

ECE3084-L14 Step Response

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Impulse responses characterize LTI systems mathematically, but:

- We can't usually generate a realistic impulse.
- Even if we could, it would likely cause nonlinear effects
(Remember: our equations are models. Usually only valid within a certain regime, and even then are still approximations / make assumptions. The question is, are they "good enough"?)

What we usually measure instead is the step response.

$\mathcal{L}[\delta(t)] = 1$ (for all s) \rightarrow Excites / puts energy into every possible mode of the system.

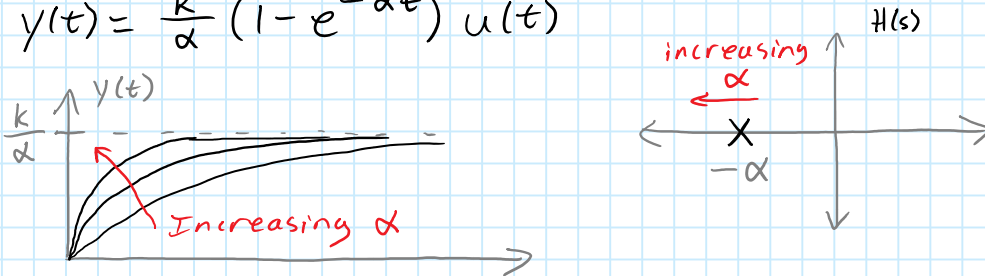
$\mathcal{L}[u(t)] = \frac{1}{s}$ \rightarrow Still excites all the modes, just not evenly like the impulse response did.

1st Order systems

• $H(s) = \frac{k}{s+\alpha}$ (low pass filter) $X(s) = \frac{1}{s} = \mathcal{L}[u(t)]$

$Y(s) = \frac{k}{s(s+\alpha)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+\alpha}$ $A = \frac{k}{\alpha}$ $B = -\frac{k}{\alpha}$

$y(t) = \frac{k}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}) u(t)$



• $H(s) = \frac{s}{s+\alpha}$ (High pass filter)

$Y(s) = \frac{s}{s(s+\alpha)} = \frac{1}{s+\alpha}$ $y(t) = e^{-\alpha t} u(t)$



- Perfectly fast rise time
- Ignores the step input in steady state.
- Kind of like an edge detector.

2nd Order Low Pass Filter

$$H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

Case 1: Overdamped - 2 real poles on the negative real axis. $\zeta > 1$

$$Y(s) = H(s)X(s) = H(s)\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s-P_1} + \frac{C}{s-P_2}$$

$$A = H(s)\Big|_{s=0} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_n^2} = 1 \quad \text{passive filter}$$

$$y(t) = \underline{u(t)} + \underline{B e^{P_1 t} u(t)} + \underline{C e^{P_2 t} u(t)}$$

The slower term (or the term with the pole closer to the imaginary axis) tends to dominate the behavior of the response. (The faster term dies out more quickly.)

Case 2: Critically damped. $\zeta = 1$, $P_1 = P_2 = -\omega_n$

$$Y(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} X(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(s + \omega_n)^2} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s + \omega_n)^2}$$

$$= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s + \omega_n} + \frac{C}{(s + \omega_n)^2} \quad A = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(s + \omega_n)^2} \Big|_{s=0} = 1$$

$$C = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s} \Big|_{s=-\omega_n} = -\omega_n \quad B = \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{ds} \frac{\omega_n^2}{s} \Big|_{s=-\omega_n} = (-1) \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2} = -1$$

