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# Lecture 21-22

# Outline

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## **Frequency Response Methods – Bode Plot and Nyquist Plot**

- Introduction of Bode Plot
- Frequency Response Plot – Bode Plot
- Frequency Response Measurements
- Performance Specifications, Gain Margin, and Phase Margin
- Compensator Structure and Design
- Frequency Response Methods Using Matlab
- Another Frequency Response Plot – Nyquist/Polar Plot

# Lesson Aims

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- To interpret and describe the concept of frequency response and its role in control system
- To sketch Bode plot and also how to obtain a computer-generated Bode plot
- To interpret Bode plot for performance specification and relative stability
- To design a controller to meet desired specification using frequency response methods
- To describe the main features of Nyquist plots and explain its relevance to stability and margin designs.

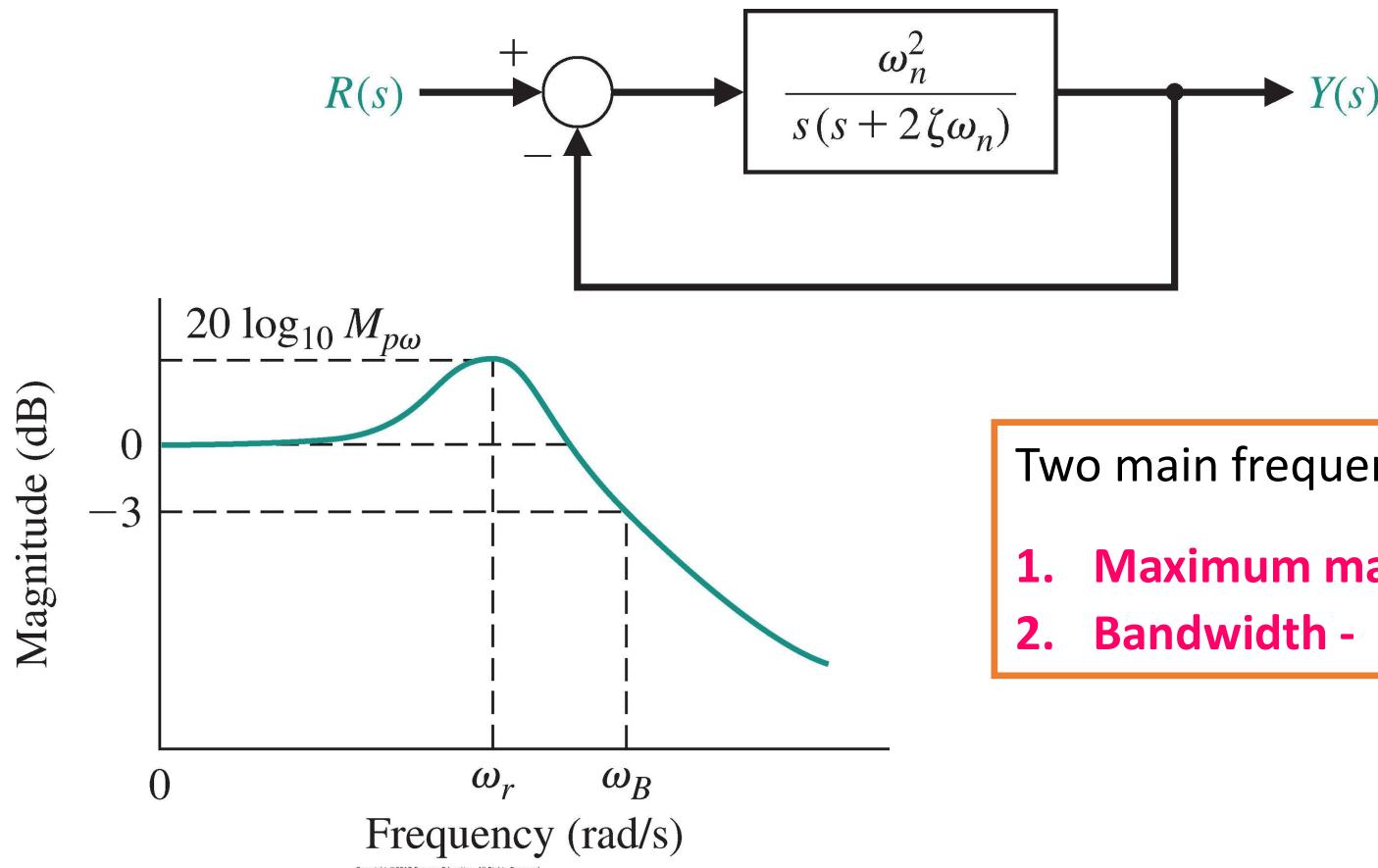
# Frequency Response - Features

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- A sine wave can be used to measure the open-loop frequency response of a system. In practice, a plot of amplitude versus frequency and phase versus frequency will be obtained. From these two plots, the transfer function (including both the loop TF and the closed-loop TF) of the system can be deduced.
- **Control bandwidth** of the system under control can be easily deduced from the plots. Behavior/response of the system towards measurement noise and disturbances can also be understood.

# Performance Specifications in the Frequency Domain

- For a second-order system with a pair of complex poles:



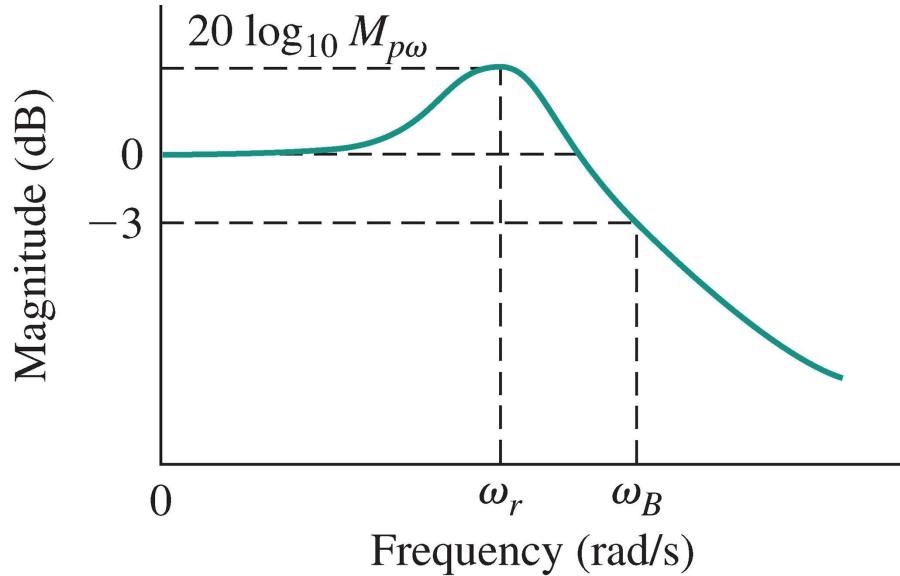
Two main frequency specifications:

1. Maximum magnitude -  $M_{p\omega}$
2. Bandwidth -  $\omega_B$

- For a higher-order system, if the frequency response is **dominated** by a pair of complex poles, the relationship between frequency response and time response will be valid.

# Maximum Magnitude

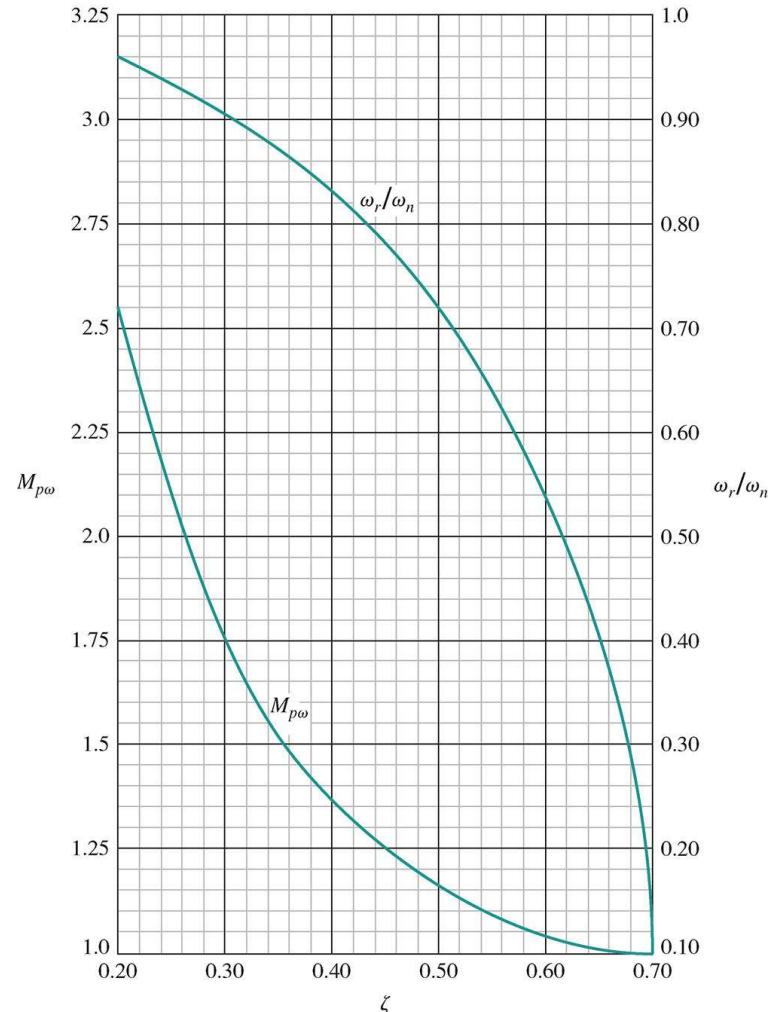
At the resonant frequency  $\omega_r$ , the maximum gain value  $M_{p\omega}$  of the frequency response is attained.



$$\omega_r = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2}, \zeta < 0.707$$

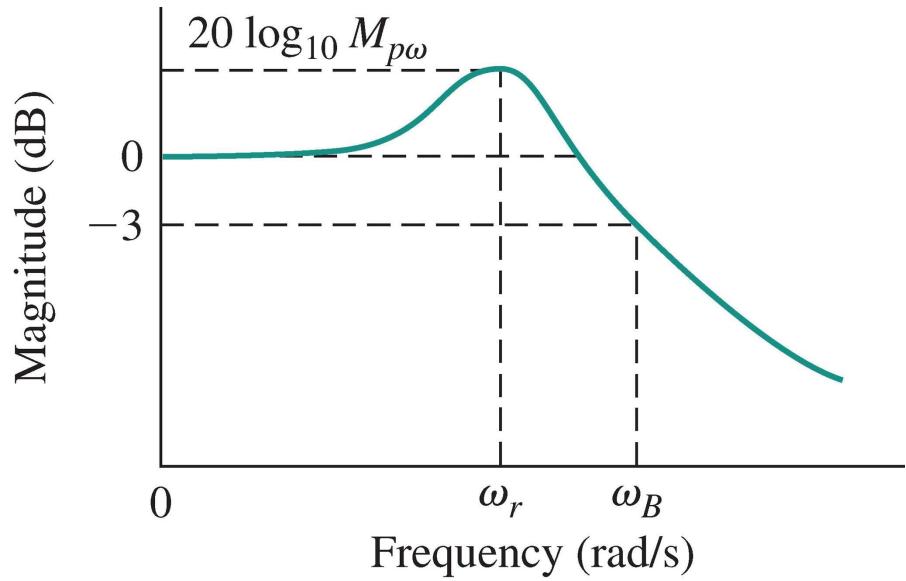
$$M_{p\omega} = |G(j\omega_r)| = \frac{1}{2\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}, \zeta < 0.707$$

Maximum magnitude  $M_{p\omega} \uparrow \rightarrow$  Damping ratio  $\zeta \downarrow \rightarrow$  Percent Overshoot P.O.  $\uparrow$



# Bandwidth

The bandwidth is the frequency at which the magnitude's frequency response declines to 3 dB ( $\approx 70\%$ ) from its low-frequency value.



$$M_{p\omega} = |G(j\omega_r)| = \frac{1}{2\zeta\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}, \zeta < 0.707$$

From Lecture 13,  
about "settling  
time" and "natural  
freq".

