## Phase Margin and Damping Ratio Approximation

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I have read in many texts that the closed loop system damping factor can be approximated as:





$$\Phi_m = 100 * \zeta$$



With  $\Phi_m$  as the phase margin and  $\zeta$  as the damping ratio.

The actual relation between the two is more complicated and I think requires numerical method to solve.



$$\begin{split} \Phi_{M} &= 90 - \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{-2\zeta^{2} + \sqrt{1 + 4\zeta^{4}}}}{2\zeta} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta}{\sqrt{-2\zeta^{2} + \sqrt{1 + 4\zeta^{4}}}} \end{split}$$

How is the approximation made in a second order control system, and when is it valid to consider the approximation (what's the range of the phase margin)?

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Do you have a link to the assertion? - Andy aka Jun 22, 2016 at 11:06

It's a design ROT for systems that are, ostensibly, 2nd order, and should be treated as such. - Chu Jun 22, 2016 at 13:59

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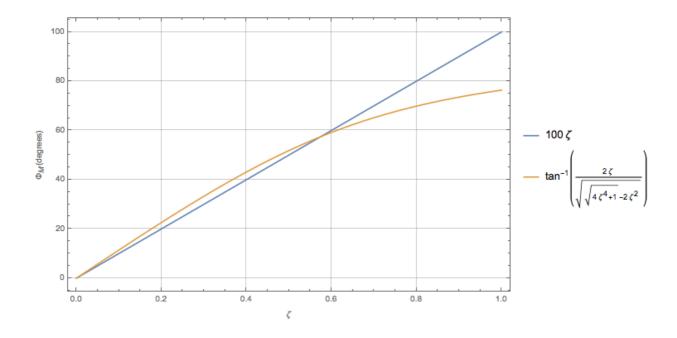




You can see when the approximation is good simply by plotting the two curves.







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The mentioned approximation for the phase margin (100\*damping factor) applies to a second order system only when the damping factor is smaller than 1/SQRT(2)=0.7071 or when the phase margin is smaller than app. 65 deg. (Ref.: R.C. Dorf, Modern Control Systems, 6th edition, Addison-Wesley).



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