

Flight Mechanics/Dynamics

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- System matrix with state vector as $[v \ p \ r \ \phi]^T$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0558 & 0 & -774 & 32.2 \\ -0.003865 & -0.4342 & 0.4136 & 0 \\ 0.001086 & -0.006112 & -0.1458 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Characteristic equation

$$\lambda^4 + 0.6358\lambda^3 + 0.9388\lambda^2 + 0.5114\lambda + 0.003682 = 0$$

- How to check stability for lateral modes?
- Stability criteria

$$E = 0.003682 > 0, \quad R = 0.04223 > 0$$

- What about stability of lateral modes? No unstable modes



- Eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 = -0.0072973, \lambda_2 = -0.56248, \lambda_{3,4} = -0.033011 \pm 0.94655i$$

- What can you say about the lateral modes?

$$\underbrace{\lambda_1 = -0.0072973}_{\text{Spiral mode}}, \underbrace{\lambda_2 = -0.56248}_{\text{Roll mode}}, \underbrace{\lambda_{3,4} = -0.033011 \pm 0.94655i}_{\text{Dutch Roll mode}}$$

- Two modes are convergences, **one very rapid**, **one very slow**, and one lightly damped oscillation with a period similar to that of the longitudinal SP mode

Mode	Name	Period	t_{half}	N_{half}
1	Spiral		95	
2	Roll		1.23	
3	Dutch Roll	6.64	21	3.16



Eigenvectors (polar form)

	<i>Spiral</i>		<i>Rolling convergence</i>		<i>Dutch Roll</i>	
	<i>Magnitude</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Magnitude</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Magnitude</i>	<i>Phase</i>
$\beta = \hat{v}$	0.00119	180°	0.0198	180°	0.33	-28.1°
\hat{p}	1.63×10^{-4}	0°	0.0712	180°	0.12	92.0°
\hat{r}	9.20×10^{-4}	180°	0.0040	0°	0.037	-112.3°
ϕ	0.177	180°	1.0	0°	1.0	0°
ψ	1.0	0°	0.0562	180°	0.31	155.7°
$\frac{y_E}{u_0 t^*}$	7.772×10^3	180°	7.65	0°	1.69	-165.8°



- For spiral mode,

$$\beta : \phi : \psi = -0.001119 : -0.177 : 1$$

- Yawing at nearly zero sideslip with some rolling
- Aerodynamic variables

$$\beta : \hat{p} : \hat{r} = 1 : -0.137 : 0.773$$

- Largest of these β is negligibly small for moderate value of ϕ, ψ
- A **weak mode** because aerodynamic forces are very small.



- For rolling mode,

$$\beta : \phi : \psi = -0.0198 : 1 : -0.0625$$

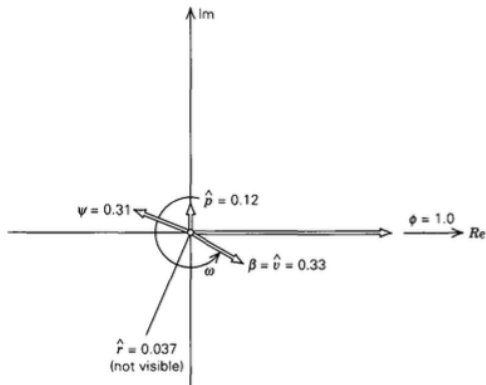
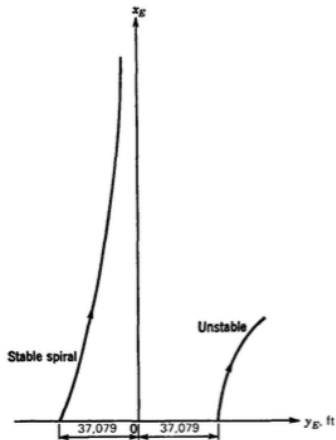
- Pure rotation around x- axis
- Aerodynamic variables

$$\beta : \hat{p} : \hat{r} = 0.278 : 1 : -0.0561$$

- Largest rolling moment is $C_{l_p} \hat{p}$, \hat{r} contribution is small.
- In DR mode, β, ϕ, ψ are of same magnitude.
- \hat{r} is one order smaller while β and ψ are almost equal and opposite.
- Rectilinear motion with yawing and rolling with rolling lagging yawing by 160°

