1 (20 pts) Nyquist Exercise

Consider a close loop system with unity feedback. For each G(s), hand sketch the Nyquist diagram, determine Z = P - N, algebraically find the closed-loop pole location, and show that the closed loop pole location is consistent with the Nyquist diagram calculation. Let controller D(s) = k = 2.

a) G(s) = s - 1

D(s)G(s) = 2(s-1). The open-loop system has no poles, so P = 0.



Now, plot the Nyquist diagram:

Once feedback is added (k = D(s)), from the Nyquist diagram, the point $-\frac{1}{k} = -0.5$ is inside the contour and is encircled once CW, therefore N = -1 and Z = P - N = 0 - (-1) = 1. So there is one zero of the *characteristic equation* in the RHP, the closed-loop system has one pole in the RHP, and the system is unstable.

To verify, $\Delta(s) = 2(s-1) + 1 = 2s - 1$. So the closed loop pole is at $\frac{1}{2}$, in the RHP.

b) G(s) = s + 1D(s)G(s) = 2(s + 1). The open-loop system has no poles in the RHP, so P = 0.



Once feedback is added (k = D(s)), the point $-\frac{1}{k} = -0.5$ is not inside the contour, therefore N = 0 = Z = P. So there are no zeros of the characteristic equation in the RHP, and no poles of the system in the RHP.

To verify, $\Delta(s) = 2(s+1) + 1 = s+3$. One pole at -3. No poles or zeros in the RHP, thus N = 0. This corresponds to the Nyquist diagram where -1 lies outside the contour.



P = Open loop poles in the RHP = 0 $N = \text{CCW encirclements of } -\frac{1}{k} = 0$ Z = Closed loop poles in the RHP = P - N = 0Algebraic solution of CL poles: $\Delta(s) = D(s) + kN(s) = s + 1 + k$. Solving $\Delta(s) = 0$ with k = 2 yields s = -3. Thus, no CL poles in the RHP, and the Nyquist diagram is consistent.

d)
$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s-1}$$



P = Open loop poles in the RHP = 1 N = CCW encirclements of $-\frac{1}{k} = 1$ Z = Closed loop poles in the RHP = P - N = 0Algebraic solution of CL poles: $\Delta(s) = D(s) + kN(s) = s - 1 + k$. Solving $\Delta(s) = 0$ with k = 2 yields s = -1. No CL poles in the RHP, so the Nyquist diagram is consistent.

2 (20 pts) Nyquist Plot

For controller D(s) = k and

$$G(s) = \frac{s-2}{(s+1)(s+2)(s+3)}$$

a) Hand sketch the asymptotes of the Bode plot magnitude and phase for the open-loop transfer functions.



b) Hand sketch Nyquist diagram. At s = 0, $G(s) = -\frac{1}{3}$.

From there, we can see that the Nyquist diagram should go through the point -0.333. We also know the output contour should travel the same direction since there are poles on the left side and a zero on the right side. The positive real intercept will occur when $\angle G(j\omega) = 0$, which can be estimated from the Bode plot as $\omega \approx 2$, which is good enough for sketching purposes. To more accurately find the positive real intercept, one would in practice read off the value from the Matlab Bode plot. The positive intercept can also be found from:

$$2\pi n = 0 = \angle (j\omega - 2) - \angle (j\omega + 1) - \angle (j\omega + 2) - \angle (j\omega + 3)$$

$$\tag{1}$$

$$=\pi + \operatorname{atan}(-\omega/2) - \operatorname{atan}(\omega/1) - \operatorname{atan}(\omega/2) - \operatorname{atan}(\omega/3) \tag{2}$$

$$=\pi - 2\operatorname{atan}(\omega/2) - \operatorname{atan}(\omega) - \operatorname{atan}(\omega/3) \tag{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = 1.8708 \tag{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow G(s) = 0.1333\tag{5}$$

(Using):

$$x = fsolve(@(x) pi-2*atan(x/2) - atan(x) - atan(x/3),[0]);$$

$$s = j*x;$$

$$(s - 2)/((s + 1)*(s + 2)*(s + 3))$$

$$ln (G(3))$$

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$$K_{1}(G(3))$$

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c) From Nyquist diagram, determine range of k for stability. We need to place k such that $-\frac{1}{k}$ is not encircled CW by the Nyquist diagram. A CW encirclement would imply N = -1 and Z = 1 for the characteristic equation, and thus a closed-loop pole added to the RHP of the system. Examining the real axis of the system, the range of $-\frac{1}{k}$ is from (a) $-\infty$ to -0.333 in addition to from (b) 0.1333 to ∞ , as these ranges lie outside of the CW encirclement. Therefore, the range of stable k is (a) 0 to 3 as well as (b) -7.5 to 0. The union of these two sets is

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d) Verify sketches with MATLAB and hand in.



