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# EE3CL4 C01: Introduction to Linear Control Systems

## Section 2: System Models

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# Differential equation models

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- Most of the systems that we will deal with are dynamic
- Differential equations provide a powerful way to describe dynamic systems
- Will form the basis of our models
- We saw differential equations for inductors and capacitors in 2CI, 2CJ
- What about mechanical systems?  
both translational and rotational

# Translational Spring

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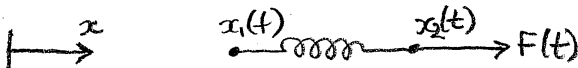
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$F(t)$ : resultant force in direction  $x$

Recall free body diagrams and “action and reaction”

- Spring.  $k$ : spring constant,  $L_r$ : relaxed length of spring



$$F(t) = k([x_2(t) - x_1(t)] - L_r)$$

# Translational Damper

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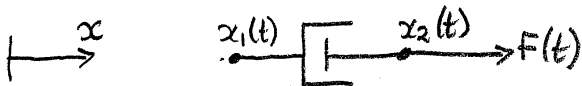
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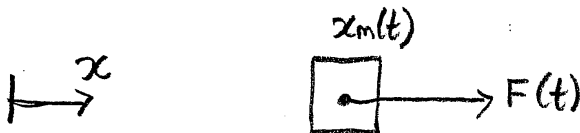
- Viscous damper.  $b$ : viscous friction coefficient



$$F(t) = b \left( \frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} - \frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} \right) = b(v_2(t) - v_1(t))$$

$F(t)$ : resultant force in direction  $x$

- Mass:  $M$

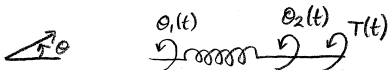


$$F(t) = M \frac{d^2 x_m(t)}{dt^2} = M \frac{dv_m(t)}{dt} = M a_m(t)$$

## Rotational spring

$T(t)$ : resultant torque in direction  $\theta$

- Rotational spring.  $k$ : rotational spring constant,  $\phi_r$ : rotation of relaxed spring

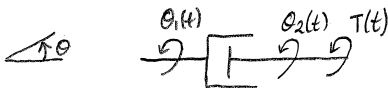


$$T(t) = k([\theta_2(t) - \theta_1(t)] - \phi_r)$$

## Rotational damper

$T(t)$ : resultant torque in direction  $\theta$

- Rotational viscous damper.  
 $b$ : rotational viscous friction coefficient



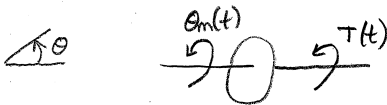
$$T(t) = b \left( \frac{d\theta_2(t)}{dt} - \frac{d\theta_1(t)}{dt} \right) = b(\omega_2(t) - \omega_1(t))$$



# Rotational inertia

$T(t)$ : resultant torque in direction  $\theta$

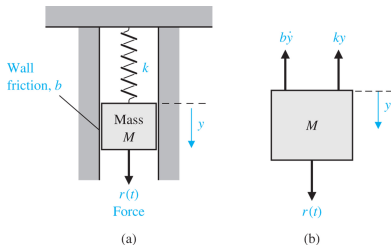
- Rotational inertia:  $J$



$$T(t) = J \frac{d^2 \theta_m(t)}{dt^2} = J \frac{d\omega_m(t)}{dt} = J \alpha_m(t)$$

## Example system (translational)

Horizontal. Origin for  $y$ :  $y = 0$  when spring relaxed



- $F = M \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$
- $v(t) = \frac{dy(t)}{dt}$
- $F(t) = r(t) - b \frac{dy(t)}{dt} - ky(t)$

$$M \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + b \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ky(t) = r(t)$$

## Example, continued

$$M \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + b \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ky(t) = r(t)$$

Resembles equation for parallel RLC circuit.

## Example, continued

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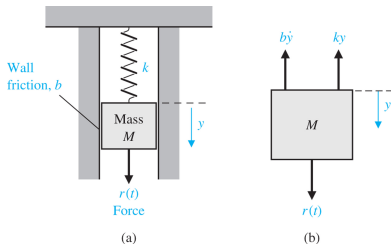
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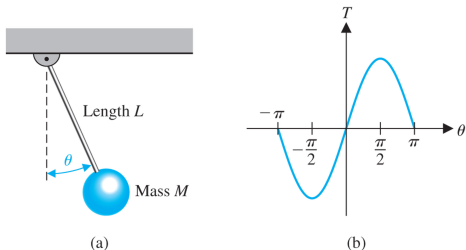


- Stretch the spring a little and hold.
- Assume an under-damped system.
- What happens when we let it go?

# Taylor's series

- Nature does not have many linear systems
- However, many systems behave approximately linearly in the neighbourhood of a given point
- Apply first-order Taylor's Series at a given point
- Obtain a locally linear model
- Use this to obtain insight into behaviour of physical system via Laplace Transforms, poles and zeros, etc
- In this course we will focus on the case of a single linearized differential equation model for the system, in which the coefficients are constants
- e.g., in previous examples mass, viscosity and spring constant did not change with time, position, velocity, temperature, etc

## Pendulum example



- Assume shaft is light with respect to  $M$ , and stiff with respect to gravitational forces
- Torque due to gravity:  $T(\theta) = MgL \sin(\theta)$
- Apply Taylor's series around  $\theta = 0$ :  
$$T(\theta) = MgL \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \dots \right)$$
- For small  $\theta$  around  $\theta = 0$  we can build an approximate model that is linear

$$T(\theta) \approx MgL\theta$$

## Laplace transform

- Once we have a linearized differential equation (with constant coefficients) we can take Laplace Transforms to obtain the transfer function
- We will consider the “one-sided” Laplace transform, for signals that are zero to the left of the origin.

$$F(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

- What does  $\int^{\infty}$  mean?  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int^T$ .
- Does this limit exist?
- If  $|f(t)| < Me^{\alpha t}$ , then exists for all  $\text{Re}(s) > \alpha$ .  
Includes all physically realizable signals
- Note: When multiplying transfer function by Laplace of input, output is only valid for values of  $s$  in intersection of regions of convergence

## Poles and zeros

- In this course, most Laplace transforms will be rational functions, that is, a ratio of two polynomials in  $s$ ; i.e.,

$$F(s) = \frac{n_F(s)}{d_F(s)}$$

where  $n_F(s)$  and  $d_F(s)$  are polynomials

- Definitions:
  - Poles of  $F(s)$  are the roots of  $d_F(s)$
  - Zeros of  $F(s)$  are the roots of  $n_F(s)$

- Hence,

$$F(s) = \frac{K_F \prod_{i=1}^M (s + z_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (s + p_j)} = \left( \frac{K_F \prod_{i=1}^M z_i}{\prod_{j=1}^n p_j} \right) \frac{\prod_{i=1}^M (s/z_i + 1)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (s/p_j + 1)}$$

where  $-z_i$  are the zeros and  $-p_j$  are the poles



# Visualizing poles and zeros

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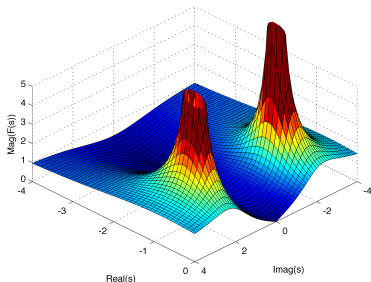
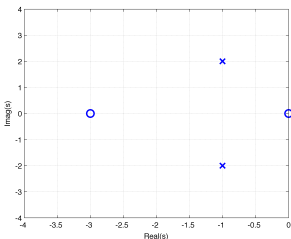
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- Consider the simple Laplace transform  $F(s) = \frac{s(s+3)}{s^2+2s+5}$ .
- zeros: 0, -3; poles:  $-1 + j2$ ,  $-1 - j2$
- Pole-zero plot (left) and magnitude of  $F(s)$  (right)



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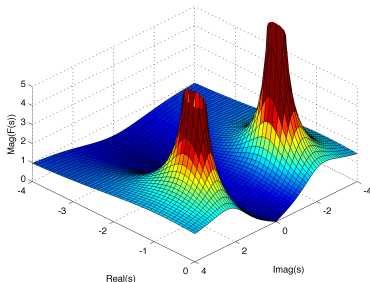
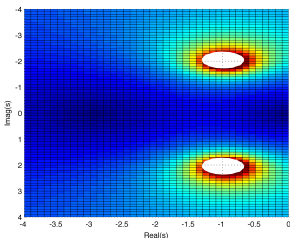
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- $F(s) = \frac{s(s+3)}{s^2+2s+5}$ ; zeros: 0, -3; poles:  $-1 + j2$ ,  $-1 - j2$
- $|F(s)|$  from above (left) and prev. view of  $|F(s)|$  (right)



