

# Solution to Homework #4: ECE 461

LaPlace Transforms, 1st and 2nd Order Approximations, Block Diagrams. Due Monday, September 25th

## LaPlace Transforms

1) A system has the following transfer function

$$Y = \left( \frac{10(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+4)(s+10)} \right) X$$

1a) What is the differential equation which relates X and Y?

Multiply out the denominator:

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-->poly([-1,-4,-10])
ans =
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1.      15.      54.      40.
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$$Y = \left( \frac{10s+30}{s^3+15s^2+54s+40} \right) X$$

Cross multiply

$$(s^3 + 15s^2 + 54s + 40)Y = (10s + 30)X$$

'sY' means 'the derivative of Y

$$y''' + 15y'' + 54y' + 40y = 10x' + 30x$$

or

$$\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} + 15\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 54\frac{dy}{dt} + 40y = 10\frac{dx}{dt} + 30x$$

1b) Determine y(t) assuming

$$x(t) = 2 + 3 \cos(4t)$$

This is a steady-state solution - use phasor analysis.

Use superposition:

$$x(t) = 2$$

$$s = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{10(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+4)(s+10)} \right)_{s=0} = 0.75$$

$$y = (0.75)(2)$$

$$y = 1.5$$

$$x(t) = 3 \cos(4t)$$

$$s = j4$$

$$\left( \frac{10(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+4)(s+10)} \right)_{s=j4} = 0.199 \angle -89^\circ$$

$$y = (0.199 \angle -89^\circ) \cdot 3 \cos(4t)$$

$$y(t) = 0.597 \cos(4t - 89^\circ)$$

Add up the two inputs to get the total input. Add up the two outputs to get the total output

$$y(t) = 1.5 + 0.597 \cos(4t - 89^\circ)$$

1c) Determine  $y(t)$  assuming

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 2 & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

This is transient analysis: use LaPlace transforms.

The LaPlace transform of  $x(t)$  is

$$X(s) = \frac{2}{s}$$

$Y(s)$  is then

$$Y = \left( \frac{10(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+4)(s+10)} \right) \left( \frac{2}{s} \right)$$

To find  $y(t)$ , use partial fractions

$$Y = \left( \frac{1.5}{s} \right) + \left( \frac{-1.481}{s+1} \right) + \left( \frac{-0.278}{s+4} \right) + \left( \frac{0.2593}{s+10} \right)$$

Now take the inverse LaPlace transform

$$y(t) = 1.5 - 1.481e^{-t} - 0.278e^{-4t} + 0.2593e^{-10t} \quad t > 0$$

2a) Determine a 2nd-order system which has approximately the same step response as this system

$$Y = \left( \frac{100,000}{(s+2)(s+8)(s+20)(s+50)} \right) X$$

Keep the two slowest (most dominant poles).

$$Y \approx \left( \frac{?}{(s+2)(s+8)} \right) X$$

Match the DC gain

$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s+2)(s+8)(s+20)(s+50)} \right)_{s=0} = 6.25$$

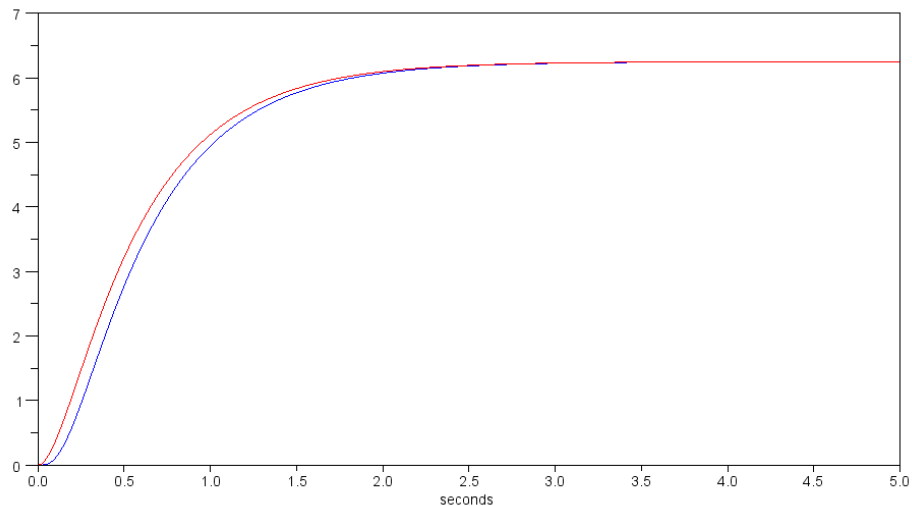
$$\left( \frac{?}{(s+2)(s+8)} \right)_{s=0} = 6.25$$

