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## I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this research was to develop an algorithm for obtaining optimal closed loop solutions corresponding to a set of prescribed eigenvalues for single-input single-output (SISO) control systems. It was desired that the algorithm be adaptable to digital computer techniques and unrestricted by system order.

The Cauer Second Form for system dynamics representation was chosen over other alternatives because of the regular pattern of the state and output matrices, and the method of linear system simplification.

In Chapter II, several basic properties of both Cauer First and Second Forms are presented from the theory of continued fractions. A simple and efficient algorithm is also developed for inversion of the continued fraction in either form, independent of Routh's algorithm.

In Chapter III, the method of linear system order reduction based on the Cauer Second Form is amplified. The emphasis on this area was primarily to elucidate the various methods previously employed for system simplification.

The original theoretical work of this thesis is presented in Chapter IV. The objective was to obtain closed



loop solutions corresponding to a prescribed set of eigenvalues. While minimizing a certain cost function, which met desired system characteristics. It is shown, by examples, that the derived algorithm is equally capable of handling systems with multiple and/or complex, as well as, unique sets of real eigenvalues.

The final chapter, Chapter V, presents a discussion of results and suggests areas for future study.



II. PROPERTIES OF CAUER FIRST AND SECOND FORMS

A. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM IN CAUER FIRST AND CAUER SECOND FORMS

Consider the closed loop transfer function given by:

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i s^i}{s^n + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i s^i}, \quad (2-1)$$

with block diagram as given in Figure 2.1. Equation (2-1) can be expanded into the Caueer Forms of continued fractions as follows.

1. Cauer First Form

- a. Arrange the numerator and denominator polynomials in descending order.
- b. Perform continued division.

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{b_{n-1}s^{n-1} + b_{n-2}s^{n-2} + \dots + b_1s + b_0}{s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + a_{n-2}s^{n-2} + \dots + a_1s + a_0} \quad (2-2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{h_1s + \frac{1}{h_2 + \frac{1}{h_3s + \frac{1}{h_4 + \dots}}}} \quad (2-3)$$





