

Tutorial—Transient Response

Example 1. Consider the system shown in Figure 1, where $\zeta = 0.6$ and $\omega_n = 5$ rad/sec. Obtain the rise time t_r , peak time t_p , maximum overshoot M_p , and settling time t_s when the system is subjected to a unit-step input.

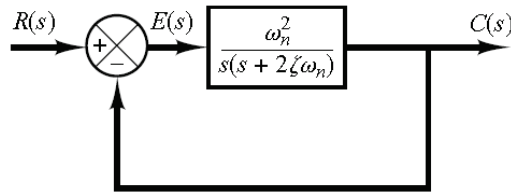


Figure 1: Second-order system.

Example 2. For the system shown in Figure 2, determine the values of gain K and velocity-feedback constant K_h so that the maximum overshoot in the unit-step response is 0.2 and the peak time is 1 sec. With these values of K and K_h , obtain the rise time and settling time. Assume that $J = 1$ kg-m² and $B = 1$ N-m/rad/sec.

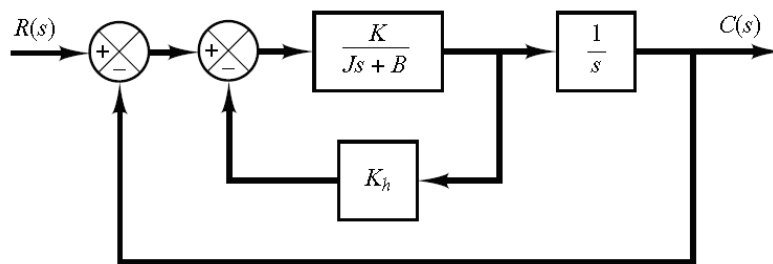


Figure 2: Block diagram of a servo system.

Example 3. In the system of Figure 3, $x(t)$ is the input displacement and $\theta(t)$ is the output angular displacement. Assume that the masses involved are negligibly small and that all motions are restricted to be small; therefore, the system can be considered linear. The initial conditions for x and θ are zeros, or $x(0-) = 0$ and $\theta(0-) = 0$. Show that this system is a differentiating element. Then obtain the response $\theta(t)$ when $x(t)$ is a unit-step input.

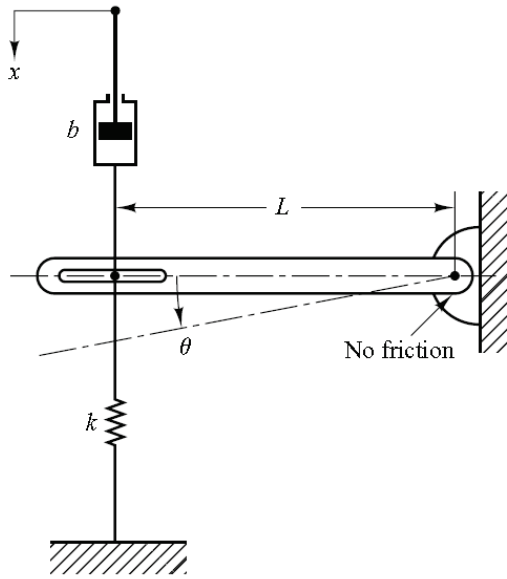


Figure 3: Mechanical system.

Example 4. When the system shown in Figure 4(a) is subjected to a unit-step input, the system output responds as shown in Figure 4(b). Determine the values of K and T from the response curve.

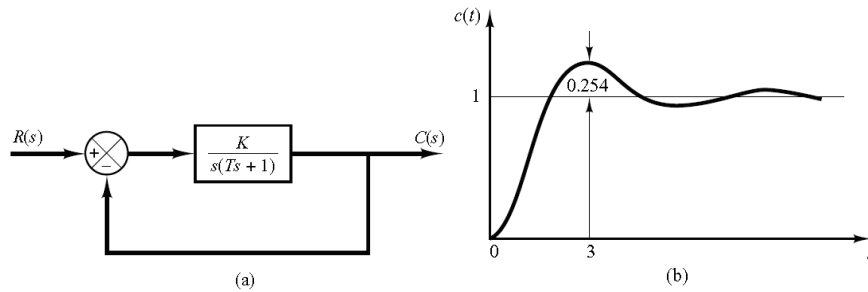


Figure 4: (a) Closed-loop system; (b) unit-step response curve.

Example 5. Determine the values of K and k of the closed-loop system shown in Figure 5 so that the maximum overshoot in unit-step response is 25% and the peak time is 2 sec. Assume that $J = 1 \text{ kg-m}^2$.

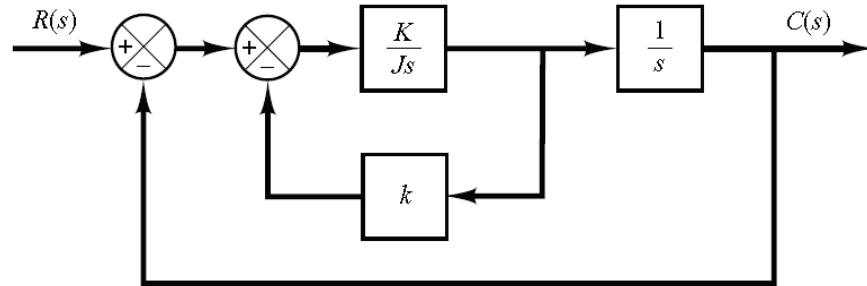


Figure 5: Closed-loop system.