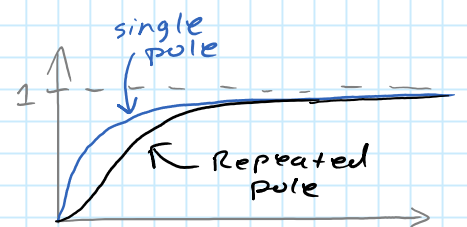
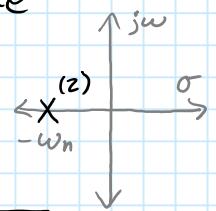
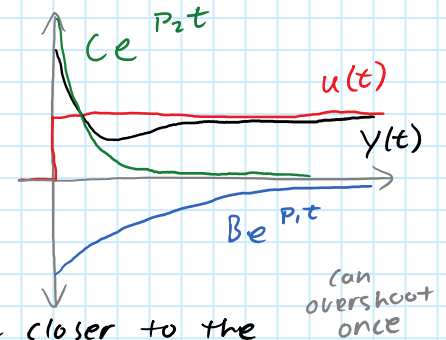
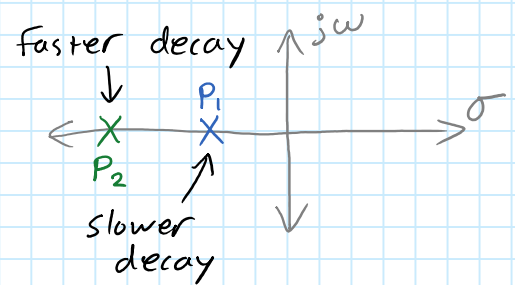
$$y(t) = u(t) - e^{-\omega_n t} u(t) - \omega_n t e^{-\omega_n t} u(t) \\ = u(t) - (1 + \omega_n t) e^{-\omega_n t} u(t)$$

Compare to 1st order:

$$y(t) = u(t) - e^{-at} u(t)$$

Slower response. The growing $(1 + \omega_n t)$ term counteracts the decay of the $e^{-\omega_n t}$ term initially, slowing down the response.

Can also view it as the high freqs rolling off more quickly (-40 dB/decade instead of -20 dB/decade) — it can't respond as quickly in the time domain with less of the higher frequencies.



Case 3: Underdamped. $0 < \zeta < 1$, complex poles.

$$H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2} \quad \text{where } \omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

↪ complete the square ↪

is the damped frequency

$$Y(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs + C}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2}$$

$$A = \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_n^2} = 1 \quad \text{clear Fractions: } \omega_n^2 = A((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2) + Bs^2 + Cs$$

$$s^2: 0 = A + B \Rightarrow B = -A = -1$$

$$s^1: 0 = A(2\zeta\omega_n) + C \quad C = -2\zeta\omega_n$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s + 2\zeta\omega_n}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{(s + \zeta\omega_n) + \zeta\omega_n}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2}$$

$$y(t) = u(t) - e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \left(\cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) \right) u(t)$$

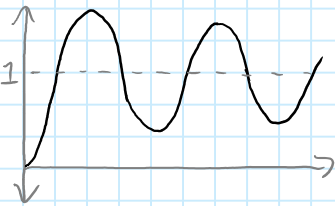
$$\sin(\omega_d t) = \cos(\omega_d t - \frac{\pi}{2})$$

same freq. can combine into single cos (see book)

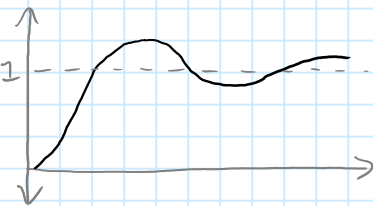
$$y(t) = \left(1 - \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos(\omega_d t + \phi) \right) u(t) \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \left(-\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \right)$$

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

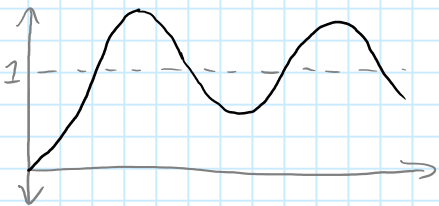
Transient response is a decaying sinusoid



Small ζ



Bigger ζ



Smaller ω_n (lower freq)

Fewer oscillations / lower freq
Less overshoot
↑ (ω_d smaller relative to ω_n)

Observations:

- Step response has "ripples" (oscillates) if underdamped at all ($\zeta < 1$), but a resonant peak in the freq domain only exists for $\zeta < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (meaning output ripples can have bigger magnitude than input).
- The resonant freq $\omega_r = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2}$ is always less than $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$, the freq of oscillation in the time domain. Both approach ω_n for small ζ .
 ω_r = location of peak in freq response.

