

# Steady State Error

ECE305

# Steady State Error

- If the output of a control system at steady state does not exactly match with the input, the system is said to have steady state error
- Any physical control system inherently suffers steady-state error in response to certain types of inputs.
- A system may have no steady-state error to a step input, but the same system may exhibit nonzero steady-state error to a ramp input.

## Derivation of Steady State Error

Consider a simple closed loop system using negative feedback as shown in the Fig.

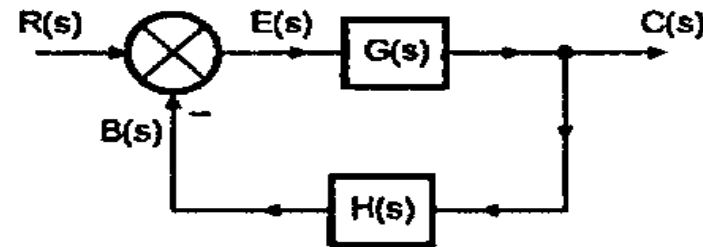


Fig.

where  $E(s)$  = Error signal, and  $B(s)$  = Feedback signal

Now,  $E(s) = R(s) - B(s)$

But  $B(s) = C(s)H(s)$

$$\therefore E(s) = R(s) - C(s)H(s)$$

$$\text{and } C(s) = E(s)G(s)$$

$$\therefore E(s) = R(s) - E(s)G(s)H(s)$$

$$\therefore E(s) + E(s)G(s)H(s) = R(s)$$

$\therefore$

$$E(s) = \frac{R(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} \quad \text{for nonunity feedback}$$

$$E(s) = \frac{R(s)}{1 + G(s)} \quad \text{for unity feedback}$$

This  $E(s)$  is the error in Laplace domain and is expression in 's'. We want to calculate the error value. In time domain, corresponding error will be  $e(t)$ . Now steady state of the system is that state which remains as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\therefore \text{Steady state error, } e_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t)$$

Now we can relate this in Laplace domain by using **final value theorem** which states that,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) \quad \text{where } F(s) = L\{F(t)\}$$

Therefore,

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) \quad \text{where } E(s) \text{ is } L\{e(t)\}.$$

Substituting  $E(s)$  from the expression derived, we can write

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

# Classification of Control Systems

- Control systems may be classified according to their ability to follow step inputs, ramp inputs, parabolic inputs, and so on.
- The magnitudes of the steady-state errors due to these individual inputs are indicative of the goodness of the system.

# Classification of Control Systems

- Consider the unity-feedback control system with the following open-loop transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{K(T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots (T_m s + 1)}{s^N (T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots (T_p s + 1)}$$

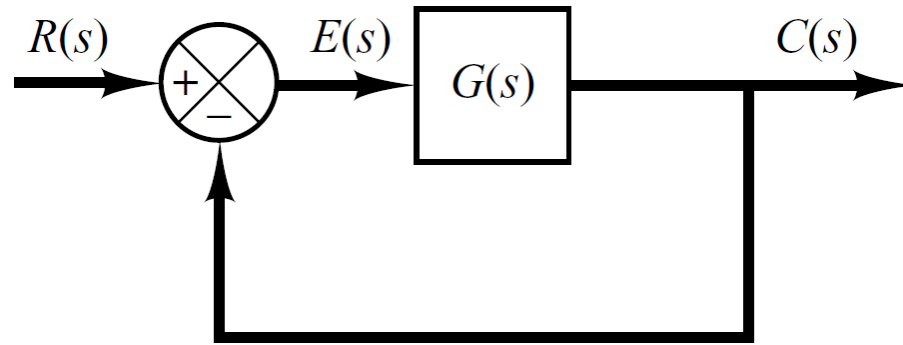
- It involves the term  $s^N$  in the denominator, representing  $N$  poles at the origin.
- A system is called type 0, type 1, type 2, ... , if  $N=0$ ,  $N=1$ ,  $N=2$ , ... , respectively.

