

# EE 230

## Lecture 6

### Linear Systems

- Poles/Zeros/Stability
- Stability

# Quiz 5

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Determine the poles of the system.

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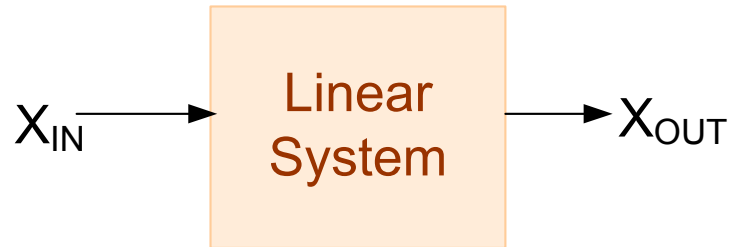
$$T(s) = \frac{4 + \frac{1}{s}}{7 + s + \frac{10}{s}} = \frac{4\left(s + \frac{1}{4}\right)}{s^2 + 7s + 10}$$

$$T(s) = \frac{4\left(s + \frac{1}{4}\right)}{s^2 + 7s + 10} = \frac{4\left(s + \frac{1}{4}\right)}{(s+2)(s+5)}$$

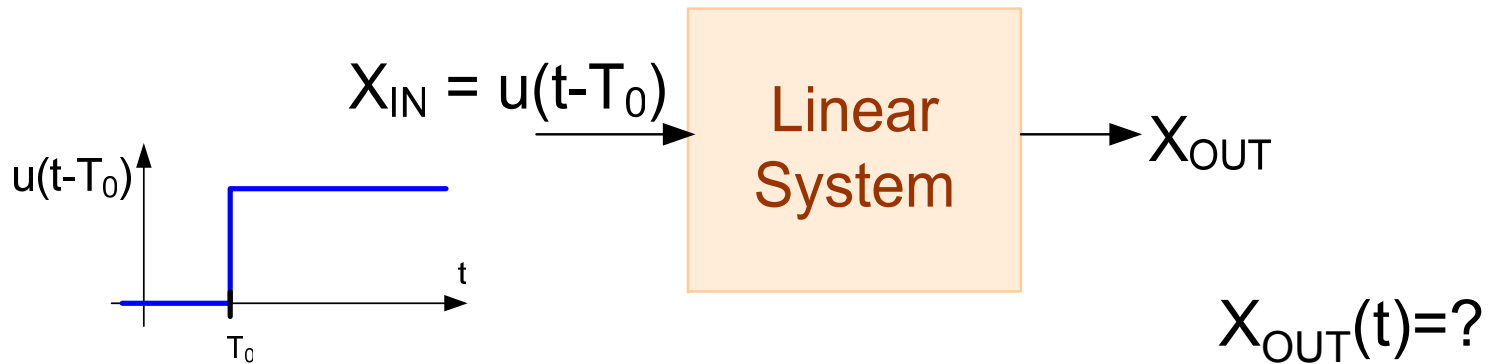
Poles at  $s = -2$  and  $s = -5$

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# Step Response of First-Order Networks



Many times interested in the step response of a linear system when the system is first-order



For any first-order linear system, the unit step response is given by

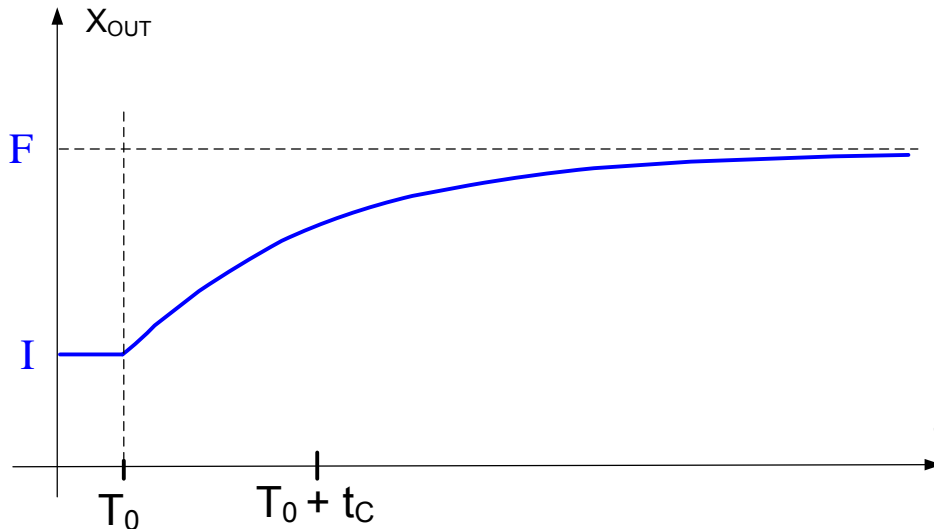
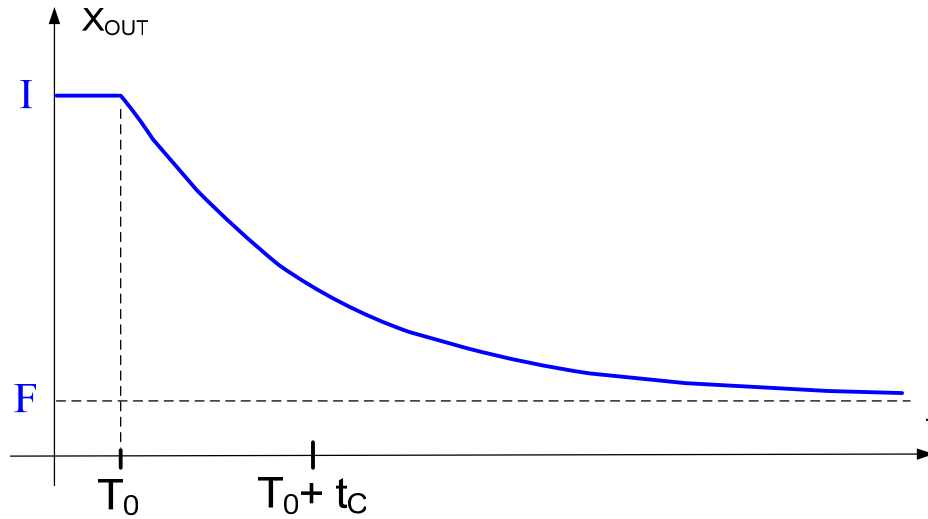
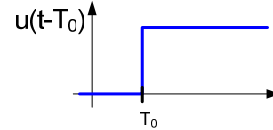
$$X_{OUT} = F + (I-F)e^{-\frac{t-T_0}{t_c}}$$

