



ECE 486 Control Systems

Lecture ~~15~~¹⁴: Control Design with Frequency
Response: PI and lag, PID and lead-lag

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Checklist



Modeling

Analysis

Design

Root Locus

Frequency Response

State-Space

Wk	Topic	Ref.
1	✓ Introduction to feedback control	Ch. 1
	✓ State-space models of systems; linearization	Sections 1.1, 1.2, 2.1–2.4, 7.2, 9.2.1
2	✓ Linear systems and their dynamic response	Section 3.1, Appendix A
	✓ Transient and steady-state dynamic response with arbitrary initial conditions	Section 3.1, Appendix A
3	✓ National Holiday Week	
4	✓ System modeling diagrams; prototype second-order system	Sections 3.1, 3.2, lab manual
	✓ Transient response specifications	Sections 3.3, 3.14, lab manual
5	✓ Effect of zeros and extra poles; Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion	Sections 3.5, 3.6
	✓ Basic properties and benefits of feedback control; Introduction to Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) control	Section 4.1–4.3, lab manual
6	✓ Review A	
	✓ Term Test A	
7	✓ Introduction to Root Locus design method	Ch. 5
	✓ Root Locus continued; introduction to dynamic compensation	Root Locus
8	✓ Lead and lag dynamic compensation	Ch. 5
	✓ Introduction to frequency-response design method	Sections 5.1–5.4, 6.1

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9	✓ Bode plots for three types of transfer functions	Section 6.1
	✓ Stability from frequency response; gain and phase margins	Section 6.1
10	✓ Control design using frequency response: PD and Lead	Ch. 6
	✓ Control design using frequency response continued; PI and lag, PID and lead-lag	Frequency Response
11	Nyquist stability criterion	Ch. 6
	Nyquist stability criterion continued; gain and phase margins from Nyquist plots	Ch. 6
12	Review B	
	Term Test B	
13	Introduction to state-space design	Ch. 7
	Controllability, stability, and pole-zero cancellations; similarity transformation; conversion of controllable systems to Controller Canonical Form	Ch. 7
14	Pole placement by full state feedback	Ch. 7
	Observer design for state estimation	Ch. 7
15	Joint observer and controller design by dynamic output feedback; separation principle	State-Space
	In-class review	Ch. 7
16	END OF LECTURES: Revision Week	
	Final	

Recap: Stability Example

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$$KG(j\omega) =$$

$$\frac{1}{\frac{j\omega^2}{2} + \frac{2j\omega}{2} + 1}$$

$$\frac{K}{j\omega((j\omega)^2 + 2j\omega + 2)}$$
$$= \frac{K}{-\left(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + j\omega + \frac{1}{2}}$$

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$$s(s^2 + 2s + 2) + K = 0$$

$$s^3 + 2s^2 + 2s + K = 0$$

Recall the necessary & sufficient condition for stability for a 3rd-degree polynomial $s^3 + a_1s^2 + a_2s + a_3$:

$$a_1, a_2, a_3 > 0, \quad a_1a_2 > a_3.$$

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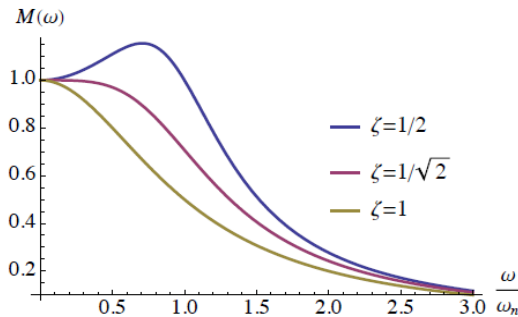
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- $\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow$ no resonant peak



The magnitude hits its peak value (for $\zeta < 1/\sqrt{2} \approx 0.707$) occurs when $\omega = \omega_r$, where

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

For small enough ζ (below $1/\sqrt{2}$), the magnitude of

$$\frac{1}{\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_n} \right)^2 + 2\zeta \frac{j\omega}{\omega_n} + 1}$$

has a resonant peak at the resonant frequency

$$\omega_r = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2}.$$

Likewise, the magnitude of

$$\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_n} \right)^2 + 2\zeta \frac{j\omega}{\omega_n} + 1$$

has a resonant dip at ω_r .

