

# **ECE 486: Control Systems**

## Lecture 16A: Sensitivity Functions

# Key Takeaways

This lecture considers a generic feedback system with plant  $G(s)$  and controller  $K(s)$ .

Two important transfer functions are:

- Sensitivity:  $S(s) = \frac{1}{1+G(s)K(s)}$
- Complementary Sensitivity:  $T(s) = \frac{G(s)K(s)}{1+G(s)K(s)}$

The feedback system is defined to be stable if every possible input/output transfer function is internally stable.

- This holds if and only if all zeros of  $1+G(s)K(s)$  are in the LHP.
- The feedback system is unstable if the  $G(s)K(s)$  has a pole/zero cancellation in the CRHP.

# Problem 1

Consider the feedback system below.

A) What is the transfer function from disturbance  $d$  to output  $y$ ? Express your answer in terms of  $G(s)$  and  $K(s)$ .

B) Is the feedback system stable if  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s-2}$  and  $K(s) = 5$ ?

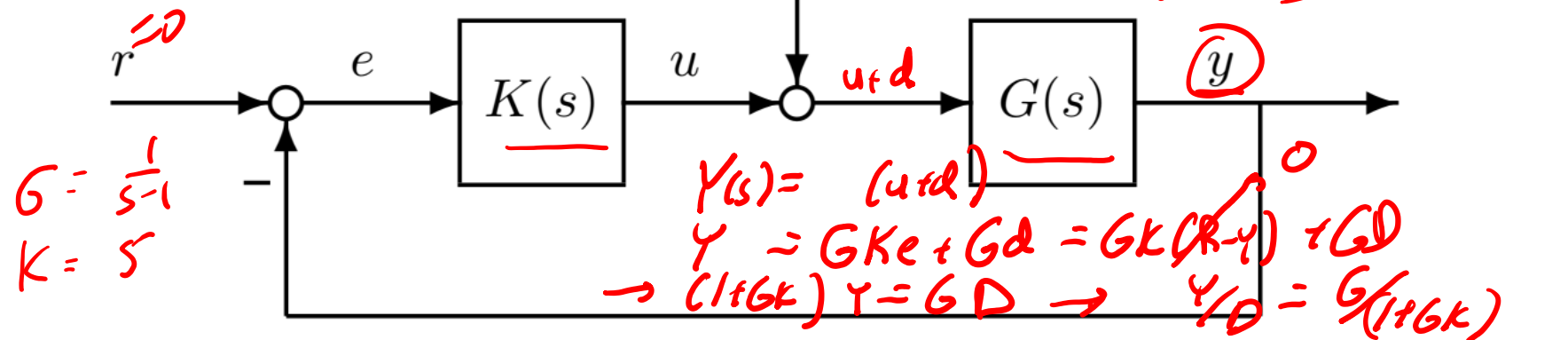
C) Is the feedback system stable if  $G(s) = \frac{s-1}{s+2}$  and  $K(s) = \frac{5}{s-1}$ ?

A)  $T_{d \rightarrow y} = \frac{G}{1+GK}$  ✓

B) Yes,  $\frac{1/s-2}{1+(1/s-2)5} = \frac{s-2}{(s-2)+5} = \frac{s-2}{s+3}$  ←

Note:  $1+GK = 1 + (\frac{1}{s-2})5 = \frac{s+3}{s-2}$  ← zero at  $s = -3$

C)  $1+GK = 1 + (\frac{s-1}{s+2})(\frac{5}{s-1}) = \frac{(s+2)(s-1) + 5(s-1)}{(s+2)(s-1)} = \frac{[(s+2)+5](s-1)}{(s+2)(s-1)}$  No  $s = +1$



