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Robust Control with Classical Methods – QFT

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- Review of the classical Bode-Nichols control problem
- QFT in the basic Single Input Single Output (SISO) case
- Uncertainty and Fundamental Design Limitations
- QFT for non-minimum phase and computer controlled systems
- QFT for cascaded systems, and for a class on non-linear plants
- QFT for Multi-Input Multi-Output (MIMO) plants
- A comparison between QFT and other robust and adaptive control

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QFT for non-minimum phase and computer controlled systems

- QFT for non-minimum phase and delay systems
 - Design guidelines
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 - Selection of sampling interval
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 - ♥ Analog design with controller translation
 - ♥ Analog plant with digital controller
 - ♥ Sampled plant model with digital controller

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QFT for non-minimum phase and delay systems - Design guidelines

- **Plant uncertainty** – as for MP plants. An MP nominal may be chosen, even if it is outside plant value set.
- **”Standard” closed loop gain specifications** – as for MP plants. Example: $a|\omega| \leq |F(j\omega)S(j\omega)| \leq b|\omega|$. But: **ignore delay or undershoot** in transient.
- **Bounds**: as usual. Note that in case of an MP nominal, the bounds reflect the $\omega_c < \omega_{c_crit}$ limitation.

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An example

- $P(s) = \frac{ke^{-\tau s}}{s}$
 $k \in [1,3], \tau \in [0,1]$
- $P_{nom}(s) = \frac{3}{s}$
- Spec: $|S| < 6\text{dB}$
max. ω_c

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An example, cont'd

- Bounds creep ”rightwards”, reflecting the ω_c -limitation when loop shaping the MP nominal.
- roll-off vs. phase.

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Exercises

- Complete the design of the example. What cross-over frequency, ω_c , did you achieve? What closed loop bandwidth?
- Redo the example with $P_{nom}(s) = \frac{3e^{-s}}{s}$. Compare the bounds, and explain the difference.
- Replace $e^{-\tau s}$ with $(1 - \tau s/2)/(1 + \tau s/2)$ and redo the design. Compare!

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Digital controller design - structure

- Do not forget the analog anti-aliasing filter A(s)!

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Selection of sampling interval

- Make a preliminary analog design of $G(s)$ and $F(s)$ without anti-aliasing filter.
- Record the achieved closed loop bandwidths, ω_b , and cross-over frequencies, ω_c , for all plant cases.
- Select the sampling frequency $\omega_s \in [10, 20] \max\{\omega_b, \omega_c\}$
- Design the anti-aliasing filter $A(s)$ with a bandwidth $\omega_a \in [0.2, 0.33]\omega_s$

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Design alternatives:

1. Analog design with controller translation

- For implementation $G(s) \rightarrow C(z)$, $F(s) \rightarrow F(z)$

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"Cancellation" of S&H effect

- Consider $R(z) = 2z/(z+1)$
- $\arg\{R(e^{j\omega T_s})\} = +\omega T_s/2 = -\arg\{S \& H\}$
- $R(e^{j\omega T_s}) \approx 1/S \& H$ for low frequencies
- Note, by first order Padé and Tustin:

$$\frac{1-e^{-sT_s}}{T_s s} \approx \frac{1}{1+(T_s s)/2} = \left[s = \frac{2}{T_s} \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right] = \frac{z+1}{2z}$$
- Ref: Raviv and Djaja, Control Systems Magazine, June 1999

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Analog design with controller translation, complemented with S&H "cancellation"

interpreted with $s=j\omega$, $z=e^{j\omega T_s}$ for $\omega < \omega_N$

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Controller translation $G(s) \rightarrow C(z)$

- Recommended: use matched pole-zero translation of each factor in $G(s)$:

$$(s-a) \rightarrow (z-e^{aT_s})$$
- with adjustment of DC-gain, e.g.

$$|G(0)| = |C(1)|, \text{ or } /s G(s) /_{s \rightarrow 0} = /(z-1)C(z) /_{z \rightarrow 1}, \dots$$
- Gives best frequency function matching up to almost ω_N .
- In Matlab `c2d(, , 'matched')`;

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Matched pole-zero translation

Example

$$(s - a) \rightarrow (z - e^{aT_s})$$

$$G(s) = \frac{(1 + 2 \cdot 0.6s/4 + s^2/16)}{s(1 + s/3)} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow C(z) = g \frac{(z - e^{(-2.4+3.2j)T_s})(z - e^{(-2.4-3.2j)T_s})}{(z-1)(z - e^{-3T_s})}$$

$$= g \frac{(z^2 - 2e^{-2.4T_s} \cos(3.2T_s)z + e^{-4.8T_s})}{(z-1)(z - e^{-3T_s})}$$

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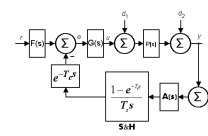
Other controller translation methods

- Ref: Katz, Hanselmann, Franklin *et al.*
- **Prewarped Tustin for each factor**, with pre-warping frequency = ω_{knee} , \equiv **matched**.
- **ZOH** assumes input to $G(s)$ to be constant over T_s : false. Freq. fcn matching bad. **Do not use!**
- **FOH** assumes input to $G(s)$ to be ramped over T_s . **Avoid!**
- **Tustin or Prewarped Tustin of all of $G(s)$ in one go**: very bad matching of frequency function. **Do not use!**

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Analog design with controller translation in Qsyn



- Before translation:

```
function [G] = d3(s)
% d3.m Controller function description of anti-aliasing filter
% in series with the sample and hold transfer function, and
% analog compensator. No computational delay.
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
A = [1]/(1 + 2*0.7*s/100 + s.*s/10000); % anti-aliasing
Ts = 0.020; % seconds, sampling period
H = (1 - exp(-Ts*s))./(Ts*s); % Sample and hold
Ganal = (1 + 2*0.6*s + s.*s/16)./(s.*(1+s/3));
G = A.*H.*Ganal;
```

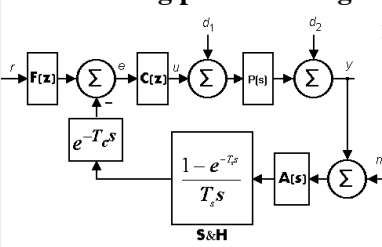
after matched translation ...

