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Transient Response Analysis

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# Importance of Poles and Zeros in Control Theory :

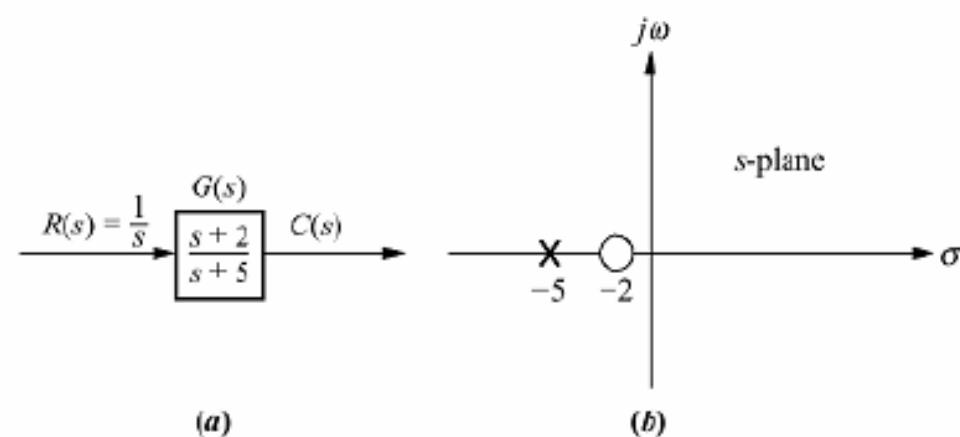
The poles of a transfer function are (a) the values of the Laplace transform variable,  $s$ , that cause the transfer function to become infinite or (b) any roots of the denominator of the transfer function that are common roots of the numerator.

The zeros of a transfer function are (a) the values of the Laplace transform variable,  $s$ , that cause the transfer function becomes zero, or (b) any roots of the numerator of the transfer function that are common roots of the denominator.

