## Solution to ECE Test #3 Su05

1. For each pole-zero plot, indicate which frequency response plot corresponds to it by writing in its letter designation.





2. Sketch a root locus for each of these pole-zero plots assuming that these are the poles and zeros of the loop transfer function of a closed-loop system with an adjustable gain.

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For each system indicate whether it will definitely be unstable at some finite positive value of  $K (0 < K < \infty)$  or definitely will be stable for all finite positive K or it is impossible to be sure. Explain your answer.

A Definitely unstable at some K,  $0 < K < \infty$  <u>X</u>

Definitely stable for all *K*,  $0 < K < \infty$ 

Impossible to be sure

Explanation Two branches of the root locus move into the right half-plane at a finite positive value of *K*.

B Definitely unstable at some K,  $0 < K < \infty$ 

Definitely stable for all *K*,  $0 < K < \infty$  <u>X</u>

Impossible to be sure

Explanation For any K > 0, the root locus is in the left half-plane and stays there because the two branches that go to infinity go vertically up and down.

C Definitely unstable at some K,  $0 < K < \infty$ 

Definitely stable for all *K*,  $0 < K < \infty$  <u>X</u>

Impossible to be sure

Explanation All root locus branches terminate on finite zeros, two of which are in the left half-plane and one of which is at the origin. Therefore for any *K* less than infinity, the root locus stays in the left half-plane.

D Definitely unstable at some K,  $0 < K < \infty$  <u>X</u>

Definitely stable for all *K*,  $0 < K < \infty$ 

Impossible to be sure

Explanation One pole is in the RHP and the locus starts there so the system is unstable at low positive values of *K*.

3. Sketch a canonical realization of a system with the transfer function



4. Sketch a cascade realization of a system with the transfer function

5. A feedback system of the convential type has a forward-path transfer function

$$\mathbf{H}_1(s) = \frac{K}{s+8}$$

and a feedback-path transfer function

$$\mathbf{H}_2(s) = \frac{1}{s+12}.$$

K can be any real number. (Not just positive numbers.) For what range of K's is this system stable?

$$H(s) = \frac{\frac{K}{s+8}}{1+\frac{K}{s+8}\frac{1}{s+12}} = \frac{K(s+12)}{s^2+20s+96+K} = \frac{K(s+12)}{s^2+20s+96+K}$$

The roots of the denominator are at

$$p_{1,2} = \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{400 - 384 - 4K}}{2} = -10 \pm \sqrt{4 - K}$$

For any *K* greater than 4 the system is stable because the real part of the poles is fixed at -10 while the imaginary part varies. For any *K* less than 4 the roots are both real. When  $\sqrt{4-K}$  equals or exceeds 10, one root has a non-negative real part. This occurs when  $K \leq -96$ . Therefore for any  $K \leq -96$  the system is unstable. So the range of *K*'s for stability is K > -96.