

Linear systems

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What is a "system"?

A "system" A physical instance that has internal DOFs (states) Here we are interested in the response of the system

i.e. excitation -> response



Because...

- we can develop a better understanding of the system (i.e. modeling)
- it has a lot of applications

Particularly, we are interested in Linear Time Invariant (LTI) systems

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Why do we need to learn about LTI systems?

- Raw detector output ≠ GW waveforms We need to consider:
 - interferometer / sensor / actuator responses
 - signal conditioning filters
 - effect of feedback controls
- Understanding the dynamics of various systems
 mechanics, electronics, thermodynamics, optics, ...
 - Designing feedback/feedforward control system
- Signal processing: calibration / signal filtering

Example of systems

"Filters" and "Transducers"

If the input and output have:

a same unit, the system is categorized as a "filter"

- electrical filter (V->V, A->A),
- mechanical filter (m->m), optical filter (E->E),
- digital filter (number -> number)

different units, the system is categorized as a "transducer"

- force-to-displacement actuator (m/s^2->m),
- electro-magnetic actuator (V->m/s^2),
- displacement sensors (m->V)
- electrostatic transducer (C (charge) -> N/m² (sound))
- transimpedance amplifier (A->V), current driver (V->A)
- gravitational wave detector ("gravito-optic modulator")

LTI: Linearity and Time Invariance

LTI systems fullfil the following two conditions



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Linearity (super position)

$$y_1(t) = H \{u_1(t)\}$$
$$y_2(t) = H \{u_2(t)\}$$
$$\implies \alpha y_1(t) + \beta y_2(t) = H \{\alpha u_1(t) + \beta u_2(t)\}$$

Time invariance

$$y(t) = H \{u(t)\}$$
$$\implies y(t - \tau) = H \{u(t - \tau)\}$$

Why LTI?

- Why do we limit the discussion within LTI systems?
 They are simple, but still gives a lot of characteristics about them
 - Nonlinear systems can be reduced to a linear system at a local region of the state space (cf. a pendulum)

 If change of the system states is slow, most of the LTI arguments are still applicable

Impulse response

Impulse response: A way to characterize the system H:

$$u(t) = \delta(t)$$
$$\implies y(t) = H \{u(t)\} \equiv h(t)$$

Constructing an arbitrary response:

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau)\delta(t-\tau)d\tau$$
$$\implies y(t) = H\{u(t)\}$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau$$

(Convolution)

Frequency response

Arbitrary response:

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau$$

What is the system response to a sinusoidal excitation?



Frequency response

$$u(t) = e^{i\omega t} \Longrightarrow y(t) = H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$$

- Important consequences for LTI systems
 - Sinusoidal excitation induces sinusoidal response at the same frequency
 - The frequency response H(w) is, in fact, the fourier transform of the impulse response h(t)

Transfer functions

Impulse response:

Frequency response: (aka transfer function in freq domain)

$$H(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t} h(t) dt$$

Transfer function in Laplace domain

$$H(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-st} h(t) dt$$

s is a natural extension of "frequency" in a complex plane for most of the applications, we can just use

$$s = i\omega(=i2\pi f)$$

Time domain vs Laplace (or Fourier) domain

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Deriving a transfer function from a t-domain Diff Eq.

- In many cases, an LTI system can be described by a linear ODE
- It is easy to convert from an ODE to a transfer function

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Longrightarrow s$$

$$\implies i\omega = i2\pi f$$
Laplace Transform
Fourier Transform

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e.g. Forced oscillation of a damped oscillator

$$m\ddot{x}(t) = -kx(t) - \gamma\dot{x}(t) + F(t)$$
$$ms^{2}X(s) = -kX(s) - \gamma sX(s) + F(s)$$
$$H(s) \equiv \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^{2} + \gamma s + k}$$

Transfer function of a mechanical system

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e.g. Forced oscillation of a damped oscillator



Transfer function of an electrical system



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Zeros, Poles, and Gain decomposition

The transfer function of a system with an ODEcan be expressed as:

$$H(s) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 s + b_2 s^2 + \dots + b_m s^m}{a_0 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2 + \dots + a_n s^n}$$

The roots of the numerator are called as "zeros" and the roots of the denominator are called as "poles" H(s) = \frac{b_m \prod_{i=1}^m (s - s_{zi})}{a_n \prod_{j=1}^n (s - s_{pj})}\$
Zeros (s_{zi}) and poles (s_{pi}) are

real numbers (single zeros/poles) or pairs of complex conjugates (complex zeros/poles) (fundamental theorem of algebra)

Linear systems and their stability

Poles rule the stability of the system!
 H(s) can be rewritten as

$$H(s) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{K_j}{(s - s_{pj})}$$
(partial fraction decomposition)

Each term imposes exponential time impulse response

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T.F.:
$$H_j(s) = \frac{1}{s + s_{pj}} \iff \text{I.R.: } h_j(t) = e^{s_{pj}t}$$

Therefore, if there is ANY pole with $\operatorname{Re}(s_{pj}) > 0$ the response of the system diverges

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Linear systems and their stability

- Poles rule the stability of the system!
- Location of the pole (pair) and the impulse response



Figure 12: Root locus for different arrangements of the eigen values

http://nupet.daelt.ct.utfpr.edu.br/_ontomos/paginas/AMESim4.2.o/demo/Misc/la/SecondOrder/SecondOrder.htm

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System identification

Modeling of the system: usually done in the freq. domain



System Identification Tools: e.g. LISO, Vectfit

Zero, Pole, Gain representation

- Building blocks ("zpk" representation)
 - Single pole

$$H(s) = \frac{s_p}{s+s_p} \quad (s_p \in \mathbb{R}, s_p > 0)$$

Single zero

$$H(s) = \frac{s + s_z}{s_z} \quad (s_z \in \mathbb{R}, s_z > 0)$$

A pair of complex poles

$$H(s) = \frac{s_p s_p^*}{(s+s_p)(s+s_p^*)} \quad (s_p \in \mathbb{C}, \ \Re(s_p) > 0)$$

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A pair of complex zeros

$$H(s) = \frac{(s+s_z)(s+s_z^*)}{s_z s_z^*} \quad (s_z \in \mathbb{C}, \ \Re(s_z) > 0)$$

Gain

$$H(s) = K \quad (K \in \mathbb{R})$$

Linear systems

- Summary
 - LTI systems

 Description of the LTI system: Impulse response <==> transfer function

Zero, Pole, Gain representation of transfer functions

Pole locations determine the stability of the system
 System identification

Zero, Pole, K representation

Relationship between pole/zero locations and wo&Q

$$H(s) = \frac{s_p s_p^*}{(s+s_p)(s+s_p^*)}$$
$$= \frac{|s_p|^2}{s^2 + 2\Re(s_p)s + |s_p|^2}$$

To be compared with

$$H(\omega) = \frac{\omega_0^2}{-\omega^2 + i\omega_0\omega/Q + \omega_0^2}$$
$$\implies \omega_0 = |s_p|, \ Q = \frac{|s_p|}{2\Re(s_p)}$$

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Zero, Pole, K representation