# Laplace transform pairs

- Simple ones can be computed analytically; often available in tables; see Tab. 2.3 in 12th ed. of text
- For more complicated ones, one can typically obtain the inverse Laplace transform by
  - identifying poles
  - constructing partial fraction expansion
  - using of properties and some simple pairs to invert each component of partial fraction expansion

# Some Laplace transform pairs

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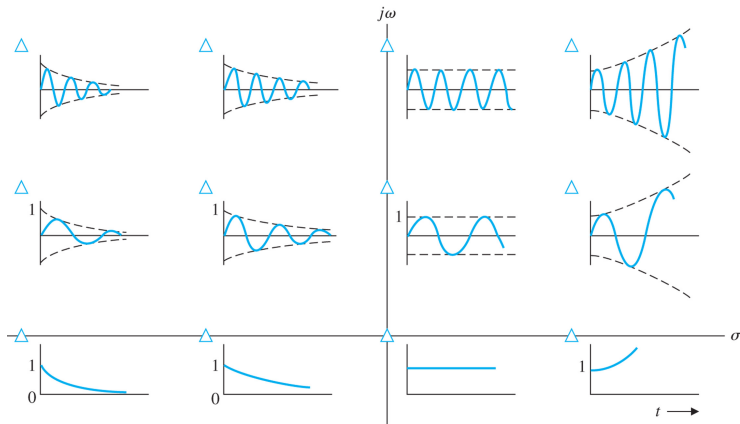
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Recall that complex poles come in conjugate pairs.

# Key properties

## Linearity

$$\frac{df(t)}{dt} \longleftrightarrow sF(s) - f(0^-)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t f(x) dx \longleftrightarrow \frac{F(s)}{s} + \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{0^-} f(x) dx$$

## Final value theorem

Can we avoid having to do an inverse Laplace transform?  
Sometimes.

Consider the case when we only want to find the final value of  $f(t)$ , namely  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$ .

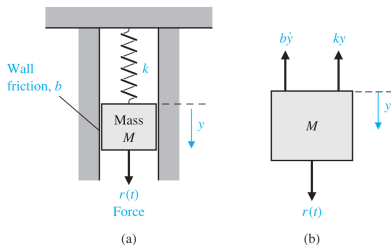
- If  $F(s)$  has all its poles in the left half plane, except, perhaps, for a single pole at the origin, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

Common application: Steady state value of step response

What if there are poles in RHP, or on the  $j\omega$ -axis and not at the origin?

## Mass-spring-damper system



- Horizontal (no gravity)
- Set origin of  $y$  where spring is “relaxed”
- $F = M \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$
- $v(t) = \frac{dy(t)}{dt}$
- $F(t) = r(t) - b \frac{dy(t)}{dt} - ky(t)$

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## MSD system

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$$M \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + b \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ky(t) = r(t)$$

Consider  $t \geq 0$  and take Laplace transform

$$M \left( s^2 Y(s) - sy(0^-) - \left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^-} \right) + b(sY(s) - y(0^-)) + kY(s) = R(s)$$

Hence

$$Y(s) = \frac{1/M}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} R(s) + \frac{(s + b/M)}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} y(0^-) + \frac{1}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} \left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^-}$$

Note that linearity yields superposition

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## Response to static init. cond.

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Spring stretched to a point  $y_0$ , held, then let go at time  $t = 0$

Hence,  $r(t) = 0$  and  $\left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^-} = 0$

Hence,

$$Y(s) = \frac{(s + b/M)}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} y_0$$

What can we learn about this response without having to invert  $Y(s)$

## Standard form

$$Y(s) = \frac{(s + b/M)}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} y_0$$
$$= \frac{(s + 2\zeta\omega_n)}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} y_0$$

where  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/M}$  and  $\zeta = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{kM}}$

Poles:  $s_1, s_2 = -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$

- $\zeta > 1$  (equiv.  $b > 2\sqrt{kM}$ ): distinct real roots, overdamped
- $\zeta = 1$  (equiv.  $b = 2\sqrt{kM}$ ): equal real roots, critically damped
- $\zeta < 1$  (equiv.  $b < 2\sqrt{kM}$ ): complex conj. roots, underdamped

## Overdamped case

- $s_1, s_2 = -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$
- Overdamped response:  $\zeta > 1$  (equiv.  $b > 2\sqrt{kM}$ )
- $y(t) = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t}$
- $y(0) = y_0 \implies c_1 + c_2 = y_0$
- $\left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0 \implies s_1 c_1 + s_2 c_2 = 0$
- What does this look like when strongly overdamped
- $s_2$  is large and negative,  $s_1$  is small and negative
- Hence  $e^{s_2 t}$  decays much faster than  $e^{s_1 t}$
- Also,  $c_2 = -c_1 s_1 / s_2$ . Hence, small
- Hence  $y(t) \approx c_1 e^{s_1 t}$
- Looks like a first order system!

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- $s_1 = s_2 = -\omega_n$
- $y(t) = c_1 e^{-\omega_n t} + c_2 t e^{-\omega_n t}$
- $y(0) = y_0 \implies c_1 = y_0$
- $\left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0 \implies -c_1 \omega_n + c_2 = 0$

# Underdamped case

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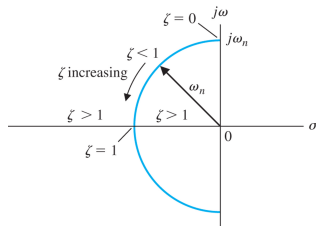
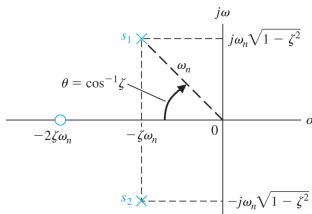
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- $s_1, s_2 = -\zeta\omega_n \pm j\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$
- Therefore,  $|s_j| = \omega_n$ : poles lie on a circle
- Angle to negative real axis is  $\cos^{-1}(\zeta)$ .



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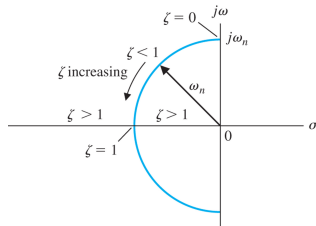
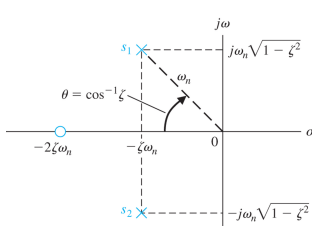
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- Define  $\sigma = \zeta\omega_n$ ,  $\omega_d = \omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ . Response is:

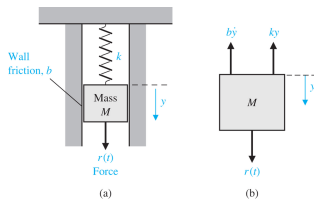
$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-\sigma t} \cos(\omega_d t) + c_2 e^{-\sigma t} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

$$= A e^{-\sigma t} \cos(\omega_d t + \phi)$$

- Homework: Relate  $A$  and  $\phi$  to  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .
- Homework: Write the initial conditions  $y(0) = y_0$  and

$$\left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0 \text{ in terms of } c_1 \text{ and } c_2, \text{ and in terms of } A \text{ and } \phi$$

## Numerical examples



- $Y(s) = \frac{(s+2\zeta\omega_n)}{s^2+2\zeta\omega_n s+\omega_n^2} y_0$ , where  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/M}$ ,  $\zeta = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{kM}}$
- Poles:  $s_1, s_2 = -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$
- $\zeta > 1$ : overdamped;  $\zeta < 1$ : underdamped
- Consider the case of  $M = 1, k = 1$ . Hence,  $\omega_n = 1$ ,
- $b = 3 \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,  $\zeta = 1.5 \rightarrow 0$
- Initial conds:  $y_0 = 1, \left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0$

# Poles and transient response, $b = 3$

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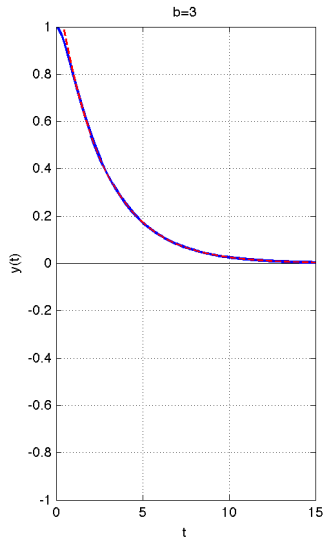
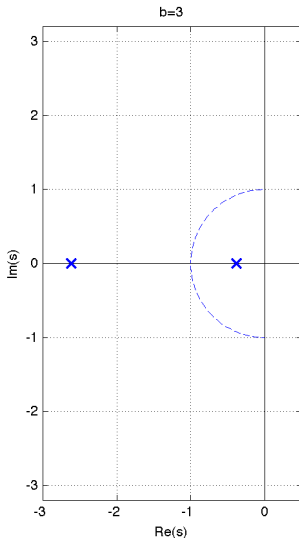
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# Poles and transient response, $b = 2.75$

