

Exercise controllability for simple unstable plant

Problem

Derive bounds on  $M_S$  for the following four plants. Which one is most difficult to control? Discuss your results.

$$G_a = \frac{s-2}{(s+2)(s-4)}$$

$$G_b = \frac{s-2}{(s+2)(s-1)}$$

$$G_c = \frac{e^{-s}}{(s-4)} \quad (\approx G_a \text{ if we use Padé})$$

$$G_d = \frac{e^{-s}}{(s-1)} \quad (\approx G_b \text{ if we use Padé})$$

Solution

Bound on  $|T|$  :  $M_T \geq \frac{z+p}{z-p} e^{p\theta}$  (5.18) ← gives indirect bound on  $M_S$ ,  $M_S \geq M_T - 1$   
 Bound on  $|S|$  :  $M_S \geq \frac{z+p}{z-p}$  (5.15) ←  
 $z$ : RHP-zero  
 $p$ : RHP-pole

	$M_T \geq$	$M_S \geq$
a	$\frac{2+4}{4-2} = 3$	3
b	$\frac{1+2}{1-1}$ (undefined)	3
c	$e^4 = 54.6$	53.6
d	$e^1 = 2.71$	1.71

} seem to be equally difficult to control, but if we want tight control at low frequency (integral action) then  $G_c$  is more difficult than  $G_b$ .

Comment:

$G_c$  is clearly the most difficult to control according to these bounds. However, note that according to the Padé-approximation  $e^{-s} \approx \frac{s-2}{s+2}$  so  $G_a$  should be similar. The Padé-approximation fails to show that we can only have tight control at low frequencies ( $\omega < 1/\theta$ ).