

# ECE 488 – Automatic Control

## Nyquist Plot

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## Reminder

### Previous Weeks

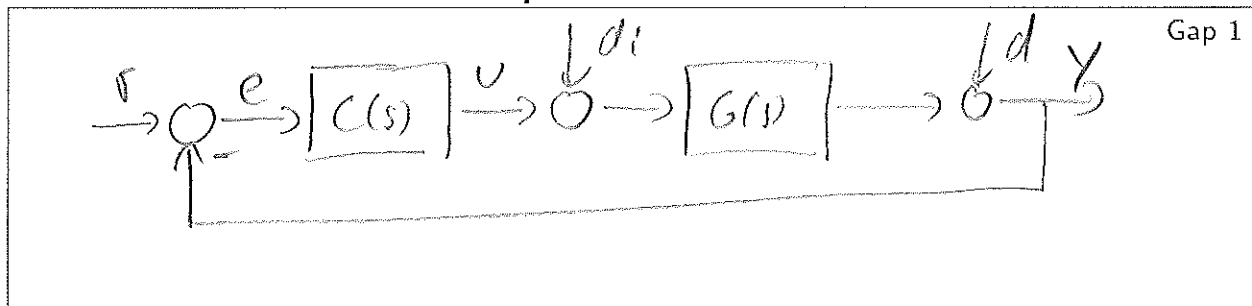
- Plant modeling
- Properties of transfer functions
- Feedback loop
  - Sensitivity transfer functions
  - Internal stability
- Root locus method

### This week

- Nyquist plot
- Nyquist criterion

# Stability Analysis: Reminder

## Basic Feedback Control Loop



- The feedback loop is internally stable if all zeros of  $1 + C(s)G(s)$  lie in the OLHP
  - ⇒ Direct computation of the zeros of  $1 + C(s)G(s)$
  - ⇒ Analytical verification using Routh-Hurwitz test
  - ⇒ Graphical verification based on root locus plot
  - ⇒ This week: Graphical verification using Nyquist plot

# Nyquist Plot: Frequency Response

## Open Loop Properties

$$G_o(s) = C(s) \cdot G(s) = K \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \cdots (s - p_n)}$$

- $G_o(s)$  has poles  $p_1, \dots, p_n$
- $G_o(s)$  is a complex number for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$

## Example

Gap 2

$$G_o(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}; \text{ Different values of } s \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$s = 2j \Rightarrow G_o(2j) = \frac{1}{2j(2j+1)} = \frac{1}{-4+2j} = \frac{-4-2j}{16+4} \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$s = 1 \Rightarrow G_o(1) = \frac{1}{1(1+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$s = -1+j \Rightarrow G_o(-1+j) = \frac{1}{(-1+j) \cdot j} = \frac{1}{-j-1} = \frac{-1+j}{2} \in \mathbb{C}$$

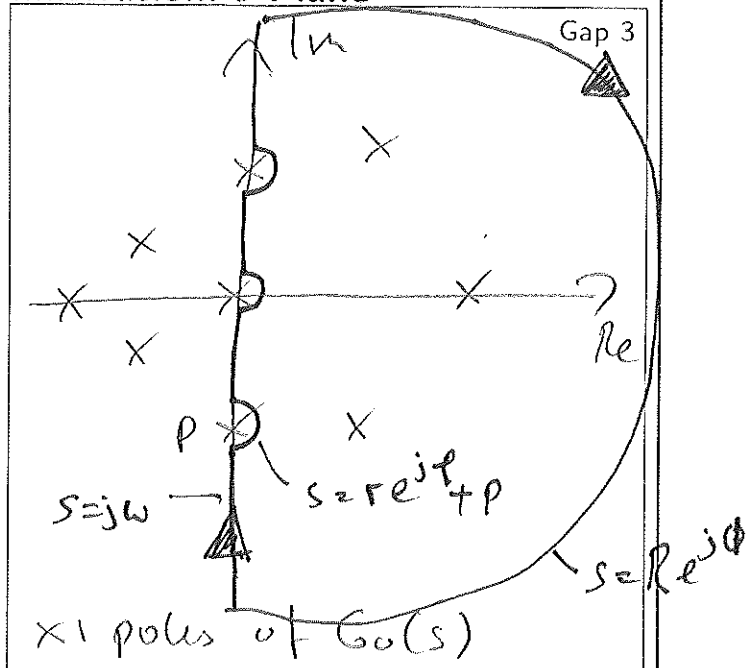
⇒ Plot  $G_o(s)$  in the complex plane along a well-defined path for  $s$