## Time Response to Step Input

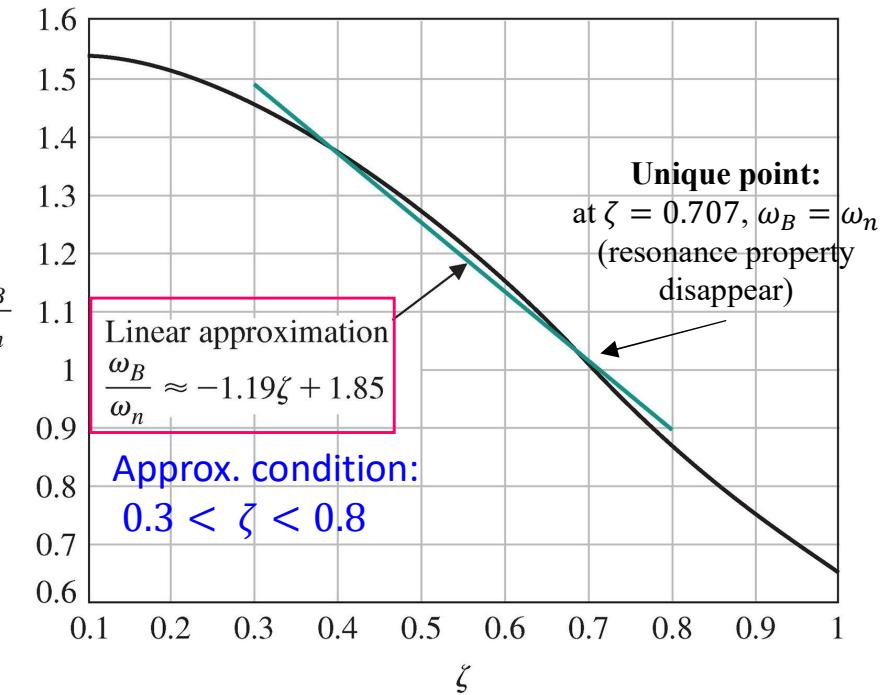
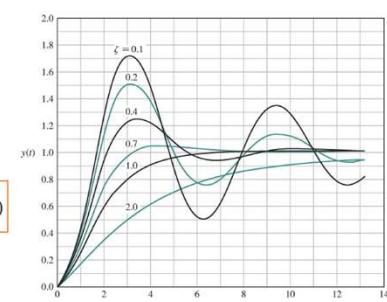
$$R(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$y(t) = \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_n \beta t + \theta) \right] \cdot u(t)$$

$$\text{where } \beta = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}, \quad 0 < \zeta < 1.$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\zeta$$



$$\omega_B = \omega_n \sqrt{(1 - 2\zeta^2) + \sqrt{(2\zeta^2 - 1)^2 + 1}}$$

Bandwidth  $\omega_B \uparrow$  (with a constant  $\zeta$ )  $\rightarrow$  Natural frequency  $\omega_n \uparrow \rightarrow$  Settling time  $T_s \downarrow$

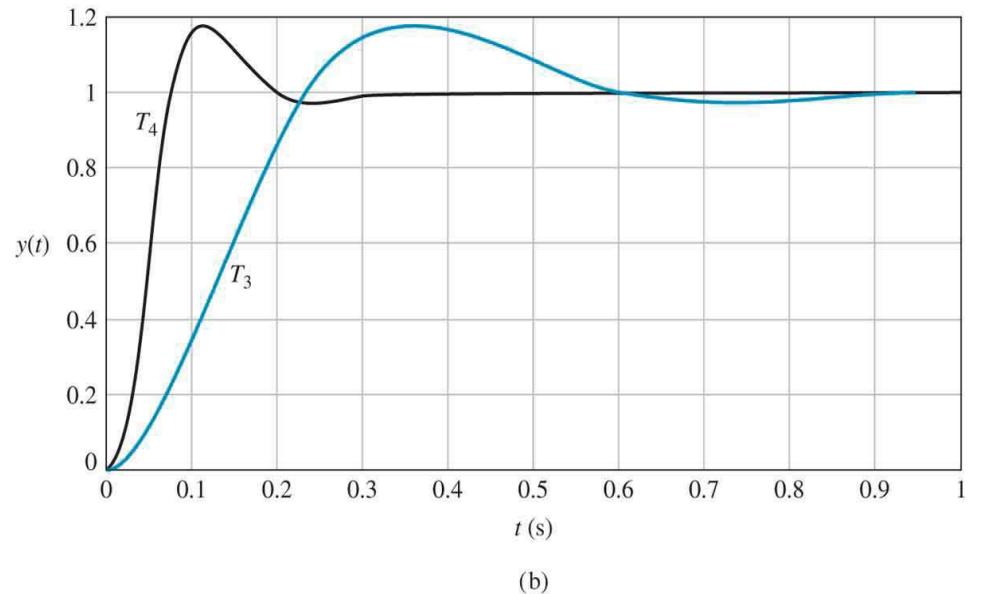
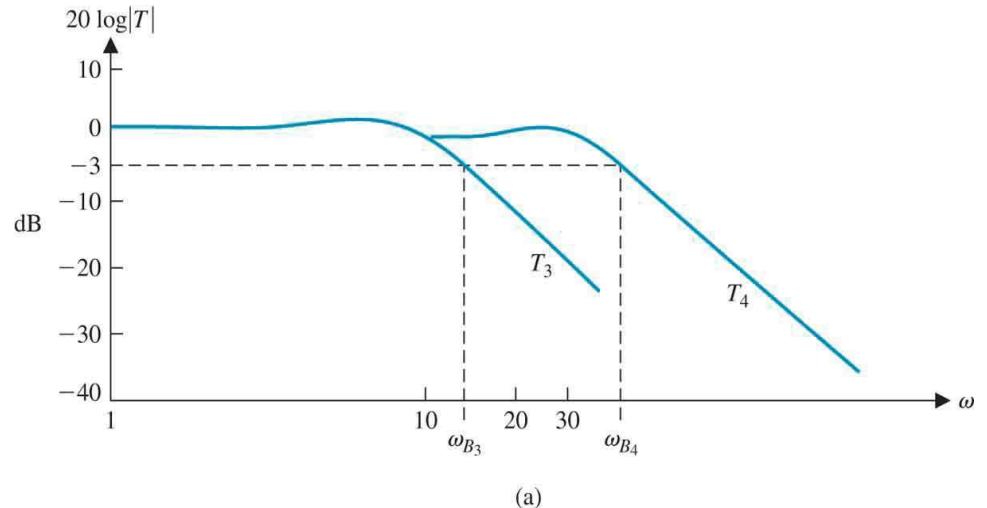
# Bandwidth vs. Settling Time

For the same damping ratio  $\zeta$ ,  
bandwidth/natural frequency is  
increased by 3 times:

$$T_3(s) = \frac{100}{s^2 + 10s + 100}$$

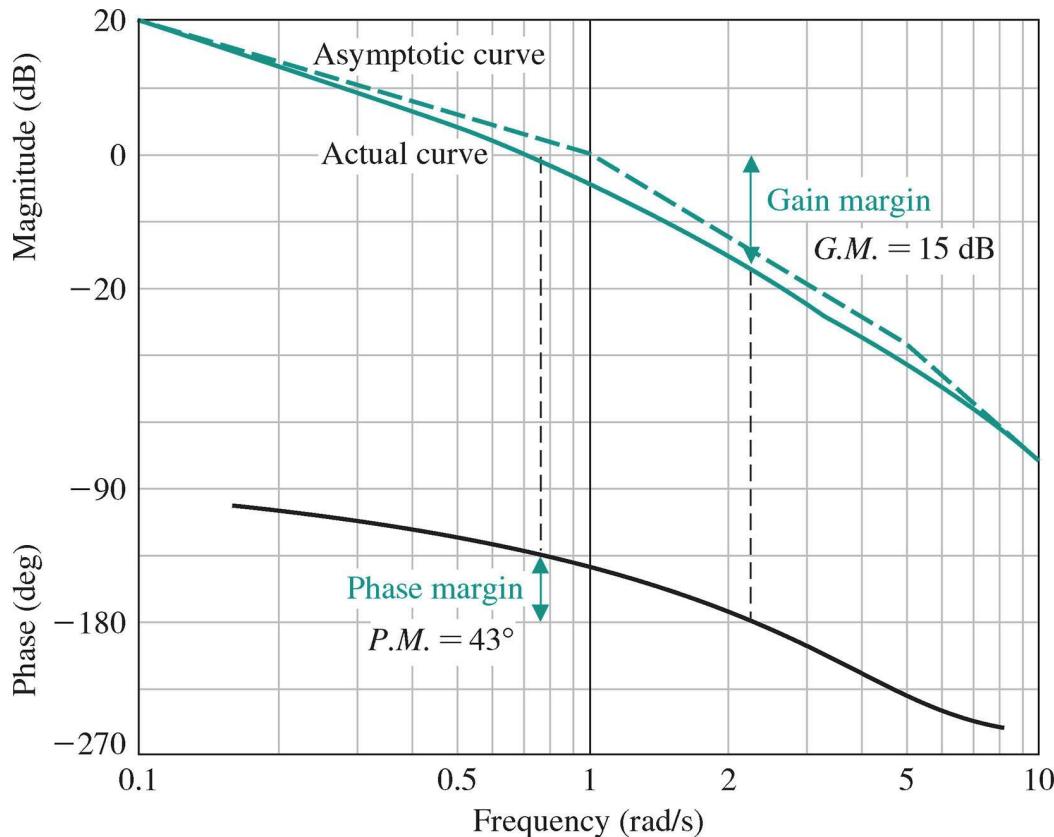
$$T_4(s) = \frac{900}{s^2 + 30s + 900}$$

Larger bandwidth  $\rightarrow$  smaller settling time



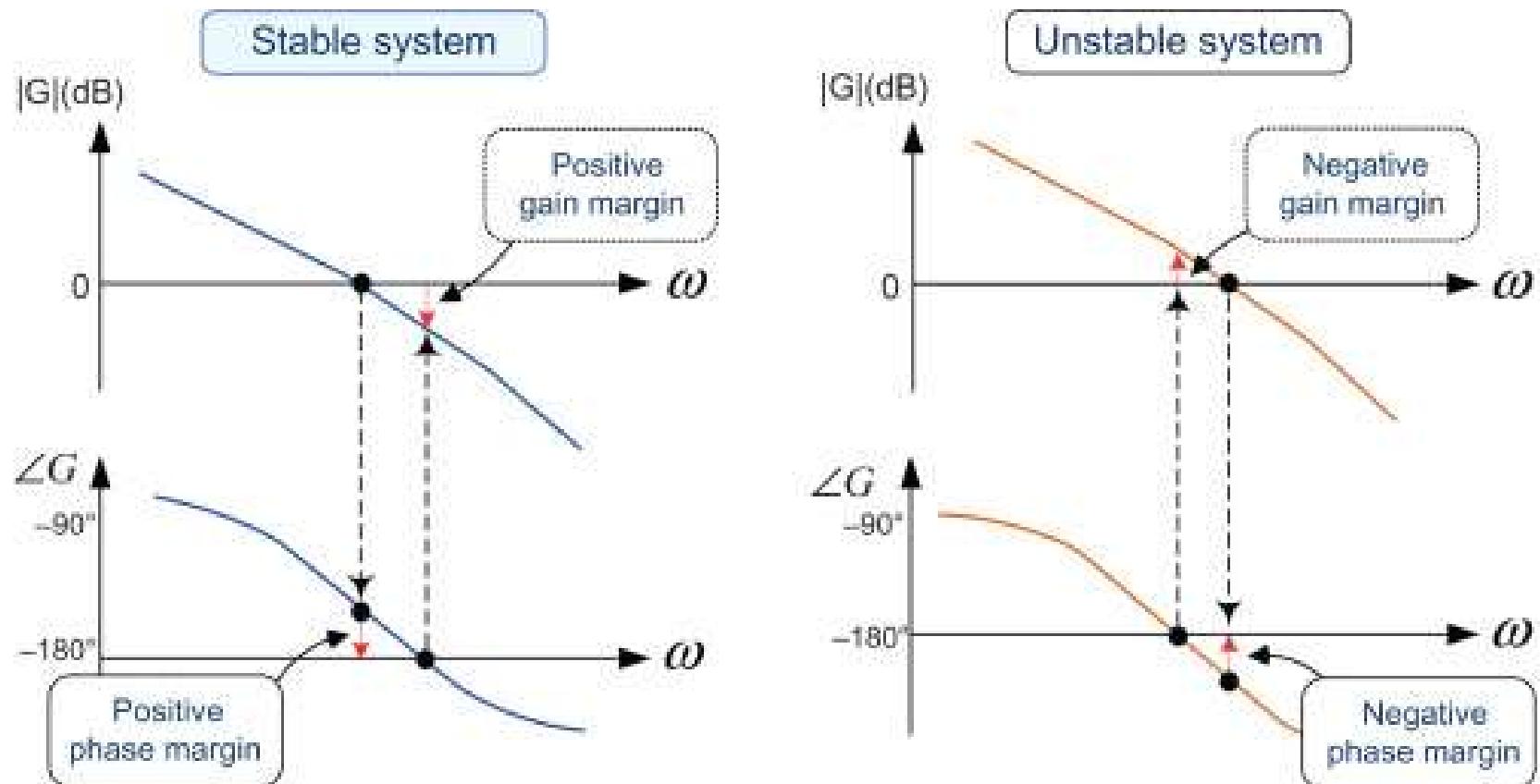
# Gain Margin and Phase Margin

- For a closed-loop control system, with **loop transfer function  $L(j\omega)$** , the characteristic equation is
$$1 + L(j\omega) = 0 \rightarrow L(j\omega) = -1 + j0.$$
- It indicates that when  $|L(j\omega)| = 1$  (or  $20 \log(|L(j\omega)|) = 0 \text{ dB}$ ) and  $\angle L(j\omega) = -180^\circ$ , the closed-loop system is marginally stable.



- The gain margin GM is the increase in the gain of the  $L(j\omega)$  when phase =  $-180^\circ$  that will result in a marginally stable system;
- The phase margin  $\emptyset_{pm}$  is the amount of phase shift of the  $L(j\omega)$  at unity magnitude (0 dB) that will result in a marginally stable system.

