

Transient Response, Step Response Analysis

Automatic Control, Basic Course, Lecture 3

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1. Transient Response

2. Step Response Analysis

Transient Response

Solution to State Space Equation

Given a system on state space form

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx + Du$$

The solution, $y(t)$, is then given by

$$y(t) = \underbrace{Ce^{At}x(0)}_{\text{Initial state}} + \underbrace{C \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} Bu(\tau) d\tau}_{\text{Weighted integral of the control signal}} + \underbrace{Du(t)}_{\text{Direct term}}$$

Initial state,
uninteresting except
when the controller is
initialized

Weighted integral of
the control signal,
interesting part

Direct term, often
neglectable in
practical systems

Impulse Response

Shows how the system responds when the input is a short pulse, i.e., a Dirac function

$$u(t) = \delta(t)$$

The Laplace transformation is

$$U(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

Hence

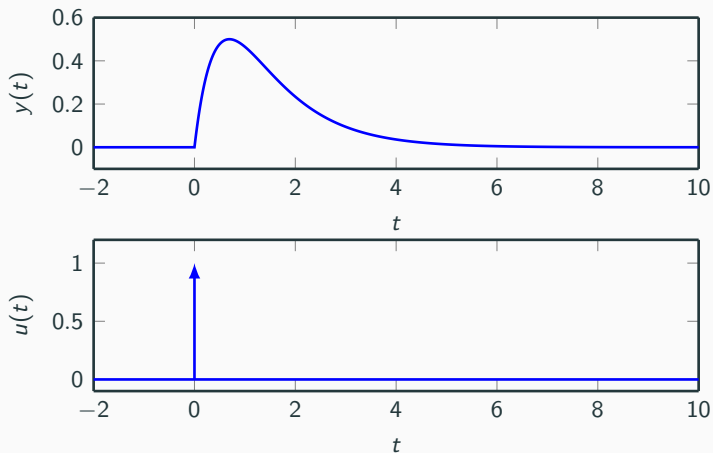
$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s) = G(s)$$

Not so common in technological applications, can we think of other applications?

Example - Impulse Response

Let the transfer function of the system be:

$$G(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$



Step Response

Shows how the system responds when the input is a step, i.e.,

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

The Laplace transformation is

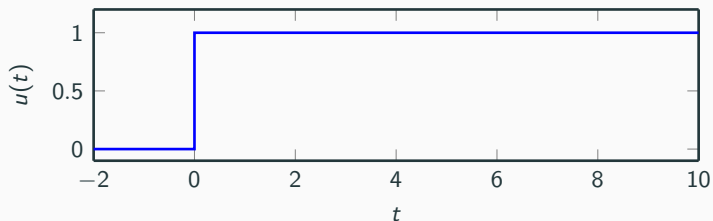
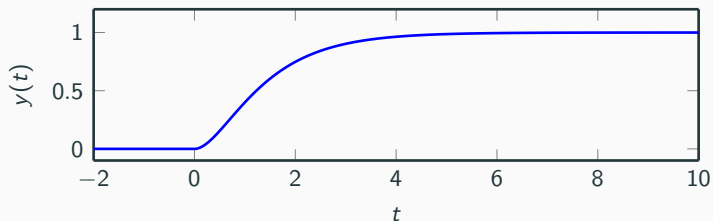
$$U(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} [e^{-st}]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s}$$

Very common in technological applications

Example - Step Response

Let the transfer function of the system be:

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Step Response Analysis

Step Response

From the last lecture, we know that if the input $u(t)$ is a **step**, then the output in the Laplace domain is

$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s) = G(s)\frac{1}{s}$$

It is possible to do an inverse transform of $Y(s)$ to get $y(t)$, but is it possible to claim things about $y(t)$ by only studying $Y(s)$?

We will study **how the poles affects the step response**. (The zeros will be discussed later).

Initial and Final Value Theorem

Let $F(s)$ be the Laplace transformation of $f(t)$, i.e., $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t))(s)$.