This gives

$$Y \approx \left( \frac{100}{(s+2)(s+8)} \right) X$$

2b) Compare the step response of the two systems in Matlab (or similar program)

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-->t = [0:0.01:5]';  
-->G4 = zpk([], [-2, -8, -20, -50], 100000);  
-->G2 = zpk([], [-2, -8], 100);  
-->y4 = step(G4, t);  
-->y2 = step(G2, t);  
-->plot(t, y4, t, y2)  
-->xlabel('seconds');
```



Step response of the 4th-order system (blue) and 2nd-order approximation (red)  
The two systems have the same DC gain, the same 2% settling time, the same overshoot, and the same frequency of oscillation.

3a) Determine a 2nd-order system which has approximately the same step response as this system

$$Y = \left( \frac{100,000}{(s^2+2s+16)(s+20)(s+50)} \right) X$$

Keep the two slowest (dominant) poles

$$Y \approx \left( \frac{?}{s^2+2s+16} \right) X$$

Match the DC gain

$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s+2)(s+8)(s+20)(s+50)} \right)_{s=0} = 6.25$$

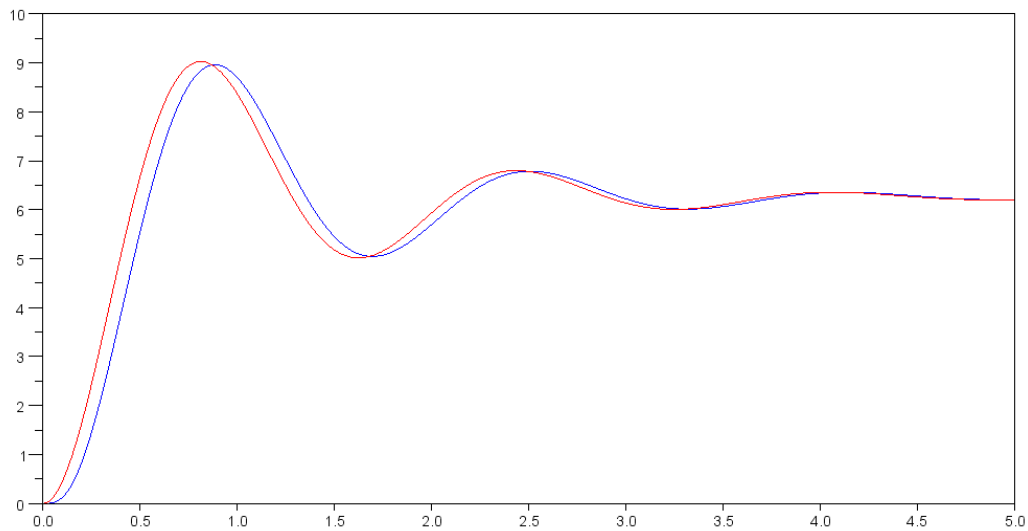
$$\left( \frac{?}{s^2+2s+16} \right)_{s=0} = 6.25$$

This gives

$$Y \approx \left( \frac{100}{s^2+2s+16} \right) X$$

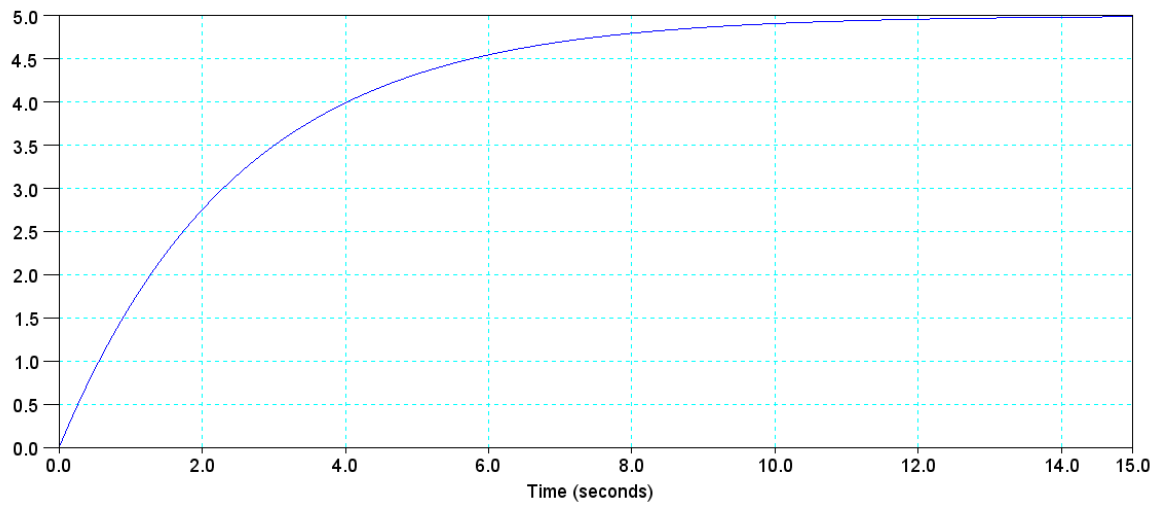
3b) Compare the step response of the two systems in Matlab (or similar program)

