Decentralized control

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- Multivariable plants
- RGA
- Decentralized control
- Pairing rules
- Examples

MIMO (multivariable case)

Distillation column

"Increasing L from 1.0 to 1.1 changes y_D from 0.95 to 0.97, and x_B from 0.02 to 0.03"

"Increasing V from 1.5 to 1.6 changes $y_{\rm D}$ from 0.95 to 0.94, and $x_{\rm B}$ from 0.02 to 0.01"

Steady-State Gain Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta Y_{D} \\ \Delta x_{B} \end{pmatrix} = G(0) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta L \\ \Delta V \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G(0) = \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12}(0) \\ g_{21} & g_{22}(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{0.97 - 0.95} \\ 1.1 - 1.0 & \underline{0.94 - 0.95} \\ 1.1 - 1.0 & \underline{1.6 - 1.5} \\ \underline{0.03 - 0.02} \\ 1.1 - 1.0 & \underline{0.01 - 0.02} \\ 1.6 - 1.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & -0.1 \\ 0.1 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Effect of input 1(\Delta L) on output 2(\Delta x_{B})$$

Can also include dynamics :

$$\mathbf{G}_{(s)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0.2} & -\mathbf{0.1} \\ \mathbf{1+50s} \\ \mathbf{0.1} \\ \mathbf{1+40s} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\mathbf{0.1}} \Delta y_{D} \quad \text{(Time constant 50 min for } \mathbf{y_{D}}) \\ \rightarrow \Delta X_{B} \quad \text{(time constant 40 min for } \mathbf{x_{B}}) \quad \text{(time constant 40 min for } \mathbf{x_{B}}) \quad \text{(time constant 40 min for } \mathbf{x_{B}})$$

Analysis of Multivariable processes

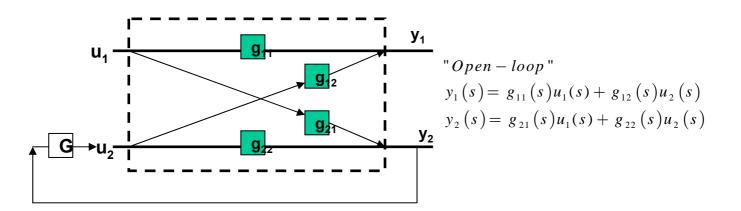
What is different with MIMO processes to SISO:

4The concept of "directions" (components in <u>u</u> and <u>y</u> have different magnitude"

4Interaction between loops when single-loop control is used

INTERACTIONS

Process Model



Consider Effect of u_1 on y_1

- 1) "Open-loop" ($C_2 = 0$): $y_1 = g_{11}(s) \cdot u_1$
- 2) Closed-loop" (close loop 2, $C_2 \neq 0$)

$$\mathbf{y}_{1} = \left(\mathbf{g}_{11}(\mathbf{s}) - \frac{\mathbf{g}_{12}\mathbf{g}_{21} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{2}}{\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{g}_{22} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{2}}\right) u_{1}$$

Change caused by
"interactions"

Derivation:

$$y_1 = g_{11}u_1 + g_{12}u_2$$
 where $u_2 = -c_2y_2$
Get: $y_1 = g_{11}u_1 - g_{12}c_2(g_{21}u_1 + g_{22}u_2)$
or: $y_1 = g_{11}(1 - c_2g_{12}g_{21}c_2)u_1 - c_2g_{12}g_{22}u_2$

Limiting Case $C_2 \rightarrow \infty$ (perfect control of y_2)

$$\mathbf{y}_{1} = \left(\mathbf{g}_{11}(\mathbf{s}) - \frac{\mathbf{g}_{12} \, \mathbf{g}_{21}}{\mathbf{g}_{22}}\right) u_{1}$$

How much has "gain" from u_1 to y_1 changed by closing loop 2 with perfect control?

Relative Gain =
$$\frac{(y_1/\mu_1)_{OL}}{(y_1/\mu_1)_{CL}} = \frac{g_{11}}{g_{11} - g_{12} - g_{21}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{g_{12}}{g_{11}} - \frac{g_{$$

The relative Gain Array (RGA) is the matrix formed by considering all the relative gains

$$\mathbf{RGA} = \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\lambda}_{11} & \mathbf{\lambda}_{12} \\ \mathbf{\lambda}_{21} & \mathbf{\lambda}_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(\mathbf{y}_{1}/\mathbf{u}_{1})_{OL}}{(\mathbf{y}_{1}/\mathbf{u}_{1})_{CL}} \frac{(\mathbf{y}_{1}/\mathbf{u}_{2})_{OL}}{(\mathbf{y}_{1}/\mathbf{u}_{2})_{CL}} \\ \frac{(\mathbf{y}_{2}/\mathbf{u}_{1})_{OL}}{(\mathbf{y}_{2}/\mathbf{u}_{1})_{CL}} \frac{(\mathbf{y}_{2}/\mathbf{u}_{2})_{OL}}{(\mathbf{y}_{2}/\mathbf{u}_{2})_{CL}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example from before

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & -0.1 \\ 0.1 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix} , \lambda_{11} = \frac{1}{1 - \underbrace{0.1 & 0.1}_{0.2 & 0.1}}_{\underbrace{0.2 & 0.1}_{0.5}} = 2$$

$$RGA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Property of RGA:

- Columns and rows always sum to 1
- **4** RGA independent of scaling (units) for u and y.

