

ECE 3510 Step Responses

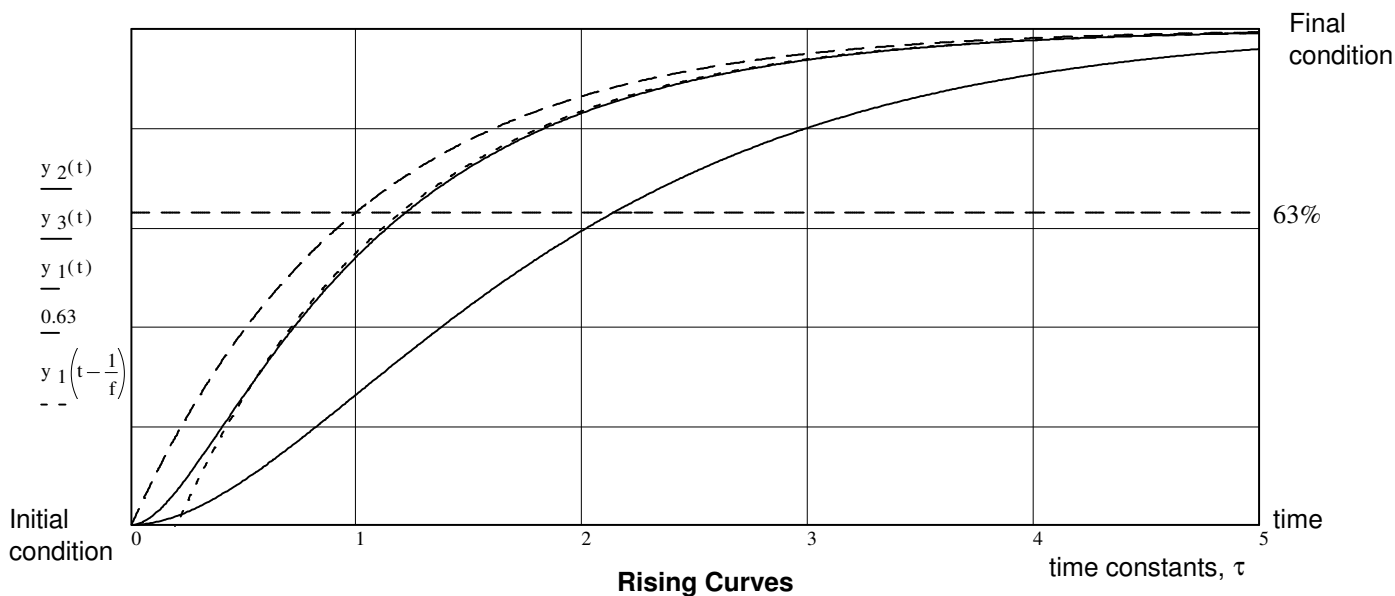
$$H(s) = \frac{k}{s+a} \cdot a \quad a := 1 \quad k := 1 \quad y_1(t) := a \cdot \left(\frac{k}{a} - \frac{k}{a} \cdot e^{-at} \right)$$

$$H(s) = \frac{k}{(s+a)^2} \cdot a^2 \quad a := 1 \quad k := 1 \quad y_2(t) := a^2 \cdot \left(\frac{k}{a^2} - \frac{k}{a^2} \cdot e^{-at} - \frac{k}{a} \cdot t \cdot e^{-at} \right)$$

$$H(s) = \frac{k}{(s+a_1) \cdot (s+a_2)} \cdot (a_1 \cdot a_2)$$

Notice that I modified the responses with an a , a^2 , and $a_1 a_2$ to make the steps the same size in each case.

$$a_1 := a \quad f := 5 \quad a_2 := f \cdot a_1 \quad y_3(t) := a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \left[\frac{k}{a_1 \cdot a_2} + \frac{k}{a_1 \cdot (a_1 - a_2)} \cdot e^{-a_1 t} + \frac{k}{a_2 \cdot (a_2 - a_1)} \cdot e^{-a_2 t} \right]$$



Some Important Features:

- 1) The poles closest to the $j\omega$ axis are the **dominant** poles.
- 2) Poles to the left of the dominant poles may introduce an effect that looks like **time delay**.
- 3) Conversely, the effects of a time delay (non-linear) can sometimes be modeled by an extra pole (linear) to the left of the dominant poles.