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-->G4 = zpk([], [-1-j*3.873, -1+j*3.873, -20, -50], 100000);
-->G2 = tf(100, [1, 2, 16]);
-->y2 = step(G2, t);
-->y4 = step(G4, t);
-->plot(t, y4, t, y2)
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Step Response of the 4th-order system (blue) and 2nd-order system (red).  
The two systems have the same DC gain, the same 2% settling time, the same overshoot, and the same frequency of oscillation.

4) Find the transfer function for a system with the following step response:



This is a 1st-order system, so

$$G(s) \approx \frac{a}{s+b}$$

The DC gain is 5.00

$$\frac{a}{b} = 5$$

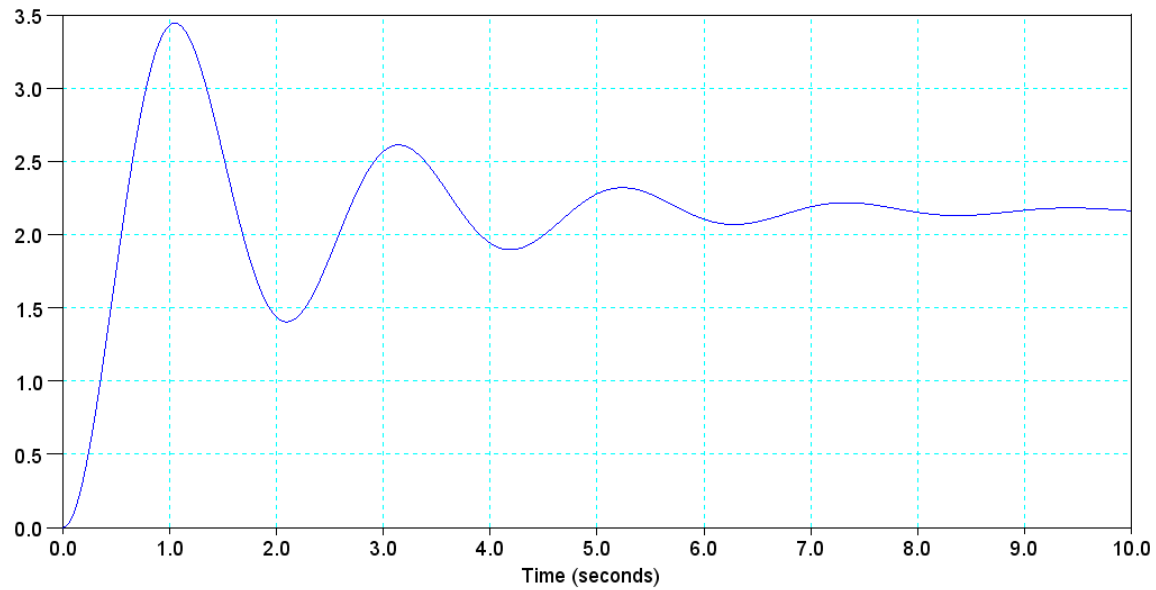
The 2% settling time is 12 seconds (approx)

$$b = \frac{4}{12} = 0.333$$

so

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{1.666}{s+0.333} \right)$$

5) Find the transfer function for a system with the following step response:



This is a 2nd-order system, so

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{a}{(s+\sigma+j\omega_d)(s+\sigma-j\omega_d)} \right)$$

The DC gain is 2.2

The 2% settling time is 9 seconds (approx)

$$\sigma = \frac{4}{9} = 0.444$$

The frequency of oscillation is

$$\omega_d = \left( \frac{3 \text{ cycles}}{6.2 \text{ sec}} \right) \cdot 2\pi$$

$$\omega_d = 3.04$$

So

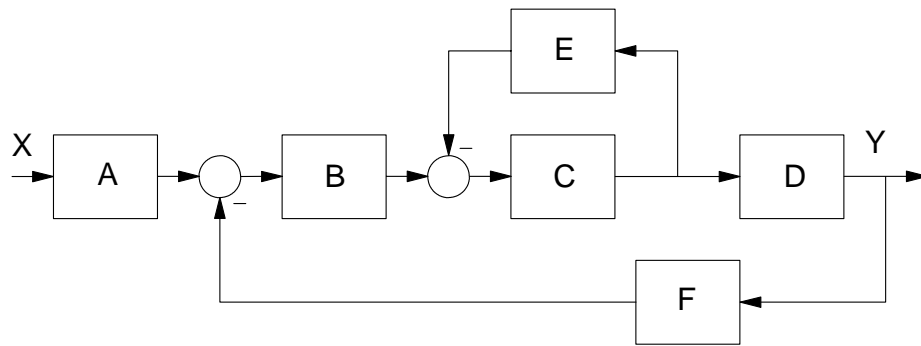
