MMME2046 Dynamics: Control Lecture 4

Position Control Systems (case studies in 1st & 2nd order systems)

Lecture Objectives:

- Introduce the differences between 1st and 2nd order systems
- Analyse steady-state responses under step and ramp inputs
- Analyse transient behaviour through the roots of the characteristic equations

Recap: Hydraulic Position Control System

It was shown that the **transfer function** is given by

$$
G(s) = \frac{X_0(s)}{X_1(s)} = \frac{\mu}{1 + Ts}
$$
 1st order system

with the **block diagram**

Hydraulic Position Control System: Equations for the Model

Spool Valve

in the time domain
\n
$$
q = Ky
$$

\ntransfer function $\frac{Q(s)}{Y(s)} = K$ (1)

Ram Piston

in the time domain

transfer function

$$
A\frac{dx_o}{dt} = q
$$

$$
\frac{X_o(s)}{Q(s)} = \frac{1}{As}
$$
 (2)

Feedback Link

in the time domain
$$
y = \frac{b}{a+b}x_1 - \frac{a}{a+b}x_0
$$

transfer function $Y(s) = \frac{b}{a+b}X_1(s) - \frac{a}{a+b}X_0(s)$ (3)

Hydraulic Position Control System: Overall Transfer Function

From the block diagram

$$
X_o(s) = \left[X_i(s)\frac{b}{a+b} - X_o(s)\frac{a}{a+b}\right]\frac{K}{As}
$$

rearranging

$$
\left[1 + \frac{A(a+b)s}{Ka}\right]X_0(s) = \frac{b}{a}X_1(s)
$$

$$
\frac{X_0(s)}{X_1(s)} = \frac{\mu}{1+Ts}
$$
(4)

First order system with time constant *T* and gain *μ*

Hydraulic Position Control System: Control System Model

t

ii) Ramp Input

$$
\begin{array}{ll}\nt < 0 & x_i(t) = 0 \\
t \ge 0 & x_i(t) = \overline{V_i}t\n\end{array}
$$

Recap: The Final Value Theorem

The **final value theorem:**

$$
x_{ss} = \lim_{t \to \infty} x_o(t) = \lim_{s \to 0} sX_o(s)
$$
 (9)

Gives the steady-state response of a system.

Some provisos:

Steady state implies that we have a finite end value:

Which of these can we use the finite value theorem on? a(t)? b(t)? $c(t)$? $d(t)$?

Chart Title

Hydraulic Position Control System: The Final Value Theorem

The **final value theorem** gives the **steady-state response**

$$
x_{ss} = \lim_{t \to \infty} x_o(t) = \lim_{s \to 0} sX_o(s)
$$
 (9)

$$
x_{ss} = \lim_{s \to 0} s \frac{\mu X_i}{s(1 + Ts)} = \mu \bar{X}_i
$$
 (10)

The **steady-state error** from the **final value theorem**

$$
E(s) = X_i(s) - X_o(s)
$$

$$
e_{ss} = \lim_{s \to 0} s \frac{(1 + Ts - \mu)}{(1 + Ts)} \frac{\bar{X}_i}{s} = \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{(1 + Ts - \mu)}{(1 + Ts)} \bar{X}_i = (1 - \mu)\bar{X}_i
$$
(13)

Exercise: Show that if the error is defined as

$$
e_{\text{new}} = \mu x_{\text{i}} - x_{\text{o}}
$$

the steady-state error is zero

$$
e_{\text{new}_\text{SS}}=0
$$

Hydraulic Position Control System: Transient Response

characteristic equation Set denominator $=0$ $P(s) = s + \frac{1}{T} = 0$
with one real root $s = -\frac{1}{T}$

The **roots of the C.E.** in the **s-plane** govern stability and transient behaviour

ii) ramp Input

$$
\begin{array}{ll}\n\mathbf{V}t & t < 0 & x_i(t) = 0 \\
t \ge 0 & x_i(t) = Vt\n\end{array}
$$

From the table of L.T. $\frac{1}{2}$

$$
X_i(s) = \frac{V}{s^2} \tag{14}
$$

The output in s-domain
$$
X_o(s) = \frac{\mu V}{s^2(1+Ts)}
$$
 (15)

In the time domain

$$
x_{o}(t) = \mu V t - \mu V T \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T}} \right) \tag{16}
$$