# Classification of Control Systems

- As the type number is increased, accuracy is improved.
- However, increasing the type number aggravates the stability problem.
- A compromise between steady-state accuracy and relative stability is always necessary.

# Steady State Error of Unity Feedback Systems

- Consider the system shown in following figure.



- The closed-loop transfer function is

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)} \quad G(s) = \frac{K(T_as + 1)(T_bs + 1) \cdots (T_ms + 1)}{s^N(T_1s + 1)(T_2s + 1) \cdots (T_ps + 1)}$$



# Steady State Error of Unity Feedback Systems

- Steady state error is defined as the error between the input signal and the output signal when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
- The transfer function between the error signal  $E(s)$  and the input signal  $R(s)$  is 
$$\frac{E(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + G(s)}$$
- The final-value theorem provides a convenient way to find the steady-state performance of a stable system.
- Since  $E(s)$  is 
$$E(s) = \frac{1}{1 + G(s)} R(s)$$
- The steady state error is

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$

# Static Error Constants

- The static error constants are figures of merit of control systems. The higher the constants, the smaller the steady-state error.
- In a given system, the output may be the position, velocity, pressure, temperature, or the like.
- Therefore, in what follows, we shall call the output “position,” the rate of change of the output “velocity,” and so on.
- This means that in a temperature control system “position” represents the output temperature, “velocity” represents the rate of change of the output temperature, and so on.

# Static Position Error Constant ( $K_p$ )

- The steady-state error of the system for a unit-step input is

$$\begin{aligned} e_{ss} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{s}}{1 + G(s)} \frac{1}{\cancel{s}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + G(0)} \end{aligned}$$

- The static position error constant  $K_p$  is defined by

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s) = G(0)$$

- Thus, the steady-state error in terms of the static position error constant  $K_p$  is given by

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{1 + K_p}$$

# Static Position Error Constant ( $K_p$ )

- For a **Type 0** system

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{K(T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{(T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = K$$

- For **Type 1** or higher order systems

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{K(T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{s^N (T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = \infty, \quad \text{for } N \geq 1$$

- For a unit step input the steady state error  $e_{ss}$  is

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{1 + K}, \quad \text{for type 0 systems}$$

$$e_{ss} = 0, \quad \text{for type 1 or higher systems}$$

# Static Velocity Error Constant ( $K_v$ )

- The steady-state error of the system for a unit-ramp input is

$$\begin{aligned} e_{ss} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{1 + G(s)} \frac{1}{s^2} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{sG(s)} \end{aligned}$$

- The static velocity error constant  $K_v$  is defined by

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)$$

- Thus, the steady-state error in terms of the static velocity error constant  $K_v$  is given by

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v}$$

# Static Velocity Error Constant ( $K_v$ )

- For a **Type 0** system

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sK(T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{(T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = 0$$

- For **Type 1** systems

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sK(T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{s(T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = K$$

- For type 2 or higher order systems

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sK(T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{s^N(T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = \infty, \quad \text{for } N \geq 2$$

# Static Velocity Error Constant ( $K_v$ )

- For a ramp input the steady state error  $e_{ss}$  is

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v} = \infty, \quad \text{for type 0 systems}$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v} = \frac{1}{K}, \quad \text{for type 1 systems}$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v} = 0, \quad \text{for type 2 or higher systems}$$

# Static Acceleration Error Constant ( $K_a$ )

- The steady-state error of the system for parabolic input is

$$\begin{aligned} e_{ss} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{1 + G(s)} \frac{1}{s^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)} \end{aligned}$$

- The static acceleration error constant  $K_a$  is defined by

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)$$

- Thus, the steady-state error in terms of the static acceleration error constant  $K_a$  is given by

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_a}$$



# Static Acceleration Error Constant ( $K_a$ )

- For a **Type 0** system

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^2 K (T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{(T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = 0$$

- For **Type 1** systems

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^2 K (T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{s (T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = 0$$

- For **type 2** systems

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^2 K (T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{s^2 (T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = K$$