$$C(s) = \frac{s+2}{s(s+5)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+5} = \frac{2/5}{s} + \frac{3/5}{s+5} \quad \text{where} \quad A = \left. \frac{s+2}{s} \right|_{s \rightarrow 0} = \frac{2}{5} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \left. \frac{s+2}{s} \right|_{s \rightarrow -5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

Thus,

$$c(t) = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{5} e^{-5t}$$



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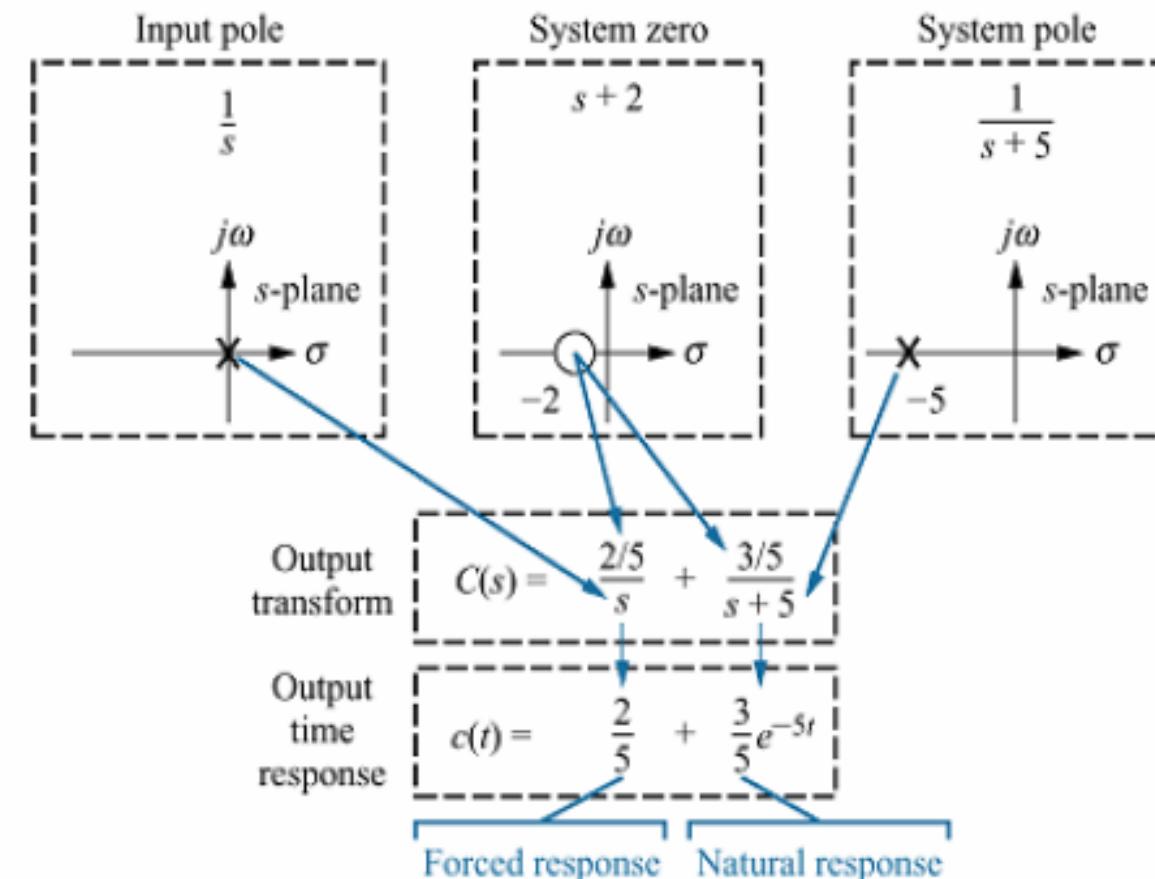
## Conclusion:

[1] A pole of the input function generates the form of the **forced response** (that is, the pole at the origin generated a step function at the output).

[2] A pole of the transfer function generates the form of the **natural response** (that is, the pole at -5 generated  $e^{-5t}$ ).

[3] A pole on the real axis generates an **exponential response** of the form  $e^{-\alpha t}$ . Where  $\alpha$  is the pole location on the real axis. Thus, the farther to the left a pole is on the negative real axis, the faster the exponential transient response will decay to zero (again, the pole at -5 generated  $e^{-5t}$ ).

[4] The zeros and poles generate the **amplitudes** for both the forced and natural response.



# Transient Response for First Order Systems :

A first order without zeros can be described by the transfer function given in fig. (a). If the input is a unit step, where  $R(s) = 1/s$ , the Laplace transform of the step response is  $C(s)$ , where  $C(s) = R(s)G(s) = \frac{a}{s(s+a)}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform, the step response is given by

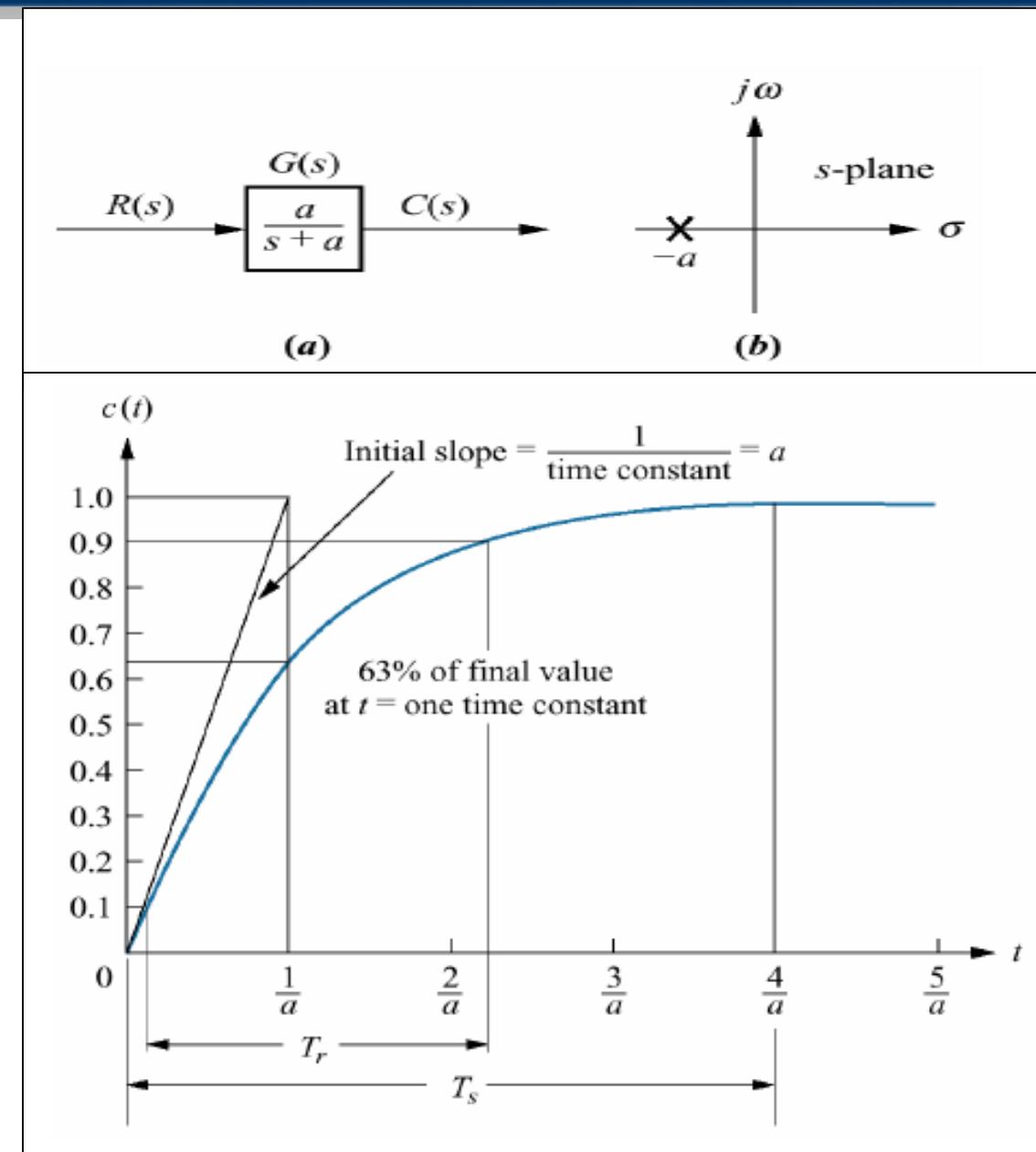
$$c(t) = c_f(t) + c_n(t) = 1 - e^{-at}$$

Where the input pole at the origin generated the forced response  $c_f(t) = 1$ , and the system pole at  $-a$ , shown in (b).

## Transient Response Specifications:

[1] **Time Constant:** We call  $1/a$ , the time constant of the response. From the above equations, the time for  $e^{-at}$  to decay to 37% of its initial time. Alternately, the time constant is the time it takes for the step response to rise to 63% of its final value. Thus, we call the parameter  $a$  as exponential frequency.  $c(t)|_{t=1/a} = 1 - e^{-at}|_{t=1/a} = 1 - 0.37 = 0.63$