3 (20 pts) Nyquist Plot

For controller D(s) = k and

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

a) Hand sketch the asymptotes of the Bode plot magnitude and phase for the open-loop transfer functions.



b) Hand sketch Nyquist diagram.

The interesting behavior happens when the Nyquist contour approaches the double pole at the origin. We can choose to go around the left (dotted) or right (solid) side of the poles to avoid them. If we take the left path, the outside of the diagram (at infinite magnitude) travels CCW, whereas if we take the right, the diagram travels CW.

Case 1: Left Side of polese at origin



Case 2: Right Side of poles at origin



c) From Nyquist diagram, determine range of k for stability.

- **Case 1:** If we took the left (dotted) path, then there are zero crossings at $-\infty$ and (infinitesimally close to) 0. P = 2 since there we placed the two poles *in* the Nyquist contour. Between 0 and $-\infty$ there are two CCW encirclements where N = 2 and thus Z = 0 and the system is stable. On the positive real axis, there is only one CCW encirclement and thus the closed-loop system has an unstable pole for k < 0. Therefore, the stable range of k is between 0 and ∞ .
- **Case 2:** If we took the right (solid) path, then there is one zero crossing infinitesimally close to 0. P = 0 since there are no open loop poles in the Nyquist contour. If $-\frac{1}{k} \leq 0$, then there are no encirclements and N = Z = 0, and the system is stable. If $-\frac{1}{k} > 0$ then there is one CW encirclement, N = -1, Z = 1, and the system is unstable. These are the same ranges as the first case, and the range of stable k is between 0 and ∞ .
- d) Verify sketches with MATLAB and hand in.



The Nyquist plot from MATLAB is misleading since it doesn't include the behavior close to the zero poles.

4 (20 pts) Nyquist Plot

For kD(s) = 1 and

$$G(s) = \frac{(s+2)^2}{(s+1)^3(s+4)^2}$$

a) Hand sketch the asymptotes of the Bode plot magnitude and phase for the open-loop transfer functions.

Normalize the components of the transfer function:

$$\frac{(s+2)^2}{(s+1)^3(s+4)^2} = \left(2\left(\frac{s}{2}+1\right)\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{s+1}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{\frac{s}{4}+1}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}\left(\left(\frac{s}{2}+1\right)\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{s+1}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{\frac{s}{4}+1}\right)^2$$

From this we can see:

DC gain is $\frac{1}{4} = -12 \,\mathrm{dB}$.

There are two zeros with breakpoint at 2.

There are three poles with breakpoint at 1 and two poles with breakpoint at 4.

All of those breakpoints are within one decade of each other, so this diagram is going to be crowded.



b) Hand sketch Nyquist diagram.

For this diagram, we will use the Bode plot information for the section of the test contour that is on the $+j\omega$ axis. Note that for this diagram we are using the technique where points that are infinitesimally close to the origin (b, c, d) are drawn a small distance away so that the phase is visible.



c) From Nyquist diagram, determine range of k for stability.

There are two regions of interest on the negative real axis of the Nyquist diagram. In the drawing above they are marked with a square and a triangle. We need to find the intersection with the real axis that divides these two regions. There are several methods we can use.

- Estimate from the Bode plot. The phase plot shows that $\angle G(j\omega) = 180^{\circ}$ when $\omega \approx 4$. The magnitude plot shows that $|G(j4)| \approx -40 \,\mathrm{dB} \approx 0.01$. Therefore, the intersection is at approximately -0.01.
- Estimate ω from the Bode plot, then calculate $|G(j\omega)|$. As before, $\omega \approx 4$ from the phase plot.

$$|G(j4)| = |-0.00885 + 0.00171j| = 0.00892$$

This answer shows that G(j4) isn't really that close to the real axis. Our approximation of the intersection is -0.00892.

• Start with $\omega = 4$ and use trial and error to dial it in.

