



AUTOMATION OF ENERGY SYSTEMS

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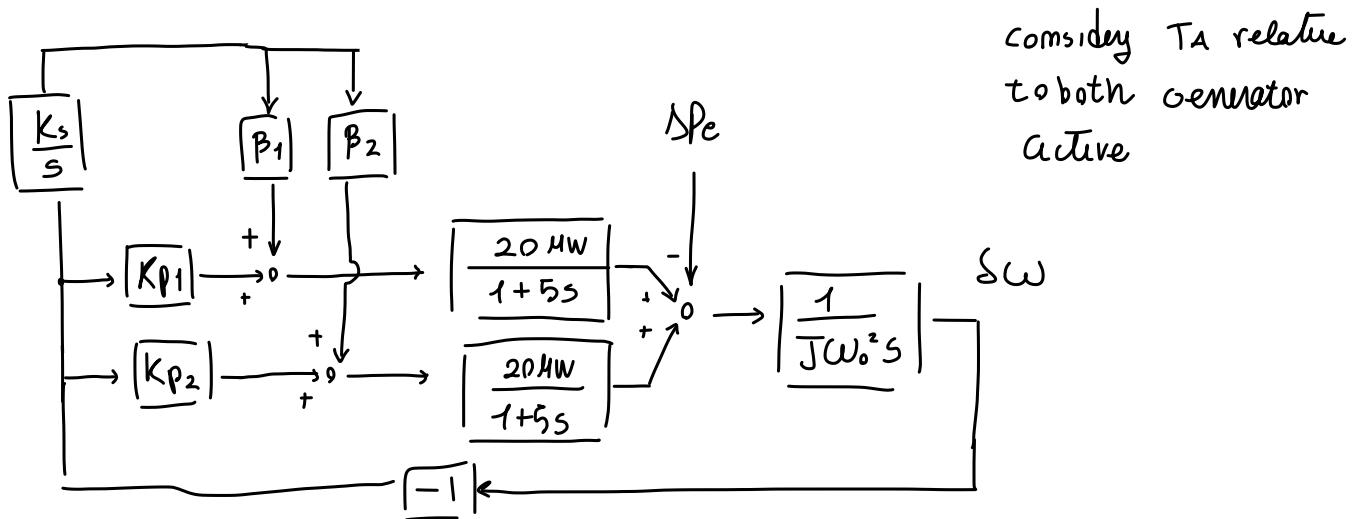
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1. Consider an electric network with two generators, both having

$$G_{1,2}(s) = \frac{P_n}{1 + s\tau},$$

as transfer function from the throttling command θ , in the range 0–1, to the variation ΔP_g of the generated power, with $P_n = 20\text{MW}$ and $\tau = 5\text{s}$. The overall network time constant T_A is 10s.

- (a) Draw the block diagram representing the two generators connected to the network.



- (b) Determine the total inertia J .

find total inertia considering such that T_A is relative to both active

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0$$

$$\frac{J\omega_0^2}{2P_m} = T_A \sim J_{\text{tot}} = \frac{T_A 2P_m}{\omega_0^2} = 4.053 \text{ kJ/(r/s)}^2$$

- (c) Tune a power/frequency controller in the form of a PI for a settling time of 50s for the compound of the two generators.

$$t_{set} = 50 \text{ s} \rightarrow \omega_c \approx \frac{1}{(50/5)} = 0.1 \text{ rad/s}$$

If we set up the control with goal $\varphi_m \approx 50^\circ$

finding the equivalent scheme setting $K_p = K_{p2} = K$
and without any specification, because the gen. has same dyn., $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0.5$

$$\left(2K_p + \frac{K_s}{s}\right) G(s) \quad \text{my controller takes the form of a PI}$$

$$C(s) = K_s \frac{1 + 2(K_p/K_s)s}{s}$$

tuning a PI as usual on $G(s)$

$$T = 40$$

$$\mu = (0.05)^2 = 0.0025 \rightarrow 0.0025 \frac{\frac{1+sT}{s^2(1+sT)^2}}{s} = K \frac{\frac{1+sT}{s}}{s} \frac{P_m}{1+sT} \frac{1}{J\omega_0^2 s}$$

$$K = K_s = 0.05 \quad K = 0.0025 \frac{J\omega_0^2}{P_m} = 0.05$$

$$2K_p/K_s = T \rightarrow K_p = \frac{K_s T}{2} \approx 1$$

- (d) Estimate (motivating your answer) a value for the desired settling time below which a PI-based structure would not be adequate.

