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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BE

AUTOMATIC CONTROL 2003

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TIME: 2 HOURS

[In addition, candidates are allowed ten minutes before the examination begins to read the paper.]

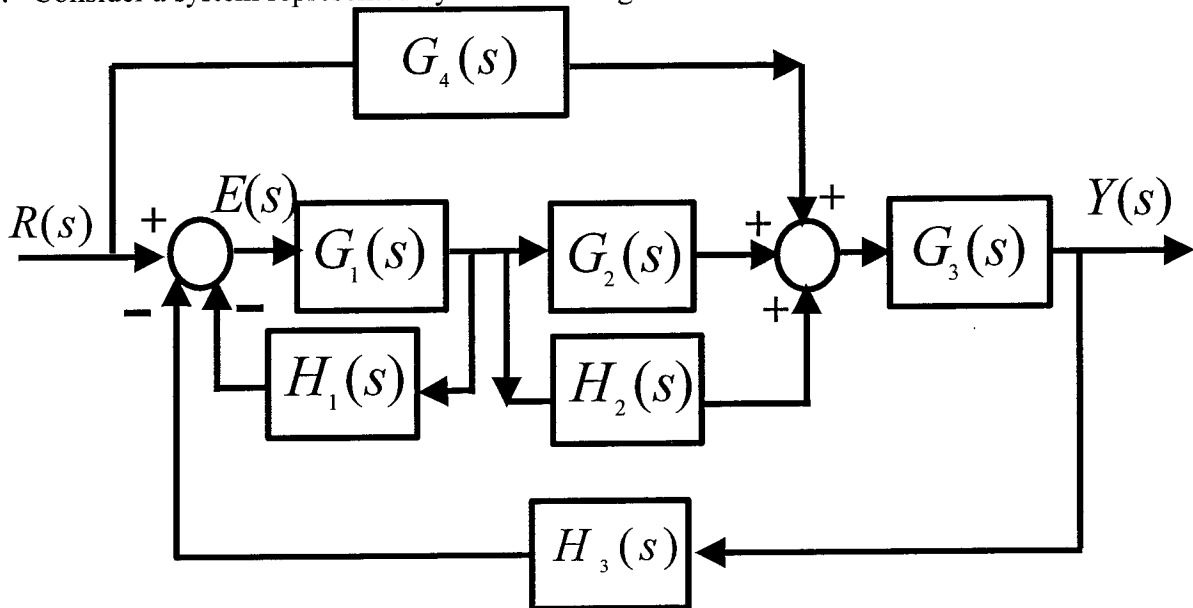
[The use of notes, textbooks and calculating devices other than computers is permitted in the examination room.]

[Graph paper is provided.]

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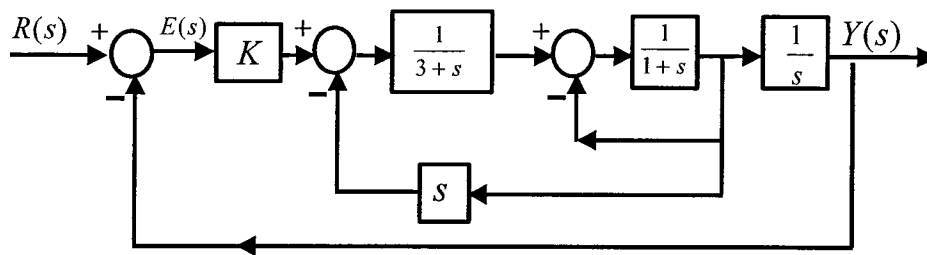
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1. Consider a system represented by the block diagram:



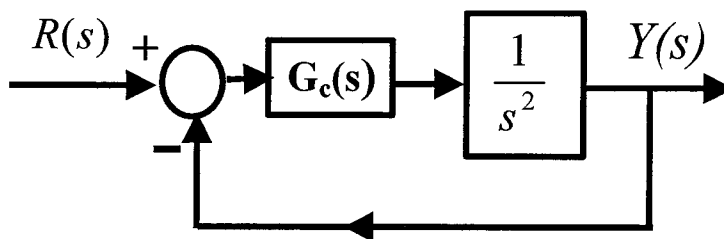
Find the closed-loop transfer function  $T(s)=Y(s)/R(s)$ .