- For **type 3** or higher order systems

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^2 K (T_a s + 1)(T_b s + 1) \cdots}{s^N (T_1 s + 1)(T_2 s + 1) \cdots} = \infty, \quad \text{for } N \geq 3$$

# Static Acceleration Error Constant ( $K_a$ )

- For a parabolic input the steady state error  $e_{ss}$  is

$$e_{ss} = \infty, \quad \text{for type 0 and type 1 systems}$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K}, \quad \text{for type 2 systems}$$

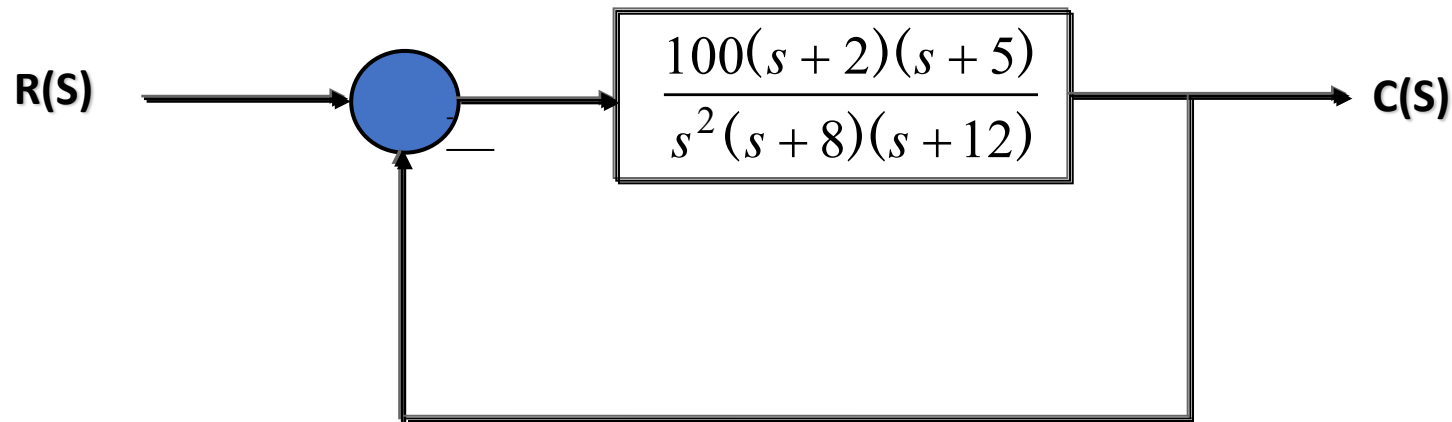
$$e_{ss} = 0, \quad \text{for type 3 or higher systems}$$

# Summary

	Step Input $r(t) = 1$	Ramp Input $r(t) = t$	Acceleration Input $r(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2$
Type 0 system	$\frac{1}{1 + K}$	$\infty$	$\infty$
Type 1 system	0	$\frac{1}{K}$	$\infty$
Type 2 system	0	0	$\frac{1}{K}$

## Example 2

- For the system shown in figure below evaluate the static error constants and find the expected steady state errors for the standard step, ramp and parabolic inputs.



# Example 2

$$G(s) = \frac{100(s+2)(s+5)}{s^2(s+8)(s+12)}$$

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)$$

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{100(s+2)(s+5)}{s^2(s+8)(s+12)} \right)$$

$$K_p = \infty$$

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)$$

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{100s(s+2)(s+5)}{s^2(s+8)(s+12)} \right)$$

$$K_v = \infty$$

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)$$

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{100s^2(s+2)(s+5)}{s^2(s+8)(s+12)} \right)$$

$$K_a = \left( \frac{100(0+2)(0+5)}{(0+8)(0+12)} \right) = 10.4$$

# Example 2

$$K_p = \infty$$

$$K_v = \infty$$

$$K_a = 10.4$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{1 + K_p} = 0$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v} = 0$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_a} = 0.09$$

