

Problem Set #3  
DUE Thursday, February 28, 2002

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**Problem 1**

Nise Problem 4-26

For this problem plot the step response of  $\theta_2$  by using MATLAB, and verify the results obtained in part b.

**Problem 2**

Nise Problem 4-29

**Problem 3**

Some large systems, such as supertankers and other vehicles when steered from the rear, can exhibit what is called: non-minimum phase behavior. If you are an inexperienced helmsman, this means the ship will seem to behave in a counter-intuitive fashion. We can see why this happens by looking at the transfer function.

A simple model of the rate at which the ship's heading,  $\Omega$ , in response to the rudder angle,  $\theta_r$ , is given by:

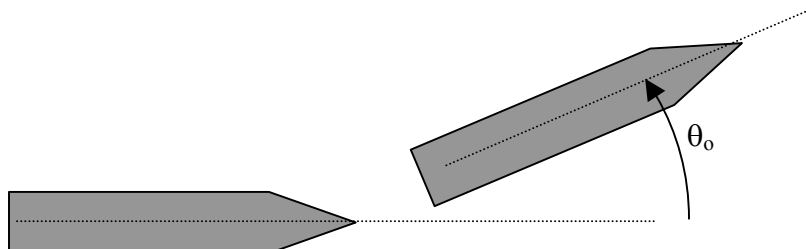
$$\frac{\Omega(s)}{\theta_r(s)} = \frac{K(-s + b)}{(s + a)}$$

Based on this simple model with  $a = 0.001$ ,  $b = 1$  and  $K = 0.001$

- How will the ship react to a step change in the rudder angle (complement your answer with a sketch of the time response)
- What is the heading angle as a function of time?
- Why is this response counter intuitive?
- How long will it take this ship to reach a constant turning rate after the rudder is changed?

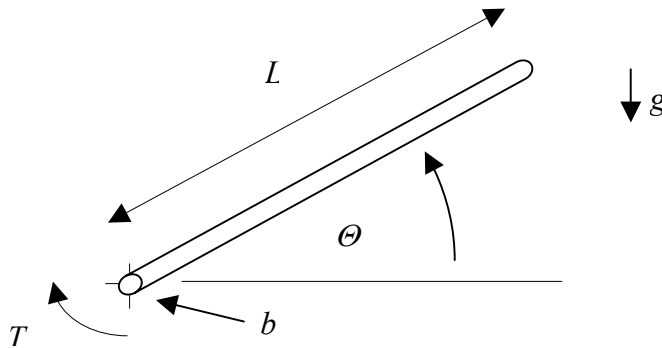
Because of the difficulty of hitting exactly the right heading with such a slow system, we want to develop a "heading controller" for the helmsman. This means the input would be a desired heading,  $\theta_o$ , instead of a turning rate.

- Draw a block diagram for a proportional control system to control the ship heading angle,  $\theta_o$ , given the above transfer function.
- Is there any value for the controller gain,  $K$ , that will give an acceptable response? Please explain



#### Problem 4

When controlling a simple 1-degree of freedom robot 'arm', the system can be modeled as a beam with a torque,  $T$ , applied at the hinged end. The torque imposes a rotation denoted by the angle,  $\theta$ . Assume damping,  $b$ , at the hinged end *cannot* be neglected.



If the beam is of uniform cross section and has a mass,  $m$ , and length,  $L$ :

- Derive the full *non-linear* model for this 'arm' assuming a perfect torque source
- Derive three linear transfer functions for the three different nominal conditions:
  - The arm pointing vertically down
  - The arm pointing vertically up
  - The arm horizontal
- Compare these three expressions and comment on how the *small motion* dynamic behavior will differ.
- Apply simple proportional control to each system (close the loop with a controller =  $K_c$ ) and find a value of the controller gain,  $K_c$ , that will yield the same natural frequency for all three closed-loop systems.
- How are these gains different and why?
- How would you design a control system to operate the same at all nominal angles?