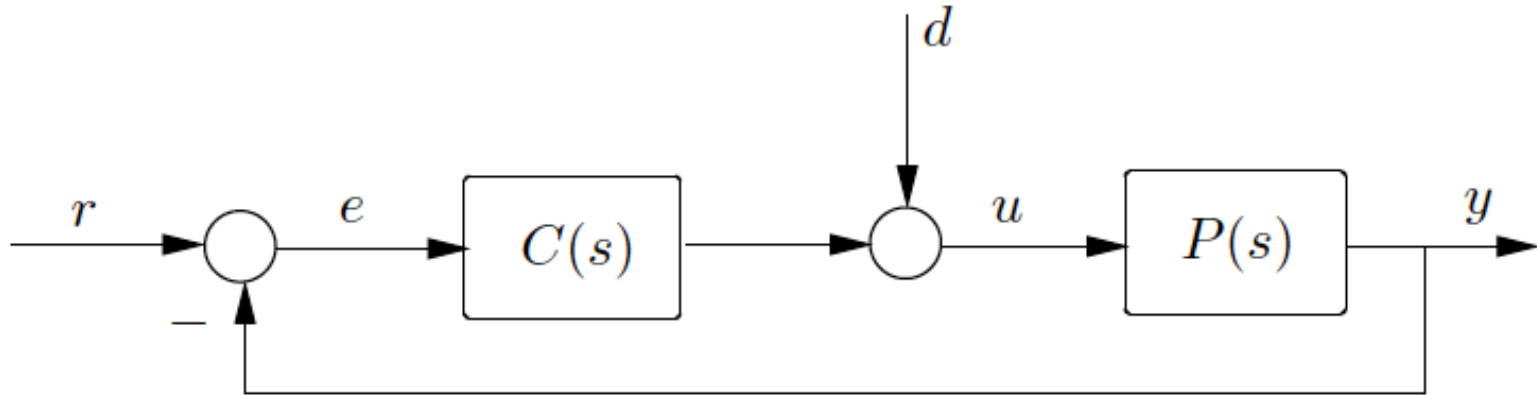


Nyquist Criterion

Intuition



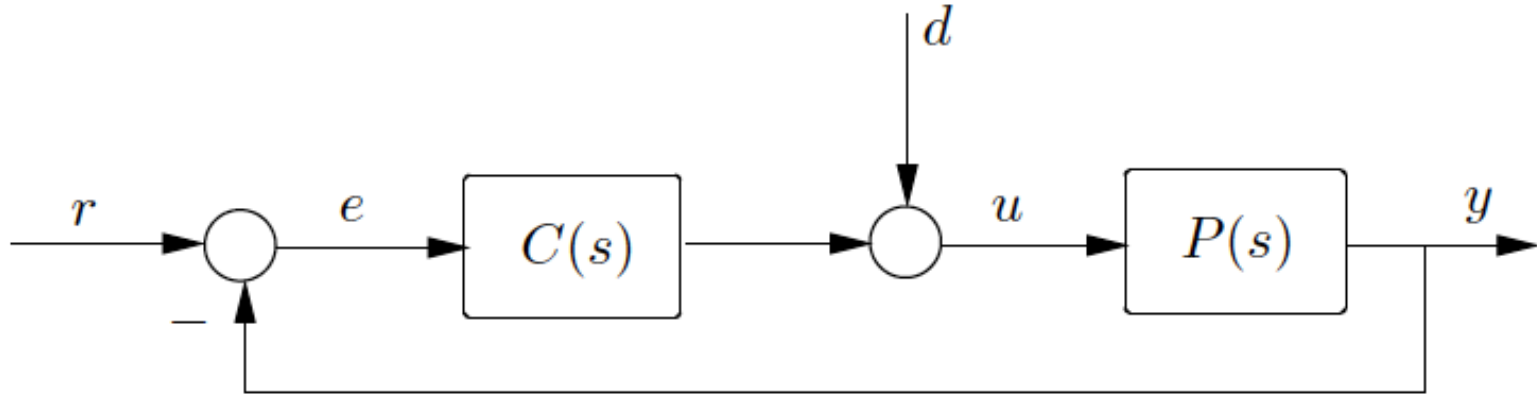
Given a feedback loop, we want to analyze if it is stable

