

# **ECE 486: Control Systems**

## **Lecture 9A: PI Tuning for First-Order Systems**

# Key Takeaways

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This lecture describes a method to tune PID controllers using pole placement.

For first-order systems, the approach is to:

- Use PI control and
- Select the gains to place the two closed-loop poles at desired locations.

**The choice of natural frequency (time constant) is critical.**

# Problem 1

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Consider the plant with the following transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

The poles of this system are at  $s=-1, -10\pm j$ .

- A) What is the dominant pole approximation  $G_a(s)$  for this plant?
- B) Would you recommend using a PI, PD, or PID Controller?
- C) Choose the controller gains so that the closed-loop with  $G_a(s)$  has poles repeated at  $s=-1$ .
- D) Where are the poles for the closed-loop with your controller and the actual plant  $G(s)$ ? [Use numerical tools to solve.]

# Solution 1A

$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

A) What is the dominant pole approximation  $G_a(s)$  for this plant?

$$s = -1, \quad -10 \pm j$$

$\hookrightarrow$  slower (dominant)

$$G_a(s) = \frac{b_0}{s+1}$$

$$5 = \frac{505}{101} = G(0) = G_a(0) = b_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad b_0 = 5$$

$$G_a(s) = \frac{5}{s+1}$$

$$\dot{y} + y = 5u$$

# Solution 1B

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$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

B) Would you recommend using a ~~PI~~, ~~PD~~, or ~~PID~~ Controller?

$G(s)$  first-order  $\leftarrow$  overdamped

# Solution 1C

$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

C) Choose the controller gains so that the closed-loop with  $G_a(s)$  has poles repeated at  $s=-1$

$(s+1)^2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{Desired C.I.E.}$   
 $s^2 + 2s + 1 = 0$

$G_a(s) = \frac{5}{s+1}$

$\ddot{y} + y = 5u$

$u = K_p e_{(r-y)} + K_i \int e_{(r-y)}$

$$\ddot{y} + y = 5 [K_p (r-y) + K_i \int (r-y)]$$

$\downarrow \frac{d}{dt}$   
 $\ddot{y} + \dot{y} = 5K_p (\dot{r} - \dot{y}) + 5K_i (r-y)$

$$\ddot{y} + [1 + 5K_p] \dot{y} + 5K_i y = 5K_p \dot{r} + 5K_i r$$

$$s^2 + \underbrace{(1 + 5K_p)}_{=2} s + \underbrace{5K_i}_{=1} = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} K_i = 1/5 = 0.2 \\ K_p = 1/5 = 0.2 \end{cases}$$

Notes

$$\begin{cases} \omega_n = 1 \\ p = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$s^2 + \underbrace{(2p\omega_n)}_2 s + \omega_n^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \omega_n = 2 \\ p = -0.5 \end{cases} \\ s^2 + 2s + 4 = 0$$

# Solution 1D

$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

D) Where are the poles for the closed-loop with your controller and the actual plant  $G(s)$ ? [Use numerical tools to solve.]

$K_p = 0.2$     $K_i = 0.2$     $\rightarrow$  On GA this  
put poles at  
 $s = -1$

Matlab

$G$  is 3<sup>rd</sup> order } Closed-loop  
 $K$  is 1<sup>st</sup> order } has 4 poles

From Matlab, the four poles are at -12.643, -6.032, -1.324, -1.

## Problem 2

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Again consider the plant with the following transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

The poles of this system are at  $s=-1, -10\pm j$ .

- A) Rechoose your controller gains so that the closed-loop with  $G_a(s)$  has poles repeated at  $s=-2$ .
- B) Where are the poles for the closed-loop with your controller and the actual plant  $G(s)$ ? [Use numerical tools to solve.]
- C) What is the impact, if any, of the neglected poles?



# Solution 2A

$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

A) Rechoose your controller gains so that the closed-loop with  $G_d(s)$  has poles repeated at  $s=-2$ .