## Nyquist Plot: Construction

### Closed Path $C$ in Complex Plane

- $C$  includes the imaginary axis
- $C$  encircles all poles of  $G_o$  on the imaginary axis by a small semi-circle in the right-half plane
- $C$  closes by a large semi-circle in the right-half plane
- $C$  is traversed in clockwise direction  
 $\Rightarrow$  Such path  $C$  encircles all poles of  $G_o(s)$  in the right-half plane

### Illustration: $s$ -Plane



## Nyquist Plot: Path Representation

### Components of the Closed Path $C$

- Imaginary axis:  $s = j\omega$  for  $-\infty \leq \omega \leq \infty$
- Large semi-circle:  $s = R \cdot e^{j\phi}$  for  $\pi/2 \geq \phi \geq -\pi/2$  and  $R$  large
- Small semi-circles for each  $p_i$  on imaginary axis:  $s = p_i + r \cdot e^{j\varphi}$  for  $-\pi/2 \leq \varphi < \pi/2$  and  $r$  small

### Nyquist Curve

- Defined by mapping  $s \mapsto G_o(s)$  for all  $s \in C$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Each  $s \in C$  is mapped to the complex number  $G_o(s)$

### Nyquist Plot

- Graphical representation of the Nyquist curve in the complex plane  
 $\rightarrow$  We call the complex plane  $G_o$ -plane  
 $\rightarrow$  Complex number  $G_o(s)$  is plotted in the  $G_o$ -plane for each  $s \in C$

## Nyquist Plot: Assumptions

### Assumptions for $G_o(s)$

$$G_o(s) = K \frac{(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{s^q (s - p_{q+1}) \cdots (s - p_n)}$$

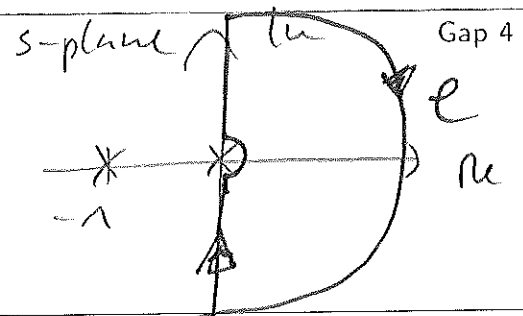
- $G_o(s)$  is proper:  $r = n - m \geq 0$
- $G_o(s)$  has  $0 \leq q \leq n$  poles at zero and  $n - q$  poles different from zero

### Example

$$G_o(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}$$

$\Rightarrow q = 1$  / pole at  $p_2 = -1$

$\Rightarrow r = 2 \geq 0$



## Nyquist Plot: Construction

**Large Semi-Circle:**  $s = R \cdot e^{j\Phi}$ ,  $\pi/2 \geq \Phi \geq -\pi/2$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} G_o(R \cdot e^{j\Phi}) \approx K \cdot \frac{R^m e^{jm\Phi}}{R^n e^{jn\Phi}} = K \cdot \frac{1}{R^r} e^{-jr\Phi} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r > 0 \\ K & \text{if } r = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Maps to point on real axis in complex plane

### Example

$$G_o(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}$$

For  $s = R e^{j\Phi}$ ,  $\pi/2 \geq \Phi \geq -\pi/2$ ,  $R$  large

$$G_o(s) = \frac{1}{R e^{j\Phi} (R e^{j\Phi} + 1)} \approx \frac{1}{R^2 e^{-2j\Phi}} \approx 0 \text{ for } R \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow G_o(s) \approx 0$  if  $s$  moves on large semi-circle

