

## Lab 2

# Frequency Domain and Transfer Functions

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```

### Objectives

The purpose of this lab is to overview the basic MATLAB functions in linear systems and control. At the end of this lab, you will be able to plot the step and impulse response of a rational transfer function and analyze with first and second order transfer functions.

### Introduction

The first step in the design of a control system is to identify a mathematical model of the system. Such a mathematical model could be derived either from physical laws or from experimental data. For LTI systems, we only need to identify the impulse response or its frequency-domain representation---the transfer function. In this lab, we introduce how to model transfer functions in MATLAB.

There are various methods to define a transfer function in MATLAB. As an example, suppose we have a system described by the following constant coefficient linear differential equation:

$$a_2 \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + a_0 y(t) = b_1 \frac{du(t)}{dt} + b_0 u(t)$$

We know that the transfer function of this system is

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{b_1 s + b_0}{a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0}$$

Suppose  $a_2 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 3$ ,  $a_0 = 2$ ,  $b_1 = 2$ ,  $b_0 = 2$ .

The first method of specifying the function is to literally type out this expression. We first define the symbol  $s$  using the `tf` function and then define the transfer function  $H$  in terms of  $s$ . For example:

```

% Assign values to the coefficients
a2 = 1;
a1 = 3;
a0 = 2;

```

```

b1 = 2;
b0 = 6;
% Define the transfer function
s = tf('s') % Define s symbolically in frequency domain

```

s =

s

Continuous-time transfer function.

Then we can directly define the transfer function as follows.

```

H1 = (b1*s + b0) / (a2*s^2 + a1*s + a0)

```

H1 =

$$\frac{2s + 6}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

The second method is to directly specify the polynomials of the numerator and the denominators.

```

% Define the numerator
num = [b1 b0];
% Define the denominator
den = [a2 a1 a0];
% Define the transfer function
H2 = tf(num, den)

```

H2 =

$$\frac{2s + 6}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

There are various other forms of defining the transfer function. Run

```

doc tf % MATLAB Help for tf

```

to view the complete documentation of the transfer function.

Another way to define the transfer function is to use the gain, poles and zeros. Let's reconsider the above transfer function in pole-zero form.

$$H(s) = 2 \frac{s + 3}{(s + 1)(s + 2)}$$

We can specify the transfer function in the pole zero form using the following code.

```

k = 2;           % The gain
z = [-3];        % The set of zeros
p = [-1 -2];     % The set of poles
H3 = zpkm(z,p,k) % Define the transfer function

```

H3 =

$$\frac{2(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

Continuous-time zero/pole/gain model.

There are other forms of using the **zpk** function. Run

```
doc zpk
```

to view the complete documentation of the **zpk** function. It is possible to identify the poles and zeros of a **rational** transfer function using **tf2zp**:

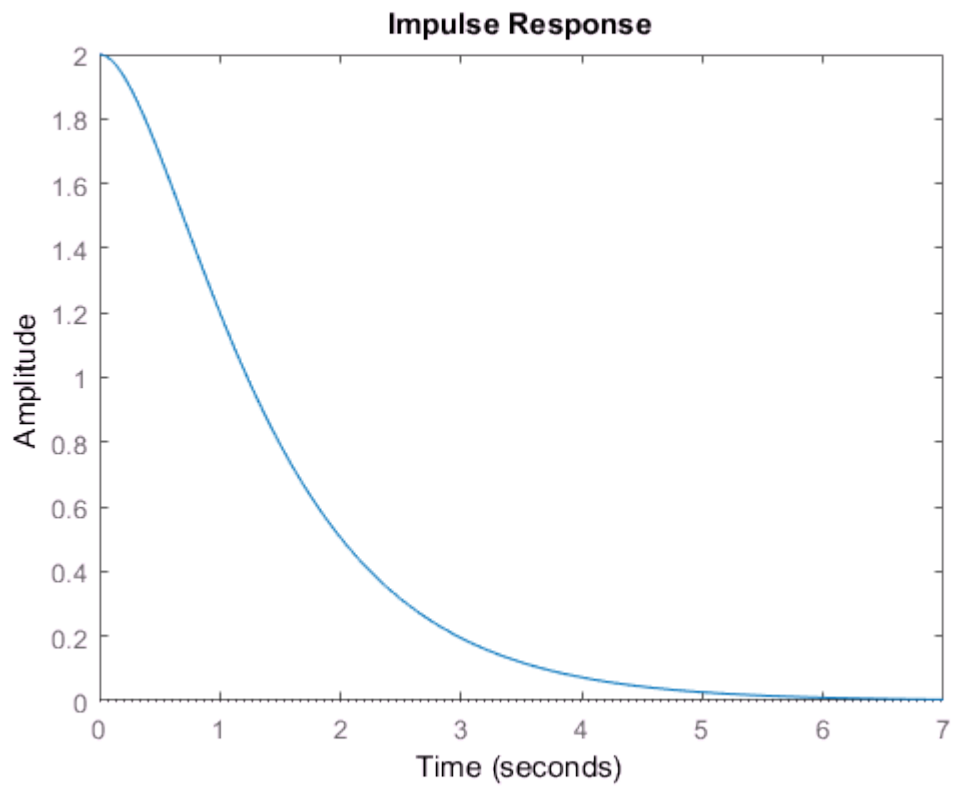
```
[z,p,k] = tf2zp(num,den)
```

```
z = -3  
p =  
    -2  
    -1  
k = 2
```

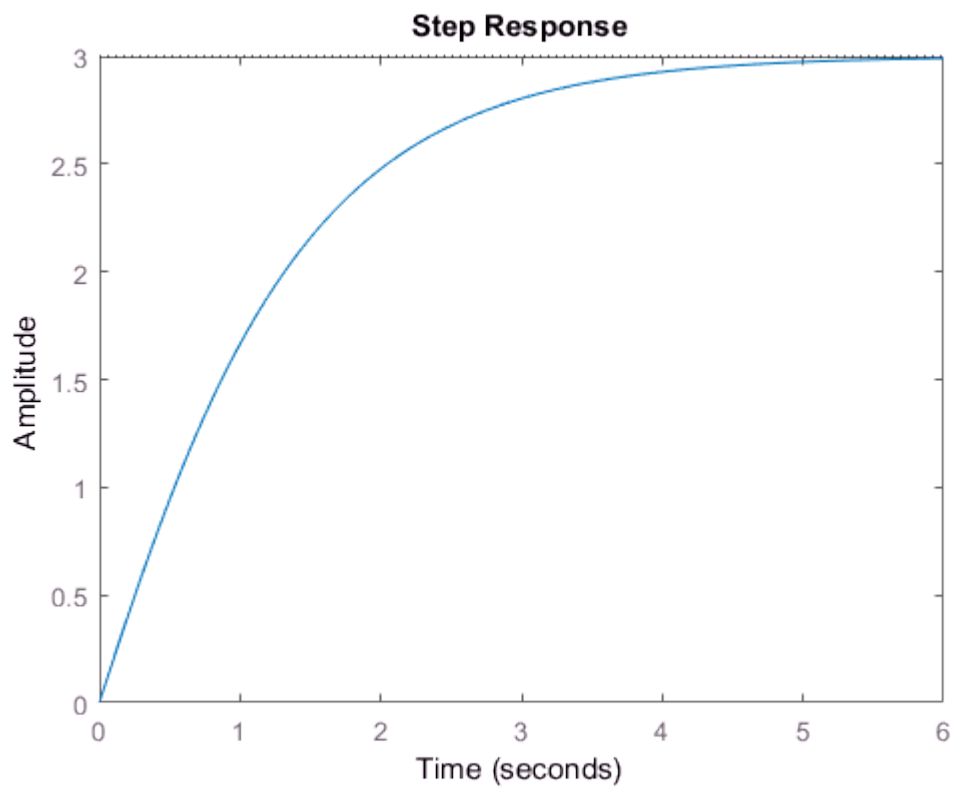
### ***Plotting Impulse and Step Responses***

