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**ADVANCED THERMOFLUID & CONTROL SYSTEMS**  
**MODULE NO: AME6015**

Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

There are SIX questions.

Answer ANY FOUR questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Marks for parts of questions are shown in brackets.

This examination paper carries a total of 100 marks.

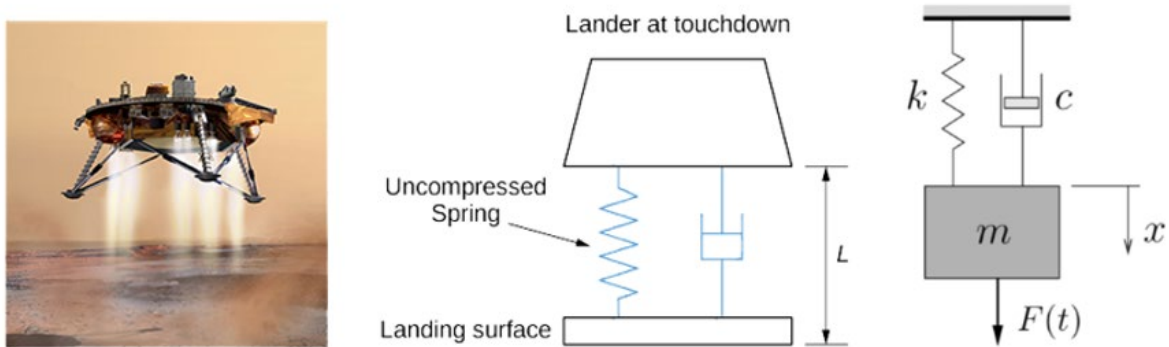
All working must be shown. A numerical solution to a question obtained by programming an electronic calculator will not be accepted.

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### QUESTION 1

The landing craft suspension System and free body diagram at a landing operation is shown in Figure Q1.



**Figure Q1 The landing craft suspension System**

- (a) Derive the differential equations describing the behaviour of the system in Figure Q1 giving the relationship between the input force and the output of displacement  $x$ .

**[6 Marks]**

- (b) Write out the transfer function expression for this system using Laplace transform if  $m = 5\text{kg}$ ,  $c = 35\text{Ns/m}$ ,  $k = 350\text{N/m}$ , force  $F(t) = 300F(t)$  and assuming zero initial condition.

**[7 Marks]**

- (c) State the number of poles and zeros in the system. Give reasons for your answer.

**[4 Marks]**

- (d) Check for if the system is controllable and observable.

**[8 Marks]**

**Total 25 marks**

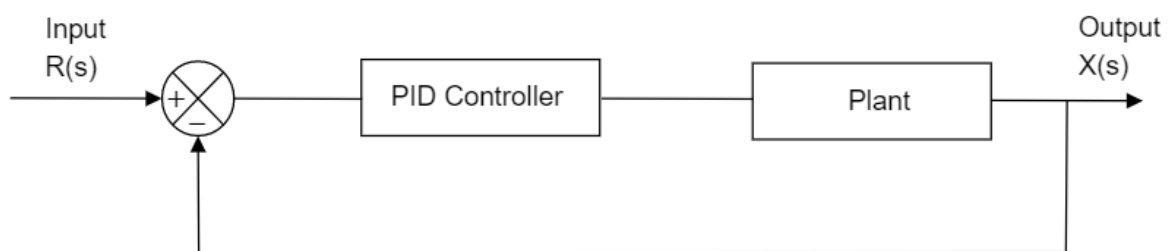
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## QUESTION 2

A PID controller is used to control a servo control system as shown in **Figure Q2**.

The open loop transfer function of the plant is given by

$$G_p(s) = \frac{60}{(s + 2)(s + 5)}$$



**Figure Q2: Control system of the processing plant.**

- a) Evaluate the performances of closed loop servo control system (natural frequency, damping ratio, Percentage Overshoot, peak time, rise time, settling time and steady-state error) to assess its performance without the PID controller.

**(10marks)**

- b) Design a PD controller to determine the parameter  $K_p$  and  $K_d$ , and clearly identify the design procedure if the system responses for a unit step input are required as:

- The maximum overshoot is less than 8%.
- The settling time is 55% less than that of without the PD controller.

