

MECE 3350U  
Control Systems

Lecture 5  
Effect of Pole Locations

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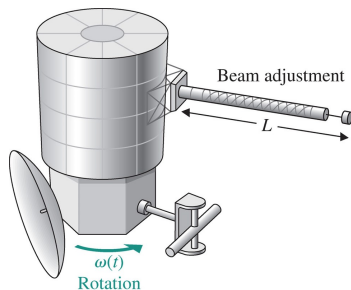
## Outline of Lecture 5

By the end of today's lecture you should be able to

- Understand the concept of transient response
- Observe the influence of the pole locations in the temporal response
- Find the temporal response of a system for a given input

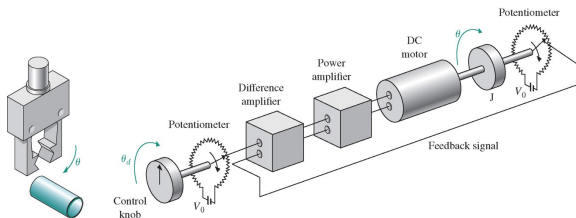
## Applications

The rotational velocity of the satellite is adjusted by changing the length of the beam. How can we determine the shape of the transient response?



# Applications

A robot gripper is to be controlled by a DC motor. How can we determine the transient response of the gripper's position?



## From the last lecture

A transfer function can be written as

$$H(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} \quad (1)$$

with  $n \geq m$ . The zeros  $z_i$  are the roots of

$$N(s) = 0$$

Thus:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow z_i} N(s) = 0 \quad (2)$$

The poles  $p_i$  are the roots of

$$D(s) = 0$$

Thus:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow p_i} H(s) = \infty \quad (3)$$

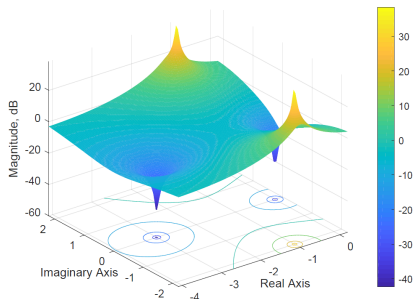
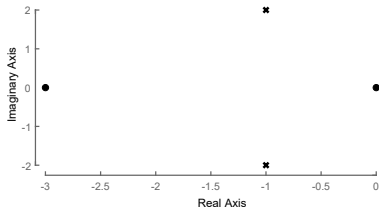
## Poles and zeros

Consider the following function:

$$F(s) = \frac{s(s + 3)}{s^2 + 2s + 5}$$

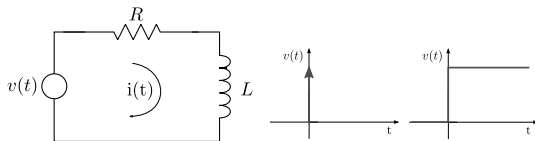
→ Poles:  $-1 + 2j$ ,  $-1 - 2j$

→ Zeros:  $0$ ,  $-3$



## First order systems

Consider the RL circuit shown.



$$V(s) = (R + Ls)I(s)$$

$$H(s) = \frac{I(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{1}{Ls + R} = \frac{1/R}{s(L/R) + 1}$$

**Time constant:** Characterizes the response to a step input of a first-order system.

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R} \quad (4)$$

→ The denominator must be in the form of  $\tau s + 1$

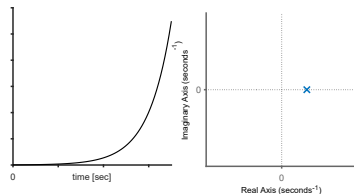
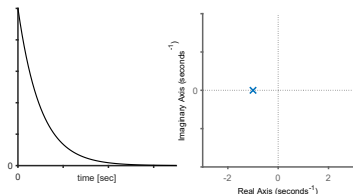
## First order transfer functions

Impulse response:  $v(t) = \delta(t) \Rightarrow V(s) = 1$

$$I(s) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{1}{\tau s + 1} = \frac{1}{\tau R} \left( \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \right)$$

The pole is  $s = -1/\tau$ . The time response is:

$$i(t) = \frac{1}{\tau R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$



If  $\tau > 0$ , the pole is on the left-half s-plane.

