Exercise Sheet 1: Linear Systems and Nonlinear Systems

Problem 1:

We want to recall some basic facts about linear control systems.

- **a.** Consider the plant transfer function $G(s) = \frac{s^2 + 4s + 5}{(s+4)(s^2 + 5s + 2)(s^2 2s + 5)}$. What is the relative degree of G(s)? Is the plant stable?
- **b.** Consider the transfer function $G(s) = \frac{5}{s^2 + 2s + 4}$. Why is this transfer function oscillatory? Sketch the step response of G(s)!
- c. Consider the basic feedback loop with the plant transfer function $G(s) = \frac{1}{1+s}$ and the controller transfer function $C(s) = \frac{2+s}{s}$. Is the closed loop stable? Does the closed loop have a zero steady-state error?

Problem 2:

We want to classify the following plant models

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1 - x_1^2 + x_2 + 4u$$
(a) $\dot{x}_2 = -x_2$
 $y = 3x_2$
(b) $G(s) = \frac{(s^2 + s + 1) \cdot e^{-5s}}{(s+1)(s+5)(s+2)}$
 $\dot{x}_1 = x_1 + 5x_2$
(c) $\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + 3u$
 $y = 23x_2$

Decide which of the plant models is linear/nonlinear.