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Time: 9.00-12.00

Subject: 230 – 425 Process Dynamics and Control

Room: หอหุ่นยนต์

ทฤษฎีในการสอบ โทษขั้นต่ำ คือ ปรับตกในรายวิชาที่ทฤษฎี และพักการเรียน 1 ภาคการศึกษา

- **Only hand written note on a sheet of A4, calculator and a dictionary are allowed.**
- There are 9 pages of the exam.
- Write your name or your code on each page.
- If need to write the answers on the back of each page, please identify the problem number.

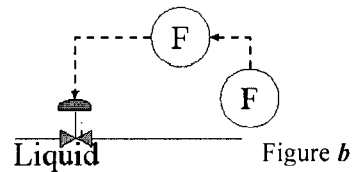
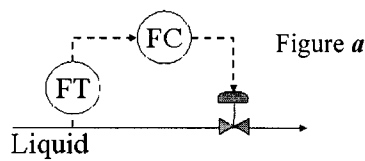
Problem Number	Score	
1	20	
2	20	
3	40	
4	50	
5	50	
Total	180	

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**Table 1** Laplace Transform

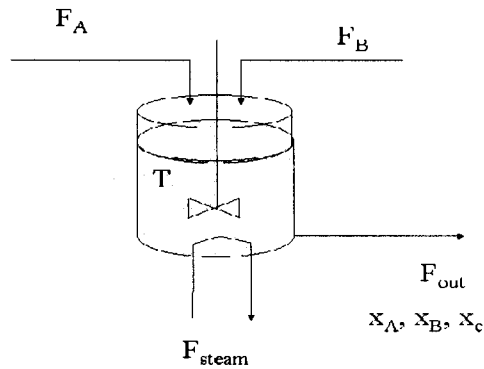
F(s)	f(t), t > 0
$Y(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-st)y(t)dt$	y(t)
Y(s)	$y(t) = \frac{1}{j2\pi} \int_{c-j\infty}^{c+j\infty} \exp(st)Y(s) ds$
$s^n Y(s) - s^{n-1}[y(0)]$ $- s^{n-2}[y'(0)] - \dots - s[y^{(n-2)}(0)]$ $- [y^{(n-1)}(0)]$	nth derivative $y^{(n)}(t)$
$\frac{1}{s}F(s)$	$\int_0^t Y(\tau) d\tau$
F(s)G(s)	$\int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau$
$\frac{1}{\alpha}F\left(\frac{s}{\alpha}\right)$	f( $\alpha t$ )
F(s - $\alpha$ )	$\exp(\alpha t) f(t)$
$\frac{1}{s^2 - \alpha^2}$	$\frac{1}{\alpha} \sinh(\alpha t)$
$\frac{s}{s^2 - \alpha^2}$	cosh( $\alpha t$ )
$\arctan\left(\frac{\alpha}{s}\right)$	$\frac{1}{t} \sin(\alpha t)$
1	$\delta(t)$ ,
$\exp(-\alpha s), \alpha \geq 0$	$\delta(t - \alpha)$
$\frac{1}{s}$	<b>u(t)</b>
$\frac{1}{s} \exp(-\alpha s)$	u(t - $\alpha$ )
$\frac{1}{s^n}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$	$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$
$\frac{1}{s + \alpha}$	$\exp(-\alpha t)$
$\frac{1}{(s + \alpha)^n}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$	$\left[ \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \right] \exp(-\alpha t)$
$\frac{\alpha}{s^2 + \alpha^2}$	sin( $\alpha t$ )
$\frac{s}{s^2 + \alpha^2}$	cos( $\alpha t$ )
$\exp(-\alpha s)F(s)$	F(t - $\alpha$ )

1. (20 points) Write “T” for correct statement and “F” for false statement ( 2 points for the correct answers and -1 point for incorrect answers)



- a) \_\_\_\_ Figure *a* is feed back control.
- b) \_\_\_\_ Figure *b* is feed back control.
- c) \_\_\_\_ Both feed back control and feed forward control require a measured variables.
- d) \_\_\_\_ The process variable to be controlled is measured in feedback control.
- e) \_\_\_\_ Feed forward controls definitely provide perfect control for all cases.
- f) \_\_\_\_ Feedback control will always take action regardless of the accuracy of any process model that was used to design it and the source of a disturbance.
- g) \_\_\_\_ A transfer function can be used to provide information about how a process will respond to an input. For a particular input change, it provides only steady-state information about the resulting output change.
- h) \_\_\_\_ A model equation developed using first principles contain the term  $C_v h^{1.5}$  where  $C_v$  is a constant and  $h$  is a variable. The linearized form expressed in term of deviation variable  $h'$  is:  $\frac{3}{2} C_v \bar{h}^{1/2} h'$
- i) \_\_\_\_ Laplace transform methods that form the basis for the development of transfer functions are only applicable, strictly speaking, when the process model is linear. If a process model is nonlinear, a transfer function that describes the process operation exactly can be obtained.
- j) \_\_\_\_ The following transfer function:  $G(s) = \frac{5}{10s + 1}$  has the steady-state gain of 5 and time constant of 0.1

