

## Lecture 19

### Differential Equations as LTI Systems (Analysis)

- I. Linear Constant Coefficient Differential Equations as LTI Systems
- II. From Frequency Response to Impulse Response
- III. 2<sup>nd</sup>-order Systems

# I. Linear Constant-Coefficient Differential Equations

- A differential equation is an equation that relates a function (say function  $y$ ) to its derivatives.
- An **Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)** is a differentiation equation where the function  $y$  has only one independent variable – say  $t$ :
- We can express an ODE in the following general form:

$$f\left(y(t), \frac{dy(t)}{dt}, \frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2}, \dots, \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k}, t\right) = 0 \quad \text{where } f(\cdot) \text{ is any function}$$

## Examples of ODE:

1. The logistic equation in chaos theory:  $\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = y(t)(1 - y(t))$

2. An ODE with an input function  $x(t)$ :  $\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = x(t)\ln(y(t))$

# LCCDE

- An extremely important class of ODE is the *Linear Constant-Coefficient Differential Equation* (LCCDE), which equates a weighted sum of the 0 to  $N$ -th derivatives of the output to a weighted sum of the 0 to  $M$ -th derivatives of the input:

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k} \quad \text{where usually } N > M \text{ and is the order of the system.}$$

- LCCDEs model many physical systems.
- As explained in Chapter 1, LCCDEs are LTI. Therefore, they are easily analyzable and provide a framework for designing man-made systems. For the rest of this course, we will learn to characterize and build systems as LCCDEs.

## Frequency Response of LCCDE

- The frequency response of an LCCDE as an LTI system can be easily determined by taking Fourier transform of both sides of the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} &= \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathfrak{T} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} \right\} = \mathfrak{T} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k} \right\} \\
 &\quad \text{Taking FT of both sides} \\
 \Rightarrow \quad \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \mathfrak{T} \left\{ \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} \right\} &= \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \mathfrak{T} \left\{ \frac{d^k x(t)}{dt^k} \right\} \\
 &\quad \text{Linearity of FT} \\
 \mathfrak{T} \left\{ \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} \right\} = (j\omega)^k Y(j\omega) \quad \text{Independent of } k &\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^N a_k (j\omega)^k Y(j\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k (j\omega)^k X(j\omega) \\
 \Rightarrow \quad Y(j\omega) &= \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k (j\omega)^k}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k (j\omega)^k} X(j\omega) \quad \text{Hence } H(j\omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

- This means  $H(j\omega)$  is in the form of the ratio of a numerator polynomial and a denominator polynomial in  $j\omega$ . Such a frequency response is said to be rational, or of rational form.

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k (j\omega)^k}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k (j\omega)^k} = \frac{N(j\omega)}{D(j\omega)}$$

Numerator Polynomial  
 Denominator Polynomial

# Impulse Response from Rational Frequency Response

From the frequency response, we can determine the impulse response:

**Example 4.25:**  $\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 3y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2x(t)$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{N(j\omega)}{D(j\omega)} = \frac{(j\omega) + 2}{(j\omega)^2 + 4(j\omega) + 3}$$

Diagram showing coefficient mapping:  $b_1 = 1$ ,  $b_0 = 2$  for the numerator;  $a_2 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 4$ ,  $a_0 = 3$  for the denominator. Dashed blue arrows connect the coefficients in the differential equation to their corresponding terms in the transfer function.

Factorizing  $D(j\omega)$  followed by *partial fraction expansion*, we obtain:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{j\omega + 2}{(j\omega + 1)(j\omega + 3)} = \frac{1/2}{(j\omega + 1)} + \frac{1/2}{(j\omega + 3)}$$

Diagram showing factorization:  $(j\omega)^2 + 4(j\omega) + 3 = (j\omega + 1)(j\omega + 3)$ . Dashed blue arrows connect the poles in the denominator of the partial fraction expansion to the corresponding terms in the factored denominator.

