

**PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**

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Date: July 29, 2008

Time: 9:00-12:00

Subject: 226-331: Industrial Automatic Control

Room: A202

ทฤษฎีในการสอบ โทษขั้นต่ำคือ ปรับตกในรายวิชาที่ทฤษฎี และพักรเรียน 1 ภาคการศึกษา

**Instructions**

- There are 6 questions in 4 pages.
- Attempt all questions; write the answer in the answer-book provided.
- A sheet of A4 notes (With your own hand-writing), and a calculator without programming capability are allowed.
- Total score is 100.

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Question #	Full Score	Assigned Score
1	15	
2	20	
3	15	
4	15	
5	15	
6	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

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**Question #1 (15 marks)**

Automatic control of water level using a float level was used in the Middle East for a water clock. The picture of the water clock was shown in Figure 1. Discuss the operation of the water clock, and establish how the float provides a feedback control that maintains the accuracy of the clock. Sketch a block diagram of the feedback system.

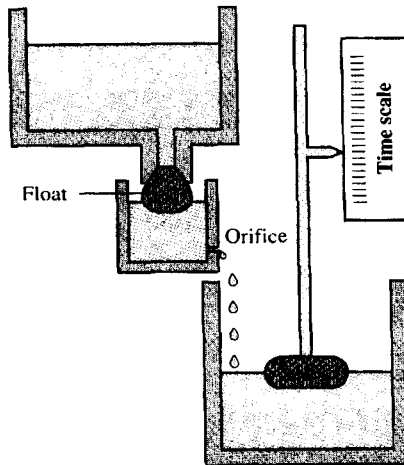


Figure 1 Water clock used in the Middle East

**Question #2 (20 marks)**

2.1 Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dx}{dt} + x = 5e^{-2t} + t$$

Where  $x(0) = 2$ ;  $\frac{dx(0)}{dt} = 1$

2.2 Solve the differential equation for Y(s)

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} + 6y = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} - x$$

where y is the output; x is the input

with the initial conditions:  $y(0^+) = \frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=0^+} = 0$ ;  $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \Big|_{t=0^+} = 1$

**Question #3 (15 marks)**

Determine the response,  $y(t)$ , and its steady state response,  $y(t)_{t \rightarrow \infty}$  of the system represented by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 2r(t)$$

where  $r(t) = 1, t \geq 0$

with the initial conditions:  $y(0) = 1, \frac{dy(0)}{dt} = 0$

**Question #4 (15 marks)**

Determine the transfer function,  $T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)}$ , of the block diagram of the system shown in

Figure 2.

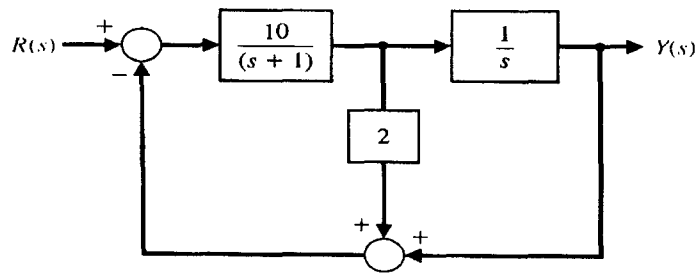


Figure 2

**Question #5 (15 marks)**

Given the mechanical system shown in Figure 3.

5.1 Draw the Grounded-Chair diagram for the system.

5.2 Determine the relationship between  $f$  and  $x$ .

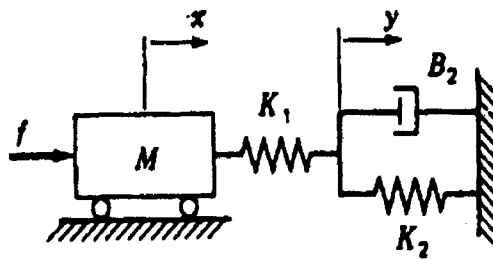


Figure 3

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**Question #6 (20 marks)**

6.1 Explain why the PID controller gains wide acceptance.

6.2 Draw a block diagram of the pneumatic controller shown in Figure 4, and determine its Transfer Function. Also specify what control action it is.

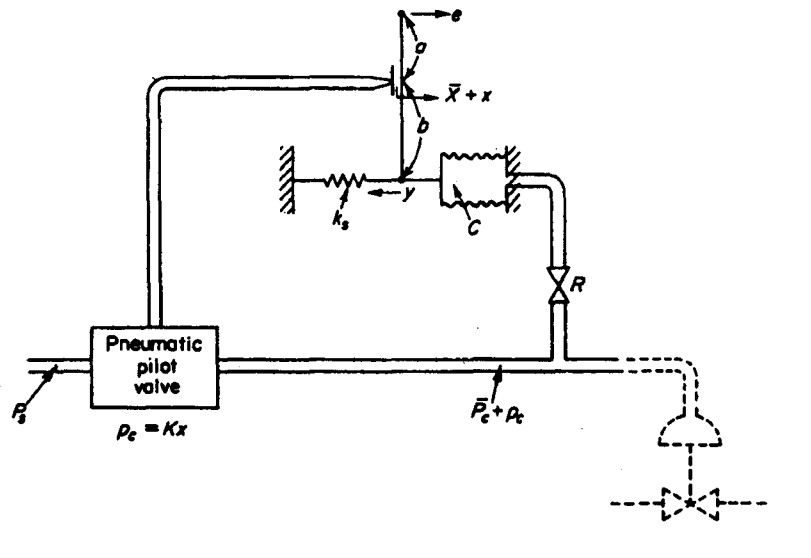


Figure 4

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