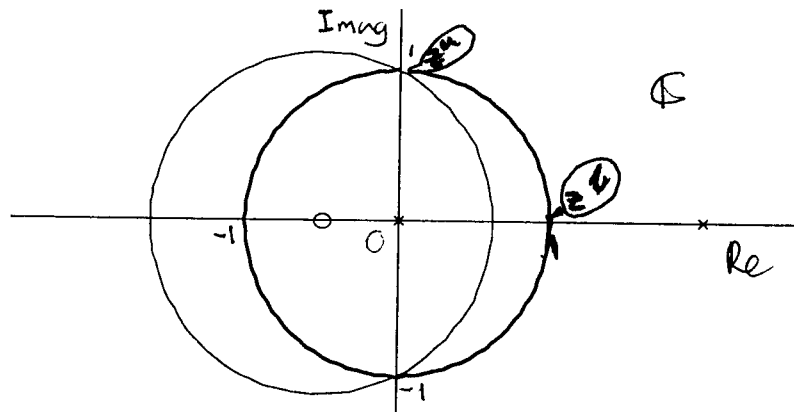
For  $k > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} h_k &= \{\text{residue of } \frac{(z-1)z^{k-1}}{(z-2)(z+2)}(z-2) @ z = +2\} + \{\text{residue of } \frac{(z-1)z^{k-1}}{(z-2)(z+2)}(z+2) @ z = -2\} \\ &= \frac{(z-1)z^{k-1}}{z+2} \Big|_{z=2} + \frac{(z-1)z^{k-1}}{z-2} \Big|_{z=-2} = 0.25 \times 2^{k-1} + 0.75 \times (-2)^{k-1}. \end{aligned} \quad [6]$$

3. (a) Now  $u(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k(t) u_k$  where  $\alpha_k(t) = 1$  for  $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$  and  $\alpha_k(t) = 0$  for  $t \notin [t_k, t_{k+1})$ . And  $a_k^L(s) = (e^{-st_k} - e^{-st_{k+1}})/s = (1 - e^{-sT})e^{-st_k}/s$ . Hence  $u^L(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^L(s) u_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - e^{-sT})e^{-st_k} u_k / s = [(1 - e^{-sT})/s] \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-st_k} u_k = [(1 - e^{-sT})/s] \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (e^{-sT})^k u_k = [(1 - e^{-sT})/s] u^Z(e^{sT})$ .

Hence  $y^L(s) = G^L(s)u(s) = [(1 - e^{-sT})/s]G^L(s)u^Z(e^{sT})$  so  
 $y^L(j\omega) = (1 - e^{-j\omega T})/(j\omega)G^L(j\omega)u^Z(e^{j\omega T})$   
 $= (1 - e^{-j\omega T})/(j\omega)G^L(j\omega)u^F(\omega T)$ . [6]

- (b) (i) The break points  $\sigma_b$  are defined by  $\frac{1}{\sigma_b + 0.5} = \frac{1}{\sigma_b} + \frac{1}{\sigma_b - 2}$ ,  
i.e. by  $\sigma_b(\sigma_b - 2) = (\sigma_b + 0.5)(\sigma_b - 2) + \sigma_b(\sigma_b + 0.5)$ ,  
i.e. by  $\sigma_b^2 - 2\sigma_b = \sigma_b^2 - 1.5\sigma_b - 1 + \sigma_b^2 + 0.5\sigma_b$   
i.e. by  $\sigma_b^2 + \sigma_b - 1 = 0$ , i.e. by  $\sigma_b = \frac{1}{2}(-1 \pm \sqrt{5}) = -1.618, 0.618$ .  
Hence the root-locus is as follows:



- (ii) Consequently the range of values of  $K$  for which the closed-loop system is BIBO-stable is  $(K_{min}, K_{max})$  where [6]

$$K_{min} = -1/G^Z(z_1) = -1/G^Z(1) = -1/\left(\frac{z+0.5}{z(z-2)}\right)\Big|_{z=1} \approx 0.6666$$

$$K_{max} = -1/G^Z(z_u) = -1/G^Z(0+j) = -1/\left(\frac{z+0.5}{z(z-2)}\right)\Big|_{z=j} = -\frac{j(j-2)}{(j+0.5)} = -\frac{j(j-2)(j-0.5)}{1.25}$$

$$= -j\frac{2.5j}{1.25} = 2. \quad [4]$$

- (iii) The pulse  $Z$ -transfer function of the closed-loop system is  $\frac{KG^Z(z)}{1+KG^Z(z)} = \frac{K\frac{(z+0.5)}{z(z-2)}}{1+K\frac{(z+0.5)}{z(z-2)}}$

which has the denominator  $d(z) = z(z-2) + K(z+0.5) = z^2 + (K-2)z + 0.5K$ .

