



Control system in Gravitational Wave Detectors

Koji Arai (新井宏二) – LIGO Laboratory / Caltech

GW mini-school: Beijing Normal University 2016/9/15~18

Gravitational wave detection
 Laser displacement sensor
 Requires linear displacement detection

Control for measurement
 Laser interferometer = nonlinear device
 Feedback control => linearization

- What is the feedback control?
 - A scheme to monitor and modify output(s) of a system by changing the input(s) depending on the output(s)
- Examples
 - Shower temperature
 - Car driving
 - Tight rope walking

- Air conditioning
- Bike riding
- Inverted bar on a hand

- Imagine what happens
 - If the response is too slow?
 - If the response is too fast?

Block diagram: Elements of a feedback loop



Sensor:

Transducer for displacement-to-voltage conversion

If the sensor is completely linear

(and has or no frequency dependence)



In reality:

Sensors, laser interferometers in particular, are nonlinear!



Enclose the operating point in the linear region
 => The system recovers linearity

 Was the displacement modified by the feedback?
 > Precise knowledge of the control system for signal reconstruction

Elements of a feedback loop



$$\begin{split} &dx_{s} = dx - G \ dx_{s} \\ \Rightarrow dx_{s} = dx \ / \ (1+G) \\ \Rightarrow dx \ = V_{err} \ (1+G) \ / \ H \\ &dx \ = V_{fb} \ A \ (1+G) \ / \ G \end{split}$$

Open loop transfer function

When G is small: disturbance dx_s stabilized disturbance dx o H O Verr error signal actuator A sensor F servo filter

$$dx_{s} = dx - G dx_{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow dx_{s} = dx / (1+G)$$

$$\Rightarrow dx = V_{err} (1+G) / H$$

$$dx = V_{fb} A (1+G) / G$$

Open loop transfer function



- When the openloop gain G is >>1, the error signal gets suppressed
 - "Wow! our sensor signal became smaller!"
 - Is our system more sensitive now? => No

Then, can we still measure gravitational waves even if the error signal is almost zero? => Yes

- Important difference between
 - "Feedback control for stabilization" and "Feedback control for measurement"
 - Feedback control changes the stabilized motion but reconstructed Disturbance is not modified by the loop* (*if everything is linear)
 Stabilized



A deterministic and time-invariant system: H



The system H is LTI (linear & time-invariant) when

$$y_1(t) = H \{x_1(t)\}$$
$$y_2(t) = H \{x_2(t)\}$$
$$\implies \alpha y_1(t) + \beta y_2(t) = H \{\alpha x_1(t) + \beta x_2(t)\}$$

 We can deal with such a system using Laplace transform (or almost equivalently Fourier Transform)

Time domain vs Laplace (or Fourier) frequency domain



 It is easy to convert from an ordinary differential equation to a transfer function

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Longrightarrow s$$

$$\implies i\omega = i2\pi f$$
Fourier Transform

e.g. Damped oscillator

$$m\ddot{x}(t) = -kx(t) - \gamma\dot{x}(t) + F(t)$$

$$ms^{2}X(s) = -kX(s) - \gamma sX(s) + F(s)$$

$$H(s) \equiv \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^{2} + \gamma s + k}$$







In most cases, a system TF can be expressed as:

$$H(s) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 s + b_2 s^2 + \dots + b_m s^m}{a_0 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2 + \dots + a_n s^n}$$

 The roots of the numerator are called as "zeros" and the roots of the denominator are called as "poles"

$$H(s) = \frac{b_m \prod_{i=1}^m (s - s_{zi})}{a_n \prod_{j=1}^n (s - s_{pj})}$$

- Zeros (s_{zi}) and poles (s_{pi}) are real numbers (single zeros/poles)
 - or

pairs of complex conjugates (complex zeros/poles)

Poles rule the stability of the system!
 H(s) can be rewritten as

$$H(s) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{K_j}{(s - s_{pj})}$$

Each term imposes exponential time impulse response

T.F.:
$$H_j(s) = \frac{1}{s - s_{pj}} \iff \text{I.R.:} h_j(t) = e^{s_{pj}t}$$

Therefore, if there is ANY pole with Re(s_{pj}) > 0
 the response of the system diverges

Poles rule the stability of the system!



