

NORM, GAINS ,  
I/O STABILITY,  
SMALL GAIN THEOREM  
and CIRCLE CRITERION

## Advanced and Multivariable Control

{ signal and  
systems }

**Norms, gains, small gain theorem**

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## Norms of vectors

↳ **of numbers**

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{bmatrix}$$

2 norm  
 $|e|_2 = \sqrt{e'e} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m e_i^2}$

inf norm  
 $|e|_\infty = \max_i |e_i|$  (max value on the vector)

↳ **of signals**

$$e(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e_1(t) \\ e_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ e_m(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

2-norm, or  $H_2$  norm  
 $\|e\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (e'(\tau)e(\tau))d\tau}$

infinity norm, or  $H_\infty$  norm  
 $\|e\|_\infty = \sup_t \left( \sup_i |e_i(t)| \right)$  (max component of vector over time  
(superior := max overall))

similar to number norm but with integral

## Singular values

$\Phi$ :  $[p \times m]$  complex number matrix

The singular values of the matrix  $\Phi \in C^{p,m}$  are the  $k = \min(p, m)$  largest roots of the eigenvalues of  $\underbrace{\Phi^* \Phi}_{\text{or of } \Phi \Phi^*}$

$\downarrow$  # of sing. values

( $\Phi^*$ : complex  
conj matrix)

$$\sigma_i(\Phi) : = \sqrt{\lambda_i(\Phi^* \Phi)} = \sqrt{\lambda_i(\Phi \Phi^*)}, \quad m = p$$

↓

$$\sigma_i(\Phi) : = \sqrt{\lambda_i(\Phi^* \Phi)}, \quad m > p \leftarrow \text{more col than rows}$$

$\Phi^*$ : transpose of  $\Phi$

• with complex  
conj of each  $\phi$   
element

$$\sigma_i(\Phi) : = \sqrt{\lambda_i(\Phi \Phi^*)}, \quad m < p \leftarrow \text{more rows}$$

( $i = 1, \dots, k$ )

depending on matrix structure  
change the evaluation

## Singular value decomposition (SVD) → automatically evaluated by software

Any matrix  $\Phi \in C^{p,m}$  can be partitioned with the singular value decomposition

$$\Phi = U \Sigma V^* \quad \text{complex conj of } V$$

where the matrices  $U \in C^{p \times p}$  and  $V \in C^{m \times m}$  are unitary, while the matrix  $\Sigma$  is defined by

depending on rows/column number

$$\begin{cases} \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in R^{p \times m}, & p \geq m \\ \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in R^{p \times m}, & p \leq m \end{cases}$$

↳ unitary matrix

- $V^* = U^{-1}$
- $\text{eig}(U) = 1$  (X)
- $\text{sing}(U) = 1$

where

$$\Sigma_1 = \text{diag} \{ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k \}; \quad k = \min(p, m) \quad \Sigma_1 : [n \times k]$$

with SVD      ordered elements

diag matrix real values,

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_k$$

structure of matrix

### (\*) Unitary matrix

$$U^* = U^{-1} \quad , \quad |\lambda_i(U)| = 1, \forall i \quad , \quad \sigma_i(U) = 1, \forall i$$

**Minimum and maximum singular values**

Letting

$$\Phi = U\Sigma V^*$$

with

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in R^{p \times m}, \quad p \geq m$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in R^{p \times m}, \quad p \leq m$$

where

$$\Sigma_1 = \text{diag} \{ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k \}; \quad k = \min(p, m)$$

**(DEF)** the maximum singular value is  $\bar{\sigma} = \sigma_1$  and the minimum singular value is

$$\underline{\sigma} \equiv \begin{cases} \sigma_m & \text{if } p \geq m \\ 0 & \text{if } p < m \end{cases}$$

if more rows  $b_m$   
otherwise

Induced  $p$ -norm of a matrix→ norm of given matrix  $A$ 

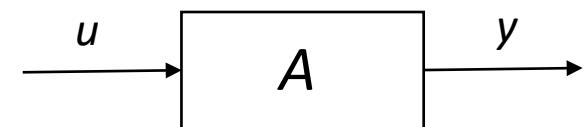
$$\|A\|_{ip} = \sup_{d \neq 0} \frac{\|Ad\|_p}{\|d\|_p}$$

—  $Ad$  is a vector, (of proper dimension)  
taking the supine  
value overall     $p = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$

## Induced 2-norm

$$\|A\|_{i2} = \sup_{d \neq 0} \frac{\|Ad\|_2}{\|d\|_2} = \bar{\sigma}(A)$$

the 2 norm is the  
max singular values of matrix  $A$

Norm of a «map»  $A$  $A \approx$  "static map  
of a system  $u \rightarrow y$ "

(scalar system)

$$\sup_{u \neq 0} \frac{|y = Au|_2}{|u|_2} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A'A)} = \boxed{\bar{\sigma}(A)}$$

↑ takes up  
respect  $u$ 

gain of the map

Relating  
I/O

Norm of systems → dynamical system ( $u(t) \rightarrow y(t)$ )



Let  $L_2$  be the space of functions, null for  $t < 0$ , and whose absolute value raised to the 2<sup>nd</sup> power has finite integral, that is, if  $u \in L_2$ ,

$$\|u\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_0^{+\infty} (u'(\tau)u(\tau))d\tau} < +\infty$$

↓(finite integral)  
here we assume (for  $t < 0$ )  
 $u \neq 0$  for  $t > 0$        $u = 0$

for  $S$  we can define the  
GAIN  $\gamma$ , H<sub>∞</sub> GAIN

Gain  $\gamma$  of  $S$

$$\gamma = \|S\|_\infty = \sup_{u \in L_2} \frac{\|y\|_2}{\|u\|_2} = \sup_{u \in L_2} \frac{\|S(u)\|_2}{\|u\|_2}$$

$\Downarrow$

$y = S(u)$

$$\|y\|_2 \leq \|S\|_\infty \|u\|_2 , \quad \forall u \in L_2$$

H<sub>∞</sub> norm of  $S$

relate 2  
norms of  
In to Out

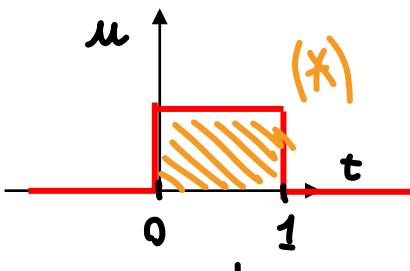
## Example of linear system – the integrator

→ definitions interpretation

(INTEGRATOR)

$$y(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} u(\tau) d\tau, \quad Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} U(s) \quad \text{T.F (in Laplace)}$$

Input  $u = \text{sca}(t)$



$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & , \quad t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

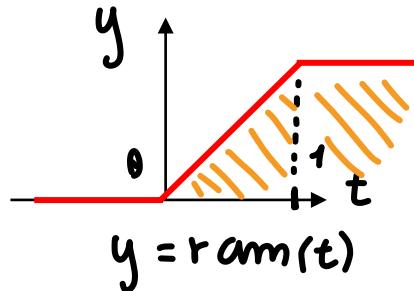
(by definition)

$$\|u\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_0^{+\infty} u'(\tau) u(\tau) d\tau} = 1 \in L_2$$

that area (\*)

$u \in L_2$   
fund family

↓ through integrator



$$\|y\|_2 = +\infty$$

$H_2$  norm ...

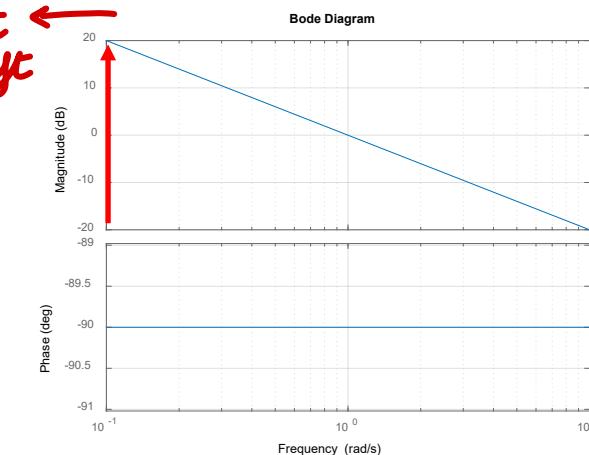
$$\int_0^{+\infty} y'(t) y(t) dt = +\infty$$

output  $y \notin L_2$

0 GAIN syst

infinite gain

(BODE)  
DIAG



w=0 gain @ w=0  
at left

## Example – SISO asymptotically stable linear system

$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s) \quad , \quad Y(j\omega) = G(j\omega)U(j\omega)$$

↳ poles of  $G(s) \rightarrow \text{eig}(A)$  have neg Re part!

|| Parseval theorem || (\*)

↓ ↳  
allows  
to move  
from  
time to  
freq and  
viceversa!  
(by definition)

$$\|y\|_2^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y^2(\tau) d\tau$$

freq domain (\*)

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |Y(j\omega)|^2 d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G(j\omega)|^2 |U(j\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

if  $|G(j\omega)| \leq K$  with  $|G(j\omega)| = K$  for some  $\omega$   
max limit of  $G$  (assumption)

$|G| \leq K$  always...  
so overall limited!

$$\|y\|_2^2 \leq K^2 \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |U(j\omega)|^2 d\omega = K^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u^2(\tau) d\tau = K^2 \|u\|_2^2$$

from freq to  
Time (\*)

( $\|u\|_2, \|y\|_2$   
relationship!)

new gain  
definition,  
different from  
STATIC GAIN!

