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of space structures

Control system design –  
review of classical techniques

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# Review of classical control design

## Introduction

- The main goal of this first part of the course is to **review some basic relevant topics related to the design of feedback control systems using classical techniques** (in the frequency domain for single-input-single-output systems).
- This review is aimed at **preparing the background** to present and discuss the design of control systems using state-space techniques and other new topics introduced later in this course.
- The review is also useful as an **introductory material to students with “poor/weak” knowledge/competence of feedback control systems.**
- These students are invited to start from this material and reinforce their preparation by referring to specific textbooks.

Good **references** are the following:

 [in Italian]

P. Bolzern, R. Scattolini, N. Schiavoni,  
*Fondamenti di controlli automatici*, McGraw Hill

[in English]

G.F. Franklin, J.D. Powell, A. Emami-Naeini,  
*Feedback control of dynamic systems*, Pearson

# Review of classical control design

## Linear spacecraft attitude control (LSAC)

The review of classical control design is here carried out by **using a simple example (in order to privilege a practical approach to the subject)**, which highlights some aspects close to a realistic situation.

The system refers to a simplified configuration:

**linear spacecraft attitude control (single-axis rotation).**

Even though the spacecraft attitude dynamics is nonlinear, we restrict ourselves to the linear case since the lessons learned from control design of linear system are very important and **the linear analysis is typically the first step also in the case of full nonlinear systems.**

The attitude of a spacecraft must be typically stabilized to some desired attitude which is compatible to a required task (e.g., **point an object**). This task must be achieved when the spacecraft is subjected to external (environmental) disturbances. → *Even if the space craft is passively stable some active control are used to get a better response from the space craft. Since time the attitude is stable but the satellite is very slow to come back to a stable condition after a perturbation*

When pointing accuracy is high, passive stabilization is generally not enough and the spacecraft is equipped with an **active attitude control system\***.

\**it is important to design a spacecraft having passive stability (if possible), and then augment this with an active control scheme.*

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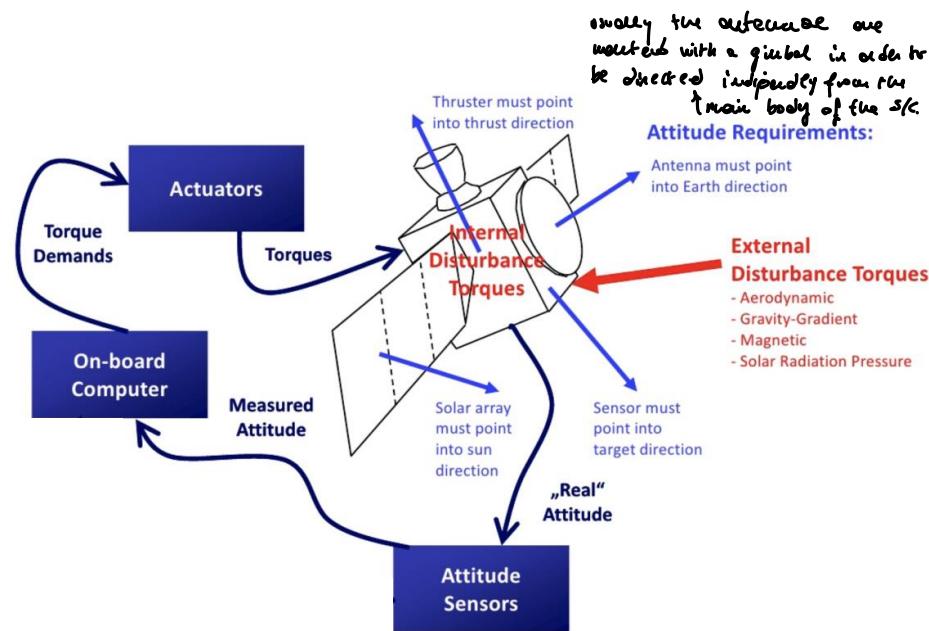
## LSAC

An active spacecraft attitude control system consists of attitude sensors, attitude actuators and typically a processor.

The attitude sensors take measurements which are used to compute the current spacecraft attitude and/or angular velocity.

The attitude actuators then supply torques to correct the difference between the measured and desired attitude.

The mathematical relationship between the measured attitude and the corrective torques is called a **control law**.  
It is implemented as a program on the processor.



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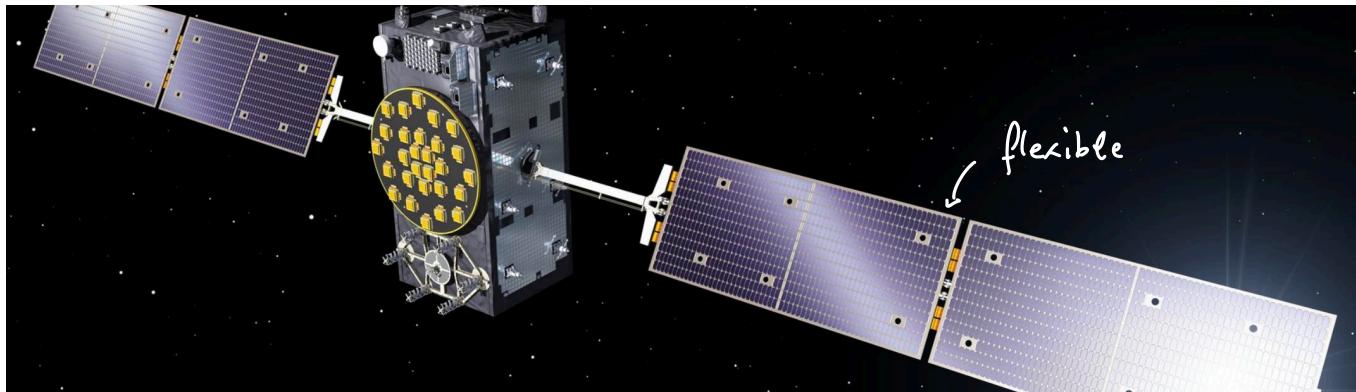
## LSAC – simplified configuration

A **common spacecraft structure** consists of two principal parts.

The first one is the **body of the spacecraft**, which contains all the payload instrumentation and control hardware.

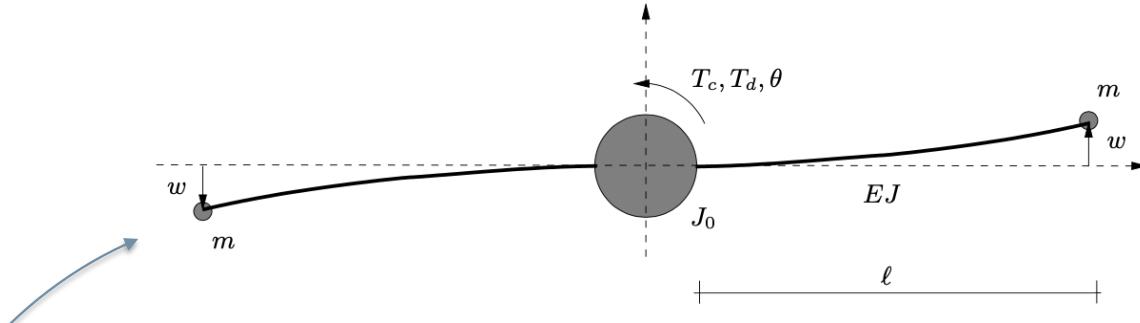
*This structure must be very rigid in order to withstand mechanical loads during the launch phase.*

The second part consists of (large) **flexible appendages** (parabolic antennas, large synthetic-aperture radar, solar panels, booms, ...) built from light materials in order to reduce weight.



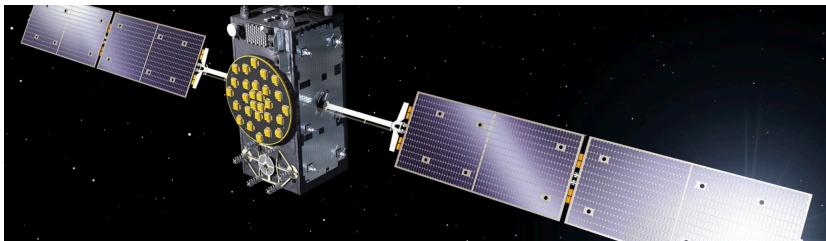
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## LSAC – simplified configuration



simplified  
configuration

As a first approx we will ignored the flexibility of the all structure. Then we will consider it to get a more accurate model.



**Central rigid body** (moment of inertia  $J_0$ )

**Two identical appendages (massless beams of length  $\ell$ , bending rigidity  $EJ$ , carrying a tip mass  $m$ )**

Control torque  $T_c(t)$

Sensor measuring rotation  $\theta(t)$

Disturbances (e.g., solar radiation pressure) equivalent to a disturbance torque  $T_d(t)$  on the central body

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## LSAC – rigid case

System modeling – **RIGID CASE**  
(rigid appendages).

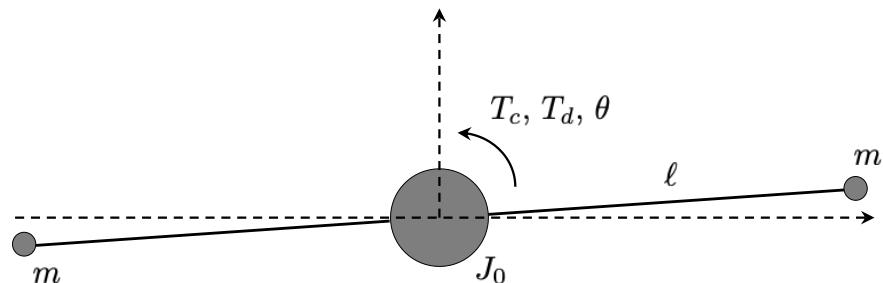
One degree of freedom:  $\theta(t)$

Lagrange's equations:

$$\mathcal{L} = T(\dot{\theta}, \theta) - V(\theta)$$

function of every coordinate  
is expressed polynomially

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} = Q_\theta$$



$$T = \frac{1}{2} J_0 \dot{\theta}^2 + 2 \frac{1}{2} m \dot{s}^2$$

$$V = 0 \quad (\text{rigid case})$$

In the rigid case:

$$\dot{s} = l\dot{\theta}$$

$$\delta W_{nc} = \delta \theta T_c + \delta \theta T_d = \delta \theta Q_\theta$$

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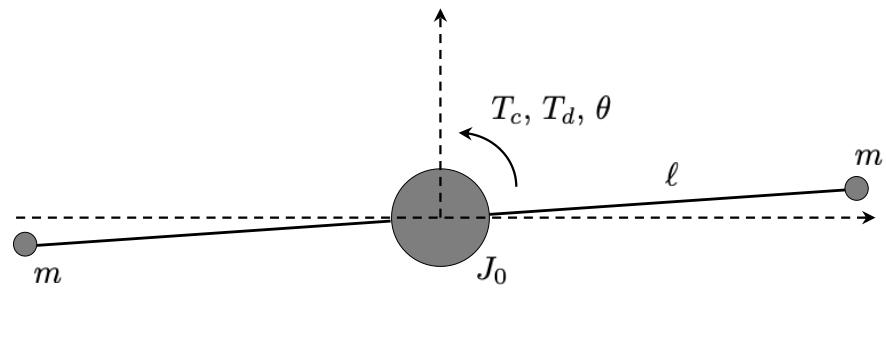
## LSAC – rigid case – equation of motion

**Equation of motion**  
(time-domain representation)

$$J\ddot{\theta}(t) = T_c(t) + T_d(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(0) = 0 \\ \dot{\theta}(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Initial conditions on the angle and angular rate.



where

$$J = J_0 + 2ml^2$$

**Linear time-invariant system**  
(LTI system)



is the total equivalent moment of inertia of the system.

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## LSAC – rigid case - frequency (Laplace) representation

Now we switch to a different domain.

