STABILITY ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

4.1: Bilinear transformation

- Three main aspects to control-system design:
 - 1. Stability,
 - 2. Steady-state response,
 - 3. Transient response.
- Here, we look at determining system stability using various methods.

DEFINITION: A system is BIBO stable iff a bounded input produces a bounded output.

Check by first writing system input-output relationship as

$$Y(z) = \frac{G(z)}{1 + \overline{GH}(z)} R(z) = \frac{K \prod^{m} (z - z_i)}{\prod^{n} (z - p_i)} R(z).$$

Assume for now that all the poles {*p_i*} are distinct and different from the poles in *R*(*z*). Then,

$$Y(z) = \underbrace{\frac{k_1 z}{z - p_1} + \dots + \frac{k_n z}{z - p_n}}_{\text{Response to initial conditions}} + \underbrace{\frac{Y_R(z)}{Response \text{ to } R(z)}}_{\text{Response to } R(z)}$$

If the system is stable, the response to initial conditions must decay to zero as time progresses.

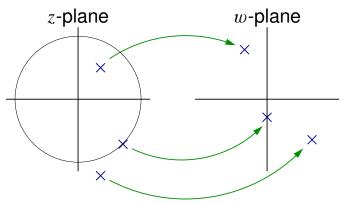
$$\mathcal{Z}^{-1}\left[\frac{k_i z}{z-p_i}\right] = k_i (p_i)^k \mathbb{1}[k].$$

So, the system is stable if $|p_i| < 1$.

- { p_i } are the roots of $1 + \overline{GH}(z) = 0$. So, the roots of $1 + \overline{GH}(z) = 0$ must lie within the unit circle of the *z*-plane.
 - Same result even if poles are repeated, but harder to show.
- If the magnitude of a pole |p_i| = 1, then the system is marginally stable. The unforced response does not decay to zero but also does not increase to ∞. *However*, it is possible to drive the system with a bounded input and have the output go to ∞. Therefore, a marginally stable system is *unstable*.

Bilinear transformation

- The stability criteria for a discrete-time system is that all its poles lie within the unit circle on the *z*-plane.
- Stability criteria for cts.-time systems is that the poles be in the LHP.
 - Simple tool to test for continuous-time stability—Routh test.
- Can we use the Routh test to determine stability of a discrete-time system (either directly or indirectly)?
- To use the Routh test, we need to do a *z*-plane to *s*-plane conversion that retains stability information. The *s*-plane version of the *z*-plane system does NOT need to correspond in any other way.
- That is,
 - The frequency responses may be different
 - The step responses may be different . . .



- Since only stability properties are maintained by the transform, it is not accurate to label the destination plane the *s*-plane. It is often called the *w*-plane, and the transformation between the *z*-plane and the *w*-plane is called *the w*-*Transform*.
- A transform that satisfies these requirements is the bilinear transform. Recall:

$$H(w) = H(z)|_{z = \frac{1 + (T/2)w}{1 - (T/2)w}}$$
 and $H(z) = H(w)|_{w = \frac{2}{T} \frac{z-1}{z+1}}$.

- Three things to check:
 - 1. Unit circle in *z*-plane $\mapsto j\omega$ -axis in *w*-plane.
 - 2. Inside unit circle in *z*-plane \mapsto LHP in *w*-plane.
 - 3. Outside unit circle in *z*-plane \mapsto RHP in *w*-plane.
- If true,
 - 1. Take $H(z) \mapsto H(w)$ via the bilinear transform.
 - 2. Perform Routh test on H(w).

