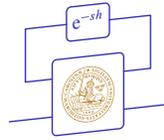


# Introduction to Time-Delay Systems



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## Outline

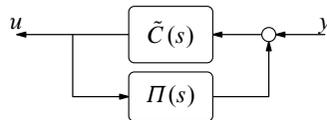
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## Dead-time compensation



Here

- ▶  $\tilde{C}(s)$  is primary controller (rational)
- ▶  $\Pi(s)$  is **stable** dead-time compensator of the form

$$\Pi(s) = \tilde{P}(s) - \hat{P}(s)e^{-sh}$$

for some rational  $\tilde{P}(s)$  and  $\hat{P}(s)$ .

## Implementation of DTC: stable $\hat{P}$ case

In this case  $\tilde{P}$  stable too<sup>1</sup> and controller can be safely implemented as



where

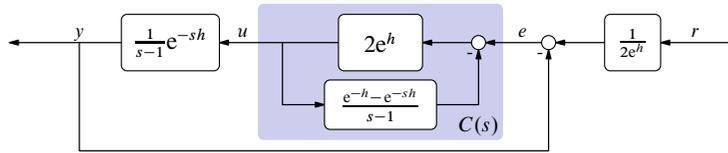
$$\tilde{T}_u(s) := \tilde{C}(s)(I - \tilde{P}(s)\tilde{C}(s))^{-1}$$

is (stable) controller sensitivity function. The only irrational element,

- ▶  $e^{-sh}$  is a **buffer**,
- which is easy to implement.

<sup>1</sup>Otherwise  $\Pi$  is unstable.

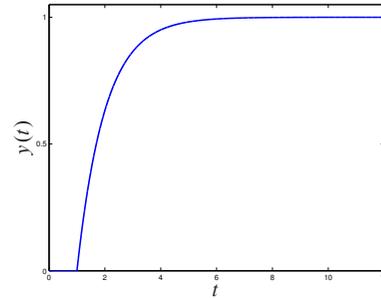
## Unstable $\hat{P}$ : example



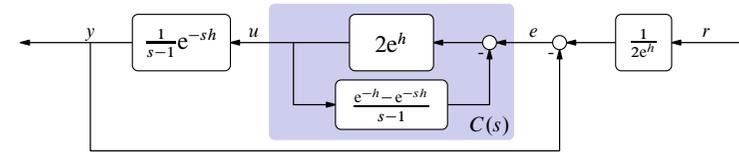
Closed-loop transfer function from  $r$  to  $y$

$$T_r(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} e^{-sh}$$

which results in step response (for  $h = 1$ ):



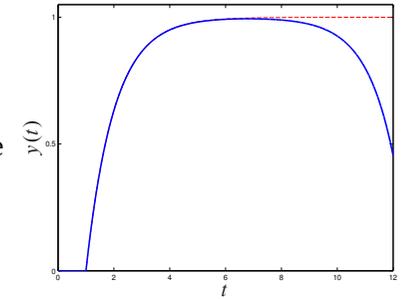
## Unstable $\hat{P}$ : example (contd)



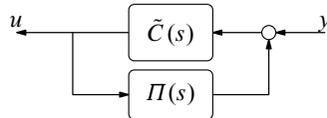
If DTC implemented as

$$\dot{\eta}(t) = \eta(t) + e^{-h}u(t) - u(t-h),$$

closed loop is **unstable** (because of unstable pole/zero cancellations at  $s = 1$ ):



## Implementation with unstable $\hat{P}$



Main challenge:

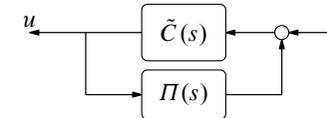
- ▶ avoid unstable pole/zero cancellation between implemented parts.

In other words, these cancellations should be performed

- ▶ analytically, within implementable block(s).

Conventionally, this is done within the DTC block,  $\Pi(s)$ .

## Canceling unstable modes



Split components of  $\Pi$  to stable and anti-stable parts:

$$\tilde{P}(s) = \tilde{P}_s(s) + \tilde{P}_u(s) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{P}(s) = \hat{P}_s(s) + \hat{P}_u(s)$$

(with strictly proper  $\tilde{P}_u(s)$  and  $\hat{P}_u(s)$ , which is always possible). Then,

$$\Pi(s) = \underbrace{\tilde{P}_s(s) - \hat{P}_s(s)e^{-sh}}_{\text{stable for every } \tilde{P}_s \text{ and } \hat{P}_s} + \underbrace{\tilde{P}_u(s) - \hat{P}_u(s)e^{-sh}}_{\text{all poles must be canceled}}$$

## Canceling unstable modes (contd)

Let

$$\hat{P}_u(s) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_u & B_u \\ \hline C_u & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

be a *minimal* realization, then

$$\hat{P}_u(s)e^{-sh} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_u & B_u \\ \hline C_u e^{-A_u h} & 0 \end{array} \right] - \pi_h \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_u & B_u \\ \hline C_u & 0 \end{array} \right] e^{-sh} \right\}$$

and, therefore,  $\tilde{P}_u(s) - \hat{P}_u(s)e^{-sh} \in H^\infty$  for some anti-stable  $\tilde{P}_u(s)$  iff

$$\tilde{P}_u(s) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_u & B_u \\ \hline C_u e^{-A_u h} & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

In other words, the “unstable” part of  $\Pi(s)$  is **necessarily** of the form

$$\tilde{P}_u(s) - \hat{P}_u(s)e^{-sh} = \pi_h \{ \hat{P}_u(s)e^{-sh} \},$$

which is a **distributed-delay** element.

