
LaPlace Transforms and Dominant Poles

NDSU ECE 463/663

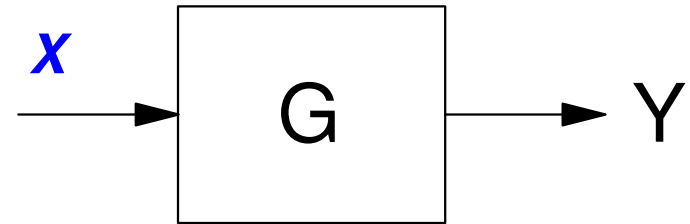
Lecture #2

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Static Systems:

$$Y = k * X$$



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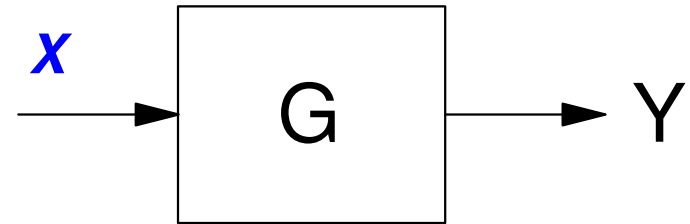
- Y looks just like X, only scaled

This means that:

- There is no memory:
 - The previous values of Y and X do not matter
 - A sine wave input produces a sine wave output
 - A square wave input produces a square wave output
 - A random input produces the identical random output, only changed in amplitude.
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Dynamic Systems

$$Y = G(s) X$$



Dynamic systems are described by differential equations.

- Dynamics systems have memory:
 - $y(0)$ is needed to find $y(t)$
- Dynamic systems change the shape of the input
 - The gain changes with frequency
 - An input that is not a sine wave is distorted.

Differential Equations and Transfer Functions

Assume $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are related by a differential equation:

$$y'' + ay' + by = cx'' + dx' + ex$$

Assume all functions are in the form of

$$y = e^{st}$$

then differentiation becomes multiplication by 's'

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = s \cdot e^{st} = sy.$$

With this assumption,

$$s^2 Y + asY + bY = cs^2 X + dsX + eX$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{cs^2 + ds + e}{s^2 + as + b} \right) X = G(s) \cdot X$$

Example: Find the transfer function relating X and Y

$$y''' + 3y'' + 2y' + 10y = 20x' + 5x$$

$$(s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + 10)Y = (20s + 5)X$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{(20s+5)}{(s^3+3s^2+2s+10)} \right) X$$

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{(20s+5)}{(s^3+3s^2+2s+10)} \right)$$

Steady-State Solution for Sinusoidal Inputs (phasors):

- If $x(t)$ is a sinusoid, phasors can be used to find $y(t)$

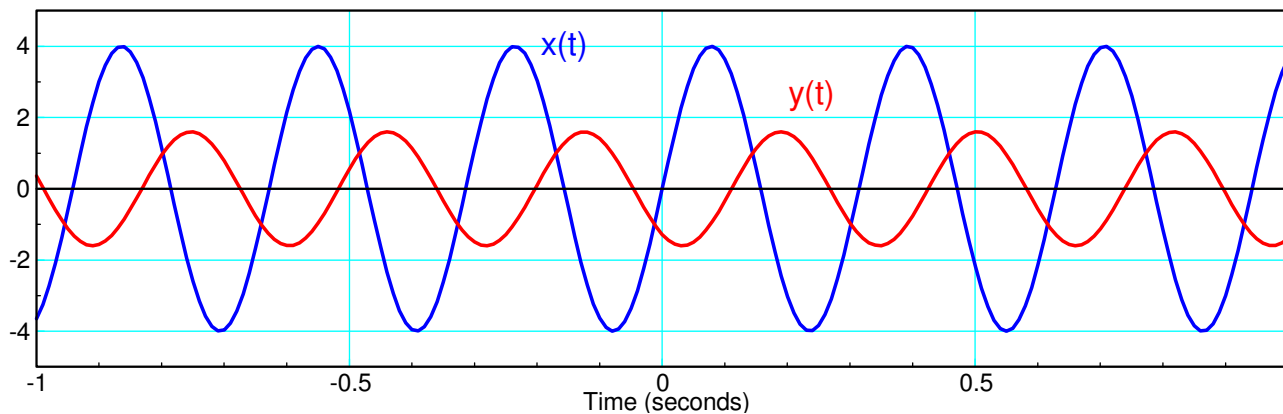
Example: Find $y(t)$ assuming

$$Y = \left(\frac{200}{s^2 + 20s + 100} \right) X \qquad x(t) = 4 \sin(20t)$$

Solution: $s = j20$ $X = 0 - j4$

$$Y = \left(\frac{200}{s^2 + 20s + 100} \right)_{s=j20} (0 - j4) = -1.280 + j0.960$$