Example

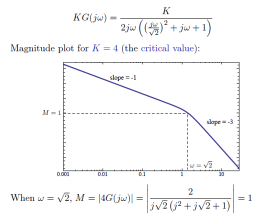
Magnitude Plot

$$KG(s) = \frac{K}{s(s^2 + 2s + 2)}$$

$$\text{Bode form: } KG(j\omega) = \frac{K}{2j\omega \left(\left(\frac{j\omega}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + j\omega + 1 \right)}$$

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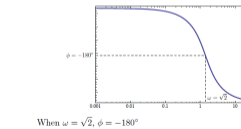


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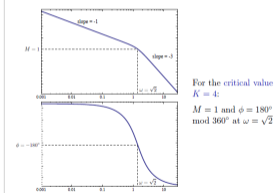
Phase Plot

$$KG(j\omega) = \frac{K}{2j\omega \left(\left(\frac{j\omega}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + j\omega + 1 \right)}$$

Phase plot (independent of K):



When $\omega = \sqrt{2}, \phi = -180^\circ$

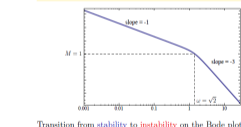


For the critical value $K = 4$:
 $M = 1$ and $\phi = 180^\circ \text{ mod } 360^\circ$ at $\omega = \sqrt{2}$

Crossover Frequency & Stability

Crossover Frequency and Stability

Definition: The frequency at which $M = 1$ is called the crossover frequency and denoted by ω_c .



Transition from stability to instability on the Bode plot:
 for critical K, $\angle KG(j\omega_c) = 180^\circ$

Effect of Varying K

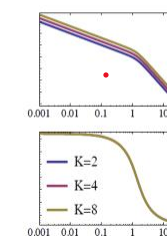
What happens as we vary K?

- ϕ independent of K \Rightarrow only the M-plot changes
- If we multiply K by 2:
 $\log(2M) = \log 2 + \log M$
 - M-plot shifts up by $\log 2$
- If we divide K by 2:
 $\log(\frac{1}{2}M) = \log \frac{1}{2} + \log M$
 $= -\log 2 + \log M$
 - M-plot shifts down by $\log 2$

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$$\angle KG(j\omega_c) = \begin{cases} > -180^\circ, & \text{for } K < 4 \text{ (stable)} \\ = -180^\circ, & \text{for } K = 4 \text{ (critical)} \\ < -180^\circ, & \text{for } K > 4 \text{ (unstable)} \end{cases}$$

Equivalently, we may define ω_{180° as the frequency at which $\phi = 180^\circ \text{ mod } 360^\circ$.

Then, in this example*,
 $|KG(j\omega_{180^\circ})| < 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{stability}$
 $|KG(j\omega_{180^\circ})| > 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{instability}$
 * Not a general rule; conditions will vary depending on the system, must use either root locus or Nyquist plot to resolve ambiguity.

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

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\frac{(j\omega)^2}{\omega_n^2} + \frac{2\zeta j\omega}{\omega_n} + 1} = \frac{1}{A}$$

$$A =$$

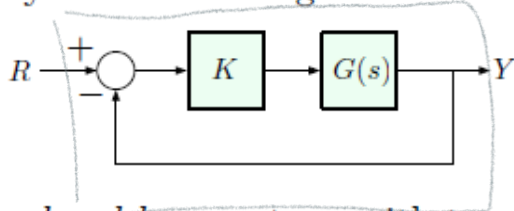
$$1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2 + \frac{2\zeta\omega}{\omega_n} j$$

$$|A|^2 = \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2\right]^2 + \left(\frac{2\zeta\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2$$

Where we left off

Stability from Frequency Response

Consider this unity feedback configuration:



Suppose that the *closed-loop* system, with transfer function

$$H_{CL} = \frac{KG(s)}{1 + KG(s)}, \quad = \frac{Y}{R}$$

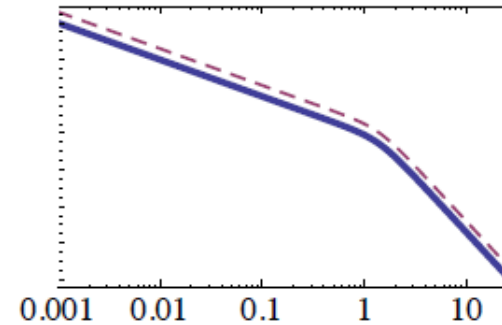
is stable for a given value of K .