To plot the impulse response of a transfer function, one can use **impulse(system)**; to plot the step response, one can use **step(system)**. As an example, we plot the impulse and step responses of the system defined in the previous section:

```
impulse(H1)
```



`step(H1)`



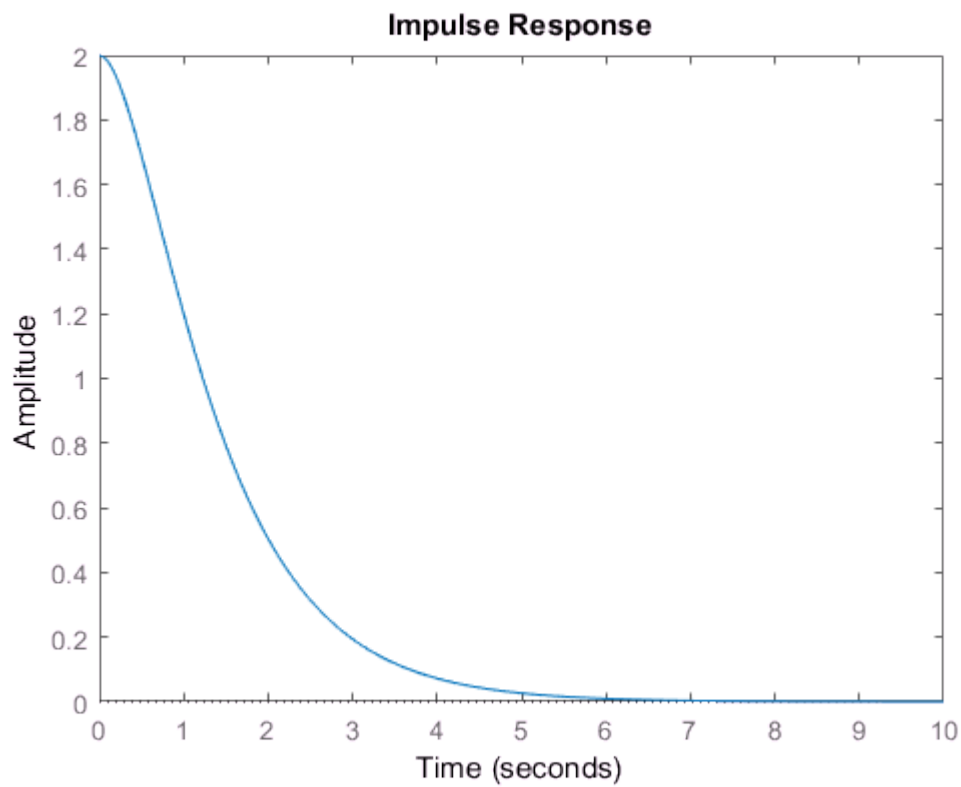
There are other forms of both the `impulse` and `step` functions. For example, `impulse(system,Tfinal)` plots the impulse response from  $t = 0$  to  $t = T$ .

```
T = 10
```

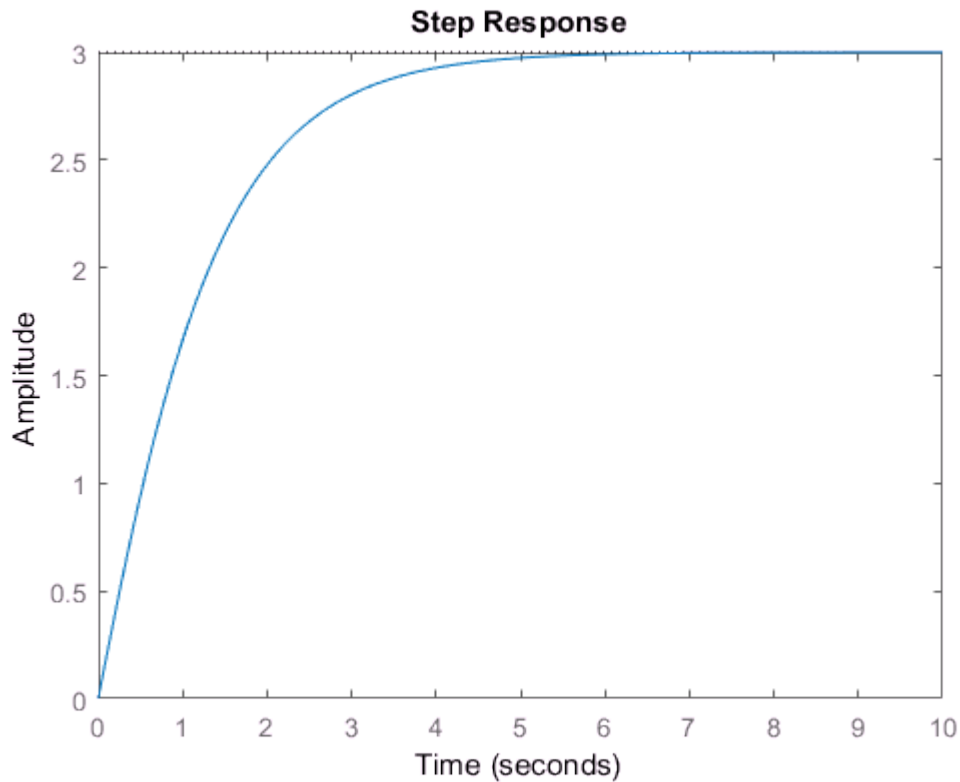
```
% Final time value
```

```
T = 10
```

```
impulse(H1, T)
```



```
step(H1,T)
```



Run

```
doc impulse
doc step
```

to view the complete documentation of the `impulse` and `step` functions.