## Distributed-delay element

Distributed-delay (DD) element can be expressed in the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(s) &= \pi_h \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & 0 \end{array} \right] e^{-sh} \right\} \\ &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C e^{-Ah} & 0 \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & 0 \end{array} \right] e^{-sh} & (\ddot{A}) \\ &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & e^{-Ah} B \\ \hline C & 0 \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & 0 \end{array} \right] e^{-sh} & (\dot{A}) \\ &= C \int_0^h e^{A(\theta-h)} e^{-s\theta} d\theta B & (\ddot{O}) \end{aligned}$$

DD element is

- ▶ entire function of  $s$  (no poles)
- ▶ FIR system (impulse response has support in  $[0, h]$ )

## Implementing DD element

DD element is irrational (infinite-dimensional), so its

- ▶ precise implementation doesn't appear to be feasible.

Hence, approximations required.

Possibilities:

- ▶ incorporate resetting mechanism to avoid hidden modes to run away
- ▶ approximate distributed delay by lumped delays
- find finite-dimensional approximation, like Padé  
(complete pole/zero cancellation requirement imposes additional constraints)

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## Form (Å) with zero initial conditions

The form (Å) can be implemented as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + (e^{-Ah}Bu(t) - Bu(t-h)) + \epsilon(t) \\ \eta(t) = Cx(t) \end{cases}$$

where  $\epsilon(t)$  represents (inevitable) error in computing  $e^{-Ah}Bu(t) - Bu(t-h)$ . Starting from zero initial conditions at  $t = 0$  (i.e.,  $x(0) = 0$  and  $u_\tau(0) \equiv 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_0^t e^{A(t-\theta)} (e^{-Ah}Bu(\theta) - Bu(\theta-h) + \epsilon(\theta)) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^t e^{A(t-\theta-h)} Bu(\theta) d\theta - \int_h^{\max\{t,h\}} e^{A(t-\theta)} Bu(\theta-h) d\theta \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\int_0^t e^{A(t-\theta)} \epsilon(\theta) d\theta}_{x_\epsilon(t)} \end{aligned}$$

## Form (Å) with zero initial conditions (contd)

Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_0^t e^{A(t-\theta-h)} Bu(\theta) d\theta - \int_0^{\max\{t-h,0\}} e^{A(t-\theta-h)} Bu(\theta) d\theta + x_\epsilon(t) \\ &= \int_{\max\{t-h,0\}}^t e^{A(t-\theta-h)} Bu(\theta) d\theta + x_\epsilon(t) \\ &= \int_0^{\min\{t,h\}} e^{A(\theta-h)} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta + x_\epsilon(t) \\ &= \int_0^h e^{A(\theta-h)} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta - \underbrace{\int_{\min\{t,h\}}^h e^{A(\theta-h)} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta}_{x_{i.c.}(t)} + x_\epsilon(t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\eta(t) = C \underbrace{\int_0^h e^{A(\theta-h)} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta}_{\text{expected output}} + C \underbrace{x_{i.c.}(t) + x_\epsilon(t)}_{\text{implementation errors}}.$$

## Form (Å) with zero initial conditions: error analysis

$x_{i.c.}$ : we can write:

$$x_{i.c.}(t) = \begin{cases} - \int_t^h e^{A(\theta-h)} Bu(t-\theta) d\theta & \text{if } t \in (0, h) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

starts from finite (might be large, if the true  $u(t)$  is far from 0 in  $t < 0$ ) and then vanishes after  $h$  time units (history accumulation period).

$x_\epsilon$ : this term

$$x_\epsilon(t) = \int_0^t e^{A(t-\theta)} \epsilon(\theta) d\theta$$

starts from  $x_\epsilon(0) = 0$  and might diverge exponentially if  $A$  unstable.