CHECK: Let $z = re^{j\omega T}$. Then, z is on the unit circle if r = 1, z is inside the unit circle if |r| < 1 and z is outside the unit circle if |r| > 1.

$$z = re^{j\omega T}$$
$$w = \frac{2}{T} \frac{z-1}{z+1} \Big|_{z=re^{j\omega T}} = \frac{2}{T} \frac{re^{j\omega T}-1}{re^{j\omega T}+1}.$$

• Expand $e^{j\omega T} = \cos(\omega T) + j\sin(\omega T)$ and use the shorthand $c \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \cos(\omega T)$ and $s \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sin(\omega T)$. Also note that $s^2 + c^2 = 1$. $w = \frac{2}{T} \left[\frac{rc + jrs - 1}{rc + jrs + 1} \right]$ ECE4540/5540, STABILITY ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left[\frac{(rc-1)+jrs}{(rc+1)+jrs} \right] \left[\frac{(rc+1)-jrs}{(rc+1)-jrs} \right]$$
$$= \frac{2}{T} \left[\frac{(r^2c^2-1)+j(rs)(rc+1)-j(rs)(rc-1)+r^2s^2}{(rc+1)^2+(rs)^2} \right]$$
$$= \frac{2}{T} \left[\frac{r^2-1}{r^2+2rc+1} \right] + j\frac{2}{T} \left[\frac{2rs}{r^2+2rc+1} \right].$$

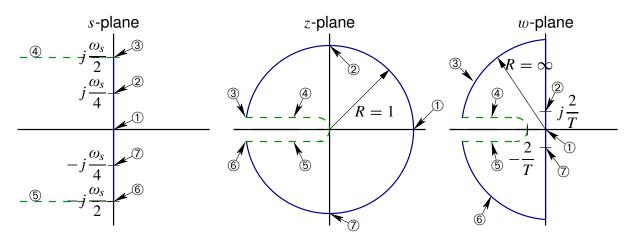
Notice that the real part of w is 0 when r = 1 (w is on the imaginary axis), the real part of w is negative when |r| < 1 (w in LHP), and that the real part of w is positive when |r| > 1 (w in RHP). Therefore, the bilinear transformation does exactly what we want.

• When r = 1,

$$w = j\frac{2}{T}\frac{2\sin(\omega T)}{2 + 2\cos(\omega T)} = j\frac{2}{T}\tan\left(\frac{\omega T}{2}\right),$$

which will be useful to know.

The following diagram summarizes the relationship between the s-plane, z-plane, and w-plane:



4.2: Discrete-time stability via Routh–Hurwitz test

Review of Routh test.

Let
$$H(w) = \frac{b(w)}{a(w)} \dots a(w)$$
 is the characteristic polynomial.
 $a(w) = a_n w^n + a_{n-1} w^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 w + a_0.$

- Case 0: If any of the a_n are negative then the system is unstable (unless *ALL* are negative).
- Case 1: Form Routh array:

$$b_1 = \frac{-1}{a_{n-1}} \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-1} & a_{n-3} \end{vmatrix} \qquad b_2 = \frac{-1}{a_{n-1}} \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n-4} \\ a_{n-1} & a_{n-5} \end{vmatrix} \qquad \cdots$$

$$c_1 = \frac{-1}{b_1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-3} \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \qquad c_2 = \frac{-1}{b_1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-5} \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \qquad \cdots$$

TEST: Number of RHP roots = number of sign changes in left column.

- Case 2: If one of the left column entries is zero, replace it with ϵ as $\epsilon \to 0$.
- Case 3: Suppose an entire row of the Routh array is zero, the w^{i-1} th row. The w^i th row, right above it, has coefficients $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots$

Then, form the auxiliary equation:

$$\alpha_1 w^i + \alpha_2 w^{i-2} + \alpha_3 w^{i-4} + \dots = 0.$$

This equation is a factor of the characteristic equation and must be tested for RHP roots (it *WILL* have non-LHP roots—we might want to know how many are RHP).

EXAMPLE: Consider:

$$r(t) \xrightarrow{+} K \xrightarrow{1 - e^{-sT}} 1 \xrightarrow{s(s+1)} y(t)$$

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{1 - e^{-Ts}}{s}\right) \left(\frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right).$$

• From *z*-transform tables:

$$G(z) = \left(\frac{z-1}{z}\right) \mathcal{Z}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)}\right]$$
$$= \left(\frac{z-1}{z}\right) \left(\frac{(e^{-T}+T-1)z^2 + (1-e^{-T}-Te^{-T})z}{(z-1)^2(z-e^{-T})}\right)$$

Let T = 0.1 s.