To find the poles and zeros of a transfer function, use `pole(system)` and `zero(systems)`. To plot the pole-zero plot, use `pzplot(system)`. For example, for the system defined above, the poles are

```
pole(H1)
```

```
ans =  
    -2  
    -1
```

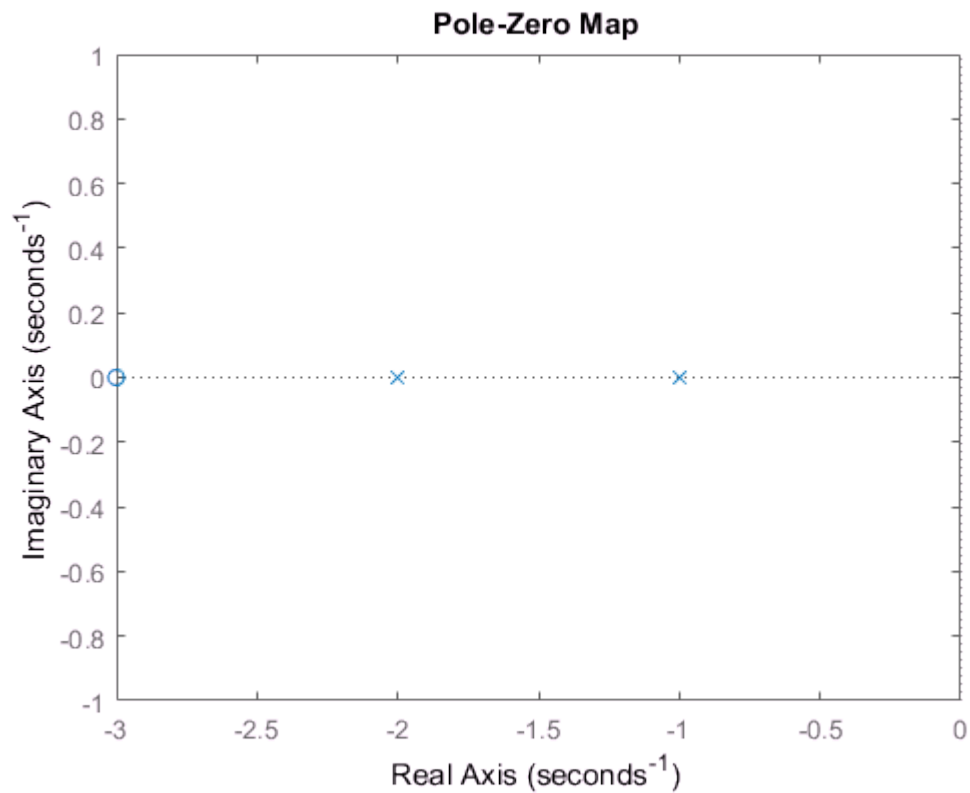
and the zeros are

```
zero(H1)
```

```
ans = -3
```

We can plot the pole-zero plot using

```
pzplot(H1)
```



## Interconnecting systems

To get the transfer function for two systems connected in feedback, use

```
H = feedback(H1,H2) % Feedback or closed loop interconnection of systems
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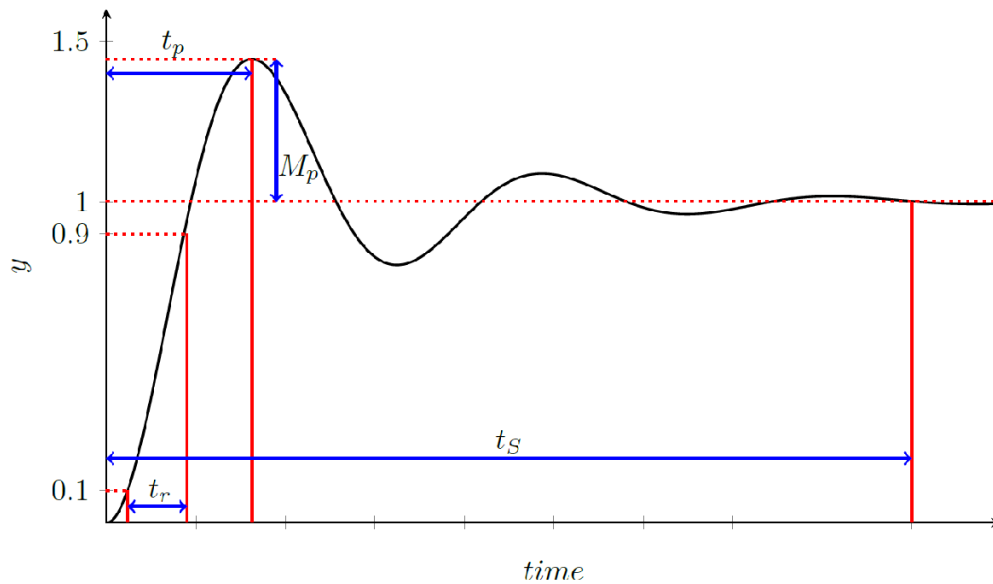
H =

$$\frac{2s^3 + 12s^2 + 22s + 12}{s^4 + 6s^3 + 17s^2 + 36s + 40}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

## System Response characteristics

Consider the following step response of an unknown transfer function.



Depending on the location of the zeros and poles in a transfer function, it is possible to define a system response by the following characteristics:

- Rise time ( $t_r$ ): is the time it takes the system to reach to rise from 10% to 90% of its final value.
- Peak time ( $t_p$ ): is the time until the response hits its maximum overshoot.
- Overshoot ( $M_p$ ): is the peak value of the step response of the system.
- Settling time ( $t_s$ ): is the time for the response to settle within  $\pm \Delta\%$  of its final value.

It is possible to find these values in Matlab given a transfer function. `stepinfo(system)` computes the step-response characteristics for a dynamic system model. For example

```
stepinfo(H1)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
    RiseTime: 2.4200
    SettlingTime: 4.1960
    SettlingMin: 2.7023
    SettlingMax: 2.9974
    Overshoot: 0
    Undershoot: 0
    Peak: 2.9974
    PeakTime: 7.3222
```

### Question 1 (2 marks)

In this question, you have to plot the step response (**for 25 sec**) and identify the characteristics of the transient response of the following system

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2\xi s + 1}$$

for  $\xi = \{0.25, 0.75, 1, 2\}$ .

```
% Enter your code here
num = 1;
```



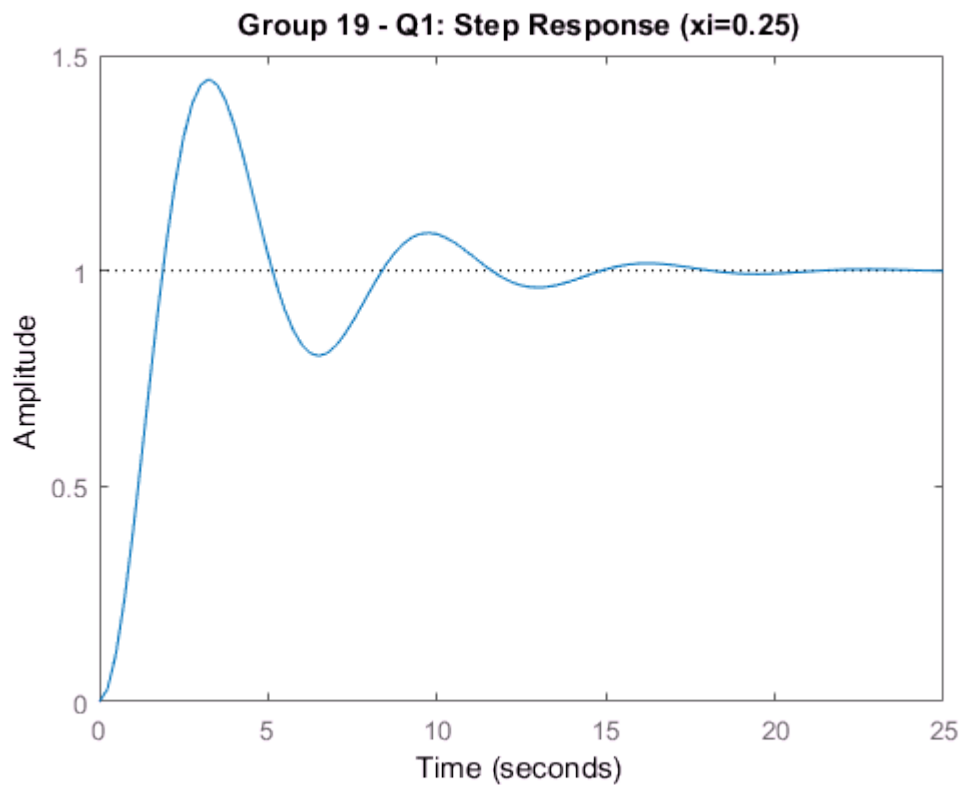
```
den = [1 0.5 1];  
T = 25;  
G1 = tf(num,den)
```

G1 =

$$\frac{1}{s^2 + 0.5s + 1}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