## Nyquist Plot: Construction

Small Semi-Circles for poles at zero:  $s = r \cdot e^{j\varphi}$ ,  $-\pi/2 \leq \varphi \leq \pi/2$

$$G_o(r \cdot e^{j\varphi}) \approx K \cdot \frac{(-z_1) \cdots (-z_m)}{r^q e^{jq\varphi} (-p_{q+1}) \cdots (-p_n)} = K_r \cdot \frac{1}{r^q} \cdot e^{-jq\varphi}$$

⇒ Maps to a curve with large radius that encircles the origin  $q/2$  times

⇒ Direction of the curve is clockwise if  $K_r$  is positive, otherwise counter-clockwise. circle starts at  $\pm |K_r + \frac{q\pi}{2}$ , ends at  $\pm |K_r - \frac{q\pi}{2}$

## Example

$G_o(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}$  ; small semi-circle  $r e^{j\varphi}$  at  $s=0$  Gap 6

$G_o(r e^{j\varphi}) = \frac{1}{r e^{j\varphi} (1 + r e^{j\varphi})} \approx \frac{1}{r e^{j\varphi}} = \frac{1}{r} e^{-j\varphi}$  for small  $r$

⇒ large semi-circle starts at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , ends at  $-\pi/2$

⇒  $G_o(s)$  moves on large semi-circle if  $s$  moves on  $r e^{j\varphi}$

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## Nyquist Plot: Construction

Imaginary Axis:  $s = j\omega$ ,  $-\infty < \omega < \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} G_o(j\omega) &= K \frac{(j\omega - z_1) \cdots (j\omega - z_m)}{(j\omega)^q (j\omega - p_{q+1}) \cdots (j\omega - p_n)} = \\ &= K_r \frac{(1 - j\omega/z_1) (1 - j\omega/z_2) \cdots (1 - j\omega/z_m)}{(j\omega)^q (1 - j\omega/p_1) (1 - j\omega/p_2) \cdots (1 - j\omega/p_n)} \\ K_r &= K \frac{(-z_1) (-z_2) \cdots (-z_m)}{(-p_1) (-p_2) \cdots (-p_n)} \end{aligned}$$

Limit for  $\omega \rightarrow 0$

$$G_o(j\omega) \approx \frac{K_r}{(j\omega)^q}$$

⇒ Phase:  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \angle(G_o(j\omega)) = \angle(K_r) - q \frac{\pi}{2}$

⇒ Magnitude:  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} |G_o(j\omega)| = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } q > 0 \\ |K_r| & \text{if } q = 0 \end{cases}$

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# Nyquist Plot: Construction

Imaginary Axis:  $s = j\omega, -\infty < \omega < \infty$

$$G_o(j\omega) = K \frac{(j\omega - z_1) \cdots (j\omega - z_m)}{(j\omega)^q (j\omega - p_{q+1}) \cdots (j\omega - p_n)}$$

Limit for  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$

$$G_o(j\omega) \approx K \frac{(j\omega)^m}{(j\omega)^n} = \frac{K}{(j\omega)^{n-m}} = \frac{K}{(j\omega)^r}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Phase:  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \angle(G_o(j\omega)) = \angle(K) - r \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$  Magnitude  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |G_o(j\omega)| = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r > 0 \\ |K| & \text{if } r = 0 \end{cases}$

Limit for  $\omega \rightarrow -\infty$

$\Rightarrow$  Symmetric to real axis compared to  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$

