

**FIGURE 4.6** Laboratory results of a system step response test

about 0.72, the time constant is evaluated where the curve reaches  $0.63 \times 0.72 = 0.45$ , or about 0.13 second. Hence,  $a = 1/0.13 = 7.7$ .

To find  $K$ , we realize from Eq. (4.11) that the forced response reaches a steady-state value of  $K/a = 0.72$ . Substituting the value of  $a$ , we find  $K = 5.54$ . Thus, the transfer function for the system is  $G(s) = 5.54/(s + 7.7)$ . It is interesting to note that the response of Figure 4.6 was generated using the transfer function  $G(s) = 5/(s + 7)$ .

### Skill-Assessment Exercise 4.2

**PROBLEM:** A system has a transfer function,  $G(s) = \frac{50}{s + 50}$ . Find the time constant,  $T_c$ , settling time,  $T_s$ , and rise time,  $T_r$ .

**ANSWER:**  $T_c = 0.02$  s,  $T_s = 0.08$  s, and  $T_r = 0.044$  s.

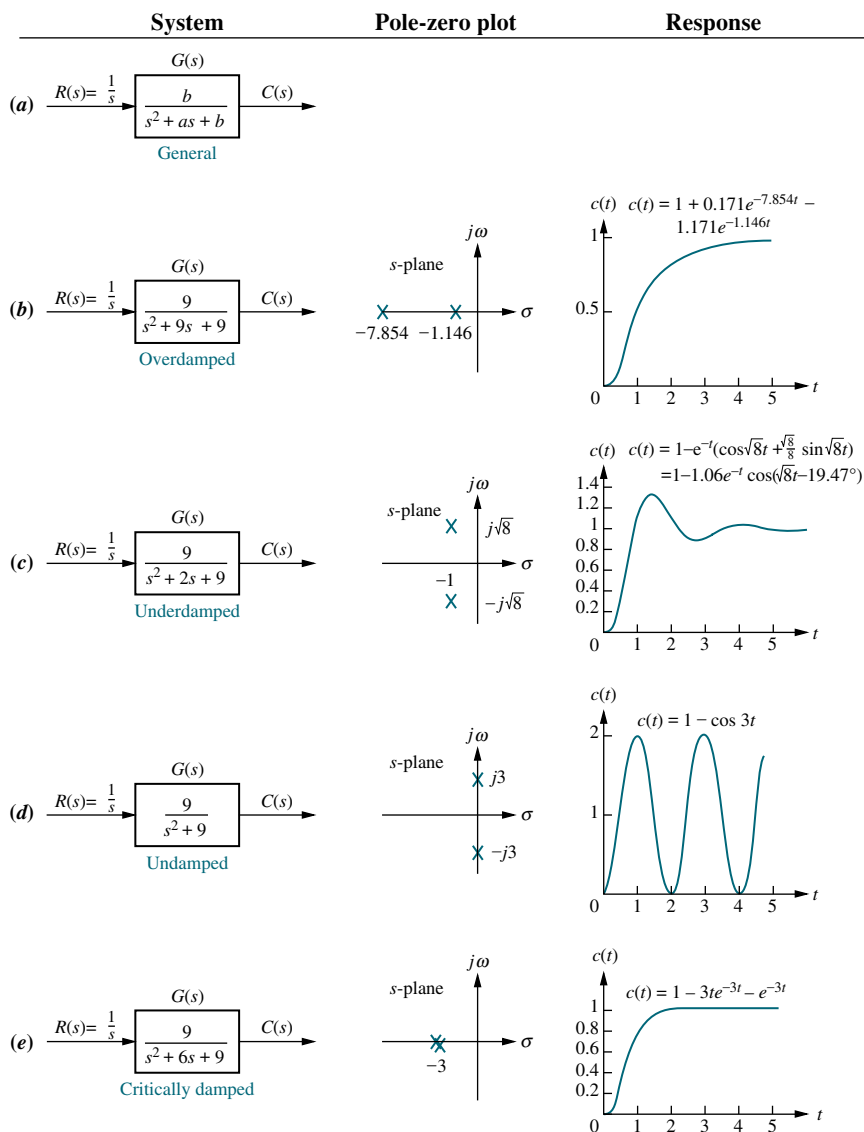
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## 4.4 Second-Order Systems: Introduction

Let us now extend the concepts of poles and zeros and transient response to second-order systems. Compared to the simplicity of a first-order system, a second-order system exhibits a wide range of responses that must be analyzed and described. Whereas varying a first-order system's parameter simply changes the speed of the response, changes in the parameters of a second-order system can change the *form* of the response. For example, a second-order system can display characteristics much

like a first-order system, or, depending on component values, display damped or pure oscillations for its transient response.

To become familiar with the wide range of responses before formalizing our discussion in the next section, we take a look at numerical examples of the second-order system responses shown in Figure 4.7. All examples are derived from Figure 4.7(a), the general case, which has two finite poles and no zeros. The term in the numerator is simply a scale or input multiplying factor that can take on any value without affecting the form of the derived results. By assigning appropriate values to parameters  $a$  and  $b$ , we can show all possible second-order transient responses. The unit step response then can be found using  $C(s) = R(s)G(s)$ , where  $R(s) = 1/s$ , followed by a partial-fraction expansion and the inverse Laplace transform. Details are left as an end-of-chapter problem, for which you may want to review Section 2.2.



**FIGURE 4.7** Second-order systems, pole plots, and step responses

We now explain each response and show how we can use the poles to determine the nature of the response without going through the procedure of a partial-fraction expansion followed by the inverse Laplace transform.

### Overdamped Response, Figure 4.7(b)

For this response,

$$C(s) = \frac{9}{s(s^2 + 9s + 9)} = \frac{9}{s(s + 7.854)(s + 1.146)} \quad (4.12)$$

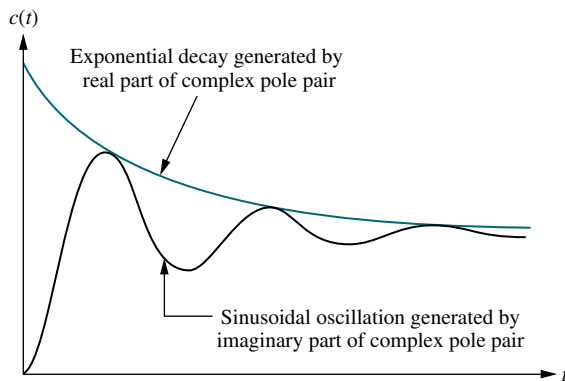
This function has a pole at the origin that comes from the unit step input and two real poles that come from the system. The input pole at the origin generates the constant forced response; each of the two system poles on the real axis generates an exponential natural response whose exponential frequency is equal to the pole location. Hence, the output initially could have been written as  $c(t) = K_1 + K_2e^{-7.854t} + K_3e^{-1.146t}$ . This response, shown in Figure 4.7(b), is called *overdamped*.<sup>3</sup> We see that the poles tell us the form of the response without the tedious calculation of the inverse Laplace transform.

