



ECE 486 Control Systems

Lecture 13: Stability from Frequency Response

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Checklist



Modeling

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Frequency Response

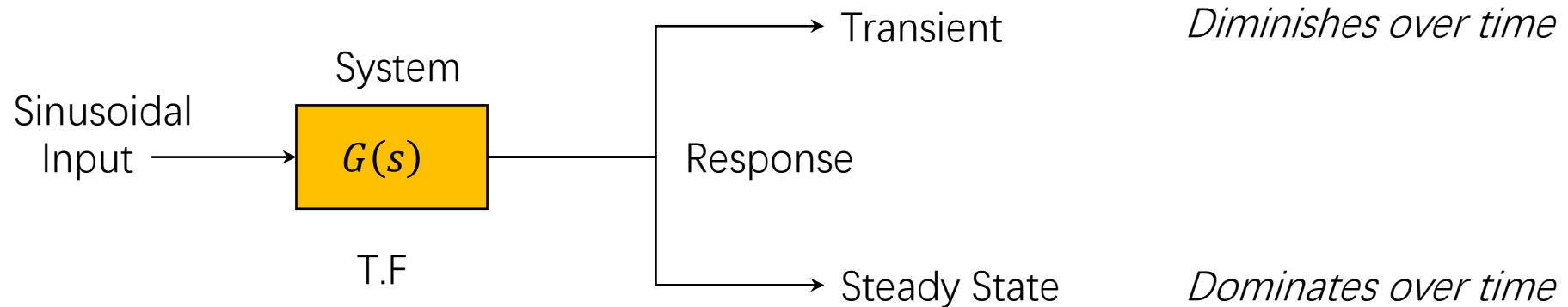
State-Space

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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
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10	Control design using frequency response	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	
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	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
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16	END OF LECTURES: Revision Week	
	Final	

Recap: Frequency Response

- The steady-state response to a sinusoidal input is known as the frequency response



Recap: Frequency Response Formula

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

$$\sin(\omega t) \longrightarrow \boxed{G(s)} \longrightarrow M \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

where $M = M(\omega) = |G(j\omega)|$ and $\phi = \phi(\omega) = \angle G(j\omega)$

Derivation:

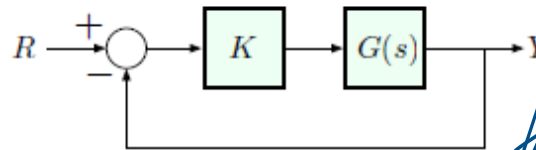
1. $u(t) = e^{st} \mapsto y(t) = G(s)e^{st}$
2. Euler's formula: $\sin(\omega t) = \frac{e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t}}{2j}$
3. By linearity,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\omega t) &\mapsto \frac{G(j\omega)e^{j\omega t} - G(-j\omega)e^{-j\omega t}}{2j} \quad G(j\omega) = M(\omega)e^{j\phi(\omega)} \\ &= \frac{M(\omega)e^{j(\omega t + \phi(\omega))} - M(\omega)e^{-j(\omega t + \phi(\omega))}}{2j} \\ &= M(\omega) \sin(\omega t + \phi(\omega)) \end{aligned}$$

Let's apply this formula to our prototype 2nd-order system:

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2} \\ M(\omega) = |G(j\omega)| &= \left| \frac{\omega_n^2}{-\omega^2 + 2j\zeta\omega_n\omega + \omega_n^2} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2 + 2\zeta\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}j} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2\right]^2 + 4\zeta^2\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Recap: Frequency Response (How) $Ae^{j\omega t}$ $Be^{j\phi}$



We will work with two types of plots for $KG(j\omega)$:

1. Bode plots: magnitude $|KG(j\omega)|$ and phase $\angle KG(j\omega)$ vs. frequency ω (could have seen it earlier, in ECE 342)
2. Nyquist plots: $\text{Im}(KG(j\omega))$ vs. $\text{Re}(KG(j\omega))$ [Cartesian plot in s -plane] as ω ranges from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$

Two-step procedure:

1. Plot the frequency response of the *open-loop* transfer function $KG(s)$ [or, more generally, $D(s)G(s)$], at $s = j\omega$
2. See how to relate this open-loop frequency response to closed-loop behavior.

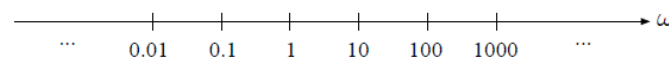
	magnitude	phase
horizontal scale	log	log
vertical scale	log	linear

Advantage of the scale convention: we will learn to do Bode plots by starting from simple factors and then building up to general transfer functions by considering products of these simple factors.

Horizontal (ω) axis:

we will use *logarithmic scale* (base 10) in order to display a wide range of frequencies.

Note: we will still mark the values of ω , *not* $\log_{10} \omega$, on the axis, but the *scale* will be logarithmic:



Equal intervals on log scale correspond to *decades* in frequency.

Vertical axis on magnitude plots:

we will also use logarithmic scale, just like the frequency axis.

Reason:

$$\begin{aligned} |(M_1 e^{j\phi_1})(M_2 e^{j\phi_2})| &= M_1 \cdot M_2 \\ \log(M_1 M_2) &= \log M_1 + \log M_2 \end{aligned}$$

— this means that we can simply *add* the graphs of $\log M_1(\omega)$ and $\log M_2(\omega)$ to obtain the graph of $\log(M_1(\omega)M_2(\omega))$, and graphical addition is easy.

Decibel scale:

$$(M)_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} M \quad (\text{one decade} = 20 \text{ dB})$$

Vertical axis on phase plots:

we will plot the phase on the usual (linear) scale.

Reason:

$$\begin{aligned} \angle((M_1 e^{j\phi_1})(M_2 e^{j\phi_2})) &= \angle(M_1 M_2 e^{j(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}) \\ &= \phi_1 + \phi_2 \end{aligned}$$

— this means that we can simply *add* the phase plots for two transfer functions to obtain the phase plot for their product.