$$y(t) = -1.280 \cos(20t) - 0.960 \sin(20t)$$



Transient Solutions: LaPlace Transforms

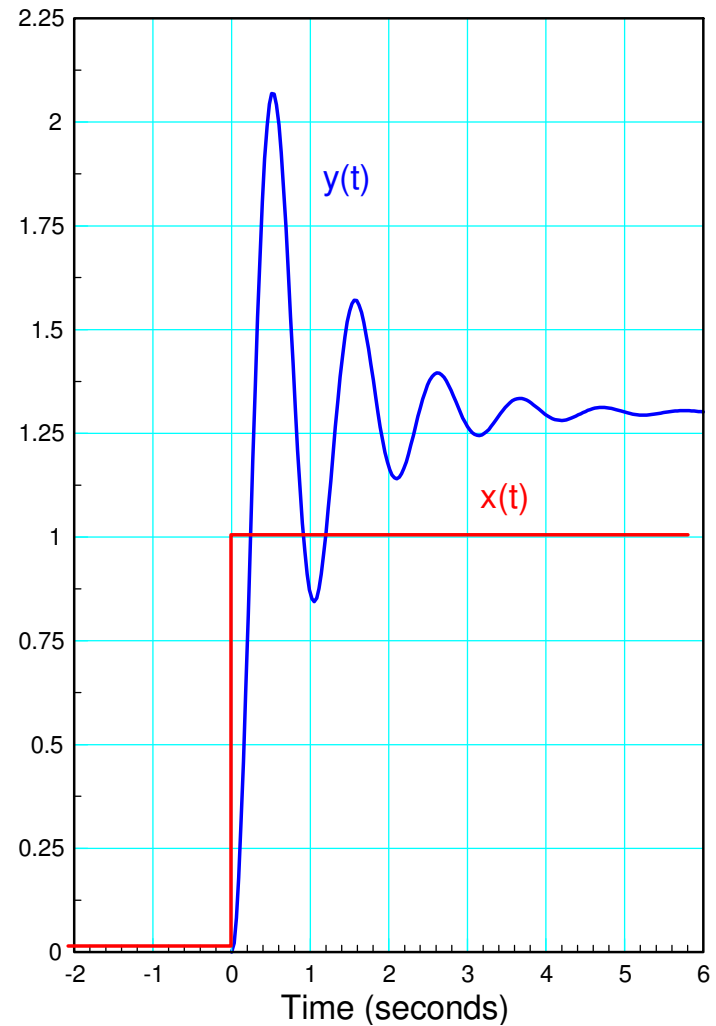
If the input is zero for $t < 0$

$$x = x(t) \cdot u(t)$$

where $u(t)$ is the unit step function

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

LaPlace transforms are used to find $y(t)$.



Signals and Systems vs. Modern Control

In ECE 343 Signals, you looked at two-sided two-dimensional LaPlace transforms.

- For image processing, you can go left and right (two-sided)
- For image processing, you can also go up / down (two-dimensional)

In ECE 463, t represents time

- Time is one-dimensional and
- Time always goes forward (single sided).

Hence, in this class, we look at the mundane case of single-sided one-dimensional LaPlace transforms.

Table of LaPlace Transforms

Only four LaPlace transforms are needed for this class

- With partial fraction expansion, you can then solve any system.

Table 1: Common LaPlace Transforms		
Name	Time: $y(t)$	LaPlace: $Y(s)$
delta (impulse)	$\delta(t)$	1
unit step	$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
exponential	$a \cdot e^{-bt} u(t)$	$\frac{a}{s+b}$
damped sinusoid	$2a \cdot e^{-bt} \cos(ct - \theta) u(t)$	$\left(\frac{a \angle \theta}{s+b+jc} \right) + \left(\frac{a \angle -\theta}{s+b-jc} \right)$

LaPlace Transform Example:

Find $y(t)$:

$$y'' + 3'y + 2y = 4x$$

$$x(t) = u(t)$$

Solution: Convert to LaPlace notation

$$(s^2 + 3s + 2)Y = 4X$$

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

Substitute the LaPlace transform for $U(s)$

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

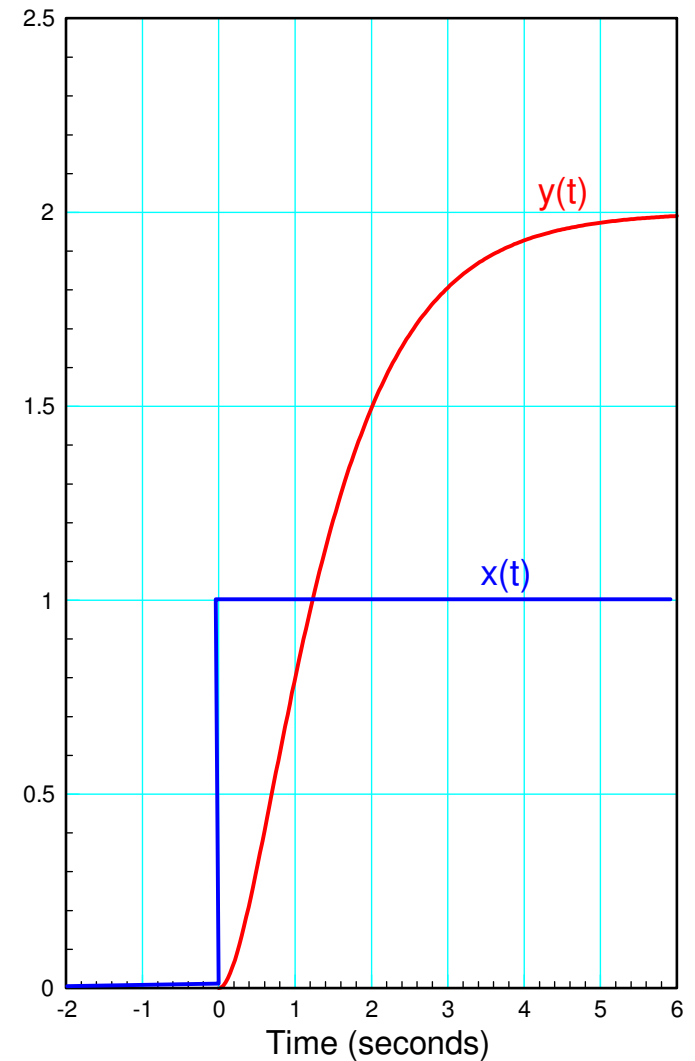
Factor and use partial fractions to expand
 $Y(s)$

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

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

Use the above table to convert back to $y(t)$

$$y(t) = (2 - 4e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t})u(t)$$



Example 2: Find the $y(t)$ given that

$$Y(s) = G \cdot X = \left(\frac{15}{s^2+2s+10} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{s} \right)$$

Solution: Factoring $Y(s)$

$$Y(s) = \left(\frac{15}{(s)(s+1+j3)(s+1-j3)} \right)$$

Using partial fraction expansion:

$$Y(s) = \left(\frac{1.5}{s} \right) + \left(\frac{0.7906 \angle -161.56^\circ}{s+1+j3} \right) + \left(\frac{0.7906 \angle 161.56^\circ}{s+1-j3} \right)$$

$$y(t) = 1.5 + 1.5812 \cdot e^{-t} \cdot \cos(3t + 161.56^\circ) \quad \text{for } t > 0$$

Dominant Poles

Poles = Energy

- If there are N ways to store energy, you have N poles

If there are thousands of ways to store energy, there are thousands of poles

- Dealing with thousandth order systems is cumbersome.