G(j4) = -0.00885 + 0.00171j	start
G(j3) = -0.01640 - 0.00120j	crossed the real axis
G(j3.5) = -0.01190 + 0.000837j	crossed the real axis
G(j3.3) = -0.01350 + 0.000214j	didn't cross
G(j3.1) = -0.01536 - 0.000651j	crossed, but got further away
G(j3.2) = -0.01440 - 0.000184j	didn't cross
G(j3.25) = -0.01394 + 0.000023j	crossed, got closer
G(j3.24) = -0.01403 - 0.000017j	crossed. close enough!

Take the absolute value: |G(j3.24)| = 0.01403: to finalize the estimate: the crossing is at -0.01403.

- Use MATLAB's x-y picker to get these values off the Bode or Nyquist plot. Be careful: unless you do some fancy tricks, your picked values might not be very accurate. I got $\omega = 3.17$, and the intersection at -0.0147, when I tried it.
- Solve $G(j\omega) = x$, with negative real x, for ω .

$$G(s) = \frac{(s+2)^2}{(s+1)^3(s+4)^2}$$

= $\frac{s^2 + 4s + 4}{s^5 + 11s^4 + 43s^3 + 73s^2 + 56s + 16}$
$$G(j\omega) = \frac{-\omega^2 + 4j\omega + 4}{j\omega^5 + 11\omega^4 - 43j\omega^3 - 73\omega^2 + 56j\omega + 16}$$

Multiply top and bottom by the complex conjugate of the denominator.

$$=\frac{-\omega^2+4j\omega+4}{j\omega^5+11\omega^4-43j\omega^3-73\omega^2+56j\omega+16}\frac{-j\omega^5+11\omega^4+43j\omega^3-73\omega^2-56j\omega+16}{-j\omega^5+11\omega^4+43j\omega^3-73\omega^2-56j\omega+16}$$

The denominator is something huge, but it's real, so we discard it. We want the numerator to be real.

$$N = j\omega^7 - \omega^6 - 3j\omega^5 - 55\omega^4 - 64j\omega^3 - 84\omega^2 - 160j\omega + 64j\omega^3 - 64j\omega^3 - 64j\omega^2 - 64j\omega^2$$

Isolate the terms with j and force them to cancel. Ignore the terms without j.

$$0 = j \left(\omega^7 - 3\omega^5 - 64\omega^3 - 160\omega\right)$$
$$0 = \omega \left(\omega^6 - 3\omega^4 - 64\omega^2 - 160\right)$$

One solution is $\omega = 0$, but we already knew about that one (it's on the positive real axis). There's another solution that we have to find! Since this polynomial is *even* it's really a cubic. Unfortunately, cubics are pretty hard. We can use MATLAB's **roots** command to find:

$$\omega = 3.2442357$$

 $G(j\omega) = -0.013996$

In summary: depending on the method you use, your value for the intersection on the negative real axis should be something like -0.014.

Now we need to interpret the Nyquist diagram in these two regions (marked with a square and a triangle on the diagram above).

Triangle region: $-\frac{1}{k} < -0.014$: P = Open loop poles in the RHP = 0 $N = \text{CCW encirclements of } -\frac{1}{k} = 0$ Z = Closed loop poles in the RHP = P - N = 0Stable. **Square region**: $0 > -\frac{1}{k} > -0.014$: P = Open loop poles in the RHP = 0 $N = \text{CCW encirclements of } -\frac{1}{k} = -2$ Z = Closed loop poles in the RHP = P - N = 2Unstable. Solving for k, we find that

$$k \in (0, 71.45) \Rightarrow$$
 stable
 $k \in (71.45, +\infty) \Rightarrow$ unstable

Normally we only consider positive k. If you searched for stability conditions on negative k, you would find that N = 1 on the real axis before s = 0.25, and N = 0 afterwards. Therefore:

$$k \in (-\infty, -4) \Rightarrow$$
 unstable
 $k \in (-4, 0) \Rightarrow$ stable

However, this is not a required part of the solution

d) Verify sketches with MATLAB and hand in.



5 (20 pts) Gain and phase margin

A closed loop system with unity gain has loop transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{125(s+1)}{(s+5)(s^2+4s+25)}$$

a) Plot the Bode magnitude and phase plots for the open loop system (MATLAB ok).



b) Determine the gain and phase margin.

MATLAB's margin command provides these values, or they can be determined graphically from the Bode plot. Gain margin: $+\infty$

Phase margin: 42.1°

c) Assuming a second order approximation for the closed loop system, estimate the transient response for a step input from the phase margin and gain margin. (That is estimate ξ , overshoot, peak time, and settling time.)