## Idea

Implement **several systems** of the form

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_i(t) = Ax_i(t) + e^{-Ah}Bu(t) - Bu(t-h) \\ \eta_i(t) = Cx_i(t) \end{cases}$$

in parallel and make sure that

1. each system is periodically reset (so that its  $x_\epsilon(t)$  is always bounded)
2. at every  $t$  at least one system has history accumulation stage completed (so that its  $x_{i.c.}(t) = 0$ )

## Implementation

It is sufficient to take two systems:

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = Ax_1(t) + e^{-Ah} Bu(t) - Bu(t-h)$$

and

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = Ax_2(t) + e^{-Ah} Bu(t) - Bu(t-h)$$

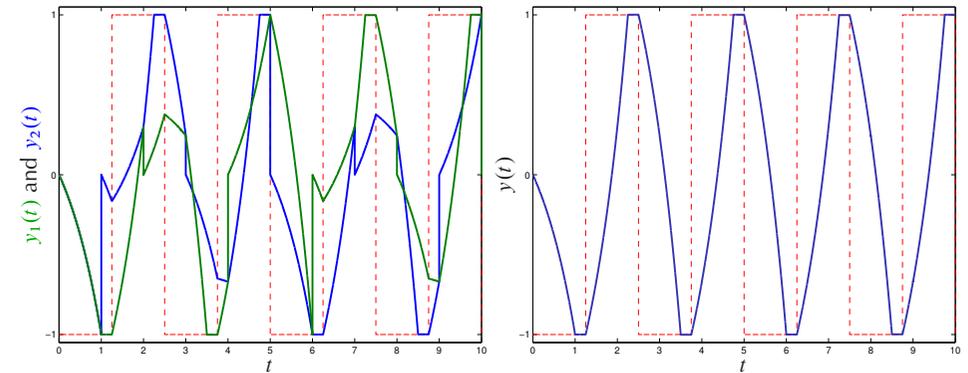
with

- ▶ reset mechanisms  $x_1(2kh) = x_2((2k+1)h) = 0$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ )
- ▶ output formed according to

$$\eta(t) = \begin{cases} Cx_1(t) & \text{if } t \in [(2k+1)h, 2(k+1)h) \\ Cx_2(t) & \text{if } t \in [2kh, (2k+1)h) \end{cases}$$

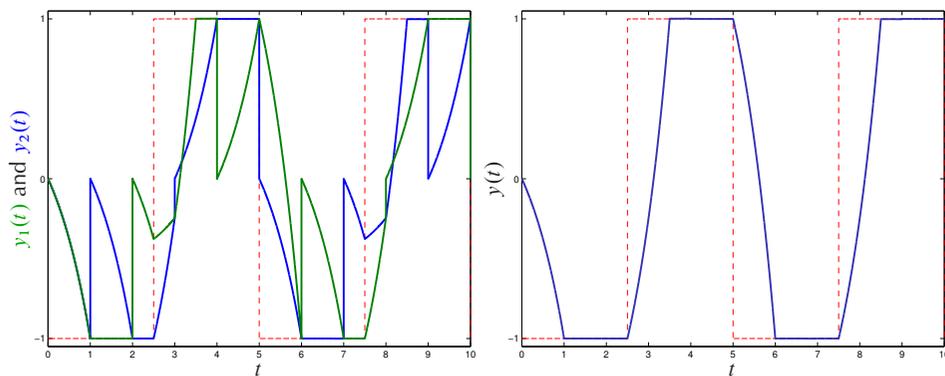
$$\text{Example: } \Pi(s) = \frac{1}{1-e^{-h}} \frac{e^{-h}-e^{-sh}}{s-1}$$

Open-loop response of  $\Pi$  with  $h = 1$  to square wave with period 2.5:



$$\text{Example: } \Pi(s) = \frac{1}{1-e^{-h}} \frac{e^{-h}-e^{-sh}}{s-1} \text{ (contd)}$$

Open-loop response of  $\Pi$  with  $h = 1$  to square wave with period 5:



## Outros

Pros:

- ▶ easy to implement
- ▶ precision can be improved (by increasing number of systems)

Cons:

- ▶ nonlinear system  
(hard to analyze stability, hard to analyze performance, ...)

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## Preliminary: numerical integration

Let  $f(t)$  be integrable in  $t \in [a, b]$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt \approx \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \alpha_i f\left(a + \frac{i}{\nu}(b-a)\right)$$

for some number of partitionings  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $\alpha_i$  (depend on method).

Main steps:

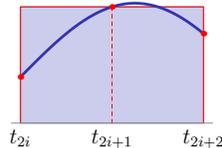
1. split  $[a, b]$  into  $\nu$  subintervals uniformly<sup>2</sup>
2. in each subinterval approximate  $f(t)$  by function with calculable area
3. integral  $\approx$  sum of approximation areas in each subinterval

Approximation

- ▶ performance improves as  $\nu$  increases.

<sup>2</sup>Just for the sake of simplicity, intervals may be non-uniform.

## Example: rectangle rule ( $\nu$ even)



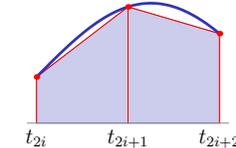
In this case

$$\alpha_i = \frac{b-a}{\nu} \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } i \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Approximation error (if  $f'(t)$  and  $f''(t)$  continuous and bounded):

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \alpha_i f\left(a + \frac{i}{\nu}(b-a)\right) \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{6\nu^2} \max_{t \in [a, b]} \left| \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(t) \right|$$

## Example: trapezoid rule



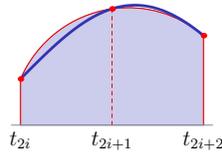
In this case

$$\alpha_i = \frac{b-a}{2\nu} \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } i = 1, \dots, \nu-1 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \nu \end{cases}$$