Given that the limits below exist¹, it holds that:

$$\text{Initial value theorem} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} sF(s)$$

$$\text{Final value theorem} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

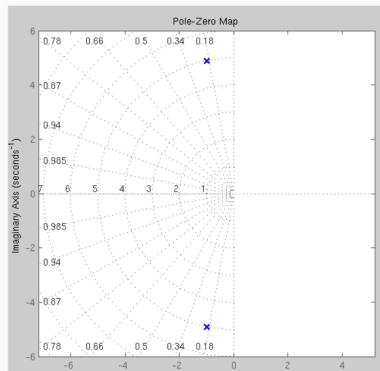
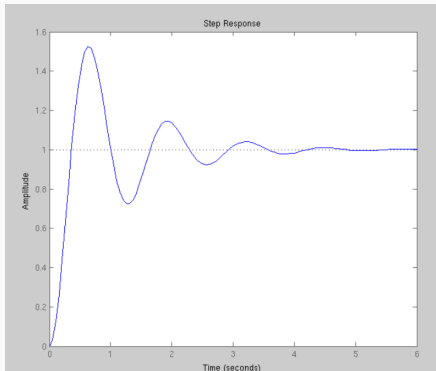
For a step response we have that:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} y(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sY(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s) \frac{1}{s} = G(0)$$

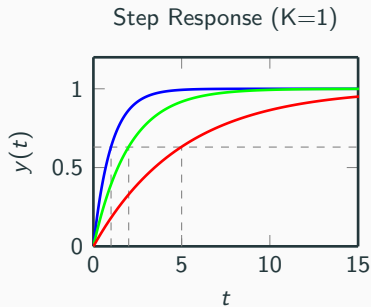
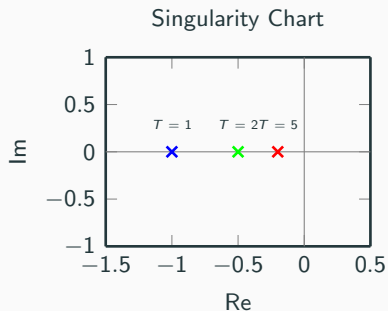
¹Q: When can we NOT apply the Final value theorem?

Some useful matlab commands

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>> s=tf('s'); % enables to use s as transfer fcn
>> z=0.2; w0=5;
>> G= w0^2 / (s^2 + 2*z*w0*s + w0^2 )
>> step(G)
>>
>> pzmap(G) % pole-zero map
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First Order System



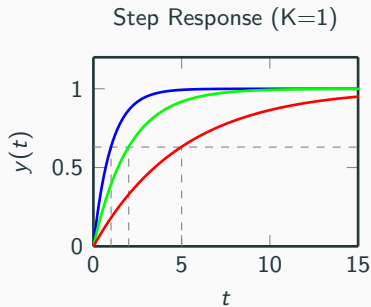
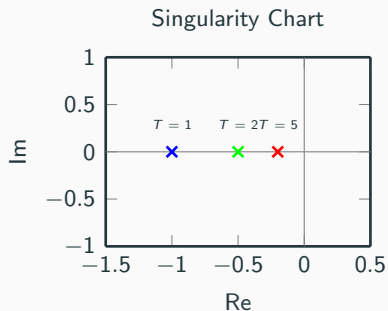
$$G(s) = \frac{K}{1 + sT}$$

One pole in $s = -1/T$

Step response:

$$Y(s) = G(s) \frac{1}{s} = \frac{K}{s(1 + sT)} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} y(t) = K \left(1 - e^{-t/T} \right), \mathbf{t \geq 0}$$