So far we have had two computational methods:

- 1) Compute eigenvalues of $A_{cl} = \begin{bmatrix} A_p & B_p C_c \\ -B_c C_p & A_c \end{bmatrix}$
- 2) Compute zeros of $D_p D_c + N_p N_c$

Nyquist criterion is a graphical method for this purpose

Intuition



Plant $P(s) = \frac{N_p(s)}{D_p(s)}$ is rational and strictly proper,

controller $KC(s) = \frac{KN_c(s)}{D_c(s)}$ is rational and proper ($K \neq 0$)

Closed-loop characteristic polynomial is $D_p(s)D_c(s) + KN_p(s)N_c(s)$

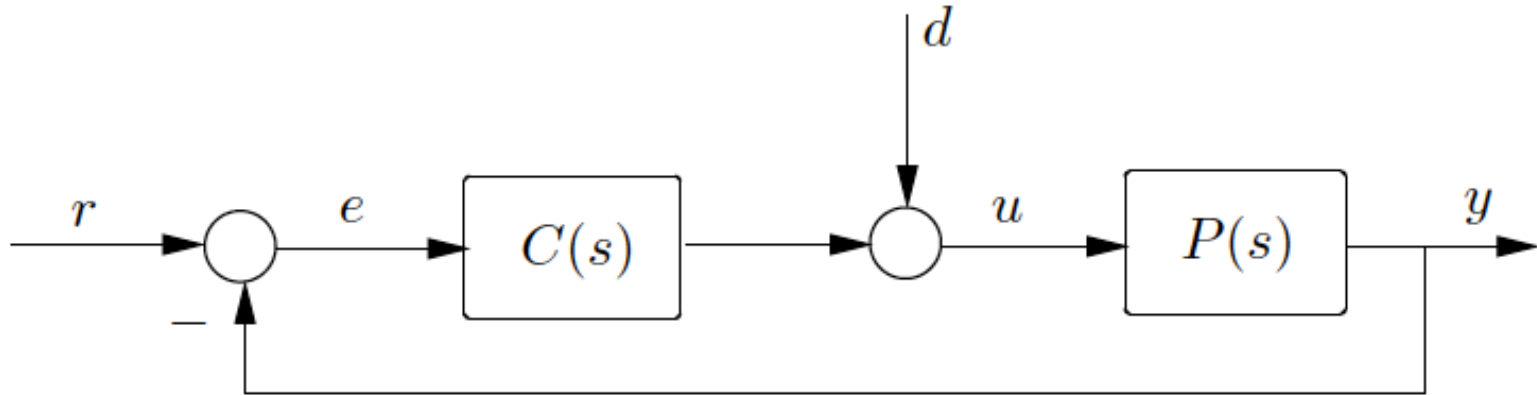
Note $1 + KP(s)C(s) =$

If there is no unstable pole-zero cancellation,

$D_pD_c + KN_pN_c$ and $1 + KPC$ have the same unstable zeros

Feedback stability $\Leftrightarrow D_pD_c + KN_pN_c$ has no unstable zeros
 $\Leftrightarrow 1 + KPC$ has no unstable zeros

Intuition



Let $M(s) := 1 + KP(s)C(s)$

Then $P(s)C(s) = \frac{1}{K}M(s) - \frac{1}{K}$

Feedback stability $\Leftrightarrow M(s)$ has no zeros in $\text{Re}(s) \geq 0$

$\Leftrightarrow P(s)C(s)$ has no zeros in $\text{Re}(s) \geq -\frac{1}{K}$

Nyquist criterion is a graphical test for this condition

Principle of the Argument

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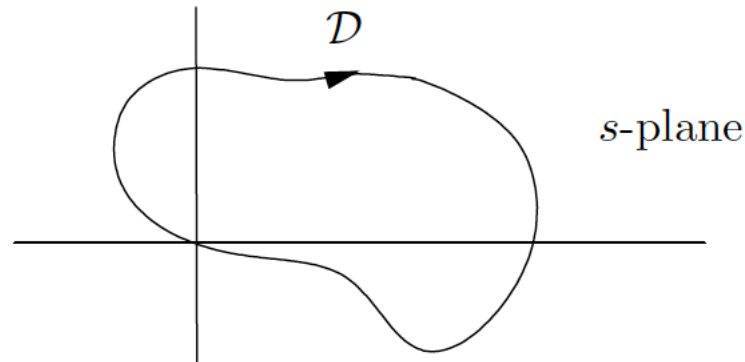
Principle of the argument is from complex function theory