# *Gain/Phase Margins in a stable/unstable system*



# To relate Phase Margin and Damping Ratio (exact relationship)

$$T_{CL}(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$L(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{j\omega(j\omega + 2\zeta\omega_n)}$$

- To determine the gain crossover frequency  $\omega_c$ , we let

$$\frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_c \sqrt{\omega_c^2 + 4\zeta^2\omega_n^2}} = 1$$

$$(\omega_c^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2\omega_n^2(\omega_c^2) - \omega_n^4 = 0$$

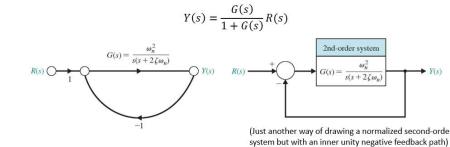
$$\frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega_n^2} = \sqrt{4\zeta^4 + 1} - 2\zeta^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_n} = \left( \sqrt{4\zeta^4 + 1} - 2\zeta^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\phi_{PM} = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_c}{2\zeta\omega_n} = 90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2\zeta} \left( \sqrt{4\zeta^4 + 1} - 2\zeta^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\phi_{PM} = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{\left( \sqrt{4 + 1/\zeta^4} - 2 \right)^{1/2}}$$

## Lecture 13

An Alternative Way to View 2<sup>nd</sup> Order System

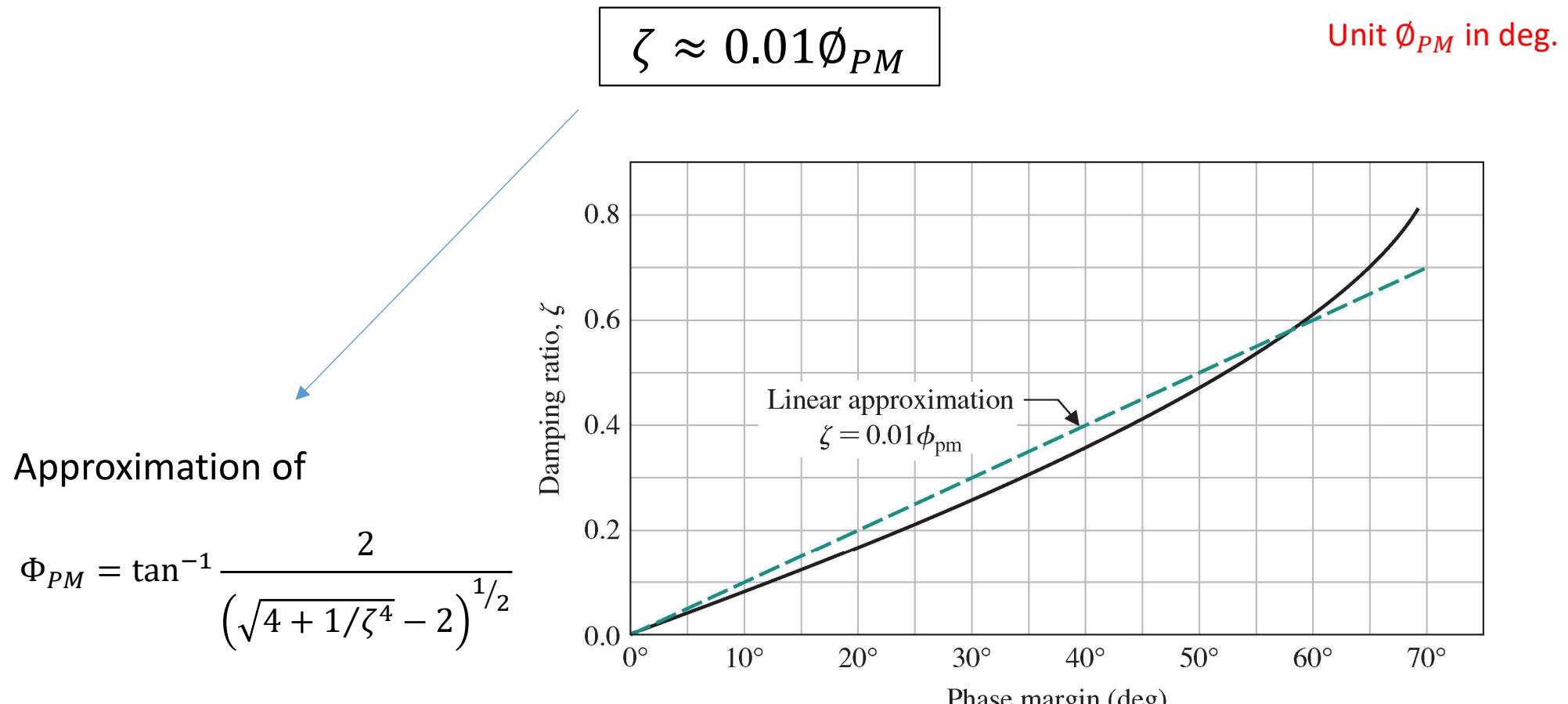


$$Y(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} R(s)$$

(just another way of drawing a normalized second-order system but with an inner unity negative feedback path)

# Approximation that relates Phase Margin and Damping Ratio

- The relationship between  $\phi_{PM}$  and  $\zeta$  is not linear.
- For  $\zeta < 0.707$ , through empirical means, it has been established that for most **2<sup>nd</sup> order systems** (or higher-order system with dominant underdamped 2<sup>nd</sup> order behavior), the relationship can be approximated to a linear form:



# Example 21.1

- For the following two loop transfer functions, estimate their damping factor using phase margin:

i)  $L(j\omega) = G_c(j\omega) G(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega(j\omega + 1)}$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_c \sqrt{\omega_c^2 + 1}} = 1$$

$$\omega_c = 0.786 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\angle L(j\omega_c) = -90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{0.786}{1} = -128.2^\circ$$

$$\phi_{PM} = -128.2^\circ - (-180^\circ) = 51.8^\circ$$

$$\zeta \approx 0.01 \times 51.8^\circ = 0.518$$

Based on s-domain analysis:  $\zeta = 0.5$

ii)  $L(j\omega) = G_c(j\omega) G(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega(j\omega + 1)(0.2j\omega + 1)}$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_c \sqrt{(\omega_c^2 + 1)(0.04\omega_c^2 + 1)}} = 1$$

$$\omega_c = 0.779 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\angle L(j\omega_c) = -90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{0.779}{1} - \tan^{-1} \frac{0.2(0.779)}{1} = -136.8^\circ$$

$$\phi_{PM} = -136.8^\circ - (-180^\circ) = 43.2^\circ$$

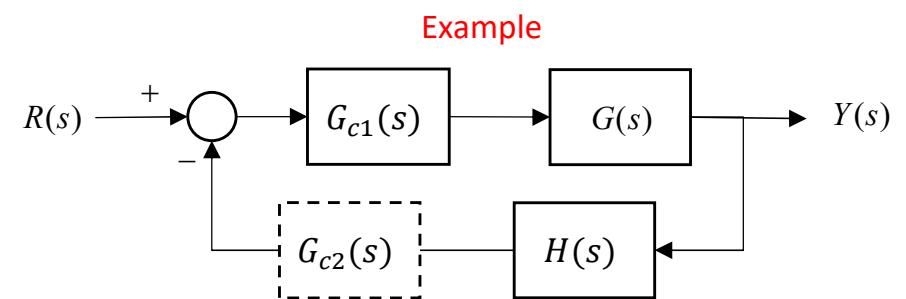
$$\zeta \approx 0.01 \times 43.2^\circ = 0.432$$

Based on s-domain analysis:  $\zeta = 0.39$

# Compensator Structure and Design

- A compensator is an additional component that is inserted into a control system to compensate for deficient performance.
- Compensator  $G_c(s)$  can be chosen to alter either the shape of the root locus or the frequency response.
- Compensator  $G_c(s)$  is used with a process  $G(s)$  so that the overall loop gain can be set to satisfy the steady state error requirement, and then  $G_c(s)$  is used to adjust the system dynamics favorably without affecting the steady state error.

$$G_c(s) = \frac{K \prod_{i=1}^M (s + z_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (s + p_j)}$$

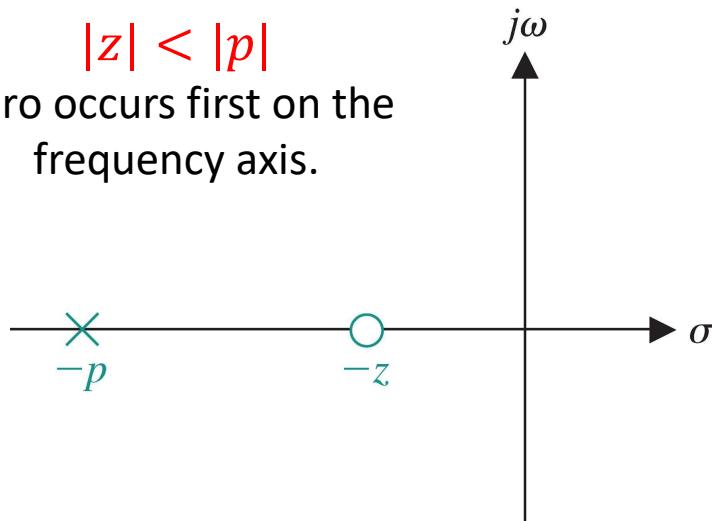


- E.g., A first-order compensator has the following form:

$$G_c(s) = \frac{K(s+z)}{(s+p)}$$

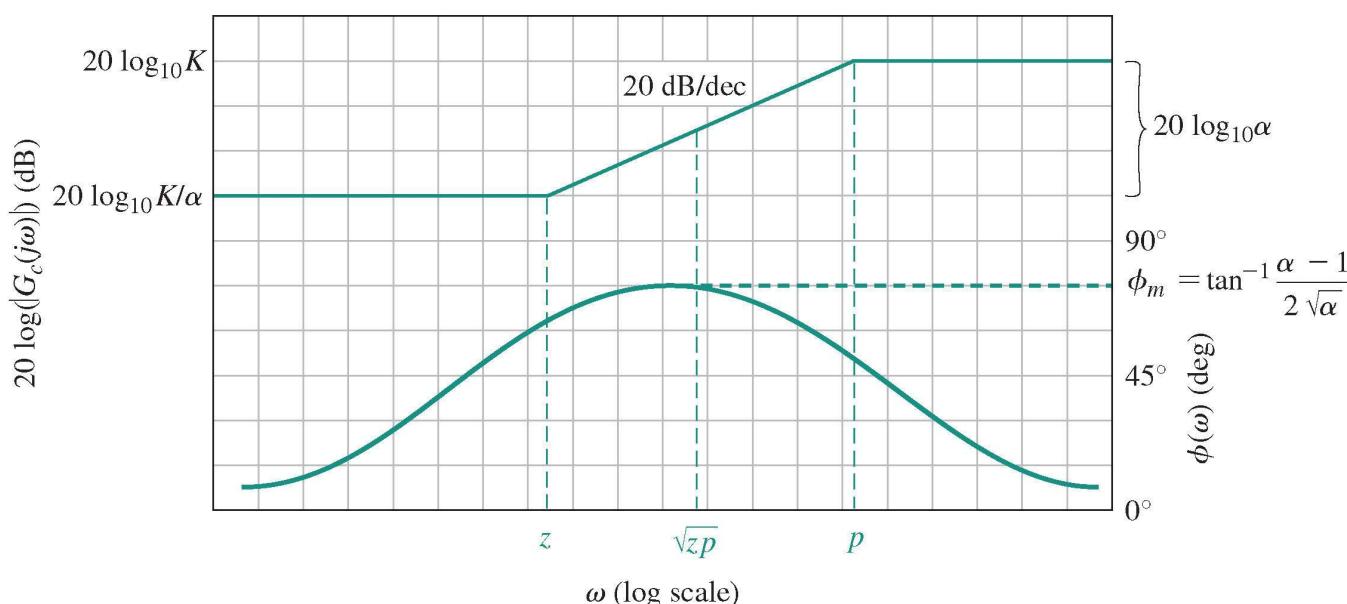
# Phase – Lead Compensator

$|z| < |p|$   
Zero occurs first on the frequency axis.



$$G_c(j\omega) = \frac{K(j\omega + z)}{(j\omega + p)} = \frac{K(1 + j\omega\tau)}{\alpha(1 + j\omega\tau)}$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{p} \text{ and } \alpha = p/z > 1.$$



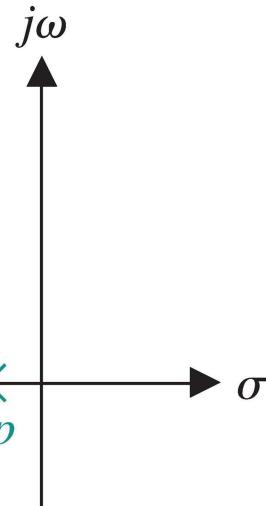
The maximum phase lead  $\phi_m$  occurs at  $\omega_m$ .

