

## Frequency Response

- Response to a step input is a primary consideration in discussions on control systems.
- What about responses to other types of input?  
Consider a sinusoidal input.
- For LTI systems, the response to a sinusoidal input is a sinusoid with the same frequency as the input sinusoid.

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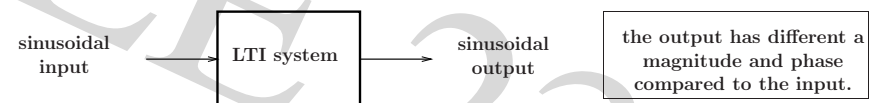
- However, the sinusoidal output has a different magnitude and phase in comparison to the sinusoidal input.
- Determine the magnitude and phase variations of the sinusoidal response when the frequency is varied.
- Define frequency domain specifications.  
Relate time domain performance specifications to the frequency domain specifications.

## Frequency Response

- Develop techniques and tools for system design in the frequency domain.
  - Polar plots.
  - Bode plots.
  - Nyquist criterion and Nyquist plot.
- For today, we will see what frequency response is all about. Why do we need to use frequency response techniques?  
We will look at a simple example of a polar plot.

## Frequency Response

- What is the frequency response?  
Frequency response - steady-state response of a system to a sinusoidal input signal.



- Consider a system  $G(s)$  with unique poles  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ .

$$G(s) = \frac{(s - z_1) \dots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \dots (s - p_n)}$$

- Let the input  $r(t) = A \sin \omega t$ .

$$R(s) = \frac{A\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

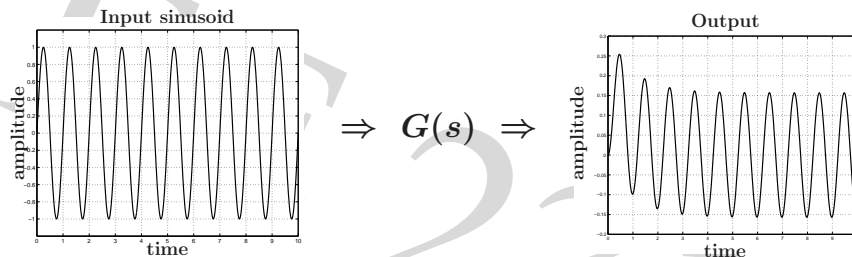
- The output is  $Y(s) = G(s)R(s)$ .

$$Y(s) = \frac{k_1}{s - p_1} + \dots + \frac{k_n}{s - p_n} + \frac{\alpha s + \beta}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$y(t) = k_1 e^{p_1 t} + \dots + k_n e^{p_n t} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha s + \beta}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right\}$$

### Detailed Look at the Frequency Response

- What does the actual response look like.



- Response to the sinusoid is composed of a transient part and steady-state part.

$$y(t) = y_{transient}(t) + y_{steady-state}(t)$$

- Using the final value theorem. (assuming poles  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  are in the LHP),

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha s + \beta}{s^2 + \omega^2} \right\}$$

The steady-state output  $y(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,

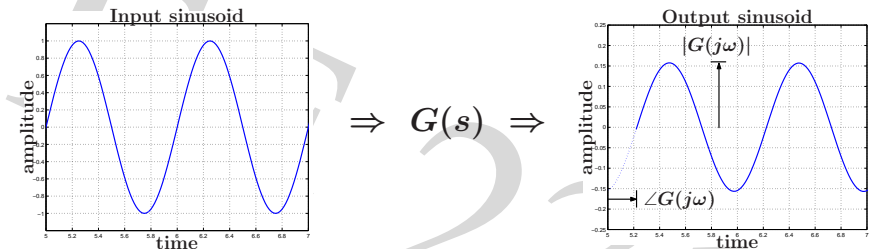
$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\omega} |A\omega G(j\omega)| \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$= A |G(j\omega)| \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{where } \phi = \angle G(j\omega)$$

- Output depends on the magnitude and phase of  $G(j\omega)$ .

### Detailed Look at the Frequency Response

- Steady-state response.



- For the input signal  $\sin(\omega t)$ , the output has a frequency  $\omega$ , a peak value of  $|G(j\omega)|$  and is shifted by  $\angle G(j\omega)$  with respect to the input.

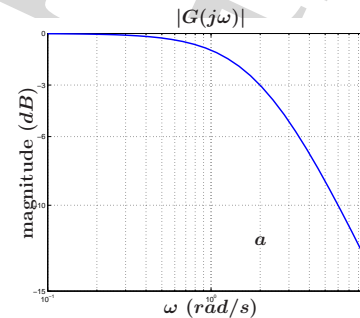
## Detailed Look at the Frequency Response

- Magnitude  $|G(j\omega)|$  expressed in  $dB$  (decibels).  
Logarithmic gain  $\triangleq 20 \log |G(j\omega)|$ .
- Bandwidth  $\triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  = frequency where magnitude drops by  $-3dB$  of steady-state value.
- Proper transfer function  $\triangleq \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |G(j\omega)| < \infty$ .  
Strictly proper transfer function  $\triangleq \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |G(j\omega)| = 0$ .