### Laplace (frequency) representation

$$\theta(t) \rightleftharpoons \theta(s)$$

Laplace transform:

$$\theta(s) = \mathcal{L} [\theta(t)]$$

$$\theta(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} [\theta(s)]$$

Definition of Laplace transform:

$$f(s) = \mathcal{L} [f(t)] = \int_{0-}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

where s is a complex variable

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

and  $\omega$  is the frequency (rad/s)

Laplace transforms can be used to study the complete response characteristics of feedback systems, including the transient response. This is in contrast to Fourier transforms, in which the steady-state response is the main concern.

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## [review] Laplace transform - properties

Properties of the Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}[af(t) + bg(t)] = af(s) + bg(s) \quad (\text{linearity - superposition})$$

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$$\mathcal{L}[\dot{f}(t)] = sf(s) - f(0) \quad (\text{differentiation})$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\ddot{f}(t)] = s^2 f(s) - sf(0) - \dot{f}(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right] = \frac{1}{s} f(s) \quad (\text{integration})$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s f(s) \quad (\text{final value theorem})$$

$$f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s f(s) \quad (\text{initial value theorem})$$

Important.

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## [review] Laplace transform - table

Common Laplace transforms:

(delta (impulse) function)  $\mathcal{L} [\delta(t)] = 1$

(step function)  $\mathcal{L} [\text{step}(t)] = \frac{1}{s}$

(ramp function)  $\mathcal{L} [\text{ramp}(t)] = \frac{1}{s^2}$

(exponential function)  $\mathcal{L} [e^{-at} \text{step}(t)] = \frac{1}{s + a} \quad (a > 0)$

(sine function)  $\mathcal{L} [\sin(\omega t) \text{step}(t)] = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

(cosine function)  $\mathcal{L} [\cos(\omega t) \text{step}(t)] = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

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## LSAC – Input-output representation

Laplace (frequency) representation

$$s^2 J \theta(s) = T_c(s) + T_d(s)$$

out put      input

$$\theta(s) = \mathcal{L}[\theta(t)]$$

$$y(s) = G(s)u(s) + G(s)d(s)$$

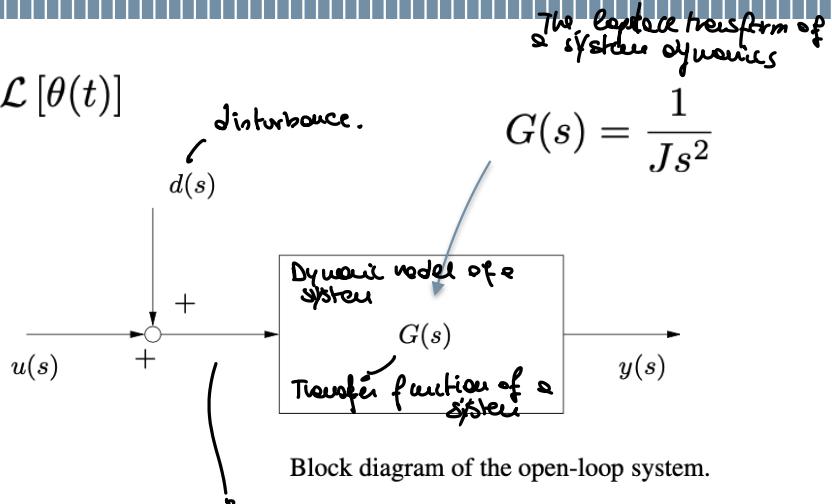
where

$y(s)$  is the **system (sensor) output** (Laplace transform)

$u(s)$  is the **control (actuator) input** (L.T.)

$y(s)$  is the **disturbance** (L.T.)

$G(s)$  is the **system (open-loop) transfer function** (from control input to sensor output and from disturbance to sensor output)



Block diagram of the open-loop system.

Input is the sum of the  $u(s)$  and  $d(s)$  (disturbances).

(control input)

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## LSAC – Input-output representation

The system output (sensor measurement) is typically affected by noise (sensor noise).

By considering additive noise:

$$y(s) = G(s)u(s) + G(s)d(s) + n(s)$$

where

$n(s)$  is the **output (sensor) noise**  
(Laplace transform)

If the output of the system is measured by a sensor it will be subjected to some kind of noise.

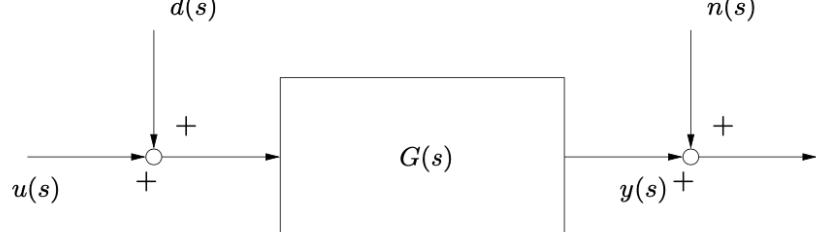
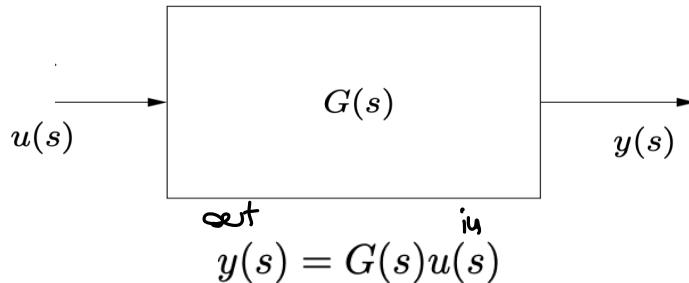


Figure 16.2 Block diagram of the open-loop system.

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## [review] Transfer function



The transfer function is the ratio of the Laplace transform of the output of the system to its input assuming all zero initial conditions

$$G(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{\beta_0 + \beta_1 s + \beta_2 s^2 + \cdots + \beta_\nu s^\nu}{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 s + \alpha_2 s^2 + \cdots + \alpha_n s^n}$$

$\nu < n$  strictly proper

$\nu = n$  (simply) proper

$\nu > n$  improper

$$N(s) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu \text{ roots} - \text{zeros } z_i$$

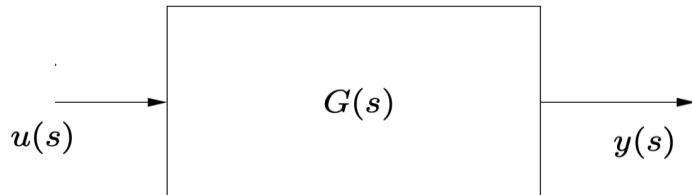
$$\mathcal{L}[af(t) + bg(t)] = af(s) + bg(s)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{\mu}{s^g} \frac{\prod_i (s - z_i)}{\prod_i (s - p_i)}$$

gain  
type → How many poles and zeros in  
the left half-plane.

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## [review] Transfer function



The system has the inherent capability to block frequencies coinciding with its zero locations.

The poles of the system determine its stability properties.

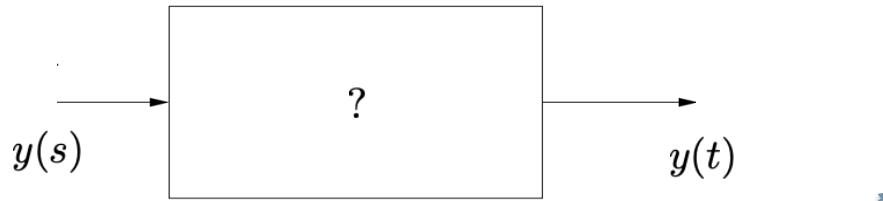
$$G(s) = \frac{\mu}{s^g} \frac{\prod_i (s - z_i)}{\prod_i (s - p_i)}$$

real zeros and poles:  $G(s) = \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{s^g} \frac{\prod_i (1 + s\tau_i)}{\prod_i (1 + sT_i)}$  *second order terms represent complex conjugate poles and zeros*

complex conjugate zeros and poles:  $G(s) = \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{s^g} \frac{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\zeta_i}{\alpha_i}s + \frac{s^2}{\alpha_i^2})}{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i}s + \frac{s^2}{\omega_i^2})}$

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## [review] Convolution integral



**Impulse:** a very intense force for a very short time.

Delta function – properties:

$$\delta(t) = 0 \quad t \neq 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1 \quad (\text{unit area})$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)\delta(t - t_0) dt = f(t_0)$$

(sampling property)  
where we want to extract the value of  
a function.

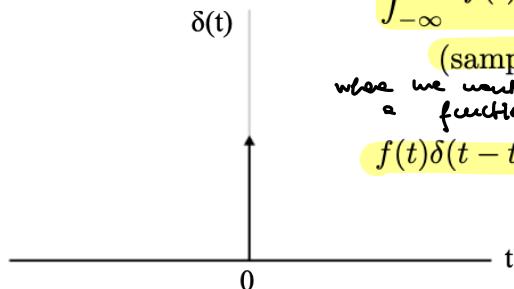
$$f(t)\delta(t - t_0) = f(t_0)\delta(t - t_0)$$

Consider the case:  $u(t) = \delta(t)$

with the system initially at rest.

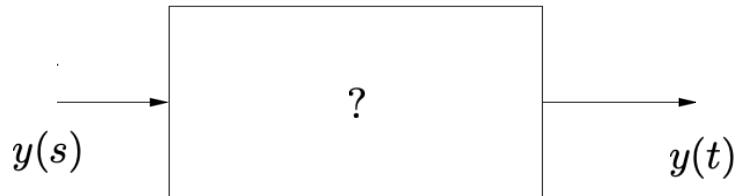
The response of the system to this input  
is called **impulse response**.

It is denoted as  $h(t)$ .



# Review of classical control design

## [review] *Convolution integral*



It is possible to express (compute) the system's response to any arbitrary input  $u(t)$  by using the impulse response  $h(t)$ .

We are able to solve for the response of a linear system to a general signal simply by decomposing the given signal into a sum of the elementary components and, by superposition, concluding that the response to the general signal is the sum of the responses to the elementary signals.

$$y(t) = \int_0^{\infty} h(t - \tau)u(\tau)d\tau$$



**Convolution integral**

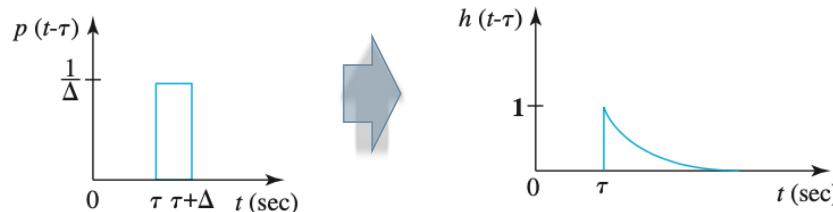
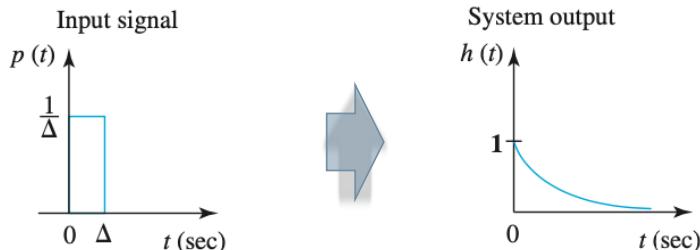
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## [review] Convolution integral

Suppose the input signal to an LTI system is a short pulse  $p(t)$  and the corresponding output signal is  $h(t)$ .

If the input is scaled to  $u(0)p(t)$  then, by the scaling property of superposition, the output response will be  $u(0)h(t)$ .

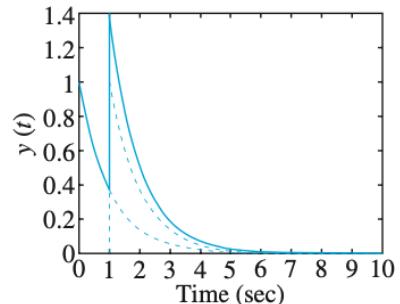
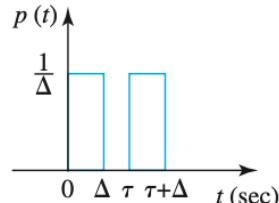
If we delay the short pulse in time by  $\tau$  the input has the form  $p(t-\tau)$  and the output response will be delayed by the same amount  $y(t-\tau)$ .



