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When is state feedback optimal?

Theorem

If m = 1, (A, B) is controllable, and $K \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ satisfies

- 1. A + BK is stable,
- 2. $|1 K(j\omega I A)^{-1}B| \ge 1$ for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$,

then there is $0 \leq Q = Q' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that this K is LQR optimal for

$$\mathcal{J} = \int_0^\infty \left[\begin{array}{cc} x'(t) & u'(t) \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} Q & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{array} \right] dt$$

If (A, B) is not controllable, then there is Q for which $K(sI - A)^{-1}B$ is the optimal loop.

This result shows that LQR optimization is

- sufficiently rich, so that we won't miss any "good" controller by using Q and r as design parameter under S = 0.

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When is state feedback optimal? (contd)

The condition S = 0 is essential. If S can also be chosen freely, then - all stabilizing state-feedback gains are LQR-optimal, regardless the second condition. For example, the cost

$$\mathcal{J} = \int_0^\infty (u(t) - K_\star x(t))^2 \mathrm{d}t$$

which corresponds to

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$$\begin{bmatrix} Q & S \\ S' & R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -K'_{\star} \\ I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -K_{\star} & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K'_{\star}K_{\star} & -K'_{\star} \\ -K_{\star} & I \end{bmatrix},$$

produces the optimal $u(t) = K_{\star}x(t)$. in this case $\bar{X} = 0$ and $\mathcal{J}_{opt} = 0$

Closed-loop poles (m = 1 and S = 0)

Because $1 + L_{sf}(s) = \chi_{cl}(s)/\chi_{ol}(s)$,

$$(1 + L_{sf}(-s))(1 + L_{sf}(s)) = 1 + \frac{1}{r}B'(-sI - A')^{-1}Q(sI - A)^{-1}B$$

reads

$$rac{\chi_{\mathsf{cl}}(-s)\chi_{\mathsf{cl}}(s)}{\chi_{\mathsf{ol}}(-s)\chi_{\mathsf{ol}}(s)} = 1 + rac{1}{r}G_*(s),$$

where

$$G_*(s) := B'(-sI - A')^{-1}Q(sI - A)^{-1}B$$

is such that $G_*(-s) = G_*(s)$, so that its poles / zeros are symmetric about the imaginary axis. If $x'Qx = y^2$, then Q = C'C and $G_*(s) = P(-s)P(s)$. The solutions of

$$1+\frac{1}{r}G_*(s)=0\iff -r=G_*(s),$$

which is a root-locus form under k = 1/r, determine then both the roots of $\chi_{cl}(s)$ (closed-loop LQR poles) and those of $\chi_{cl}(-s)$ (their reflection about the j ω -axis).

Example: design 1

LQR for $\mathcal{J} = \gamma_1 + r\gamma_u$ has S = 0 and

$$G_*(s) = -rac{(s+2)(s-2)}{(s+2.618)(s+0.382)(s-0.382)(s-2.618)} = P_1(-s)P_1(s)$$

The root locus with respect to 1/r:



Root locus with respect to k = 1/r

- has 2n loci symmetric about both real and imaginary axes
- starts for $r = \infty$ at roots of $\chi_{ol}(-s)\chi_{ol}(s)$
- ends as $r\downarrow 0$ at zeros of $G_*(s)$ or ∞ (depending on the cost)
- $-\,$ has an even number of asymptotes, whose centroid is at $\sigma_{\rm c}=0\,$
- if $G_*(s)$ is strictly proper (even pole excess), then asymptotes angles



half of them are in the LHP (and none on the imaginary axis).

− there are exactly *n* roots in the open LHP at each *r* ∈ (0, ∞) (because $G_*(j\omega) \ge 0$, $-r = G_*(j\omega)$ cannot be solved in *r* > 0)



Limiting behavior: cheap control

The LQR problem with the cost

$$\mathcal{J} = \int_0^\infty \left[\begin{array}{cc} x'(t) & u'(t) \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} Q & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{array} \right] dt, \quad r \downarrow 0$$

is known as the cheap control LQR problem. By root-locus arguments, the roots of $\chi_{\rm cl}(s)$ for $1/r\to\infty$

- $-\,$ either approach the stable zeros of ${\it G}_*(s)$
- or go to $\text{Re } s = -\infty$ along the LHP asymptotes (it the pole excess of $G_*(s)$ is larger than 2, then the damping ratio of the "worst" asymptote is at most $1/\sqrt{2}$)

Limiting behavior: expensive control (contd)

Assumptions:

- A_1 : (A, B) is stabilizable
- $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{2}}: R > 0 \text{ and } Q SR^{-1}S' \ge 0$

for Q = 0, S = 0, and R = 1 obviously holds

*A*₃: $(A - BR^{-1}S', Q - SR^{-1}S')$ has no pure imaginary unobservable modes for *Q* = 0, *S* = 0, and *R* = 1 equivalent to spec(*A*) ∩ jℝ = Ø

By root-locus arguments, the roots of $\chi_{cl}(s)$ for 1/r = 0 are the stable roots of $\chi_{ol}(-s)\chi_{ol}(s)$. In other words,

- if λ is an OLHP root of $\chi_{\rm ol}(s)$, then it is also a root of $\chi_{\rm cl}(s)$,
- $\ \ \, \text{if λ is an ORHP root of $\chi_{\sf cl}(s)$, then $-\lambda$ is a root of $\chi_{\sf cl}(s)$.}$

Thus, the optimal controller for this problem

- reflects unstable poles about the j $\omega\textsc{-}axis$ and
- keeps stable poles untouched.

Limiting behavior: expensive control

We already know that the solution to the LQR for

$$\mathcal{J} = \int_0^\infty \begin{bmatrix} x'(t) & u(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix} dt$$

 and

$$\mathcal{J}_r = \int_0^\infty \left[\begin{array}{cc} x'(t) & u(t) \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} Q/r & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{array} \right] dt = \frac{1}{r} \mathcal{J}$$

coincide. Thus, the LQR problem for the limiting case of $r \to \infty$ effectively corresponds to

$$\mathcal{J}_{\infty} = \int_{0}^{\infty} u^{2}(t) \mathrm{d}t \quad \mathrm{or} \quad \left[egin{array}{cc} Q & S \\ S' & R \end{array}
ight] = \left[egin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}
ight].$$

This is the problem of

stabilizing with the lowest control energy.



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Setup

Consider system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + Bd(t), & x(0) = 0, \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + n(t), \end{cases}$$

where u(t) is known input, d(t) is (unknown) plant disturbance, and n(t) is measurement noise.

Our purpose here is to reconstruct x(t) so that reconstruction error,

$$\epsilon(t) = x(t) - \hat{x}(t),$$

is "small."

Clearly, solution of such state estimation problem depends on

- 1. what our assumptions about d(t) and n(t) are,
- 2. what measure of the estimation error $\epsilon(t)$ "smallness" is taken.

Linear-quadratic state estimation problem

In this formulation we assume that in the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + Bd(t), \quad x(0) = 0, \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + n(t), \end{cases}$$

inputs d(t) and n(t) are white noise signals with intensities σ_d and σ_n . We also assume that

 A_4 : (C, A) is detectable,

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}_{5}:} \ \sigma_{n} > 0,$$

 \mathcal{A}_6 : $(A, B\sigma_d)$ has no uncontrollable j ω -axis modes.

Linear-quadratic estimation is formulated as reconstruction of x minimizing

$$\mathcal{J} := \int_0^\infty (x(t) - \hat{x}(t))' (x(t) - \hat{x}(t)) dt,$$

where $\hat{x}(t)$ is the reconstruction of x(t).

(Sloppy) introduction to white noise signals

By white noise signal we understand

- signal f(t), whose frequency spectrum satisfies $|F(\omega)|^2 \equiv \sigma_f = \text{const}$ with the quantity $\sigma_f \geq 0$ called the intensity of f(t). In other words, white noise signal

- has all harmonics equally represented in it.

We may interpret white noise signal as

impulse response of any all-pass system—deterministic interpretation¹.
 It may be safe to say that white noise doesn't exist in nature. It, however, is a convenient abstraction used as a building block for many realistic signals.

¹Conventionally, white noise is defined and interpreted from a stochastic point of view (white random process). Yet such approach goes far beyond the scope of this course.

Interpretation of d and n

Plant disturbance,

- d(t), reflects inaccuracies of our model of x(t).

Thus, high intensity of d(t) means that we should correct our model-based estimation more aggressively.

Measurement noise,

- n(t), reflects inaccuracies of our measurements.

As y(t) is the only available information about deviations of x(t) from its "predicted" values, high intensity of n(t) means that we should rely more upon model.

Solution (steady-state Kalman filter)

Theorem

If \mathcal{A}_{4-6} hold, then the unique optimal linear-quadratic estimator is

$$\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = A\hat{x}(t) + Bu(t) + \sigma_n^{-1}\bar{Y}C'(y(t) - C\hat{x}(t)), \quad \hat{x}(0) = 0$$

where $\bar{Y} = \bar{Y}' \ge 0$ is (unique) stabilizing solution of CARE

 $\bar{Y}A' + A\bar{Y} + \sigma_d BB' - \sigma_n^{-1}\bar{Y}C'C\bar{Y} = 0$

such that $A_L = A + LC$ is Hurwitz, where $L = -\sigma_n^{-1} \overline{Y} C'$.

