



# Small-Signal Stability Analysis of Delay System

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# Outline

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# Definitions in Delay System

- Delay-independent System

The system remains stable for any positive value of delay.

- Delay-dependent System

The system is stable without delay, but it will become unstable due to some specific delays.

- Delay Margin

Delay margin is a constant value. In a delay-dependent system, if the magnitude of the delay is larger than the delay margin, the system collapse.



# Small-Signal Stability

- Index 1 Hessenberg Form System

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{x}_d = \mathbf{x}(t - \tau)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_d = \mathbf{y}(t - \tau)$$

- Stationary Point:

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{y}_0, \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{y}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{y}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)$$



# Small-Signal Stability

- Linearizing the system at the stationary solution yields:

$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}_x \Delta \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}_y \Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{f}_{y_d} \Delta \mathbf{y}_d$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{g}_x \Delta \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}_y \Delta \mathbf{y}$$

Eliminating  $\Delta \mathbf{y}$ :

$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}_0 \Delta \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}_1 \Delta \mathbf{x}(t - \tau)$$

$$\mathbf{A}_0 = \mathbf{f}_x - \mathbf{f}_y \mathbf{g}_y^{-1} \mathbf{g}_x$$

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = -\mathbf{f}_{y_d} \mathbf{g}_y^{-1} \mathbf{g}_x$$

- Characteristic equation:

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_0 - \mathbf{A}_1 e^{-\lambda \tau}$$

Transcendental!



# Eigenvalue-based Approach

Characteristic Equation:

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_0 - \mathbf{A}_1 e^{-\lambda \tau}$$

Discretization:

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Transform the differential algebraic equations in a continuous boundard value problem with partial derivatives and using Chebyshev's discretization scheme to calculate the eigenvalues.



# Eigenvalue-based Method

- **Two useful properties:**

- The characteristic equation only has a finite number of characteristic roots in any vertical strip of the complex plane:

$$\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : \alpha < \Re(\lambda) < \beta$$

- There exists a number such that all characteristic roots are confined to the half-plane:

$$\gamma \in \mathbf{R}, \lambda \in \mathbf{C} : \Re(\lambda) < \gamma$$



# Eigenvalue-based Method

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda I - A_0 - A_1 e^{-\lambda \tau}$$

	1	2	...				$N$
1	$n \times n$						
2							
$\vdots$							
$N$	$A_1$						$A_0$
	$t - \tau$						$t$

- Do we really have to calculate the approximate eigenvalues of the delay system to find the delay margin?





# Analytical Approach

- Example

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t - \tau)$$

At the delay margin the system is supposed to have two eigenvalues on the imaginary axis, let's assume:

$$\lambda_1 = j\omega, \lambda_2 = -j\omega$$

Then we have:

$$\Delta(\lambda_1) = \lambda_1 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_0 - \mathbf{A}_1 e^{-\lambda_1 \tau} = 0$$

$$\Delta(\lambda_2) = \lambda_2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_0 - \mathbf{A}_1 e^{-\lambda_2 \tau} = 0$$

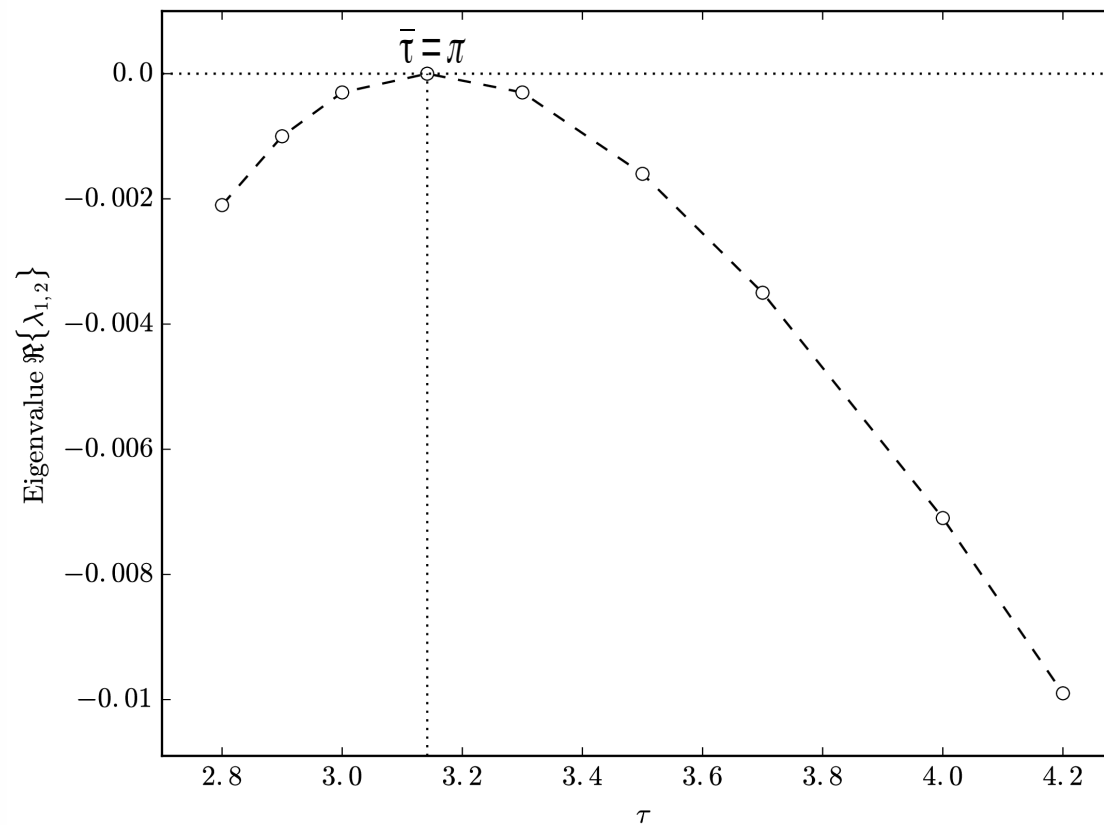
According to the above equations, we have:

$$\lambda = \pm j, \quad \tau = \pi$$



# Eigenvalue-based Approach

- Real part of the dominate eigenvalue as a function of delay:





# Analytical Approach

- Decision function of the crossing direction:

$$\mathit{sign} \left\{ \Re \left[ \frac{d\lambda}{d\tau} \right]_{\lambda=j\omega} \right\}$$

If positive (+), crossing towards instability

If negative (-), crossing towards stability



# Advantages of Eigenvalue-based Approach

- Comparing with analytical method:

**Easy and less trick!**

- Comparing with time-domain method:

Lyapunov second method, linear matrix inequality method and etc.

**Easy and fast.**

**Less conservative!**



# Delay System Modelling

- Retarded Delay Differential Equation (RDDE):

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$

- Neutral Delay Differential Equation (NDDE):

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_d, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$



# Characteristic Equations

- Index-1 Hessenberg Form System

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda I - A_0 - A_1 e^{-\lambda \tau}$$

- Non Index-1 Hessenberg Form System

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda I - A_0 - \sum_k A_k e^{-\lambda k \tau}$$

- Neutral Delay System

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda I - A_0 - \sum_k A_k e^{-\lambda k \tau} - B e^{-\lambda \tau}$$



# Implements in Dome

- Retarded Delay System

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$

- Natural Delay System

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_d, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u})$$



$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}_d, \mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{y}$$