```
step(G1,T);  
title('Group 19 - Q1: Step Response (xi=0.25)')
```



```
stepinfo(G1)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:  
    RiseTime: 1.2687  
    SettlingTime: 14.1159  
    SettlingMin: 0.8027  
    SettlingMax: 1.4432  
    Overshoot: 44.3235  
    Undershoot: 0  
    Peak: 1.4432  
    PeakTime: 3.3157
```

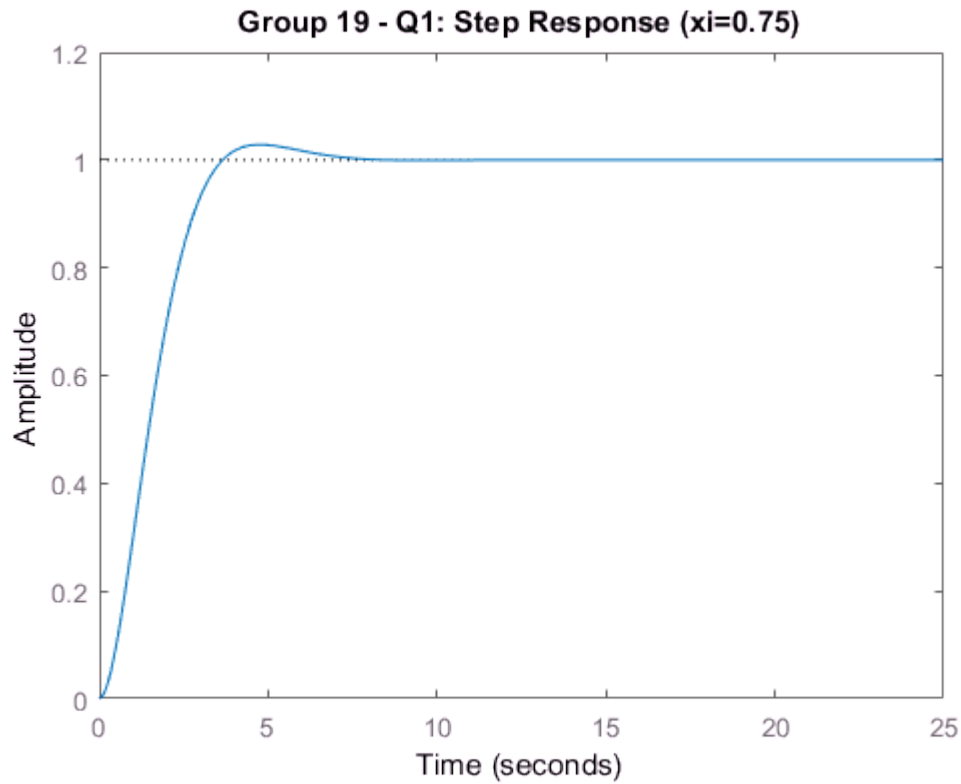
```
num = 1;  
den = [1 1.5 1];  
T = 25;  
G2 = tf(num,den)
```

G2 =

$$\frac{1}{s^2 + 1.5s + 1}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

```
step(G2,T);  
title('Group 19 - Q1: Step Response (xi=0.75)')
```



```
stepinfo(G2)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:  
    RiseTime: 2.2884  
    SettlingTime: 5.7426  
    SettlingMin: 0.9049  
    SettlingMax: 1.0284  
    Overshoot: 2.8369  
    Undershoot: 0  
    Peak: 1.0284  
    PeakTime: 4.7280
```

```
num = 1;  
den = [1 2 1];  
T = 25;  
G3 = tf(num,den)
```

G3 =

$$1$$

```

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s^2 + 2 s + 1

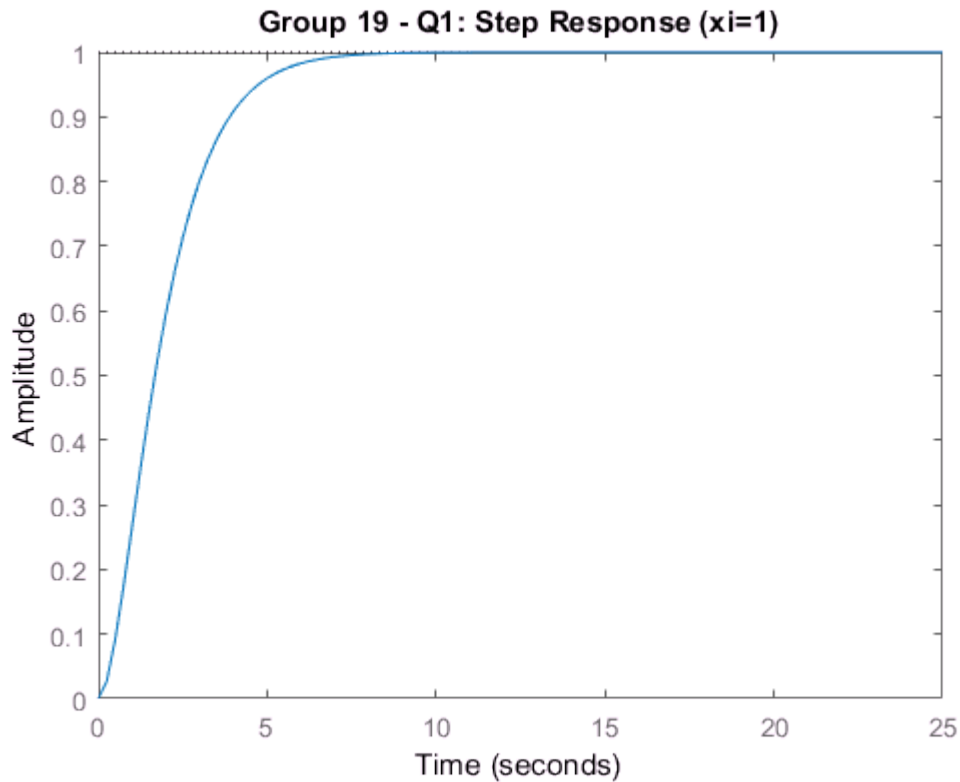
```

Continuous-time transfer function.