# Nyquist Plot: Example

Example

$$G_o(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)}$$

Imaginary axis  $s = j\omega$

$\bullet \omega \rightarrow 0; G_o(j\omega) \approx \frac{1}{j\omega}$

$\Rightarrow \angle G_o(s) \approx -\frac{\pi}{2}$

$|G_o(s)| \rightarrow \infty$

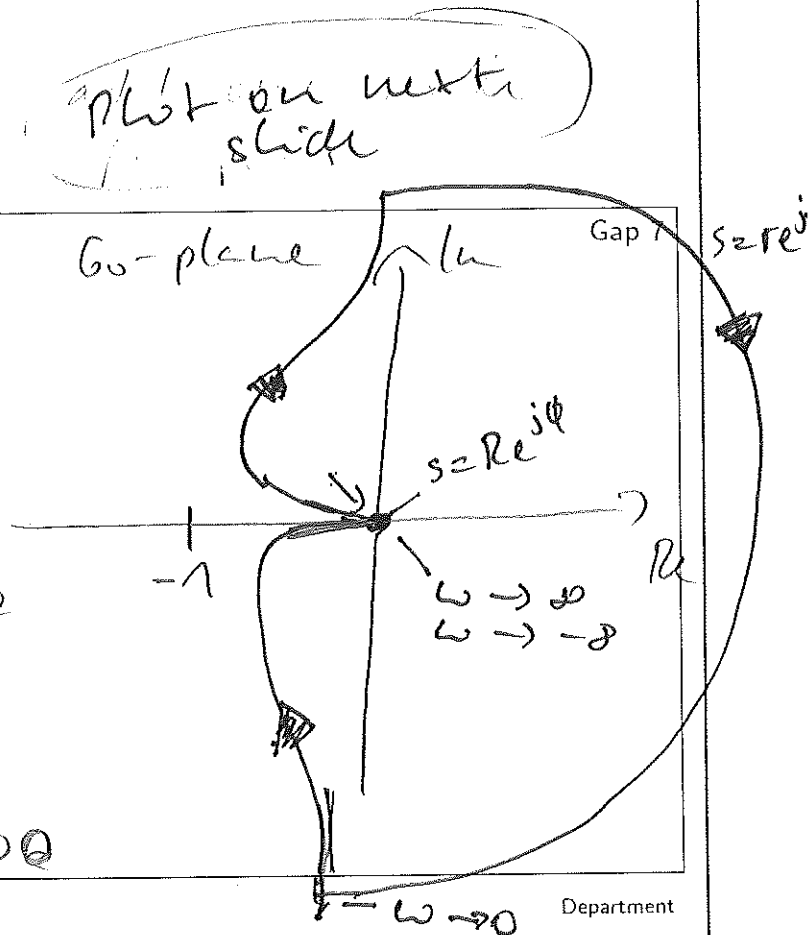
$\bullet \omega \rightarrow \infty; G_o(j\omega) \approx \frac{1}{(j\omega)^2}$

$\Rightarrow \angle G_o(s) \approx -\pi$

$|G_o(s)| \rightarrow 0$

$\bullet \omega \rightarrow -\infty$

$\angle G_o(s) \approx \pi, |G_o(s)| \rightarrow 0$



## Nyquist Plot: Example

Example  $G_0(s) = \frac{(s+2)(-1)}{(s+4)(s^2+2s+2)}$

Gap 8

$\Rightarrow$  two poles on imaginary axis

$\Rightarrow$   $q=0$  and  $r=3-1=2$

$\Rightarrow$  large semi-circle,  $R = e^{j\phi}$  maps to  $0$

$\Rightarrow$  no small semi-circle ( $q=0$ )

$\Rightarrow$   $\omega \rightarrow 0$ :  $\angle G_0(s) = \pi$ ,  $|G_0(s)| = \left| \frac{-2}{4 \cdot 2} \right| = \frac{1}{4}$

$\omega \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\angle G_0(s) = \angle |r|^{-r} = r \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi - \pi = 0$

$$|G_0(s)| \approx 0; \quad G_0(j\omega) \approx -\frac{1}{(j\omega)^2} =$$

$\Rightarrow$  Find  $s = j \Rightarrow G_0(j) = \frac{(2+j)(-1)}{(4+j)(-1+2j+2)} \approx -0.15 + 0.18j$