# Solution 1A

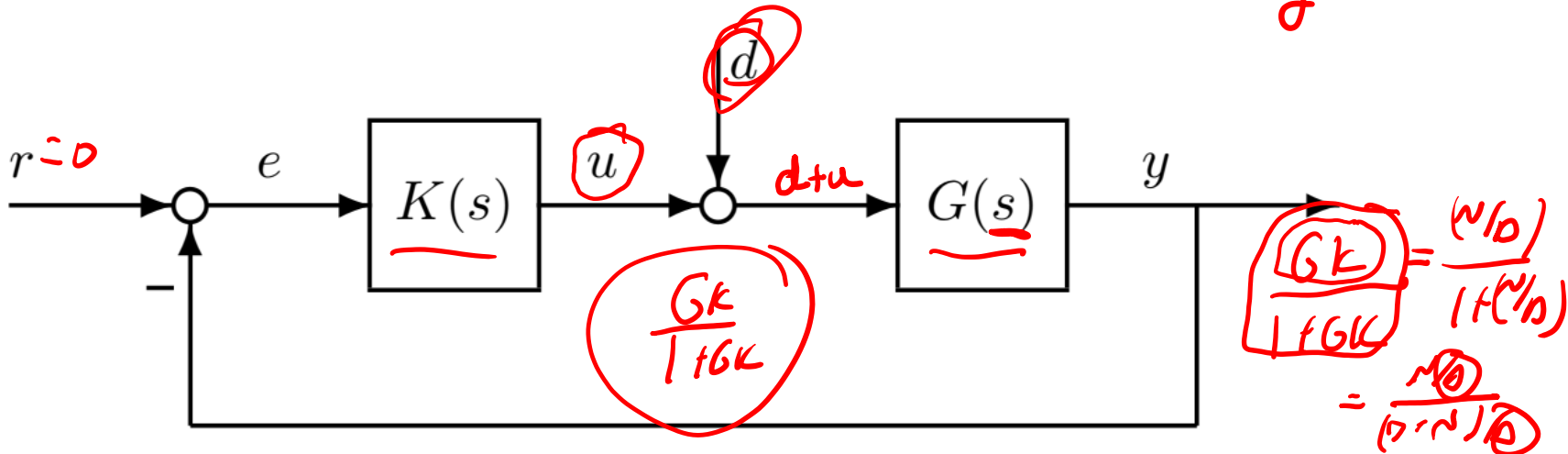
A) What is the transfer function from disturbance  $d$  to output  $y$ ? Express your answer in terms of  $G(s)$  and  $K(s)$ .

$$Y = G(D+u) = G(D + KE) = GD + GK \cdot E$$

$$Y = GD + GK(-Y)$$

$$(1+GK)Y = GD \rightarrow \frac{Y}{D} = \boxed{\frac{G}{1+GK}}$$

$T_{d \rightarrow y}$



# Solution 1B

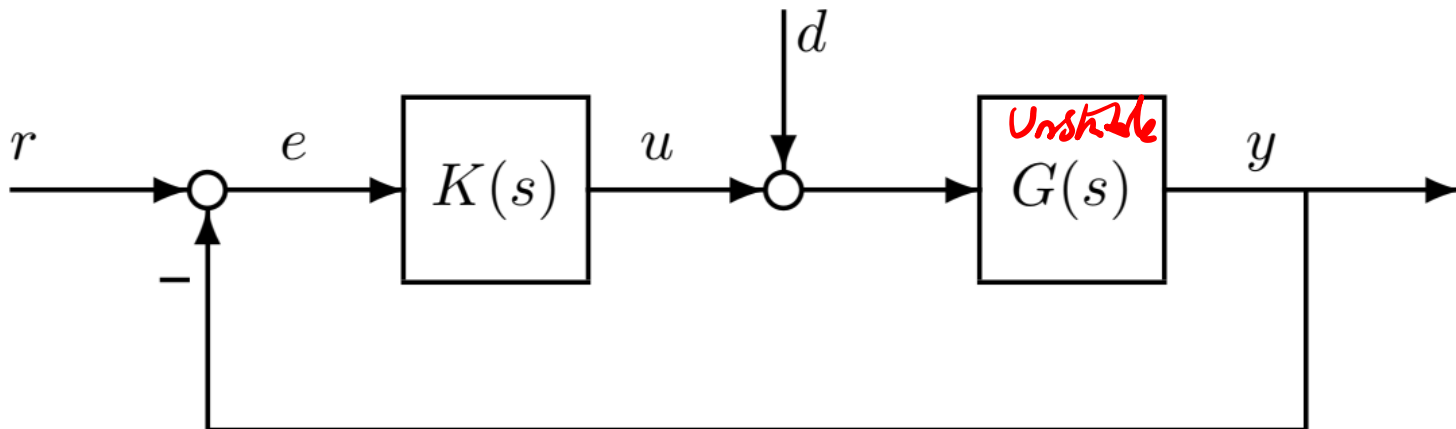
B) Is the feedback system stable if  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s-2}$  and  $K(s) = 5$ ?