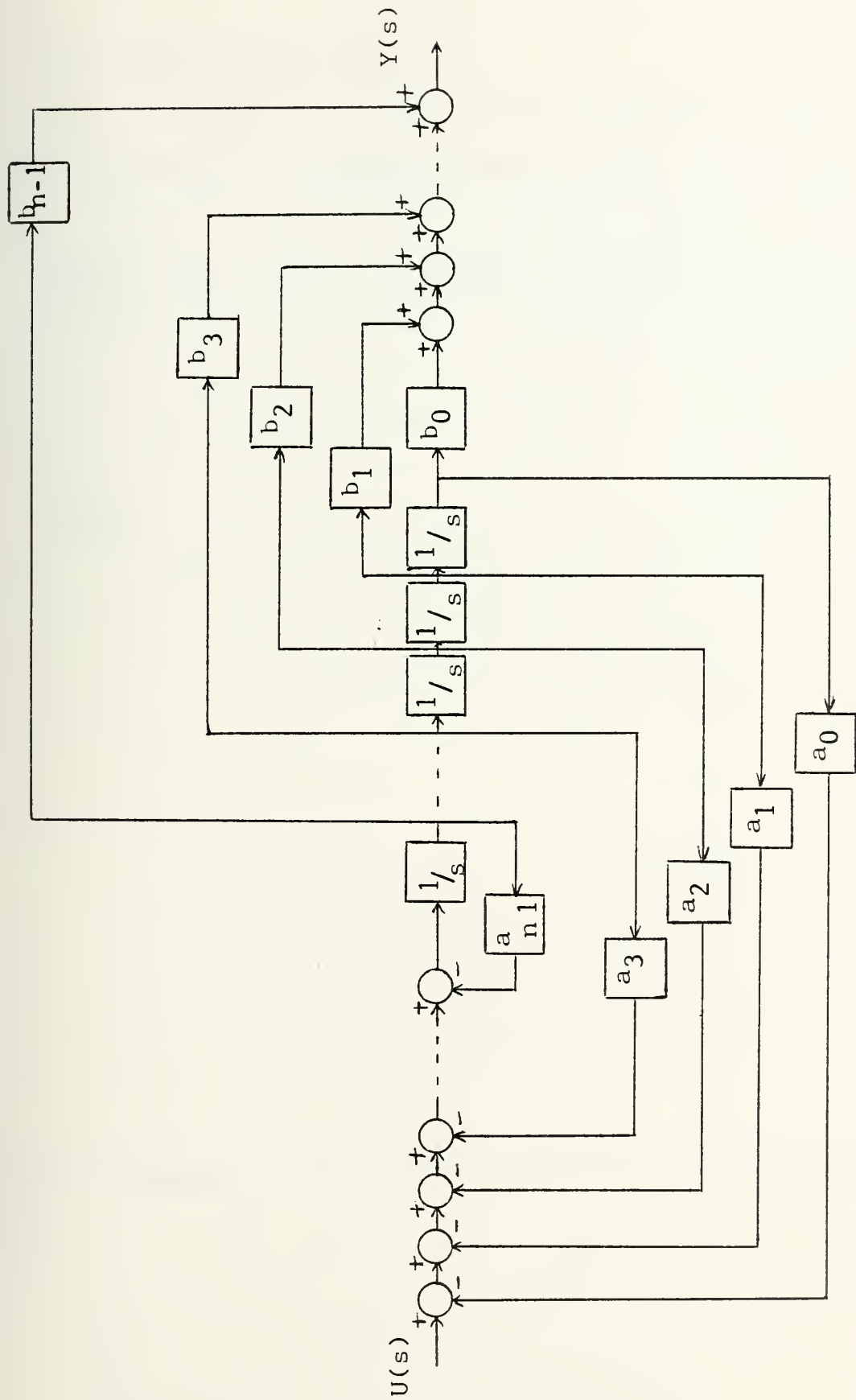


Figure 2.1. Block Diagram of an  $n$ th Order Linear System for Direct Programming (Bush Form)



2. Cauer Second Form

a. Invert the numerator and denominator and arrange the polynomials in ascending order.

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{a_0 + a_1s + \dots + a_{n-2}s^{n-2} + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + s^n}{b_0 + b_1s + \dots + b_{n-2}s^{n-2} + b_{N-1}s^{n-1}} \quad (2-4)$$

b. Perform continued division.

$$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{1}{h_1 + \frac{1}{\frac{h_2}{s} + \frac{1}{h_3 + \frac{1}{h_4 + \dots}}}} \quad (2-5)$$

or

$$\frac{1}{h_1 + \frac{1}{h_2 + \frac{1}{h_3 + \frac{1}{h_4 + \dots}}}} \quad (2-6)$$

Block diagrams of both systems are shown in Figures 2.2 and 2.3.



