

## 2.4 FIRST AND SECOND ORDER SYSTEM RESPONSE

### Transfer Function

- It is the ratio of Laplace transform of output to Laplace transform of input with zero initial conditions.
- One of the types of modeling a system
- Using first principle, differential equation is obtained
- Laplace Transform is applied to the equation assuming zero initial conditions

### Order of a system

- ✓ Order of a system is given by the order of the differential equation governing the system
- ✓ Alternatively, order can be obtained from the transfer function
- ✓ In the transfer function, the maximum power of  $s$  in the denominator polynomial gives the order of the system

### Dynamic Order of Systems

- Order of the system is the order of the differential equation that governs the dynamic behaviour
- Working interpretation: Number of the dynamic elements / capacitances or holdup elements between a manipulated variable and a controlled variable
- Higher order system responses are usually very difficult to resolve from one another
- The response generally becomes sluggish as the order increases

### SYSTEM RESPONSE

#### First-order system time response

- Transient
- Steady-state

#### Second-order system time response

- Transient
- Steady-state

## FIRST ORDER SYSTEM

### Response of First Order System for Unit Step Input

The standard form of closed loop transfer function of first order system is

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + sT}$$

If the input is unit step, then  $r(t)$  and  $R(s)=1/s$

$$C(s) = R(s) \frac{1}{1 + sT} = \frac{1}{s} \times \frac{1}{1 + sT}$$

Applying partial fraction expansion,

$$C(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{1 + sT}$$

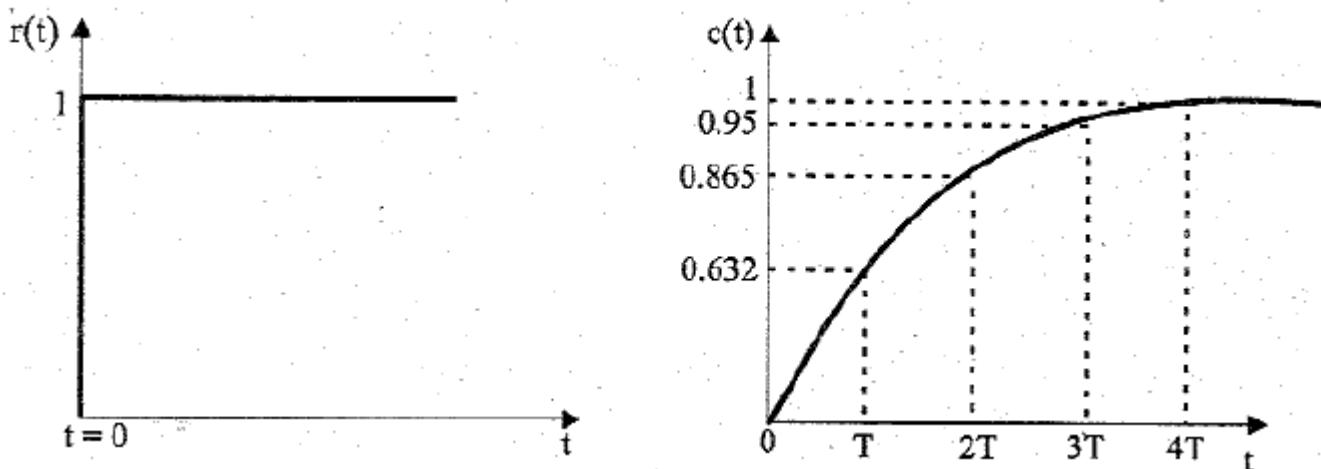
On solving,

$$C(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{T}}$$

On taking inverse Laplace transform, the response in time domain is obtained as,

$$c(t) = 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T}}$$

Hence, the input and output signal of the first order system is given by,

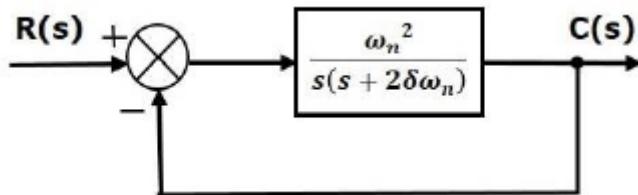


**Figure 2.4.1 Response of first order system to unit step input**

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## SECOND ORDER SYSTEM

LTI second-order system



**Figure 2.4.2 Closed loop for second order system**

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

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s + 2\zeta\omega_n)} \right)}{1 + \left( \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s + 2\zeta\omega_n)} \right)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

where,  $\zeta$  is the damping ratio,  $\omega_n$  is the natural frequency

### DAMPING RATIO

It is the ratio of critical damping to actual damping.

### CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION

$$s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = 0$$

$$s = -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$$

The roots of characteristic equation are:

- The two roots are imaginary when  $\zeta = 0$  (undamped system)
- The two roots are real and equal when  $\zeta = 1$  (critically damped system)
- The two roots are real but not equal when  $\zeta > 1$  (overdamped system)
- The two roots are complex conjugate when  $0 < \zeta < 1$  (underdamped system)

## Response of Second Order System for Unit Step Input

Consider the unit step signal as an input to the second order system. Laplace transform of the unit step signal is

$$R(s) = 1/s$$

Transfer function of the second order closed loop transfer function is

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

### Case 1: Undamped system

When  $\zeta = 0$ ,

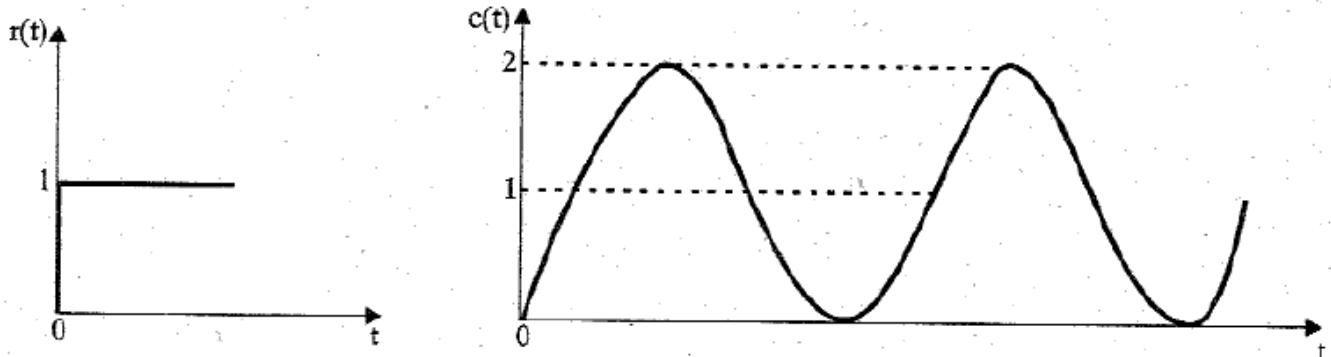
$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + \omega_n^2}$$

For unit step input,  $R(s) = 1/s$ ,

$$C(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + \omega_n^2} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s^2 + \omega_n^2)}$$

Taking inverse Laplace transform,

$$c(t) = 1 - \cos \omega_n t$$



**Figure 2.4.3 Response of undamped second order system to unit step input**

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## Case 2: Underdamped system

When  $0 < \zeta < 1$ ,

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 &= \{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + (\zeta\omega_n)^2\} + \omega_n^2 - (\zeta\omega_n)^2 \\ &= (s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1 - \zeta^2) \end{aligned}$$

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

For unit step input,  $R(s) = 1/s$ ,

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

By applying partial fraction,

$$C(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs + C}{((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1 - \zeta^2))}$$

On solving, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} C(s) &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s + 2\zeta\omega_n}{((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1 - \zeta^2))} \\ C(s) &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s + \zeta\omega_n}{((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1 - \zeta^2))} - \frac{\zeta\omega_n}{((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + \omega_n^2(1 - \zeta^2))} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} C(s) &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s + \zeta\omega_n}{((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + (\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})^2)} \\ &\quad - \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \frac{\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{((s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 + (\omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})^2)} \end{aligned}$$

On taking inverse Laplace transform,

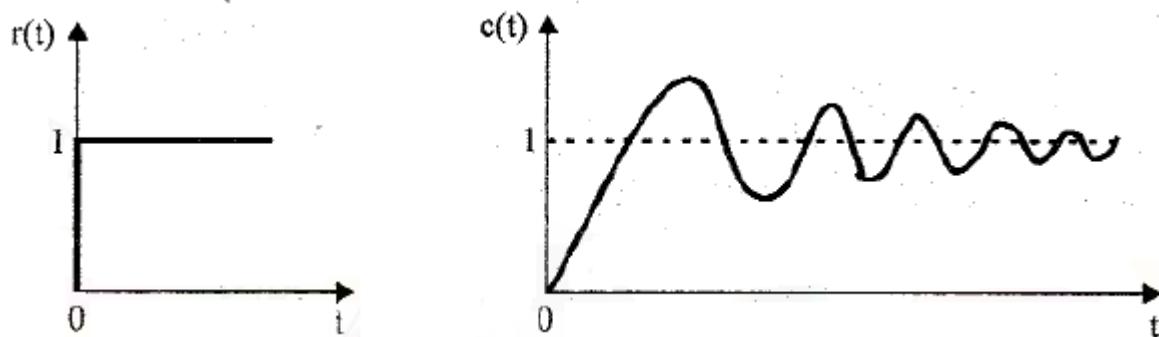
$$c(t) = \left( 1 - e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \cos \omega_d t - \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin \omega_d t \right)$$

$$c(t) = \left( 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \left( (\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}) \cos \omega_d t + \zeta \sin \omega_d t \right) \right)$$