Recap: Bode Form of the Transfer Function

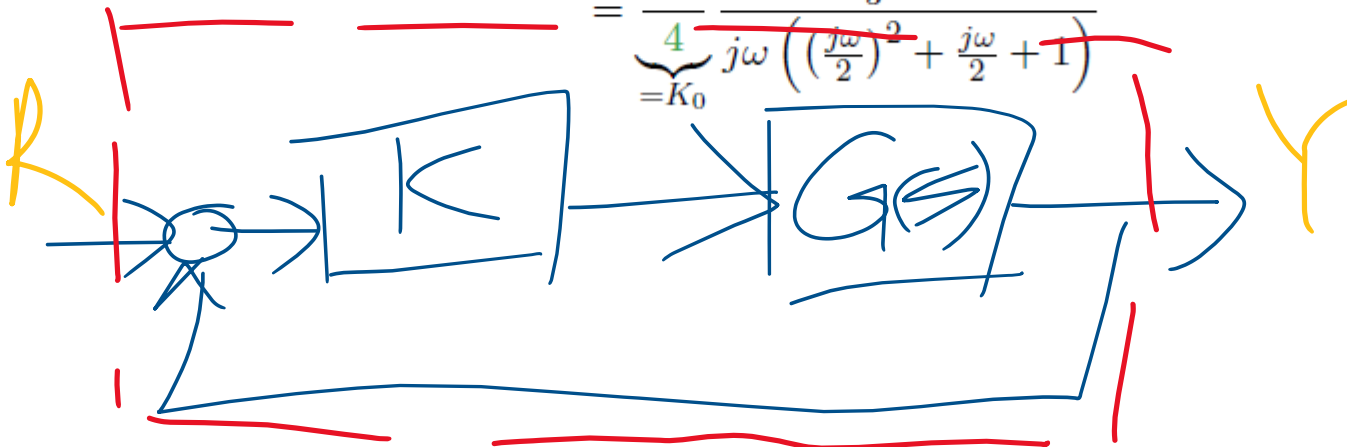
Bode form of $KG(s)$ is a factored form with the constant term in each factor equal to 1, i.e., lump all DC gains into one number in the front.

Example:

$$KG(s) = K \frac{s + 3}{s(s^2 + 2s + 4)}$$

rewrite as $\frac{3K \left(\frac{s}{3} + 1\right)}{4s \left(\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{s}{2} + 1\right)} \Big|_{s=j\omega}$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{3K}{4}}_{=K_0} \frac{\frac{j\omega}{3} + 1}{j\omega \left(\left(\frac{j\omega}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{j\omega}{2} + 1\right)}$$



Transfer functions in Bode form will have three types of factors:

1. $K_0(j\omega)^n$, where n is a positive or negative integer
2. $(j\omega\tau + 1)^{\pm 1}$
3. $\left[\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2 + 2\zeta\frac{j\omega}{\omega_n} + 1\right]^{\pm 1}$

In our example above,

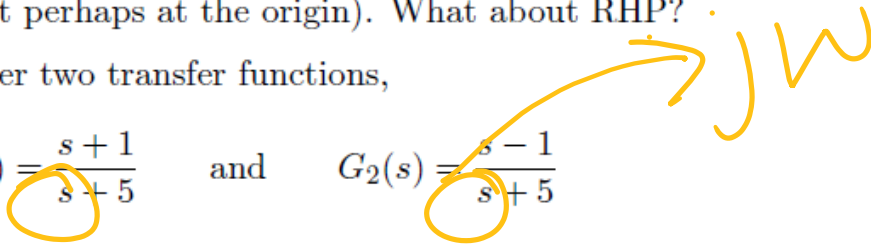
$$KG(j\omega) = \frac{3K}{4} \frac{\frac{j\omega}{3} + 1}{j\omega \left[\left(\frac{j\omega}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{j\omega}{2} + 1\right]}$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{3K}{4}}_{\text{Type 1}} (j\omega)^{-1} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{j\omega}{3} + 1\right)}_{\text{Type 2}} \cdot \underbrace{\left[\left(\frac{j\omega}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{j\omega}{2} + 1\right]^{-1}}_{\text{Type 3}}$$

Unstable Zeros/Poles

So far, we've only looked at transfer functions with stable poles and zeros (except perhaps at the origin). What about RHP?

Example: consider two transfer functions,

$$G_1(s) = \frac{s+1}{s+5} \quad \text{and} \quad G_2(s) = \frac{s-1}{s+5}$$


Note:

- ▶ G_1 has stable poles and zeros; G_2 has a RHP zero.
- ▶ Magnitude plots of G_1 and G_2 are the same —

$$|G_1(j\omega)| = \left| \frac{j\omega + 1}{j\omega + 5} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2 + 1}{\omega^2 + 5}}$$

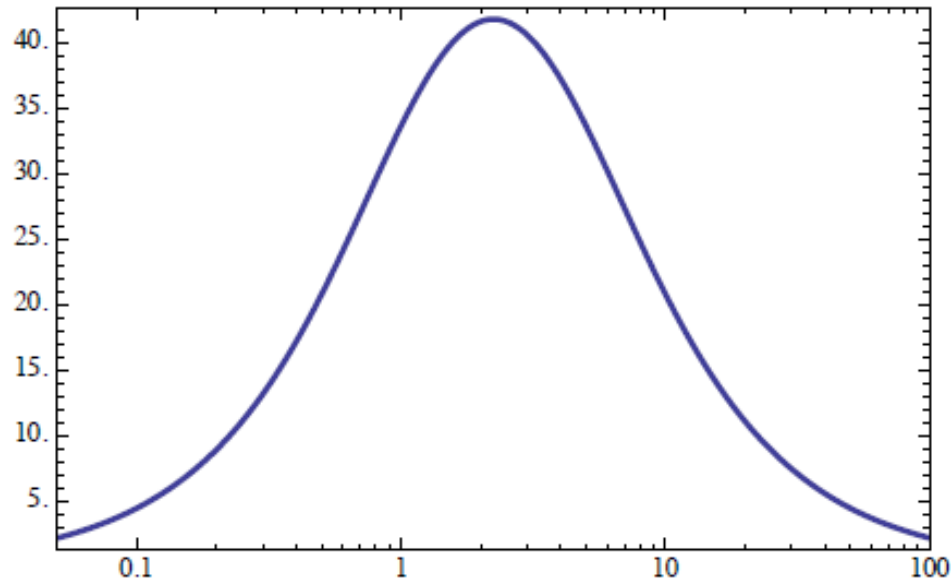
$$|G_2(j\omega)| = \left| \frac{j\omega - 1}{j\omega + 5} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2 + 1}{\omega^2 + 5}}$$

- ▶ All the difference is in the phase plots!

