

To quantify the effects of ζ and w_n or, more broadly, $\text{Re}(p)$ and $\text{Im}(p)$ for any pole p , on the speed and oscillation of the transient response, we look at the standard control engineering specifications (specs).

Specifically, let's look at the way the step response tracks its reference input (the unit step).

2. the peak time, T_p , is defined as the time at which the step response reaches its maximum value

IF $H(s)$ is a 2nd order system in standard form then

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{w_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = \text{Im}(p)$$

To derive this, set $y(t)=0$ and solve for the smallest t that satisfies this equation

- T_p gives a measure of the speed of the response

Our entire discussion only applies to stable systems!

Specs are typically how we mathematically represent desired performance.

$y_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t)$ is the steady-state value of $y(t)$

1. the steady-state error, denoted e_{ss} , $e_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (r(t) - y(t)) = 1 - y_{ss}$

$$\text{Ex. } r(t) = 1\mathbb{1}(t) \Rightarrow e_{ss} = 0$$

$$r(t) = 2.5 \mathbb{1}(t) \Rightarrow e_{ss} = 0$$

$$\text{Ex. } r(t) = 1\mathbb{1}(t) \Rightarrow e_{ss} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$r(t) = 4 \mathbb{1}(t) \Rightarrow e_{ss} = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

These specs are valuable for steps of all sizes, not just size 1.

and for other reference signals too

- but the unit step makes it easy to quantify and compare different control systems
(standardized signal for comparison)

3. the settling time, T_s , is defined as the earliest time after which the step response stays within 2% of its steady-state value y_{ss} for all future time.

If $H(s)$ is a 2nd order system in standard form then

$$T_s \approx \frac{4}{3w_n} \xrightarrow{\text{Re}(p)} \text{an approximation!}$$

- T_s gives another measure of the speed of the response

4. the overshoot, $\%OS$, is defined as the difference between the maximum and the steady-state value of the step response.

Often $\%OS$ is expressed as a percentage of the steady-state

value: $\%OS = \frac{y_{max} - y_{ss}}{y_{ss}} \times 100\%$

If $H(s)$ is a 2nd order system in standard form then

$$y_{max} = y(T_p) = y\left(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\right), \quad y_{ss} = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow \%OS = \frac{y(T_p) - 1}{y_{ss}} \times 100\% = e^{\frac{-\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}} \times 100\% \xrightarrow{\text{Re}(p)} \frac{-\pi\zeta}{\text{Im}(p)}$$

- $\%OS$ measures the extent to which the output exceeds its steady-state value

often $\%OS$ is larger when the response is more oscillatory

How does the location of the poles affect the performance specs?

1. T_s

- pole locations have no effect

3. T_s

- $\text{Re}(p)$ for each pole p determines the rate of decay
 \Rightarrow the further the poles are from the imaginary axis, typically the faster T_s

- for higher order systems, typically the pole is closest to the imaginary axis

(i.e., the slowest poles) approximately determine the settling time
 \Rightarrow the slowest pole(s) are typically called the dominant poles

2, 4. $T_p, \%OS$

- $\text{Im}(p)$ determines the frequency of oscillations

\Rightarrow the further the poles are from the real axis, typically the larger the $\%OS$ and smaller the T_p

Ex. (robot manipulator) \Rightarrow specs for control design

- specifications:
1. $P_{ss} = 0$
 2. $T_s \leq 1s$
 3. $T_p \leq 0.5s$
 4. $\%OS \leq 5\%$