

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024  
(Fourth Semester)

Branch - MATHEMATICS

CONTROL THEORY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 1 = 5)

- The system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x, y(t) = H(t)x(t)$  is observable on an interval  $[0, T]$  if  $y(t) = H(t)x(t) = 0, t \in [0, T]$  implies \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i)  $x(0) = 0$  (ii)  $x_0 = 0$   
(iii)  $x(t) = 0$  (iv) all of the above
- If rank  $B$  is \_\_\_\_\_, then the system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$  is controllable.  
(i) equal to  $n$  (ii) less than  $n$   
(iii) greater than  $n$  (iv) not equal to  $n$
- If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then the system  $\dot{x} = Ax$  is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) stable (ii) unstable  
(iii) asymptotically stable (iv) bounded
- The pair  $(A, B)$  is controllable if and only if \_\_\_\_\_ is controllable for arbitrary scalar  $\lambda$ .  
(i)  $(A + \lambda I, B)$  (ii)  $(B + \lambda I, B)$   
(iii)  $(A - \lambda I, B)$  (iv)  $(B - \lambda I, B)$
- Given the linear system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t)$  and the cost functional  $J = \frac{1}{2}x^*(T)Fx(T) + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^T [x^*(t)Q(t)x(t) + u^*(t)R(t)u(t)]dt$ , there exists an optimal control of the form  $u(t) = -R^{-1}(t)B^*(t)K(t)x(t)$  where  $K(t)$  is the solution of the matrix Riccati equation with \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i)  $K(T) = B$  (ii)  $K(T) = x$   
(iii)  $K(T) = u$  (iv)  $K(T) = F$

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

- a State and prove Banach fixed point theorem.  
OR  
b Consider the system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x + f(t, x)$  with observation  $y = H(t)x$  and if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\det W(t, \theta) \geq c$  then prove that the system is globally observable at  $t$ .
- a Show that the system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u$  is controllable on  $[0, T]$  if and only if  $M(0, T) = \int_0^T X(T, t)B(t)B^*(t)X^*(T, t)dt$  is positive definite.  
OR  
b Verify the controllability of the system  
 $\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 + (\cos t)u_1 + (\sin t)u_2 + 10x_1/(1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + u_1^2),$   
 $\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2 - (\sin t)u_1 + (\cos t)u_2 + x_2/(1 + x_2^2 + u_2^2 + t).$
- a Prove that the system  $\dot{x} = Ax$  is (asymptotically) stable if all the eigenvalues of  $A$  have negative real parts.  
OR  
b State and prove the Gronwall's inequality.

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- 9 a If the system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ ,  $x \in R^n$ ,  $u \in R^m$  is countable, the prove that it is stabilizable.
- OR
- b Show that the pair  $(H, A)$  is detectable if and only if the pair  $(A^*, -H^*)$  is stabilizable.
- 10 a If  $K(t)$  is the solution of the Riccati equation  $\dot{K} + K(t)A(t) + A^*(t)K(t) - K(t)S(t)K(t) + Q(t) = 0$  and if  $K(t) = F$ , then prove that  $K(t)$  is symmetric for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .
- OR
- b Find the optimal control  $u$  for the system  $\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t)$ ,  $\dot{x}_2(t) = u(t)$  and the cost functional  $J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty [x_1^2(t) + 2bx_1(t)x_2(t) + ax_2^2(t) + u^2(t)] dt$  where we assume that  $a - b^2 > 0$ .

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a Solve the initial value problem  $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 12 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$ ,  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- OR
- b Verify the observability of the second order equation  $t^2\ddot{x} + t\dot{x} - x = 0$  for the observer  $y = \dot{x}$ .
- 12 a Find the control  $u$  which steers the system  $\ddot{x} - x = u$  from  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- OR
- b Assume that the continuous function  $f$  satisfies the condition  $\lim_{|(x,u)| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(t,x,u)|}{|(x,u)|} = 0$  uniformly for  $t \in I$ . If the system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u$  is completely controllable, then prove that the system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t) + f(t, x(t), u(t))$  is completely controllable.
- 13 a Let all the solutions of the equation  $\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t)$  be bounded. Let
- (i)  $\int_0^\infty \|B(s)\| ds < \infty$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \text{Tr}[A(s)] ds > -\infty$ .
- Then prove that all the solutions of  $\dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u$  are bounded.
- OR
- b Show that the equilibrium solution  $x(t) = 0$  of the following system  $\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2 - x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ ,  $\dot{x}_2(t) = x_2 - x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$  is asymptotically stable.
- 14 a Stabilize the system  $\ddot{x} - x = u$  by Bass method.
- OR
- b Prove that the control problem  $x(0) = x_0$ ,  $x(T) = x_1$  for the system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ ,  $x \in R^n$ ,  $u \in R^m$  is solvable if and only if  $x_1 - e^{AT}x_0 \in C(A, B)$ .
- 15 a Find the optimal control  $u$  for the second order system  $\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t)$ ,  $\dot{x}_2(t) = u(t)$  and the cost functional  $J = \frac{1}{2} [x_1^2(3) + 2x_2^2(3)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^3 [2x_1^2(t) + 4x_2^2(t) + 2x_1(t)x_2(t) + \frac{1}{2}u^2(t)] dt$ .
- OR
- b Consider the nonlinear system  $\dot{x} = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t) + f(t, x(t))$ , with the cost functional  $J = \frac{1}{2} x^*(T)Fx(T) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T [x^*(t)Q(t)x(t) + u^*(t)R(t)u(t)] dt$  exists and if  $\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq a\|x - y\|$  where  $a$  is a positive constant. Show that the optimal control is given by  $u(x(t), t) = -R^{-1}(t)B^*(t)K(t)x(t) - R^{-1}(t)B^*(t)h(t, x)$  where  $K(t)$  satisfies the Riccati equation and  $\dot{h}(t, x) = -[A^*(t) - K(t)R^{-1}(t)B^*(t)]h(t, x) - K(t)f(t, x(t))$ ,  $h(T, x) = 0$ .