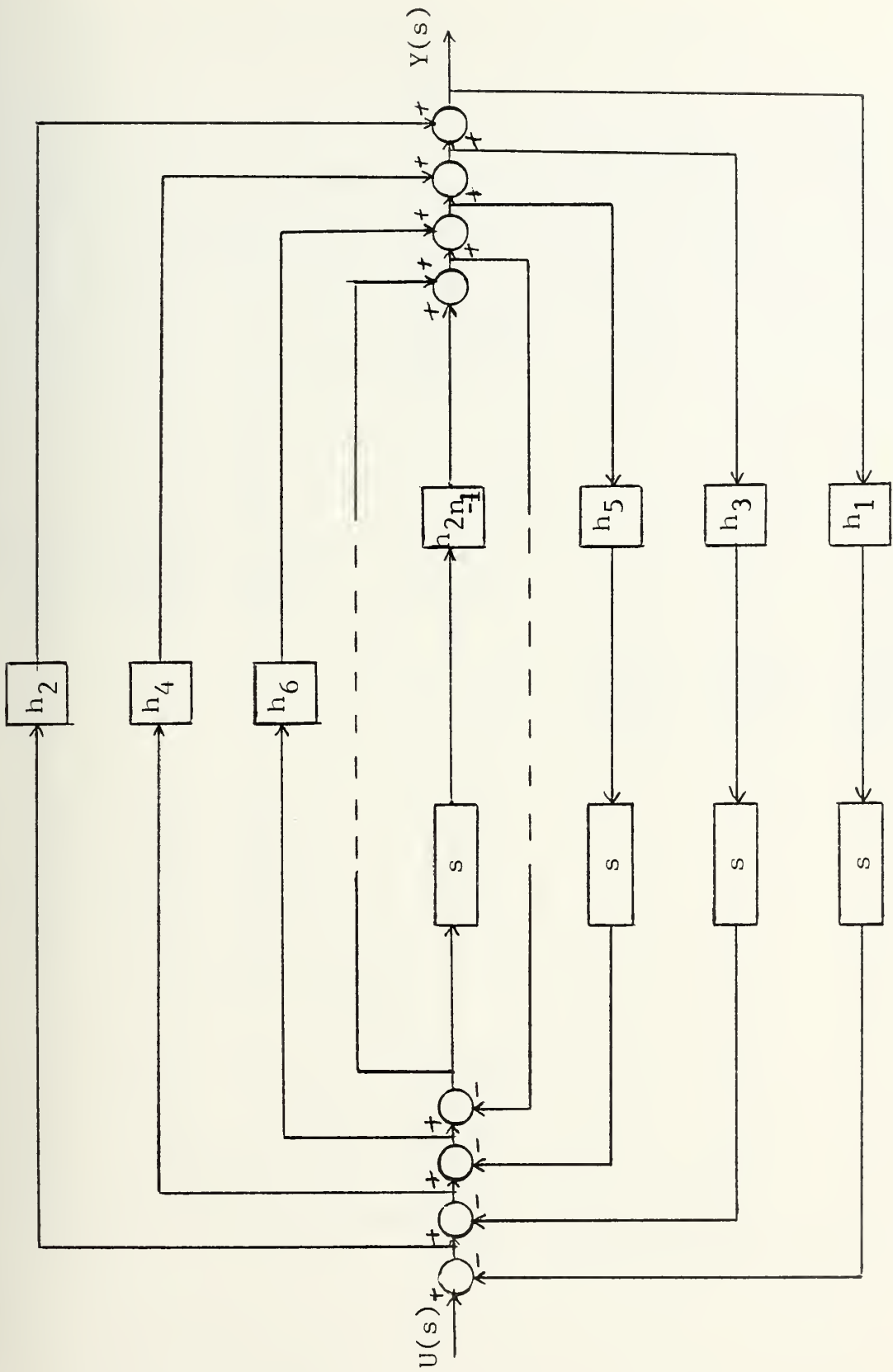


Figure 2.2. Block Diagram Representation of an Nth Order System (Cauer First Form)