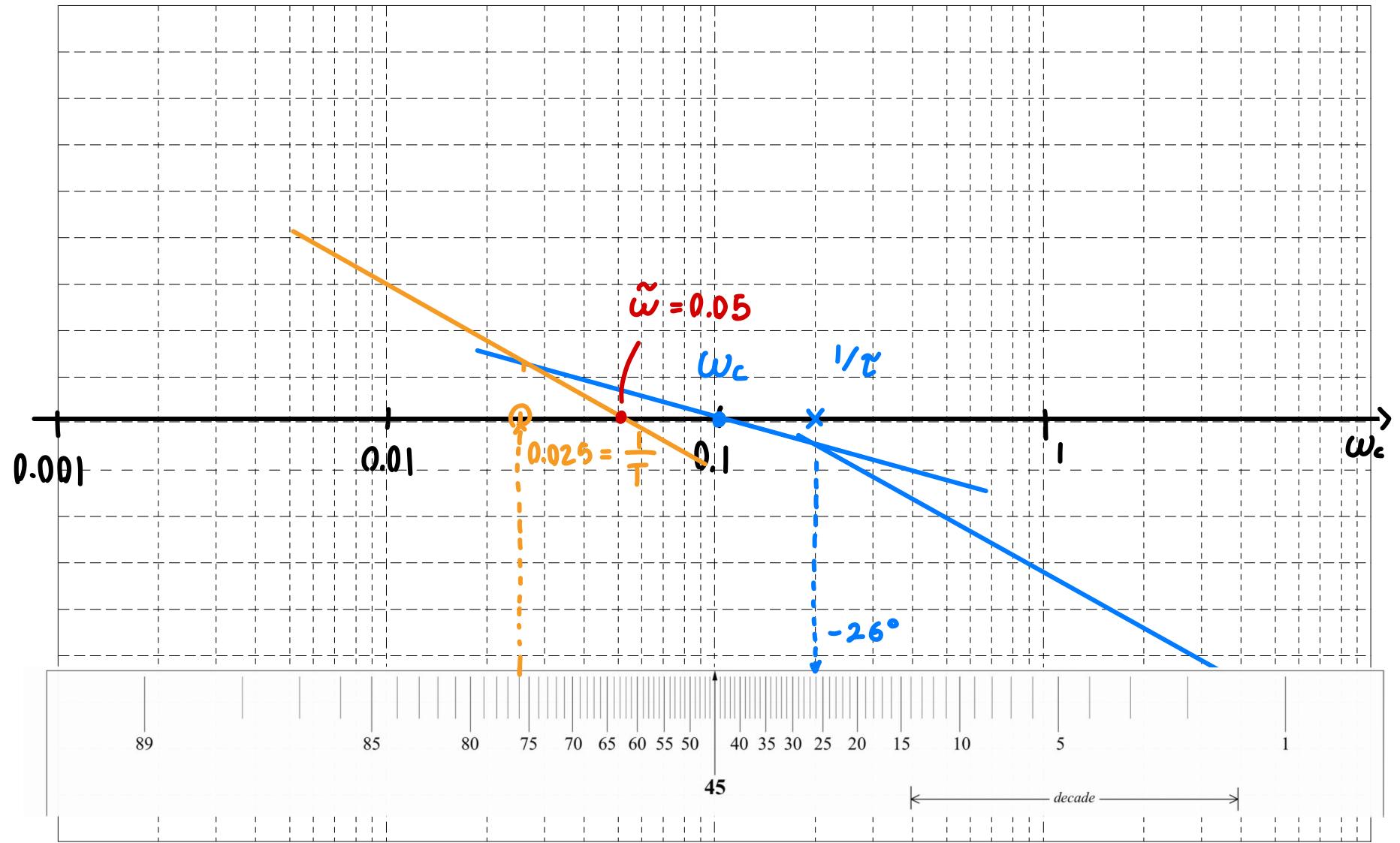


A necessary constraint when setting up a controller properly
is that $\omega_c < \frac{1}{\zeta} \rightarrow \omega_c < 0.2 \text{ rad/s}$

$$\text{so it must be } \frac{1}{\omega_c} > \frac{1}{0.2} = 5 \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{1}{\frac{5}{t_{set}}} > 5$$

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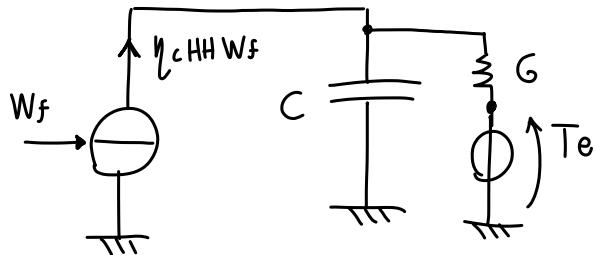
$$t_{set} > 1 \text{ sec}$$



$$= 20 \text{ kJ/K}$$

2. Consider a thermal system in which a body of capacity $C = 20 \text{ kJ/}^{\circ}\text{C}$ is heated by a combustor burning fuel with calorific power $HH = 50 \text{ MJ/kg}$, and having a combustion efficiency η_c between 0.5 and 0.7. The body releases heat through a thermal conductance $G = 50 \text{ W/}^{\circ}\text{C}$, to a prescribed external temperature T_e .