$$\omega_m = \sqrt{zp} = \frac{1}{\tau\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

$$\sin \phi_m = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}$$

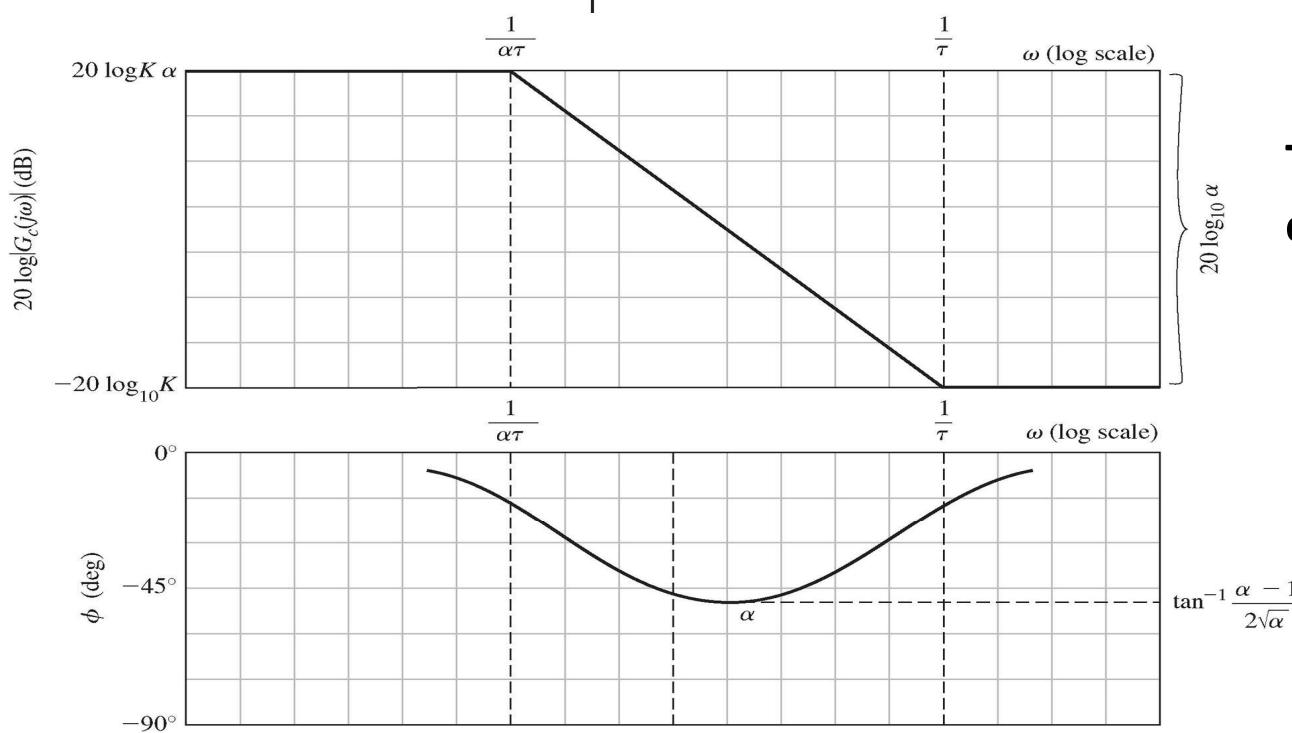
# Phase - Lag Compensator

$|p| < |z|$   
Pole occurs first on the frequency axis.



$$G_c(j\omega) = \frac{K(j\omega + z)}{(j\omega + p)} = \frac{K\alpha(1 + j\omega\tau)}{1 + j\omega\alpha\tau}$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{z} \text{ and } \alpha = z/p > 1.$$



The maximum phase lag  $\phi_m$  occurs at  $\omega_m$ .

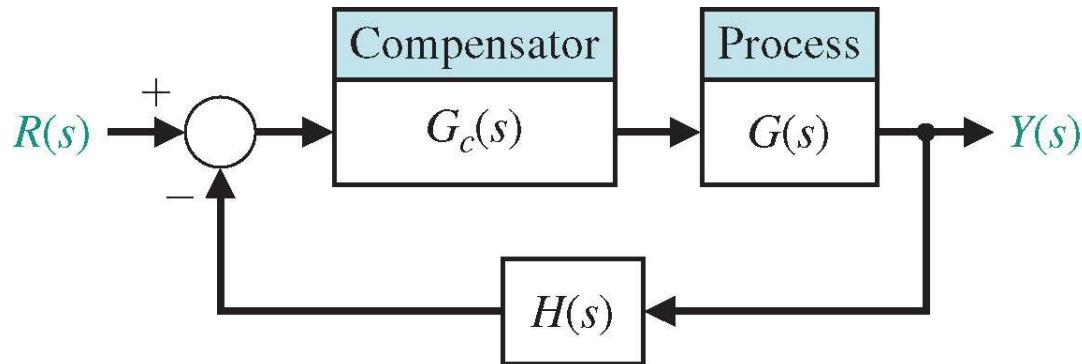
$$\omega_m = \sqrt{zp} = \frac{1}{\tau\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

$$\sin \phi_m = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}$$

# Example 21.2

Let's consider the below system, we assume  $G(s) = \frac{10}{s^2}$ , and  $H(s) = 1$ . It is clear that without compensator, the closed-loop system is marginally stable. Design the compensator to satisfy the following specifications using frequency response methods:

1. Settling time (with 2% criterion)  $T_s \leq 4s$ ;
2. System damping ratio  $\zeta \geq 0.45$ .



## Solutions:

### Step 1.

$$T_s = \frac{4}{\zeta \omega_n} = 4s \quad \longrightarrow \quad \omega_B = (-1.19\zeta + 1.85)\omega_n = 3.00$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{1}{\zeta} = \frac{1}{0.45} = 2.22 \text{ rad/s} \quad \rightarrow \text{The bandwidth of the closed-loop system should be larger than } 3 \text{ rad/s.}$$

## Step 2.

The phase margin of the system is required to be approximately

$$\phi_{pm} = \frac{\zeta}{0.01} = \frac{0.45}{0.01} = 45^\circ$$

The phase margin of the uncompensated system ( $G(s)$ ) is  $0^\circ \rightarrow$  The compensator needs to provide a phase-lead angle of at least  $45^\circ$  to the loop transfer function.

$$\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1} = \sin \phi_m = \sin 45^\circ \quad \longrightarrow \quad \alpha = 5.8$$

### Phase – Lead Compensator

$$G_c(j\omega) = \frac{K(j\omega + z)}{(j\omega + p)} = \frac{K(1 + j\omega\alpha\tau)}{\alpha(1 + j\omega\tau)}$$
$$\tau = \frac{1}{p} \text{ and } \alpha = p/z > 1.$$

The maximum phase lead  $\phi_m$  occurs at  $\omega_m$ .

$$\omega_m = \sqrt{zp} = \frac{1}{\tau\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

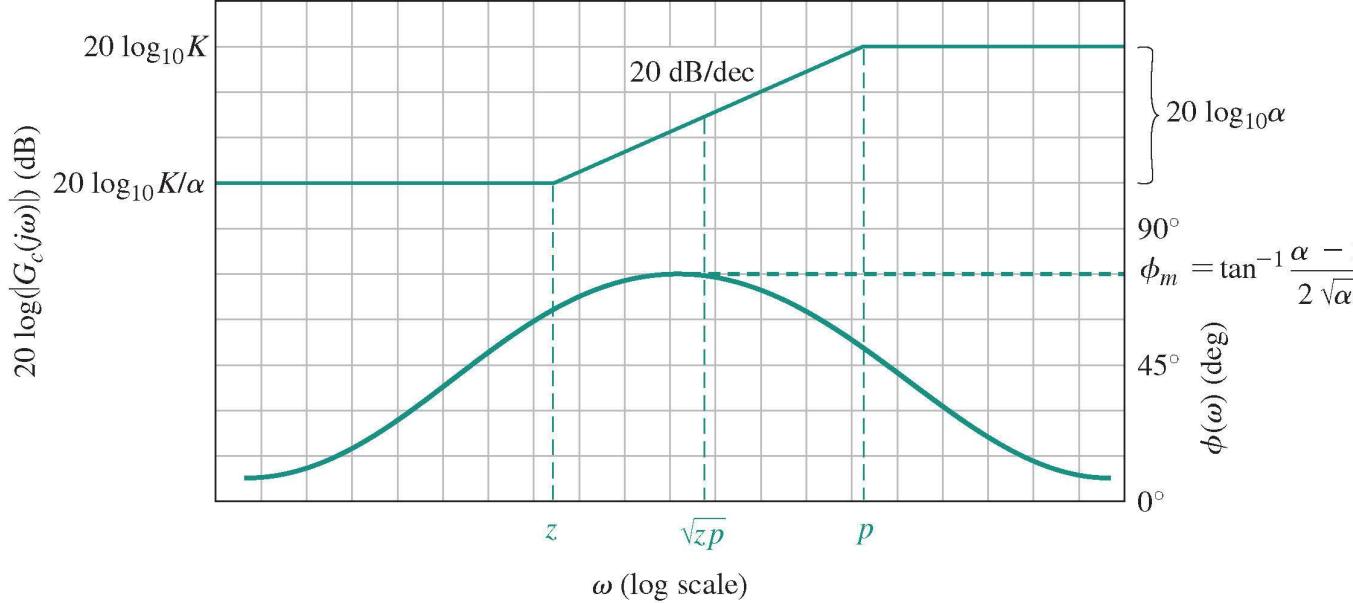
$$\sin \phi_m = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}$$

We use  $\alpha = 6$ . The gain added to the system at the frequency  $\omega_m$  is

$$10 \log \alpha = 7.78 \text{ dB}$$

We want to have  $\omega_m$  equal to the compensated slope crossing the 0 dB axis, thus, the compensated crossover frequency is located by evaluating the frequency where the uncompensated magnitude curve is equal to -7.78 dB. So,

$$\omega_m = 4.95$$



**Hint:** “Placing” the  $\omega_m$  at the freq. at which the uncompensated system’s magnitude is -7.78dB, so that the compensated system will have 0 dB at this frequency point, so that the phase margin is as designed/desired, about 45°.

$$\begin{aligned} 20 \log \frac{10}{\omega^2} &= -7.78 \text{ dB} \\ \frac{10}{\omega^2} &= 0.4083 \\ \omega &= 4.95 \text{ rad/s} \end{aligned}$$

### Step 3.

We can now determine the pole and zero of the compensator.

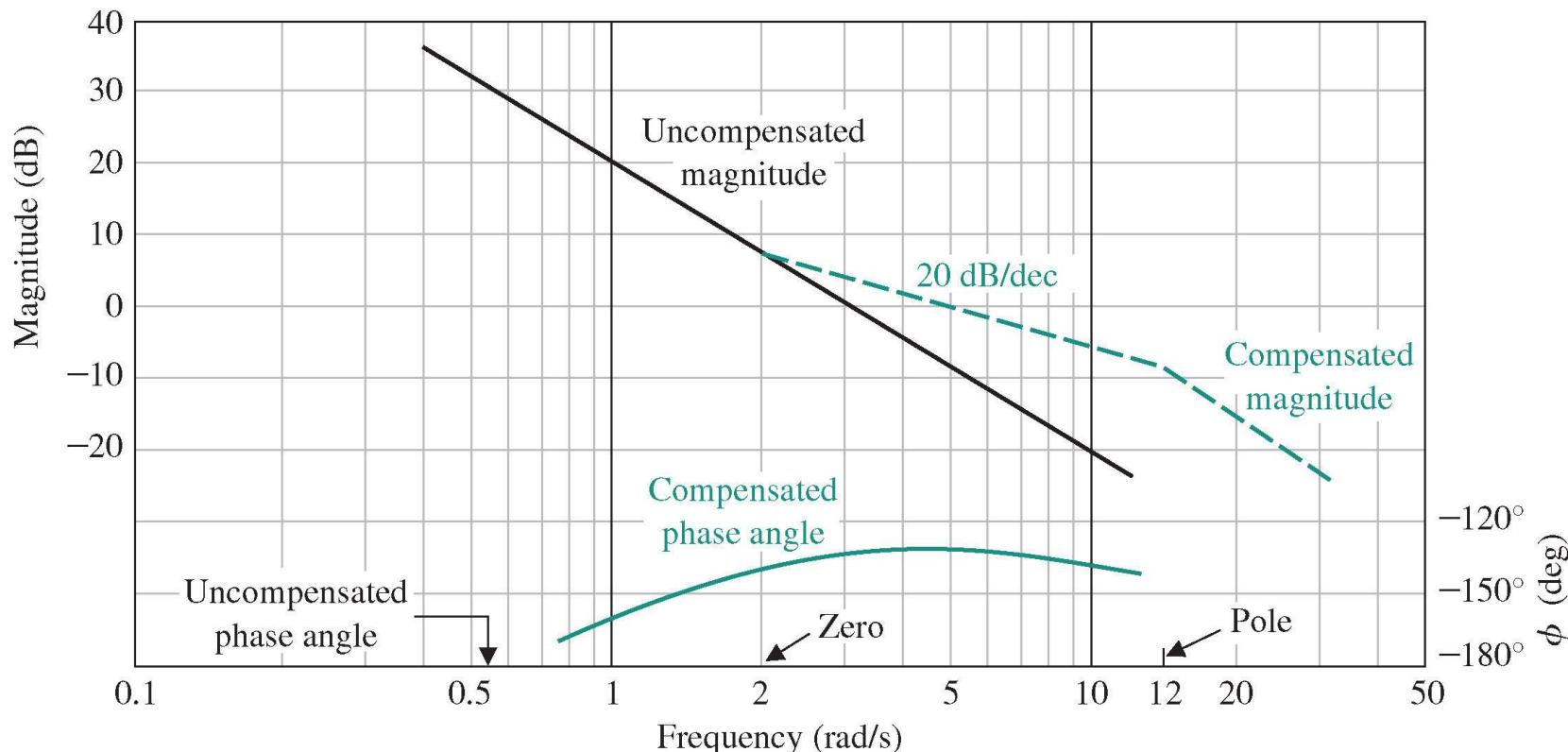
$$p = \omega_m \sqrt{\alpha} = 12.0$$

$$z = \frac{p}{\alpha} = 2.0$$

The compensator is

$$G_c(s) = \frac{K}{6} \frac{(1 + s/2.0)}{(1 + s/12.0)}$$

Choose  $K = 6$  to keep the loop gain as 1.



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## Step 4.

Validate, and re-design if the specifications are not satisfied.

