

UNIT 4: POLAR PLOTS

Frequency domain analysis:Introduction

- One of the most commonly used test functions for a circuit or system is the sine wave.
- Reason: Any signal going into a circuit can be represented by a sum of sine waves of varying frequency and amplitude (often an infinite sum)
- Arbitrarily complex functions can be represented using only these very simple function(Fourier Series)
- The frequency response of a system is defined as the steady-state response of the system to a sinusoidal input signal. The sinusoid is a unique input signal, and the resulting output signal for a linear system, as signals throughout the system, is sinusoidal in the steady-state; it differs from the input waveform only in amplitude and phase..
- The amount of difference is a function of the input frequency

- Output is also a sinusoidal signal having the same frequency as the input. But the magnitude and phase angle of output is different.

Magnitude is given by $A|G(j\omega)|$ and phase angle is given by $\delta = \angle G(j\omega)$

- Consider input $r(t)$ to be purely sinusoidal, i.e. $r(t) = A \sin \omega t$
We get the steady state output as
 $C_{ss}(t) = A |G(j\omega)| \sin (\omega t + \delta)$
- To get the frequency response means to sketch the variation in magnitude and phase angle of $G(j\omega)$, when ω is varied from 0 to ∞ .
- If the transfer function of a system is $T(s)$, the frequency response function is obtained by simply replacing 's' by ' $j\omega$ ' i.e. $T(j\omega)$.

Advantages of Frequency domain

- The transfer function can be experimentally determined.
- GM and PM can be estimated.
- It can be extended for non-linear systems.
- It can be used to design lag or lead compensators for steady state requirements and transient response specifications.

Frequency domain methods:

Variations in magnitude and phase angle of $G(j\omega)$ as input frequency is varied from 0 to ∞ can be obtained by a number of methods. The commonly used methods to sketch frequency response are,

1. Polar plot
2. Bode plot
3. Nyquist plot

1.Polar plot:

- ✓ In polar plot, the magnitude of $G(j\omega)$ is plotted against the phase angle of $G(j\omega)$ for various values of ω , in a polar Co-ordinate system.
- ✓ Thus , polar plot is the locus of tips of phasors of various magnitude plotted at the corresponding phase angles for different values of frequencies from 0 to ∞ .

Example

For example consider, $G(s) = \frac{100}{s + 5}$

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{100}{j\omega + 5} = \frac{100}{\sqrt{25 + \omega^2}} \angle -\tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{5}$$

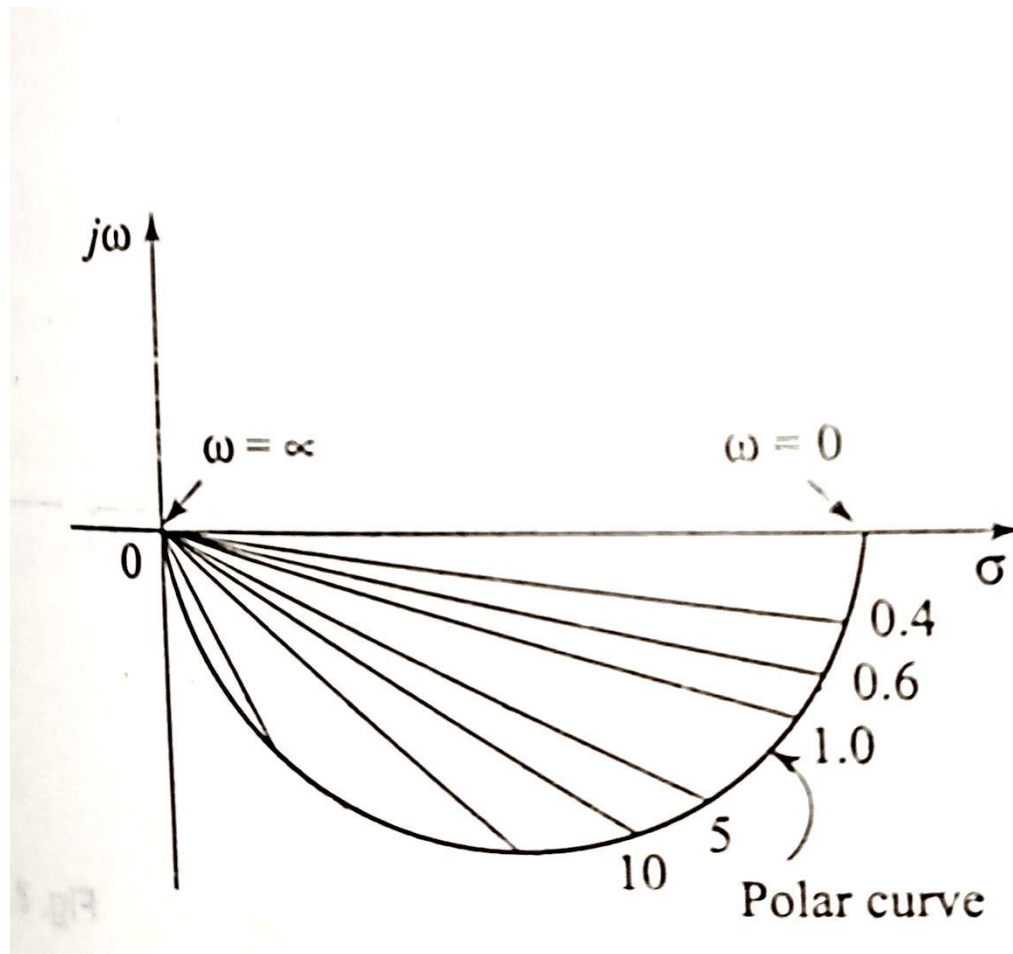
The magnitude is, $G(\omega) = \frac{100}{\sqrt{25 + \omega^2}}$ and the phase angle is, $\phi(\omega) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{5}$

The values of $G(\omega)$ and $\phi(\omega)$ for different values of ω are tabulated as shown below.

