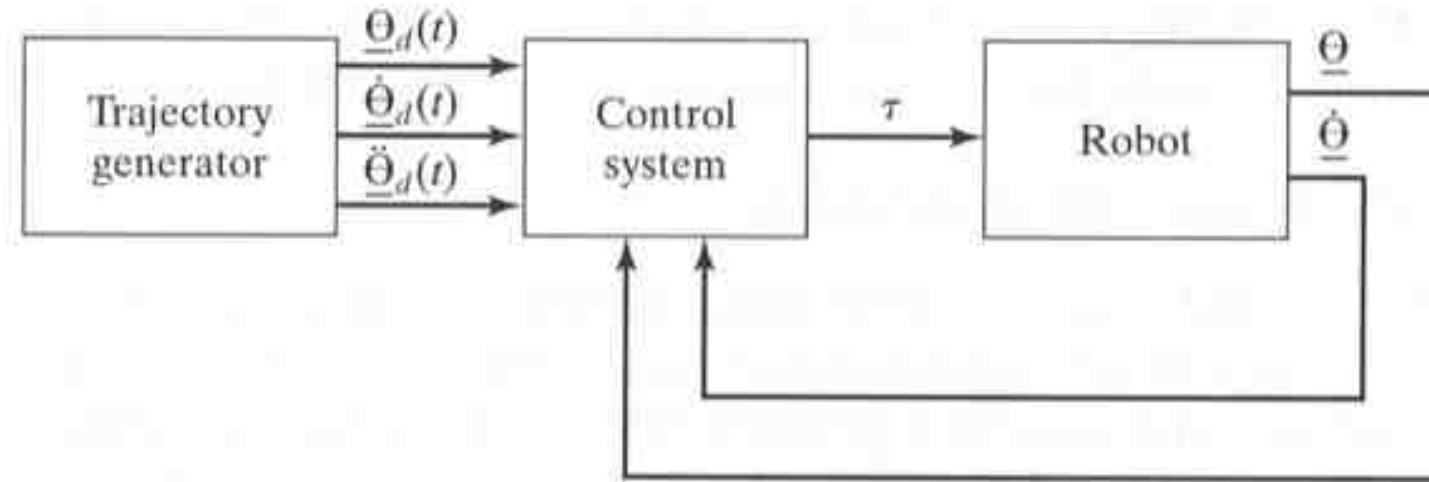


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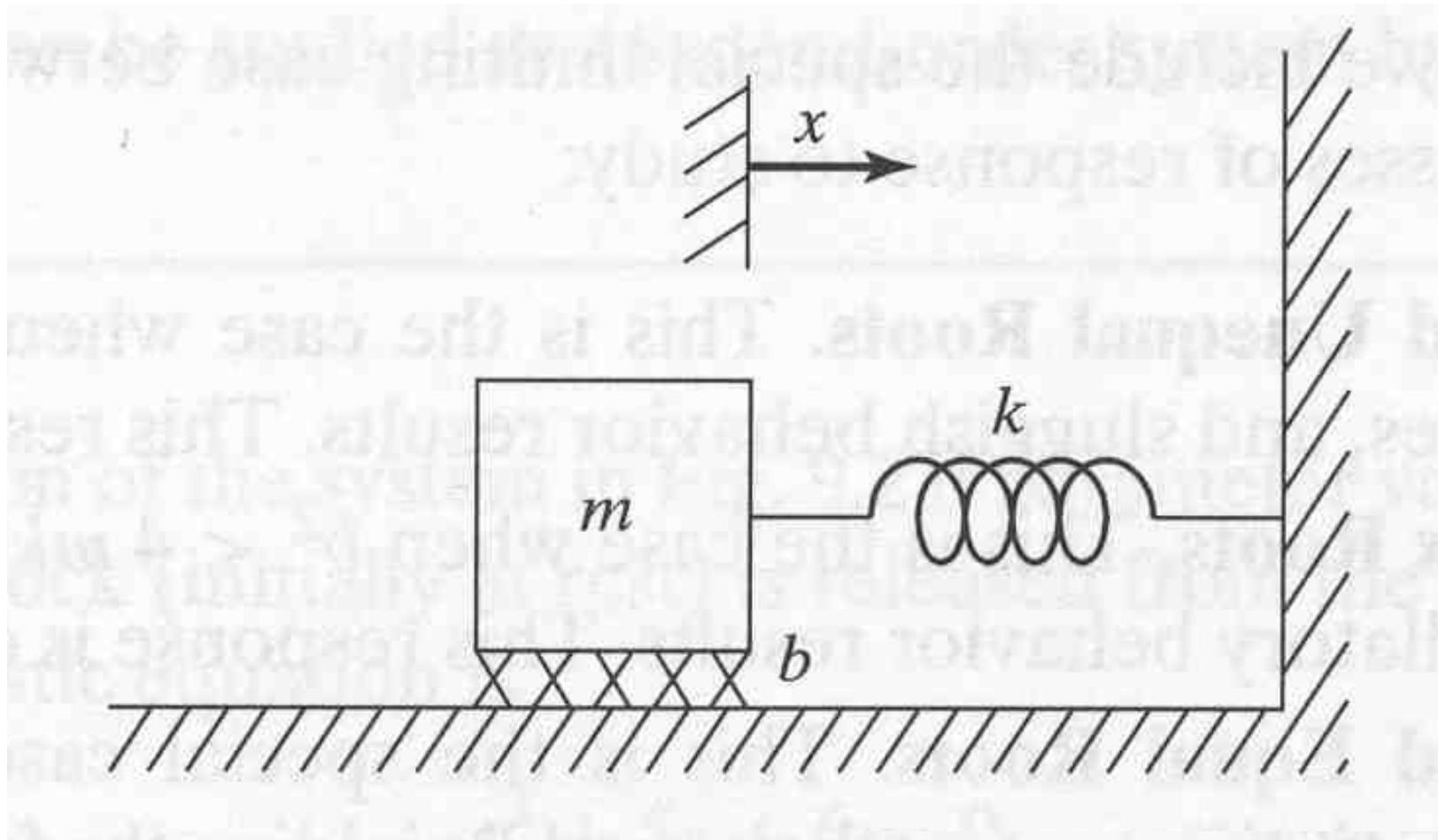
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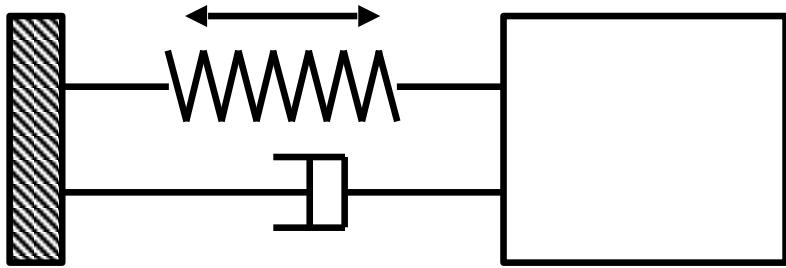
$$\tau = M(\underline{\Theta}_d)\ddot{\underline{\Theta}}_d + V(\underline{\Theta}_d, \dot{\underline{\Theta}}_d) + G(\underline{\Theta}_d)$$



$$\ddot{m}x + \dot{b}x + kx = 0$$

$$ms^2 + bs + k = 0$$

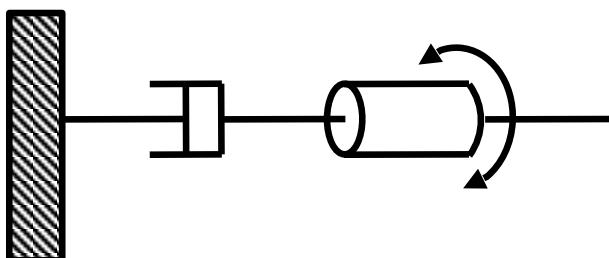
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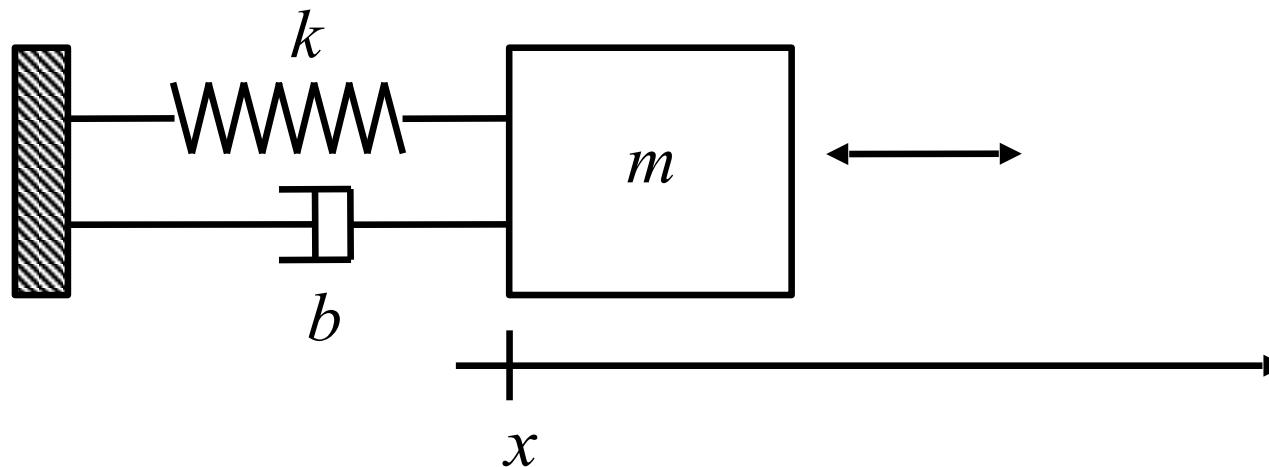
So far our analysis has been purely kinematic:

- The transient response has been ignored
- The inertia, damping, and elasticity of the plant have been ignored

But – no more!