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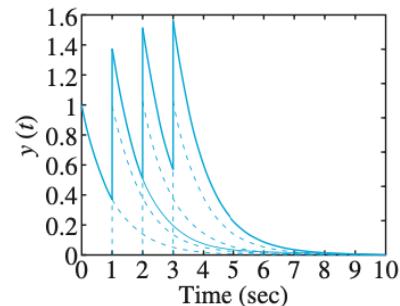
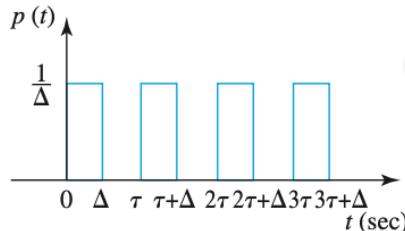
## [review] Convolution integral

By superposition, the response to the two short pulses will be the sum of their individual outputs.



If we have four pulses as the input, then the output will be the sum of the four individual responses

...and so on...

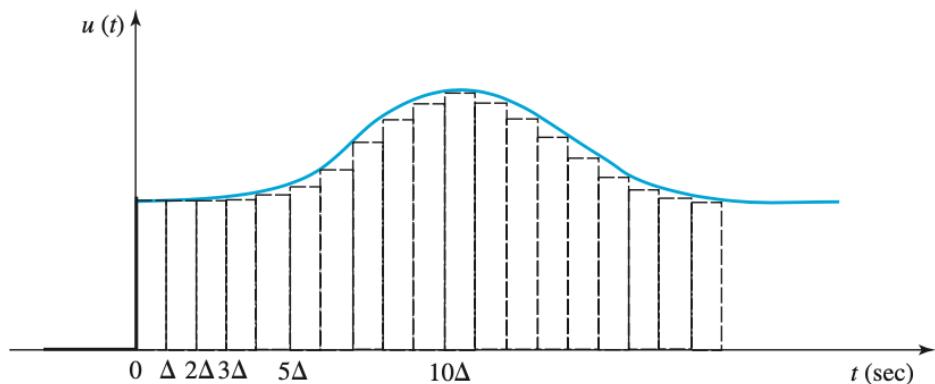


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## [review] Convolution integral

Any arbitrary input signal  $u(t)$  may be approximated by a series of pulses.

combination of an infinite set of impulses with different magnitude.



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## [review] Convolution integral

Short pulse as a rectangular pulse having unit area

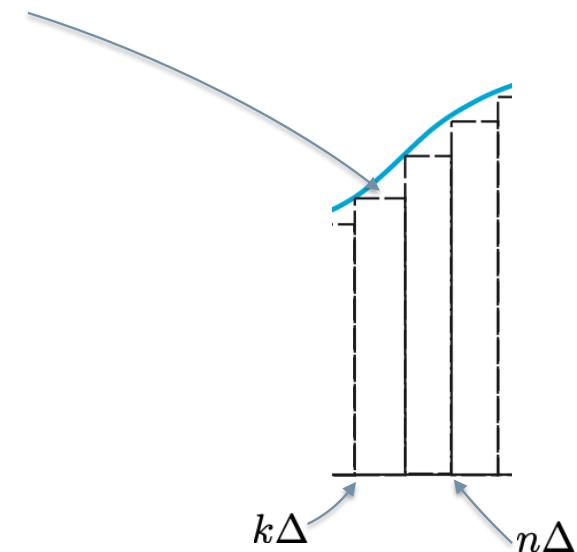
$$p_\Delta(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Delta}, & 0 \leq t \leq \Delta \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The response of the system is  $h_\Delta(t)$

The response at time  $n\Delta$  to  $u(k\Delta)p_\Delta(k\Delta)$  is  $u(k\Delta)h_\Delta(n\Delta - k\Delta)$

By superposition, the total response at time  $t$  to the series of the short pulses is given by

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u(k\Delta)h_\Delta(t - k\Delta)$$



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## [review] Convolution integral

Taking the limit as  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} p_\Delta(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} h_\Delta(t) = h(t) = \text{the impulse response}$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u(k\Delta)h_\Delta(t - k\Delta)$$



$$y(t) = \int_0^{\infty} h(t - \tau)u(\tau)d\tau$$

Equivalent forms:

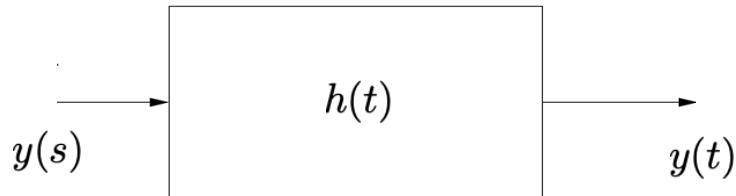
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$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau)u(t - \tau)d\tau$$

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## [review] Frequency response



Consider the case:  $u(t) = \sin(\omega t)$  ( $\omega \geq 0$ )

with the system initially at rest.

It can be shown that

$$y(t) = |H(j\omega)| \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

where

frequency response

$$H(j\omega) = \int_0^{+\infty} h(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

not a generic  
Laplace transform  $\rightarrow s = \sigma + j\omega$

Important to understand the performance  
of a linear system.



**Frequency response function:**

$$H(j\omega) = H(s = j\omega)$$

$$H(j\omega) = |H(j\omega)| e^{j\phi}$$

$$\phi = \arg H(j\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\text{Im}[H(j\omega)]}{\text{Re}[H(j\omega)]}$$

# Review of classical control design

## [review] *Bode diagram (plot)*

Transfer function can be always represented as

Plot of  $G(j\omega) = G(s = j\omega)$  magnitude and phase

$$G(s) = \frac{\mu}{s^g} \frac{\prod_i (1 + s\tau_i)}{\prod_i (1 + sT_i)} \frac{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\zeta_i}{\alpha_i}s + \frac{s^2}{\alpha_i^2})}{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i}s + \frac{s^2}{\omega_i^2})}$$

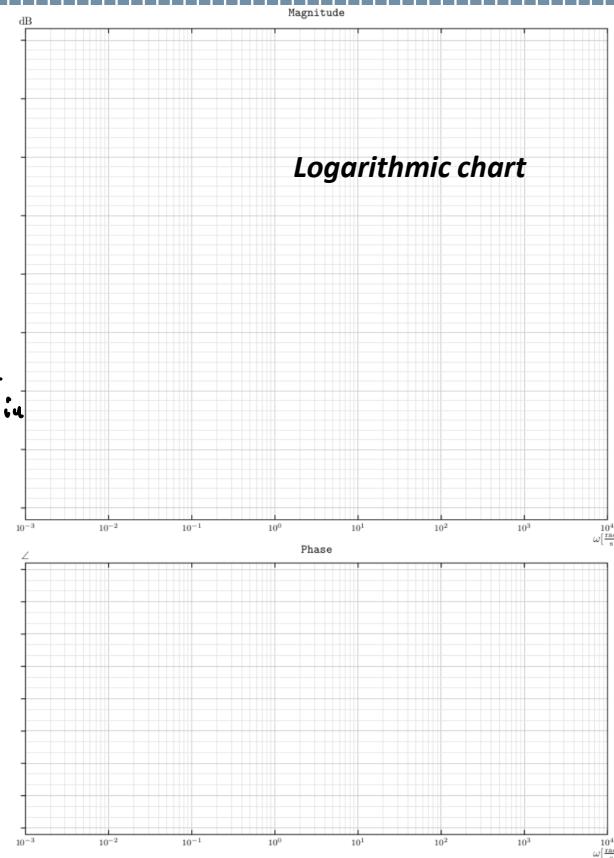
$\zeta$  number of singularity at the origin ( $\zeta < 0$ )  
In that case we have an excess of poles. In Normal mechanical system correctly modelled we will have  $\zeta > 0$  so no excess of poles in the origin.

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{\mu}{(j\omega)^g} \frac{\prod_i (1 + j\omega\tau_i)}{\prod_i (1 + j\omega T_i)} \frac{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\zeta_i}{\alpha_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\alpha_i^2})}{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_i^2})}$$

Magnitude:  $|G(j\omega)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} |G(j\omega)|$

Phase:  $\arg G(j\omega)$

They give an information of what the system is like when we change the frequency.



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## [review] *Bode diagram*

The Bode Diagram can be obtained as a superposition (overlap) of contributions. We have 4 different types of contribution.

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{\mu}{(j\omega)^g} \frac{\prod_i (1 + j\omega\tau_i)}{\prod_i (1 + j\omega T_i)} \frac{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\zeta_i}{\alpha_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\alpha_i^2})}{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_i^2})}$$

The gain will be the linear combination of the gain of the single terms

Four classes of terms:

1.  $\mu$

2.  $\frac{1}{(j\omega)^g}$

3.  $(1 + j\omega T)^{\pm 1}$

4.  $\left(1 + 2\xi\frac{j\omega}{\omega_i} - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_i^2}\right)^{\pm 1}$

Magnitude:

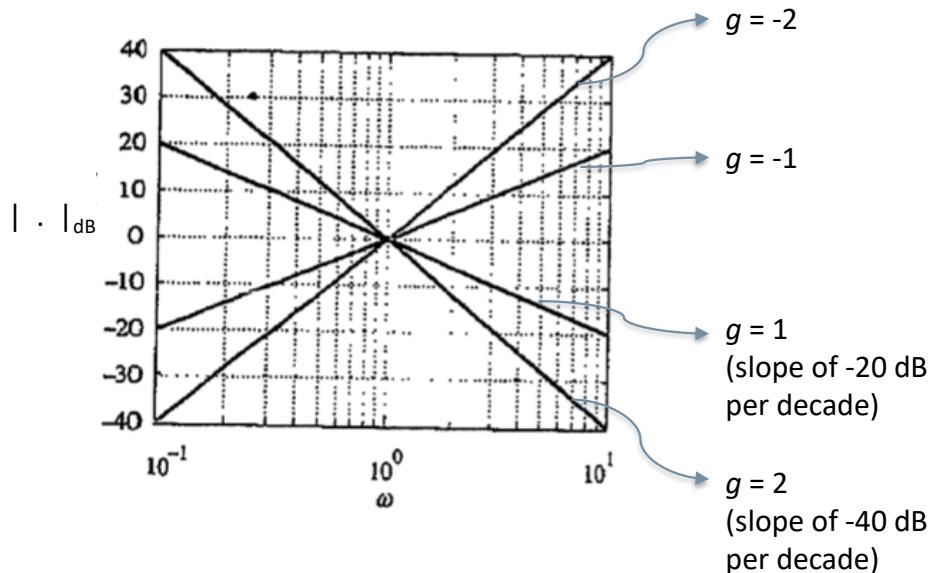
steady state gain  $\rightarrow$  magnitude of the frequency response where  $f = \omega$

$$|G(j\omega)|_{dB} = 20 \log |\mu| - 20g \log |j\omega| + \sum_i 20 \log |1 + j\omega\tau_i| + \sum_i 20 \log |1 + 2\frac{\zeta_i}{\alpha_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\alpha_i^2}| - \sum_i 20 \log |1 + j\omega T_i| - \sum_i 20 \log |1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_i^2}|$$