$I$  is the initial value,  $F$  is the final value and  $t_c$  is the time constant

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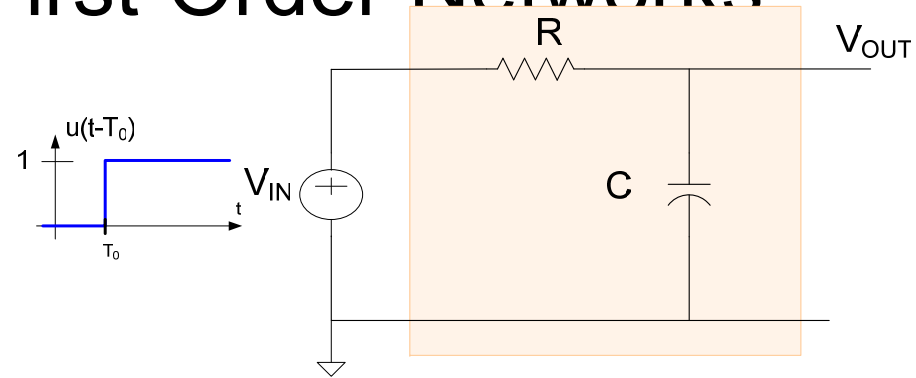


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# Step Response of First-Order Networks

Example:

Obtain the step response of the circuit shown if the step is applied at time  $T=1\text{msec}$  and prior to  $V_{\text{OUT}}(t)=0$  for  $t < 1\text{msec}$ . Assume  $R=1\text{K}$ ,  $C=0.1\mu\text{F}$



Solution:

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

$$T(s) = \frac{1/RC}{s + 1/RC}$$

This is first order and of the form:

$$T(s) = \frac{K}{s-p} \quad \therefore p = -1/RC \quad t_c = -p^{-1} = RC$$

Thus, the output can be expressed as:

$$V_{\text{OUT}} = F + (I-F)e^{-\frac{t-T_0}{t_c}}$$

$$F=1\text{V}$$

$$I=1\text{V}$$

$$V_{\text{OUT}} = 1 + (-1)e^{-\frac{t-0.001}{RC}}$$

$$V_{\text{OUT}} = 1 - e^{-\frac{t-0.001}{RC}}$$



# Impedance and Conductance Notation

Circuit Analysis with Impedance Notation ( $Z$ ) and Conductance Notation ( $G$ )

Ohms Law

$$V = I \cdot Z$$

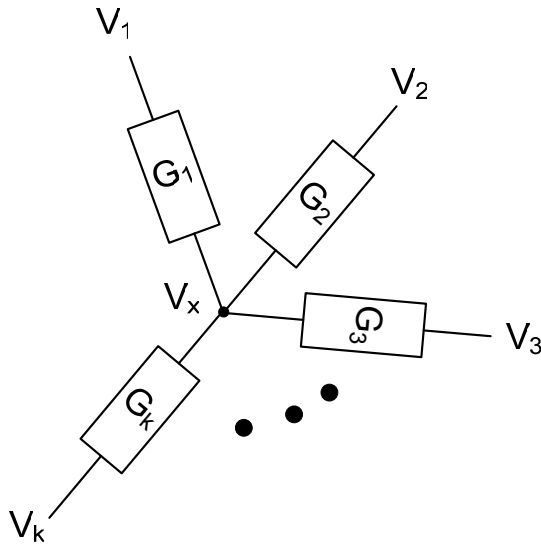
$$I = V \cdot G$$

KCL

$$V_x (G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + \dots + G_k) = V_1 G_1 + V_2 G_2 + V_3 G_3 + \dots + V_k G_k$$

Formally:

$$V_x \left( \sum_{i=1}^k G_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^k V_i G_i$$



Node with conductance notation

KCL is often the fastest way to analyze electronic circuits

Why?