From Table 4.2, we find that the corresponding **causal** impulse response is a sum of two right-sided exponentials:

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}u(t) + \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t}u(t)$$

Diagram showing pole-to-exponential mapping:  $a = 1$  for the first term and  $a = 3$  for the second term. Dashed blue arrows connect the poles from the partial fraction expansion to the decay constants in the exponentials.

$$e^{-at}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{FT} \frac{1}{(j\omega + a)}$$

## Example – Output for a given Input

Using the frequency response, we can determine the output for any input in frequency domain:

**Example 4.25a**– Assume now that the input is

$$x(t) = e^{-4t}u(t) \xleftrightarrow{FT} X(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega + 4}$$

$a = 4$  (above  $e^{-4t}$ )       $a = 4$  (below  $j\omega + 4$ )

In frequency domain, we just multiply the input spectrum by the frequency response:

$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega) = \frac{j\omega + 2}{(j\omega + 1)(j\omega + 3)} \cdot \frac{1}{j\omega + 4}$$

Partial fraction expansion  $\rightarrow$

$$= \frac{1/6}{j\omega + 1} + \frac{1/2}{j\omega + 3} - \frac{2/3}{j\omega + 4}$$

And we can do inverse transform to obtain time domain solution:

$$y(t) = \left[ \frac{1}{6}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-4t} \right] u(t)$$

$a = 1$  (above  $e^{-t}$ )       $a = 3$  (above  $e^{-3t}$ )       $a = 4$  (above  $e^{-4t}$ )

# Partial Fraction Expansion – Finding the Residues

The partial fraction expansion of a rational Fourier transform involves:

- 1) Finding the roots of the denominator polynomial, and
- 2) For each partial fraction term, evaluating the numerator constant, called the *residue*.

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{N(j\omega)}{D(j\omega)} = \frac{N(j\omega)}{(j\omega - \alpha_1)(j\omega - \alpha_2)(j\omega - \alpha_3)} = \frac{c_1}{(j\omega - \alpha_1)} + \frac{c_2}{(j\omega - \alpha_2)} + \frac{c_3}{(j\omega - \alpha_3)}$$

*residues* (with arrows pointing to  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ )

The following trick, illustrated for the case where the denominator polynomial has three distinct roots, will enable you to find the residue quickly:

$$c_1 = H(j\omega) (j\omega - \alpha_1)|_{j\omega=\alpha_1}; \quad c_2 = H(j\omega) (j\omega - \alpha_2)|_{j\omega=\alpha_2}; \quad c_3 = H(j\omega) (j\omega - \alpha_3)|_{j\omega=\alpha_3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & H(j\omega) (j\omega - \alpha_1)|_{j\omega=\alpha_1} \\ &= \left( c_1 + \frac{c_2(j\omega - \overset{0}{\alpha_1})}{(j\omega - \alpha_2)} + \frac{c_3(j\omega - \overset{0}{\alpha_1})}{(j\omega - \alpha_3)} \right) \bigg|_{j\omega=\alpha_1} = c_1 \end{aligned}$$

- **Notes** - If the denominator contains higher order roots, we can apply the trick to find as many residues as we can, and solve for the remaining ones.

**Example:**

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{N(j\omega)}{(j\omega - \alpha_1)(j\omega - \alpha_2)^2} = \frac{c_1}{(j\omega - \alpha_1)} + \frac{c_2}{(j\omega - \alpha_2)^2} + \frac{c_3}{(j\omega - \alpha_2)}$$

$$c_1 = H(j\omega) (j\omega - \alpha_1)|_{j\omega=\alpha_1}; \quad c_2 = H(j\omega)(j\omega - \alpha_2)^2|_{j\omega=\alpha_2}$$

Then we solve for  $c_3$  after we have determined  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .



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## II. From Frequency Response to Impulse Response

- From Example 4.25/4.25a, we have seen three equivalent ways of specifying the differential equation as LTI system:

### 1. By Differentiation Equation

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} a_2 = 1 & a_1 = 4 & a_0 = 3 & b_1 = 1 & b_0 = 2 \\ \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 3y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2x(t) \\ [ (j\omega)^2 + 4(j\omega) + 3 ] Y(j\omega) = (j\omega + 2) X(j\omega) \end{array}$$

### 2. By Frequency Response

$$\begin{array}{c} b_1 = 1 \quad b_0 = 2 \\ H(j\omega) = \frac{(j\omega) + 2}{(j\omega)^2 + 4(j\omega) + 3} \\ \hline a_2 = 1 \quad a_1 = 4 \quad a_0 = 3 \end{array} \quad H(j\omega) = \frac{1/2}{(j\omega + 1)} + \frac{1/2}{(j\omega + 3)}$$

### 3. By Impulse Response

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} u(t) + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} u(t)$$

*(Dashed arrows from the partial fraction decomposition point to the exponents in the impulse response: a=1 and a=3)*

# Rational Fourier Transform in three Standard Forms

Also, a rational frequency response can be expressed in three standard forms:

## 1. The Polynomial Form

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{N(j\omega)}{D(j\omega)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k (j\omega)^k}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k (j\omega)^k} = \frac{b_{N-1}(j\omega)^{N-1} + \dots + b_1(j\omega) + b_0}{a_N(j\omega)^N + a_{N-1}(j\omega)^{N-1} + \dots + a_1(j\omega) + a_0}$$

where  $M = N - 1$ .

↓ higher order!

because want  $H(j\omega) \rightarrow 0$  when super high frequency!

This form allows us to write the differential equation. Usually, we assume the order of  $D(j\omega)$  is higher than that of  $N(j\omega)$  so that  $H(j\omega) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$  (systems are usually bandlimited)

## 2. The Factored Form

Where both  $N(j\omega)$  and  $D(j\omega)$  are factorized into a product:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{b_{N-1} \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} (j\omega - \beta_i)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (j\omega - \alpha_k)}$$

Roots: value of  $j\omega$  s.t. the polynomial evaluates to 0

This form allows us to plot the magnitude and phase response as function of  $\omega$ .

$$|H(j\omega)| = \frac{|b_{N-1}| \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} |j\omega - \beta_i|}{\prod_{k=1}^N |j\omega - \alpha_k|}$$

We can control the magnitude and phase response of a system by controlling the locations of the roots.

$$\angle H(j\omega) = \angle b_{N-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \angle(j\omega - \beta_i) - \sum_{k=1}^N \angle(j\omega - \alpha_k)$$

This form also says that we can implement an  $N$ th-order system as a cascade (product) of 1<sup>st</sup>-order systems

### 3. The Partial Fraction Form

$$H(j\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{c_k}{j\omega - \alpha_k}$$

Residues  
Roots

This form allows us to find the inverse transform as sum of one-sided exponentials.

From Table 4.2 , the FT of a one-sided exponential is:

$$e^{-at}u(t); \operatorname{Re}\{a\} > 0 \xleftrightarrow{FT} \frac{1}{(j\omega + a)}$$

absolute integrable iff  $\operatorname{Re}\{a\} > 0$

By linearity (and assuming  $h(t)$  is causal; more later), the impulse response is a sum of one-sided exponentials:

$$H(j\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{c_k}{j\omega - \alpha_k} \Rightarrow h(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k e^{\alpha_k t} u(t)$$

This form also says that we can implement an  $N$ th-order system as a sum of 1<sup>st</sup>-order systems

## Understanding Rational System by Roots of the Denominator Polynomial

$h(t)$  is completely specified by the roots  $\alpha_k$ 's and residues  $c_k$ 's:  $h(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k e^{\alpha_k t} u(t)$  ✓

*The roots  $\alpha_k$  specify the exponential constants and tell us everything about the characteristics of the system.*

- For a real system,  $h(t)$  is real. Hence, for any complex root  $\alpha_k$ , there *must be another root* <sup>conjugate</sup>  $\alpha_{k'} = \alpha_k^*$  with residue  $c_{k'} = c_k^*$ , so that:

$$c_k e^{\alpha_k t} u(t) + c_k^* e^{\alpha_k^* t} u(t) = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{c_k e^{\alpha_k t} u(t)\} = 2|c_k| \{e^{\operatorname{Re}\{\alpha_k\}t} \cos(\operatorname{Im}\{\alpha_k\}t + \angle c_k)\}$$