Fortunately, most systems have a few poles which dominate the response

A model which includes the dominant poles will be

- Fairly accurate (good), and
 - Low order (also good)
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Dominant Pole Example:

Find the step response of

$$Y = \left(\frac{20}{(s+1)(s+10)} \right) X$$

Solution:

$$Y = \left(\frac{20}{(s+1)(s+10)} \right) \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) = \left(\frac{2}{s} \right) + \left(\frac{-2.222}{s+1} \right) + \left(\frac{0.222}{s+10} \right)$$

$$y(t) = 2 - 2.222e^{-t} + 0.222e^{-10t} \quad t > 0$$

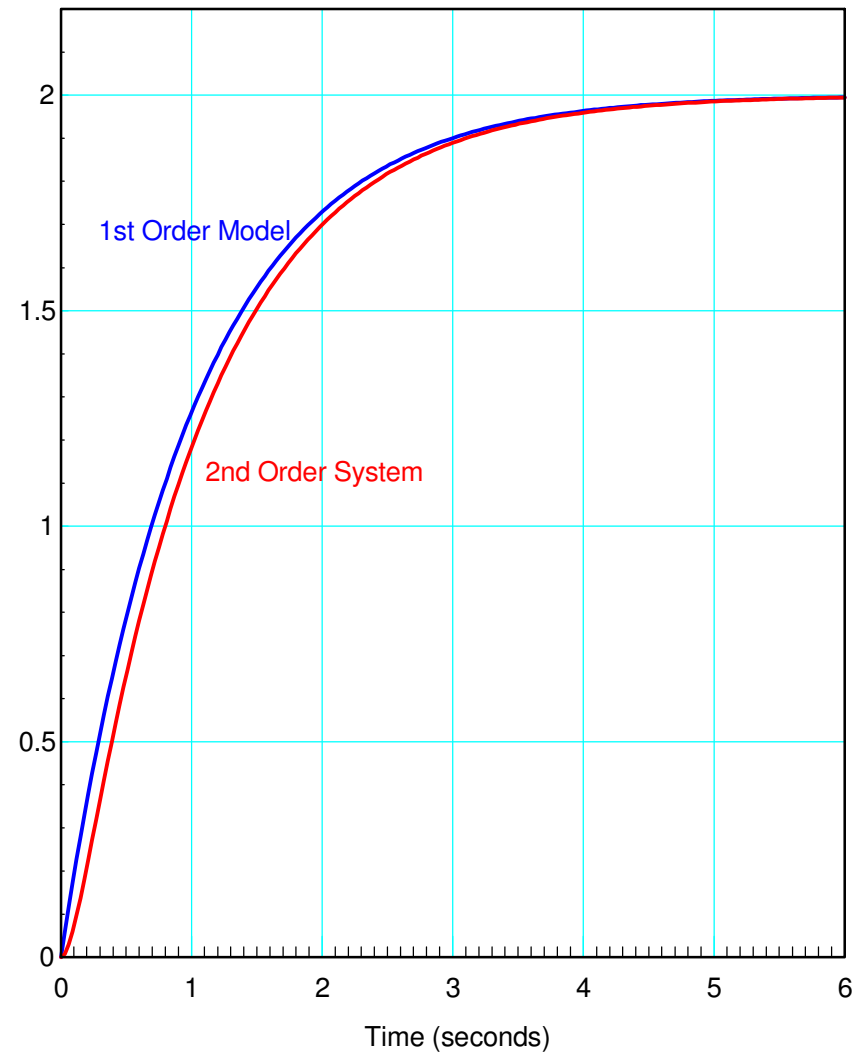
Here, the pole at -1 is dominant over the pole at -10 for two reasons:

- Its initial condition is 10x larger than the pole at $s = -10$, and
 - Its transient response lasts 10x longer than the pole at $s = -10$
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1st-Order Approximation

- Keep the dominant pole ($s = -1$)
- Match the DC gain

$$\left(\frac{20}{(s+1)(s+10)} \right) \approx \left(\frac{2}{s+1} \right)$$



First-Order approximation

Single (real) dominant pole

$$Y = \left(\frac{a}{s+b} \right) X$$

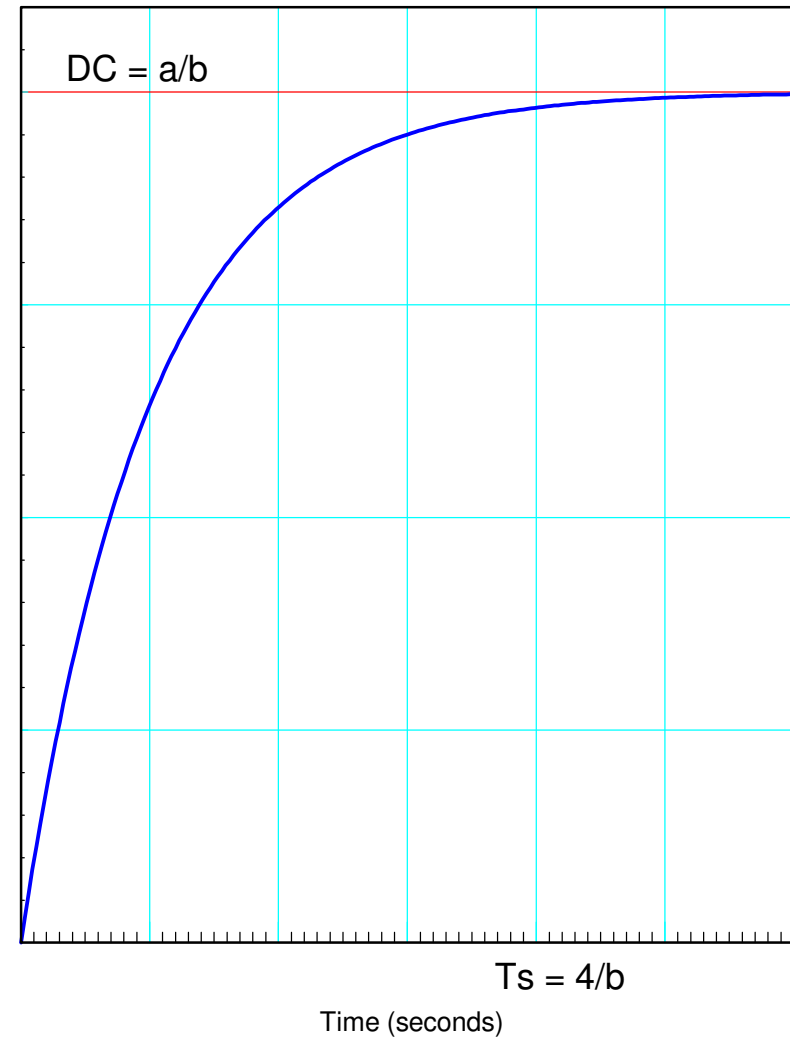
DC Gain:

$$\bullet \left(\frac{a}{s+b} \right)_{s=0} = \frac{a}{b}$$

2% Settling Time:

$$0.02 = e^{-bt}$$

$$T_s = \frac{4}{b}$$



Example: Sketch the step response

$$Y = \left(\frac{50,000}{(s+3)(s+10)(s+20)(s+50)} \right) X$$

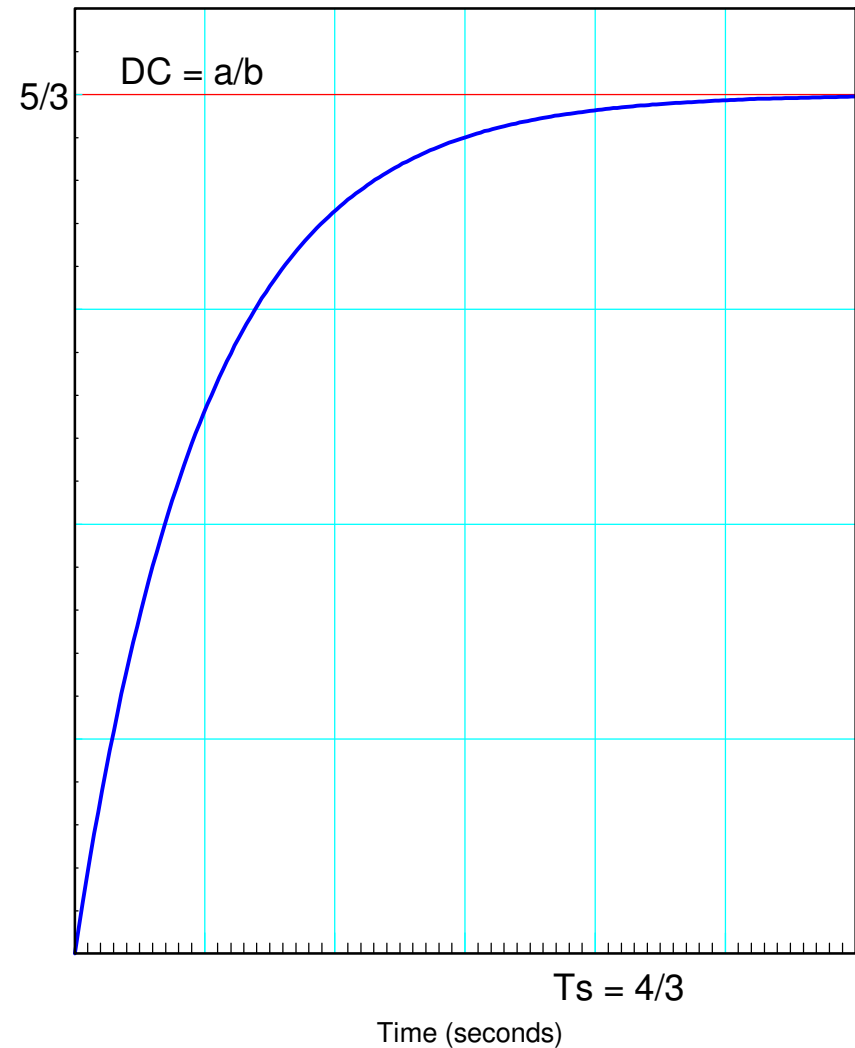
Solution:

- The DC gain is 1.67

$$\left(\frac{50,000}{(s+3)(s+10)(s+20)(s+50)} \right)_{s=0} = 1.67$$

- The dominant pole is $s = -3$
- $T_s = 4/3$ sec

$$\left(\frac{50,000}{(s+3)(s+10)(s+20)(s+50)} \right) \approx \left(\frac{5}{s+3} \right)$$



