

Department of Mechanical Engineering  
2.14 ANALYSIS AND DESIGN OF FEEDBACK CONTROL SYSTEMS

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Problem Set 2 Solution

**Problem 1:** (Nise, Ch. 2, Pr. 1)

Derive the Laplace transform for the following time functions:

Apply the definition of the Laplace transform:  $F(s) = L\{f(t)\} = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$

a)  $u(t)$

$$L\{u(t)\} = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} u(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{e^{-st}}{s} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s}$$

b)  $tu(t)$  (use integration by parts:  $u = t, dv = e^{-st} dt$  )

$$L\{tu(t)\} = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} tu(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} te^{-st} dt = -\frac{te^{-st}}{s} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-st}}{s} dt = -\frac{te^{-st}}{s} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \frac{e^{-st}}{s^2} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

c)  $\sin \omega t u(t)$  (use Euler's formula)

$$L\{\sin \omega t u(t)\} = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} \sin \omega t u(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t}}{2j} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{2j} \left[ \frac{e^{-(s-j\omega)t}}{s-j\omega} - \frac{e^{-(s+j\omega)t}}{s+j\omega} \right]_0^{\infty} =$$
$$L\{\sin \omega t u(t)\} = \frac{1}{2j} \left( \frac{1}{s-j\omega} - \frac{1}{s+j\omega} \right) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

d)  $\cos \omega t u(t)$

$$L\{\cos \omega t u(t)\} = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} \cos \omega t u(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t}}{2} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{-(s-j\omega)t}}{s-j\omega} + \frac{e^{-(s+j\omega)t}}{s+j\omega} \right]_0^{\infty} =$$
$$L\{\cos \omega t u(t)\} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{s-j\omega} + \frac{1}{s+j\omega} \right) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

**Problem 2:** (Nise, Ch. 2, Pr. 2)

Derive the Laplace transforms for the following function using Table 2.1 and 2.2 of the textbook.

a)  $e^{-at} \sin \omega t u(t)$

$$L\{e^{-at} \sin \omega t u(t)\} = L(\sin \omega t u(t))\big|_{s=s+a} = \frac{\omega}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2}$$

b)  $e^{-at} \cos \omega t u(t)$

$$L\{e^{-at} \cos \omega t u(t)\} = L(\cos \omega t u(t))\big|_{s=s+a} = \frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2}$$

c)  $t^3 u(t)$  (from table 2.1)

$$L\{t^3 u(t)\} = \frac{6}{s^4}$$

**Problem 3:** (Nise, Ch 2, Pr 7)

Given the following differential equation:

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 5 \frac{dy}{dt} + y = \frac{d^3 x}{dt^3} + 4 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 6 \frac{dx}{dt} + 8x$$

taking the Laplace transform,

$$s^3 Y(s) + 3s^2 Y(s) + 5sY(s) + Y(s) = s^3 X(s) + 4s^2 X(s) + 6sX(s) + 8X(s) \Rightarrow$$
$$\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{s^3 + 4s^2 + 6s + 8}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 5s + 1}$$

**Problem 4:** (Nise, Ch 2, Pr 9)

Given the system described by the transfer function

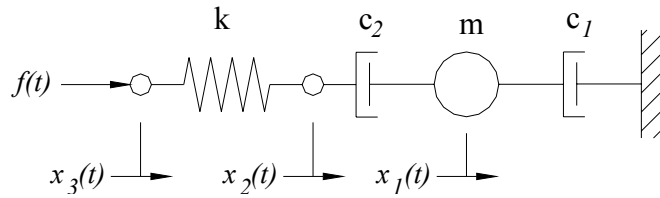
$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{s^5 + 2s^4 + 4s^3 + s^2 + 3}{s^6 + 7s^5 + 3s^4 + 2s^3 + s^2 + 3}$$

The differential equation is then given by,

$$\frac{d^6 c}{dt^6} + 7 \frac{d^5 c}{dt^5} + 3 \frac{d^4 c}{dt^4} + 2 \frac{d^3 c}{dt^3} + \frac{d^2 c}{dt^2} + 3c = \frac{d^5 r}{dt^5} + 2 \frac{d^4 r}{dt^4} + 4 \frac{d^3 r}{dt^3} + \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} + 3r$$