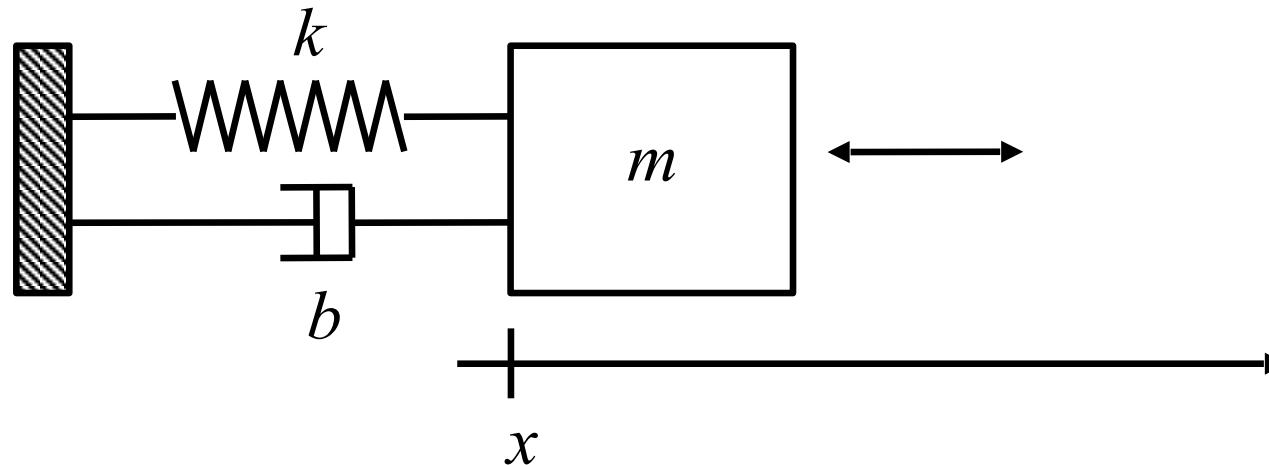
The prototypical second order system is the mass spring damper.  
Let's analyze this system:



Force exerted by the spring:  $f = -kx$

Force exerted by the damper:  $f = -b\dot{x}$

Force exerted by the inertia of the mass:  $f = -m\ddot{x}$

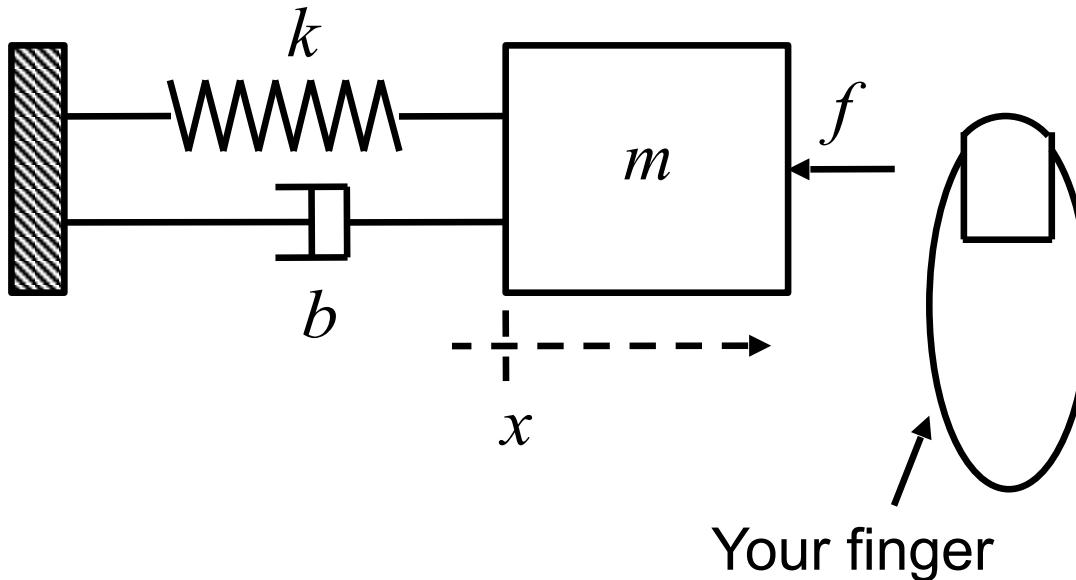


Consider the motion of the mass

- there are no other forces acting on the mass
- therefore, the equation of motion is the sum of the forces:

$$0 = m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx$$

Why is this a linear system?

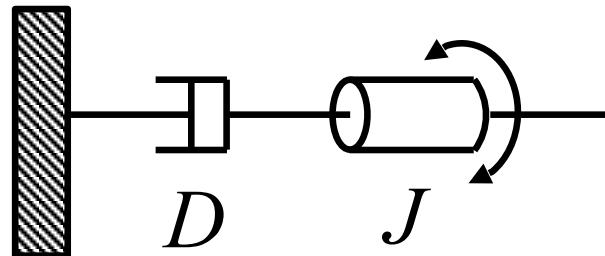


Suppose that your finger “plucks” the mass (i.e. applies a dirac delta transient force):

$$f = m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx$$

Write the equation of motion for a torsional damped inertia:

- For example, a rotating shaft with friction



Torque due to inertia:  $\tau = -J\ddot{\theta}$

Torque due to damping:  $\tau = -D\dot{\theta}$

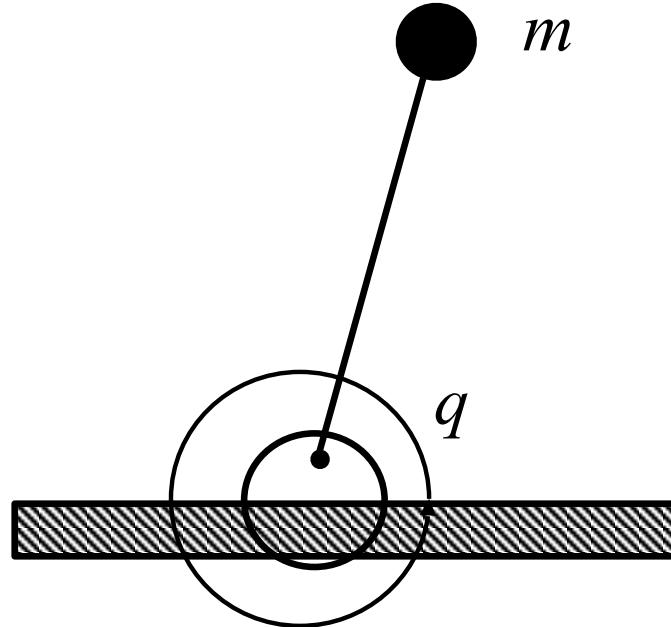
$$\tau = J\ddot{\theta} + D\dot{\theta}$$

# TUM Writing the Equations of Motion: Example 2

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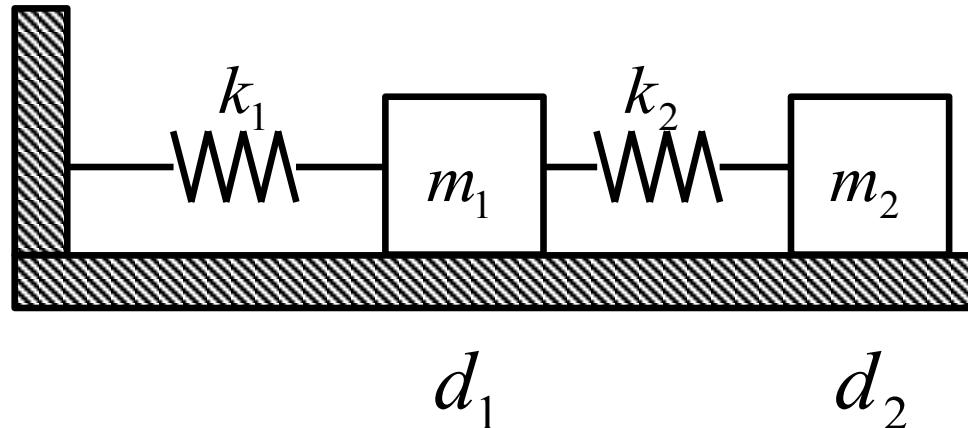
Write the equations of motion for the following:

- assume a frictionless joint



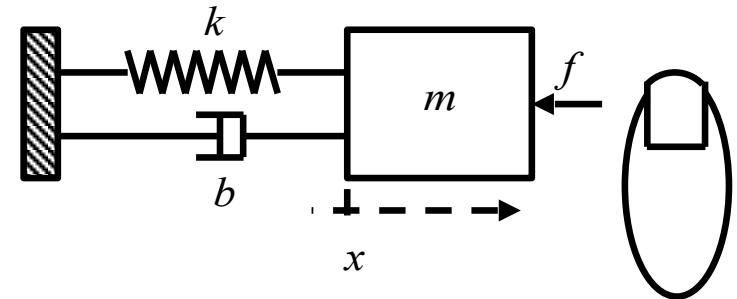
$$0 = -ml^2\ddot{q} - mgl \cos(q)$$

Write the equations of motion for the following:



$$0 = -m_1 \ddot{x}_1 - d_1 \dot{x}_1 - k_1 x_1 + k_2 (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$0 = -m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - d_2 \dot{x}_2 + k_2 (x_1 - x_2)$$



How does the mass respond to the transient force?

- You have to solve this differential equation:

$$f = m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx$$

We will analyze it using the Laplace transform:

$$L[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

And the inverse Laplace transform:

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)u(t)$$

Linearity:  $L[kf(t)] = kF(s)$

$$L[f_1(t) + f_2(t)] = F_1(s) + F_2(s)$$

Frequency shift:  $L[e^{-at} f(t)] = F(s+a)$

Time shift:  $L[f(t-T)] = e^{-sT} F(s)$

Scaling:  $L[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$

Differentiation:  $L\left[\frac{df}{dt}\right] = sF(s) - f(0^-)$

$$L\left[\frac{d^2f}{dt^2}\right] = s^2F(s) - sf(0^-) - f'(0^-)$$

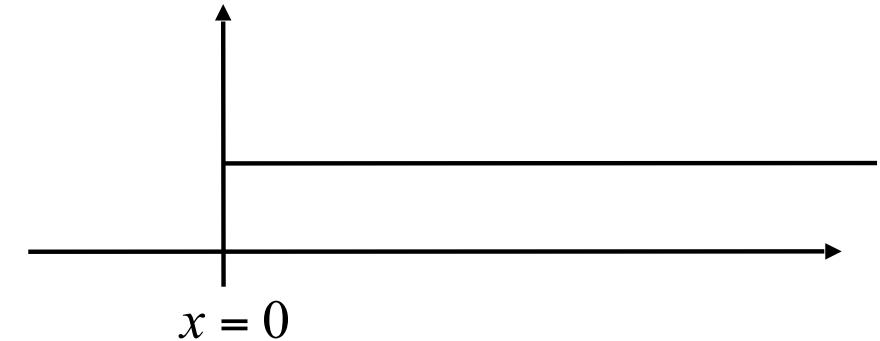
Integration:  $L\left[\int_{0^-}^t f(\tau) d\tau\right] = \frac{1}{s}F(s)$

Final value theorem:  $f(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$

$$L[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

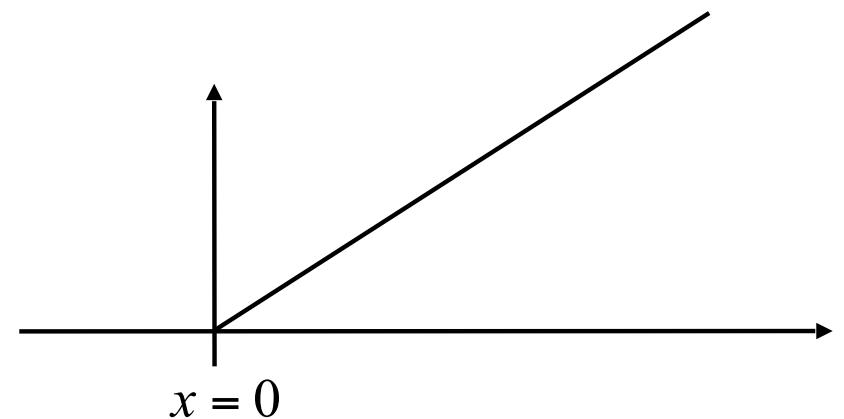
Step function:  $u(t)$

$$L[u(t)] = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_{0^-}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s}$$