### Underdamped Response, Figure 4.7 (c)

For this response,

$$C(s) = \frac{9}{s(s^2 + 2s + 9)} \quad (4.13)$$

This function has a pole at the origin that comes from the unit step input and two complex poles that come from the system. We now compare the response of the second-order system to the poles that generated it. First we will compare the pole location to the time function, and then we will compare the pole location to the plot. From Figure 4.7(c), the poles that generate the natural response are at  $s = -1 \pm j\sqrt{8}$ . Comparing these values to  $c(t)$  in the same figure, we see that the real part of the pole matches the exponential decay frequency of the sinusoid's amplitude, while the imaginary part of the pole matches the frequency of the sinusoidal oscillation.



**FIGURE 4.8** Second-order step response components generated by complex poles

Let us now compare the pole location to the plot. Figure 4.8 shows a general, damped sinusoidal response for a second-order system. The transient response consists of an exponentially decaying amplitude generated by the real part of the system pole times a sinusoidal waveform generated by the imaginary part of the system pole. The time constant of the exponential decay is equal to the reciprocal of the real part of the system pole. The value of the imaginary part is the actual frequency of the sinusoid, as depicted in Figure 4.8. This sinusoidal frequency is given the name *damped frequency of oscillation*,  $\omega_d$ . Finally, the steady-state response (unit step) was generated by the input pole located at the origin. We call the type of response shown in Figure 4.8 an *underdamped response*, one which approaches a steady-state value via a transient response that is a damped oscillation.

The following example demonstrates how a knowledge of the relationship between the pole location and the transient response can lead rapidly to the response form without calculating the inverse Laplace transform.

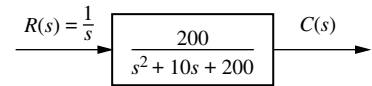
<sup>3</sup> So named because *overdamped* refers to a large amount of energy absorption in the system, which inhibits the transient response from overshooting and oscillating about the steady-state value for a step input. As the energy absorption is reduced, an overdamped system will become underdamped and exhibit overshoot.

## Example 4.2

### Form of Underdamped Response Using Poles

**PROBLEM:** By inspection, write the form of the step response of the system in Figure 4.9.

**SOLUTION:** First we determine that the form of the forced response is a step. Next we find the form of the natural response. Factoring the denominator of the transfer function in Figure 4.9, we find the poles to be  $s = -5 \pm j13.23$ . The real part,  $-5$ , is the exponential frequency for the damping. It is also the reciprocal of the time constant of the decay of the oscillations. The imaginary part,  $13.23$ , is the radian frequency for the sinusoidal oscillations. Using our previous discussion and Figure 4.7(c) as a guide, we obtain  $c(t) = K_1 + e^{-5t}(K_2 \cos 13.23t + K_3 \sin 13.23t) = K_1 + K_4 e^{-5t}(\cos 13.23t - \phi)$ , where  $\phi = \tan^{-1} K_3/K_2$ ,  $K_4 = \sqrt{K_2^2 + K_3^2}$ , and  $c(t)$  is a constant plus an exponentially damped sinusoid.



**FIGURE 4.9** System for Example 4.2

We will revisit the second-order underdamped response in Sections 4.5 and 4.6, where we generalize the discussion and derive some results that relate the pole position to other parameters of the response.

### Undamped Response, Figure 4.7(d)

For this response,

$$C(s) = \frac{9}{s(s^2 + 9)} \quad (4.14)$$

This function has a pole at the origin that comes from the unit step input and two imaginary poles that come from the system. The input pole at the origin generates the constant forced response, and the two system poles on the imaginary axis at  $\pm j3$  generate a sinusoidal natural response whose frequency is equal to the location of the imaginary poles. Hence, the output can be estimated as  $c(t) = K_1 + K_4 \cos(3t - \phi)$ . This type of response, shown in Figure 4.7(d), is called *undamped*. Note that the absence of a real part in the pole pair corresponds to an exponential that does not decay. Mathematically, the exponential is  $e^{-0t} = 1$ .

### Critically Damped Response, Figure 4.7(e)

For this response,

$$C(s) = \frac{9}{s(s^2 + 6s + 9)} = \frac{9}{s(s + 3)^2} \quad (4.15)$$

This function has a pole at the origin that comes from the unit step input and two multiple real poles that come from the system. The input pole at the origin generates the constant forced response, and the two poles on the real axis at  $-3$  generate a natural response consisting of an exponential and an exponential multiplied by time, where the exponential frequency is equal to the location of the real poles. Hence, the output can be estimated as  $c(t) = K_1 + K_2 e^{-3t} + K_3 t e^{-3t}$ . This type of response, shown in Figure 4.7(e), is called *critically damped*. Critically damped responses are the fastest possible without the overshoot that is characteristic of the underdamped response.

We now summarize our observations. In this section we defined the following natural responses and found their characteristics:

**1. Overdamped responses**

Poles: Two real at  $-\sigma_1, -\sigma_2$

Natural response: Two exponentials with time constants equal to the reciprocal of the pole locations, or

$$c(t) = K_1 e^{-\sigma_1 t} + K_2 e^{-\sigma_2 t}$$

**2. Underdamped responses**

Poles: Two complex at  $-\sigma_d \pm j\omega_d$

Natural response: Damped sinusoid with an exponential envelope whose time constant is equal to the reciprocal of the pole's real part. The radian frequency of the sinusoid, the damped frequency of oscillation, is equal to the imaginary part of the poles, or

$$c(t) = A e^{-\sigma_d t} \cos(\omega_d t - \phi)$$

**3. Undamped responses**

Poles: Two imaginary at  $\pm j\omega_1$

Natural response: Undamped sinusoid with radian frequency equal to the imaginary part of the poles, or