Question: Can we use the Bode plot to determine how far from instability we are?

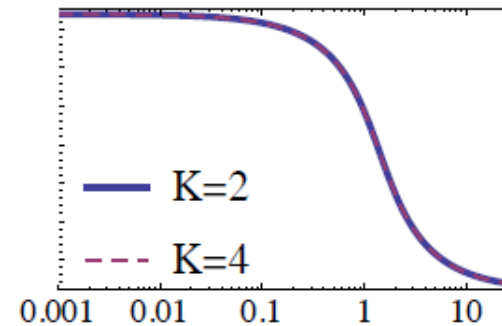
Two important characteristics: **gain margin (GM)** and **phase margin (PM)**.

Gain Margin

Back to our example: $G(s) = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 2s + 2)}$, $K = 2$ (stable)

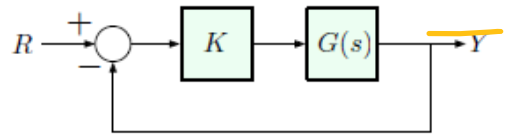


Gain margin (GM) is the factor by which K can be multiplied before we get $M = 1$ when $\phi = 180^\circ$



Since varying K doesn't change ω_{180° , to find GM we need to inspect M at $\omega = \omega_{180^\circ}$

Example



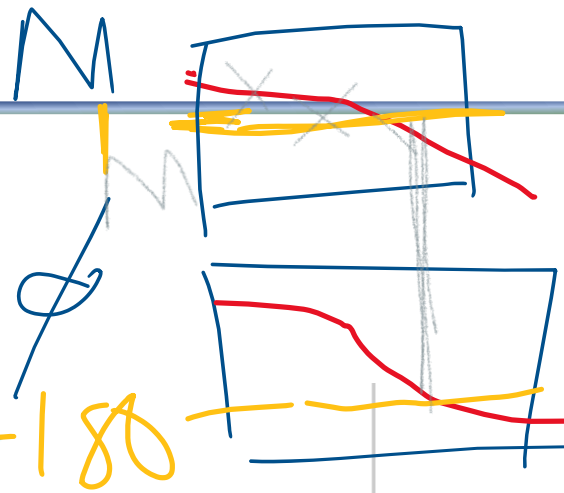
$$G(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s} \quad \zeta, \omega_n > 0$$

Consider gain $K = 1$, which gives closed-loop transfer function

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{KG(s)}{1 + KG(s)} &= \frac{\frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s}}{1 + \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s}} \\ &= \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \quad \text{--- prototype 2nd-order response} \end{aligned}$$

Question: what is the gain margin at $K = 1$?

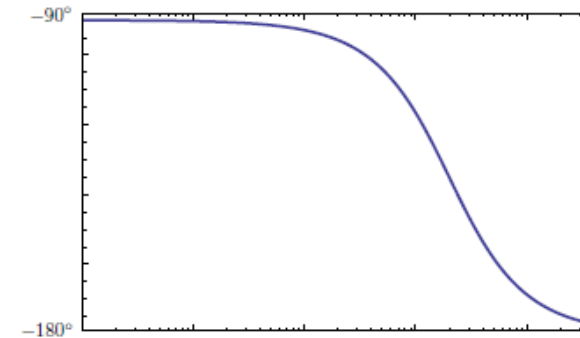
Answer: $GM = \infty$



$$G(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(j\omega)^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n j\omega} = \frac{\omega_n}{2\zeta j\omega \left(\frac{j\omega}{2\zeta\omega_n} + 1 \right)}$$

Let's look at the phase plot:

- ▶ starts at -90° (Type 1 term with $n = -1$)
- ▶ goes down by -90° (Type 2 pole)



Recall: to find GM, we first need to find ω_{180° , and here there is no such $\omega \Rightarrow$ no GM.