The total loop transfer function is

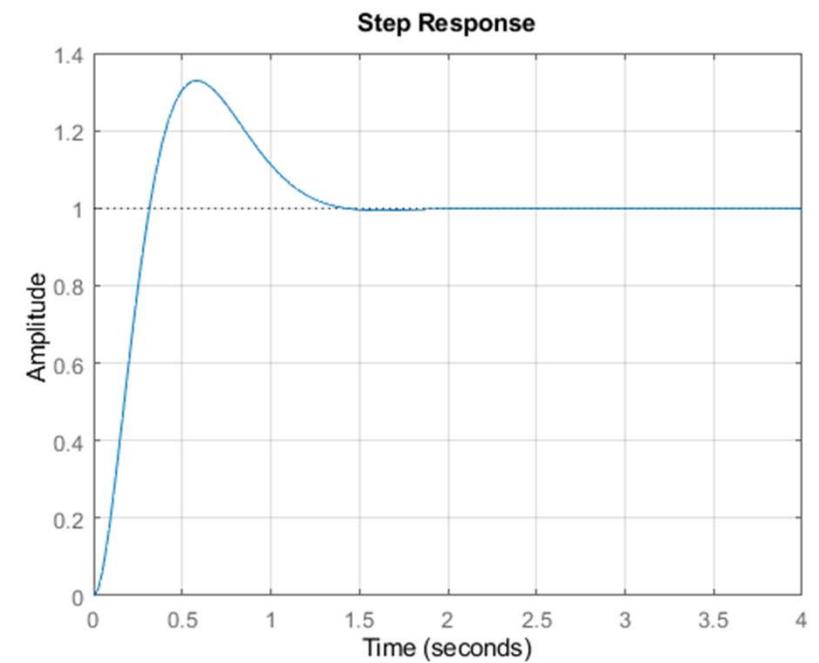
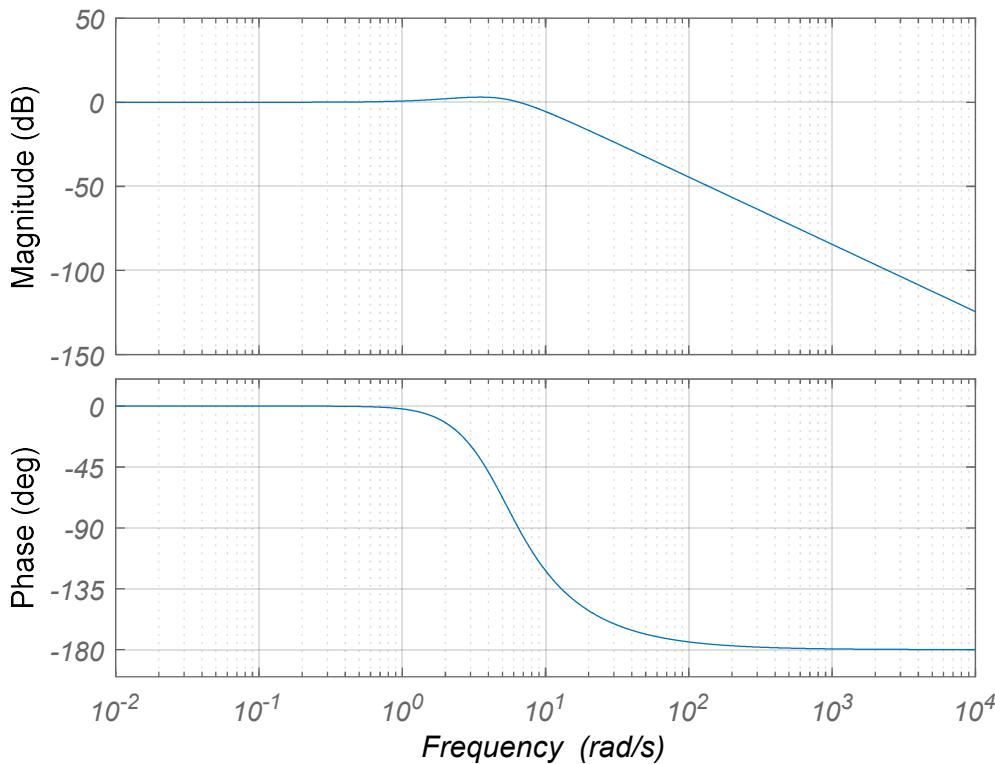
$$L(s) = \frac{10(1 + s/2)}{s^2(1 + s/12)} = \frac{60(s + 2)}{s^2(2 + 12)}$$

The closed-loop transfer function is

$$T(s) = \frac{60(s + 2)}{s^3 + 12s^2 + 60s + 120}$$

Obtain the bode plots for  $T(s)$  and step response of the system.

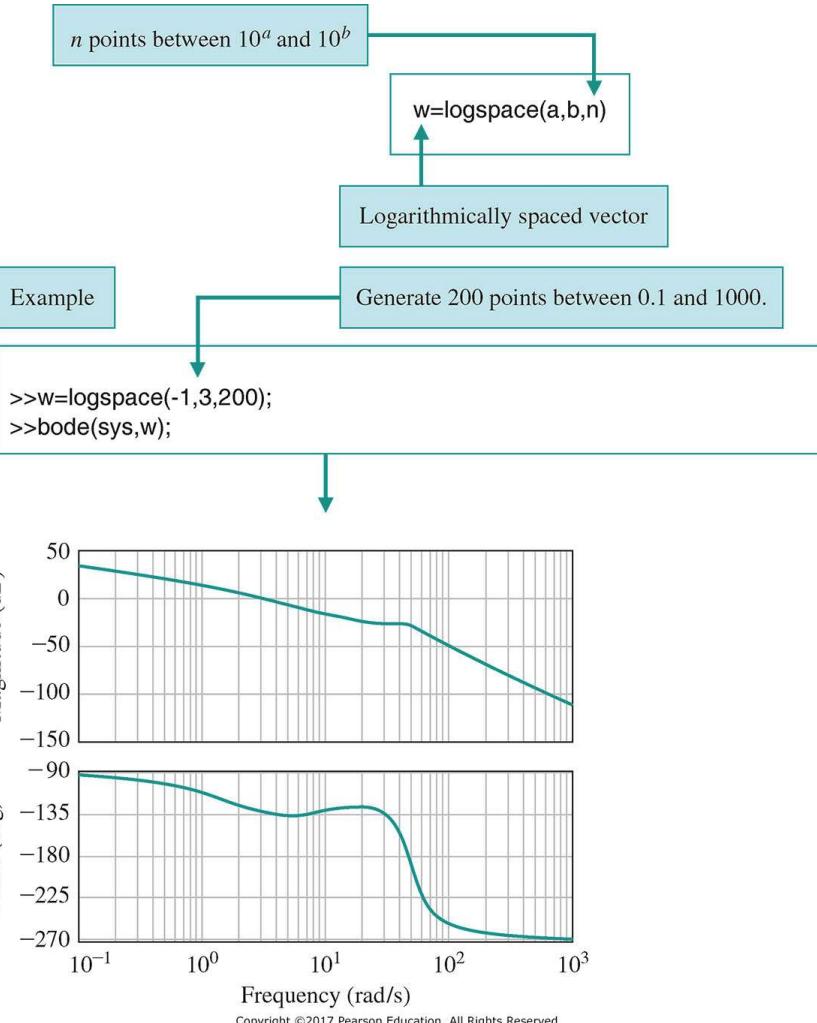
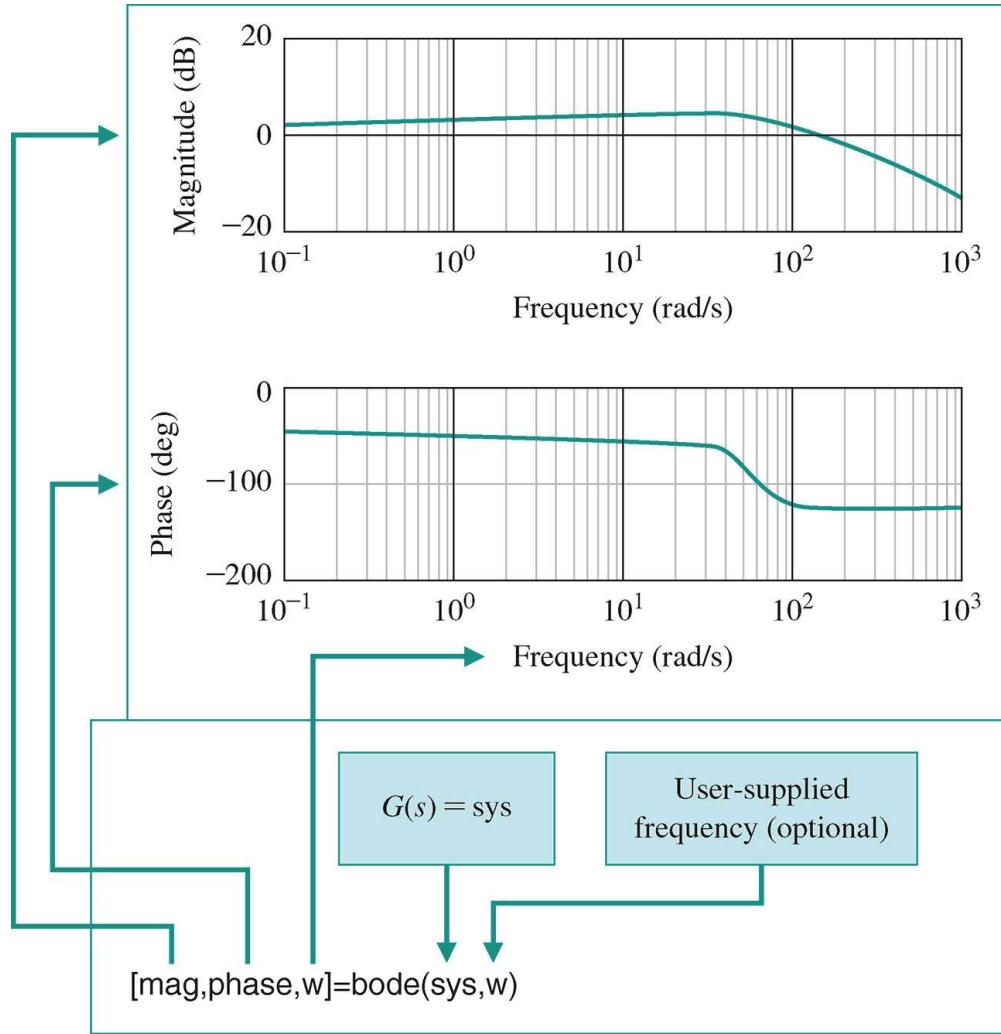
**Mag. and phase plots of  $T(s)$**



$$T_S = 1.3 \text{ s}; P.O. = 34\%; \\ \omega_B = 8.4 \text{ rad/s}$$

→ The design specifications are satisfied.

# Frequency Response using Matlab



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% Bode plot script for Figure 8.39
%
num=5*[0.1 1];
f1=[1 0]; f2=[0.5 1]; f3=[1/2500 .6/50 1];
den=conv(f1,conv(f2,f3));
%
sys=tf(num,den);
bode(sys)
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Compute

$$s(1 + 0.5s) \left( 1 + \frac{0.6}{50}s + \frac{1}{50^2}s^2 \right)$$

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bode(sys)

Transfer function model  
 $sys = tf(num,den)$

State-space model  
 $sys = ss(A, B, C, D)$

bode(sys)

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# Example 21.2 (in class)

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A unity feedback system has a loop transfer function

$$L(s) = G_c(s)G(s) = \frac{K}{(s + 2)^2}$$

- (a) Assume  $K = 40$ , calculate the system phase margin;
- (b) Select a gain  $K$  so that the phase P.M.  $\geq 55^\circ$ .

Answer:

- (a)  $36.9^\circ$ . **Flow of thoughts:** form  $L(j\omega) = |mag|\angle angle$ ; solve for  $\omega_1$  when  $L(j\omega) = 1 = 0dB$ ; calculate  $\angle L(j\omega_1)$ , then P.M.
- (b) e.g., for P.M. =  $60^\circ$ ,  $K = 16$ . **Flow of thoughts:** set the desired P.M., solve for  $\omega_2$  meeting the required  $\angle L(j\omega_2)$ , then calculate through  $|L(j\omega_2)| = 1 = 0dB$  the required gain  $K$ .

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# Lecture 22

# *Nyquist/Polar plot*

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- Another well-known Frequency Response method is through Nyquist/Polar plot.
- It utilizes “Function plane”, in contrast to “s-plane” or “bode diagram”.
- Manual plotting procedure is available.
  - Nyquist plot can be used to assess absolute and relative stability (and therefore also to design for meeting control system performance specification).

# Frequency Response Plot – Polar(Nyquist) Plot

Transfer function of a system,  $G(s)$ , can be described in the frequency domain by the relation

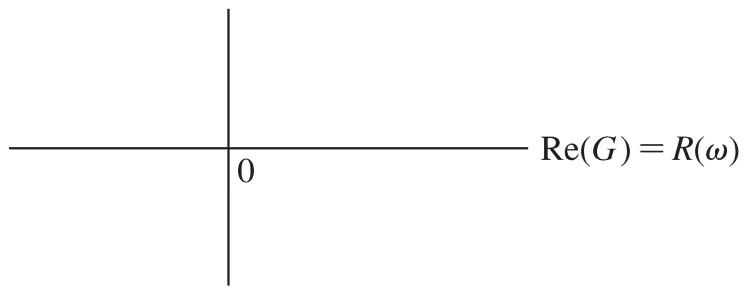
$$G(j\omega) = G(s) \Big|_{s=j\omega} = R(\omega) + jX(\omega)$$
$$R(\omega) = \text{Re}[G(j\omega)]$$
$$X(\omega) = \text{Im}[G(j\omega)]$$

Alternatively, the transfer function can be represented by magnitude and phase as

$$G(j\omega) = |G(j\omega)| e^{j\phi(\omega)} = |G(j\omega)| \angle \phi(\omega)$$

$$\phi(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{X(\omega)}{R(\omega)} \text{ and } |G(j\omega)|^2 = [R(\omega)]^2 + [X(\omega)]^2$$

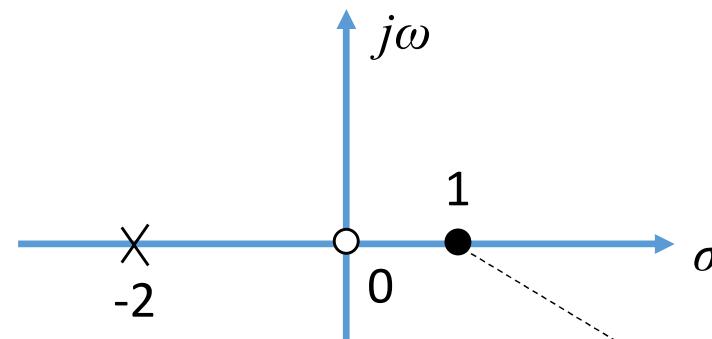
$$\text{Im}(G) = X(\omega)$$



The **polar plot** representation of the frequency response is obtained by using the above equations.