$$c(t) = A \cos(\omega_1 t - \phi)$$

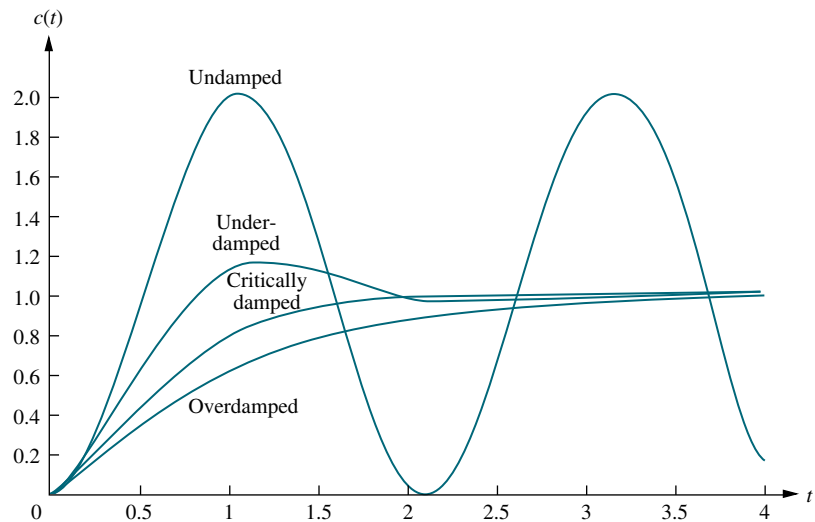
**4. Critically damped responses**

Poles: Two real at  $-\sigma_1$

Natural response: One term is an exponential whose time constant is equal to the reciprocal of the pole location. Another term is the product of time,  $t$ , and an exponential with time constant equal to the reciprocal of the pole location, or

$$c(t) = K_1 e^{-\sigma_1 t} + K_2 t e^{-\sigma_1 t}$$

The step responses for the four cases of damping discussed in this section are superimposed in Figure 4.10. Notice that the critically damped case is the division



**FIGURE 4.10** Step responses for second-order system damping cases

between the overdamped cases and the underdamped cases and is the fastest response without overshoot.

### Skill-Assessment Exercise 4.3

**PROBLEM:** For each of the following transfer functions, write, by inspection, the general form of the step response:

a.  $G(s) = \frac{400}{s^2 + 12s + 400}$

b.  $G(s) = \frac{900}{s^2 + 90s + 900}$

c.  $G(s) = \frac{225}{s^2 + 30s + 225}$

d.  $G(s) = \frac{625}{s^2 + 625}$

**ANSWERS:**

a.  $c(t) = A + Be^{-6t} \cos(19.08t + \phi)$

b.  $c(t) = A + Be^{-78.54t} + Ce^{-11.46t}$

c.  $c(t) = A + Be^{-15t} + Cte^{-15t}$

d.  $c(t) = A + B \cos(25t + \phi)$

The complete solution is located at [www.wiley.com/college/nise](http://www.wiley.com/college/nise).

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In the next section, we will formalize and generalize our discussion of second-order responses and define two specifications used for the analysis and design of second-order systems. In Section 4.6, we will focus on the *underdamped* case and derive some specifications unique to this response that we will use later for analysis and design.

## 4.5 The General Second-Order System

Now that we have become familiar with second-order systems and their responses, we generalize the discussion and establish quantitative specifications defined in such a way that the response of a second-order system can be described to a designer without the need for sketching the response. In this section, we define two physically meaningful specifications for second-order systems. These quantities can be used to describe the characteristics of the second-order transient response just as time constants describe the first-order system response. The two quantities are called natural frequency and damping ratio. Let us formally define them.

### Natural Frequency, $\omega_n$

The *natural frequency* of a second-order system is the frequency of oscillation of the system without damping. For example, the frequency of oscillation of a series *RLC* circuit with the resistance shorted would be the natural frequency.

## Damping Ratio, $\zeta$

Before we state our next definition, some explanation is in order. We have already seen that a second-order system's underdamped step response is characterized by damped oscillations. Our definition is derived from the need to quantitatively describe this damped oscillation regardless of the time scale. Thus, a system whose transient response goes through three cycles in a millisecond before reaching the steady state would have the same measure as a system that went through three cycles in a millennium before reaching the steady state. For example, the underdamped curve in Figure 4.10 has an associated measure that defines its shape. This measure remains the same even if we change the time base from seconds to microseconds or to millennia.

A viable definition for this quantity is one that compares the exponential decay frequency of the envelope to the natural frequency. This ratio is constant regardless of the time scale of the response. Also, the reciprocal, which is proportional to the ratio of the natural period to the exponential time constant, remains the same regardless of the time base.

We define the *damping ratio*,  $\zeta$ , to be

$$\zeta = \frac{\text{Exponential decay frequency}}{\text{Natural frequency (rad/second)}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\text{Natural period (seconds)}}{\text{Exponential time constant}}$$

Let us now revise our description of the second-order system to reflect the new definitions. The general second-order system shown in Figure 4.7(a) can be transformed to show the quantities  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ . Consider the general system

$$G(s) = \frac{b}{s^2 + as + b} \quad (4.16)$$

Without damping, the poles would be on the  $j\omega$ -axis, and the response would be an undamped sinusoid. For the poles to be purely imaginary,  $a = 0$ . Hence,

$$G(s) = \frac{b}{s^2 + b} \quad (4.17)$$

By definition, the natural frequency,  $\omega_n$ , is the frequency of oscillation of this system. Since the poles of this system are on the  $j\omega$ -axis at  $\pm j\sqrt{b}$ ,

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{b} \quad (4.18)$$

Hence,

$$b = \omega_n^2 \quad (4.19)$$

Now what is the term  $a$  in Eq. (4.16)? Assuming an underdamped system, the complex poles have a real part,  $\sigma$ , equal to  $-a/2$ . The magnitude of this value is then the exponential decay frequency described in Section 4.4. Hence,

$$\zeta = \frac{\text{Exponential decay frequency}}{\text{Natural frequency (rad/second)}} = \frac{|\sigma|}{\omega_n} = \frac{a/2}{\omega_n} \quad (4.20)$$

from which

$$a = 2\zeta\omega_n \quad (4.21)$$

Our general second-order transfer function finally looks like this:

$$G(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \quad (4.22)$$

In the following example we find numerical values for  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$  by matching the transfer function to Eq. (4.22).