**(15 marks)**

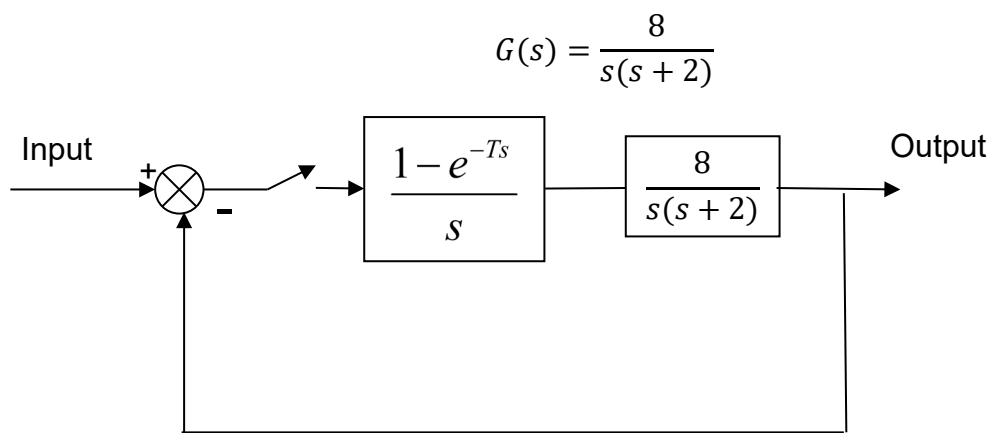
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**QUESTION 3**

Why is it necessary to use a Digital-to-Analog Converter in a control system with digital controllers and analog actuators? **[5 Marks]**

b) If a Pneumatic control system as shown in Figure Q3 (a) shows the system consists of a Digital to Analogue Converter with a zero-order hold element in series with the Pneumatic control which has a transfer function;



**Figure Q3 (a) A Pneumatic control system**

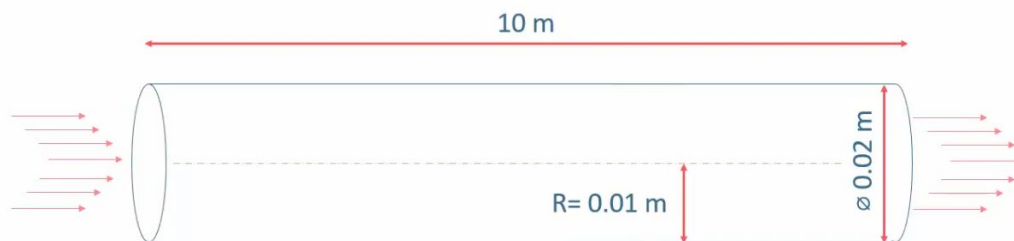
- I. Find the sampled-data transfer function,  $G(z)$  for the digital control system. The sampling time,  $T$ , is 0.45 seconds. **[8 Marks]**
- II. What is the resolution of the AD converter? **[3 Marks]**
- III. What integer number represented a value of 8 Volts? **[3 Marks]**
- IV. What voltage does the integer 150 represent? **[3 Marks]**
- V. What voltage does 10101101 represent? **[3 Marks]**

**Total 25 marks**

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**QUESTION 4**

A horizontal pipe with an internal diameter of 0.02 meters and a length of 10 metres carries water at a steady velocity of 0.01 m/s as shown in **Figure 4**. The water has a density ( $\rho$ ) of 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and a dynamic viscosity ( $\mu$ ) of 0.001 kg/m-s. A Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulation predicts a pressure difference of 7.73 Pa between the inlet and outlet of the pipe.



**Figure 4 Flow through Pipe**

- a. Based on the given data calculate the Reynolds number for the flow and determine whether the flow is laminar or turbulent.

**[3 Marks]**

- b. Select the appropriate formula for calculating the friction factor for the flow and determine the head loss in metres.

**[7 Marks]**

- c. Calculate the pressure difference analytically and compare this analytical pressure difference with the CFD result. Moreover, calculate the percentage error between the analytical and CFD pressure differences.

**[10 Marks]**

- d. Explain the three main steps involved in a typical Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulation.

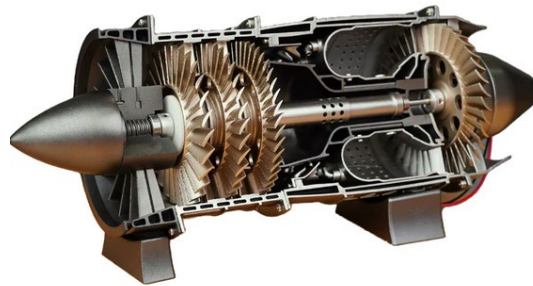
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**QUESTION 5**

A military jet, designed for supersonic speeds, is cruising at Mach 2 (approximately 680 m/s) at an altitude where the air density is  $0.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . The jet is powered by two turbojet engines, each with an air intake of  $50 \text{ kg/s}$  and an exhaust velocity of  $1,200 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the jet. This supersonic jet's propulsion relies on the principles of thrust generated by accelerating a mass of air backward. For the purposes of this calculation, assume steady-level flight with no significant altitude changes. Your task is to provide the following information based on the given scenario:



- a) Calculate the thrust produced by one engine.

[5 Marks]

- b) Determine the total thrust produced by both engines.

[4 Marks]

- c) Estimate the fuel consumption if each engine has a specific fuel consumption (SFC) of  $0.8 \text{ kg}/(\text{N}\cdot\text{hr})$ .