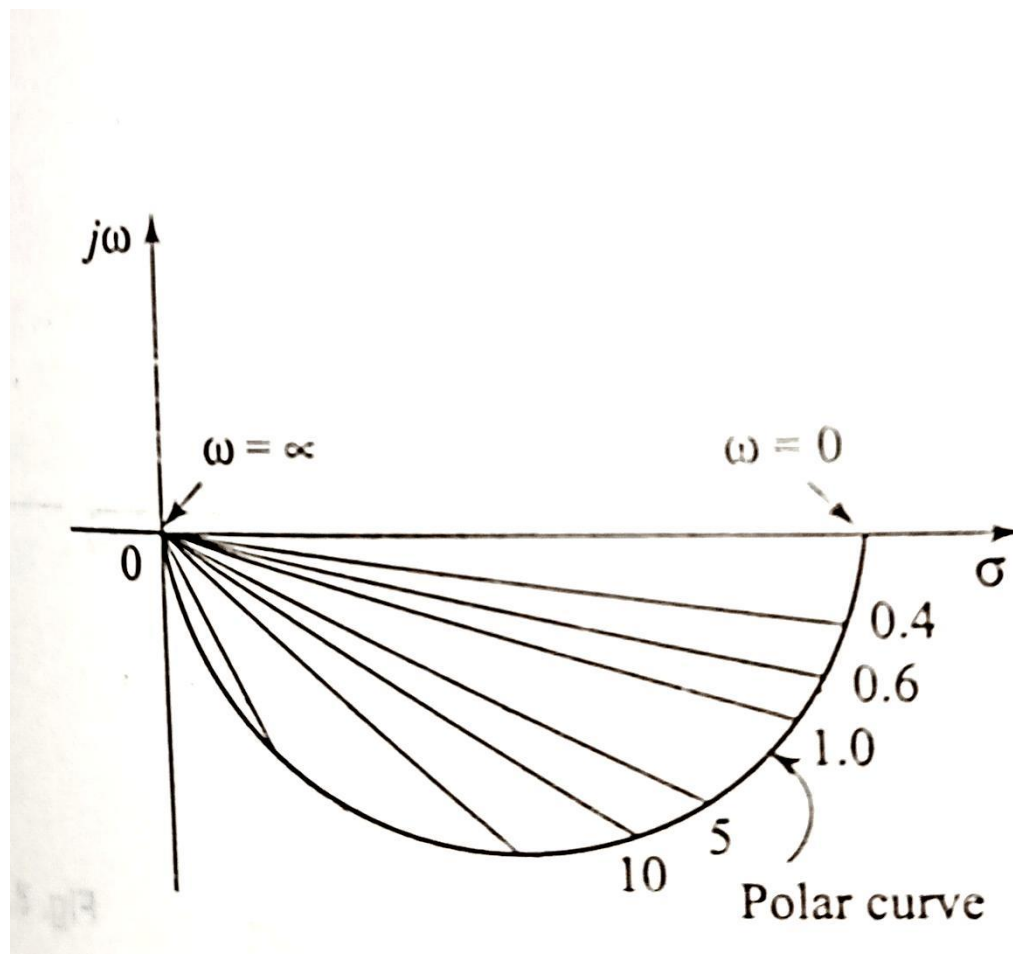
ω , radians	$G(\omega)$	$\phi(\omega)$, degrees
0	20	0
0.2	19.984	-2.27
0.4	19.363	-4.57
0.6	19.8575	-6.84
0.8	19.7488	-9.09
1.0	19.6116	-11.31
1.5	19.1565	-16.70
2.0	18.5695	-21.80
4.0	15.6174	-38.66
5.0	14.1421	-45
10.0	8.9943	-63.43
20.0	4.8507	-75.96
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—	—	—
∞	0	-90

Vectors are drawn at the respective angles from the real axis. The locus is then drawn which is the polar plot.

Polar curve



Polar curve



- The polar plot of sinusoidal transfer function $G(j\omega)$ is a plot of the magnitude of $G(j\omega)$ verses the phase angle of $G(j\omega)$ on polar coordinates as ω is varied from zero to infinity.
- Therefore it is the locus of $|G(j\omega)|\angle G(j\omega)$ as ω is varied from zero to infinity.
- In the polar plot the magnitude of $G(j\omega)$ is plotted as the distance from the origin while phase angle is measured from positive real axis.
- Positive angle is taken in anticlockwise direction.

Properties of Polar Plots

- For transfer function, $G(s)=1/s^n (s+a)$, polar curve starts at an angle $-n(90^\circ)$ and terminates at origin at $\omega=\infty$ through an angle $-(n+1)(90^\circ)$.
- For every additional factor of the form $1/(s+b)$, polar plot enters the origin through an additional angle of -90° .
- Polar plots of $M(j\omega)=A +G(j\omega)$ where $A=x +jy$ is identical to polar plot of $G(j\omega)$ but coordinates of origin is shifted to $-A$.
- Polar plot of a transfer function of an LTI system exhibits conjugate symmetry , i.e $M(j\omega)$ for $-\infty < \omega < 0$ is the mirror image of $M(j\omega)$ for $0 < \omega < \infty$.

