





Now we examine the significance of the parameter  $a$ , the only parameter is needed to describe the transient response. When  $t = 1/a$ ,

$$e^{-at}|_{t=1/a} = e^{-1} = 0.37 \quad (2)$$

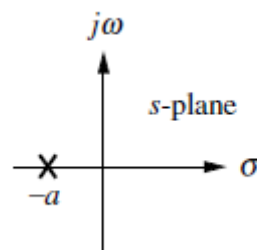
Or

$$c(t)|_{t=1/a} = 1 - e^{-at}|_{t=1/a} = 1 - 0.37 = 0.63 \quad (3)$$

Now by using the eq (1), eq(2) and eq(3) we define three transient response performance specifications.

### **Time constant:**

We call the  $1/a$  the time constant of the response. The time constant can be described as the time for  $e^{-at}$  to decay 37% of its initial value. Alternatively, from eq (3) it is defined as the step response to reach 63% of its final value. The reciprocal of the time constant as the units (1/seconds), or frequency. Thus, we call the parameter  $a$  the exponential frequency. Since the derivative of  $e^{-at}$  is  $-a$  when  $t = 0$ ,  $a$  is the initial rate of change of the exponential at  $t = 0$ . Thus, the time constant can be considered a transient response specification for a first order system, since it is related to the speed at which the system responds to a step input. The time constant can be evaluated from the pole plot as shown in the figure 4.4b.



since the pole of the transfer function is at  $-a$ , we can say the pole is located at the reciprocal of the time constant, and farther the pole from the imaginary axis, the faster the transient response.

The transient response specifications, such as rise time,  $T_r$ , and settling time,  $T_s$  is given as follows

### **Rise Time $T_r$ :**

Rise time is defined as the time for the waveform to reach from 0.1 to 0.9 of its final values. Solving the equation (1) we have

$$T_r = \frac{2.2}{a}$$

### **Settling Time $T_s$ :**

Settling time is defined as the time for the response to reach, and within, 2% of its final value. Solving the equation (1) we have

$$T_s = \frac{4}{a}$$

**EXERCISE3:**

Find the time constant  $T_c$ , settling time  $T_s$  and rise time  $T_r$  for the following transfer function.

$$T(s) = \frac{50}{s + 50}$$

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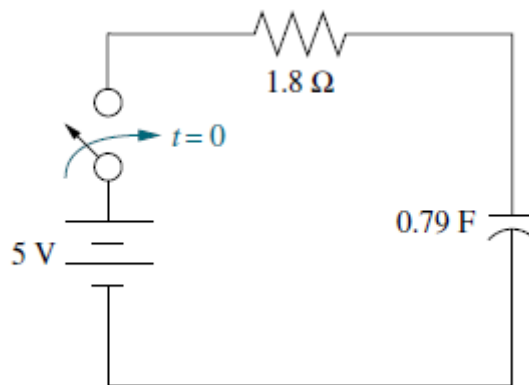
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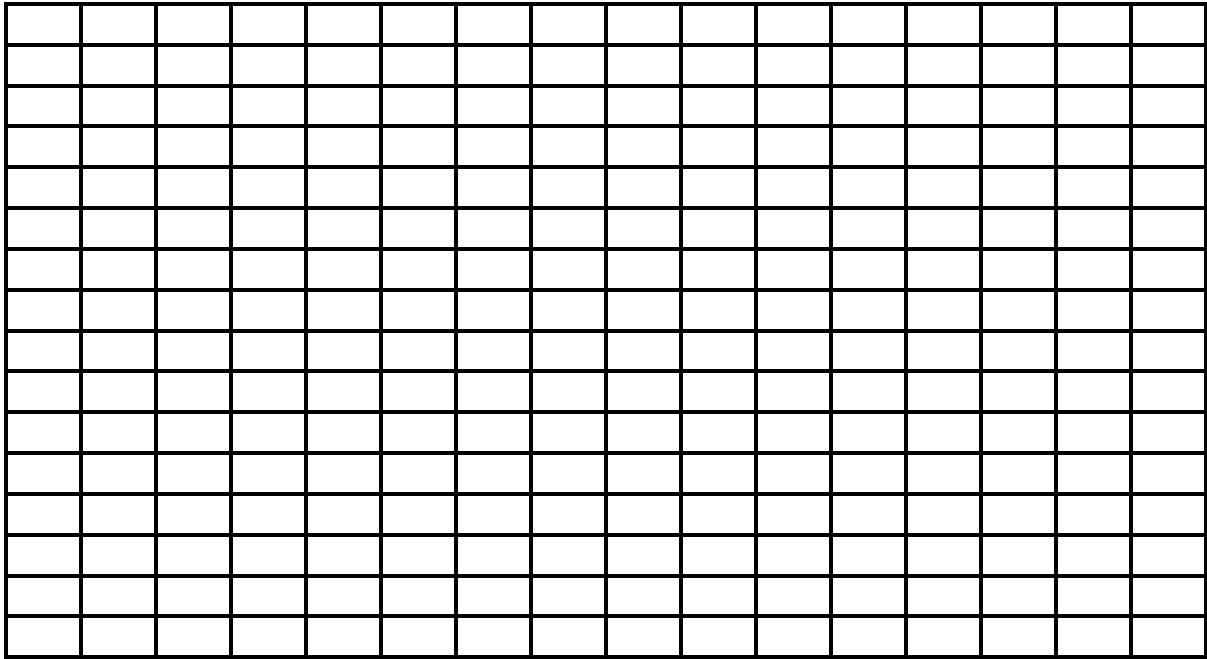
**EXERCISE4:**