Now  $d(1) = 1 + K - 2 + 0.5K = 1.5K - 1 > 0$  iff  $K > 1/1.5$  i.e. iff  $K > 2/3$

and

$d(-1) = 1 - K + 2 + 0.5K = 3 - 0.5K > 0$  iff  $K < 6$ .

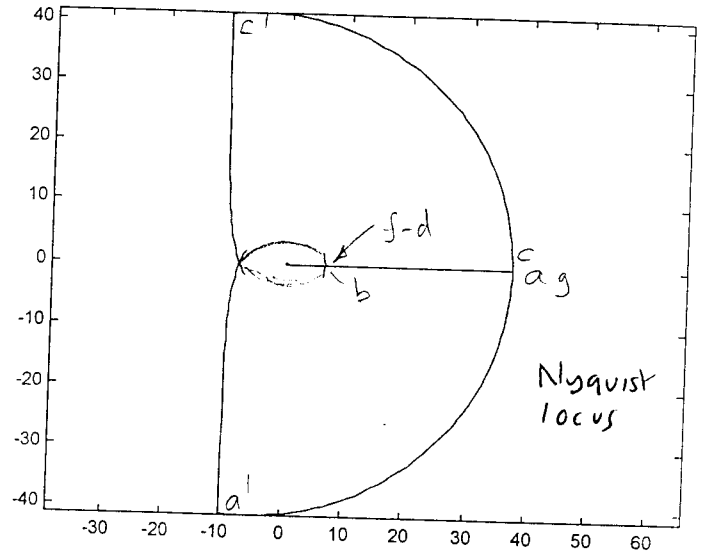
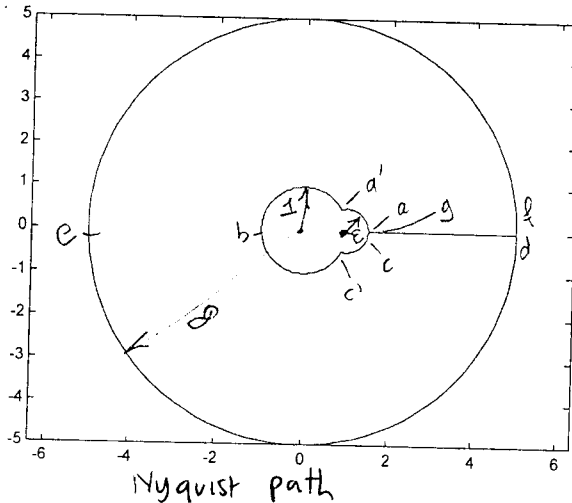
The first row of the Jury table (the only relevant row in this second-order case) is  $0.5K \quad K - 2 \quad 1$

so there is the extra condition that  $|0.5K| < 1$  i.e.  $K < 2$ .

Hence the closed-loop system is BIBO-stable iff  $K > 2/3, K < \min\{6, 2\} = 2$  which is consistent with the values obtained from the root-locus.

4. (a) For  $z = \frac{1+w}{1-w}$  we have that  $|z|^2 = |z^* z| = \left| \frac{(1+w)^*(1+w)}{(1-w)^*(1-w)} \right| = \left| \frac{1+(w+w^*)+w^*w}{1-(w+w^*)+w^*w} \right|$   
 $= \left| \frac{1+w^*w+2\Re(w)}{1+w^*w-2\Re(w)} \right| < 1$  iff  $\Re(w) < 0$ . This is useful because it provides a connection between the BIBO-stability condition for poles for a discrete-time system ( $|\text{pole}| < 1$ ) and for the poles of a continuous-time system ( $\Re(\text{pole}) < 0$ ). [5]

- (b) Since there is an open-loop pole at  $z = 1$ , the relevant Nyquist path is as shown



For  $z$  in the path in the circle centred on  $z = 1$  with radius  $\epsilon$ ,

$$G^Z(z) = G^Z(1 + \epsilon e^{j\theta}) = \frac{(z+10)}{(z-1)(z+0.3)} = \frac{(1 + \epsilon e^{j\theta} + 10)}{(1 + \epsilon e^{j\theta} - 1)(1 + \epsilon e^{j\theta} + 0.3)}$$

$$= \frac{(11 + \epsilon e^{j\theta})}{(\epsilon e^{j\theta})(1.3 + \epsilon e^{j\theta})} \approx \frac{11e^{-j\theta}}{1.3\epsilon} \approx 8.46e^{-j\theta}/\epsilon.$$

Hence we obtain parts a-a' and c'-c of the Nyquist locus above.

