

# Transfer functions

$$G(s) = \frac{q(s)}{r(s)}$$

Compactly gives us all information we need to predict major features of system response

-  $y_h(t)$ , modes, stability: all from  $r(s)$   
the denominator polynomial of  $G(s)$

$$r(s) = \alpha_n \prod_{k=1}^n (s - p_k)$$

- forced response: Evaluate  $G(s)$   
at specific complex values of  $s$ .

# Numerator Terms

Can also factor  $q(s)$ :

$$q(s) = \beta_m (s - z_1)(s - z_2) \cdots (s - z_m)$$

where  $q(z_i) = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$

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$$\text{Since } G(z_i) = \frac{\cancel{q(z_i)}^0}{r(z_i)} = 0$$

The values  $p_k$  are called the poles of  $G(s)$

$$\text{Since } G(p_k) = \frac{q(p_k)}{\cancel{r(p_k)}^0} = \infty$$

## Zero/Pole/Gain (ZPK) form

$$G(s) = K \left[ \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (s - z_i)}{\prod_{k=1}^n (s - p_k)} \right]$$

Poles  $p_k$  satisfy  $r(p_k) = \emptyset$

Zeros  $z_i$  satisfy  $q(z_i) = \emptyset$

Gain:  $K = \frac{\beta_m}{\alpha_n}$  (always real)

## Alternate ZPK form:

When  $G(s)$  has complex poles and/or zeros, we commonly combine the conjugate roots of  $r(s)$  or  $q(s)$  into 2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomials.

For example, if  $p = \sigma + j\omega$  and  $\bar{p} = \sigma - j\omega$  are complex roots of  $r(s)$ :

$$(s-p)(s-\bar{p}) = s^2 - 2\sigma s + (\sigma^2 + \omega^2)$$

→ replace with  $\uparrow$  in  $G(s)$

# Stability and $G(s)$

→  $G(s)$  is stable if all its poles are in LHP.

→  $G(s)$  is unstable if any of its poles are in RHP.

→ What role do zeros of  $G(s)$  have in stability?

⇒ **ABSOLUTELY NONE!**

→ OK, so what role do zeros play?

## Effect of zeros in $G(s)$

- Certainly zeros influence the coefficients  $C_k$  of homogeneous response.
- They also influence calculation of  $y_f(t)$ .
- Special example: Suppose  $u(t) = e^{z_i t}$

then:

$$y_f(t) = G(z_i) e^{z_i t} = \emptyset$$

The forced response is exactly zero here!

"Input absorbing" property of zeros

## More complicated $u(t)$

$$u(t) = U e^{st} \Rightarrow y_f(t) = G(s) U e^{st}$$

Suppose  $u(t) = U_1 e^{s_1 t} + U_2 e^{s_2 t}$



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The sum of the responses to the individual parts of the input.



# Linearity of Systems

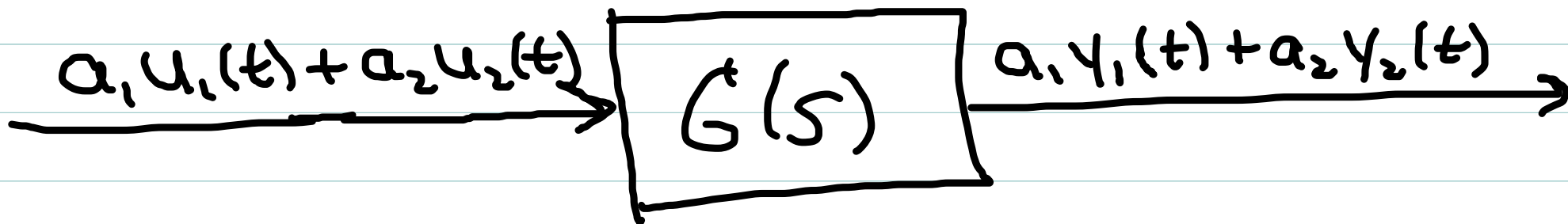
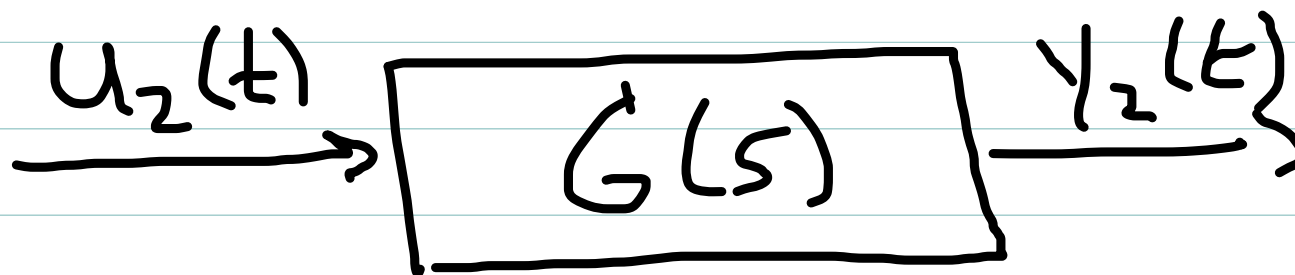
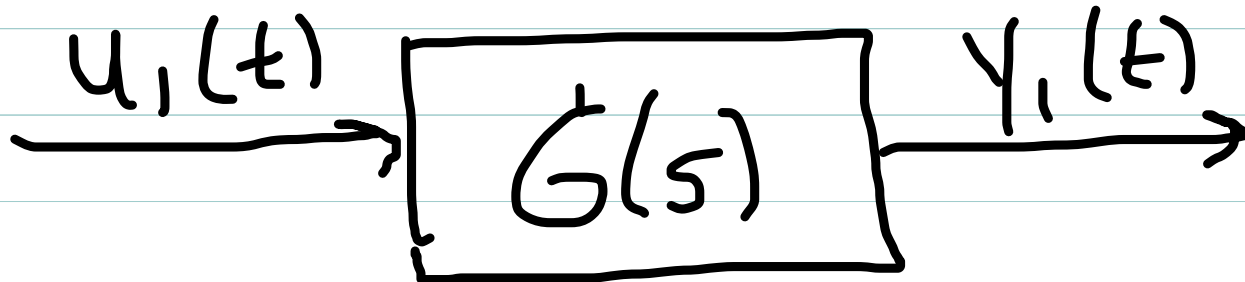
If  $y_1(t)$  is a possible sol'n of DE  
with input  $u_1(t)$

