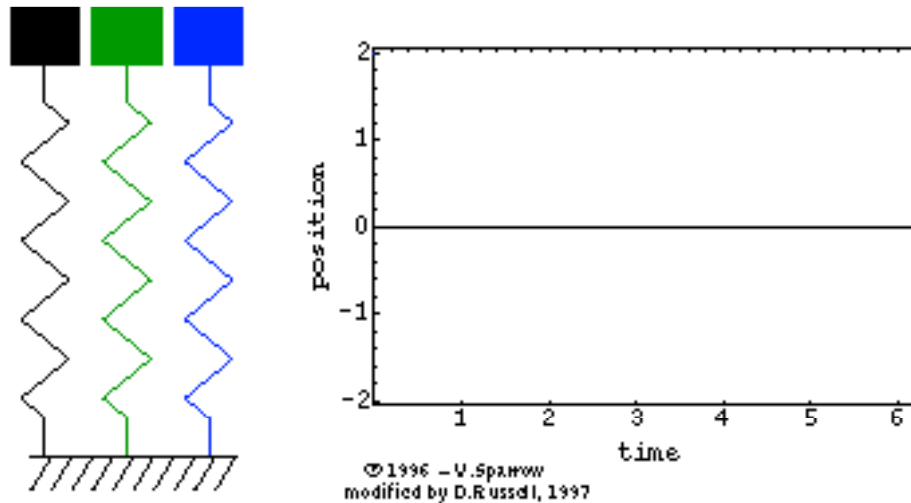


# Pole Locations & Time Response



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# System Response to Step Input

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Recall General Form  
of Transfer Function  
(Rational Polynomial)

$$H(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{b_o s^m + b_1 s^{m-1} + \dots + b_m}{a_o s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_n}$$

Factor Using Poles &  
Zeros & Gain

$$H(s) = K \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (s - z_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (s - p_i)}$$

Step Response  
Magnitude=A

$$Y(s) = H(s)U(s) = H(s) \frac{A}{s} = K \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (s - z_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (s - p_i)} \frac{A}{s}$$

# Partial-Fraction Expansion of Step Response

H(0) From “Cover Up Rule” Applied to (s=0)

$$Y(s) = \frac{AH(0)}{s} + \frac{C_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{C_2}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{C_n}{s - p_n}$$

$$y(t) = AH(0) + \underbrace{C_1 e^{p_1 t} + C_2 e^{p_2 t} + \dots + C_n e^{p_n t}}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ for Stable System}}$$

$\rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for Stable System

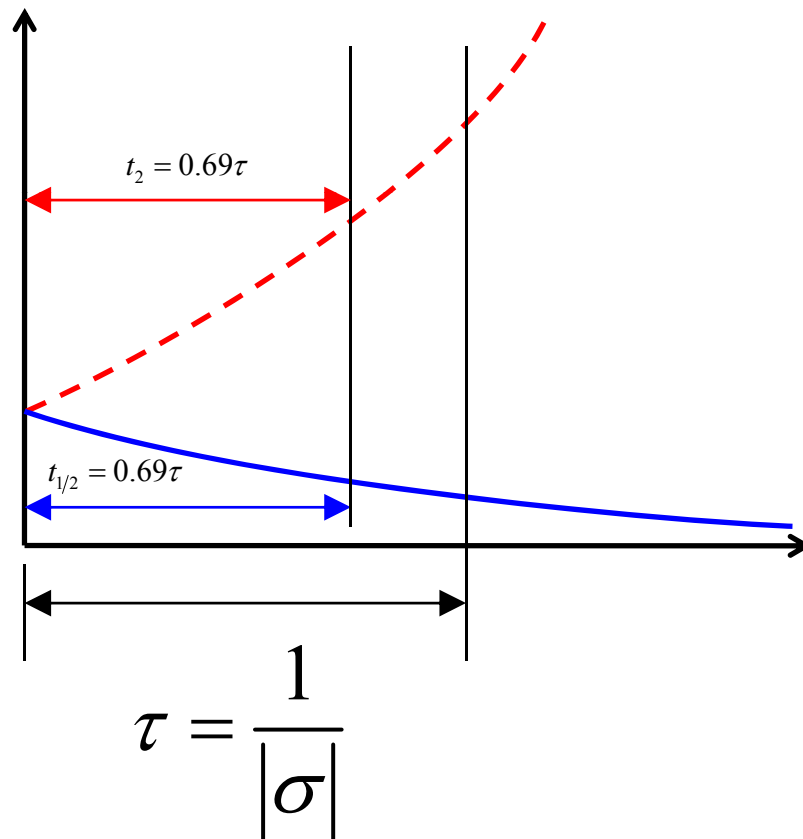
H(0) = “Steady State Gain”  
 (“DC Gain”)

$$\frac{y(t)}{AH(0)} = \text{Dynamic Response Normalized by Steady Response}$$

We Often Consider A=1 & Scale H(s) So That H(0)=1  
 With Linear Systems, Amplitudes Are Easy to Scale, so We Often Simplify at First

# Dealing with Real Poles

$$p_k = -\sigma \Rightarrow \frac{C_k}{s - p_k} = \frac{C_k}{s + \sigma} \Rightarrow y(t) = \dots + C_k e^{-\sigma t} + \dots$$



Stable System ( $\sigma > 0$ )

$\tau$  = Time for Response to Decay  
to 37% ( $1/e$ ) of Initial Value

Unstable System ( $\sigma < 0$ )

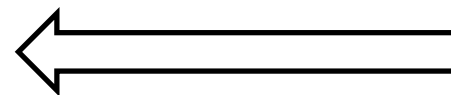
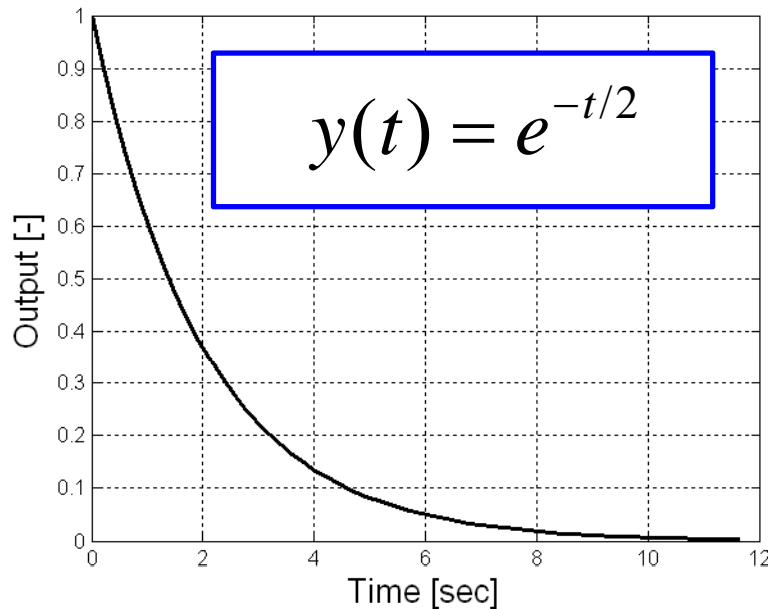
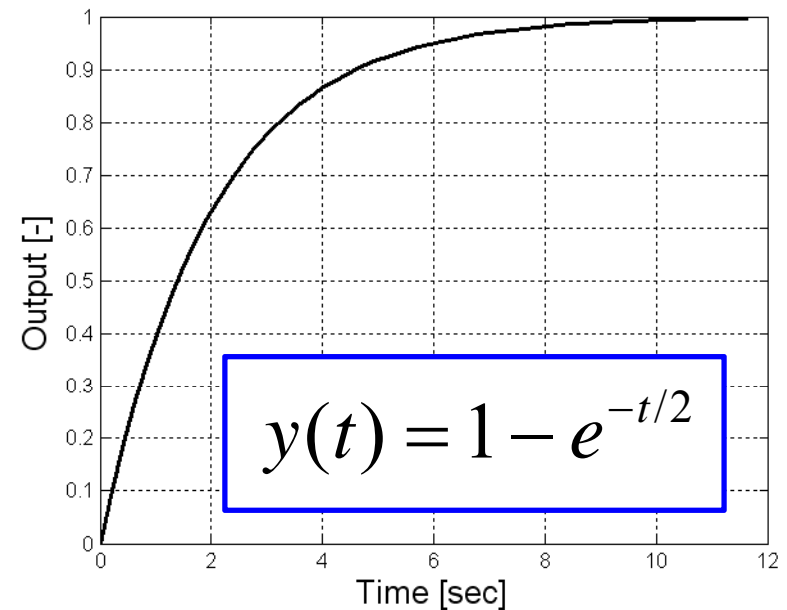
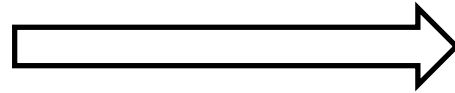
$\tau$  = Time for Response to Increase  
to 272% ( $e$ ) of Initial Value