# Delay-Independent Neutral System

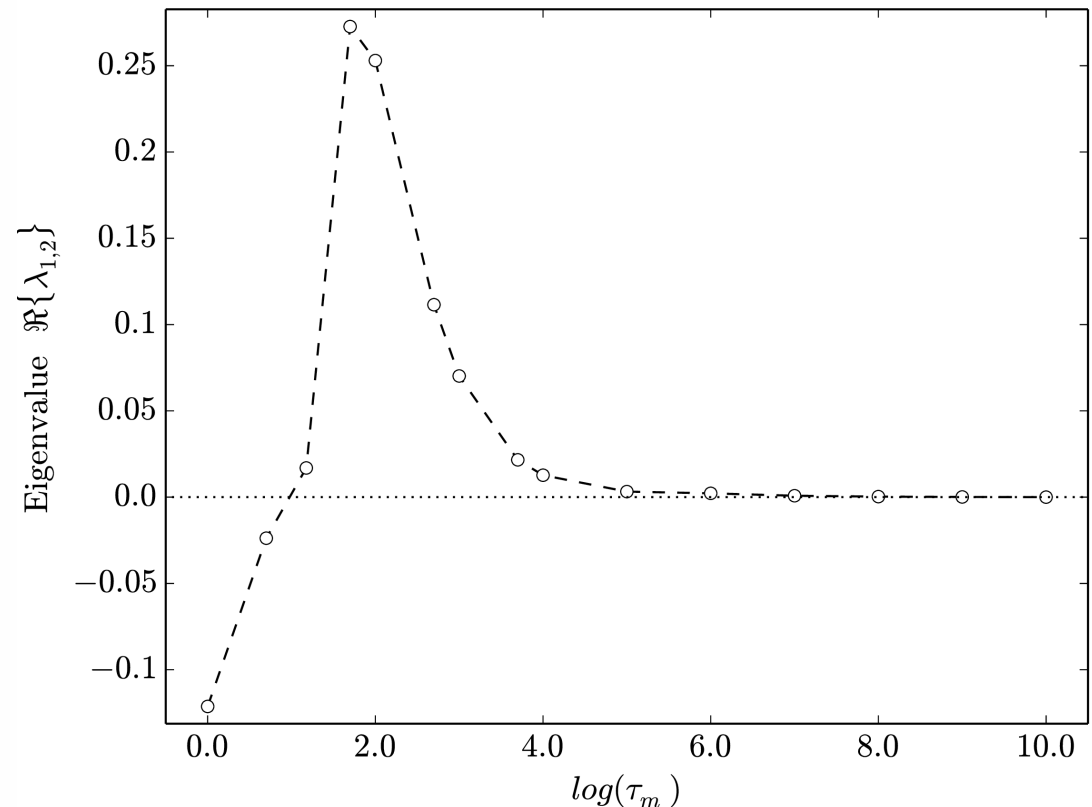
- Food-limited Dynamic Population Model

$$\dot{S}(t) = r S(t) \left[ 1 - \frac{S(t-\tau) + c \dot{S}(t-\tau)}{K} \right]$$

$$r = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{20}$$

$$c = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{25}$$

$$K = 1$$







# Delay-Independent Neutral System

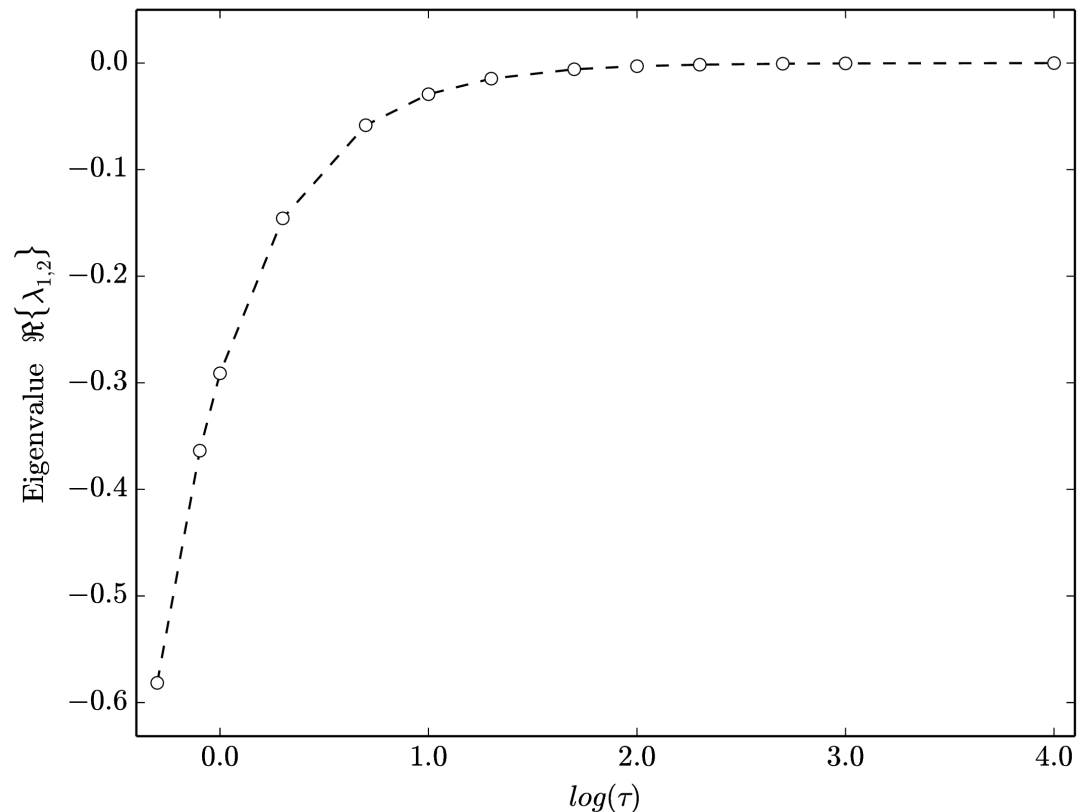
- Linear Partial Element Equivalent Circuit (PEEC)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x}(t - \tau) + \mathbf{N} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t - \tau)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{L}}{100} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -9 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{M}}{100} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & -1 \\ -0.5 & -1.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$72 \mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -9 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$





# Delay Modelling

- Constant Delay
- Distributed Delay

$$\tau = \int_b^a w(\theta) x(t - \theta) d\theta$$

- Periodic Time-varying Delay

$$\tau(t) = \tau_0 + \delta f(\Omega t)$$

- Stochastic Delay



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**Thanks for your attention!**

Any Questions?