$$=\frac{0.00484z+0.00468}{(z-1)(z-0.905)}$$

Perform the bilinear transform

$$G(w) = G(z)|_{z = \frac{1 + (T/2)w}{1 - (T/2)w}}$$

= $G(z)|_{z = \frac{1 + 0.05w}{1 - 0.05w}}$
= $\frac{-0.00016w^2 - 0.1872w + 3.81}{3.81w^2 + 3.80w}$

The characteristic equation is:

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 = 1 + KG(w) \\ \text{(system)} \\ = (3.81 - 0.00016K)w^2 + (3.80 - 0.1872K)w + 3.81K. \\ \hline w^2 & (3.81 - 0.00016K) & 3.81K \\ \hline w^1 & (3.80 - 0.1872K) \\ \hline w^0 & 3.81K \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} K < 23,813 \\ K < K < 20.3 \\ \hline K > 0 \end{array}$$

• So, for stability, 0 < K < 20.3.

NOTE: The "equivalent" continuous-time system is:

$$r(t) \xrightarrow{+} K \xrightarrow{1} y(t)$$
$$T(s) = \frac{KG(s)}{1 + KG(s)}.$$

• Characteristic equation: s(s + 1) + K = 0.

$$\begin{vmatrix} s^2 \\ s^1 \\ s^0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ K \\ K \end{vmatrix}$$

• Stable for all K > 0 we sample and hold destabilizes the system.

EXAMPLE: Let's do the same example, but with T = 1 s (not 0.1 s).

(math happens)

$$0 = 1 + KG(w)$$

= $(1 - 0.0381K)w^{2} + (0.924 - 0.86K)w + 0.924K$.
$$w^{2} | (1 - 0.0381K) \quad 0.924K \quad \clubsuit \quad K < 26.2$$

$$w^{1} | (0.924 - 0.386K) \quad \And \quad K < 2.39$$

$$w^{0} | \quad 0.924K \quad \And \quad K > 0$$

- So, for stability, 0 < K < 2.39.
- This is a much more restrictive range than when T = 0.1 s is slow sampling really destabilizes a system.

4.3: Jury's stability test

- $H(z) \mapsto H(w) \mapsto$ Routh is complicated and error-prone.
- Jury made a direct test on H(z) for stability.
- Disadvantage (?) ... another test to learn.
- Let $T(z) = \frac{b(z)}{a(z)}$, a(z) = "characteristic polynomial."

•
$$a(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0 = 0, \qquad a_n > 0.$$

Form <u>Jury array</u>:

z^0	z^1	z^2	•••	z^{n-k}	•••	z^{n-1}	z^n
a_0	a_1	a_2	•••	a_{n-k}	•••	a_{n-1}	a_n
a_n	a_{n-1}	a_{n-2}	•••	a_k	•••	a_1	a_0
b_0	b_1	b_2	•••	b_{n-k}	•••	b_{n-1}	
b_{n-1}	b_{n-2}	b_{n-3}	•••	b_{k-1}	•••	b_0	
c_0	c_1	<i>c</i> ₂	•••	C_{n-k}	•••		
c_{n-2}	C_{n-3}	c_{n-4}	•••	c_{k-2}	•••		
•	• •	•		• •			
l_0	l_1	l_2	l_3				
l_3	l_2	l_1	l_0				
m_0	m_1	m_2					

Quite different from Routh array.

- Every row is duplicated ... in reverse order.
- Final row in table has three entries (always).
- Elements are calculated differently.

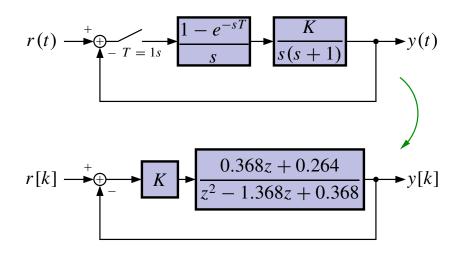
$$b_{k} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{0} & a_{n-k} \\ a_{n} & a_{k} \end{vmatrix} \quad c_{k} = \begin{vmatrix} b_{0} & b_{n-1-k} \\ b_{n-1} & b_{k} \end{vmatrix} \quad d_{k} = \begin{vmatrix} c_{0} & c_{n-2-k} \\ c_{n-2} & c_{k} \end{vmatrix}$$