# *s-plane and Function Plane*

- Given any transfer function, e.g.,  $G(s) = \frac{s}{s+2}$ :
  - The **s-plane plot of this transfer function's poles and zeros** is:



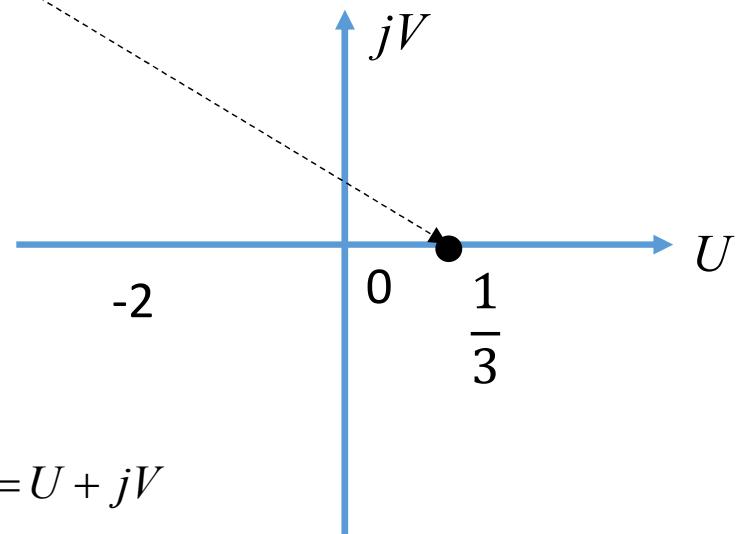
- The **function-plane of this transfer function** is based on the following derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \frac{\sigma + j\omega}{\sigma + j\omega + 2} \\ &= \frac{(\sigma + j\omega)(\sigma + 2 - j\omega)}{(\sigma + 2 + j\omega)(\sigma + 2 - j\omega)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma(\sigma + 2) + \omega^2 + 2j\omega}{(\sigma + 2)^2 + \omega^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{s}{s + 2}$$

Let  $s = \sigma + j\omega$ ,

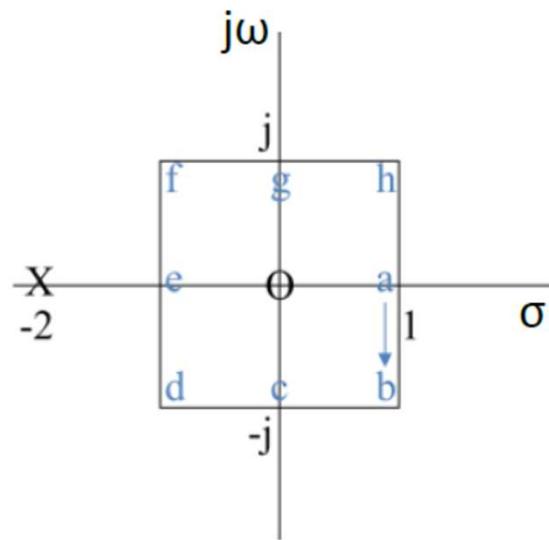
$$= \frac{\sigma(\sigma + 2) + \omega^2}{(\sigma + 2)^2 + \omega^2} + j \left[ \frac{2\omega}{(\sigma + 2)^2 + \omega^2} \right] = U + jV$$



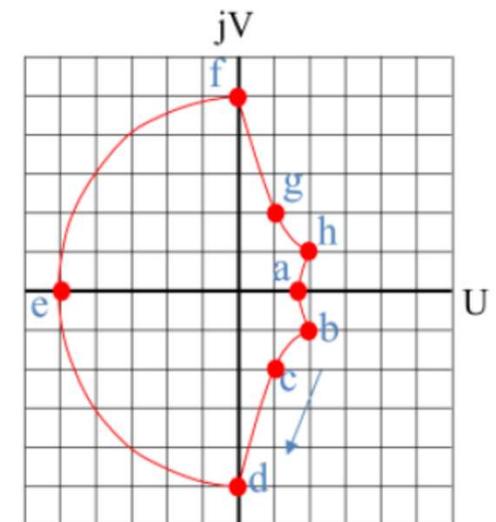
# Contour Mapping from the s-Plane to the Function Plane

$$G(s) = \frac{s}{s+2}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{\sigma(\sigma+2)+\omega^2}{(\sigma+2)^2+\omega^2} + j \left[ \frac{2\omega}{(\sigma+2)^2+\omega^2} \right] = U + jV$$



	$\sigma$	$\omega$	U	V
a	1	0	0.33	0
b	1	-1	0.4	-0.2
c	0	-1	0.2	-0.4
d	-1	-1	0	-1
e	-1	0	-1	0
f	-1	1	0	1
g	0	1	0.2	0.4
h	1	1	0.4	0.2



- What is being varied at the s-plane is an arbitrary chosen point along the square drawn on the s-plane with its major points highlighted in the table.
- A closed contour in the s-plane gives a closed contour in the function plane.

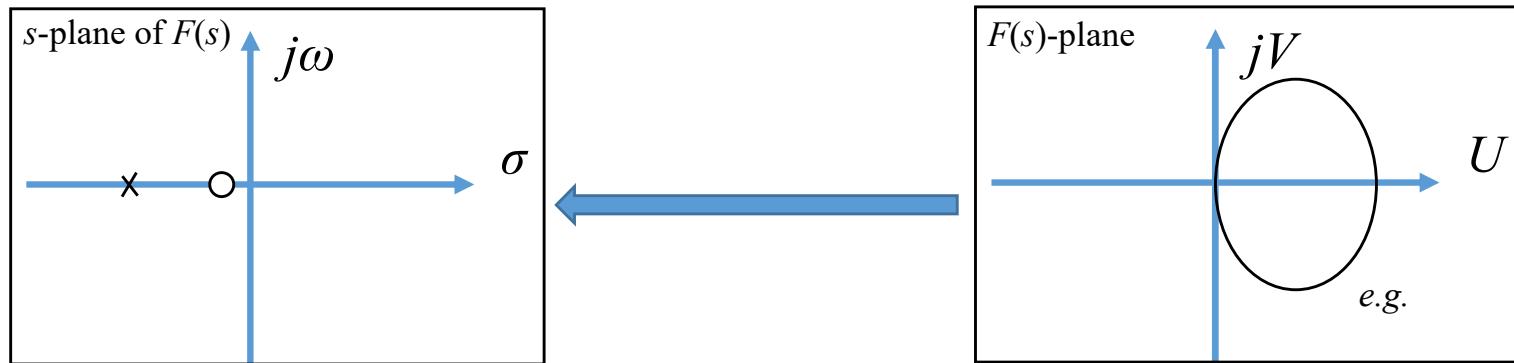
# Basic Definition

- As usual, we consider the characteristic equation of a closed-loop system:

$$F(s) = 1 + L(s) = \frac{K \prod_{i=1}^m (s + z_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (s + p_j)} = 0$$

where  $L(s) = K(s)G(s)H(s)$ .

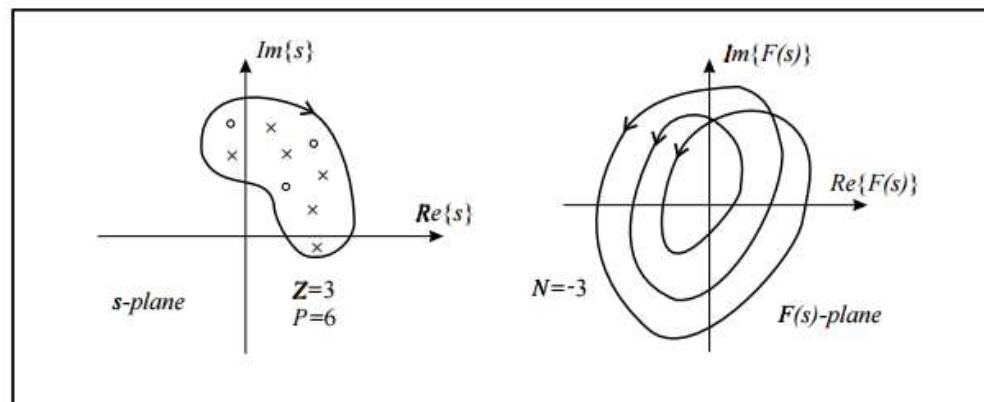
- For the CL system to be stable, all the poles of the CL transfer function, i.e., the zeros of  $F(s)$  must lie in the LHS of the  $s$ -plane.
- Base on the contour mapping technique, if we choose a contour  $\Gamma_s$  in the  $s$ -plane that encloses the entire RHS, and we can determine whether any zeros of  $F(s)$  lie within  $\Gamma_s$  by utilizing Cauchy's theorem, or more accurately the Principle of the Argument.



# Cauchy's Theorem - Principle of the Argument

- Cauchy's theorem:

- If a contour  $\Gamma_s$  in the  $s$ -plane encircles  $Z$  zeros and  $P$  poles of the system's  $s$ -plane and does not pass through any poles (or zeros) and the traversal is in the clockwise direction along the contour, the corresponding contour  $\Gamma_F$  in the  $F(s)$ -plane encircles the origin of the  $F(s)$ -plane  $N = (Z - P)$  times in the clockwise direction.
- Further interpretation: Recall that  $F(s) = 1 + L(s)$ . The number of zeros of  $F(s)$  in the  $s$ -plane, i.e.,  $Z$ , is the sum of the number of clockwise encirclements about the origin at the  $F(s)$ -function plane ( $N$ ) and the number of poles of  $F(s)$  in the  $s$ -plane ( $P$ ). Mathematically,  $P$  can be known from  $L(s)$  as the poles of  $F(s)$  corresponds exactly to the poles of  $L(s)$ .



$N=3-6=-3$  (hence, 3 counterclockwise encirclement)

# Nyquist Stability Criterion (Practical)

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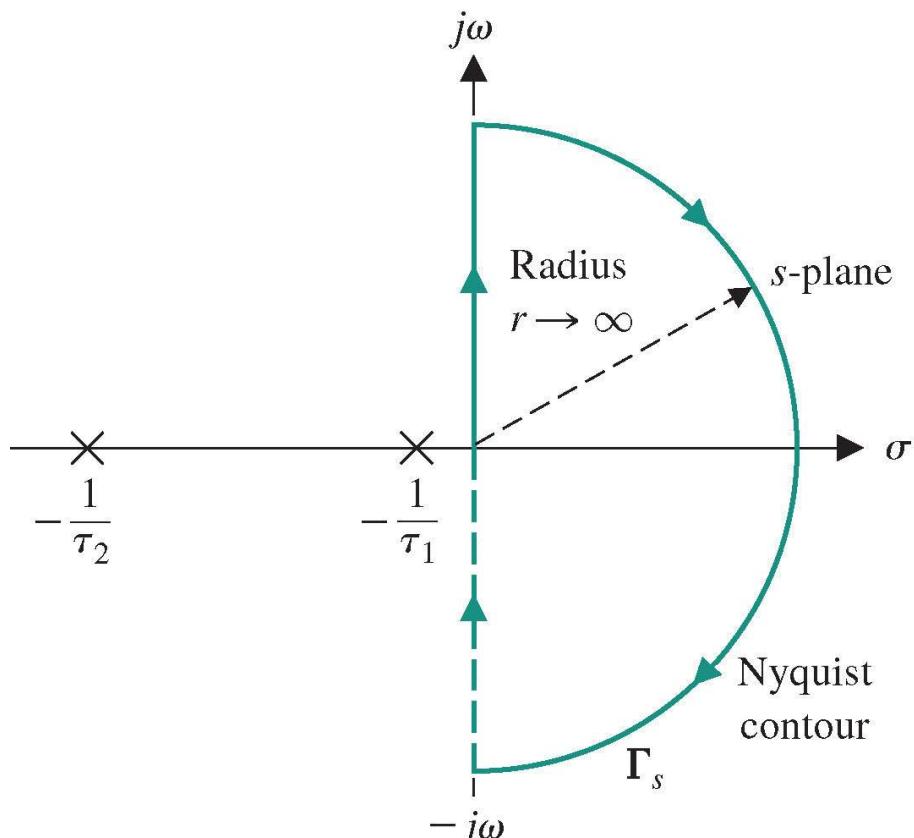
- A direct application of the Cauchy's theorem is rare because a factored form of  $F(s)$  is usually not available, but instead, the one for  $L(s)$  is usually the first thing available.