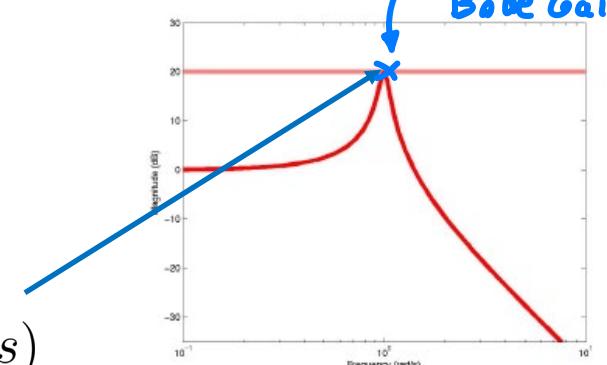
We can define  $H_\infty$   
Gain of  $G$   
as:

$\|G\|_\infty = \sup_{\omega} |G(j\omega)| = K$

from SISO T.F  
of asymp stable syst

as norm: max  
possible  
amplification

↑  $H_\infty$ ,  $\infty$  Gain is  
the max of  
Bode Gain



[gain]: supremum of the modulus of the frequency response of  $G(s)$

# MULTI IN/OUT systems!

Extension to **MIMO asymptotically stable linear system**

$b(\omega)$  evolution

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sup of} \\ \text{max sing} \\ \text{value} \end{array} \right\}$

as defined previously...

$$\gamma = \|G\|_{\infty} = \sup_{\omega} \bar{\sigma}(G(j\omega))$$

# mom null sing values depends  
on I,O number... any  $b$  depends on  $\omega$

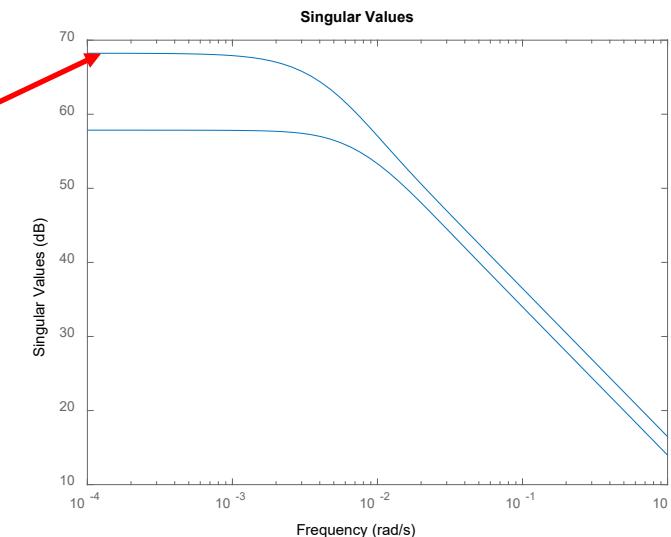
(NOTE: MIMO syst  $\rightarrow$   $G(j\omega)$  is a matrix of T.F)

$\neq$  from SISO case... here you look  
to  $b$  (sing. val)

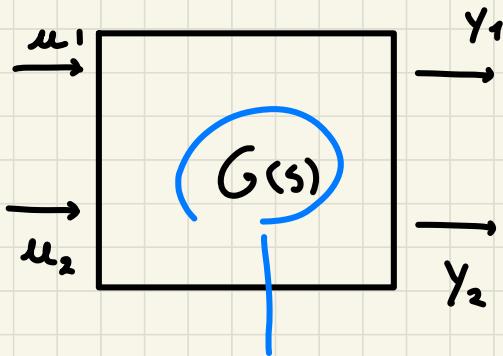
## Input - Output (I/O) stability

### DEFINITION

↳ A system  $y = S(u)$  is input-output (I/O) stable if it has finite gain  
( $u \rightarrow y$  system)  
 $\text{if } u \in L_2 \rightarrow y \in L_2$



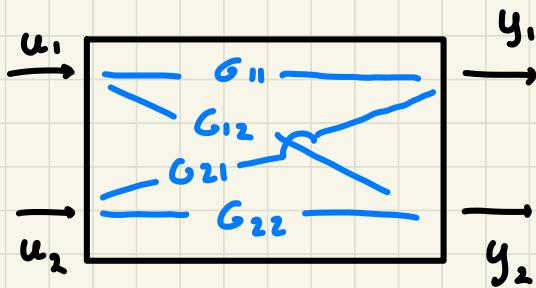
for each  $b$  we can draw  
bode diag



MIMO syst.

the T.F is  
a matrix

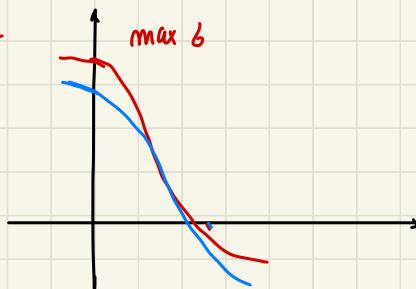
$$G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11}(s) & G_{12}(s) \\ G_{21}(s) & G_{22}(s) \end{bmatrix}$$



we will  
have  
2 sing  
values

you can have **strange behaviour...**

simg value Bode diag



example

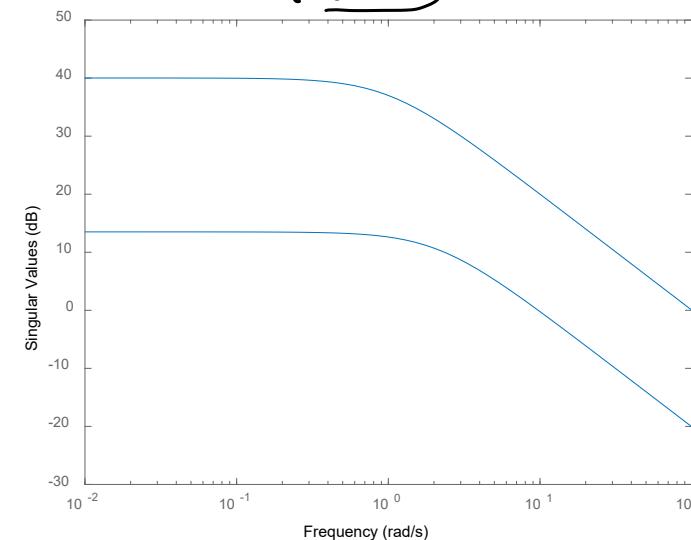
$$G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{100}{(s+1)} & \frac{10}{(s+1)(s+2)} \\ \frac{10}{(s+2)} & \frac{10}{(s+2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $[2 \times 2]$  system

$G(j\omega)$  matrix of complex values...  
 compute  $\forall \omega$  the singular  
 values (?)