### Example 4.3

#### Finding $\zeta$ and $\omega_n$ For a Second-Order System

**PROBLEM:** Given the transfer function of Eq. (4.23), find  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ .

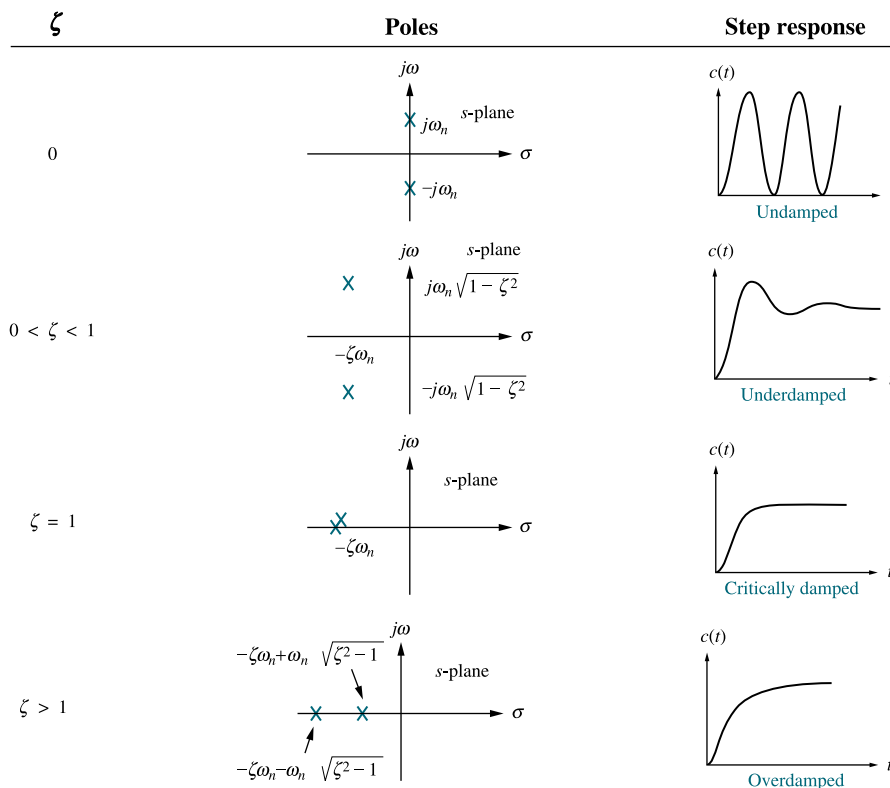
$$G(s) = \frac{36}{s^2 + 4.2s + 36} \quad (4.23)$$

**SOLUTION:** Comparing Eq. (4.23) to (4.22),  $\omega_n^2 = 36$ , from which  $\omega_n = 6$ . Also,  $2\zeta\omega_n = 4.2$ . Substituting the value of  $\omega_n$ ,  $\zeta = 0.35$ .

Now that we have defined  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ , let us relate these quantities to the pole location. Solving for the poles of the transfer function in Eq. (4.22) yields

$$s_{1,2} = -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1} \quad (4.24)$$

From Eq. (4.24) we see that the various cases of second-order response are a function of  $\zeta$ ; they are summarized in Figure 4.11.<sup>4</sup>



**FIGURE 4.11** Second-order response as a function of damping ratio

<sup>4</sup>The student should verify Figure 4.11 as an exercise.

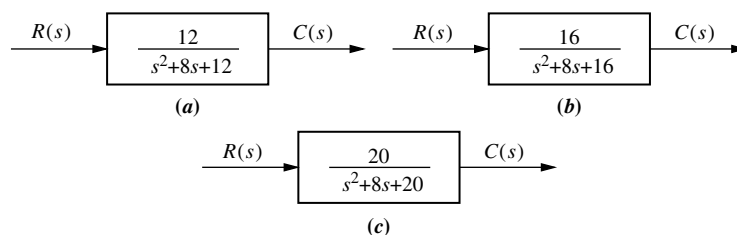


In the following example we find the numerical value of  $\zeta$  and determine the nature of the transient response.

### Example 4.4

#### Characterizing Response from the Value of $\zeta$

**PROBLEM:** For each of the systems shown in Figure 4.12, find the value of  $\zeta$  and report the kind of response expected.



**FIGURE 4.12** Systems for Example 4.4

**SOLUTION:** First match the form of these systems to the forms shown in Eqs. (4.16) and (4.22). Since  $a = 2\zeta\omega_n$  and  $\omega_n = \sqrt{b}$ ,

$$\zeta = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{b}} \quad (4.25)$$

Using the values of  $a$  and  $b$  from each of the systems of Figure 4.12, we find  $\zeta = 1.155$  for system (a), which is thus overdamped, since  $\zeta > 1$ ;  $\zeta = 1$  for system (b), which is thus critically damped; and  $\zeta = 0.894$  for system (c), which is thus underdamped, since  $\zeta < 1$ .

### Skill-Assessment Exercise 4.4

**PROBLEM:** For each of the transfer functions in Skill-Assessment Exercise 4.3, do the following: (1) Find the values of  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ ; (2) characterize the nature of the response.

**ANSWERS:**

- a.  $\zeta = 0.3$ ,  $\omega_n = 20$ ; system is underdamped
- b.  $\zeta = 1.5$ ,  $\omega_n = 30$ ; system is overdamped
- c.  $\zeta = 1$ ,  $\omega_n = 15$ ; system is critically damped
- d.  $\zeta = 0$ ,  $\omega_n = 25$ ; system is undamped

The complete solution is located at [www.wiley.com/college/nise](http://www.wiley.com/college/nise).

This section defined two specifications, or parameters, of second-order systems: natural frequency,  $\omega_n$ , and damping ratio,  $\zeta$ . We saw that the nature of the response obtained was related to the value of  $\zeta$ . Variations of damping ratio alone yield the complete range of overdamped, critically damped, underdamped, and undamped responses.

## 4.6 Underdamped Second-Order Systems

Now that we have generalized the second-order transfer function in terms of  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ , let us analyze the step response of an *underdamped* second-order system. Not only will this response be found in terms of  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ , but more specifications indigenous to the underdamped case will be defined. The underdamped second-order system, a common model for physical problems, displays unique behavior that must be itemized; a detailed description of the underdamped response is necessary for both analysis and design. Our first objective is to define transient specifications associated with underdamped responses. Next we relate these specifications to the pole location, drawing an association between pole location and the form of the underdamped second-order response. Finally, we tie the pole location to system parameters, thus closing the loop: Desired response generates required system components.

Let us begin by finding the step response for the general second-order system of Eq. (4.22). The transform of the response,  $C(s)$ , is the transform of the input times the transfer function, or

$$C(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)} = \frac{K_1}{s} + \frac{K_2 s + K_3}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \quad (4.26)$$

where it is assumed that  $\zeta < 1$  (the underdamped case). Expanding by partial fractions, using the methods described in Section 2.2, Case 3, yields

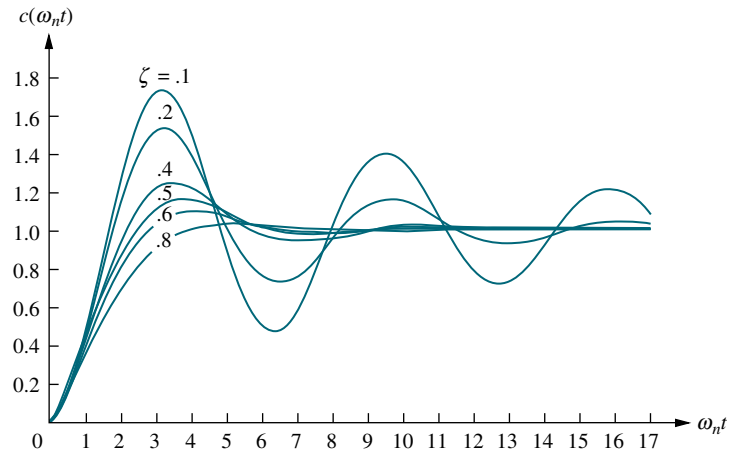
$$C(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{(s + \zeta\omega_n) + \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1-\zeta^2)} \quad (4.27)$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform, which is left as an exercise for the student, produces

$$\begin{aligned} c(t) &= 1 - e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \left( \cos \omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} t + \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin \omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} t \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos(\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2} t - \phi) \end{aligned} \quad (4.28)$$

where  $\phi = \tan^{-1}(\zeta/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})$ .

