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# Stability

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## Stable system

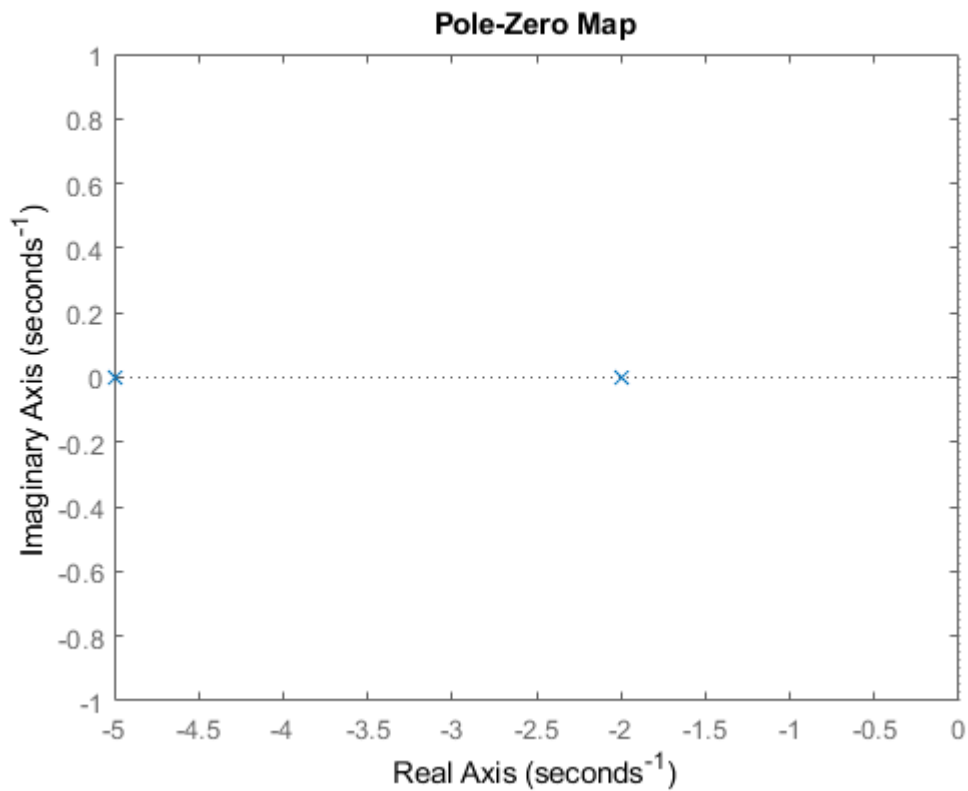
A linear, time-invariant system is **stable** if the natural response approaches zero as time approaches infinity.

Consider the following second order system  $G_1(s)$

$$G_1(s) = \frac{15}{(s+2)(s+5)}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_1(s)$

```
N1=[0 15];  
D1=poly([-2 -5]) ; %calculates the coefficient of the polynomial when roots are given  
figure  
pzmap(tf(N1,D1))
```



Plot the natural and step response of  $G_1(s)$

```
syms s
R1=1/s; %step input
G1=15/((s+2)*(s+5));
C1=R1*G1 % step response
```

C1 =

$$\frac{15}{s(s+2)(s+5)}$$

```
c1=ilaplace(C1)
```

c1 =

$$e^{-5t} - \frac{5e^{-2t}}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$$

```
n1=c1-3/2 %natural response
```

n1 =

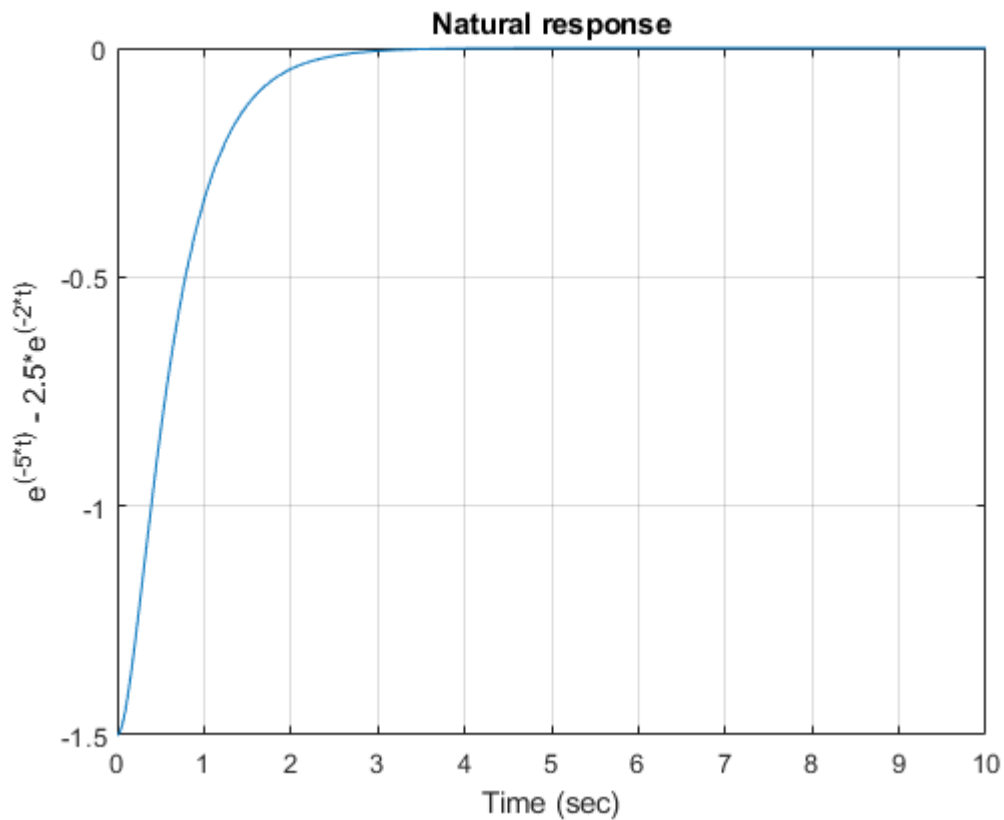
$$e^{-5t} - \frac{5e^{-2t}}{2}$$

```
figure
fplot(n1,[0 10])
title('Natural response')
```

```

xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('e^{(-5*t)} - 2.5*e^{(-2*t)}')
grid on

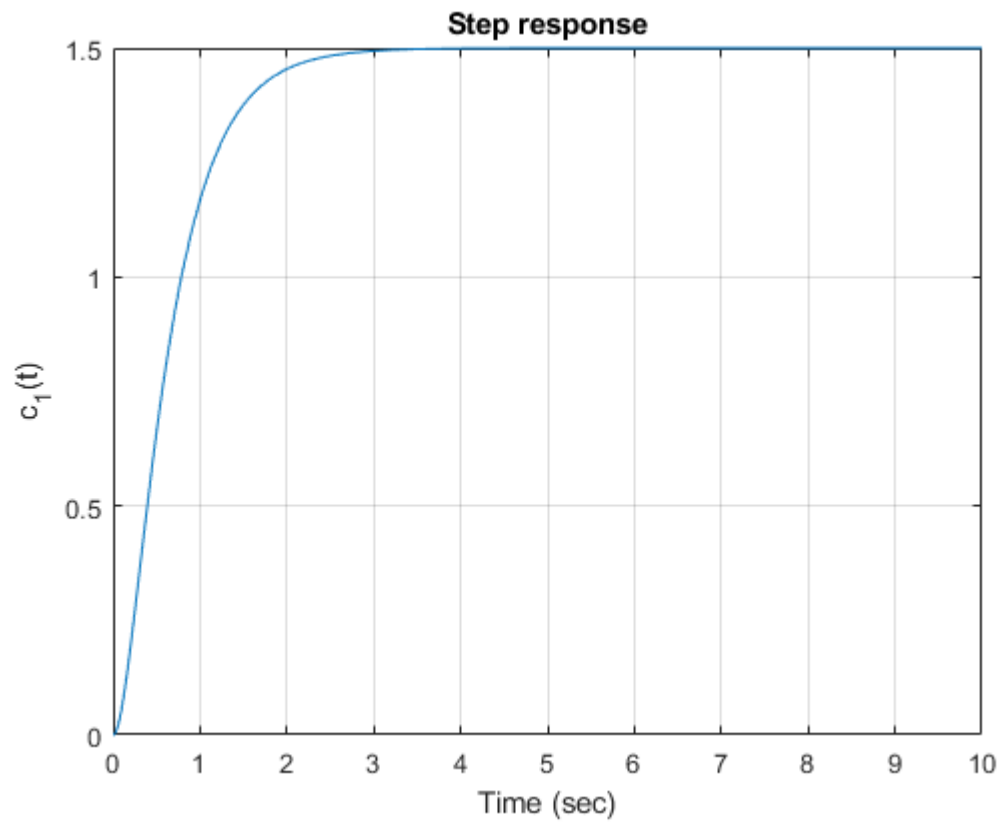
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```

figure
fplot(c1,[0 10])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{1}(t)')
grid on

