

# Stability

31. Determine the stability of the following LTI systems.

(a)  $H(s) = \frac{s+3}{s^2+3}$

(b)  $H(s) = \frac{4s+8}{(s^2+4s+13)(s+4)}$

(c)  $D\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} + E\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + C\frac{dy}{dt} = kx(t)$ , where the constants  $D, E, C$  and  $k$  are all positive.

32. Determine the stability of the LTI systems with the following impulse response functions.

(a)  $h(t) = [2t^3 - 2t^2 + 3t - 2](u(t) - u(t-10))$

(b)  $h(t) = \sin(2t)$

(c)  $h(t) = e^{-t} \sin(2t)$

(d)  $h(t) = e^t \sin(2t)$

Type 1: Given the transfer function  $\Rightarrow$  check poles location

e.g. 31. (a) (b)

(a)  $P_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{3}j \Rightarrow$  Imaginary axis  $\Rightarrow$  marginally stable

(b)  $P_1 = -4 \quad P_{2,3} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4 \times 1 \times 13}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 6j}{2}$

All in left half plane  $\Rightarrow$  stable

Type 2: Given the time domain function  $\Rightarrow$  Apply Laplace transform first

e.g. 31 (c)

$$DS^3Y(s) + ES^2Y(s) + CSY(s) = KX(s)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{k}{DS^3 + ES^2 + CS}$$

$$DS^3 + ES^2 + CS = S(CDS^2 + EST + C) = 0$$

$$P_1 = 0 \quad P_{2,3} = \frac{-E \pm \sqrt{E^2 - 4DC}}{2D}$$

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Imaginary axis  $\Rightarrow$  marginally stable

Type 3: Given the impulse response function  $\Rightarrow$  check absolutely integrable

e.g. Q32

OR Apply Laplace transform

Q32.

$$(b) H(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4}$$
$$P_{1,2} = \pm 2j \Rightarrow \text{marginally stable}$$

$$(c) H(s) = \frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 4}$$

$$(s+1)^2 + 4 = s^2 + 2s + 1 + 4 = s^2 + 2s + 5$$

$$P_{1,2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \times 1 \times 5}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 4j}{2} = -1 \pm 2j$$

All in left half plane  $\Rightarrow$  stable

$$(d) H(s) = \frac{2}{(s-1)^2 + 4}$$

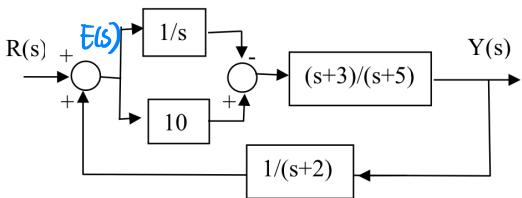
$$(s-1)^2 + 4 = s^2 - 2s + 1 + 4 = s^2 - 2s + 5$$

$$P_{1,2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \times 1 \times 5}}{2} = 1 \pm 2j$$

All in right half plane  $\Rightarrow$  unstable

Q1. Find the overall transfer functions of the following systems and discuss whether (a) and (b) are stable:

b)



open loop : (ignore feed back first)

$$E(s)(10 - \frac{1}{s}) \cdot \left(\frac{s+3}{s+5}\right) = Y(s)$$

$$G_{ol}(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{E(s)} = \frac{(10s-1)}{s} \cdot \frac{s+3}{s+5}$$

$$\text{feedback : } K(s) = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  close loop :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} &= \frac{G_{ol}(s)}{1 - k(s)G_{ol}(s)} = \frac{\frac{(10s-1)(s+3)}{s(s+5)}}{1 - \frac{1}{s+2} \frac{(10s-1)(s+3)}{s(s+5)}} \\ &\stackrel{\uparrow \text{in L1}}{=} \frac{(s+2)(10s-1)(s+3)}{(s+2)s(s+5) - (10s-1)(s+3)} \\ &= \frac{10s^3 + 49s^2 + 55s - 6}{s^3 - 3s^2 - 19s + 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } s^3 - 3s^2 - 19s + 3 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{use Matlab command} \\ \text{roots}([1 -3 -19 3])$$