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Uncontrolled Motion: Spiral and DR Modes





- Eigenvalue of the spiral mode is **two orders** of magnitude smaller than the next larger one.
- **How to approximate this mode?**
- **Approximation:** only two lowest-order terms in characteristic equation.

$$D\lambda_S + E = 0 \implies \lambda_S = -\frac{E}{D}$$

- System matrix for lateral modes

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_v & 0 & \mathcal{Y}_r & g \cos \theta_0 \\ \mathcal{L}_v & \mathcal{L}_p & \mathcal{L}_r & 0 \\ \mathcal{N}_v & \mathcal{N}_p & \mathcal{N}_r & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \tan \theta_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\mathcal{L}_v = \frac{L_v}{I'_x} + I'_{zx} N_v$



- Values of D, E

$$E = g [(\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_r - \mathcal{L}_r \mathcal{N}_v) \cos \theta_0 + (\mathcal{L}_p \mathcal{N}_v - \mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_p) \sin \theta_0]$$

$$D = -g (\mathcal{L}_v \cos \theta_0 + \mathcal{N}_v \sin \theta_0) + \mathcal{Y}_v (\mathcal{L}_r \mathcal{N}_p - \mathcal{L}_p \mathcal{N}_r) + \mathcal{Y}_r (\mathcal{L}_p \mathcal{N}_v - \mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_p)$$

- On neglecting smaller terms in D

$$D = -g (\mathcal{L}_v \cos \theta_0 + \mathcal{N}_v \sin \theta_0) - u_0 (\mathcal{L}_p \mathcal{N}_v - \mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_p)$$

- Eigenvalue, $\lambda_S = -0.00725$, **1% different from correct value**
- Condition for static stability

$$(\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_r - \mathcal{L}_r \mathcal{N}_v) \cos \theta_0 + (\mathcal{L}_p \mathcal{N}_v - \mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_p) \sin \theta_0 > 0$$

$$(C_{l_\beta} C_{n_r} - C_{n_\beta} C_{l_r}) \cos \theta_0 + (C_{l_p} C_{n_\beta} - C_{l_\beta} C_{n_p}) \sin \theta_0 > 0$$

- Stability varies with flight conditions, as some of the derivatives depend on C_{L_0} .



- **Rolling convergence:** A motion of almost a single degree of freedom, rotation about the x-axis
- Approximation: $\dot{v} = \dot{r} = 0$,

$$\dot{p} = \mathcal{L}_p p$$

- Eigenvalue:

$$\lambda_R = \mathcal{L}_p = \frac{L_p}{I'_x} + I'_{zx} N_p$$

- $\lambda_R = -0.434$, 23% smaller than true value -0.562 .
- How can we approximate in a better way?
- Another approximation leads to a second-order system: two roots correspond to roll and spiral modes.
- Additionally, Y_p and Y_r are neglected.



- With no approximation to the rolling and yawing moment equations the system that results for horizontal flight is

$$0 = -u_0 r + g\phi$$

$$\dot{p} = \mathcal{L}_v v + \mathcal{L}_p p + \mathcal{L}_r r$$

$$\dot{r} = \mathcal{N}_v v + \mathcal{N}_p p + \mathcal{N}_r r$$

$$\dot{\phi} = p$$

- Characteristic equation

$$C\lambda^2 + D\lambda + E = 0$$

$$C = u_0 \mathcal{N}_v, \quad D = u_0(\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_p - \mathcal{L}_p \mathcal{N}_v) - g \mathcal{L}_v, \quad E = g(\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{N}_r - \mathcal{L}_r \mathcal{N}_v)$$

- For B747, $\lambda_S = -0.00734$, $\lambda_R = -0.597$, **1%, and 6% less than true values**



