

TRANSFER FUNCTIONS

Topics

- Free vs. Forced Response
- Transfer Function
- System Stability

At the end of this section, students should be able to:

- Distinguish between free and forced response.
- Identify poles and zeros of transfer functions.
- Determine stability of transfer functions.
- Model systems with time delays using transfer functions.

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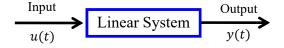
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SOMETHING FUN

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IN CONTROL THEORY, OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS HOW A SYSTEM RESPONDS TO SELECTED INPUTS



- Input is selected for application (system identification, reference tracking, etc.)
- Output is the solution of a set of differential equations (our system model)

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INPUT / RESPONSE TYPES

Initial Conditions

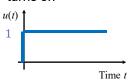
- Zero Input
- Some non-zero starting position/speed/velocity/etc.

Impulse



Step

 Input is a constant that "turns on"



Sinusoidal

· Sine or Cosine

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FREE & FORCED RESPONSES

Free Response (u(t) = 0 & nonzero ICs)

- The response of a system to zero input and nonzero initial conditions
- To solve: let u(t)=0 and use LT and ILT to solve for the free response

Forced Response (zero ICs & nonzero u(t))

- The response of a system to *nonzero input* and *zero initial* conditions
- To solve: assume zero ICs and use LT and ILT to solve for the forced response (replace differentiation with *s* in the I/O ODE)

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TRANSFER FUNCTIONS RELATE INPUT TO FORCED RESPONSE

Given a general nth order system model:

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 \dot{y} + a_0 y = b_m u^{(m)} + b_{m-1} \, u^{(m-1)} + \dots + b_1 \dot{u} + b_0 u$$

The forced response (zero ICs) of the system due to input u(t) is:

$$\begin{array}{l} a_n s^n Y(s) + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} Y(s) + \dots + a_1 s Y(s) + a_0 Y(s) \\ &= b_m s^m U(s) + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} U(s) + \dots + b_1 s U(s) + b_0 U(s) \end{array}$$

$$[a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0] \cdot Y(s) = [b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0] \cdot U(s)$$

$$Y_{FORCED}(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} \cdot U(s)$$

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WE CAN FACTOR THE TRANSFER FUNCTION NUMERATOR AND DENOMINATOR INTO ROOTS AND GAIN

$$G(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = -$$

We call these roots the poles and zeros of the system

We call the gain ratio the static gain of the system

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POLES ARE THE ROOTS OF THE DENOMINATOR POLYNOMIAL

$$G(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

$$D(s) = a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0$$

= $a_n (s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_n) = 0$

 $\Rightarrow p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_n$: *n* poles of the TF

Poles effect the time response, frequency response, and stability of the system

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ZEROS ARE THE ROOTS OF THE NUMERATOR POLYNOMIAL

$$G(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

$$N(s) = b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0$$

= $b_m (s - z_1)(s - z_2) \dots (s - z_m) = 0$

 $\Rightarrow z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$: *m* zeros of the TF

Zeros affect the time response and frequency response of the system

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STATIC GAIN, G(0), IS THE VALUE OF THE TRANSFER FUNCTION WHEN S=0

$$G(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

$$K_S =$$

The static gain K_S can be interpreted as the steady state value of the unit step response.

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FREE RESPONSE IS ONLY DUE TO INITIAL CONDITIONS

Given a general nth order system model:

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 \dot{y} + a_0 y = b_m u^{(m)} + b_{m-1} \, u^{(m-1)} + \dots + b_1 \dot{u} + b_0 u$$

The free response (zero input) of the system due to ICs is:

$$a_n[s^nY(s)-s^{n-1}y(0)-\cdots-y^{n-1}(0)]+a_{n-1}[s^{n-1}Y(s)-s^{n-2}y(0)-\cdots-y^{n-2}(0)]$$

$$+\cdots+a_1[sY(s)-y(0)]+a_0Y(s)=0$$

$$[a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0] Y_{FREE}(s)$$

$$= [a_n s^{n-1} + a_{n-1} s^{n-2} + \dots + a_1] y(0) + \dots + y^{n-1}(0)$$

$$Y_{FREE}(s) = \frac{F(s)}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}$$

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STATE SPACE MODELS ALSO HAVE FREE AND FORCED RESPONSES

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$



$$sX(s) - x(0) = AX(s) + BU(s)$$
$$Y(s) = CX(s) + DU(s)$$

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SYSTEM STABILITY

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COMPARE THE FREE AND FORCED RESPONSES

$$Y_{FORCED}(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} \cdot U(s)$$

$$Y_{FREE}(s) = \frac{F(s)}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}$$

- · Same poles
- Different zeros

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FREE RESPONSE CAN BE REPRESENTED IN TIME DOMAIN BY PARTIAL FRACTION EXPANSION

$$Y_{FREE}(s) = \frac{F(s)}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}$$

$$= \frac{F(s)}{a_n (s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_n)}$$

$$= \frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_2}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{s - p_n}$$