```

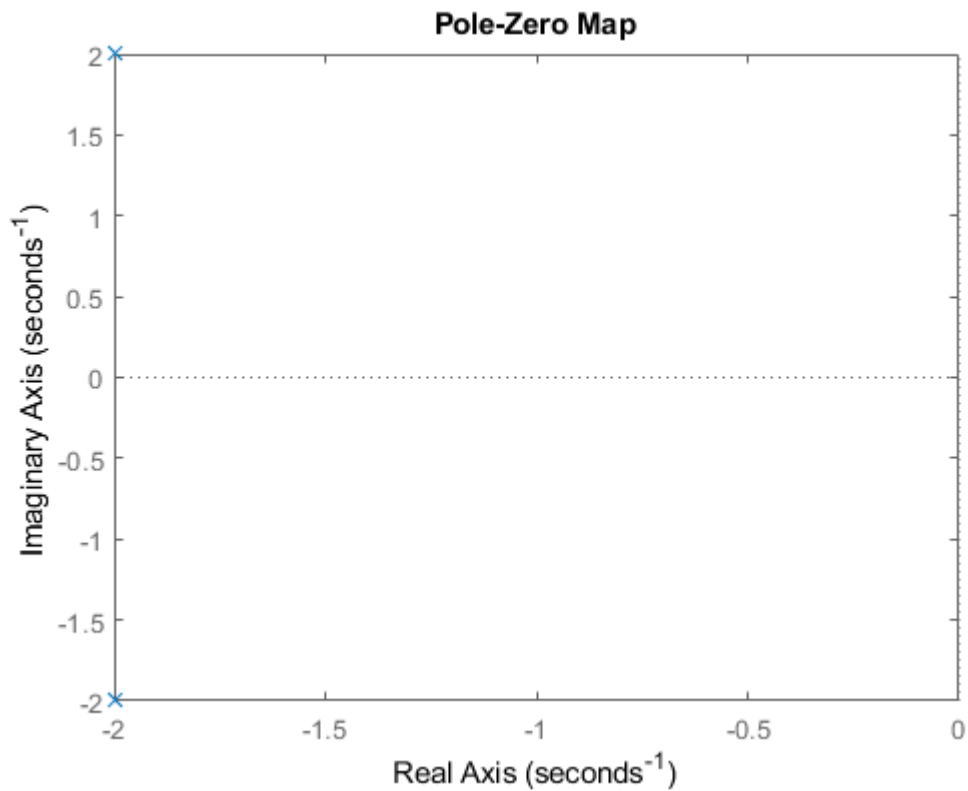


Consider the following second order system  $G_2(s)$

$$G_2(s) = \frac{8}{(s^2 + 4s + 8)}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_2(s)$

```
N2=[0 8];
D2=[1 4 8];
figure
pzmap(tf(N2,D2))
```



Plot the natural and step response of  $G_2(s)$

```
syms s
R2=1/s; % step input
G2=8/(s^2+4*s+8)
```

$$G2 = \frac{8}{s^2 + 4s + 8}$$

```
C2=R2*G2 % step response
```

$$C2 = \frac{8}{s(s^2 + 4s + 8)}$$

```
c2=ilaplace(C2)
```

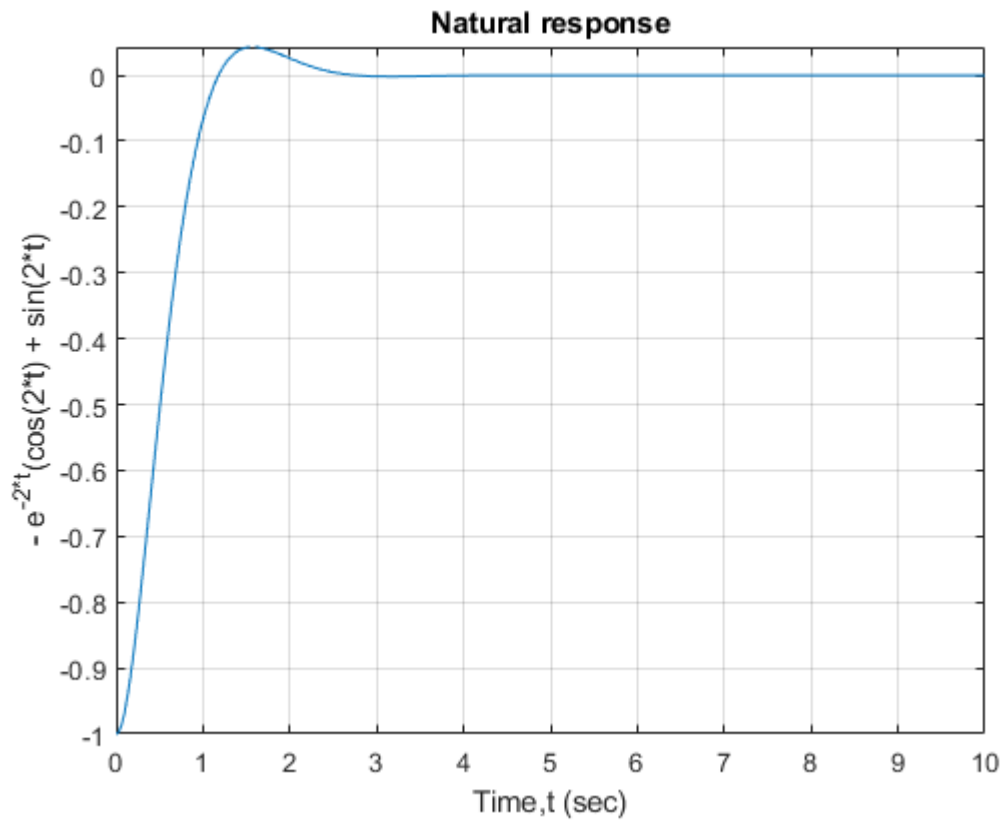
$$c2 = 1 - e^{-2t} (\cos(2t) + \sin(2t))$$

```
n2=c2-1 % natural response
```

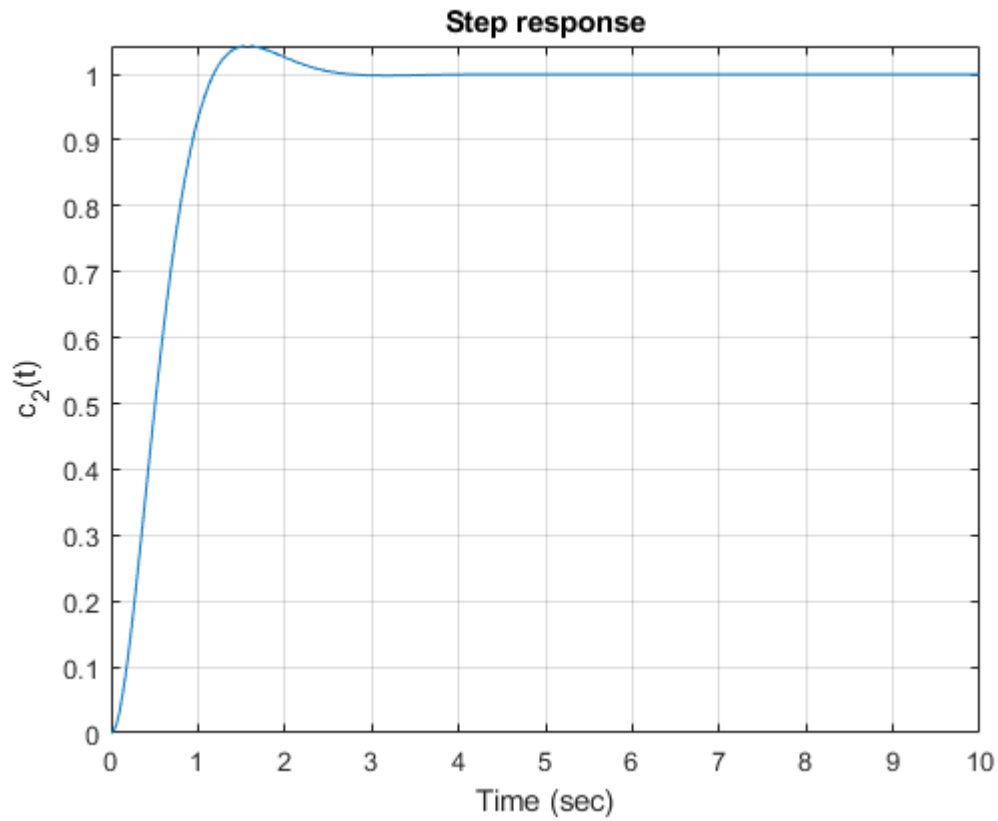
$$n2 = -e^{-2t} (\cos(2t) + \sin(2t))$$

```
figure
```

```
fplot(n2, [0 10])
title('Natural response')
xlabel('Time,t (sec)')
ylabel('- e^{-2*t}(cos(2*t) + sin(2*t))')
grid on
```

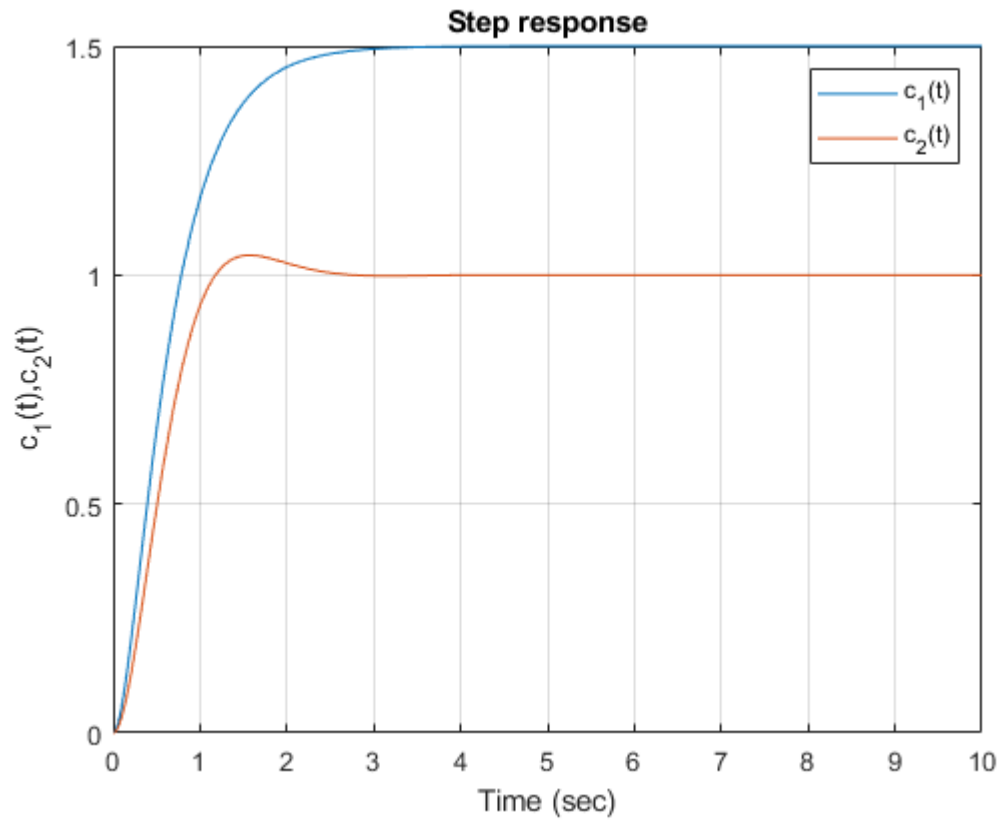


```
figure
fplot(c2,[0 10])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{2}(t)')
grid on
```



