# Real Time Systems and Control Applications



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## Time Constant of First Order Systems



- First order system
- The output of a general first order system to a step input:

$$
Y(s) = X(s) G(s) = \frac{a}{s (s + a)}
$$

• This results in a time domain output given by:  $y(t) = 1 - e^{-at}$ , where parameter  $a$  is the only parameter that affects the output.  $t=$  $\frac{1}{a}$ , y(t) = 0.63.

 $\frac{1}{a}$  is the time constant of the response, and is the time it takes for the step<br>response to rise to 62% of its final value response to rise to 63% of its final value.

## Response in Time Domain

- Rise Time  $(T_r)$ : time for the waveform to go from 0.1 to 0.9 of its final value. For first order systems:  $T_r = \frac{2.2}{a}$  $\boldsymbol{a}$
- Settling Time  $(T_s)$ : time for the response to reach and stay within 2% of its final value. For first order systems:  $T_{\scriptscriptstyle S} = \frac{4}{a}$  $\boldsymbol{a}$



## Another First Order Response Example

• Give  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s+a}$ , what is the time constant, rise time, and settling time? time?

• 
$$
\Upsilon(s) = \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+a} \right) \Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{a} (1 - e^{-at})
$$

Solution:

• Time constant  $\tau$  makes  $y(\tau) = \frac{1}{a}$  $\boldsymbol{a}$  $*0.63$ , so  $\tau = \frac{1}{a}$  $\boldsymbol{a}$ • Rise time  $t_r = t_2 - t_1$ , where  $t_2$  makes  $y(t_2) = \frac{1}{a}$  $\frac{1}{a} * 0.9$  and  $t_1$  makes  $y(t_1) =$ 1  $\frac{1}{a} * 0.1$  , hence  $t_r = \frac{2.3 - 0.1}{a}$  $\boldsymbol{a}$  $= 2.2 *$ 1  $\boldsymbol{a}$ • Settling time  $t_s$  makes  $y(t_s)$ =0.98 $\frac{1}{a}$ , hence  $t_s \cong \frac{4}{a}$  $\boldsymbol{a}$ 

## More Example

The figure shows the response of three first order systems having transfer function  $\frac{K}{a}$  $5+a$ , where the values of K are different for the three systems.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Which of the three curves (1, 2, 3) represents a system with the lowest time constant?
- 2. The big dots on the three graphs represent the time when the response settles within 2% of the final value. Find the transfer function for each of the three systems.



## Solution

• The settling time for first order systems is given by  $\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{s}}\text{=} \frac{4}{a}$  $\boldsymbol{a}$ .

• From the figure, the values of  $T<sub>s</sub>$  are 7.8, 3.9 and 0.8 respectively, so the value  $a$  for 3 systems are roughly 0.5, 1.0 and 5 respectively.

Since the steady state value of each system is 1, so K=a. Therefore the transfer function of the systems are  $\frac{0.5}{s+0.5}$ ,  $\frac{1}{s+1}$ , and  $\frac{5}{s+5}$ .

## Second Order Systems

• Most real-world systems are not first order systems. A general second order system defined by the transfer function:

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

• Find the poles of this transfer function to examine the behaviour of the output response. Using quadratic formula:

$$
s_1, s_2 = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}
$$

## A Special Case (a=0)

• If a = 0, the transfer function is  $G(s) = \frac{b}{s^2 + b}$ , and the poles will have only imaginary part  $\pm jw$  and by definition the **natural frequency**  $w_n = \sqrt{b}$  is the frequency of oscillation of this system.



#### Damping Coefficient  $\zeta$ , when  $\alpha$  is not zero

- The complex poles have a real part  $\sigma = \frac{-a}{2}$ .
- The magnitude of  $\sigma$  is called the exponential decay frequency, and  $w_n$ the natural frequency. We define the *Damping Ratio* or *Damping Coefficient*,  $\zeta$  as

$$
\zeta = \frac{Exponential \ decay \ frequency}{Natural \ frequency}
$$
  
 
$$
\therefore \ \zeta = \frac{|\sigma|}{w_n} = \frac{\frac{a}{2}}{w_n} \quad \text{so that} \ \ a = 2\zeta \, w_n
$$

## General Second Order Transfer Function

• The general second order transfer function can now be written as:  $G(s) =$  $\frac{n}{2}$ 2  $s^2 + 2\zeta w_n s + w_n^2$ 

$$
s_1, s_2 = -\zeta w_n \pm w_n \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}
$$

• From above we can examine the effect of parameter  $\zeta$  on the output of a second order system.