Phase Plot for G_1

$$G_1(j\omega) = \frac{j\omega + 1}{j\omega + 5} = \frac{1}{5} \frac{j\omega + 1}{\frac{j\omega}{5} + 1}$$

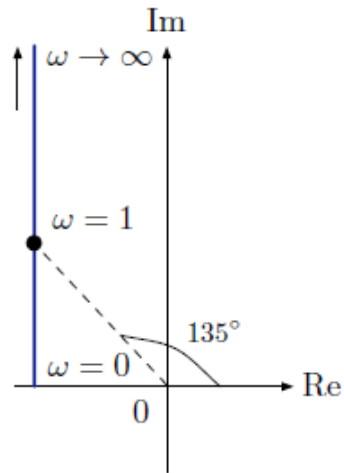
- ▶ Low-frequency term: $\frac{1}{5}(j\omega)^0$ — $n = 0$, so phase starts at
- ▶ Break-points at $\omega_n = 1$ (phase goes up by 90°) and at $\omega_n = 5$ (phase goes down by 90°)



Phase Plot for G_2

$$G_2(j\omega) = \frac{j\omega - 1}{j\omega + 5} = \frac{1}{5} \frac{j\omega - 1}{\frac{j\omega}{5} + 1}$$

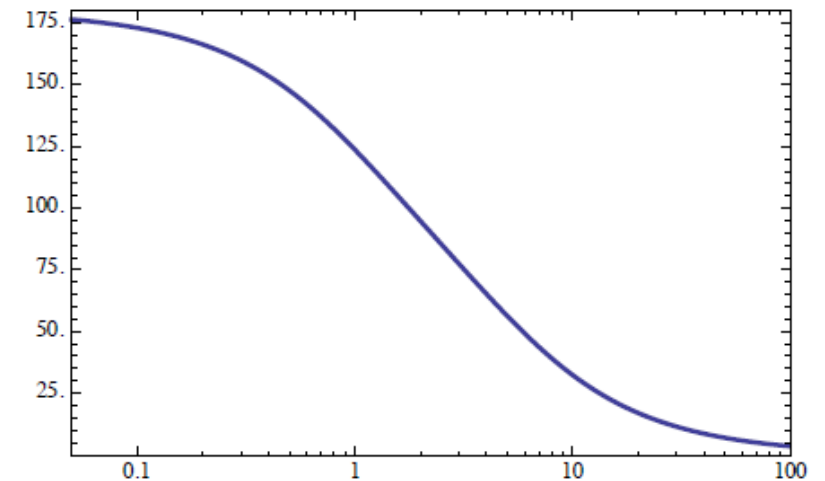
Let's do a Nyquist plot for $j\omega - 1$:



New type of behavior —

- ▶ $\omega \approx 0$: $\phi \approx 180^\circ$ (real and negative)
- ▶ $\omega \gg 1$: $\phi \approx 90^\circ$ ($\text{Re} = -1$, $\text{Im} = \omega \gg 1$)
- ▶ $\omega \approx 1$: $\phi \approx 135^\circ$

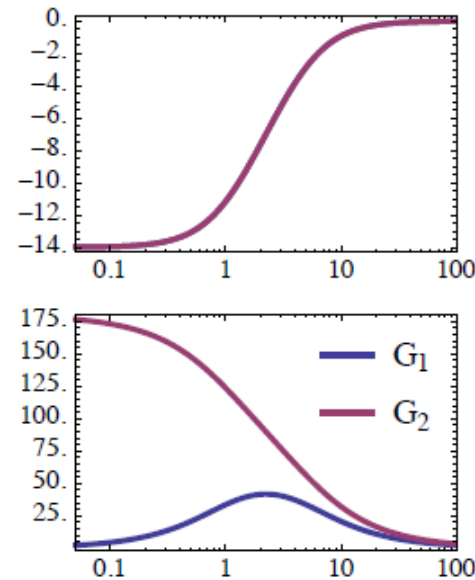
For a RHP zero, the phase starts out at 180° and goes down by 90° through the break-point (135° at break-point).



For a RHP zero, the phase plot is similar to what we had for a LHP pole: goes down by 90° ... However, it starts at 180° , and not at 0° .

Minimum- & Nonminimum-Phase Zeros

Minimum-Phase and Nonminimum-Phase Zeros



Among all transfer functions with the same magnitude plot, the one with only LHP zeros has the minimal net phase change as ω goes from 0 to ∞ — hence the term *minimum-phase* for LHP zeros.

Example 2 Magnitude

type 1

type 3

$$\log K_0 (j\omega)^n$$

$$KG(s) = \frac{0.01 (s^2 + 0.01s + 1)}{s^2 \left(\frac{s^2}{4} + 0.02 \frac{s}{2} + 1 \right)}$$

— already in Bode form

$$\log M = \log K_0 + [n] \log(j\omega)$$

What can we tell about magnitude?

- ▶ low-frequency term $\frac{0.01}{(j\omega)^2}$ with $K_0 = 0.01$, $n = -2$
— asymptote has slope = -2, passes through $(\omega = 1, M = 0.01)$
- ▶ complex zero with break-point at $\omega_n = 1$ and $\zeta = 0.005$ —
slope up by 2; large resonant dip
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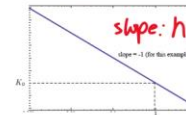
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$$20 \log M \Rightarrow (-3)(20) \log 10 \rightarrow 1$$

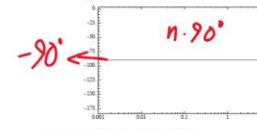
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Magnitude: $\log M = \log |K_0(j\omega)^n| = \log |K_0| + n \log \omega$
— as a function of $\log \omega$, this is a line of slope n passing through the value $\log |K_0|$ at $\omega = 1$
In our example, we had $K_0(j\omega)^{-1}$:



— this is called a low-frequency asymptote (will see why later)

Phase: $\angle K_0(j\omega)^n = \angle(j\omega)^n = n \angle j\omega = n \cdot 90^\circ$
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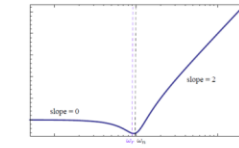


— here, the phase is -90° for all ω .