Steps to draw Polar Plot

- Step 1: Determine the T.F $G(s)$
- Step 2: Put $s=j\omega$ in the $G(s)$
- Step 3: At $\omega=0$ & $\omega=\infty$ find $|G(j\omega)|$ by $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} |G(j\omega)|$ & $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |G(j\omega)|$
- Step 4: At $\omega=0$ & $\omega=\infty$ find $\angle G(j\omega)$ by $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \angle G(j\omega)$ & $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \angle G(j\omega)$
- Step 5: Rationalize the function $G(j\omega)$ and separate the real and imaginary parts
- Step 6: Put $\text{Re} [G(j\omega)] = 0$, determine the frequency at which plot intersects the Im axis and calculate intersection value by putting the above calculated frequency in $G(j\omega)$

Steps to draw Polar Plot

- Step 7: Put $\text{Im} [G(j\omega)] = 0$, determine the frequency at which plot intersects the real axis and calculate intersection value by putting the above calculated frequency in $G(j\omega)$
- Step 8: Sketch the Polar Plot with the help of above information

Polar Plot for Type 0 System

- Let $G(s) = \frac{K}{(1+sT_1)(1+sT_2)}$

- Step 1: Put $s=j\omega$

$$\begin{aligned} G(j\omega) &= \frac{K}{(1+j\omega T_1)(1+j\omega T_2)} \\ &= \frac{K}{\sqrt{1+(\omega T_1)^2} \sqrt{1+(\omega T_2)^2}} \angle -\tan^{-1} \omega T_1 - \tan^{-1} \omega T_2 \end{aligned}$$

- Step 2: Taking the limit for magnitude of $G(j\omega)$

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} |G(j\omega)| = \frac{K}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega T_1)^2} \sqrt{1 + j(\omega T_2)^2}} = K$$

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |G(j\omega)| = \frac{K}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega T_1)^2} \sqrt{1 + j(\omega T_2)^2}} = 0$$

- Step 3: Taking the limit of the Phase Angle of $G(j\omega)$

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \angle G(j\omega) = \angle -\tan^{-1} \omega T_1 - \tan^{-1} \omega T_2 = 0$$

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \angle G(j\omega) = \angle -\tan^{-1} \omega T_1 - \tan^{-1} \omega T_2 = -180$$

- Step 4: Separate the real and Im part of $G(j\omega)$

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{K(1 - \omega^2 T_1 T_2)}{1 + \omega^2 T_1^2 + \omega^2 T_2^2 + \omega^4 T_1 T_2} - j \frac{K\omega(T_1 + T_2)}{1 + \omega^2 T_1^2 + \omega^2 T_2^2 + \omega^4 T_1 T_2}$$

- Step 5: Put $\text{Re} [G(j\omega)] = 0$

$$\frac{K(1 - \omega^2 T_1 T_2)}{1 + \omega^2 T_1^2 + \omega^2 T_2^2 + \omega^4 T_1 T_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_1 T_2}} \quad \& \quad \omega = \infty$$

So When

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_1 T_2}} \Rightarrow G(j\omega) = \frac{K\sqrt{T_1 T_2}}{T_1 + T_2} \angle -90^\circ$$

$$\& \quad \omega = \infty \Rightarrow G(j\omega) = 0 \angle -180^\circ$$

- Step 6: Put $\text{Im} [G(j\omega)] = 0$

$$\frac{K\omega(T_1 + T_2)}{1 + \omega^2 T_1^2 + \omega^2 T_2^2 + \omega^4 T_1 T_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = 0 \text{ \& \; } \pm \infty$$