[8 Marks]

- d) What are the basic principles of jet propulsion, and how does Newton's Third Law of Motion apply to it?

[8 Marks]

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**QUESTION 6**

A jet aircraft is powered by a turbojet engine that needs to produce a thrust of 30,000 N to maintain a cruising speed of 250 m/s. The engine operates by accelerating the incoming air to an exhaust velocity of 800 m/s relative to the jet. Your task is to provide the following information based on the given scenario:

- a) Calculate the mass flow rate of air required to achieve this thrust.

**[10 Marks]**

- b) Calculate the propulsive efficiency of the engine.

**[10 Marks]**

- c) If jet engine has a propulsive power of 6 MW and a total energy input rate of 15 MW (based on fuel combustion). Calculate the thermal efficiency of the engine

**[5 Marks]**

**Total 25 marks**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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### Formula Sheet

#### Blocks with feedback loop

$$G(s) = \frac{Go(s)}{1 + Go(s)H(s)} \text{ (for a negative feedback)}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{Go(s)}{1 - Go(s)H(s)} \text{ (for a positive feedback)}$$

#### Steady-State Errors

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s(1 - G_o(s))\theta_i(s)] \text{ (for an open-loop system)}$$

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s \frac{1}{1 + G_o(s)} \theta_i(s)] \text{ (for the closed-loop system with a unity feedback)}$$

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [s \frac{1}{1 + \frac{G_o(s)}{1 + G_o(s)[H(s) - 1]}} \theta_i(s)] \text{ (if the feedback } H(s) \neq 1)$$

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [-s \cdot \frac{G_2(s)}{1 + G_2(s)G_1(s)} \cdot \theta_d] \text{ (if the system subjects to a disturbance input)}$$

state – space matrices for a second – order system  $\frac{bo}{(s^2 + a1s + ao)}$

$$\frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

#### Laplace Transforms

A unit impulse function 1

A unit step function  $\frac{1}{s}$

A unit ramp function  $\frac{1}{s^2}$

#### First order Systems

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$$G(s) = \frac{\theta_o}{\theta_i} = \frac{G_{ss}(s)}{\tau s + 1}$$

$$\tau \left( \frac{d\theta_o}{dt} \right) + \theta_o = G_{ss} \theta_i$$

$$\theta_o = G_{ss} (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \text{ (for a unit step input)}$$

$$\theta_o = A G_{ss} (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \text{ (for a step input with size A)}$$

$$\theta_o(t) = G_{ss} \left( \frac{1}{\tau} \right) e^{-(t/\tau)} \text{ (for an impulse input)}$$

### Second-order systems

$$\frac{d^2\theta_o}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{d\theta_o}{dt} + \omega_n^2 \theta_o = b_o \omega_n^2 \theta_i$$

$$G(s) = \frac{\theta_o(s)}{\theta_i(s)} = \frac{b_o \omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

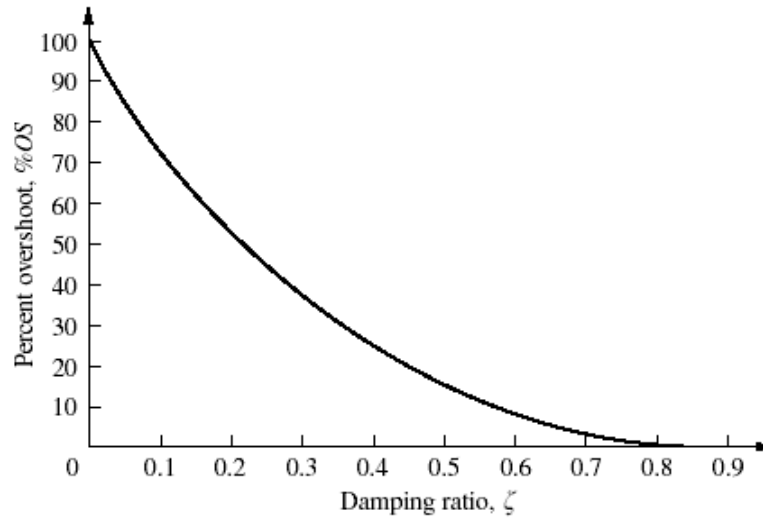
$$\omega_d t_r = 1/2\pi \quad \omega_d t_p = \pi$$

$$\text{P.O.} = \exp\left(\frac{-\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\right) \times 100\%$$

$$t_s = \frac{4}{\zeta\omega_n} \quad \omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$$

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$$h_f = \frac{\Delta P}{\rho g}$$

$$h_f = \frac{4fLV^2}{2gD}$$

$$f = \frac{16}{Re}$$

$$f = \frac{0.079}{Re^{0.25}}$$

$$F = \dot{m} \times (V_{\text{exit}} - V_{\text{jet}})$$

$$\eta_{\text{propulsive}} = \frac{2v_0}{v_0 + v_e}$$

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**Table 4.1** Laplace transforms

