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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 of 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 a class of non-linear plants

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## The principle

- $W \in \mathcal{W}$  is a non-linear plant
- **Objective:** For a specific input  $r(t)$  it is required that the output  $y(t)$  be a member of an acceptable set  $\mathcal{Y}$  for all  $W \in \mathcal{W}$ .
- **Procedure:** Replace the non-linear plant set  $\mathcal{W}$  by a linear time invariant equivalent LTIE set  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- **Assumptions** in the basic case treated here:
  - Zero initial conditions
  - No disturbance inputs
- **Reference:** Horowitz, ch 11

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## To obtain the LTIE set

- Choose one  $y_i(t) \in \mathcal{Y}$ , and one plant  $W_j \in \mathcal{W}$ , and solve for the plant input,
 
$$u_j^i(t) = W_j^{-1}\{y_i(t)\}$$
- Define  $P_j^i(s) \triangleq L\{y_i(t)\} / L\{u_j^i(t)\}$  as the LTIE of  $W_j$  w.r.t.  $y_i(t)$ .
- $L\{y_i(t)\}$  must exist
- For given  $y_i(t)$ ,  $u_j^i(t) = W_j^{-1}\{y_i(t)\}$  must be **unique** and Laplace transformable.

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## The barrel analogy

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## Examples

- $\mathcal{W}: y=4u^2$
- $\mathcal{Y}: \{a, t>0; \text{ else } 0\}, a \in [1,9]$
- $y=a \Rightarrow u=\sqrt{a/2}$
- $P_{eq}=y/u=2\sqrt{a} \in [2,6]$
- Note: even w/o uncertainty in  $\mathcal{W}$ ,  $P_{eq}$  becomes uncertain!

- $\mathcal{W}: y=ku^2, k \in [1,4]$
- $\mathcal{Y}: \{a, t>0; \text{ else } 0\}, a \in [1,9]$
- $y=a \Rightarrow u=\sqrt{a/k}$
- $P_{eq}=y/u=\sqrt{ka} \in [1,6]$

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### Examples, cont'd

- $\mathcal{W}$ :  $\dot{y}(t) + Hy^2(t) = Ku(t)$ ,  $H \in [H_1, H_2]$ ,  $K \in [K_1, K_2]$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$
- $\mathcal{Y}$ :  $\{Ate^{-\alpha}, A \in [1, 2], \alpha \in [1.5, 3]\}$

$$sY(s) + HL\{y^2(t)\} = KU(s) \Rightarrow P_{eq}(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{K}{s + \left( \frac{HL\{y^2(t)\}}{Y(s)} \right)}$$

$$Y(s) = A/(s + \alpha)^2$$

$$y^2(t) = A^2 t^2 e^{-2\alpha t} \quad L\{y^2(t)\} = 2A^2 / (s + 2\alpha)^3$$

$$P_{eq}(s) = \frac{K}{s + \frac{2HA^2}{A} \frac{(s + \alpha)^2}{(s + 2\alpha)^3} + 2HA(s + \alpha)^2}$$

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### LTI design

- With  $P_{eq}(s)$  defining a set of LTI transfer function, design the feedback compensator  $G(s)$  and prefilter  $F(s)$  such that the closed loop around  $P^i(s)$  satisfies the specifications defined by  $\mathcal{Y}$  and corresponding  $r(t)$ .
- Will the closed loop around  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  also satisfy the specifications?

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### Convergence for the non-linear system

- Define a map  $\Phi: Y(j\omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , with  $F(s)$ ,  $G(s)$  continuous,

$$\Phi(Y) = \frac{P_j^i(s)G(s)F(s)}{1 + P_j^i(s)G(s)}$$

- **Suppose** that there exists a fixed point, i.e.  $Y^* = \Phi(Y^*)$
- Recall that  $P_j^i(s) = Y_j(s)/U_j(s) \Rightarrow$

$$Y^*(s) = \frac{Y^*(s)G(s)F(s)}{U_j^*(s) + Y^*(s)G(s)}, \quad s = j\omega$$

- then  $Y^*$  is the output of the closed loop system around  $W$ .

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### Non-linear convergence, cont'd

- **If** there is a pair  $F(s)$ ,  $G(s)$  such that  $\Phi$  has a fixed point for all  $P_j^i(s)$ , then the output of  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  belongs to the acceptable set  $\mathcal{Y}$ .
- **Conditions for the existence of fix points (Special case of Shauder's f.p.t. called Brouwer's f.p.t):**
  - 1)  $L\{\mathcal{Y}\}$  convex, compact;  $Y(j\omega)$  is continuous in  $\omega$
  - 2)  $\Phi: L\{\mathcal{Y}\} \rightarrow L\{\mathcal{Y}\}$
  - 3)  $1 + P_j^i(s)G(s)$  are analytic in RHP.

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### When do $F(s)$ and $G(s)$ exist such that a fix point is guaranteed?