Simulink model

Other types of Steady State Error

Hydraulic Position Control System: S.-S. Error under Ramp Input

After a "large" time interval
$$
(t > 4T)
$$
 $e^{-t/T} \rightarrow 0$

$$
x_{ss}(t) = \mu V(t - T)
$$

Define the error as

$$
E(s) = \mu X_i(s) - X_o(s)
$$

$$
e_{ss} = \lim_{s \to 0} s \left(\mu - \frac{\mu}{1 + Ts}\right) \quad X_i(s) = \lim_{s \to 0} s \left(\frac{\mu s T}{1 + Ts}\right) \quad X_i(s)
$$
\n
$$
e_{ss} = \lim_{s \to 0} s \frac{\mu s T}{(1 + Ts)} \frac{V}{s^2} = \mu VT
$$

non-zero **finite** steady-state error called "velocity lag"

Example: Electro-Mechanical Position Control System

It will be shown that the **transfer functions** may be written as

$$
\frac{X(s)}{X_i(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\gamma \omega_n s + \omega_n^2}
$$

2nd order system

$$
\frac{X(s)}{F_R(s)} = \frac{-1}{M(s^2 + 2\gamma \omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}
$$

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn8DqDGwazs

E.-M. Position Control System: Equations for the Model

- i) **Position Transducer** output $V_x = K_4 x$ *K*₄ is constant error voltage $V_e = V_i - V_x = V_i - K_A x$
- ii) Servo-Amplifier develops current (K ₁ is another constant)

$$
i_f = K_1 V_e = K_1 (V_i - K_4 x)
$$

iii) **DC Servo-Motor** develops torque (K_{2} is motor constant) $l_m = K_2 i_f = K_2 K_1 (V_i - K_4 x)$

iv) At **Lead Screw** the torque is converted into a force on the load mass

 $f_m = K_3 l_m = K_3 K_2 K_1 (V_i - K_4 x)$ $K_3 = 2\pi/(\text{pitch of leaders})$

- Laplace domain $F_m(s) = K_1 K_2 K_3(V_i(s) K_4 X(s))$ (1)
- v) For the **Load Mass** assuming viscous damping

$$
M\ddot{x} + C\dot{x} = f_m - f_R
$$

Laplace domain
$$
X(s) = \frac{F_m(s) - F_R(s)}{Ms^2 + Cs}
$$
 (2)

E.-M. Position Control System: Block Diagrams

with $K = K_1 K_2 K_3 K_4$ $X(s) = ([X_i(s) - X(s)]K - F_R(s))\frac{1}{Ms^2 + Cs}$

E-.M. Position Control System: Overall Transfer Function

Rearranging
$$
[Ms^2 + Cs + K]X(s) = KX_i(s) - F_R(s)
$$
 (3)

Preferred form

$$
[s2 + 2\gamma\omega_{n}s + \omega_{n}^{2}]X(s) = \omega_{n}^{2}X_{i}(s) - \frac{F_{R}(s)}{M}
$$

with
$$
\frac{C}{M} = 2\gamma\omega_{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_{n}^{2} = \frac{K}{M}
$$

$$
X(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2 X_i(s)}{s^2 + 2\gamma \omega_n s + \omega_n^2} - \frac{F_R(s)}{M(s^2 + 2\gamma \omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}
$$

Transfer function

$$
\frac{X(s)}{X_i(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\gamma\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}
$$
 (4)

$$
\begin{array}{c|c}\nX_i & \omega_n^2 & X \\
\hline\nS^2 + 2\gamma \omega_n s + \omega_n^2\n\end{array}
$$

E.-M. Position Control System under Standard Inputs

i) step Input

From the table of L.T. $X_i(s) = \frac{V_i}{K_i s} = \frac{X_i}{s}$ (5)

The output in s-domain

$$
X_{o}(s) = \frac{\omega_{n}^{2} \bar{X}_{i}}{s(s^{2} + 2\gamma \omega_{n} s + \omega_{n}^{2})} = \frac{\omega_{n}^{2} \bar{X}_{i}}{s(s - p_{1})(s - p_{2})}
$$
(6)

with the roots of the characteristic equation

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

 $p_1 = -\gamma \omega_n + \omega_n \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}$ $p_2 = -\gamma \omega_n - \omega_n \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}$

E.-M. Position Control System under Step Input

Assuming a *unit step input* and using partial fractions

$$
X_o(s) = \frac{B}{s} + \frac{A_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{A_2}{s - p_2}
$$

where (for *γ* ≠ 1)

$$
B=1\; ;\; \; A_1=-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}}\; ;\; \; A_2=-\frac{1}{2}+\frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}}
$$

With the inverse Laplace transform, in the time domain

$$
x_0(t) = B + A_1 e^{p_1 t} + A_2 e^{p_2 t} \tag{7}
$$

This solution, valid for *γ* ≠ 1, gives rise to two distinct types of transient response.

