- Practical aspects of using the Nyquist stability criterion.
  - -how do we map the entire RHP contour?
  - -do we need to map each and every point on the contour?
- Some examples on Nyquist stability criterion.
  - -stable systems.
  - -unstable systems.
- Gain margin.

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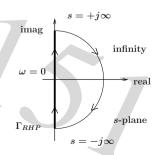
## Nyquist Diagrams

- Practical matters.

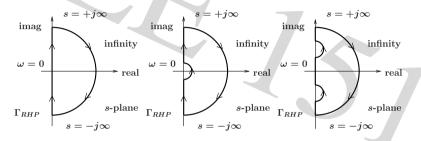
  How do we map all the points along the contour?
- Do not worry about the domain along the semicircle.

Concentrate on the domain on the imaginary axis.

Usually, G(s) has more poles than zeros such that  $G(+j\infty)$  and  $G(-j\infty)$  map to almost the same points near the origin.



- Nyquist stability criterion : N = Z P.
  - -N: number of encirclements of -1 + j0 by G(s).
  - -Z: number of zeros enclosed by the contour.
  - -P: number of poles enclosed by the contour.
  - -Nyquist contours.

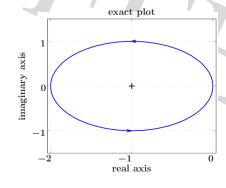


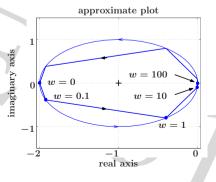
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## Nyquist Diagrams

• You only need to determine the number of encirclements of the point -1 + j0.

Approximate plot will usually suffice.





# Nyquist Diagrams

- So how does the mapping exactly work?
  - -pick a value of  $s = j\omega$  on the imaginary axis.
  - -plug this value of s into G(s).
  - -evaluate G(s) and plot the result on the complex plane.
  - -repeat for all values of s on the imaginary axis.
- The Nyquist plot or Nyquist diagram is simply the plot of  $G(s = j\omega)$  for  $-\infty < \omega < \infty$ .

Similar to the polar plot, but with consideration for the direction of traversal.

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#### Nyquist Diagrams

- Principle of the Argument. N = Z P
  - $\Rightarrow Z = N + P \Rightarrow Z = -1 + 1 = 0.$
  - $\Rightarrow$  there are no zeros of 1 + G(s) in the RHP.
  - ⇒ there are no poles of closed-loop TF in the RHP.
  - $\Rightarrow$  therefore, the closed-loop system is stable.
- Check using Octave.
  - $>> G=tf(1,[1 -0.5]); chareq=(1+G).num{1}$
  - >> roots(chareq)

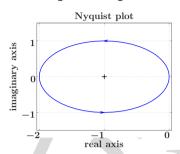
ans = -0.5

#### Nyquist Diagrams

• Example 1. Determine the stability of a unity gain feedback closed-loop system with an open-loop TF

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s - 0.5}$$

G(s) has one pole in the RHP  $\Rightarrow P = 1$ 



• We have one CCW encirclement of -1 + j0.  $\Rightarrow N = -1$ .

Nyquist Diagrams

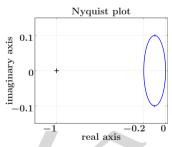
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#### Nyquist Diagrams

• Example 2. Same as example 1, but different G(s).

$$G(s) \; = \; rac{0.1}{s \; - \; 0.5}$$

G(s) has one pole in the RHP  $\Rightarrow P = 1$ .



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{number of encirclements} : \text{none} \Rightarrow N \ = \ 0. \\ \text{of} \ -1 + j0 \end{array}$ 

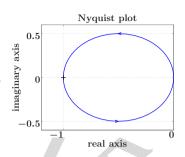
$$Z = N + P \Rightarrow Z = 1 \Rightarrow \text{closed-loop system}$$
 is unstable.

# Nyquist Diagrams

• Example 3. Try another G(s).

$$G(s) \; = \; rac{0.5}{s \; - \; 0.5}$$

G(s) has one pole in the RHP  $\Rightarrow P = 1$ .



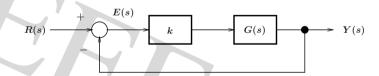
number of encirclements : one CCW  $\Rightarrow N = -1$ .

 $Z = N + P \Rightarrow Z = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{closed-loop system is} \\ \text{stable (marginally)}. \end{array}$ 

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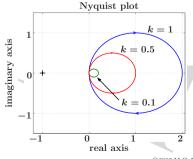
## Nyquist Diagrams

• Example 4. Consider the following closed-loop system.



$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s + 0.5}$$

G(s) has no pole in the RHP  $\Rightarrow P = 0$ .



Nyquist Diagrams

• Check using Octave.

-open-loop TF 
$$G(s) = \frac{0.1}{s - 0.5}$$
  
>> G=tf(0.1,[1 -0.5]); roots((1+G).num{1})  
ans = 0.4

 $\Rightarrow$  closed-loop system is unstable.