The  $k$ -th term and  $k'$ -th term form a conjugate pair

Real part of a causal complex exponential multiplied by a complex number  $c_k$

= A damped oscillation scaled by  $|c_k|$  and shifted in phase by  $\angle c_k$

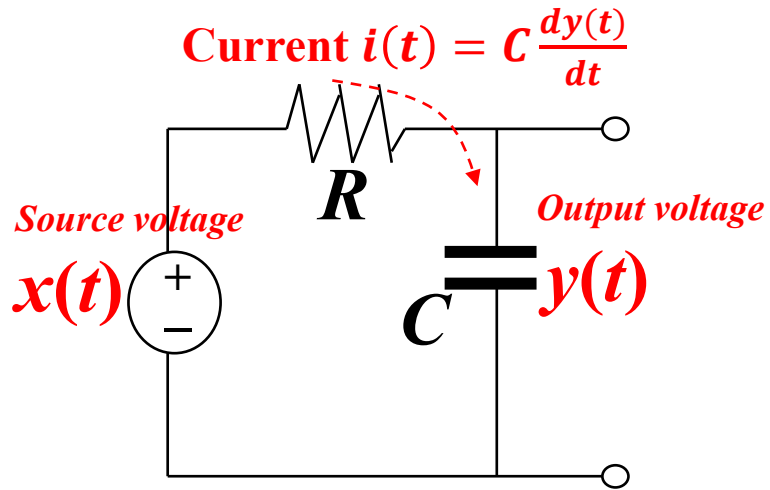
1. This means complex roots must occur in conjugate pairs, and if there is any complex root, the impulse response is oscillatory.

2. The roots  $\alpha_k$ 's are the exponential constants of the right-sided exponentials. Hence, if any root has a non-negative real part, the corresponding exponential grows with time and the system is unstable.

We can understand and implement any real Nth-order system as a product or sum of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order real systems.

# 1<sup>st</sup>-Order System as Non-Ideal Low-Pass Filter

We have seen in Chapter 1 that a simple RC circuit produces a 1<sup>st</sup>-order LCCDE



$$x(t) = RC \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t)$$

$$X(j\omega) = [RC(j\omega) + 1] Y(j\omega)$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{1}{RC(j\omega) + 1}$$

Taking transform  
of both sides

Or by inspection, frequency response is:

$$\Rightarrow H(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{1}{RCj\omega + 1} = \frac{1/RC}{j\omega + 1/RC}$$

$a_1 = RC$

Residue  $1/RC$

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} u(t)$$

$\alpha_1 = -\frac{1}{RC}$

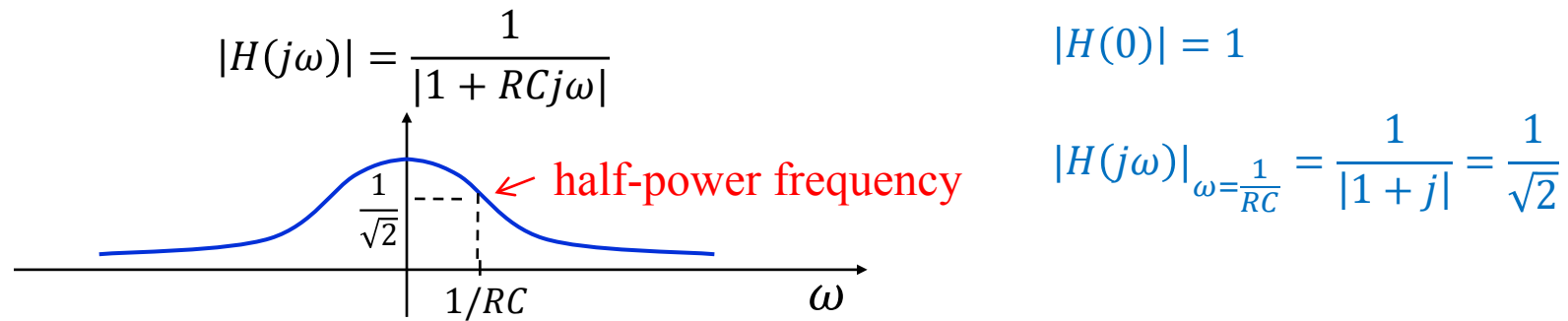
- From Example 4.1 or Table 4.2, the causal impulse response is a right-sided exponential:

$$h(t) = \mathfrak{Z}^{-1}\{H(j\omega)\} = \frac{1}{RC} e^{-\frac{1}{RC}t} u(t)$$

residue  $\alpha_1$



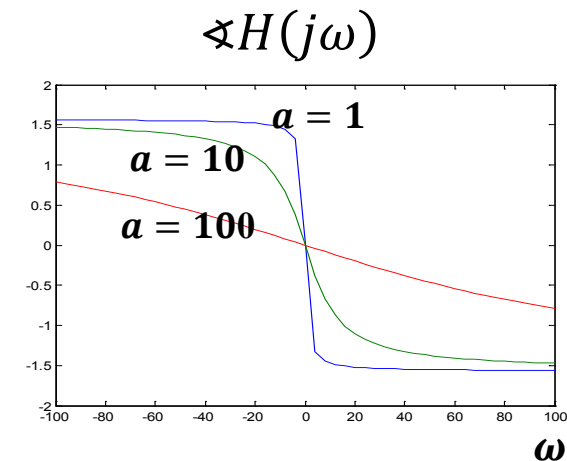
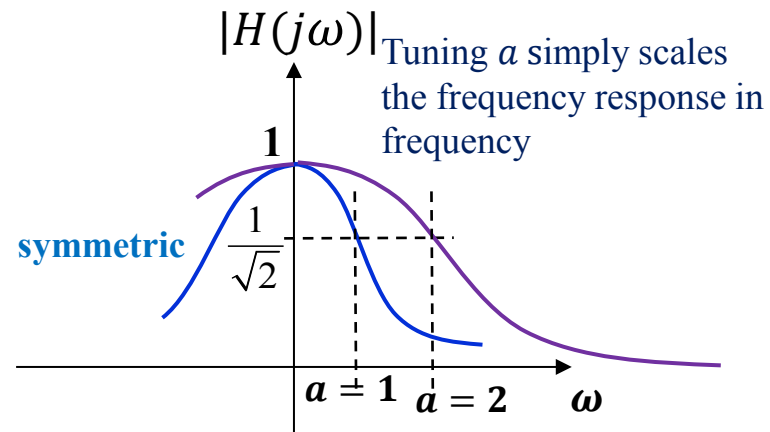
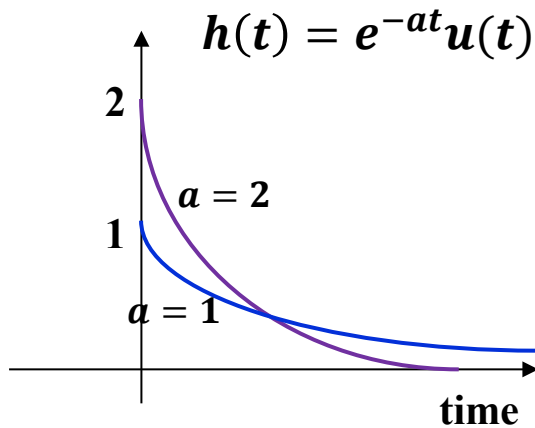
- The magnitude response,  $|H(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{|RCj\omega + 1|}$  decreases with  $\omega$ :



- We observe that all (real) 1<sup>st</sup> order systems are a **non-ideal low-pass filter**.
- For the real 1-st order system,  $a = |\alpha_1| = \frac{1}{RC}$  determines the half-power cut-off frequency of the filter since  $|H(ja)| = 1/\sqrt{2}$ .

- The 1-st order filter does not provide a very sharp cut-off between pass-band and stop-band. The only parameter that one can tune is  $a$ .
- Tuning  $a$  simply scales the frequency response in frequency but does nothing to change the shape of the filter.

### Impulse, Magnitude, and Phase Response for different $a = 1/RC$



- To make filter with sharper cut-off we need higher order (later).