Assume $p_1 \neq p_2 \neq \cdots \neq p_n$ i.e. n distinct poles

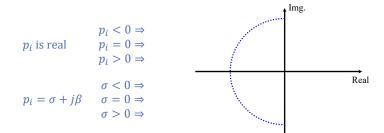
$$y_{FREE}(t) = L^{-1}[Y_{FREE}(s)] = A_1 e^{p_1 t} + A_2 e^{p_2 t} + \dots + A_n e^{p_n t}$$

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HOW DO POLE LOCATIONS AFFECT THE TIME-DOMAIN FREE RESPONSE?

$$y_{FREE}(t) = A_1 e^{p_1 t} + A_2 e^{p_2 t} + \dots + A_n e^{p_n t}$$



- Response due to poles in open left-half plane (LHP) decays to zero
- Response due to poles in open right-half plane (RHP) explodes

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A SYSTEM IS <u>STABLE</u> IF ITS FREE RESPONSE CONVERGES TO ZERO

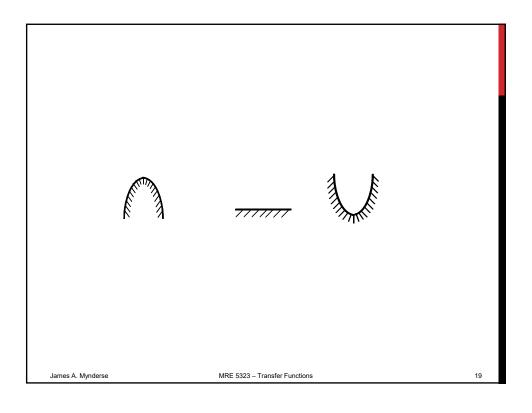


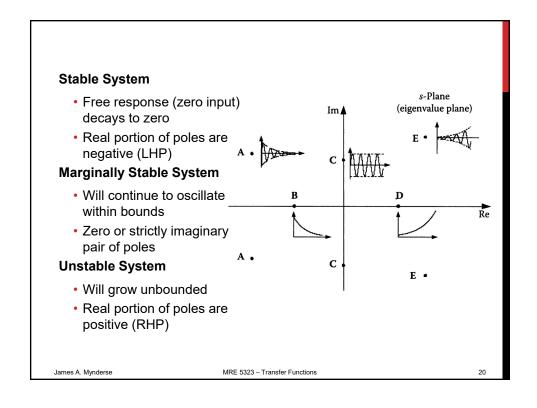


Hanging pendulum returns to equilibrium (stable)
Inverted pendulum does not return to equilibrium (unstable)

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TIME DELAYS

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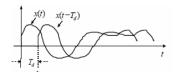
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WHAT IF OUR SYSTEM HAS A TIME DELAY?

Mathematical Model in Time-Domain

$$z(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < T_d \\ x(t - T_d) & t > T_d \end{cases}$$



Mathematical Model in s-Domain

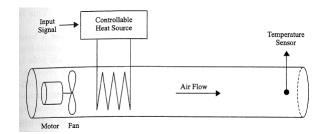
$$Z(s) = \int_0^\infty z(t)e^{-st}dt = \int_0^{T_d} 0 \cdot e^{-st}dt + \int_{T_d}^\infty x(t - T_d)e^{-st}dt$$
$$= \int_{T_d}^\infty x(t - T_d)e^{-s(t - T_d)}e^{-sT_d}d(t - T_d)$$

Transfer Function for Pure Delay of T_d sec

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EXAMPLE: FORCED AIR HEATING SYSTEM



Temperature sensor is a thermocouple with first-order response

Temperature measurement is also effected by time required for air to move from heat source to sensor

$$H(s) = e^{-sT_d} \frac{K_s}{\tau s + 1}$$

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TIME DELAYS CAN BE APPROXIMATED AS AN LTI SYSTEM (PADE APPROX.)

First order approximation:

$$e^{-sT_d} \approx \frac{2 - sT_d}{2 + sT_d}$$

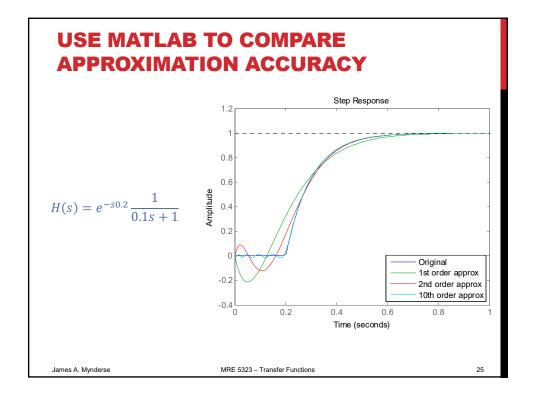
Second order approximation:

$$e^{-sT_d} \approx \frac{1 - \frac{T_d}{2}s + \frac{T_d^2}{12}s^2}{1 + \frac{T_d}{2}s + \frac{T_d^2}{12}s^2}$$

Higher order approximations are available!

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COMING UP...

Dynamic Response

- 1st and 2nd order step response
- System identification (time response)
- Effects of system zeros
- · Transient and steady state

Frequency Response

- Frequency response of LTI systems
- Bode plots
- System identification (frequency response)
- Modeling errors in Bode plots

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