“Argument” refers to the angle of a complex number

Principle of the argument involves two things:

- 1) a curve in the complex plane
- 2) a transfer function

Principle of the argument

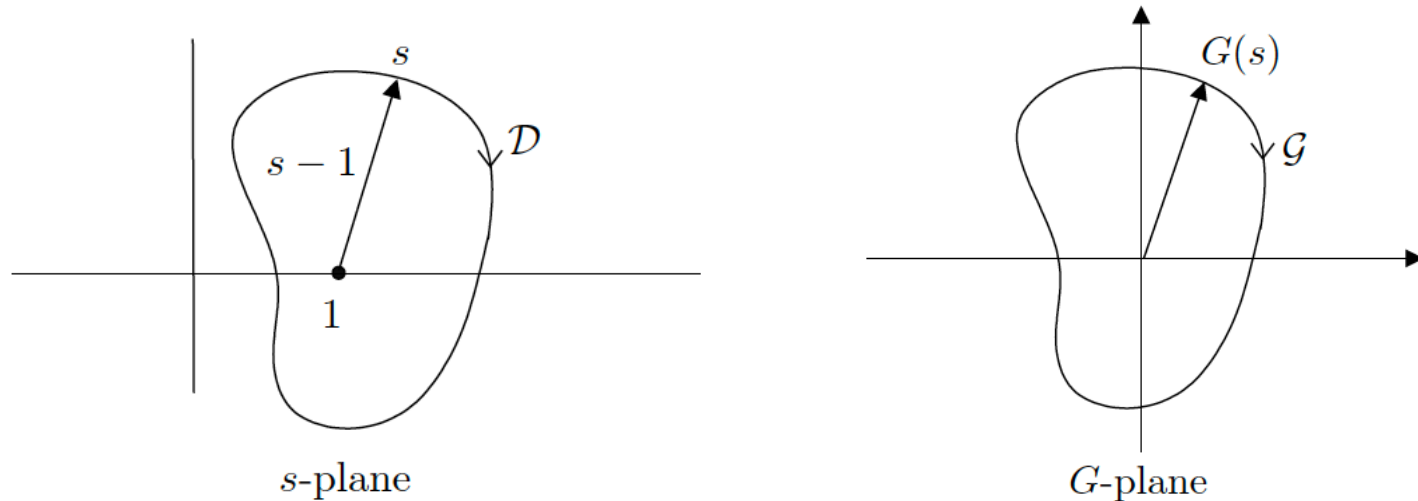


Consider a closed curve \mathcal{D} (also called contour) with no self-intersections and with clockwise (CW) orientation

Consider a rational transfer function $G(s)$, having no zeros or poles on the curve \mathcal{D}

For every point s in the complex plane, $G(s)$ is a point in the complex plane, thus we can draw of graph for $G(s)$