If  $\tau < 0$ , the pole is on the right-half s-plane.

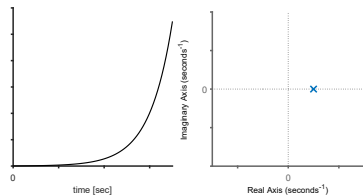
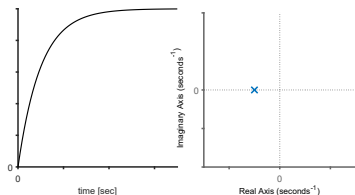
## First order transfer functions

Step response:  $v(t) = u(t) \Rightarrow V(s) = \frac{1}{s}$

$$I(s) = \frac{1}{\tau R} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \right) = \frac{1}{\tau R} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \right) = \frac{1}{\tau R} \left( \frac{k_1}{s} + \frac{k_2}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \right)$$

Solving for the partial fraction coefficients:  $k_1 = \tau$ ,  $k_2 = -\tau$ , thus:

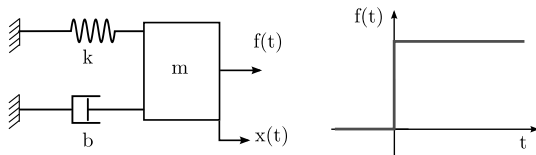
$$i(t) = \frac{1}{R} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right)$$



If  $\tau > 0$ , the pole is on the left-half s-plane.

If  $\tau < 0$ , the pole is on the right-half s-plane.

## Second order transfer functions



Transfer function: Standard form

$$H(s) = \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + bs + k} = \frac{1}{m} \left( \frac{1}{s^2 + \frac{b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m}} \right)$$

In standard form we have

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{k} \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \quad (5)$$

where:

$\Rightarrow \zeta = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{mk}}$ : Dimensionless **damping ratio**

$\Rightarrow \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ : Natural frequency (rad/s)

## Second order response

Let us now analyse the response to a step input of a second order system

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right) \quad (6)$$

The poles of the transfer function are:

$$s = \frac{-2\zeta\omega_n \pm \sqrt{(2\zeta\omega_n)^2 - 4\omega_n^2}}{2} = -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \quad (7)$$

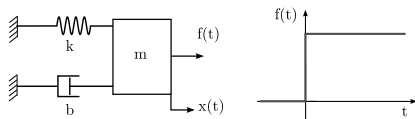
Thus:

$$s_1 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right) = \omega_n \left( -\zeta + j\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \right)$$

$$s_2 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right) = \omega_n \left( -\zeta - j\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \right)$$

Roots can be real or complex  $\Rightarrow$  Inverse transformation ?

## Second order response



$$X(s) = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right) \quad (8)$$

**Case 1:**  $\zeta \geq 1$ , (lots of damping)

$$s_1 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right)$$

$$s_2 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right)$$

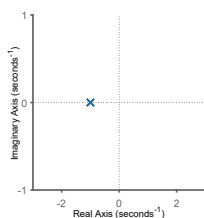
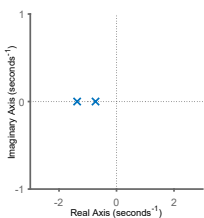
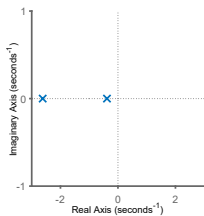
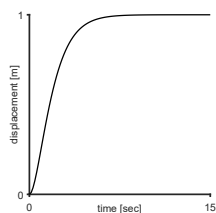
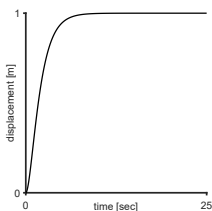
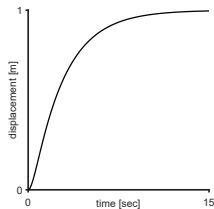
Roots are negative real numbers. Partial fraction expansion yields:

