



# Intro. Computer Control Systems: F2

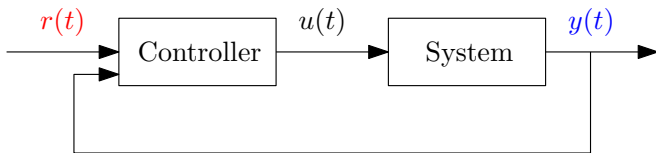
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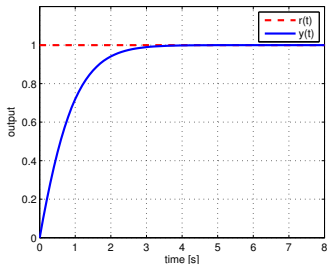
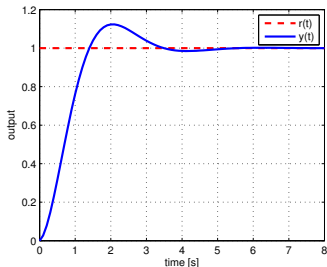
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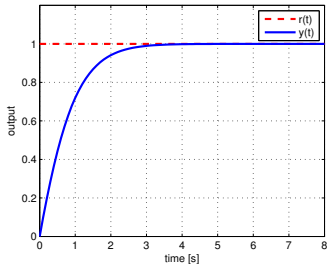
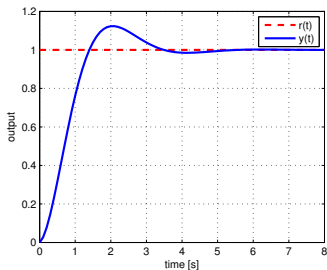
Suppose a control system



comes with two different settings (a) and (b).



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- 1) Which setting of the controller is intuitively better?
- a Setting to the left  $\uparrow$
  - b Setting to the right  $\uparrow$
  - c They are equally good  $\downarrow$

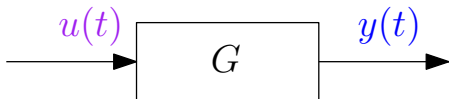


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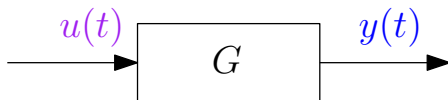
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*Rarely practical in analysis or design for control!*



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**Inverse transform:**

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{C}} Y(s)e^{st} ds, \quad s \in \mathbb{C}$$

Note that  $s$  and  $Y(s)$  are complex-valued!



# Important properties

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linearity:  $y(t) = \alpha x(t) + \beta z(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} Y(s) = \alpha X(s) + \beta Z(s)$

derivatives:  $\frac{dy}{dt} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} sY(s) - y(0)$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - \dot{y}(0)$$

⋮

integral:  $\int_0^t y(\tau) d\tau \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{s} Y(s)$

convolution:  $\int_0^t x(\tau) z(t - \tau) d\tau \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s) Z(s)$

final-value thm.\*:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sY(s)$



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⇒ Compute  $y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)]$  using  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ -transform (table)

**Given:**  $U(s) = \mathcal{L}[u(t)]$ ,  $u(0)$ ,  $y(0)$  and  $\dot{y}(0)$



# Transfer function and impulse response

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- ▶ More generally,

$$\boxed{Y(s) = G(s)U(s)}$$

is a model of the *relation* between the system input  $u$  and output  $y$ .



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$$G(s) = \frac{b_0s^m + \dots + b_m}{s^n + a_1s^{n-1} + \dots + a_n}$$

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Suppose input  $u(t) = \delta(t)$  = (Dirac)pulse, then output

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Hence  $g(t)$  is called the system **impulse response**.

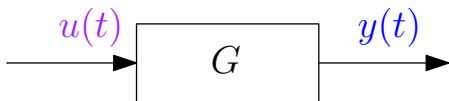


# Poles, zeros and stability

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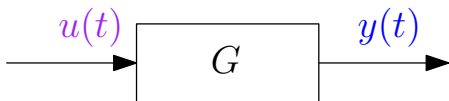
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- ▶ Denominator always factorize with roots/poles:

$$\begin{aligned} A(s) &= s^n + a_1s^{n-1} + \dots + a_n \\ &= (s + \sigma_1)(s + \sigma_2) \dots ((s + \sigma_j)^2 + \omega_j^2) \dots \end{aligned}$$

where poles are either

- ▶ real-valued:  $-\sigma_1, \dots$
- ▶ complex-conjugated:  $-\sigma_j \pm i\omega_j, \dots$

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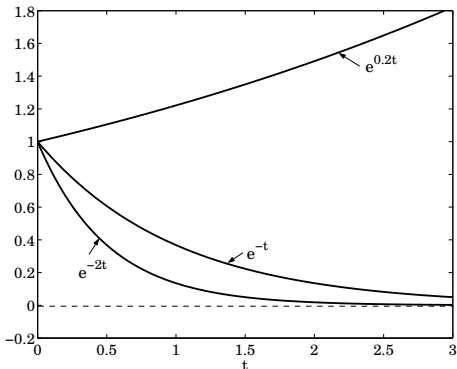
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**Real-parts** of poles ( $-\sigma$ ) play an important role



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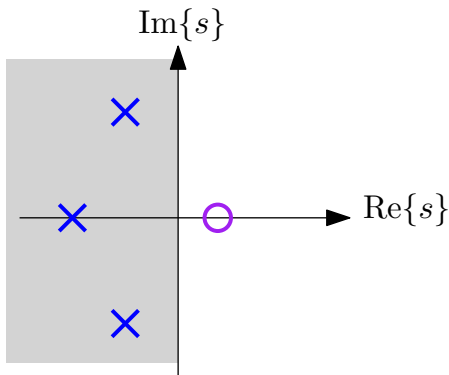
### Result:

Assume  $G(s) = B(s)/A(s)$  with poles  $s = p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  (and order of denominator  $\geq$  numerator)

$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s) \text{ input-output stable } \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{p_i\} < 0$$

# Graphical representation of poles and zeros

## Characterizing system behaviour



$$G(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)} \text{ stable} \Leftrightarrow \text{poles lie in left-halfplane}$$

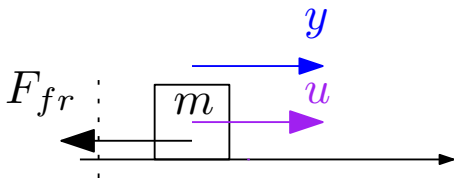




# Examples

# Build intuition from simple systems

Ex. #1: Vehicle in motion



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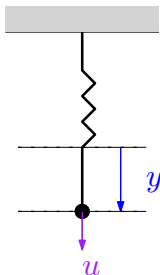
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Ex. #2: Damper



Figur : Force  $u(t)$  and position  $y(t)$ .

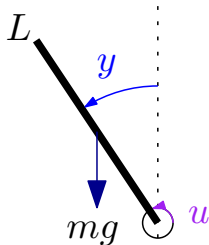
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Ex. #3: Inverted pendulum pendel



Figur : Torque  $u(t)$  and angle  $y(t)$ .

Standard form (around  $y \approx 0$ ):

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}y - \left(\frac{3g}{2L}\right)y = \left(\frac{3}{mL^2}\right)u$$

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# Summary and recap

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- ▶ Transfer functions as a system description
- ▶ Poles and zeros
- ▶ (Bounded) input-output stability