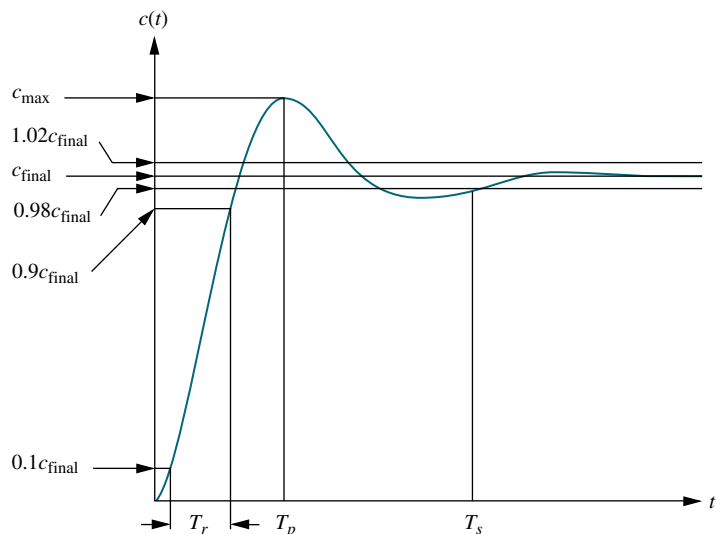
A plot of this response appears in Figure 4.13 for various values of  $\zeta$ , plotted along a time axis normalized to the natural frequency. We now see the relationship between the value of  $\zeta$  and the type of response obtained: The lower the value of  $\zeta$ , the more oscillatory the response. The natural frequency is a time-axis scale factor and does not affect the nature of the response other than to scale it in time.



**FIGURE 4.13** Second-order underdamped responses for damping ratio values

We have defined two parameters associated with second-order systems,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ . Other parameters associated with the underdamped response are rise time, peak time, percent overshoot, and settling time. These specifications are defined as follows (see also Figure 4.14):

1. *Rise time,  $T_r$* . The time required for the waveform to go from 0.1 of the final value to 0.9 of the final value.
2. *Peak time,  $T_p$* . The time required to reach the first, or maximum, peak.
3. *Percent overshoot, %OS*. The amount that the waveform overshoots the steady-state, or final, value at the peak time, expressed as a percentage of the steady-state value.
4. *Settling time,  $T_s$* . The time required for the transient's damped oscillations to reach and stay within  $\pm 2\%$  of the steady-state value.



**FIGURE 4.14** Second-order underdamped response specifications

Notice that the definitions for settling time and rise time are basically the same as the definitions for the first-order response. All definitions are also valid for systems of order higher than 2, although analytical expressions for these parameters cannot be found unless the response of the higher-order system can be approximated as a second-order system, which we do in Sections 4.7 and 4.8.

Rise time, peak time, and settling time yield information about the speed of the transient response. This information can help a designer determine if the speed and the nature of the response do or do not degrade the performance of the system. For example, the speed of an entire computer system depends on the time it takes for a hard drive head to reach steady state and read data; passenger comfort depends in part on the suspension system of a car and the number of oscillations it goes through after hitting a bump.

We now evaluate  $T_p$ , %OS, and  $T_s$  as functions of  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ . Later in this chapter we relate these specifications to the location of the system poles. A precise analytical expression for rise time cannot be obtained; thus, we present a plot and a table showing the relationship between  $\zeta$  and rise time.

### Evaluation of $T_p$

$T_p$  is found by differentiating  $c(t)$  in Eq. (4.28) and finding the first zero crossing after  $t = 0$ . This task is simplified by “differentiating” in the frequency domain by using Item 7 of Table 2.2. Assuming zero initial conditions and using Eq. (4.26), we get

$$\mathcal{L}[\dot{c}(t)] = sC(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \quad (4.29)$$

Completing squares in the denominator, we have

$$\mathcal{L}[\dot{c}(t)] = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1 - \zeta^2)} = \frac{\frac{\omega_n}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1 - \zeta^2)} \quad (4.30)$$

Therefore,

$$\dot{c}(t) = \frac{\omega_n}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t \quad (4.31)$$

Setting the derivative equal to zero yields

$$\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} t = n\pi \quad (4.32)$$

or

$$t = \frac{n\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \quad (4.33)$$

Each value of  $n$  yields the time for local maxima or minima. Letting  $n = 0$  yields  $t = 0$ , the first point on the curve in Figure 4.14 that has zero slope. The first peak, which occurs at the peak time,  $T_p$ , is found by letting  $n = 1$  in Eq. (4.33):

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \quad (4.34)$$

## Evaluation of %OS

From Figure 4.14 the percent overshoot, %OS, is given by

$$\%OS = \frac{c_{\max} - c_{\text{final}}}{c_{\text{final}}} \times 100 \quad (4.35)$$

The term  $c_{\max}$  is found by evaluating  $c(t)$  at the peak time,  $c(T_p)$ . Using Eq. (4.34) for  $T_p$  and substituting into Eq. (4.28) yields

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\max} = c(T_p) &= 1 - e^{-(\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})} \left( \cos \pi + \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin \pi \right) \\ &= 1 + e^{-(\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})} \end{aligned} \quad (4.36)$$

For the unit step used for Eq. (4.28),

$$c_{\text{final}} = 1 \quad (4.37)$$

Substituting Eqs. (4.36) and (4.37) into Eq. (4.35), we finally obtain

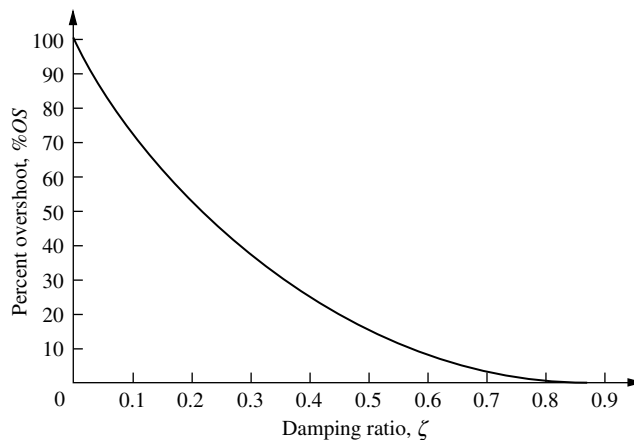
$$\%OS = e^{-(\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})} \times 100 \quad (4.38)$$

Notice that the percent overshoot is a function only of the damping ratio,  $\zeta$ .