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{m} \left( \frac{k_1}{s} + \frac{k_2}{(s + a_1)} + \frac{k_3}{(s + a_2)} \right) \quad (9)$$

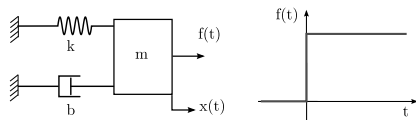
# Overdamped system

Example:  $m = 1$  kg,  $k = 1$  N/m

$b = 3$  Ns/m,  $\zeta = 1.5$ ;      $b = 2.1$  Ns/m,  $\zeta = 1.05$ ;      $b = 2$  Ns/m,  $\zeta = 1$ .



## Second order response



$$X(s) = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right) \quad (10)$$

**Case 2:**  $0 < \zeta < 1$ , (some damping)

$$s_1 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right)$$

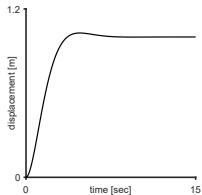
$$s_2 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right)$$

Roots are complex conjugate numbers with a negative real part. Thus:

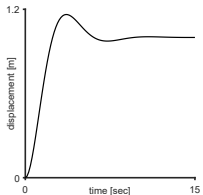
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin \left( \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t + \cos^{-1} \zeta \right) \right] \quad (11)$$

# Underdamped system

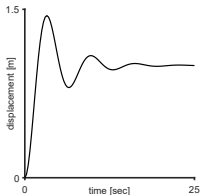
$b = 1.5, \zeta = 0.75$



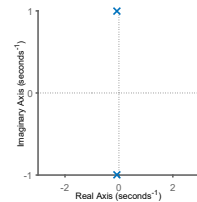
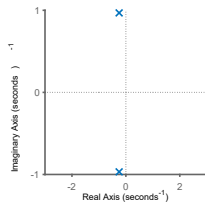
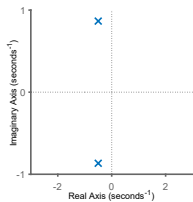
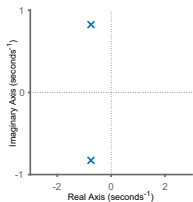
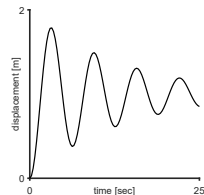
$b = 1, \zeta = 0.5$



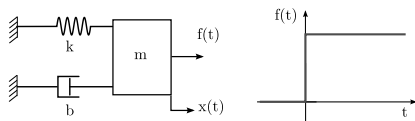
$b = 0.5, \zeta = 0.25$



$b = 0.1, \zeta = 0.05$



## Second order response



$$X(s) = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right) \quad (12)$$

**Case 3:**  $\zeta = 0$ , (no damping)

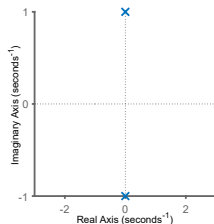
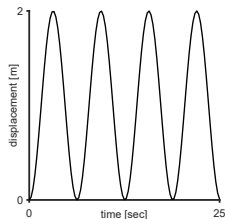
$$s_1 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right)$$

$$s_2 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right)$$

Roots are purely complex conjugate numbers. Thus:

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + \omega_n^2} \right) \rightarrow x(t) = \frac{1}{k} [1 - \cos(\omega_n t)] \quad (13)$$

## Undamped system



The frequency of oscillation for of an undamped system is called the natural frequency.