Ramp function:  $tu(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} L[tu(t)] &= \int_{0^-}^{\infty} te^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{t}{s} e^{-st} + \frac{1}{s} \int_{0^-}^{\infty} e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{t}{s} e^{-st} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} = \frac{1}{s^2} \end{aligned}$$



Given:  $f(t) = Ae^{-at}u(t)$ , find  $F(s)$

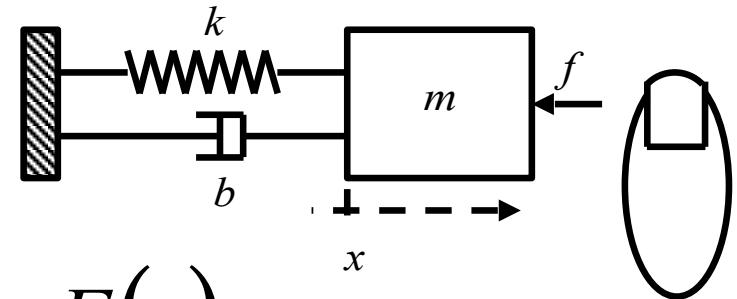
$$L[u(t)] = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$L[e^{-at}u(t)] = \frac{1}{s+a}$$

$$L[e^{-at}f(t)] = F(s+a)$$

$$L[Ae^{-at}u(t)] = \frac{A}{s+a}$$

$$L[kf(t)] = kF(s)$$

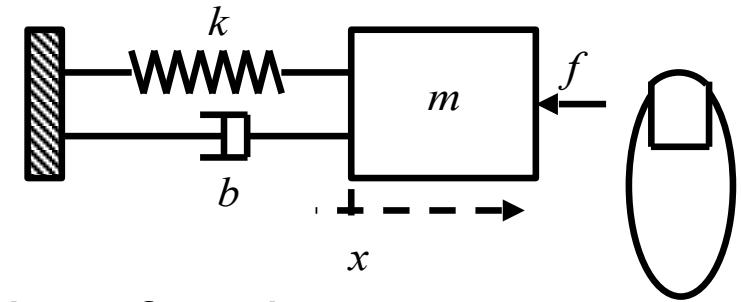


Given:  $f(t) = m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx$ , find  $F(s)$

$$L\left[\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right] = s^2x$$

$$L\left[\frac{dx}{dt}\right] = sx$$

$$F(s) = s^2mX(s) + sbX(s) + kX(s)$$



The Laplace transform of the SMD equation of motion:

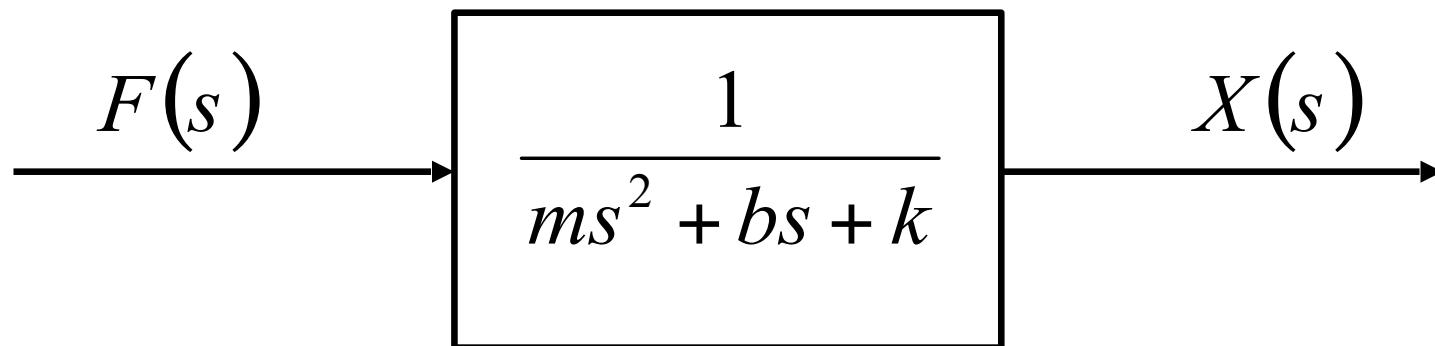
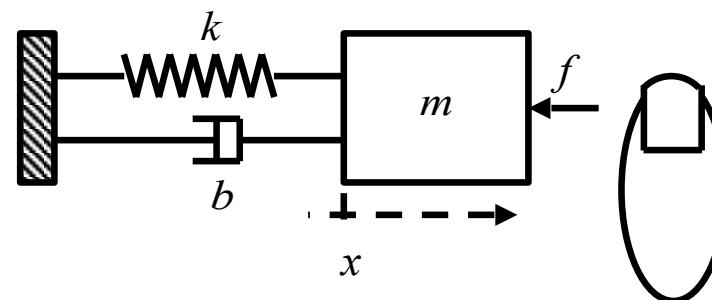
$$F(s) = s^2 m X(s) + s b X(s) + k X(s)$$

SMD transfer function:

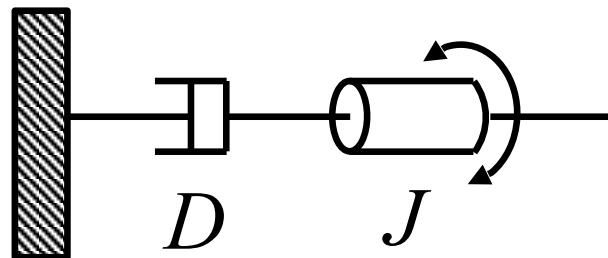
$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + bs + k}$$

This is called the “characteristic equation” of the transfer function.

Multiplying by this expression converts forces to displacements in the frequency domain



Write the transform for the following system:



$$\tau = J\ddot{\theta} + D\dot{\theta}$$

$$T(s) = J\Theta(s)s^2 + D\Theta(s)s$$

$$\frac{\Theta(s)}{T(s)} = \frac{1}{Js^2 + Ds}$$

Suppose you have the following:

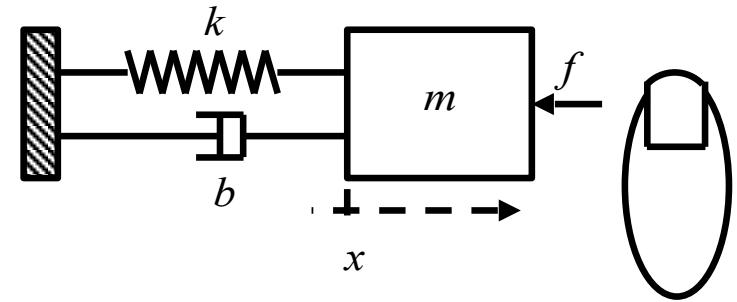
$$\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)(s+c)}$$

You can always decompose the denominator as follows:

$$\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)(s+c)} = \frac{K_1}{(s+a)} + \frac{K_2}{(s+b)} + \frac{K_3}{(s+c)}$$

for some values of  $K_1, K_2, K_3$

You have to solve for these constants (you don't need to know how for this course).



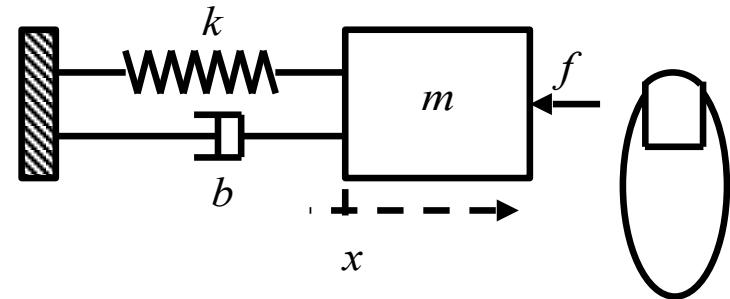
$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 5s + 6}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{K_1}{(s+2)} + \frac{K_2}{(s+3)}$$

$$g(t) = K_1 e^{-2t} + K_2 e^{-3t}$$

Note that the transient response decomposes into two exponentials

- The  $e^{-2t}$  one dominates...



If you reduce damping term, then the mass will oscillate:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 6}$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Note that in this case, the characteristic equation has complex roots:

$$-1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{4 - 24}}{2} = -1 \pm \frac{i\sqrt{20}}{2}$$

The roots have an  
imaginary component:

$$-1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{4 - 24}}{2} = -1 \pm \frac{i\sqrt{20}}{2}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{K_1}{\left(s + 1 + \frac{i\sqrt{20}}{2}\right)} + \frac{K_2}{\left(s + 1 - \frac{i\sqrt{20}}{2}\right)}$$

Remember Euler's identity:  $e^{j\sigma} + e^{-j\sigma} = 2 \cos(\sigma)$

$$e^{j\sigma} + e^{-j\sigma} = 2 \cos(\sigma)$$

Frequency domain:  $G(s) = \frac{K_1}{\left(s + 1 + \frac{i\sqrt{20}}{2}\right)} + \frac{K_2}{\left(s + 1 - \frac{i\sqrt{20}}{2}\right)}$

Time domain: 
$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= K_1 e^{\left(-1 + \frac{j\sqrt{20}}{2}\right)t} + K_2 e^{\left(-1 - \frac{j\sqrt{20}}{2}\right)t} \\ &= e^{-t} \left( K_1 e^{\frac{j\sqrt{20}}{2}t} + K_2 e^{\frac{-j\sqrt{20}}{2}t} \right) \\ &= e^{-t} \left( K_1 \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + K_1 \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + K_2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + K_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

# SMD Transient Response: Example (corrected)

$$\begin{aligned}g(t) &= e^{-t} \left( K_1 e^{\frac{j\sqrt{20}}{2}t} + K_2 e^{\frac{-j\sqrt{20}}{2}t} \right) \\&= e^{-t} \left( K_1 \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + K_1 \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + K_2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + K_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) \right) \\&= e^{-t} \left( (K_1 + K_2) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + (K_2 - K_1) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) \right) \\&= K_3 e^{-t} \left( K_4 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) + K_5 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t\right) \right) \\&= K_5 e^{-t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2}t - \phi\right)\end{aligned}$$