Plot the step response for the following first order system using MATLAB. From your plots, find the time constant, rise time, and settling time.



**Figure 4.1 First Order Electrical System**





**Figure 4.4 Step response of the Mechanical system**

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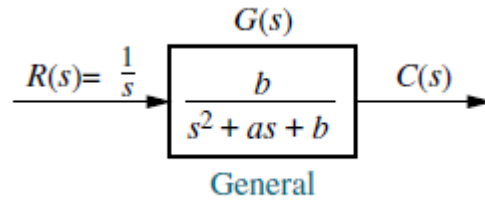
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**Second Order Systems:**

Compared to the simplicity of a first-order system, a second-order system exhibits a wide range of responses that must be analysed and described. Whereas varying a first-order system's parameter simply changes the speed of the response, changes in the parameters of a second-order system can change the form of the response. For example, a second-order system can display characteristics much like a first-order system, or, depending on component values, display damped or pure oscillations for its transient response. A simple second order system is given in the form of transfer function as



**Figure 4.5 A general second order system**

Now by changing the values of the  $a$  and  $b$  and giving a unit step input, we get the different responses like

- i. Over damped
- ii. Underdamped
- iii. Undamped
- iv. Critically damped

**Overdamped responses:**

Poles: Two real at  $\sigma_1; \sigma_2$

Natural response: Two exponentials with time constants equal to the reciprocal of the pole locations, or

$$c(t) = K_1 e^{-\sigma_1 t} + K_2 e^{-\sigma_2 t}$$

**Underdamped responses:**

Poles: Two complex at  $-\sigma_d \pm j\omega_d$

Natural response: Damped sinusoid with an exponential envelope whose time constant is equal to the reciprocal of the pole's real part. The radian frequency of the sinusoid, the damped frequency of oscillation, is equal to the imaginary part of the poles, or

$$c(t) = A e^{-\sigma_d t} \cos(\omega_d t - \varphi)$$

**Undamped responses:**

Poles: Two imaginary at  $\pm j\omega_1$

Natural response: Undamped sinusoid with radian frequency equal to the imaginary part of the poles, or