**Problem 5:** (Nise, Ch. 2, Pr. 25)

Given the following system



The force balance equations at the three reference points are given by

$$\begin{cases} m\ddot{x}_1 = (\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)c_2 - \dot{x}_1c_1 \\ (\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)c_2 = (x_3 - x_2)k \\ f = (x_3 - x_2)k \end{cases}$$

taking the Laplace transform and regrouping

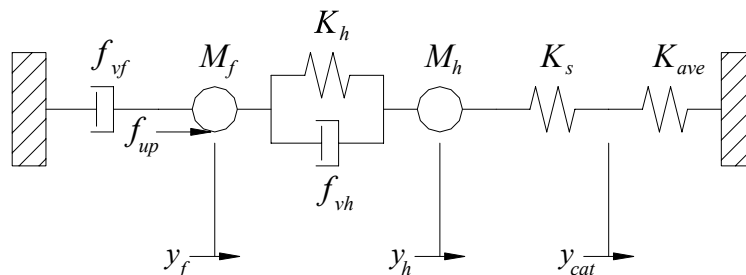
$$\begin{cases} (ms^2 + (c_1 + c_2)s)X_1 = c_2sX_2 \\ (c_2s + k)X_2 - c_2sX_1 = kX_3 \\ F + kX_2 = kX_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X_1 = \frac{c_2s}{ms^2 + (c_1 + c_2)s} X_2 \\ c_2sX_2 - c_2sX_1 = F \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_2s \left( 1 - \frac{c_2s}{ms^2 + (c_1 + c_2)s} \right) X_2 = F$$

$$\therefore \frac{X_2(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{ms + c_1 + c_2}{mc_2s^2 + c_1c_2s}$$

Substituting the values  $k=2$  N/m,  $m=10$ kg,  $c_1=2$  Ns/m, and  $c_2=5$  Ns/m we obtain

$$\frac{X_2}{F} = \frac{10s + 7}{50s^2 + 10s}$$

**Problem 6:** (Nise, Ch. 2, Pr. 55)



The force balance equations at the three nodes (masses and between the springs) are given by:

$$\begin{cases} M_f \ddot{y}_f = f_{up} - f_{vf} \dot{y}_f + f_{vh}(\dot{y}_h - \dot{y}_f) + K_h(y_h - y_f) \\ M_h \ddot{y}_h = K_s(y_{cat} - y_h) + f_{vh}(\dot{y}_f - \dot{y}_h) + K_h(y_f - y_h) \\ 0 = K_s(y_h - y_{cat}) - K_{ave} y_{cat} \end{cases}$$

Taking the Laplace transform the equations become,

$$\begin{cases} (M_f s^2 + (f_{vf} + f_{vh})s + K_h)Y_f = F_{up} + (f_{vh}s + K_h)Y_h \\ (M_h s^2 + f_{vh}s + K_h + K_s)Y_h = (f_{vh}s + K_h)Y_f + K_s Y_{cat} \\ (K_s + K_{ave})Y_{cat} = K_s Y_h \end{cases}$$

Rearranging in the equation matrix form  $\mathbf{AY}=\mathbf{F}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_f s^2 + (f_{vf} + f_{vh})s + K_h & -(f_{vh}s + K_h) & 0 \\ -(f_{vh}s + K_h) & M_h s^2 + f_{vh}s + K_h + K_s & -K_s \\ 0 & -K_s & K_s + K_{ave} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y_f \\ Y_h \\ Y_{cat} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{up} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) The transfer function  $G_1(s)=Y_{cat}(s)/F_{up}(s)$  is found solving the equation system using Cramer's rule,

$$Y_{cat} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} M_f s^2 + (f_{vf} + f_{vh})s + K_h & -(f_{vh}s + K_h) & F_{up} \\ -(f_{vh}s + K_h) & M_h s^2 + f_{vh}s + K_h + K_s & 0 \\ 0 & -K_s & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{\det \begin{vmatrix} M_f s^2 + (f_{vf} + f_{vh})s + K_h & -(f_{vh}s + K_h) & 0 \\ -(f_{vh}s + K_h) & M_h s^2 + f_{vh}s + K_h + K_s & -K_s \\ 0 & -K_s & K_s + K_{ave} \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$G_1(s) = \frac{Y_{cat}}{F_{up}} = \frac{K_s (f_{vh}s + K_h)}{\det(A)}$$

b) Similarly, the transfer function  $G_2(s)=Y_h(s)/F_{up}(s)$  is,

$$G_2(s) = \frac{Y_h}{F_{up}} = \frac{(K_s + K_{ave})(f_{vh}s + K_h)}{\det(A)}$$

c) And the transfer function  $G(s)=(Y_h(s)-Y_{cat}(s))/F_{up}(s)$  is given by:

$$G(s) = G_2(s) - G_1(s) = \frac{K_{ave} (f_{vh}s + K_h)}{\det(A)}$$