“Time to Half Amplitude” ( $t_{1/2}$ ) &  
“Time to Double Amplitude” ( $t_2$ )  
Also Commonly Used to Describe  
First-Order Poles

# Two Examples of First-Order Step Responses

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{2s + 1} \quad Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s + 0.5}$$

Lag = “Low Pass”



Washout = “High Pass”

$$H(s) = \frac{2s}{2s + 1} \quad Y(s) = \frac{0}{s} + \frac{1}{s + 0.5}$$

# Dealing with Complex Poles (with Damping)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_k}{s - p_k} + \frac{\bar{C}_k}{s - \bar{p}_k} &= \frac{C_k(s - \bar{p}_k) + \bar{C}_k(s - p_k)}{(s - p_k)(s - \bar{p}_k)} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_k = A + jB \\ p_k = -\sigma + j\omega_d \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{(A + jB)(s + \sigma + j\omega_d) + (A - jB)(s + \sigma - j\omega_d)}{(s + \sigma - j\omega_d)(s + \sigma + j\omega_d)} \\ &= \frac{2A(s + \sigma) - 2B\omega_d}{(s + \sigma)^2 + \omega_d^2} = \frac{2As + (2A\sigma - 2B\omega_d)}{s^2 + 2\sigma s + (\sigma^2 + \omega_d^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \cdots + e^{-\sigma t} \left[ 2A \cos(\omega_d t) - 2B \sin(\omega_d t) \right] + \cdots$$

# Two Ways of Representing Complex Poles

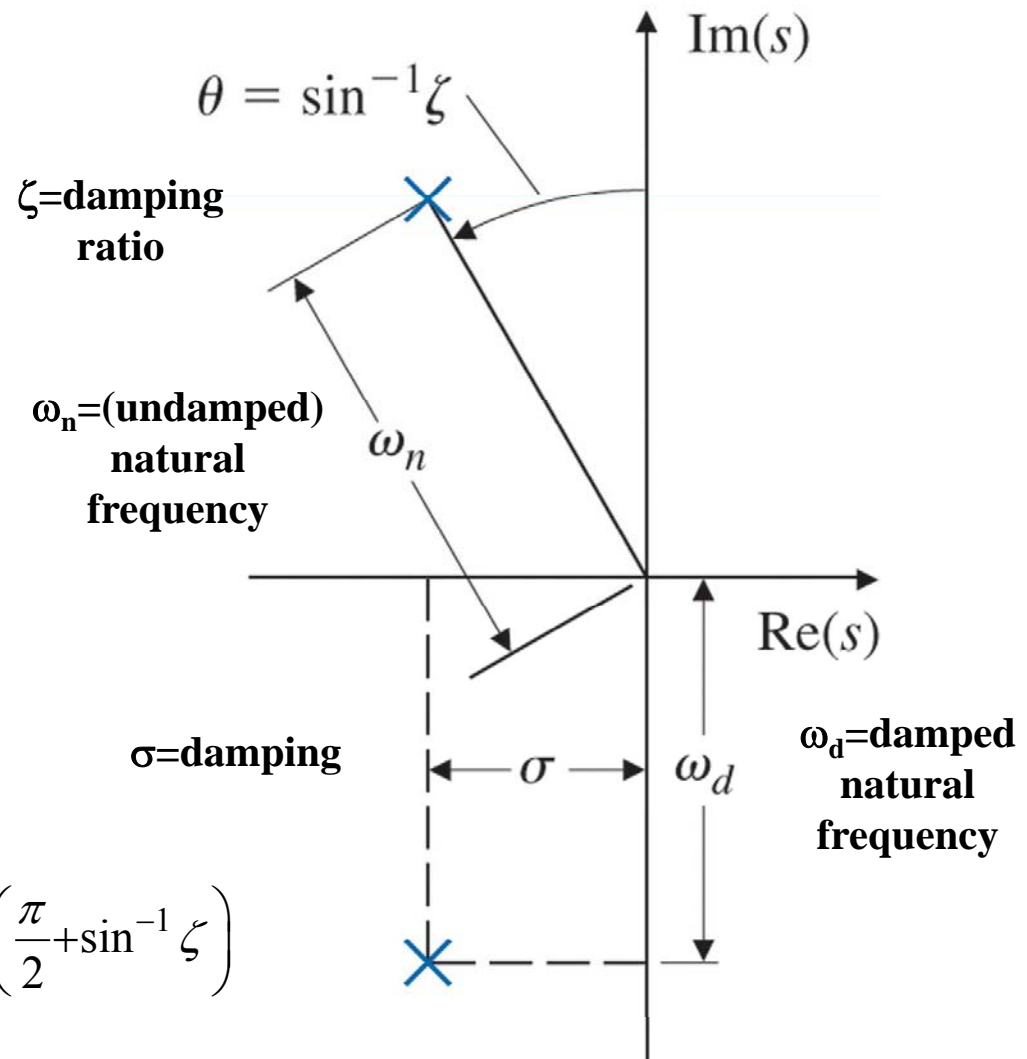
Denominator of  
Second-Order  
Partial-Fraction  
Expansion

$$(s + \sigma)^2 + \omega_d^2$$

$$s^2 + 2\sigma s + (\sigma^2 + \omega_d^2)$$

$$s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n + \omega_n^2$$

$$p_k = -\sigma \pm j\omega_d = \omega_n e^{\pm j\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \sin^{-1} \zeta\right)}$$