Whereas Eq. (4.38) allows one to find %OS given  $\zeta$ , the inverse of the equation allows one to solve for  $\zeta$  given %OS. The inverse is given by

$$\zeta = \frac{-\ln(\%OS/100)}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + \ln^2(\%OS/100)}} \quad (4.39)$$

The derivation of Eq. (4.39) is left as an exercise for the student. Equation (4.38) (or, equivalently, (4.39)) is plotted in Figure 4.15.



**FIGURE 4.15** Percent overshoot versus damping ratio

## Evaluation of $T_s$

In order to find the settling time, we must find the time for which  $c(t)$  in Eq. (4.28) reaches and stays within  $\pm 2\%$  of the steady-state value,  $c_{\text{final}}$ . Using our definition, the settling time is the time it takes for the amplitude of the decaying sinusoid in Eq. (4.28) to reach 0.02, or

$$e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = 0.02 \quad (4.40)$$

This equation is a conservative estimate, since we are assuming that  $\cos(\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}t - \phi) = 1$  at the settling time. Solving Eq. (4.40) for  $t$ , the settling time is

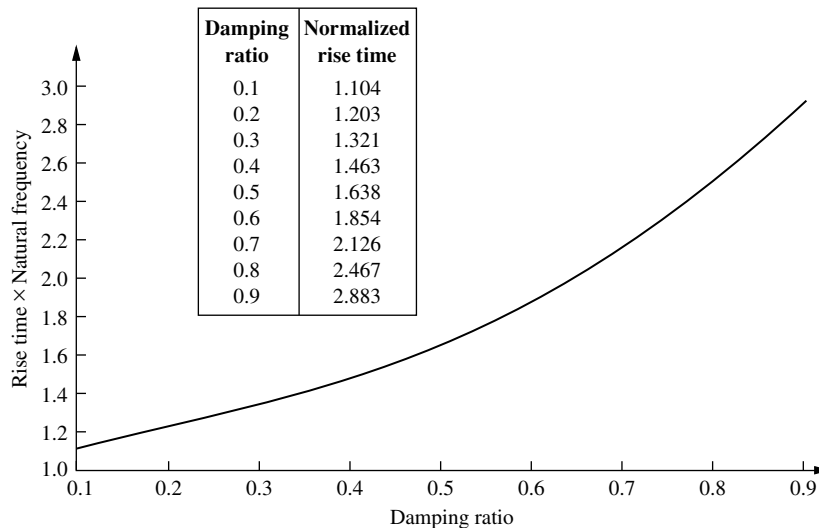
$$T_s = \frac{-\ln(0.02\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})}{\zeta\omega_n} \quad (4.41)$$

You can verify that the numerator of Eq. (4.41) varies from 3.91 to 4.74 as  $\zeta$  varies from 0 to 0.9. Let us agree on an approximation for the settling time that will be used for all values of  $\zeta$ ; let it be

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\zeta\omega_n} \quad (4.42)$$

## Evaluation of $T_r$

A precise analytical relationship between rise time and damping ratio,  $\zeta$ , cannot be found. However, using a computer and Eq. (4.28), the rise time can be found. We first designate  $\omega_n t$  as the normalized time variable and select a value for  $\zeta$ . Using the computer, we solve for the values of  $\omega_n t$  that yield  $c(t) = 0.9$  and  $c(t) = 0.1$ . Subtracting the two values of  $\omega_n t$  yields the normalized rise time,  $\omega_n T_r$ , for that value of  $\zeta$ . Continuing in like fashion with other values of  $\zeta$ , we obtain the results plotted in Figure 4.16.<sup>5</sup> Let us look at an example.



**FIGURE 4.16** Normalized rise time versus damping ratio for a second-order underdamped response

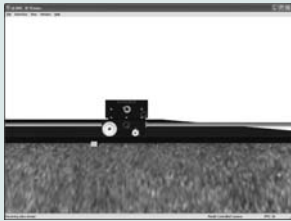
<sup>5</sup> Figure 4.16 can be approximated by the following polynomials:  $\omega_n T_r = 1.76\zeta^3 - 0.417\zeta^2 + 1.039\zeta + 1$  (maximum error less than  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  for  $0 < \zeta < 0.9$ ), and  $\zeta = 0.115(\omega_n T_r)^3 - 0.883(\omega_n T_r)^2 + 2.504(\omega_n T_r) - 1.738$  (maximum error less than 5% for  $0.1 < \zeta < 0.9$ ). The polynomials were obtained using MATLAB's **polyfit** function.

## Example 4.5

### Finding $T_p$ , %OS, $T_s$ , and $T_r$ from a Transfer Function

#### Virtual Experiment 4.2 Second-Order System Response

Put theory into practice studying the effect that natural frequency and damping ratio have on controlling the speed response of the Quanser Linear Servo in LabVIEW. This concept is applicable to automobile cruise controls or speed controls of subways or trucks.



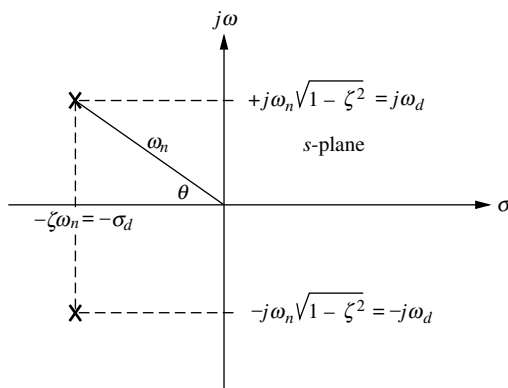
Virtual experiments are found on WileyPLUS.

**PROBLEM:** Given the transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{100}{s^2 + 15s + 100} \quad (4.43)$$

find  $T_p$ , %OS,  $T_s$ , and  $T_r$ .

**SOLUTION:**  $\omega_n$  and  $\zeta$  are calculated as 10 and 0.75, respectively. Now substitute  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$  into Eqs. (4.34), (4.38), and (4.42) and find, respectively, that  $T_p = 0.475$  second, %OS = 2.838, and  $T_s = 0.533$  second. Using the table in Figure 4.16, the normalized rise time is approximately 2.3 seconds. Dividing by  $\omega_n$  yields  $T_r = 0.23$  second. This problem demonstrates that we can find  $T_p$ , %OS,  $T_s$ , and  $T_r$  without the tedious task of taking an inverse Laplace transform, plotting the output response, and taking measurements from the plot.