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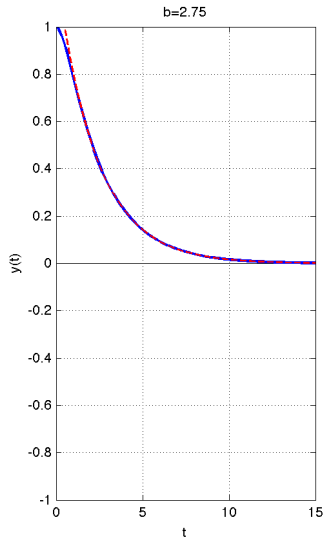
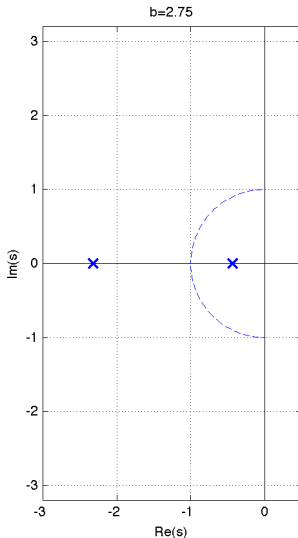
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# Poles and transient response, $b = 2.5$

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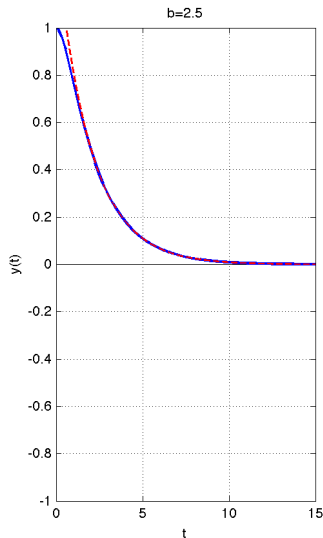
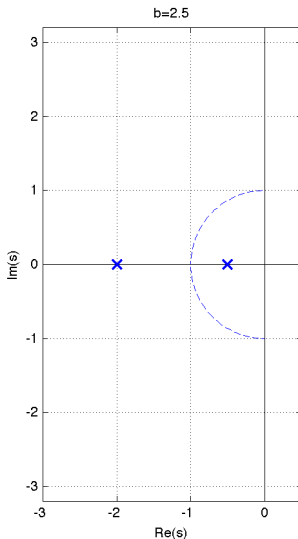
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# Poles and transient response, $b = 2.25$