(a) Draw an electric equivalent of the system.



$$P_h = HH \eta_c w_f$$

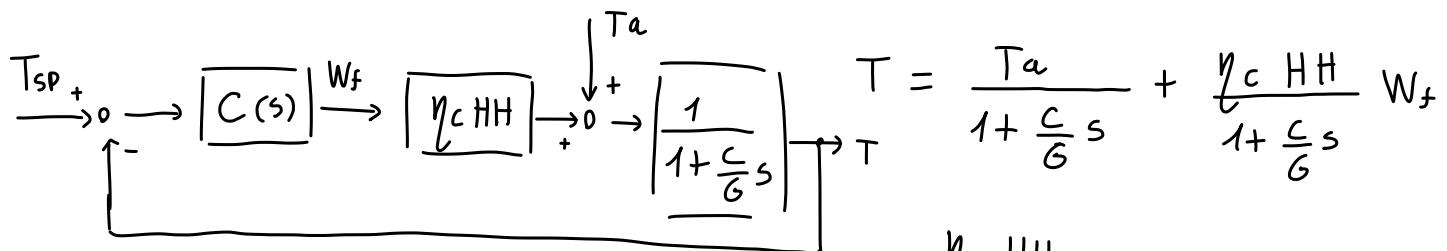
$$\eta_c \in [0.5, 0.7]$$

- (b) Determine a linear regulator acting on the fuel flow rate w_f [kg/s] to control the body temperature T , so that the settling time of the response of the controlled variable to a set point step variation, in the worst case, does not exceed 10 min.

$$t_{\text{SET}} \leq 10 \text{ min} \quad \text{WORST CASE: } \eta_c = 0.5$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{w_c} \leq 10 \cdot 60 \rightarrow w_c \geq \frac{5}{600} = 0.0084 \text{ rad/s}$$

from the system dyneq. $C \dot{T} = w_f HH \eta_c - G(T - T_a)$



set up controller $C(s) \gg 0$

because we want

$$L(s) = \frac{1}{600s} \text{ at least} \rightarrow C(s) = \frac{1}{600s} \frac{1 + \frac{C}{G}s}{\eta_c HH}$$

we should consider

worst case $\eta_c = 0.5$, require an Nyquist gain

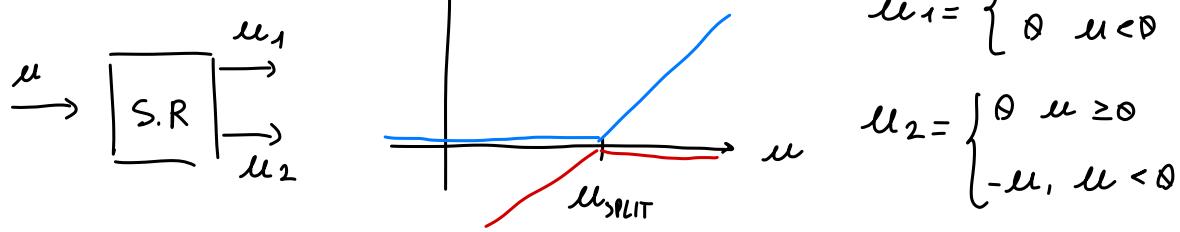
$$C(s) = \frac{1 + 400s}{(300 HH)s}$$

3. Illustrate the "boiler follows" control scheme for electric generators, indicating and briefly motivating its advantages and disadvantages.

"boiler follow" is one particular control strategy for the internal generator control. After we obtain a 2×2 generator description on which we have to couple input control to output controlled variable. The boiler follow control associates δ_t to P_m and δ_g to e_m . This coupling ensures an instantaneous mechanical power response to a throttle valve command, so fast power response for a variable load request. (advantage of it) BUT causes a short pressure transient causing mechanical stress dangerous

4. Explain, with the need of convenient schemes if you deem it useful, what is meant for "split range" actuation, with specific reference to its use in the control of thermal systems.

"split range" is an actuation scheme which transforms one control input into two (or more) outputs controlled by more actuators. In particular each one acts in a specific range while the other(s) are off.



Sometimes Dead zones
are introduced to avoid nervous actuation switching.

This scheme is widely used when in thermal systems we have to control both an heater and cooler, so from a control action u , provide u_H, u_C output