# 6 equals  
 to min  
 number of (non)out

deg of 6

MATLAB

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g11=tf(100,[1 1]);
g12=tf(10,conv([1 1],[1 2]));
g21=tf(10,[1 2]);
g22=tf(10,[1 2]);
G1=[g11 g12;g21 g22]
sigma(G1)

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## Different definitions of gain for asymptotically stable linear systems

- *gain*, or *infinite-norm gain*:  $\gamma = \|G\|_\infty$
- *gain at a given frequency  $\omega$*

$$\frac{\|Y(j\omega)\|_2}{\|U(j\omega)\|_2} = \frac{\|G(j\omega)U(j\omega)\|_2}{\|U(j\omega)\|_2}$$

*SISO* systems: the gain at a given frequency  $\omega$  is  $|G(j\omega)|$

*MIMO* systems:

$$\underline{\sigma}(G(j\omega)) \leq \frac{\|G(j\omega)U(j\omega)\|_2}{\|U(j\omega)\|_2} \leq \bar{\sigma}(G(j\omega))$$

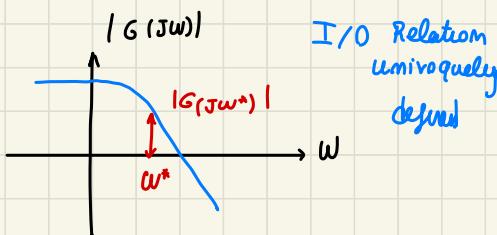
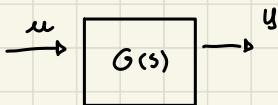
- *static gain*: gain at  $\omega = 0$ .  $\leftarrow |G(0)|$  typical gain seen until now

NOT equal  $\forall$  output, depend on the INPUT

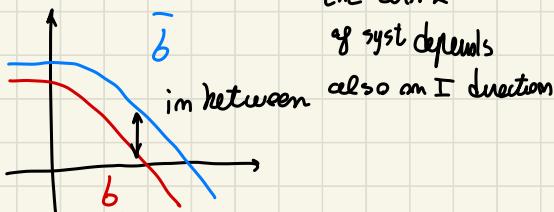
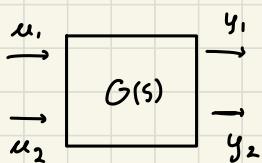
always in between min, max sing value

It depends on the applied input  
on MIMO syst is important to look also to the T.F Gain

## SISO systems



MIMO

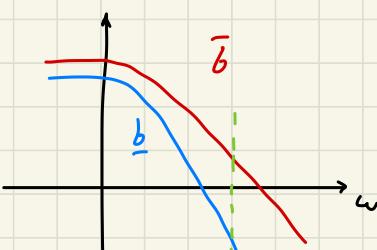
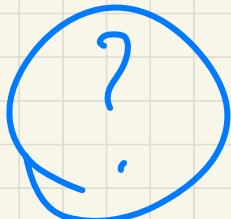


depended on how input is selected

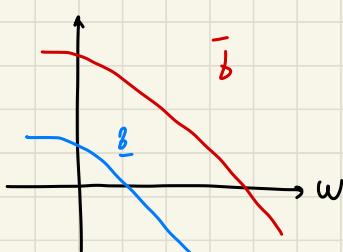
→ gain depends on input direction

↓  
this is why when design controllers  
↳ (no BODE Theory)

different Gain to look at  
with strong influence



$\underline{b}, \bar{b}$  is relevant  
because in some case relevant

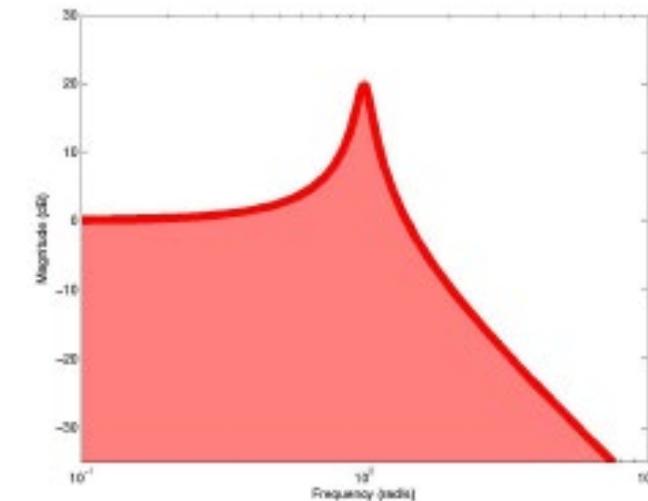


**2-norm gain for asymptotically stable, strictly proper, linear systems**

( $H_2$  GAIN)  $\downarrow$  (important for Robust control  $H_\infty$ )

**SISO**

$$\|G\|_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G(j\omega)|^2 d\omega}$$

**MIMO**

$$\|G\|_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{tr}(G(j\omega)G'(-j\omega)) d\omega}$$

(consider the)  
Trace!

$\uparrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{2 norm related} \\ \text{to area!} \end{array} \right\}$

### Example $H_2 - H_\infty$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s+a}, \quad a > 0$$

compute  
 $H_2, H_\infty$  of simple SISO syst by definition

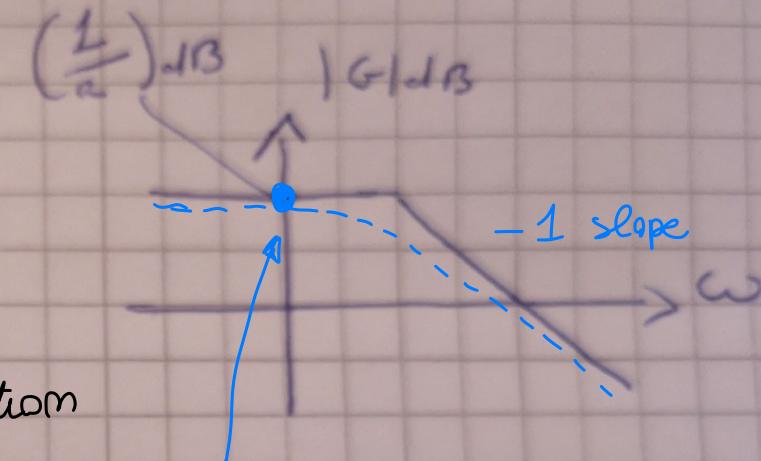
$\rightarrow$   
 $\infty$  Gain

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \|G\|_\infty = \frac{1}{a} \\ \text{(max of bode deag)} \end{array} \right]$$