So When

$$\omega = 0 \Rightarrow G(j\omega) = K \angle 0^\circ$$

$$\omega = \infty \Rightarrow G(j\omega) = 0 \angle 180^\circ$$

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{(1 + sT_1)(1 + sT_2)}$$

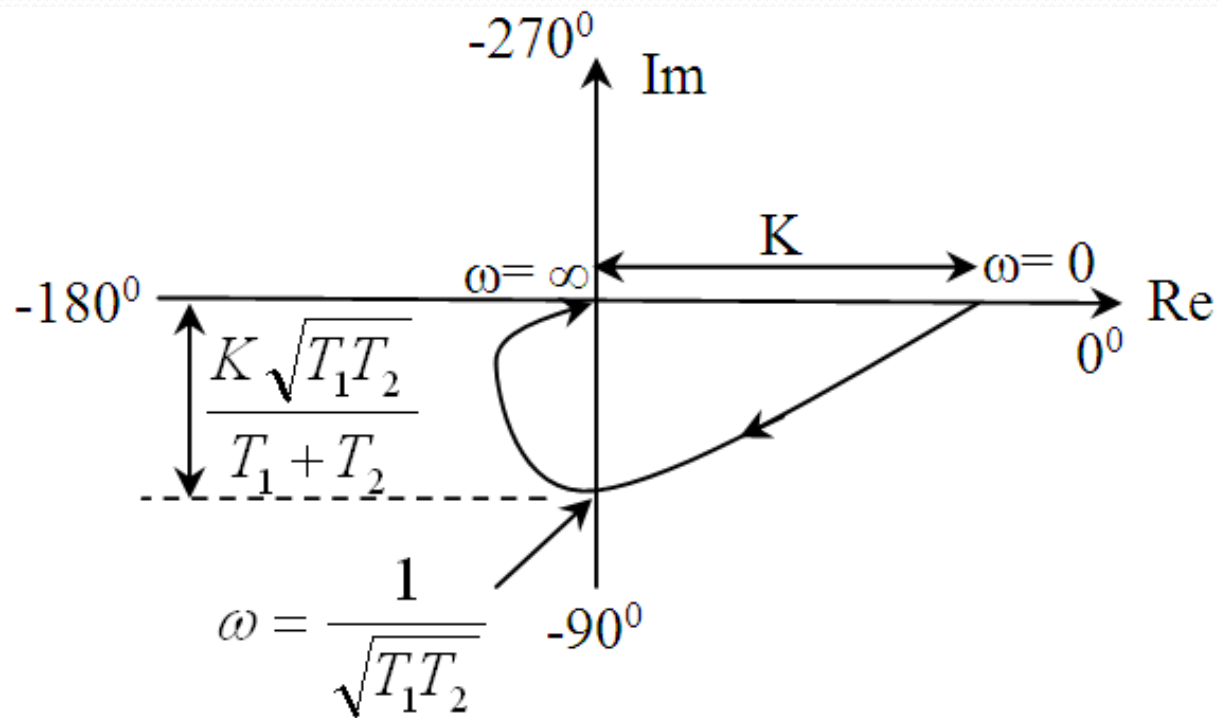
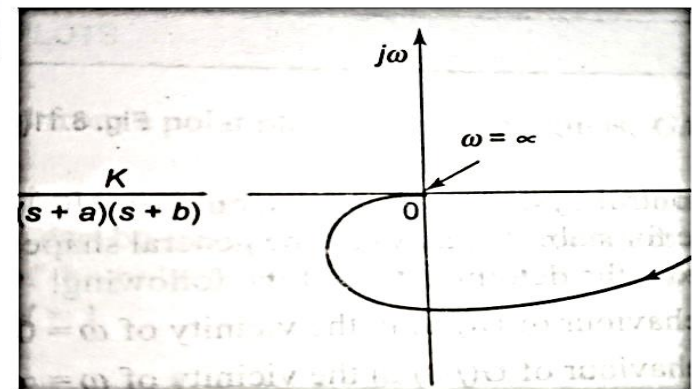
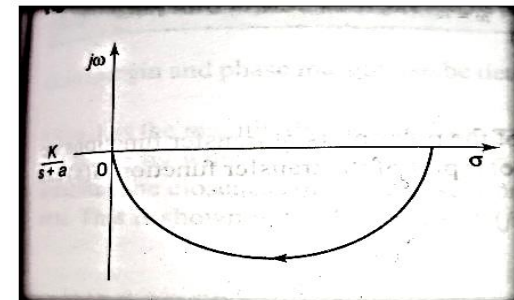
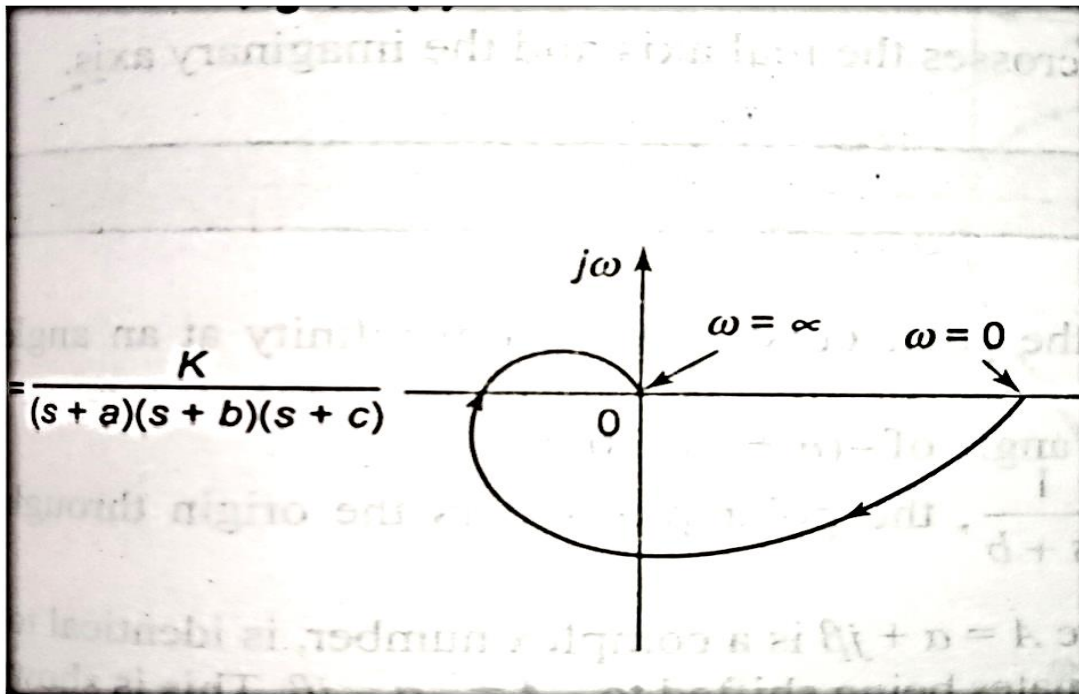


Figure 1: Polar Plot of Type 0 System

Polar curves for certain typical TFs



Type 1 System

- Consider Type 1 system with transfer function
 $G(s) = 1 / s(1+Ts)$

The frequency domain transfer function is

$$G(j\omega) = 1 / j(1+jT\omega)$$
$$= 1+j0 / (0+j\omega)(1+jT\omega)$$

$$|G(j\omega)| = 1 / \omega (1+ \omega^2 T^2)^{.5} = M$$

$$\text{Arg}(G(j\omega)) = \tan^{-1}(0/1) / (\tan^{-1}(\omega / 0) . \tan^{-1}(\omega T/1))$$