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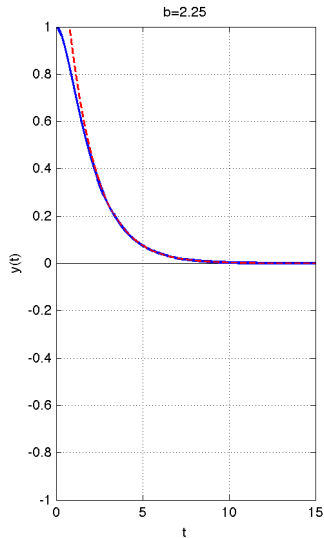
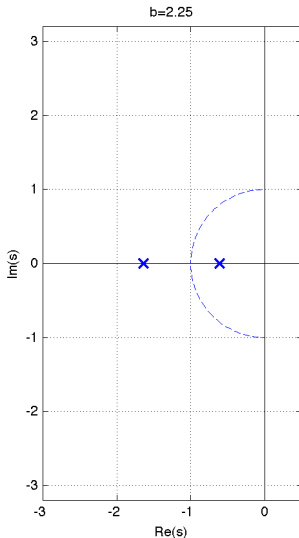
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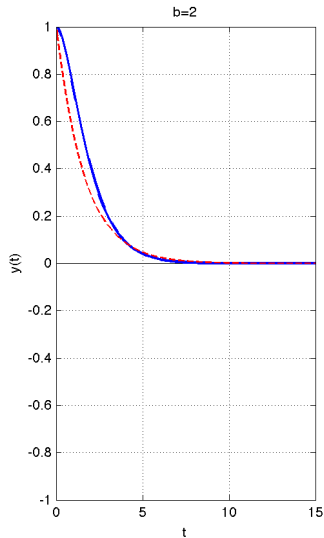
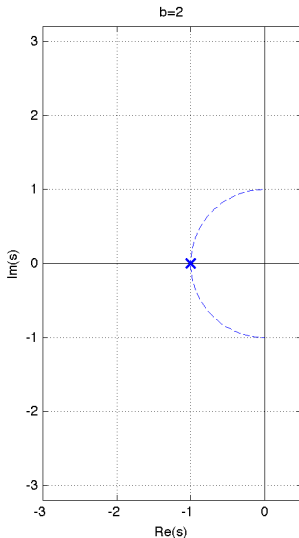
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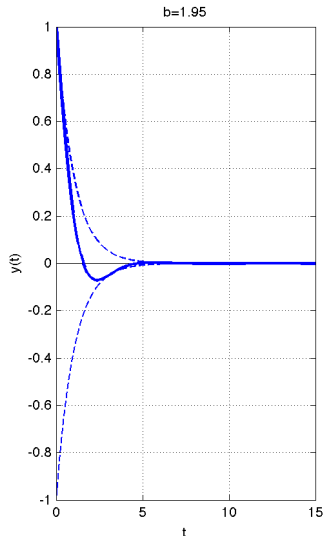
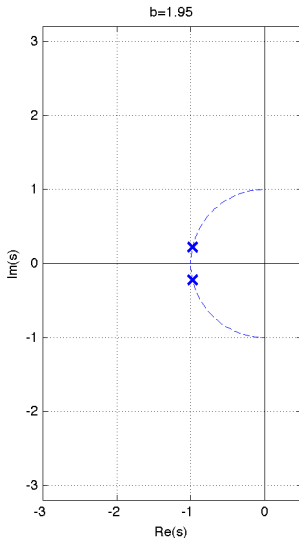
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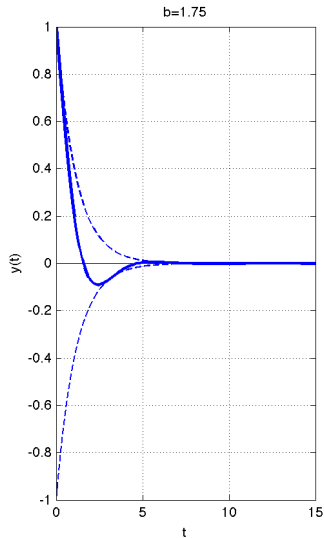
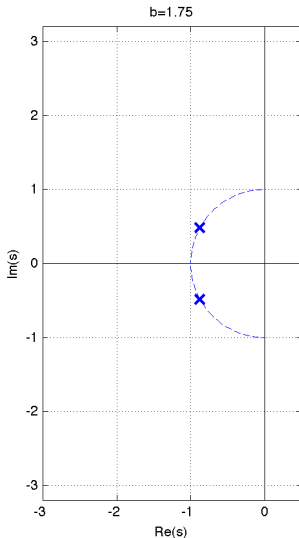
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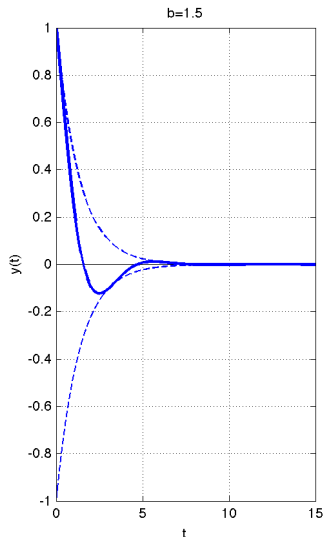
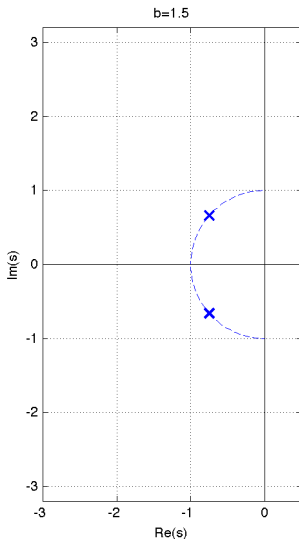
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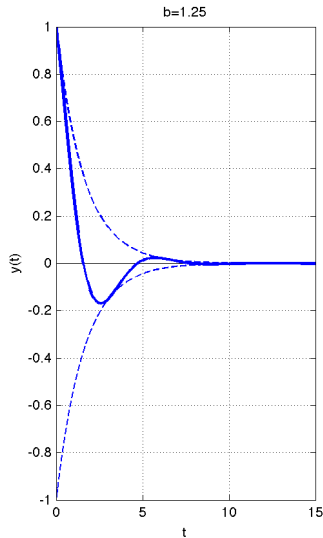
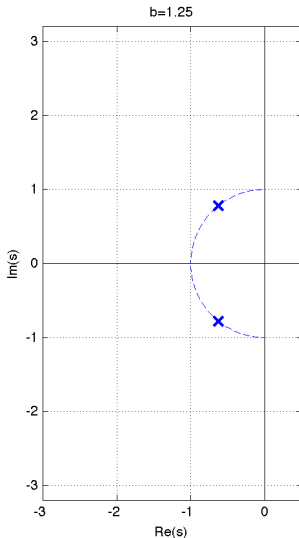
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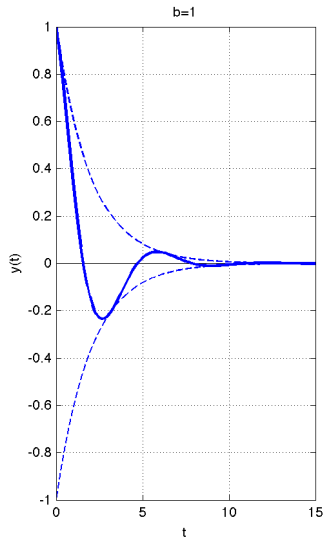
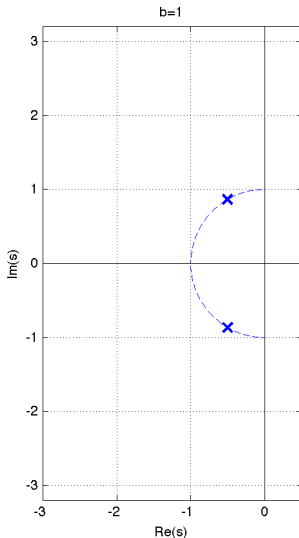
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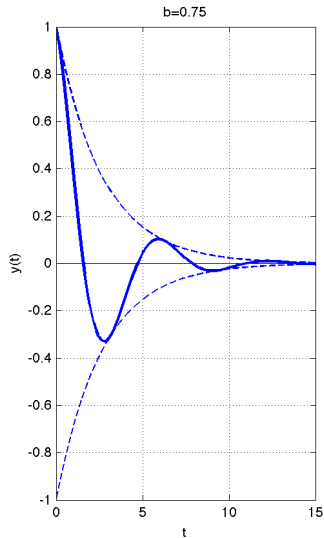
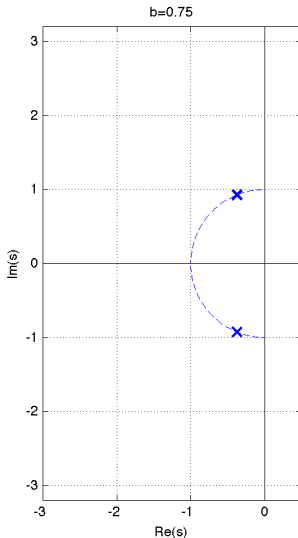
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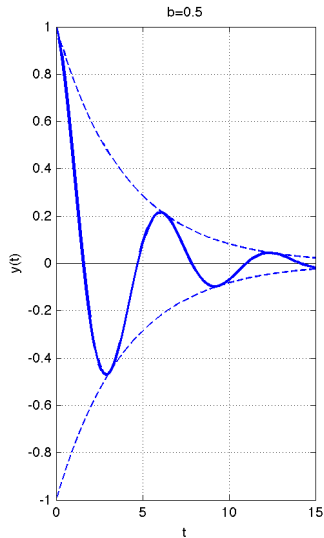
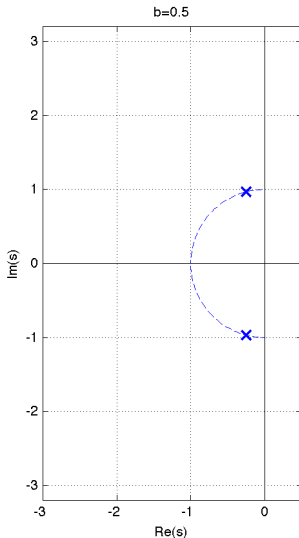
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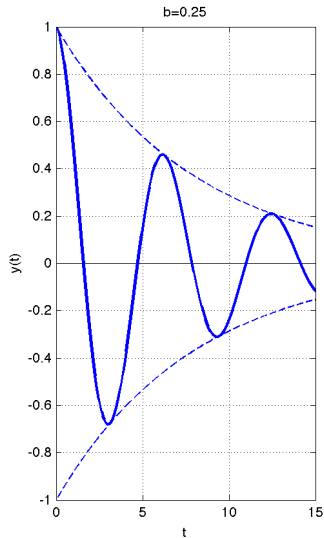
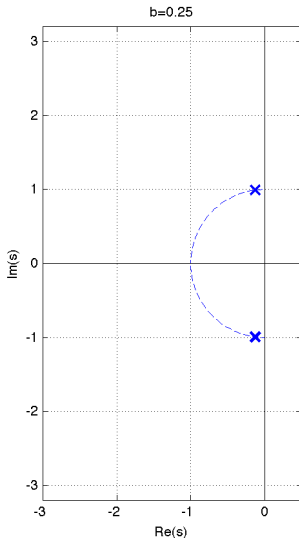
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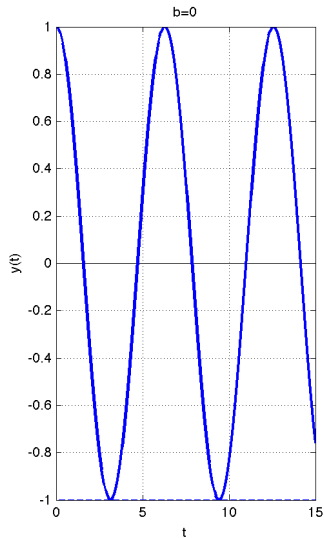
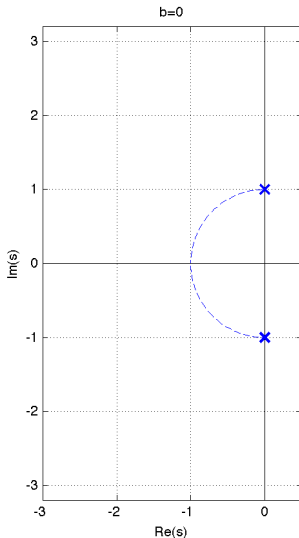
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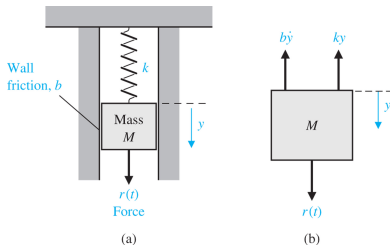


## Transfer function

**Definition:** Laplace transform of output over Laplace transform of input when initial conditions are zero

- Most of the transfer functions in this course will be ratios of polynomials in  $s$ .
- Hence, poles and zeros of transfer functions have natural definitions

Example: Recall the mass-spring-damper system,



## Transfer function, MSD system

For the mass-spring-damper system,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y(s) = & \frac{1/M}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} R(s) \\
 & + \frac{(s + b/M)}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} y(0^-) \\
 & + \frac{1}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} \left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^-}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, transfer function is:

$$\frac{1/M}{s^2 + (b/M)s + k/M} = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + bs + k}$$

## Step response

- Recall that  $u(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{s}$
- Therefore, for transfer function  $G(s)$ , the step response is:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{G(s)}{s} \right\}$$

- For the mass-spring-damper system, step response is

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s(Ms^2 + bs + k)} \right\}$$

- What is the final position for a step input?  
Recall final value theorem. Final position is  $1/k$ .
- What about the complete step response?



## Step response

- Step response:  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{G(s)\frac{1}{s}\right\}$
- Hence poles of Laplace transform of step response are poles of  $G(s)$ , plus an additional pole at  $s = 0$ .
- For the mass-spring-damper system, using partial fractions, step response is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(Ms^2 + bs + k)}\right\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1/k}{s}\right\} - \frac{1}{k}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{Ms + b}{Ms^2 + bs + k}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k}u(t) - \frac{1}{k}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{Ms + b}{Ms^2 + bs + k}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Consider again the case of  $M = k = 1$ ,  $b = 3 \rightarrow 0$ .  
 $\omega_n = 1$ ,  $\zeta = 1.5 \rightarrow 0$ .