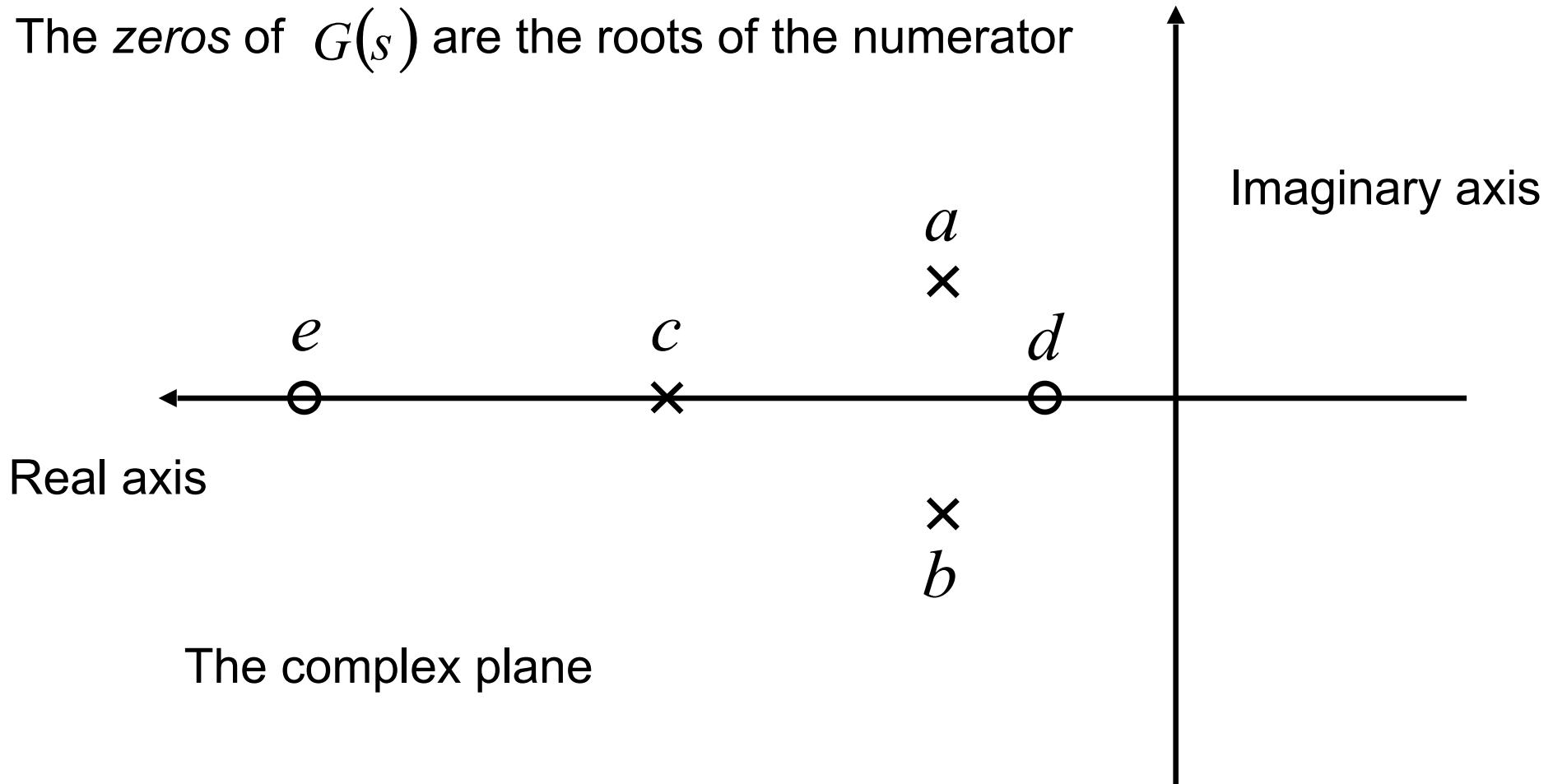
The bottom line: imaginary roots in the characteristic equation indicate that the system will oscillate.

Consider the following transfer fn:

$$G(s) = \frac{(s-d)(s-e)}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

How do we characterize the transient response?

- The *poles* of  $G(s)$  are the roots of the denominator
- The *zeros* of  $G(s)$  are the roots of the numerator



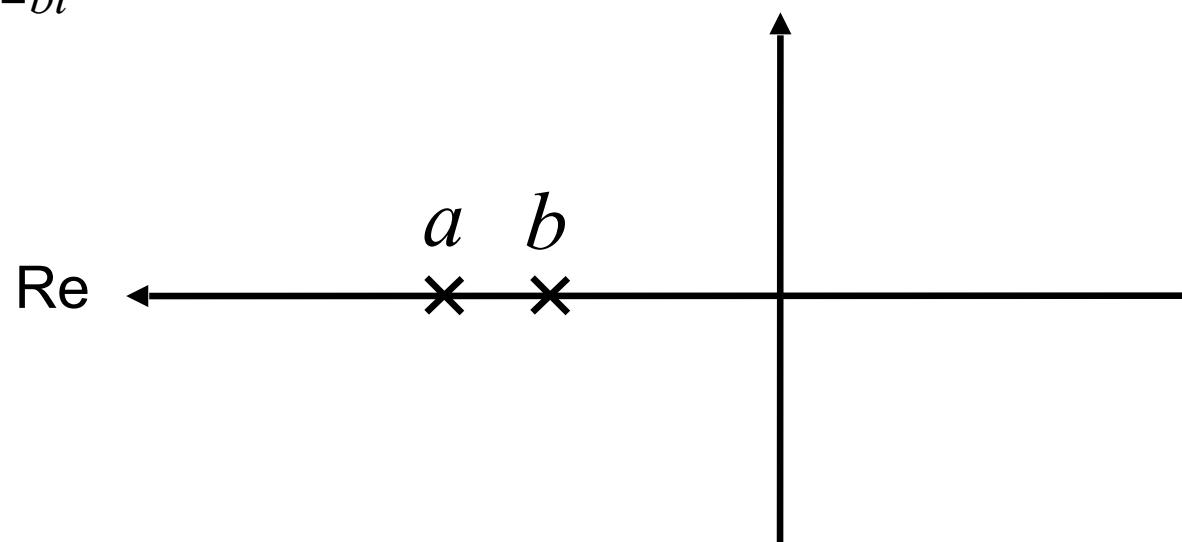
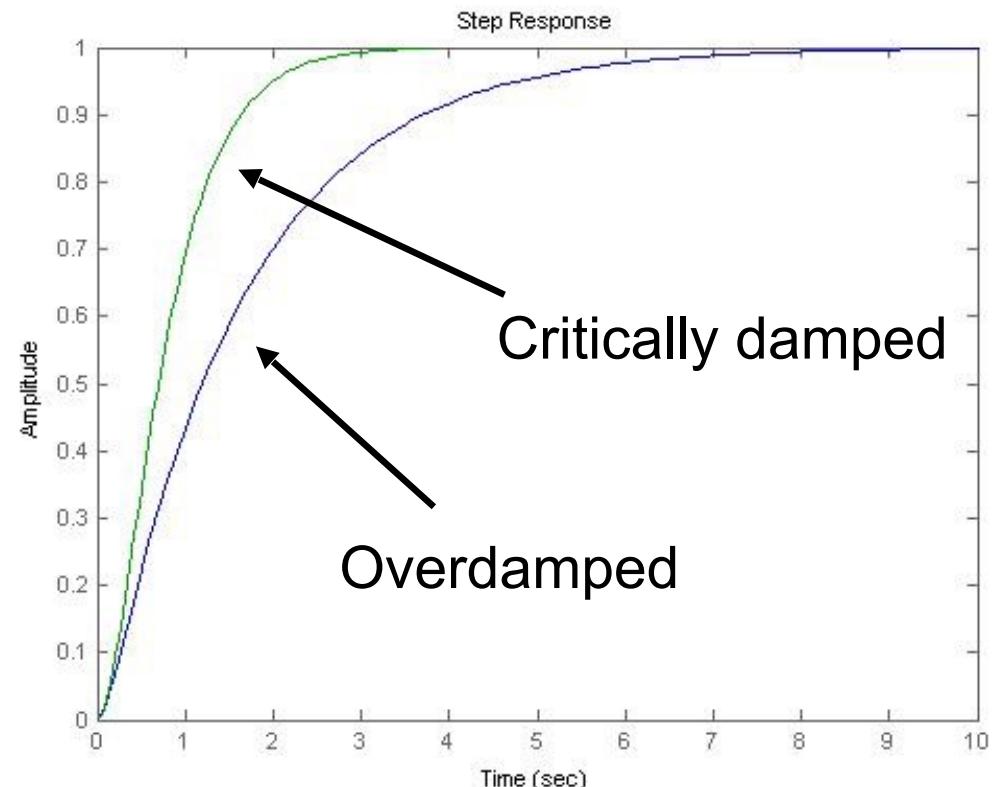
# Transient Response

Different negative real poles correspond to non-oscillatory exponential decay

- Overdamped

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{(s + a)(s + b)}$$

$$g(t) = K_1 e^{-at} + K_2 e^{-bt}$$

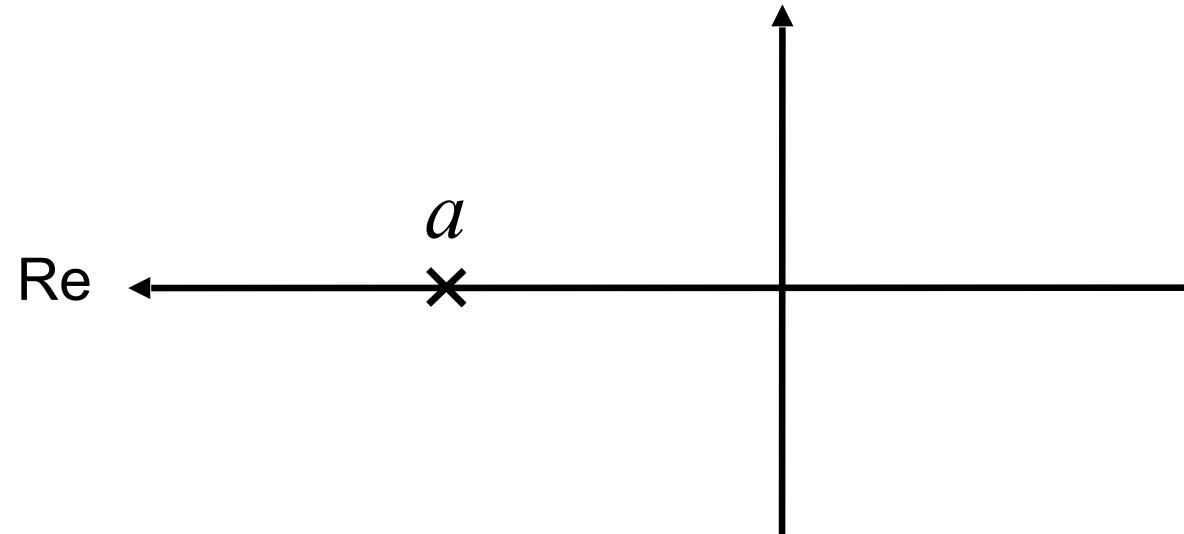
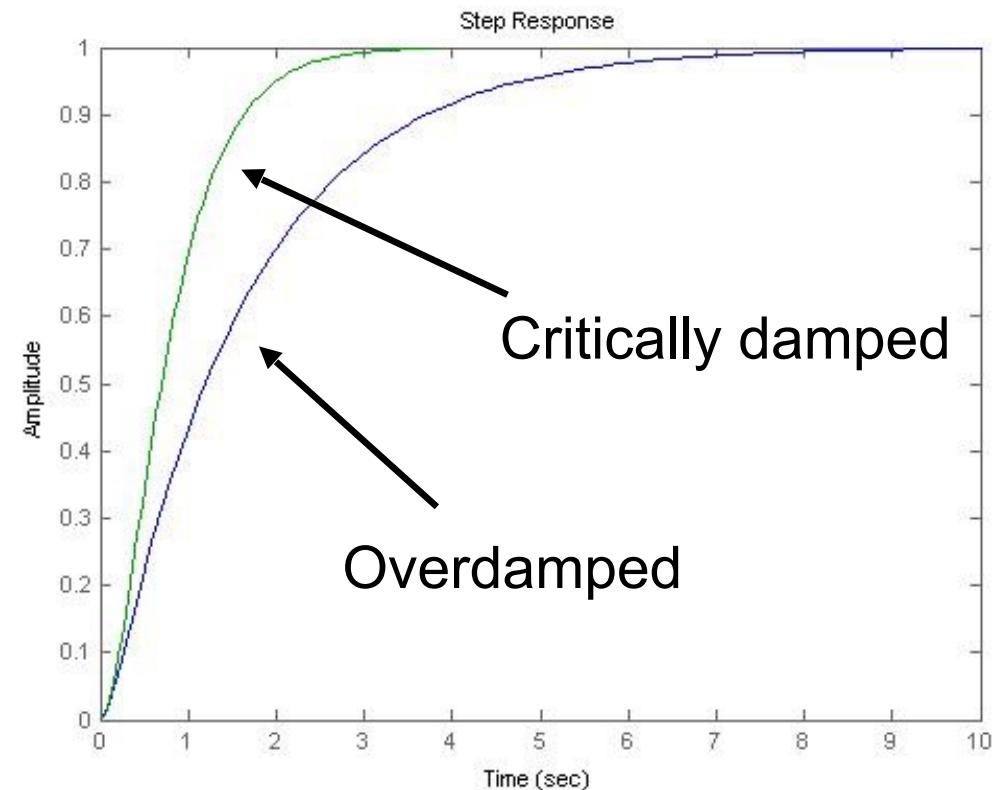