$$\Phi = -90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \omega T$$

- When $\omega = 0$

$$M = \infty$$

$$\Phi = -90^\circ$$

- When $\omega = \infty$

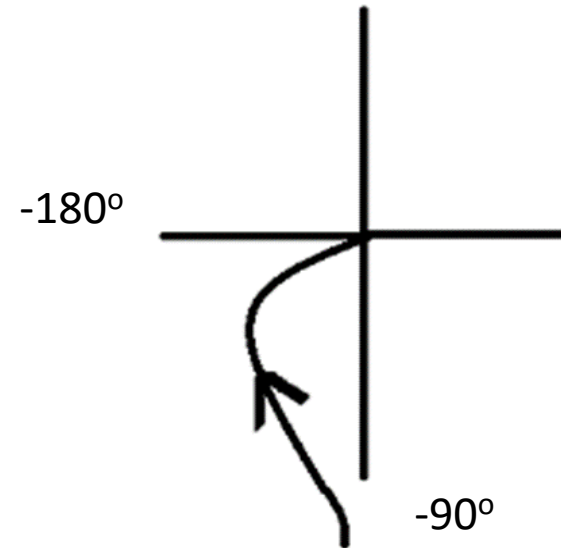
$$-180^\circ$$

$$M = 0$$

$$\Phi = -180^\circ$$

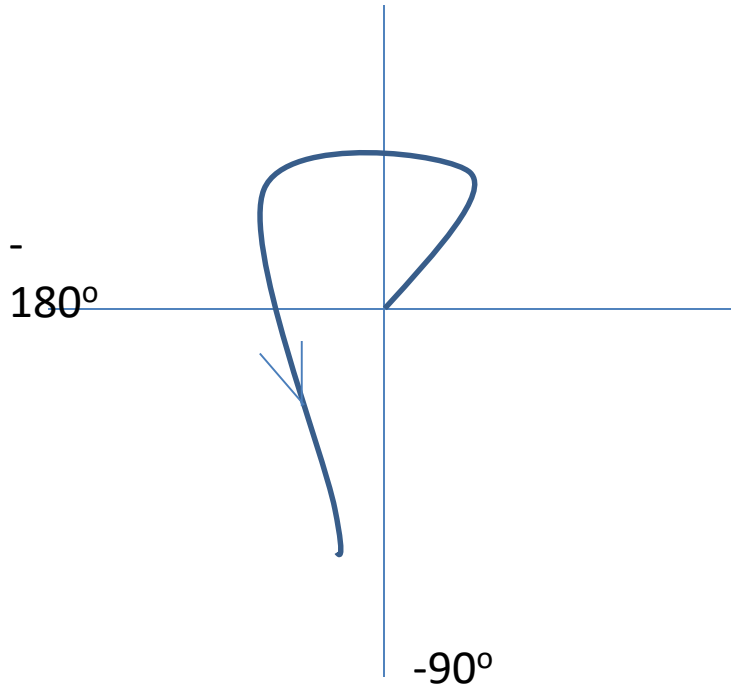
Rotation of plot =

$$-180^\circ - (-90^\circ) = -90^\circ \text{ clockwise}$$

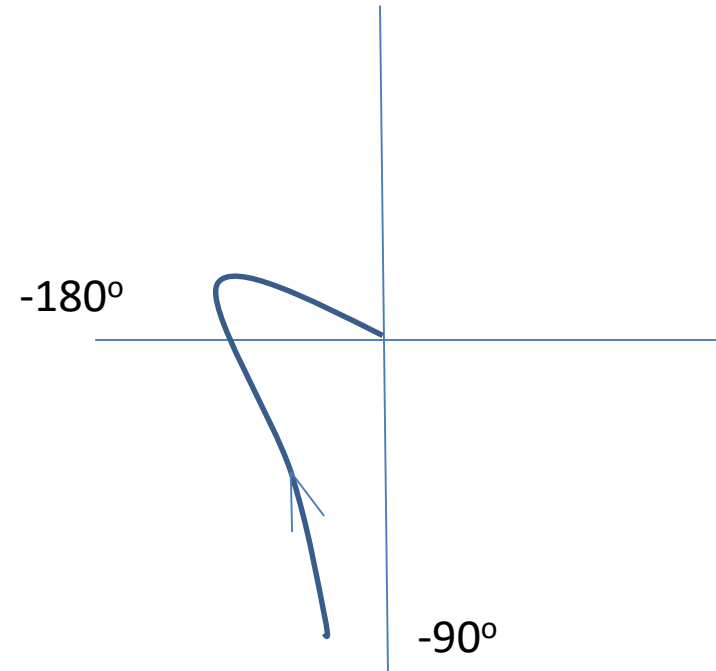


Typical Type1 system TFs

$$G(s)=K/s(s+a)(s+b)(s+c)$$



$$G(s)=K/s(s+a)(s+b)$$



Type 2 System

- Consider Type 2 system with transfer function
 $G(s) = 1 / s^2(1+Ts)$

The frequency domain transfer function is

$$G(j\omega) = 1 / j\omega \cdot j\omega \cdot (1+jT\omega)$$

$$= 1+j0 / (0+j\omega) (0+j\omega)(1+jT\omega)$$

$$|G(j\omega)| = 1 / \omega^2 \times (1+\omega^2 T^2)^{.5} = M$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Arg}(G(j\omega)) &= \tan^{-1}(0/1) / (\tan^{-1}(\omega/0) \cdot (\tan^{-1}(\omega/0) \cdot \tan^{-1}(\omega T/1))) \\ &= 0^\circ / 90^\circ \cdot 90^\circ \cdot \tan^{-1} \omega T \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi = -180^\circ - \tan^{-1} \omega T$$