Approximation error (if  $f'(t)$  and  $f''(t)$  continuous and bounded):

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \alpha_i f\left(a + \frac{i}{\nu}(b-a)\right) \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{12\nu^2} \max_{t \in [a, b]} \left| \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(t) \right|$$

## Example: Simpson's rule ( $\nu$ even)



In this case

$$\alpha_i = \frac{b-a}{6\nu} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0, \nu \\ 2 & \text{if } i \text{ even but neither } 0 \text{ nor } \nu \\ 4 & \text{if } i \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Approximation error (if  $f^{(i)}(t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , continuous and bounded):

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \alpha_i f\left(a + \frac{i}{\nu}(b-a)\right) \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^5}{720\nu^4} \max_{t \in [a,b]} \left| \frac{d^4}{dt^4} f(t) \right|$$

## Lumped-delay approximations

Consider form (Ö) and deduce from it

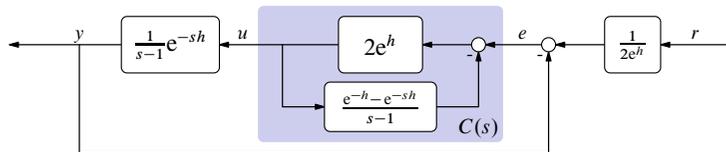
$$\Pi(s) = \int_0^h C e^{A(\theta-h)} B e^{-s\theta} d\theta \approx \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \alpha_i C e^{A(i/\nu-1)h} B e^{-shi/\nu} =: \Pi_{\nu}(s)$$

$\Pi_{\nu}$  is a lumped-delay system with entire and bounded transfer function, so

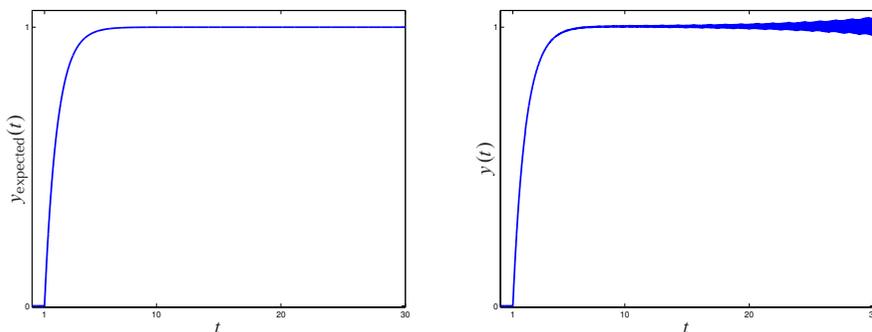
$$\Pi_{\nu}(s) \in H^{\infty},$$

exactly what we need.

## Example: unpleasant surprise



For trapezoid approximation and  $\nu = 10$  we have **unstable** response:



Even more unpleasant is that system **remains unstable** as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Approximation error

Let

$$\Delta_{\Pi}(s) := \Pi(s) - \Pi_{\nu}(s) \in H^{\infty}$$

be the approximation error. Its size may be measured as

$$\|\Delta_{\Pi}\|_{\infty} = \text{ess sup}_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} \|\Delta_{\Pi}(j\omega)\|,$$

meaning that good match between  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi_{\nu}$  requires

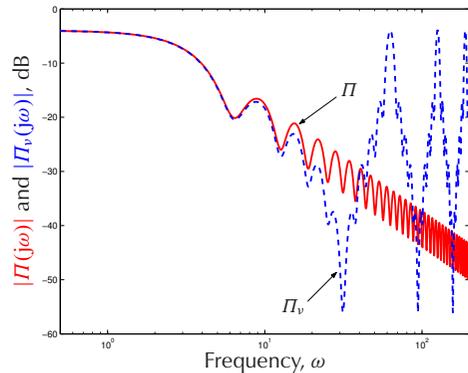
- accurate approximation over all frequencies.

At the same time, the derivative of

$$f(\theta) = C e^{A(\theta-h)} B e^{-j\omega\theta}$$

**unbounded** (grows with  $\omega$ ), which questions the applicability of numerical integration methods to transfer functions.

## Example: approximation error



As  $\nu$  increases,

- ▶ mismatch just moves to higher frequencies rather than vanishes<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup>It can be shown that  $\limsup_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |\Delta_{\Pi}(j\omega)| = \frac{h(1-e^{-h})(e^{h/\nu}+1)}{2\nu(e^{h/\nu}-1)} \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow \infty} 1 - e^{-h}$ .