Note: RGA as a function of frequency is the most important for control!

Use of RGA:

(1) Interactions

From derivation: Interactions are small if relative gains are close to 1

Choose pairings corresponding to RGA elements close to 1

Traditional: Consider Steady-state

Better: Consider frequency corresponding to closedloop time constant

But: Avoid pairing on negative steady-state relative gain – otherwise you get instability if one of the loops

become inactive (e.g. because of saturation)

Example:

$$G(o) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & -0.1 \\ 0.1 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{l} y_1 = 0.2 \cdot u_1 - 0.1 \cdot u_2 \\ y_2 = 0.1 u_1 - 0.1 u_2 \end{array}$$

$$RGA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
Only acceptable pairings :

$$u_{1} \leftrightarrow y_{1}$$

$$u_{2} \leftrightarrow y_{2}$$
Not recommended :

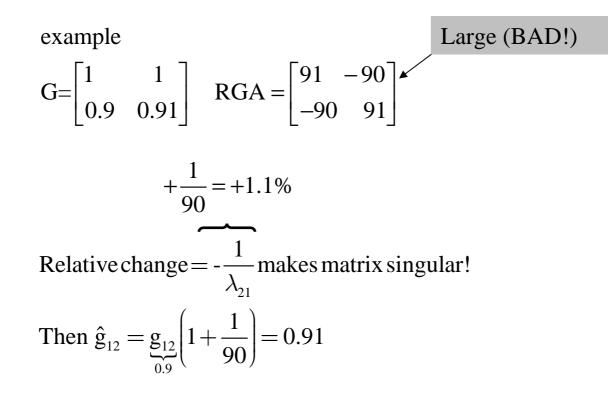
$$u_{1} \leftrightarrow y_{2}$$

$$u_{2} \leftrightarrow y_{1}$$
With integral action :
Negative RGA \Rightarrow individual
loop unstable + overall system unstable
when loops saturate

(2) Sensitivity measure

But RGA is not only an interaction measure:

Large RGA-elements signifies a process that is very sensitive to small changes (errors) and therefore fundamentally difficult to control



Singular Matrix: Cannot take inverse, that is, <u>decoupler hopeless.</u>

Control difficult

Exercise. Blending process



- Mass balances (no dynamics)
 - Total: $F_1 + F_2 = F$
 - Sugar: $F_1 = x F$
- (a) Linearize balances and introduce: $u_1=dF_1$, $u_2=dF_2$, $y_1=F_1$, $y_2=x$,
- (b) Obtain gain matrix G (y = G u)
- (c) Nominal values are x=0.2 [kg/kg] and F=2 [kg/s]. Find G
- (d) Compute RGA and suggest pairings
- (e) Does the pairing choice agree with "common sense"?

Decentralized control

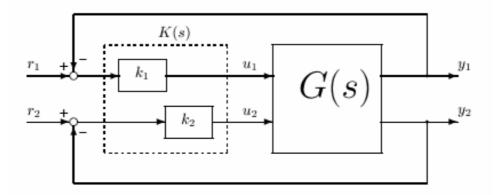


Figure 10.14: Decentralized diagonal control of a 2 × 2 plant

$$K(s) = \text{diag}\{k_i(s)\} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1(s) & & \\ & k_2(s) & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & k_m(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

Two main steps

- Choice of pairings (control configuration selection)
- Design (tuning) of each controller

Design (tuning) of each controller $k_i(s)$

- Fully coordinated design
 - can give optimal
 - BUT: requires full model
 - not used in practice
- Independent design
 - Base design on "paired element"
 - Can get failure tolerance
 - Not possible for interactive plants (which fail to satisfy our three pairing rules see later)
- Sequential design
 - Each design a SISO design
 - Can use "partial control theory"
 - Depends on inner loop being closed
 - Works on interactive plants where we may have time scale separation

Effective use of decentralized control requires some "natural" decomposition

- Decomposition in space
 - Interactions are small
 - G close to diagonal
 - Independent design can be used
- Decomposition in time
 - Different response times for the outputs
 - Sequential design can be used