#### Effect Of Parameter ζ



## Summary of Observations

• Two imaginary poles at  $\pm j\omega_n$ :  $\zeta$  = 0 (**undamped**)

Natural response: undamped sinusoid of frequency  $\omega_n$  equal to the imaginary part of the poles. Or  $c(t) = A \cos(\omega_n t - \varphi)$ 

• Two complex poles at  $\sigma_d \pm j\omega_d$ :  $0 < \zeta < 1$  (**underdamped**) Natural response: Underdamped response in the form of sinusoid with an exponential envelope whose time constant is equal to the reciprocal of the pole's real part. Or  $c(t) = A e^{(-\sigma_d)t} \cos(\omega_d t - \varphi)$ , where  $w_d =$  $W_n\sqrt{1-\overline{\zeta^2}}$ .

#### Continued…

• Two real poles at  $\sigma_1$ :  $\zeta$  = 1 (**critically damped**)

Natural response: critically damped system has the time domain response as:

$$
c(t) = K t e^{\sigma_1 t}
$$

• Two real poles at  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ :  $\zeta > 1$  (**overdamped**) Natural response: overdamped with two exponentials having time constants equal to the reciprocal of the pole locations. Or  $c(t) = K(e^{\sigma_1 t} + e^{\sigma_2 t})$ 

#### Second Order Impulse Response



#### Underdamped Second Order Step Response

• The general Transfer Function of a second order system is:

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

• Consider response for a step input. The transfer function of response C(s) is given by:

$$
C(s) = \frac{w_n^2}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta w_n s + w_n^2)}
$$

• Taking the inverse LT to get response in time domain results in:

$$
c(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta w_n t} \cos(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n t + \varphi)
$$

where 
$$
\varphi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \right)
$$
.



Peak Time, Tp

 $(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$  $1 - \zeta^2$  $e^{-\zeta w_n t}$ cos( $\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n t + \varphi$ )  $\varphi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$  $1-\zeta^2$ )

The time required to reach the first or maximum peak. This can be found by differentiating c(t), and equating to zero which gives:

$$
T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}
$$

Because 
$$
c'(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta w_n t} \sin\left(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\omega_n t + \varphi\right) \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\omega_n -
$$

$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\left(-\zeta w_n\right)e^{-\zeta w_n t}\cos\left(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\omega_n t + \varphi\right) = 0
$$
  
:.  $\tan\left(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\omega_n t + \varphi\right) = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$ 

Therefore, 
$$
\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \omega_n t = \pi
$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}$ 

#### Percent Overshoot, % OS

The amount that the waveform overshoots the steady state of final value at peak time, expressed as percentage of steady state value: %OS =  $\frac{c_{max} - c_{final}}{c_{final}}$  $c_{final}$  $\times$  100, where  $c_{final} = 1$ and  $c_{max} = c(T_p)$ . Substituting the expression for  $c(T_p) = 1 + e$  $-\frac{\pi \zeta}{\sqrt{2}}$ 1−ζ<sup>2</sup>

in previous subsection and some manipulation results in:  $%$ OS =  $e$  $-\frac{\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ 1−ζ<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  100.

Note that %OS is a function of ζ, the damping ratio only. The above expression gives an expression for ζ in terms of %OS.

$$
\zeta = \frac{-\ln(\frac{\%OS}{100})}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + \ln^2(\frac{\%OS}{100})}}
$$

Finding 
$$
T_p
$$
 and %OS From Transfer Function

• Given a transfer function 
$$
G(s) = \frac{100}{s^2 + 15s + 100}
$$
, find  $T_p$  and %OS.

Solution: 
$$
\omega_n = \sqrt{100} = 10
$$
 and  $\zeta = \frac{\frac{a}{2}}{\omega_n} = 15/20 = 0.75$ .

$$
\therefore T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} = 0.475 \text{ s}
$$
  
And finally, %OS =  $e^{-\frac{\pi \zeta}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}} \times 100 = e^{-\frac{0.75\pi}{\sqrt{1 - 0.75^2}}} \times 100 = 2.838\%.$ 

## How are  $T_p$  And  $T_s$  Related To Location of Poles



# Lines of Constants  $T_p$ ,  $T_s$  and %OS on s-Plane

- Note that horizontal lines on s-plane are lines of constant  $\omega_d$  consequently they represent lines of constant Tp. Also vertical lines represent constant values of and are therefore lines of constant Ts.
- Finally, since  $\zeta = cos\theta$ , radial lines represent lines of constant damping ratio. But %Overshoot depends only on ζ .

$$
\sqrt{-\frac{\pi \zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}} \times 100
$$



#### Location Of Poles vs Response (1)



## Location Of Poles vs Response (2)



## Location Of Poles vs Response (3)