## Bad news

Key observations:

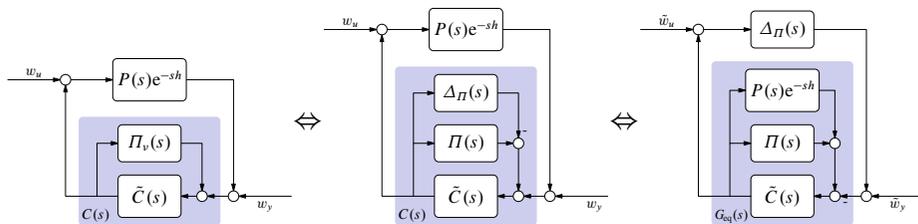
- ▶  $\Pi(s) = \tilde{P}(s) - \hat{P}(s)e^{-sh}$  has a finite bandwidth (as  $\tilde{P}(s)$  and  $\hat{P}(s)$  are strictly proper), whereas
- ▶  $\Pi_{\nu}(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \alpha_i C e^{A(i/\nu-1)h} B e^{-shi/\nu}$  has an infinite bandwidth.

In other words,

- ▶  $\Pi_{\nu}$  is an intrinsically **poor** approximation in the **high-frequency** range

## Stability analysis

As  $\Delta_{\Pi} \in H^{\infty}$ , we may use loop shifting to separate  $\Delta_{\Pi}$  from nominal parts:



We then get feedback connection of  $\Delta_{\Pi}$  and

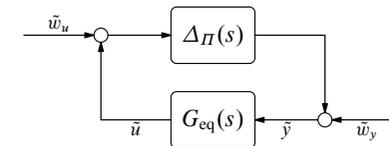
$$G_{\text{eq}}(s) = -\tilde{C}(s)(I - (P(s)e^{-sh} + \Pi(s))\tilde{C}(s))^{-1}$$

If  $\hat{P}(s) = P(s)$  (this is all what we saw by now),

$$G_{\text{eq}}(s) = -\tilde{C}(s)(I - \tilde{P}(s)\tilde{C}(s))^{-1} \in H^{\infty}$$

by design of  $\tilde{C}$ .

## Stability analysis (contd)



By the Small Gain Theorem (SGT), this system is stable if

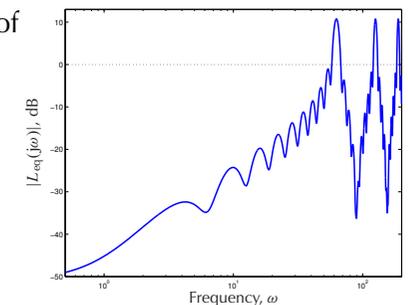
$$\|L_{\text{eq}}(s)\|_{\infty} < 1, \quad \text{where } L_{\text{eq}}(s) := G_{\text{eq}}(s)\Delta_{\Pi}(s)$$

For our example (trapezoid approximation of  $\Pi(s) = \frac{e^{-h}-e^{-sh}}{s-1}$ .)

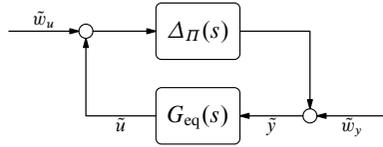
$$G_{\text{eq}}(s) = 2e^h \frac{s-1}{s+1}$$

and SGT condition fails. More important:

- ▶ it fails in high-frequency range



## Stability analysis (contd)



We say that system is **w-stable** if

1. it is stable
2.  $\limsup_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \|L_{\text{eq}}(j\omega)\| < 1$

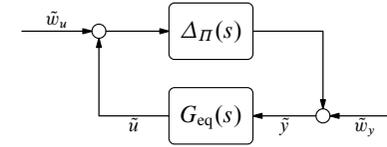
If system is not w-stable, it might be

▶ destabilized by an arbitrarily small high-frequency mismatch, which renders w-stability necessary for practical stability.

For system in our example  $\limsup_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |L_{\text{eq}}(j\omega)| = \frac{h/\nu(e^{h/\nu} + 1)}{e^{h/\nu} - 1} (e^h - 1) > 1$  (if  $h = 1$  and  $\nu = 10$ ), so that it is

▶ **not w-stable.**

## Remedies



Two possibility:

- ▶ improve high-frequency robustness of  $G_{\text{eq}}(s)$  (always a good idea, regardless approximation precision, because

$$G_{\text{eq}} = -\tilde{C}(I - \tilde{P}\tilde{C})^{-1} = -C(I - Pe^{-sh}C)^{-1}$$

is controller sensitivity, for which high high-frequency gain should be avoided)

- ▶ improve high-frequency precision of the lumped-delay approximation

## Limiting approximations bandwidth

Since  $\tilde{P}(s)$  and  $\hat{P}(s)$  are strictly proper,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(s) &= \frac{\tau s + 1}{\tau s + 1} \pi_h \{ \hat{P} e^{-sh} \} \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau s + 1} \left( (\tau s + 1) \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C e^{-Ah} & 0 \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & 0 \end{array} \right] e^{-sh} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau s + 1} \left( \tau C e^{-Ah} B - \tau C B e^{-sh} + \pi_h \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C(I + \tau A) & 0 \end{array} \right] e^{-sh} \right\} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau s + 1} \Pi_\tau(s), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Pi_\tau$  is also a DD element. We may then

▶ approximate  $\Pi$  via approximating  $\Pi_\tau$ , which shall result in a finite-bandwidth approximation.