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## [review] *Bode diagram - magnitude*

$$-20g \log |j\omega|$$



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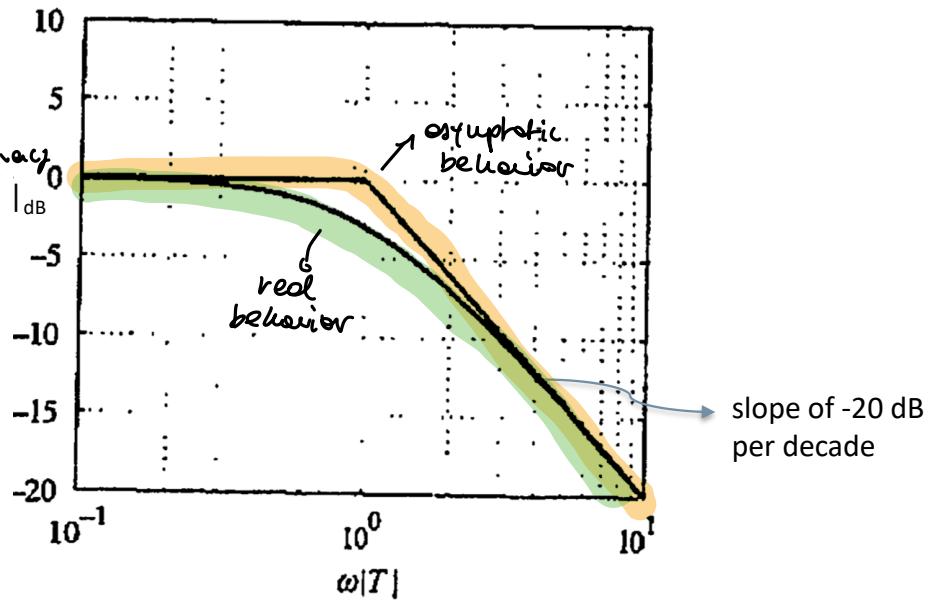
## [review] *Bode diagram - magnitude*

$$\begin{aligned} & -20 \log |1 + j\omega T| \\ &= -20 \log \sqrt{1 + \omega^2 T^2} \end{aligned}$$

Looking only at higher or lower value of frequency  
as opposed to the value of the singularity  $|1 + j\omega T| = 0$

Asymptotic behavior:

$$\begin{cases} = -20 \log 1 = 0 & \omega \ll \frac{1}{|T|} \\ = -20 \log \omega |T| & \omega \gg \frac{1}{|T|} \end{cases}$$



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## [review] Bode diagram - magnitude

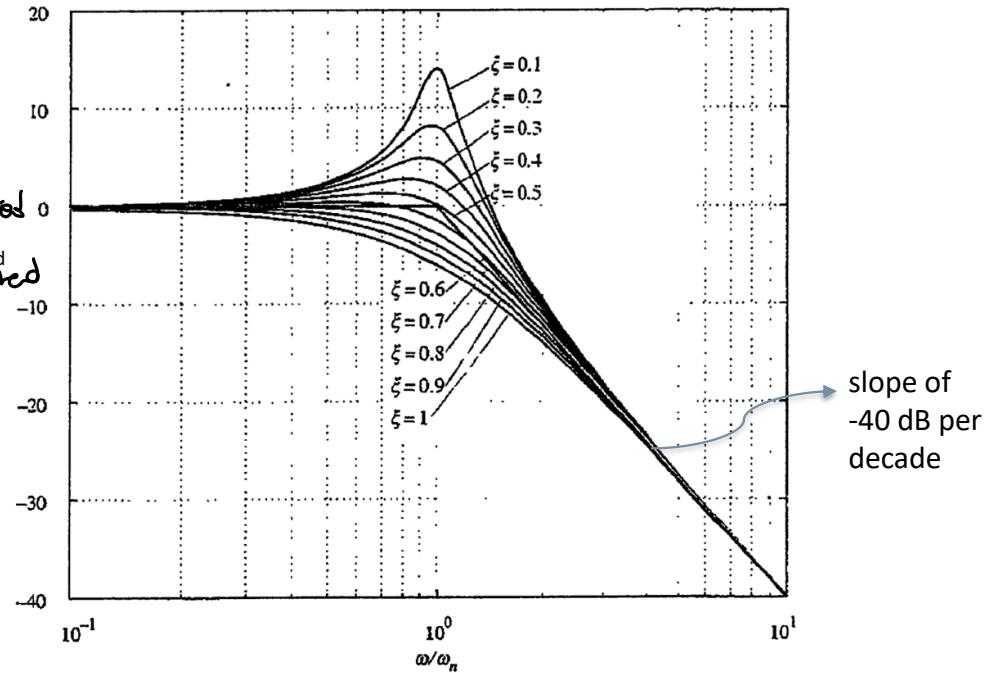
adimensional damping factor.

$$-20 \log \left| 1 + 2 \frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i} j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_i^2} \right|$$

Depending on the damping the real gain can be underestimated or overestimated.

$\xi < \eta_s$  the gain is underestimated

$\xi > \eta_s$  the gain is overestimated  
by the linear approx.



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## [review] *Bode diagram - phase*

Phase:

$$\begin{aligned}\arg G(j\omega) &= \arg \mu - g \arg(j\omega) \\ &+ \sum_i \arg(1 + j\omega\tau_i) + \sum_i \arg\left(1 + 2\frac{\zeta_i}{\alpha_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\alpha_i^2}\right) \\ &- \sum_i \arg(1 + j\omega T_i) - \sum_i \arg\left(1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_i^2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\arg \mu = \begin{cases} 0^\circ, \mu > 0 \\ -180^\circ, \mu < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{phase of the gain.}$$

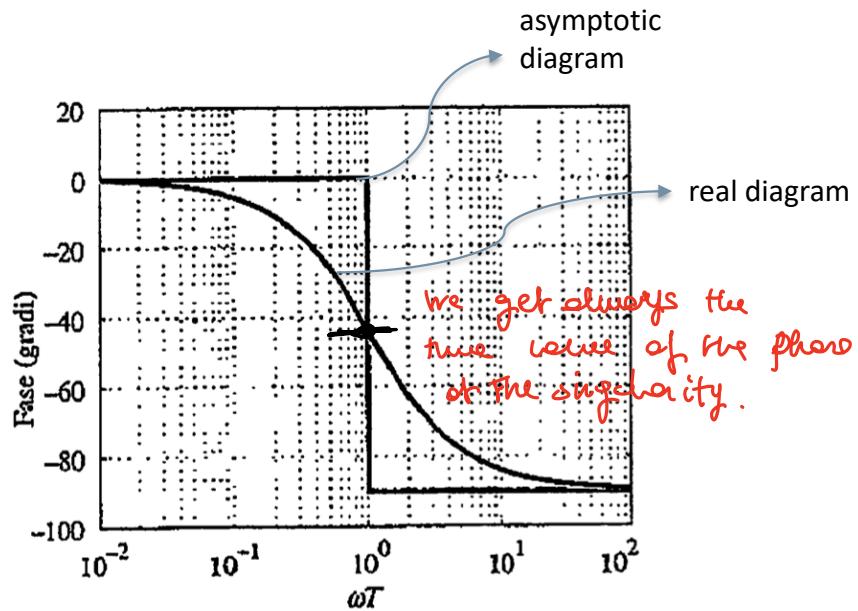
$$\arg\left(\frac{1}{j\omega}\right) = -90^\circ \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Poles in the origin (g > 0): phase delay} \\ \text{Zeros in the origin (g < 0): phase lead} \end{array} \quad \curvearrowleft$$

# Review of classical control design

## [review] *Bode diagram - phase*

$$-\arg(1 + j\omega T)$$

$$\approx \begin{cases} -\arg(1) = 0^\circ, & \omega \ll 1/|T| \\ -\arg(j\omega T) = \begin{cases} -90^\circ, & T > 0 \\ +90^\circ, & T < 0 \end{cases}, & \omega \gg 1/|T| \end{cases}$$

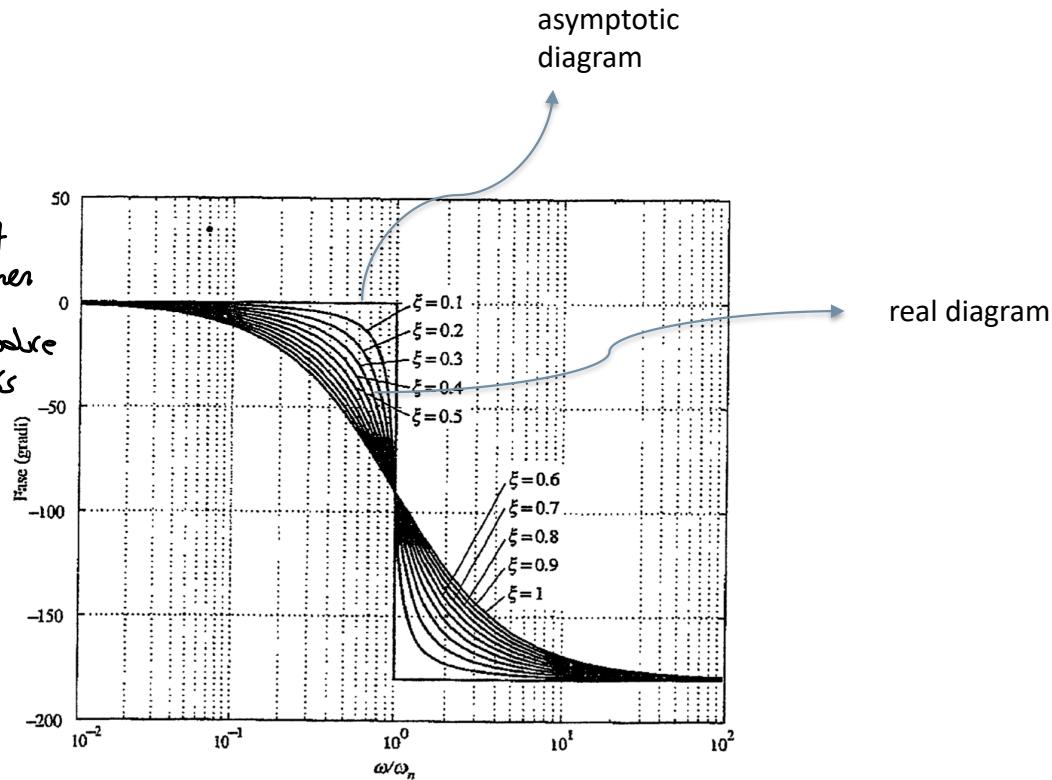


# Review of classical control design

## [review] *Bode diagram - phase*

$$-\arg\left(1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i}j\omega - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_i^2}\right)$$

In case of the phase the damping coefficient  $\zeta$  is lower  $\rightarrow$  closer to zero the error will be relative  $\rightarrow$  the direction of the error is always the same.



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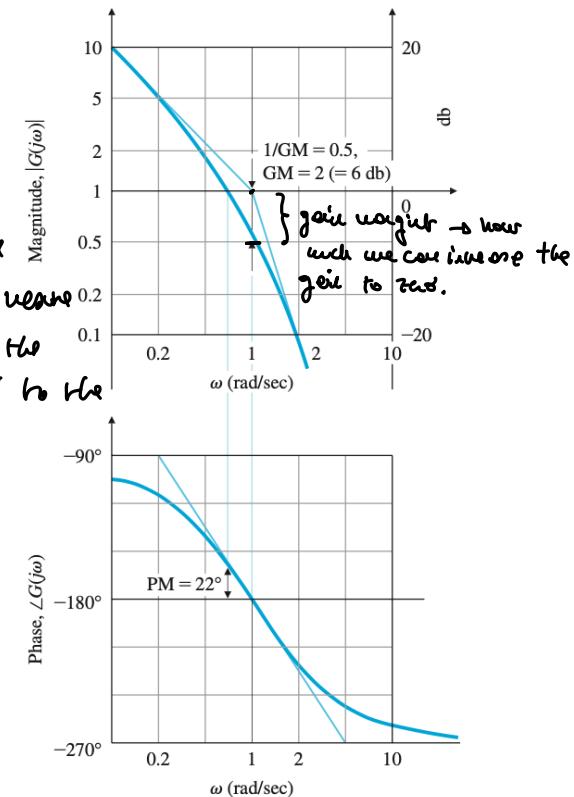
## [review] Gain and phase margin

They measure the degree of stability of a closed-loop system.

The gain margin (GM) is the factor by which the gain can be increased (or decreased in certain cases) before instability results.

The phase margin (PM) is the amount by which the phase of  $G(j\omega)$  exceeds  $-180^\circ$  when  $|KG(j\omega)| = 1$ .

gain and phase margin are a measure on how much the system is closer to the instability.



# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Control scheme and objectives

The goal of the present application is to design a feedback control system (regulator  $R(s)$ ) such that the spacecraft is rotated by a desired angle ( $\theta_r = r$ , reference angle) from an initial attitude angle ( $\theta_0 = 0$ ) at time  $t=t_0=0$ .

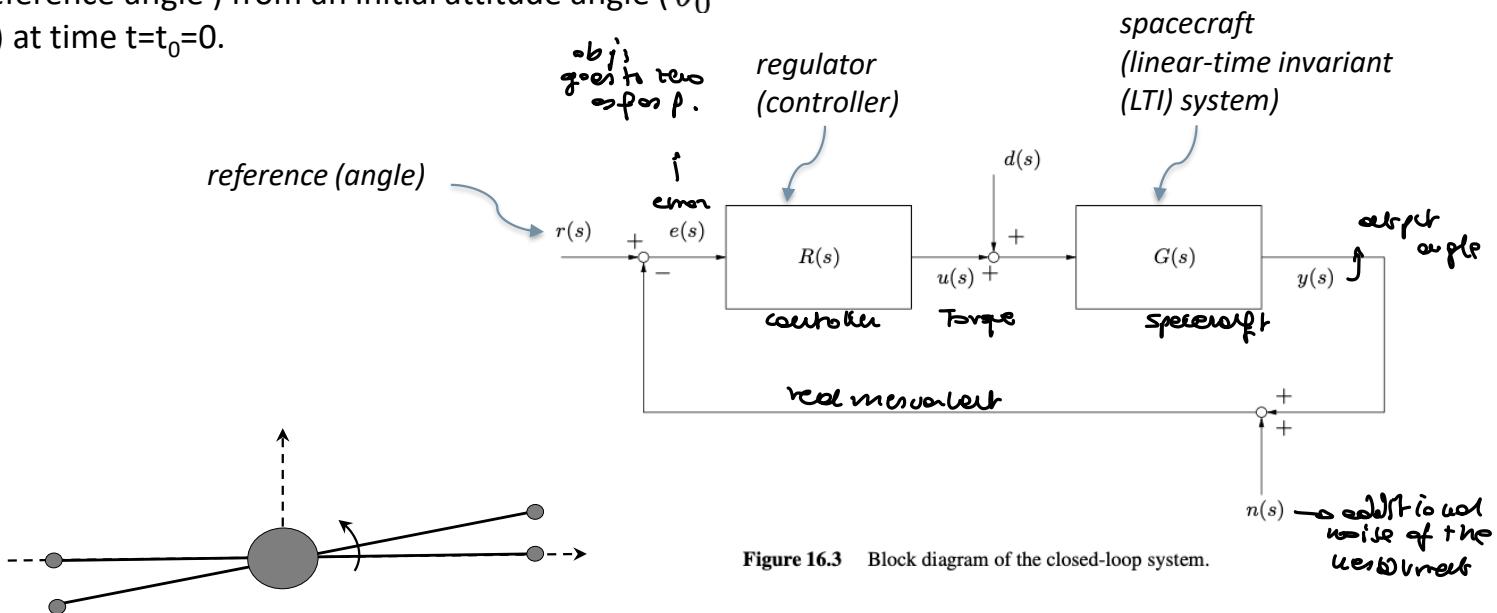


Figure 16.3 Block diagram of the closed-loop system.

# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Control scheme and objectives

Goals of the feedback control system:

- a) closed-loop stability
- b) reference tracking (with prescribed static and dynamic performance)
- c) capability of rejecting disturbance
- d) capability of rejecting measurement noise
- e) robustness against model uncertainties

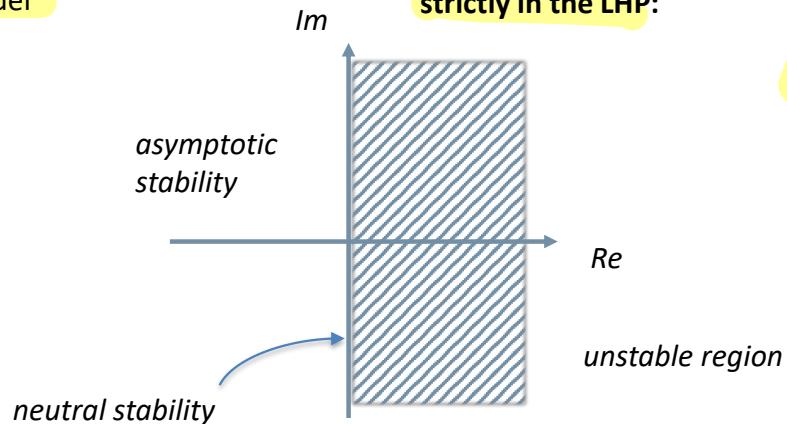
a) Stability

An LTI system whose transfer function is

$$G(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{\beta_0 + \beta_1 s + \beta_2 s^2 + \cdots + \beta_\nu s^\nu}{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 s + \alpha_2 s^2 + \cdots + \alpha_n s^n}$$

is stable if all the poles  $p_i$  (roots of  $D(s)$ ) are strictly in the LHP:

$$\text{Re}\{p_i\} < 0$$



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## LSAC – Control scheme and objectives

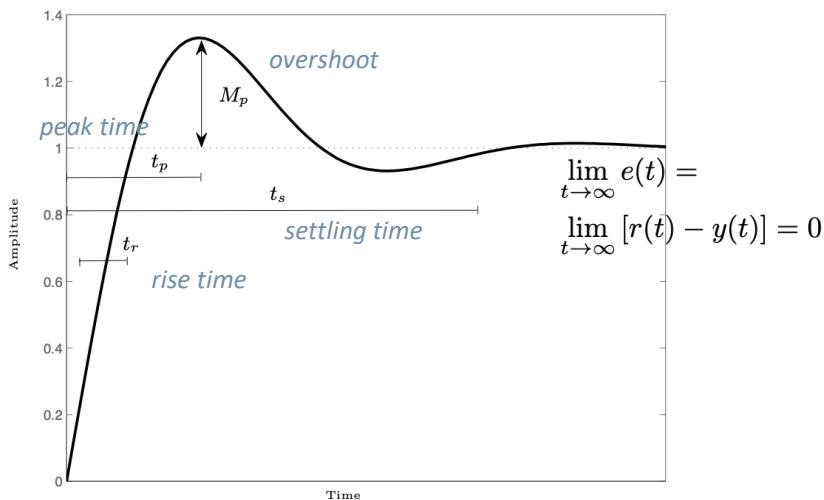
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### b) Reference tracking

Steady-state behavior (static requirements)

Transient behavior (dynamic requirements)



# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Control scheme and objectives

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- a) closed-loop stability
- b) reference tracking (with prescribed static and dynamic performance)
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- d) capability of rejecting measurement noise
- e) robustness against model uncertainties

c), d) **Rejection capabilities**

Good reference tracking is achieved when the system is subjected to disturbance forces.

Good reference tracking is achieved when the system is subjected to measurement noise.

e) **Robustness**

The design of the controller must be sufficiently robust against modeling errors and/or variation of the system parameters (not any perturbation of the system but those falling within some uncertainty margins)

# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Basic equations of control

$$u(s) = R(s)e(s)$$

$$e(s) = r(s) - [y(s) + n(s)]$$

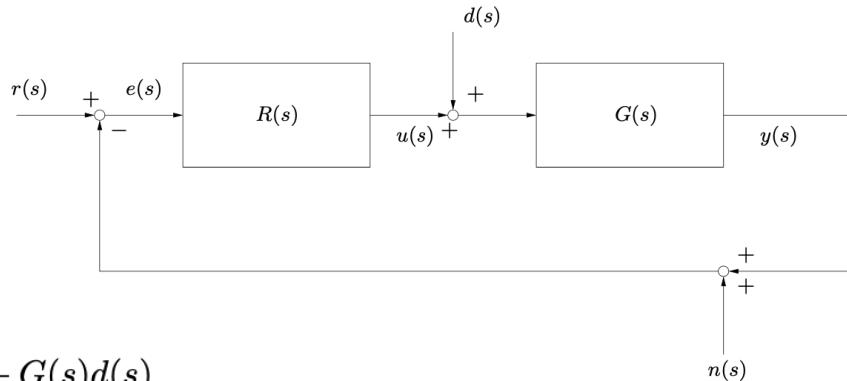
$$y(s) = G(s)R(s)e(s) + G(s)d(s)$$

$$= G(s)R(s)[r(s) - y(s) - n(s)] + G(s)d(s)$$

$$= \frac{R(s)G(s)}{1 + R(s)G(s)}r(s) - \frac{R(s)G(s)}{1 + R(s)G(s)}n(s) + \frac{G(s)}{1 + R(s)G(s)}d(s)$$

$$y(s) = \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)}r(s) + \frac{G(s)}{1 + L(s)}d(s) - \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)}n(s)$$

$\hookrightarrow$  output we want some design characteristic  $\rightarrow$  for example disturbance rejection.



**Loop transfer function**

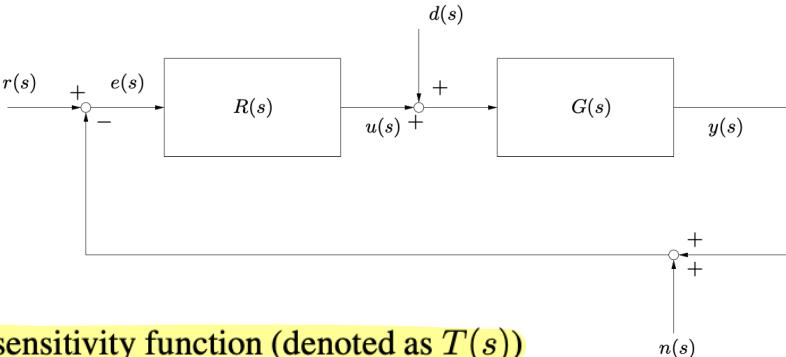
$$L(s) = R(s)G(s)$$

The objective is to have this stable

# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Basic equations of control

$$y(s) = \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} r(s) + \frac{G(s)}{1 + L(s)} d(s) - \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} n(s)$$



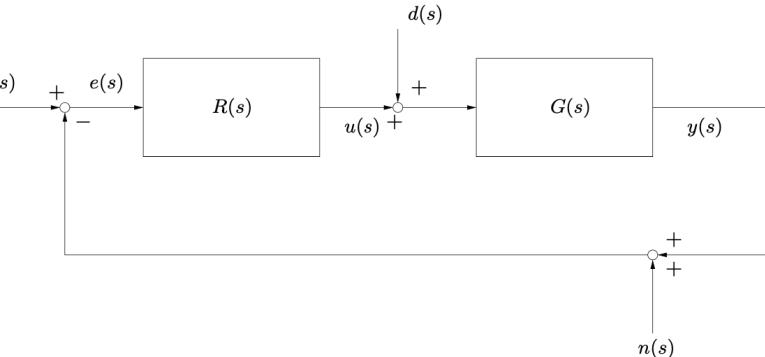
- $\frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)}$ , which is called complementary sensitivity function (denoted as  $T(s)$ )
- $\frac{G(s)}{1 + L(s)}$ , which is called disturbance sensitivity function
- $\frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)}$ , which is called noise sensitivity function
- $\frac{1}{1 + L(s)}$ , which is called sensitivity function (denoted as  $S(s)$ )

$$T(s) + S(s) = 1$$

# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Design guidelines

$$y(s) = \frac{L(s)}{1+L(s)}r(s) + \frac{G(s)}{1+L(s)}d(s) - \frac{L(s)}{1+L(s)}n(s)$$



### a) closed-loop stability

$$\text{Re}(\text{closed-loop poles}) < 0$$

closed-loop poles: roots of

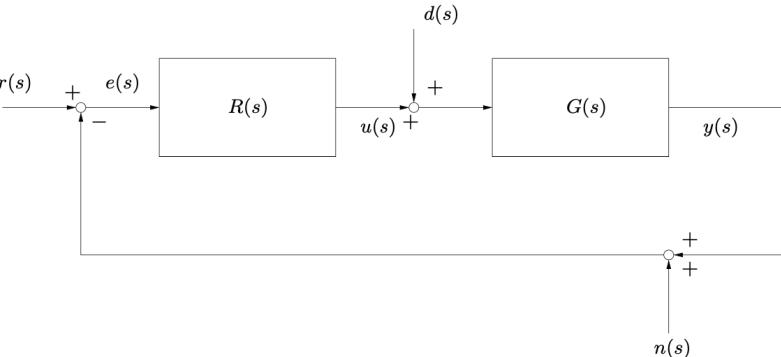
$$1 + L(s) = 0$$

(common denominator of the sensitivity functions of the system)

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## LSAC – Design guidelines

$$y(s) = \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} r(s) + \frac{G(s)}{1 + L(s)} d(s) - \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} n(s)$$

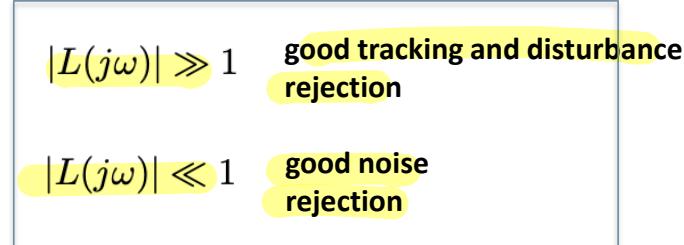


b),c),d) tracking and rejection capabilities

$$\frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{for reference tracking}$$

$$\frac{G(s)}{1 + L(s)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for disturbance rejection}$$

$$\frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for noise rejection}$$



They are incompatible!!!

