

# Zeros and Poles of Transfer Function

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## 1. Introduction:-

- Zeros of Transfer Function are the frequencies (values of  $s$ ) for which the **numerator** of the transfer function becomes zero.
- Poles of Transfer Function are the frequencies (values of  $s$ ) for which the **denominator** of the transfer function becomes zero.

## 2. Example:

Find the transfer function of the system given by:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) + 7 \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + 12 y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t) + 2x(t)$$

Where  $x(t)$  is the input and  $y(t)$  is the output.

Solution: Taking Laplace transform both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 Y(s) - sy(0^-) - y'(0^-) + 7[sY(s) - y(0^-)] + 12Y(s) &= sX(s) - x(0^-) + 2X(s) \\ &= sX(s) - x(0^-) + 2X(s) \end{aligned}$$

Assuming all initial conditions to be zero:

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 Y(s) + 7sY(s) + 12Y(s) &= sX(s) + 2X(s) \\ Y(s)[s^2 + 7s + 12] &= X(s)[s + 2] \end{aligned}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{s+2}{s^2+7s+12}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{s+2}{(s+3)(s+4)}$$

## \* Zeros of TF:-

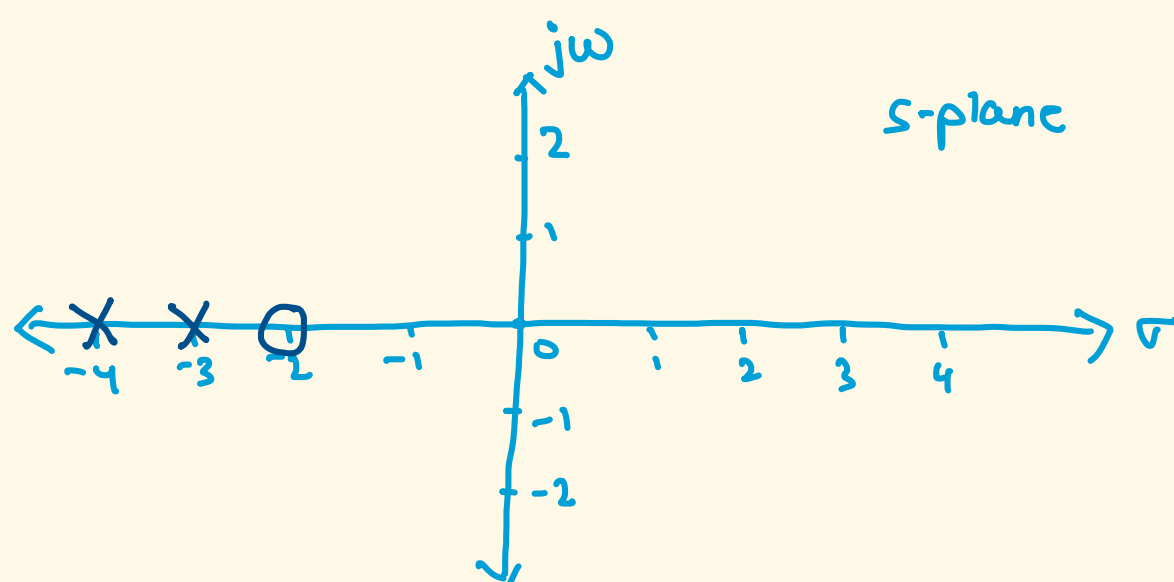
$$\begin{aligned} (s+2) &= 0 \\ \boxed{s = -2} &\rightarrow \text{System has only 1 zero which is } -2. \end{aligned}$$

## \* Poles of TF:

$$\begin{aligned} (s+3)(s+4) &= 0 \\ \boxed{s = -3, -4} &\rightarrow \text{System has 2 poles which are } -3 \text{ \& } -4. \end{aligned}$$

## \* Pole-Zero Diagram:-

- ↳ Pole-Zero diagram is the plot on  $s$ -plane which represents the locations of poles and zeros of a transfer function.
- ↳ poles are represented by  $\times$
- zeros are represented by  $\circ$



## 3. General form of Transfer Function:

$$\text{T.F.} = \frac{(s-z_1)(s-z_2)(s-z_3)\dots(s-z_n)}{(s-p_1)(s-p_2)(s-p_3)\dots(s-p_n)}$$

Zeros:  $s = z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_n$

Poles:  $s = p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n$

## 4. References:

1. Neso Academy