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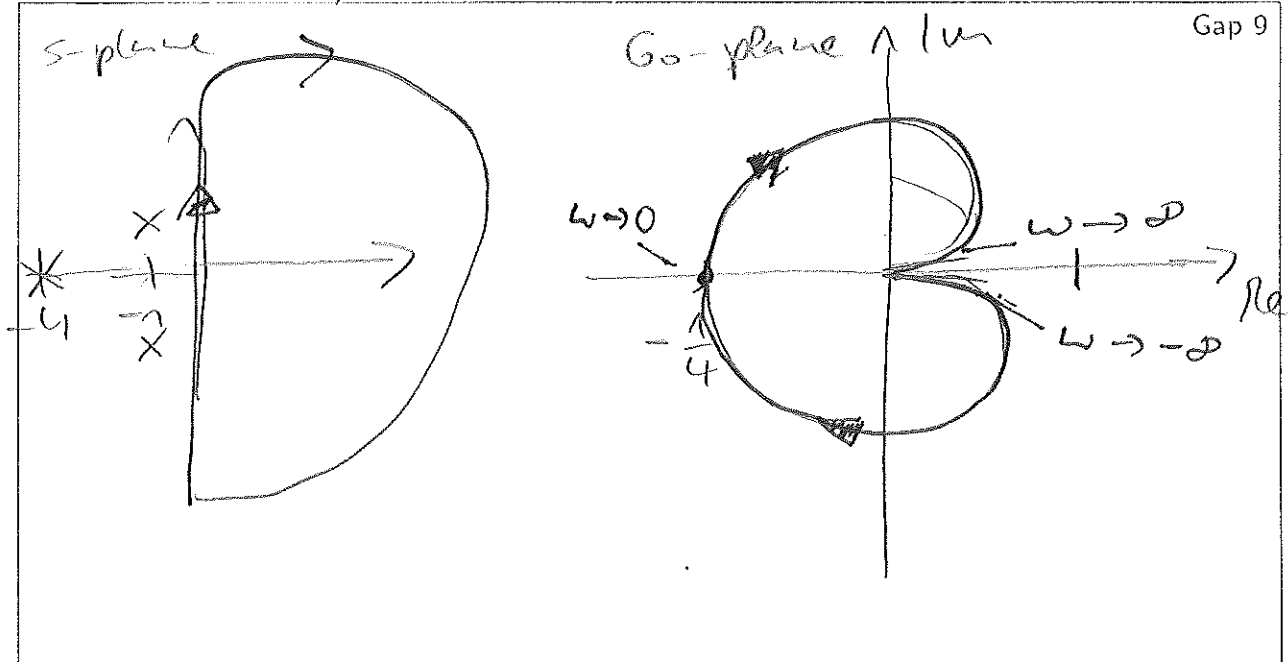
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## Nyquist Plot: Example

Example (Plot)

Gap 9



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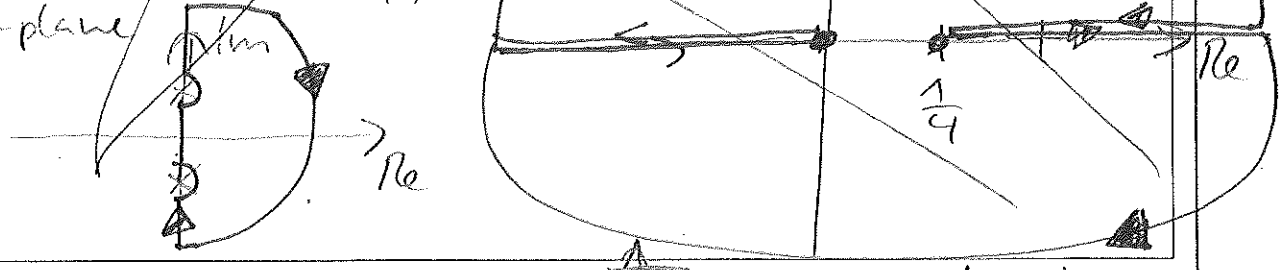
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### Nyquist Plot: Example

Example  $G_o(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} = \frac{1}{(s+2j)(s-2j)}$

$\Rightarrow$  two poles on imaginary axis  $\Rightarrow P_{1,2} = \pm 2j$  Gap 10  
 large semi-circle  $|G_o(s)| \rightarrow 0$   
 small semi-circle  $+2j: G_o(s) = 4j \cdot e^{j\pi/2}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  start  $\neq 0$   $\angle \approx \pi/2$ , end  $\neq 0$   $\angle \approx \pi$   
 $-2j$  symmetric  
 $\omega \rightarrow 0: |G_o(j\omega)| = 1/4; \angle G_o(j\omega) = 0^\circ$   
 $\omega \rightarrow \pm\infty: |G_o(j\omega)| \rightarrow 0; \angle G_o(j\omega) = \pi$