$$e^{-at}|_{t=1/a} = e^{-1} = 0.37$$



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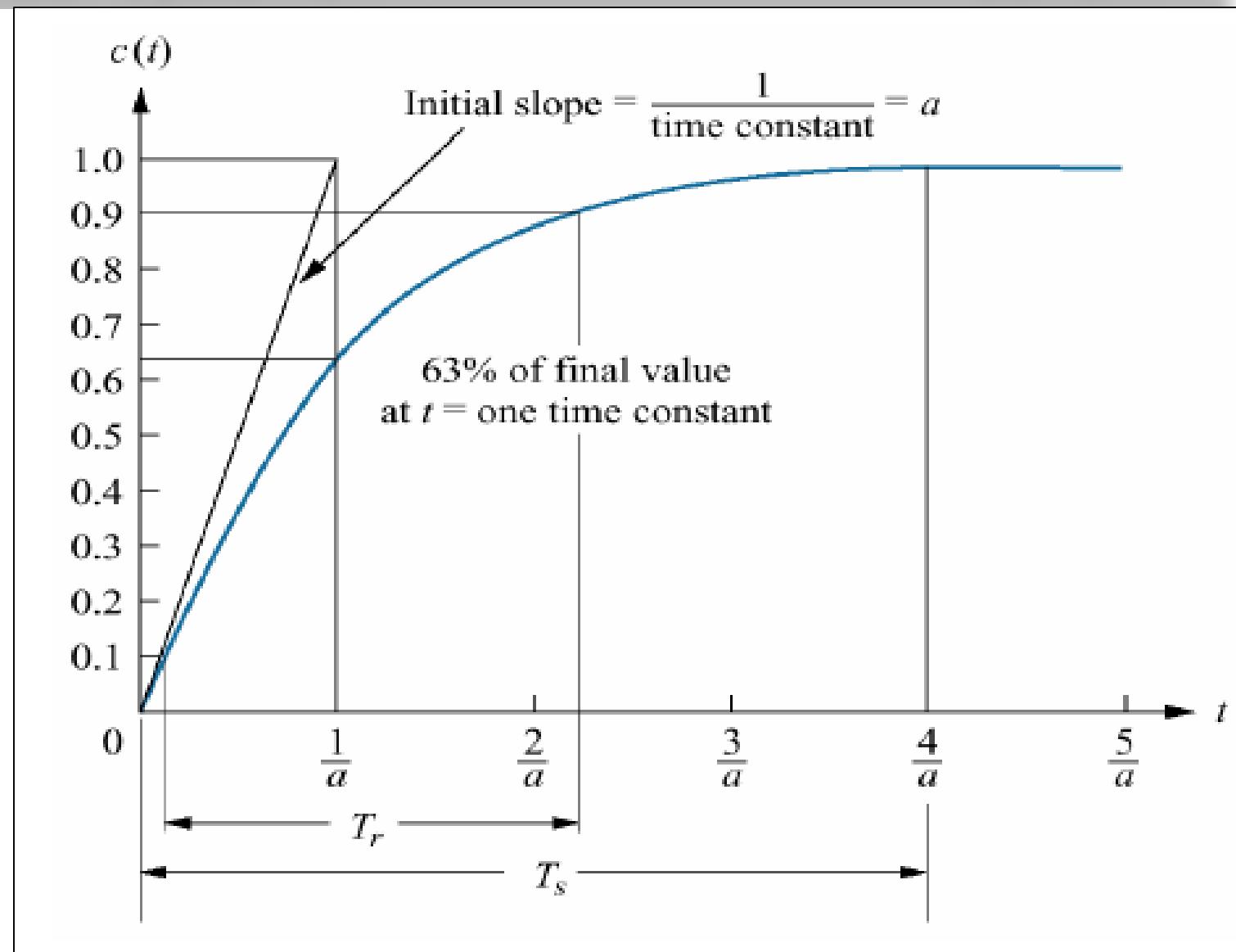
## Transient Response Specifications:

[2] **Rise Time  $T_r$ :** Rise time is defined as the time for the waveform to go from 0.1 to 0.9 of its final value. For the given example,  $c(t)=0.9$  and  $c(t)=0.1$ , so

$$T_r = \frac{2.31}{a} - \frac{0.11}{a} = \frac{2.2}{a}$$

[3] **Settling Time  $T_s$ :** Settling time is defined as the time for the response to reach and stay within 2% of its final value. Letting  $c(t)=0.98$ , the settling time to be