$$c(t) = A \cos(\omega_1 t - \varphi)$$

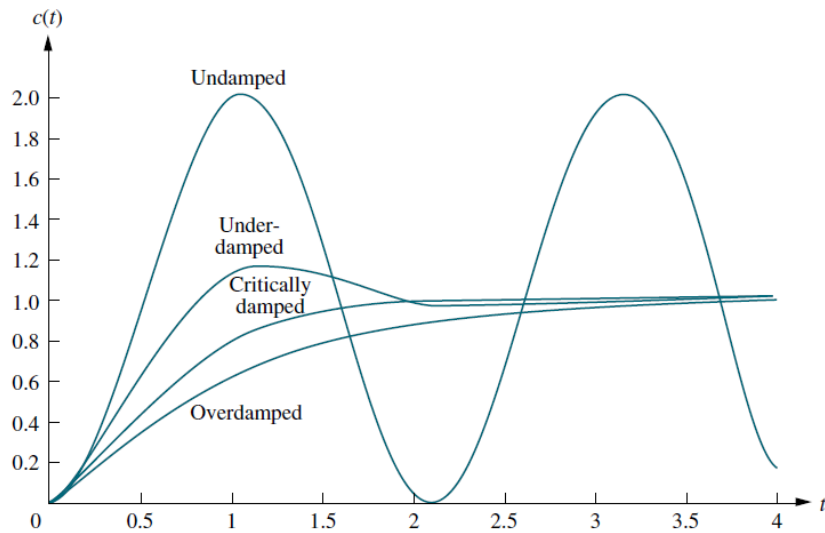
**Critically damped responses:**

Poles: Two real at  $-\sigma_1$

Natural response: One term is an exponential whose time constant is equal to the reciprocal of the pole location. Another term is the product of time,  $t$ , and an exponential with time constant equal to the reciprocal of the pole location

$$c(t) = K_1 e^{-\sigma_1 t} + K_2 t e^{-\sigma_1 t}$$

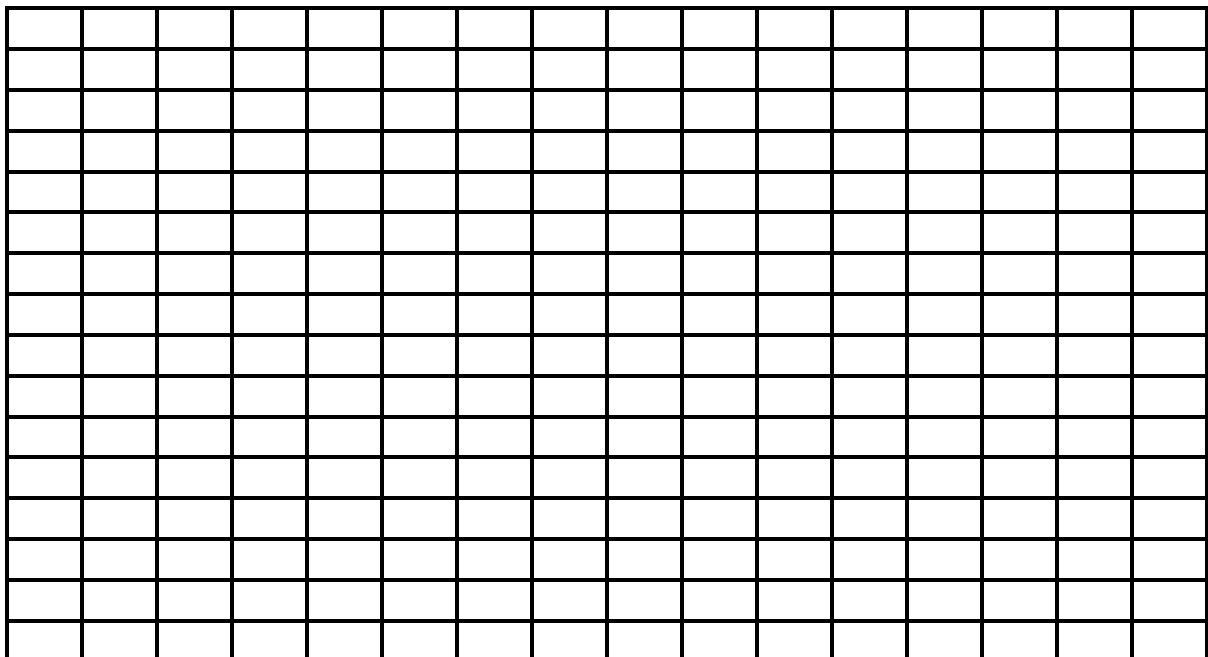
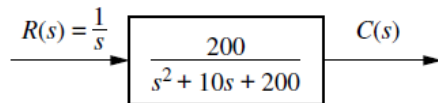
The combined responses are shown in the following fig



