

Problem 4: Working backwards: From the pole-zero plot... back to the ODE !

Pertinent readings for Problem #4:

Nise - Control systems engineering (6th ed)

(Located under /Resources + textbooks section on Blackboard)

Ch. 4: Pages 163 - 169 (Intro to pole-zero plots for Laplace domain analysis)

Your tasks for this section: (Turn in any paper-written work (blue-highlighted parts))

Part A: Going backwards from $H(s)$ to the original ODE

Suppose your boss gave you access to the pole and zeros of $H(s)$ for a system that a competing company is also building:

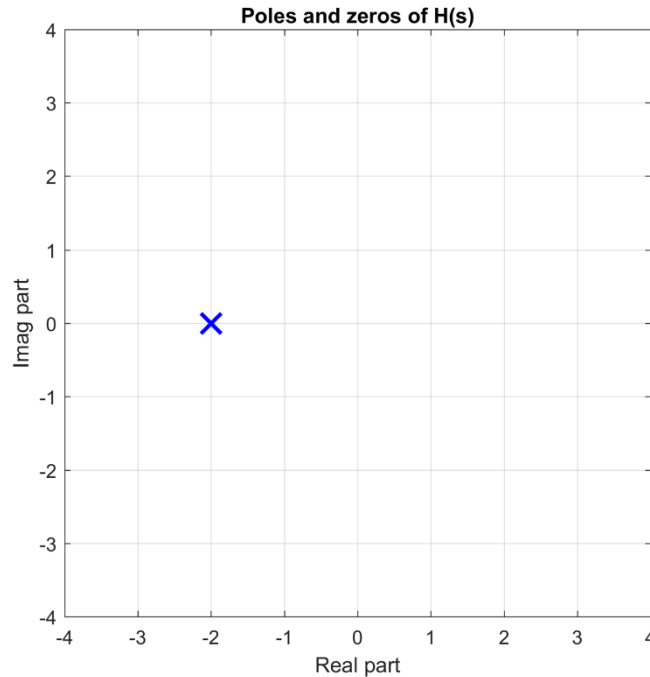


Figure 1: For this $H(s)$, we only have one pole at $p_1 = -2$ (and it does not contain zeros)

From class, you know if we only have 1 pole for our transfer function $H(s)$, we can translate the diagram in Figure 1 to this equation:

$$H(s) = \frac{K}{s - p_1} \quad , \quad \text{where} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Zeros:} & \text{None !!} \\ \text{Poles:} & p_1 = -2 \\ \text{Also:} & K = \text{some constant} \end{array} \right.$$

1) Working backwards, re-engineer your competitor's design by finding the equivalent differential equation for this $H(s)$.

2) Now, consider our $H(s)$ again. Using the inverse Laplace transform, find the impulse response $y(t) = h(t)$ and make a crude sketch of what $h(t)$ should look like.

Part B: Complex conjugate poles... with 1 zero !

Suppose your boss gave you a pole-zero diagram of $H(s)$ from another system :

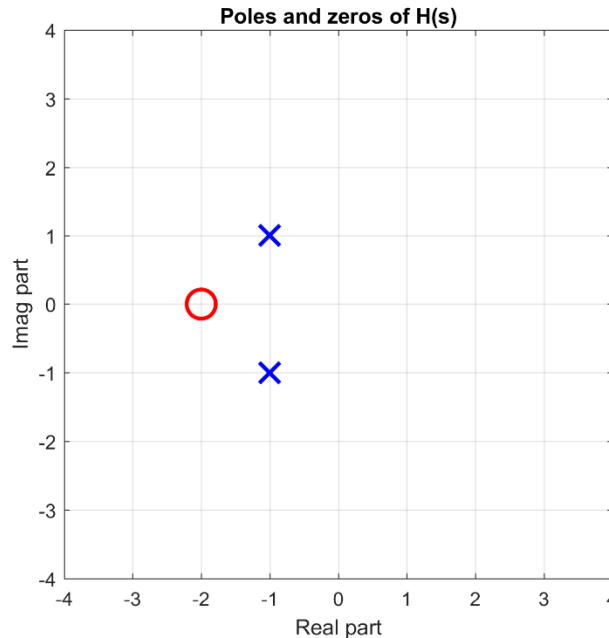


Figure 2: For this $H(s)$, we have one zero and a pair of complex conjugate poles.

From class, you know if we only have 1 pole for our transfer function $H(s)$, we can translate the diagram in Figure 1 to this equation:

$$H(s) = \frac{s - q_1}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2)} , \quad \text{where} \begin{cases} \text{Zeros:} & q_1 = -2 \\ \text{Poles:} & p_{1,2} = -1 \pm j \end{cases}$$

Assume there are no other terms in the numerator

1) Working backwards, **find the equivalent differential equation** for this $H(s)$.

2) Now, consider our $H(s)$ again. Using the inverse Laplace transform, **find the impulse response** $y(t) = h(t)$ and **make a crude sketch** of what $h(t)$ should look like. Your answer for $h(t)$ must be written in a compact, θ –phase-shifted exponential cosine format, where:

$$h(t) = 2 |K| e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega t + \theta) , \quad \text{where } K = |K| e^{j\theta} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Complex number in} \\ \text{Euler form} \end{array} \right)$$