**FIGURE 4.17** Pole plot for an underdamped second-order system

We now have expressions that relate peak time, percent overshoot, and settling time to the natural frequency and the damping ratio. Now let us relate these quantities to the location of the poles that generate these characteristics.

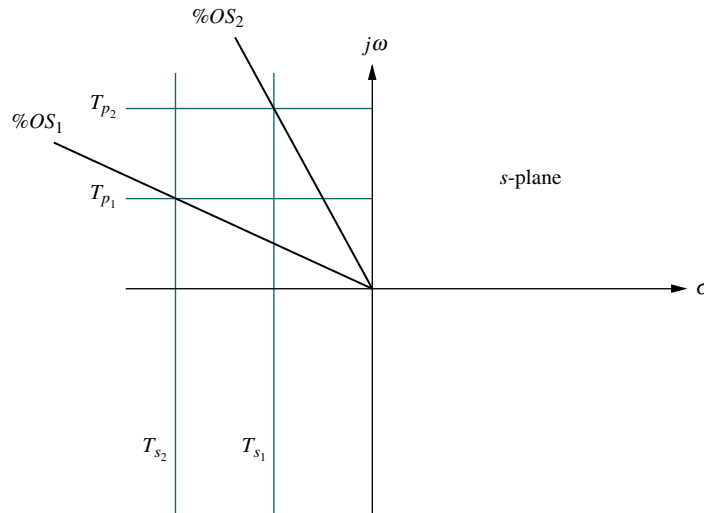
The pole plot for a general, underdamped second-order system, previously shown in Figure 4.11, is reproduced and expanded in Figure 4.17 for focus. We see from the Pythagorean theorem that the radial distance from the origin to the pole is the natural frequency,  $\omega_n$ , and the  $\cos \theta = \zeta$ .

Now, comparing Eqs. (4.34) and (4.42) with the pole location, we evaluate peak time and settling time in terms of the pole location. Thus,

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} \quad (4.44)$$

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\zeta \omega_n} = \frac{\pi}{\sigma_d} \quad (4.45)$$

where  $\omega_d$  is the imaginary part of the pole and is called the *damped frequency of oscillation*, and  $\sigma_d$  is the magnitude of the real part of the pole and is the *exponential damping frequency*.



**FIGURE 4.18** Lines of constant peak time,  $T_p$ , settling time,  $T_s$ , and percent overshoot,  $\%OS$ . Note:  $T_{s2} < T_{s1}$ ;  $T_{p2} < T_{p1}$ ;  $\%OS_1 < \%OS_2$ .

Equation (4.44) shows that  $T_p$  is inversely proportional to the imaginary part of the pole. Since horizontal lines on the  $s$ -plane are lines of constant imaginary value, they are also lines of constant peak time. Similarly, Eq. (4.45) tells us that settling time is inversely proportional to the real part of the pole. Since vertical lines on the  $s$ -plane are lines of constant real value, they are also lines of constant settling time. Finally, since  $\zeta = \cos\theta$ , radial lines are lines of constant  $\zeta$ . Since percent overshoot is only a function of  $\zeta$ , radial lines are thus lines of constant percent overshoot,  $\%OS$ . These concepts are depicted in Figure 4.18, where lines of constant  $T_p$ ,  $T_s$ , and  $\%OS$  are labeled on the  $s$ -plane.

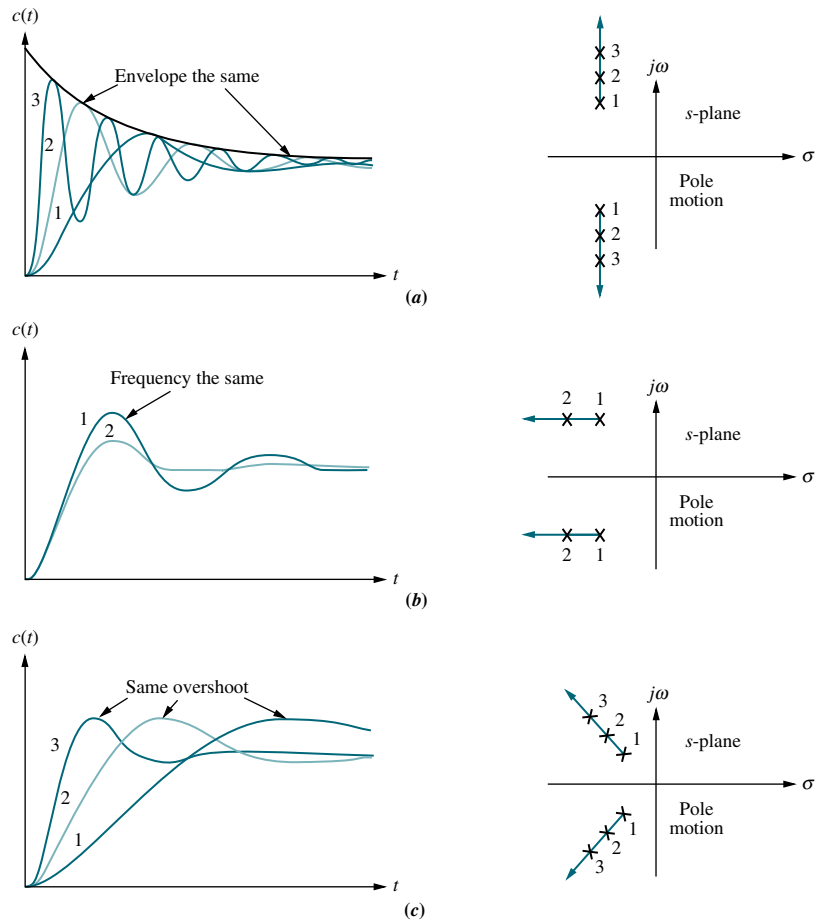
At this point, we can understand the significance of Figure 4.18 by examining the actual step response of comparative systems. Depicted in Figure 4.19(a) are the step responses as the poles are moved in a vertical direction, keeping the real part the same. As the poles move in a vertical direction, the frequency increases, but the envelope remains the same since the real part of the pole is not changing. The figure shows a constant exponential envelope, even though the sinusoidal response is changing frequency. Since all curves fit under the same exponential decay curve, the settling time is virtually the same for all waveforms. Note that as overshoot increases, the rise time decreases.

Let us move the poles to the right or left. Since the imaginary part is now constant, movement of the poles yields the responses of Figure 4.19(b). Here the frequency is constant over the range of variation of the real part. As the poles move to the left, the response damps out more rapidly, while the frequency remains the same. Notice that the peak time is the same for all waveforms because the imaginary part remains the same.

Moving the poles along a constant radial line yields the responses shown in Figure 4.19(c). Here the percent overshoot remains the same. Notice also that the responses look exactly alike, except for their speed. The farther the poles are from the origin, the more rapid the response.