2. (20 points) Fresh feed A and fresh feed B are fed to CSTR with the flow rate of  $F_A$  and  $F_B$ , respectively. The elementary reaction is assumed to use for  $A+B \rightleftharpoons C$  with



reaction rate constant  $k(T)$ . For safety reason, the level of the tank should not less than  $1/3$  and higher than  $2/3$  of the tank height. And for economic reason, the concentration of  $x_C$  must be higher than 95%. If the operator accidentally, opened

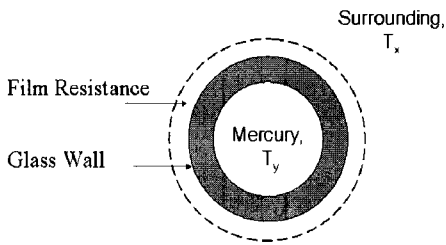
valve for stream  $F_A$  greater than its steady-state opening” and  $F_B$  comes from the upstream.

- 2.1 [10] In this case classify all variables in the table below (2 sets).

Controlled variables	Disturbance	Manipulated variables

- 2.2 [10] To eliminate the effect of changing in  $F_A$ , Show feed forward control structure for the process.

3. (40 points) The temperature of the mercury in mercury thermometer can be described in the following equation:



$$mC \frac{dT_y}{dt} = hA(T_x - T_y) \quad \text{eq. 3.1}$$

$m$  = mass of mercury in bulb = 1g

$C$  = heat capacity of mercury = 0.25 cal/g °C

$h$  = film heat transfer coefficient = 20 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> hour °C

$A$  = surface area of thermocouple = 3 cm<sup>2</sup>

- 3.1 [5] Determine the assumptions for getting eq. 3.1

- 3.2 [15] From the differential equation, use Laplace transform and deviation variable to find transfer function of  $T'_y(s) / T'_x(s)$

3.3 [20] If the thermocouple is initially at the room temperature of  $23^\circ\text{C}$  and suddenly plunged into the  $80^\circ\text{C}$  bath and held there for 20 seconds, (after that stays at the same room temperature)

- a) Show the equation for  $T_y(t)$ . (not in ODE form).
- b) Find the maximum temperature of  $T_y$ .
- c) Does the system have the steady state temperature? If it does find the final temperature of  $T_y$ .

4. (50 points) Liquid flow out of a spherical tank (diameter of  $D$ ) discharging through a valve can be describe approximately by the following nonlinear differential equation:

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{1}{\pi(D-h)h} (q_i - C_v \sqrt{h}),$$

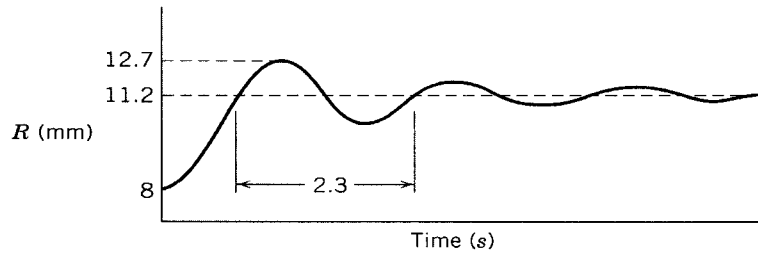
- 4.1 [20] Derive a linearized model (in perturbation variables) of the form:  $\frac{dh'}{dt} = ah' + bq'_i$

- 4.2 [15] Develop a transfer function related to the liquid level  $h'$  and volumetric input flowrate  $q'_i$  and provide the final steady gain and process time constant.

4.3 [15] From equation in 4.1, if  $a = -4$  and  $b = 1$  for  $q'_i(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ m & 0 \leq t < 1/m \\ 0 & t \geq 1/m \end{cases}$ , find the response of  $h'(t)$ .



5. (50 points) A step change from 15 to 31 psi in actual pressure (P (psi)) results in the measured response (R (mm)) from a pressure indicating element shown in Figure 5



- 5.1 [5] Find % overshoot and period of oscillation

% overshoot = \_\_\_\_\_

Period of oscillation = \_\_\_\_\_

- 5.2 [35] Assuming second order system, determine process gain, process time constant and damping and write an approximate transfer function in form

$$\frac{R'(s)}{P'(s)} = \frac{K}{\tau^2 s^2 + 2\zeta\tau s + 1}$$

- 5.3 [10] Write an equivalent differential equation model in tem of actual (not deviation) variable