Kalman filter transfer functions

The Kalman filter has two inputs, u and y, and one vector output, \hat{x} . The transfer function from u to \hat{x} and from y to \hat{x} are

 $G_{\hat{x}u}(s) = (sI - A_L)^{-1}B$ and $G_{\hat{x}y}(s) = -(sI - A_L)^{-1}L$,

respectively, where $L = -\sigma_n^{-1} \bar{Y} C'$ and $A_L = A + LC$. Both result from the following form of the estimator equation:

 $\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = (A + LC)\hat{x}(t) + Bu(t) - Ly(t), \quad \hat{x}(0) = 0$

which is a Luenberger observer under an optimization-based choice of L.

Filtering CARE

The CARE

$$ar{Y}A' + Aar{Y} + \sigma_d BB' - \sigma_n^{-1}ar{Y}C'Car{Y} = 0$$

is a special case of

$$ar{A}'ar{X}+ar{X}ar{A}+ar{Q}-(ar{S}+ar{X}ar{B})ar{R}^{-1}(ar{S}'+ar{B}'ar{X})=0$$

with
$$\overline{A} = A'$$
, $\overline{B} = C'$, $\overline{Q} = \sigma_d BB'$, $\overline{R} = \sigma_u$, and $\overline{S} = 0$. Here
 $- (C, A)$ is detectable $\implies (\overline{A}, \overline{B}) = (A', C')$ is stabilizable
 $- (A, B\sigma_d)$ has no uncontrollable j ω -axis modes and $\sigma_u > 0 \implies$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} - j\omega I & \bar{B} \\ \bar{Q} & \bar{S} \\ \bar{S}' & \bar{R} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A' - j\omega I & C' \\ \sigma_d BB' & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_u \end{bmatrix}$$

has full column rank $\forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}$.

As such, it can be solved by icare(A',C',sigmad*B*B',sigmau).

Estimating incomplete state

In some situations we do not need to reconstruct all state vector but rather only its part $v(t) = C_v x(t)$. Performance measure is then

$$\mathcal{J} := \int_0^\infty (C_v x(t) - \hat{v}(t))' (C_v x(t) - \hat{v}(t)) dt.$$

Remarkable property of Kalman filter is that in this case

 $\hat{v}(t) = C_v \hat{x}(t),$

where $\hat{x}(t)$ is the optimal estimate of x(t). In other words, the whole x(t) should be estimated anyway. The transfer functions of the filter are then

$$G_{\hat{v}u}(s) = C_v(sl - A_L)^{-1}B$$
 and $G_{\hat{v}y}(s) = -C_v(sl - A_L)^{-1}L$

Example

Consider the process

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} d(t) \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + n(t), \end{cases}$$

with $x = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ v \end{bmatrix}$, which is double integrator with noisy output measurements. Our purpose is

- to reconstruct
$$v(t)$$
 from $y(t)$ (i.e. $C_v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$).

We assume that

$$\begin{array}{ll} - & d(t) = \delta(t) \text{ (i.e. that } y(0) = 0 \text{ and } v(0) = 1 \text{)} & \sigma_d = 1 \\ - & n(t) = 0.2 \sin(20\pi t) & \sigma_n \text{ is tuned} \\ - & u(t) = \sin(\pi t). & \end{array}$$

We'll be playing with σ_n , which is fictitious parameter.





Example: frequency responses

Bode plots of the filter

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$$G_{\hat{v}y}(s) = -C_v(sI - A_L)^{-1}L$$

for different choices of σ_n :



It starts as a differentiator (logical), but then cuts it off.

Example: insight

Our assumed measurement signal,

$$y=\frac{1}{s^2}d+n=:y_s+y_n,$$

can be thought of as comprised

- $-\,$ the "signal" $y_{\rm s},$ which contains information about v (to be estimated),
- the "noise" y_n , which contains no information about x.