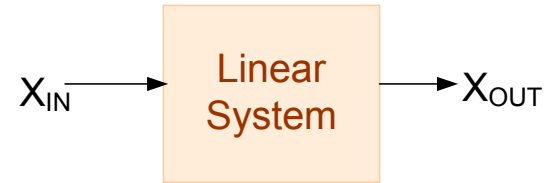
Conductance notation is often much less cumbersome than impedance notation when analyzing electronic circuits

Why?

# Poles and Zeros of Linear Networks

For any linear system,  $T(s)$  can be expressed as

$$T(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m a_i s^i}{\sum_{i=0}^n b_i s^i}$$



where  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are all real,  $b_n \neq 0$ ,  $a_m \neq 0$ , and  $n \geq m$

Can always make  $b_n = 1$

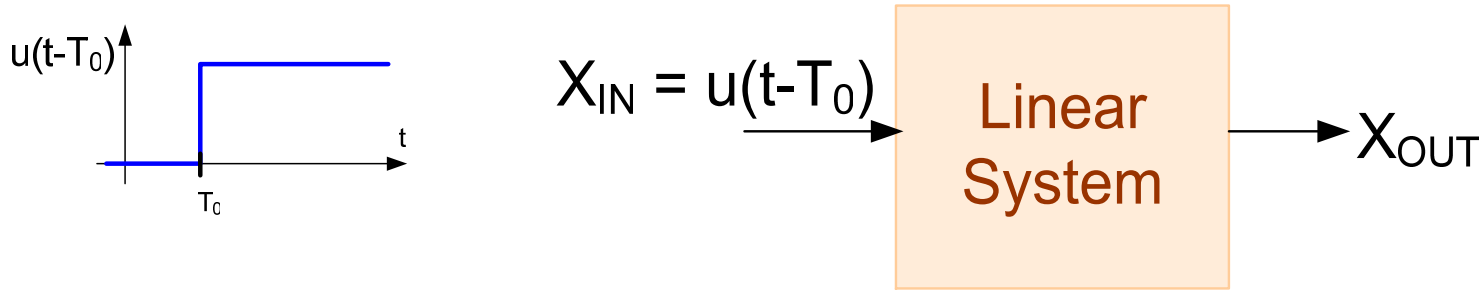
Numerator often termed  $N(s)$   
Denominator often termed  $D(s)$

$$T(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m a_i s^i}{\sum_{i=0}^n b_i s^i} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

Definition: The roots of  $D(s)$  are the poles of  $T(s)$  and the roots of  $N(s)$  are the zeros of  $T(s)$

The poles of  $T(s)$  are often termed the poles of the system

# Step Response of First-Order Networks



Claim: A system with a 1<sup>st</sup> order lowpass transfer function with a pole  $p$  and a dc gain  $K$  has a unit step response of

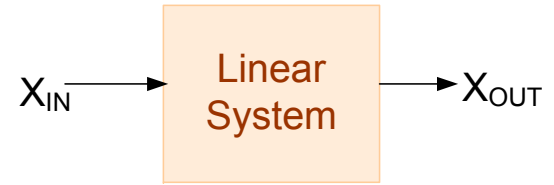
$$X_{OUT} = K + (I-K)e^{p(t-T_0)}$$

where  $I$  is the initial value of the output

$$T(s) = \frac{-Kp}{s-p}$$

# Poles and Zeros of Linear Networks

$$T(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m a_i s^i}{\sum_{i=0}^n b_i s^i}$$



Alternate representation of transfer function

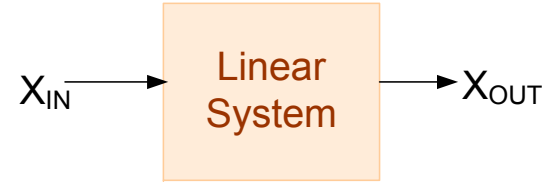
$$T(s) = K \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (s - z_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (s - p_i)}$$

where  $K = \frac{a_m}{b_n}$

$\{z_1, \dots, z_m\}$  are the poles and  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  are the zeros

# Response of Linear Networks

If  $X_{IN}(s)$  is the input (in the s-domain) to a linear system, then the output (in the s-domain) is given by



$$X_{OUT}(s) = T(s) X_{IN}(s)$$

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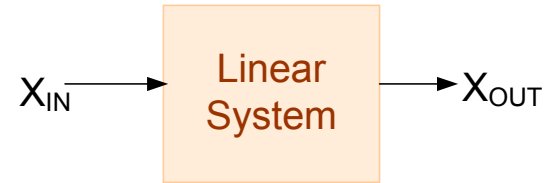
The Laplace transform of the excitation can be written as

$$X_{IN}(s) = H \frac{\prod_{i=1}^r (s-\alpha_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^q (s-\beta_i)}$$

$$X_{OUT}(s) = KH \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (s-z_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (s-p_i)} \cdot \frac{\prod_{i=1}^r (s-\alpha_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^q (s-\beta_i)}$$

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If the denominator terms are all unique, this can be expanded in a partial fraction as

$$X_{OUT}(s) = \left( \frac{\theta_1}{s-p_1} + \frac{\theta_2}{s-p_2} + \dots + \frac{\theta_n}{s-p_n} \right) + \left( \frac{Y_1}{s-\beta_1} + \frac{Y_2}{s-\beta_2} + \dots + \frac{Y_m}{s-\beta_m} \right)$$

