Chapter 13: Design of a digital controller

Method 1: a. design the controller Gc(s) in s domain;

b. convert the Gc(s) to z domain D(z).

Method 2: a. convert the given s domain plant G(s) into z domain;

b. design the digital controller in z domain directly.



This week we explain the first method.

Step b: convert s domain Gc(s) to z domain D(z):

Section 13.11, if $Gc(s) = k_1 + \frac{k_2}{s} + k_3 s = \frac{X(s)}{U(s)}$, then

$$U(s) = (k_1 + \frac{k_2}{s} + k_3 s)X(s),$$

if U(s) =X(s), U(z)=X(z);

if
$$U(s) = \frac{1}{s}X(s)$$
, then $u(t) = \int_0^t x(\tau)d\tau$, \longrightarrow

in discrete notation, $u(k) = u(kT) = u((k-1)T) + Tx(kT) \longrightarrow U(z) = z^{-1}U(z) + TX(z)$

i.e.
$$U(z) = \frac{T}{1 - z^{-1}} X(z)$$

if U(s) = sX(s), then $u(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{d(t)}$, in discrete notation, $u(kT) = \frac{x(kT) - x((k-1)T)}{T}$,

$$U(z) = \frac{X(z) - z^{-1}X(z)}{T} = \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{T}X(z)$$

so,
$$D(z) = Z(Gc(s)) = (k1 + k2\frac{Tz}{z-1} + k3\frac{z-1}{Tz}X(s))$$

section 13.8: if $Gc(s) = k \frac{s+a}{s+b}$, corresponding $D(z) = C \frac{z-A}{z-B}$, with

$$A = e^{-aT}, B = e^{-bT}, C = k \frac{a}{b} \frac{1-B}{1-A}$$

Step a: design the controller Gc(s) in s domain

Gc(s) can be designed using the method explained in Chapter 10,11, and 12. Review the design of a phase lead controller in Chapter 10 and explain the example 13.5 in details.

1. review the concept of phase margin (Chapter 7):

Definition: The phase margin is the amount of phase shift of the GH(jw) at unity magnitude that will result in a marginally stable system with intersection of the -1+j0 point on the Nyquist diagram.

It means phase margin is the phase shift needed to 180 or -180 at the frequency where the magnitude of GH(jw) is one, i.e. 0 dB, or it is 180 or -180 minus the phase 180 at the frequency where the magnitude of GH(jw) is 0dB. Using the Bode plot to explain the phase margin is shown in the following figure.

For example: $GH(s) = \frac{1740}{s(0.25s+1)}$



pm=2.7466=(-177.3)-180. usually, we define phase margin within (-180 180).

the preferred closed-loop phase margin is greater than 45, we need phase compensation about at lest 45-2=43.

Another example from section 9.4

$$GH(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+1)(0.2s+1)} = \frac{1}{0.2s^3 + 1.2s^2 + s}$$



2. review the phase-lead design using phase margin (Section 10.3 and 10.4):

$$Gc(s) = k \frac{s-a}{s-b}$$
, i.e., $Gc(j\omega) = k \frac{j\omega+z}{j\omega+p} = k \frac{z}{p} \frac{j\frac{\omega}{z}+1}{j\frac{\omega}{p}+1} = k \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1+j\omega\alpha\tau}{1+j\omega\tau}$, where

 $a=\frac{p}{z}, \ \tau=\frac{1}{p}.$

The magnitude is $|Gc(j\omega)| = \frac{k}{a} \sqrt{\frac{1 + (\omega \alpha \tau)^2}{1 + (\omega \tau)^2}}$, (Eq 1)

The phase is $\angle Gc(j\omega) = \tan^{-1}(\omega\alpha\tau) - \tan^{-1}(\omega\tau)$ (Eq 2)

Or we can write the phase in another formular,

$$Gc(j\omega) = k\frac{1}{\alpha}\frac{1+j\omega\alpha\tau}{1+j\omega\tau} = \frac{k}{\alpha}\frac{(1+j\omega\alpha\tau)(1-j\omega\tau)}{1-(\omega\tau)^2} = \frac{k}{\alpha}\frac{1+\omega^2\alpha\tau^2+j(\omega\alpha\tau-\omega\tau)}{1-(\omega\tau)^2}$$