Repeated negative real poles correspond to the “fastest” non-oscillatory exponential decay possible in a second order system

- Critically damped

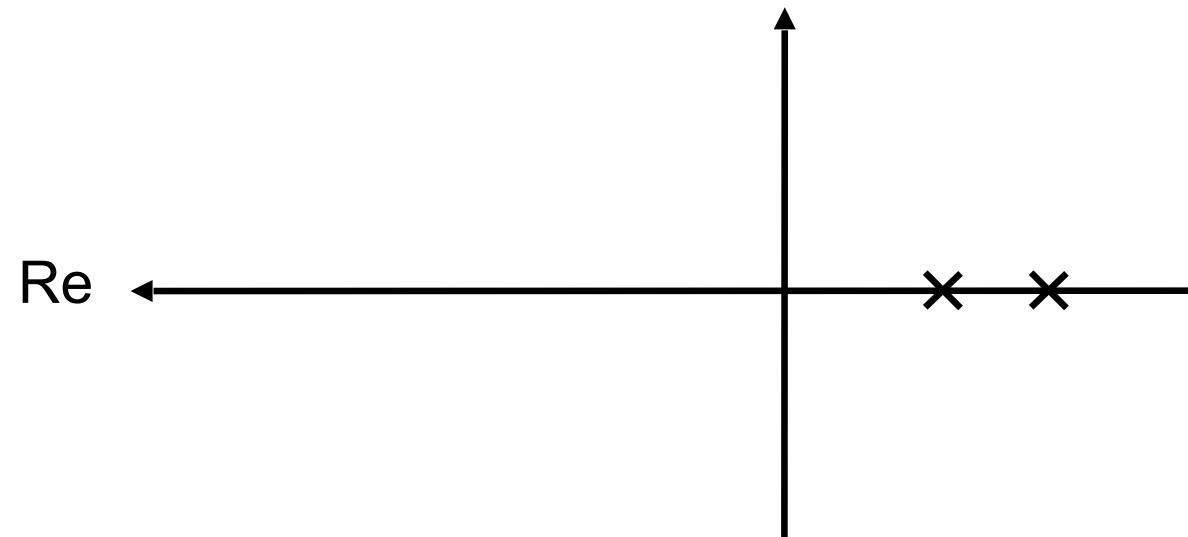
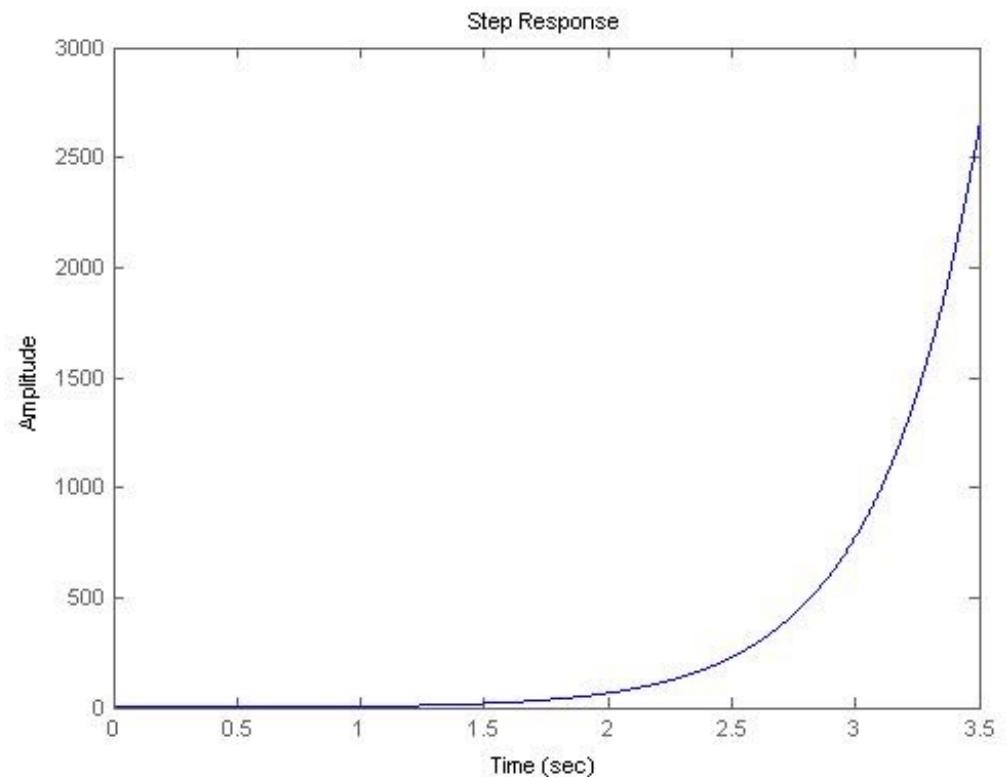
$$G(s) = \frac{1}{(s + a)(s + a)}$$

$$g(t) = 2K_1 e^{-at}$$



Positive real poles correspond to non-oscillatory exponential increase

- Not BIBO stable



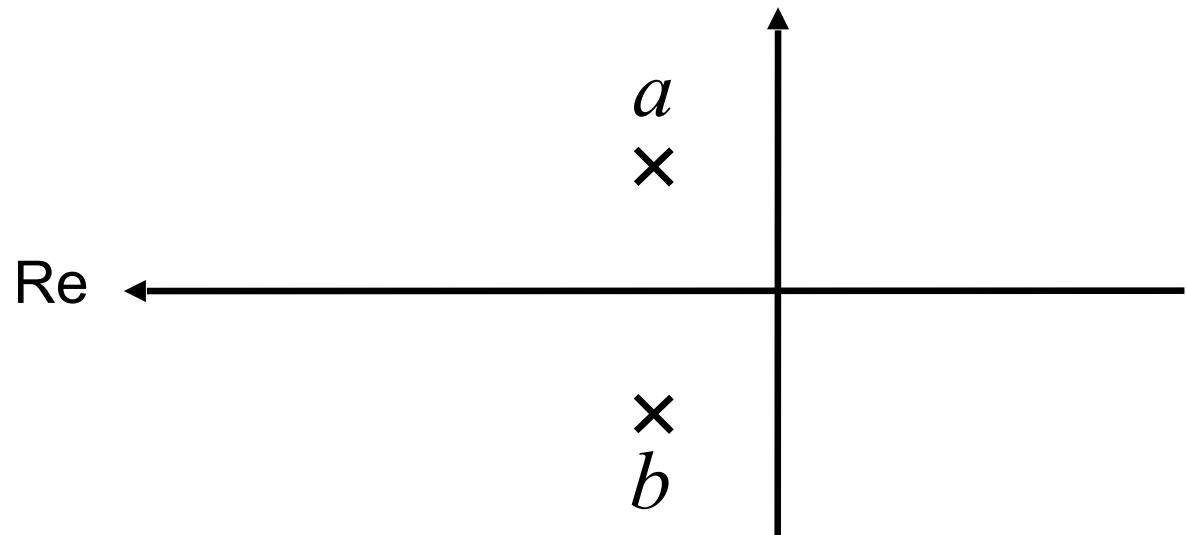
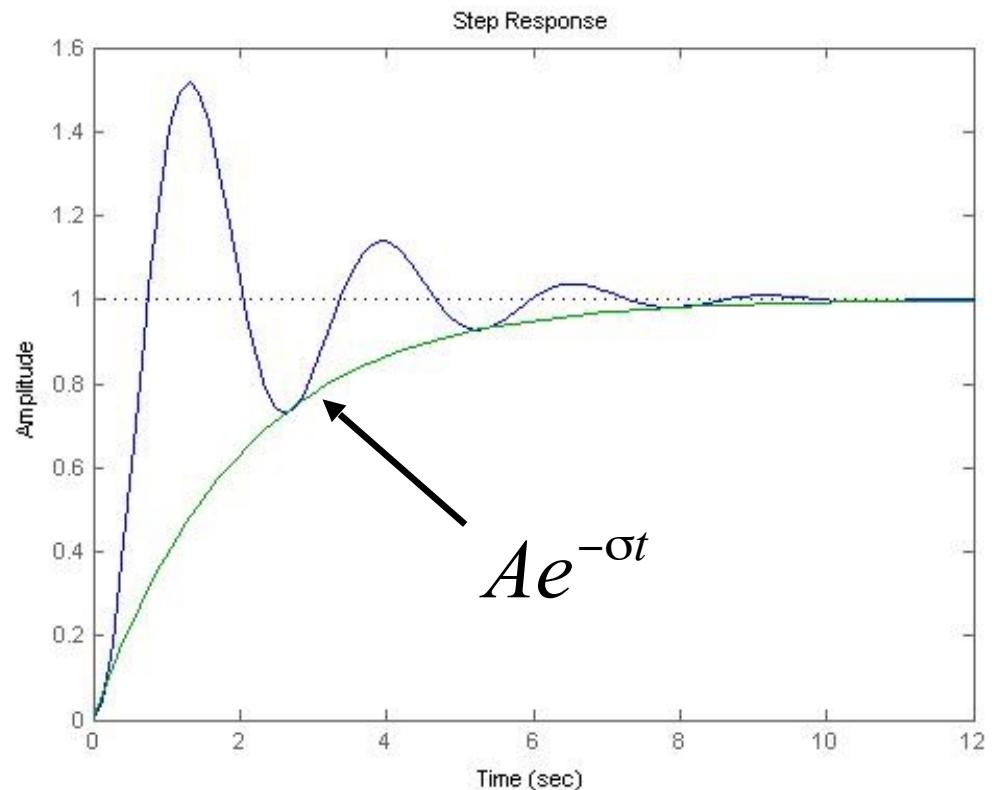
# Transient Response

