

7.1 Given the I/O equation

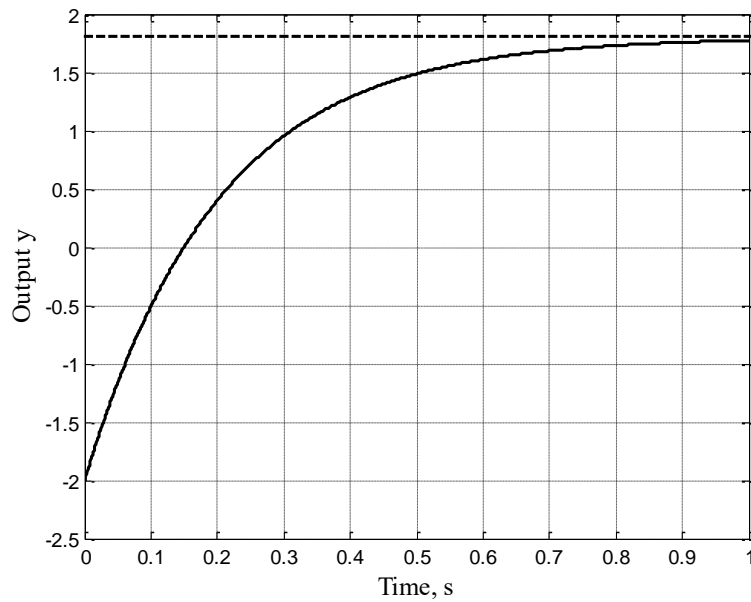
$$2\dot{y} + 10y = 3u(t)$$

Sketch the response $y(t)$ for a step input $u(t) = 6U(t)$ and the initial condition $y(0) = -2$.

7.1 Re-write the first-order ODE in standard form (divide all terms by 10):

$$0.2\dot{y} + y = 0.3u$$

The single root is $r = -1/0.2 = -5$ and therefore the response is a stable exponential function. The time constant is $\tau = 0.2$ s and hence the system reaches steady state in $t_s = 4\tau = 0.8$ s. The steady-state value for a constant input $u = 6$ is $y_{ss} = (0.3)(6) = 1.8$. A *hand-drawn sketch* of the response would match the response plot (below) and include labels for the initial condition $y(0) = -2$, settling time $t_s = 0.8$ s, and steady-state response $y_{ss} = 1.8$.



7.2 Given the following homogeneous ODE

$$2\ddot{y} + 12\dot{y} + 68y = 0 \quad \text{with initial conditions} \quad y(0) = 3, \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

- Does the homogeneous response exhibit oscillations?
- Estimate the time to reach steady state.
- Describe the nature of the homogeneous response (a sketch may help).

7.2 a) First, we obtain the roots of the characteristic equation (below):

$$2r^2 + 12r + 68 = 0$$

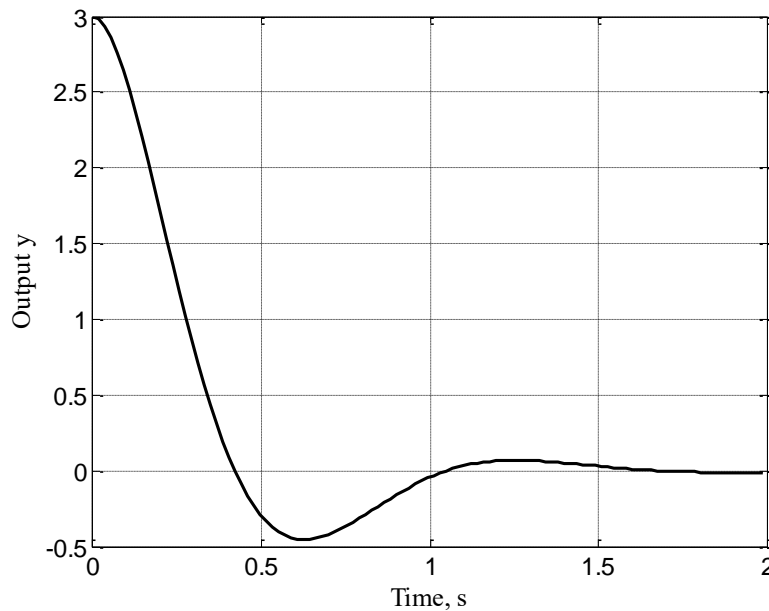
The two roots are complex: $r_{1,2} = -3 \pm j5$. Hence, the homogeneous response **does** exhibit oscillations. Another way to show this is to re-write the I/O equation in the standard form for a second-order system:

$$\ddot{y} + 6\dot{y} + 34y = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \ddot{y} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{y} + \omega_n^2y = 0 \quad \text{Hence } \zeta = 0.514 < 1 \text{ (underdamped)}$$

- b) For an underdamped second-order system the settling time is approximately

$$t_s = \frac{4}{\zeta\omega_n} = \frac{4}{0.514\sqrt{34}} = 1.3333 \text{ s}$$

- c) Because the second-order system is underdamped, the homogeneous response will exhibit decaying oscillations at frequency $\omega_d = 5 \text{ rad/s}$ (or, period = 1.257 s). The homogeneous response will begin at the initial condition $y(0) = 3$ with “zero slope” and exhibit a damped sinusoidal response that decays to zero in about 1.3333 s (a bit longer than one period). A sketch would match the plot:



7.3 Given the following homogeneous ODE

$$4\ddot{y} + 22\dot{y} + 18y = 0 \quad \text{with initial conditions} \quad y(0) = 3, \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

- Does the homogeneous response exhibit oscillations?
- Estimate the time to reach steady state.
- Describe the nature of the homogeneous response (a sketch may help).

7.3 a) First, we obtain the roots of the characteristic equation (below):

$$4r^2 + 22r + 18 = 4(r + 1)(r + 4.5) = 0$$

The two roots are real and negative: $r_1 = -1$ and $r_2 = -4.5$ and hence the homogeneous response is comprised of two decaying exponential functions (no oscillations).

- The homogeneous response has the form $y_H(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-4.5t}$ and the *slowest* exponential mode “dies out” at time $t_s = 4$ s. Hence the settling time for the system is 4 s.
- The homogeneous response will begin at the initial condition $y(0) = 3$ with “zero slope” and then exponentially decay to zero in about 4 s. A sketch would match the plot below.