Closed-loop is stable if  $1 + G(s)K(s)$  has only LHP zeros

$$1 + \left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right) 5 = \frac{(s-2) + 5}{s-2} = \frac{s+3}{s-2}$$

zero at  $s = -3$  in LHP ✓ **Stable**

$$T_{d \rightarrow y} = \frac{G}{1 + GK} = \frac{1/s-2}{(s+3)(s-2)} = \frac{1}{s+3} \left(\frac{s-2}{s-2}\right)$$

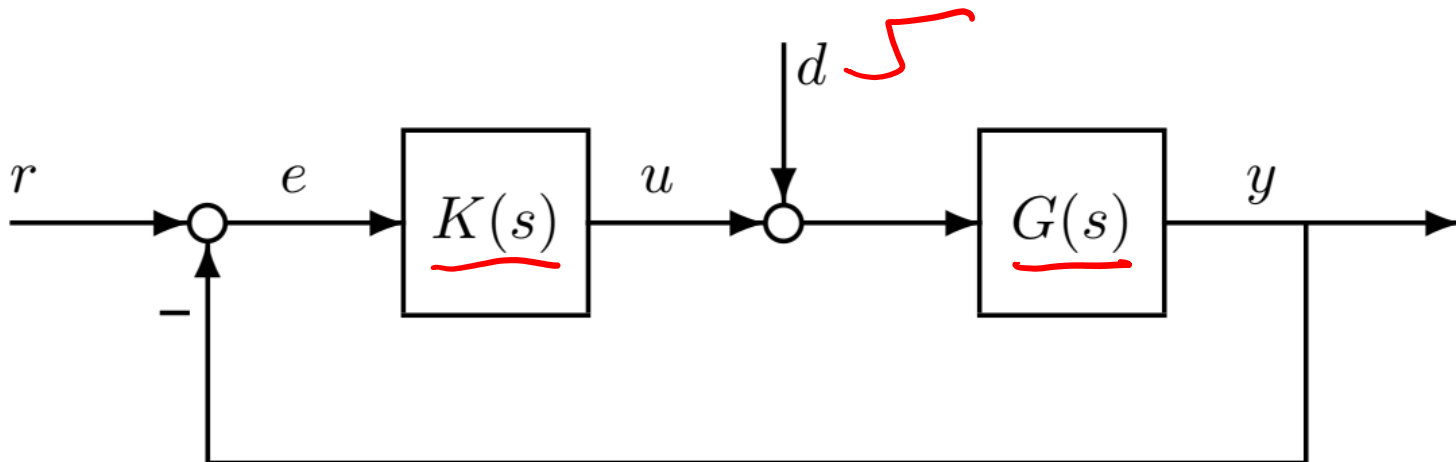


# Solution 1C

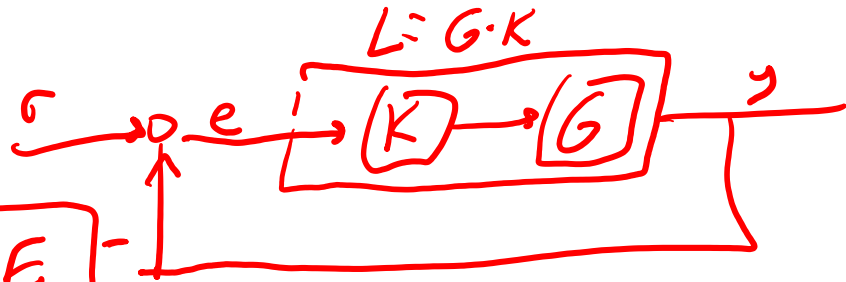
C) Is the feedback system stable if  $G(s) = \frac{s-1}{s+2}$  and  $K(s) = \frac{5}{s-1}$ ?

$$1 + GK = 1 + \left(\frac{s-1}{s+2}\right)\left(\frac{5}{s-1}\right) = \frac{(s+2)(s-1) + 5(s-1)}{(s+2)(s-1)}$$
$$= \frac{[(s+2) + 5](s-1)}{(s+2)(s-1)} = \frac{(s+7)(s-1)}{(s+2)(s-1)}$$

zero at  $s = +1$  in RHP  $\Rightarrow$  Unstable  
Closed loop



# Solution 1-Extra Space



$$D(s) \cdot Y = N(s) E$$

$\frac{s+2}{s+2}$       1      e  
 $\dot{y}+2y$       e

$$D(s)Y = N(s)[R - Y]$$

$$(D+N)Y = NR$$

$$\frac{Y}{R} = \frac{N}{N+D}$$

$$\frac{Y}{R} = \frac{N/D}{(N+D)/D} = \frac{L}{1+L} \quad T_{r \rightarrow y}(s) = \frac{(N/D)}{1+(N/D)} = \frac{N/D}{[N+D]/D} = \left( \frac{N}{N+D} \right) \left( \frac{D}{D} \right)$$