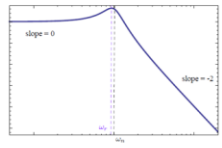
Type 3: Magnitude

Stable real zero $\left[\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_n} \right)^2 + 2\zeta \frac{j\omega}{\omega_n} + 1 \right]$

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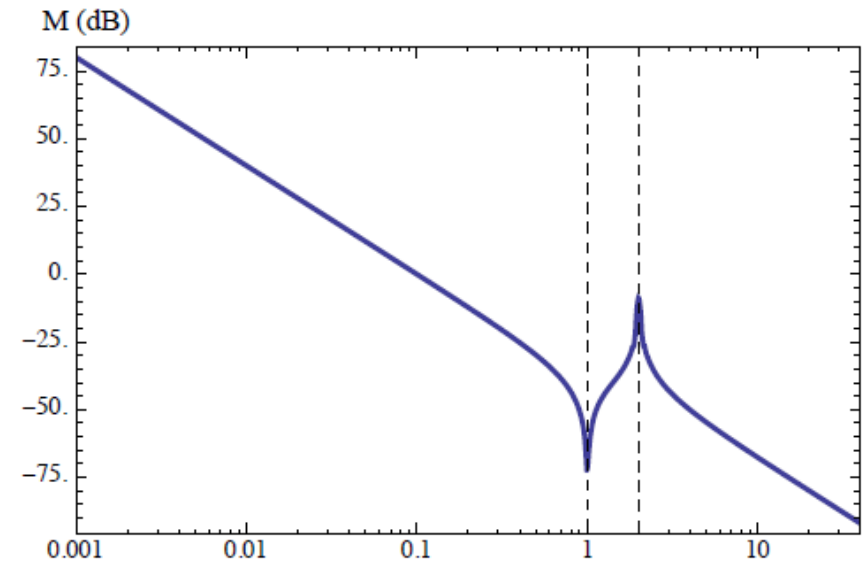


For a stable real zero, the magnitude slope "steps up by 2" at the break-point.



For a stable real pole, the magnitude slope "steps down by 2" at the break-point.

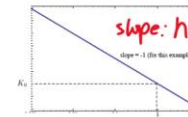
$$\omega_r = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2}$$



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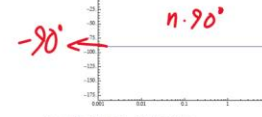
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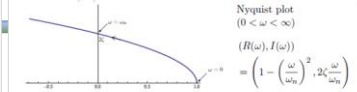
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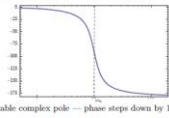
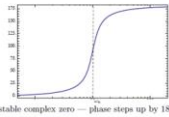


Phase:

- for $\omega \ll \omega_n$, $\phi \approx 0^\circ$ (real and positive)
- for $\omega = \omega_n$, $\phi = 90^\circ$ ($\text{Re} = 0$, $\text{Im} > 0$)
- for $\omega \gg \omega_n$, $\phi \approx 180^\circ$ ($\text{Re} \sim -\omega^2$, $\text{Im} \sim \omega$)

For a stable complex zero, the phase steps up by 180° as we go through the break-point; as $\zeta \rightarrow 0$, the transition through the break-point gets sharper, almost step-like.

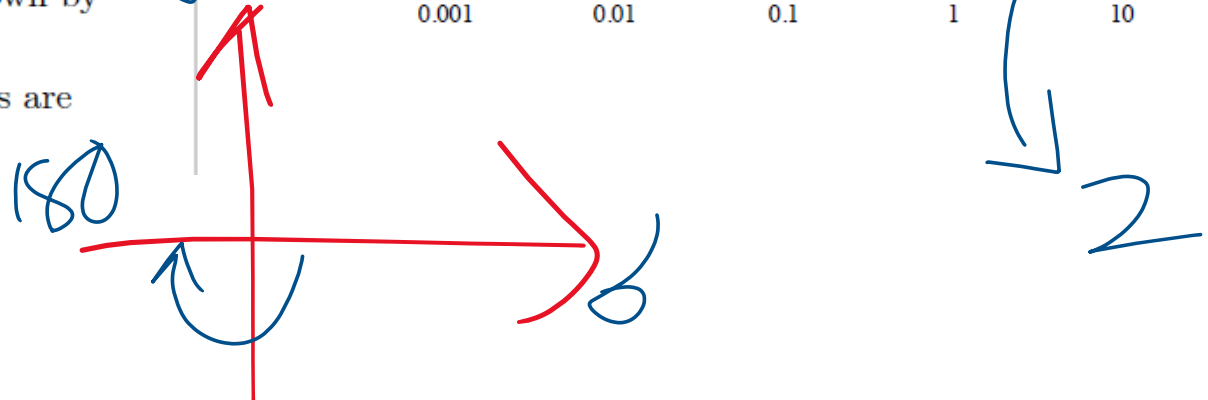
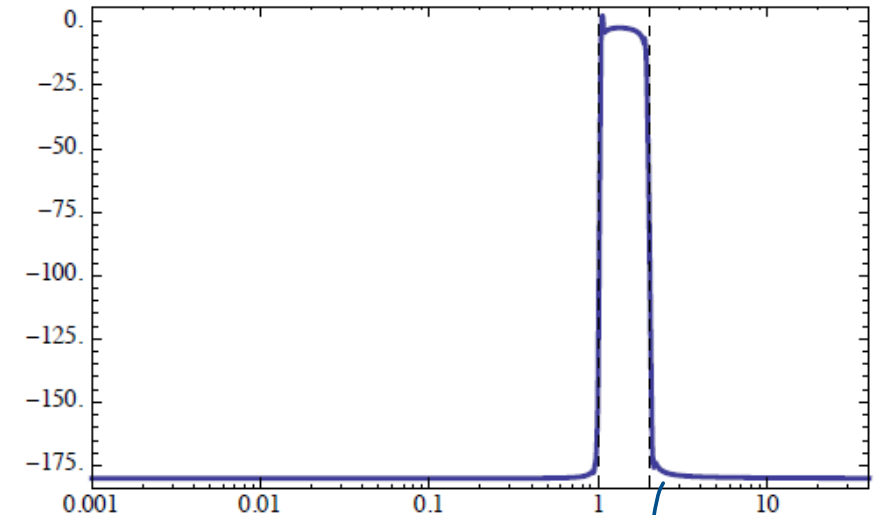
For a pole, the phase is multiplied by -1 .