• Stability criteria is different.

$$\begin{aligned} a(z)|_{z=1} &> 0 \\ (-1)^n a(z)|_{z=-1} &> 0 \\ &|a_0| < a_n \\ &|b_0| > |b_{n-1}| \\ &|c_0| > |c_{n-2}| \\ &|d_0| > |d_{n-3}| \\ &\vdots \\ &|m_0| > |m_2| \,. \end{aligned}$$

- First, check that a(1) > 0, $(-1)^n a(-1) > 0$ and $|a_0| < a_n$. (relatively few calculations). If not satisfied, *stop*.
- Next, construct array. Stop if any condition not satisfied.

EXAMPLE:



Characteristic equation:

$$0 = 1 + KG(z) = 1 + K\frac{(0.368z + 0.264)}{z^2 - 1.368z + 0.368}$$

$$= z^{2} + (0.368K - 1.368)z + (0.368 + 0.264K).$$

The Jury array is:

$$\frac{z^0}{0.368 + 0.264K} = \frac{z^1}{0.368K - 1.368} = \frac{z^2}{1}$$

• The constraint a(1) > 0 yields

 $1 + 0.368K - 1.368 + 0.368 + 0.264K = 0.632K > 0 \quad \clubsuit \quad K > 0.$

• The constraint $(-1)^2 a(-1) > 0$ yields

 $1 - 0.368K + 1.368 + 0.368 + 0.264K = -0.104K + 2.736 > 0 \quad \clubsuit \quad K < 26.3.$

• The constraint $|a_0| < a_2$ yields

$$0.368 + 0.264K < 1 \quad \implies \quad K < \frac{0.632}{0.264} = 2.39.$$

• So, 0 < K < 2.39. (Same result as on pg. 4–8 using bilinear rule.)

EXAMPLE: Suppose that the characteristic equation for a closed-loop discrete-time system is given by the expression:

$$a(z) = z^3 - 1.8z^2 + 1.05z - 0.20 = 0.$$

- $\bullet a(1) = 1 1.8 + 1.05 0.2 = 0.05 > 0 \qquad \checkmark$
- $(-1)^3 a(-1) = -[-1 1.8 1.05 0.2] > 0$
- $|a_0| = 0.2 < a_3 = 1$
- Jury array:

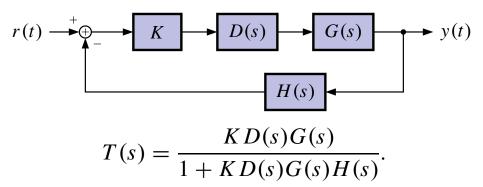
$$b_{0} = \begin{vmatrix} -0.2 & 1 \\ 1 & -0.2 \end{vmatrix} = -0.96 \quad b_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} -0.2 & -1.8 \\ 1 & 1.05 \end{vmatrix} = 1.59$$
$$b_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} -0.2 & 1.05 \\ 1 & -1.8 \end{vmatrix} = -0.69$$

|b₀| = 0.96 > |b₂| = 0.69

 The system is stable.

4.4: Root-locus and Nyquist tests

For cts.-time control, we examined the locations of the roots of the closed-loop system as a function of the loop gain K in Root locus.



- Let L(s) = D(s)G(s)H(s). (The "loop transfer function").
- Developed rules for plotting the roots of the equation

$$1 + K\frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = 0.$$

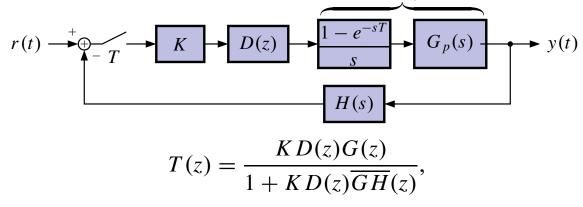
"Root Locus Drawing Rules."