-open-loop TF 
$$G(s) = \frac{0.5}{s - 0.5}$$
  
>> G=tf(0.5,[1 -0.5]); roots((1+G).num{1})  
ans = 0  
 $\Rightarrow$  closed-loop system is stable (marginally).

⇒ closed-loop system is stable (marginally).

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## Nyquist Diagrams

• For different values of k.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{number of encirclements} : \text{none} \Rightarrow N = 0. \\ \text{of } -1 + j0 \end{array}$$

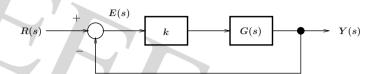
• Principle of the Argument gives

$$Z = N + P \Rightarrow Z = 0 \Rightarrow$$
 closed-loop system is stable.

• The closed-loop system is stable for any k > 0. Verify using root locus.

# Gain Margin

• Consider the following system with forward gain k.



 $Gain margin \stackrel{\triangle}{=} GM$ 

amount of additional forward gain to make the system unstable (expressed in dB).

 $\bullet$  The gain margin is usually measured at 180° phase shift. Why?

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## Gain Margin

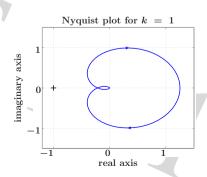
• Thus, from the Principle of the Argument, N = Z - P = 0.

Therefore for stability, there should be no encirclements of -1 + j0.

• Looking at the Nyquist plot for k = 1.

There are no encirclements of -1 + j0.

Thus, the system is stable for k = 1.



#### Gain Margin

• Example 5. Find the gain margin for closed-loop system with the open-loop TF

$$G(s) = \frac{50}{s^3 + 9s^2 + 30s + 40}$$

• Roots of  $s^3 + 9s^2 + 30s + 40 : \{-2.5 \pm j1.93, -4\}$ . Poles of G(s) (and of 1 + kG(s)) are all in the LHP.  $\Rightarrow P = 0$ .

For stability, there should be no closed-loop poles in RHP, i.e., no zeros of 1 + kG(s) in the RHP.  $\Rightarrow Z = 0$ .

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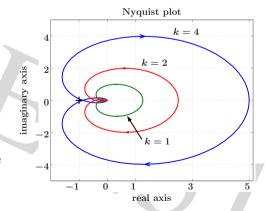
# Gain Margin

• What k will make the system unstable?

Nyquist plots for different values of k.

Notice at k = 4, the plot almost encircles the point -1 + j0.

A little more gain k and the system will be unstable.



 $\rightarrow$  determine what k will make the system unstable.

## Gain Margin

- Notice that k > 1 expands the Nyquist plot outwards from the origin.
- To find k that will make the system unstable, find gain k such that the Nyquist plot touches -1 + j0.
- Since the Nyquist plot is basically the plot of  $G(j\omega)$  on the complex plane, find k such that the plot of  $kG(j\omega)$  crosses -1+j0 at some  $\omega$ .

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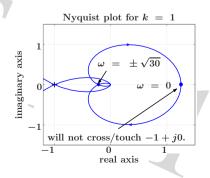
#### Gain Margin

• Since the numerator of  $G(j\omega)$  is real, to make  $G(j\omega)$  real, make the denominator real.

$$-j\omega^3 + 30j\omega = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm\sqrt{30}, 0$$

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m At} \; \omega \; &= \; \sqrt{30}, \ & G(j\sqrt{30}) \; = \; -0.2174 \; + \; j0 \ & \phi(\sqrt{30}) \; = \; -180^o \end{array}$ 

At 
$$\omega = 0$$
,  
 $G(j0) = 1.25 + j0$ 



#### Gain Margin

• Find  $\omega$  such that  $kG(j\omega) = -1$ .

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{-1}{k}$$
 real number with phase =  $-180^{\circ}$ .

•  $G(j\omega)$  with  $\phi(\omega) = -180^{\circ}$  will cross -1 + j0.

$$G(j\omega) = rac{50}{(j\omega)^3 + 9(j\omega)^2 + 30j\omega + 40} = rac{50}{-j\omega^3 - 9\omega^2 + 30j\omega + 40}$$

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#### Gain Margin

• To make  $kG(j\sqrt{30})$  touch -1+j0,

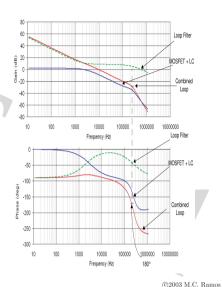
$$kG(j\sqrt{30}) = -1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{-1}{G(j\sqrt{30})}$$
 $k = \frac{-1}{-0.2174} = 4.6$ 

• Since the gain margin is expressed in dB.

$$GM = 20 \log k = 20 \log 4.6 = 13.26 \ dB$$

## Gain Margin and Bode Plots

- Gain margin from Bode plots? Remember that Nyquist plots and Bode plots contain the same information.
- Find  $\omega_{GM}$  such that  $\angle G(j\omega_{GM}) = -180^{\circ}.$
- Then, gain margin is  $GM = 20 \log |G(j\omega_{GM})|$



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#### Summary

- Practical aspects of using the Nyquist stability criterion.
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Amount of additional forward gain to make the system unstable.

• For next meeting. Phase margin.

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