(cannot be simultaneously met at all frequencies)  
but...

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## LSAC – Design guidelines

A satisfactory design can be generally achieved since the frequency content of the reference  $r(s)$  and disturbance  $d(s)$  is typically well separated from the frequency content of the measurement noise  $n(s)$ .

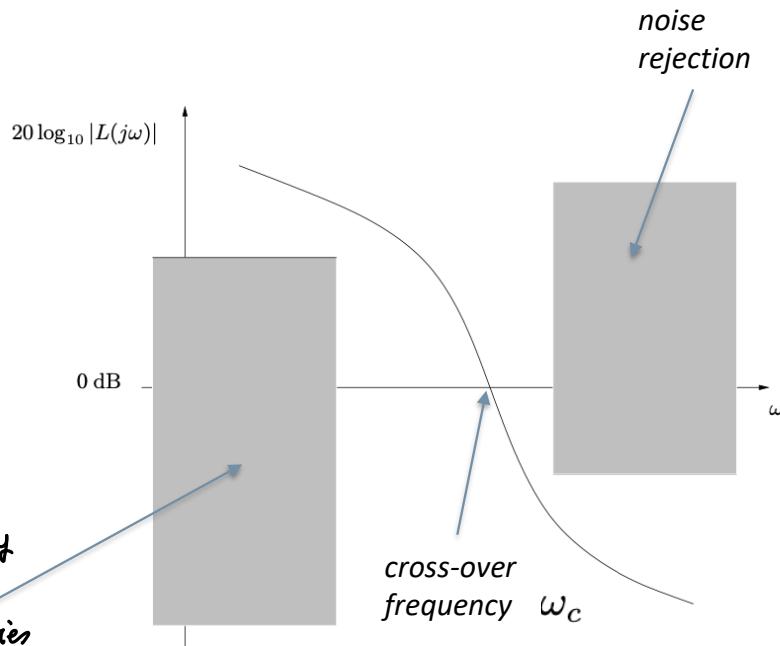
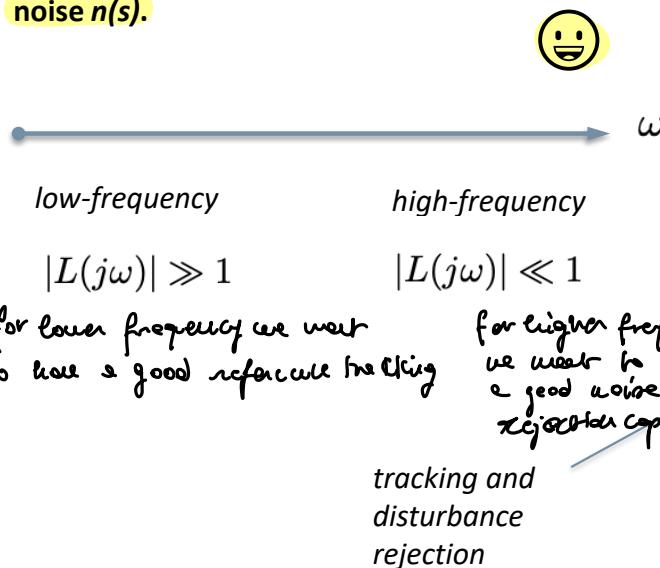


Figure 16.5 Example of desired shape of magnitude of the loop transfer function  $|L(j\omega)|$ .

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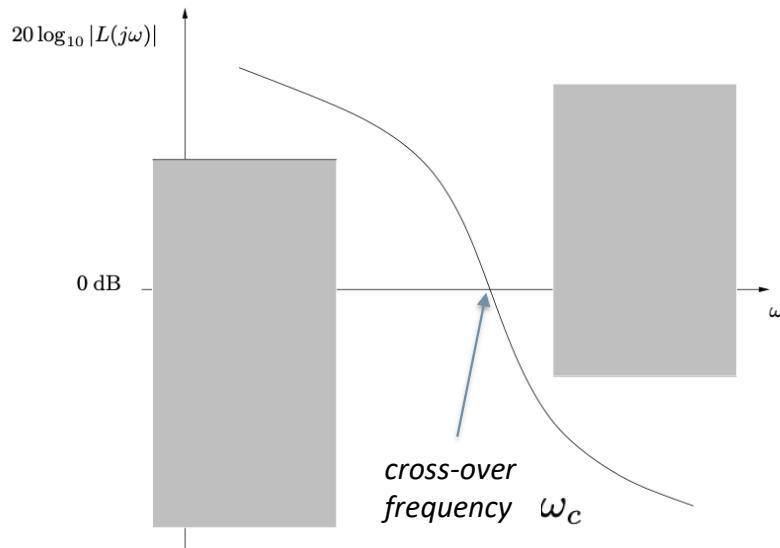
## LSAC – Design guidelines

$$|T(j\omega)| \approx \begin{cases} 1 & \omega \leq \omega_c \\ 0 & \omega > \omega_c \end{cases}$$

*low-pass filtering*

$$|S(j\omega)| \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \omega \leq \omega_c \\ 1 & \omega > \omega_c \end{cases}$$

*high-pass filtering*



**Figure 16.5** Example of desired shape of magnitude of the loop transfer function  $|L(j\omega)|$ .

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## LSAC – Design guidelines

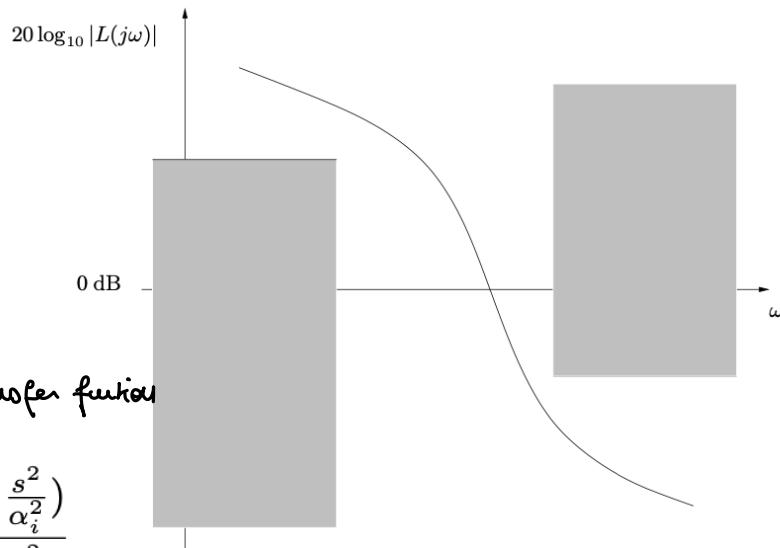
### Tracking capabilities - static requirements

(typically achieved by imposing a minimum slope of  $L(s)$  at  $s=0$ ):

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} se(s)$$

*steady-state error*

$$= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{1 + L(s)} r(s)$$



General form of  $L(s)$   $\rightarrow$  general representation of a transfer function

$$L(s) = \frac{\mu}{s^g} \frac{\prod_i (1 + s\tau_i)}{\prod_i (1 + sT_i)} \frac{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\zeta_i}{\alpha_i} s + \frac{s^2}{\alpha_i^2})}{\prod_i (1 + 2\frac{\xi_i}{\omega_i} s + \frac{s^2}{\omega_i^2})}$$

# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Design guidelines

**Step reference ( $r(s) = 1/s$ ):**

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{1 + L(s)} \frac{1}{s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + L(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} L(s)}$$

$$g = 0: \quad e_{ss} = \frac{1}{1 + \mu}$$

$g > 0: \quad e_{ss} = 0$

↳ get  $e_{ss} = 0$  for step reference  
↳ error  $\neq 0$  I can make  $\mu$  b/w to reduce  $e_{ss}$

**Ramp reference ( $r(s) = 1/s^2$ ):**

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{1 + L(s)} \frac{1}{s^2} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s + sL(s)} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{sL(s)}$$

$$g = 0: \quad e_{ss} = \infty \quad g = 1: \quad e_{ss} = \frac{1}{\mu} \quad g > 1: \quad e_{ss} = 0$$

# Review of classical control design

## LSAC – Design guidelines

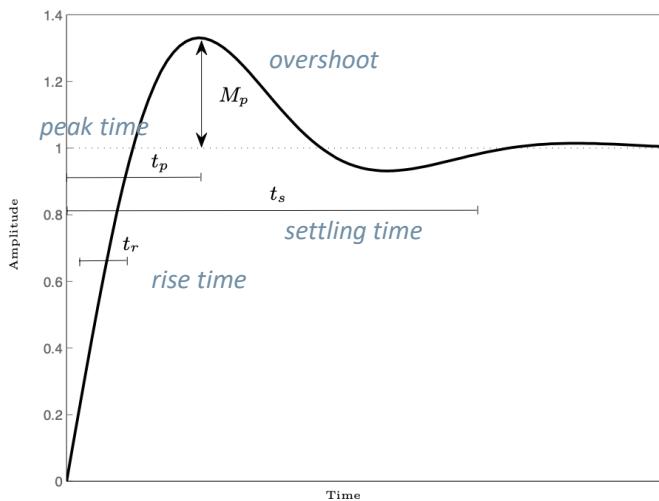
### Tracking capabilities - dynamics requirements

By referring to a step reference:

- prescribed maximum peak (rise) time
- prescribed maximum settling time
- prescribed maximum overshoot

Correspondence between the above transient characteristics and the **shaping of the loop function** (bandwidth, phase margin).

Correspondence between the above transient characteristics and the **location of the closed-loop zeros and poles**.

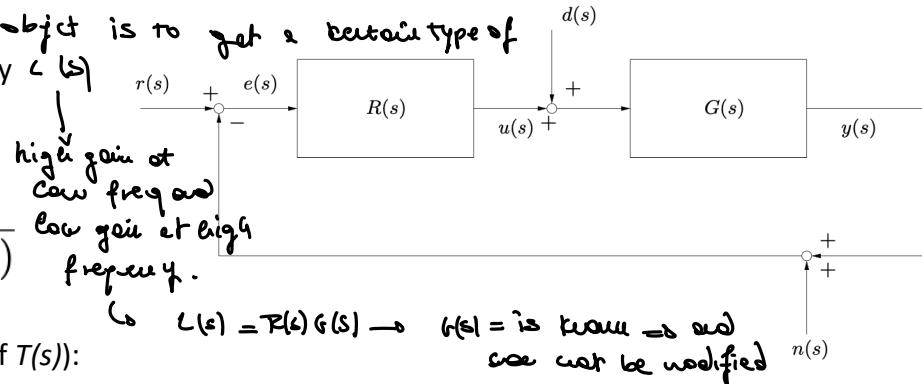


# Review of classical control design

## [review] Root locus

How to design  $R(s)$ ? The object is to get a certain type of  
Closed-loop transfer function (complementary  $C(s)$ )  
sensitivity function:

$$\frac{y(s)}{r(s)} = T(s) = \frac{R(s)G(s)}{1 + R(s)G(s)}$$



Characteristic equation (roots are the poles of  $T(s)$ ):

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

$R(s) \rightarrow$  where to put zero and pole of the regulators.

