

MATLAB commands to analyse linear time-invariant (LTI) systems

Creation of a “sys” object

```
sys = ss(A,B,C,D)    % creates object “sys” of the continuous-time state-space model:  
                    %  $dx/dt = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$   
                    %  $y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$ 
```

Eigenvalues, eigenfrequencies, damping

```
lambda = eig(A);      % calculate the eigenvalues of matrix A  
freq = imag(lambda)/(2*pi); % calculate damped eigenfrequencies  
dr = -real(lambda)/(norm(lambda))*100; % critical damping ratio in percent
```

Transfer function

```
freq=[0.1:0.1:5];      % frequency vector in Hz (0.1 to 5 Hz)  
w= 2*pi*freq;          % create vector w in rad/s  
[mag,phase] = bode(sys,w); % transfer functions of “sys” at frequencies “w”
```

“mag” gives the magnitude, “phase” the phase angle in degrees. Note that “mag” and “phase” have three dimensions, “mag(2,1,:)” represents the magnitude of the second output to the first input of the object “sys” for all frequencies specified in the vector “w”. The MATLAB “plot” command does not accept a signal with three dimensions, use the “squeeze” command to remove the singleton dimensions, example:

```
plot( freq, squeeze(mag(2,1,:)) ); % plot magnitude of the transfer function, input 1 - output 2
```

To plot the transfer function on a log-log scale, use “loglog” instead of “plot”. “semilogx” give a logarithmic x-axis.

As an alternative to “bode” it is also possible to use “freqresp”.

```
H = freqresp(sys,w); % complex values of the transfer function H.
```

Just as with the “bode” command H has three dimensions: output, input, frequency.

```
mag21 = norm(H(2,1,:)); % magnitude of the transfer function, input 1 - output 2  
phase21 = angle(H(2,1,:)); % phase angle (radians!) of the transfer function, input 1 -  
output 2
```

Step response

```
time=[0:0.01:5];      % time vector (0 to 5 sec.)  
y = step(sys,time);    % calculate step response
```

The vector “y” has three dimensions: time, output, input

```
plot(time, squeeze(y(:,2,1)) ); % plot time history of output 2 to a step on the input 1
```

Response to an arbitrary input signal

```
time=[0:0.01:5];      % time vector (0 to 5 sec.)  
u = 0.1*sin(2*pi*time); % input signal of 1Hz with amplitude of 0.1  
y = lsim(sys,u,time);  % perform the linear simulation
```

In case of multiple inputs, “u” should have as many columns as there are input to the system!