Checking with Matlab

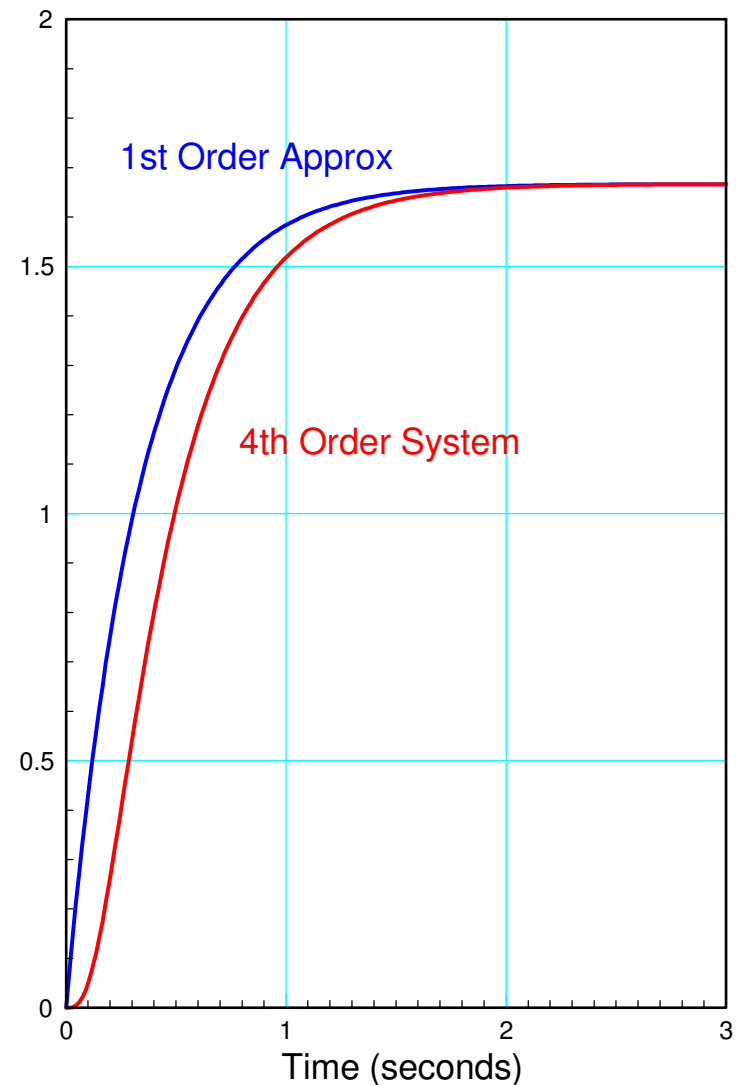
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G4 =  
zpk([], [-3, -10, -20, -50], 50000)
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$$\frac{50000}{(s+3)(s+10)(s+20)(s+50)}$$

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G1 = zpk([], [-3], 5)
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$$\frac{5}{(s+3)}$$

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t = [0:0.01:3]';  
y1 = step(G1,t);  
y4 = step(G4,t);  
plot(t,y1,t,y4);
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Example 2: Find $G(s)$

1st-Order Approximation

- No oscillations

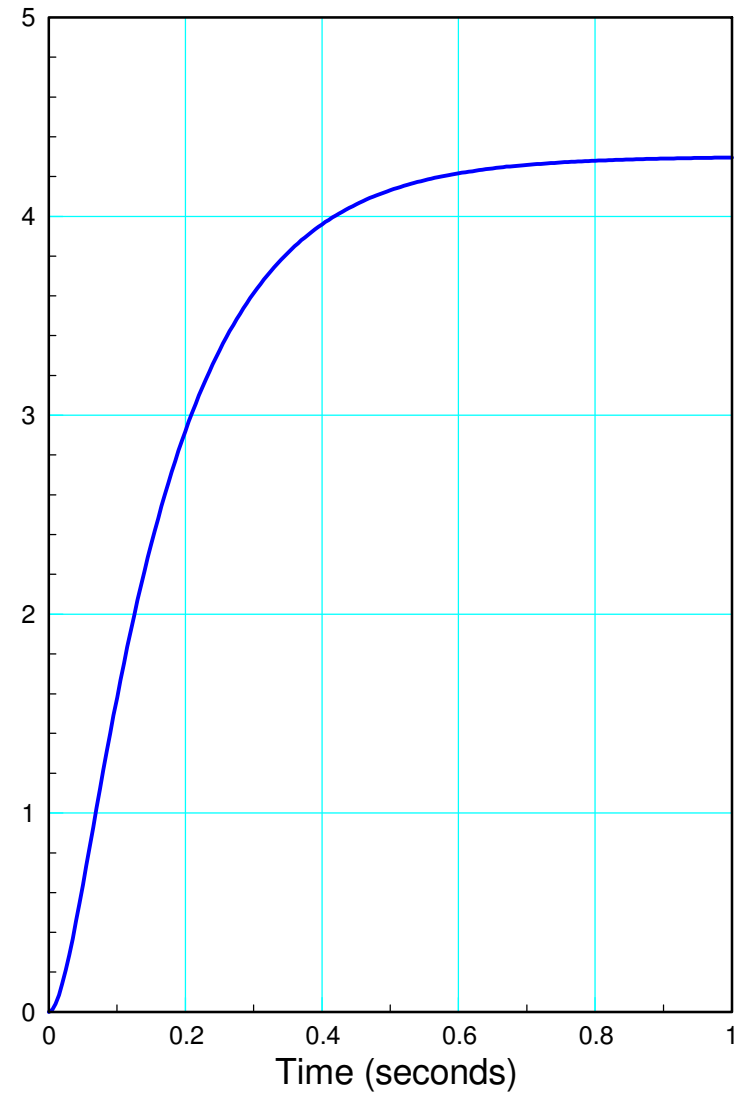
DC gain = 4.3

$T_s = 0.57$ seconds

$$b = \frac{4}{0.57} = 7.0$$

Putting it together:

$$G(s) \approx \left(\frac{30.1}{s+7} \right)$$



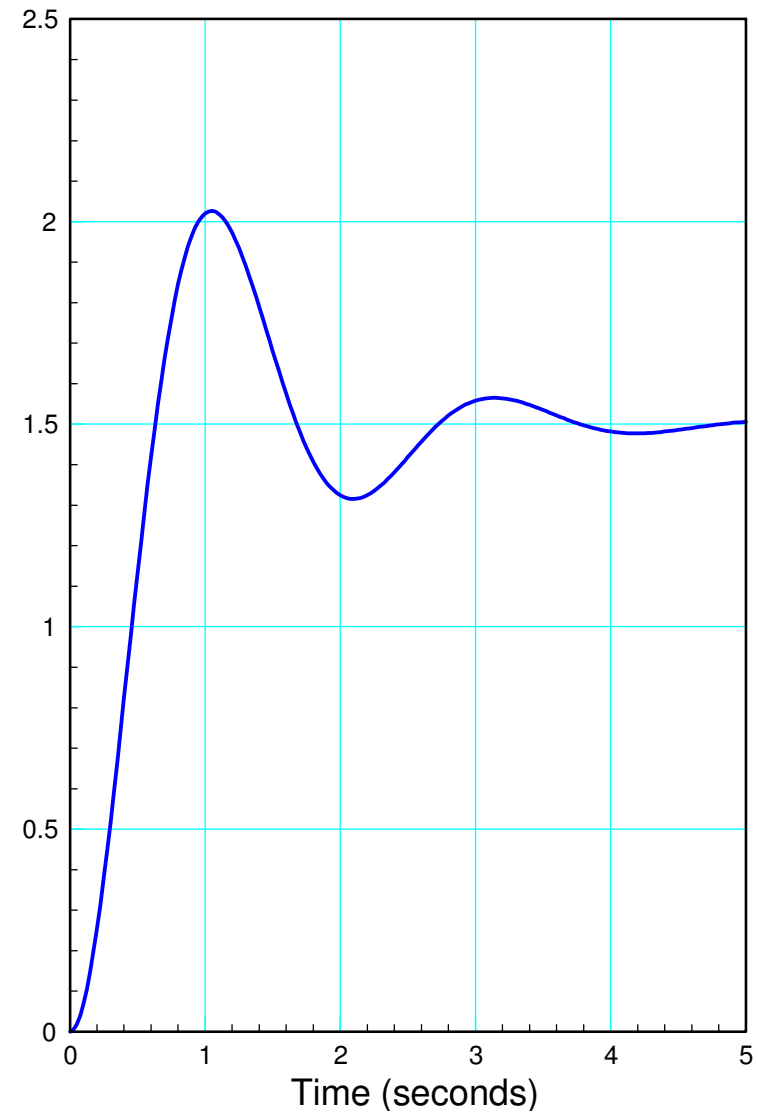
2nd-Order Approximations

Dominant pole is complex

- Plus it's complex conjugate

$$G(s) \approx \left(\frac{k \cdot \omega_o^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_o s + \omega_o^2} \right)$$

$$G(s) \approx \left(\frac{k \cdot (\sigma^2 + \omega_d^2)}{(s + \sigma + j\omega_d)(s + \sigma - j\omega_d)} \right)$$



Now we need 3 parameters (pick 3)

DC Gain

- $G(s = 0)$

Frequency of Oscillation

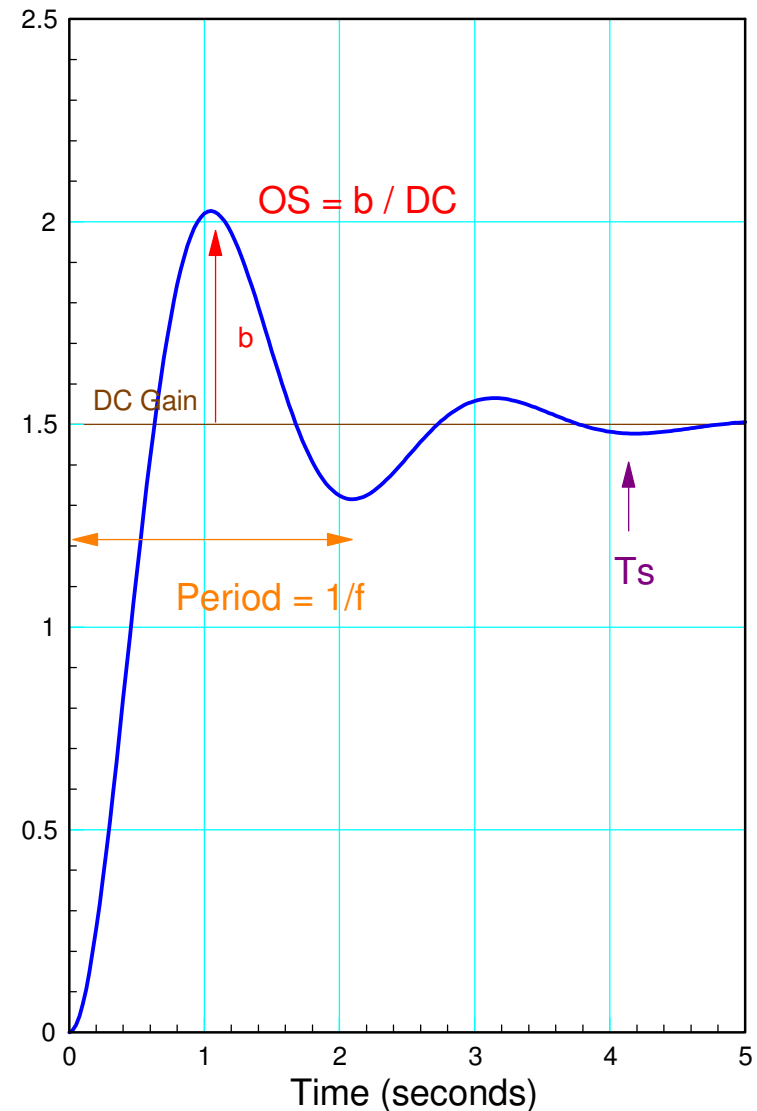
- The complex part of the dominant pole
- $\omega_d = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

T_s : 2% Settling Time

- The real part of the dominant pole
- $T_s = \frac{4}{\sigma}$

Percent Overshoot

- The angle of the dominant pole
- $OS = \frac{b}{DC} = \exp\left(\frac{-\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\right)$
- ζ is the *damping ratio*