Plot the step response of  $G_1(s)$  and  $G_2(s)$  in same figure

```
figure
fplot(c1,[0 10])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{1}(t),c_{2}(t)')
grid on
hold on
fplot(c2,[0 10])
legend('c_{1}(t)','c_{2}(t)')
hold off
```



## Unstable system

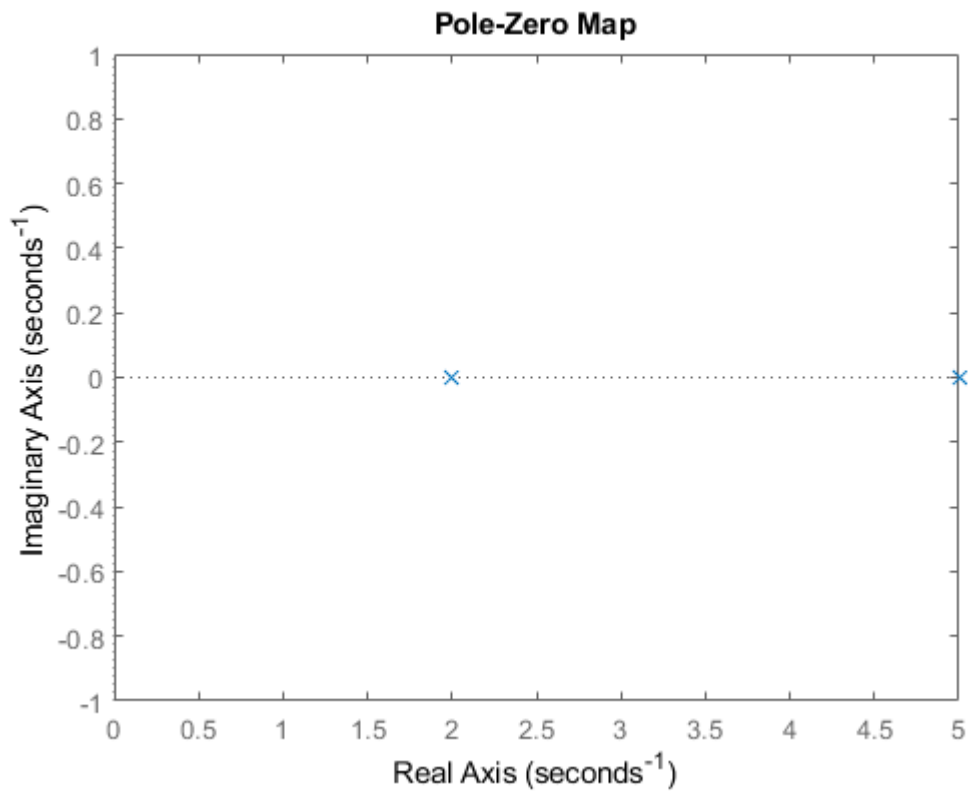
A linear, time-invariant system is **unstable** if the natural response grows without bound as time approaches infinity.

$$G_3(s) = \frac{15}{(s-2)(s-5)}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_3(s)$

```
N3=[0 15];
D3=poly([2 5]) ;
figure
pzmap(tf(N3,D3))
```





Plot the natural and step response of  $G_3(s)$

```
syms s
R3=1/s; % step input
G3=15/((s-2)*(s-5))
```

G3 =

$$\frac{15}{(s-2)(s-5)}$$

```
C3=R3*G3 % step response
```

C3 =

$$\frac{15}{s(s-2)(s-5)}$$

```
c3=ilaplace(C3)
```

c3 =

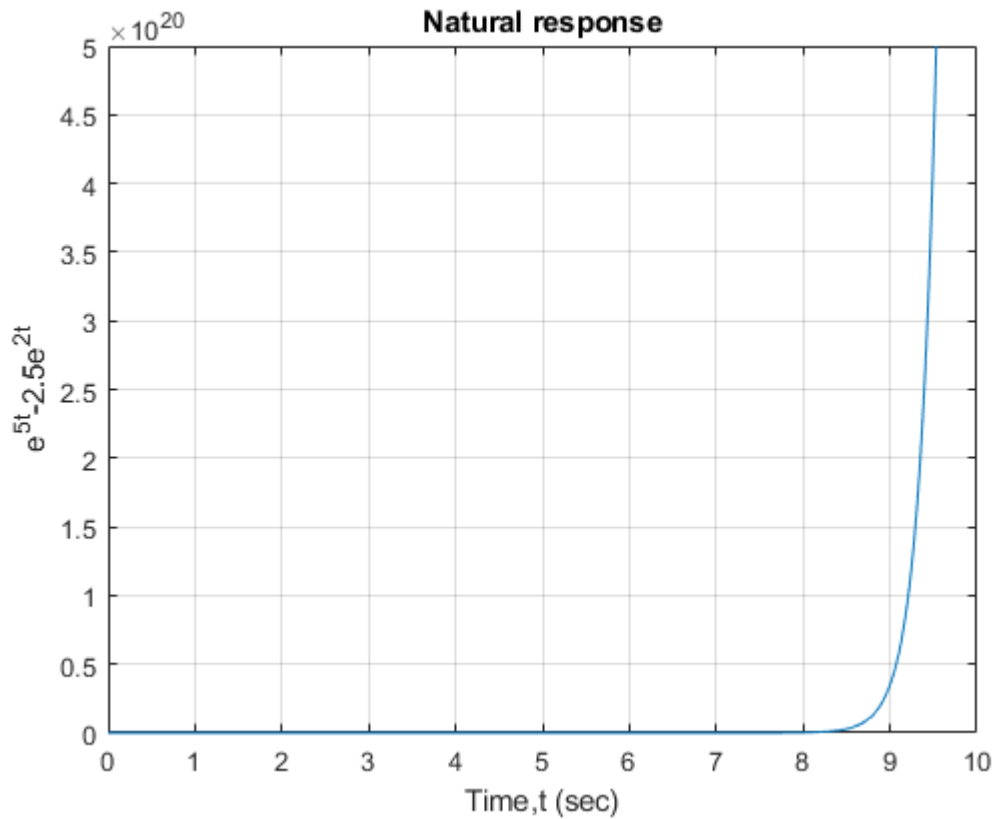
$$e^{5t} - \frac{5e^{2t}}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$$

```
n3=c3-1.5 % natural response
```

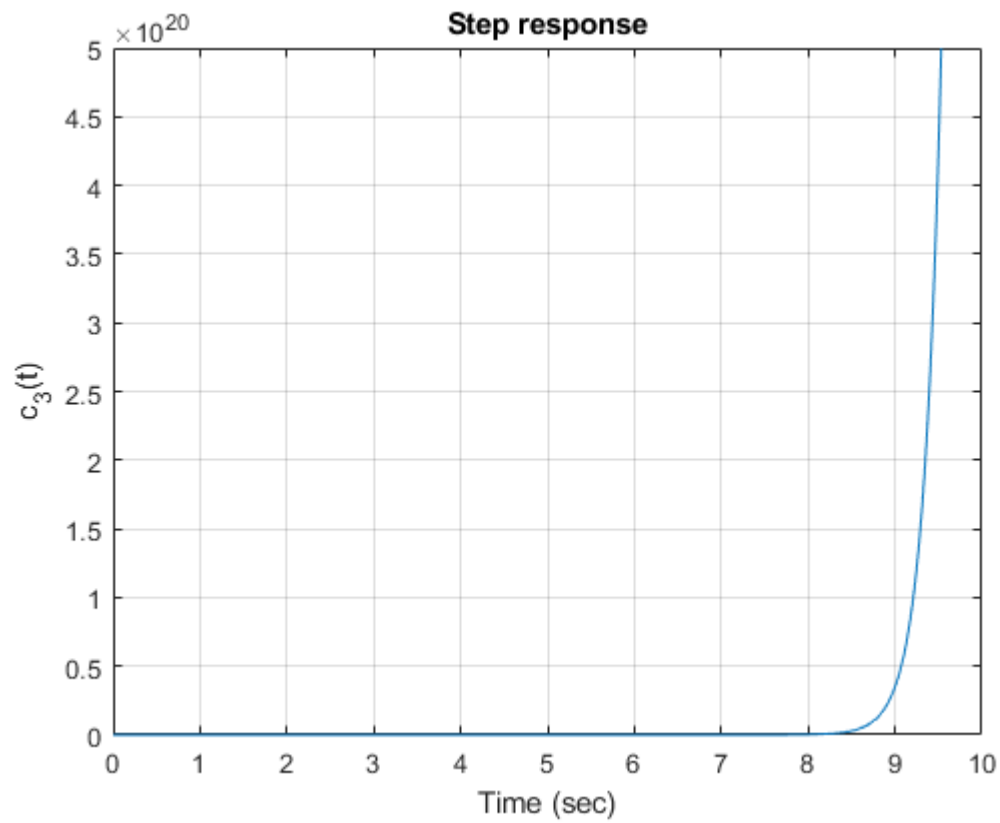
n3 =

$$e^{5t} - \frac{5}{2}e^{2t}$$

```
figure
fplot(n3, [0 10])
title('Natural response')
xlabel('Time,t (sec)')
ylabel('e^{5t}-2.5e^{2t}')
grid on
```



