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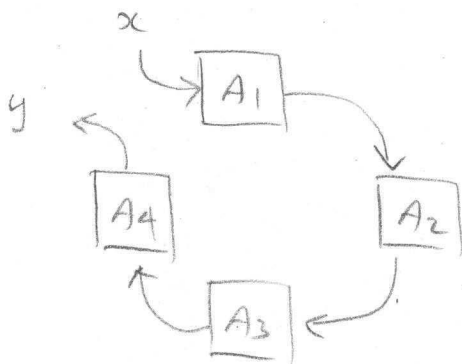
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Objective

- Understand the condition for marginal stability.
- Understand the effect of a time delay to the closed-loop system stability.

Nyquist's original idea.



$$L.T. \triangleq A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4$$

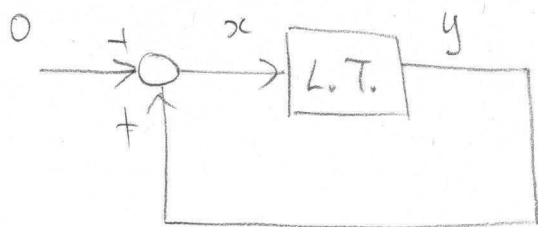
- Let $x = \cos(\omega_0 t)$

If $L.T.(j\omega_0) = 1$, then $y = \cos(\omega_0 t)$.

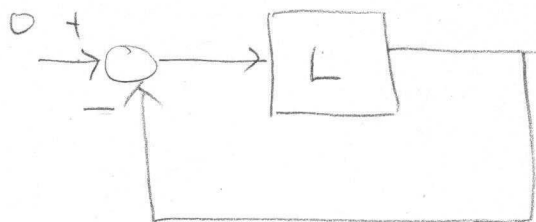
- Now, if we connect the two arrows together.

$$x = y = \cos(\omega_0 t) \quad \text{"keep oscillating"}$$

- If $L.T.(j\omega_0) = 1$, the loop can maintain a persistent sinusoid of frequency ω_0 .



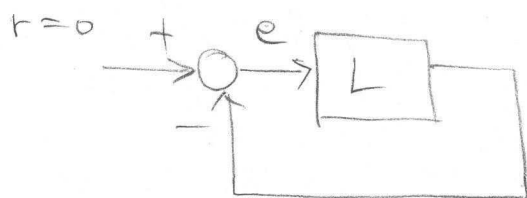
$L.T.(j\omega_0) = 1$
for marginal stability.



$$L(j\omega_0) = -1$$

$ L = 1$ $\angle L = -180^\circ$

• Sensitivity function

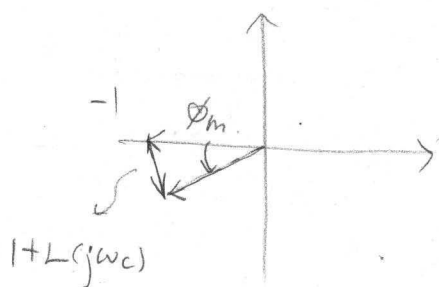


$$\frac{Z}{R} = \frac{1}{1+L} \triangleq S$$

The system would be on the verge of instability
if $r=0 \rightarrow e \neq 0$.

If $L(j\omega_0) = -1$, $S(j\omega_0) = \frac{1}{1+L(j\omega_0)} \rightarrow \infty$.

This is the case when $\phi_m = 0$ deg.

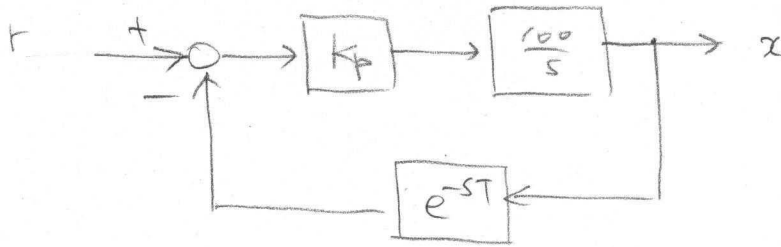


Q What if $\phi < 0$?

then $\frac{1}{|1+L(j\omega_c)|} < \infty$?

A We need to assess the stability
via Nyquist test.

• Example : p-control with measurement delay.