```

step(G3,T);
title('Group 19 - Q1: Step Response (xi=1)')

```



```

stepinfo(G3)

```

```

ans = struct with fields:
    RiseTime: 3.3579
    SettlingTime: 5.8339
    SettlingMin: 0.9000
    SettlingMax: 0.9994
    Overshoot: 0
    Undershoot: 0
    Peak: 0.9994
    PeakTime: 9.7900

```

```

num = 1;
den = [1 4 1];
T = 25;
G4 = tf(num,den)

```

G4 =

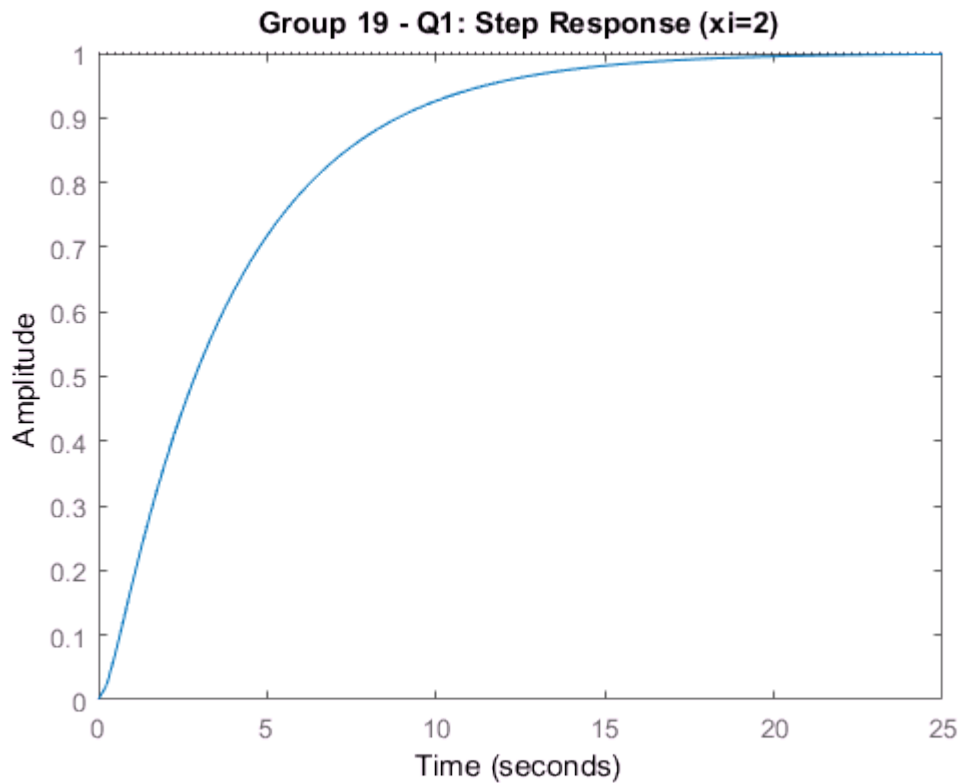
```

      1
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s^2 + 4 s + 1

```

Continuous-time transfer function.

```
step(G4,T);
title('Group 19 - Q1: Step Response (xi=2)')
```



```
stepinfo(G4)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
    RiseTime: 8.2308
    SettlingTime: 14.8789
    SettlingMin: 0.9017
    SettlingMax: 0.9993
    Overshoot: 0
    Undershoot: 0
    Peak: 0.9993
    PeakTime: 27.3269
```

### Question 2 (4 marks)

Consider the following open loop unstable system.

$$Q(s) = \frac{s+1}{s(s-1)(s+6)}$$

A constant controller  $k$  is used to stabilize this system. For different values of  $k \in \{10, 20, 50, 100\}$  plot the step response (**for 15 seconds**) of the closed loop controlled system and measure the output components using `stepinfo` function.

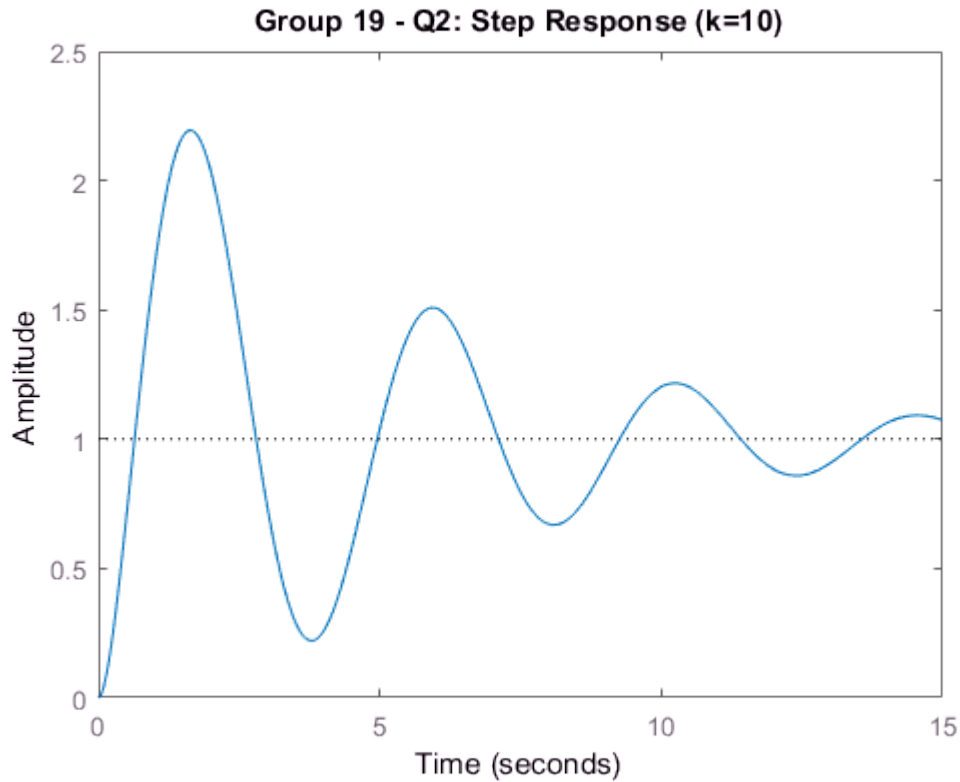
```
% Enter your code here
% Define the transfer function
```

```

T = 15;
Q = (s+1)/(s*(s-1)*(s+6));

% k=10
k = 10;
Q1 = feedback(k*Q,1);
step(Q1,T);
title('Group 19 - Q2: Step Response (k=10)')

```