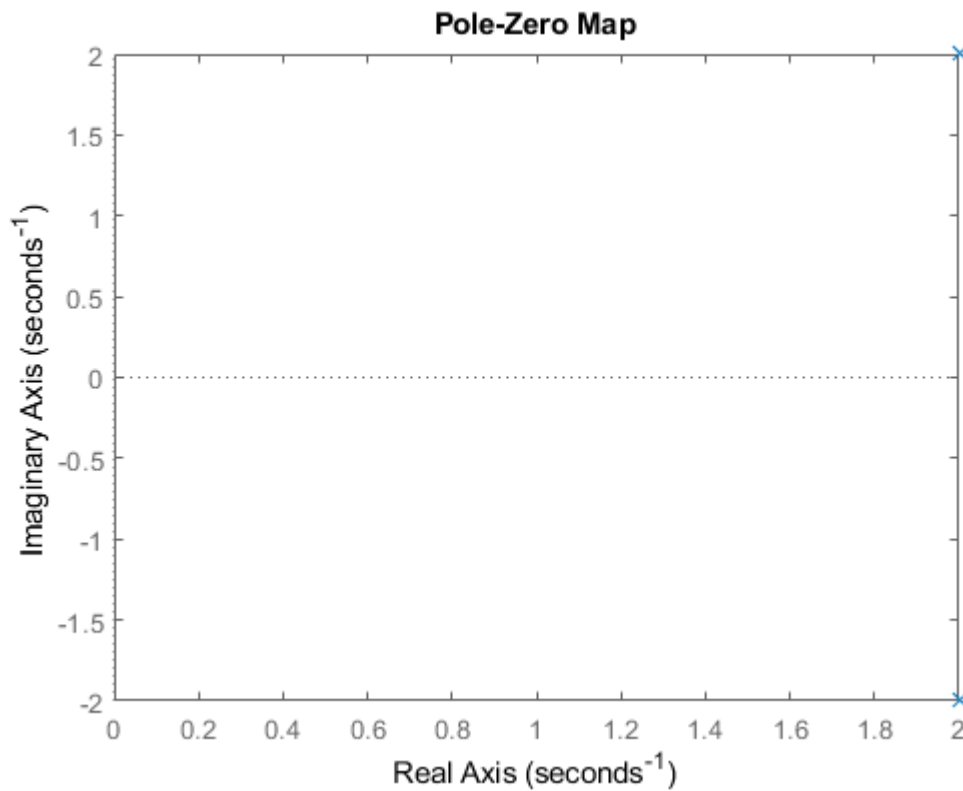
```
figure
fplot(c3,[0 10])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{3}(t)')
grid on
```



$$G_4(s) = \frac{8}{(s^2 - 4s + 8)}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_4(s)$

```
N4=[0 8];
D4=[1 -4 8];
figure
pzmap(tf(N4,D4))
```



Plot the natural and step response of  $G_4(s)$

```
syms s
R4=1/s; %step input
G4=8/(s^2-4*s+8)
```

$$G4 = \frac{8}{s^2 - 4s + 8}$$

```
C4=R4*G4
```

$$C4 = \frac{8}{s(s^2 - 4s + 8)}$$

```
c4=ilaplace(C4)
```

$$c4 = 1 - e^{2t} (\cos(2t) - \sin(2t))$$

```
n4=c4-1% natural response
```

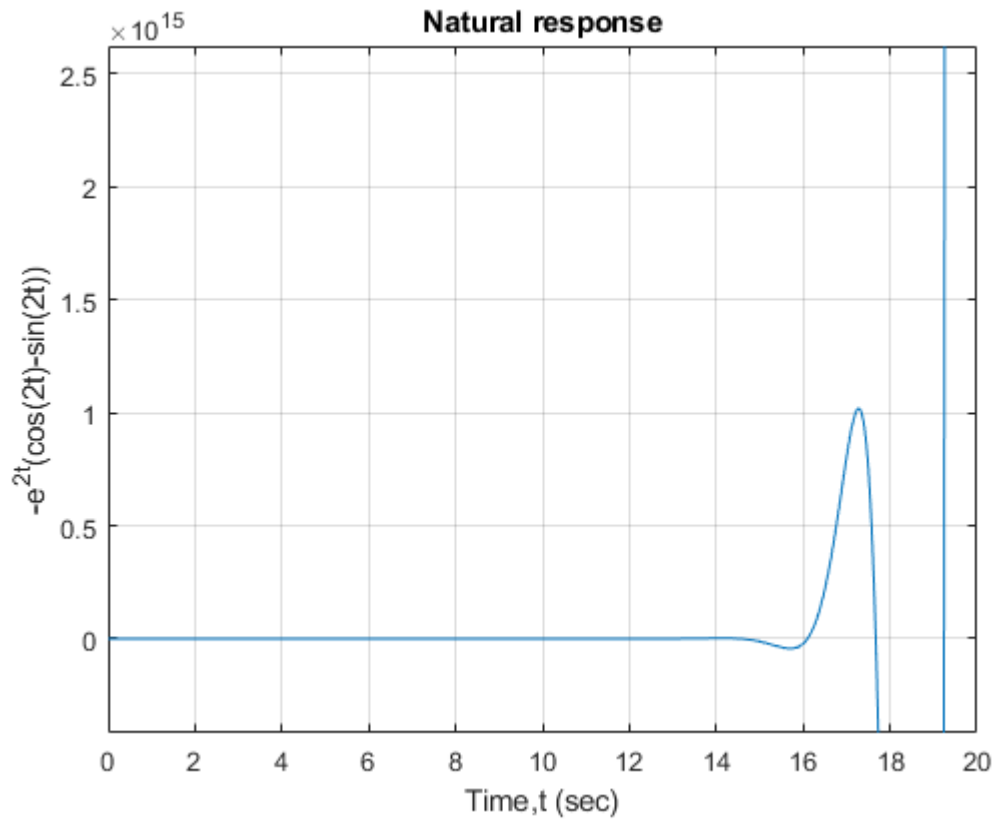
$$n4 = -e^{2t} (\cos(2t) - \sin(2t))$$

```
figure
fplot(n4, [0 20])
```

```

title('Natural response')
xlabel('Time,t (sec)')
ylabel('-e^{2t}(cos(2t)-sin(2t))')
grid on

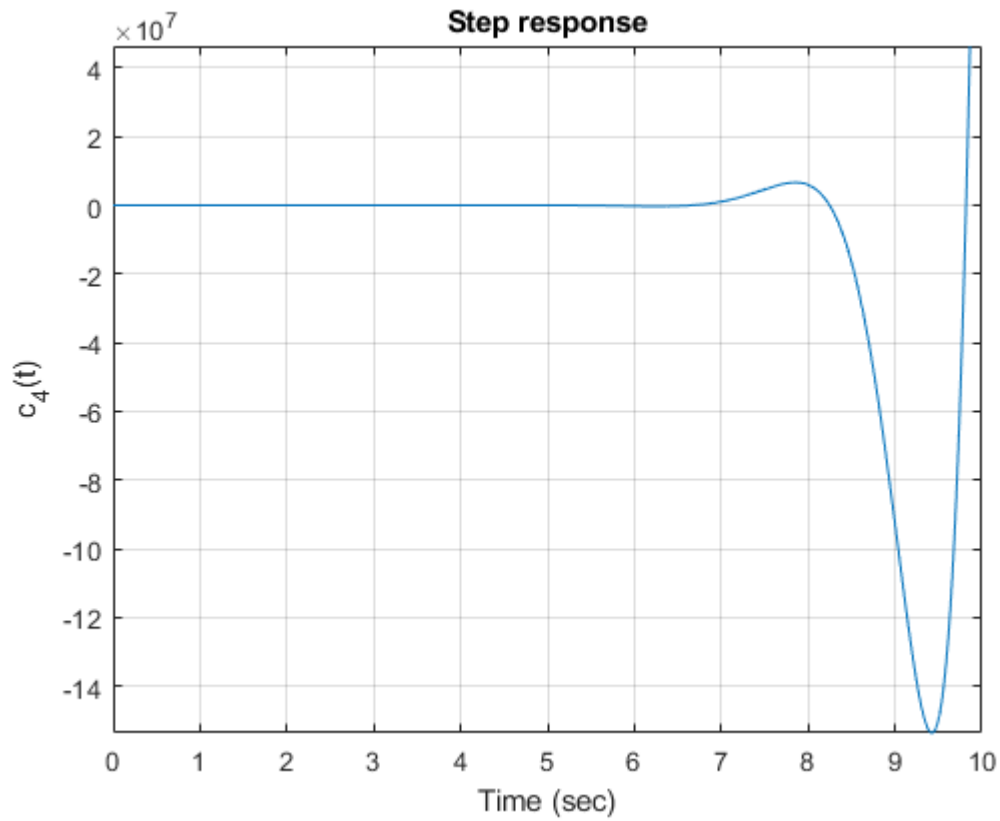
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```

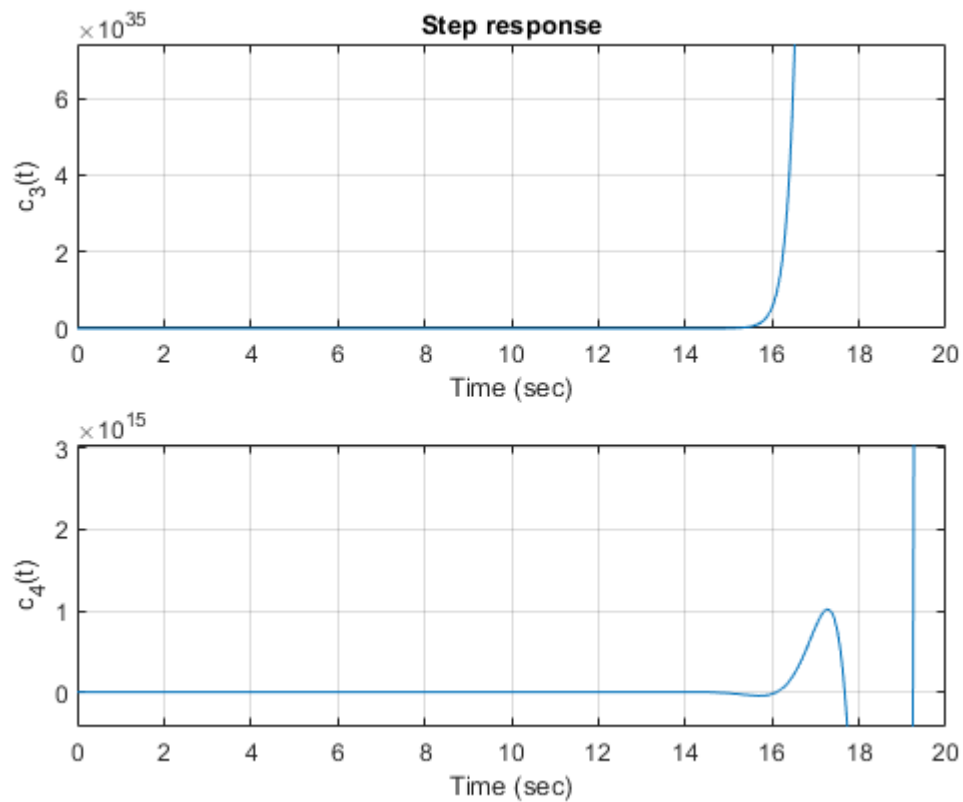
figure
fplot(c4,[0 10 ])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{4}(t)')
grid on