(From Problem 1)

Closed-loop ODE from  $r \rightarrow y$

$$\ddot{y} + (1+5k_p)\dot{y} + (5k_i)y = (5k_p)\dot{r} + (5k_i)r$$

$$T(s) = \frac{(5k_p)s + (5k_i)}{s^2 + (1+5k_p)s + (5k_i)}$$

$$T_{\text{steady}} = \frac{5k_i}{5k_i} = 1$$

If  $r = \bar{r}$  then  $y \rightarrow \bar{y} = \bar{r}$  (Integral Control)

Desired C.E.

$$(s+2)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow s^2 + 4s + 4 = 0$$

$$s^2 + (1+5k_p)s + (5k_i)$$

$$k_i = 4/5 = 0.8$$

$$(1+5k_p) = 4 \Rightarrow k_p = 3/5 = 0.6$$

## Solution 2B and 2C

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$$G(s) = \frac{505}{s^3 + 21s^2 + 121s + 101}$$

- B) Where are the poles for the closed-loop with your controller and the actual plant  $G(s)$ ? [Use numerical tools to solve.]
- C) What is the impact, if any, of the neglected poles?

Answers: From Matlab, the four poles are at  $-14.42$ ,  $-2.53 + 3.46i$ ,  $-2.53 - 3.46i$ , and  $-1.53$ .

The neglected poles lead to over shoot and oscillations. We can also see that the controller is too aggressive in generating faster response (moving the pole from  $-1$  to  $-2$ ). Then the controller uses large efforts and excites the unmodeled dynamics.

# **ECE 486: Control Systems**

## **Lecture 9B: PID Tuning for Second-Order Systems**

# Key Takeaways

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This lecture describes a method to tune PID controllers using pole placement.

For second-order systems, the approach is to:

- Use PID control and
- Select the gains to place the three closed-loop poles at desired locations.
- A PI controller (without the D-term) should be used if the plant has sufficient damping.

**The choice of natural frequency (time constant) is critical.**

## Problem 3

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Consider the plant with the following transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{20}{s^2 - 6s + 10}$$

- A) What is the closed-loop ODE from reference  $r$  to output  $y$  if you use a PID controller?  $u(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_d \dot{e}(t)$
- B) Choose the controller gains so that the closed-loop has poles repeated at  $s=-3$ . Hint:  $(s+3)^3 = s^3 + 9s^2 + 27s + 27$   $-K_d \dot{y}$
- C) What is the impact of implementing the derivative term as  $K_d \dot{e}$  versus the rate feedback form  $-K_d \dot{y}$ ?

# Solution 3A

$$G(s) = \frac{20}{s^2 - 6s + 10}$$

A) What is the closed-loop ODE from reference  $r$  to output  $y$  if you use a PID controller?  $u(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_d \dot{e}(t)$

Plant

$$\ddot{y} - 6\dot{y} + 10y = 20\dot{u}$$

$$\ddot{y} - 6\dot{y} + 10y = 20\dot{u} = 20[K_p \dot{e} + K_i e'' + K_d \dot{e}]$$

$$\ddot{y} + [20K_d - 6]\dot{y} + [10 + 20K_p]y + 20K_i y = 20K_p \dot{r} + 20K_p \dot{r} + 20K_i r$$

$$T(s) = \frac{20K_d s^2 + 20K_p s + 20K_i}{s^3 + [20K_d - 6]s^2 + [20K_p + 10]s + 20K_i}$$

Desired  $\rightarrow s^3 + 9s^2 + 27s + 27 = 0$

$K_i = 27/20$      $K_p = \frac{(27-10)}{20}$      $K_d = \frac{(9+6)}{20}$

## Solution 3B

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$$G(s) = \frac{20}{s^2 - 6s + 10}$$

B) Choose the controller gains so that the closed-loop has poles repeated at  $s = -3$ . Hint:  $(s+3)^3 = s^3 + 9s^2 + 27s + 27$

$$K_d = 0.75$$

$$K_p = 0.85$$

$$K_i = 1.35$$

# Solution 3C

$$G(s) = \frac{20}{s^2 - 6s + 10}$$

C) What is the impact of implementing the derivative term as  $K_d \dot{e}$  versus the rate feedback form  $-K_d \dot{y}$ ?

$K_d(\dot{r} - \dot{y})$   $\rightarrow$  Causes an extra term in the numerator  $\text{Tray}(s)$  (extra zero)

Differentiating  
reference

$\uparrow$   
Causes overshoot / oscillations  
if  $r$  changes fast.