```
stepinfo(Q1)
```

```

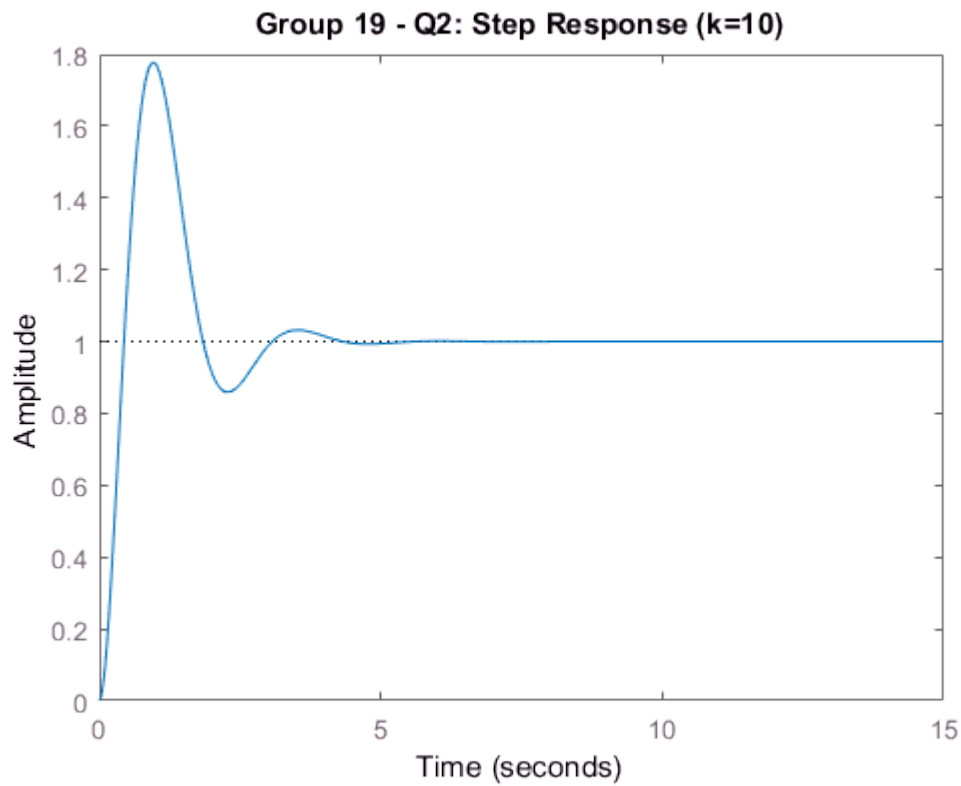
ans = struct with fields:
    RiseTime: 0.4424
    SettlingTime: 21.2506
    SettlingMin: 0.2212
    SettlingMax: 2.1939
    Overshoot: 119.3930
    Undershoot: 0
    Peak: 2.1939
    PeakTime: 1.6408

```

```

% k=20
k = 20;
Q2 = feedback(k*Q,1);
step(Q2,T);
title('Group 19 - Q2: Step Response (k=10)')

```

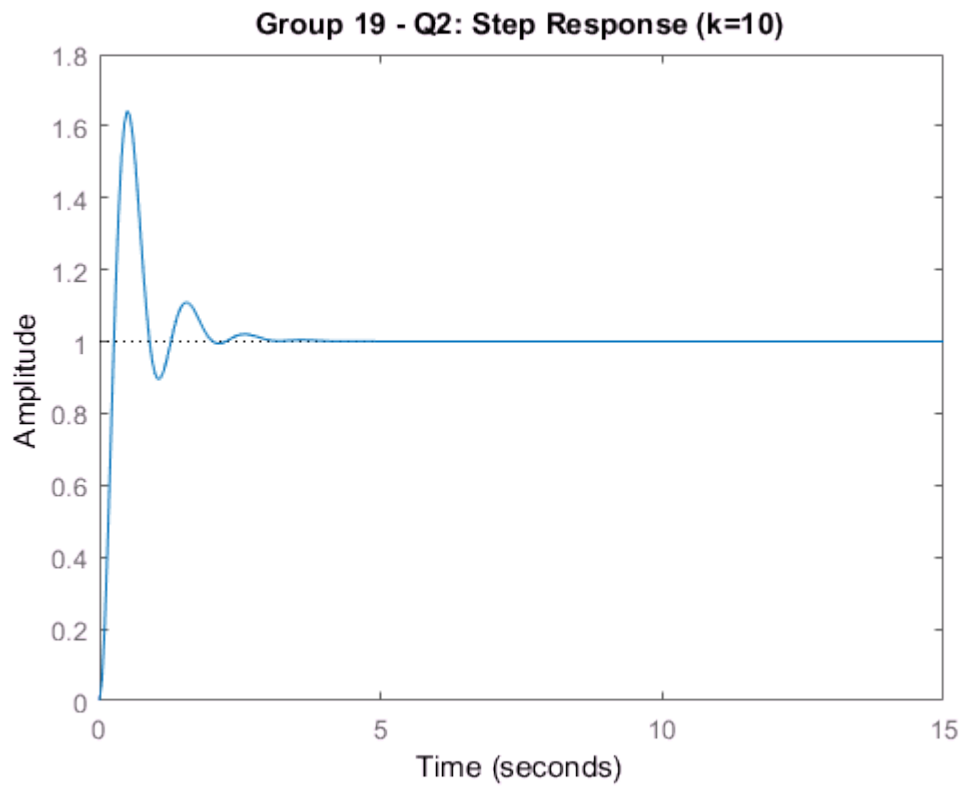


```
stepinfo(Q2)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
```

```
    RiseTime: 0.2989  
    SettlingTime: 3.8974  
    SettlingMin: 0.8592  
    SettlingMax: 1.7772  
    Overshoot: 77.7158  
    Undershoot: 0  
        Peak: 1.7772  
    PeakTime: 0.9644
```

```
% k=50  
k = 50;  
Q3 = feedback(k*Q,1);  
step(Q3,T);  
title('Group 19 - Q2: Step Response (k=10)')
```

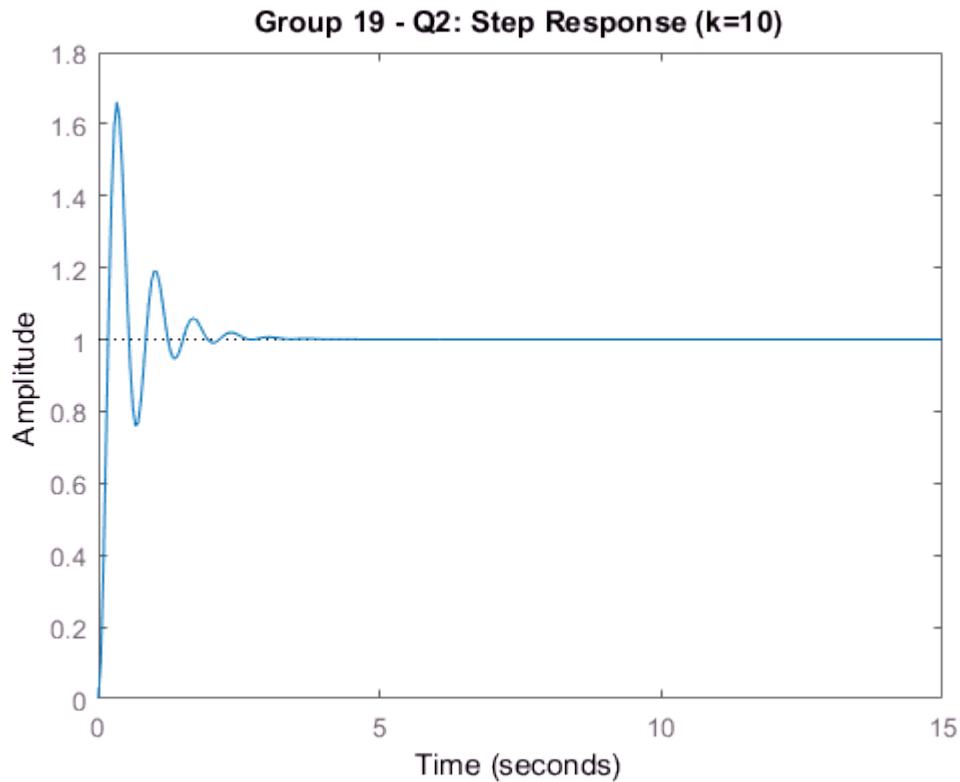