**Figure 4.6 Step Responses second order system damping cases**

**EXERCISE6:**

For the given system find the poles and plot the step response of the system and comment on the system output.



**Figure 4.6 Step response of system**





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Now that we have defined  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_n$ , let us relate these quantities to the pole location.

$$s_{1,2} = -\zeta\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}$$

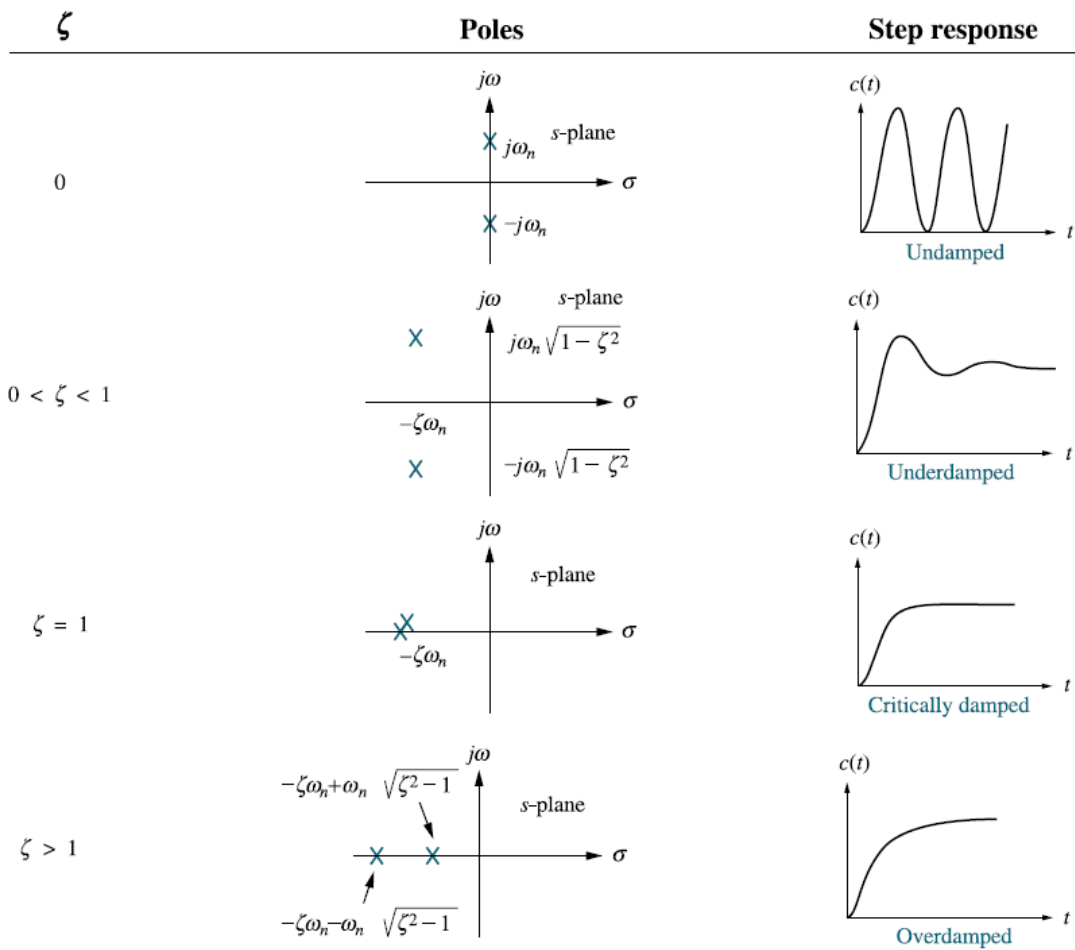
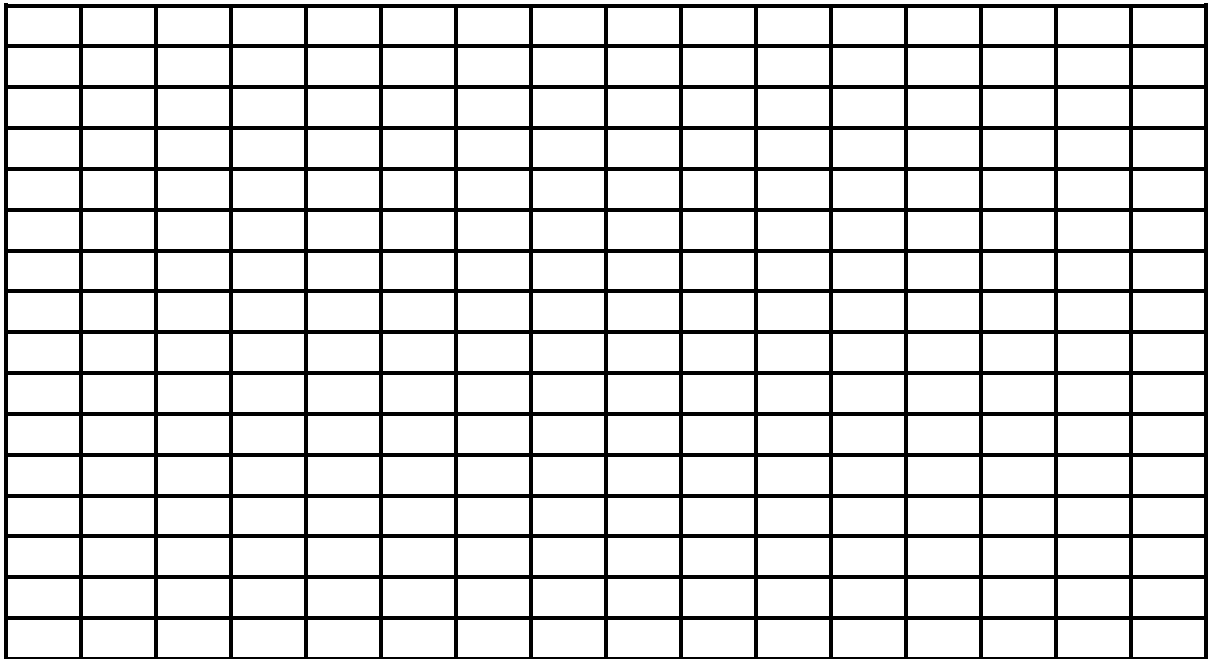
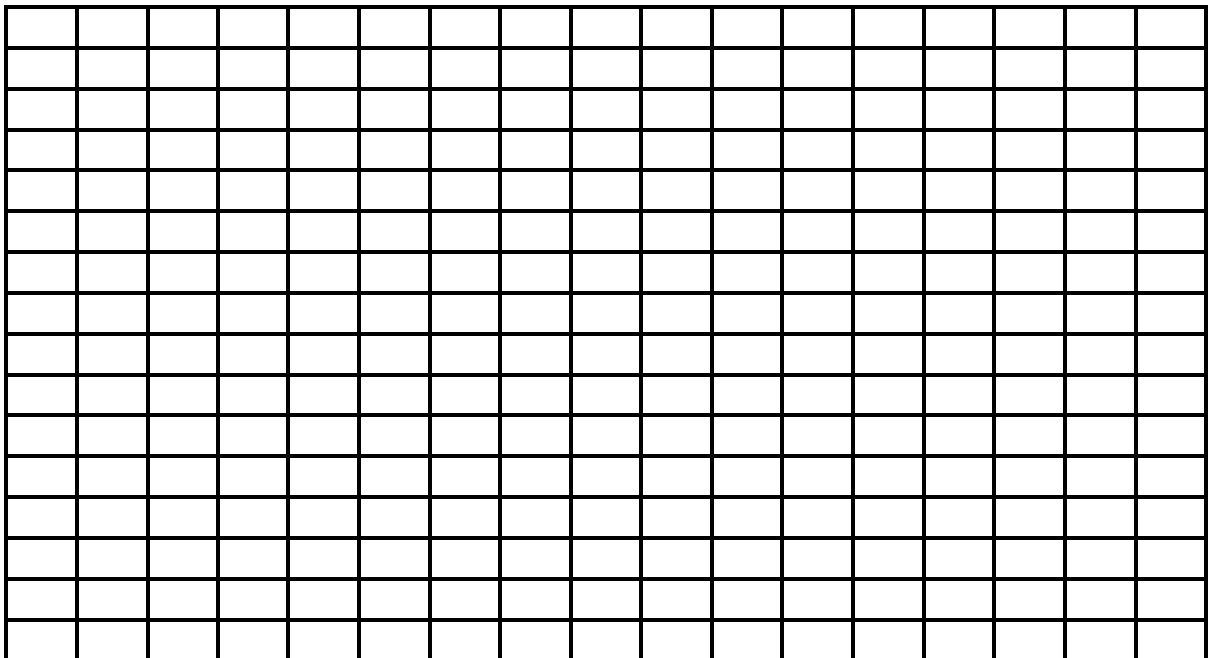