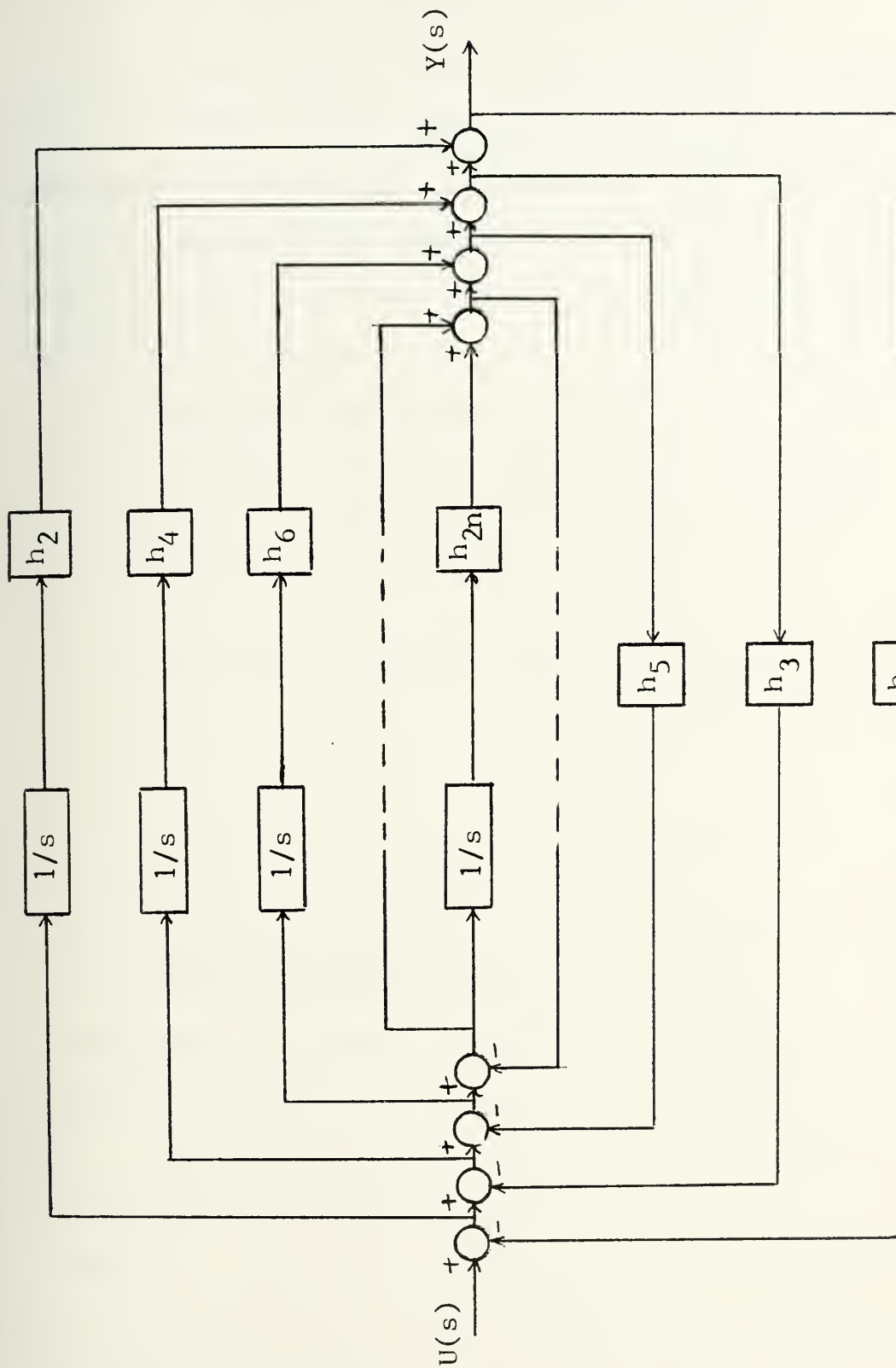


Figure 2.3. Block Diagram Representation of an Nth Order System  
(Causer Second Form)





B. PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION OF DOMINANT TERMS  
 RESULTING FROM CONTINUED FRACTION EXPANSION

It is known that the most dominant terms in equations (2-3) and (2-5) are the first quotients,  $h_1s$  and  $h_1$ , respectively. A meaningful interpretation for these terms can be accomplished by applying the initial value and final value theorems.<sup>+</sup> Letting  $Y(s)/U(s) = F(s)$ , by an asymptotic expansion approximation:

1. For Cauer First Form

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) \sim \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) \sim \frac{1}{h_1} \quad (2-7)$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) \sim \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) \sim h_2 + h_4. \quad (2-8)$$

2. For Cauer Second Form

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) \sim \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) \sim h_2 + h_4 \quad (2-9)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) \sim \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) \sim h_1. \quad (2-10)$$

<sup>+</sup>  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$  must exist.



Equations (2-7) and (2-10) are of considerable interest since they involve the dominant term,  $h_1$ . The implication is that the Cauer First Form emphasizes the initial or transient response of the system; whereas, the Cauer Second Form emphasizes the final or steady state response of the system. In general, the quotients lower in position in the continued fraction expansion have less influence on the performance of the system as a whole, ( $h_j$  has less influence than  $h_i$ , where  $i < j$ ). Because many systems must meet a set of steady state conditions, the Cauer Second Form will be used for the prescribed eigenvalue problem.