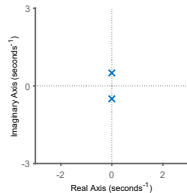
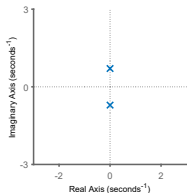
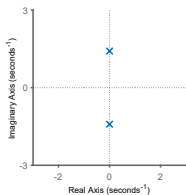
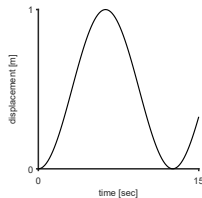
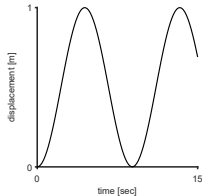
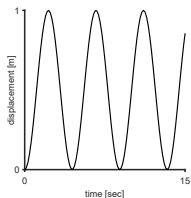
In our example:

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (14)$$

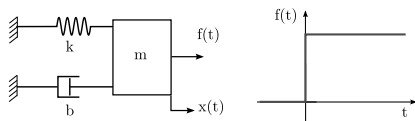
## Natural frequency

The frequency the system oscillates when  $\zeta = 0$ . Example:  $b = \zeta = 0$ ,  $k = 1$ .

$m = 1$ ,  $\omega_n = 1$  rad/s;     $m = 2$ ,  $\omega_n = 0.71$  rad/s;     $m = 4$ ,  $\omega_n = 0.5$  rad/s;



## Second order response



$$X(s) = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \right) \quad (15)$$

**Case 4:**  $\zeta < 0$ , (hypothetical negative damping)

$$s_1 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right), \quad s_2 = \omega_n \left( -\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \right)$$

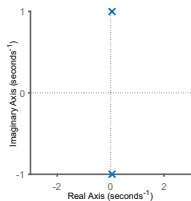
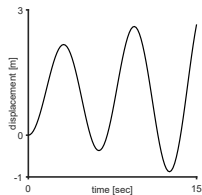
Roots (real or imaginary) have positive real parts. Possible solutions are:

$$x(t) = k(1 + k_2 e^{s_1 t} + k_3 e^{s_2 t}) \quad (16)$$

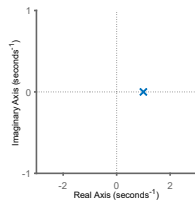
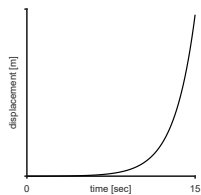
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{|\zeta|\omega_n t} \sin \left( \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t + \cos^{-1} \zeta \right) \right] \quad (17)$$

# Unstable system

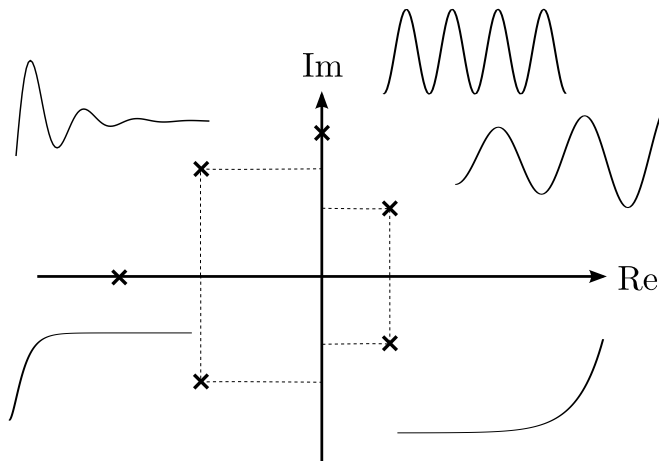
$$b = -0.1 \text{ Ns/m};$$



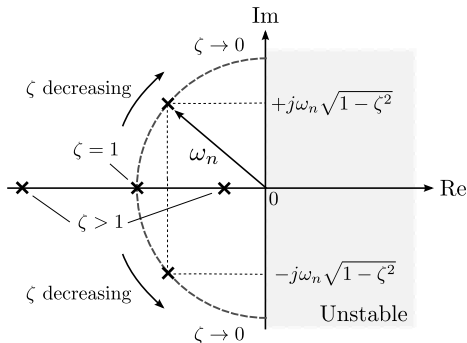
$$b < -1 \text{ Ns/m};$$



# Summary



Damping ratio	Roots	Systems response
$\zeta > 1$	Distinct real	overdamped
$\zeta = 1$	Equal real	damped
$0 < \zeta < 1$	Complex conjugate	underdamped
$\zeta = 0$	Purely imaginary	undamped
$\zeta < 0$	Positive	unstable