If there is an imaginary component to the root, then the system oscillates

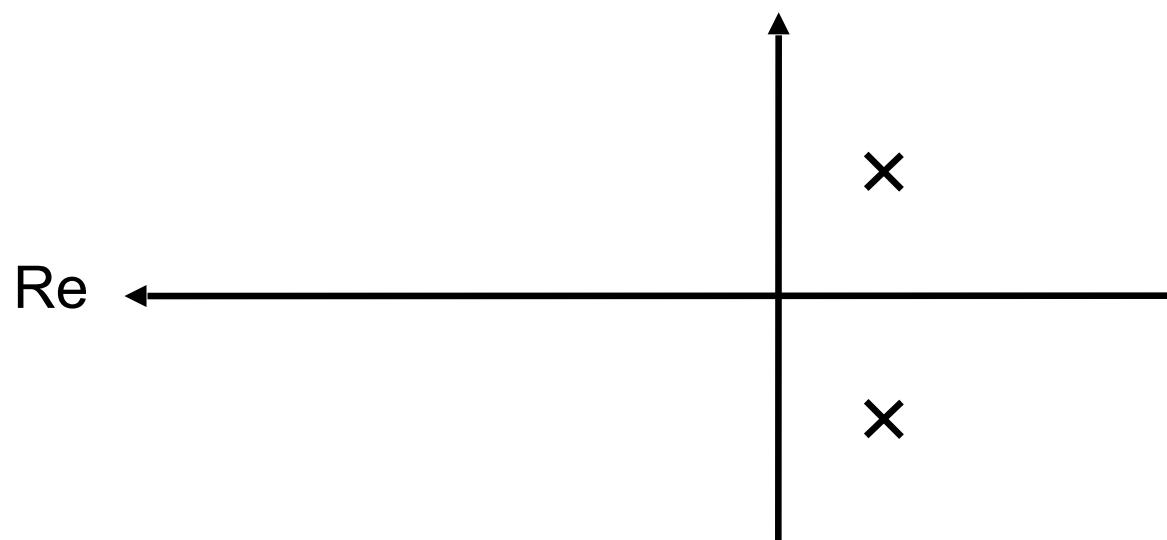
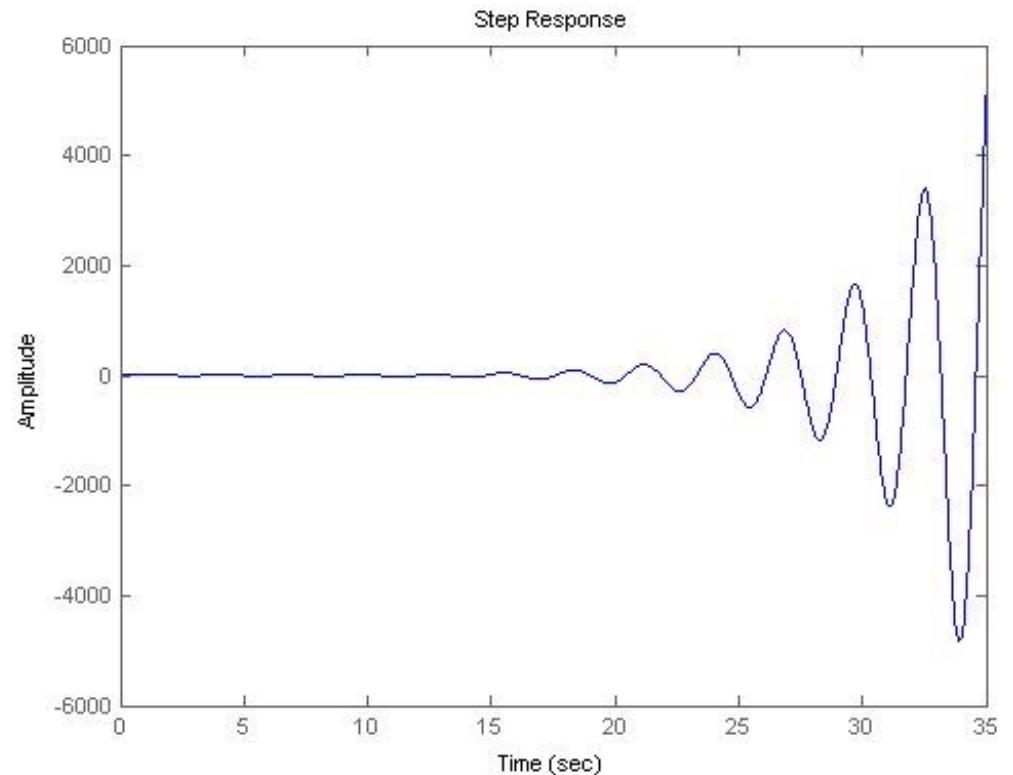
- Underdamped

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{(s + \sigma + j\omega)(s + \sigma - j\omega)}$$

$$g(t) = Ae^{-\sigma t} \cos(\omega t - \phi)$$

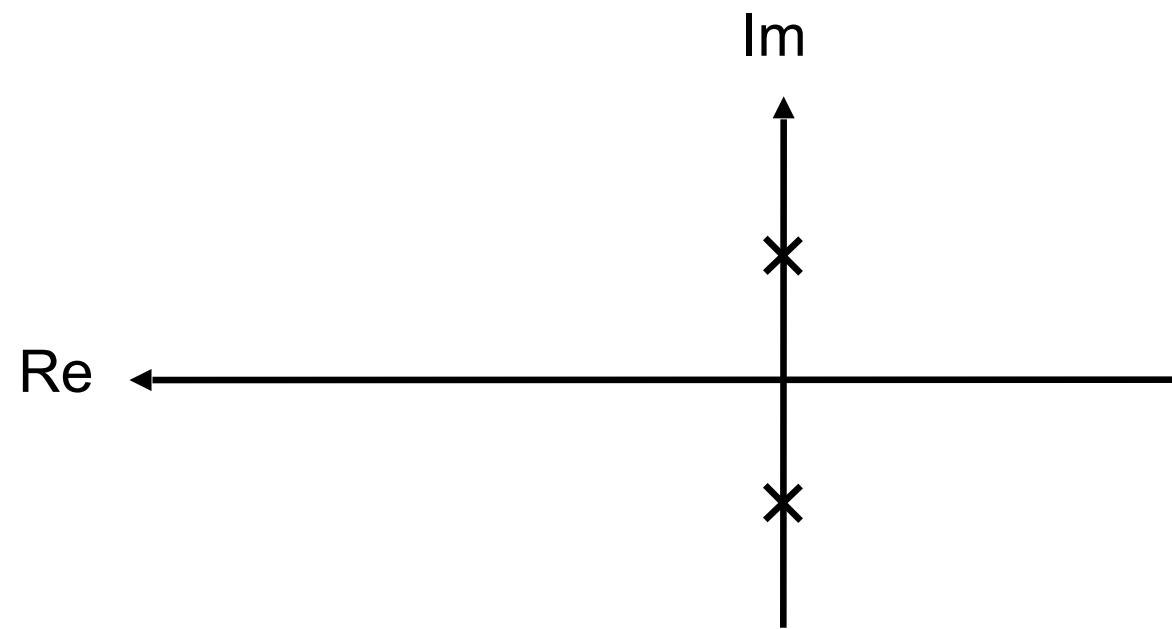
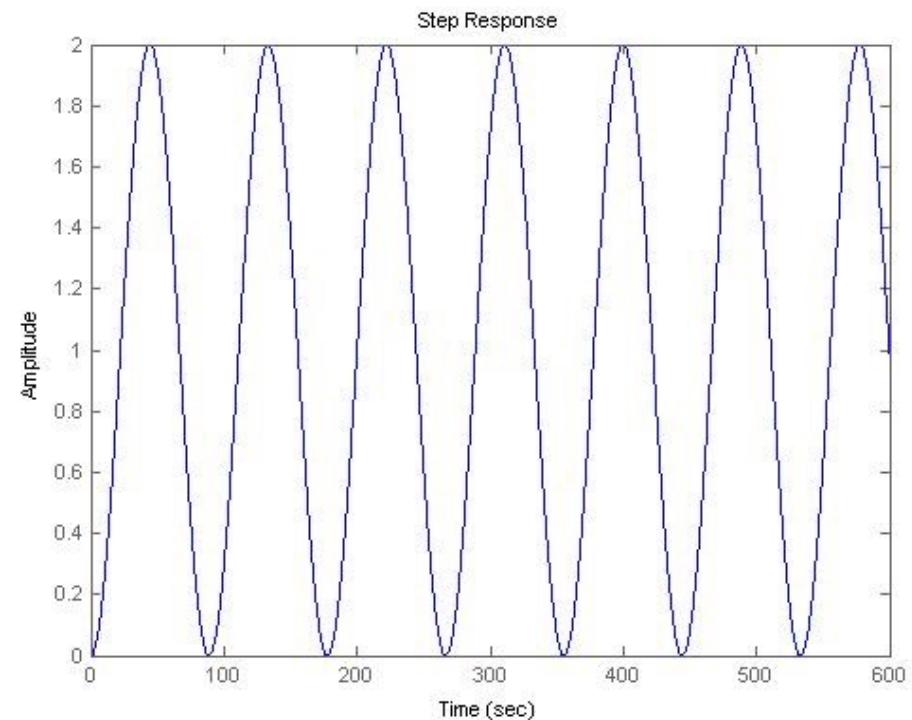


If the real component of a complex root is positive, then the system is not BIBO stable



Purely imaginary roots cause the system to oscillate forever

- undamped



Second order systems can be characterized in terms of the following:

- Natural frequency: the frequency of oscillation w/o damping
- Damping ratio: exponential decay frequency / natural frequency

Consider the transfer fn:

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

With a zero damping term, this becomes:

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

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The natural frequency is the frequency of  
“pure” oscillation:

$$\frac{\sqrt{4b}}{2} = \sqrt{b} = \omega_n$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Damping ratio: exponential decay frequency / natural frequency

The damping ratio is:  $\zeta = \frac{\frac{a}{2}}{\omega_n}$        $a = 2\zeta\omega_n$

Therefore, the transfer fn can be re-written as:

$$G(s) = \frac{b}{s^2 + as + b} \longrightarrow G(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

The damping ratio characterizes whether the second order system is underdamped, overdamped, or critically damped:

$$\zeta < 1 \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{underdamped}$$

$$\zeta = 1 \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{critically damped}$$

$$\zeta > 1 \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{overdamped}$$

If  $\zeta = 1$ , then  $s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = (s + \omega_n)(s + \omega_n)$

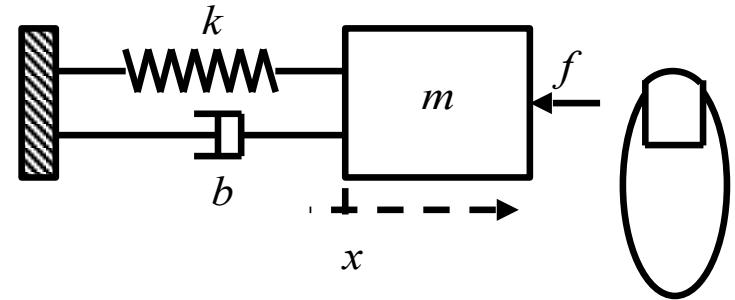
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## Second Order Transient Response: Example (corrected)

Is the following SMD system over/under/critically damped?

$$m = 2 \quad b = 4 \quad k = 8$$

$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s^2 + 2s + 4} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{(s+2)(s+2)}$$



Therefore, it's critically damped.