### C. CONTINUED FRACTION INVERSION

The theory of continued fractions was first associated with Routh's Algorithm by Wall in 1945, [1] and [2]. The following year Frank [3] extended and modified Wall's work to include complex coefficients. Both, however, applied Routh's algorithm only to continued fraction expansions, not to the problem of inversion.

In 1969, Chen and Shieh [4] developed an algorithm method for converting a continued fraction into a rational fraction of two polynomials. Their method, which makes use of Routh's algorithm, is presented below.

If the elements,  $h_i$ , are known for any continued fraction, then the state and output equations can be written immediately from Figures 2.2 or 2.3.



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 \\ \dot{z}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{z}_n \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} h_2 h_1 & h_4 h_1 & h_6 h_1 & \dots & h_{2n} h_1 \\ h_2 h_1 & h_4 (h_1 + h_3) & h_6 (h_1 + h_3) & \dots & h_{2n} (h_1 + h_3) \\ h_2 h_1 & h_4 (h_1 + h_3) & h_6 (h_1 + h_3 + h_5) \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ h_2 h_1 & h_4 (h_1 + h_3) & h_6 (h_1 + h_3 + h_5) \dots & \dots & h_{2n} (h_1 + \dots + h_{2n-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} | & 1 \\ | & 1 \\ | & 1 \\ | & \vdots \\ | & \vdots \\ | & 1 \end{bmatrix} r \quad (2-11)$$

$$\dot{\tilde{z}} = \tilde{H} \tilde{z} + \tilde{D} r \quad (2-12)$$

$$C = [h_2 \quad h_4 \quad h_6 \quad \dots \quad h_{2x}] \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (2-13)$$

$$C = \tilde{L} \tilde{z} \quad (2-14)$$



The coefficients of the characteristic polynomial,  $|s\tilde{I}-\tilde{H}|$ , become the first row elements of the required Routh array. The next sequence of steps in determining the  $(j+2)$ th row of the Routh array is to successively let

$$h_j = 0$$

and

$$h_{j+1} = 0 \tag{2-15}$$

for  $j \in [1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n-1]$

and evaluating the remaining  $(n-k) \times (n-k)$  " $H_j$ " matrix, where  $k = (j+1)/2$ , up to  $k=n-1$ , i.e., for  $n$  arbitrary and  $j=1$ ; the 3rd row of the Routh array becomes (after  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are set equal to zero) the coefficients of

$$|s\tilde{I}-\tilde{H}_1|,$$

where the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$   $H_1$  matrix is:

$$- \begin{bmatrix} h_4 h_3 & h_6 h_3 & \dots & h_{2n} h_3 \\ h_4 h_3 & h_6 (h_3 + h_5) & \dots & h_{2n} (h_3 + h_5) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_4 h_3 & h_6 (h_3 + h_5) & \dots & h_{2n} (h_3 + \dots + h_{2n-1}) \end{bmatrix} \tag{2-16}$$

This process repeats until the system state matrix is reduced to a single element,  $H_{2n-1}$ , yielding the  $(2n-1)$ th row in Routh's array. It is observed that each successive





odd numbered row contains one less element than it's predecessor. By inserting leading zeros in the 3rd, 5th, ..., (2n+1)th row, the matrix, P, is formed.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{3rd} \\
 \text{5th} \\
 \text{7th} \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots \\
 \text{(2n+1)th}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 \left[ \begin{array}{cccc}
 P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} & \dots\dots\dots 1 \\
 0 & P_{22} & P_{23} & \dots\dots\dots 1 \\
 0 & 0 & P_{33} & \dots\dots\dots 1 \\
 \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
 \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
 \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}
 \quad (2-17)$$

The matrix,  $\underline{P}$ , is the linear transformation matrix required to obtain a linear system in Cauer Second Form from phase variable (canonical) form. Continuing, the second row of the Routh array is obtained from the output matrix, L, and the above transformation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{c} &= \underline{Lz} && \text{(continued fractions)} \\
 \underline{z} &= \underline{Px} && \text{(linear transformation)} \\
 \underline{y} &= \underline{Cx} && \text{(output equation, phase variable form)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\underline{C} = \underline{L} \underline{P} . \quad (2-18)$$

$\underline{C}$  is an (1xn) vector whose elements are the second row of the Routh array.