Example: Determine the step response of

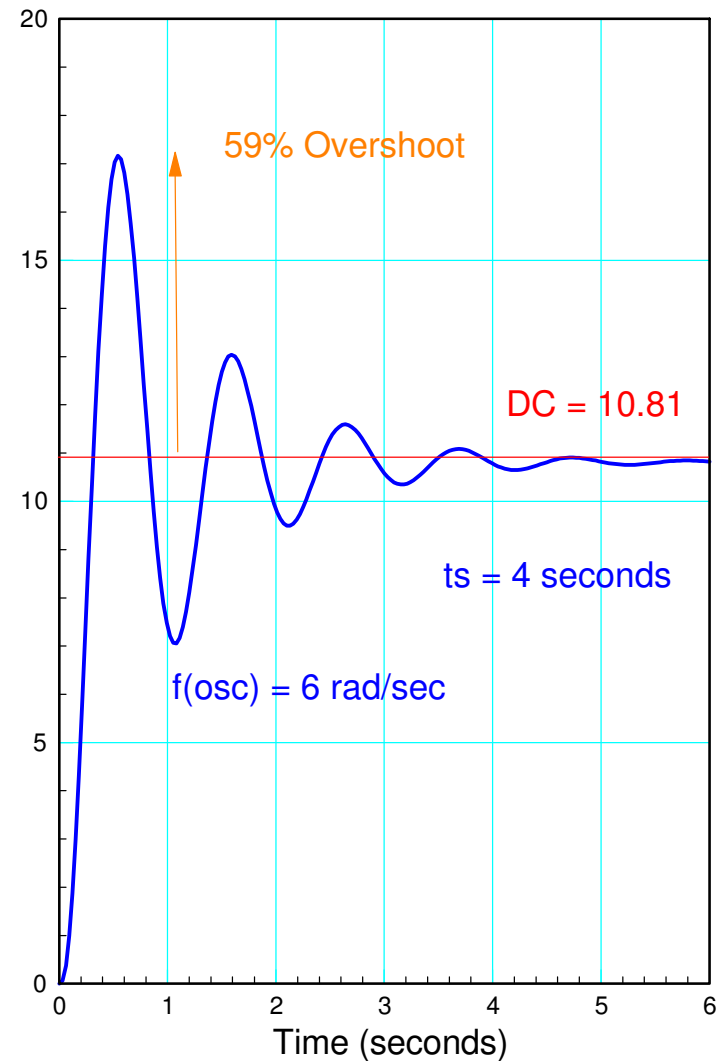
$$Y = \left(\frac{20,000}{(s+1+j6)(s+1-j6)(s+50)} \right) X$$

Solution:

- The dominant poles are $s = -1 \pm j6$
- The DC gain is 10.81

meaning

- $y(t)$ goes to 10.81 (the DC gain)
- $T_s = 4$ seconds (4/1)
- $f(\text{osc}) = 6$ rad/sec (about 1 Hz)
- $\zeta = 0.164$, meaning
- There will be 59% overshoot



Checking in Matlab

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G3 =  
zpk([], [-1+j*6, -1-j*6, -50], 20000)
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20000
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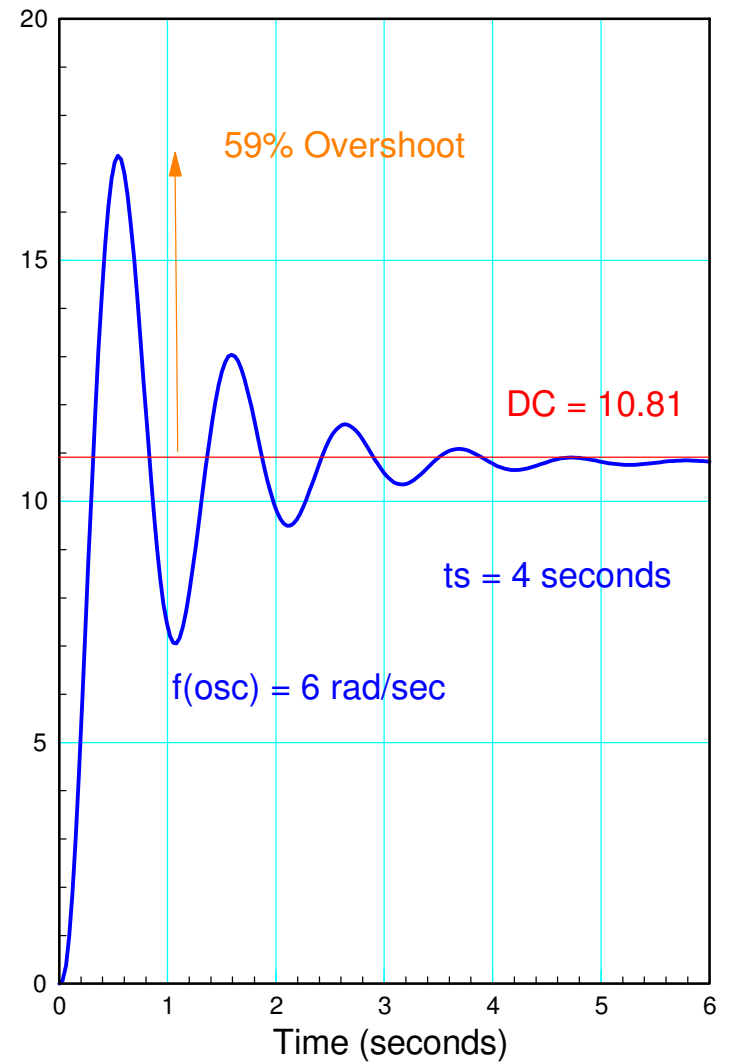
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(s+50) (s^2 + 2s + 37)
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t = [0:0.001:10]';  
y3 = step(G3,t);  
DC = y3(10000)
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DC = 10.8113
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OS = max(y3) / DC
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OS = 1.5879
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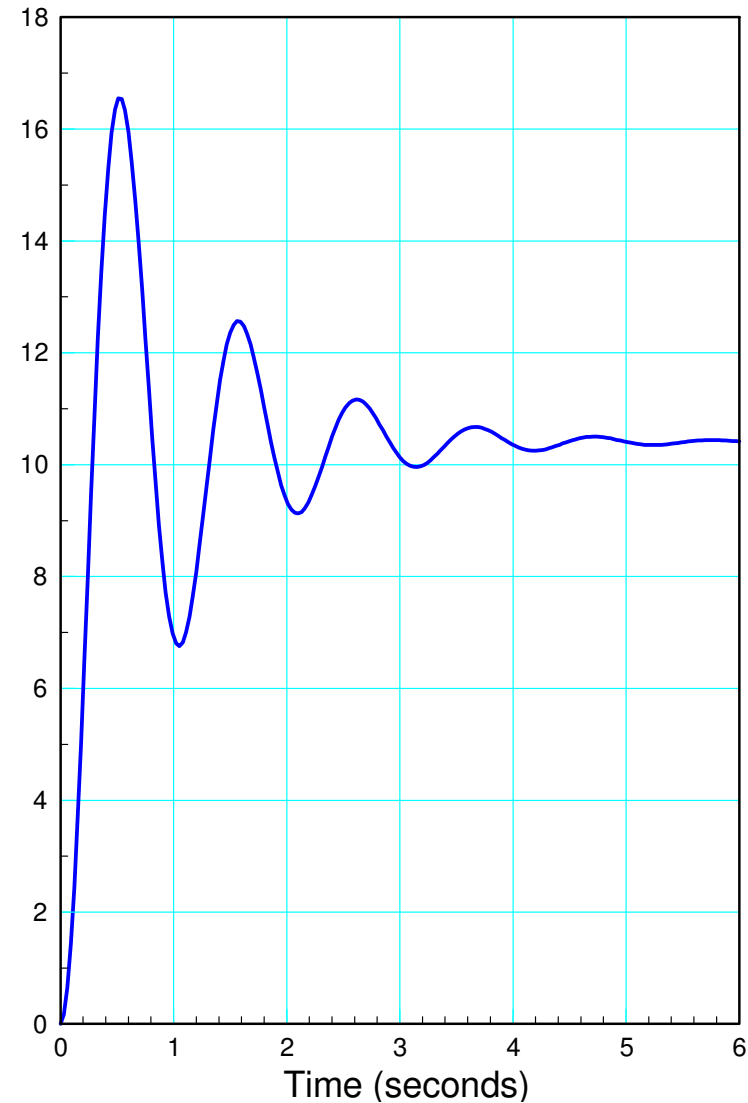
Example 4: The step response of $G(s)$ is shown to the right. Find $G(s)$;