Figure 4.7 second order response as a function of damping ratio



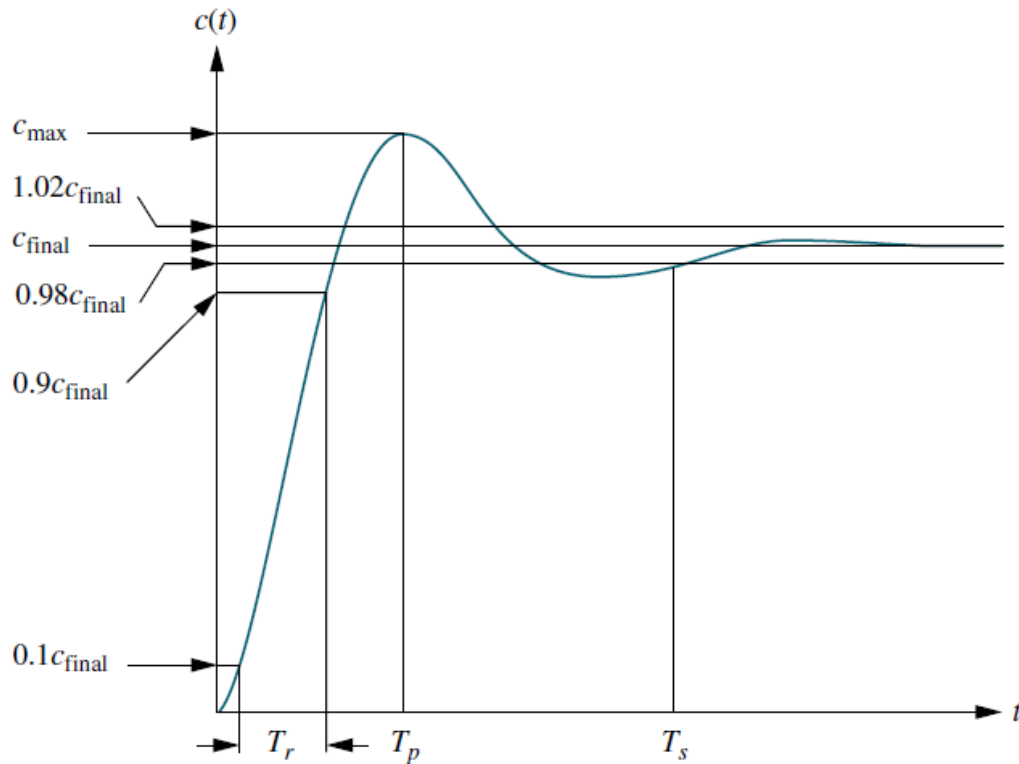


**Figure 4.8** Step response of the system (b)



**Figure 4.9** Step response of the system (c)

We have defined two parameters associated with second-order systems,  $\xi$  and  $\omega_n$ . Other parameters associated with the underdamped response are rise time, peak time, percent overshoot, and settling time. These specifications are defined as follows, see also Figure.



**Figure 4.10 Second order underdamped response specifications**

**Rise time,  $T_r$ :**

The time required for the waveform to go from 0.1 of the final value to 0.9 of the final value.