http://nupet.daelt.ct.utfpr.edu.br/_ontomos/paginas/AMESim4.2.o/demo/Misc/la/SecondOrder/SecondOrder.htm

Now we eventually came back to this diagram



Requirement:

All the roots for 1+G should be in the left hand side of Laplace plane

- Remarks
- **Requirement:**
- All the roots for 1+G should be in the left hand side of Laplace plane
 - This does not mean all H, F, A needs to be stable. e.g. Unstable mechanical system A can be stabilized by a control loop. (cf. An inverted Rod)
 - We usually play with F to tune the result. It is awkward to evaluate the stability of 1/(1+G) every time.
- **Open loop TF:** G = HFA

```
Closed loop TF
 G_{CI} = 1/(1+G)
```

There is a way to tell the stability only from G

Nyquist's stability criterion

- Nyquist stability criterion
- Plot openloop gain G in a complex plane (i.e. Nyquist diagram)
- If the locus of G(f) from f=0 to ∞, goes to 0 looking at the point (-1 + 0 i) at the left side => Stable
- If the locus sees the point (-1+0 i) at the right side => Unstable



 $-1 \qquad 1/g \qquad Re$

- Unity gain frequency f_{UGF}:
- Phase margin θ:
- Gain margin g:

for $|G(f_{\cup GF})| = 1$ $\vartheta = \operatorname{Arg}(G(f_{\cup GF}))$ $g = 1/|G(f_o)|$ where $\operatorname{Arg}(G(f_o)) = -\pi$

Phase Margin / Gain Margin in Bode diagram

Most of the case, a bode diagram of G is enough to see the stability



A rough standard of a stable servo loop: Phase Margin > 40deg Gain Margin > 10dB

- Building blocks ("zpk" representation)
 - Single pole

$$H(s) = \frac{s_p}{s+s_p} \quad (s_p \in \mathbb{R}, s_p > 0)$$

Single zero

$$H(s) = \frac{s + s_z}{s_z} \quad (s_z \in \mathbb{R}, s_z > 0)$$

A pair of complex poles

$$H(s) = \frac{s_p s_p^*}{(s+s_p)(s+s_p^*)} \quad (s_p \in \mathbb{C}, \ \Re(s_p) > 0)$$

A pair of complex zeros

$$H(s) = \frac{(s+s_z)(s+s_z^*)}{s_z s_z^*} \quad (s_z \in \mathbb{C}, \ \Re(s_z) > 0)$$

Gain

$$H(s) = K \quad (K \in \mathbb{R})$$

Relationship between pole/zero locations and wo&Q

$$H(s) = \frac{s_p s_p^*}{(s + s_p)(s + s_p^*)}$$
$$= \frac{|s_p|^2}{s^2 + 2\Re(s_p)s + |s_p|^2}$$

To be compared with

$$H(\omega) = \frac{\omega_0^2}{-\omega^2 + i\omega_0\omega/Q + \omega_0^2}$$
$$\implies \omega_0 = |s_p|, \ Q = \frac{|s_p|}{2\Re(s_p)}$$





- Summary
 - Classical control theory
 - Design locations of poles and zeros
 - Stability: tuning of open loop transfer function is important

Control system components in GW detectors

Control systems

Elements of a feedback loop (again)



Interferometer control system

Local control vs global control



Local Sensors

Shadow sensor (relative displacement sensor)



Local Sensors

- Accelerometers (<u>Inertial sensor</u>)
 - Piezo Accelerometer

Servo Accelerometer



Local Sensors

Servo Accelerometer (Inertial sensor)

- Above the resonant freq: Limited by the sensor noise
- Below the resonant freq:
 Steep rise of the noise as the mass does not move in relative to the ground
 => Low resonant freq is beneficial



A. Bertolini et al, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 564 (2006) 579–586





Acutuators

- Mechanical actuators
 - Coil Magnet actuator
 - Electro Static Driver (ESD)
 - Piezo (PZT) actuator







Acutuators

Optical actuators

- Acousto-Optic Modulator
- Electro-Optic Modulator
- Laser Frequency actuator
 - 1. Thermal actuator
 - 2. Fast piezo actuator
 - 3. External EOM



LiNbO₃ crystal



Analog servo vs digital servo

Comparison of the control room in the analog and digital eras



aLIGO (2014)

TAMA300 (2001)