We conclude this section with some examples that demonstrate the relationship between the pole location and the specifications of the second-order underdamped response. The first example covers analysis. The second example is a simple design problem consisting of a physical system whose component values we want to design to meet a transient response specification.

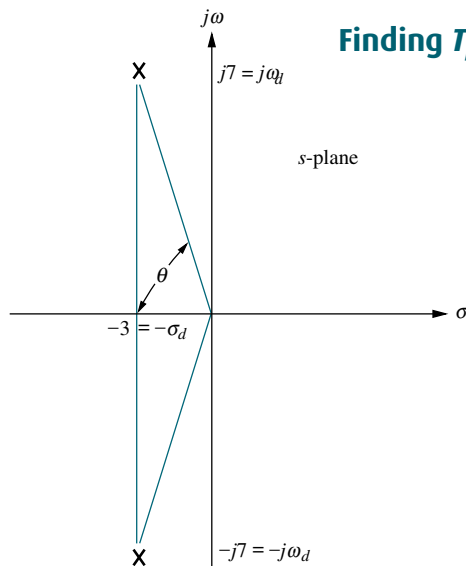




**FIGURE 4.19** Step responses of second-order underdamped systems as poles move: **a.** with constant real part; **b.** with constant imaginary part; **c.** with constant damping ratio

### Example 4.6

#### Finding $T_p$ , %OS, and $T_s$ from Pole Location



**FIGURE 4.20** Pole plot for Example 4.6

**PROBLEM:** Given the pole plot shown in Figure 4.20, find  $\zeta$ ,  $\omega_n$ ,  $T_p$ , %OS, and  $T_s$ .

**SOLUTION:** The damping ratio is given by  $\zeta = \cos \theta = \cos[\arctan(7/3)] = 0.394$ . The natural frequency,  $\omega_n$ , is the radial distance from the origin to the pole, or  $\omega_n = \sqrt{7^2 + 3^2} = 7.616$ . The peak time is

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{\pi}{7} = 0.449 \text{ second} \tag{4.46}$$

The percent overshoot is

$$\%OS = e^{-(\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2})} \times 100 = 26\% \tag{4.47}$$

The approximate settling time is

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\sigma_d} = \frac{4}{3} = 1.333 \text{ seconds} \tag{4.48}$$

Students who are using MATLAB should now run ch4p1 in Appendix B. You will learn how to generate a second-order polynomial from two complex poles as well as extract and use the coefficients of the polynomial to calculate  $T_p$ ,  $\%OS$ , and  $T_s$ . This exercise uses MATLAB to solve the problem in Example 4.6.

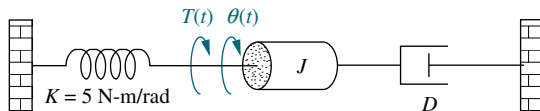
## Example 4.7

### Transient Response Through Component Design

Design

D

**PROBLEM:** Given the system shown in Figure 4.21, find  $J$  and  $D$  to yield 20% overshoot and a settling time of 2 seconds for a step input of torque  $T(t)$ .



**FIGURE 4.21** Rotational mechanical system for Example 4.7

**SOLUTION:** First, the transfer function for the system is

$$G(s) = \frac{1/J}{s^2 + \frac{D}{J}s + \frac{K}{J}} \quad (4.49)$$

From the transfer function,

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K}{J}} \quad (4.50)$$

and

$$2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{D}{J} \quad (4.51)$$

But, from the problem statement,

$$T_s = 2 = \frac{4}{\zeta\omega_n} \quad (4.52)$$

or  $\zeta\omega_n = 2$ . Hence,

$$2\zeta\omega_n = 4 = \frac{D}{J} \quad (4.53)$$

Also, from Eqs. (4.50) and (4.52),

$$\zeta = \frac{4}{2\omega_n} = 2\sqrt{\frac{J}{K}} \quad (4.54)$$

From Eq. (4.39), a 20% overshoot implies  $\zeta = 0.456$ . Therefore, from Eq. (4.54),

$$\zeta = 2\sqrt{\frac{J}{K}} = 0.456 \quad (4.55)$$

Hence,

$$\frac{J}{K} = 0.052 \quad (4.56)$$

From the problem statement,  $K = 5 \text{ N-m/rad}$ . Combining this value with Eqs. (4.53) and (4.56),  $D = 1.04 \text{ N-m-s/rad}$ , and  $J = 0.26 \text{ kg-m}^2$ .

## Second-Order Transfer Functions via Testing

Just as we obtained the transfer function of a first-order system experimentally, we can do the same for a system that exhibits a typical underdamped second-order response. Again, we can measure the laboratory response curve for percent overshoot and settling time, from which we can find the poles and hence the denominator. The numerator can be found, as in the first-order system, from a knowledge of the measured and expected steady-state values. A problem at the end of the chapter illustrates the estimation of a second-order transfer function from the step response.

### Skill-Assessment Exercise 4.5

#### TryIt 4.1

Use the following MATLAB statements to calculate the answers to Skill-Assessment Exercise 4.5. Ellipses mean code continues on next line.

```
numg=361;
deng=[1 16 361];
omegan=sqrt(deng(3)...
/deng(1))
zeta=(deng(2)/deng(1))...
/(2*omegan)
Ts=4/(zeta*omegan)
Tp=pi/(omegan*sqrt...
(1-zeta^2))
pos=100*exp(-zeta*...
pi/sqrt(1-zeta^2))
Tr=(1.768*zeta^3-...
0.417*zeta^2+1.039*...
zeta+1)/omegan
```

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**PROBLEM:** Find  $\zeta$ ,  $\omega_n$ ,  $T_s$ ,  $T_p$ ,  $T_r$ , and %OS for a system whose transfer function is  $G(s) = \frac{361}{s^2 + 16s + 361}$ .

#### ANSWERS:

$\zeta = 0.421$ ,  $\omega_n = 19$ ,  $T_s = 0.5 \text{ s}$ ,  $T_p = 0.182 \text{ s}$ ,  $T_r = 0.079 \text{ s}$ , and %OS = 23.3%.

The complete solution is located at [www.wiley.com/college/nise](http://www.wiley.com/college/nise).

Now that we have analyzed systems with two poles, how does the addition of another pole affect the response? We answer this question in the next section.

## 4.7 System Response with Additional Poles

In the last section, we analyzed systems with one or two poles. It must be emphasized that the formulas describing percent overshoot, settling time, and peak time were derived only for a system with two complex poles and no zeros. If a system such as that shown in Figure 4.22 has more than two poles or has zeros, we cannot use the formulas to calculate the performance specifications that we derived. However, under certain conditions, a system with more than two poles or with zeros can be