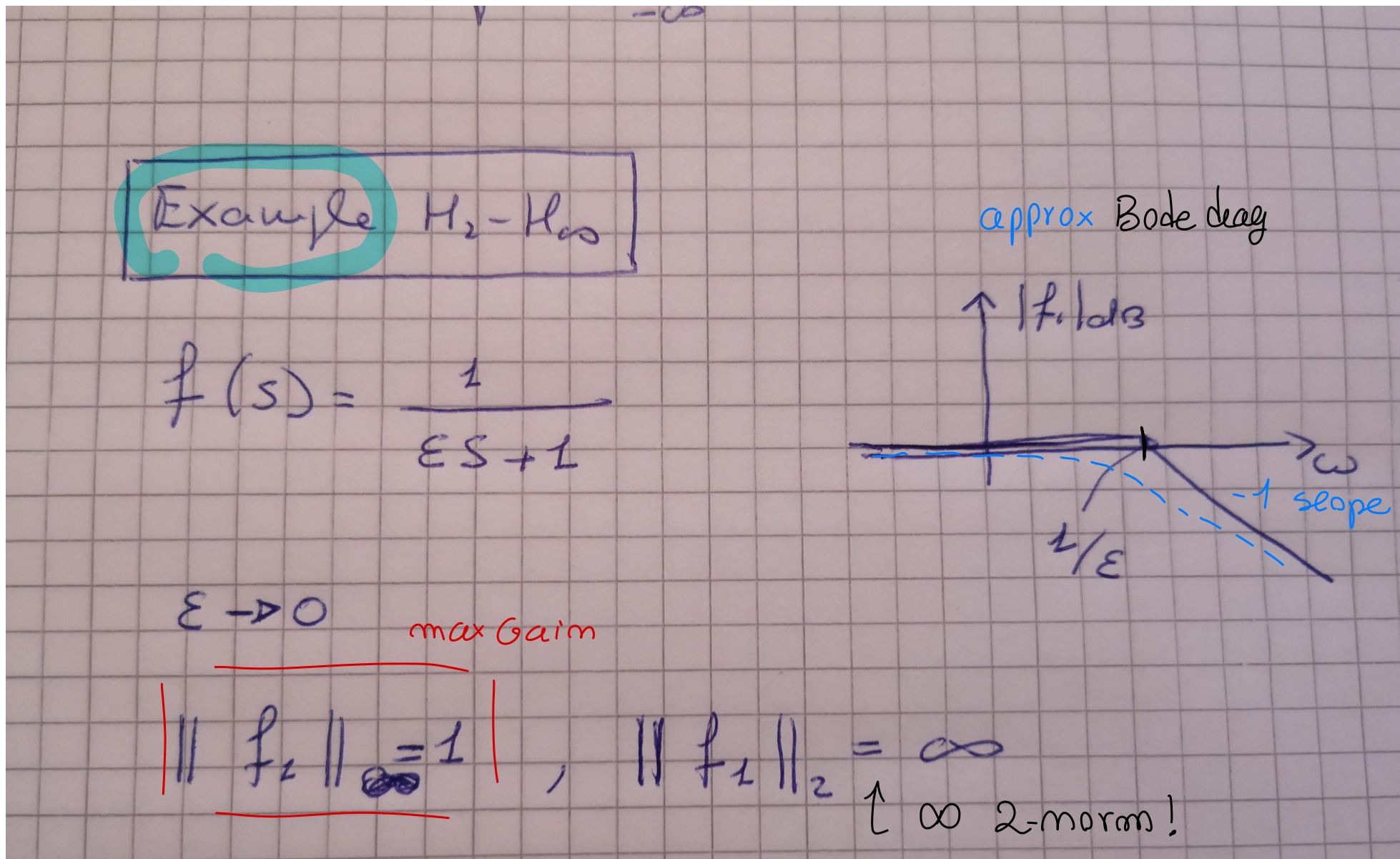
$\rightarrow$   
 $2$  Gain

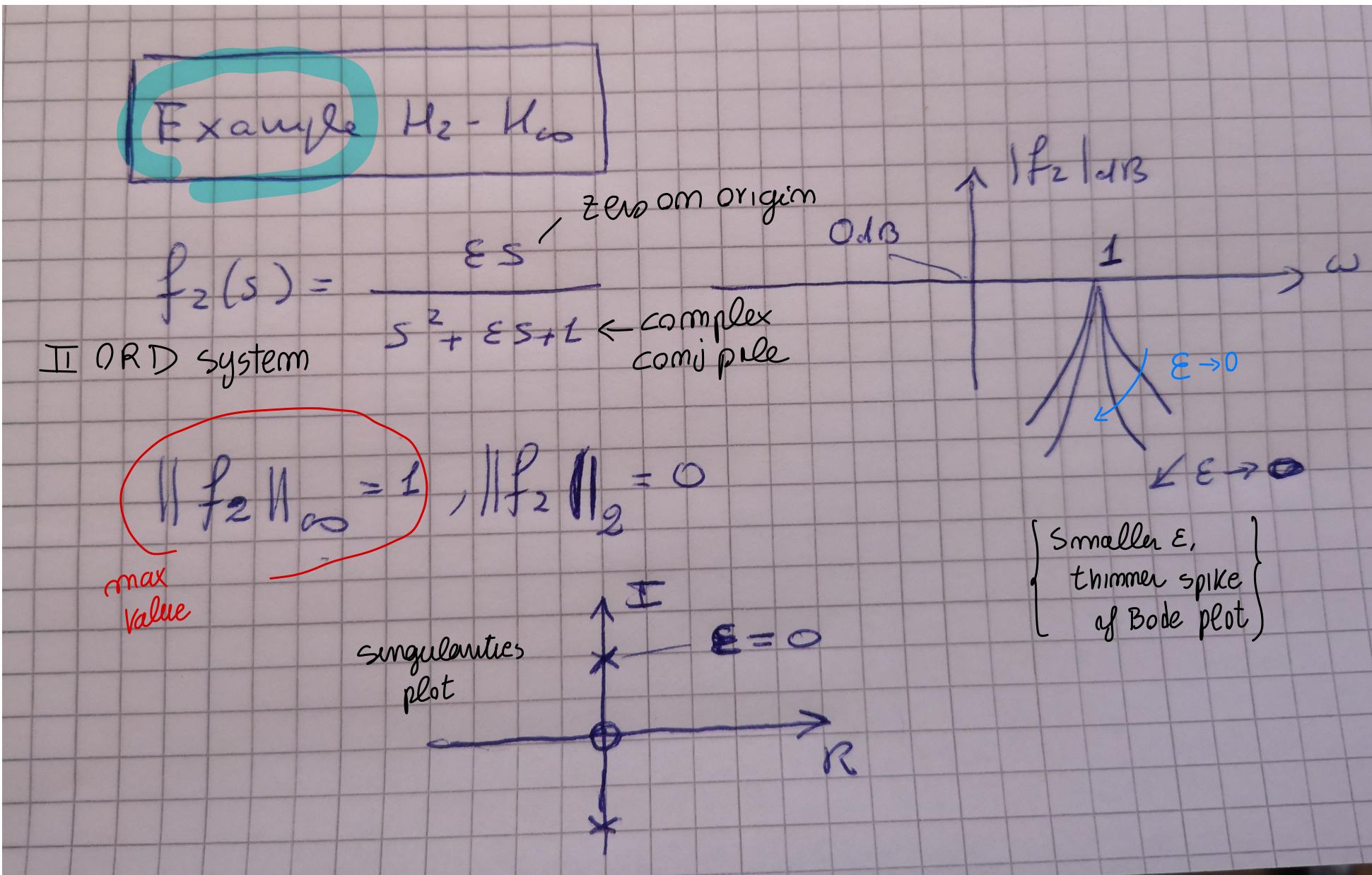
$$\|G\|_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G(j\omega)|^2 d\omega} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2a}}$$

approx Bode deag



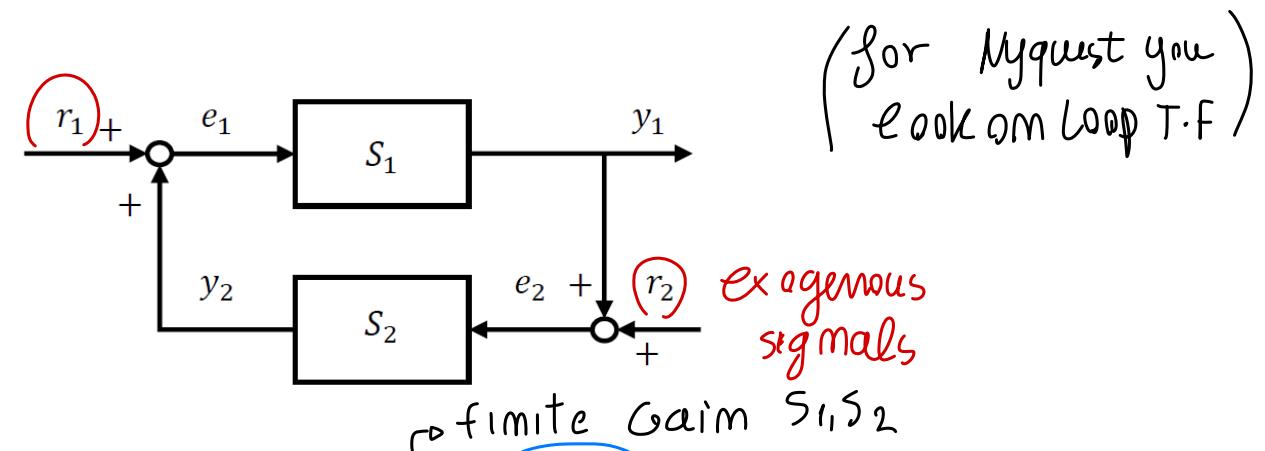
NO RELATION!





**Small gain theorem** (one of the most useful tools for the analysis of nonlinear feedback systems)  
 (to study syst stability)

study STABILITY



Assume that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are I/O stable systems. Then

the feedback system is I/O stable if  $\|S_1\|_\infty \|S_2\|_\infty < 1$

- If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are linear the condition is

$$\|S_1 S_2\|_\infty < 1$$

less restrictive condition

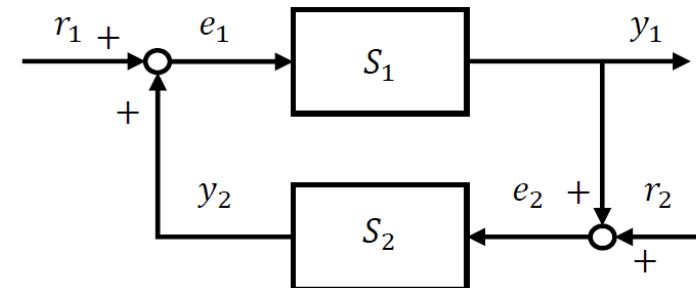
Important also for synthesis of Regulator modifying  $S_1, S_2$  feedback good syst

only sufficient conditions

**Proof**

→ demonstration of  
the theorem

↓ express signals as  
function of exog signals



$$e_1 = r_1 + S_2(r_2 + y_1), \quad y_1 = S_1(e_1)$$

Therefore,

$$\|e_1\|_2 \leq \|r_1\|_2 + \|S_2\|_\infty (\|r_2\|_2 + \underbrace{\|S_1\|_\infty \|e_1\|_2}_{\text{bounded signal}})$$

It follows that

$$\|e_1\|_2 \leq \frac{\|r_1\|_2 + \|S_2\|_\infty \|r_2\|_2}{1 - \|S_1\|_\infty \|S_2\|_\infty} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{bounded signal} \\ \text{of } \|e_1\| \end{matrix}$$

*Avoid den ≠ 0     $\|S_1\|_\infty \|S_2\|_\infty < 1!$*

*to be limited pos.*

and, with similar developments,

$$\|e_2\|_2 \leq \frac{\|r_2\|_2 + \|S_1\|_\infty \|r_1\|_2}{1 - \|S_1\|_\infty \|S_2\|_\infty}$$

Then, in view of the previous assumptions, the gain is finite

⇒ good to  
study I/O stability  
of nom lmsyst.