$$F(s) = 1 + L(s)$$

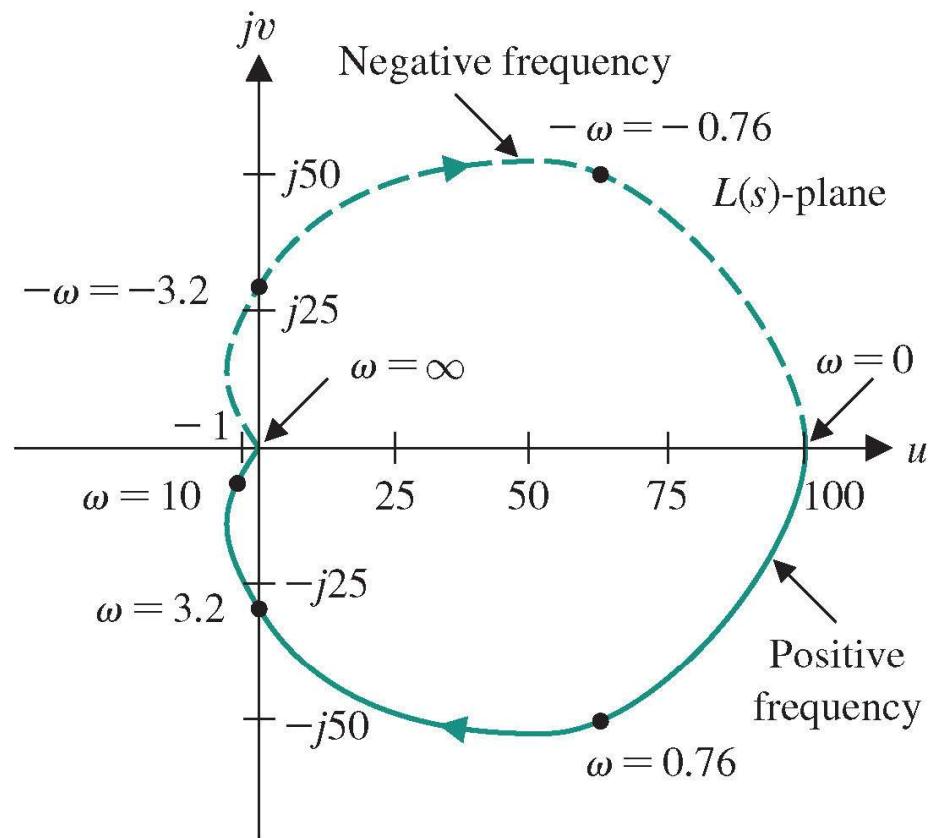
$$F'(s) = F(s) - 1 = L(s)$$

- Let contour  $\Gamma_L$  be the contour on the  $L(s)$  function plane that is mapped from the whole RHS of the  $s$ -plane ( $0 < \sigma < \infty$  and  $-\infty < \omega < +\infty$ , and not passing through any pole or zero), NSC states that (two distinctive scenarios):
  - **For  $L(s)$  without any pole in the RHS of the  $s$ -plane:** The feedback system is stable if and only if the contour  $\Gamma_L$  in the  $L(s)$ -plane does not encircle the  $(-1,0)$  point.
    - Mathematically, with  $Z = N + P$ , since  $P = 0$ , we need  $N = 0$  to make  $Z = 0$ .
  - **For  $L(s)$  with pole(s) in the RHS of the  $s$ -plane:** The feedback system is stable if and only if the contour  $\Gamma_L$  in the  $L(s)$ -plane encircles in a counterclockwise direction the  $(-1,0)$  point the same of times as the number of poles of  $F(s)$  with positive real parts (i.e., number of poles of  $F(s)$  in the RHS of the  $s$ -plane).
    - Mathematically, with  $Z = N + P$ , since  $P$  is a positive integer, we need  $N$  to be the same negative integer (this explains the “counterclockwise” requirement) to make  $Z = 0$ .

# Nyquist contour and mapping for $L(s) = 100/(s + 1)(s/10 + 1)$



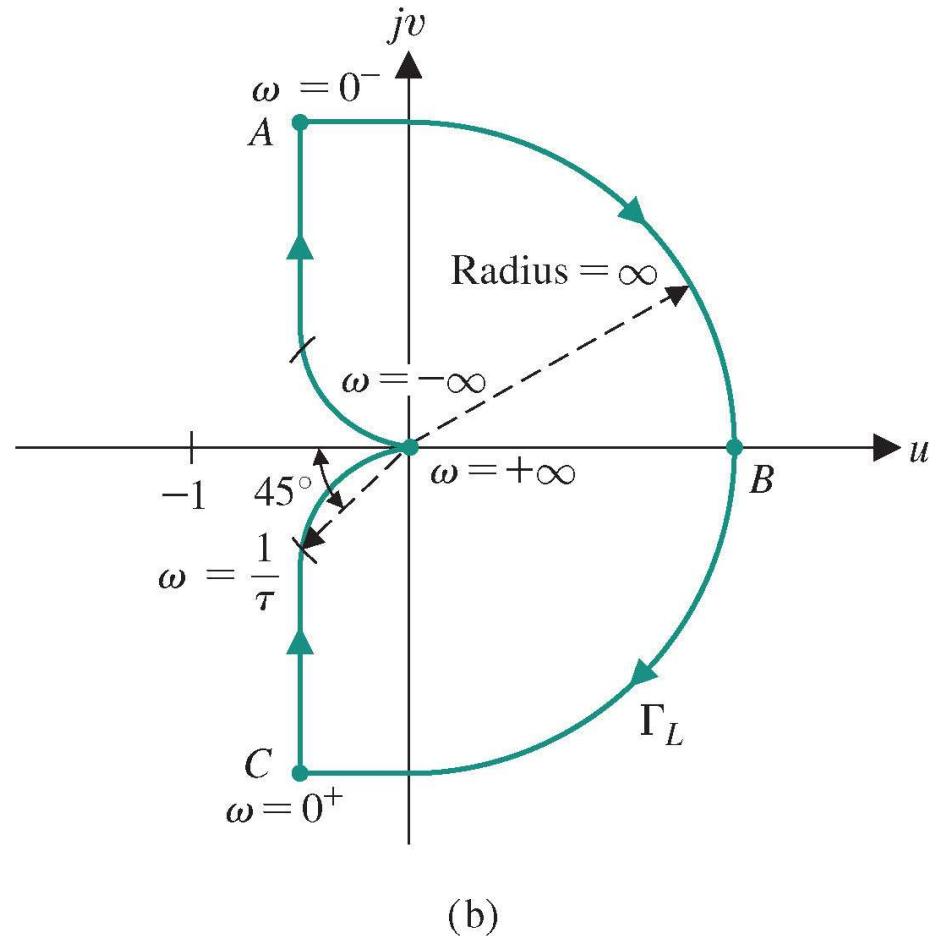
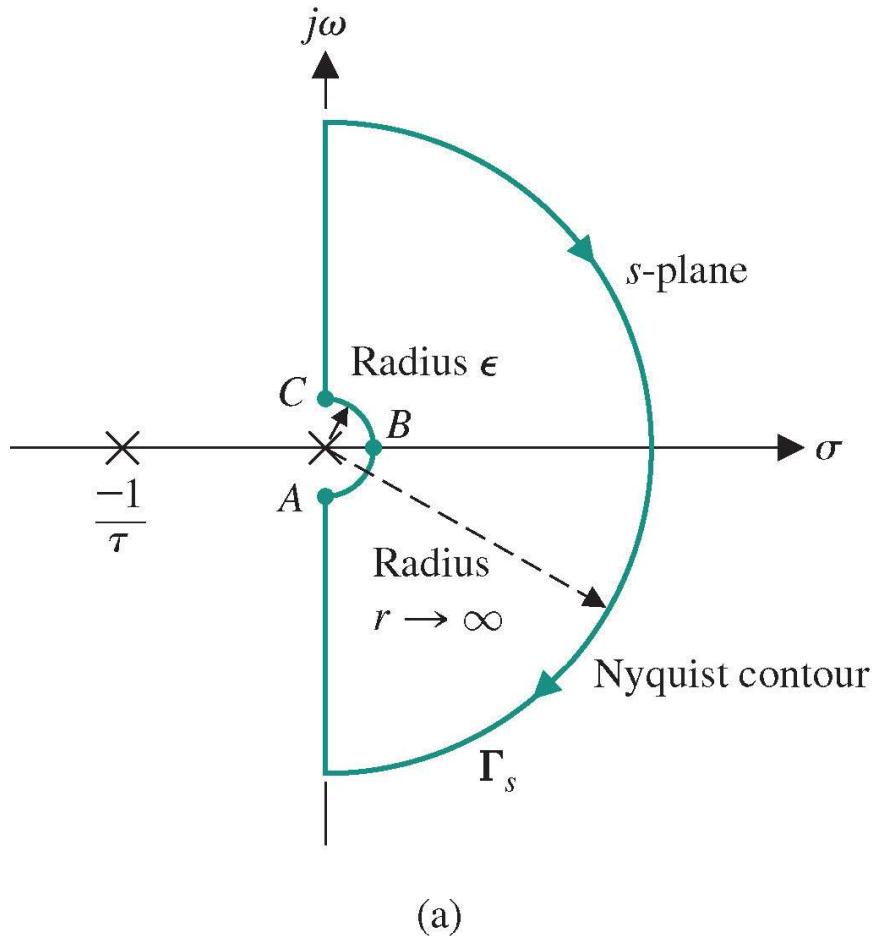
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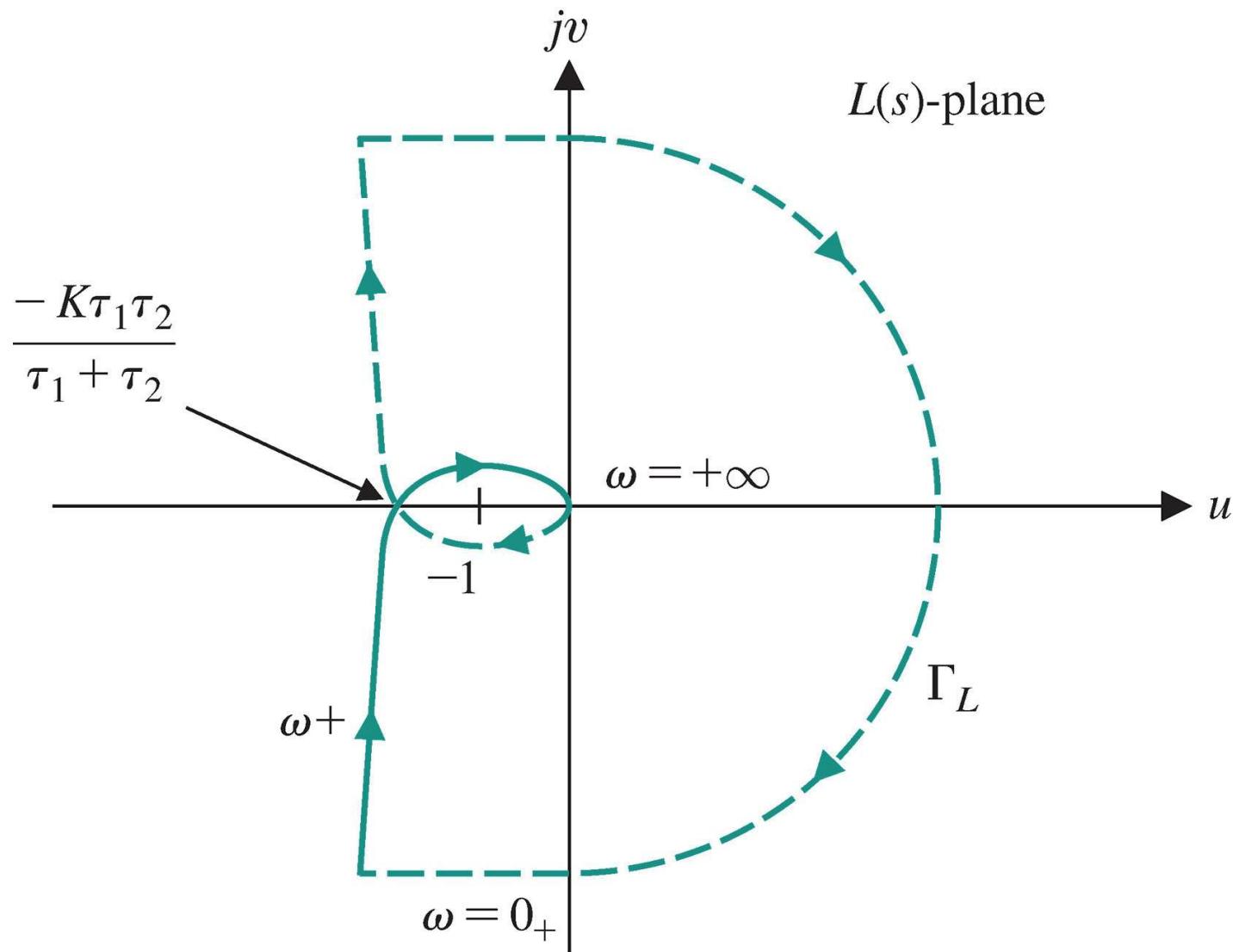
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# Nyquist contour and mapping for $L(s) = K/[s(\tau s + 1)]$



