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Robust Control with Classical Methods – QFT

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- Review of the classical Bode-Nichols control problem
- QFT in the basic Single Input Single Output (SISO) case
- Uncertainty and Fundamental Design Limitations
- QFT for non-minimum phase and computer controlled systems
- QFT for cascaded systems, and for a class of non-linear plants
- QFT for Multi-Input Multi-Output (MIMO) plants
- A comparison between QFT and other robust and adaptive control

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Fundamental Design Limitations – a simplistic view

- **Stability**
 - The Nyquist stability criterion
 - Phase margin
- **Sensitivity and complementary sensitivity**
- **Bode's gain-phase relationship**
- **Bode's integral theorem**
- **Unstable poles**
- **RHP zeros and delay**
- **Exercise**
- **Example**

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The Nyquist stability criterion

Open loop $L(s) = P(s)G(s)$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta \arg(1+L(s)) = P_c - P_o$$

P_c = number of closed loop unstable poles
 P_o = number of open loop unstable poles

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Phase margin

Unstable

\Rightarrow in the cross-over frequency region: $\arg(L(j\omega)) \gtrsim -150^\circ$

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Sensitivity & complementary sensitivity

• Resolution: frequency separation

$|S|$ small for low frequencies
 $|S|$ small for high frequencies

$$Y = \frac{1}{1+PG} D + \frac{FPG}{1+PG} R - \frac{PG}{1+PG} N$$

$$Y = SD + FSR - SN, \quad S + \bar{S} = 1$$

• Desired: $|S|$ small and $|\bar{S}|$ small

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Sensitivity and complementary sensitivity

Bode Diagram

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Bode's gain-phase relationship

- Assume that $L(s)$ has no poles or zeros in the RHP, and $L(s) > 0$

$$\arg L(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d \log |L(j\lambda)|}{d \lambda} \log \coth \frac{\lambda}{2} d \lambda \quad \text{where } \lambda = \log \frac{\omega}{\omega_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg L(j\omega) \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{d \log |L(j\omega)|}{d \log \omega}$$

$1/s$	-20 dB/dec	-90°
$1/s^2$	-40 dB/dec	-180°

• So, for desired ϕ_m :
in cross-over frequency region,
 $L(s) \approx 1/s^{3/2}$
 $\approx -135^\circ, -30\text{dB/dec}$
Limited roll-off

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More about sensitivity and stability

- Recall: $S = \frac{1}{1+L}$; $\bar{S} = \frac{L}{1+L}$
- Show that $S = \frac{d\bar{S}}{dL} / \frac{dL}{L}$
- Of greater design interest is $\frac{\Delta(\bar{S})}{\Delta(L)}$
- Let $L(s) = L_{\text{nom}}(s) + \Delta(s)$
 $\Delta(s)$ = additive unstructured uncertainty
 $|\Delta(s)| < q(s)$
- Closed loop stability margin
 $\Rightarrow |1 + L_{\text{nom}}(j\omega)| > q(\omega) + m(\omega)$

$$|S_{\text{nom}}(j\omega)| = \left| \frac{1}{1 + L_{\text{nom}}(j\omega)} \right| < \frac{1}{q(\omega) + m(\omega)}$$

- Is it possible to make $|S|$ arbitrarily small?

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Bode's integral theorem

$$\int_0^\infty \ln |S(j\omega)| d\omega = \pi \sum_i p_i$$

where $\{p_i\}$ are all unstable pole locations of $L(s)$.

- Water bed effect:
 $\exists \omega \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ for which $|S(j\omega)| > 0\text{dB}$
- Stable controller $G(s)$ preferable.
- Horowitz: "optimal" sensitivity design, by double resonance/NMP in $G(s)$. See e.g Nordin and Gutman, ECC, 1995.
- Active vibration damping.

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Bode's integral theorem, cont'd

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Unstable $P(s)$

- ... sensitivity constraint.
- minimum open loop gain constraint to achieve closed loop stability:
 $\omega_c \geq \omega_{c_crit}$ or $k \geq k_{crit}$
- Example 1: Root locus
- Example 2: Nichols chart

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Unstable $P(s)$, cont'd

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Non-minimum phase plants

- with RHP zero(s)
- delay $e^{-\tau s}$
- one RHP zero step response
- maximum open loop gain constraint to achieve closed loop stability:
 $\omega_c \leq \omega_{c_crit}$ or $k \leq k_{crit}$

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Non-minimum phase plants, cont'd

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Right half plane zero

- Let $P(s) = P_m(s) A(s)$,
- $A(s) = (a-s)/(a+s)$, $|A(s)|=1$, all-pass,
- $P(s)$ stable, minimum phase.
- Roll-off given by $G(s) P_m(s)$, reasonable to have around $\omega_c \approx -20$ dB/dec $\Rightarrow \arg \approx -90$ deg.
- Desired $\phi_m \geq 35$ deg $\Rightarrow \arg(A(j\omega_c)) < 55$ deg \Rightarrow

$\omega_c < a/2$

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Delay

$$e^{-\tau s} \approx \frac{1 - \frac{\tau}{2}s}{1 + \frac{\tau}{2}s}$$

i.e. there is a RHP zero at $(2/\tau)$. Hence

$\omega_c < 1/\tau$ [rad/s]

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Exercise

- Find a stabilizing controller for each one of the plants, respectively, whose pole-zero maps are depicted.

- Implications, in particular for plants with uncertainty?
- "Pole-zero interlacing property"
- "Strict stabilizability"

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Example

$d = A \sin(\omega_0 t) + \text{steps}$

P has no integrator $10/P(j\omega_0)$

- Spec: $|y(t)| < A/10$ in steady state (1) minimal control energy (2)
- (2) $\Rightarrow |S(j\omega)G(j\omega)|$ as small as possible $\Rightarrow |G(j\omega)|$ as small as possible.
- (1) $\Rightarrow |S(j\omega_0)| < 0.1 \Rightarrow$

$|P(j\omega_0)G(j\omega_0)| \gg 10$

- Cf. active vibration control
- Note: not a notch filter

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