Independent design: Pairing rules

Pairing rule 1. RGA at crossover frequencies. *Prefer pairings such that the rearranged system, with the selected pairings along the diagonal, has an RGA matrix close to identity at frequencies around the closed-loop bandwidth.*

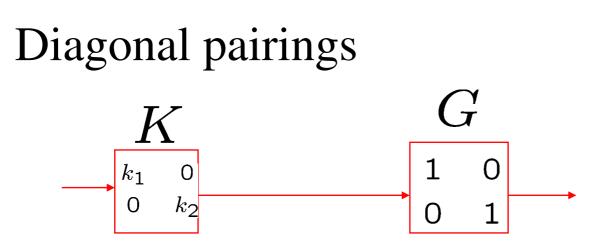
Pairing rule 2. For a stable plant avoid pairings if that correspond to negative steady-state RGA elements, $_{ii}(0) \le 0$.

Pairing rule 3. *Prefer* a pairing ij where g_{ij} puts minimal restrictions on the achievable bandwidth. Specifically, its effective delay _{ij} should be small.

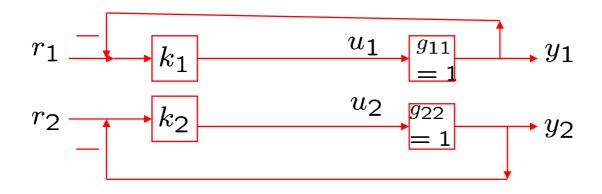
Example 1: Diagonal plant

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathsf{RGA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Simulations (and for tuning): Add delay 0.5 in each input
- Simulations setpoint changes: $r_1=1$ at t=0 and $r_2=1$ at t=20
- Performance: Want $|y_1-r_1|$ and $|y_2-r_2|$ less than 1
- G (and RGA): Clear that diagonal pairings are preferred



Get two independent subsystems:



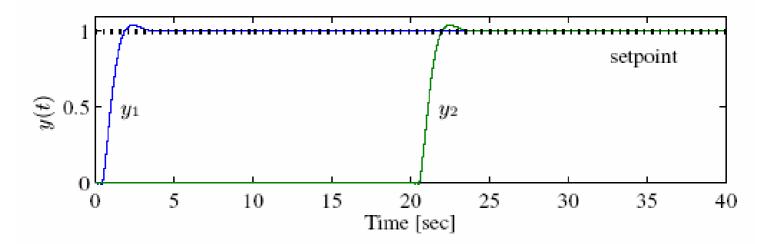
Diagonal pairings....

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_1 s} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tau_2 s} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10.51)

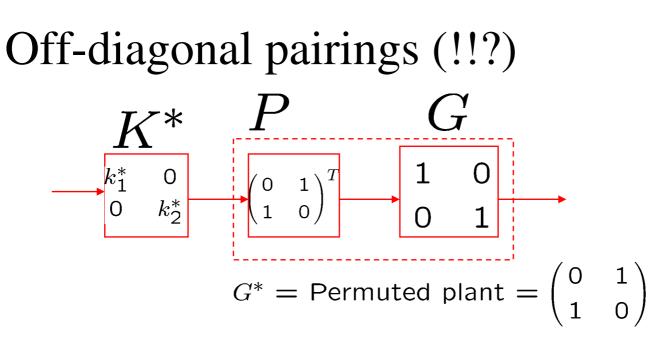
first-order responses

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{\tau_1 s + 1} r_1$$
 and $y_2 = \frac{1}{\tau_2 s + 1} r_2$ (10.52)

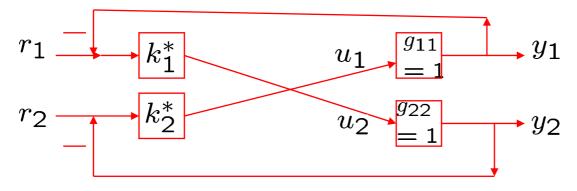
Simulation with delay included:



(a) Diagonal pairing; controller (10.51) with $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 1$

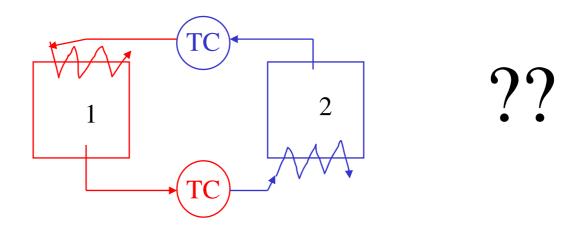


Pair on two zero elements !! Loops do not work independently! But there is some effect when <u>both</u> loops are closed:



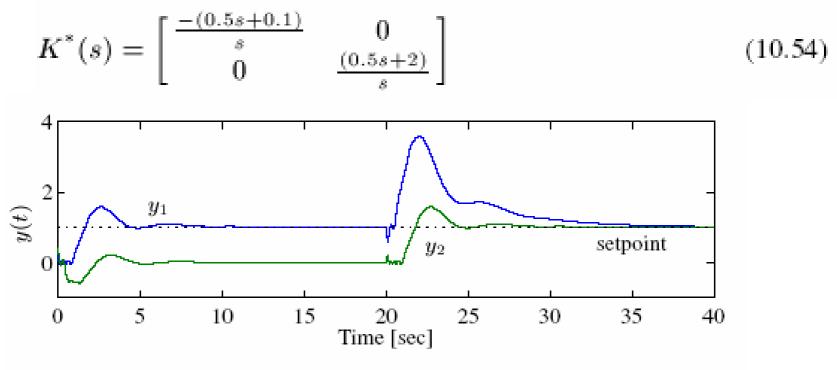
Off- diagonal pairings for diagonal plant

- Example: Want to control temperature in two completely different rooms (which may even be located in different countries). BUT:
 - Room 1 is controlled using heat input in room 2 (?!)
 - Room 2 is controlled using heat input in room 1 (?!)



Off-diagonal pairings....

Controller design difficult. After some trial and error:



(b) Off-diagonal pairing; plant (10.53) and controller (10.54)

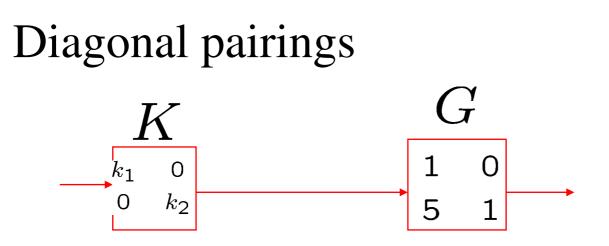
- Performance quite poor, but it works because of the "hidden" feedback loop g₁₂ g₂₁ k₁ k₂!!
 No failure tolerance
- 23 No f

Example 2: One-way interactive (triangular) plant

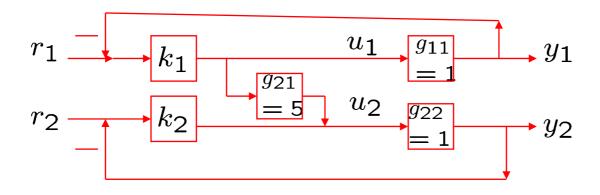
$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathsf{RGA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Simulations (and for tuning): Add delay 0.5 in each input
- RGA: Seems that diagonal pairings are preferred
- BUT: RGA is not able to detect the strong one-way interactions $(g_{12}=5)$



One-way interactive:



Diagonal pairings....

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_1 s} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tau_2 s} \end{bmatrix}$$

Closed-loop response (delay neglected):

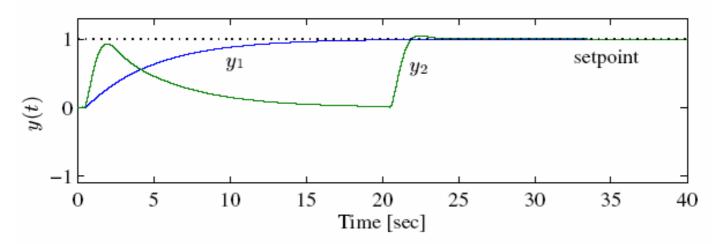
$$y_1 = \frac{1}{\tau_1 s + 1} r_1$$

$$y_2 = \frac{5\tau_2 s}{(\tau_1 s + 1)(\tau_2 s + 1)} r_1 + \frac{1}{\tau_2 s + 1} r_2$$

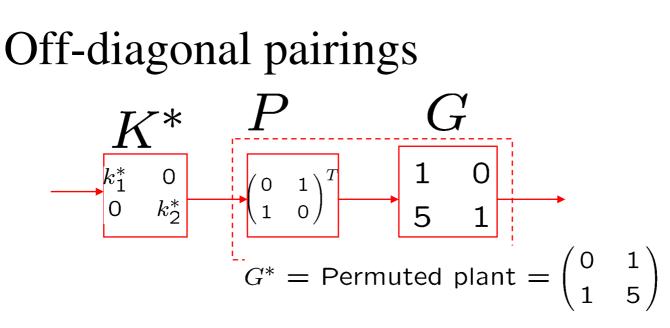
With $_1 = _2$ the "interaction" term (from r_1 to y_2) is about 2.5 Need loop 1 to be "slow" to reduce interactions: Need $_1 \ge 5_{-2}$

Diagonal pairings.....