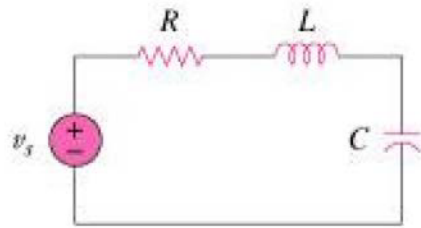
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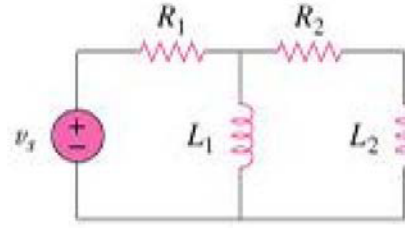
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### III. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Systems

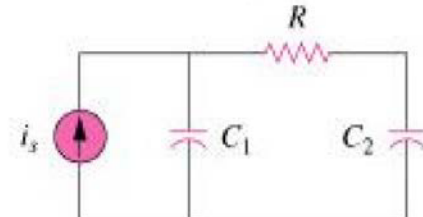
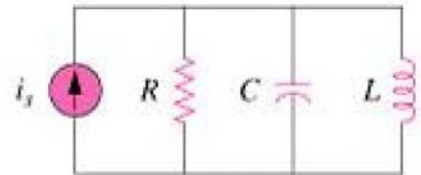
- An RC circuit gives a 1<sup>st</sup>-order system. Circuits with resistors and two energy storage elements give a second order system.



(a)



(c)



*only delay!*

*exchange energy*

*overshoot!*

- Using many 1<sup>st</sup>- and 2<sup>nd</sup>- order circuits, we can build high-order CT low-pass and band-pass filters.

# Frequency and Impulse Response of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order Systems

- For a 2<sup>nd</sup> order LCCDE, we can normalize the leading coefficient  $a_2$  to 1 for convenience:

$$y^{(2)}(t) + a_1 y^{(1)}(t) + a_0 y(t) = b_1 x^{(1)}(t) + b_0 x(t)$$

Leading coefficient,  $a_2$ , normalized to 1

- For a real system, all coefficients  $a_0, a_1, b_0, b_1$  are real.
- Frequency response is rational:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{N(j\omega)}{D(j\omega)} = \frac{b_1(j\omega) + b_0}{(j\omega)^2 + \underbrace{a_1}_{\text{circled}}(j\omega) + a_0}$$

We can find roots of  $D(j\omega)$  and express  $H(j\omega)$  in partial fraction form:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{b_1(j\omega) + b_0}{(j\omega - \alpha_1)(j\omega - \alpha_2)} = \frac{\overset{\text{Residues}}{c_1}}{\underbrace{(j\omega - \alpha_1)}_{\text{Roots}}} + \frac{c_2}{(j\omega - \alpha_2)}$$

*poles!*

Which gives causal impulse response as:  $h(t) = c_1 e^{\alpha_1 t} u(t) + c_2 e^{\alpha_2 t} u(t)$

## Roots of the Denominator Polynomial

- The roots of  $D(j\omega) - \alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are the exponential constants in the impulse response and completely determine the characteristics of the response.
- The roots  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are given by the quadratic formula:

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = \frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_0}}{2} \quad \text{the "radical"}$$

$$\overset{1}{A}x^2 + \overset{a_1}{B}x + \overset{a_0}{C} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Roots} = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

- We note that  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are complex if  $a_1^2 < 4a_0$ , or  $|a_1| < 2\sqrt{a_0}$

Radical is imaginary if the term inside the square root is negative

- We note also that: 1.  $\alpha_1\alpha_2 = a_0$  ;

and 2.  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = -a_1$

$$\text{Because } (j\omega - \alpha_1)(j\omega - \alpha_2) = (j\omega)^2 - \overbrace{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}^{a_1}j\omega + \overbrace{\alpha_1\alpha_2}^{a_0}$$