Solution 1. From the given values of ζ and ω_n , we obtain $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = 4$ and $\sigma = \zeta \omega_n = 3$.

The rise time is

$$t_r = \frac{\pi - \beta}{\omega_d} = \frac{3.14 - \beta}{4} \quad (1)$$

where β is given by

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_d}{\sigma} = \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} = 0.93 \text{ rad} \quad (2)$$

the rise time t_r is thus

$$t_r = \frac{\pi - 0.93}{\omega_d} = 0.55 \text{ sec} \quad (3)$$

The peak time is

$$t_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{3.14}{4} = 0.785 \text{ sec} \quad (4)$$

The maximum overshoot is

$$M_p = e^{-(\sigma/\omega_d)\pi} = e^{-(3/4)\pi} = 0.095 = 9.5\% \quad (5)$$

For the 2% criterion, the settling time is

$$t_s = \frac{4}{\sigma} = \frac{4}{3} = 1.33 \text{ sec} \quad (6)$$

For the 5% criterion, the settling time is

$$t_s = \frac{3}{\sigma} = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \text{ sec} \quad (7)$$

□

Solution 2. The maximum overshoot M_p is given by

$$M_p = e^{-\zeta \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \pi} \quad (8)$$

This value must be 0.2. Thus,

$$\frac{\zeta \pi}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} = 1.61 \quad (9)$$

which yields $\zeta = 0.456$.

The peak time t_p is specified as 1 sec; therefore,

$$t_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} = 1, \Rightarrow \omega_d = 3.14 \quad (10)$$

Since $\zeta = 0.456$, then

$$\omega_n = \frac{\omega_d}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} = 3.53 \quad (11)$$

Since the natural frequency is $\omega_n = \sqrt{K/J}$, then

$$K = J\omega_n^2 = \omega_n^2 = 12.5 \quad (12)$$

Then K_h is

$$K_h = \frac{2\sqrt{K/J}\zeta - B}{K} = \frac{2\sqrt{K}\zeta - 1}{K} = 0.178 \quad (13)$$

The rise time is

$$t_r = \frac{\pi - \beta}{\omega_d} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_d}{\sigma} = \tan^{-1} 1.95 = 1.1 \quad (15)$$

Thus $t_r = 0.65$ sec.

For the 2% criterion

$$t_s = \frac{4}{\sigma} = 2.48 \quad (16)$$

For the 5% criterion

$$t_s = \frac{3}{\sigma} = 1.86 \quad (17)$$

□

Solution 3. The equation for the system is

$$b(\dot{x} - L\dot{\theta}) = kL\theta \quad (18)$$

or

$$L\dot{\theta} + \frac{k}{b}L\theta = \dot{x} \quad (19)$$

The Laplace transform of this last equation, using zero initial conditions, gives

$$\left(sL + \frac{k}{b}L\right)\Theta(s) = sX(s) \quad (20)$$

And so

$$\frac{\Theta(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{s}{s + k/b} \quad (21)$$

Thus the system is a differentiating system (the term $1/(s + k/b)$ is multiplied with s).

For the unit-step input $X(s) = 1/s$, the output becomes

$$\Theta(s) = \frac{1}{L} \frac{1}{s + k/b} \quad (22)$$

The inverse Laplace transform of $\Theta(s)$ gives

$$\theta(t) = \frac{1}{L} e^{-kt/b} \quad (23)$$

□

Solution 4. The maximum overshoot of 25.4% corresponds to $\zeta = 0.4$, because $M_p = e^{-\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$. From the response curve we have $t_p = 3$. Consequently

$$t_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1-0.4^2}} = 3 \quad (24)$$

It follows that $\omega_n = 1.14$. From the block diagram we have

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K}{s^2 T + s + K} \quad (25)$$

from which

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{K/T}, \quad 2\zeta\omega_n = 1/T \quad (26)$$

Therefore, the values of T and K are determined as

$$T = \frac{1}{2\zeta\omega_n} = \frac{1}{2 \times 0.4 \times 1.14} = 1.09 \quad (27)$$

$$K = \omega_n^2 T = 1.14^2 \times 1.09 = 1.42 \quad (28)$$

□

Solution 5. The closed-loop transfer function is

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K}{Js^2 + Kks + K} \quad (29)$$

By substituting $J = 1 \text{ kg-m}^2$ into this last equation, we have

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K}{s^2 + Kks + K} \quad (30)$$

Note that in this problem

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{K}, \quad 2\zeta\omega_n = Kk \quad (31)$$

The maximum overshoot M_p is

$$M_p = e^{-\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \quad (32)$$

which is specified as 25%. Hence

$$e^{-\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = 0.25 \quad (33)$$

from which

$$\frac{\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = 1.386, \quad \Rightarrow \zeta = 0.404 \quad (34)$$

The peak time t_p is specified as 2 sec. And so

$$t_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} = 2, \quad \omega_d = 1.57 \quad (35)$$

Then the undamped natural frequency ω_n is

$$\omega_n = \frac{\omega_d}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} = \frac{1.57}{\sqrt{1 - 0.404^2}} = 1.72 \quad (36)$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$K = \omega_n^2 = 1.72^2 = 2.95 \quad (37)$$

$$k = \frac{2\zeta\omega_n}{K} = \frac{2 \times 0.404 \times 1.72}{2.95} = 0.471 \quad (38)$$

□