$$KG(s) = \frac{0.01 (s^2 + 0.01s + 1)}{s^2 \left(\frac{s^2}{4} + 0.02\frac{s}{2} + 1 \right)} \quad \text{— already in Bode form}$$

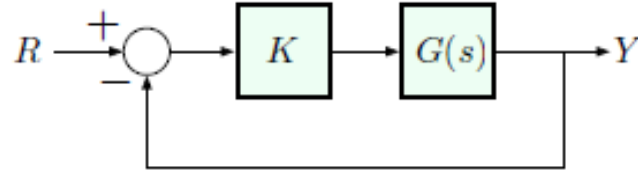
What can we tell about phase?

- ▶ low-frequency term $\frac{0.01}{(j\omega)^2}$ with $K_0 = 0.01$, $n = -2$
— phase starts at $n \times 90^\circ = -180^\circ$
- ▶ complex zero with break-point at $\omega_n = 1$ — phase up by 180°
- ▶ complex pole with break-point at $\omega_n = 2$ — phase down by 180°
- ▶ since ζ is small for both pole and zero, the transitions are very sharp



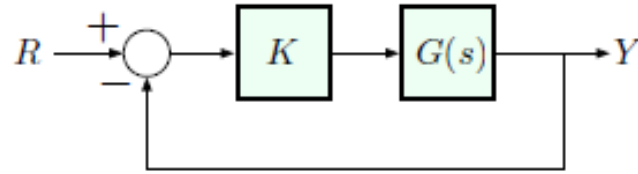
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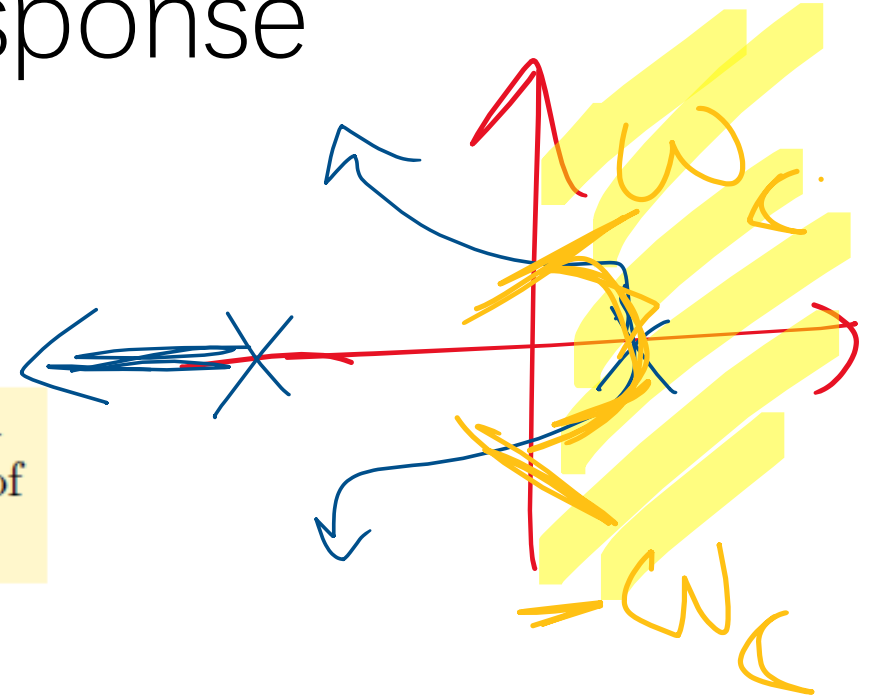
One answer: use root locus.

Points on the root locus satisfy the characteristic equation

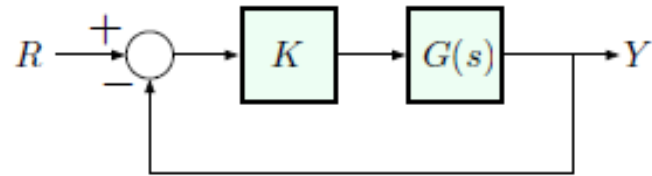
$$1 + KG(s) = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad KG(s) = -1 \quad \left(\Longleftrightarrow G(s) = -\frac{1}{K} \right)$$

If $s \in \mathbb{C}$ is on the RL, then

$$|KG(s)| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \angle KG(s) = \angle G(s) = 180^\circ \pmod{360^\circ}$$



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Another answer: let's look at the Bode plots:

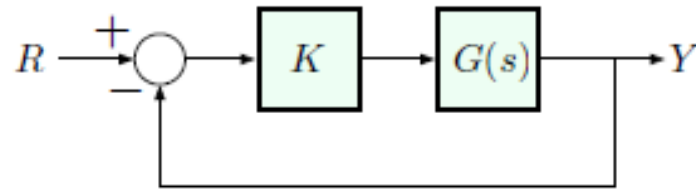
$\omega \mapsto |KG(j\omega)|$ on log-log scale

$\omega \mapsto \angle KG(j\omega)$ on log-linear scale

— Bode plots show us magnitude and phase, but **only** for $s = j\omega$, $0 < \omega < \infty$

How does this relate to the root locus? $j\omega$ -crossings!!