We know,  $\sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ ,  $\cos \theta = \zeta$

$$c(t) = \left( 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} (\sin \theta \cos \omega_d t + \cos \theta \sin \omega_d t) \right)$$

$$c(t) = \left( 1 - \frac{e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} (\sin(\omega_d t + \theta)) \right)$$



**Figure 2.4.4 Response of underdamped second order system to unit step input**

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### Case 3: Critically damped system

When  $\zeta = 1$ ,

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(s + \omega_n)^2}$$

For a step input,  $R(s) = 1/s$

$$C(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s + \omega_n)^2}$$

By applying partial fractions,

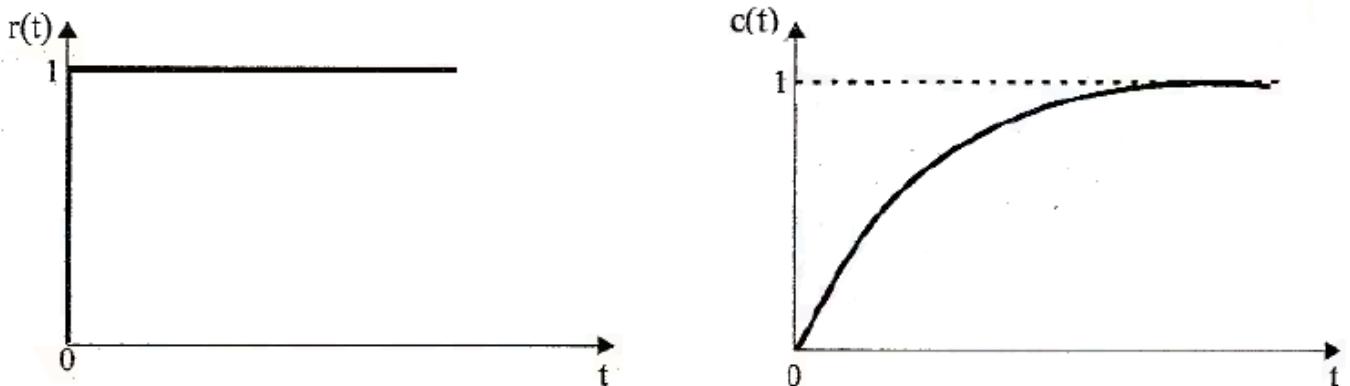
$$C(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s + \omega_n} + \frac{C}{(s + \omega_n)^2}$$

On solving, we get

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

By taking inverse Laplace transform,

$$c(t) = 1 - e^{-\omega_n t} - \omega_n t e^{-\omega_n t}$$



**Figure 2.4.5 Response of critically damped second order system to unit step input**

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### Case 4: Overdamped system

When  $\zeta > 1$ ,

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 &= \{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 + \zeta^2\omega_n^2 - \zeta^2\omega_n^2\} \\ &= (s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 - \omega_n^2(\zeta^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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

For unit step input,  $R(s) = 1/s$ ,

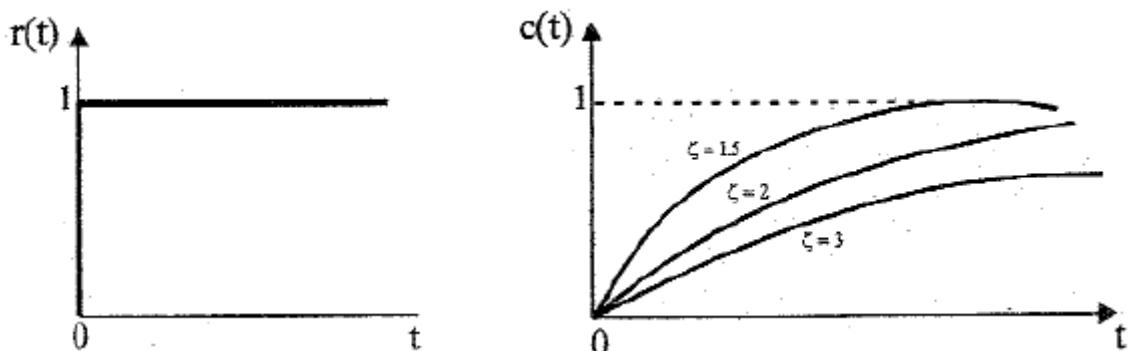
$$\begin{aligned} C(s) &= \frac{\omega_n^2}{s[(s + \zeta\omega_n)^2 - \omega_n^2(\zeta^2 - 1)]} \\ C(s) &= \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s + \zeta\omega_n + \omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})(s + \zeta\omega_n - \omega_n\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})} \end{aligned}$$

By applying partial fraction,

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

By applying inverse Laplace transform,

$$\begin{aligned} c(t) &= \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{1}{2(\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})(\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})} \right) e^{-(\zeta\omega_n + \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})t} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left( \frac{1}{2(\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})(\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})} \right) e^{-(\zeta\omega_n - \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})t} \right] \end{aligned}$$



**Figure 2.4.6 Response of over damped second order system to unit step input**

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