$\Rightarrow$  Pole locations at  $s = 6.052, -3.21, 0.15$

At least one of the poles in RHP  $\Rightarrow$  unstable

**Q2.** Find the time domain expressions of the following Laplace domain signals

- a)  $U(s) = 10/s(s+5)$
- b)  $Y(s) = (4s+2)/(s^2 + 5s + 8)$

(b)  $Y(s) = \frac{4s+2}{s^2+5s+8}$  Try to complete the square term  
 $= \frac{4s+2}{(s+2.5)^2 + \frac{7}{4}}$

According to table,  $\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2+b^2} \leftrightarrow e^{-at} \cos bt$

$\frac{b}{(s+a)^2+b^2} \leftrightarrow e^{-at} \sin bt$

Here  $a = 2.5$   $b = \sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}$

$$Y(s) = \frac{4(s+2.5)-8}{(s+2.5)^2 + \frac{7}{4}} = 4 \frac{(s+2.5)}{(s+2.5)^2 + \frac{7}{4}} - \frac{\frac{8}{b} \cdot b}{(s+2.5)^2 + \frac{7}{4}}$$

$\downarrow$

$$y(t) = 4 \cdot e^{-2.5t} \cos(\sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}t) - \frac{16}{\sqrt{7}} e^{-2.5t} \sin(\sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}t)$$

**Q3** a). If a signal  $u(t)=3$  was input into a system with transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+3s+2}$  what would be the steady state output?

b) If a signal  $u(t)=5-e^{-t}$  was input into a system with transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+6s+9} \text{ what would be the steady state output?}$$

c) If  $u(t)=1$  was input into a system with transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{s+3}{s-2}$  what would be the steady state output?

Determine whether system is stable first

$$(b) G(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2+6s+9} \quad \text{let } s^2+6s+9=0 \quad p_{1,2} = -3 \Rightarrow \text{stable.}$$

$$V(s) = \frac{5}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1} = \frac{4s+5}{s(s+1)}$$

$$Y(s) = V(s)G(s) = \frac{4s+5}{s(s+1)} \cdot \frac{s+1}{(s+3)^2} = \frac{4s+5}{s(s+3)^2}$$

$$\text{Final value theorem: } y(00) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \cdot Y(s) = \frac{5 \times 1}{1 \times 9} = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$(c) G(s) = \frac{s+3}{s^2} \quad p_1=2 \Rightarrow \text{unstable.}$$

there will be no steady state output!

**Q4:** Without using inverse Laplace transforms, quantitatively describe (as appropriate) the response of the following systems to a unit step input:

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

$$G(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 2s + 2} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \quad (\text{second order system transfer function})$$

$\Rightarrow$  natural frequency  $\omega_n = \sqrt{2}$  rad/s, damping ratio  $\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

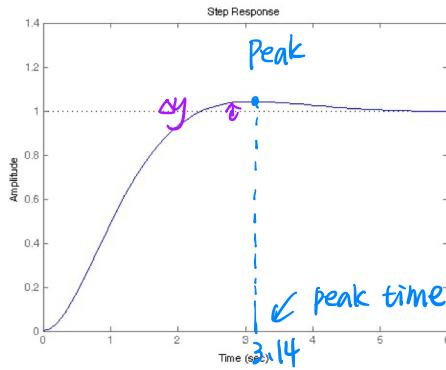
damped natural frequency  $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} = 1$  rad/s

peak time :  $t_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} = \pi \approx 3.14$  s

Maximum overshoot :  $M_p = e^{\frac{-\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}} = e^{-\pi} \approx 4.0\%$

Checking using Matlab (`>>step([2], [1 2 2])`):

$$\Delta y = y_{\text{final}} - M_p = 4.0\% \\ = 0.04$$



**Q6.** The input torque ( $u$ ) to output angle ( $\theta$ ) relationship of a simple rigid damped pendulum undergoing friction about small angles can be approximated by the equation:

$$I\ddot{\theta} = -b\dot{\theta} - \frac{g}{l}\theta + u$$

Here  $I$  is the inertia,  $b$  is a friction coefficient,  $g$  is acceleration due to gravity and  $l$  is the length of the pendulum.