```



Plot the step response of  $G_3(s)$  and  $G_4(s)$  in same figure

```
figure
subplot(2,1,1)
fplot(c3,[0 20])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{3}(t)')
grid on
subplot(2,1,2)
fplot(c4,[0 20])
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{4}(t)')
grid on
```



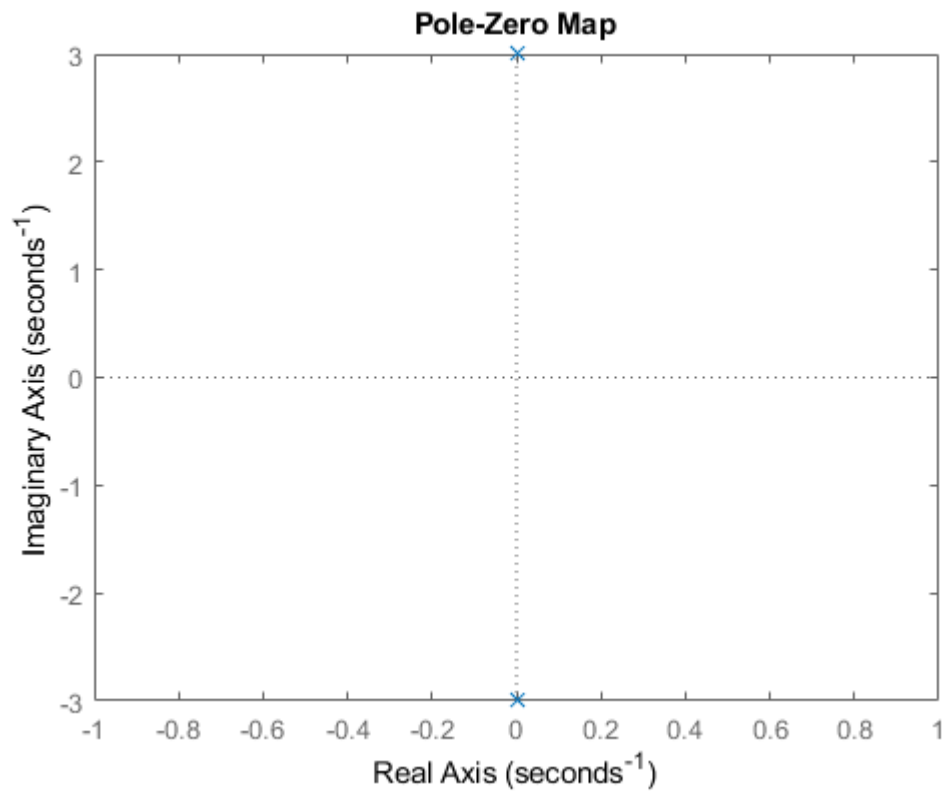
## Marginally stable system

A linear, time-invariant system is *marginally stable* if the natural response neither decays nor grows but remains constant or oscillate as time approaches infinity.

$$G_5(s) = \frac{9}{(s^2 + 9)}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_5(s)$

```
N5=[0 9];
D5=[1 0 9] ;
figure
pzmap(tf(N5,D5))
```



Plot the natural and step response of  $G_5(s)$

```
syms s
R5=1/s; %step input
G5=9/(s^2+9)
```

$$G5 = \frac{9}{s^2 + 9}$$

```
C5=R5*G5
```

$$C5 = \frac{9}{s(s^2 + 9)}$$

```
c5=ilaplace(C5)
```

$$c5 = 1 - \cos(3t)$$

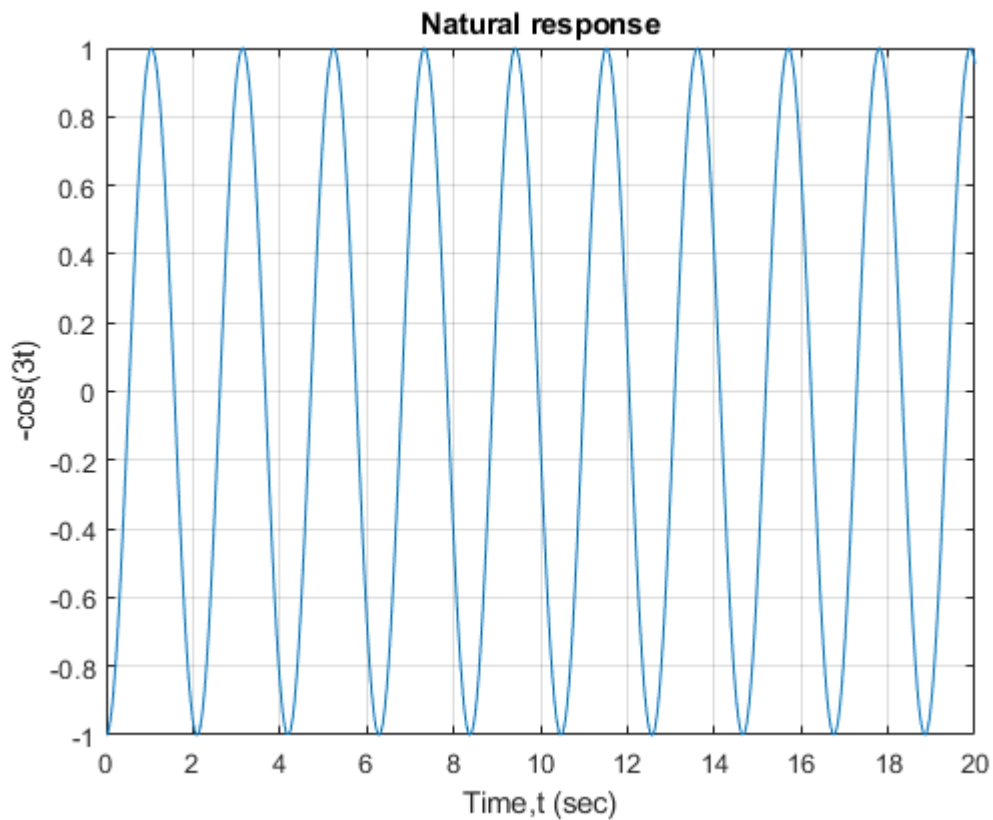
```
n5=c5-1% natural response
```

$$n5 = -\cos(3t)$$

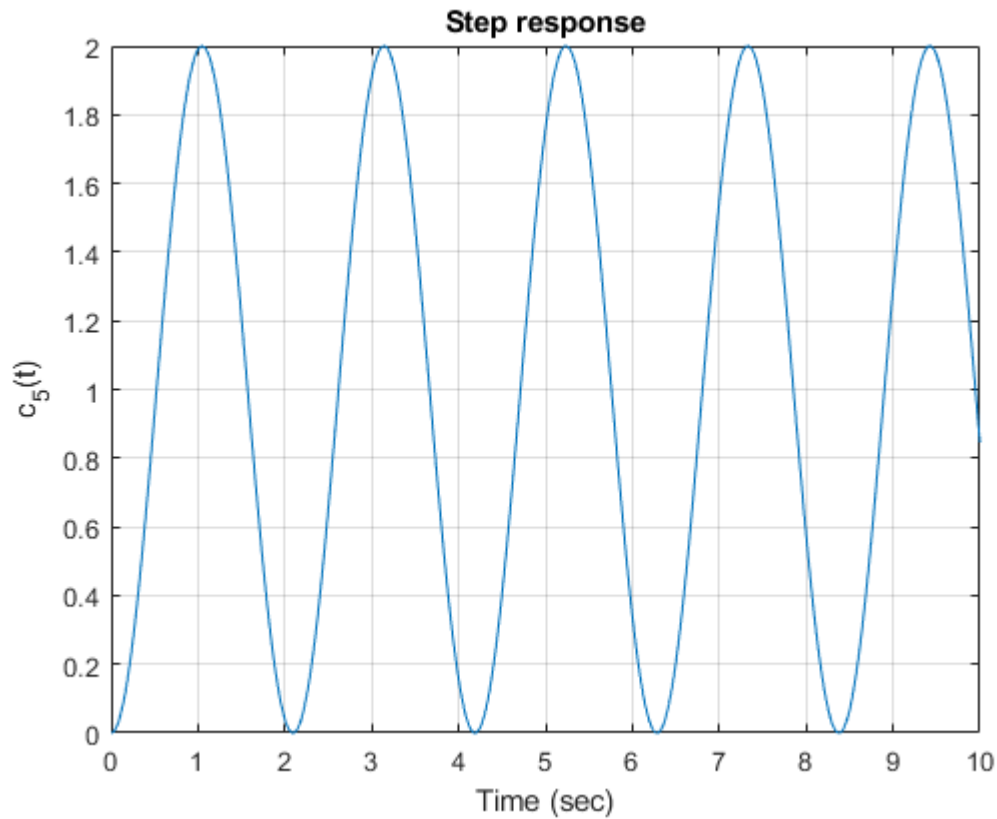
```
figure
fplot(n5, [0 20])
title('Natural response')
```



```
xlabel('Time,t (sec)')
ylabel('-cos(3t)')
grid on
```



```
figure
fplot(c5,[0 10 ])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{5}(t)')
grid on
```