Delay by T : $\delta(t) \rightarrow \text{Delay} \rightarrow \delta(t-T) = h(t)$

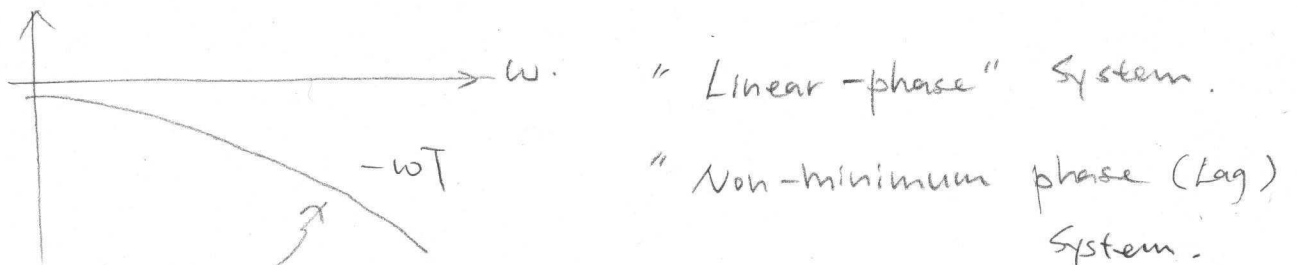
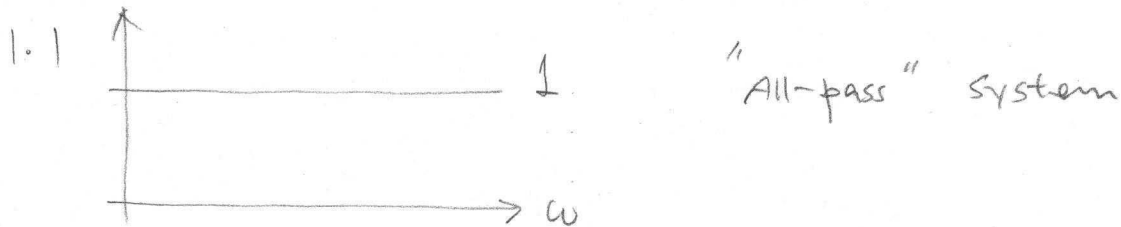
$$\therefore H(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-T) e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-T) e^{-sT} dt \quad \text{"Sampling"}$$

$$= e^{-sT} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-T) dt \quad \text{"Unit area"}$$

$$= e^{-sT} \quad \begin{cases} |e^{-j\omega T}| = 1 \\ \angle e^{-j\omega T} = -\omega T \end{cases}$$

• Bode plot.



• looks like exponential
because horizontal axis is
logarithmic.

- Loop Return Ratio

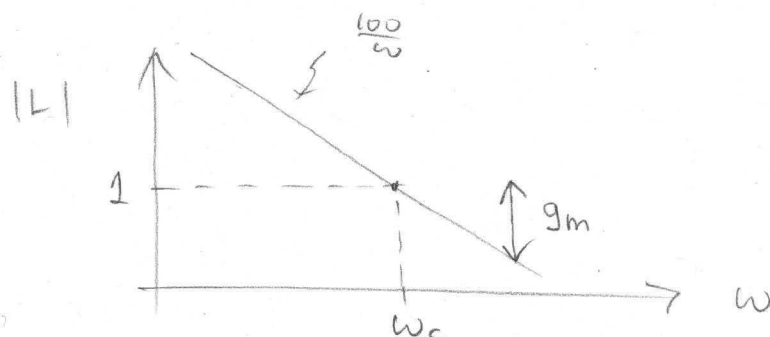
$$L(s) = K_p \cdot \frac{100}{s} e^{-sT}$$

For $K_p = 1$ $T = 10 \text{ ms}$

$$L(s) = \frac{100}{s} e^{-0.01s}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |L| = \frac{100}{\omega} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \angle L = -\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega}{100} \end{array} \right.$$

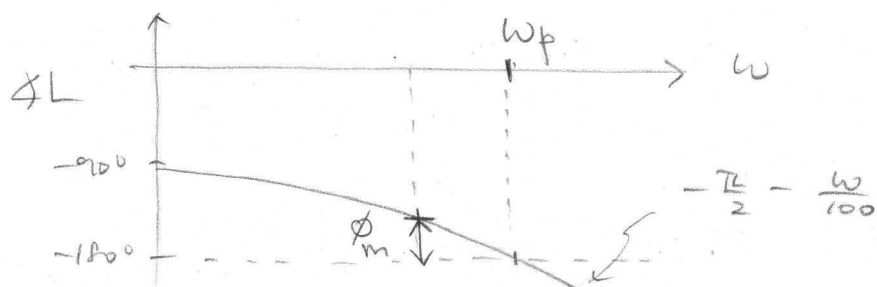


ω_c : gain crossover freq

ϕ_m : phase margin

ω_p : phase crossover freq

g_m : gain margin



Two "suspicious frequencies" for marginal stability

① ω_c : $|L(j\omega_c)| = 1$

$$\frac{100}{\omega_c} = 1 \quad \therefore \omega_c = 100 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\approx \underline{\underline{16 \text{ Hz}}}$$

$$\angle L(j\omega_c) \neq -180^\circ$$

② ω_p : $|L(j\omega_p)| \neq 1$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega_p}{100} = -\pi$$

$$\angle L(j\omega_p) = -180^\circ$$

$$\therefore \omega_p = \frac{\pi}{2} \times 100$$

$$= 50\pi \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\approx \underline{\underline{25 \text{ Hz}}}$$