## Location of poles in the s-plane

For a second order system, the poles are

$$s = \zeta\omega_n \pm j\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

$$s = -\sigma \pm j\omega_d$$

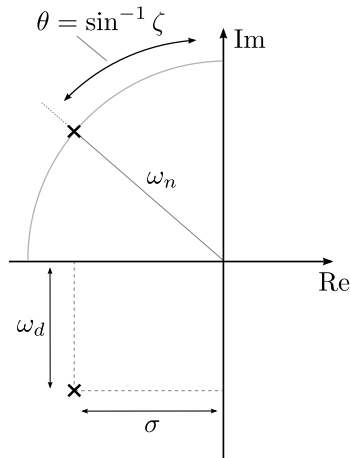
where  $\sigma = \zeta\omega_n$ , and  $\omega_d = \omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$

→ The magnitude of  $s$  is

$$|s| = \sqrt{(\zeta\omega_n)^2 + (\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})^2} = \omega_n$$

→ The angle to the imaginary axis is

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{\omega_n} \rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \zeta$$



## Exercise 21

Discuss the correlation between the poles of

$$H(s) = \frac{2s + 1}{s^2 + 2s + 5} \quad (18)$$

and the impulse response of the system and find the exact impulse response.

### **Procedure:**

- Calculate the damping ratio and the natural frequency
- Calculate inverse transform

## Exercise 21 - continued

$$H(s) = \frac{2s + 1}{s^2 + 2s + 5}$$

## Exercise 21 - continued

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## Exercise 22

Consider the system of the form

$$H(s) = \frac{9}{s^2 + bs + 9} \quad (19)$$

Calculate and sketch the response to an unit step input for the following cases

$$\rightarrow b = 9$$

$$\rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\rightarrow b = 2$$

$$\rightarrow b = 6$$

## Exercise 22 - continued

$$H(s) = \frac{9}{s^2 + 9s + 9} \frac{1}{s} \quad (20)$$

## Exercise 22 - continued

$$H(s) = \frac{9}{s^2 + 9} \frac{1}{s} \quad (21)$$

## Exercise 22 - continued

$$H(s) = \frac{9}{s^2 + 2s + 9} \frac{1}{s} \quad (22)$$

## Exercise 22 - continued

$$H(s) = \frac{9}{s^2 + 6s + 9} \frac{1}{s} \quad (23)$$

## Skills check 11 - From 2018 midterm

Consider the following statements regarding a system described by a second order transfer function subjected to a unit step input (*4 marks /100*):

- Statement 1: If the damping ratio is higher than 1, there is no overshoot.
- Statement 2: If the real part of a zero is positive, the system is unstable.
- Statement 3: If the real part of both poles is zero, the system oscillates indefinitely.

Statements 1, 2, and 3 are, respectively<sup>1</sup>

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> All false             | <b>(b)</b> True, false, and false | <b>(c)</b> False, false, and true |
| <b>(d)</b> True, false, and true | <b>(e)</b> False, true, and false | <b>(f)</b> True, true, and false  |
| <b>(g)</b> False, true, and true | <b>(h)</b> All true               |                                   |

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<sup>1</sup>Answers to skills check on slide 40

## Skills check 12 - From 2018 midterm

Indicate which transfer function leads to each of the time responses shown for a unit step-type excitation (4 marks/100)