## Limiting approximations bandwidth (contd)

Standard lumped-delay approximation of  $\Pi_\tau$  is

$$\Pi_\tau(s) \approx \sum_{i=0}^v \alpha_i C(I + \tau A) e^{A(i/\nu-1)h} B e^{-shi/\nu}$$

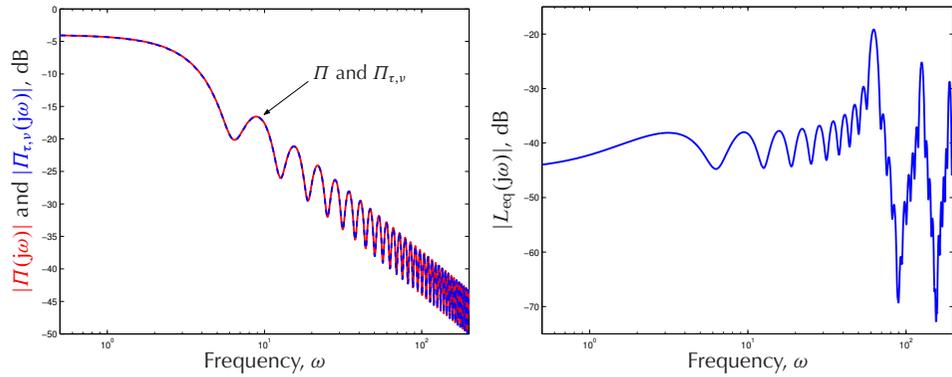
This results in

$$\Pi(s) \approx \frac{1}{\tau s + 1} \sum_{i=0}^v \Pi_i e^{-shi/\nu} =: \Pi_{\tau,\nu}(s),$$

where

$$\Pi_i = \begin{cases} C(\alpha_0(I + \tau A) + \tau I) e^{-Ah} B & \text{if } i = 0 \\ C(\alpha_\nu(I + \tau A) - \tau I) B & \text{if } i = \nu \\ \alpha_i C(I + \tau A) e^{A(i/\nu-1)h} B & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

It works...



Step response is then virtually ideal.

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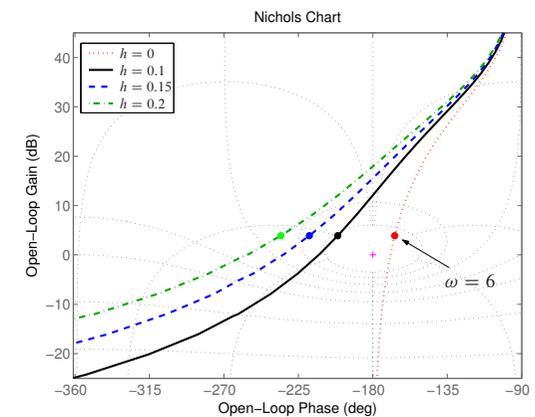
- ▶ precision can be improved (by increasing number of discr. steps  $\nu$ )
- ▶ linear, so (relatively) easy to analyze

Cons:

- ▶ implementation cost grows with  $\nu$

## Problem: servo for DC motor

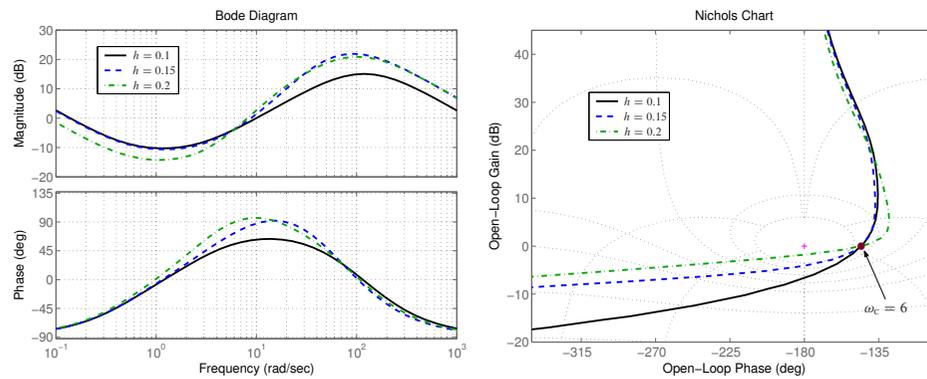
$$\text{Plant: } P(s) = \frac{41.085}{s(0.71s + 1)} e^{-sh} \text{ for } h \in \{0.1, 0.15, 0.2\}$$



- Specs:
1. integral action
  2. (first) crossover  $\omega_c = 6\text{rad/sec}$
  3. phase margin  $\mu_{ph} = 0.6\text{rad} \approx 34.4^\circ$