2. Consider the following closed-loop control system



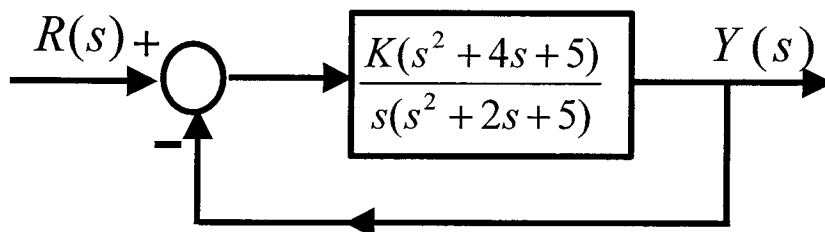
- (i) Indicate the system type of the system.
- (ii) Find the value of  $K$  that yields a steady-state error equal to 0.3 for a unit ramp input.

3. Consider a space vehicle model depicted in the block diagram.



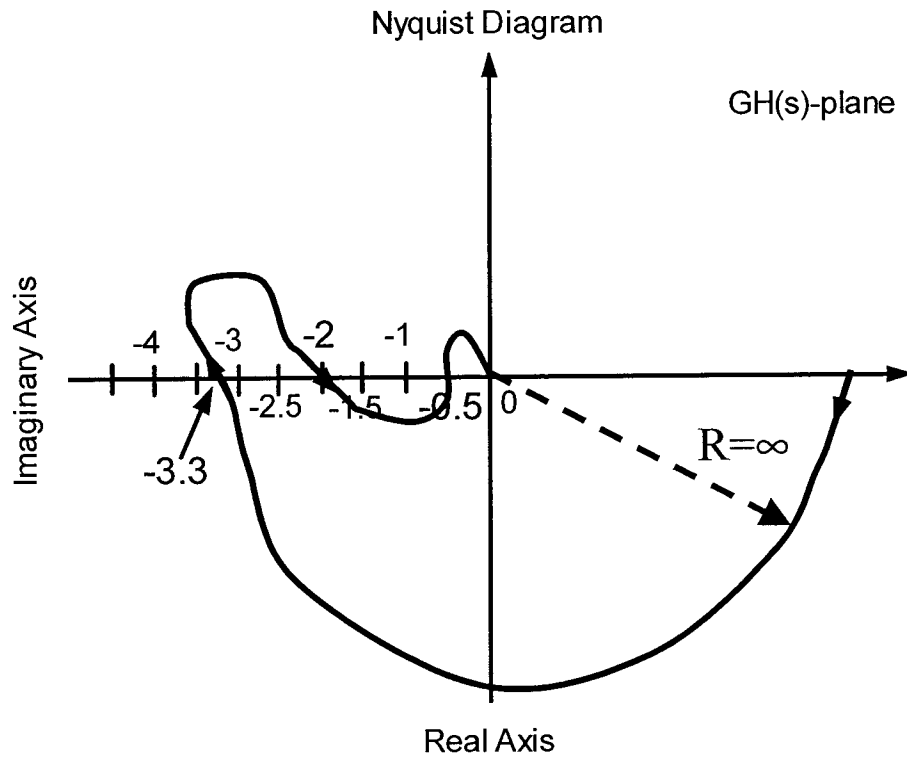
Design a phase-lead compensator  $G_c(s)$  such that the closed-loop compensated system has a time constant  $\tau=0.5$  s and a damping ratio  $\zeta=0.707$ . The compensator has a dc gain as  $8/3$ .

4. Consider the feedback system

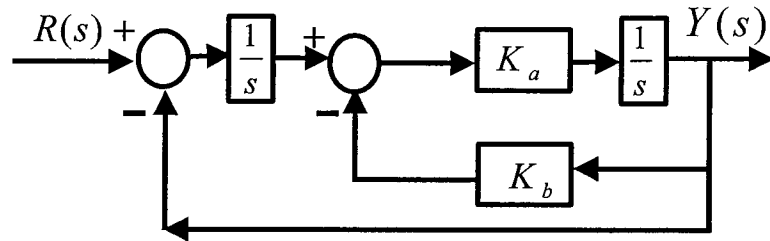


- (i). Determine the approximate angles of departure of the root-locus from the complex poles.
- (ii). Determine the approximate arrival angles of the root-locus at the complex zeros.

5. The Nyquist diagram (only for the frequency range  $0^+ < \omega < +\infty$ ) of a feedback control system is shown below. Assume that  $GH(s)$  has no poles in the right-hand  $s$ -plane. A gain  $K$  is cascaded with  $GH(s)$ . Find the range of  $K$  for which the system is stable.