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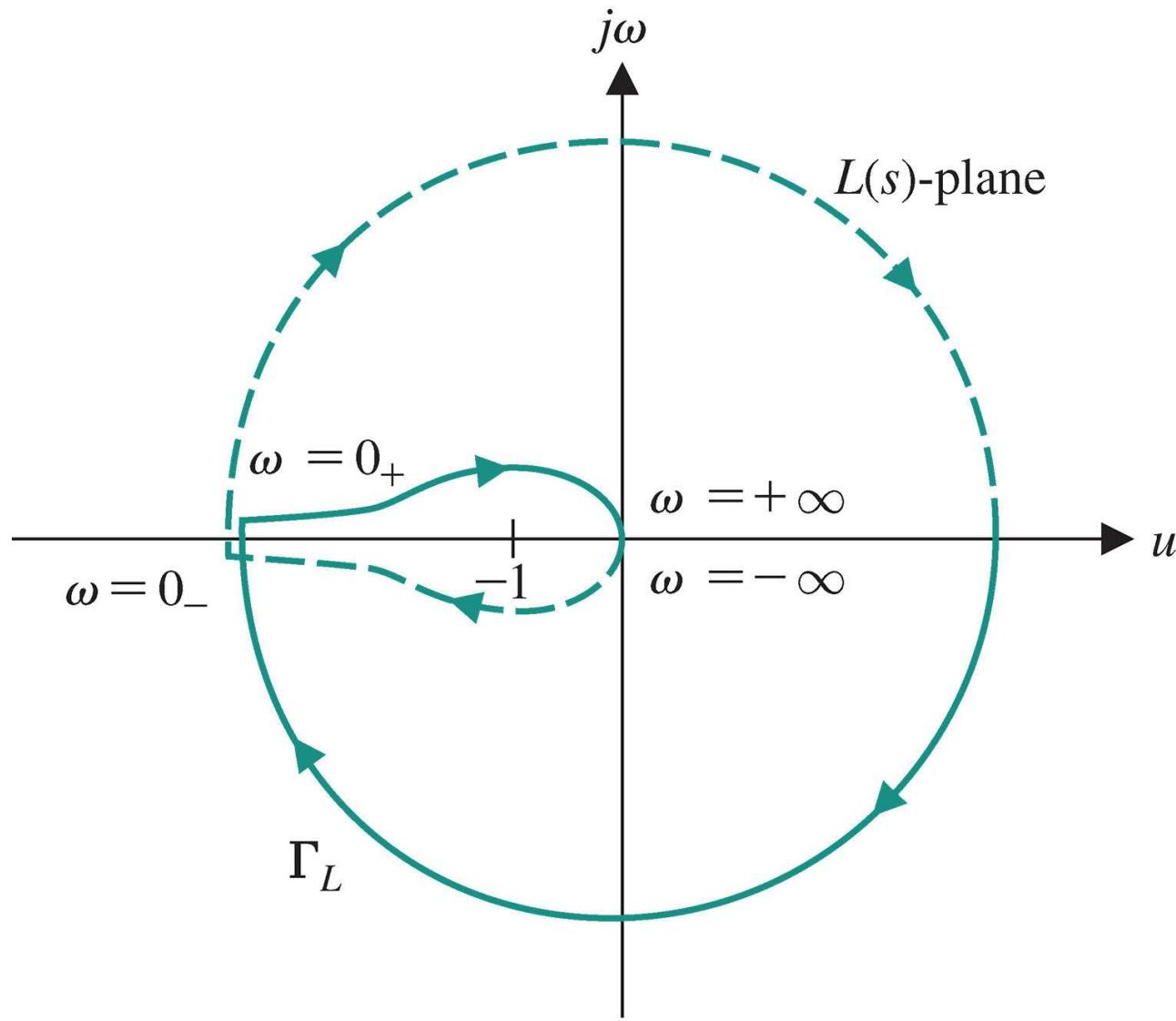
Nyquist plot for  $L(s) = K/[s(\tau_1 s + 1)(\tau_2 s + 1)]$ . The tic mark shown to the left of the origin is the  $-1$  point.



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# Nyquist contour plot for $L(s) = K/[s^2(\tau s + 1)]$

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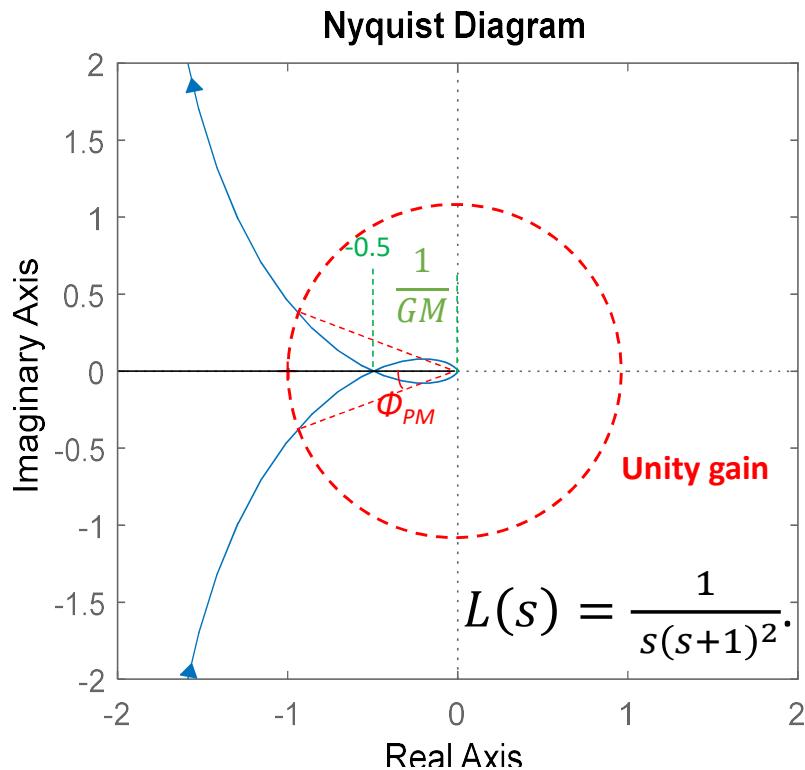
# Relative Stability

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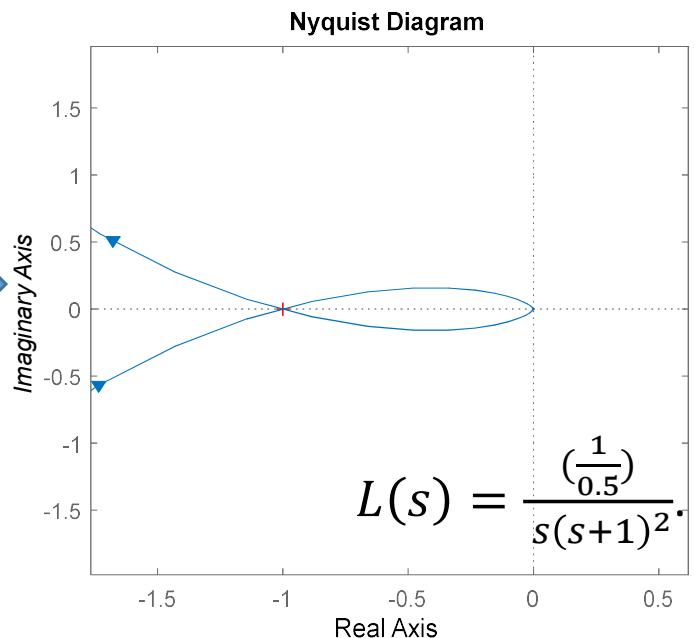
- Changing the gain of the controller will affect the stability of the CL system (we have seen this in RL and bode plots!).
- Whenever applicable, there exists margins (specifically, gain margin and phase margin) within which the CL system is stable. Nyquist (and Nichols) plots can be used to assess this relative stability.
- **Definition 1: Gain margin** is defined as the reciprocal of the gain at a particular frequency, i.e., the *phase crossover frequency*, during which the phase angle is  $(-)180^\circ$ .
  - Alternatively, Gain margin is defined as the change in open-loop gain required at  $180^\circ$  phase shift to make the closed-loop system unstable.
- **Definition 2: Phase margin** is the difference between  $(-)180^\circ$  and the phase angle at a particular frequency, i.e., the *gain crossover frequency*, at which the system gain is unity.
  - Alternatively, Phase margin is the change in open-loop phase shift required at unity gain to make the closed-loop system unstable.

# Nyquist Plot: Relative Stability, Stability Margin

- Example, for  $L(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)^2}$ .



Apply the gain  $k = GM$  to the forward path of the CL sys, we expect to get a marginally stable CL system.



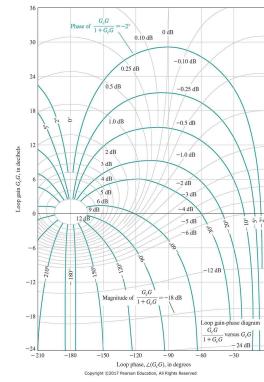
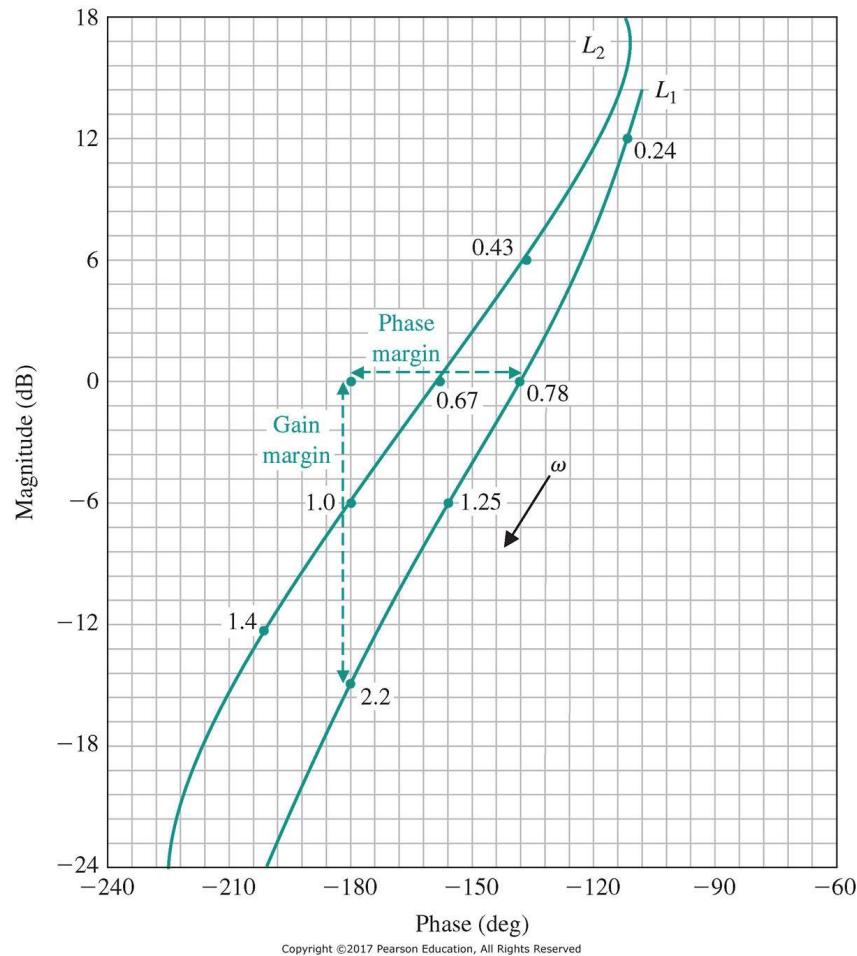
- If one were to adjust  $k$  to beyond  $GM$ , the  $(-1,0)$  will be clockwise-encircled 2 times (not 1, recall that there is another clockwise, infinite circle). Since  $Z = N+P=2+0=2$ , there are two zeros for the CL characteristic function  $1+L(s)$ , i.e., two poles of the CL transfer function are located at the RHS of the  $s$ -plane.

# Nichols Chart: Relative Stability, Stability Margin

Nichols chart are basically the magnitude-phase plots. Examples:

$$(1) L_1(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega(j\omega+1)(0.2j\omega+1)}$$

$$(2) L_2(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega(j\omega+1)^2}$$



- If we intend to assess their relative stability, we have:
  - (1) phase margin is  $43^\circ$ , gain margin is  $15$  dB
  - (2) phase margin is  $20^\circ$ , gain margin is  $5.7$  dB
- Gain margin or phase margin is a measure of **relative stability**.
- We can conclude that system 1 is MORE stable than system 2:
  - ✓ Higher the (positive) margin indicates a more stable system.

# Concluding Remarks

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- **What have been covered:** Frequency Response Method “Bode plot and Nyquist plot”
  - Frequency performance specification through Bode plot:  $M_{p\omega}$ ,  $\omega_B$
  - Stability margin from Bode plot: GM,  $\phi_{pm}$
  - Applications: lead/lag/lead-lag compensator design
  - Numerical tool example: Matlab
  - Polar/Nyquist plot
  - Contour mapping, and its relationship with Nyquist stability Criterion
  - Stability margin from Nyquist plot: GM,  $\phi_{pm}$
- **How to get in touch:** through LMO Module’s “*General question and answer forum*” section or during my weekly consultation hour(s).

# *Additional Exercises (self-check)*

**Textbook (“Modern Control Systems” by R. C. Dorf & R. H. Bishop, 14<sup>th</sup> edition, Chapter 8 and Chapter 9’s sub-section 9.4, 9.6):**

- Skills Check - Can be found from Textbook pg. 596-600 (answer in pg. 620) or LMO MEC280’s “Quizzes/Tutorials” section.
- Some other Skills Check in Chapter 9, **especially those** related to Bode plot’s Gain/Phase margins and crossover frequencies, Textbook pg. 698-701 (answer in pg. 727).

**Additional:**

**E8.1, E8.3, E8.8** (140 rad/s; 0 dB/dec and -20 dB/dec), **E8.11** ( $\omega = 9.85$  rad/s)

**E9.2, E9.3, E9.6** (inf, 63.8°), **9.10, 9.12** (20; 19°, 14.6 dB; 12.4 rad/s, 9.82, 7.92 rad/s), **E9.28** (14.4°; 0.144, 63.3%; check actual/accurate using MATLAB, 67%)