First Order System

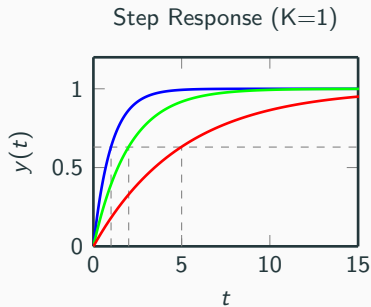
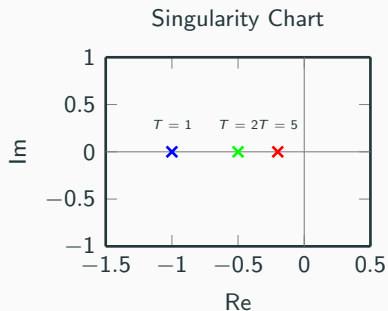


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Final value:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} y(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sY(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \cdot \frac{K}{s(1 + sT)} = K$$

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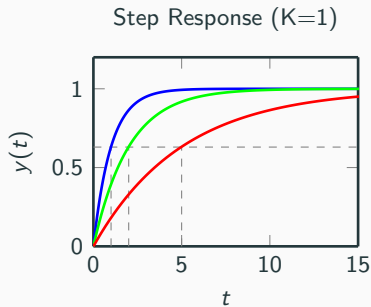
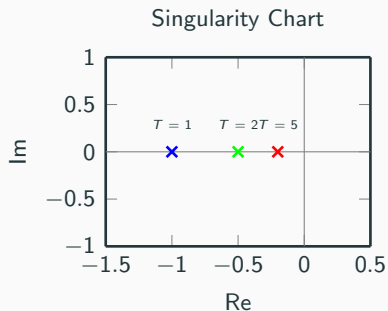
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T is called the time-constant:

$$y(T) = K(1 - e^{-T/T}) = K(1 - e^{-1}) \approx 0.63K$$

i.e., T is the time it takes for the step response to reach 63% of its final value

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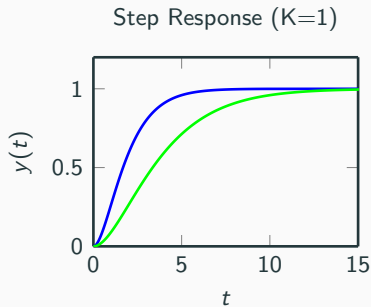
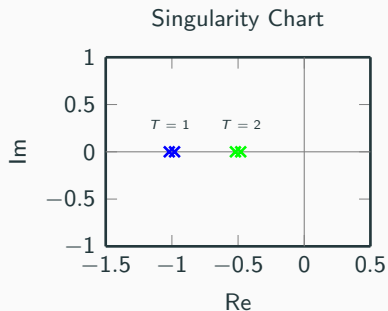


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Derivative at zero:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \dot{y}(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} s \cdot sY(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{s^2 K}{s(1 + sT)} = \frac{K}{T}$$

Second Order System With Real Poles

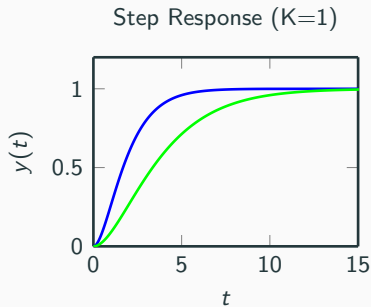
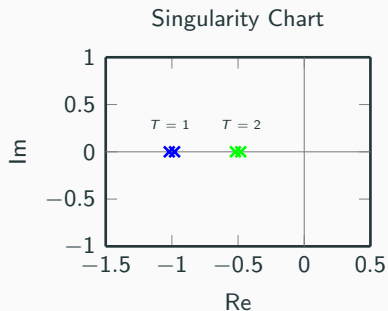


$$G(s) = \frac{K}{(1 + sT_1)(1 + sT_2)}$$

Poles in $s = -1/T_1$ and $s = -1/T_2$. Step response:

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} K \left(1 - \frac{T_1 e^{-t/T_1} - T_2 e^{-t/T_2}}{T_1 - T_2} \right), & \mathbf{t \geq 0} & T_1 \neq T_2 \\ K \left(1 - e^{-t/T} - \frac{t}{T} e^{-t/T} \right), & \mathbf{t \geq 0} & T_1 = T_2 = T \end{cases}$$