# System Characterization by Roots 1 – Oscillatory Response

## 1. Oscillatory Response - *System is oscillatory if roots of denominator polynomial are complex.*

- If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are real,  
then  $h(t) = c_1 e^{\alpha_1 t} u(t) + c_2 e^{\alpha_2 t} u(t)$  is a sum of two real one-sided exponentials.
- For a real second order system, if  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are complex, they must be a conjugate pair and so are  $c_1, c_2$ , and

the impulse response is a damped oscillation:

Real part of complex exponential  
is a damped oscillation

$$h(t) = c_1 e^{\alpha_1 t} u(t) + c_1^* e^{\alpha_1^* t} u(t) = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{c_1 e^{\alpha_1 t} u(t)\} = 2|c_1| e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t + \angle c_1) u(t)$$

where  $\sigma = \operatorname{Re}\{\alpha_1\}$  and  $\omega = \operatorname{Im}\{\alpha_1\}$

## Systems Characterization by Roots 2 - Stability

2. Stability  $h(t) = c_1 e^{\alpha_1 t} u(t) + c_2 e^{\alpha_2 t} u(t)$

*(sf  $\sigma_j$ )* *(s -  $\sigma_j$ )*

For  $h(t)$  to be stable, both  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  must have negative real parts. This means *with  $a_2$  normalized to 1, all coefficients in the denominator must be positive ( $a_0, a_1 > 0$ )*.

This is because, with leading coefficient  $a_2$  normalized to 1:

- Recall  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = a_0$ . If  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = a_0 < 0$ , it implies  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  must be real with one being positive and one negative.  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  cannot be complex because if they are, they must be a conjugate pair and their product cannot be  $< 0$ .
- If  $a_0 = 0$ , at least one root is equal to 0, meaning  $h(t)$  contains a unit step.
- Recall  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = -a_1$ . If  $a_1 \leq 0$ , it means  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = -a_1 \geq 0$ . Then:

If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are complex, then  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2^*$ , implying that  $\text{Re}\{\alpha_1\} = \text{Re}\{\alpha_2\} = \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2} \geq 0$

*growing!*

If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are real, at least one of them is non-negative



# Characterization by Natural Frequency and Zeta Parameter

We often express a 2<sup>nd</sup> order system using two alternative parameters :

- i. The natural frequency  $\omega_n = \sqrt{a_0}$  , which provides a scaling in frequency.
- ii. A zeta parameter  $\zeta = \frac{a_1}{2\omega_n} = \frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_0}}$  which conveniently shows if the roots are complex.  
 $a_1 = 2\zeta\omega_n$

Re-express  $D(j\omega)$  in terms of  $\omega_n$  and  $\zeta$  as:

$$D(j\omega) = (j\omega)^2 + a_1(j\omega) + a_0 = (j\omega)^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n(j\omega) + \omega_n^2$$

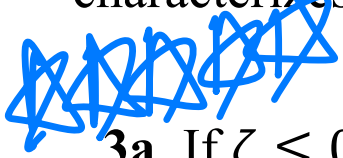
Then:

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = \frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_0}}{2} = \frac{2\zeta\omega_n \pm \sqrt{(2\zeta\omega_n)^2 - 4\omega_n^2}}{2} = \omega_n (-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})$$

↑  
scaling

$|\zeta| \geq 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \text{ real}$   
 $|\zeta| < 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \text{ complex}$

While  $\omega_n$  provides a scaling in frequency,  $\zeta$  makes explicit whether  $a_1^2 - 4a_0 \geq 0$  and it also fully characterizes the system. (Recall  $\omega_n = \sqrt{a_0}$ ,  $\zeta = \frac{a_1}{2\omega_n} = \frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_0}}$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = \omega_n (-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})$ )



*no decay / constant  $\Rightarrow$  unstable!*

**3a.** If  $\zeta \leq 0$ , system is unstable (since it means  $a_1 \leq 0$ )

**3b.** If  $|\zeta| < 1$ , roots have imaginary part and system is oscillatory (if  $|\zeta| < 1$  means  $a_1^2 - 4a_0 < 0$ )

**3c.** If  $\zeta \gg 1$ , one root is nearly  $-2\zeta \omega_n$  but the other root is only slightly less than 0. Therefore the impulse response decays very slowly. The system is over-damped.