**Peak time,  $T_p$ :**

The time required to reach the first, or maximum, peak. Which is find as follows

$$T_p = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \xi^2}}$$

**Percent overshoot, %OS:**

The amount that the waveform overshoots the SteadyState, or final, value at the peak time, expressed as a percentage of the steady state value. Which is found by using as follows

$$\%OS = \frac{c_{max} - c_{final}}{c_{final}} \times 100$$

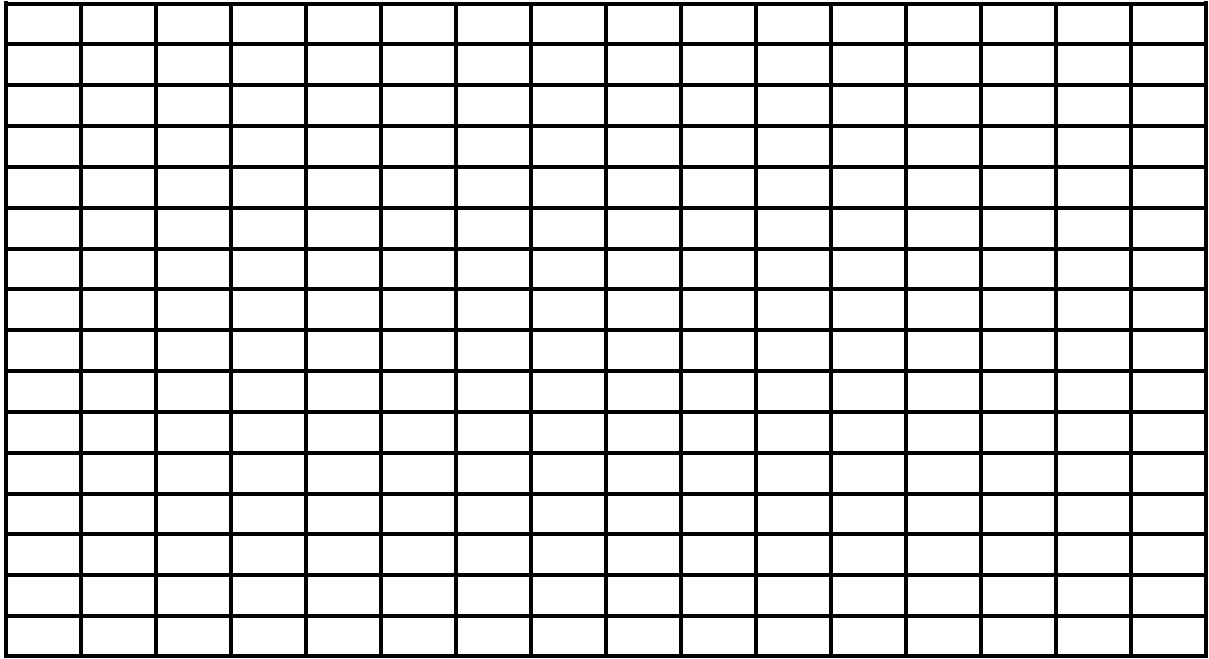
To find %OS given  $\xi$ .











**Figure 4.11 combined response for different values of  $\xi$**