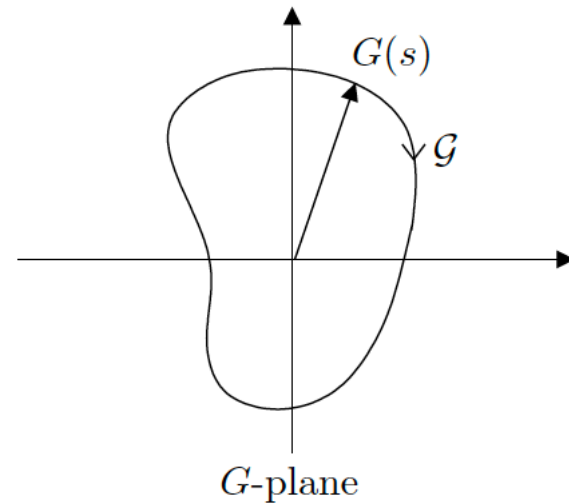
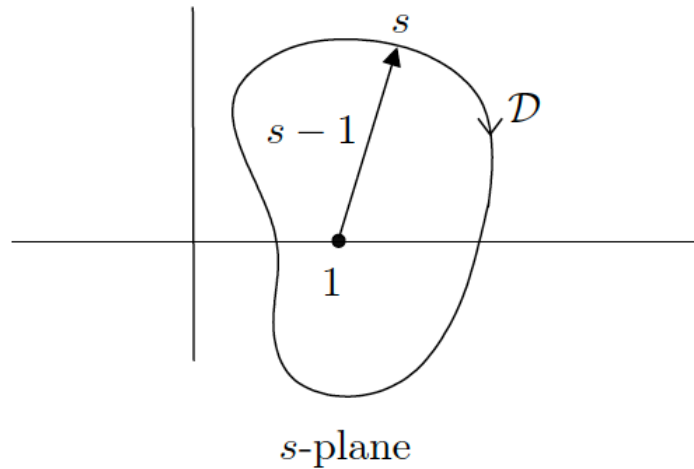
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Draw two copies of the complex plane:
“s-plane” for \mathcal{D} and “G-plane” for $G(s)$

As s goes once around \mathcal{D} from any starting point,
the point $G(s)$ traces out a closed curve \mathcal{G}
the image of \mathcal{D} under $G(s)$

Example

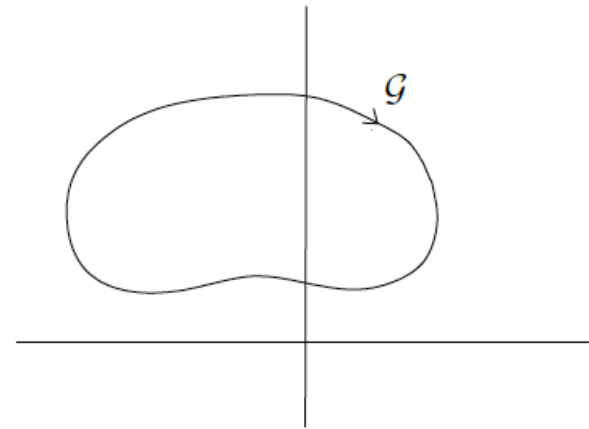
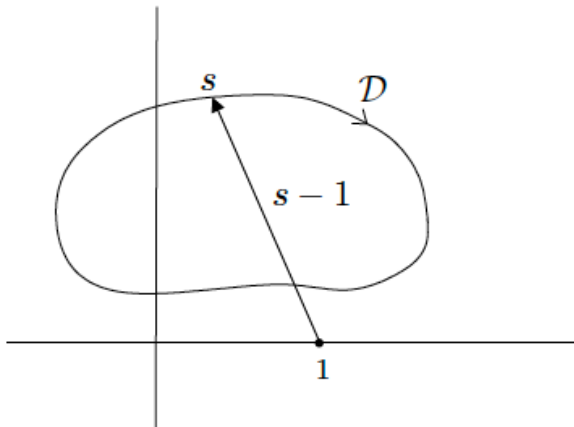


$$G(s) = s - 1$$

\mathcal{G} is simply \mathcal{D} shifted to the left by one unit

Since \mathcal{D} encircles the zero of $G(s)$ at $s = 1$,
 \mathcal{G} encircles the origin ($s = 0$) once CW

