

ECE 486: Control Systems

► Lecture 17B: Bode's Gain-Phase Relationship

Goal: understand Bode's gain-phase relationship and its importance for control design

Reading: FPE, Chapter 6

Review: Phase Margin for 2nd-Order System

$$G(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s}, \quad \text{closed-loop t.f.} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

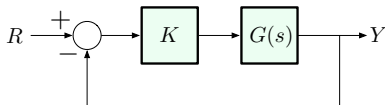
$$\text{PM}\Big|_{K=1} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2\zeta}{\sqrt{\sqrt{4\zeta^4 + 1} - 2\zeta^2}} \right) \approx 100 \cdot \zeta$$

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 !!

Bode's Gain-Phase Relationship



Assuming that $G(s)$ is *minimum-phase* (i.e., has no RHP zeros), we derived the following for the Bode plot of $KG(s)$:

	low freq.	real zero/pole	complex zero/pole
mag. slope	n	up/down by 1	up/down by 2
phase	$n \times 90^\circ$	up/down by 90°	up/down by 180°

We can state this succinctly as follows:

Gain-Phase Relationship. Far enough from break-points,

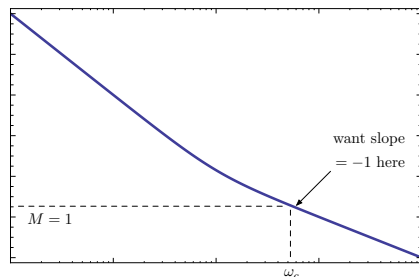
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Bode's Gain-Phase Relationship

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This suggests the following rule of thumb:

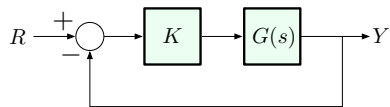


- ▶ M has slope -2 at ω_c
 $\Rightarrow \phi(\omega_c) = -180^\circ$
 \Rightarrow **bad** (no PM)
- ▶ M has slope -1 at ω_c
 $\Rightarrow \phi(\omega_c) = -90^\circ$
 \Rightarrow **good** (PM = 90°)

— this is an important *design guideline*!!

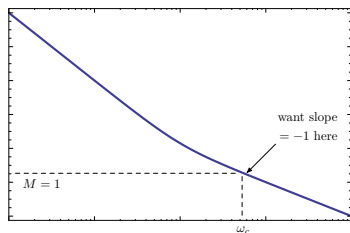
(Similar considerations apply when M -plot has positive slope – depends on the t.f.)

Gain-Phase Relationship & Bandwidth



$$\begin{cases} |KG(j\omega_c)| = 1 \\ \angle G(j\omega_c) = -90^\circ \end{cases} \Rightarrow KG(j\omega_c) = -j$$

M-plot for *open-loop* t.f. KG :



Closed-loop t.f.:

$$T(j\omega_c) = \frac{KG(j\omega_c)}{1 + KG(j\omega_c)} = \frac{-j}{1 - j}$$

$$|T(j\omega_c)| = \left| \frac{-j}{1 - j} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|T(0)| = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{|KG(j\omega)|}{|1 + KG(j\omega)|} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_c = \omega_{\text{BW}} \text{ (bandwidth)}$$

Note: $|KG(j\omega)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $\omega \rightarrow 0$

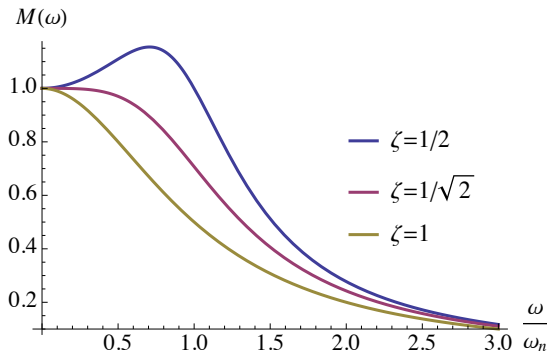
- ▶ If $PM = 90^\circ$, then $\omega_c = \omega_{\text{BW}}$
- ▶ If $PM < 90^\circ$, then $\omega_c \leq \omega_{\text{BW}} \leq 2\omega_c$ (see FPE)

Bandwidth

For our prototype 2nd-order system:

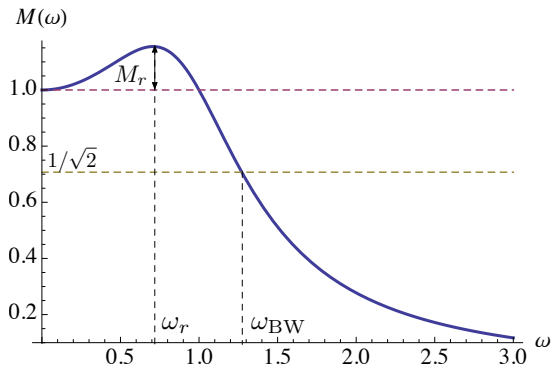
$$G(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$M(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2\right]^2 + 4\zeta^2\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (4\zeta^2 - 2)\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^4}}$$



Bandwidth

Here is a typical frequency response magnitude plot:

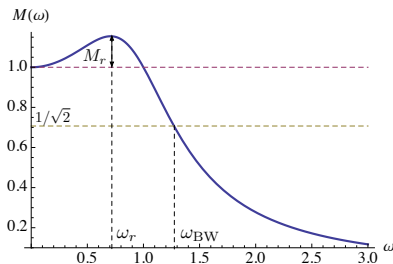


ω_r – resonant frequency

M_r – resonant peak

ω_{BW} – bandwidth

Bandwidth



We can get the following formulas using calculus:

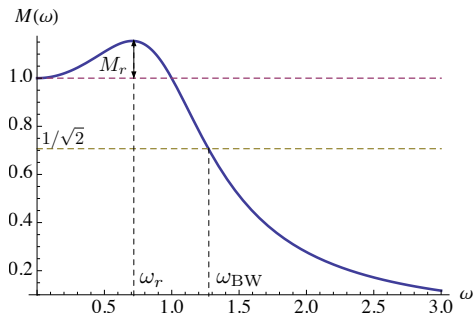
$$\begin{cases} \omega_r = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2} \\ M_r = \frac{1}{2\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} - 1 \end{cases} \quad (\text{valid for } \zeta < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \text{ for } \zeta \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \omega_r = 0)$$

$$\omega_{\text{BW}} = \omega_n \underbrace{\sqrt{(1 - 2\zeta^2) + \sqrt{(1 - 2\zeta^2)^2 + 1}}}_{=1 \text{ for } \zeta=1/\sqrt{2}}$$

— so, if we know $\omega_r, M_r, \omega_{\text{BW}}$, we can determine ω_n, ζ and hence the time-domain specs (t_r, M_p, t_s)

Bandwidth

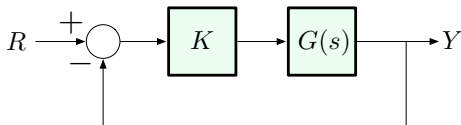
All information about time response is also encoded in frequency response!!



small $M_r \longleftrightarrow$ better damping

large $\omega_{BW} \longleftrightarrow$ large $\omega_n \longleftrightarrow$ smaller t_r

Control Design Using Frequency Response



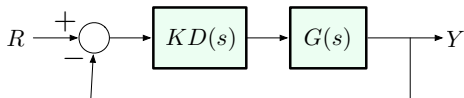
Bode's Gain-Phase Relationship suggests that we can shape the time response of the *closed-loop* system by choosing K (or, more generally, a dynamic controller $KD(s)$) to tune the Phase Margin.

In particular, from the quantitative Gain-Phase Relationship,

$$\text{Magnitude slope}(\omega_c) = -1 \quad \implies \quad \text{Phase}(\omega_c) \approx -90^\circ$$

— which gives us PM of 90° and consequently **good damping**.

Example



$$\text{Let } G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} \quad (\text{double integrator})$$

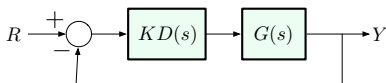
Objective: design a controller $KD(s)$ ($K = \text{scalar gain}$) to give

- ▶ stability
- ▶ good damping (will make this more precise in a bit)
- ▶ $\omega_{\text{BW}} \approx 0.5$ (always a closed-loop characteristic)

Strategy:

- ▶ from Bode's Gain-Phase Relationship, we want magnitude slope = -1 at $\omega_c \implies \text{PM} = 90^\circ \implies \text{good damping}$;
- ▶ if $\text{PM} = 90^\circ$, then $\omega_c = \omega_{\text{BW}} \implies \text{want } \omega_c \approx 0.5$