$$\dot{y} + 2y = e$$

$$L = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{1}{s+2}$$

$$\dot{y} + 2y = (r - y)$$

$$\dot{y} + 3y = r$$

$$T_{r \rightarrow y}(s) = \frac{1}{s+3}$$

$$T_{r \rightarrow y} = \frac{L(s)}{1+L(s)}$$

$$T_{r \rightarrow y} = \frac{(\frac{1}{s+2})}{1+(\frac{1}{s+2})} = \frac{\frac{1}{s+2}}{\frac{s+3}{s+2}}$$

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

$(D = N(s) + D(s)) / D(s) \Rightarrow 0 = 1 + G(s)K(s)$       zeros of are CL poles

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## **Lecture 16B: Gain Margin**



# Key Takeaways

This lecture discusses one safety factor called the gain margin to account for model uncertainty.



- The gain margin is the amount of allowable variation in the gain of the plant before the closed-loop becomes unstable.
- As a rule of thumb, the closed-loop should remain stable for gain variations in the range [0.5, 2] (= ±6dB).

$$S = \frac{1}{1+L(s)} \quad \text{CL poles} \quad 1+L(s)=0$$

It is shown that a gain variation  $g_0 > 0$  causes a closed-loop pole at  $s = \pm j\omega_0$  if and only if  $L(j\omega_0) = -1/g_0$

$$1 + g G(s) K(s) = 0$$

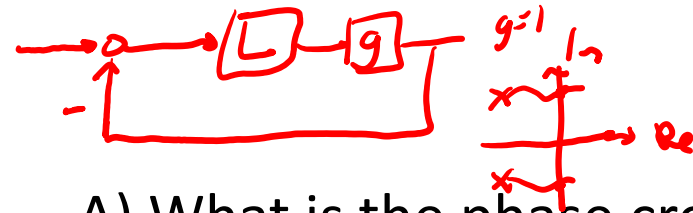
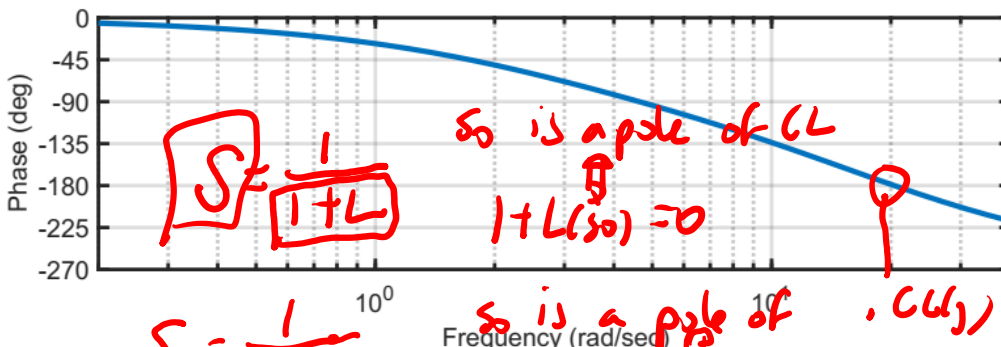
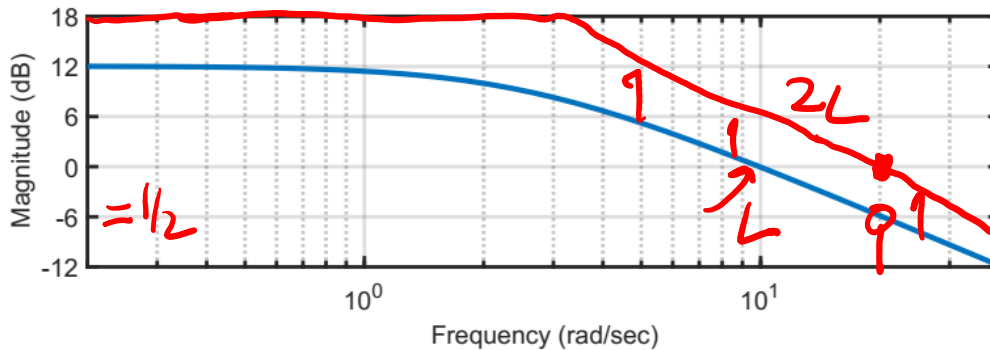
$$1 + g G(j\omega) K(j\omega) = 0$$

This can be used to determine gain margins from a Bode plot of the loop transfer function  $L(s)$ .