Example

So, at $K = 1$, the gain margin of

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

is equal to ∞ — what does that mean?

It means that we can keep on increasing K indefinitely without ever encountering instability.

But we already knew that: the characteristic polynomial is

$$p(s) = s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2,$$

which is *always stable*.

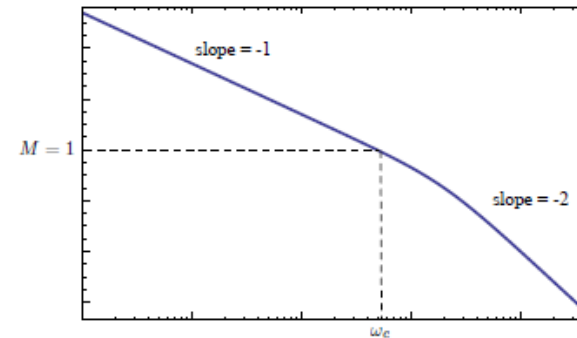
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Let's look at the magnitude plot:

- ▶ low-frequency asymptote slope -1 (Type 1 term, $n = -1$)
- ▶ slope down by 1 past the breakpt. $\omega = 2\zeta\omega_n$ (Type 2 pole)

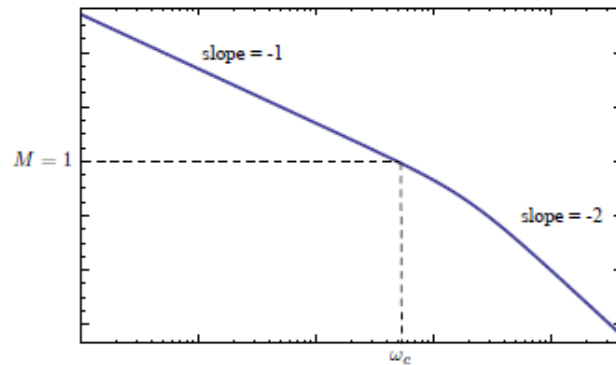
\Rightarrow there is a finite crossover frequency ω_c !!



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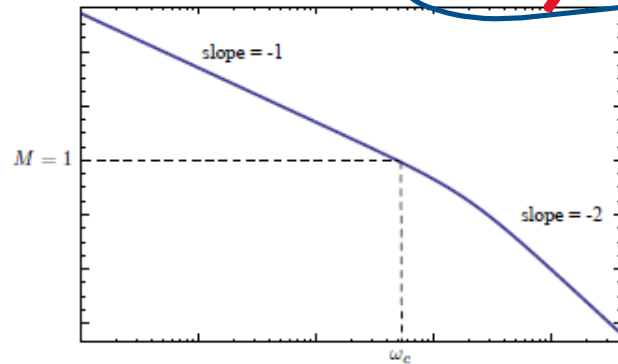
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Example

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$$\text{Re} \left[\frac{(j\omega)^2}{\omega_n^2} + \frac{2\zeta j\omega}{\omega_n} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Phase Margin}} \text{Im}$$

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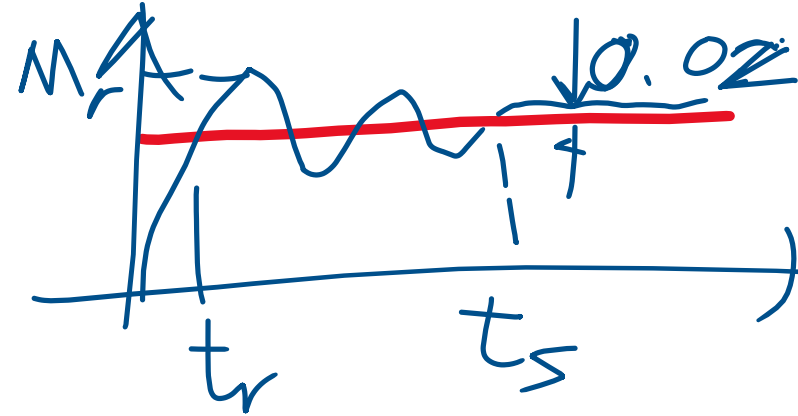
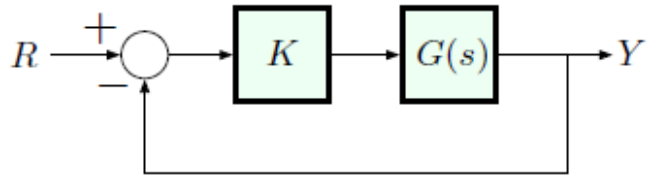
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Control Design using Frequency Response