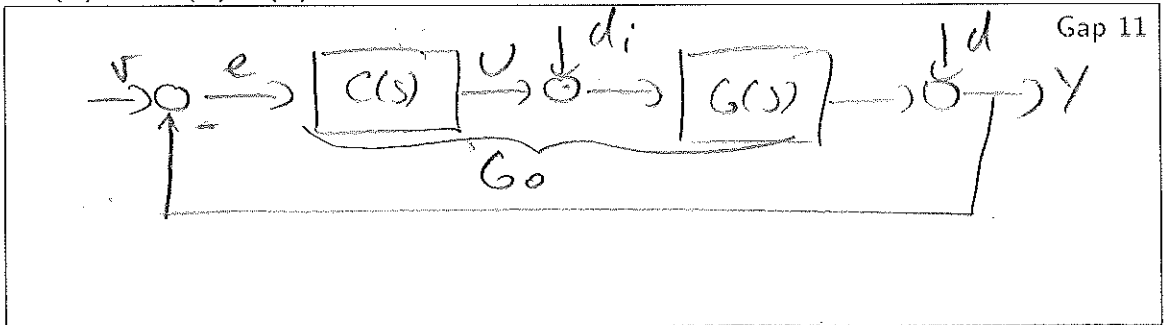


Note:  $G_o(j\omega) = 4 - \omega^2$  as poss. negative for  $|\omega| < 2$ , otherwise  $\omega > 2$

### Nyquist Plot: Stability

#### Nyquist Criterion

- Consider the basic feedback loop with open-loop transfer function  $G_o(s) = C(s)G(s)$



- Call  $P$  the number of poles of  $G_o$  in the open right-half plane
- Call  $N$  the number of times the Nyquist plot of  $G_o$  encircles the point  $(-1, 0)$  in clockwise direction
- $\Rightarrow$  The closed loop is stable if and only if  $N + P = 0$



## Nyquist Plot: Stability Analysis Example

## Example

$$G_o(s) = \frac{1}{s(1+s)} : \text{no pole in ORAP} \Rightarrow P=0 \quad \text{Gap 12}$$

Nyquist plot does not encircle  $(-1,0) \Rightarrow N=0$   
 $\Rightarrow P+N=0 \Rightarrow$  internally stable

$$G_o(s) = -\frac{s+2}{(s+4)(s^2+2s+1)} : P=0$$

Nyquist plot does not encircle  $(-1,0) \Rightarrow N=0$   
 $\Rightarrow P+N=0 \Rightarrow$  internally stable

$$G_o(s) = \frac{10s+3}{s^2+21s+4} \Rightarrow P=0$$

Nyquist plot does not encircle  $(-1,0) ; N=0$   
 $\Rightarrow P+N=0 \Rightarrow$  internally stable

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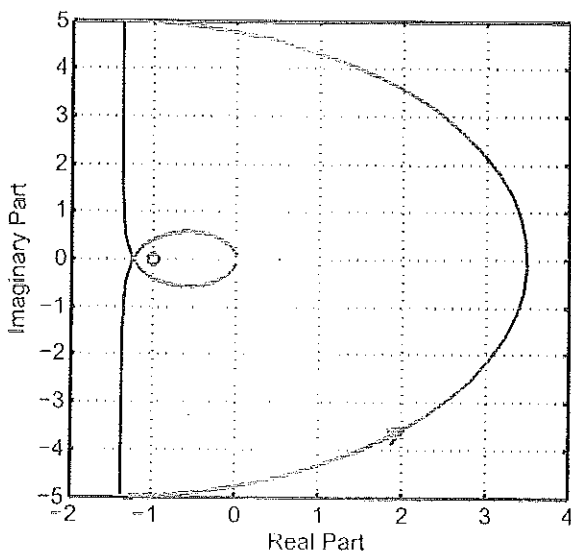
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## Nyquist Plot: Stability Analysis Example