- An approximation to lateral oscillation: A “flat” yawing/sideslipping motion with suppressed rolling
- With $p = \phi = 0$, neglecting rolling moment equation and Y_r in first equation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{v} \\ \dot{p} \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{Y_v}{m} & \frac{Y_p}{m} & \left(\frac{Y_r}{m} - u_0\right) & g \cos \theta_0 \\ \left(\frac{L_v}{I'_x} + I'_{zx} N_v\right) & \left(\frac{L_p}{I'_x} + I'_{zx} N_p\right) & \left(\frac{L_r}{I'_x} + I'_{zx} N_r\right) & 0 \\ \left(I'_{zx} L_v + \frac{N_v}{I'_z}\right) & \left(I'_{zx} L_p + \frac{N_p}{I'_z}\right) & \left(I'_{zx} L_r + \frac{N_r}{I'_z}\right) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \tan \theta_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ p \\ r \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Delta Y_c}{m} \\ \frac{\Delta L_c}{I'_x} + I'_{zx} N_c \\ I'_{zx} \Delta L_c + \frac{\Delta N_c}{I'_z} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Resultant EOM

$$\dot{v} = \mathcal{Y}_v v - u_0 r, \quad \dot{r} = \mathcal{N}_v v + \mathcal{N}_r r$$

- Characteristic equation $\lambda^2 - (\mathcal{Y}_v + \mathcal{N}_r)\lambda + (\mathcal{Y}_v \mathcal{N}_r + u_0 \mathcal{N}_v) = 0$
- Eigenvalues: $\lambda_{DR} = -0.1008 \pm 0.9157i$, $T = 6.86$ sec (3% error), $N_{\text{half}} = 1$
- **Damping is overestimated.**



- What would be other approximation for damping of DR mode?
- Coefficient of second highest term in characteristic equation is **sum of dampings**.

$$2n_{DR} + \lambda_R + \lambda_S = \mathcal{Y}_v + \mathcal{L}_p + \mathcal{N}_r \implies n_{DR} = \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{Y}_v + \mathcal{L}_p + \mathcal{N}_r - (\lambda_R + \lambda_S)]$$

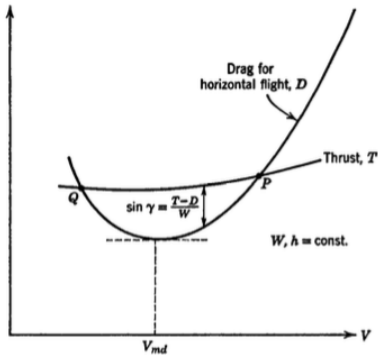
- As $\lambda_R + \lambda_S = -\frac{D}{C}$,

$$n_{DR} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\mathcal{Y}_v + \mathcal{N}_r + \frac{\mathcal{L}_v}{\mathcal{N}_v} \left(\mathcal{N}_p - \frac{g}{u_0} \right) \right]$$

- Damping $n_{DR} = -0.0159$, while the true value is -0.0330 .
- Can the average of two approximation provide better answer?
- Average of the two approximation $n_{DR} = -0.0584$, 77% off from true value.



- Response of aircraft to actuation of the control inputs
- Quantities of interest in symmetric flight: Speed and flight path angle
⇒ **Velocity vector**
- Ability to apply control forces both \parallel and \perp to the flight path
- **Thrust or drag control** and **lift control via elevator deflection or wing flaps**
- **What are the initial responses of these control inputs?**
- Thrust control change forward acceleration and initial speed, while the elevator change pitch angle, angle of attack, and lift.
- **Short-term and long-term effects of the control inputs (throttle and elevator angle) are quite contrary.**