Bode's Gain-Phase Relationship suggests that we can shape the time response of the *closed-loop* system by choosing K (or, more generally, a dynamic controller $KD(s)$) to tune the Phase Margin.

In particular, from the quantitative Gain-Phase Relationship,

$$\text{Magnitude slope}(\omega_c) = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Phase}(\omega_c) \approx -90^\circ$$

— which gives us PM of 90° and consequently *good damping*.

Control Design: Example



$$\text{Let } G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} \quad (\text{double integrator})$$

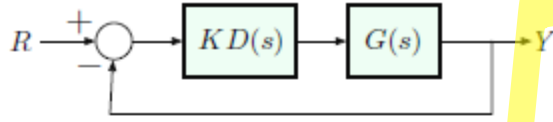
Objective: design a controller $KD(s)$ (K = scalar gain) to give

- ▶ stability
- ▶ good damping (will make this more precise in a bit)
- ▶ $\omega_{BW} \approx 0.5$ (always a closed-loop characteristic)

Strategy:

- ▶ from Bode's Gain-Phase Relationship, we want magnitude slope = -1 at $\omega_c \implies \text{PM} = 90^\circ \implies$ good damping;
- ▶ if $\text{PM} = 90^\circ$, then $\omega_c = \omega_{BW} \implies$ want $\omega_c \approx 0.5$

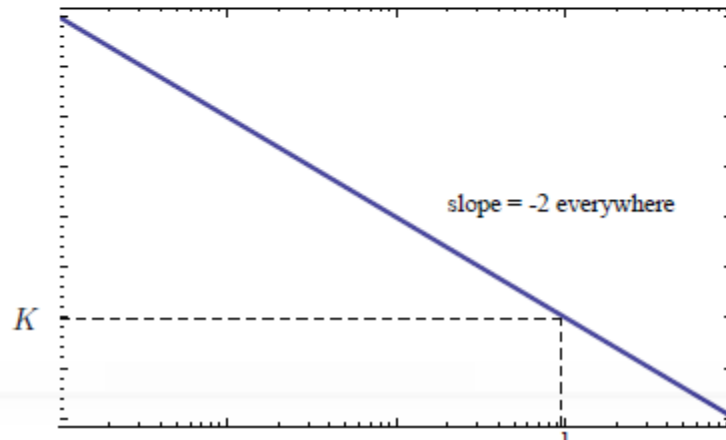
Control Design: Example- Attempt 1



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

Let's try proportional feedback:

Let's try $D(s) = 1 \implies KD(s)G(s) = KG(s) = \frac{K}{s^2}$

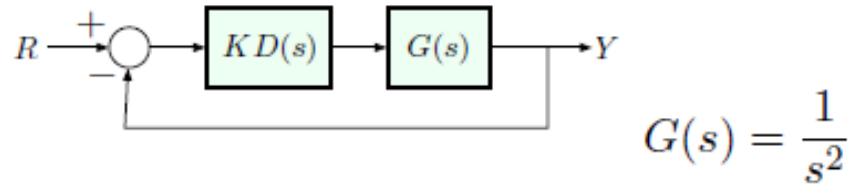


This is not a good idea:
slope = -2 everywhere,
so no PM.

We already know that
P-gain alone won't do
the job:

$$K + s^2 = 0 \text{ (imag. poles)}$$

Example- Attempt 2



Let's try **proportional-derivative** feedback:

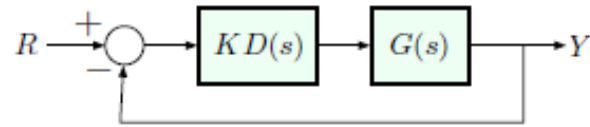
$$KD(s) = K(\tau s + 1), \quad \text{where } K = K_P, \quad K\tau = K_D$$

Open-loop transfer function: $KD(s)G(s) = \frac{K(\tau s + 1)}{s^2}$.