## Classical loop shaping

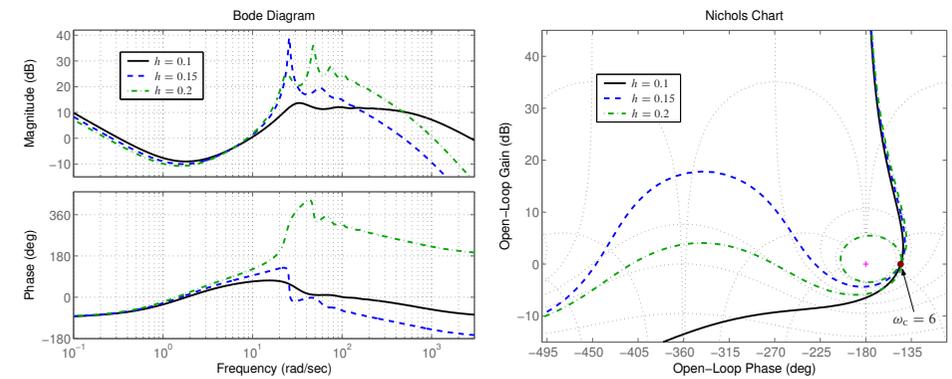
Delay makes it harder: with standard lead-lag elements<sup>4</sup> results not exciting



<sup>4</sup>The use of 2nd order leads and other loop shaping tricks might perhaps improve results, yet this is not a point here...

## DTC-based design

Use of  $H^\infty$  loop shaping results in DTC controllers and resulting loops:



## Off-the-shelf implementation

Let's use lumped-delay approximation with  $\tau$ -augmentation and choose  $\nu$  so that

$$\left| 1 - \frac{\mu_{d,a}}{\mu_d} \right| \leq 0.001,$$

where  $\mu_d$  and  $\mu_{d,a}$  are delay margins of designed and implemented loops.

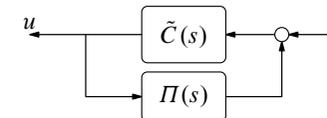
Results:

$h$	0.1	0.15	0.2
$\nu$	7	435	5460

Scary:

- ▶ doubling delay increases  $\nu$  by a factor of 780!

## Inaccuracy mechanisms: mind controller loop



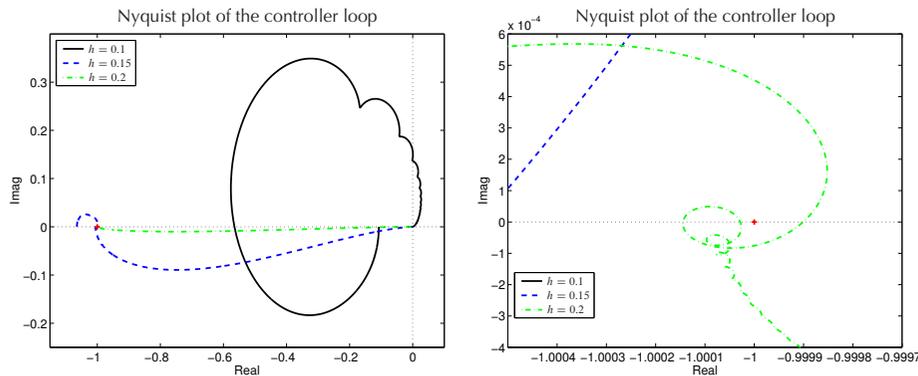
We implement controller as

- ▶ feedback interconnection of two systems,  $\tilde{C}$  and  $\Pi$ .

It then makes sense to

- ▶ scrutinize this loop.

## Inaccuracy mechanisms: mind controller loop (contd)

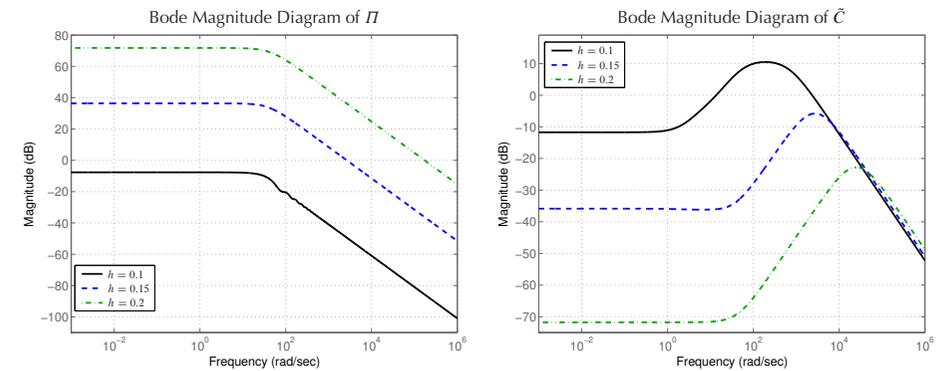


Clearly seen that

- ▶ as  $h$  increases **stability margins decrease** which, in turn, makes controller loop
- ▶ extremely **sensitive to numerical errors**.