# Poles and step response, $b = 3$

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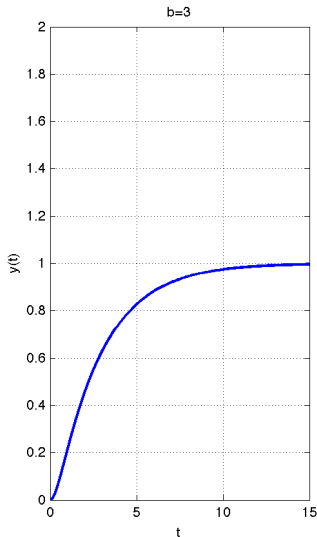
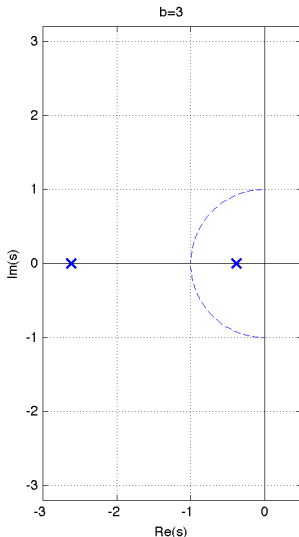
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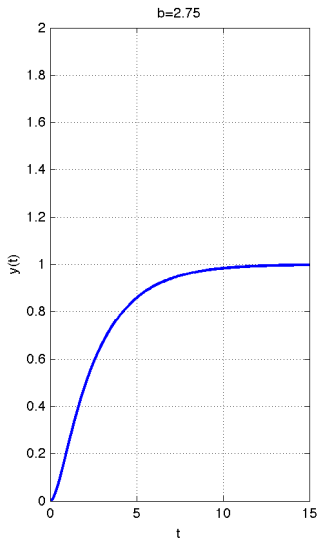
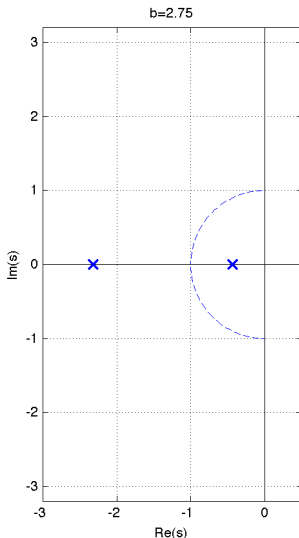
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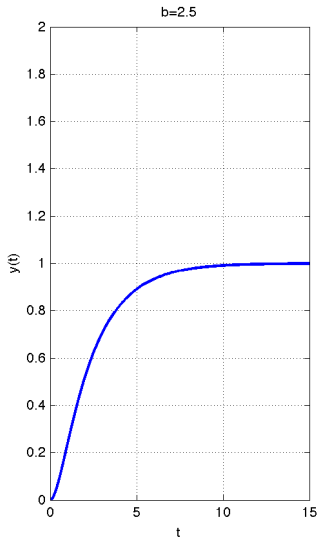
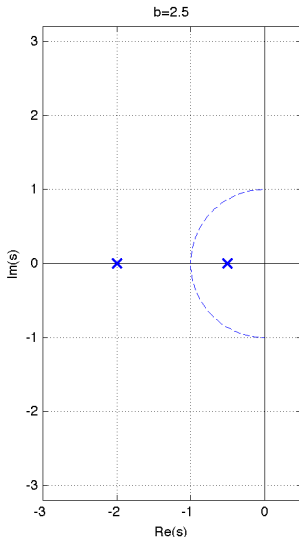
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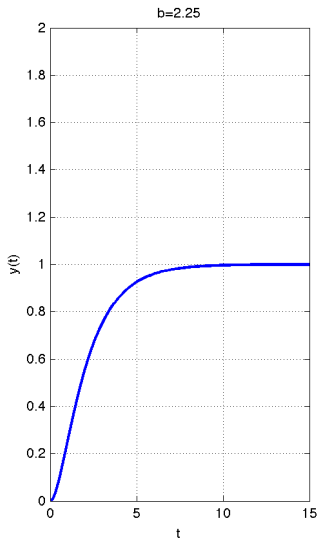
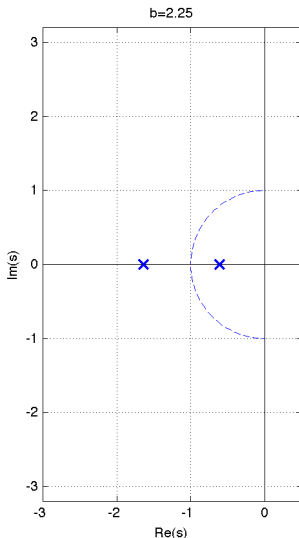
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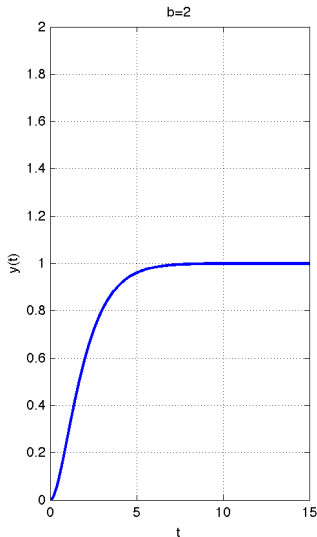
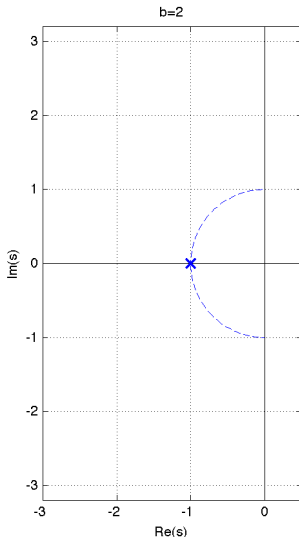
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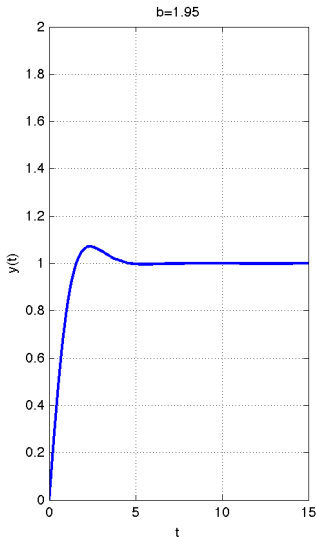
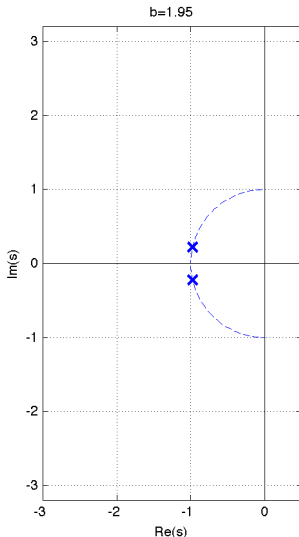
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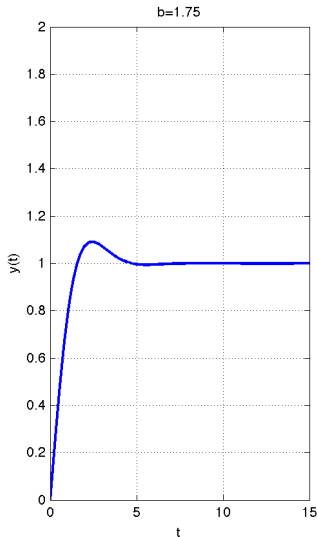
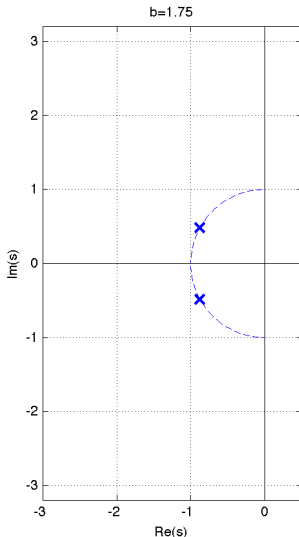
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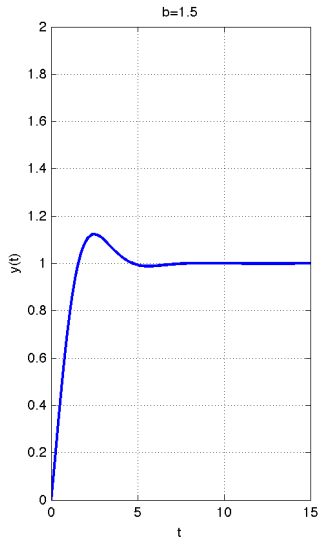
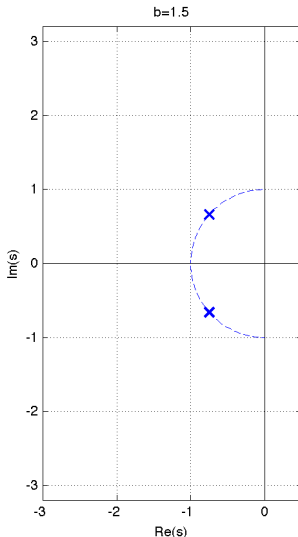
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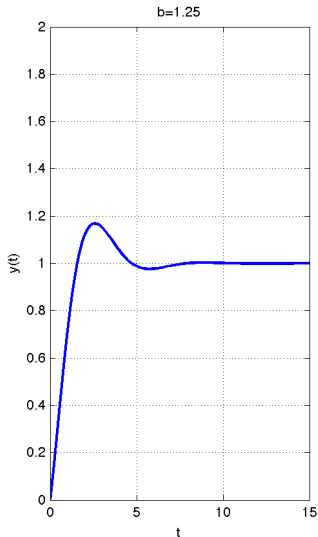
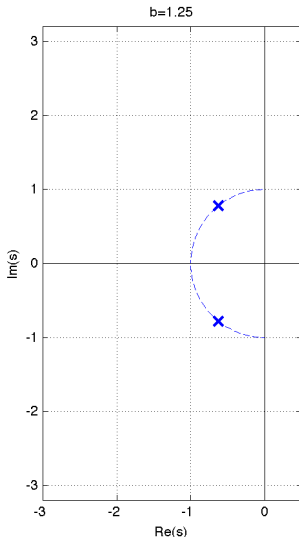
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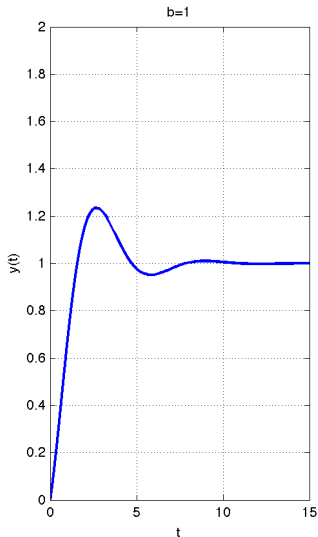
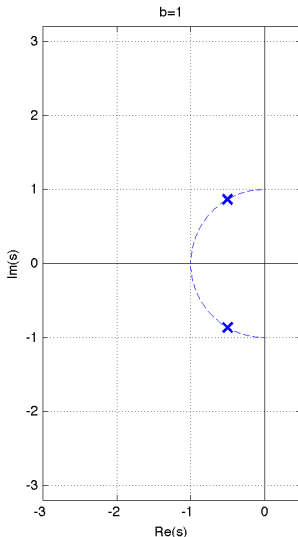
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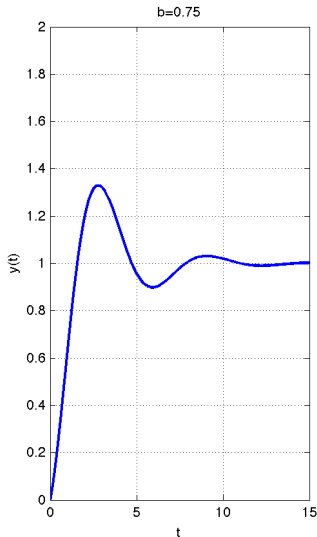
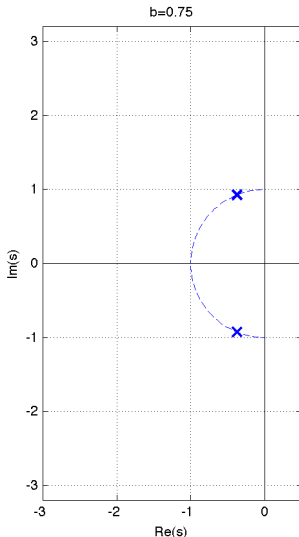
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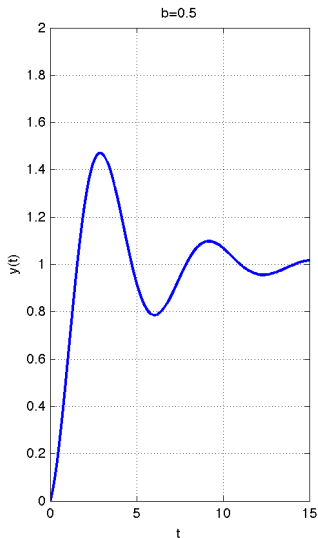
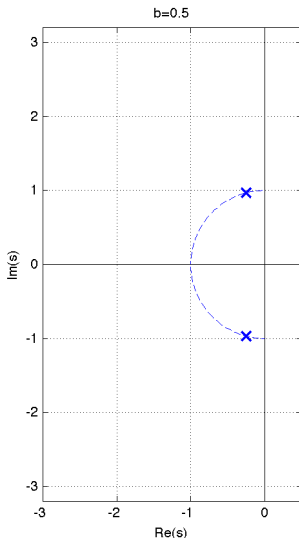
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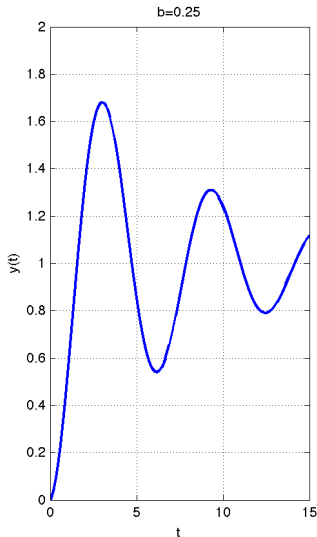
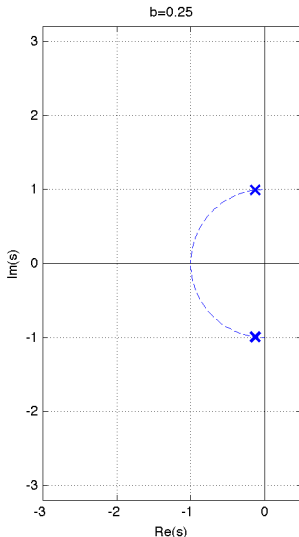
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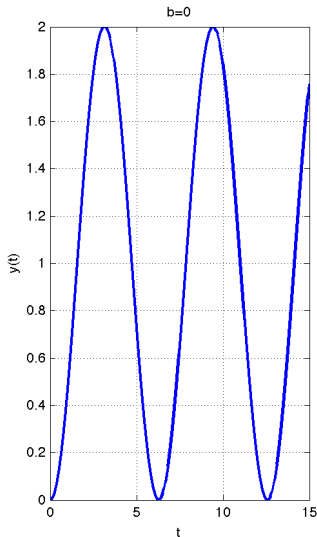
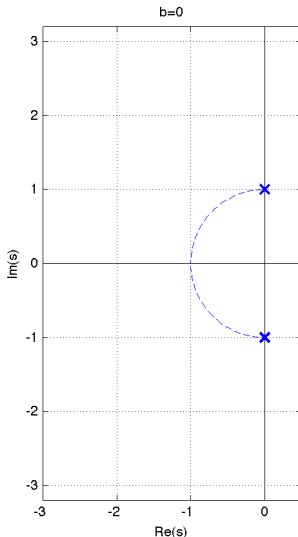
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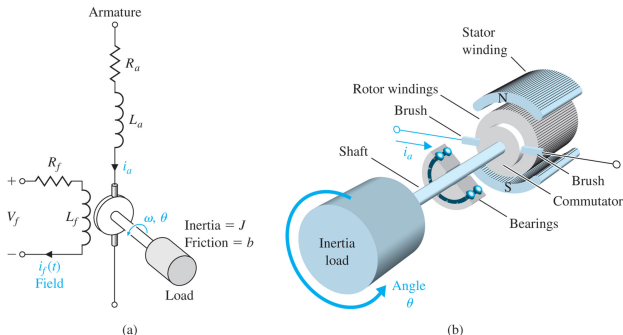
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# A DC motor