Let's study the roots of this equation as the gain  $k$  of the controller  $R(s)$  changes. The plot of all possible roots as  $k$  varies from zero to infinity is called root locus (positive values of  $k$ ).

Phase:  $\arg G(j\omega)$

# Review of classical control design

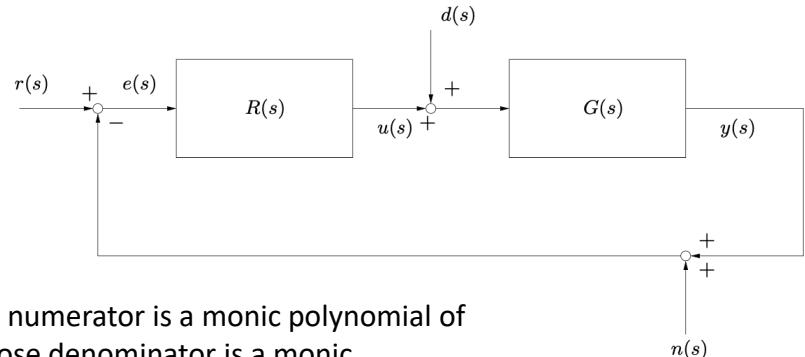
## [review] Root locus

Phase:  $\arg G(j\omega)$

$$T_c, T_d, \theta$$

$$L(s)$$

$$L(s) = \frac{b(s)}{a(s)}$$



rational transfer function whose numerator is a monic polynomial of degree  $b(s)$  of degree  $m$  and whose denominator is a monic polynomial  $a(s)$  of degree  $n$  such that  $n \geq m$

$$\begin{aligned} b(s) &= s^m + b_1 s^{m-1} + \cdots + b_m \\ &= (s - z_1)(s - z_2) \cdots (s - z_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m (s - z_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a(s) &= s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n (s - p_i). \end{aligned}$$

The roots of the characteristic equation are  $r_i$  from the factored form

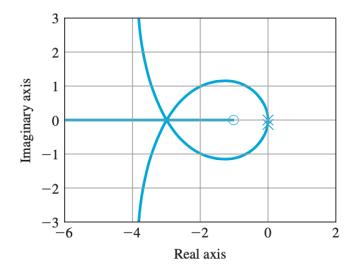
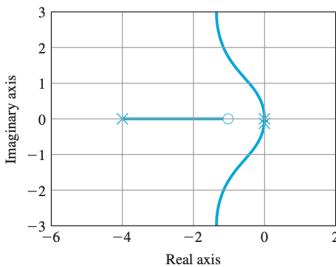
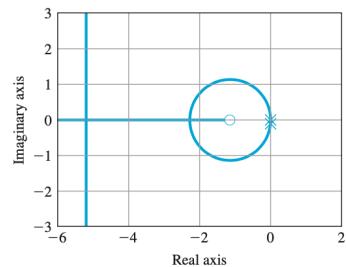
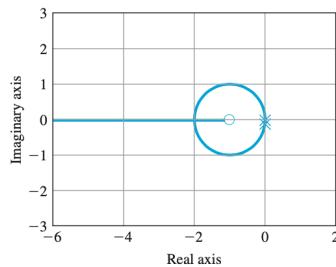
$$a(s) + kb(s) = \prod_{i=1}^n (s - r_i)$$

# Review of classical control design

## [review] Root locus

Because the solutions to  $a(s) + kb(s) = 0$

are the roots of the closed-loop system characteristic equation and are thus closed-loop poles of the system, the root-locus method can be thought of as a method for inferring dynamic properties of the closed-loop system as the parameter  $k$  changes.



# Review of classical control design

## [review] Root locus

There are some rules to construct a root locus...

RULE 1. The  $n$  branches of the locus start at the poles of  $L(s)$  and  $m$  branches end on the zeros of  $L(s)$ .

RULE 2. The loci are on the real axis to the left of an odd number of poles and zeros.

RULE 3. [...]

RULE 4. [...]

RULE 5. [...]

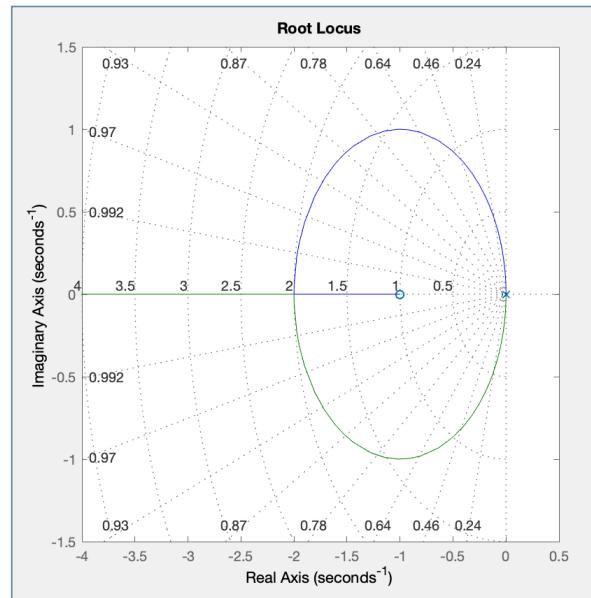
MATLAB is your best friend....



L'AR! I went to remember how to do that by hand

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s=tf('s');  
sys=(s+1)/s^2;  
rlocus(sys);
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THIS IS A WORKING



# Review of classical control design

## Outline of control systems design

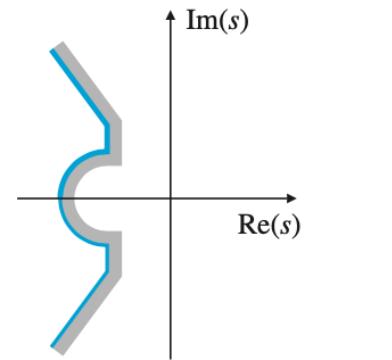
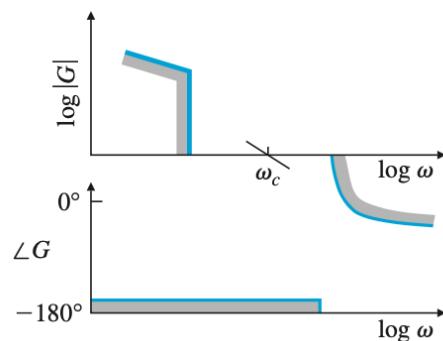
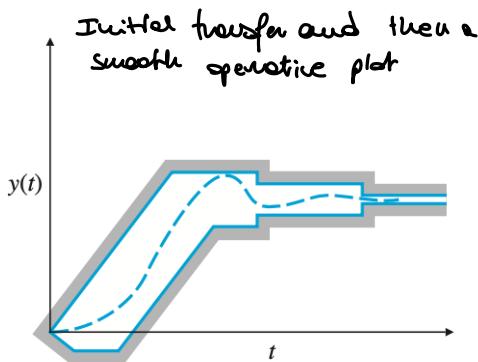
Summary of control design steps (approximation of good practice):

1. understand the process and its performance requirements
2. select type and number of sensors
3. select type and number of actuators
4. build a (linear) dynamic model of the system
5. try first with a simple control design (P, PD, PID, lead-lag compensators)
6. simulate the design including nonlinearities, additional dynamics, noise, parameter variations
7. consider modifying the plant and the control system (refined regulators, advanced control design techniques,...) to satisfy the requirements and optimize the performance

# Review of classical control design

## Outline of control systems design

Step 1 – understand the process and its performance requirements



# Review of classical control design

## Outline of control systems design

Step 2 – select type and number of sensors

→ choosing the best option to get what we want

consider which variables are important to control and  
which variables can physically be measured

↳ select proper sensors to understand the  
characteristic of the system → sometimes  
one sensor could be better than a different  
sensor.

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Number of sensors and locations:	Select minimum required number of sensors and their optimal locations
Technology:	Electric or magnetic, mechanical, electromechanical, electro-optical, piezoelectric
Functional performance:	Linearity, bias, accuracy, bandwidth, resolution, dynamic range, noise
Physical properties:	Weight, size, strength
Quality factors:	Reliability, durability, maintainability
Cost:	Expense, availability, facilities for testing and maintenance

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# Review of classical control design

## Outline of control systems design

### Step 3 – select type and number of actuators

in order to control a dynamic system,  
(obviously) you must be able to influence the response

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Number of actuators and locations:	Select minimum required actuators and their optimal locations
Technology:	Electric, hydraulic, pneumatic, thermal, other
Functional performance:	Maximum force possible, extent of the linear range, maximum speed possible, power, efficiency, etc.
Physical properties:	Weight, size, strength
Quality factors:	Reliability, durability, maintainability
Cost:	Expense, availability, facilities for testing and maintenance

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# Review of classical control design

## Outline of control systems design

Step 4 – build a (linear) dynamic model of the system

- take the best choice for process, actuator and sensor;
- identify the equilibrium point of interest;
- construct a small-signal dynamic model valid over the range of frequencies included in the specifications of Step 1

*linear dynamic  
model*

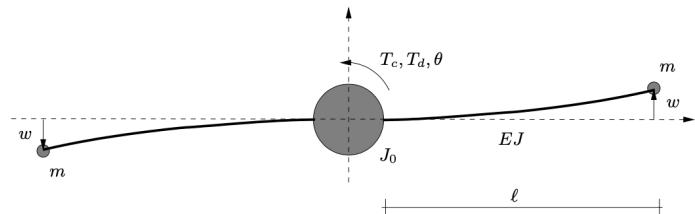
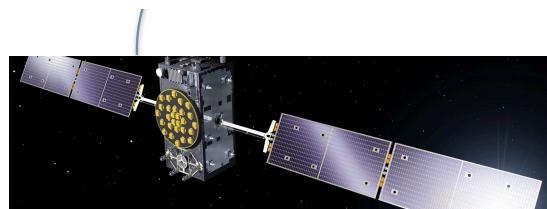


Figure 16.1 A simplified spacecraft rotating about a single axis.