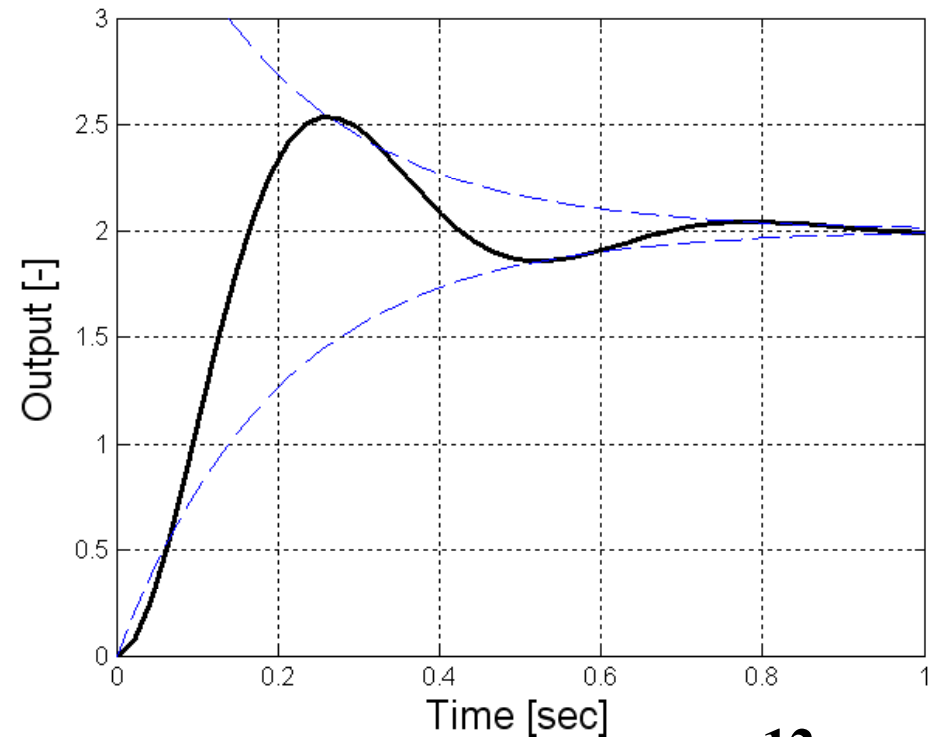
# A Second-Order Example

$$H(s) = \frac{338}{s^2 + 10s + 169}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{2s + 20}{s^2 + 10s + 169}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{2(s + 5) + 10}{(s + 5)^2 + 12^2}$$