The time-domain output can be obtained from the inverse Laplace transform as:

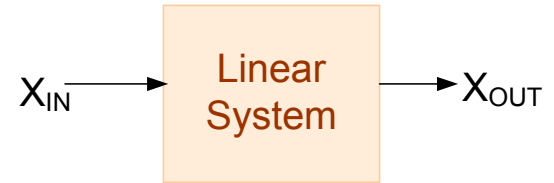
$$X_{OUT}^{-1}(s) = \left( \theta_1 e^{p_1 t} + \theta_2 e^{p_2 t} + \dots + \theta_n e^{p_n t} \right) + \left( Y_1 e^{\beta_1 t} + Y_2 e^{\beta_2 t} + \dots + Y_m e^{\beta_m t} \right)$$

The term in the left parenthesis is the natural response due to the network

The term in the right parenthesis is the forced response due to the excitation

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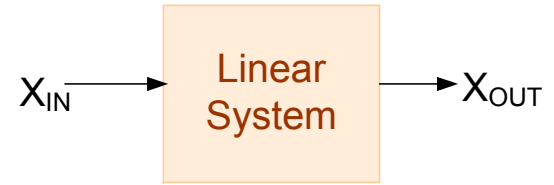
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If the real part of the poles are negative, the natural response will decay out but if the real part of the poles are positive, it will grow without bound !

The forced response will have properties that are similar to those of the excitation

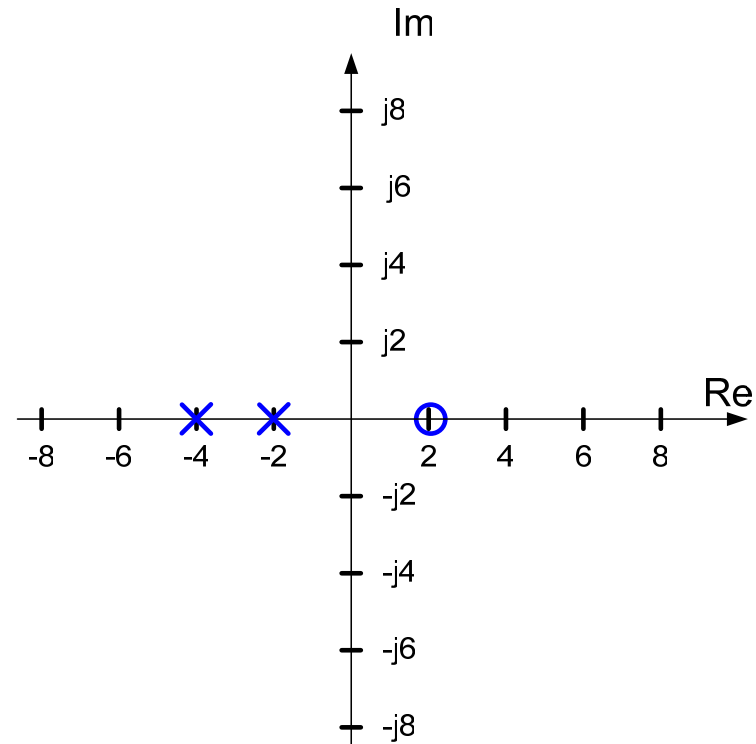
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A plot of the poles and zeros in the complex plane is often used to visually show their location

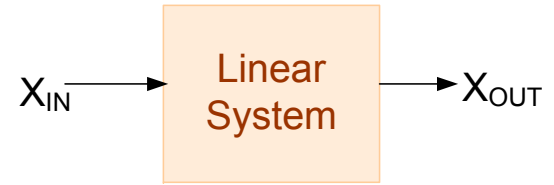
Example:  $T(s) = \frac{s-2}{(s+2)(s+4)}$





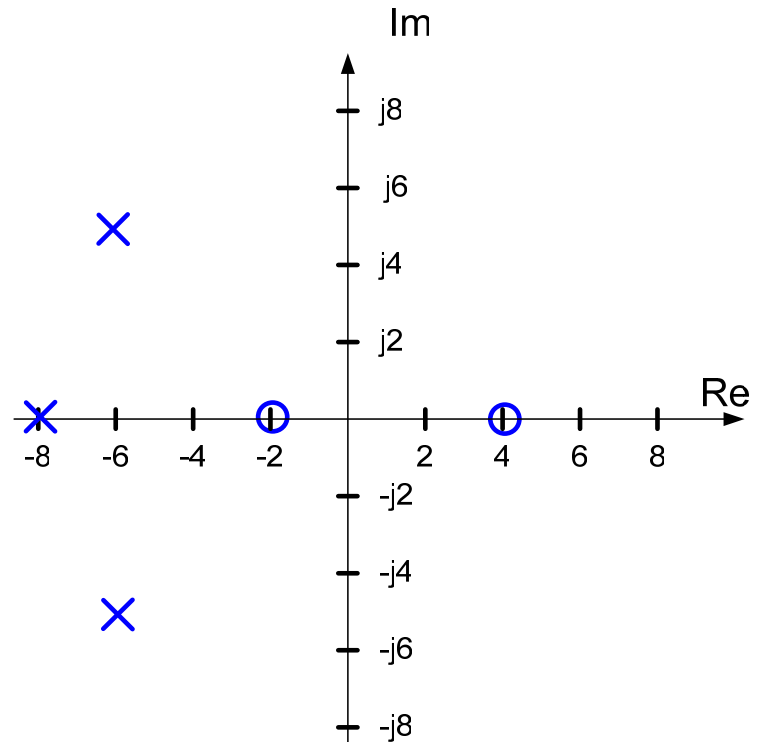
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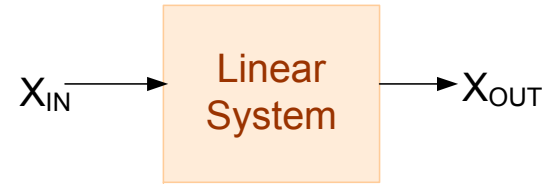
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Example:  $T(s) = \frac{10(s-4)(s+2)}{(s+6+j5)(s+6-j5)(s+8)}$