# Problem 2

Consider a standard closed-loop system with the loop transfer function  $L(s)$  with Bode plot below. Assume the closed-loop is stable with the loop  $L(s)$ .

$$L(s) = \frac{-4s+72}{0.39s^2+8.02s+18}$$



A) What is the phase crossover frequency,  $\omega_0$ ?  $20$   $1+g_0L(j\omega)=0$

B) What is the gain margin,  $g_0$ , of the closed-loop?  $g_0=2$

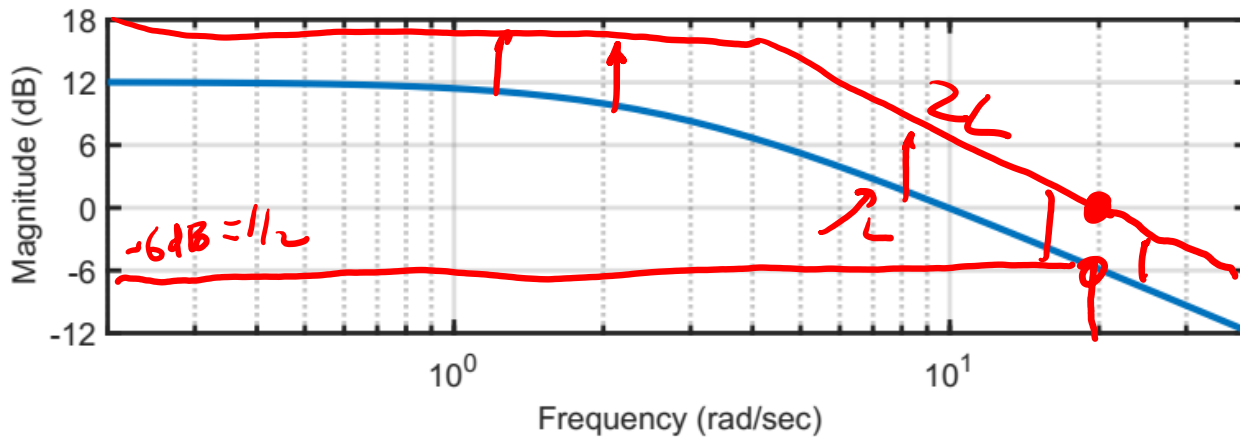
C) Is the closed-loop stable if the open-loop transfer function is  $1.5L(s)$ ? **yes**

D) Use Matlab to verify that if the loop is  $g_0L(s)$  then the closed-loop has a pole at  $j\omega_0$ .  $0.5, 0.1, 1.4, 2.1$

# Solution 2A and 2B

A) What is the phase crossover frequency,  $\omega_0$ ?

B) What is the gain margin,  $g_0$ , of the closed-loop?



$$\omega_0 = 20 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$L(j\omega_0) = -1/2$$