⇒ **Example** Find the steady state error for various types of standard test inputs for a unity feedback system with

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+5)(s+10)}$$

(a)  $K = 10$       (b)  $K = 200$

**Solution :**  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+5)(s+10)} = \frac{K}{s \times 5 \times \left(1 + \frac{s}{5}\right) \times 10 \times \left(1 + \frac{s}{10}\right)}$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{K}{50}\right)}{s(1+0.2s)(1+0.1s)}$$

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)H(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{K}{50}\right)}{s(1+0.2s)(1+0.1s)} = \infty$$

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)H(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s\left(\frac{K}{50}\right)}{s(1+0.2s)(1+0.1s)} = \frac{K}{50}$$

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2G(s)H(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^2\left(\frac{K}{50}\right)}{s(1+0.2s)(1+0.1s)} = 0.$$



∴ For step input of magnitude 1,

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{1 + K_p} = \frac{1}{1 + \infty} = 0$$

... for any value of K.

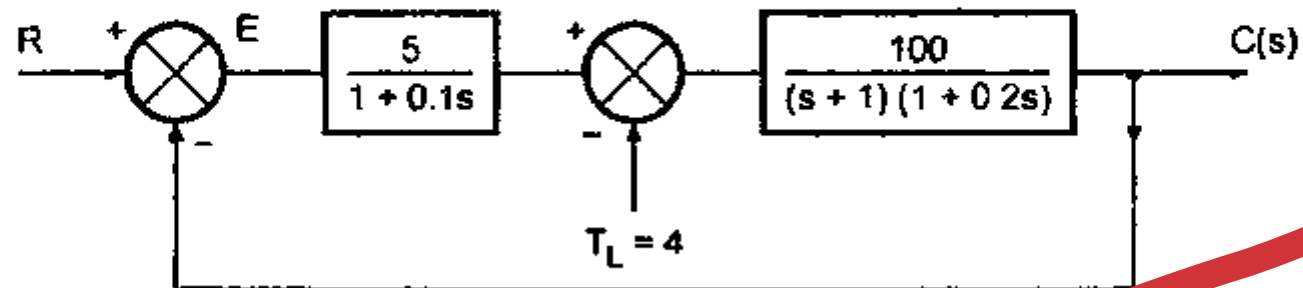
For ramp input of magnitude 1,

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v} = \frac{50}{K}$$

a) For  $K = 10$ ,  $e_{ss} = 5$

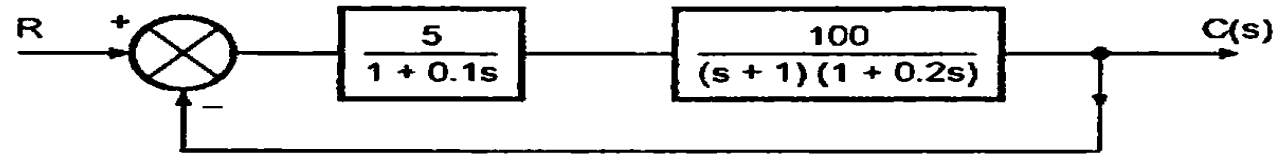
b) For  $K = 200$ ,  $e_{ss} = 0.25$

Example In the system given, the command input is  $R = 10$  and disturbance signal is  $T_L = 4$ , what is the steady state error ?



**Solution :** Using superposition principle, consider inputs separately.

a)  $R$  acting,  $T_L = 0$



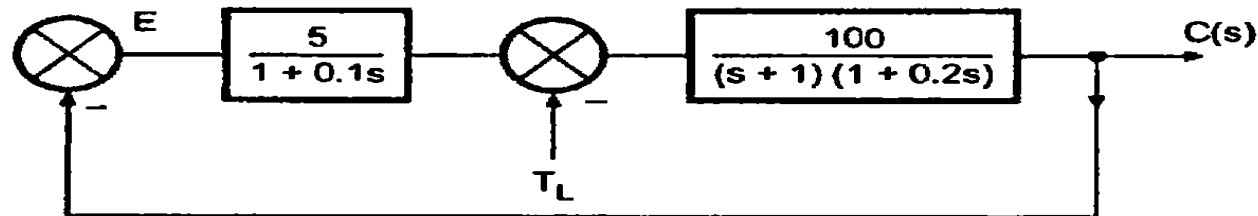
$$\therefore G(s)H(s) = \frac{500}{(1+0.1s)(s+1)(1+0.2s)}$$