◦ phase margin

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_m &= \angle L(j\omega_c) - (-180^\circ) \\ &= \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} - 1\right) + \pi = \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 = 0.57 \text{ rad} \quad \therefore \underline{\underline{\phi_m \approx 33^\circ}}\end{aligned}$$

Meaning : ϕ_m tells us how much delay the loop can tolerate before losing stability.

◦ Gain margin

$$\begin{aligned}g_m &= \frac{1}{|L(j\omega_p)|} \\ &= \frac{1}{100/60\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \therefore \underline{\underline{g_m \approx 1.57}}\end{aligned}$$

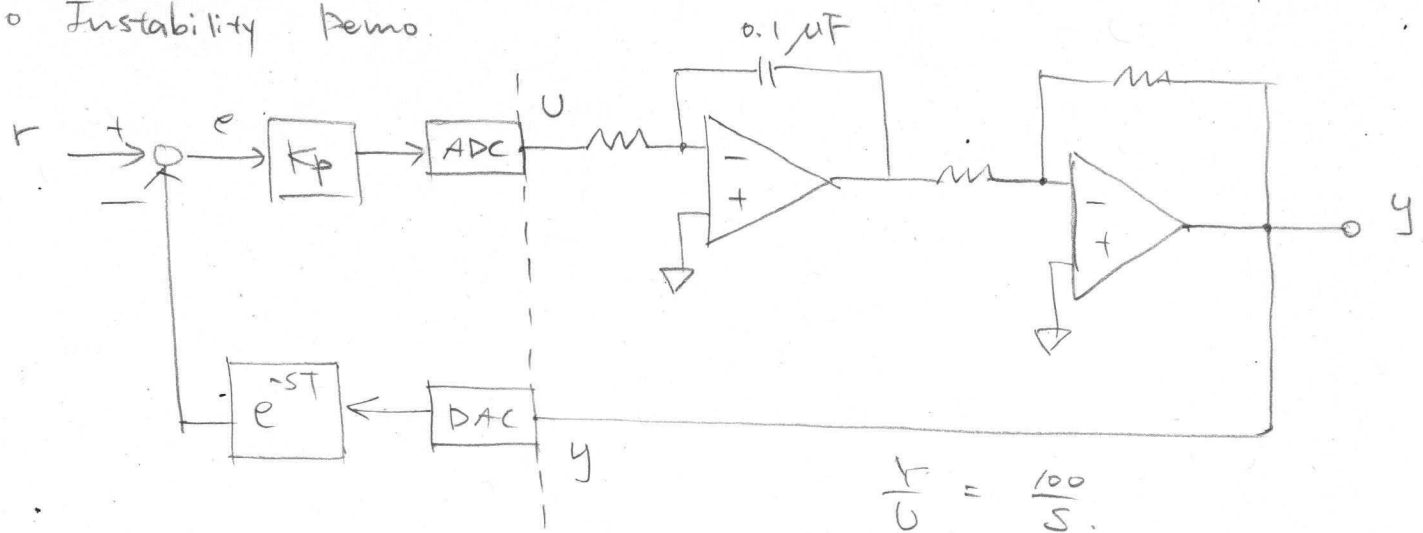
Meaning : g_m tells us how much gain increases the loop can tolerate before losing stability.

◦ Now, we can think of two ways to destabilize the system.

① Increase time delay T such that $\angle L(j\omega_c) = -180^\circ$
Since $\phi_m = 0.57$ rad, additional time delay of
 $\Delta T = \frac{0.57 \text{ rad}}{100 \text{ rad/s}} \approx 5.7 \text{ ms}$ will make the system marginally stable.

② Increase k_p such that $|L(j\omega_p)| = 1$
Since $g_m = 1.57$, increasing the gain to $k_p = 1.57$ will make it marginally stable.

◦ Instability Demo.



① For $K_p = 1$, $T = 10 \text{ ms}$

- Check the step resp. $r = \text{step}$
- See the overshoot.

② For $K_p = 1$, $T = 10 \text{ ms}$

- Turn off the ref. $r = 0$
- Gradually increase T until seeing a sinusoid.
- Measure the frequency: $\sim \omega_c$

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④ For $K_p = 1$, $T = 10 \text{ ms}$

- Set the ref. to step
- Vary the delay T and observe the overshoot