- We will consider linearized model for each component
- Flux in the air gap:  $\phi(t) = K_f i_f(t)$  (Magnetic cct, 2CJ4)
- Torque:  $T_m(t) = K_1 \phi(t) i_a(t) = K_1 K_f i_f(t) i_a(t)$ .
- Is that linear?
- Only if one of  $i_f(t)$  or  $i_a(t)$  is constant
- We will consider “armature control”:  $i_f(t)$  constant



# Armature controlled DC motor

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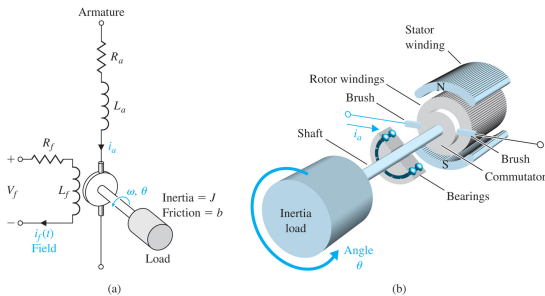
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- $i_f(t)$  will be constant (to set up magnetic field),  $i_f(t) = I_f$
- Torque:  $T_m(t) = K_1 K_f I_f i_a(t) = K_m i_a(t)$
- Will control motor using armature voltage  $V_a(t)$
- What is the transfer function from  $V_a(s)$  to angular position  $\theta(s)$ ?
- Origin?