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Design alternatives:

2. Analog plant with digital controller



Frequency function calculation for $\omega < \omega_N$:
 $s = j\omega, z = e^{j\omega T_s}$

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Analog plant with digital controller in Qsyn

```
function [G] = d4(s)
% d4.m Controller function description of anti-aliasing filter, in series with the
% sample and hold transfer function, without computational delay, and the digital
% feedback compensator for the SISO plant ex2_1a.m
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
A = [1]/(1 + 2*0.7*s/100 + s.*s/10000); % anti-aliasing
Ts = 0.020; % seconds, sampling period
H = (1 - exp(-Ts*s))./(Ts*s); % Sample and hold
z = exp(Ts*s);
C = 0.09*(z - exp(-5*Ts)).*(z.*z - 2*exp(-2.4*Ts)*cos(3.2*Ts)*z + ...
exp(-4.8*Ts))./(z - 1).*(z - exp(-3*Ts)).*(z - exp(-Ts));
G = A.*H.*C;
```

... this form is also the result after matched translation

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Analog plant with digital controller, cont'd

Example:

$$P(s) = k \frac{s+a}{1+2\zeta\omega_n s + s^2\omega_n^2}$$

$k \in [25], a \in [13], \zeta \in [0.106], \omega_n \in [48]$

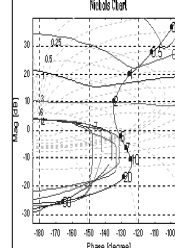
Nom: $k = 2, a = 3, \zeta = 0.6, \omega_n = 4$

$M \leq 10\%$

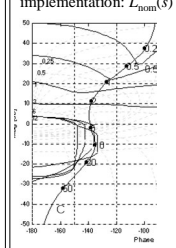
$t_r(5\%) \leq 15$ seconds

$|S| < 6$ dB

$P_{nom}(s)C(z)$



Cf. first analog SISO design with analog implementation: $L_{nom}(s)$



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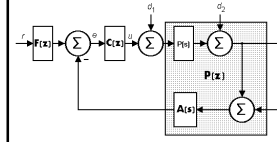
Analog plant with digital controller, cont'd

- If more convenient for designer, parameterize the controller in the s -domain:

```
function [G] = d5(s)
A = [1]./(1 + 2*0.7*s/100 + s.*s/10000); % anti-aliasing
Ts = 0.020; % seconds, sampling period
H = (1 - exp(-Ts*s))./(Ts*s); % Sample and hold
Gnum = [1/16 2*0.6/4 1]; Gden = [1/3 1 0];
[Cnum,Cden] = c2d(Gnum,Gden,Ts,'matched');
z = exp(Ts*s);
C = polyval(Cnum,z)./polyval(Cden,z);
G = A.*H.*C;
```

Design alternatives:

3. Sampled plant model with digital controller



- The digital plant model is obtained by Zero Order Hold translation

$$A(s)P(s) \rightarrow P(z)$$

- ZOH is OK, since plant input u is piecewise constant over T_s ,
- Controller design, $C(z)$, as above.

Sampled plant model in Qsyn

$$P(s) = k \frac{s+a}{1+2s/a_2 + s^2/a_2^2}, \quad k \in [2, 5], \quad a \in [1, 3], \quad \zeta \in [0.1, 0.6], \quad a_2 \in [4, 8] \quad A(s) = \frac{1}{1+2 \cdot 0.7s/100 + s^2/10000}$$

```
function [Par,w_tpl,w_nom,method,P_num,P_den,n_dif,Uns_Par] = ex2_1a
% Plant_name : Example 2.1. Sampled plant model with anti-aliasing filter
% Definition of the parameters
Par = ['k=[2, 5, 2, 8]' ... % uncertain gain
'a=[1, 3, 3, 8]' ... % zero: s+a
'zet=[0.3, 0.6, 0.6, 8]' ... % complex pole
'wn=[4, 8, 4, 8]']; % Definition of the frequency vectors [rad/sec]
w_tpl = [0.2 0.5 1 2.5 10 20 50]; w_nom = logspace(-1,2); % frequencies [rad/s]
method = 'adgrid_1,1'; % template computation method
% Plant definition: Functional Structure
P_num='pfun(k,a,zet,w_n,s,Ts)'; P_den='1';
```

Sampled plant model in Qsyn, cont'd

```
Pz = pfun(k,a,z,w_n,s) % file pfun.m
Ts = 0.020;
z = exp(Ts*s);
num = k*[1 a]; den = conv([1/(wn*wn) 2*zet/wn 1],[1/10000 2*0.7/100 1]);
[dnum,dden] = c2dm(num,den,Ts,'zoh');
Pz = polyval(dnum,z)./polyval(dden,z);
```

- Note that this use of plant.m and pfun.m enables arbitrary plant definitions.