Applied them to plotting roots of

$$1 + KL(s) = 0.$$

G(s)

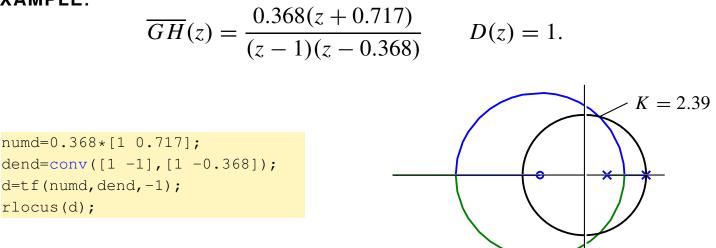
Now, we have the digital system:



- So, we let $L(z) = D(z)\overline{GH}(z)$.
- Poles are roots of 1 + KL(z) = 0.

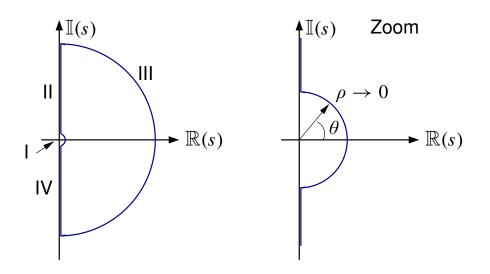
This is *exactly the same form* as the Laplace-transform root locus.
 Plot roots in exactly the same way.

EXAMPLE:



The Nyquist test

 In continuous-time control we also used the Nyquist test to assess stability.

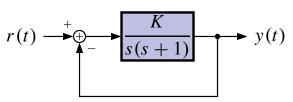


- The Nyquist "D" path encircles the entire (unstable) RHP.
- The Nyquist plot is a polar plot of L(s) evaluated on the "D" path.
- Adjustments to "D" shape are made if pole on the $j\omega$ -axis.

- The Nyquist test evaluated stability by looking at the Nyquist plot.
 - N=No. of CW encirclements of -1 in Nyquist plot.
 - P=No. of open-loop unstable poles (poles inside "D" shape).
 - Z=No. of closed-loop unstable poles.

• Z = N + P, Z = 0 for stable closed-loop system.

EXAMPLE:



This gives:

$$L(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}$$

- Pole at origin: Need detour $s = \rho e^{j\theta}$, $\rho \ll 1$.
- Resulting Nyquist map has infinite radius.
 Cannot draw to scale.
- No poles inside modified-"D" curve: P = 0.
- Z = N + P = 0 \implies Stable system.
- Note that increasing the gain "*K*" only magnifies the entire plot. The -1 point is not encircled for K > 0 (infinite gain margin).

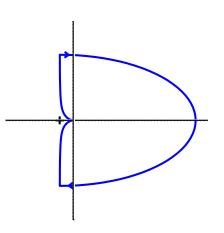
Nyquist test for discrete systems

- Three different ways to do the Nyquist test for discrete systems.
- Based on three different representations of the characteristic eqn.

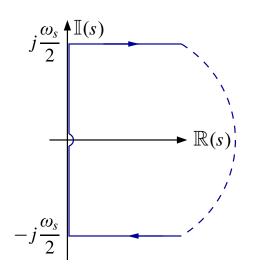
$$1. 1 + L^*(s) = 0. \qquad L = D\overline{GH}$$

2.
$$1 + L(z) = 0$$
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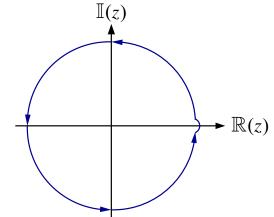
3.
$$1 + L(w) = 0$$
.



- 1. $1 + L^*(s) = 0$.
 - We know that L*(s) is periodic in jω_s. Therefore, the "D" curve does not need to encircle the entire RHP to encircle all unstable poles. [If there were any, there would be an infinite number.]
 - Modify "D" curve to be:



- Evaluate L*(s) on new contour and plot polar plot. Same Nyquist test as before.
- **2.** 1 + L(z) = 0.
 - We can do the Nyquist test directly using *z*-transforms. The stable region is the unit circle. The *z*-domain Nyquist plot is done using a Nyquist curve which is the unit circle.
 - Nyquist *test* changes because we are now encircling the *STABLE* region (albeit CCW).
 - Z = # closed-loop unstable poles.
 - P = # open-loop unstable poles.
 - N = # CCW encirclements of -1 in Nyquist plot.
 - Z = P N.
 - Probably difficult to evaluate $L(z)|_{z=e^{j\theta}}$ for $-\pi \le \theta \le \pi$ unless using a digital computer.