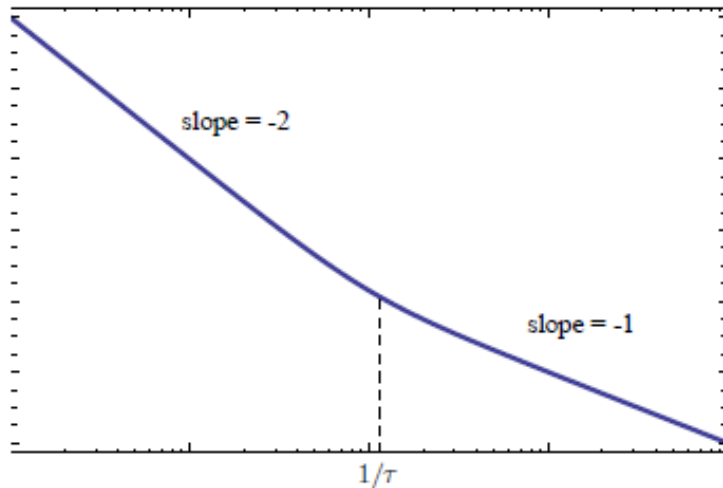
Bode plot interpretation: PD controller introduces a Type 2 term in the numerator, which pushes the slope **up by 1**

— this has the effect of pushing the M-slope of $KD(s)G(s)$ from -2 to -1 past the break-point ($\omega = 1/\tau$).

Example- Attempt 2 (PD Control)

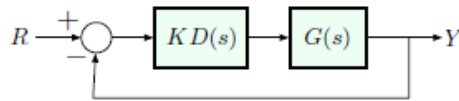


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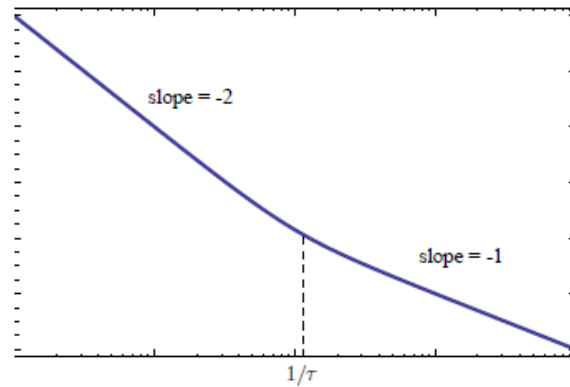


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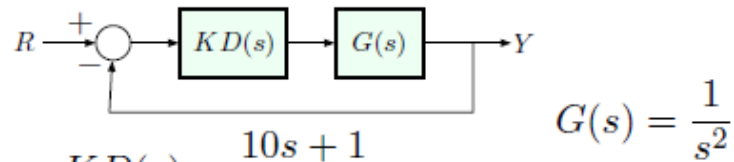
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- ▶ Want $\omega_c \approx 0.5$
- ▶ This means that

$$\begin{aligned} M(j0.5) &= 1 \\ |KD(j0.5)G(j0.5)| &= \frac{K|5j + 1|}{0.5^2} \\ &= 4K\sqrt{26} \approx 20K \\ \Rightarrow K &= \frac{1}{20} \end{aligned}$$

PD Control- Evaluation



Initial design: $KD(s) = \frac{10s + 1}{20}$

What have we accomplished?