## Instable Open Loop

$$G_o(s) = \frac{5s+2}{s(s-4)}$$



## Computation

$P=1$  (pole at  $s=4$ )  
 $N=-1$  (one encirclement  
 in counter clockwise  
 direction)

$$\Rightarrow P+N=1-1=0$$

$\Rightarrow$  closed loop is  
 internally stable

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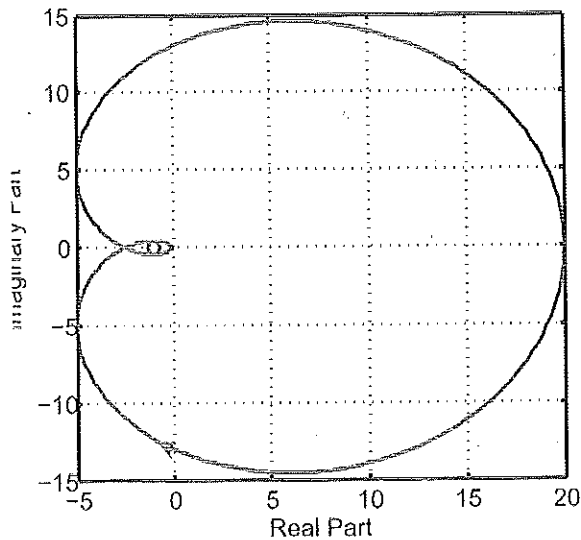
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# Nyquist Plot: Stability Analysis Example

## Stable Open Loop

•  $G_o(s) = \frac{20}{(1+s)^3}$



## Computation

Gap 14

$P = 0$  (only stable poles)  
 $N = 1$  (one encirclement in clockwise direction)  
 $\Rightarrow P + N = 1 + 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  closed loop is unstable

# Nyquist Plot: Gain Margin

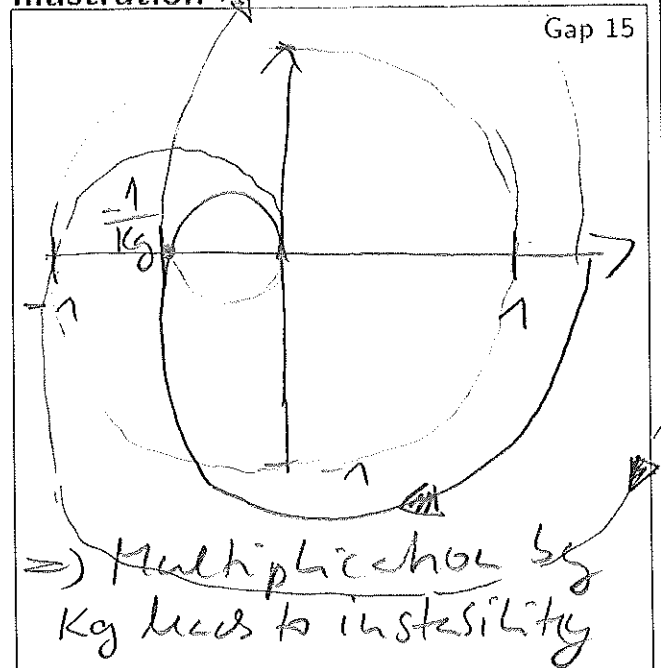
## Assumption

- Open loop transfer function  $G_o(s)$  without poles in the open right half plane

## Gain Margin

- Multiplication of  $G_o$  with constant  $K_G$  leads to instable closed loop
- Phase crossover frequency  $\omega_p$  such that  $\angle G_o(\omega_p) = -\pi$   
 $\rightarrow$  Gain margin  $K_G$  describes degree of stability with respect to gain changes

