

EE 2240
Problem #11

For the system described by $\ddot{x} + 12\dot{x} + 40x = 0$:

- a. Determine the characteristic equation.

$$r^2 + 12r + 40 = 0$$

- b. Determine the natural frequency, ω_n .

$$\omega_n^2 = 40 \Rightarrow \omega_n = \sqrt{40} = 2\sqrt{10} \approx 6.325$$

- c. Determine the damping ratio, ζ .

$$2\zeta\omega_n = 12 \Rightarrow \zeta = \frac{12}{2\omega_n} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \approx 0.949$$

- d. Determine the numerical values of the two roots of the characteristic equation.

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 + 12r + 40 &= (r+6)^2 + 2^2 \\ \Rightarrow r &= -6 \pm j2 \end{aligned}$$

- e. Classify the system as *overdamped*, *critically damped*, *underdamped*, or *undamped*.

The system is underdamped ($0 < \zeta < 1$)

- f. Assuming $x(0) = -1$ and $\dot{x}(0) = 8$, determine the solution of the given equation.

$$x(t) = e^{-6t} (K_1 \cos 2t + K_2 \sin 2t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= -6e^{-6t} (K_1 \cos 2t + K_2 \sin 2t) \\ &\quad + e^{-6t} (-2K_1 \sin 2t + 2K_2 \cos 2t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) &= K_1 = -1 \\ \dot{x}(0) &= -6K_1 + 2K_2 = 8 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K_1 = -1 \\ K_2 = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\therefore x(t) = e^{-6t} (-\cos 2t + \sin 2t), \quad t \geq 0$$