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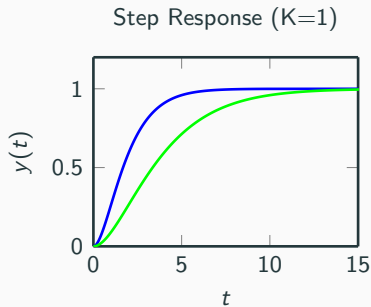
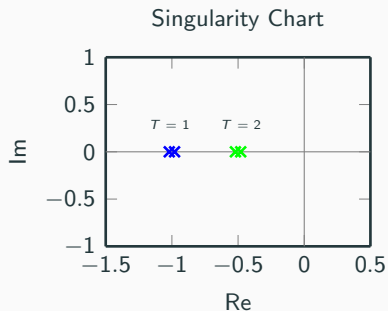


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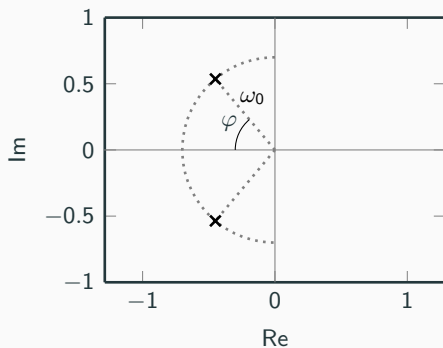
Second Order System With Complex Poles

$$G(s) = \frac{K\omega_0^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_0s + \omega_0^2}, \quad 0 < \zeta < 1$$

Relative damping ζ , related to the angle φ

$$\zeta = \cos(\varphi)$$

Singularity Chart



Second Order System With Complex Poles

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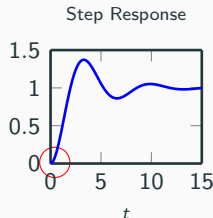
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Exercise: Check of correct starting point of step response.

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) &= K \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} e^0 \sin \left(\omega_0 \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} \cdot 0 + \arcsin(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}) \right) \right) \\ &= K \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \cdot \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

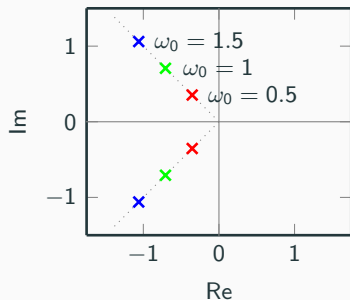


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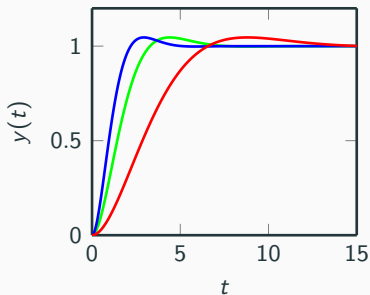
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Changing fq ω_0

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Step Response (K=1)

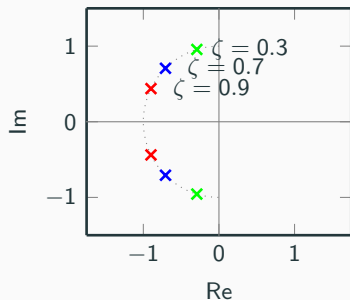


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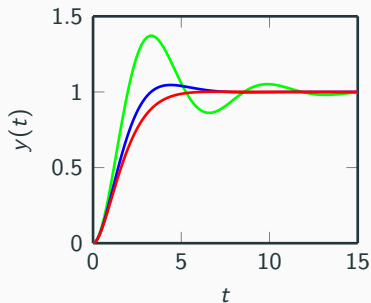
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Changing damping ζ

Singularity Chart



Step Response (K=1)



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Next lecture

- Frequency Analysis