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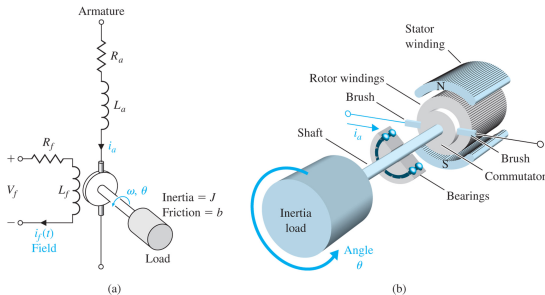
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- $T_m(t) = K_m i_a(t) \longleftrightarrow T_m(s) = K_m I_a(s)$
- KVL:  $V_a(s) = (R_a + sL_a)I_a(s) + V_b(s)$
- $V_b(s)$  is back-emf voltage, due to Faraday's Law
- $V_b(s) = K_b \omega(s)$ , where  $\omega(s) = s\theta(s)$  is rot. velocity
- Remember: transfer function implies zero init. conds

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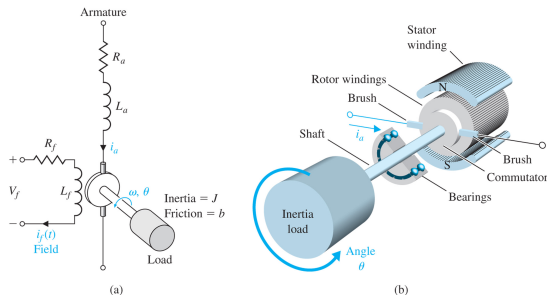
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- Torque on load:  $T_L(s) = T_m(s) - T_d(s)$
- $T_d(s)$ : disturbance. Often small, unknown
- Load torque and load angle (Newton plus friction):

$$T_L(s) = Js^2\theta(s) + bs\theta(s)$$

- Now put it all together

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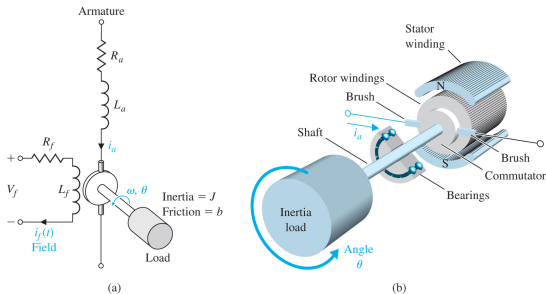
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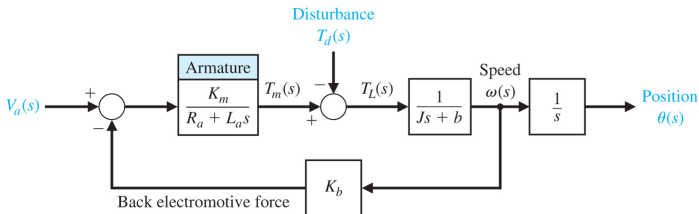
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- $T_m(s) = K_m I_a(s) = K_m \left( \frac{V_a(s) - V_b(s)}{R_a + sL_a} \right)$
- $V_b(s) = K_b \omega(s)$
- $T_L(s) = T_m(s) - T_d(s)$
- $T_L(s) = Js^2\theta(s) + bs\theta(s) = Js\omega(s) + b\omega(s)$
- Hence  $\omega(s) = \frac{T_L(s)}{Js + b}$
- $\theta(s) = \omega(s)/s$

# Block diagram



- $T_m(s) = K_m I_a(s) = K_m \left( \frac{V_a(s) - V_b(s)}{R_a + sL_a} \right)$
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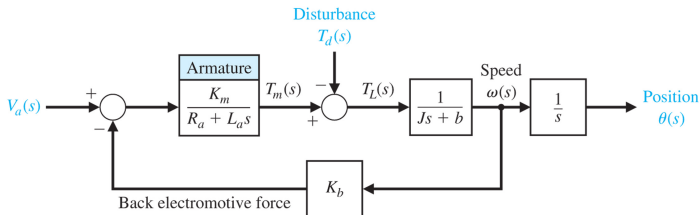
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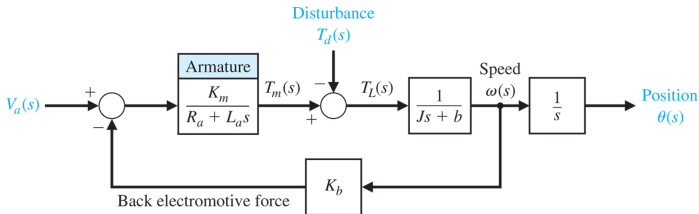


- Set  $T_d(s) = 0$  and solve (you MUST do this yourself)

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \frac{\theta(s)}{V_a(s)} = \frac{K_m}{s[(R_a + sL_a)(Js + b) + K_b K_m]} \\
 &= \frac{K_m}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Third order :(

# Second-order approximation



$$G(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{V_a(s)} = \frac{K_m}{s[(R_a + sL_a)(Js + b) + K_b K_m]}$$

- Sometimes armature time constant,  $\tau_a = L_a/R_a$ , is negligible
- Hence (you MUST derive this yourself)

$$G(s) \approx \frac{K_m}{s[R_a(Js + b) + K_b K_m]} = \frac{K_m / (R_a b + K_b K_m)}{s(\tau_1 s + 1)}$$

where  $\tau_1 = R_a J / (R_a b + K_b K_m)$

# Model for a disk drive read system

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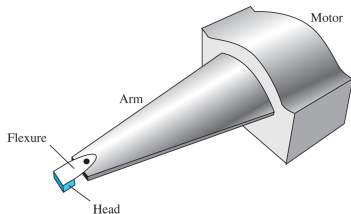
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- Uses a permanent magnet DC motor
- Can be modelled using arm. contr. model with  $K_b = 0$
- Hence, motor transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{V_a(s)} = \frac{K_m}{s(R_a + sL_a)(Js + b)}$$

- Assume for now that the arm is stiff



$$G(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{V_a(s)} = \frac{K_m}{s(R_a + sL_a)(Js + b)}$$

Table 2.10 Typical Parameters for Disk Drive Reader

Parameter	Symbol	Typical Value
Inertia of arm and read head	$J$	1 N m s <sup>2</sup> /rad
Friction	$b$	20 N m s/rad
Amplifier	$K_a$	10–1000
Armature resistance	$R$	1 $\Omega$
Motor constant	$K_m$	5 N m/A
Armature inductance	$L$	1 mH

$$G(s) = \frac{5000}{s(s + 20)(s + 1000)}$$

# Time constants

- Initial model

$$G(s) = \frac{5000}{s(s + 20)(s + 1000)}$$

- Motor time constant =  $1/20 = 50\text{ms}$
- Armature time constant =  $1/1000 = 1\text{ms}$
- Hence

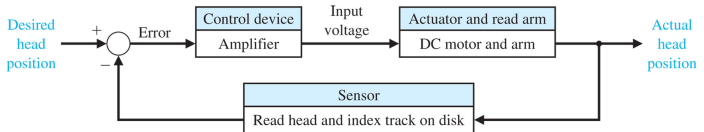
$$G(s) \approx \hat{G}(s) = \frac{5}{s(s + 20)}$$

# A simple feedback controller

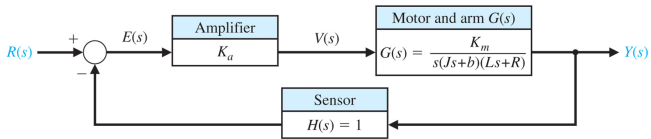
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Now that we have a model, how to control?

Simple idea: Apply voltage to motor that is proportional to error between where we are and where we want to be.



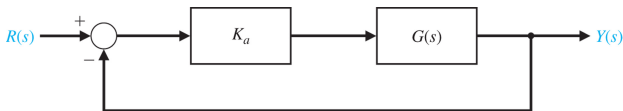
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Here,  $V(s) = V_a(s)$  and  $Y(s) = \theta(s)$ .