$$y(t) = 2 - 2e^{-5t} \cos(12t) - \frac{10}{12} e^{-5t} \sin(12t)$$



$$\omega_d = 12 \text{ rps}$$

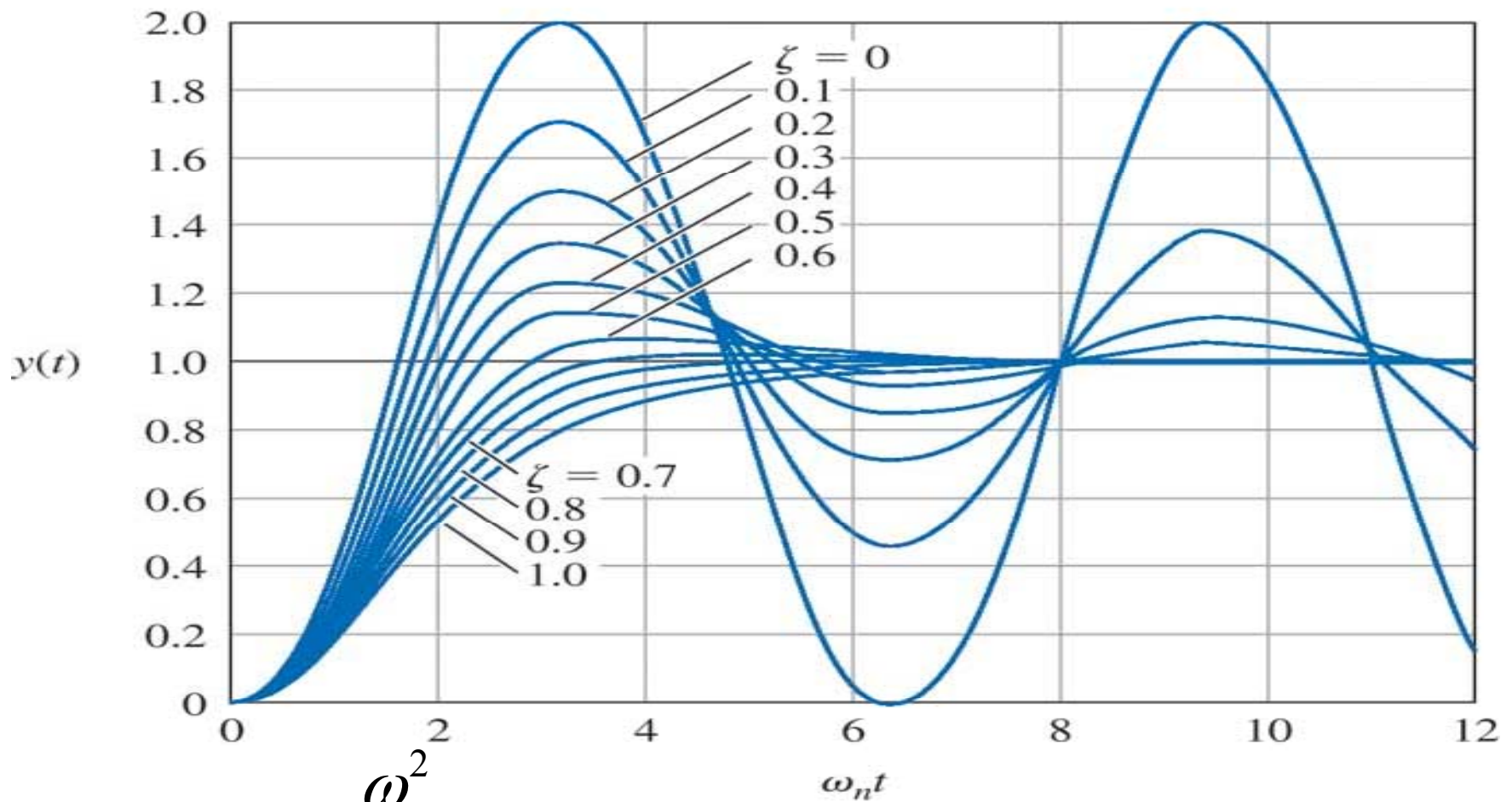
$$\sigma = 5 \text{ rps}$$

$$\zeta = 5/13$$

$$\omega_n = 13 \text{ rps}$$

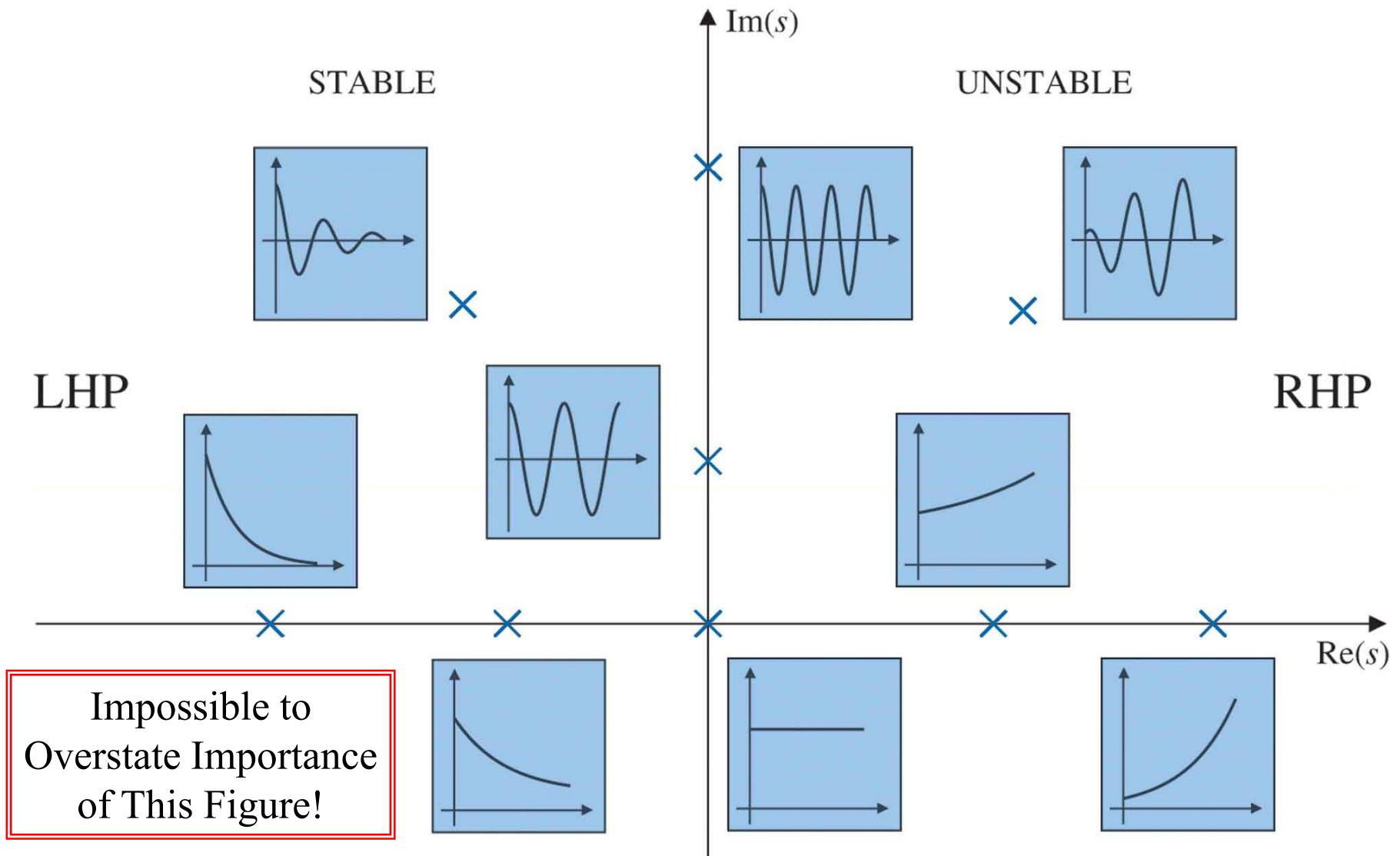


# Second-Order Step Responses

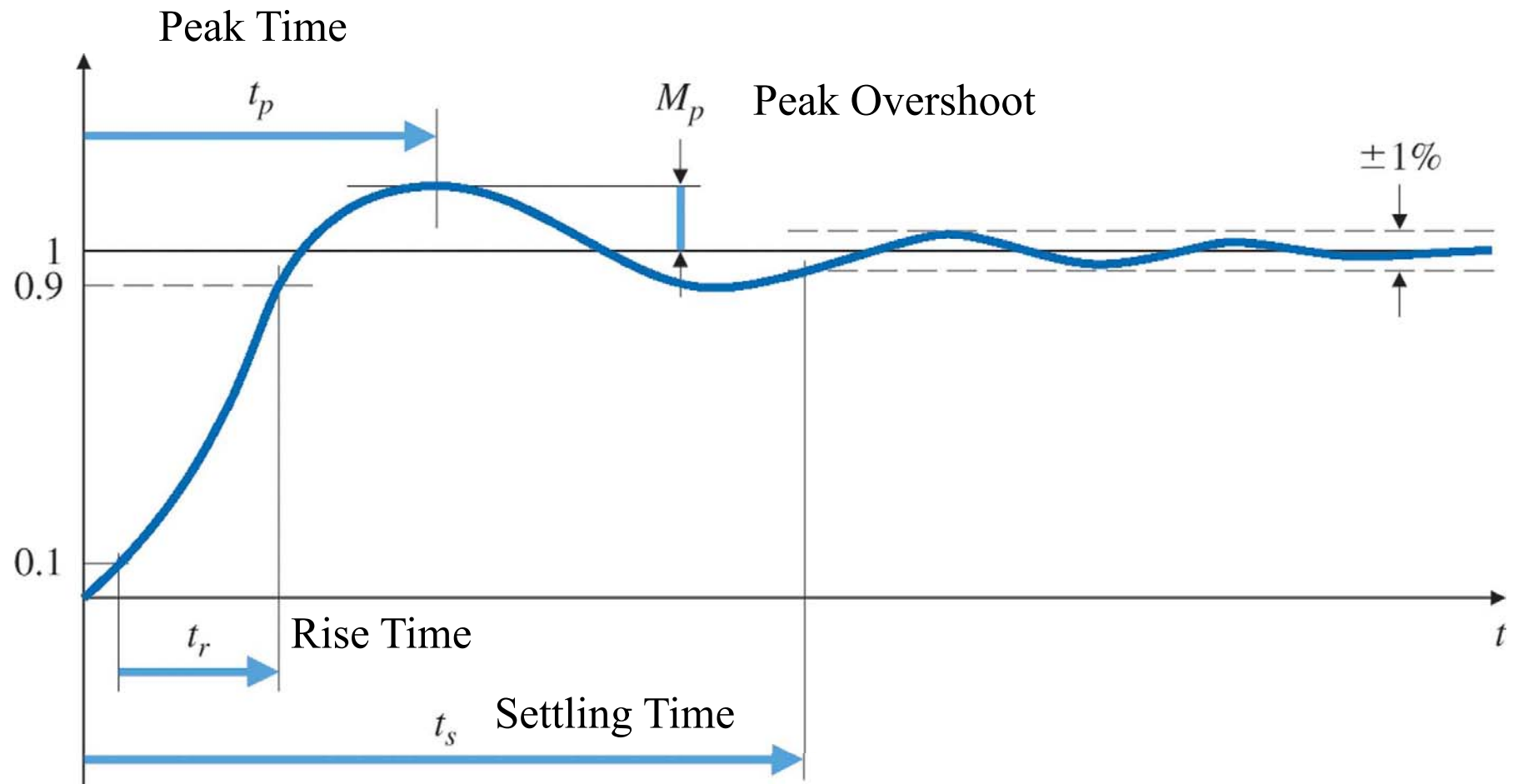


$$H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

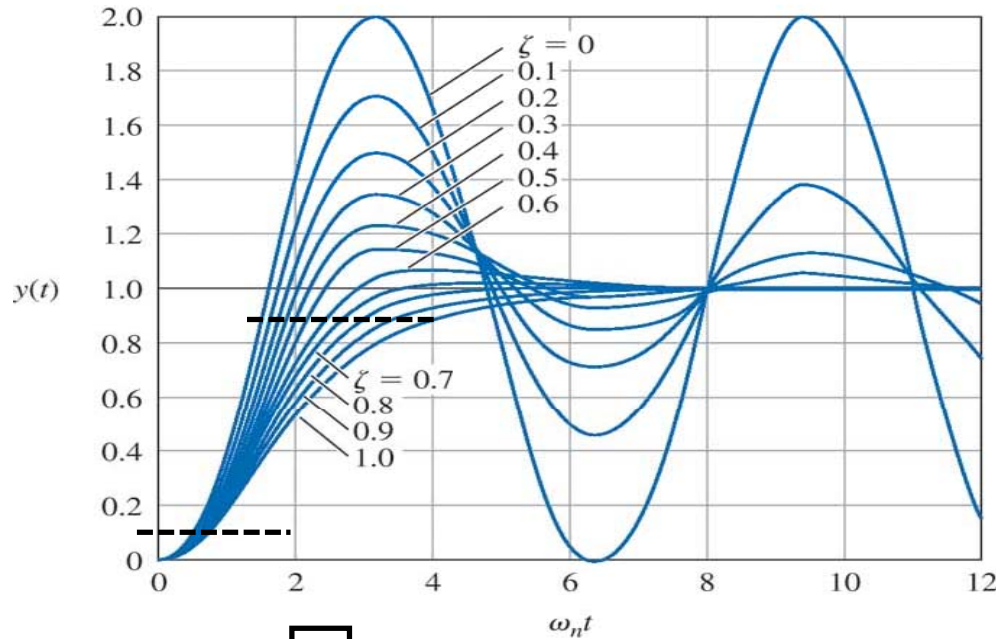
# Summary : Pole Locations & Impulse Response