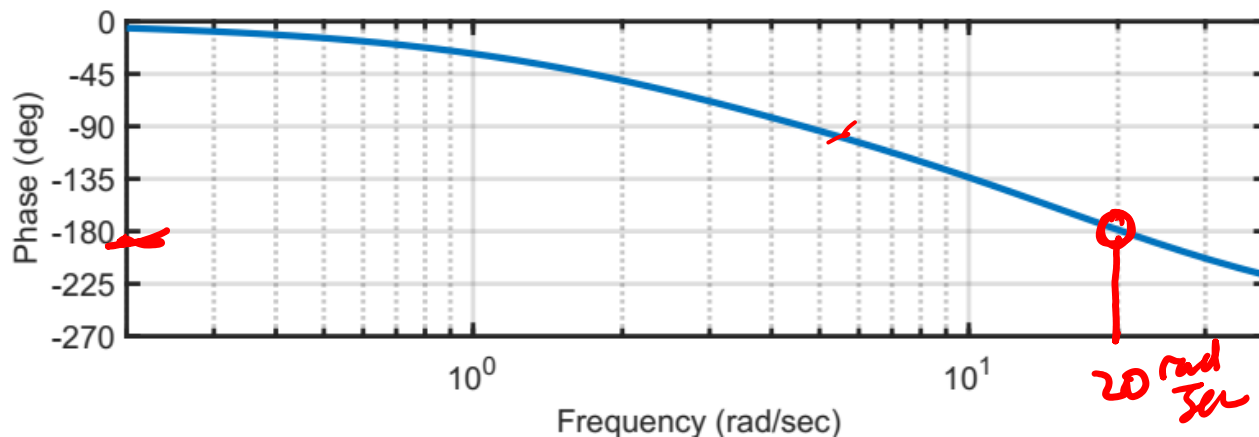
$$1 + g L(j\omega_0) = 0$$

||  $-1/2$       $g L(j\omega_0) = -1$

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$$\bar{g} = 2 = g_0$$

$$g = 0$$

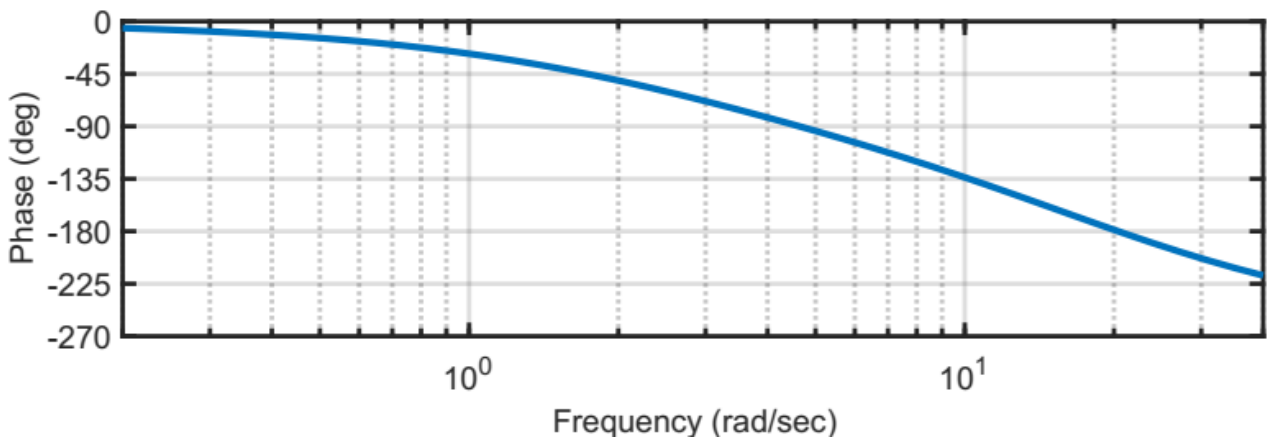
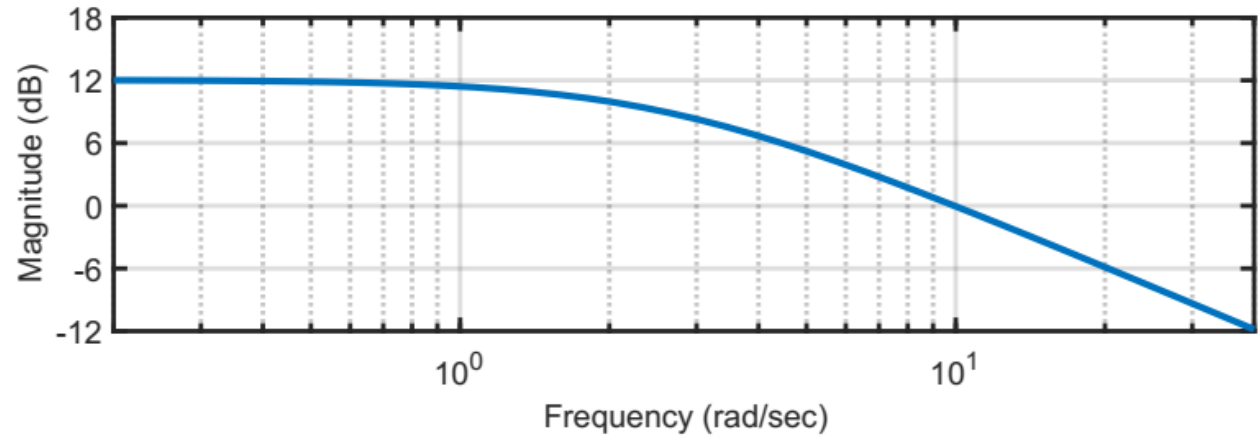


# Solution 2C and 2D

- C) Is the closed-loop stable if the open-loop transfer function is  $1.5L(s)$ ?
- D) Use Matlab to verify that if the loop is  $g_0L(s)$  then the closed-loop has a pole at  $j\omega_0$

$$L(s) = \frac{-4s+72}{0.39s^2+8.02s+18}$$

*c) yes*  
*1.5 <  $\bar{g} = 2$*



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## Lecture 16C: Phase Margin

# Key Takeaways

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This lecture discusses another safety factor called the phase margin to account for model uncertainty and time delays.