Laplace transform	Time function	Description of time function
$1$		A unit impulse
$\frac{1}{s}$		A unit step function
$\frac{e^{-st}}{s}$		A delayed unit step function
$\frac{1 - e^{-st}}{s}$		A rectangular pulse of duration $T$
$\frac{1}{s^2}$	$t$	A unit slope ramp function
$\frac{1}{s^3}$	$\frac{t^2}{2}$	
$\frac{1}{s + a}$	$e^{-at}$	Exponential decay
$\frac{1}{(s + a)^2}$	$t e^{-at}$	
$\frac{2}{(s + a)^3}$	$t^2 e^{-at}$	
$\frac{a}{s(s + a)}$	$1 - e^{-at}$	Exponential growth
$\frac{a}{s^2(s + a)}$	$t - \frac{(1 - e^{-at})}{a}$	
$\frac{a^2}{s(s + a)^2}$	$1 - e^{-at} - ate^{-at}$	
$\frac{s}{(s + a)^2}$	$(1 - at)e^{-at}$	
$\frac{1}{(s + a)(s + b)}$	$\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{b - a}$	
$\frac{ab}{s(s + a)(s + b)}$	$1 - \frac{b}{b - a}e^{-at} + \frac{a}{b - a}e^{-bt}$	
$\frac{1}{(s + a)(s + b)(s + c)}$	$\frac{e^{-at}}{(b - a)(c - a)} + \frac{e^{-bt}}{(c - a)(a - b)} + \frac{e^{-ct}}{(a - c)(b - c)}$	
$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\sin \omega t$	Sine wave
$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\cos \omega t$	Cosine wave
$\frac{\omega}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$	$e^{-at} \sin \omega t$	Damped sine wave
$\frac{s + a}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$	$e^{-at} \cos \omega t$	Damped cosine wave
$\frac{\omega^2}{s(s^2 + \omega^2)}$	$1 - \cos \omega t$	
$\frac{\omega^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega s + \omega^2}$	$\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega t} \sin[\omega\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}t]$	
$\frac{\omega^2}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega s + \omega^2)}$	$1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega t} \sin[\omega\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}t + \phi]$	
with $\zeta < 1$	with $\zeta = \cos \phi$	

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**Table 15.1** z-transforms

<i>Sampled <math>f(t)</math>, sampling period <math>T</math></i>	<i><math>F(z)</math></i>
Unit impulse, $\delta(t)$	1
Unit impulse delayed by $kT$	$z^{-k}$
Unit step, $u(t)$	$\frac{z}{z-1}$
Unit step delayed by $kT$	$\frac{z}{z^k(z-1)}$
Unit ramp, $t$	$\frac{Tz}{(z-1)^2}$
$t^2$	$\frac{T^2 z(z+1)}{(z-1)^3}$
$e^{-at}$	$\frac{z}{z - e^{-aT}}$
$1 - e^{-at}$	$\frac{z(1 - e^{-aT})}{(z-1)(z - e^{-aT})}$
$t e^{-at}$	$\frac{Tz e^{-aT}}{(z - e^{-aT})^2}$
$e^{-at} - e^{-bt}$	$\frac{(e^{-aT} - e^{-bT})z}{(z - e^{-aT})(z - e^{-bT})}$
$\sin \omega t$	$\frac{z \sin \omega T}{z^2 - 2z \cos \omega T + 1}$
$\cos \omega t$	$\frac{z(z - \cos \omega T)}{z^2 - 2z \cos \omega T + 1}$
$e^{-at} \sin \omega t$	$\frac{z e^{-aT} \sin \omega T}{z^2 - 2z e^{-aT} \cos \omega T + e^{-2aT}}$
$e^{-at} \cos \omega t$	$\frac{z(z - e^{-aT} \cos \omega T)}{z^2 - 2z e^{-aT} \cos \omega T + e^{-2aT}}$

**Table 15.2** z-transforms

$f[k]$	$f[0], f[1], f[2], f[3], \dots$	$F(z)$
$1u[k]$	1, 1, 1, 1, ...	$\frac{z}{z-1}$
$a^k$	$a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots$	$\frac{z}{z-a}$
$k$	0, 1, 2, 3, ...	$\frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$
$ka^k$	0, $a^1, 2a^2, 3a^3, \dots$	$\frac{az}{(z-a)^2}$
$ka^{k-1}$	0, $a^0, 2a^1, 3a^2, \dots$	$\frac{z^2}{(z-a)^2}$
$e^{-ak}$	$e^0, e^{-a}, e^{-2a}, e^{-3a}, \dots$	$\frac{z}{z - e^{-a}}$

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