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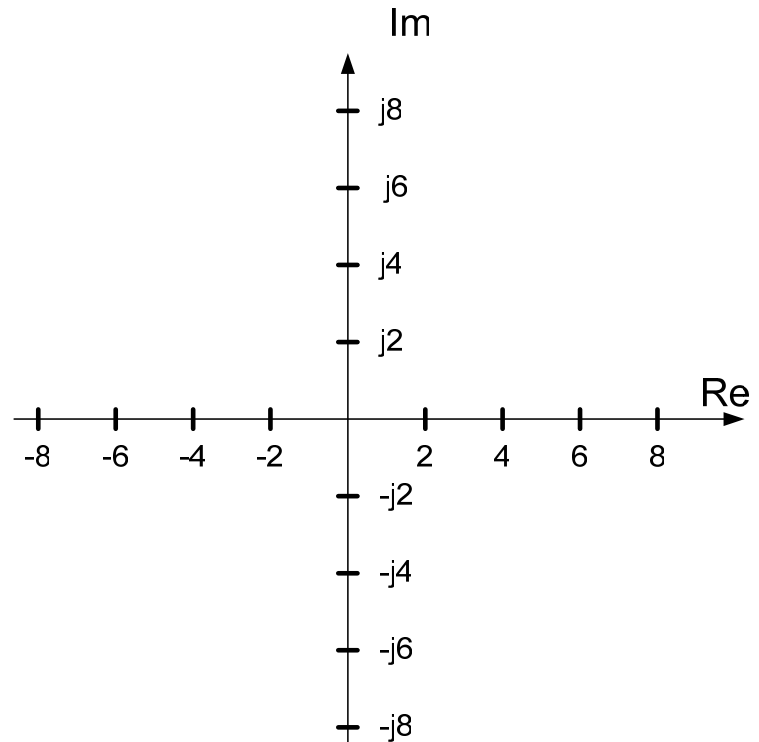
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Example:  $T(s) = \frac{4s+1}{s^5 + s^4 + 2s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + 1}$