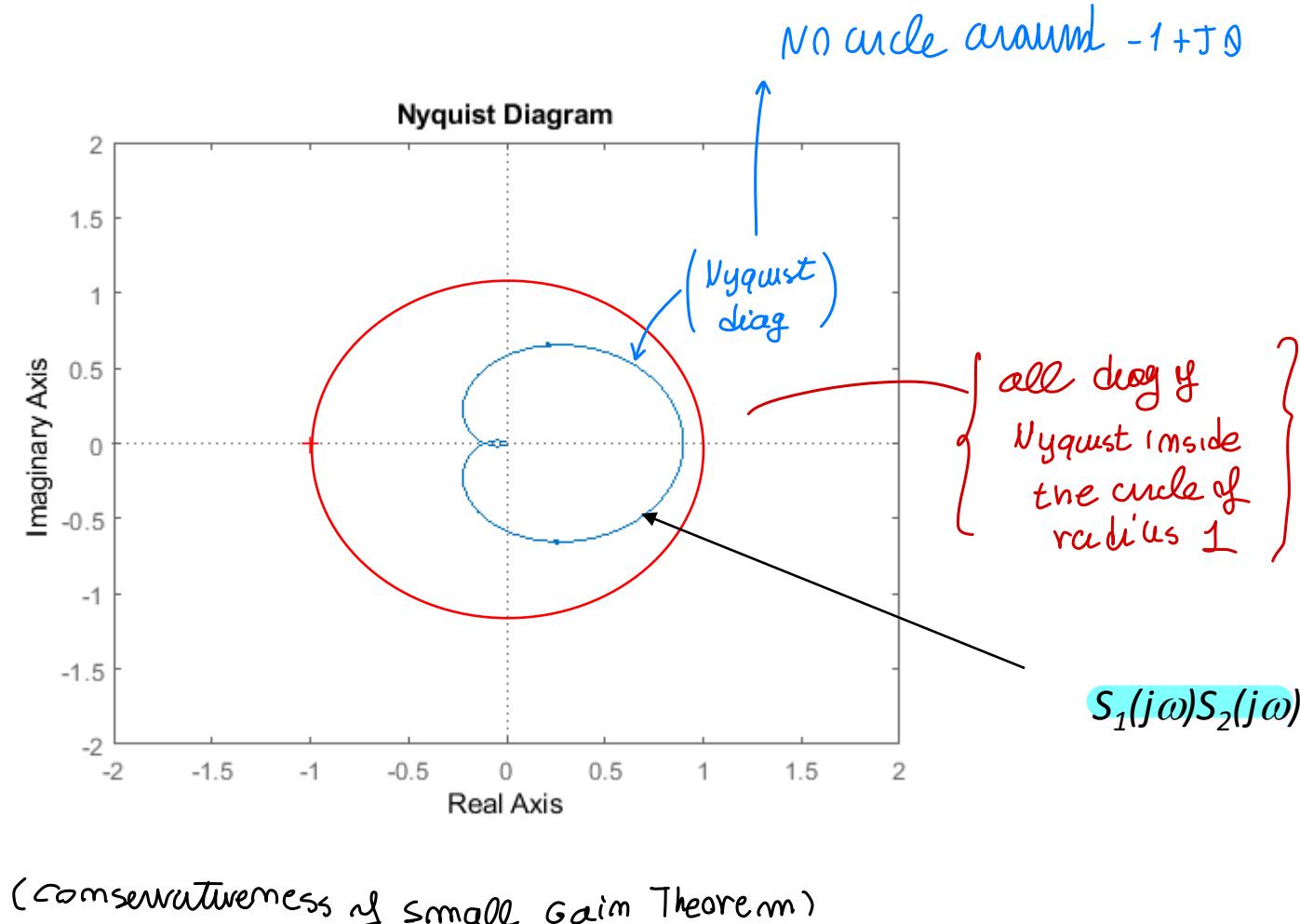
assume we work with...

## SISO Linear systems

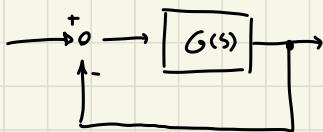
Nyquist criterion:

$$\begin{cases} N=0 \\ P=0 \end{cases}$$

to guarantee  
stability ... during  
design phase  
this leads  
to conservative  
conditions...



I/O stable syst, Asymp. stable

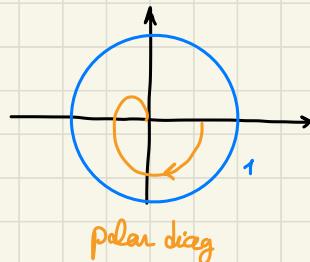


(Nyquist Th)  $P = 0$

$$\begin{cases} S_1 = G \\ S_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\Downarrow$   
condition  $\|S\|_\infty < 1$

verified:  $\|S_1 S_2\|_\infty < 1$



polar diag of  $G$

$$\boxed{\|S_1 S_2\|_\infty < 1}$$

(condition to  
satisfy)

sufficient  
condition!

$\Downarrow$   
NOT the only possibility!

(conservative condition)

$\|S_1\|_\infty < 1$  to apply th

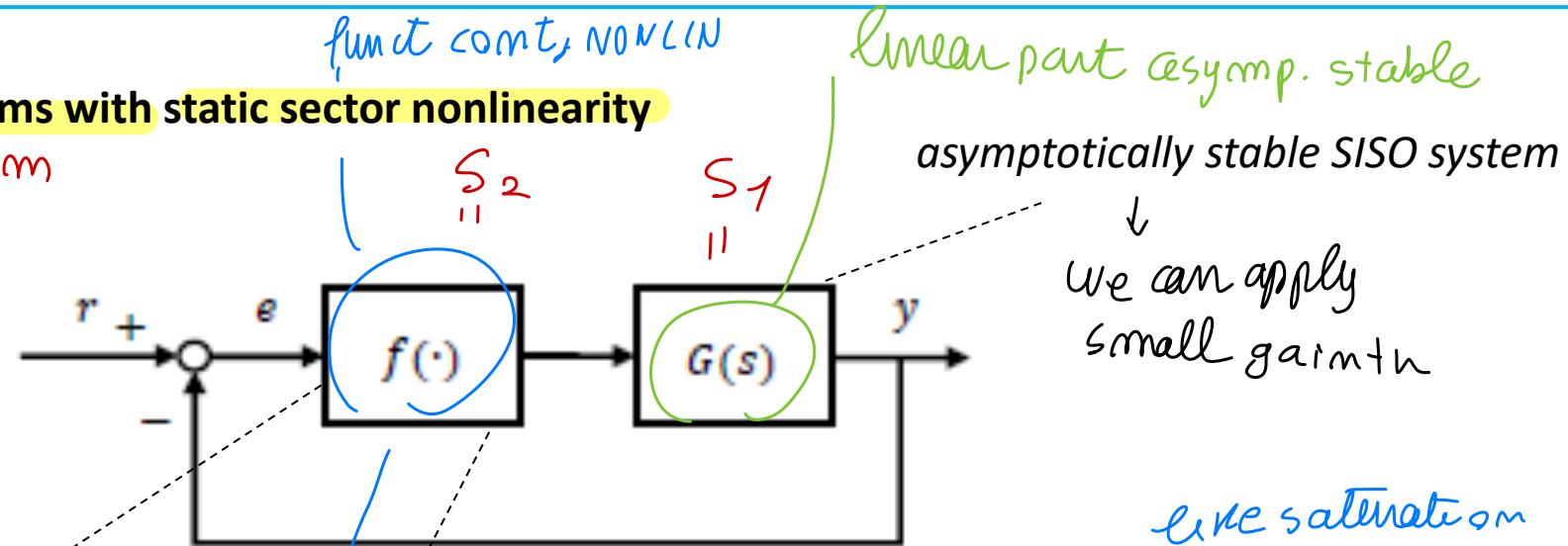
$$\|G\|_\infty < 1$$

strictly inside  
unit circle  
and  $\# N = 0$  of  
round around  $-1 + j0$

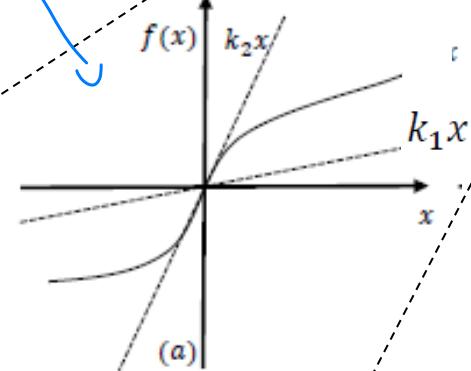
## Stability of feedback systems with static sector nonlinearity

