



**ECEN 5713 System Theory**  
**Spring 1997**  
**Midterm Exam #2**



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**Classification of Systems (20%)**

*Problem 1a)* Consider a single-variable system whose input and output are related by

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} u^2(t) & \text{if } u(t-1) \neq 0 \\ u(t-1) & \text{if } u(t-1) = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } u(t-1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all  $t$ . Is this system linear? causal? time-invariant?

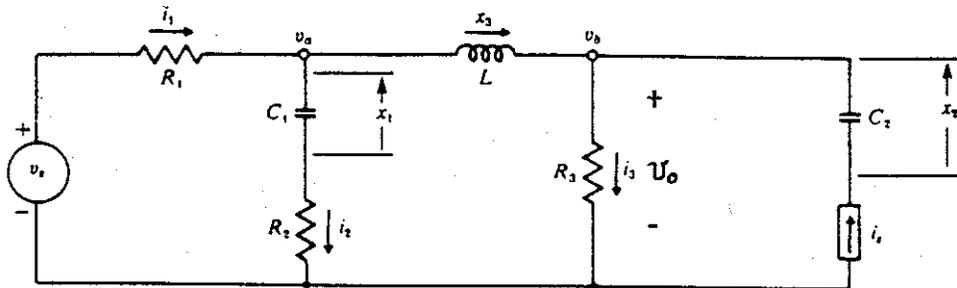
*Problem 1b)* Consider a relaxed system whose input and output are related by

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} u(t) & \text{for } t \leq \alpha \\ 0 & \text{for } t > \alpha \end{cases}$$

for any  $u$ , where  $\alpha$  is a fixed constant. Is this system linear? causal? time-invariant?

**System Representation (20%)**

*Problem 2* Find all three representations (i.e., input-output operator, transfer function, and state space equations) of the following RLC circuit,



**Linearization (20%)**

*Problem 3* A nonlinear system is given by

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + \ln(1 + x_1 x_2) + \ln(1 - 5x_1) + \sin^2(5u_1) \\ x_1(2 + x_2)^2 - \cos(5x_2) - e^{2u_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $x = [0 \ 0]^T$  is an equilibrium point at  $u = [0 \ 0]^T$ . Linearize the system about the equilibrium point. To improve the accuracy, approximate up to the *second order* in the

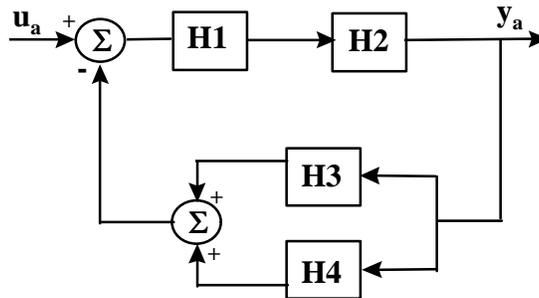
linearization process in Taylor series expansion. Find the linearized system (my be not in the form of  $\{A, B, C, D\}$ ).

**Realization (20%, do both)**

*Problem 4a)* Find an irreducible (i.e., minimal) controllable canonical form realization (i.e., its simulation diagram and state space equations) for the following system,

$$H(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2s+3}{s^3+4s^2+5s+2} \\ \frac{s^2+2s+2}{s^4+3s^3+3s^2+s} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{hint: } A \text{ is } 5 \times 5).$$

*Problem 4b)* Find the  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  matrices of the composite interconnected system given below,



where  $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{x}_4 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} + B u_a; \quad y_a = C \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} + D u_a$  and

$H_i \equiv \{A_i, B_i, C_i, D_i\}, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  (hint: you may stop at the temporary variables which are functions of  $\{A_i, B_i, C_i, D_i\}, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ).

**Linear Algebra (20%)**

*Problem 5a)* Given the set  $\{a, b\}$  with  $a \neq b$ . Define rules of addition and multiplication such that  $\{a, b\}$  forms a field. What are the zero and unity elements in the field ?

*Problem 5b)* Let  $E = [e_1 \ e_2 \ \dots \ e_n]^T$  be a column vector of error in a multivariable control system. Show that the sum of the squares of the error can be written in several forms,  $e_1^2 + e_2^2 + \dots + e_n^2 = E^T E = \text{Tr}(EE^T)$ .

**HOW LONG YOU HAVE SPENT ON THIS EXAM ?**