The part a'-b-c' follows from Figure 4.2.

Since  $G^Z(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , the parts d-e-f and f-g are at the origin, as shown.

Since there are no open-loop poles in the region  $E \cup L$ , the closed-loop system is BIBO-stable if  $-\frac{1}{K} < (\text{approx.}) -8$ , i.e. if  $K < 0.125$ . [7]

- (c) The observer is  $\hat{x}_{k+1} = (A - lc')\hat{x}_k + ly_k + bu_k : \hat{x}_0 = \bar{x}_0$ . For it:  $\epsilon_{k+1} = (A - lc')\epsilon_k$  where  $\epsilon_k = x_k - \hat{x}_k$ . Therefore  $\epsilon_k \rightarrow 0$ , so that (slightly abusing notation)  $\hat{x}_k \rightarrow x_k$ , if  $|\lambda_i(A - lc')| \leq 1, \forall i$ . Since the eigenvalues of  $A - lc'$  are those of  $(A - lc')' = A' - cl'$ , the eigenvalues of  $A - lc'$  can be assigned arbitrarily by choosing  $l$  using a standard algorithm for assigning the eigenvalues of  $A' - cl'$  provided  $(A', c)$  is a controllable pair. The transfer functions for the closed loop systems when  $u_k = f'\hat{x}_k$  and when  $u_k = f'x_k$  are the same. The eigenvalues of the closed-loop system using feedback from  $\hat{x}_k$  instead of  $x_k$  consists of the eigenvalues of  $A - bf'$  together with those of  $A - lc'$ . Hence the design of the feedback gain vector  $f$  can be decoupled from the design of  $l$ . [8]

$$\begin{aligned}
5 \quad (i) \quad C^Z(z) &= \bar{c}'(zI - \bar{A})^{-1}\bar{b} = [1 \ -1.5] \left( \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.75 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= [1 \ -1.5] \begin{bmatrix} z-1 & 0.75 \\ -1 & z+1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = [1 \ -1.5] \frac{\begin{bmatrix} z+1 & -0.75 \\ 1 & z-1 \end{bmatrix}}{(z-1)(z+1)+0.75} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= [1 \ -1.5] \frac{1}{z^2-0.25} \begin{bmatrix} z+1.75 \\ 2-z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2.5z-1.25}{z^2-0.25} = 2.5 \frac{z-0.5}{(z-0.5)(z+0.5)} = \frac{2.5}{(z+0.5)}.
\end{aligned}$$

The decoupling zero is the cancelled eigenvalue and so is 0.5.

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$$\begin{aligned}
(ii) \quad u^Z(z) &= C^Z(z)e^Z(z) = \frac{(z-2)(z+3)}{(z-1)(z+0.5)}e^Z(z) = \frac{z^2+z-6}{z^2-0.5z-0.5}e^Z(z) = \frac{1+z^{-1}-6z^{-2}}{1-0.5z^{-1}-0.5z^{-2}}e^Z(z) \\
&= (1+z^{-1}-6z^{-2})w^Z(z) \text{ where } w^Z(z) = \frac{1}{1-0.5z^{-1}-0.5z^{-2}}e^Z(z).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(1-0.5z^{-1}-0.5z^{-2})w^Z(z) = e^Z(z)$  so, taking  $Z^{-1}$ ,

$$w_k - 0.5w_{k-1} - 0.5w_{k-2} = e_k$$

$$\text{i.e. } w_k = e_k + 0.5w_{k-1} + 0.5w_{k-2}.$$

Similarly, since  $u^Z(z) = (1+z^{-1}-6z^{-2})w^Z(z)$ ,

$$u_k = w_k + w_{k-1} - 6w_{k-2}.$$

Hence the canonical realisation is:

$$u_k = w_k + w_{k-1} - 6w_{k-2}, \quad w_k = e_k + 0.5w_{k-1} + 0.5w_{k-2}.$$

For a series realisation, write  $u^Z(z) = \frac{(z-2)}{(z-1)} \frac{(z+3)}{(z+0.5)}e^Z(z) = \frac{(1-2z^{-2})}{(1-z^{-1})}a^Z(z)$  where

$$a^Z(z) = \frac{(1+3z^{-1})}{(1+0.5z^{-1})}e^Z(z). \text{ Hence } (1-z^{-1})u^Z(z) = (1-2z^{-2})a^Z(z) \text{ and}$$