For step input

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)H(s) = 500$$

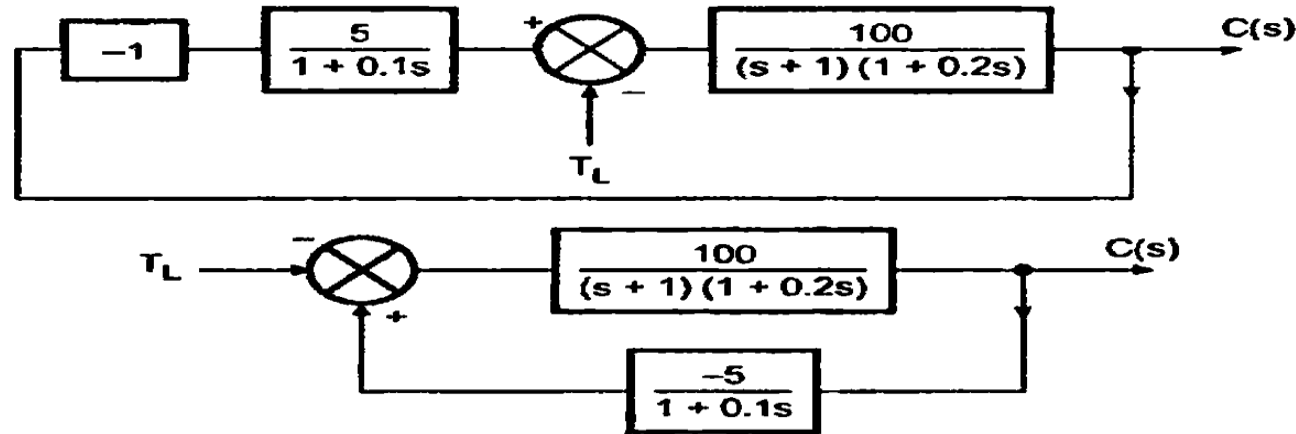
$$\therefore e_{ss1} = \frac{A}{1+K_p} \text{ where } A = \text{magnitude of step} = \frac{10}{1+500} = \frac{10}{501}$$

b)  $T_L$  acting,  $R = 0$



$$E(s) = -C(s)$$

As system is not in standard form, error coefficient method cannot be used.



$$\frac{C(s)}{T(s)} = \frac{\frac{100}{(1+s)(1+0.2s)}}{1 - \frac{100}{(1+s)(1+0.2s)} \times \left( \frac{-5}{1+0.1s} \right)}$$

$$\frac{C(s)}{T(s)} = \frac{100(1+0.1s)}{(1+s)(1+0.2s) \times (1+0.1s) + 500}$$

Now

$$T(s) = \frac{-4}{s} \text{ -ve sign as } T_L \text{ applied with -ve sign.}$$

$\therefore$

$$C(s) = \frac{-400(1+0.1s)}{s[(1+s)(1+0.2s) \times (1+0.1s) + 500]}$$

but

$$E(s) = -C(s) = \frac{+400(1+0.1s)}{s[(1+s)(1+0.2s) \times (1+0.1s) + 500]}$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} e_{ss2} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{400(1+0.1s)}{[(1+s)(1+0.2s) \times (1+0.1s) + 500]} \\ &= \left[ \frac{400}{1+500} \right] = \frac{+400}{501} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ Total error } e_{ss} = e_{ss1} + e_{ss2} = \frac{10}{501} + \frac{400}{501} = \frac{410}{501} = 0.8183$$