If  $b = 2$  instead:

then  $\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s^2 + s + 4}$

$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + bs + k}$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

and the roots are:  $\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-15}}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm j \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}$

$F(s)$	$f(t), t > 0$
$Y(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-st) y(t) dt$	definition of a Laplace transform $y(t)$
$Y(s)$	inversion formula $y(t) = \frac{1}{j2\pi} \int_{c-j\infty}^{c+j\infty} \exp(st) Y(s) ds$
$sY(s) - y(0)$	first derivative $y'(t)$
$s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0)$	second derivative $y''(t)$
$s^n Y(s) - s^{n-1}[y(0)] - s^{n-2}[y'(0)] - \dots - s[y^{(n-2)}(0)] - [y^{(n-1)}(0)]$	nth derivative $y^{(n)}(t)$
$\frac{1}{s} F(s)$	integration $\int_0^t Y(\tau) d\tau$

The characteristic equation is

$$s^2 + 5s + 6 = 0, \quad (9.7)$$

which has the roots  $s_1 = -2$  and  $s_2 = -3$ . Hence, the response has the form

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-3t}. \quad (9.8)$$

We now use the given initial conditions,  $x(0) = -1$  and  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ , to compute  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . To satisfy these conditions at  $t = 0$ , we must have

$$c_1 + c_2 = -1$$

and

$$-2c_1 - 3c_2 = 0, \quad (9.9)$$

which are satisfied by  $c_1 = -3$  and  $c_2 = 2$ . So, the motion of the system for  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$x(t) = -3e^{-2t} + 2e^{-3t}. \quad (9.10)$$

## Complex roots

For the case where the characteristic equation has complex roots of the form

$$\begin{aligned}s_1 &= \lambda + \mu i, \\ s_2 &= \lambda - \mu i,\end{aligned}\tag{9.11}$$

it is still the case that the solution has the form

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t}.\tag{9.12}$$

However, equation (9.12) is difficult to use directly, because it involves imaginary numbers explicitly. It can be shown (see Exercise 9.1) that **Euler's formula**,

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x,\tag{9.13}$$

allows the solution (9.12) to be manipulated into the form

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} \cos(\mu t) + c_2 e^{\lambda t} \sin(\mu t).\tag{9.14}$$

As before, the coefficients  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants that can be computed for any given set of initial conditions (i.e., initial position and velocity of the block). If we write the constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in the form

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 &= r \cos \delta, \\ c_2 &= r \sin \delta,\end{aligned}\tag{9.15}$$

$$x(t) = r e^{\lambda t} \cos(\mu t - \delta), \quad (9.16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}, \\ \delta &= \text{Atan2}(c_2, c_1). \end{aligned} \quad (9.17)$$

In this form, it is easier to see that the resulting motion is an oscillation whose amplitude is exponentially decreasing toward zero.

Another common way of describing oscillatory second-order systems is in terms of **damping ratio** and **natural frequency**. These terms are defined by the parameterization of the characteristic equation given by

$$s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = 0, \quad (9.18)$$

where  $\zeta$  is the damping ratio (a dimensionless number between 0 and 1) and  $\omega_n$  is the natural frequency.<sup>2</sup> Relationships between the pole locations and these parameters are

$$\lambda = -\zeta\omega_n$$

and

$$\mu = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}. \quad (9.19)$$

In this terminology,  $\mu$ , the imaginary part of the poles, is sometimes called the **damped natural frequency**. For a damped spring–mass system such as the one in Fig. 9.2, the damping ratio and natural frequency are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta &= \frac{b}{2\sqrt{km}}, \\ \omega_n &= \sqrt{k/m}. \end{aligned} \quad (9.20)$$

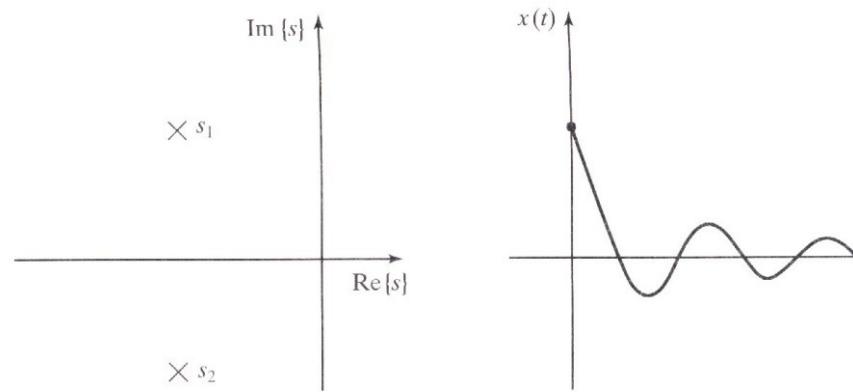


FIGURE 9.4: Root location and response to initial conditions for an underdamped system.

which has the roots  $s_i = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$ . Hence, the response has the form

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \left( c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t \right). \quad (9.22)$$

We now use the given initial conditions,  $x(0) = -1$  and  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ , to compute  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . To satisfy these conditions at  $t = 0$ , we must have

$$c_1 = -1$$

and

$$-\frac{1}{2}c_1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}c_2 = 0, \quad (9.23)$$

which are satisfied by  $c_1 = -1$  and  $c_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ . So, the motion of the system for  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \left( -\cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t \right). \quad (9.24)$$

This result can also be put in the form of (9.16), as

$$x(t) = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \cos \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + 120^\circ \right). \quad (9.25)$$

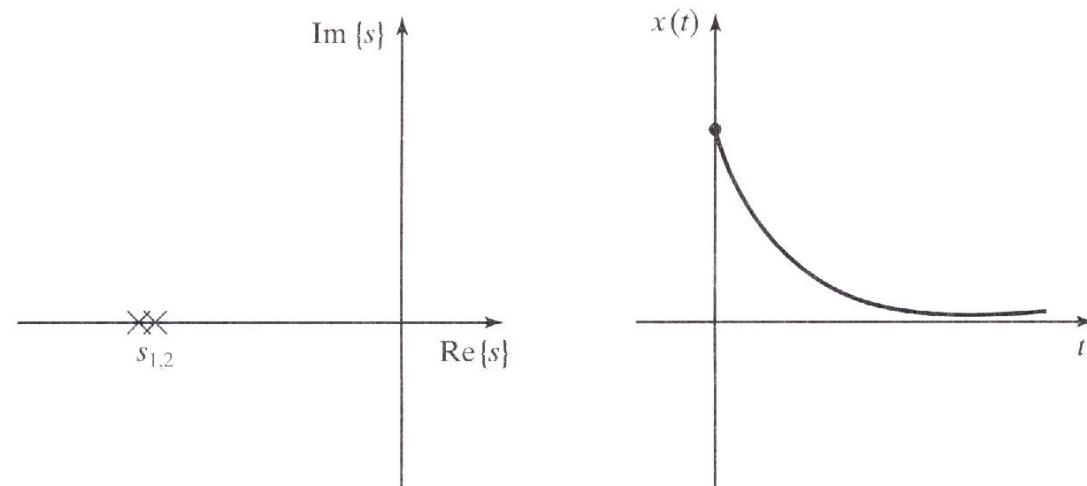


FIGURE 9.5: Root location and response to initial conditions for a critically damped system.

where, in this case,  $s_1 = s_2 = -\frac{b}{2m}$ , so (9.26) can be written

$$x(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-\frac{b}{2m} t}. \quad (9.27)$$

In case it is not clear, a quick application of **l'Hôpital's rule** [2] shows that, for any  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $a$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-at} = 0. \quad (9.28)$$

Figure 9.5 shows an example of pole locations and the corresponding time response to a nonzero initial condition. When the poles of a second-order system are real and equal, the system exhibits critically damped motion, the fastest possible nonoscillatory response.

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = f. \quad (9.34)$$

Let's also assume that we have sensors capable of detecting the block's position and velocity. We now propose a **control law** which computes the force that should be applied by the actuator as a function of the sensed feedback:

$$f = -k_p x - k_v \dot{x}. \quad (9.35)$$

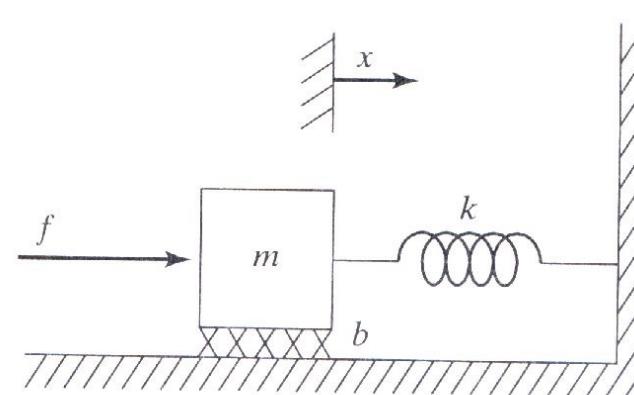


FIGURE 9.6: A damped spring–mass system with an actuator.