$\zeta \gg 1$  implies  $\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} = \zeta - \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon = 0^+$  *<---- Means just slightly larger than 0*

Hence,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = \omega_n (-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}) = \omega_n (-2\zeta + \varepsilon), \omega_n (-\varepsilon)$  *Close to 0; decay very slowly*

**3d.** If  $\zeta \cong 1$ , both roots are near  $-\omega_n$ , and system impulse response decays at the fastest rate possible. System is critically damped – desirable in a suspension system.

**3e.** If  $\zeta \rightarrow 0^+$ , system is under-damped.  $|H(j\omega)|$  may become very large around  $\omega_n$  as we will show in a few slides.

## Example

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = \frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_0}}{2} = \omega_n (-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}) \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{a_0}; \zeta = \frac{a_1}{2\omega_n} = \frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_0}}$$

- These systems are not stable:

$$y^{(2)}(t) + 2y^{(1)}(t) - y(t) = 5x^{(1)}(t) + 3x(t)$$

$$y^{(2)}(t) - 2y^{(1)}(t) + y(t) = 5x^{(1)}(t) + 3x(t)$$

$$-y^{(2)}(t) + 2y^{(1)}(t) + y(t) = 5x^{(1)}(t) + 3x(t)$$

For stable systems, coefficients on output side must be all positive after  $a_2$  is normalized to 1

## More Examples

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = \frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_0}}{2} = \omega_n (-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}) \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{a_0}; \zeta = \frac{a_1}{2\omega_n} = \frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_0}}$$

- Oscillatory:

$$y^{(2)}(t) + 3y^{(1)}(t) + 4y(t) = 5x^{(1)}(t) + 3x(t)$$

$\zeta = \frac{a_1}{2\omega_n} = \frac{3}{2 \times 2} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow |\zeta| < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  no real roots!

decay very fast!

one term  $e^{-\zeta t}$

- Critically damped:

$$y^{(2)}(t) + 2y^{(1)}(t) + y(t) = -2x^{(1)}(t) + x(t)$$

$\omega_n = \sqrt{1} = 1$      $\zeta = \frac{2}{2 \times 1} = 1$     ?

decay very slow!!!

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 = 0.1 (-1 \pm \sqrt{24}) = 0.1 \pm 0.1 \times 5 \approx -1 \pm 5, -5$$

- Over-damped:  
no oscillation!

$$y^{(2)}(t) + y^{(1)}(t) + 0.01y(t) = 5x^{(1)}(t) + 3x(t)$$

$\omega_n = \sqrt{0.01} = 0.1$      $\zeta = \frac{1}{2 \times 0.1} = 5 \Rightarrow \zeta \gg 1$

# ★ Underdamping Example $\zeta = 0.1$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{20j\omega + 7}{(j\omega)^2 + 2j\omega + 100}$$

$\zeta \rightarrow 0$

$\uparrow$   
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- Dangerous!*
- An under-damped system:  $\omega_n = \sqrt{100} = 10$ ;  $\zeta = \frac{a_1}{2\omega_n} = \frac{2}{2 \times 10} = 0.1 \rightarrow 0^+$

$$y^{(2)}(t) + 2y^{(1)}(t) + 100y(t) = 20x^{(1)}(t) + 7x(t)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\approx 0$

System resonates at large amplitude if stimulated at its natural frequency of 10 rad/sec.

Magnitude response at  $\omega = 10$  is:

$$|H(j10)| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{200^2 + 7^2} \approx 200}{(j10)^2 + 2(j10) + 100} \right| \approx \frac{200}{20} = 10$$

*no damping at all!*

Input =  $\cos(10t)$  → Output =  $10\cos(10t + \angle H(j10))$

*get amplified by 10 times!!!*

In the next slide, we show video of the infamous 1940 collapse of the Tacoma Bridge because of excitation by wind at the natural frequency

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XE5qU0c5qU>



# 1940 Collapse of Tacoma Narrow Bridge

*under-damped*

Resonance at natural frequency led to the infamous collapse of the Tacoma Bridge