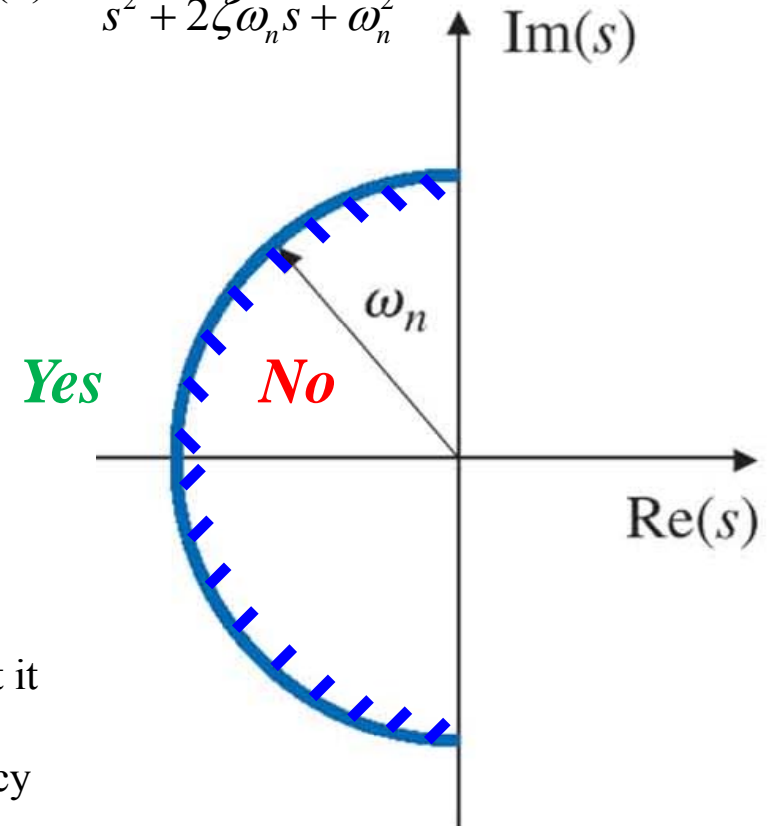
# Specifications : Unit Step Response



# Pole Location Limits : Rise Time



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



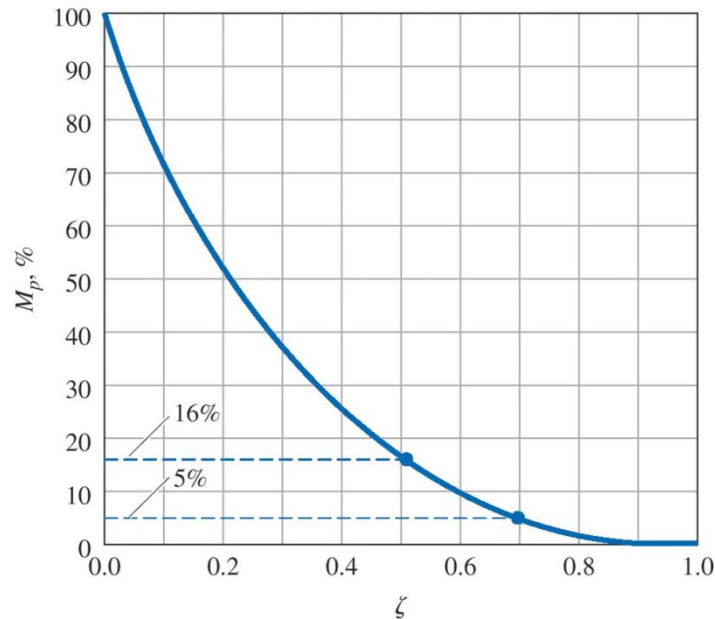
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$$t_r \approx \frac{1.8}{\omega_n}$$

This isn't really true at all! But it is kind of useful. Roughly speaking, high natural frequency implies fast initial response...

(a)

# Pole Location Limits : Peak Overshoot

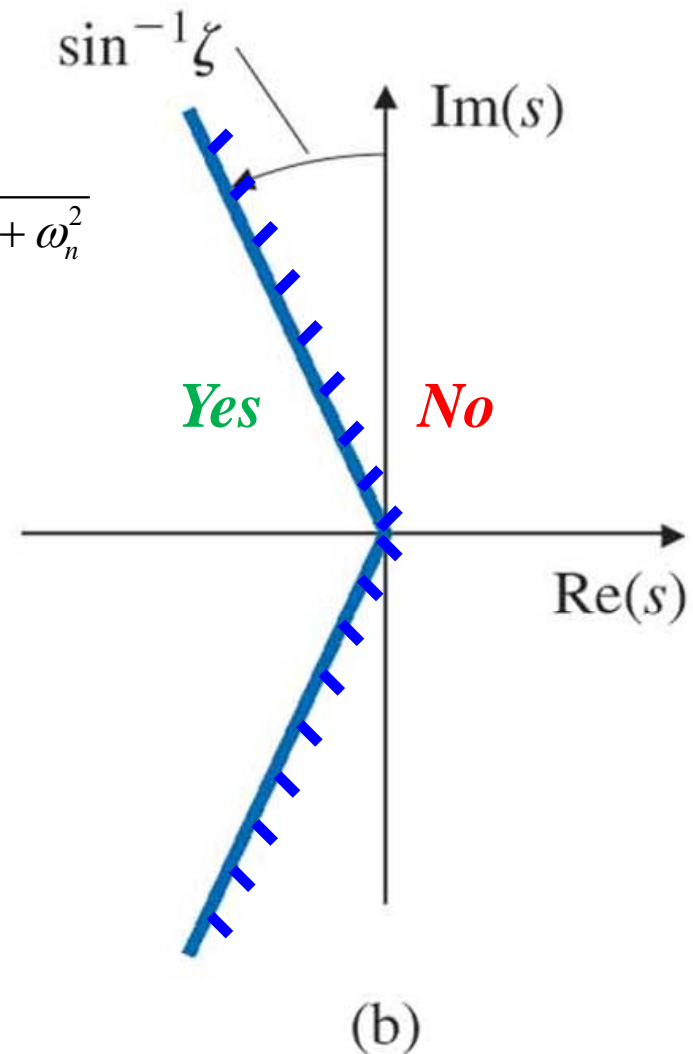


$$H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

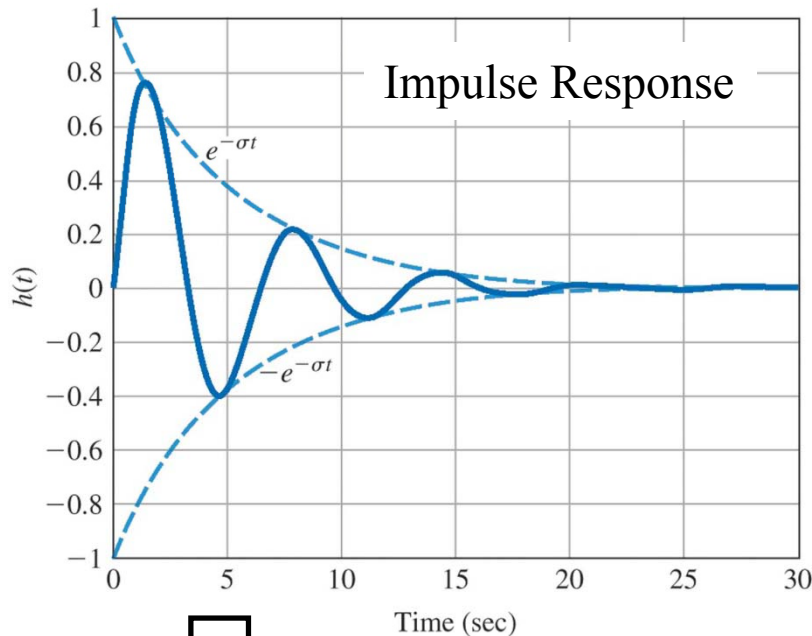
$$M_p = e^{-\pi\zeta/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$

This is formally true for a second-order system with no zeros. But zeroes can increase overshoot.