## Special case unstable system

Repeated imaginary poles

$$G_6(s) = \frac{81}{(s^2 + 9)^2}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_6(s)$

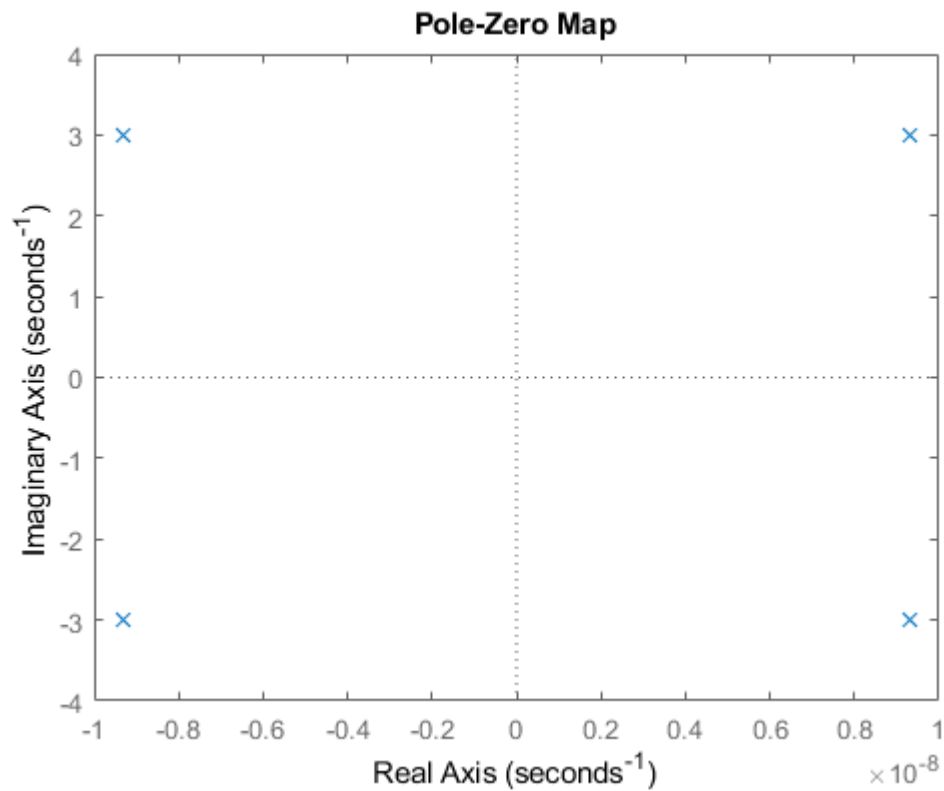
```
N6=[0 81];
D6=[1 0 18 0 81]
```

```
D6 = 1×5
      1      0      18      0      81
```

```
roots(D6)
```

```
ans = 4×1 complex
-0.0000 + 3.0000i
-0.0000 - 3.0000i
 0.0000 + 3.0000i
 0.0000 - 3.0000i
```

```
figure
pzmap(tf(N6,D6))
```



Plot the natural and step response of  $G_6(s)$

```
syms s
R6=1/s; %step input
G6=81/((s^2+9)^2)
```

$$G6 = \frac{81}{(s^2 + 9)^2}$$

```
C6=R6*G6
```

$$C6 = \frac{81}{s (s^2 + 9)^2}$$

```
c6=ilaplace(C6)
```

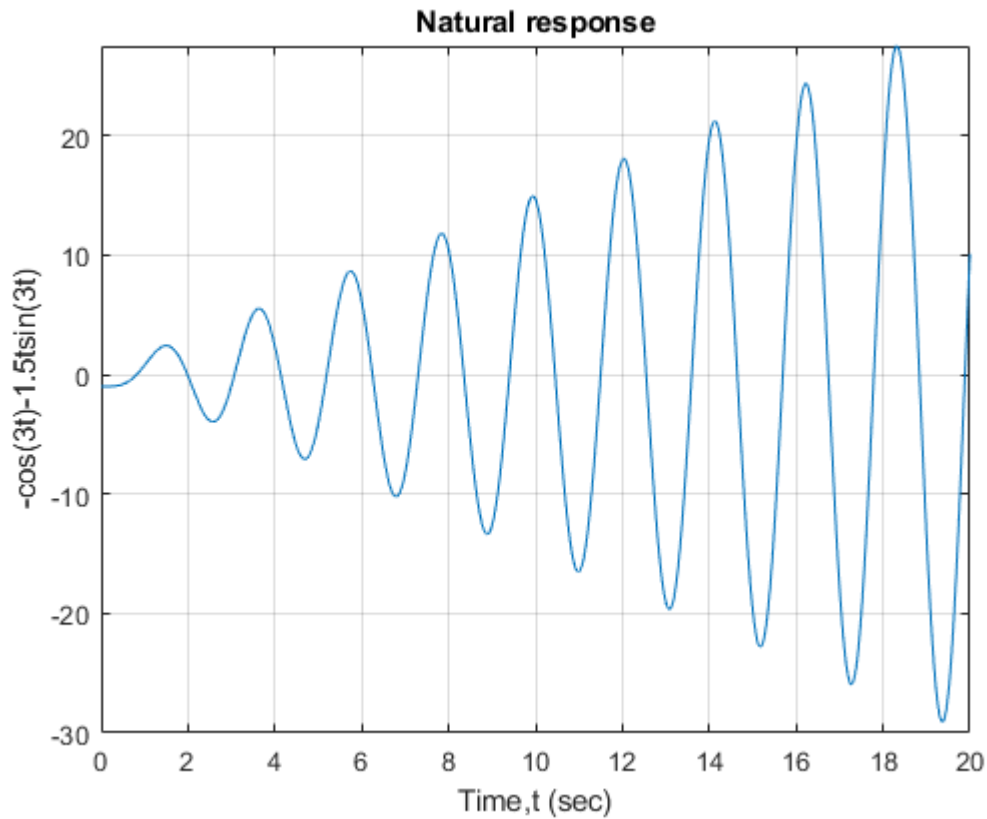
$$c6 = 1 - \frac{3t \sin(3t)}{2} - \cos(3t)$$

```
n6=c6-1% natural response
```

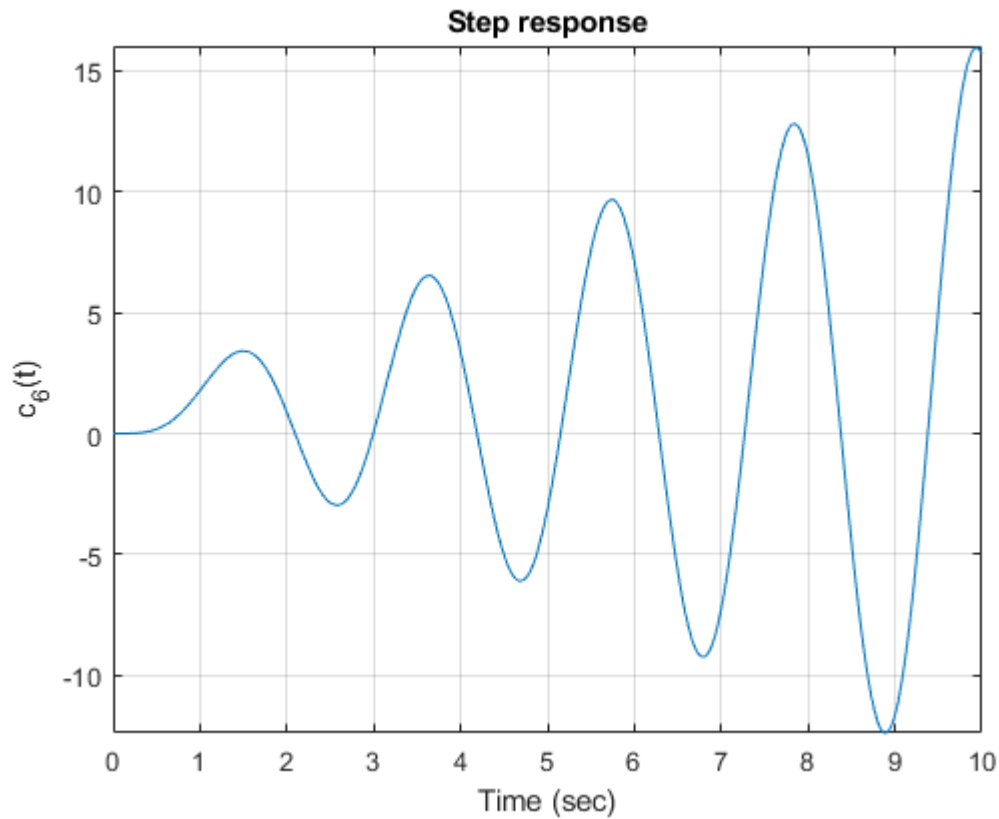
$$n6 =$$

$$-\cos(3t) - \frac{3t \sin(3t)}{2}$$

```
figure
fplot(n6, [0 20])
title('Natural response')
xlabel('Time,t (sec)')
ylabel('-cos(3t)-1.5tsin(3t)')
grid on
```

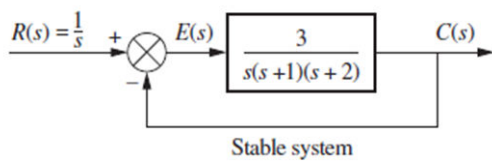


```
figure
fplot(c6,[0 10 ])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{6}(t)')
grid on
```



## Closed loop stability of the system

### System 1



The closed loop transfer function of the above system will be:

$$G_7(s) = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{3}{(s(s+1)(s+2) + 3)}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_7(s)$

```
N7=[0 3];
D7=[1 3 2 3]
```