## First-order Systems : a Second Look

- First-order system.

$$G(s) = \frac{a}{s + a} = \frac{1}{\tau s + 1} \quad \text{where } \tau = \frac{1}{a}$$



Lower output at higher frequencies ( $\omega > a$ ).  
High frequencies (e.g. noise) are filtered.  
 $\Rightarrow$  doubling =  $+6dB$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  halving =  $-6dB$ .

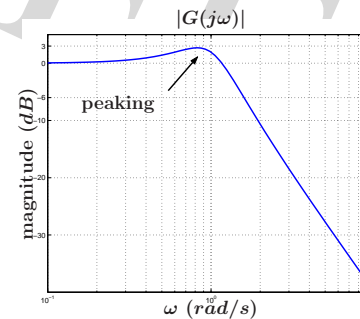
## First-order Systems : a Second Look

- Bandwidth  $BW = |a|$ . Since  $\tau = \frac{1}{a}$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow$  more bandwidth = faster system  
less bandwidth = slower system
- However, more bandwidth usually leads to more noise getting through the system.

## Second-order Systems : a Second Look

- Second-order system.

$$BW = \omega_n [1 - 2\zeta^2 + (2 - 4\zeta^2 + \zeta^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



Peaking.  
 $\Rightarrow$  occurs when  $\zeta \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .  
When  $\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow BW = \omega_n$ .

## Advantages of the Frequency Response Method

- Easy to generate sinusoids / test signals.
- Straightforward to replace  $s$  with  $j\omega$  in the transfer function to get  $G(j\omega)$ .
- The plot of  $|G(j\omega)|$  and  $\angle G(j\omega)$  gives an insight about the system for analysis and design.

## Polar Plots

- Polar plots - plot  $G(j\omega)$  on the complex plane as  $\omega$  is varied from 0 to  $\infty$  (or  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ ).

$$G(j\omega) = G(s)|_{s=j\omega} = \underbrace{R(\omega)}_{\text{real}} + j \underbrace{X(\omega)}_{\text{imag}}$$

$$G(j\omega) = |G(j\omega)| \angle \phi(\omega)$$

where

$$|G(j\omega)|^2 = [R(j\omega)]^2 + [X(\omega)]^2$$

$$\phi(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{X(j\omega)}{R(\omega)} \right]$$

## Disadvantage of the Frequency Response Method

- Frequency domain  $\leftrightarrow$  time domain connection.  
 $\Rightarrow$  sometimes difficult to see.

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{j2\pi} \int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds$$

## Polar Plots

- Example. RC filter.

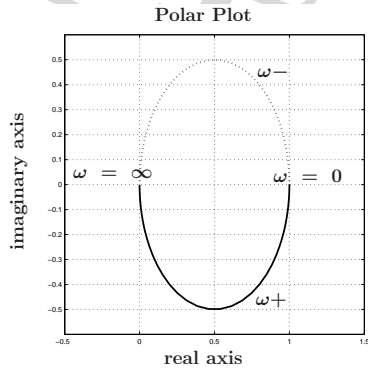
$$G(s) = \frac{1}{RCs + 1}$$

- Determining  $G(j\omega)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} G(j\omega) &= \frac{1}{j\omega RC + 1} \cdot \frac{j\omega RC - 1}{j\omega RC - 1} \\ &= \frac{-1}{-(\omega RC)^2 - 1} + \frac{j\omega RC}{-(\omega RC)^2 - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + (\omega RC)^2} + \frac{-j\omega RC}{1 + (\omega RC)^2} \end{aligned}$$

- Magnitude and phase of  $G(j\omega)$ .

$$|G(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega RC)^2}}, \quad \phi(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{-\omega RC}{1} \right]$$



$$\omega = 0 \begin{cases} |G(j\omega)| = 1 \\ \phi(\omega) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{RC} \begin{cases} |G(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \phi(\omega) = -45^\circ \end{cases}$$

$$\omega = \infty \begin{cases} |G(j\omega)| = 0 \\ \phi(\omega) = -90^\circ \end{cases}$$

### Summary

- What do we mean by frequency response?  
Basically, we look at the steady-state response to a sinusoidal input.
- We usually talk about magnitude and phase when dealing with frequency response.
- We must get acquainted with  $n$ th-order systems in terms of frequency response characteristics.
- Polar plots. Up next : Bode plots, at better way of looking at things.

- Simple graphical presentation of the transfer function.  
Only one plot describes the transfer function completely.
- Calculations are tedious and frequent recalculations are required for system design.
- Does not show the direct effect of poles and zeros to the system response.