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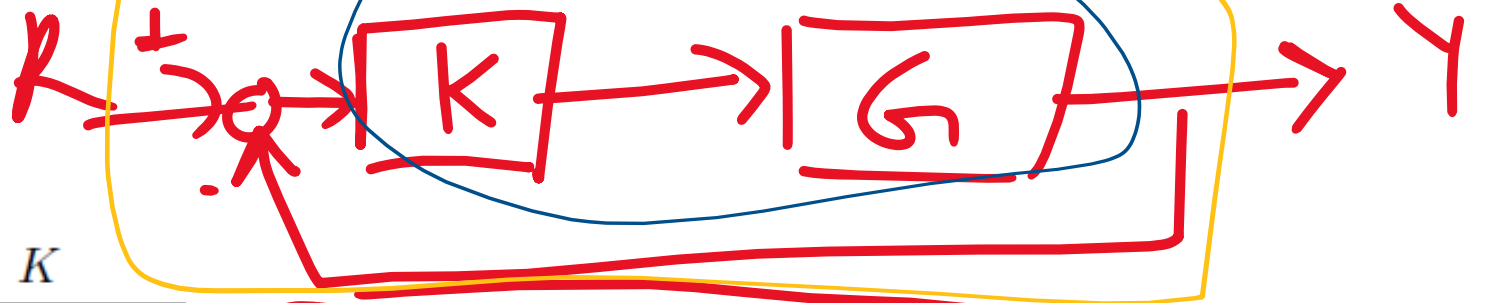
Stability from frequency response. If $s = j\omega$ is on the root locus (for some value of K), then

$$|KG(j\omega)| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \angle KG(j\omega) = 180^\circ \text{ mod } 360^\circ$$

Therefore, the transition from *stability* to *instability* can be detected in two different ways:

- ▶ from root locus — as $j\omega$ -crossings
- ▶ from Bode plots — as $M = 1$ and $\phi = 180^\circ$ at some frequency ω (for a given value of K)

Example



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

Characteristic equation:

$$1 + \frac{K}{s(s^2 + 2s + 2)} = 0$$

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

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

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

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$$K G(j\omega) = \frac{K}{j\omega((j\omega)^2 + 2j\omega + 2)}$$

Example

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

Plot the magnitude first:

- ▶ Type 1 (low-frequency) asymptote: $\frac{K/2}{j\omega}$
 $K_0 = K/2, \quad n = -1 \implies \text{slope} = -1, \text{ passes through}$
 $(\omega = 1, M = K/2)$
- ▶ Type 3 (complex pole) asymptote:
break-point at $\omega = \sqrt{2} \implies \text{slope down by } 2$
- ▶ $\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \implies \text{no resonant peak}$

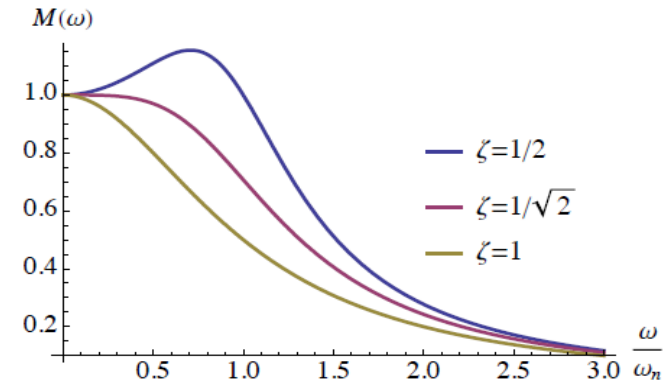
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The magnitude hits its peak value (for $\zeta < 1/\sqrt{2} \approx 0.707$) occurs when $\omega = \omega_r$, where

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

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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

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

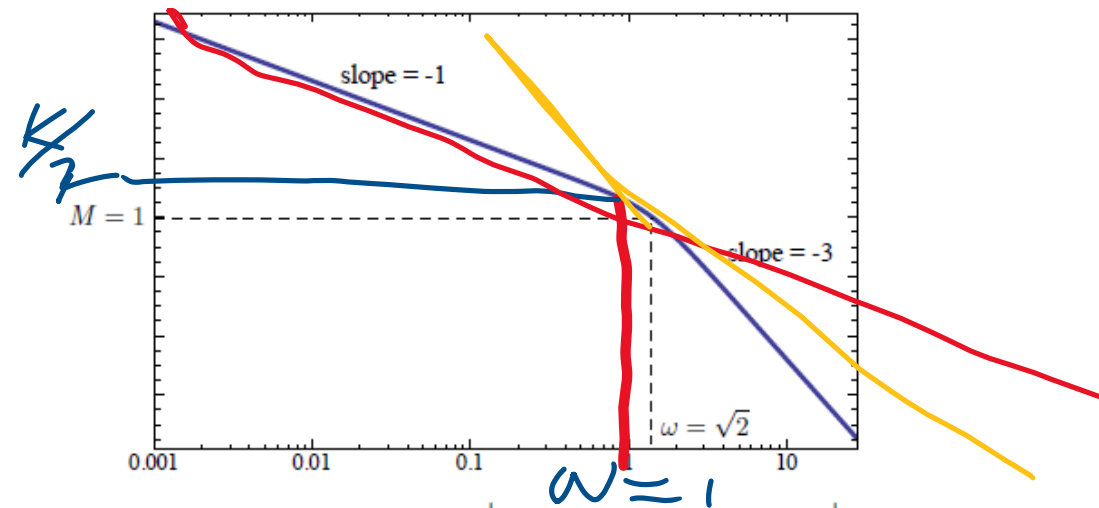
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Magnitude plot for $K = 4$ (the critical value):