2nd Order Highpass Filter

$$H_{2HP}(s) = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

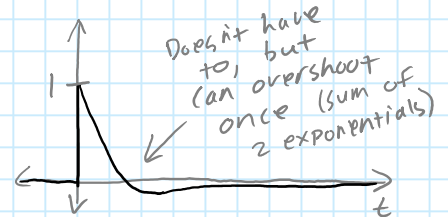
$$Y_{2HP}(s) = \frac{H_{2HP}(s)}{s} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

IVT: $y(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s Y(s) = 1$ FVT: $y(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s Y(s) = 0$

Case 1: Overdamped, two real poles:

$$Y_{2HP}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} = \frac{A}{s-p_1} + \frac{B}{s-p_2}$$

$$y_{2HP}(t) = A e^{p_1 t} + B e^{p_2 t} \quad (\text{no step fn this time, like for the LPF})$$

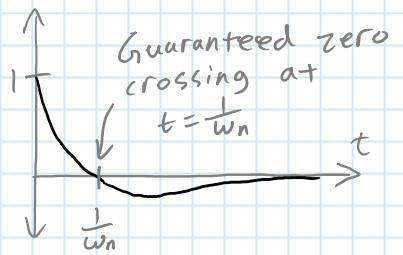


Case 2: Critically Damped, repeated poles, $\zeta=1$:

$$Y_{2HP}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} = \frac{A}{s+\omega_n} + \frac{B}{(s+\omega_n)^2}$$

$$B = s \Big|_{s=-\omega_n} = -\omega_n \quad \begin{matrix} s = A(s+\omega_n) - \omega_n \\ A = 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$y_{2HP}(t) = e^{-\omega_n t} u(t) - \omega_n t e^{-\omega_n t} u(t)$$



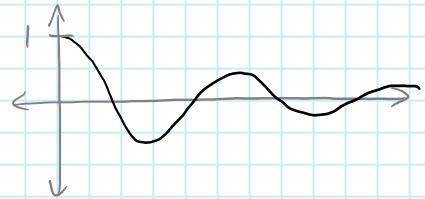
Case 3: Underdamped

$$Y_{2HP} = \frac{(s + \zeta\omega_n) - \zeta\omega_n}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2}$$

$$y_{2HP}(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \left(\cos(\omega_d t) - \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) \right) u(t)$$

Same term as for LPF

$$= \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t + \phi) u(t) \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{\zeta} \right)$$



2nd Order Bandpass Filter

$$H_{2BP}(s) = \frac{2\zeta\omega_n s}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \quad Y_{2BP}(s) = \frac{1}{s} H_{2BP}(s) = \frac{2\zeta\omega_n}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

IVT: $Y_{2BP}(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s Y_{2BP}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \frac{H_{2BP}(s)}{s} = 0$

FVT: $Y_{2BP}(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s Y_{2BP}(s) = H_{2BP}(0) = \frac{0}{\omega_n^2} = 0$

Case 1: Overdamped, real poles

$$Y_{2BP}(s) = \frac{A}{s-p_1} + \frac{B}{s-p_2}$$

$$y_{2BP}(t) = A e^{p_1 t} u(t) + B e^{p_2 t} u(t)$$

For $y_{2BP}(0) = 0$, must have $A = -B$

"Fast" pole controls rise time & has the negative coefficient.

"Slow" pole controls the decay & has the positive coefficient.

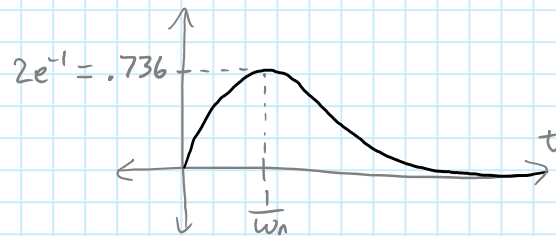


Case 2: Critically damped, $\zeta = 1$

$$Y_{2BP}(s) = \frac{2\omega_n}{(s + \omega_n)^2}$$

$$y_{2BP}(t) = 2\omega_n t e^{-\omega_n t} u(t)$$

Can find peak by taking derivative & setting equal to zero.



Case 3: Underdamped

$$Y_{2BP}(s) = \frac{2\zeta\omega_n}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_d^2}$$

$$y_{2BP}(t) = \frac{2\zeta\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t)$$

$$= \frac{2\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_d t) u(t)$$

↑ plug in $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$

Decaying sine.