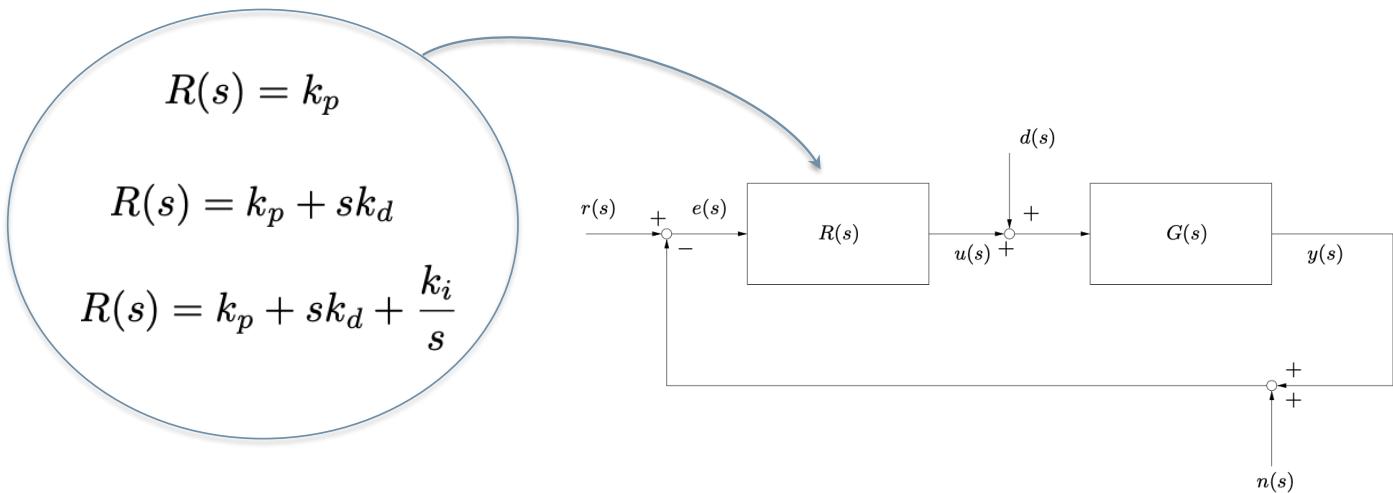


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## Outline of control systems design

Step 5 – try first with a simple control design (P, PD, PID, lead-lag compensators)

try to meet the specifications with a simple controller of lead-lag variety  
including integral action if steady-state error response requires it

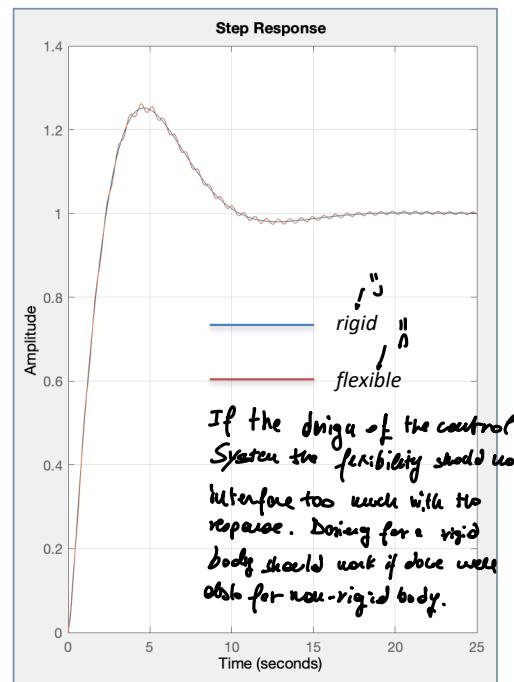


# Review of classical control design

## Outline of control systems design

Step 6 – simulate the design including nonlinearities, additional dynamics, noise, parameter variations

based on the simple control design,  
evaluate the source of the undesirable characteristics  
of the system performance  
(for example, you might find vibrational modes that prevent  
the design from meeting the initial specifications)



## Review of classical control design

## Outline of control systems design

Step 7 – consider *modifying the plant* and the control system

(refined regulators, advanced control design techniques,...)  
to satisfy the requirements and optimize the performance

it is important to consider all parts of the design

(type and location of sensors, type and location of actuators,...)  
not only the control logic

if trial-and-error compensators do not give entirely satisfactory performance

consider a design based on advanced control techniques

(we'll discuss this later on)

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## Outline of control systems design

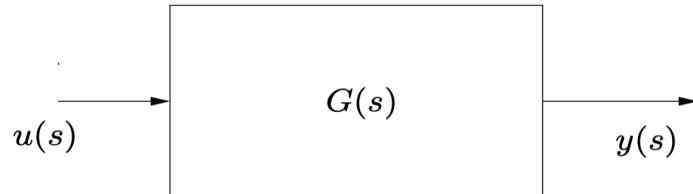
Some remarks on step 7.

- In many cases, **proper plant modifications** can provide additional damping or increase in stiffness, change in mode shapes, reduction of system response to disturbances, reduction of Coulomb friction, ...
- The usual approach of designing the system and “throwing it over the fence” to the control group has proved to be inefficient and flawed.
- A better approach that is gaining momentum is to **get the control engineer involved from the onset of a project** to provide early feedback on whether or not it is difficult to control the system. The control engineer can provide valuable feedback on the choice of actuators and sensors and can even suggest modifications to the plant.
- It is often much more efficient to **change the plant design while it is on the drawing board** before “any metal has been bent.” Closed-loop performance studies can then be performed on a simple model of the system early on.
- Implicit in the process of design is the well-known fact that **designs within a given category often draw on experience gained from earlier models**. Thus, good designs evolve rather than appear in their best form after the first pass.

# Review of classical control design

## Generalized input-output models

Classical input-output model:



where

$y(s)$  is the **system (sensor) output**

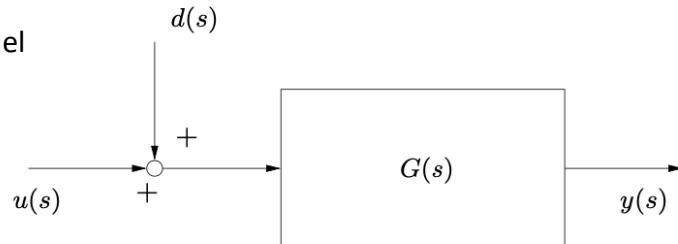
$u(s)$  is the **control (actuator) input**

$G(s)$  is the **system (open-loop) transfer function** (from control input to sensor output)

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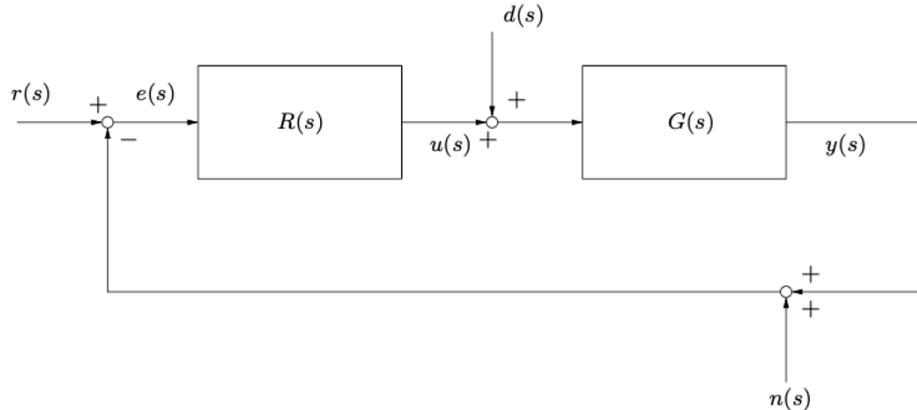
## Generalized input-output models

Classical input-output model  
including disturbance:



where  $y(s)$  is the **disturbance**

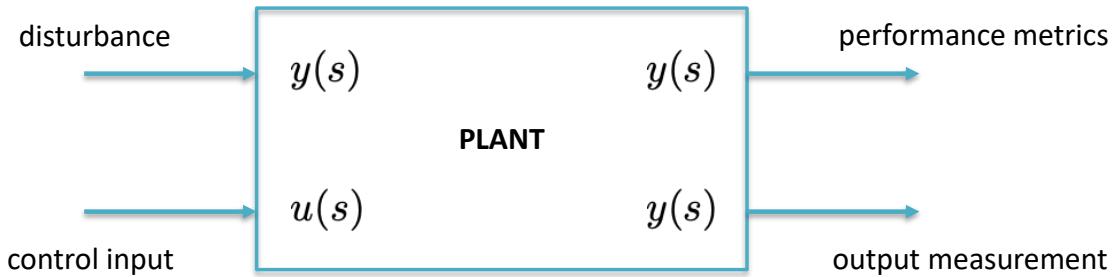
Classical input-output model  
including feedback control:



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## Generalized input-output models

Generalized input-output model:



Four open-loop transfer functions:

$$G_{yu}(s)$$

$$G_{yd}(s)$$

$$G_{zu}(s)$$

$$G_{zd}(s)$$

$$y(s) = G_{yu}(s)u(s) + G_{yd}(s)d(s)$$

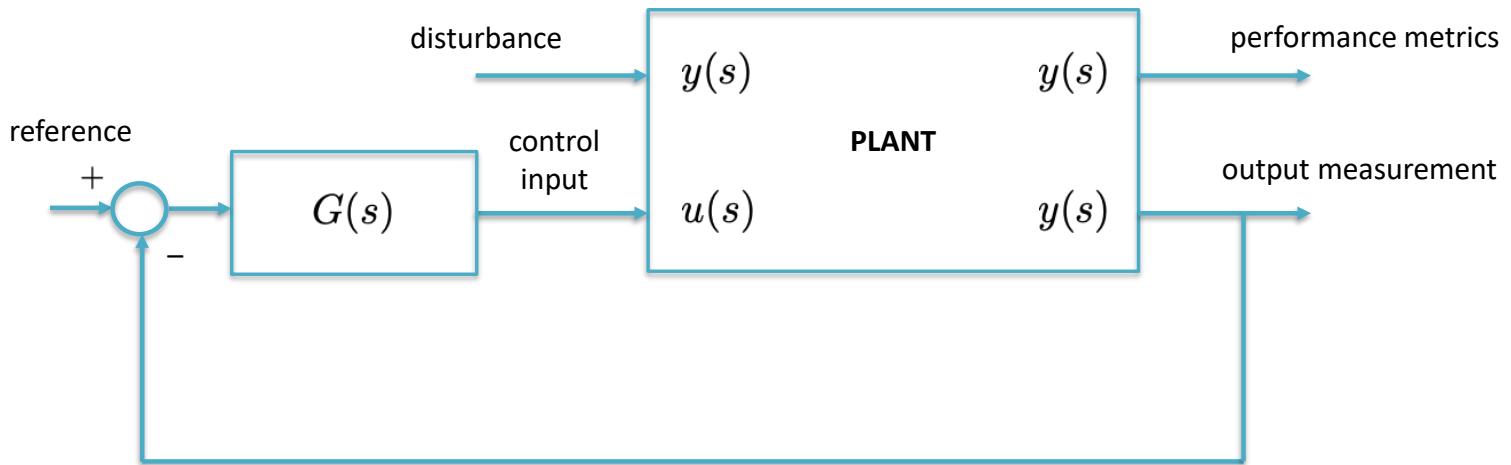
$$N(s) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu \text{ roots} - \text{zeros } z_i$$

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## Generalized input-output models

Generalized input-output model

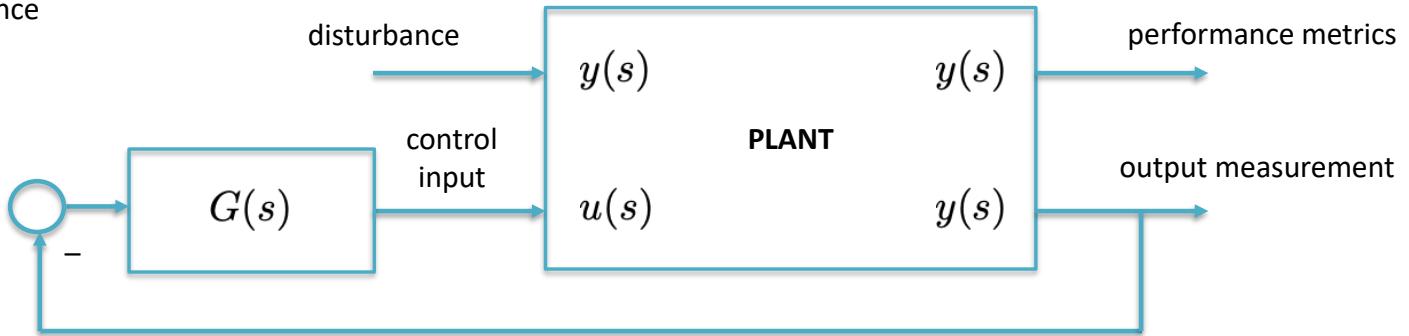
with feedback control:



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## Generalized input-output models

Generalized input-output model  
with feedback control – null  
reference



$$y(s) = [1 + R(s)G_{yu}(s)]^{-1} G_{yd}(s)d(s)$$

$$u(s) = -R(s)y(s)$$

$$z(s) = \left[ G_{zd}(s) - R(s)G_{zu}(s) [1 + R(s)G_{yu}(s)]^{-1} \right] d(s)$$