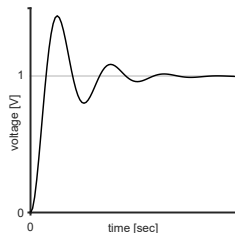
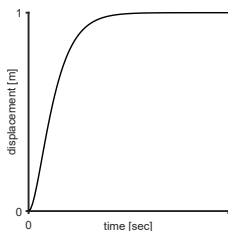
(a)  $\frac{2}{(s+1)(s+1)}$

(b)  $\frac{1}{s^2+1}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{2s^2+s+1}$

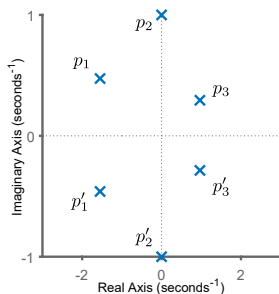
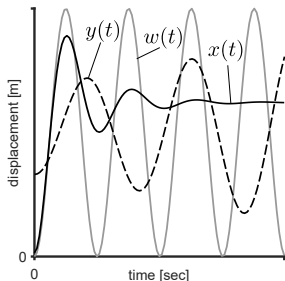
(d)  $\frac{s}{s^2+0.5s+1}$

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



## Skills check 13

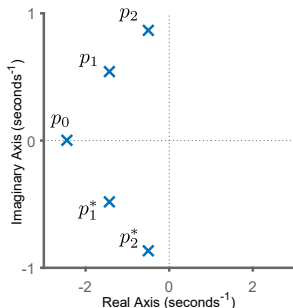
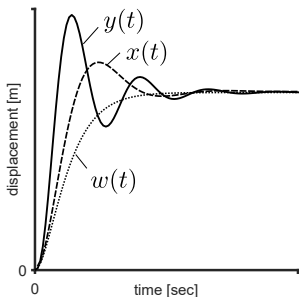
The poles of the three functions are shown in the s-plane. Circle the correct statement(s)



- (a)  $p_1, p'_1$  are the poles of  $Y(s)$
- (b)  $p_1, p'_1$  are the poles of  $W(s)$
- (c)  $p_2, p'_2$  is the pole of  $W(s)$
- (d)  $p_3, p'_3$  are the poles of  $W(s)$
- (e)  $p_3, p'_3$  are the poles of  $Y(s)$

## Skills check 14

The poles of the three functions are shown in the s-plane. Circle the correct statement(s)

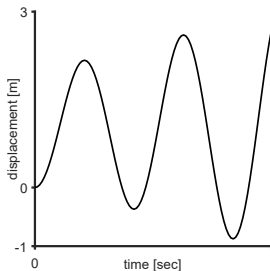


- (a)  $p_1, p_1^*$  are the poles of  $Y(s)$
- (b)  $p_1, p_1^*$  are the poles of  $X(s)$
- (c)  $p_0$  is the pole of  $X(s)$
- (d)  $p_2, p_2^*$  are the poles of  $X(s)$
- (e) All the above statements are false

## Skills check 15

Which transfer function leads to the time response shown for a unit step-type excitation?

- (a)  $\frac{1}{s^2 - 0.05s + 1}$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{s^2 + 0.05s + 1}$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{s^2 - 5s + 1}$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{s - 2}$
- (e)  $\frac{1}{s + 2s + 5}$



## Skills check 16

The time response of a second order system converges to a steady-state value provided that

- (a) All poles have positive real parts
- (b) All poles have negative real parts
- (c) All zeros have positive real parts
- (d) All poles have positive imaginary parts
- (e) (a) and (d) are required

## Answers to skills check

SC 11 - (d)

SC 12 - Left graph corresponds to (e) (why not (a)?)  
Right graph corresponds to (c)

SC 13 - Only statements (c) and (e) are correct

SC 14 - Only statement (b) is correct

SC 15 - (a) is correct. Why not (c)?

SC 16 - (b)

Next class...

- Block diagrams