**small Gain theorem**

usefull for stability  
of particular  
system class



sector  
non  
linearity



nonlinear, continuous function  
uniquely defined for any input  
 $f(0) = 0$  and  $k_1 e \leq f(e) \leq k_2 e$

↑ inside a certain sector!

limit zone of nonlinearity →

( $\rightarrow$  theorem)

sufficient condition for I/O stability  
of system

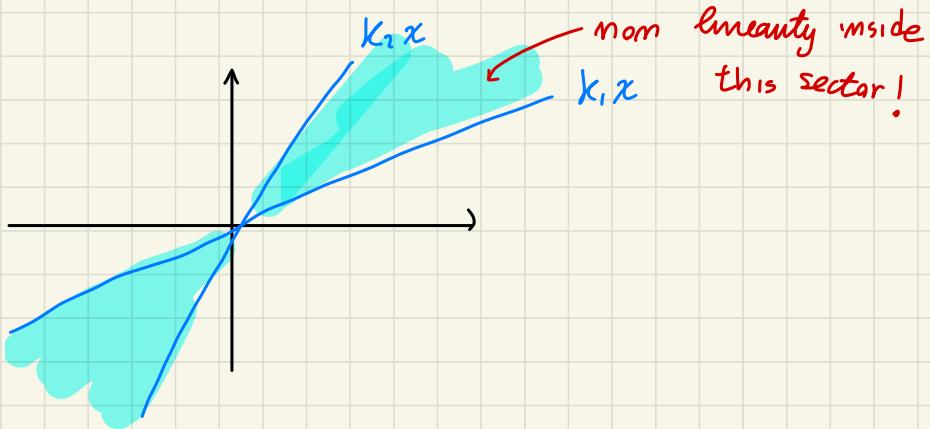
In view of the **small gain theorem**, I/O  
stability of the feedback system is  
guaranteed if

$$k_2 \sup_{\omega} |G(j\omega)| < 1$$

H $\infty$  Gain  
of  $G(s)$

condition imposed by small gain

$\hookrightarrow$  (restrictive condition)



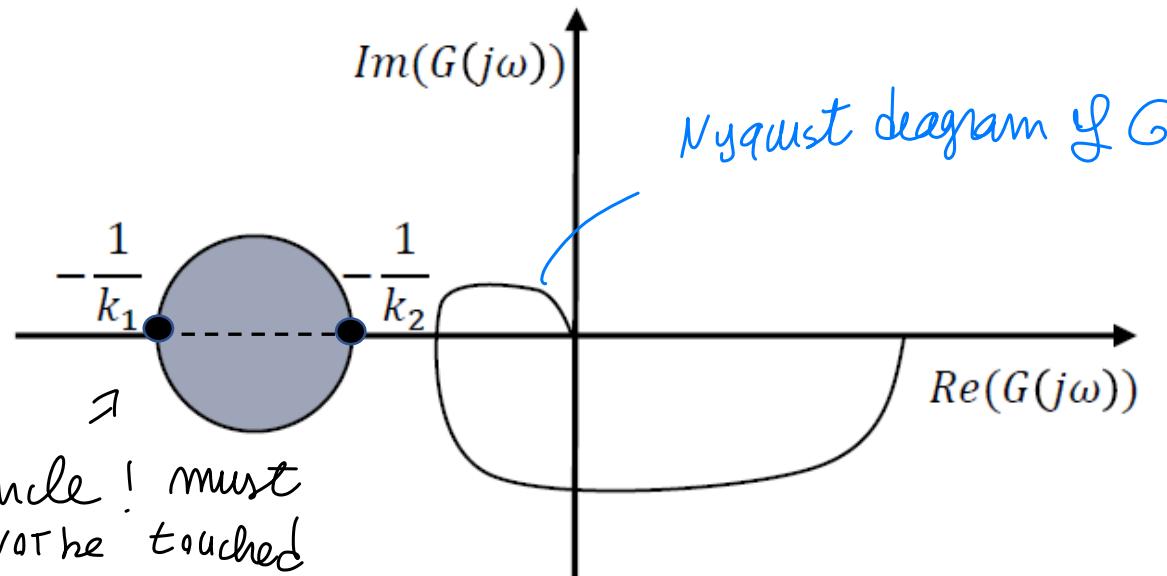
$\Rightarrow \{$  READING condition }

A less stringent condition : THE CIRCLE CRITERION (proof in the textbook)

(Simpler  
condition  
to check)

show this  
problem circle ! must  
not be touched

CIRCLE CRITERION

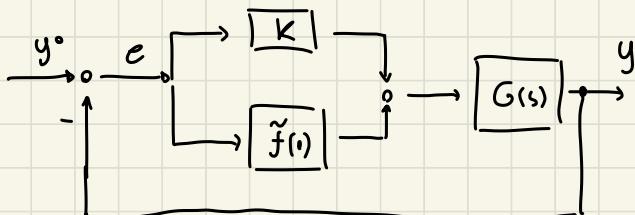
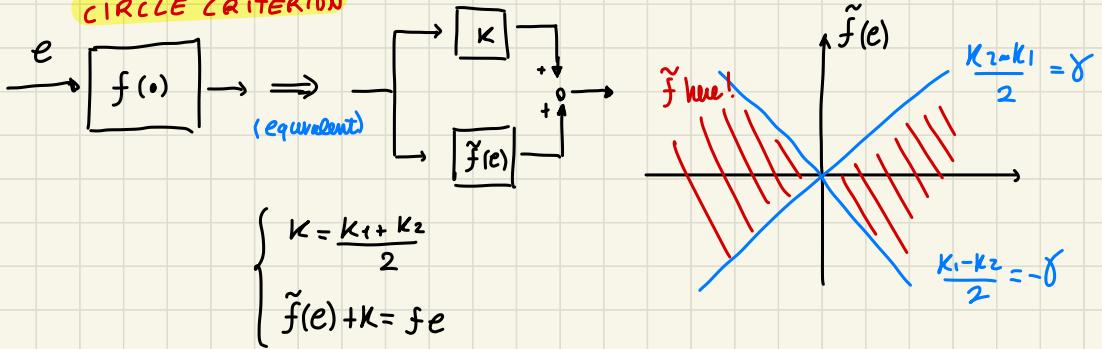


PROOF  $\Rightarrow$

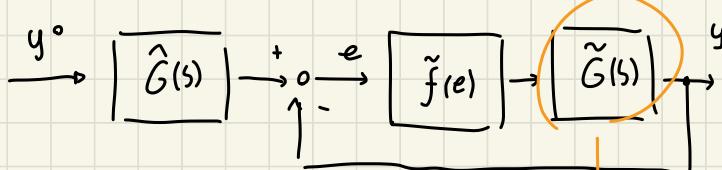
The closed-loop system is I/O stable if the Nyquist diagram of  $G(s)$  does not encompass, intersect, or touch the circle with diameter given by the segment  $[-\frac{1}{k_1}, -\frac{1}{k_2}]$  and located on the  $x$  axis

$$K_1 < K_2$$

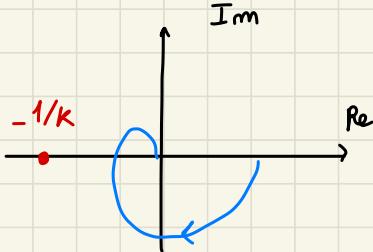
## CIRCLE CRITERION



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Nyquist theorem:

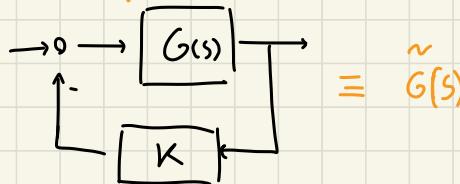


No cycles  
around  $-1/K$   
point for  
Nyq th

$$e = \frac{1}{1 + KG(s)} y^* - \frac{\tilde{f}(s)}{1 + KG(s)}$$

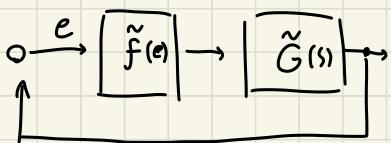
↑  
same stability property! (same denominator)

assume  
 $\hat{G}, \tilde{G}$  asymp.  
stable



$$\equiv \tilde{G}(s)$$

Consider:

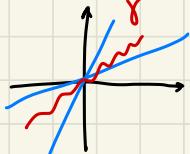


small gain Th

sys I/O stable if

$$\gamma |\tilde{G}(j\omega)| < 1 \quad \forall \omega$$

remember (?)