Solution:

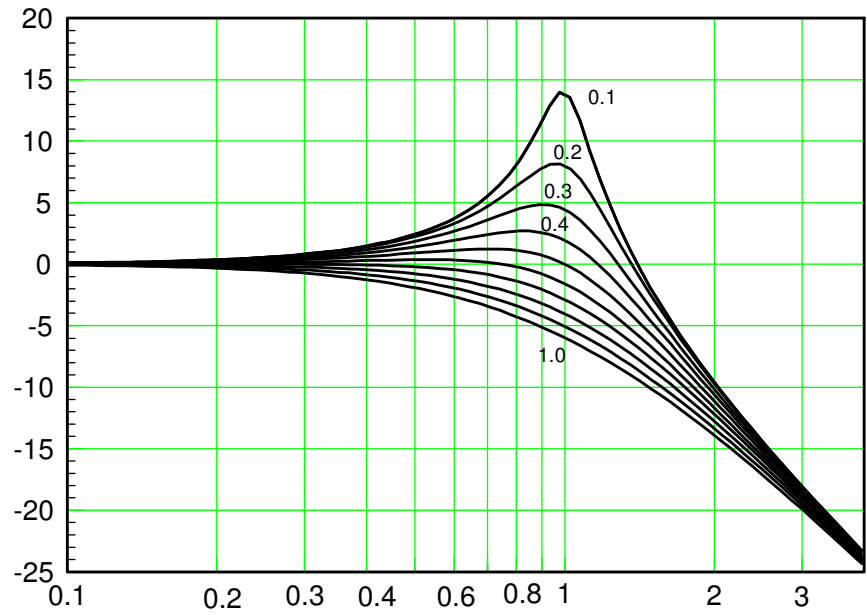
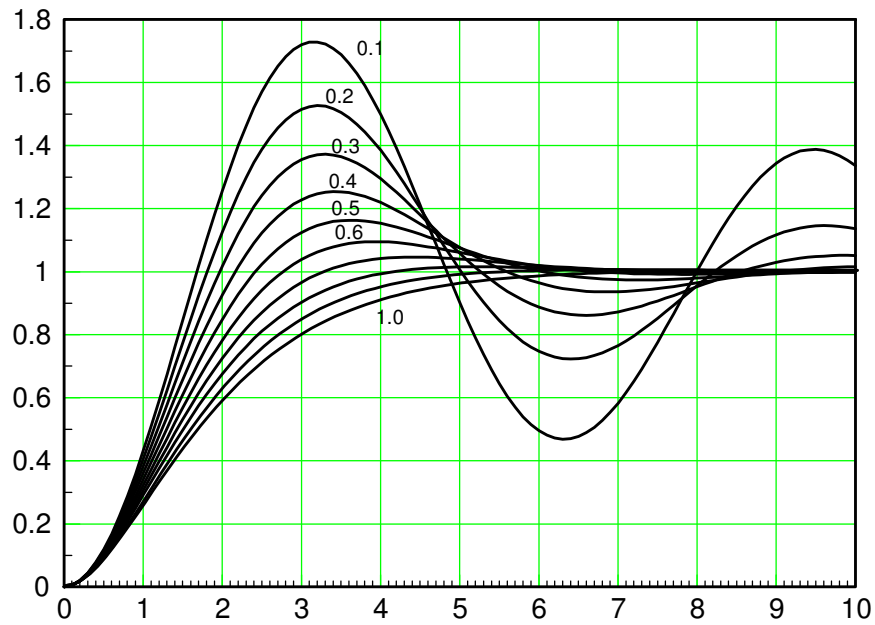
- Second Order (oscillates)
- DC gain = 10.2
- $\omega_d = \left(\frac{3 \text{ cycles}}{3.1 \text{ sec}}\right) 2\pi$
- $T_s = 5 \text{ sec} = \frac{4}{\sigma}$
- $OS = \left(\frac{16.6-10.2}{10.2}\right) = 0.627$

Pick 3 to find $G(s)$

$$G(s) \approx \left(\frac{386}{(s+0.8+j6.1)(s+0.8-j6.1)} \right)$$



Second Order Approximations



zeta	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
%OS	100%	73%	53%	37%	25%	16%	9%	5%	1.5%	0.1%	0%
Mm	inf	5.02	2.55	1.75	1.36	1.15	1.04	1	1	1	1