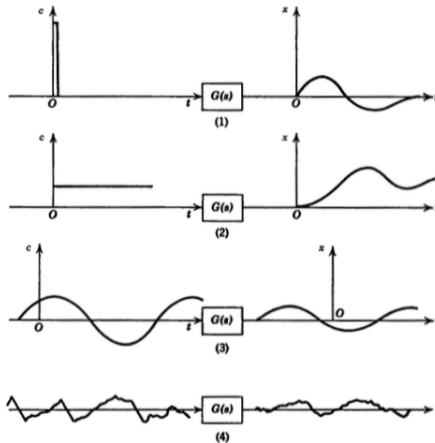


- Steady speed V is governed by lift coefficient, fixed by δ_e .
- A constant $\delta_e \implies$ a fixed V .
- Flight-path angle $\gamma = \theta - \alpha$ at any given speed is determined by thrust.
- Result of moving throttle at fixed δ_e is a change in γ **without change in V** .
- Main initial effect of moving elevator: to rotate the vehicle and influence γ , whereas ultimate effect at fixed throttle is to change both V and γ .
- Responses dominated by long-period, lightly damped phugoid oscillation, and steady state with step inputs reached only after a long time.



Linear time invariant (LTI) system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{c}$$





- **Transfer function:** Ratio of the Laplace transform of the response to that of the input when the system is quiescent for $t < 0$.

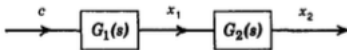
$$\mathbf{G}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}$$

- Response of i^{th} state variable

$$\bar{x}_i(s) = \sum_j G_{ij}(s) \bar{c}_j(s)$$

- For single input system

$$\bar{x}(s) = G(s) \bar{c}(s)$$



- Overall transfer function

$$G(s) = G_1(s)G_2(s)$$



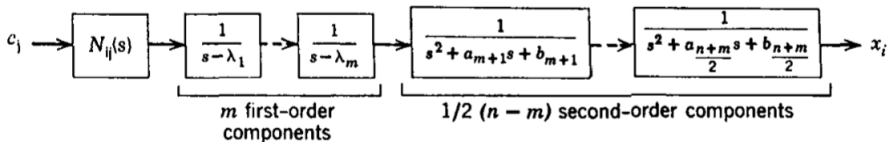
- **High-Order System:** Representation as chain of subsystems
- **Elemental building blocks:** first or second order systems, **How?**

$$(sI - A)^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(sI - A)}{\det(sI - A)}$$

- As **B** is constant matrix, each element of **G(s)**: $G_{ij} = N_{ij}/f(s)$.

$$G_{ij} = \frac{N_{ij}}{(s - \lambda_1) \cdots (s - \lambda_n)} = \frac{N_{ij}}{\prod_{r=1}^m (s - \lambda_r) \prod_{r=m+1}^{(n+m)/2} (s^2 + a_r s + b_r)}$$

- Eigenvalues may be real or occurs in complex conjugate pairs.





- **Impulse response or impulsive admittance** $h_{ij}(t)$: Response to unit impulse given to a system which is initially quiescent.

$$c_j(s) = \delta(t) \implies G_{ij}(s)\bar{\delta}(s) = G_{ij}(s)$$

- Impulse response

$$h_{ij}(s) = G_{ij}(s) \implies h_{ij}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}G_{ij}(s)$$

- Consider a first order system

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s - \lambda} = h(s) \implies h(t) = e^{\lambda t}$$

- Usually, $\lambda = -1/T$, where T is time constant, we have

$$h(t) = e^{-t/T}$$



- Consider a second order system with differential equation

$$\ddot{y} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{y} + \omega_n^2 = c,$$

where state-vector is given by $\mathbf{x} = [y \ \dot{y}]^T$.