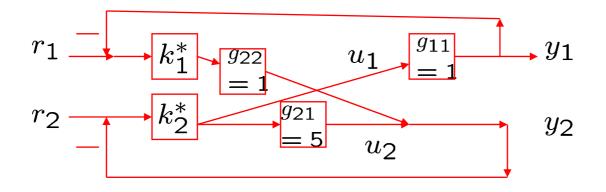
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_1 s} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tau_2 s} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10.56)



(a) Diagonal pairing; controller (10.56) with $\tau_1 = 5$ and $\tau_2 = 1$



Pair on one zero element $(g_{12}=g_{11}^*=0)$ BUT pair on $g_{21}=g_{22}^*=5$: may use sequential design: Start by tuning k_2^*



Off-diagonal pairings using sequential design. The permuted plant is

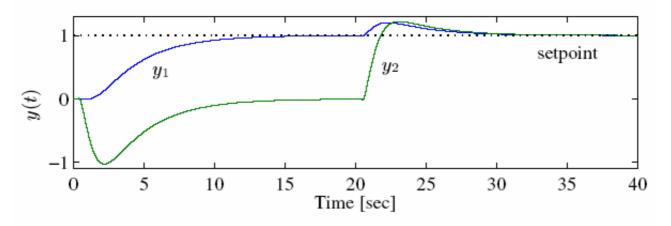
$$G^* = G \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
(10.59)

This corresponds to pairing on a zero element $g_{11}^* = 0$. This pairing is not acceptable if we use the independent design approach, because u_1^* has no effect on y_1 so "loop 1" does not work by itself. However, with the sequential design approach, we may first close the loop around y_2 (on the element $g_{22}^* = 5$). With the IMC design approach, the controller becomes $k_2^*(s) = 1/(g_{22}^*\tau_2 s) = 1/(5\tau_2 s)$ and with this loop closed, u_1^* does have an effect on y_1 . Assuming tight control of y_2 gives (using the expression for "perfect" partial control in (10.28))

$$y_1 = \left(g_{11}^* - \frac{g_{12}^* g_{21}^*}{g_{22}^*}\right)u_1^* = -\frac{1}{5}u_1^*$$

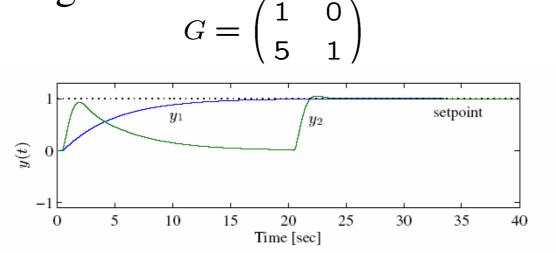
The controller for the pairing u_1^* - y_1 becomes $k_1^*(s) = 1/(g_{11}^*\tau_1 s) = -5/(\tau_1 s)$ and thus

$$K^* = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-5}{\tau_1 s} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{5\tau_2 s} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10.60)

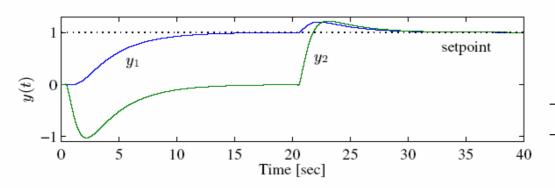


(b) Off-diagonal pairing; plant (10.59) and controller (10.60) with $\tau_1 = 5$ and $\tau_2 = 1$

Comparison of diagonal and off-diagonal pairings $(1 \ 0)$



(a) Diagonal pairing; controller (10.56) with $\tau_1 = 5$ and $\tau_2 = 1$



- OK performance,
- but no failure tolerance if loop 2 fails

(b) Off-diagonal pairing; plant (10.59) and controller (10.60) with $\tau_1 = 5$ and $\tau_2 = 1$

Figure 10.16: Decentralized control of triangular plant (10.55)

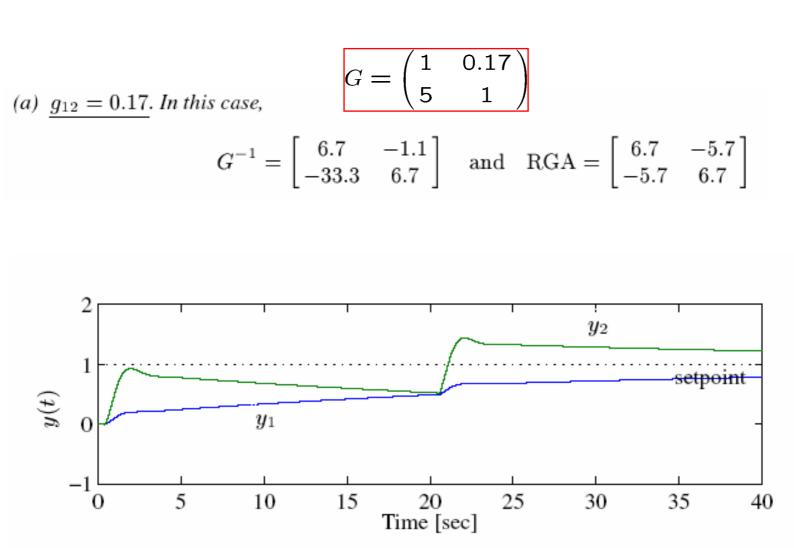
Example 3: Two-way interactive plant

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & g_{12} \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Already considered case g₁₂=0 (RGA=I)
- $g_{12}=0.2$: plant is singular (RGA= ∞)
- will consider diagonal parings for: (a) $g_{12} = 0.17$, (b) $g_{12} = -0.2$, (c) $g_{12} = -1$

