

## trans.exact Exact analytical trans response char of first– and second–order sys

First-order systems without zeros

A first-order system without zeros has a transient response characterized by a time-constant  $\tau$  that appears in the general response as

$$1 - e^{-t/\tau} + \dots \quad (1)$$

The transient exponential decays such that in three time constants  $3\tau$  only 5 % of the term remains; in  $5\tau$ , less than 1 %.

There is neither peak nor overshoot for this type of response. However, the rise time for these systems is found by solving the time-domain differential equation

$$\tau \dot{y}(t) + y(t) = ku(t) \quad (2)$$

with output variable  $y$ , input variable  $u$ , and real constant  $k$ . It is easily shown that the solution to Eq. 2 in Eq. 2 is, for a unit step input,

$$y(t) = k \left( 1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right), \quad (3)$$

from which we discover that the steady-state value is

$$y_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) \quad (4a)$$

$$= k. \quad (4b)$$

The rise time is, by definition, the duration of the time interval  $[t_1, t_2]$  such that

$$y(t_1) = 0.1y_{ss} \quad (5a)$$

$$y(t_2) = 0.9y_{ss}. \quad (5b)$$

The first of these yields

$$k \left( 1 - e^{-t_1/\tau} \right) = 0.1k \Rightarrow \quad (6a)$$

$$t_1 = -\tau \ln 0.9 \quad (6b)$$

$$\approx 0.1054\tau. \quad (6c)$$

Solving in an analogous fashion, we find  $t_2 \approx 2.3026\tau$ . The interval, then, is  $t_2 - t_1 = 2.1972\tau$ .

**Equation 7 first-order system rise time**

Finally, the settling time can be derived in a fashion similar to the rise time.

**Equation 8 first-order system settling time**

Second-order systems without zeros

Second-order system transient responses are characterized by a natural (angular) frequency  $\omega_n$  and damping ratio  $\zeta$ . It is helpful to recall the complex-plane graphical representation of the pole-zero plot for a second-order system without zeros, as shown in Fig. exact.1.

Following a procedure very similar to that for first-order systems, the following relationships can be derived.

The rise time  $T_r$  does not have an analytical solution in terms of  $\omega_n$  and  $\zeta$ . However, Fig. exact.2 shows numerical solutions for  $T_r$  scaled by  $\omega_n$  for  $\zeta \in (0, 1)$ .

The peak time  $T_p$  has the following, simple expression

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d}, \tag{9}$$

where  $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$  is the damped natural frequency.

The percent overshoot %OS is related directly to

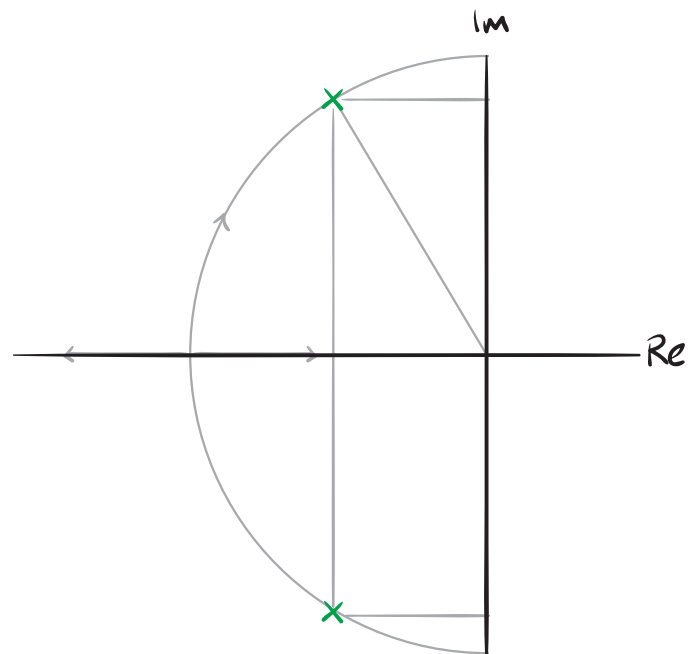


Figure exact.1: the relationship between the pole-zero plot of a second-order system with no zeros and  $\omega_n$  and  $\zeta$ .

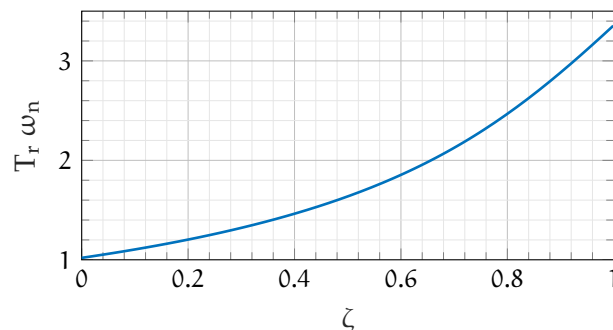


Figure exact.2: the relationship between rise time, natural frequency, and damping ratio.

$\zeta$  as follows

$$\%OS = 100 \exp \frac{-\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \Leftrightarrow \quad (10)$$

$$\zeta = \frac{-\ln(\%OS/100)}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + \ln^2(\%OS/100)}}. \quad (11)$$

Finally, the settling time  $T_s$  is expressed as

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\zeta\omega_n}. \quad (12)$$