

## Prototype 2nd-Order System

So far, we have only seen transfer functions that have either real poles or purely imaginary poles:

$$\frac{1}{s + a}, \quad \frac{1}{(s + a)(s + b)}, \quad \frac{1}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

We also need to consider the case of *complex poles*, i.e., ones that have  $\text{Re}(s) \neq 0$  and  $\text{Im}(s) \neq 0$ .

For now, we will only look at *second-order systems*, but this will be sufficient to develop some nontrivial intuition (dominant poles).

Plus, you will need this for Lab 1.