- When $\omega=0$

$$M=\infty$$

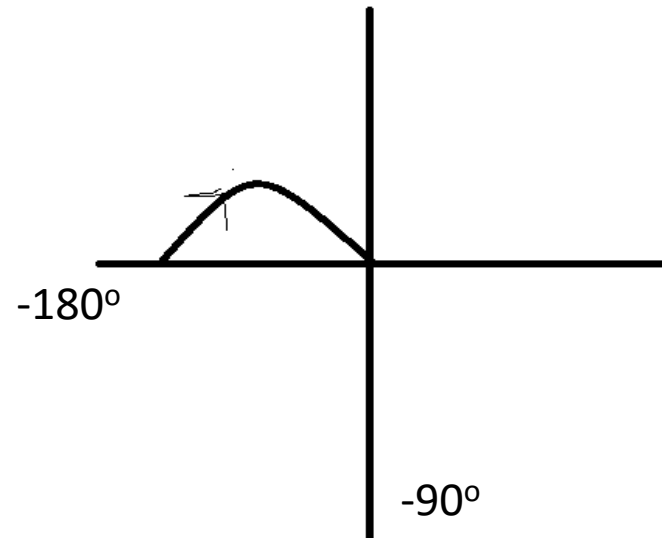
$$\Phi = -180^\circ$$

- When $\omega=\infty$

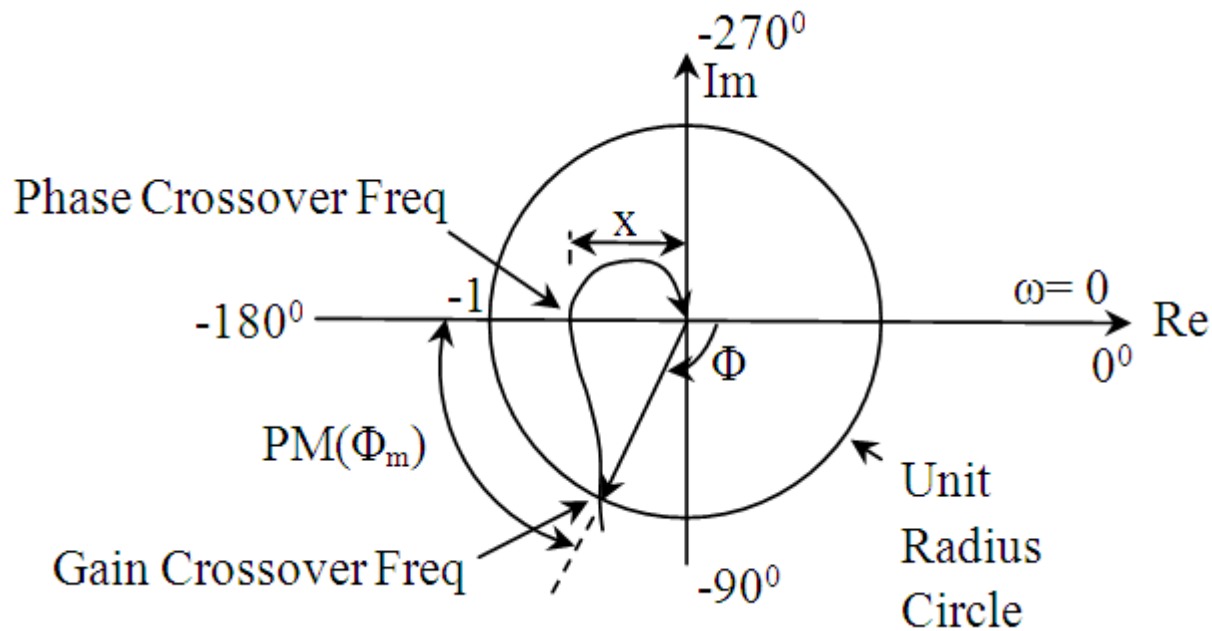
$$M=0$$

$$\Phi = -270^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Rotation of plot} &= -270^\circ - (-180^\circ) \\ &= -90^\circ \text{clockwise}\end{aligned}$$



Gain Margin, Phase Margin & Stability



- **Phase Crossover Frequency (ω_p)** : The frequency where a polar plot intersects the –ve real axis is called phase crossover frequency
- **Gain Crossover Frequency (ω_g)** : The frequency where a polar plot intersects the unit circle is called gain crossover frequency
So at ω_g $|G(j\omega)| = \text{Unity}$

- **Phase Margin (PM):**

- Phase margin is that amount of additional phase lag at the gain crossover frequency required to bring the system to the verge of instability (marginally stable)

$$\Phi_m = 180^\circ + \Phi$$

Where

$$\Phi = \angle G(j\omega_g)$$

if $\Phi_m > 0 \Rightarrow +PM$ (Stable System)

if $\Phi_m < 0 \Rightarrow -PM$ (Unstable System)

GM

- **Gain Margin (GM):**

- The gain margin is the reciprocal of magnitude $|G(j\omega)|$ at the frequency at which the phase angle is -180° .

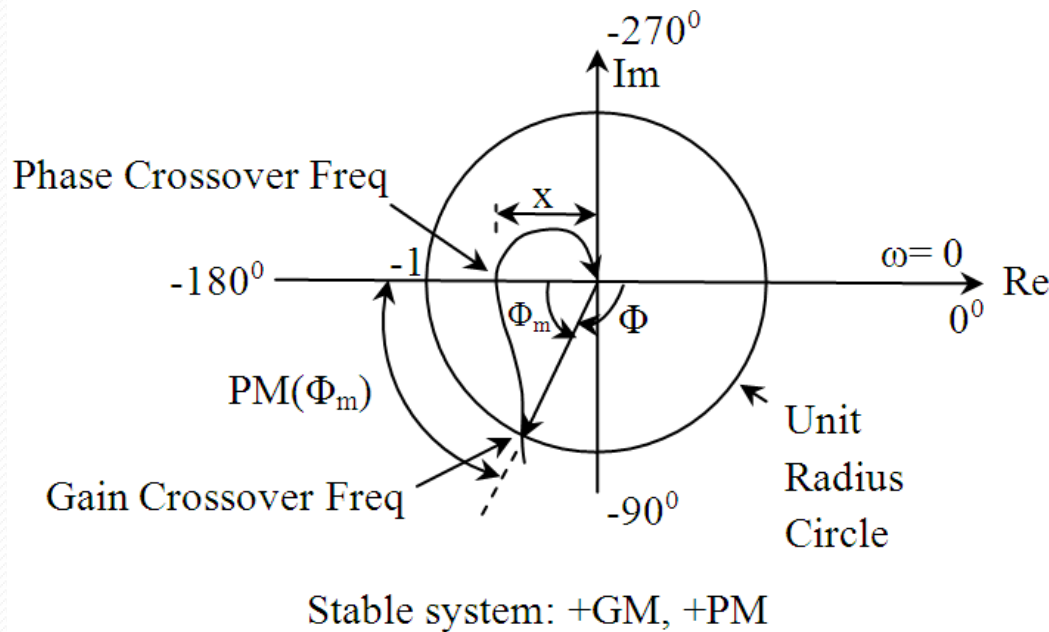
$$GM = \frac{1}{|G(j\omega_c)|} = \frac{1}{x}$$