- Transfer function

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

- Eigenvalues: $\lambda = n \pm i\omega = -\zeta\omega_n \pm i\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$
- Impulse response

$$h(s) = \frac{1}{(s + n)^2 + \omega^2} \implies h(t) = \frac{1}{\omega} e^{nt} \sin \omega t$$

- Does this result hold for $\zeta > 1$? $h(t) = \frac{1}{\omega'} e^{nt} \sinh \omega' t, \quad \omega' = \omega_n \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$



- **Step response or Indicial admittance, $\mathcal{A}_{ij}(t)$:** Response to unit step function

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{ij}(s) = G_{ij}(s)I(s) = \frac{G_{ij}(s)}{s}$$

- Relation of transfer functions for impulse and step response

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{ij}(s) = \frac{h_{ij}(s)}{s}$$

- Since the initial values of both h_{ij} and \mathcal{A}_{ij} are zero,

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij}(t) = \int_0^t h_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \implies h_{ij}(t) = \frac{d\mathcal{A}_{ij}(t)}{dt}$$

- $\mathcal{A}_{ij}(t)$ can be found by Laplace inverse or integration of impulse response.



- First order system

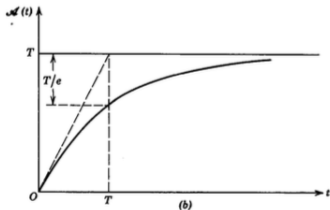
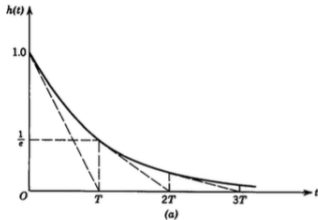
$$\mathcal{A}(t) = T(1 - e^{-t/T})$$

- Second order system, with $\zeta < 1$,

$$\mathcal{A}(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \left[1 - e^{nt} \left(\cos \omega t - \frac{n}{\omega} \sin \omega t \right) \right]$$

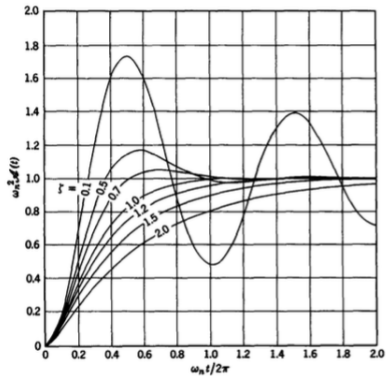
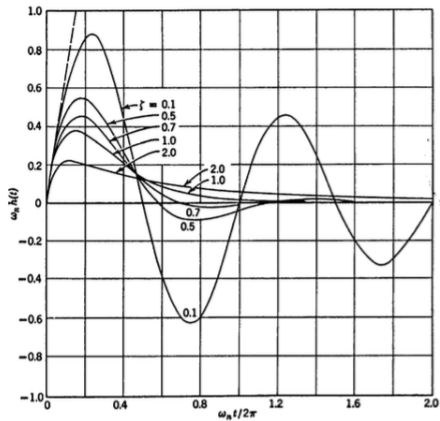
- What about $\zeta > 1$?
- What is static gain?
- Asymptotic value as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s\mathcal{A}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s) = K$$



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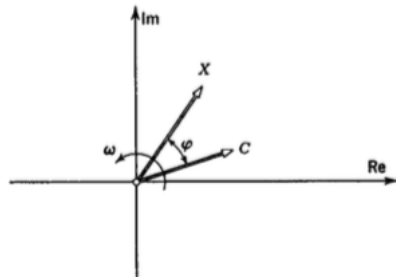
Impulse and Step Response of Second Order System





- A stable LTI system, with sinusoidal input, results in a steady-state sinusoidal response at the **same frequency** as that of the input.
- **What about amplitude and phase of the output?**
- Amplitude and phase are generally different from those of the input.
- Consider an input of the form

$$c = A_1 e^{i\omega t} \implies c(s) = \frac{A_1}{s - i\omega}$$



- Form of the response is assumed to be $x = A_2 e^{i\omega t}$.