and similarly  $y_2(t)$  is a sol'n for input  $u_2(t)$

Then:  $y(t) = a_1 y_1(t) + a_2 y_2(t)$

is a sol'n for input  $u(t) = a_1 u_1(t) + a_2 u_2(t)$

For any constants  $a_1, a_2$  and any  
inputs  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$



We've already seen an example

$$u_1(t) = e^{st} \longrightarrow y_1(t) = G(s)e^{st}$$

$$u_2(t) = \emptyset \longrightarrow y_2(t) = y_h(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k e^{p_k t}$$

$$u(t) = U e^{st} = U e^{st} + \emptyset$$

$$= U u_1(t) + u_2(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = U y_1(t) + y_2(t)$$

$$= U G(s) e^{st} + y_h(t)$$

$$= y_f(t) + y_h(t)$$

Linearity can be used multiple times

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i u_i(t) \Rightarrow y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i y_i(t)$$

$y_i(t)$  sol'n for  $u_i(t)$

$\Rightarrow$  Holds for any number  $N$

In particular,

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N U_i e^{s_i t} \Rightarrow y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N G(s_i) U_i e^{s_i t}$$

Even for infinite sum,  $N = \infty$ .

Is this enough to make any  $u(t)$ ?

Not quite, need to go to differential limit

$$\sum_{i=1}^N U_i e^{s_i t} \rightarrow \int U(s) e^{st} ds$$

integral over all complex freqs

i.e.  $u(t) = \int U(s) e^{st} ds$

$U(s)$  is the "amount" (complex amplitude) of  $e^{st}$  present in  $u(t)$ , for each  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Similarly  $y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N G(s_i) U_i e^{s_i t} \rightarrow \int G(s) U(s) e^{st} ds$

OR:  $y(t) = \int Y(s) e^{st} ds$  with  $Y(s) = G(s) U(s)$

# Laplace Transform

More formally, for any  $f(t)$  define:

$$(1) \quad f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int F(s) e^{st} ds$$

normalizing constant

where:

$$(2) \quad F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

Notation:  $F(s) = \mathcal{Z}\{f(t)\}$  (transform)

$$f(t) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{F(s)\} \quad (\text{inverse transform})$$

# Limitations of Laplace Transform

Only defined for  $f(t)$  where the integral (2) converges.

Requires:  $e^{-\sigma_0 t} / f(t) \rightarrow 0$

for some finite  $\sigma_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

The transform  $F(s)$  is then defined for any

$$s = \sigma + j\omega \quad \text{with } \sigma \geq \sigma_0$$

and the integral (1) is over all values of  $s$  which satisfy this condition. ] "region of convergence"

## Examples

$f(t) = e^{pt}$  can be transformed for any  
finite  $p \in \mathbb{C}$

However,  $f(t) = e^{t^2}$  cannot be transformed

Since  $e^{-\sigma_0 t} f(t) = e^{(t^2 - \sigma_0 t)} \rightarrow \infty$

for any finite  $\sigma_0$ .



## Note:

When working with Laplace transforms we assume we are using values of  $s$  in the region of convergence. (ROC)

By above def'n of ROC,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f(t) = 0$$

for these values of  $s$ .