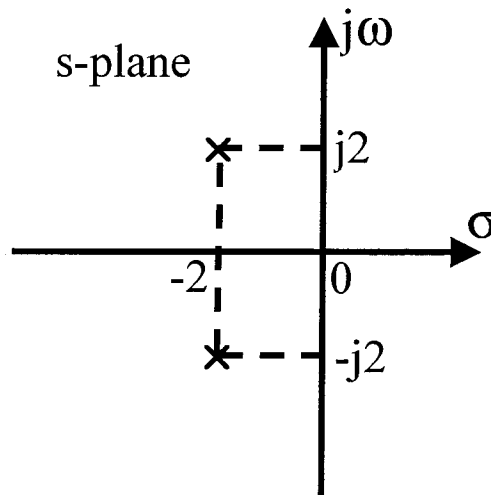


6. A feedback control system is shown as follows:

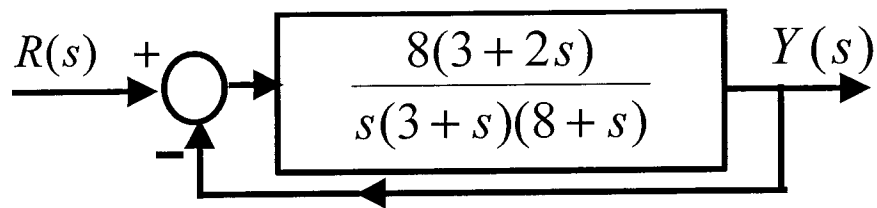


A design specification is that the closed-loop poles of the system are located at the following given positions in the s-plane.

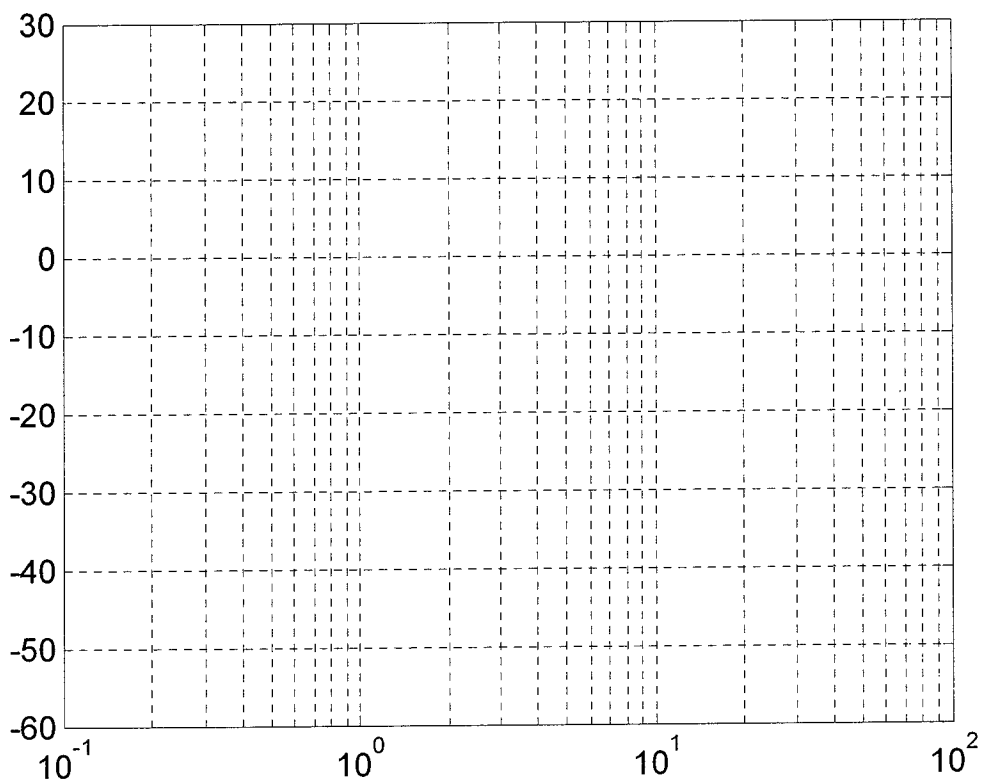
- (i) Find the settling time  $T_s$  (four times of the time constant) and the percent overshoot  $M_o$  of the system;
- (ii) Design the values of  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  such that the specification can be met.