- Response of system

$$x = A_1 \frac{G(s)}{s - i\omega} = A_1 \frac{N(s)}{(s - i\omega)f(s)}$$

- Roots of denominator: $\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n, i\omega$
- Response of the system

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= A_1 \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left[\frac{(s - \lambda_r)N(s)}{(s - i\omega)f(s)} \right]_{s=\lambda_r} e^{\lambda_r t} \\ &= A_1 \left[\frac{N(i\omega)}{f(i\omega)} e^{i\omega t} + c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + \cdots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- What would the response when $t \rightarrow \infty$?
- As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{\lambda_r t} \rightarrow 0 \forall r$ for stable system.
- Steady state response

$$x(t) = A_1 \frac{N(i\omega)}{f(i\omega)} e^{i\omega t}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty$$



- Steady state response

$$x(t) = A_1 \frac{N(i\omega)}{f(i\omega)} e^{i\omega t} = A_1 G(i\omega) e^{i\omega t} = A_2 e^{i\omega t}$$

- We have relation

$$A_2 = A_1 G(i\omega) \implies \boxed{G(i\omega) = \frac{A_2}{A_1}}$$

- Frequency response function, $G(i\omega)$,

$$G(i\omega) = K M e^{i\phi}$$

where K and M are static and dynamic gains, and KM represents total gain.

- What about dependency of M and ϕ on frequency? Frequency-dependent

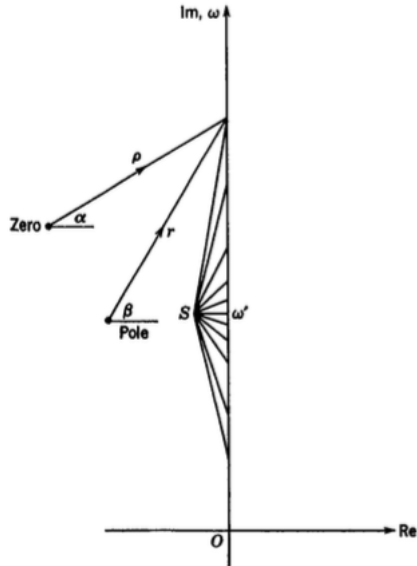


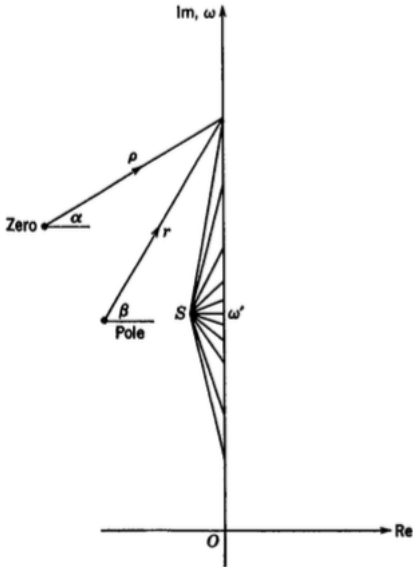
- Transfer function of system

$$G(s) = \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - \lambda_1)(s - \lambda_2) \cdots (s - \lambda_n)}$$

where $\lambda_i \forall i = 1 \cdots n$ and $z_j \forall j = 1 \cdots m$ are poles and zeros of the system, respectively.

- Assume $(s - z_k) = \rho_k e^{i\alpha_k}$ and $(s - \lambda_k) = r_k e^{i\beta_k}$
- What can we say about $|G|$ and ϕ ?





- Magnitude and phase of transfer function

$$|G| = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^m \rho_k}{\prod_{k=1}^n r_k}$$

$$\phi = \sum_1^m \alpha_k - \sum_1^n \beta_k$$

- What are the effects of varying frequency when singularity is close to the axis?
- Sharp change in magnitude and about 180° change in phase
- What if there is pole or zero in LHP?
- What if there is a zero in RHP?



- Consider a system with transfer function

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

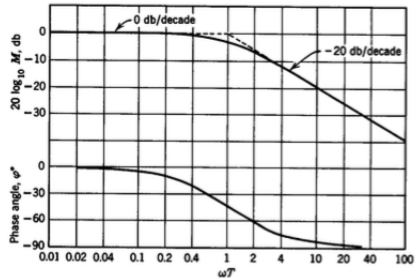
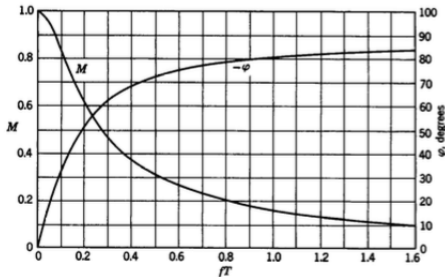
- What is the value of K ? $K = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s) = T$
- On substituting $s = i\omega$ in $G(s)$

$$G(i\omega) = KMe^{i\phi} = \frac{T}{1 + i\omega T} \implies Me^{i\phi} = \frac{1 - i\omega T}{1 + \omega^2 T^2}$$