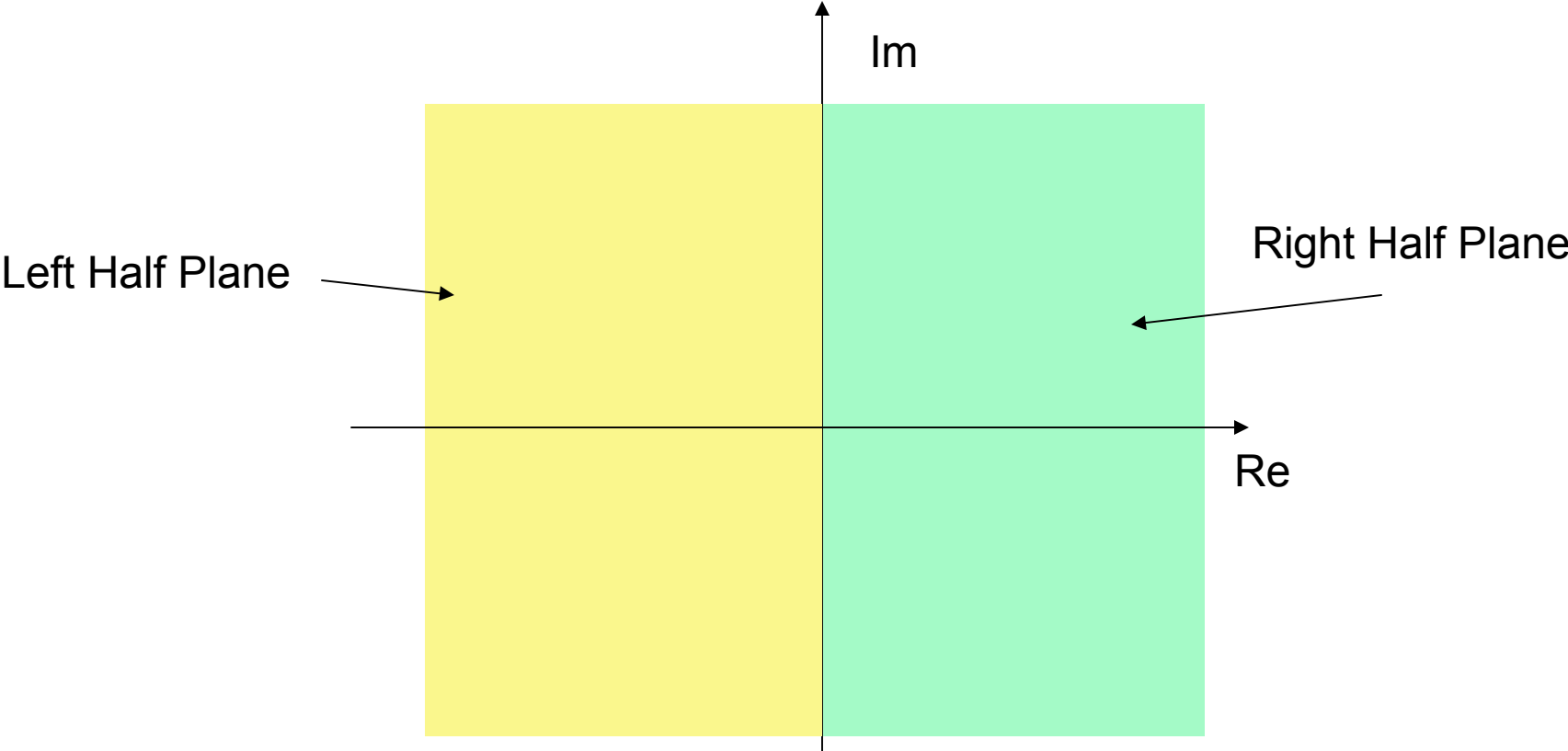
Zero as  $s = -1/4$

Poles?

Numerical techniques must be used, closed form expression does not exist for polynomials of order 5 or higher

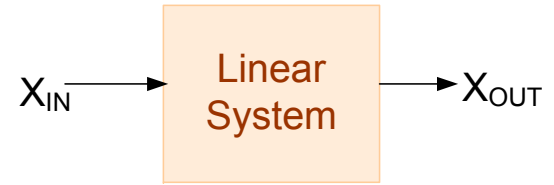


# The Complex Plane

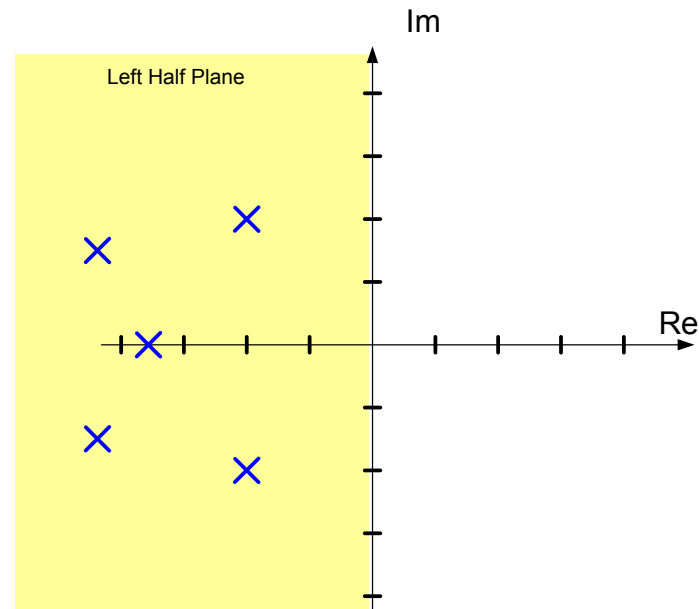


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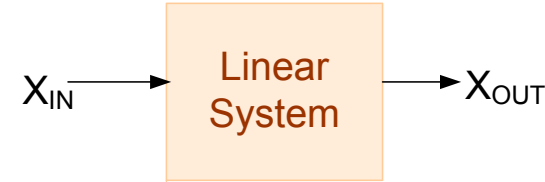


Theorem: Any network comprised of resistors, capacitors, and inductors will have all poles in the Left Half of the s-plane



Note: This theorem is not true in the more general case where the circuit may contain amplifiers or dependent sources

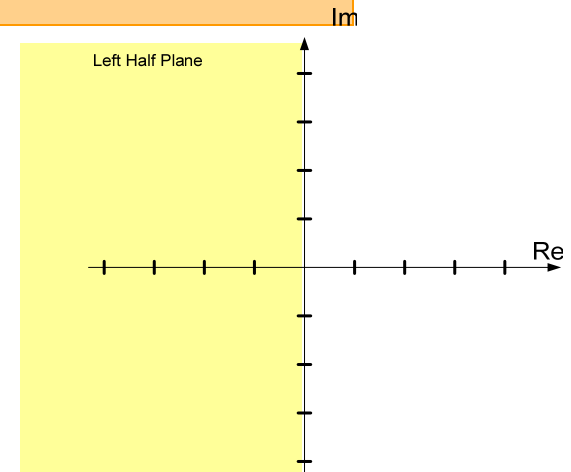
# Poles and Zeros of Linear Networks



**Theorem: A system is stable iff all poles lie in the left half-plane**

If a system is not stable, it is said to be **unstable**

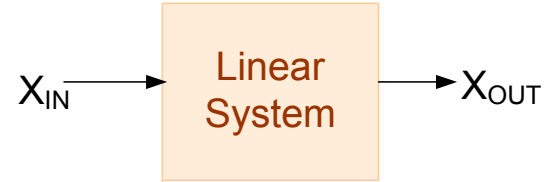
What does “stable” mean?