In terms of dB

$$GM \text{ in dB} = 20\log_{10} \frac{1}{|G(j\omega_c)|} = -20\log_{10} |G(j\omega_c)| = -20\log_{10}(x)$$

Stability

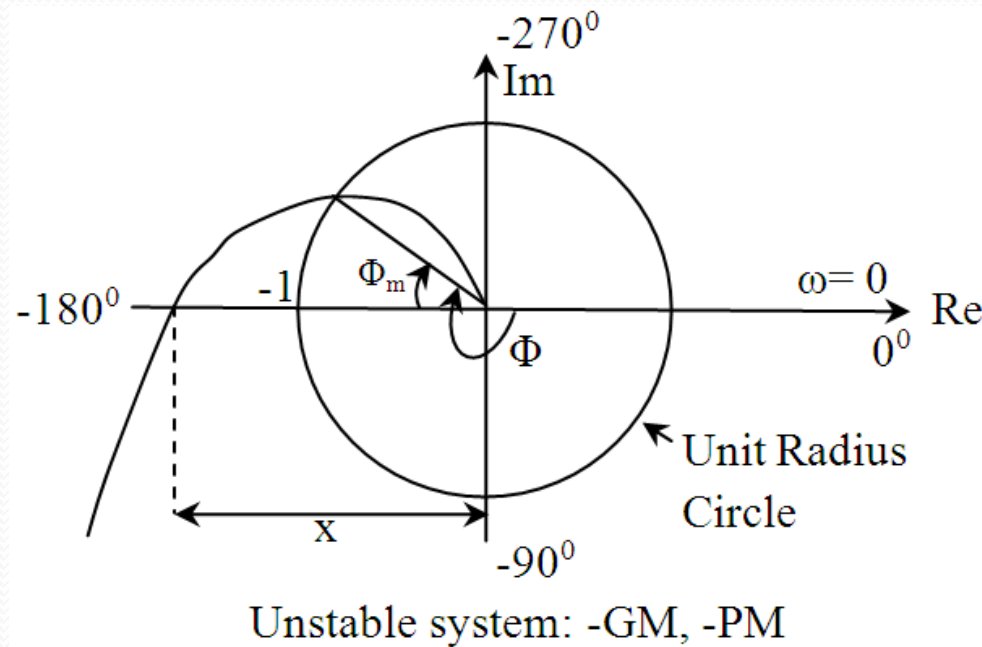
- **Stable:** If critical point $(-1+j0)$ is outside the plot as shown, Both GM & PM are +ve



$$GM = 20 \log_{10}(1/x) \text{ dB}$$

$$\omega_{gc} < \omega_{pc}$$

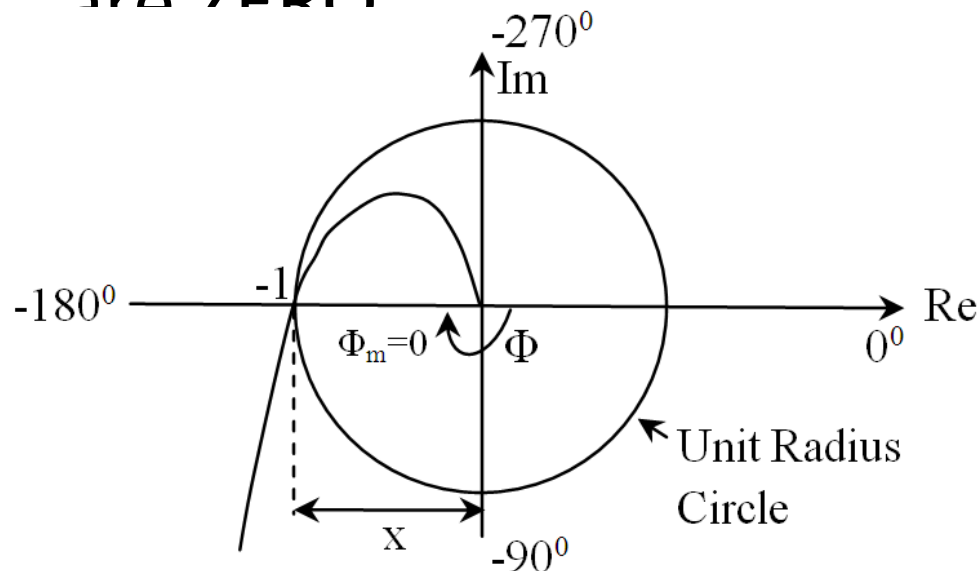
- **Unstable:** If critical point $(-1+j0)$ is within the plot as shown, Both GM & PM are negative .



$$GM = 20 \log_{10}(1/x) \text{ dB}$$

$$\omega_{gc} > \omega_{pc}$$

- **Marginally Stable System:** If critical point $(-1+j0)$ is on the plot as shown, Both GM & PM are ZERO



$$GM = 20 \log_{10}(1)$$

$$\omega_{gc} = \omega_{pc}$$

Marginally stable system: $GM=0$ dB, $PM=0^\circ$

Illustrative Example

For Unity feedback system with

$$G(s) = \frac{40}{(s+4)(s^2+4s+8)}$$

Sketch the polar plot. Find GM and PM

Solution

Magnitude:

When $\omega=0$, it is $40/32=1.25$

When $\omega=\infty$, it is 0

Angle:

When $\omega=0$, it is 0

When $\omega=\infty$, it is -270°

Point of intersection with Im & Real Axis

Point of intersection with Im Axis:

Equating $\text{Re}\{G(j\omega)\}=0$,

$$\text{Re}\{(4-j\omega)(8-\omega^2 - 4j\omega)\}=0$$

We get $\omega_1 = \sqrt{4}$, take -2 (C1)

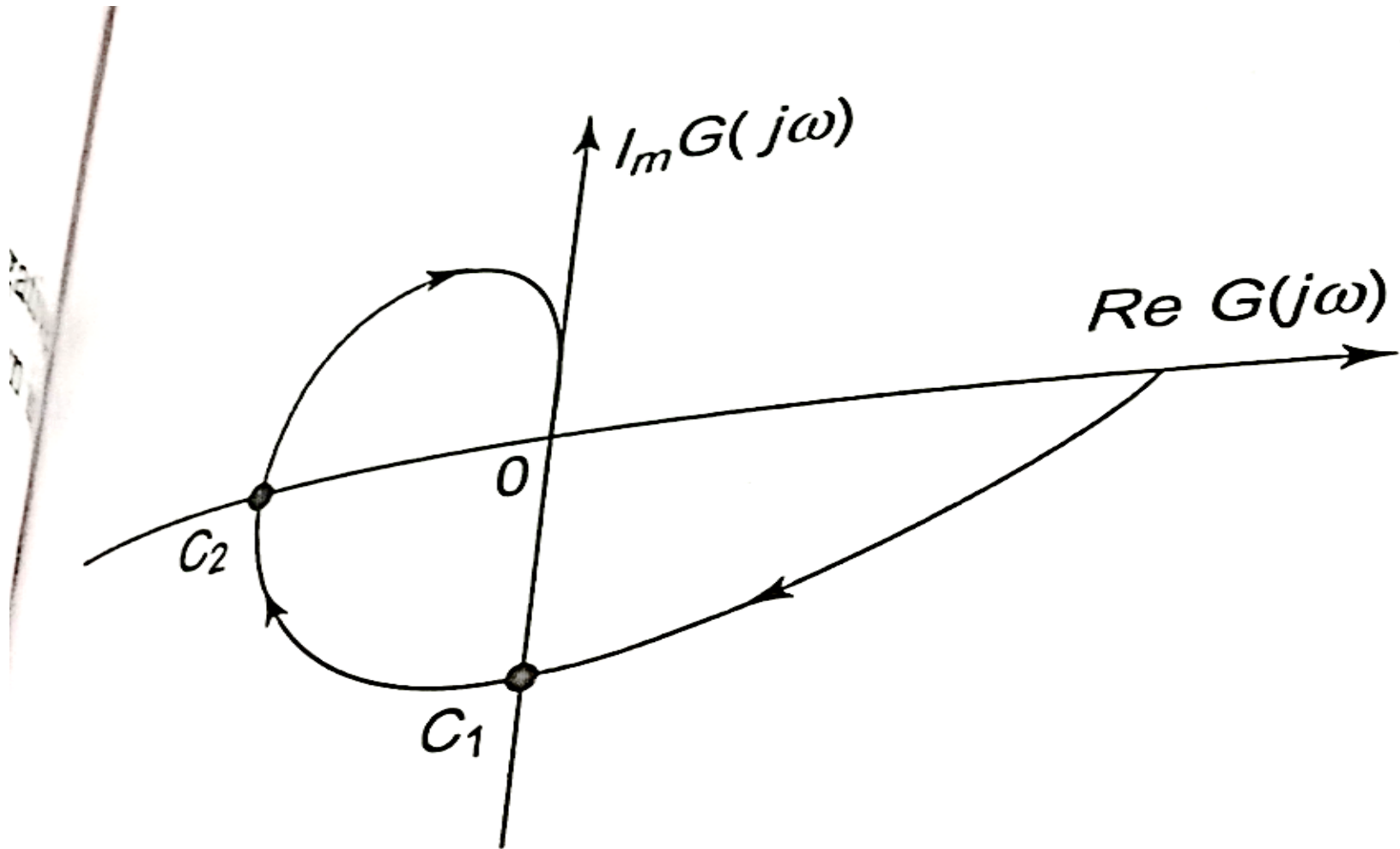
Point of intersection with Re Axis:

Equating $\text{Im}\{G(j\omega)\}=0$,

$$\text{Im}\{(4-j\omega)(8-\omega^2 - 4j\omega)\}=0$$

We get $\omega_2 = \sqrt{24}$ (C2)

Polar plot



PM

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{40}{(j\omega + 4)(-\omega^2 + 4j\omega + 8)}$$

$$|G(j\omega)| = 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{16 + \omega^2} \sqrt{(8 - \omega^2)^2 + 16\omega^2} = 40 = \sqrt{1600}$$

$$\sqrt{16 + \omega^2} \sqrt{(8 - \omega^2)^2 + 16\omega^2} = \sqrt{16 + \omega^2} \sqrt{64 + \omega^4 - 16\omega^2 + 16\omega^2}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{16 + \omega^2} \sqrt{64 + \omega^4} = 40 = \sqrt{1600} = \sqrt{20} \sqrt{80} = \sqrt{16 + 2^2} \sqrt{64 + 2^4}$$

$$\therefore \omega = 2$$

At ω_1 , the magnitude of $G(j\omega_1)$ is unity. Hence, this is the gain crossover frequency.

$$\phi(\omega_1) = -90^\circ.$$

$$\therefore PM = -90^\circ + 180^\circ = 90^\circ.$$

GM

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{40}{(j\omega + 4)(-\omega^2 + 4j\omega + 8)}$$

$$|G(j\omega)| = \frac{40}{\sqrt{16 + \omega^2} \sqrt{(8 - \omega^2)^2 + 16\omega^2}}$$

$$\text{At } \omega = \sqrt{24}, \quad |G(j\omega)| = 0.25$$

$$GM = \frac{1}{0.25} = 4 = 12.04dB$$