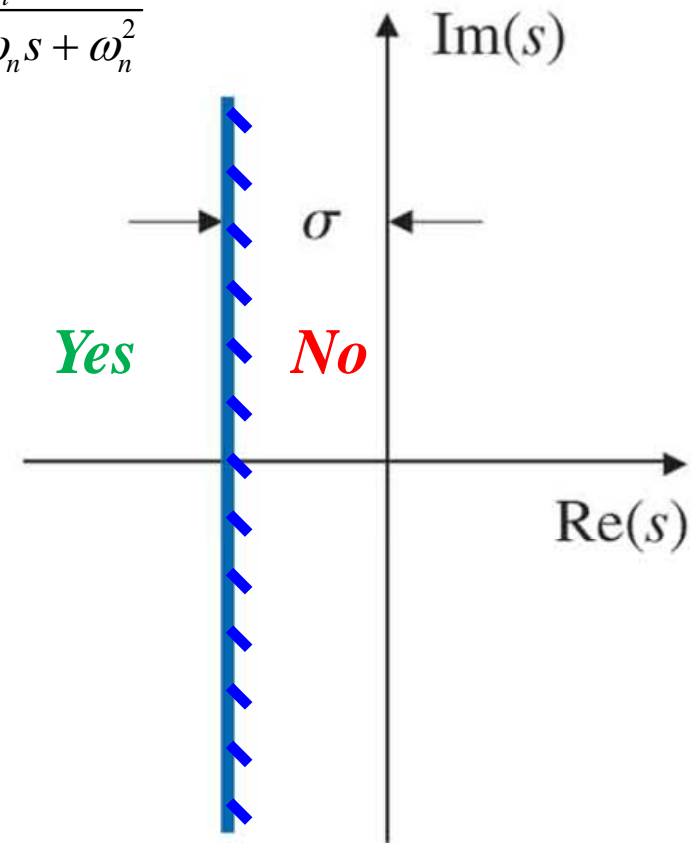
Damping ratio is a good specification in general to prevent too many “wiggles” in the response.



# Pole Location Limits : Settling Time



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



(c)

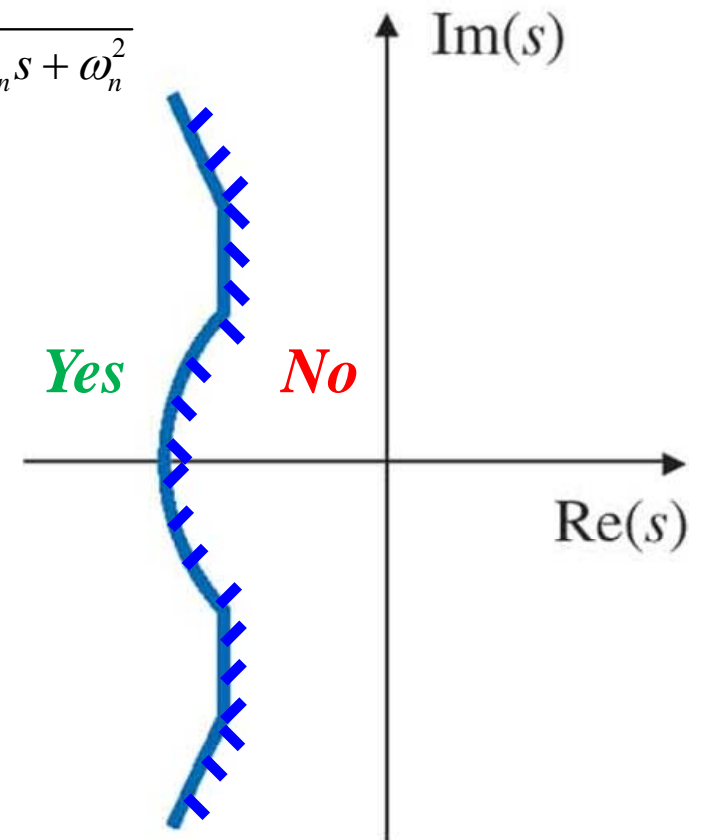
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$$t_s = \frac{4.6}{\sigma}$$

This is formally true and reasonable even for systems with zeros. Time it takes a system to settle to a steady state is strongly related to how far left the poles are in the complex plane.

# Pole Location Limits : Composite Requirements

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



(d)

# Rotorcraft Requirements (ADS-33E) : Near Hover

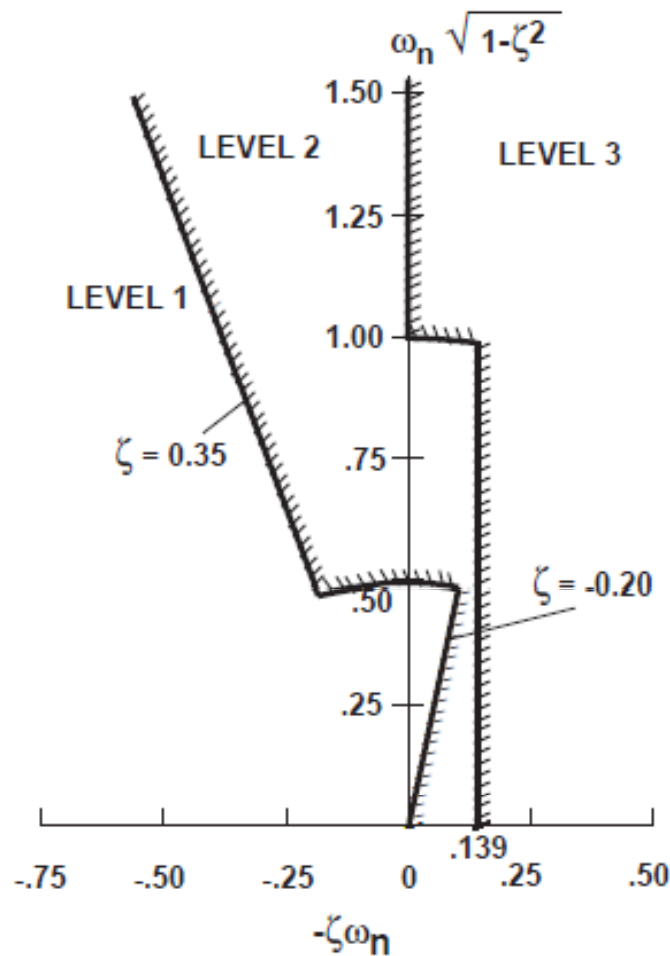


Figure 7. Limits on pitch (roll) oscillations – hover and low speed



# Rotorcraft Requirements – Forward Flight

- Difficulty of Completing Task Governed by Pole Locations (Boundaries Determined Using Simulation & Flight-Test Experiments)
- Pole Location Requirements Depend on Tasks to be Completed by Pilot