$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{a}{(s+0.44+j3.04)(s+0.44-j3.04)} \right)$$

Pick the numerator so that the DC gain is 2.2

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{20.75}{(s+0.44+j3.04)(s+0.44-j3.04)} \right)$$

## Block Diagrams

6) Find the transfer function from X to Y



Shortcut

$$Y = \left( \frac{ABCD}{1+CE+BCDF} \right) X$$

Long way: Combine C and E

$$\left( \frac{C}{1+CE} \right)$$

Combine the outer loop

$$\left( \frac{B \left( \frac{C}{1+CE} \right) D}{1+B \left( \frac{C}{1+CE} \right) DF} \right)$$

Add in A

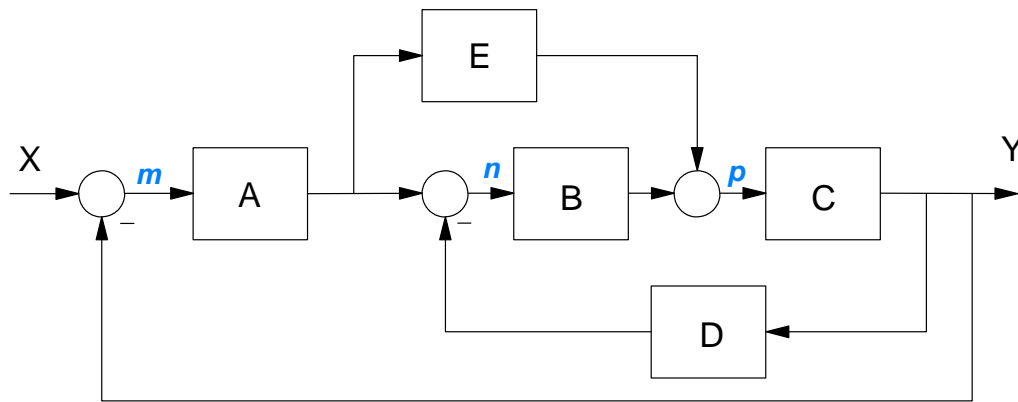
$$Y = A \left( \frac{B \left( \frac{C}{1+CE} \right) D}{1+B \left( \frac{C}{1+CE} \right) DF} \right) X$$

Simplify

$$Y = \left( \frac{ABCD}{(1+CE)+BCDF} \right) X$$

which is the same as the shortcut

7) Find the transfer function from X to Y



Shortcut

$$Y = \left( \frac{ABC + AEC}{1 + BCD + ABC + AEC} \right) X$$

Long Way

$$Y = Cp$$

$$p = Bn + EAm$$

$$n = -DY + Am$$

$$m = X - Y$$

Solve

$$n = -DY + A(X - Y)$$

$$p = B(-DY + A(X - Y)) + EA(X - Y)$$

$$Y = Cp = C \{ B(-DY + A(X - Y)) + EA(X - Y) \}$$

group terms

$$Y = (-CBD - CBA - EA)Y + (CBA + EA)X$$

$$(1 + CBD + CBA + CEA)Y = (CBA + CEA)X$$

$$Y = \left( \frac{ABC + AEC}{1 + BCD + ABC + AEC} \right) X$$