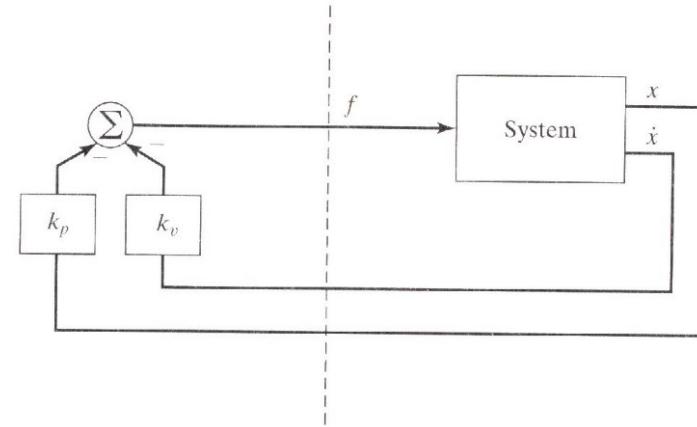


FIGURE 9.7: A closed-loop control system. The control computer (to the left of the dashed line) reads sensor input and writes actuator output commands.

of disturbance forces applied to the block. In a later section, we will construct a **trajectory-following** control system, which can cause the block to follow a desired position trajectory.

By equating the open-loop dynamics of (9.34) with the control law of (9.35), we can derive the closed-loop dynamics as

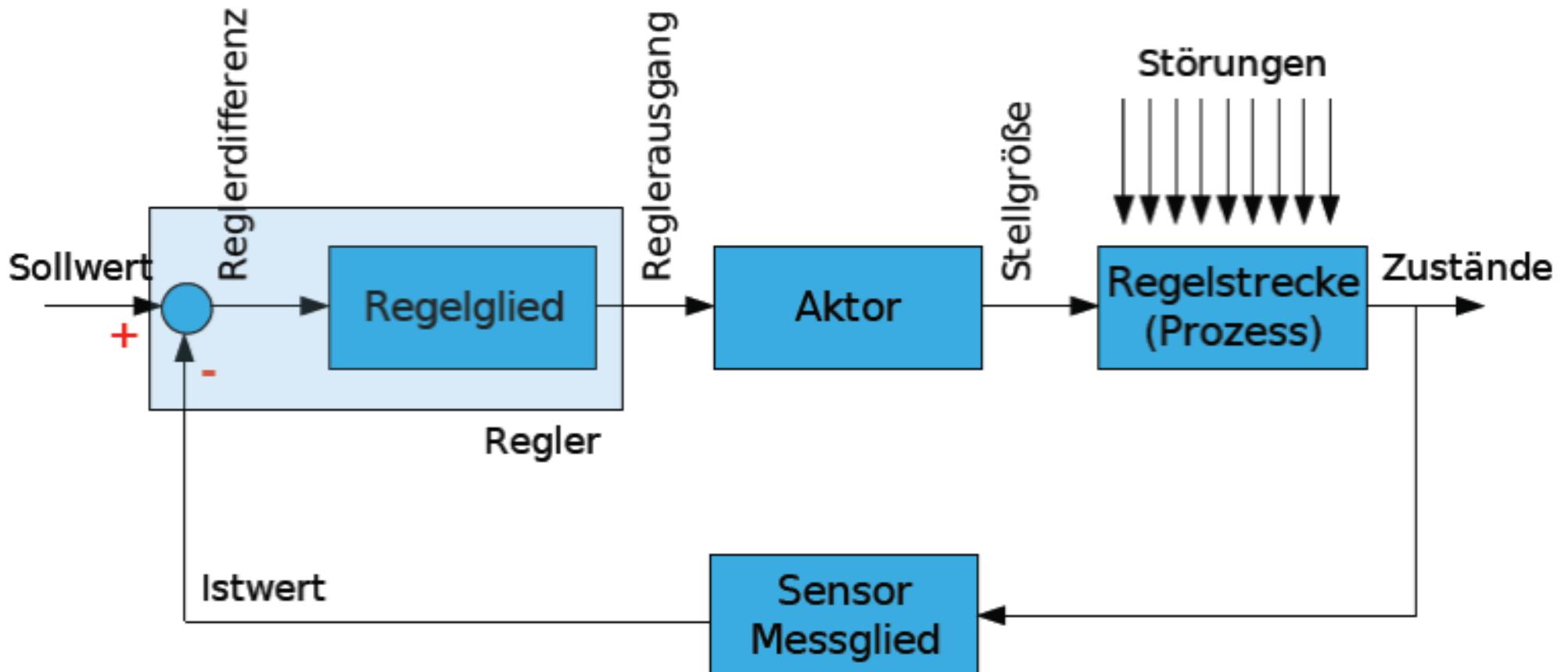
$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = -k_p x - k_v \dot{x}, \quad (9.36)$$

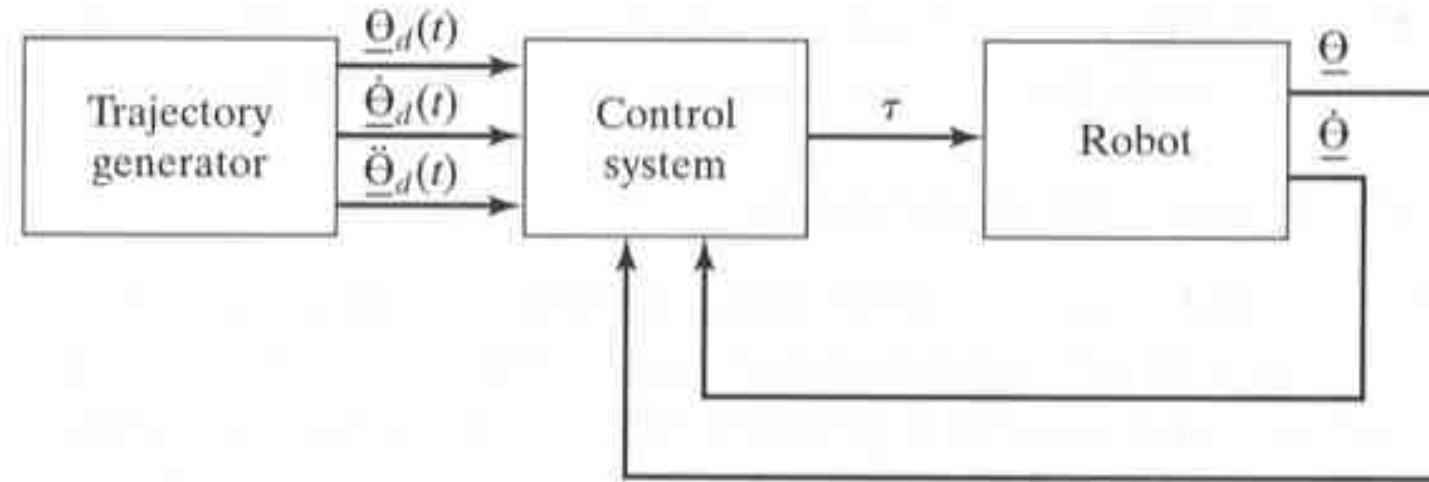
or

$$m\ddot{x} + (b + k_v)\dot{x} + (k + k_p)x = 0, \quad (9.37)$$

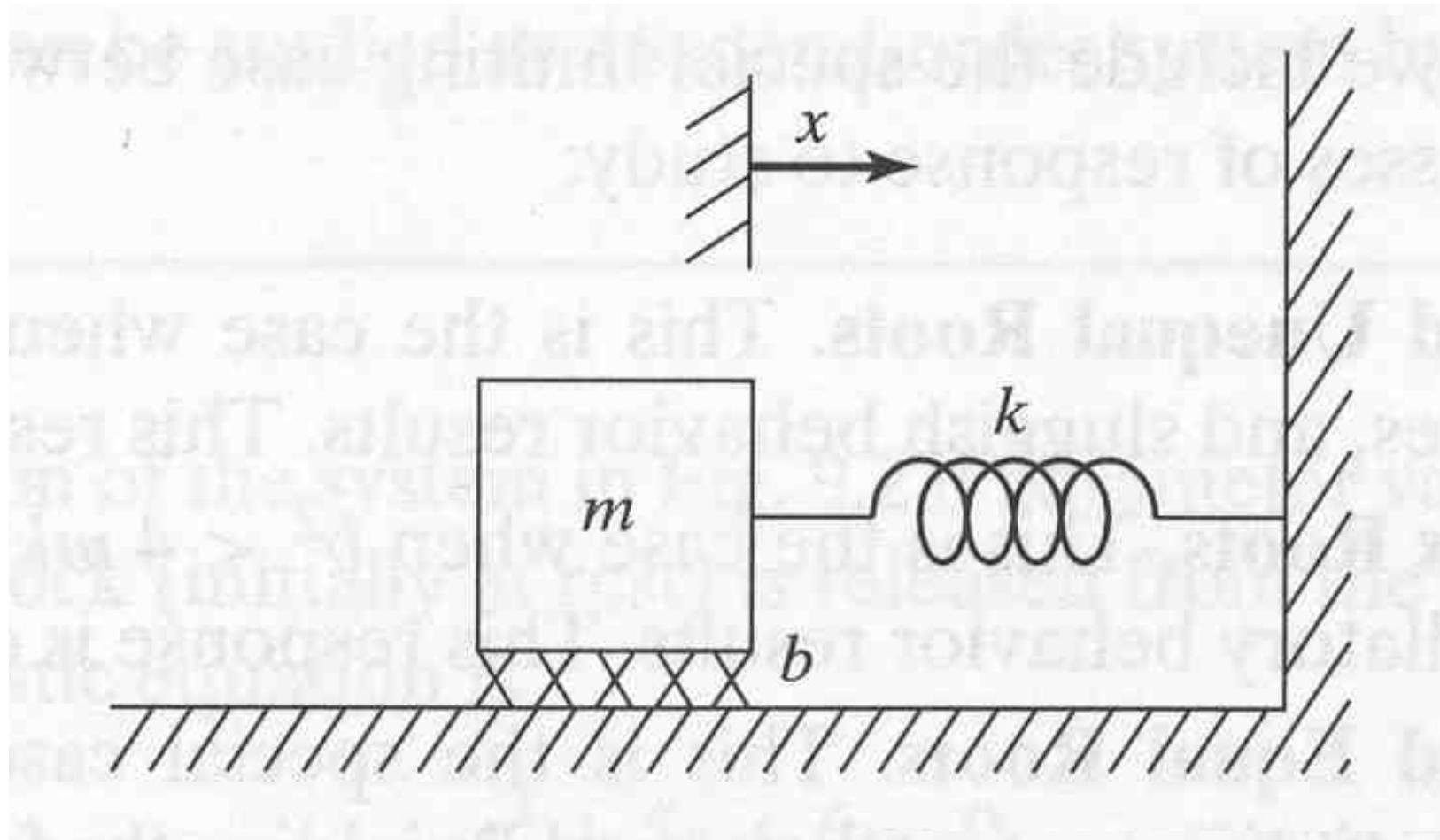
or

$$m\ddot{x} + b'\dot{x} + k'x = 0, \quad (9.38)$$





$$\tau = M(\underline{\Theta}_d)\ddot{\underline{\Theta}}_d + V(\underline{\Theta}_d, \dot{\underline{\Theta}}_d) + G(\underline{\Theta}_d)$$



$$\ddot{m}x + \dot{b}x + kx = 0$$

$$ms^2 + bs + k = 0$$