- The phase margin is the amount of allowable variation in the phase of the plant before the closed-loop becomes unstable.
- As a rule of thumb, the closed-loop should remain stable for phase variations in the range  $\pm 45^\circ$ .

It is shown that a phase variation  $\theta_0 > 0$  causes a closed-loop pole at  $s = j\omega_0$  if and only if  $e^{-j\theta_0} L(j\omega_0) = -1$ .

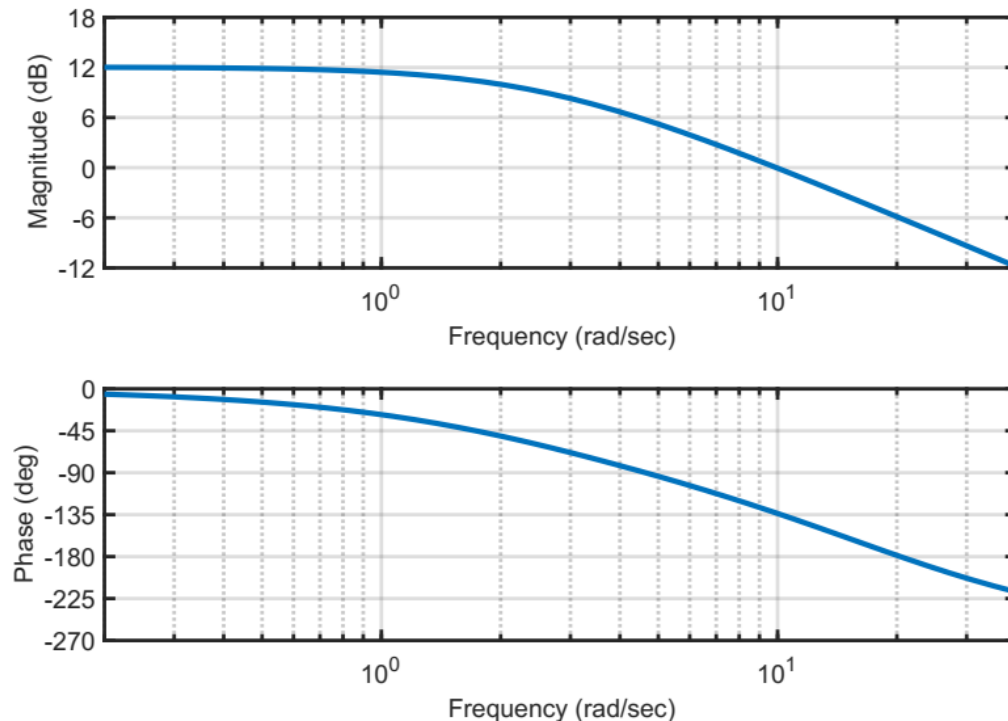
$$1 + e^{-j\theta} L(j\omega) = 0$$

This can be used to determine phase margins from a Bode plot of the loop transfer function  $L(s)$ .

# Problem 3

Consider a standard closed-loop system with the loop transfer function  $L(s)$  with Bode plot below. Assume the closed-loop is stable with the loop  $L(s)$ .