A linear system is stable iff any bounded input will result in a bounded output

A system is stable iff the output due to any appropriately small input does not cause the output to diverge to  $\pm \infty$  and does not create a time varying output that persists indefinitely

# Poles and Zeros of Linear Networks



An unstable system will have one or more poles outside of the left half-plane

If a linear system is unstable, practically one of three things will happen

- a) A periodic output of constant amplitude will persist for ever
- b) A time-varying output will grow in amplitude with time
- c) The output will grow without bound towards  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$

Practically, if a system is unstable, as amplitudes grow nonlinearities will be introduced and these nonlinearities will limit the growth of the output

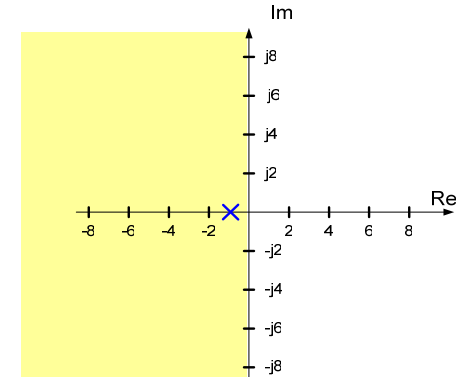
# Stability of Linear Systems

Example: Determine if the following systems are stable

$$T(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{single pole at } p = -1 \\ \therefore \text{system is stable} \end{array}$$

Step response (at  $t=0$ ) if  $I=0$

$$\text{Since } I=0 \text{ and } F=1 \quad X_{\text{OUT}} = F + (I-F)e^{pt} \quad X_{\text{OUT}} = 1 - e^{-t}$$

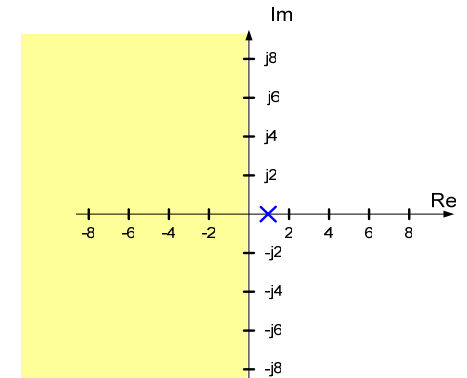


$$T(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{single pole at } p = 1 \\ \therefore \text{system is not stable} \end{array}$$

Can be shown that step response (at  $t=0$ ) if  $I=0$  is

$$X_{\text{OUT}} = 1 - e^{-t}$$

This diverges to  $-\infty$  as  $t$  increases !

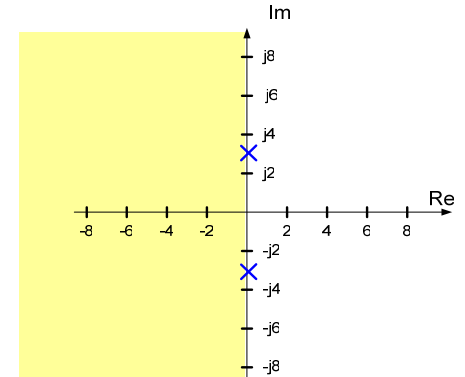


# Stability of Linear Systems

Example: Determine if the following systems are stable

$$T(s) = \frac{4}{s^2 + 9}$$

poles at  $p = -3j$  and  $p = +3j$   
 $\therefore$  system is not stable



It can be shown that the step response will include a term

$$r(t) = H \sin 3t$$

This is a time-varying input that persists indefinitely !