Consider the Routh array as an (n+1)x(2n+1) matrix with typical element  $r_{ij}$ . The quotients,  $h_i$ , of the continued



fraction expansion can be expressed as:

$$h_i = \frac{r_{i1}}{r_{i+1,1}} \quad (2-19)$$

From this relationship and knowledge of how the Routh array is generated, the remaining even numbered rows of the array can be found. The transfer function as a ratio of two polynomials is written as:

$$T(s) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n r_{2,j} s^{j-1}}{\sum_{L=1}^{n+1} r_{1,j} s^{i-1}} \quad (2-20)$$

Chen and Shieh [4] contend that this method is the easiest in attaining the inversion. The author disagrees and presents a simpler iterative method based on the inversion technique for the Generalized Cauer Form given by Goldman [5]. The method is equally suited to both Cauer First and Cauer Second Forms, requiring no prior knowledge of Routh's algorithm. Assuming all  $h_i$ 's are known, and non-zero, in equation (2-3) or (2-5), let:

$$a_i = h_{2i-1} \quad (2-21)$$

$$b_i = h_{2i} \quad (2-22)$$

for  $i \in [1, 2, \dots, n]$ .



## 1. Inversion of Cauer First Form

Initialize two  $(n+1 \times 1)$  vectors C and D.

$$\underline{C} = [c_0 \ c_1 \ c_2 \ \dots \ c_n] \quad (2-23)$$

$$\underline{D} = [d_0 \ d_1 \ d_2 \ \dots \ d_n] \quad (2-24)$$

to all zeros, except:

$$c_n = b_n \quad (2-25)$$

$$d_{n-1} = a_x \times c_n \quad (2-26)$$

$$d_n = 1. \quad (2-27)$$

The following set of equations are first solved for  $i=1$ .

$$c_{n-i+j} = b_{n-i} \times d_{n-i+j} + c_{n-i+j} \quad (2-28)$$

$$d_{n-(i+1)+j} = a_{n-i} \times c_{n-i+j} + d_{n-(i+1)+j}, \quad (2-29)$$

where  $j \in [0, 1, 2, \dots, i]$  are substituted in ascending order, and (2-28) is solved before (2-29) for each value of  $j$ . Now, let  $i=2$  in equations (2-28) and (2-29) and repeat the same procedure. The index "i" is incremented until  $i=n-1$ , and (2-28) and (2-29) are solved as before over the appropriate range of the index "j". The final vectors,  $\underline{C}$  and  $\underline{D}$ , contain elements which are the coefficients of the numerator and denominator polynomials, respectively, of the transfer



function (or driving point impedance function):

$$T(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i s^{n-i}}{\sum_{j=0}^n d_j s^{n-j}} \quad (2-30)$$

Example:

$$T(s) = \frac{10s^2 + 171s + 360}{s^3 + 71s^2 + 702s + 720} \quad (2-31)$$

By continued fraction division:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 10s^2 + 171s + 360 \quad \overline{) s^3 + 71s^2 + 702s + 720} \quad .1s \\
 \underline{s^3 + 17.1s^2 + 36s} \\
 53.8s^2 + 666s + 720 \\
 \\
 53.9s^2 + 666s + 720 \quad \overline{) 10s^2 + 171s + 360} \quad \frac{10}{53.9} \approx .1855 \\
 \underline{10s^2 + 123.562s + 133.58} \\
 47.438s + 226.42 \\
 \\
 47.438s + 226.42 \quad \overline{) 53.9s^2 + 666s + 720} \quad 1.1362s \\
 \underline{53.9s^2 + 257.258s} \\
 408.742s + 720 \\
 \\
 408.742s + 720 \quad \overline{) 47.438s + 226.42} \quad .115 \\
 \underline{47.438s + 82.79} \\
 143.63
 \end{array} \quad (2-32)$$





























































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































