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#### EXERCISE 1

1. With reference to a generic control system



Give the definition of sensitivity function of the system, explaining its use.

2. Suppose that the loop transfer function L has the Bode plots of the magnitude and of the phase as shown in this picture:



Discuss the stability of the closed loop system.

3. Still making reference to the picture of this exercise, sketch the asymptotic Bode plot of the magnitude of the sensitivity function. Specify the bandwidth where a disturbance d(t) can be rejected.

4. Consider a disturbance d(t) = sin(10t). Compute the factor by which this disturbance is attenuated.

# EXERCISE 2

1. Consider the Ladder Diagram programming language for PLCs. Explain what is a normal timer and how it works.

2. Consider now the following process: when an operator on a production line presses a button **START**, pieces travelling on a conveyor belt are deviated for two minutes to undergo some inspection process. After such time interval, pieces resume their normal path in the conveyor and for 60 minutes pressing the button **START** cannot deviate the pieces anymore. Program the system with a Ladder Diagram code.

3. Briefly explain what is the ISO-OSI communication protocol in a distributed control system.

4. Considering the MAC (Medium Access Control) level of the protocol, briefly describe what this level is in charge of and what is the token bus (or token ring) method.

# **EXERCISE 3**

Consider the following robot manipulator with 3 joints (rotational, prismatic, and prismatic):



1. Find the expression of the direct kinematics of the robot, in terms of the position coordinates of the end effector with respect to the joint variables  $\vartheta_1$ ,  $d_2$ , and  $d_3$ .

2. Define what is the (positional) Jacobian of a generic manipulator.

3. Write the expression of the Jacobian of the manipulator of this exercise.

4. Characterize the singularities of the manipulator of this exercise.