

Lecture 9a: 2nd Order Systems

... in which we determine the step response of an ideal 2nd order system. This will allow us to talk very precisely about performance measures.

I. The Archetypical System

Consider the following system

$$T(s) = \frac{\omega^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega s + \omega^2}.$$

This is the general form of a system with 2 poles and no zeros.

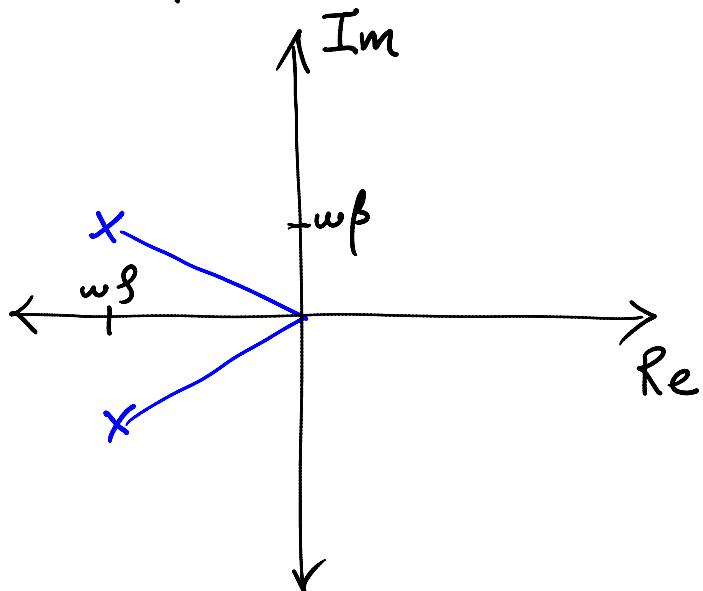
The poles are

$$\frac{-2\zeta\omega \pm \sqrt{4\zeta^2\omega^2 - 4\omega^2}}{2}$$

which simplifies to

$$-\omega f \pm \omega \sqrt{f^2 - 1}$$
$$= -\omega f \pm \omega \beta j \quad (\text{where } \beta = \sqrt{1-f^2})$$

In the s-plane, this looks like



The parameter f is called the damping ratio:

$f=0 \Rightarrow$ pure oscillations

$f=1 \Rightarrow$ critically damped

The parameter ω is called the natural frequency.

II. The Step Response

To learn more about the behavior of this system, we'll find its step response. We will:

① Put the system in state space

② Find $e^{At} = P e^{\Gamma t} P^{-1}$

③ Compute $x(t) = e^{At} x(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-z)} B u dz$
and $y(t) = C x(t)$

④ Simplify the expression

① State Space

Choose $A = \begin{pmatrix} -\omega^2 & -\omega\beta \\ \omega\beta & -\omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $C(sI - A)^{-1} B = T(s)$.

② e^{At}

To find e^{At} , we first diagonalize.

Eigenvalues: $-\omega_j \pm \omega\beta_j$

Eigenvectors: $P = \begin{pmatrix} -j & j \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} j/2 & -\omega_j - \omega\beta_j \\ -j/2 & j/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ -\omega_j - \omega\beta_j \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ -\omega_j + \omega\beta_j \end{matrix}$$

Thus, we get that call this $\Gamma(t)$

$$e^{At} = P \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} e^{t(-\omega_j - \omega\beta_j)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{t(-\omega_j + \omega\beta_j)} \end{pmatrix}}_{\Gamma(t)} P^{-1}$$

③ Find $y(t)$

First, assume that $\vec{x}(0) = 0$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= C \vec{x}(t) \\
 &= C \int_0^t e^{A(t-z)} B u(z) dz \\
 &= \int_0^t C P e^{P(t-z)} P^{-1} B dz
 \end{aligned}$$

= 1 (Step input)

So let's figure out $C P e^{P(t)} P^{-1} B$ first

$$CP = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -j & j \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\beta} & \frac{1}{\beta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P^{-1}B = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} j & 1 \\ -j & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} j\omega \\ -j\omega \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 CP e^{P(t)} P^{-1} B &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\beta} & \frac{1}{\beta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{t(-\omega j - w\beta j)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{t(-\omega j + w\beta j)} \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} j\omega \\ -j\omega \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\beta} & \frac{1}{\beta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} j\omega e^{t(-\omega j - w\beta j)} \\ -j\omega e^{t(-\omega j + w\beta j)} \end{pmatrix} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\omega}{2\beta} e^{-\omega f t} \left(j e^{-\omega \beta j t} - j e^{\omega \beta j t} \right).$$

$$= \frac{\omega}{\beta} e^{-\omega f t} \sin(\omega \beta t).$$

Thus,

$$y(t) = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \int_0^t e^{-\omega f(t-z)} \sin[\omega \beta (t-z)] dz$$

↓ you do the math

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-f \omega t} \left[f \sin \omega \beta t + \beta \cos \omega \beta t \right].$$

④ A Simplification

You might remember that

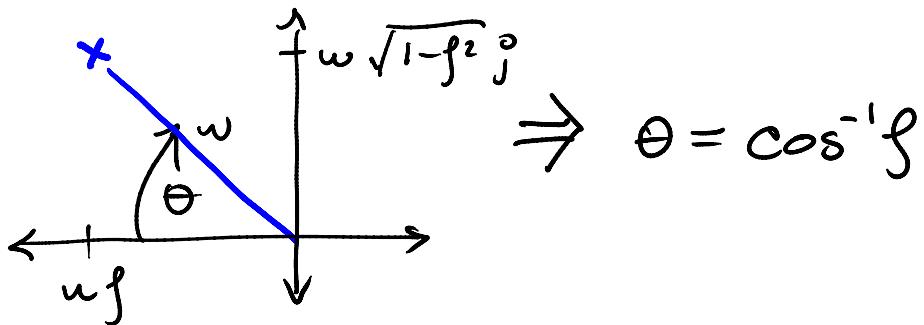
$$\sin(a+\theta) = \sin a \cos \theta + \sin \theta \cos a$$

$$\sin(\omega \beta t) \quad \downarrow \quad + \sqrt{1-\beta^2} \cos(\omega \beta t)$$

What θ gives

$$\cos \theta = f$$

$$\sin \theta = \beta = \sqrt{1-f^2}$$



Using this, we get

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-fwt} \sin(\omega ft + \theta)$$

ω_f = the damped frequency

θ = the offset

III. The Impulse Response

Note that

$$y(t) \longleftrightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} T(s)$$

So

$$\dot{y}(t) \longleftrightarrow sY(s) = s \frac{1}{s} T(s)$$

$$= 1 \cdot T(s)$$

The Laplace
Transform of
an Impulse.

Therefore, the time response of $T(s)$
to an impulse is

$$\dot{y}(t) = \frac{\omega}{\beta} e^{-\beta t} \sin(\omega \beta t)$$

which was the integrand in the
preceding section.