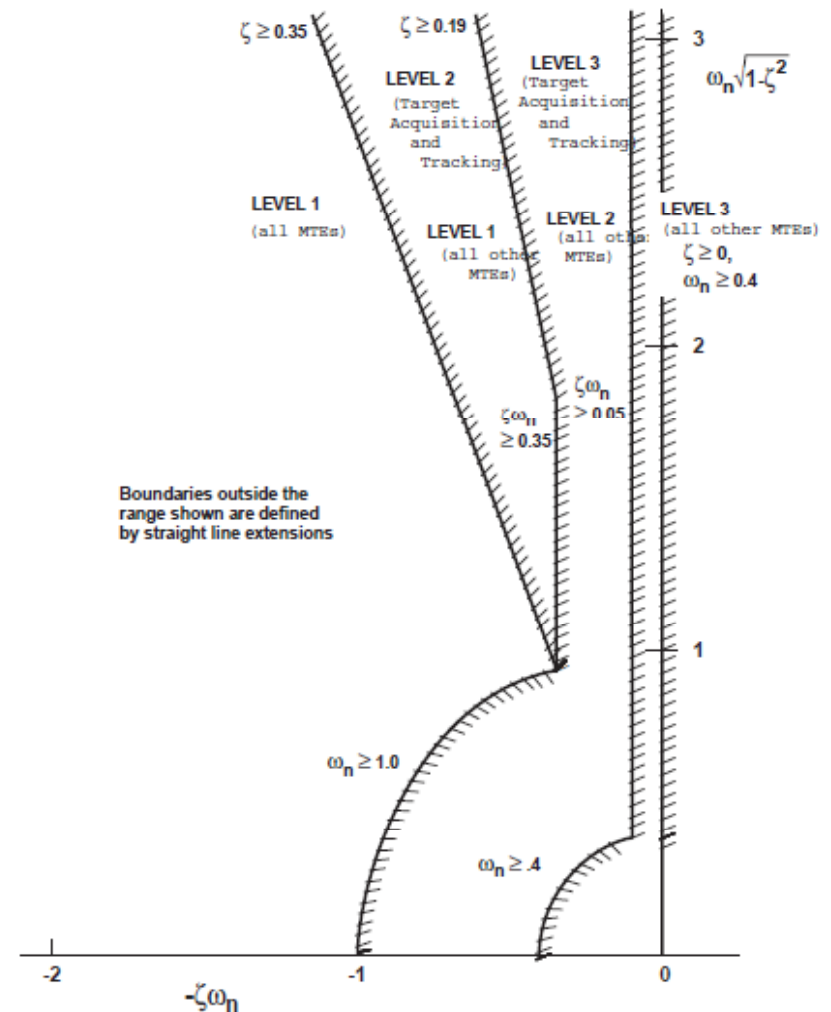


Figure 23. Lateral-directional oscillatory requirements

# Appendix

More Details & Comments

# Math for 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Response Specs

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**Assume** Second-Order  
Transfer Function with  
Unity DC Gain

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

Response to Unit Step

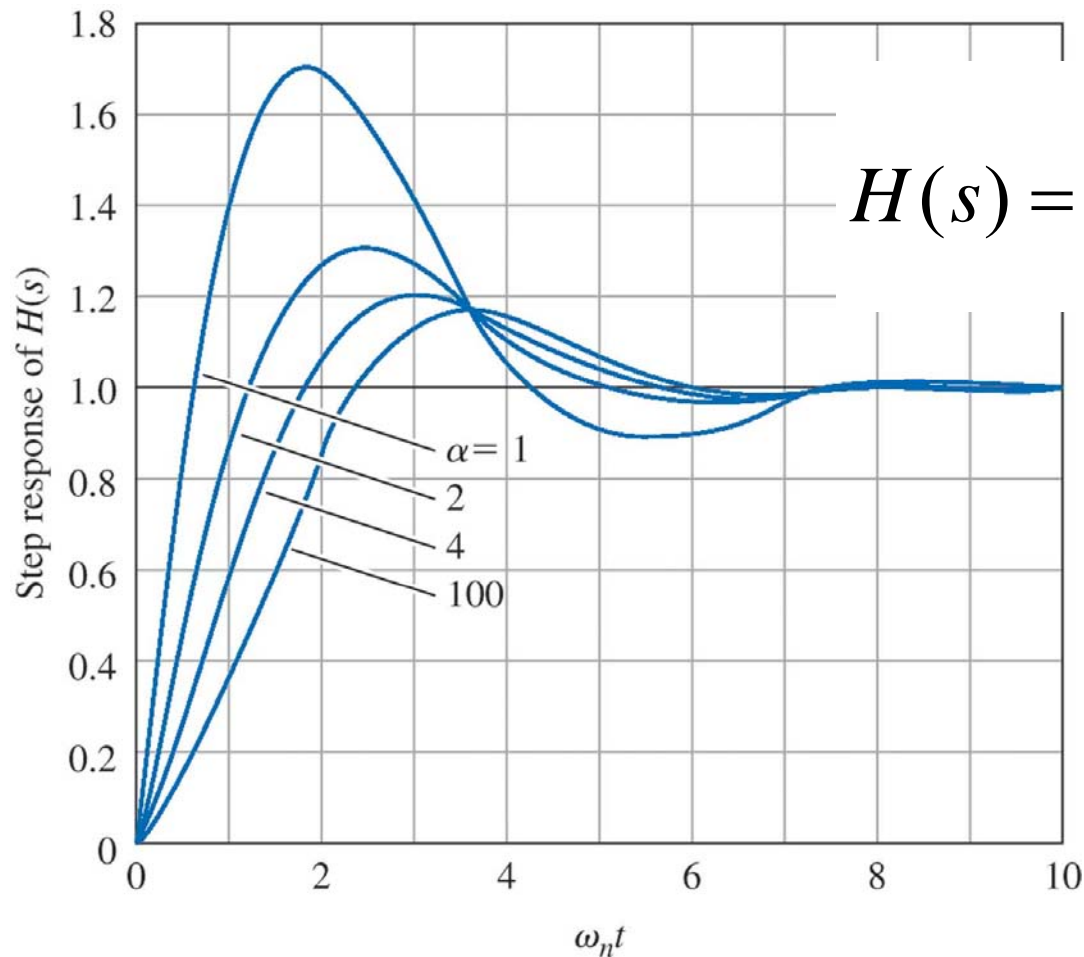
$$Y(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \frac{1}{s}$$

$$y(t) = 1 - e^{-\sigma t} \left[ \cos(\omega_d t) + \frac{\sigma}{\omega_d} \sin(\omega_d t) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) &= 0 \quad \checkmark \\ dy/dt(0) &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