## Inaccuracy mechanisms: loop disparity

Consider now each component of the controller internal loop:

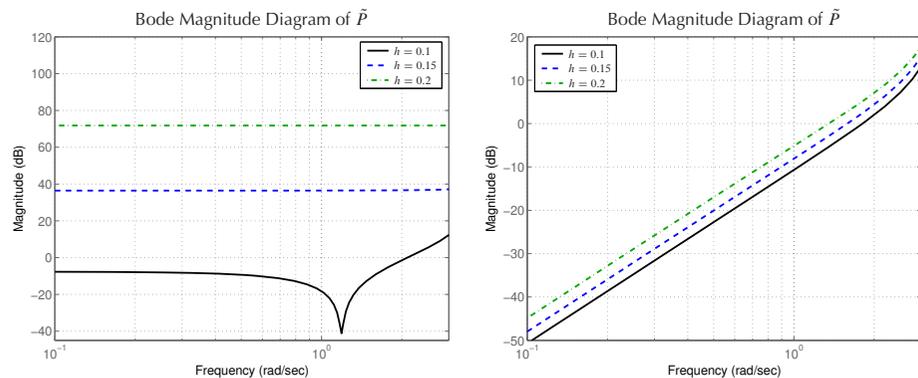


We see that as  $h$  increases

- ▶  $|\Pi(j\omega)|$  grows, whereas  $|\tilde{C}(j\omega)|$  decreases
- This results in an **unbalanced** loop and numerical errors in computing  $\Pi$ .

## Inaccuracy mechanisms: loop disparity (contd)

Take a closer look at the components of  $\Pi = \tilde{P} - \hat{P}e^{-sh}$ :



Clearly,

$$\tilde{P}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C e^{-Ah} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rather than} \quad \hat{P}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the component inflating  $\Pi$  and an apparent cause of this is the  $e^{-Ah}$  term.

## Loop disparity: remedy

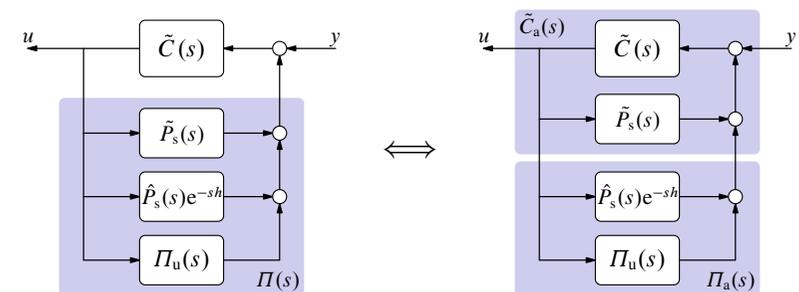
Two point to notice:

1. only **stable modes** of  $A$  cause **problems** via inflating  $e^{-Ah}$
2. only **unstable modes** of  $A$  have to be **anceled** in DD element

This suggests split (we already saw it)

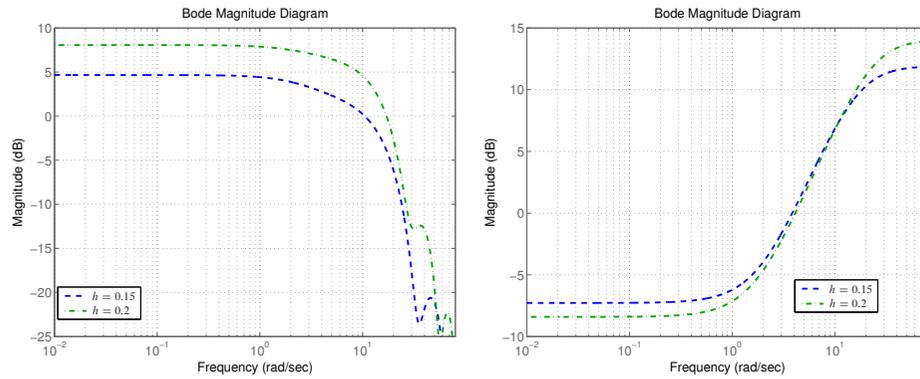
$$\Pi(s) = \Pi_s(s) + \Pi_u(s) =: (\tilde{P}_s(s) + \hat{P}_s(s)e^{-sh}) + (\tilde{P}_u(s) + \hat{P}_u(s)e^{-sh})$$

and the implementation via loop shifting:



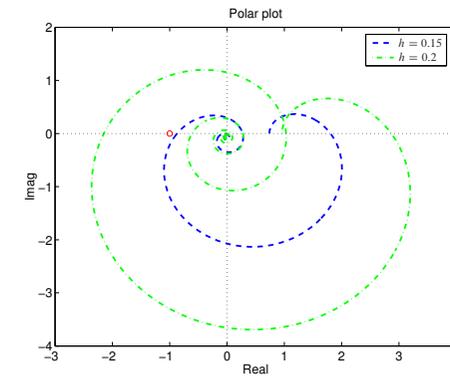
(rational  $\tilde{C}_a = \tilde{C}(I - \tilde{P}_s\tilde{C})^{-1}$  implemented as one piece).

## Loop shifting: components



More balanced...

## Loop shifting: stability margins



Increased...

## Loop shifting: results

$h$	0.15	0.2
$\nu_{\text{out of the box}}$	435	5460
$\nu_{\text{loop shifting}}$	25	52

Much better, isn't it?

## Outros

Internal loop of controller

- ▶ must be respected

as its ill-posedness might cause implementation problems.

To understand underlying reasons of ill-posed loops and possible remedies,

- ▶ much yet to be done...