⇒ from this expression

$$\frac{1}{|\tilde{G}(j\omega)|} > \gamma \quad \forall \omega$$

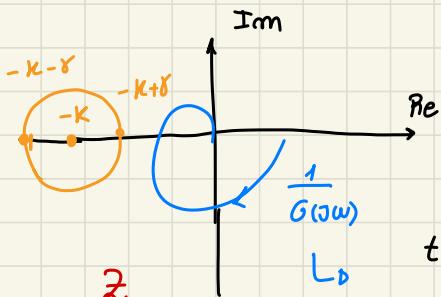
from  $\tilde{G}$  definition:

$$\tilde{G}(s) = \frac{G(s)}{1 + KG(s)}$$

$$\frac{1}{|\tilde{G}(s)|} = \left| \frac{1 + KG(s)}{G(s)} \right| \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{G(j\omega)} + K \right| > \gamma \quad \forall \omega$$

meaning that

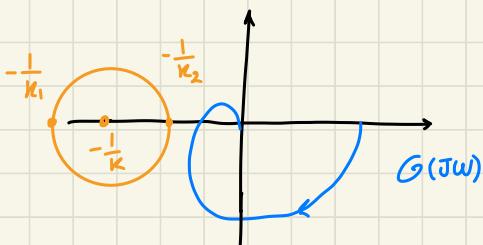
$\frac{1}{G(j\omega)}$  polar diag has always distance from k bigger than  $\gamma$



to express om  $G(j\omega)$

$\tilde{z}$   
domain

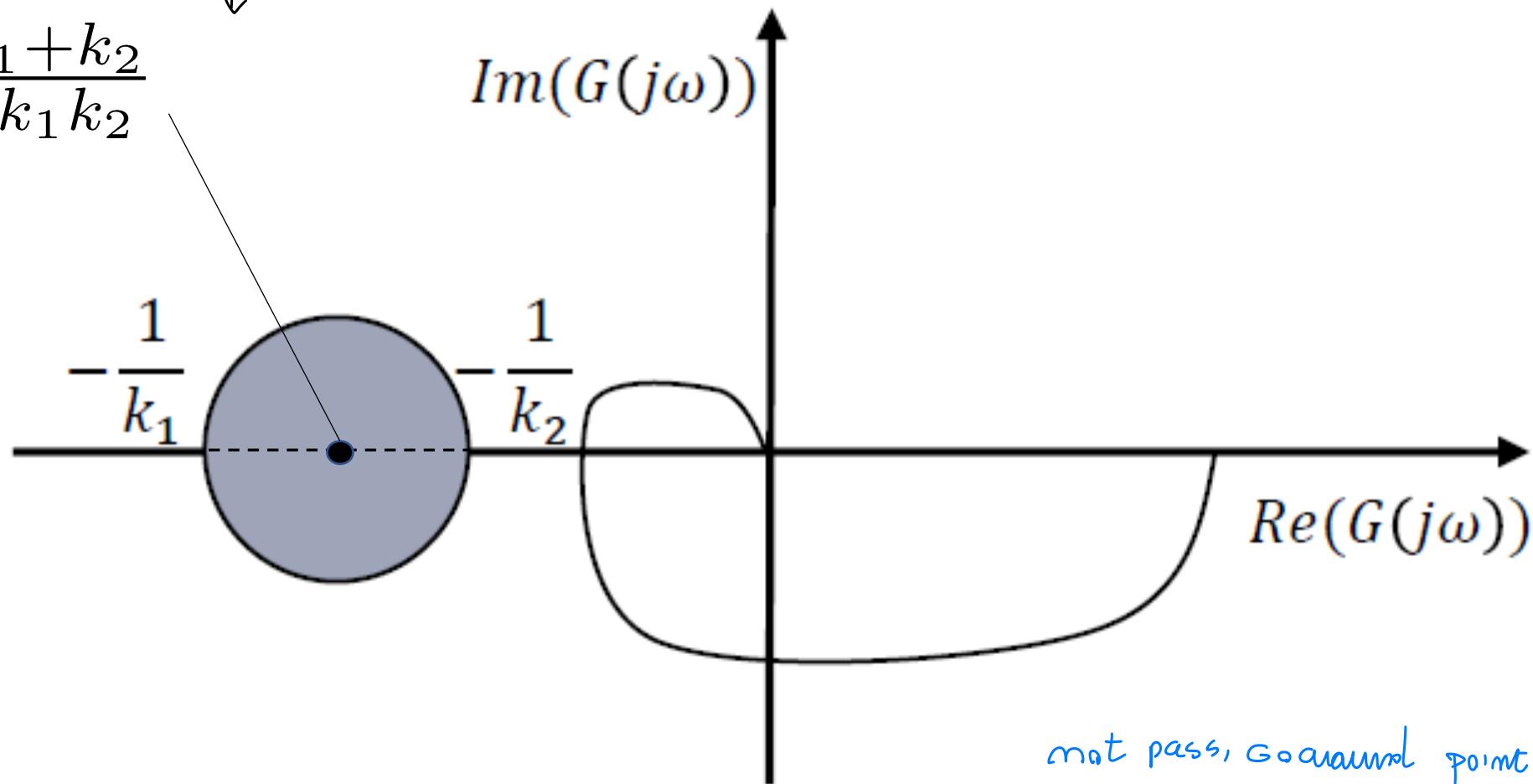
$$\text{transf: } \frac{1}{\tilde{z}}$$



(equivalent to previous slide)



$$-\frac{k_1 + k_2}{2k_1 k_2}$$



IF)  $k_1 = k_2 = 1$   $\rightarrow$  Nyquist criterion (If condition)