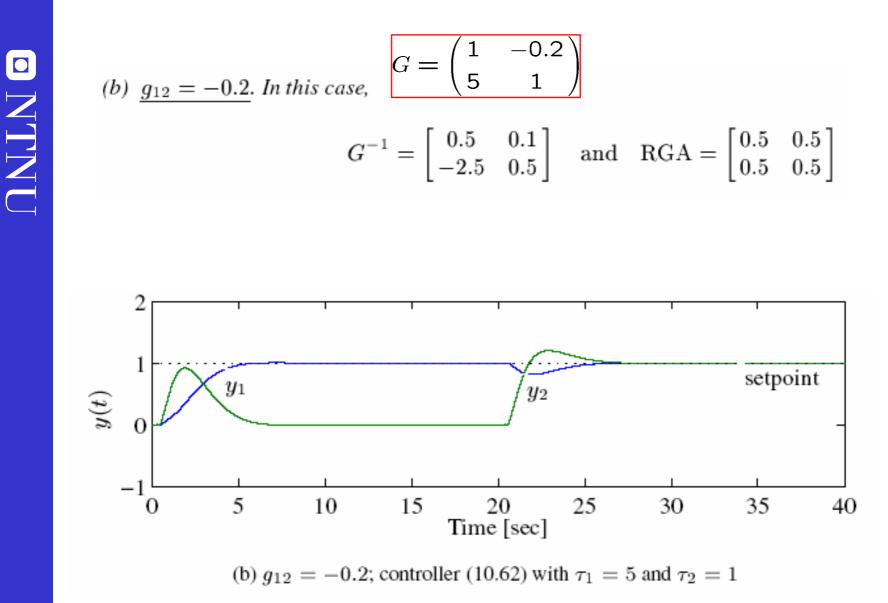
Controller:

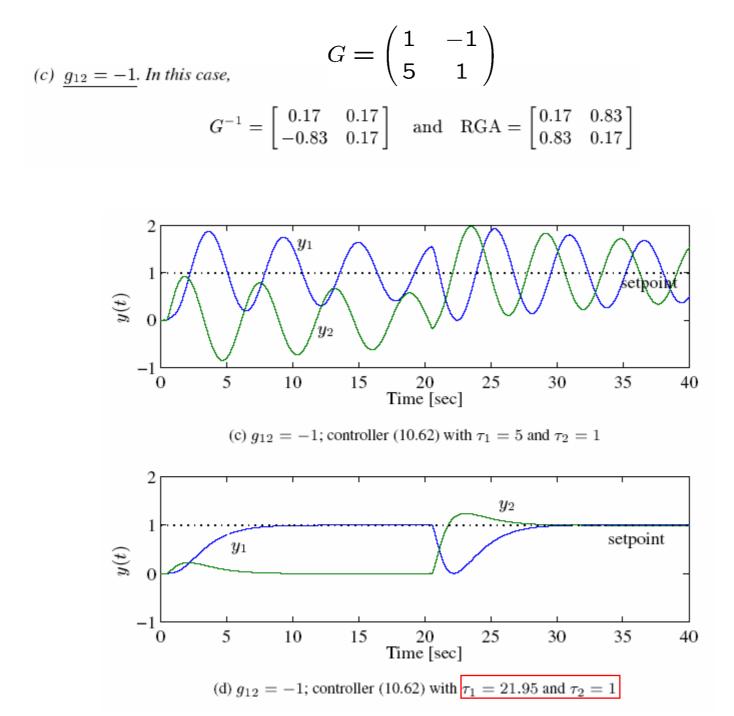
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_1 s} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tau_2 s} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10.62)
with _1=5 and _2=1



(a) $g_{12} = 0.17$; controller (10.62) with $\tau_1 = 5$ and $\tau_2 = 1$

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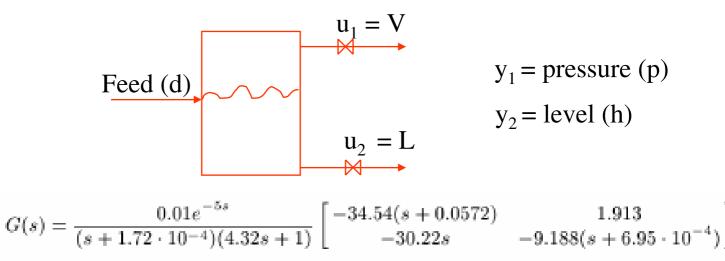




