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1 Phase Margin

Abstract—This manual is an introduction to control systems based on GATE problems.Links to sample Python codes are available in the text.

Download python codes using

svn co https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/control/codes

1 Phase Margin

1.1. Find the Phase Margin of G(s) in degrees where

$$G(s) = \frac{2}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$
 (1.1.1)

Solution: Phase Margin:It is the difference between phase of the system and -180° at the gain crossover frequency,(the gain crossover frequency being the frequency at which the open-loop gain first reaches 1).

Phase Margin is given by,

$$P.M = \phi - \angle G(j\omega)|_{\omega = \omega_{DC}} = \phi + 180^{\circ}$$
 (1.1.2)

where,

$$\phi = \angle G(j\omega)|_{\omega = \omega_{gc}} \tag{1.1.3}$$

 ω_{pc} is the Phase crossover frequency (The frequency at which the phase of open-loop transfer function reaches -180°).

 ω_{gc} is the Gain crossover frequency (The frequency at which the gain of the open-loop transfer fuction reaches 1).

Given,

$$G(s) = \frac{2}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$
 (1.1.4)

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{1}{(j\omega+1)(j\omega+2)}$$
 (1.1.5)

We can find magnitude and phase as

$$|G(j\omega)| = \frac{2}{(\sqrt{\omega^2 + 1})(\sqrt{\omega^2 + 4})}$$
 (1.1.6)

$$\angle G(j\omega) = -tan^{-1}(\omega) - tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega}{2}) \qquad (1.1.7)$$

We know that, Gain in dB = 0 at $\omega = \omega_{gc}$

$$20log_{10}|G(j\omega_{gc})| = 0 (1.1.8)$$

$$|G(j\omega_{gc})| = 1 \tag{1.1.9}$$

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$$\frac{2}{(\sqrt{\omega_{gc}^2 + 1})(\sqrt{\omega_{gc}^2 + 4})} = 1 \tag{1.1.10}$$

Solving we get,

$$\omega_{gc}^2(\omega_{gc}^2 + 5) = 0 (1.1.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{gc} = 0, +j\sqrt{5}, -j\sqrt{5}$$
 (1.1.12)

As frequency is a real quantity Hence, $\omega_{gc} \neq \text{Imaginary}$

$$\therefore \omega_{gc} = 0 \tag{1.1.13}$$

From (1.1.3) and (1.1.7)

$$\phi = \angle G(j\omega_{gc}) = -tan^{-1}(\omega_{gc}) - tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega_{gc}}{2})$$
(1.1.14)

$$=> \phi = 0^{\circ}$$
 (1.1.15)

$$\therefore P.M = 180^{\circ} + 0^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$
 (1.1.16)

1.2. We can verify the above result using phase plot. The following code plots Fig(1.3)

codes/ee18btech11017.py

1.3. The Phase plot is as shown, We can observe

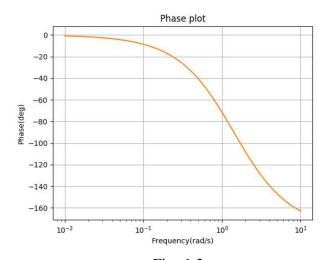


Fig. 1.3

that at
$$\omega_{gc} = 0$$
, $\phi = 0^{\circ}$

$$P.M = 180^{\circ}$$
 (1.3.1)

- 1.4. **Application:** Phase margin is measure of stability in closed-loop, dynamic-control systems.(i.e, For stability of a system both gain margin and phase margin should be positive.)
- 1.5. **Example:**Phase Margin is a measure of stability.

Consider a unity negative feedback system with open loop gain,

$$G(s) = \frac{10000}{s(s+10)^2}$$
 (1.5.1)

We can find mgnitude and phase as

$$|G(j\omega)| = \frac{10^4}{\omega\sqrt{(\omega^2 + 10^2)^2}}$$
 (1.5.2)

$$\angle G(j\omega) = -90^{\circ} - 2tan^{-1}\frac{\omega}{10} \qquad (1.5.3)$$

At the gain cross over frequency ω_{gc} , $|G(j\omega)| = 1$

$$\frac{10^4}{\omega_{gc}\sqrt{(\omega_{gc}^2 + 10^2)^2}} = 1\tag{1.5.4}$$

(1.5.5)

Simplifying we get,

$$\omega_{gc}^3 + 10^2 \omega_{gc} - 10^4 = 0 \quad (1.5.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{gc} = 20, -10 + 20j, -10 - 20j$$
 (1.5.7)

As frequency is a real quantity Hence, $\omega_{gc} \neq \text{Imaginary}$

$$\therefore \omega_{gc} = 20 \tag{1.5.8}$$

From (1.5.3) and (1.5.8) we get,

$$P.M = 180^{\circ} - 90^{\circ} - 2tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega_{gc}}{10}) \qquad (1.5.9)$$

$$=> P.M = -36.9^{\circ}$$
 (1.5.10)

We can verify the above result using phase plot. The following code plots Fig(1.5)

codes/ee18btech11017.py

The Phase plot is as shown, We can observe that at $\omega_{gc} = 20$, $\phi = -216.86^{\circ}$

$$\therefore P.M = 180^{\circ} + -216.86^{\circ} = -36.9^{\circ} \quad (1.5.11)$$

(1.5.12)

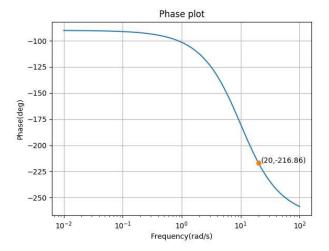


Fig. 1.5

As Phase Margin is negative. Therefore the closed loop system is unstable. We can verify closed loop stability using Routh-Hurwitz criterion.

1.6. Verifying the above example using Routh-Hurwitz criterion.

Let T(s) be Closed loop transfer function,

$$T(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$
(1.6.1)

The characteristic equation is

$$D(s) = 0 (1.6.2)$$

$$1 + G(s) = 0 (1.6.3)$$

$$=> s^3 + 20s^2 + 100s + 10000 = 0$$
 (1.6.4)

Constructing routh array for (1.6.4)...

$$\begin{vmatrix} s^{3} \\ s^{2} \\ s \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 100 & 0 \\ 20 & 10000 & 0 \\ -400 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
 (1.6.5)

$$\begin{vmatrix} s^{3} \\ s^{2} \\ s \\ s^{0} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 100 & 0 \\ 20 & 10000 & 0 \\ -400 & 0 & 0 \\ 10000 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
 (1.6.6)

There are two sign changes in the first column

of the routh array. So, two poles lie on right half of s-plane.
Therefore,the system is unstable.
The following code generates routh array.

codes/RouthHurwitz.py