$(1+0.5z^{-1})a^Z(z) = (1+3z^{-1})e^Z(z)$ . Therefore the series realisation is:

$$u_k = a_k - 2a_{k-2} + u_{k-1}, \quad a_k = e_k + 3e_{k-1} - 0.5a_{k-1}.$$

[7]

$$(iii) \quad \tilde{x}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ \bar{x}_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Ax_k + bu_k \\ \bar{A}\bar{x}_k + \bar{b}e_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Ax_k + b\bar{c}'\bar{x}_k \\ \bar{A}\bar{x}_k + \bar{b}e_k \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A & b\bar{c}' \\ 0 & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{A}} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \bar{x}_k \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{b} \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{b}} e_k$$

Let  $v$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  and let  $\tilde{v} = [v' \ 0]'$ .

$$\text{Then } \tilde{A}\tilde{v} = \begin{bmatrix} A & b\bar{c}' \\ 0 & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Av \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \tilde{v} \text{ so each eigenvalue of } A$$

is an eigenvalue of  $\tilde{A}$ .

Now suppose  $w$  is an eigenvector of  $\bar{A}'$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $\bar{A}'$ , which is automatically an eigenvalue of  $\bar{A}$ . Then

$$\tilde{A}' \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A' & 0' \\ \bar{c}b' & \bar{A}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{A}'w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda w \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ w \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } \lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } \tilde{A}'$$

and hence is an eigenvalue of  $\tilde{A}$  since the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{A}'$  are those of  $\tilde{A}$ .

Consequently the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  are eigenvalues of  $\tilde{A}$ .

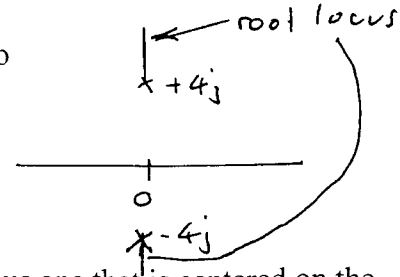
The cancellation mentioned causes the forward path's transfer function to have no unstable poles even though non-zero initial conditions might cause  $y_k \rightarrow \infty$ . The

unstable eigenvalue remains even if the feedback loop is closed, which shows the danger of choosing  $C^Z(z)$  to cancel an unstable plant pole.

[7]

6. (a)  $x_1 = Ax_0 + bu_0$ ,  $x_2 = A(Ax_0 + bu_0) + bu_1 = A^2x_0 + Abu_1 + bu_0$ , etc., so  $x_n = A^n x_0 + [b \ Ab \ \dots \ A^{n-1}b]\underline{u} = A^n x_0 + M\underline{u}$  where  $\underline{u} = [u_{n-1} \ u_{n-2} \ \dots \ u_0]'$ . If  $M$  is non-singular then  $x_n$  can be made equal to any given  $\chi$  by choosing  $\underline{u} = M^{-1}[\chi - A^n x_0]$  so there is a control sequence that transfers any initial condition to any given  $\chi$  in finite time, so the system is reachable. [4]

- (b) (i) The poles of the transfer function are at  $\pm 4j$  so the root-locus is as shown.



The root-locus does not enter the disk with radius one that is centered on the origin so the system cannot be stabilised for any positive value of the gain  $K$ . [3]

(ii)  $M = [b \ Ab] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} / (2+2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.5 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$

so  $p' = [0.25 \ 0.25]$  and consequently  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$  so

$$V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & -0.25 \\ -0.5 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix} / (-0.125 - 0.125) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$C_\alpha = VAV^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 2 \\ 16 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -16 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which has the desired companion form with  $\alpha = [-16 \ 0]$ . The corresponding B-

matrix is  $V \circlearrowleft b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Hence the transformed system has the controllable pair  $\left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -16 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

The desired characteristic polynomial is  $(\lambda - 0)(\lambda - 0) = \lambda^2 - 0\lambda - 0$ .

Hence the feedback vector required is  $f = V' \left( \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.5 \\ 0.25 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad [11]$$

Check of closed-loop eigenvalues:  $A - bf' = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} [-4 \ -4]$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\det(\lambda I - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1) + 1 = \lambda^2 = (\lambda - 0)(\lambda - 0)$$

so the closed-loop eigenvalues are indeed 0 and 0, as required. [2]