The phase is
$$\angle Gc(j\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega \alpha \tau - \omega \tau}{1 + \omega^2 \alpha \tau^2}$$
 (Eq 3)

The bode diagram of the general phase-lead compensator is shown in textbook figure 10.3, or reference to the figure in the last page of this notes. The maximum value of the phase lead

occurs at a frequency ω_m , and $\omega_m = \sqrt{zp} = \frac{1}{\tau \sqrt{\alpha}}$.

It should also be noted that at ω_m , the Gc(s) add additional gain about

$$20\log_{10} \alpha / 2 = 10\log_{10} \alpha$$
.

At frequency ω_m , the corresponding maximum phase is

$$\Phi_m = \angle Gc(j\omega)|_{\omega=\omega_m} = \tan^{-1}\frac{\omega\alpha\tau - \omega\tau}{1 + \omega^2\alpha\tau^2} = \frac{\alpha - 1}{2\sqrt{\alpha}}, \text{ or it is equivalent to } \sin\Phi m = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1} \text{ (Eq 4).}$$

So if we can derive the requested phase compensation Φ_m , then the can be calculated from

Design step is expressed in Section 10.4:

- 1. plot the Bode diagram of the uncompensated G(s), find the phase margin of G(s);
- 2. calculate the maximum phase lead Φ_m ,
- 3. using Eq 4calculated α ;
- 4. calculate $10\log_{10} \alpha$ and determine the frequency where the uncompensated magnitude curve is equal to $-10\log_{10} \alpha$. Because the compensation network provide a gain of $10\log_{10} \alpha$ at ω_m . This frequency is the new 0 dB crossover frequency and ω_m simultaneously.
- 5. using ω_m and α to calculate z and p using $a = \frac{p}{z}$, $\tau = \frac{1}{p}$. $\omega_m = \sqrt{zp}$, i.e.

$$p = \omega_m \sqrt{\alpha}$$
 and $z = p/a$.

6. k is calculated to yield |GcG| = 1

Example 13.5: $GH(s) = \frac{1740}{s(0.25s+1)}$

As shown previously, the phase margin of the uncompensated system is 2.7, to achieve the closed-loop phase margin greater than 45, we need additional phase lead Φ_m >45-2.7;



the preferred closed-loop phase margin is greater than 45, we need phase compensation about

at lest 45-2=43. But considering that $Gc(s) = \frac{s-a}{s-b}$ adds additional gain about $10\log_{10} \alpha$ to

the system, to be safely, we need larger Φ_m as illustrated in above figure. So we chose =46.

 $\alpha = \frac{1 + \sin \Phi_m}{1 - \sin \Phi_m} = 6.25$. At the end, we need verify the performance, if it does not achieve

required performance, we need to pick a larger Φ_m

 $10\log_{10}\alpha = 7.9588 \text{ dB}$

$$|Gp(j\omega)| = \frac{1740}{\sqrt{(0.25\omega^2)^2 + \omega^w}} = 10^{-8/20} = 0.4$$
, then we get $\omega = 125$

so z=50, p=312.

$$Gc(s) = k \frac{s+50}{s+312},$$

$$GcGp(s) = k \frac{s+50}{s+312} \frac{1740}{s(0.25s+1)},$$

magnitude is
$$|k\frac{j\omega+50}{j\omega+312}\frac{1740}{(-0.25\omega^2+j\omega)}| = k\frac{\sqrt{\omega^2+2500}}{\sqrt{\omega^2+312^2}}\frac{1740}{\sqrt{(0.25\omega^2)^2+\omega^2}} = 1$$

i.e.
$$k \frac{\sqrt{\omega^2 + 2500}}{\sqrt{\omega^2 + 312^2}} 0.4 = 1, \ k = \frac{1}{2.5 \cdot 0.44} = 5.67$$