```
stepinfo(Q3)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
```

```
    RiseTime: 0.1767  
    SettlingTime: 2.6377  
    SettlingMin: 0.8948  
    SettlingMax: 1.6430  
    Overshoot: 64.3033  
    Undershoot: 0  
        Peak: 1.6430  
    PeakTime: 0.5062
```

```
% k=100  
k = 100;  
Q4 = feedback(k*Q,1);  
step(Q4,T);  
title('Group 19 - Q2: Step Response (k=10)')
```



```
stepinfo(Q4)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
    RiseTime: 0.1190
    SettlingTime: 1.8674
    SettlingMin: 0.7606
    SettlingMax: 1.6607
    Overshoot: 66.0662
    Undershoot: 0
    Peak: 1.6607
    PeakTime: 0.3303
```

### Question 3 (4 marks)

Consider the closed loop transfer function in Question 2. For  $k = \{10, 20\}$ , construct a second order system of the form

$$G(s) = \frac{\frac{k}{|p_3|} (s + z_1)}{(s + p_1)(s + p_2)}$$

where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the dominant poles (i.e., poles with the largest real values) and  $p_3$  is the ineffective pole (i.e., the pole with the smallest real value). Plot the step response of  $G(s)$  for **15 sec** and measure the output components using **stepinfo**.

```
% Enter your code here
% Find the poles of the two transfer functions
```



```
T = 15;
```

```
pole(Q1)
```

```
ans =
```

```
-4.6030 + 0.0000i  
-0.1985 + 1.4605i  
-0.1985 - 1.4605i
```

```
pole(Q2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
-1.2107 + 2.5081i  
-1.2107 - 2.5081i  
-2.5786 + 0.0000i
```

```
% Transfer functions with dominant poles
```

```
% k=10
```

```
G1 = ((10/(4.6030))*(s+1))/((s+0.1985+1.4605i)*(s+0.1985-1.4605i))
```

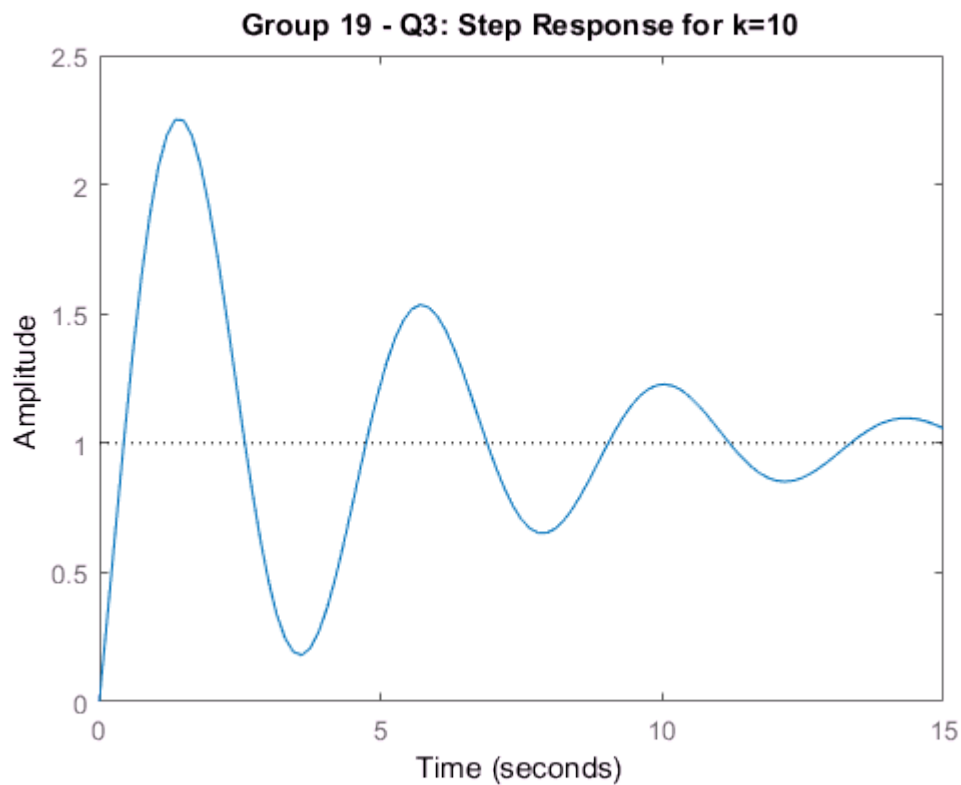
```
G1 =
```

```
2.172 s + 2.172  
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s^2 + 0.397 s + 2.172
```

Continuous-time transfer function.

```
step(G1,T)
```

```
title('Group 19 - Q3: Step Response for k=10')
```



```
stepinfo(G1)
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
    RiseTime: 0.3487
    SettlingTime: 21.0232
    SettlingMin: 0.1824
    SettlingMax: 2.2498
    Overshoot: 124.9801
    Undershoot: 0
    Peak: 2.2498
    PeakTime: 1.4920
```

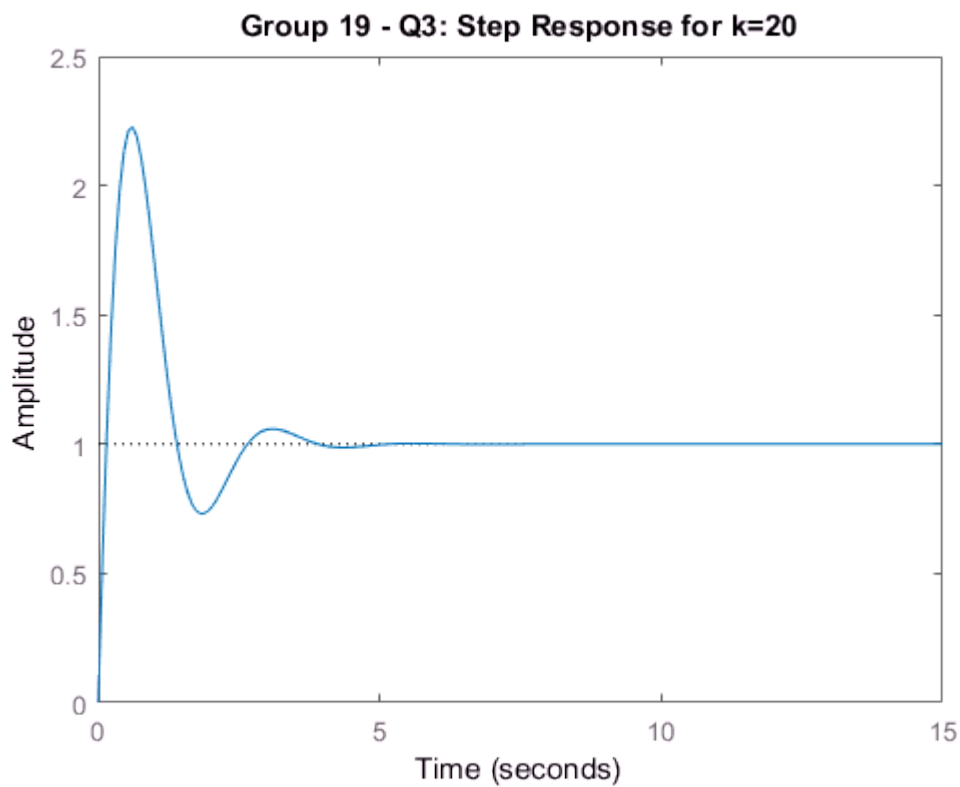
```
% k=20
G2 = ((20/(2.5786))*(s+1))/((s+1.2107+2.5081i)*(s+1.2107-2.5081i))
```

G2 =

$$\frac{7.756 s + 7.756}{s^2 + 2.421 s + 7.756}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