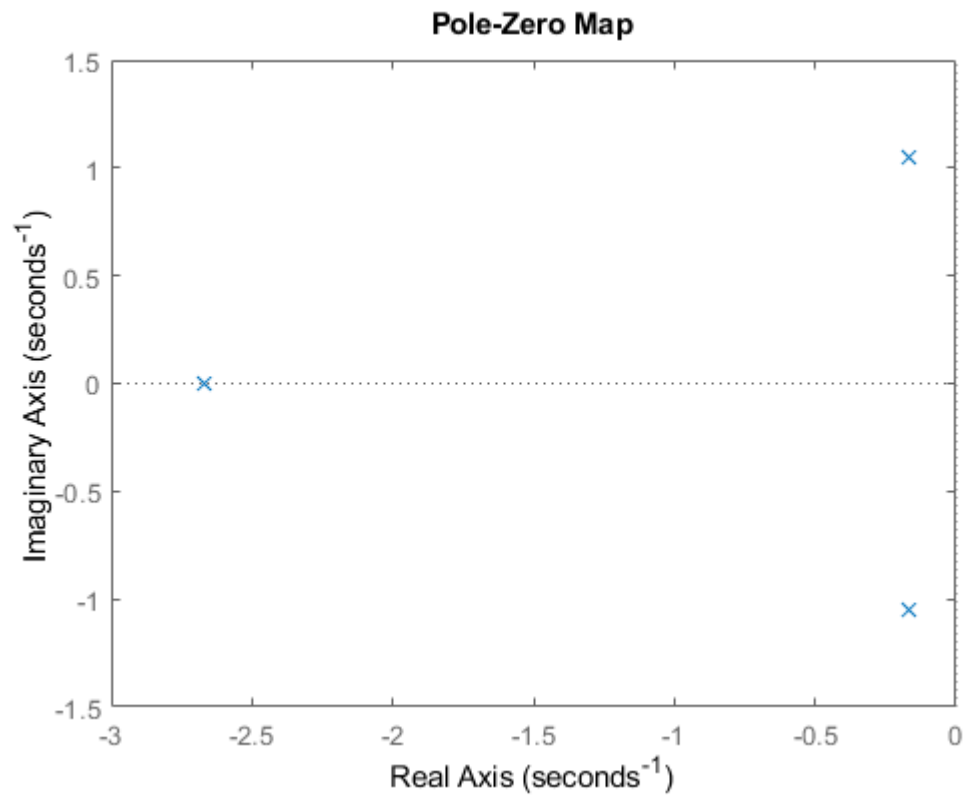
```
D7 = 1x4
     1     3     2     3
```

```
roots(D7)
```

```
ans = 3x1 complex
-2.6717 + 0.0000i
-0.1642 + 1.0469i
```

-0.1642 - 1.0469i

```
figure  
pzmap(tf(N7,D7))
```



Plot the natural and step response of  $G_7(s)$

```
syms s  
R7=1/s; %step input  
G7=3/((s*(s+1)*(s+2))+3)
```

G7 =

$$\frac{3}{s(s+1)(s+2)+3}$$

C7=R7\*G7

C7 =

$$\frac{3}{s(s(s+1)(s+2)+3)}$$

c7=ilaplace(C7)

c7 =

$$1 - 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t\sigma_1}}{3\sigma_1^2 + 6\sigma_1 + 2} \right) - 3 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{\sigma_1 t} \sigma_1}{6\sigma_1 + 3\sigma_1^2 + 2} \right) - \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t\sigma_1} \sigma_1^2}{3\sigma_1^2 + 6\sigma_1 + 2} \right)$$

where

$$\sigma_1 = \text{root}(s_3^3 + 3s_3^2 + 2s_3 + 3, s_3, k)$$

n7=c7-1% natural response

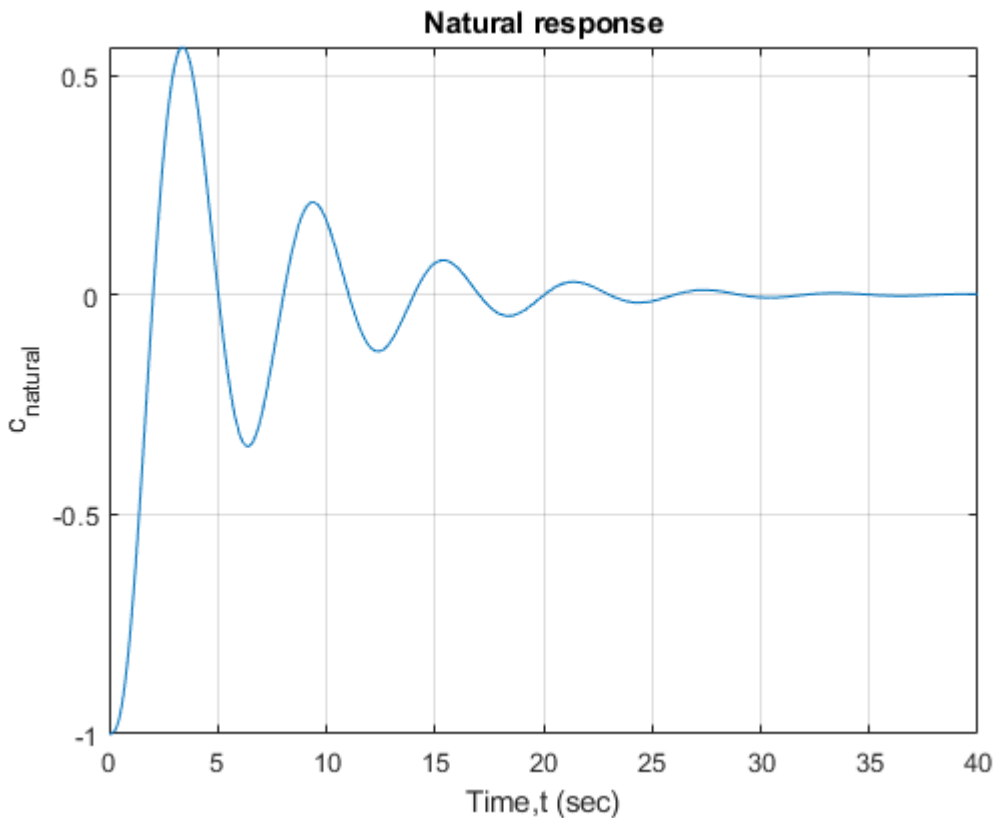
n7 =

$$- \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t\sigma_1} \sigma_1^2}{3\sigma_1^2 + 6\sigma_1 + 2} \right) - 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t\sigma_1}}{3\sigma_1^2 + 6\sigma_1 + 2} \right) - 3 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{\sigma_1 t} \sigma_1}{6\sigma_1 + 3\sigma_1^2 + 2} \right)$$

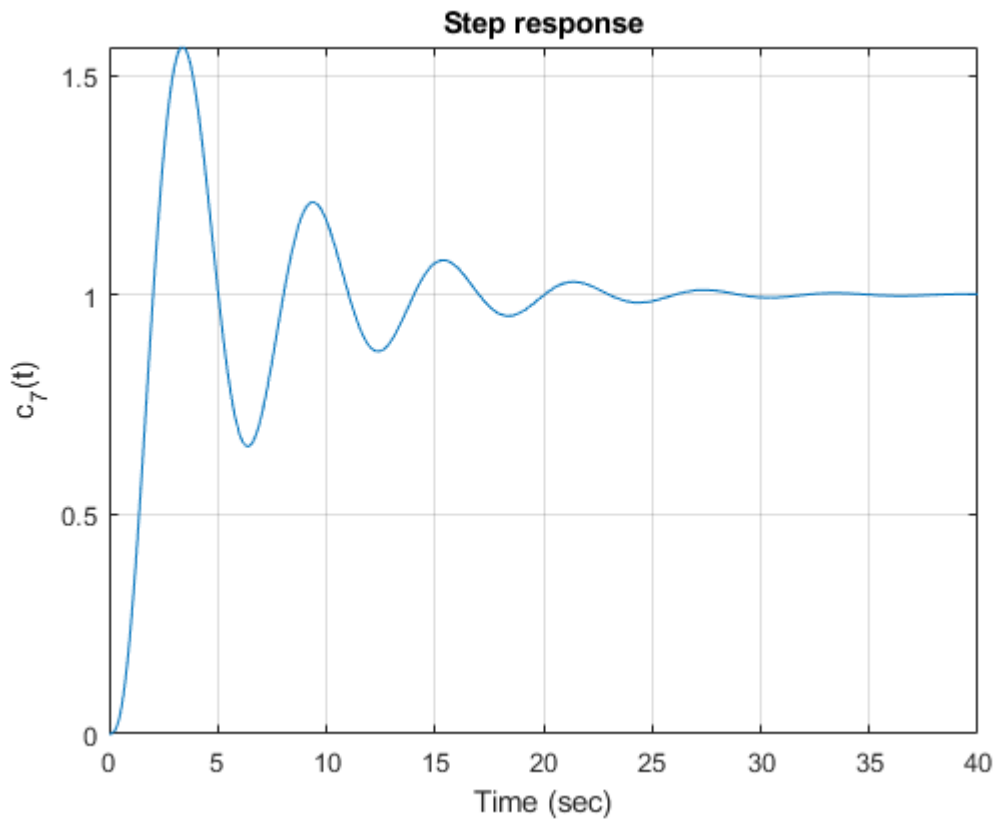
where

$$\sigma_1 = \text{root}(s_3^3 + 3s_3^2 + 2s_3 + 3, s_3, k)$$

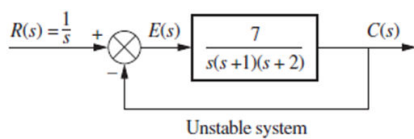
```
figure
fplot(n7, [0 40])
title('Natural response')
xlabel('Time,t (sec)')
ylabel('c_{natural}')
grid on
```



```
figure
fplot(c7,[0 40])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_7(t)')
grid on
```



## System 2



The closed loop transfer function of the above system will be:

$$G_8(s) = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{7}{(s(s+1)(s+2) + 7)}$$