Example

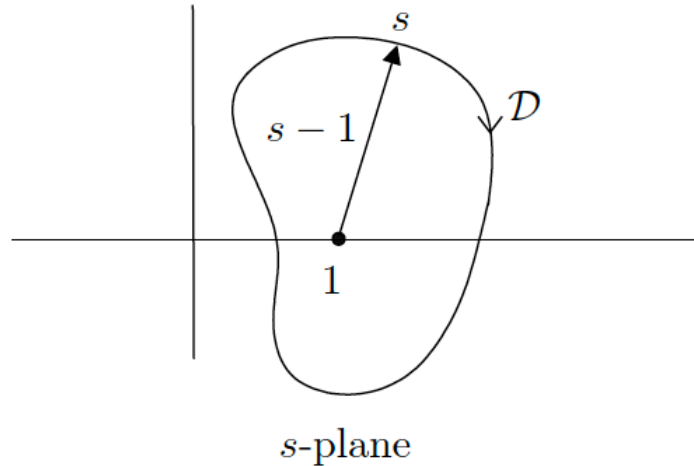


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Example



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

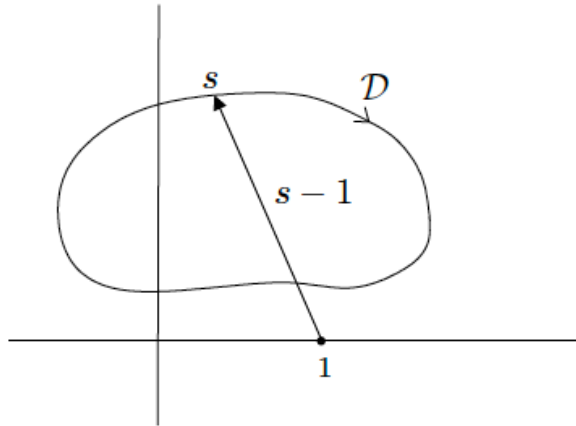
The angle of $G(s)$ equals the negative of the angle of $s - 1$:

$$\angle G(s) = \angle 1 - \angle(s - 1) = -\angle(s - 1)$$

If \mathcal{D} encircles the pole of $G(s)$ at $s = 1$,

\mathcal{G} encircles the origin ($s = 0$) once counter-clockwise (CCW)

Example



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Principle of the argument

Relation between # poles and # zeros of $G(s)$ encircled by \mathcal{D} and # times the origin encircled by \mathcal{G}

Suppose that $G(s)$ has no poles or zeros on \mathcal{D} .

If \mathcal{D} encircles n poles and m zeros of $G(s)$,

then \mathcal{G} encircles the origin exactly $n - m$ times CCW

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Proof: Write $G(s) = K \frac{\prod_i (s - z_i)}{\prod_i (s - p_i)}$

where K is a real gain, z_i are zeros, and p_i are poles

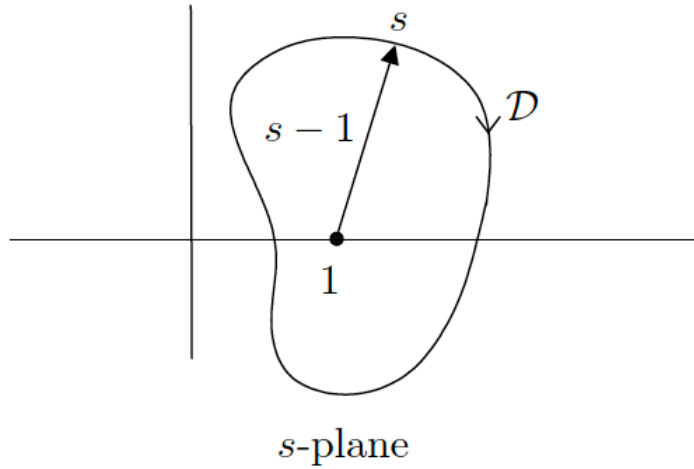
Then the angle of $G(s)$ is $\angle G(s) = \angle K + \sum \angle (s - z_i) - \sum \angle (s - p_i)$
 $= \sum \angle (s - z_i) - \sum \angle (s - p_i)$

Since \mathcal{D} encircles m zeros z_i and n poles p_i

the net change in $\angle G(s)$ is $m(-2\pi) - n(-2\pi) = (n - m)2\pi$

Therefore \mathcal{G} encircles the origin $n - m$ times CCW

Examples



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

$$G(s) = \frac{s-1}{s(s-10)}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{s-1}{s(s-1.1)(s-10)}$$