```
step(G2,T)
title('Group 19 - Q3: Step Response for k=20')
```

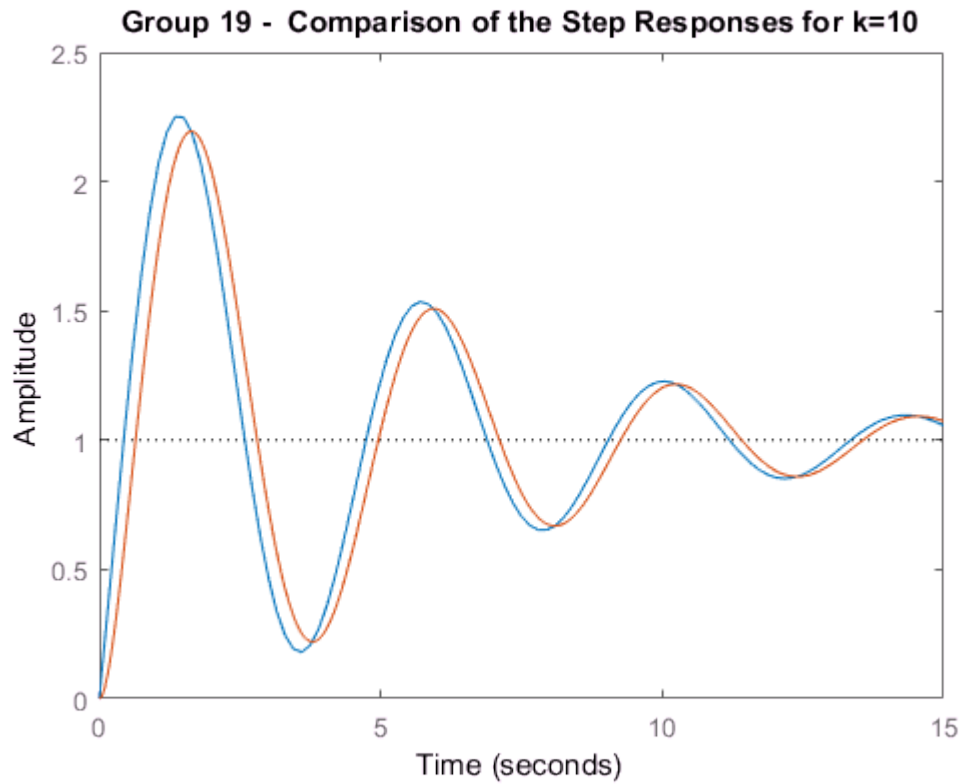


```
stepinfo(G2)
```

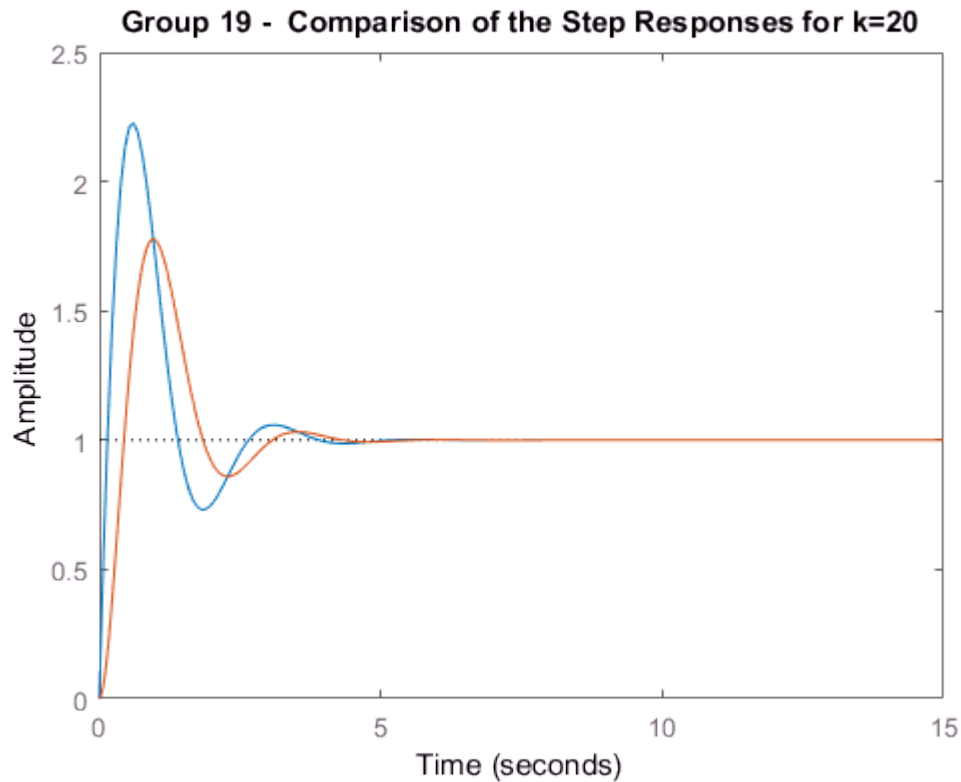
```
ans = struct with fields:
    RiseTime: 0.1163
    SettlingTime: 3.6016
```

SettlingMin: 0.7308  
SettlingMax: 2.2266  
Overshoot: 122.6670  
Undershoot: 0  
Peak: 2.2266  
PeakTime: 0.6086

```
% Comparison part  
step (G1, Q1,T);  
title('Group 19 - Comparison of the Step Responses for k=10')
```



```
step (G2, Q2,T);  
title('Group 19 - Comparison of the Step Responses for k=20')
```



**Compare the responses with those obtained in Question 2 here:**

*When the gain is equal to 10, the transient response of Q1 and G1 have very similar signals with a very small phase shift. Whereas when the gain is equal to 20, the transient response of Q2 and G2 is slightly shifted to the right with a smaller amplitude because the least dominant pole has a very small effect (because further away from the origin).*