Phase Margin & Gain Margin

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Stability Margins

- What is the worst perturbation of the transfer function that will make the system marginally stable?
- Marginal stability for open loop stable systems is when the contour goes through the point (-1,0).

Gain and Phase Margins

Gain Margin: gain perturbation that makes the system marginally stable.

Phase Margin: negative phase perturbation that makes the system marginally stable.

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Model Perturbation

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- $\Delta G(s) =$ model perturbation
- Gain Margin: $\Delta G(s) = \Delta K$ (gain perturbation)
- Phase Margin: $\Delta G(s) = e^{-j\Delta\theta}$ (phase lag perturbation)

Definitions of Margins

Gain Margin: additional gain that makes the system on the verge of instability.Phase Margin: additional phase *lag* that makes the system on the verge of instability.

Margins on Polar Plot



Polar plot of Unstable System



(-1,0) Point on Bode Plot

- Negative real axis for Nyquist plot corresponds to an angle of −180°.
- Magnitude of unity corresponds to zero dB.
- For PM we need to find the phase angle at magnitude unity (0dB).
- For GM we need to find the magnitude at an angle of −180°.

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Bode Plot of Stable System



MATLAB Margin



Gain Margin Calculation

• Multiply numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator.

 $G(j\omega) = \frac{N(j\omega)}{D(j\omega)} \times \frac{D^*(j\omega)}{D^*(j\omega)} = \frac{N(j\omega)D^*(j\omega)}{|D(j\omega)|^2}$

- Equate the imaginary part of the numerator to zero and solve for the phase crossover frequency: $Im[N(j\omega_{pc})D^*(j\omega_{pc})] = 0$
- Calculate the gain margin $GM = -1/G(j\omega_{pc})$

Example: Gain Margin

• Solve for phase crossover (imaginary part zero) $G(j\omega) = \frac{1000}{j\omega(j\omega+5)(j\omega+20)}$ $\frac{G(j\omega)}{1000} = \frac{-j(-j\omega+5)(-j\omega+20)}{\omega(\omega^2+25)(\omega^2+400)}$ $Im\{G(j\omega)\} = 0$ $\Leftrightarrow Re\{(-j\omega+5)(-j\omega+20)\} = 0$ $\Leftrightarrow 100 - \omega^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \omega_{pc} = 10 \ rad/s$

Calculate Gain Margin

• Evaluate the magnitude at the phase crossover frequency

 $GM = -\frac{1}{G(j10)}$ $= -\frac{(j10)(j10+5)(j10+20)}{1000} = 2.5$

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Phase Margin Calculation

• Solve for gain crossover frequency (unity magnitude)

$$\left|G(j\omega_{gc})\right|^{2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left|N(j\omega_{gc})\right|^{2} = \left|D(j\omega_{gc})\right|^{2}$$

• Calculate the phase margin

$$PM = 180^\circ + \angle G(j\omega_{gc})$$

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Phase Margin Calculation

• Solve for gain crossover (unity magnitude)

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{1000}{j\omega(j\omega + 5)(j\omega + 20)}$$
$$|G(j\omega)|^{2} = \frac{10^{6}}{\omega^{2}(\omega^{2} + 25)(\omega^{2} + 400)} = 1$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \omega^{6} + 425\omega^{4} + 10^{4}\omega^{2} - 10^{6} = 0$$
$$\omega^{2} = -393.0887, \quad -68.8586, \quad 39.9456$$
$$\omega_{gc} = 6.078 \ rad/s$$

Phase Margin



Stability Margins



Delay Margin

 T_{dm} = delay margin = time delay for the system to be on the verge of instability.

- Transfer function with time delay T_d $G(s)e^{-sT_d}$
- System on verge of instability

 $G(j\omega_{gc})e^{-j\omega_{gc}T_{dm}}=-1$

Delay Margin Calculation

 $G(j\omega_{gc})e^{-j\omega_{gc}T_{dm}} = -1$

• Equate angles:

$$\angle G(j\omega_{gc}) - \omega_{gc}T_{dm} \times \frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi} = -180^{\circ}$$
$$\angle G(j\omega_{gc}) = -180^{\circ} + PM$$

• Solve for the delay margin

$$T_{dm} = \frac{\mathrm{PM}}{\omega_{gc}} \times \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}} = \frac{180^{\circ} + \angle G(j\omega_{gc})}{\omega_{gc}} \times \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}}$$

Example

$$PM = 180^{\circ} + \angle G(j\omega_{gc}) = 104^{\circ}$$
$$\omega_{gc} = 1.62 \ rad/s$$
$$T_{dm} = \frac{PM}{\omega_{gc}} \times \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}}$$
$$= \frac{104^{\circ}}{1.62} \times \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}} = 1.12$$

Same as MATLAB answer.