1.  $P_j^i(s)$  is minimum phase, and  $u_j^i(t)$  is uniformly bounded
2. A uniform bound exists for the unstable poles of  $P_j^i(s)$
3. As  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P_j^i(s) \rightarrow k_j^i/s^{e_j^i}$  where  $\Delta e_j^i \leq 1$  (may be relaxed)

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### Exercise: van der Pol plant

- $\mathcal{W}$ :  $\dot{y} + Ay(By^2 - 1) + Ey = Ku$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = y''(0) = 0$   
 $A \in [1, 3]$ ,  $B \in [1, 4]$ ,  $E \in [-2, 1]$ ,  $K \in [31, 124]$
- $\mathcal{Y}$ :  $Y(s) = T(s)R(s)$   
 $T(s) = \frac{480}{z} \frac{(s+z)}{(s+2)(s+3)(s+4)(s+20)}$ ,  $z \in [1, 100]$   
 $R(s) = Q/s$ ,  $z \in [0, 2]$
- Find  $P_{eq}(s)$ , and design  $G(s)$  and  $F(s)$ !

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## Non-zero initial conditions, disturbance inputs, ...

- See Horowitz, ch. 11

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## Cancellation in non-linear QFT

- **Problem:** In the "Barrel Analogy" method, the LTIE plant set,  $P_{eq}$ , is uncertain even if  $W$  is certain.
- **Solution:** "Cancellation" at the nominal plant.

Choose a nominal plant  $W_0$ , and find a network  $\Lambda$  such that  $W_0(\Lambda(v)) = L^{-1}\{H(s)V(s)\}$ , where  $H(s)$  is fixed LTI.

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## Cancellation, example

- $W: y=4u^2$
- $\mathcal{Y}: \{a, t>0; \text{else } 0\}, a \in [1,9]$
- $y=a \Rightarrow u=\sqrt{a}/2$
- $P_{eq}=y/u=2\sqrt{a} \in [2,6]$

- $P_{eq} = y/v = 4$

- $W: y=ku^2, k \in [1,4]$
- $\mathcal{Y}: \{a, t>0; \text{else } 0\}, a \in [1,9]$
- $y=a \Rightarrow u=\sqrt{a}/\sqrt{k}$
- $P_{eq}=y/u=\sqrt{ka} \in [1,6]$

- $P_{eq} = y/v = k \in [1,4]$

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## Design of $\Lambda$

- Desired:  $y(t) = h(t)*v(t)$  or  $Y(s) = H(s)U(s)$
- The non-linear plant is described by  $W: N_a y = N_b u = z$ , or  $y = N_a^{-1} N_b u$ , or  $u = N_b^{-1} N_a y$

- Note: with zero i.c.,  $L\{y\} = sH(s)V(s) \Rightarrow \dot{y} = h*v$ , ...

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## Example

$W: N_a y = y + \Psi y^2 \text{sign}(y) = ku = N_b u, \Psi \in [1,6], k \in [1,2]$

$\mathcal{Y}: Y(s) = T(s)R(s)$   
 $R(s) = M/s, M \in [-10,10]$   
 $T(s) = \omega_n^2 / (s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2), \omega_n \in [0.7,4], \zeta \in [0.7,1.2]$

- **Design of  $\Lambda$**   
 Choose nominal  $\Psi_0=6, k_0=1$   
 $N_{b0}u = k_0u = z \Rightarrow u = (1/k_0)z = N_{b0}^{-1}z$   
 $N_{a0}y = N_{a0}(h*v) = (h*v) + 6(h*v)^2 \text{sign}(h*v) = z$

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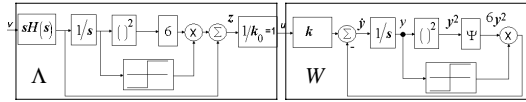
## Example, cont'd

... for  $W_0: N_{a0}y = N_{a0}(h*v) = (h*v) + 6(h*v)^2 \text{sign}(h*v) = z$  giving  $\Lambda$ :

- So, for  $W$ :

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### Example, cont'd



- The equation for the plant with cancellation,  $y = W\Lambda v$  :  

$$y = y + \Psi y^2 \text{sign}(y) = (k/k_0) \left[ h^* v + 6 h^* v^2 \text{sign}(h^* v) \right], \Psi \in [1, 6], k \in [1, 2]$$
- Find LTIE  $Y(s)/V(s)$  as above.
- Alternatively, find LTIE  $Y(s)/X(s)$  with  $X(s) = H(s)V(s)$
- Note that  $H(s)$  is known, and arbitrary.

### Example, cont'd

- Templates with  $k=1$

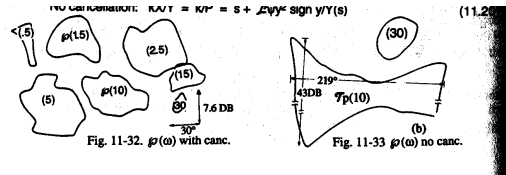


Fig. 11-32.  $\phi(\omega)$  with canc.

Fig. 11-33  $\phi(\omega)$  no canc.

### Example, cont'd

$$\mathcal{U}: Y(s) = T(s)R(s), R(s) = M/s, M \in [-10, 10]$$

$$T(s) = a_1^2 / (s^2 + 2\zeta a_1 s + a_1^2), a_1 \in [0.7, 4], \zeta \in [0.7, 1.2]$$

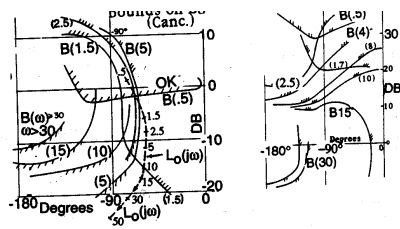


Fig. 11-34 a, b.  $L_\infty$  Bounds with and without canc.