Our approach is to find an open-loop second-order system whose phase and gain margins match those found in part (b), and then estimate the transient response parameters for the closed-loop system from this approximation. The OL second-order system is characterized by ξ_{ol} and $\omega_n ol$, so our first step is to estimate those two parameters.

We will examine two approximation methods for the second order system.

• Example 10.13, - 6dB

By definition, the closed loop bandwidth ω_n is the frequency where the magnitude of the response of the closed loop system is -3 dB. Following example 10.13 in Nise, for unity gain feedback, (with phase in range -135 to -225 degrees), the open loop system would have magnitude response -6 dB at this ω_n . From the Matlab plot, the -6dB frequency $\omega_n \approx 16$.

The CL ξ may be estimated using the "small ξ " approximation discussed in class:

$$\xi \approx \frac{\Phi_M^{(\text{deg})}}{100} = 0.421$$

or via the relationship in section 10.10 of Nise:

$$\Phi_M = \tan^{-1} \frac{2\xi}{\sqrt{-2\xi^2 + \sqrt{1 + 4\xi^4}}}$$

which proceeds as follows:

$$\tan \Phi_M \sqrt{-2\xi^2 + \sqrt{1 + 4\xi^4}} = 2\xi$$
$$(0.9022)^2 \left(-2\xi^2 + \sqrt{1 + 4\xi^4}\right) = 4\xi^2$$
$$\sqrt{1 + 4\xi^4} = (4 + 2 \cdot 0.9022^2)\xi^2$$
$$1 + 4\xi^4 = 31.674\xi^4$$
$$\xi^4 = \frac{1}{27.674}$$
$$\xi = 0.4360$$

Either method is fine; obviously the results are very similar.

So this closed loop estimate has $\omega_n = 16$ and $\xi = 0.44$.

• Approximate open loop 2nd order system

For a second order system, we know that the phase at ω_n is 90°. Here phase is 90° at $\omega_n \approx 6.3$ from the Bode diagram. We know that $|G(j\omega_n)| = \frac{1}{2\xi_{ol}}$ which from the Bode plot is 10 dB (≈ 3), thus $\xi_{ol} \approx 0.17$.

Therefore, our second order approximation of the open loop TF is:

$$\frac{40}{s^2 + 2.14s + 40}$$

Since we are interested in the *closed* loop step response, we apply the $\frac{G(s)}{1+G(s)}$ feedback formula:

$$CLTF = \frac{\omega_n^2}{\omega_n^2 + (s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2)}$$
$$= \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + 2\omega_n^2}$$
$$= \frac{40}{s^2 + 2.14s + 80}$$
$$\bar{\omega}_n = \sqrt{80} = 8.9$$
$$\bar{\xi} = \frac{2.14}{2\bar{\omega}_n} = 0.12$$

So when we close the loop around our second order approximation, we get another canonical second order system, but the DC gain is 0.5 and the ω_n and ξ parameters have been changed.

Now we can estimate the transient response parameters from this system. (values in brackets come from the -6dB BW and $\frac{\Phi_M}{100}$ approximation).

$$\xi = 0.12 \quad [0.44]$$

$$OS = e^{-(\xi \pi / \sqrt{1 - \xi^2})} \times 100\% = 68\% \quad [21\%]$$

$$t_{\text{peak}} = \frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \xi^2}} = 0.36 \,\text{s} \quad [0.22 \,\text{s}]$$

$$t_{\text{settle}} = \frac{-\ln\left(0.02\sqrt{1 - \xi^2}\right)}{\xi \omega_n} = 3.7 \,\text{s} \quad [0.6 \,\text{s}]$$

d) Compare the actual closed loop step response from MATLAB with the estimates from c). Remember to find the closed loop step response of the original system.

$$CLTF = \frac{G(s)}{1+G(s)}$$
$$= \frac{125(s+1)}{125(s+1)+(s+5)(s^2+4s+25)}$$
$$= \frac{125s+125}{s^3+9s^2+170s+250}$$

Step Response



From the simulated step response, we can make the following observations:

- The true system and the approximated system have the same steady state behavior
- The peak time is approximately 0.254 s
- The overshoot is approximately 102%
- The settling time is approximately 2.16 s

The true system seems faster than the second-order approximation system; its peak time is significantly earlier and its overshoot is greater. The second order approximation is not going to be very accurate, since the phase margin is not small, implying that the 2nd order poles are not that close to the $j\omega$ axis, and hence the first order pole and zero are affecting the response.