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Complex Poles (The underdamped response)

$$H(s) = \frac{k}{s^2 + 2 \cdot a \cdot s + a^2 + b^2} = \frac{k \cdot \omega_n^2}{\omega_n^2 s^2 + 2 \cdot \zeta \cdot \omega_n \cdot s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$\omega_n^2 = a^2 + b^2 \quad \omega_n = \text{natural frequency}$$

DC gain

$$H(0) = \frac{k}{a^2 + b^2} = \frac{k}{\omega_n^2}$$

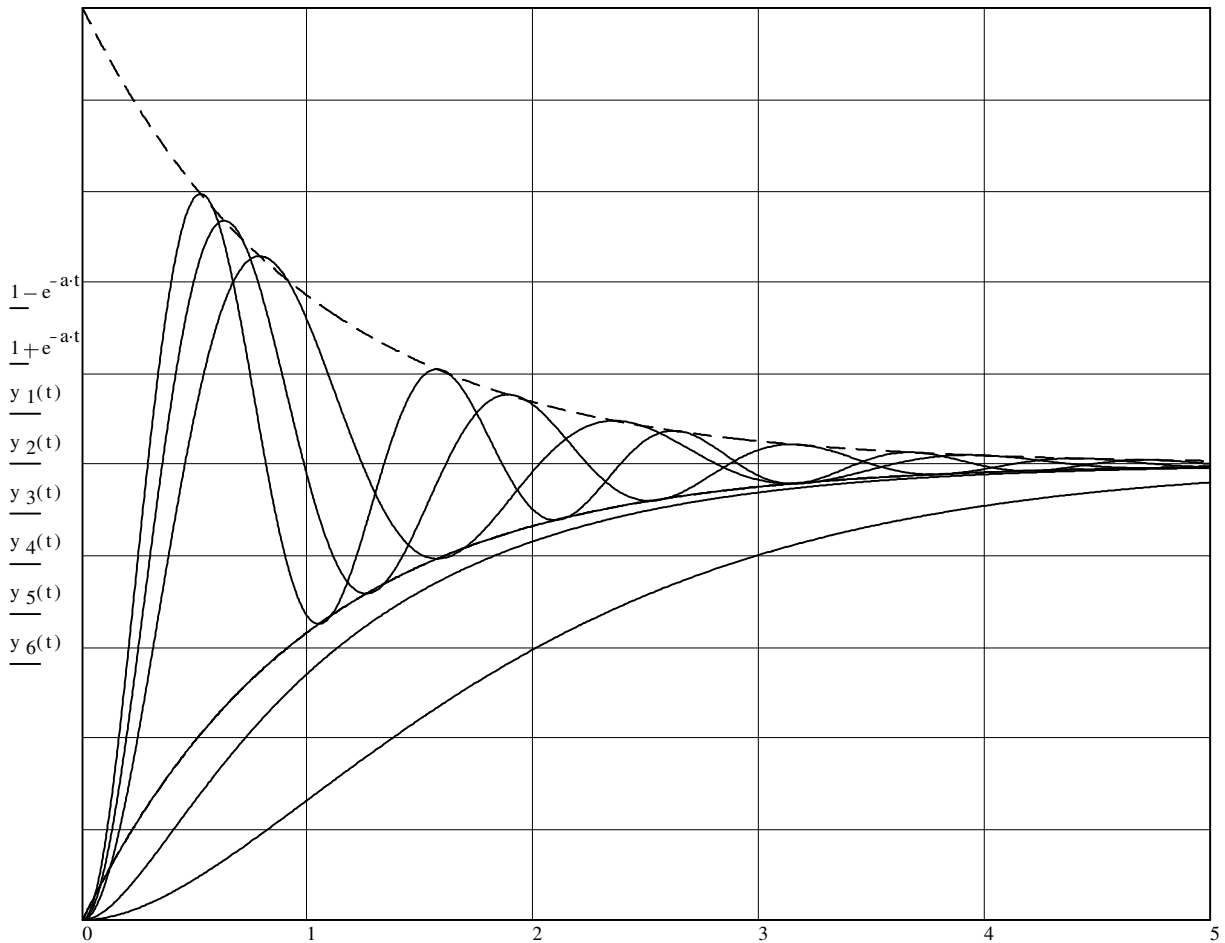
$$\zeta \cdot \omega_n = a$$

$$\zeta = \frac{a}{\omega_n} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \text{damping factor}$$

$$= \sin(\theta)$$

Note: $H(0)$ is left out of the plots below to make them all end at 1.

$$y(t) = x_m \cdot H(0) \cdot \left(1 - e^{-a \cdot t} \cdot \cos(b \cdot t) - \frac{a}{b} \cdot e^{-a \cdot t} \cdot \sin(b \cdot t) \right)$$



Underdamped Curves