Pole zero plot of  $G_8(s)$

```
N8=[0 7];
D8=[1 3 2 7]
```

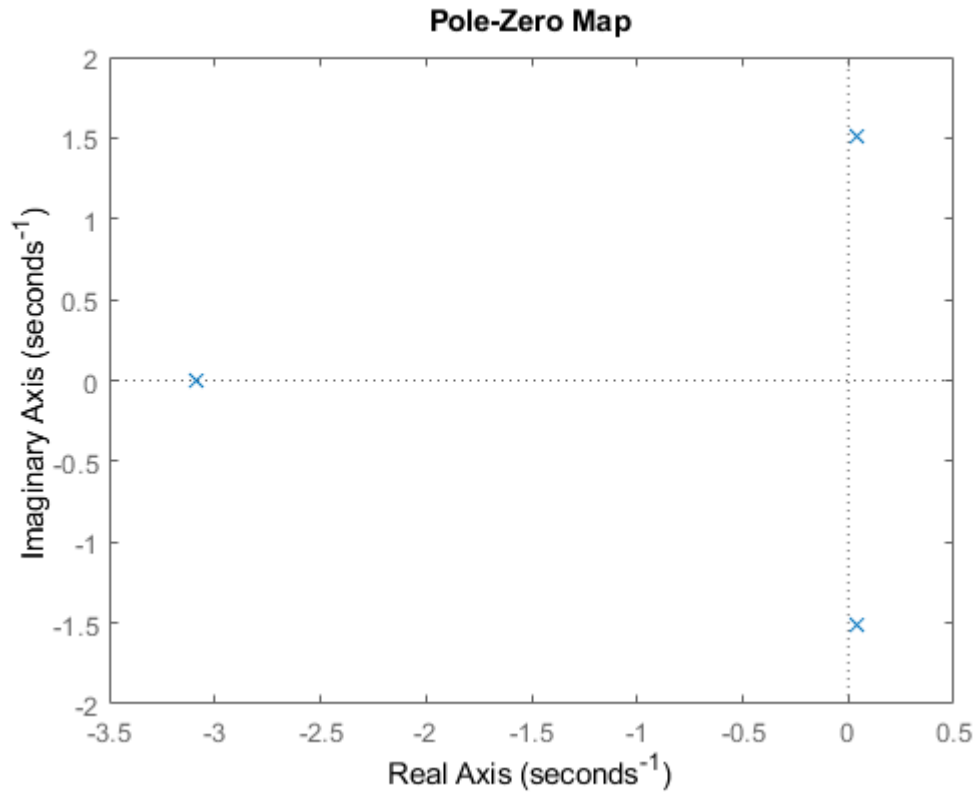
```
D8 = 1x4
      1      3      2      7
```

```
roots(D8)
```



```
ans = 3x1 complex
-3.0867 + 0.0000i
 0.0434 + 1.5053i
 0.0434 - 1.5053i
```

```
figure
pzmap(tf(N8,D8))
```



Plot the natural and step response of  $G_8(s)$

```
syms s
R8=1/s; %step input
G8=7/((s*(s+1)*(s+2))+7)
```

G8 =

$$\frac{7}{s(s+1)(s+2)+7}$$

C8=R8\*G8

C8 =

$$\frac{7}{s(s(s+1)(s+2)+7)}$$

c8=ilaplace(C8)

c8 =

$$1 - 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t \sigma_1}}{3 \sigma_1^2 + 6 \sigma_1 + 2} \right) - 3 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{\sigma_1 t} \sigma_1}{6 \sigma_1 + 3 \sigma_1^2 + 2} \right) - \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t \sigma_1} \sigma_1^2}{3 \sigma_1^2 + 6 \sigma_1 + 2} \right)$$

where

$$\sigma_1 = \text{root}(s_4^3 + 3 s_4^2 + 2 s_4 + 7, s_4, k)$$

n8=c8-1% natural response

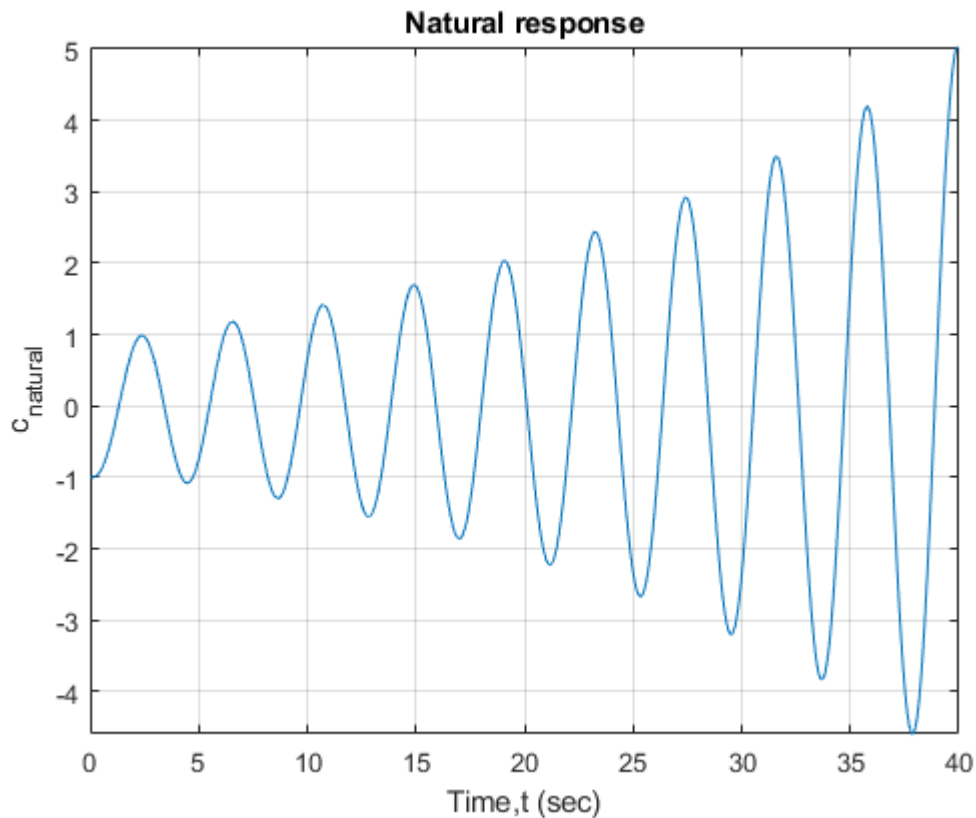
n8 =

$$- \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t \sigma_1} \sigma_1^2}{3 \sigma_1^2 + 6 \sigma_1 + 2} \right) - 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{t \sigma_1}}{3 \sigma_1^2 + 6 \sigma_1 + 2} \right) - 3 \left( \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{e^{\sigma_1 t} \sigma_1}{6 \sigma_1 + 3 \sigma_1^2 + 2} \right)$$

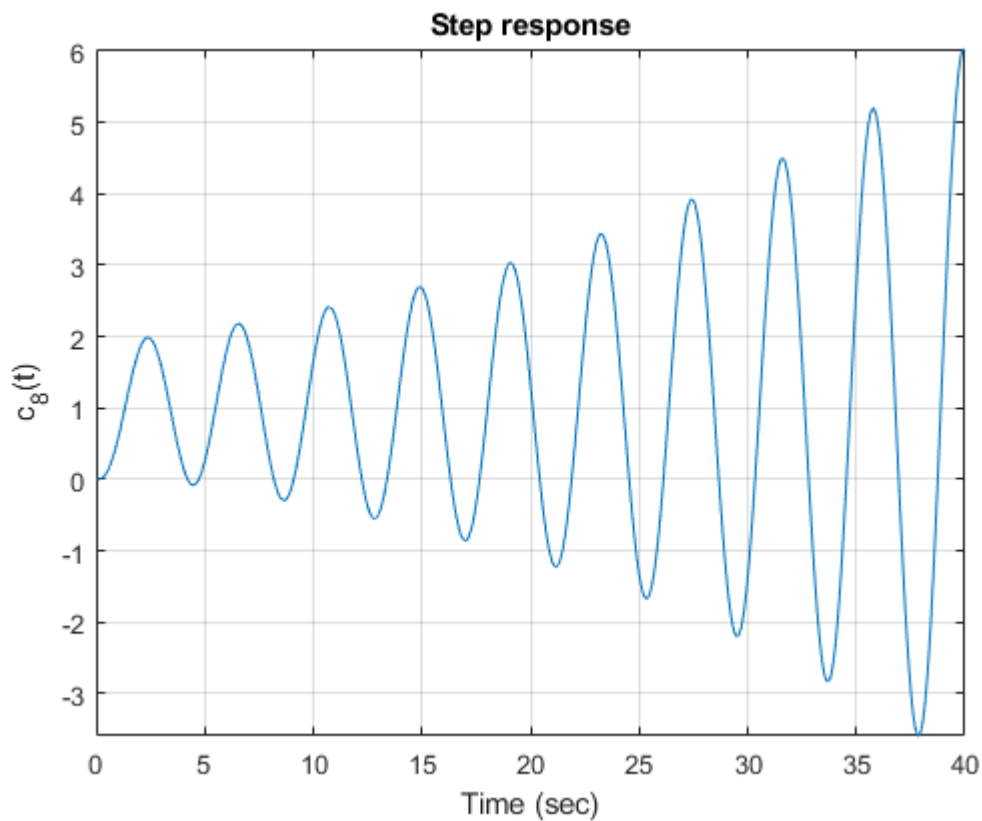
where

$$\sigma_1 = \text{root}(s_4^3 + 3 s_4^2 + 2 s_4 + 7, s_4, k)$$

```
figure
fplot(n8, [0 40])
title('Natural response')
xlabel('Time,t (sec)')
ylabel('c_{natural}')
grid on
```



```
figure
fplot(c8,[0 40])
title('Step response')
xlabel('Time (sec)')
ylabel('c_{8}(t)')
grid on
```



## References

- [1] Nise, Norman S., *Control Systems Engineering*, 7th ed, Hoboken, NJ:Wiley, 2004.
- [2] K. Webb, Class Lecture, Topic: "Section 6: Stability" ESE499, College of Engineering, OSU-Cascades, Oregon, *accessed on:* June 2s