## Simplified block diagram



- What is the transfer function from command to position? Derive this yourself

$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K_a G(s)}{1 + K_a G(s)}$$

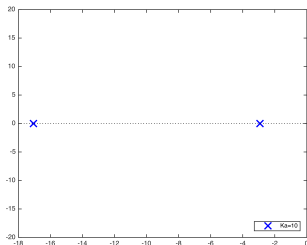
- Using second-order approx.  $G(s) \approx \hat{G}(s) = \frac{5}{s(s+20)}$ ,

$$Y(s) \approx \frac{5K_a}{s^2 + 20s + 5K_a} R(s)$$

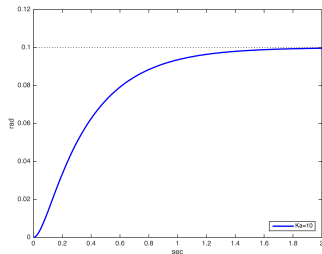
- For  $0 < K_a < 20$ : overdamped;  
for  $K_a > 20$ : underdamped

# Response to $r(t) = 0.1 u(t)$ ; $K_a = 10$

## Poles in s-plane



## Response



Slow. Slower than IBMs first drive from late 1950's.

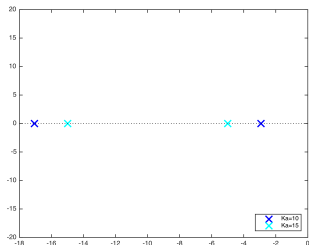
Disks in the 1970's had 25ms seek times; now  $< 10$ ms

Perhaps increase  $K_a$ ?

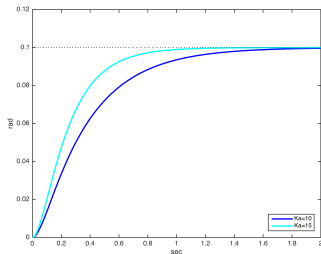
That would result in a "bigger" input to the motor for a given error

# Response to $r(t) = 0.1 u(t)$ ; $K_a = 10, 15$

## Poles in s-plane



## Response



Changing  $K_a$  changes the position of the closed-loop poles  
Hence, step response changes

# Response to $r(t) = 0.1 u(t)$ ; $K_a = 10, 15, 20$

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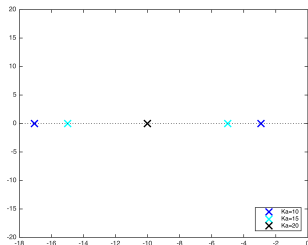
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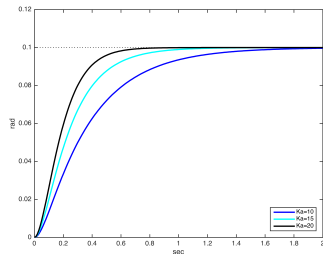
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Changing  $K_a$  changes the position of the closed-loop poles  
Hence, step response changes (now critically damped)

# Response to $r(t) = 0.1 u(t)$ ; $K_a = 10, 15, 20, 40$

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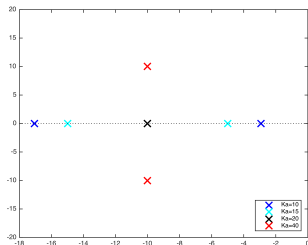
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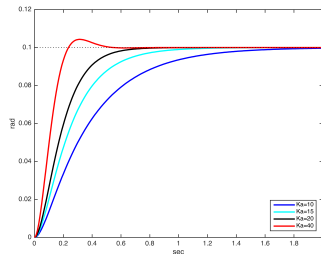
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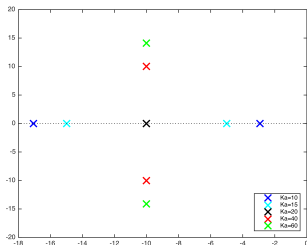


Changing  $K_a$  changes the position of the closed-loop poles  
Hence, step response changes (now underdamped)

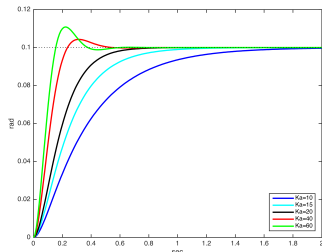


# Response to $r(t) = 0.1 u(t)$ ; $K_a = 10, 15, 20, 40, 60$

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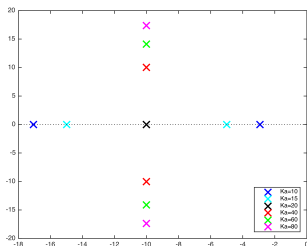
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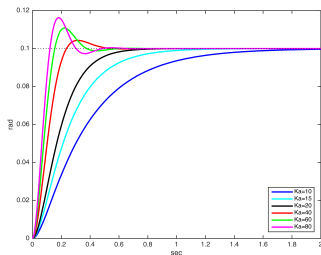
Changing  $K_a$  changes the position of the closed-loop poles  
Hence, step response changes (now more underdamped)

Response to  $r(t) = 0.1 u(t)$ ;  
 $K_a = 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80$

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Response



What is happening to the settling time of the underdamped cases?

Only just beats IBM's first drive

What else could we do with the controller? Prediction?

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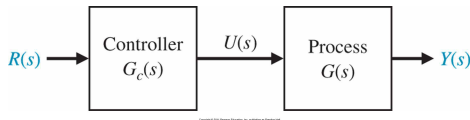
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- As we have just seen, a convenient way to represent a transfer function is via a block diagram



- In this case,  $U(s) = G_c(s)R(s)$  and  $Y(s) = G(s)U(s)$
- Hence,  $Y(s) = G(s)G_c(s)R(s)$
- Consistent with the engineering procedure of breaking things up into little bits, studying the little bits, and then put them together

# Simple example

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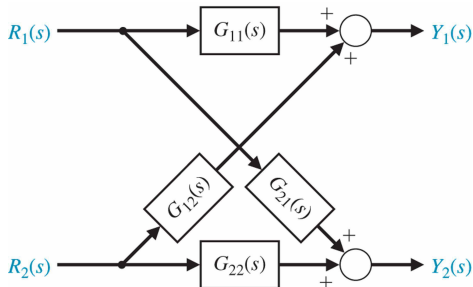
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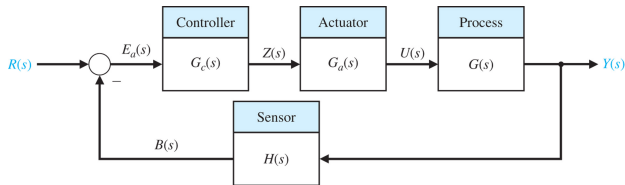
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- $Y_1(s) = G_{11}(s)R_1(s) + G_{12}(s)R_2(s)$
- $Y_2(s) = G_{21}(s)R_1(s) + G_{22}(s)R_2(s)$

## Example: Loop transfer function



- $E_a(s) = R(s) - B(s) = R(s) - H(s)Y(s)$
- $Y(s) = G(s)U(s) = G(s)G_a(s)Z(s)$
- $Y(s) = G(s)G_a(s)G_c(s)E_a(s)$
- $Y(s) = G(s)G_a(s)G_c(s)(R(s) - H(s)Y(s))$

$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)G_a(s)G_c(s)}{1 + G(s)G_a(s)G_c(s)H(s)}$$

- Each transfer function is a ratio of polynomials in  $s$
- What is  $E_a(s)/R(s)$ ?

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**Table 2.6 Block Diagram Transformations**

Transformation	Original Diagram	Equivalent Diagram
1. Combining blocks in cascade		
2. Moving a summing point behind a block		
3. Moving a pickoff point ahead of a block		
4. Moving a pickoff point behind a block		
5. Moving a summing point ahead of a block		
6. Eliminating a feedback loop		

# Using block diagram transformations

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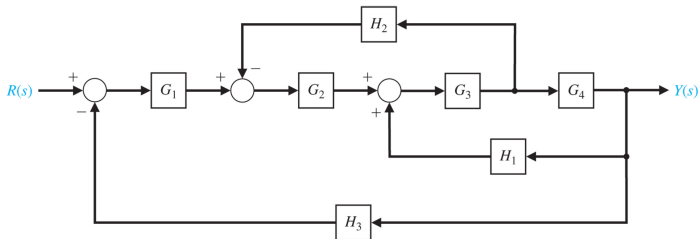
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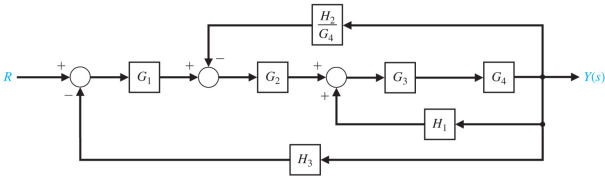
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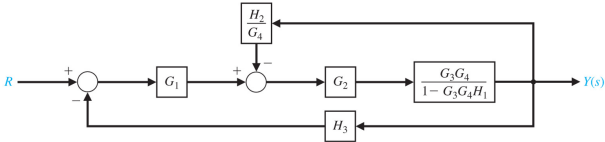
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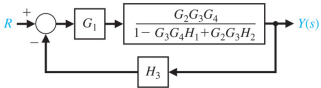
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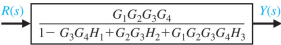
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