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You may use your equation sheet and calculator on this exam.

You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive very little credit.
- **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive no credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will receive partial credit.
- You are allowed to use course slides, homework solution sheets as references. You are allowed to search for the knowledge needed on the internet.
- You must conduct the exam independently. Discussion or seeking help from others, online or in-person, is prohibited.
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Problem	Points	Score
1	15	
2	15	
3	15	
4	15	
5	10	
6	10	
7	20	
Total:	100	

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1. Please state whether each of the following statement is **True** or **False**. Explanation is not required.

(a) (3 points) The system  $y(t) = \sin(t)u(3t)$  is linear.

(b) (3 points) Assume that  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$  is an asymptotically stable continuous-time LTI system. Assuming  $A^{-1}$  exists, the system  $\dot{x}(t) = A^{-1}x(t)$  is asymptotically stable.

(c) (3 points) The following continuous time system is BIBO stable.

$$\dot{x} = u, \quad y = x$$

(d) (3 points) The following DT system is controllable if  $a \neq 0$ .

$$x[k+1] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x[k] + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u[k]$$

(e) (3 points) The system given in (d) is stabilizable when  $a = 0$ .

2. Consider a model of fisheries management. State  $x_1$  is the population level of a prey species,  $x_2$  is the population level of a predator species, and  $x_3$  is the effort expended by humans in fishing the predator species. The model is

$$\dot{x}_1 = (r_1 - x_2)x_1$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = (r_2 - x_3)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = u$$

$$y = x_2$$

where  $u$  is the input,  $y$  is the measurement of the predator species, and  $r_1 = 10$  and  $r_2 = 25$

- (a) (5 points) Find the equilibrium point if the prey species population is known to be  $\bar{x}_1 = 20$ .
- (b) (5 points) Linearize the model using the equilibrium point from (a)
- (c) (5 points) Find the transfer function of the linearized state model from (b)

3. (15 points) For the following dynamical system

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

compute  $x(0)$  when  $u(t) = 0$  and  $x(2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

4. Given an LTI system with state space representation

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -\alpha \\ 0 & 1 - \alpha \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) &= [1 \quad \alpha] x(t) + u(t)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) (5 points) Find the range of  $\alpha$  for which the system is exponentially stable.
- (b) (10 points) For the supremum (least upper bound) of the range of  $\alpha$  determined in (a), check whether the given system is BIBO stable.

5. Consider the following nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -\frac{x_2}{1+x_1^2} - 2x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \frac{x_1}{1+x_1^2}\end{aligned}$$

- (a) (5 points) Using the candidate Lyapunov function  $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  and Lyapunov Direct method, first find the equilibrium point and then find the stability of the system at the equilibrium point
- (b) (5 points) Linearize the system about the equilibrium point and find the stability of the linearized system using Lyapunov indirect method

6. (10 points) Find the minimal realization for

$$G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s}{s+1} \\ \frac{1}{s(s+1)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. Suppose you are invited as a control engineering consultant to investigate a critical safety issue for an airplane company. You are provided with an approximate linear model of the lateral dynamics of the aircraft which has the state and control vectors

$$x = [ p \quad r \quad \beta \quad \phi ]^T \quad \text{and} \quad u = [ \delta_a \quad \delta_r ]^T$$

where  $p$  and  $r$  are incremental roll and yaw rates,  $\beta$  is an incremental sideslip angle, and  $\phi$  is an incremental roll angle. The control inputs are the incremental changes in the aileron angle  $\delta_a$  and in the rudder angle  $\delta_r$ , respectively. In a consistent set of units, the linearized model is given as  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$  with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer the following questions with derivations. A simple yes or no without explanation will not get 0 credit.

- (5 points) Is the linearized aircraft model asymptotically stable? Is the linearized aircraft model stable i.s.L.?
- (5 points) Is the aircraft controllable with just  $\delta_r$ ? Is the aircraft controllable with both  $\delta_r$  and  $\delta_a$ ?
- (5 points) Suppose a malfunction prevents manipulation of the rudder angle  $\delta_r$ , is it possible to control the aircraft using only the aileron angle  $\delta_a$ ?
- (5 points) If you only have budget to measure one state, which one to measure (choose one from  $\{p, r, \beta, \phi\}$ ) so that the whole system is observable?