- Amplitude and phase of transfer function

$$M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \omega^2 T^2}}, \quad \phi = -\tan^{-1} \omega T$$

- At $\omega = 0$, $M = 1$, $\phi = 0$.



Curve is applicable for all first order systems, with f as input frequency.



- Consider a second order system with transfer function

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

- What is the value of M and ϕ ?
- On substituting $s = i\omega$ in $G(s)$

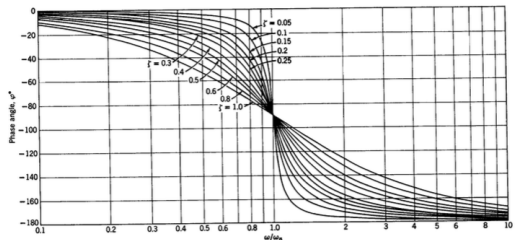
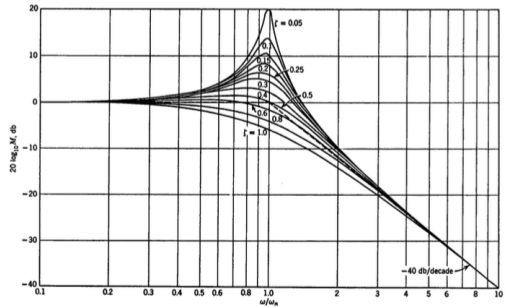
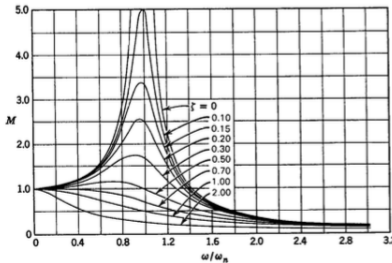
$$Me^{i\phi} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2) + 2i\zeta\omega_n\omega}$$

$$M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{[1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2]^2 + 4\zeta^2\omega^2/\omega_n^2}}, \quad \phi = -\tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta\omega/\omega_n}{1 - (\omega/\omega_n)^2}$$

- At $\omega = 0$, $M = 1$, $\phi = 0$.

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Frequency-Response Curves: Second-Order System





- What is the difference between representation of first and second order systems?
- A single pair of curves serves to define the frequency response of all first-order systems
- Two families of curves, with the damping ratio as parameter, to display the characteristics of all second-order systems.
- Damping is very important in second order system.
- Damping controls magnitude of the resonance peak which occurs near unity frequency ratio.
- At natural frequency, the phase lag is independent of ζ , as all the curves pass through $\phi = -90^\circ$. Why is it so?
- For all ζ , $M \rightarrow 1$, $\phi \rightarrow 0$ as $\omega/\omega_n \rightarrow 0$. What does it mean?



- How to obtain frequency response of higher order system?
- Phase changes are additive.
- Overall amplitude ratio: multiplication of individual ones of all elements.
- Assume that the system is given by

$$G(s) = G_1(s)G_2(s) \cdots G_n(s)$$

- In frequency domain,

$$\begin{aligned} G(i\omega) &= G_1(i\omega)G_2(i\omega) \cdots G_n(i\omega) \\ &= (K_1M_1K_2M_2 \cdots K_nM_n)e^{\phi_1+\phi_2+\cdots+\phi_n} \\ &= KM e^{i\phi} \end{aligned}$$

- Amplitude and phase: $KM = \prod_{r=1}^n K_rM_r$, $\phi = \sum_{r=1}^n \phi_r$



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