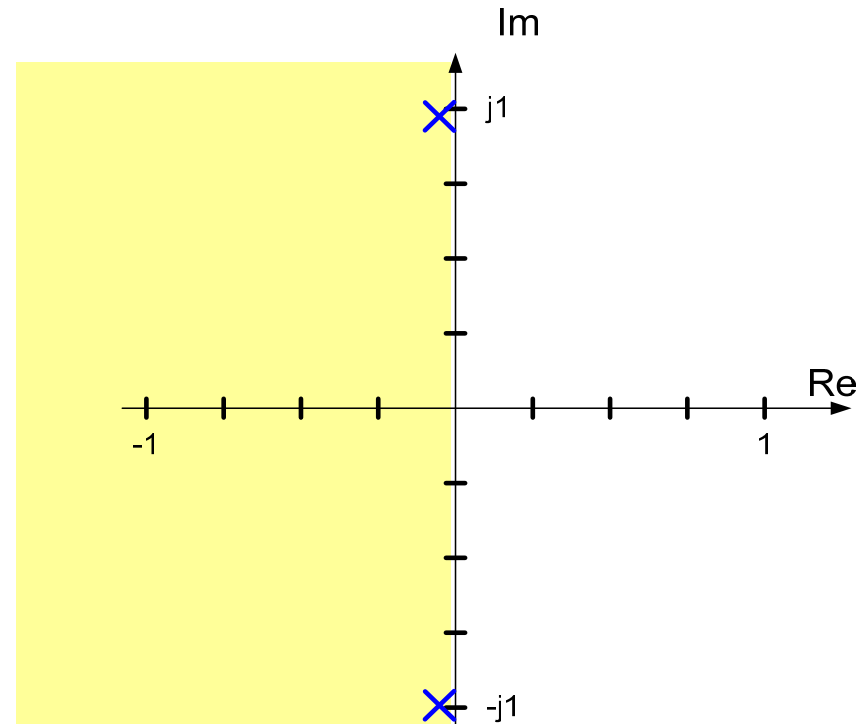
# Stability of Linear Systems

Example: Determine if the following systems are stable

$$T(s) = \frac{4}{s^2 + .1s + 1}$$

poles at  $p = -.05 + .9988j$  and  $p = -.05 - .9988j$

$\therefore$  system is stable

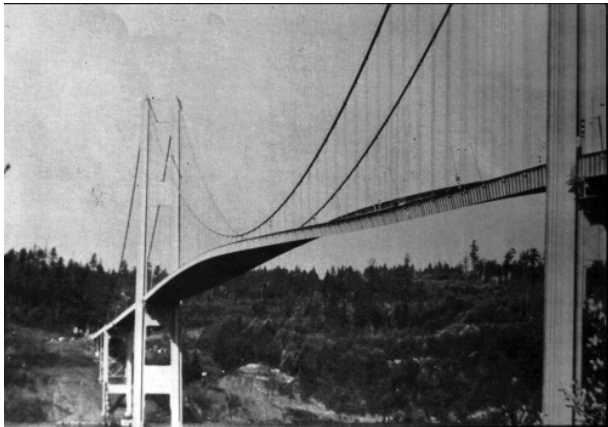


But since poles are so close to imaginary axis,  
natural response may ring for a while

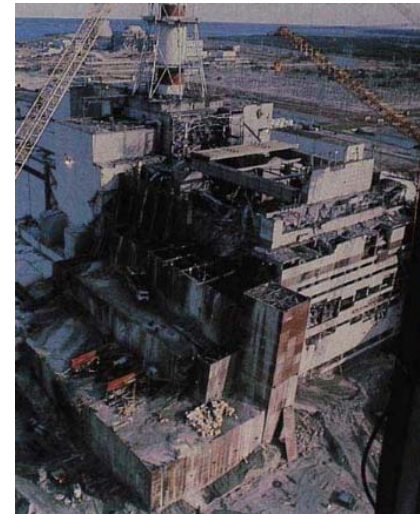
# Stability of Linear Systems

Is stability good or bad?

Some unstable systems



Tacoma Narrows Bridge



Chernobyl



# Stability of Linear Systems

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Some more unstable systems



HP 200A



HP 200CD

Flagship product that got Hewlett Packard started

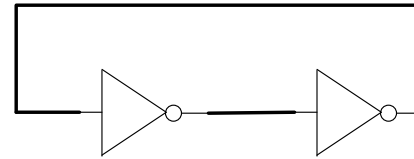
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B1 Bomber (Stealth)



Taipei 101  
(hopefully stable)

# Stability of Linear Systems

Is stability good or bad?

It depends upon what is desired

Many times instability is very undesirable

But often instability is very desirable as well

But regardless, it is almost always necessary to know whether a system is stable or unstable !

# Amplifiers



An ideal amplifier is linear and has a frequency independent transfer function that does not change with source or load impedance

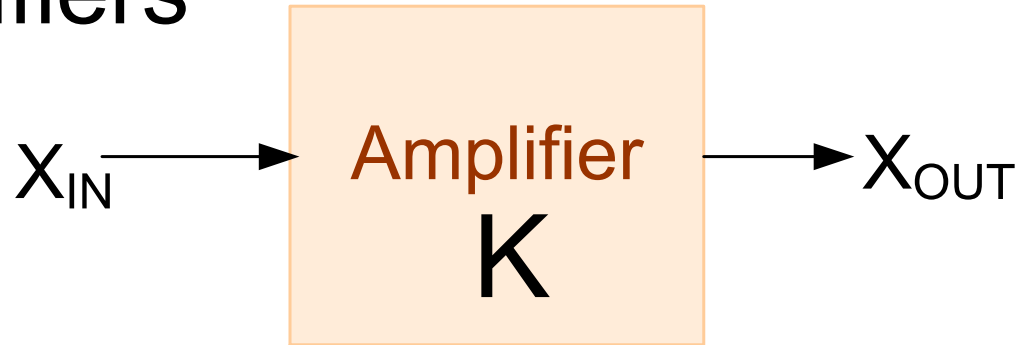
Ideally,  $X_{OUT} = KX_{IN}$

K is termed the amplifier gain

$$K = T(s)$$

Often  $K > 1$  (when  $X_{IN}$  and  $X_{OUT}$  of same dimensions)

# Types of Amplifiers



Assuming input and output variables from  $\{ I, V \}$

Input	Output	Type	Dimensions
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Why are there so many types of amplifiers?

- Because we can have them?
  - Some transducers have output variables different than what is needed at output
- Sometimes performance can be optimized by using a particular amplifier type

Will show later that if amplifiers are not ideal, they all have the same model and differ only in the parameters in the model



**End of  
Lecture 6**