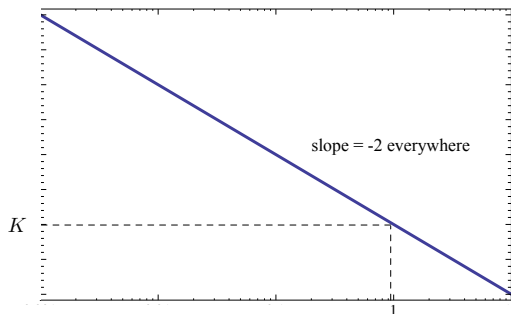
Design, First Attempt



$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

Let's try **proportional feedback**:

$$D(s) = 1 \implies KD(s)G(s) = KG(s) = \frac{K}{s^2}$$

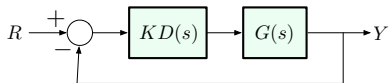


This is not a good idea:
slope = -2 everywhere,
so no PM.

We already know that
P-gain alone won't do
the job:

$$K + s^2 = 0 \text{ (imag. poles)}$$

Design, Second Attempt



$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

Let's try **proportional-derivative feedback**:

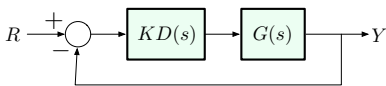
$$KD(s) = K(\tau s + 1), \quad \text{where } K = K_P, \quad K\tau = K_D$$

Open-loop transfer function: $KD(s)G(s) = \frac{K(\tau s + 1)}{s^2}$.

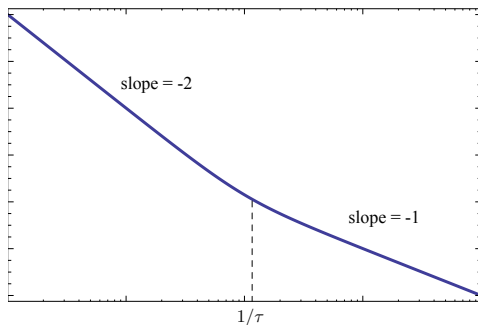
Bode plot interpretation: PD controller introduces a Type 2 term in the numerator, which pushes the slope **up by 1**

— this has the effect of pushing the M-slope of $KD(s)G(s)$ from -2 to -1 past the break-point ($\omega = 1/\tau$).

Design, Second Attempt (PD-Control)



Open-loop transfer function: $KD(s)G(s) = \frac{K(\tau s + 1)}{s^2}$



For the G-P relationship to be valid, choose the break-point several times smaller than desired ω_c :

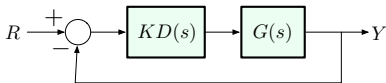
\implies let's take $\tau = 10$

$\implies \frac{1}{\tau} = 0.1 = \frac{\omega_c}{5}$

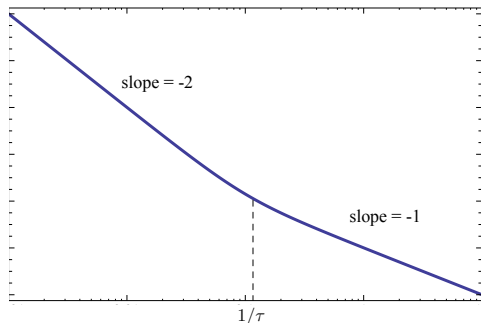
Open-loop t.f.:

$$KD(s)G(s) = \frac{K(10s + 1)}{s^2}$$

Design, Second Attempt (PD-Control)



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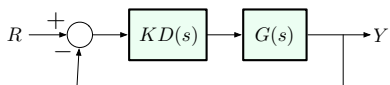


- ▶ Want $\omega_c \approx 0.5$
- ▶ This means that

$$\begin{aligned}M(j0.5) &= 1 \\|KD(j0.5)G(j0.5)| &= \frac{K|5j + 1|}{0.5^2} \\&= 4K\sqrt{26} \approx 20K\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies K = \frac{1}{20}$$

PD Control Design: Evaluation



$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

Initial design: $KD(s) = \frac{10s + 1}{20}$

What have we accomplished?

- ▶ $PM \approx 90^\circ$ at $\omega_c = 0.5$
- ▶ still need to check in Matlab and iterate if necessary

Trade-offs:

- ▶ want ω_{BW} to be large enough for fast response (larger $\omega_{BW} \rightarrow$ larger $\omega_n \rightarrow$ smaller t_r), but not too large to avoid noise amplification at high frequencies
- ▶ PD control increases slope \rightarrow increases $\omega_c \rightarrow$ increases $\omega_{BW} \rightarrow$ faster response
- ▶ usual complaint: D-gain is not physically realizable, so let's try **lead compensation**