$$L(s) = \frac{-4s+72}{0.39s^2+8.02s+18}$$

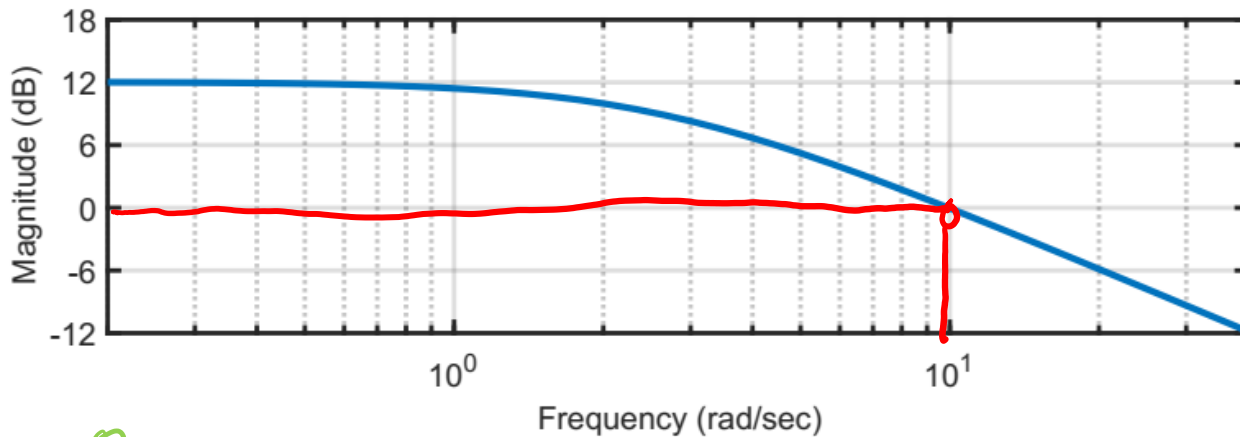


- A) What is the gain crossover frequency,  $\omega_0$ ?
- B) What is the phase margin,  $\theta_0$ , of the closed-loop?
- C) Use Matlab to verify that if the loop is  $e^{-j\theta_0}L(s)$  then the closed-loop has a pole at  $j\omega_0$ .
- D) What is the delay margin,  $\tau_0$ , of the closed-loop?
- E) Use Matlab to verify (via simulation) that that closed-loop is unstable with a delay of  $\tau_0$ .

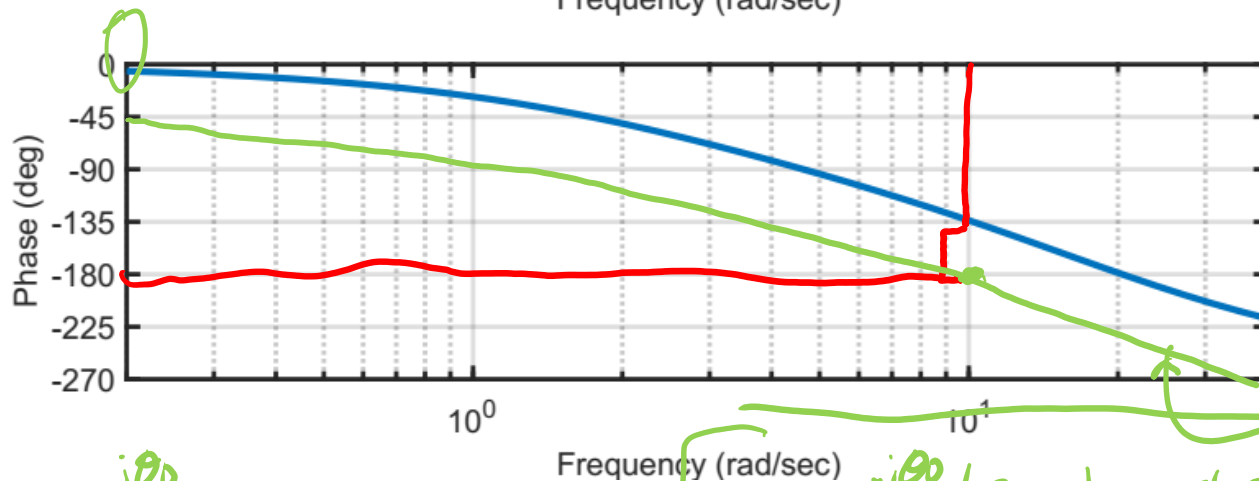
# Solution 3A and 3B

A) What is the gain crossover frequency,  $\omega_0$ ?

B) What is the phase margin,  $\theta_0$ , of the closed-loop?



$$\omega_0 = 10 \text{ rad/sec}$$



$$\angle L(j\omega) = -135^\circ$$

$$\theta_0 = 45^\circ$$

$$\frac{e^{-j\theta_0} L}{1 + e^{-j\theta_0}}$$

$$e^{-j\theta_0} L(j\omega) = -1$$

$$1 + e^{-j\theta_0} L(j\omega) = 0$$



# Solution 3C

C) Use Matlab to verify that if the loop is  $e^{-j\theta_0}L(s)$  then the closed-loop has a pole at  $j\omega_0$ .

*Use Matlab to verify that if the loop is  $e^{-j\theta_0}L(s)$  then the closed-loop has a pole at  $j\omega_0$ .*