## Illustration



## Nyquist Plot: Phase Margin

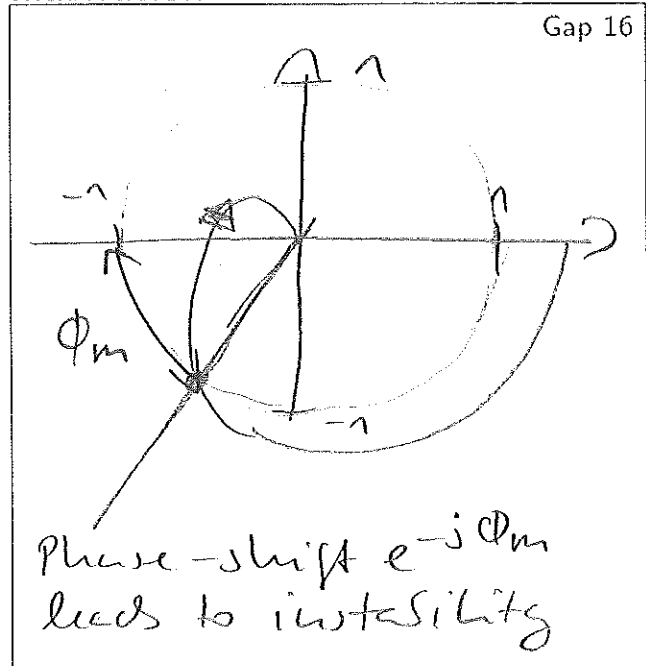
### Assumption

- Open loop transfer function  $G_o(s)$  without poles in the open right half plane

### Phase Margin

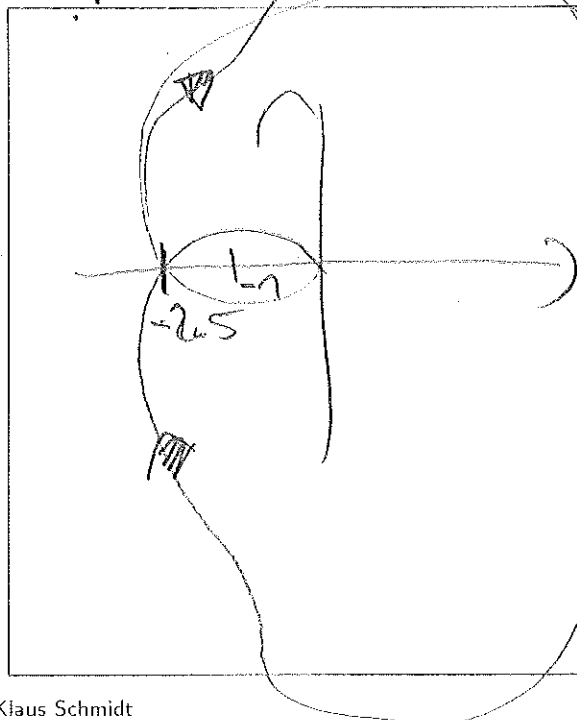
- Multiplication of  $G_o$  with  $e^{-j\Phi_P}$  (phase shift of  $\Phi_P$ ) leads to instable closed loop
- Gain crossover frequency  $\omega_G$  such that  $|G_o(\omega_G)| = 1$   
 $\rightarrow$  Phase margin  $\Phi_P$  describes degree of stability with respect to phase shift

### Illustration



## Nyquist Plot: Example

### Computation



Gap 17

- $P=0, N=2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  instable  
 possible Achter,  
 abhängig  $G_o$  by  
 proportional gain  $K_p = \frac{1}{5}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Nyquist plot intersects  
 real axis at  $-1/2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  internally stable

$$G_0(s) = \frac{10s + 3}{s^2 + 4s + 4}$$

large semi-circle:  $r=1 \Rightarrow \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} G_0(Re^{j\phi}) = 0$

no small semi-circle

$j\omega - \infty$

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \quad |G_0(0)| = \frac{3}{4} \quad \neq G_0(0) = 0.75$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \infty \quad |G_0(\infty)| = 0 \quad \angle(G_0(\infty)) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

(Intersections with real axis)

$$|u(G_0(j\omega))| = |u\left(\frac{10j\omega + 3}{-\omega^2 + 4j\omega + 4}\right)| = |u\left(\frac{(10j\omega + 3)(4 - \omega^2 - 4j\omega)}{(4 - \omega^2)^2 + 16}\right)|$$

$$= 0 \Rightarrow 10\omega(4 - \omega^2) + 3(-4\omega) = \omega(-10\omega^2 + 40 - 12) =$$

$$\omega(28 - 10\omega^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{14}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(G_0(j\omega)) = 2.5$$