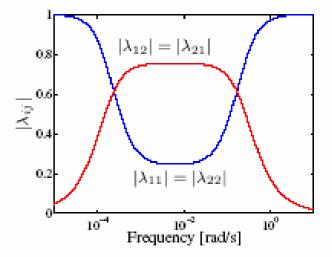
Conclusions decentralized examples

- Performance is OK with decentralized control (even with wrong pairings!)
- However, controller design becomes difficult for interactive plants
 - and independent design may not be possible
 - and failure tolerance may not be guaranteed

Example 3.10: Separator (pressure vessel)



- Pairings? Would expect y_1/u_1 and y_2/u_2
- But process is strongly coupled at intermediate frequencies. Why?
- Frequency-dependent RGA suggests opposite pairing at intermediate frequencies



(a) Magnitude of RGA elements

Separator example....

Outline of solution: For tuning purposes the elements in G(s) are approximated using the half rule to get

$$G(s) \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.0823 \frac{e^{-\theta s}}{s} & 0.01913 \frac{e^{-(\theta+2.16)s}}{s} \\ -0.3022 \frac{e^{-\theta s}}{4.32s+1} & -0.09188 \frac{e^{-\theta s}}{4.32s+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

For the diagonal pairings this gives the PI settings

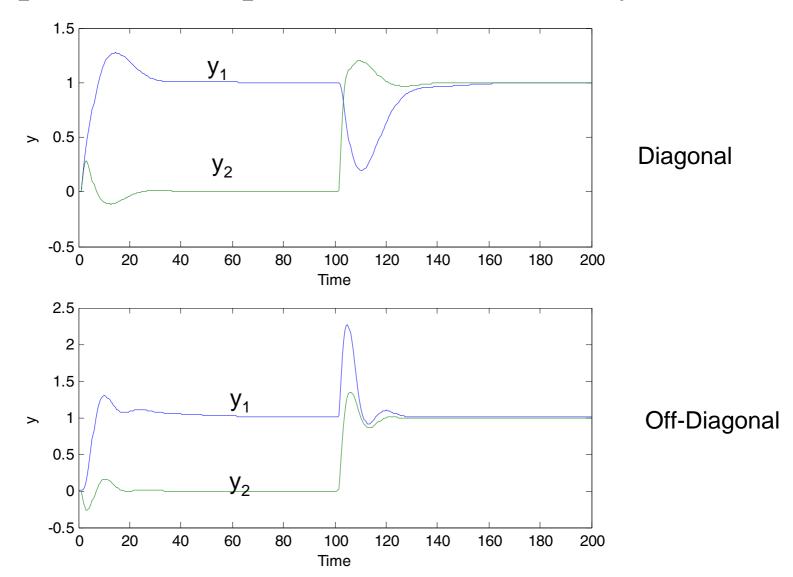
$$K_{c1} = -12.1/(\tau_{c1} + \theta), \tau_{I1} = 4(\tau_{c1} + \theta); K_{c2} = -47.0/(\tau_{c2} + \theta), \tau_{I2} = 4.32$$

and for the off-diagonal pairings (the index refers to the output)

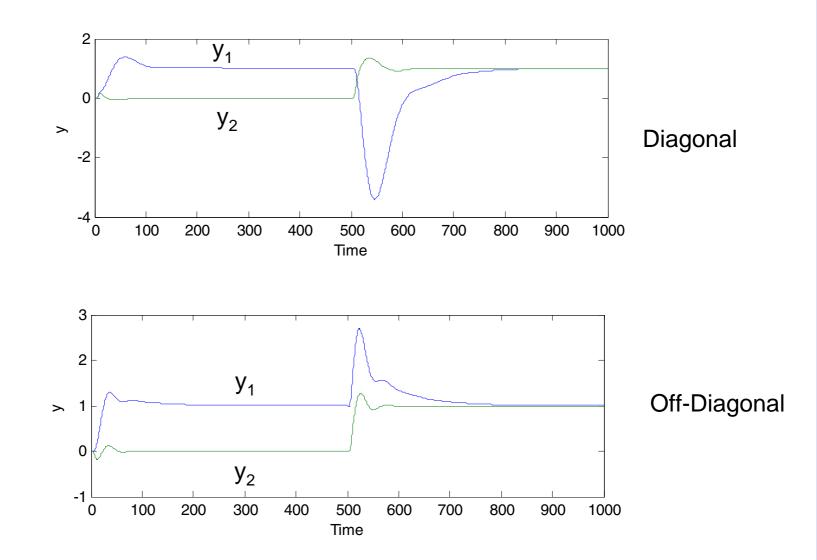
 $K_{c1} = 52.3/(\tau_{c1} + \theta + 2.16), \tau_{I1} = 4(\tau_{c1} + \theta + 2.16); K_{c2} = -14.3/(\tau_{c2} + \theta), \tau_{I2} = 4.32$