$$T_s = \frac{4}{a}$$



# Transient Response for Second Order Systems :

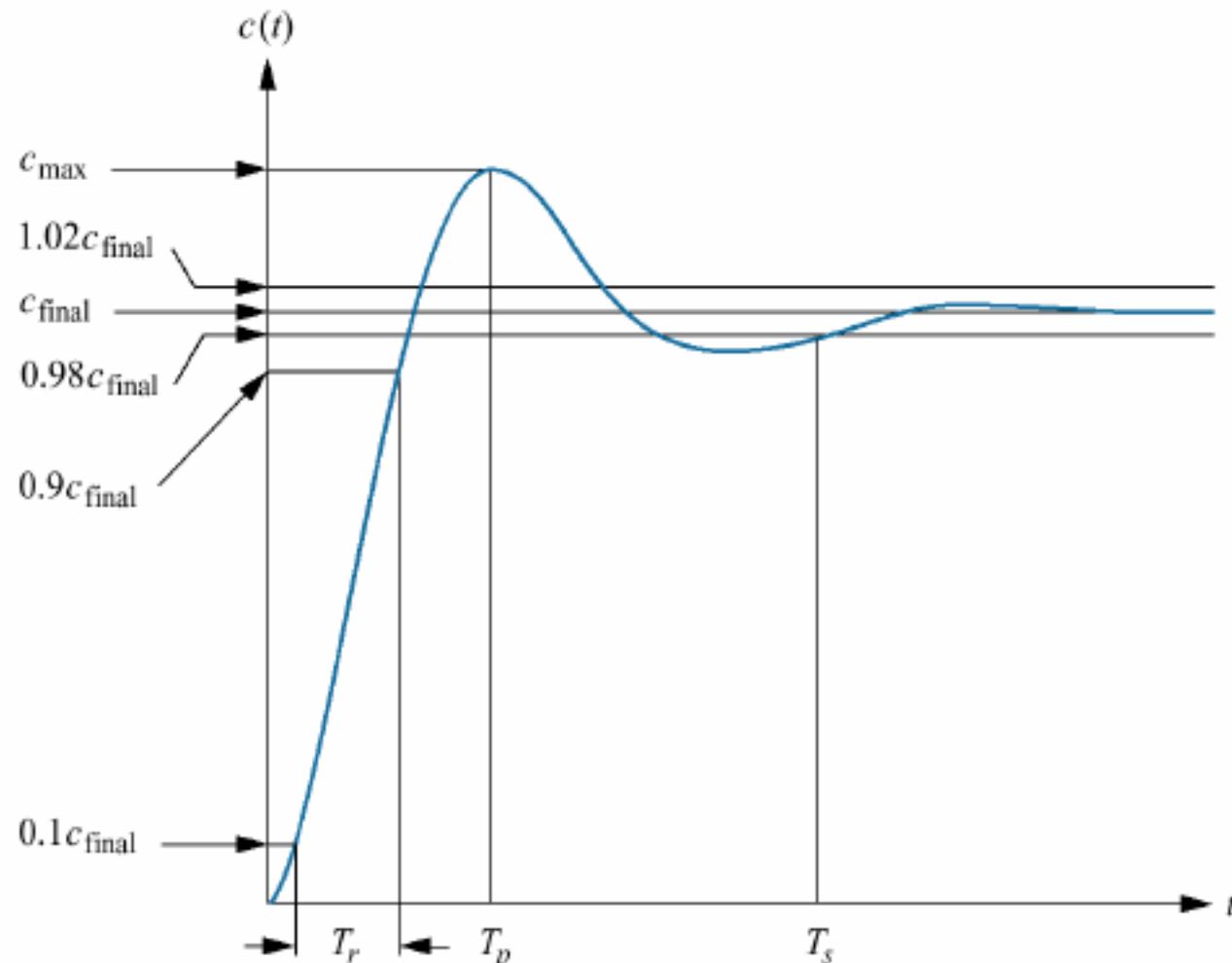
## Transient Response Specifications:

[1] Natural Frequency  $\omega_n$ : The natural frequency of the second order system is the frequency of oscillation of the system without damping. For example, the frequency of oscillation of a series RLC circuit with the resistance shorted would be natural frequency.

[2] Damping Ratio  $\xi$ : We define the damping ratio,  $\xi$  as,

$$\xi = \frac{\text{Exponential decay frequency}}{\text{Natural frequency (rad per second)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\text{Natural period (second)}}{\text{Exponential time constant}}$$



Let us now consider the general system,  $G(s) = \frac{b}{s^2+as+b}$

Compare with general second order system,  $G(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2+2\xi\omega_n s+\omega_n^2}$ , we get  $b = \omega_n^2$  and  $a = 2\xi\omega_n$

**[3] Rise Time  $T_r$ :** Rise time is defined as the time for the waveform to go from 0.1 to 0.9 of its final value.

$$T_r = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$$

**[4] Peak Time  $T_p$ :** The time required to reach the first, or maximum peak.

$$\%OS = e^{-\left(\zeta\pi/\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\right)} \times 100$$

**[5] Percentage Overshoot %OS:** The amount that the waveform overshoots the steady-state, or final, value at the peak time, expressed as a percentage of the steady state value.

**[6] Settling Time  $T_s$ :** The time required for the transient's damped oscillation to reach and stay within  $\pm 2\%$  of the steady state value.

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\zeta\omega_n}$$

Thank You !