- ▶ $PM \approx 90^\circ$ at $\omega_c = 0.5$
- ▶ still need to check in Matlab and iterate if necessary

Trade-offs:

- ▶ want ω_{BW} to be large enough for fast response (larger $\omega_{BW} \rightarrow$ larger $\omega_n \rightarrow$ smaller t_r), but not too large to avoid noise amplification at high frequencies
- ▶ PD control increases slope \rightarrow increases $\omega_c \rightarrow$ increases $\omega_{BW} \rightarrow$ faster response
- ▶ usual complaint: D-gain is not physically realizable, so let's try [lead compensation](#)

Lead Compensation: Bode Plot

$$KD(s) = K \frac{s+z}{s+p}, \quad p \gg z$$

In Bode form:

$$KD(s) = \frac{Kz \left(\frac{s}{z} + 1\right)}{p \left(\frac{s}{p} + 1\right)}$$

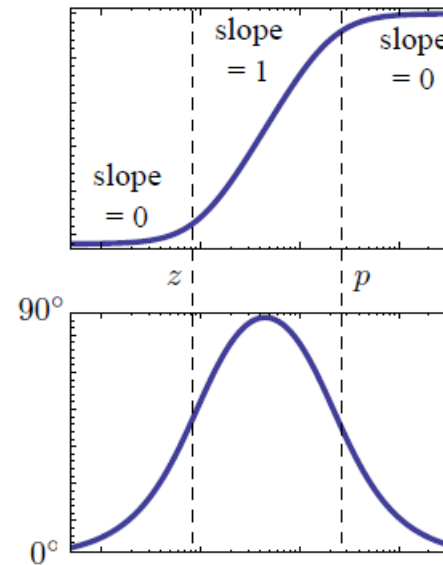
or, absorbing z/p into the overall gain, we have

$$KD(s) = \frac{K \left(\frac{s}{z} + 1\right)}{\left(\frac{s}{p} + 1\right)}$$

Break-points:

- ▶ Type 1 zero with break-point at $\omega = z$ (comes first, $z \ll p$)
- ▶ Type 1 pole with break-point at $\omega = p$

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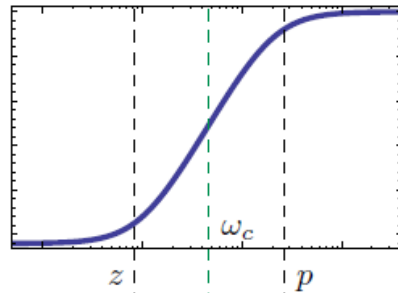


- ▶ magnitude levels off at high frequencies \Rightarrow better noise suppression

- ▶ adds phase, hence the term “phase lead”

Lead Compensation & Phase Margin

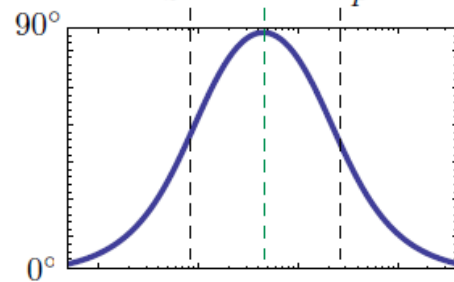
$$KD(s) = \frac{K \left(\frac{s}{z} + 1 \right)}{\left(\frac{s}{p} + 1 \right)}$$



For best effect on PM, ω_c should be halfway between z and p (on log scale):

$$\log \omega_c = \frac{\log z + \log p}{2}$$

or $\omega_c = \sqrt{z \cdot p}$



— **geometric mean** of z and p

Trade-offs: large $p - z$ means

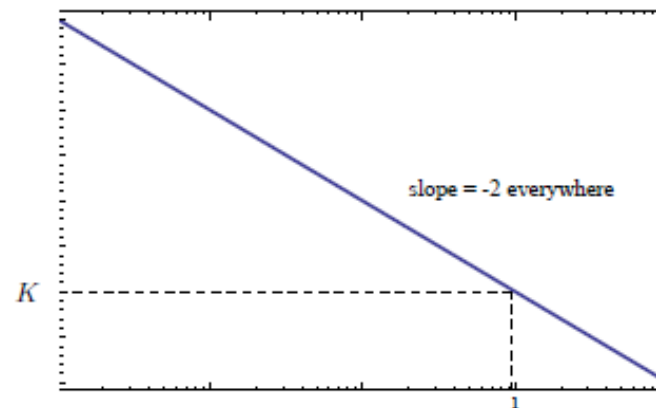
- ▶ large PM (closer to 90°)
- ▶ but also bigger M at higher frequencies (worse noise suppression)

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Objectives (same as before):