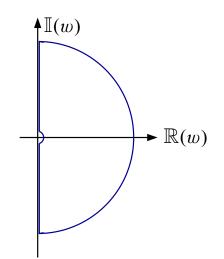
3. 1 + L(w) = 0.

• Now, we convert $L(z) \mapsto L(w)$

$$L(w) = L(z)|_{z = \frac{1 + (T/2)w}{1 - (T/2)w}}.$$

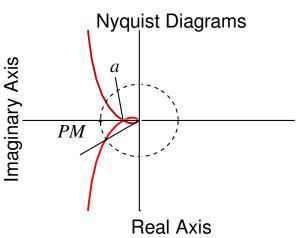
- Bilinear transform maps unit circle to *j*ω-axis in *w*-plane.
- Use standard continuous-time test in *w*-plane.





Open-loop fn.	Range of variable		Rule		
$\overline{GH}^*(s)$	$s = j\omega$,	$-\omega_s/2 \le \omega \le \omega_s/2$	$Z = P + N_{cw}$		
$\overline{GH}(z)$	$z=e^{j\omega T},$	$-\pi \le \omega T \le \pi$	$Z = P - N_{ccw} = P + N_{cw}$		
$\overline{GH}(w)$	$w = j\omega_w,$	$-\infty \le \omega_w \le \infty$	$Z = P + N_{cw}$		

- All three methods produce *identical* Nyquist plots.
- Note that the sampled system does not have ∞ gain margin (a = 0.418, GM = 2.39) and has smaller PM than cts.-time system.



4.5: Bode methods

- Bode plots are an extremely important tool for analyzing and designing control systems.
- They provide a critical link between continuous-time and discrete-time control design methods.
- Recall:
 - Bode plots are plots of frequency response of a system: Magnitude and Phase.
 - In *s*-plane, $H(s)|_{s=j\omega}$ is frequency response for $0 \le \omega < \infty$.
 - In *z*-plane, $H(z)|_{z=e^{j\omega T}}$ is frequency response for $0 \le \omega \le \omega_s/2$.
- Straight-line tools of s-plane analysis DON'T WORK! They are based on geometry and geometry has changed—jω-axis to z-unit circle.
- *BUT* in *w*-plane, $H(w)|_{w=j\omega_w}$ is the frequency response for $0 \le \omega_w < \infty$. Straight-line tools work, but frequency axis is warped.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Convert H(z) to H(w) by $H(w) = H(z)|_{z=\frac{1+(T/2)w}{1-(T/2)w}}$
- 2. Simplify expression to rational-polynomial in w.
- 3. Factor into zeros and poles in standard "Bode Form" (Refer to review notes).
- 4. Plot the response exactly the same way as an *s*-plane Bode plot. Note: Plots are versus $\log_{10} \omega_w \quad \dots \quad \omega_w = \frac{2}{T} \tan\left(\frac{\omega T}{2}\right)$. Can re-scale axis in terms if ω if we want.
- **EXAMPLE:** Example seen before with T = 1 second.

