

# Unit-Impulse Response

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# First-Order Systems



# Unit-Impulse Response of First-Order Systems

Transfer function of the first-order system

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{1}{Ts + 1} \rightarrow C(s) = \frac{1}{Ts + 1} R(s)$$

For unit-impulse function  $R(s) = 1$

$$C(s) = \frac{1}{Ts + 1}$$

# Unit-Impulse Response of First-Order Systems

Inverse Laplace transform

$$c(t) = K \left\{ \frac{1}{T} e^{-t/T} \right\} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0$$

$$K = 1$$

$$c(t) = \frac{1}{T} e^{-t/T}$$

# Unit-Impulse response of Second-Order Systems

In transfer function (Laplace Transform)

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} = G(s)$$

For unit-impulse function  $R(s) = 1$

$$C(s) = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}$$

# Unit-Impulse response of Second-Order (Overdamped)

$$C(s) = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}$$

$$C(s) = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{(s + s_1)(s + s_2)}$$

$$s_1 = -\zeta\omega_n + \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$$

$$s_2 = -\zeta\omega_n - \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$$

# Unit-Impulse response of Second-Order (Overdamped) $\zeta > 1$

Inverse Laplace transform

$$c(t) = K \left[ \frac{\omega_n}{2\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} \left( s_1 e^{s_1 t} - s_2 e^{s_2 t} \right) \right]$$

$$K = 1$$

$$c(t) = \frac{\omega_n}{2\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} \left( s_1 e^{s_1 t} - s_2 e^{s_2 t} \right)$$

# Unit-Impulse response of Second-Order (Critically damped)

$$\zeta = 1$$

$$C(s) = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{(s^2 + 2\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)} = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{(s + \omega_n)^2}$$

Inverse Laplace transform

$$c(t) = K \left\{ \omega_n^2 t e^{-\omega_n t} \right\}$$

$$K = 1$$

$$c(t) = \omega_n^2 t e^{-\omega_n t}$$



# Unit-Impulse response of Second-Order (Underdamped) $0 < \zeta < 1$

$$C(s) = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{(s^2 + 2\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}$$

Inverse Laplace transform

$$c(t) = K \left\{ e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \frac{\omega_n}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin \omega_d t \right\}$$

$$K = 1$$

$$c(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \frac{\omega_n}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \sin \omega_d t$$