*Just a line, NOT a sector*

*yet known*

mat pass, Gouaum point

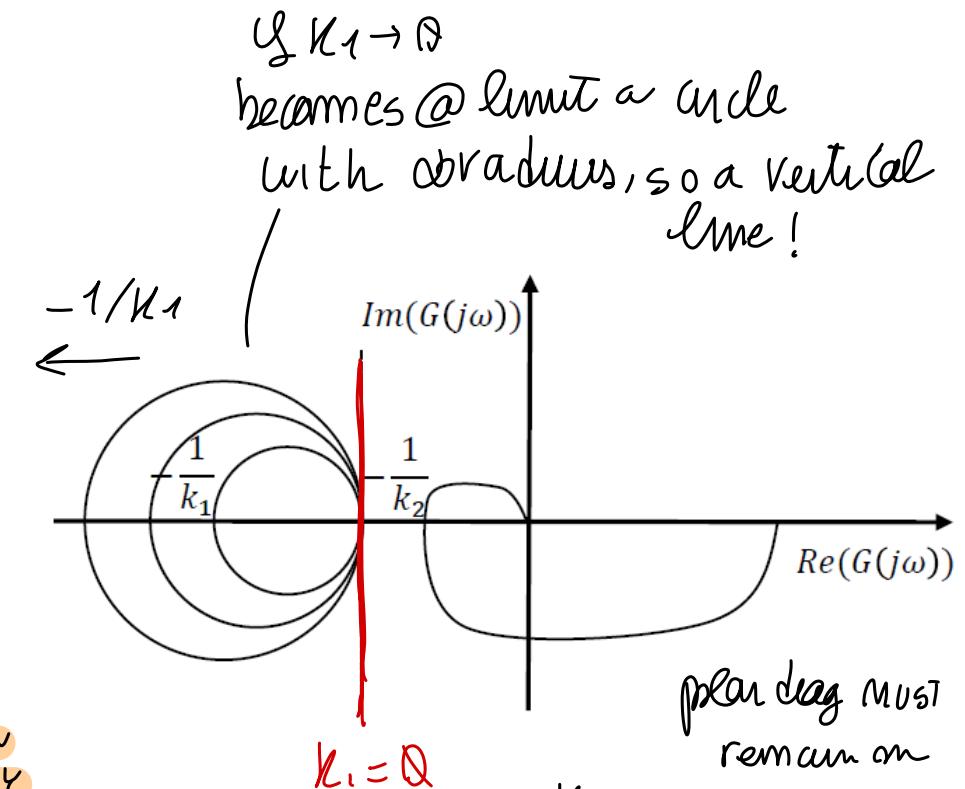
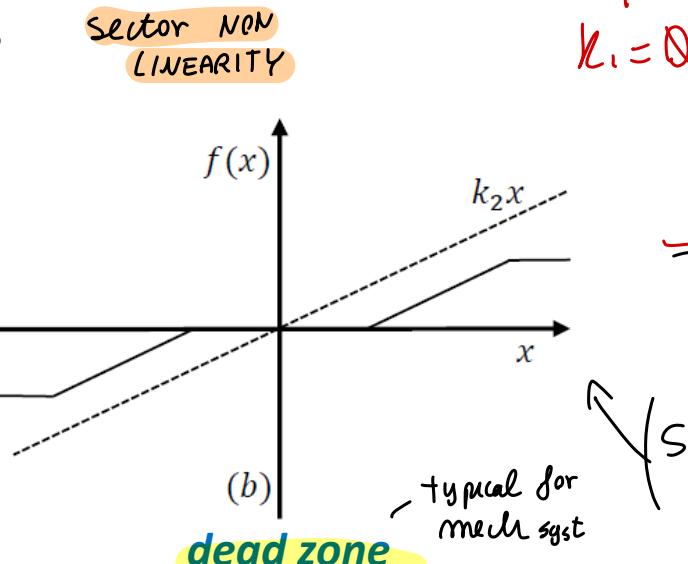
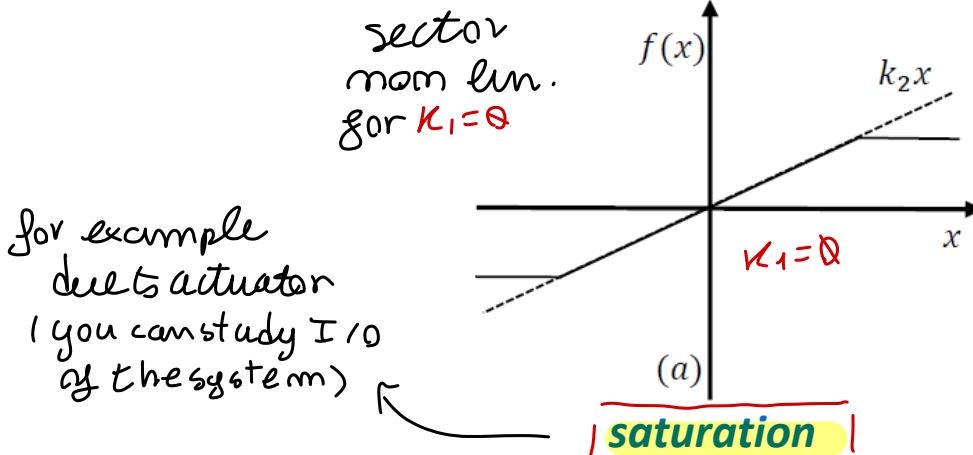
$-1+j0$

## THE CIRCLE CRITERION comments and interpretations

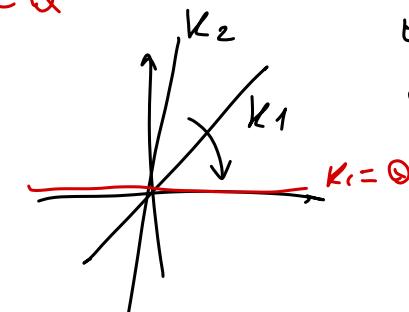
- Only a sufficient condition (from small gain Th)
- Can be generalized to non asymptotically stable  $G(s)$
- When  $k_1 \rightarrow 0$  the circle becomes a vertical line passing through  $-1/k_2$   
how to modify properly  $G(s)$

analysis + synthesis tool

Interesting cases, widely used in practical applications



plan drag MUST remain on the right of  $-1/k_2$



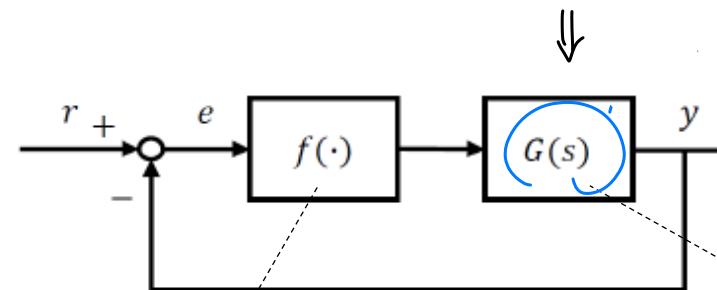
Saturation with dead zone

*... some exercises ...*

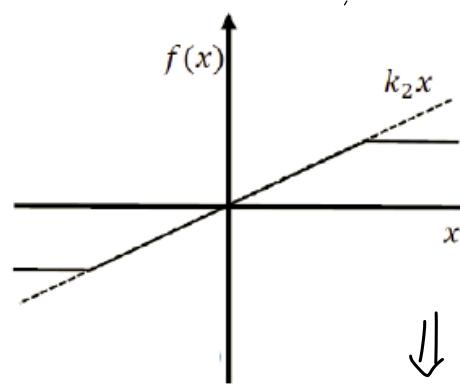


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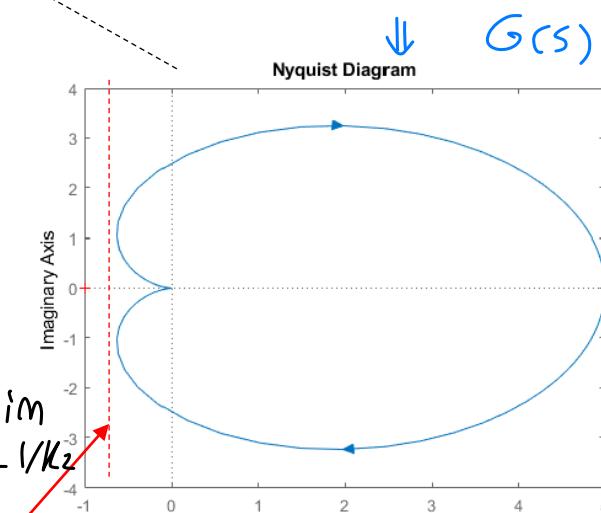
B. Consider the feedback system



Where  $G(s)$  is the transfer function of an asymptotically stable system with the Nyquist diagram reported below together with the form of the saturation  $f(\cdot)$ .



$\Downarrow$  Case  $K_1 = Q$ , we must guarantee plan lag of  $G$  remain on the right of vertical line  $-1/k_2$



determine (qualitatively) the maximum value of  $k_2$  guaranteeing the Input/Output stability of the system.

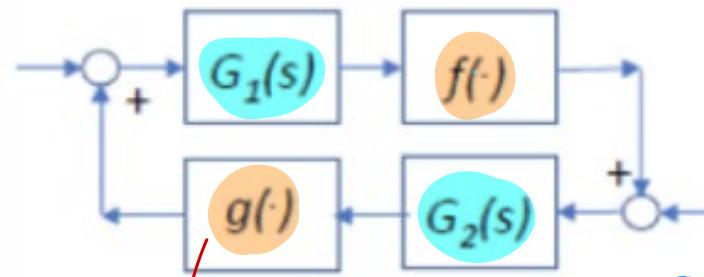
solution

$$\frac{-1}{k_2} \approx -0.7$$

apply the theory properly !

Consider the system

feedback system



If  $G_2$  is a Regulator you can use  
this analysis result for the  
synthesis  
that Regulator

sector nonlin

as asymptotic T.F

and  $f, g$  are sector nonlinearities uniquely defined for any input with

$$k_1 x \leq f(x) \leq k_2 x \quad \text{limits}$$

$$h_1 x \leq g(x) \leq h_2 x \quad k_1, k_2, h_1, h_2 \text{ positive values}$$

What condition guarantees Input/Output stability?

- $k_2 h_2 < 1$

we can apply small gain Th and guarantee  
 $H_\infty$  gain of overall loop  $< 1$      $|G_2|_{H_\infty} = 1$      $|G_1|_{H_\infty} = \alpha$

- $T k_2 h_2 < 1$

↑

- $k_1 h_1 < 1$

- $\alpha k_2 h_2 < 1$

$h_2, k_2$  specify sector nonlin + look to the  $H_\infty$   
 Gain of  $G_1, G_2$