$$\operatorname{Let} G(z) = \frac{0.368z + 0.264}{z^2 - 1.368z + 0.368}$$

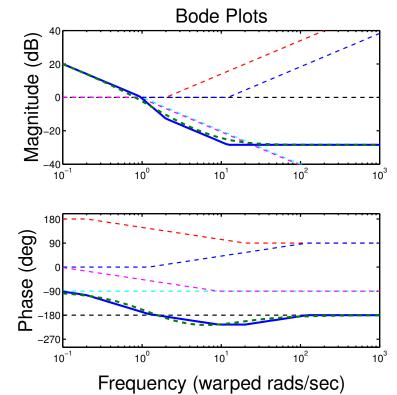
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$$\begin{split} G(w) &= \frac{0.368 \left[\frac{1+0.5w}{1-0.5w}\right] + 0.264}{\left[\frac{1+0.5w}{1-0.5w}\right]^2 - 1.368 \left[\frac{1+0.5w}{1-0.5w}\right] + 0.368} \\ &= \frac{0.368(1+0.5w)(1-0.5w) + 0.264(1-0.5w)^2}{(1+0.5w)^2 - 1.368(1+0.5w)(1-0.5w) + 0.368(1-0.5w)^2} \\ &= \frac{-0.0381(w-2)(w+12.14)}{w(w+0.924)}. \end{split}$$

(3)

$$G(j\omega_w) = \frac{-(j\frac{\omega_w}{2} - 1)(j\frac{\omega_w}{12.14} + 1)}{j\omega_w(j\frac{\omega_w}{0.924} + 1)}$$

(4)



• Gain margin and phase margin work the SAME way we expect.

WAIT!

- We have discussed frequency-response methods without verifying that discrete-time frequency response means the same thing as continuous-time frequency response.
- Verify

$$X(z) \longrightarrow G(z) \longrightarrow Y(z)$$
• Let $x[k] = \sin(\omega kT)$... $X(z) = \frac{z \sin \omega T}{(z - e^{j\omega T})(z - e^{-j\omega T})}$

$$Y(z) = G(z)X(z)$$

$$= \frac{G(z)z \sin \omega T}{(z - e^{j\omega T})(z - e^{-j\omega T})}.$$

Do partial-fraction expansion

$$\frac{Y(z)}{z} = \frac{k_1}{z - e^{j\omega T}} + \frac{k_2}{z - e^{-j\omega T}} + Y_g(z).$$

- $Y_g(z)$ is the response due to the poles of G(z). *IF* the system is stable, the response due to $Y_g(z) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- So, as $t \to \infty$ we say

$$\frac{Y_{ss}(z)}{z} = \frac{k_1}{z - e^{j\omega T}} + \frac{k_2}{z - e^{-j\omega T}}$$
$$k_1 = \frac{G(z)\sin\omega T}{z - e^{-j\omega T}}\Big|_{z = e^{j\omega T}}$$
$$= \frac{G(e^{j\omega T})\sin\omega T}{e^{j\omega T} - e^{-j\omega T}}$$
$$= \frac{G(e^{j\omega T})}{2j}$$
$$= \frac{|G(e^{j\omega T})|e^{j\angle G(e^{j\omega T})}}{2j}.$$

Similarly,

$$k_{2} = \frac{|G(e^{j\omega T})|e^{-j\angle G(e^{j\omega T})}}{2(-j)} = -\frac{|G(e^{j\omega T})|e^{-j\angle G(e^{j\omega T})}}{2j}$$

Combining and solving for y_{ss}[k]

$$y_{ss}[k] = k_1 (e^{j\omega T})^k + k_2 (e^{-j\omega T})^k$$

= $|G(e^{j\omega T})| \frac{e^{j\omega kT + j \angle G(e^{j\omega T})} - e^{-j\omega kT - j \angle G(e^{j\omega T})}}{2j}$
= $|G(e^{j\omega T})| \sin(\omega kT + \angle G(e^{j\omega T})).$

• Sure enough, $|G(e^{j\omega T})|$ is magnitude response to sinusoid, and $\angle G(e^{j\omega T})$ is phase response to sinusoid.

Closed-loop frequency response

- We have looked at open-loop concepts and how they apply to closed loop systems ... our end product.
- Closed-loop frequency response usually calculated by computer: $\frac{G(z)}{1+G(z)}$, for example.
- In general, if $|G(e^{j\omega T})|$ large, $|T(e^{j\omega T})| \approx 1$. If $|G(e^{j\omega T})|$ small, $|T(e^{j\omega T})| \approx |G(e^{j\omega T})|$.
- Closed-loop bandwidth similar to open-loop bandwidth.
 - If $PM = 90^{\circ}$, then C.L. BW = O.L. BW.
 - If $PM = 45^{\circ}$, then C.L. BW = 2×O.L. BW.