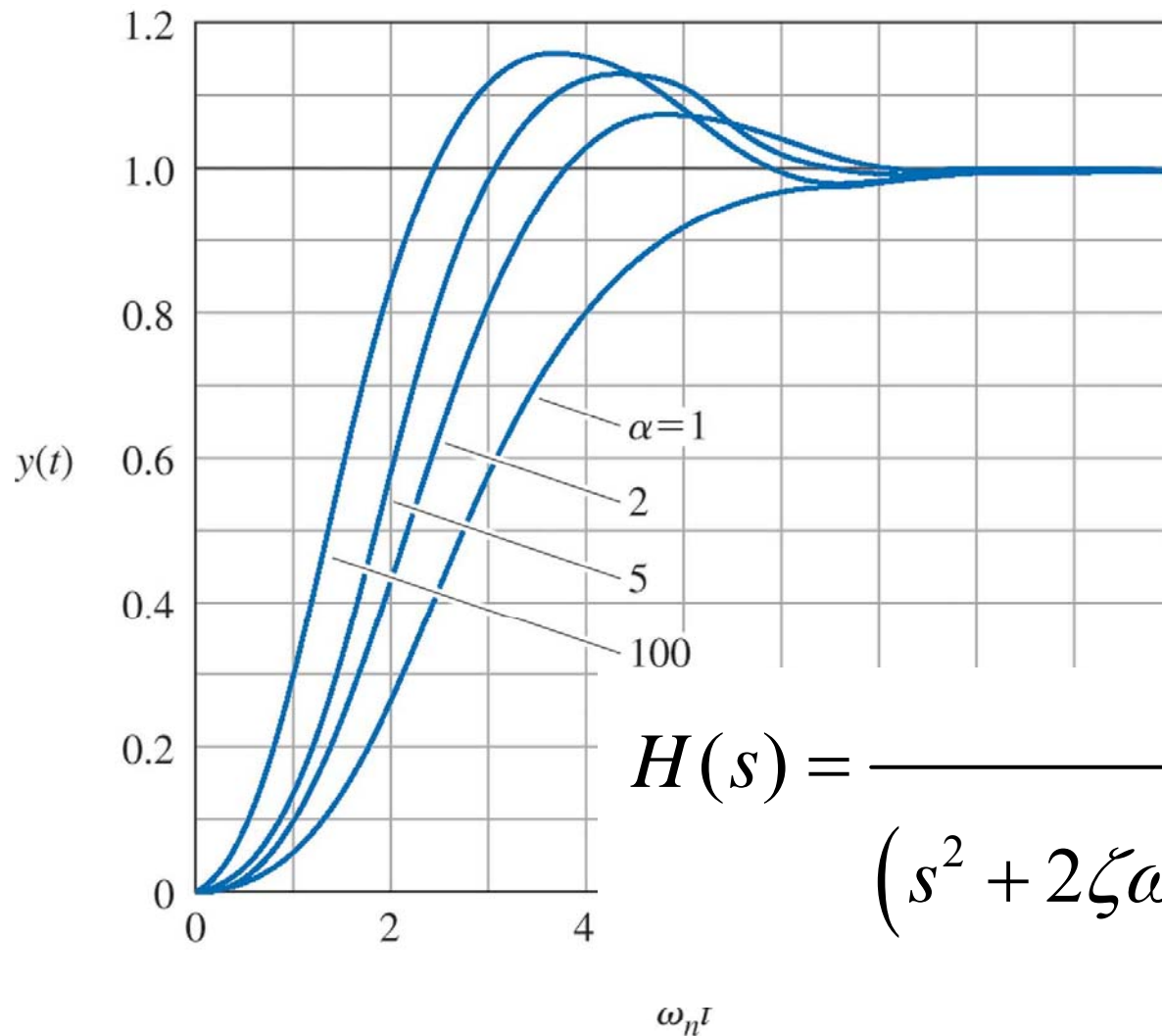
Now Do Math to Figure Out Relationship of Time  
Specs to Pole Locations (Section 4.3 in Textbook)

# Effect of Zero on Second-Order Response



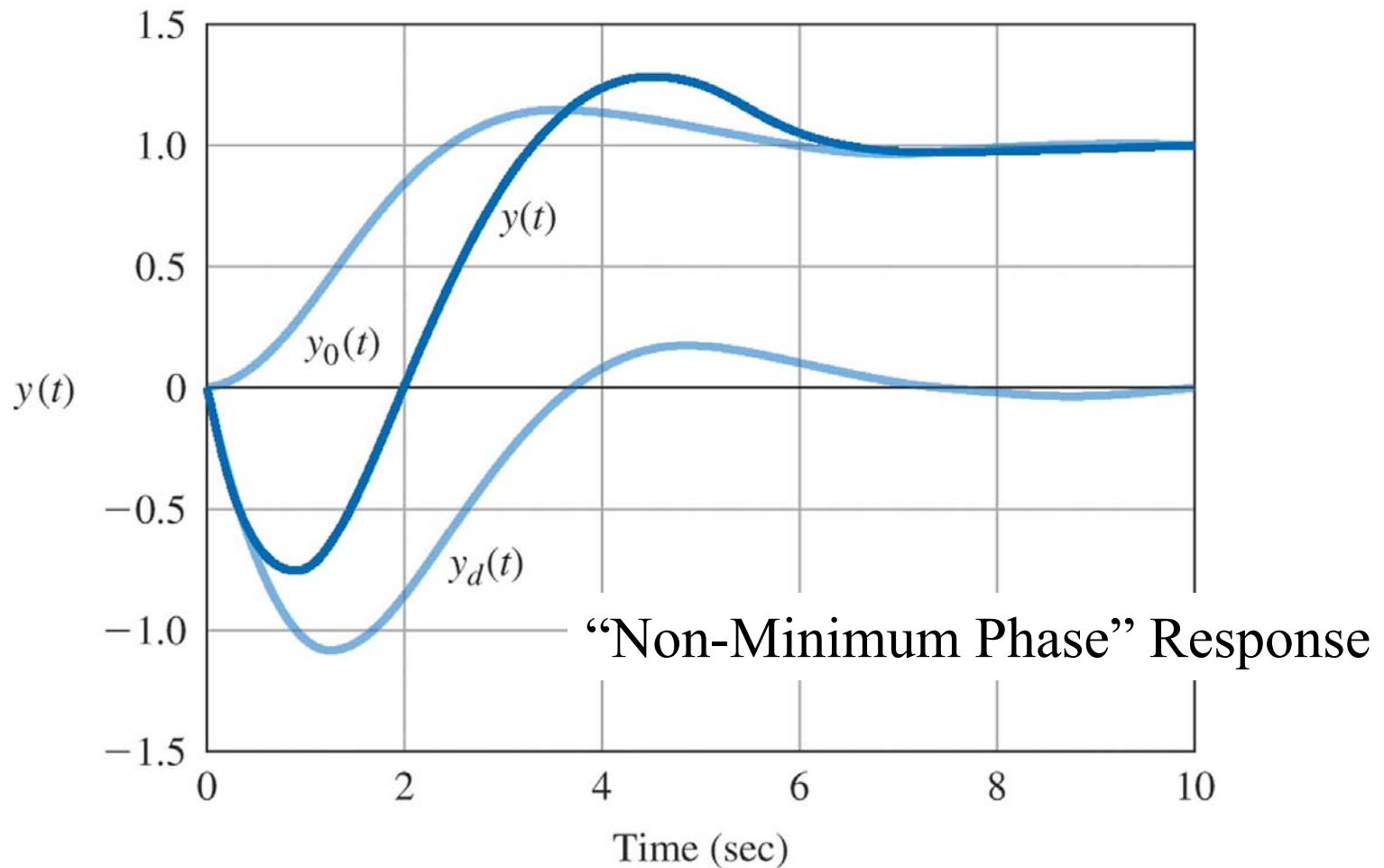
$$H(s) = \frac{(\omega_n s) / (\alpha \zeta) + \omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

# Third-Order System Step Response



$$H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2) \left( \frac{s}{\alpha\zeta\omega_n} + 1 \right)}$$

# System with Zero in Right-Half Plane



# Important Things to Remember

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- Relationship Between Time-Domain Specifications & Pole Locations Strictly Applies Only for Simple Second-Order Systems
- Zeros in Numerator Affect Response
  - Decrease Rise Time (Get Going Faster)
  - Increase Overshoot
- Additional Poles Affect Response in Variety of Ways
- Feed-Forward Compensation Profoundly Alters Transient Response to Command Inputs
- So...Connection Between Time Response to Command Inputs & Pole Locations is Actually Very Loose
- But...Pole Location Specs Are Very Widely Used!

# More Typical Requirements

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- “High-Frequency Modes” Must Have Damping Ratio of At Least 0.5% (But More Like 2% is Preferred)
  - Aircraft Structural Vibration
  - Rotor Dynamics
- No Objectionable Vibrations
  - Generally Avoid Putting Structural Modes Near Harmonics of Rotor Frequency to Avoid Excitation
  - Note That This is Distinct from Stability...Don’t Confuse These!
- Stability Robustness = System Must Be Stable Even if Actual Plant Dynamics Different From Nominal or Expected (We Need Frequency Response Tools to Get Precise with This Idea...After Spring Break)