For improved robustness, the level controller (y_1) is tuned about 3 times slower than the pressure controller (y_2) , i.e. use $\tau_{c1} = 3\theta$ and $\tau_{c2} = \theta$. This gives a crossover frequency of about $0.5/\theta$ in the fastest loop. With a delay of about 5 s or larger you should find, as expected from the RGA at crossover frequencies (pairing rule 1), that the off-diagonal pairing is best. However, if the delay is decreased from 5 s to 1 s, then the diagonal pairing is best, as expected since the RGA for the diagonal pairing approaches 1 at frequencies above 1 rad/s.

Separator example: Simulations (delay = 1)



Separator example: Simulations (delay = 5)



Separator example

• BUT NOTE: May easily eliminate interactions to y2 (level) by simply closing a flow controller on u2 (liquid flow)

Iterative RGA

- For large processes, lots of pairing alternatives
- RGA evaluated iteratively is helpful for quick screening

$$\mathsf{RGA}(G) = \Lambda(G) = G \times (G^{-1})^T$$
$$\Lambda^2(G) = \Lambda(\Lambda(G))$$
$$\Lambda^\infty = \lim_{k \to \infty} \Lambda^k(G)$$

- Converges to "Permuted Identity" matrix (correct pairings) for generalized diagonally dominant processes.
- Can converge to incorrect pairings, when no alternatives are dominant.
- Usually converges in 5-6 iterations

Example of Iterative RGA

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0.33 & 0.67 \\ 0.67 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Lambda^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.33 & 1.33 \\ 1.33 & -0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Lambda^3 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.07 & 1.07 \\ 1.07 & -0.07 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Lambda^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.00 & 1.00 \\ 1.00 & 0.00 \end{bmatrix}$$

Correct pairing

Stability of Decentralized control systems

• Question: If we stabilize individual loops, will the overall closed-loop system be stable?

$$\bar{G} \triangleq \operatorname{diag}\{g_{ii}\} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & & \\ & g_{22} & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & g_{mm} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overline{S} \triangleq (I + \overline{G}K)^{-1} = \operatorname{diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + g_{ii}k_i} \right\}$$
 and $\overline{T} = I - \overline{S}$
 $E \triangleq (G - \overline{G})\overline{G}^{-1}$

- E is relative uncertainty
- \overline{T} is complementary sensitivity for diagonal plant

Stability of Decentralized control systems

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Let G an \overline{G} have same unstable poles, then closed-loop system stable if

$$\bar{\sigma}(\bar{T}) = \max_{i} |\bar{t}_{i}| < 1/\mu(E) \quad \forall \omega$$
(10.72)

The structured singular value $\mu(E)$ is computed with respect to a diagonal structure (of \overline{T}).

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$$\overline{\sigma}(\overline{S}) = \max_{i} |\overline{s}_{i}| < 1/\mu(E_{S}) \quad \forall \omega$$
(10.74)

The structured singular value $\mu(E_S)$ is computed with respect to a diagonal structure (of \overline{S}).

$$E_S = (G - \bar{G})G^{-1},$$

Mu-Interaction measure

Closed-loop stability if

$$\bar{\sigma}(\bar{T}) = \max_{i} |\bar{t}_{i}| < 1/\mu(E) \quad \forall \omega$$

At low frequencies, for integral control $\bar{\sigma}(\bar{T}) \approx \mathbf{1}$,

$$\mu(E) < 1$$

• Prefer pairings with $\mu(E) < 1$ ("diagonal dominance") at frequencies within the closedloop bandwidth.

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Decentralized Integral Controllability

- Question: If we detune individual loops arbitrarily or take them out of service, will the overall closed-loop system be stable with integral controller?
- Addresses "Ease of tuning"
- When DIC Can start with low gains in individual loops and increase gains for performance improvements
- <u>Not</u> DIC if

 $\lambda_{ii}(0) \ge 0$ for all *i*.

• DIC if

 $\mu(E(0)) < 1$

Performance RGA

- Motivation: RGA measures two-way interactions only
- Example 2 (Triangular plant)

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \text{RGA} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Performance Relative Gain Array

$$\Gamma(s) \triangleq \overline{G}(s) G^{-1}(s)$$

• Also measures one-way interactions, but need to be calculated for every pairing alternative.

Example PRGA: Distillation

• see book