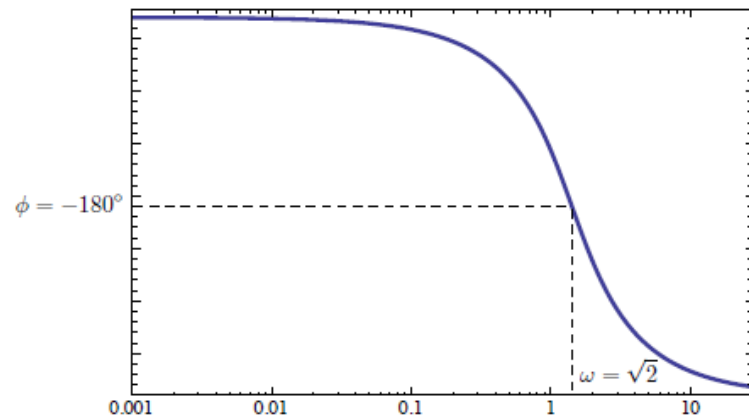
$$\text{When } \omega = \sqrt{2}, M = |4G(j\omega)| = \left| \frac{2}{j\sqrt{2}(j^2 + j\sqrt{2} + 1)} \right| = 1$$

Example

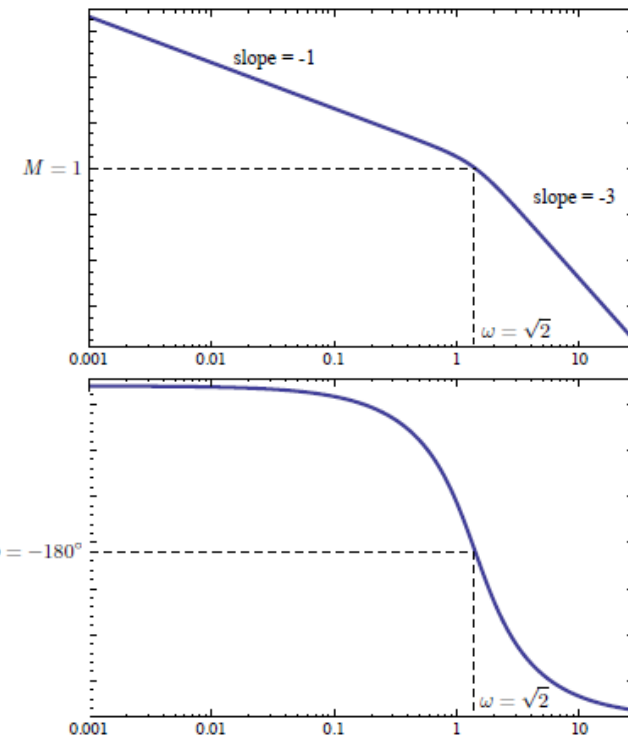
Phase Plot

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

Phase plot (independent of K):



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



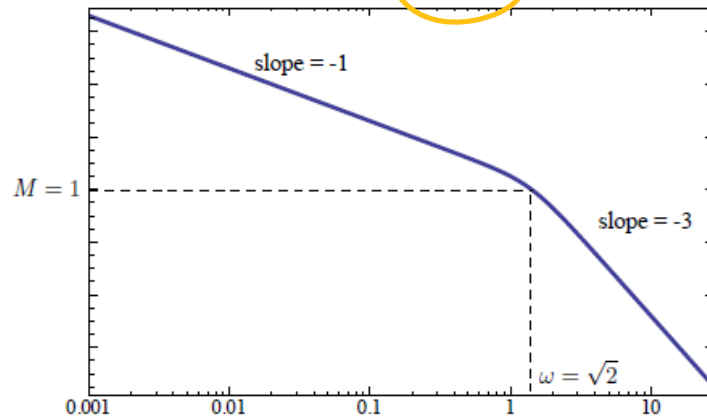
For the critical value $K = 4$:

$M = 1$ and $\phi = 180^\circ \bmod 360^\circ$ at $\omega = \sqrt{2}$

Crossover Frequency & Stability

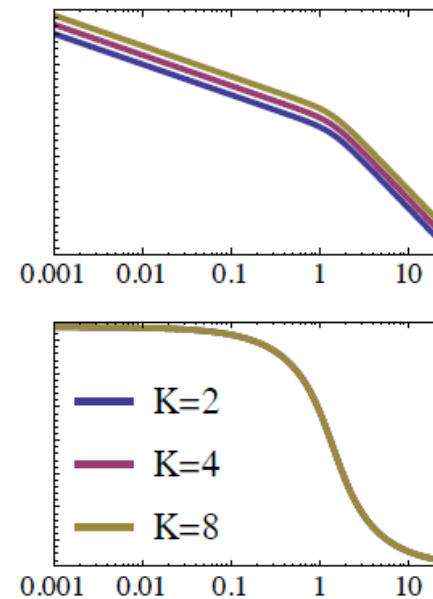
Crossover Frequency and Stability

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 , $\angle G(j\omega_c) = 180^\circ$

Effect of Varying K



What happens as we vary K ?

- ▶ ϕ independent of $K \implies$ 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:

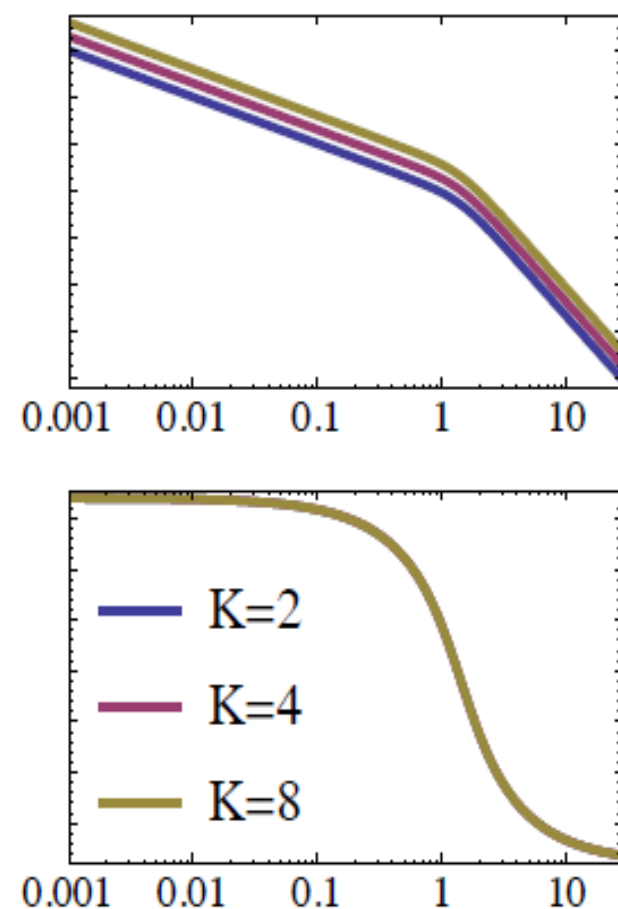
$$\begin{aligned}\log\left(\frac{1}{2}M\right) &= \log \frac{1}{2} + \log M \\ &= -\log 2 + \log M\end{aligned}$$

– M -plot **shifts down** by $\log 2$

Changing the value of K moves the crossover frequency ω_c !!