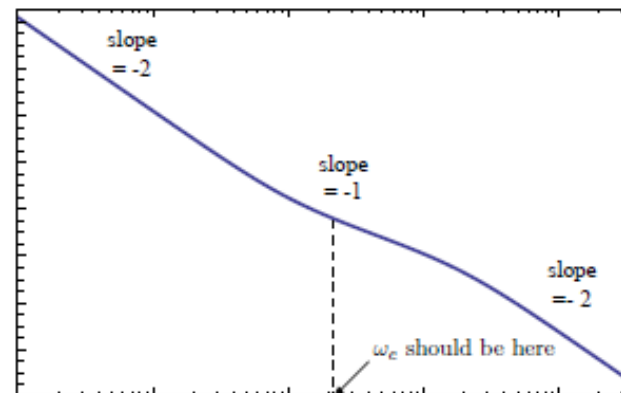
- ▶ stability
- ▶ good damping
- ▶ ω_{BW} close to 0.5

$$KG(s) = \frac{K}{s^2} \text{ (w/o lead):}$$



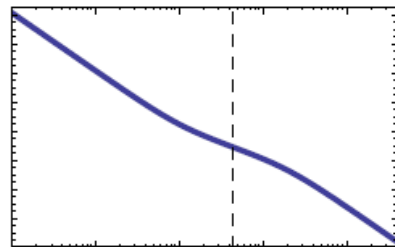
$$\frac{K}{(0.5)^2} = 1 \implies K = \frac{1}{4}$$

after adding lead:

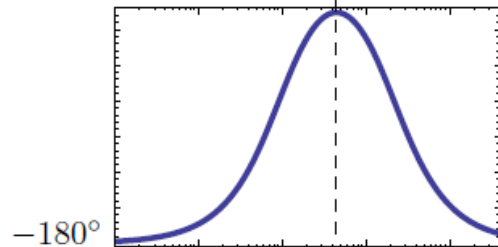


— adding lead will increase ω_c !!

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ω_c



After adding lead with $K = 1/4$, what do we see?

- ▶ adding lead increases ω_c
- ▶ $\Rightarrow \text{PM} < 90^\circ$
- ▶ $\Rightarrow \omega_{\text{BW}}$ may be $> \omega_c$

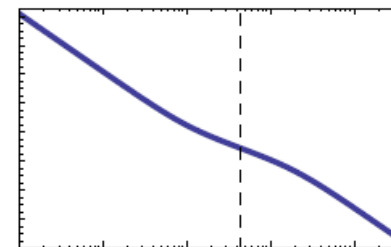
To be on the safe side, we choose a *new value* of K so that

$$\omega_c = \frac{\omega_{\text{BW}}}{2}$$

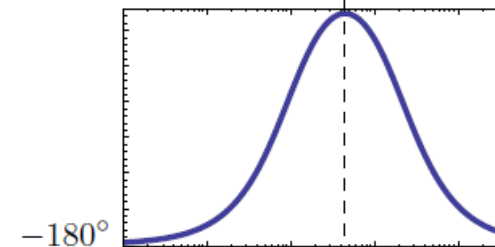
(b/c generally $\omega_c \leq \omega_{\text{BW}} \leq 2\omega_c$)

Thus, we want

$$\omega_c = 0.25 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{16}$$



ω_c



Next, we pick z and p so that ω_c is approximately their geometric mean:

$$\text{e.g., } z = 0.1, p = 2$$

$$\sqrt{z \cdot p} = \sqrt{0.2} \approx 0.447$$

Resulting lead controller:

$$KD(s) = \frac{1}{16} \frac{\frac{s}{0.1} + 1}{\frac{s}{2} + 1}$$

(may still need to be refined using Matlab)

Lead Controller Design Using Frequency Response

General Procedure

1. Choose K to get desired bandwidth spec w/o lead
2. Choose lead zero and pole to get desired PM
 - ▶ in general, we should first check PM with the K from 1, w/o lead, to see how much more PM we need
3. Check design and iterate until specs are met.

This is an intuitive procedure, but it's not very precise, requires trial & error.

Next Lecture

- Lag Compensation Bode Plot
- Nyquist Plot