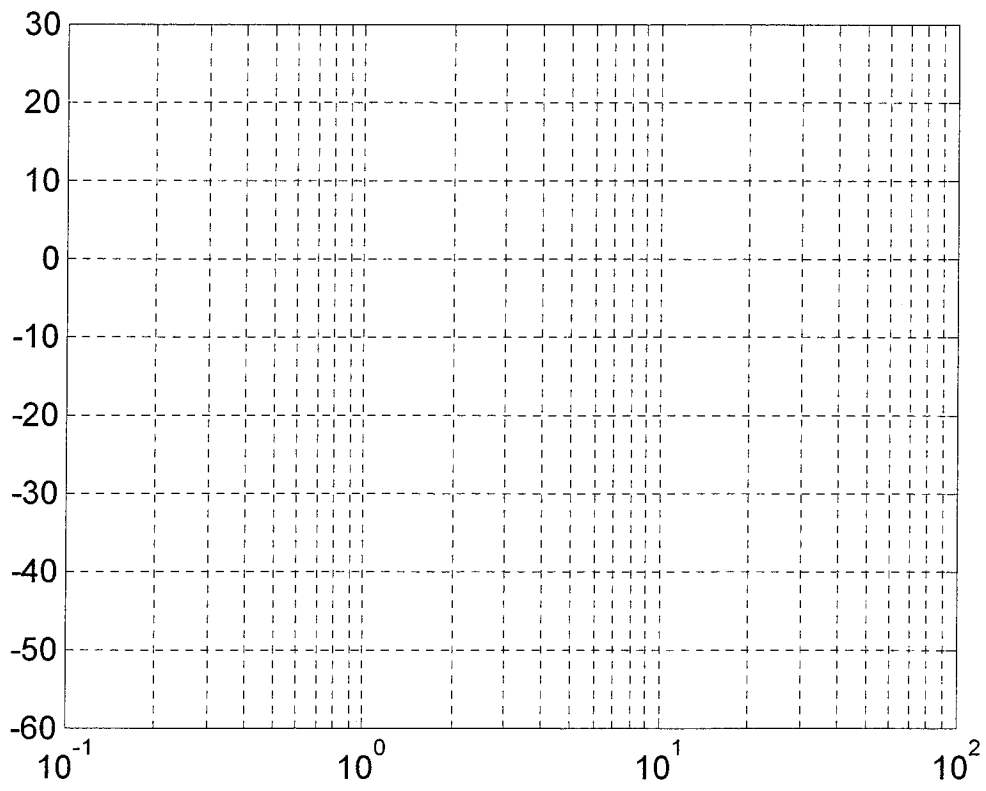
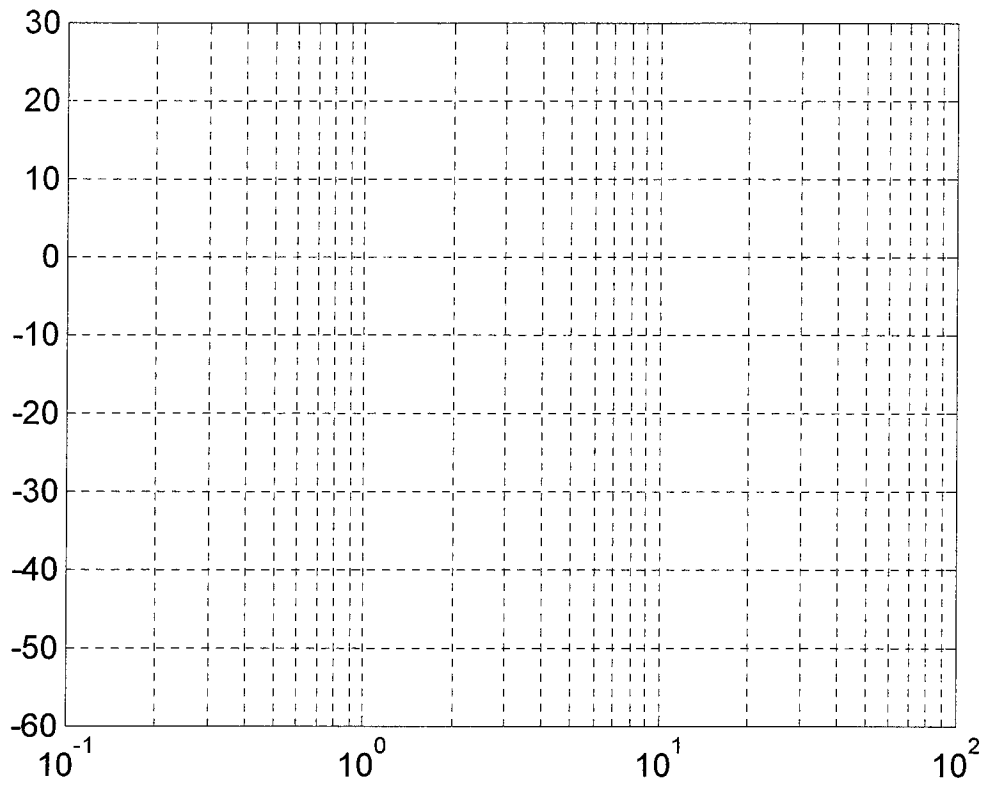


7. Draw the Bode log-magnitude plot of  $G(s)$  for the system shown below.



(You must draw your log-magnitude plot on this or next page and hand in this question pamphlet together with your answer sheets).





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