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What happens as we vary K ?

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

Equivalently, we may define ω_{180° as the frequency at which

$$\phi = 180^\circ \pmod{360^\circ}.$$

Then, *in this example**,

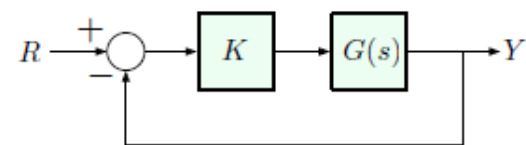
$$\begin{aligned} |KG(j\omega_{180^\circ})| < 1 &\longleftrightarrow \text{stability} \\ |KG(j\omega_{180^\circ})| > 1 &\longleftrightarrow \text{instability} \end{aligned}$$

* Not a general rule; conditions will

vary depending on the system, must use either root locus or Nyquist plot to resolve ambiguity.

Stability from Frequency Response

Consider this unity feedback configuration:



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

$$\frac{KG(s)}{1 + KG(s)},$$

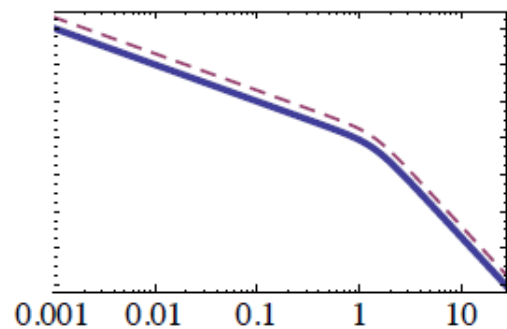
is stable for a given value of K .

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

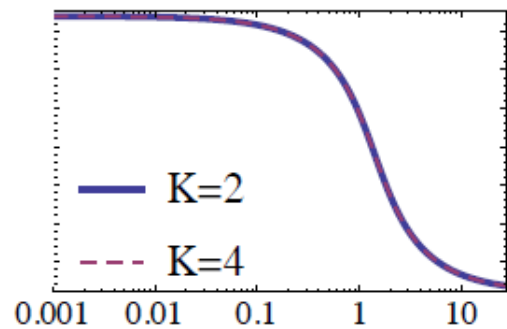
Two important characteristics: **gain margin** (GM) and **phase margin** (PM).

Gain Margin

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

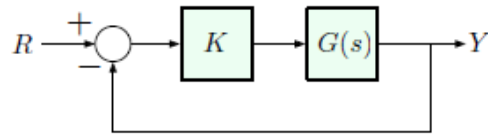


Gain margin (GM) is the factor by which K can be multiplied before we get $M = 1$ when $\phi = 180^\circ$



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

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

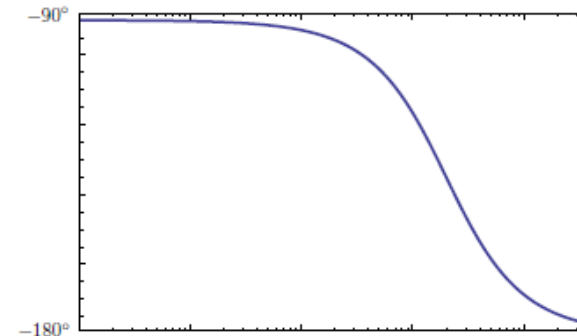
Question: what is the gain margin at $K = 1$?

Answer: $\text{GM} = \infty$

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

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*.

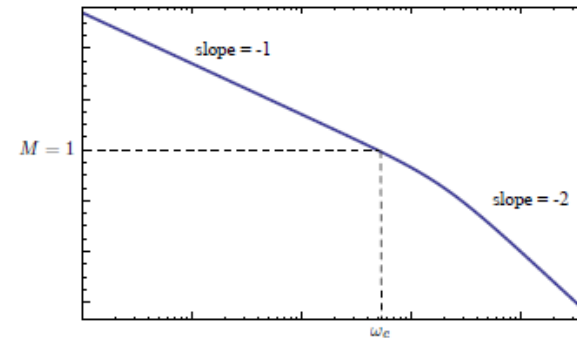
What about **phase margin**?

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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)

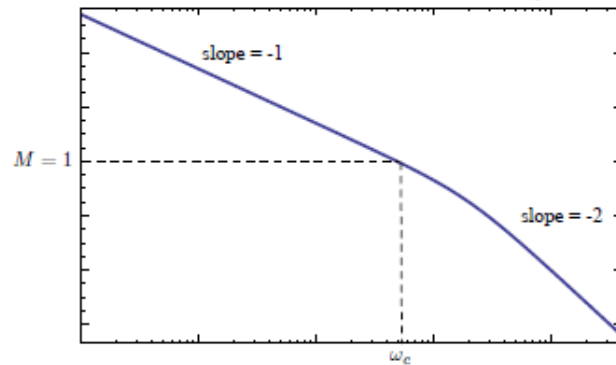
\Rightarrow there is a finite crossover frequency ω_c !!



Example

Magnitude Plot

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It can be shown that, *for this system*,

$$\text{PM}\Big|_{K=1} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2\zeta}{\sqrt{4\zeta^4 + 1} - 2\zeta^2} \right)$$

— for $\text{PM} < 70^\circ$, a good approximation is $\text{PM} \approx 100 \cdot \zeta$

Phase Margin

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Conclusions:

larger PM	\iff	better damping
(open-loop quantity)		(closed-loop characteristic)

Thus, the overshoot $M_p = \exp \left(-\frac{\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \right)$ and resonant peak $M_r = \frac{1}{2\zeta\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} - 1$ are both related to PM through ζ !!