- a) Find the transfer function of the system
- b) If  $I = 1$ ,  $b = 3$  and  $g = 9.8$ , what length pendulum should be used to give the impulse response with a frequency of  $1$  rad/s?
- c) What range of lengths would result in the impulse response having a frequency <  $2$  rad/s?
- d) Identify the settling time for your answer to b
- e) What would be the peak overshoot if a step input of size  $2$  was input to the system, ie  $u(t) = 2$ .
- f) At what time would the maximum overshoot occur?
- g) Roughly sketch the response.

$$(a) IS^2\theta(s) = -bs\theta(s) - \frac{g}{l}\theta(s) + U(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\theta(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{1}{IS^2 + bS + \frac{g}{l}}$$

$$(b) G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \frac{9.8}{l}} \quad \omega_d = 1 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$= \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \Rightarrow \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{9.8}{l}} \quad \zeta = \frac{3}{2\omega_n} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\frac{9.8}{l}}}$$

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9.8}{l}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{4 \times 9.8}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.8}{l} - \frac{9}{4}} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{9.8}{l} - \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{9.8}{l} = \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow l = 3.0154m$$

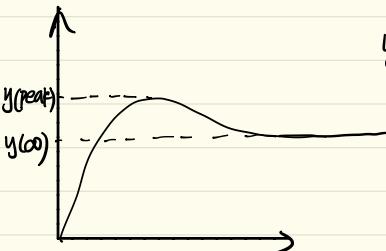
$$(c) \omega_d = \sqrt{\frac{9.8}{l} - \frac{9}{4}} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9.8}{l} - \frac{9}{4} < 4 \Rightarrow l > 1.56m$$

$$(d) t_s = \frac{-\ln(\% \text{ settle})}{\zeta} = \frac{-\ln(0.01)}{\zeta \omega_n} = \frac{4.6}{1.5} = 3.15$$

- e) What would be the peak overshoot if a step input of size 2 was input to the system, ie  $u(t) = 2$ .  $(use \ z = 3, 0.154m)$
- f) At what time would the maximum overshoot occur?
- g) Roughly sketch the response.

$$(e) M_p = e^{\left(\frac{-\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\right)} = e^{-\frac{\pi \times 0.83}{\sqrt{1-0.83^2}}} = 0.93\%$$



$$y(\text{peak}) = y(\infty) \cdot M_p$$

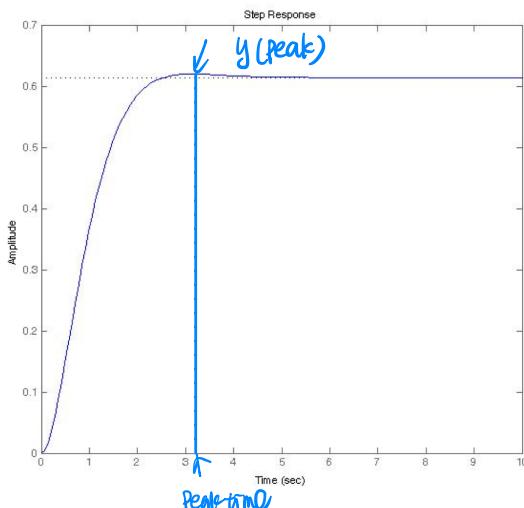
$$Y(s) = G(s) \cdot U(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 3.25} \cdot \frac{2}{s}$$

$$y(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s Y(s) = \frac{2}{3.25} = 0.6154$$

$$y(\text{peak}) = 0.6154 \times 0.93\% = 0.0057$$

$$(f) t_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} = \pi \text{ sec}$$

from the previous sections should end up with something that works



$$\leftarrow y(\infty) = 0.6154$$