E.-M. Position Control System under Step Input

- i) γ > 1 *p*₁ and p_2 are **real** and **unequal**. For this situation the response is overdamped (non-oscillatory).
- ii) γ < 1 p_1 and p_2 are **complex conjugate** (as A_1 and A_2)

$$
p_1 = -\gamma \omega_n + i\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}
$$

\n
$$
p_2 = -\gamma \omega_n - i\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}
$$

\n
$$
x_o(t) = \overline{X}_i \left[1 - \frac{e^{-\gamma \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}} \sin(\omega_n t \sqrt{1 - \gamma^2} + \phi) \right]
$$

Maximum overshoot at
$$
t = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}}
$$

with magnitude $x_{\text{max}} = \overline{X}_i \left(1 + e^{\sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}}\right)$

Simulink Model: γ>1

Simulink Model: γ<1

Simulink Model: γ=1

What is the transfer function in this case?

E.-M. Position Control System under Step Input

iii) $\gamma = 1$ *p*₁ and p_2 are **real** and **equal** (= - ω_n) and the response is Is said to be critically damped. $x_0(t) = \overline{X}_i[1 - (1 + \omega_n t)e^{-\omega_n t}]$

The transient responses under a step input for all three cases can be summarised

E.-M. Position Control System: Transient Response

The **roots of the C.E.** in the **s-plane** govern stability and transient behaviour

$$
p_{1} = -\gamma \omega_{n} + \omega_{n} \sqrt{\gamma^{2} - 1}
$$
\n
$$
p_{2} = -\gamma \omega_{n} - \omega_{n} \sqrt{\gamma^{2} - 1}
$$
\nincreasing *y* follows the direction of the arrows.\n\n
$$
p_{1}(y = 0)
$$
\n\n
$$
p_{2}(y > 1)
$$
\n\n
$$
p_{3}(y > 1)
$$
\n\n
$$
p_{4}(y > 1)
$$

The roots trace out **loci** in the s-plane.

 $p_1 = p_2$ (for $\gamma = 1$)

(for $\gamma = 1$) $p_2(\gamma = 0)$

Visualisation of root locus

E.-M. Position Control System under Standard Inputs

ii) ramp Input

 $t < 0$ $V_i(t) = 0$ $t \geq 0$ $V_i(t) = \Omega t$

From the table of L.T.

 $V_{\rm i}(s) = \frac{\Omega}{s^2}$

and from the b.d.
$$
X_i(s) = \frac{V_i(s)}{K_4} = \frac{\Omega}{s^2 K_4} = \frac{\Omega_x}{s^2}
$$
 (8)

The output in s-domain $X_0(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2 \Omega_x}{s^2 (s^2 + 2\gamma \omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}$ (9)

In the time domain

$$
x_o(t) = \Omega_x \left(t - \frac{2\gamma}{\omega_n} + A_1 e^{p_1 t} + A_2 e^{p_2 t} \right)
$$
 (10)

Output $x_o(t)$

e(t) for γ<1

E.-M. Position Control System: S.-S. Error under Ramp Input

From the block diagram, for $F_R = 0$ (no disturbance)

$$
E(s) = X_i(s) - X_o(s) = \frac{Ms^2 + Cs}{Ms^2 + Cs + K}X_i(s)
$$
 (11)

For a ramp input $X_i(s)$ from Eq. (8)

$$
E(s) = \frac{Ms^2 + Cs}{Ms^2 + Cs + K} \frac{\Omega_x}{s^2} = \frac{Ms + C}{Ms^2 + Cs + K} \frac{\Omega_x}{s}
$$
(12)

Using the **final value theorem** the steady-state error

$$
e_{ss} = \lim_{t \to \infty} e(t) = \lim_{s \to 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{Ms + C}{Ms^2 + Cs + K} \Omega_x
$$

$$
= \frac{C}{K} \Omega_x = \frac{2\gamma}{\omega_n} \Omega_x \tag{13}
$$

What Next?

- improving transient and steady-state performance: velocity feedback & PID control
- stability of feedback systems