Convenient measure of the "usefulness" of y is the signal to noise ratio:

$$SNR(\omega) := \frac{|Y_{s}(j\omega)|}{|Y_{n}(j\omega)|} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_{d}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{n}}\,\omega^{2}}$$

The estimator then

- $-\,$ imitates the differentiator at frequencies where ${\sf SNR}(\omega)\gg 1$
- $-\,$ does nothing at frequencies where ${\sf SNR}(\omega)\ll 1$

More general formulation

Let

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + B_w w(t), \quad x(0) = 0, \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + D_w w(t), \end{cases}$$

for an unmeasured w, each element of which is a white unit-intensity signal independent of other elements of w, and under

$$A_4$$
: (C, A) is detectable,

$$\begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}_{5}:} \ \ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{D}_{w}} \ \ \text{has full row rank,} \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}_{6}:} \ \ \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{A} - j\omega \boldsymbol{I} & \boldsymbol{B_{w}} \\ \boldsymbol{C} & \boldsymbol{D_{w}} \end{bmatrix} \ \text{has full row rank } \forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

The previous formulation is its special case with

$$- w = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ n \end{bmatrix}, B_w = \begin{bmatrix} B\sqrt{\sigma_d} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } D_w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\sigma_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: insight (contd)



In our case, with $\sigma_d = 1$,

$$SNR(\omega) = 1 \iff \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{\sigma_n}} = \{1, 1.7783, 3.1623, 5.6234\}$$

These frequencies agree with the breaks of tendency of $|G_{\hat{v}y}(j\omega)|$.

More general formulation: solution

Theorem

If \mathcal{A}_{4-6} hold, then the unique optimal linear-quadratic estimator is

$$\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = A\hat{x}(t) + Bu(t) + (D_w D'_w)^{-1} (D_w B'_w + \bar{Y}C') (y(t) - C\hat{x}(t))$$

with $\hat{x}(0) = 0$, where $\bar{Y} = \bar{Y}' \ge 0$ is (unique) stabilizing solution of CARE

$$\bar{Y}A' + A\bar{Y} + B_wB'_w - (B_wD'_w + \bar{Y}C')(D_wD'_w)^{-1}(D_wB'_w + C\bar{Y}) = 0$$

such that $A_L = A - (D_w D'_w)^{-1} (D_w B'_w + \overline{Y}C')C$ is Hurwitz.

This corresponds to

- Luenberger observer with $L = -(D_w D'_w)^{-1} (D_w B'_w + \bar{Y} C')$. - CARE solution with $\bar{A} = A'$, $\bar{B} = C'$, $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{Q} & \bar{S} \\ \bar{S}' & \bar{R} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_w \\ D_w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B'_w & D'_w \end{bmatrix}$

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Solution structure

Because

- LQR optimal control is state feedback,
- Kalman filter optimal state estimator is a Luenberger observer,

it is obvious that

- LQR + Kalman results in a stabilizing observer-based controller, with

$$\chi_{cl}(s) = \det(sl - A_F) \det(sl - A_L)$$

Less obvious is that

- LQR + Kalman results in the LQG-optimal stabilizing controller (the separation principle).

Problem formulation

Given system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + Bd(t), \quad x(0) = 0,$$

 $y(t) = Cx(t) + n(t),$

where

- $\begin{array}{l} \ u(t) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is the control input} \\ \ d(t) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is the load disturbance} \qquad (\text{white, with intensity } \sigma_d \ge 0) \\ \ n(t) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is the measurement noise} \qquad (\text{white, with intensity } \sigma_n > 0) \\ \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{l} \text{The LQG (Linear Quadratic Gaussian) problem is} \\ \ \text{design a stabilizing } u(t), \text{ which is a function of } y(t), \text{ minimizing} \\ \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{J} = \int_0^\infty \left[x'(t) \ u'(t) \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} Q \ S \\ S' \ R \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{array} \right] dt \end{array}$
 - for some R > 0 and $Q SR^{-1}S' \ge 0$.

Problem solution

Theorem

If \mathcal{A}_{1-6} hold, then the unique LQG controller is given by controller

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}}(t) = (A + BK + LC)\hat{x}(t) - Ly(t), & \hat{x}(0) = 0, \\ u(t) = K\hat{x}(t), \end{cases}$$

where K and L are the LQR and Kalman filter gains. The optimal cost

$$\mathcal{J}_{opt} = \operatorname{tr}(\sigma_d \bar{X} B B' + \bar{Y} Q + \bar{X} A \bar{Y} + \bar{Y} A' \bar{X}),$$

where $\bar{X} = \bar{X}' \ge 0$ and $\bar{Y} = \bar{Y}' \ge 0$ are the stabilizing solutions of the LQR and filtering CAREs.

Properties:

- $-\ \mbox{LQG}$ controller is stabilizing, but not necessarily stable itself
- $-\ \mbox{LQG}$ controller always has a strictly proper transfer function
- $-\,$ stability margins of LQR are not achieved by LQG

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Conceptually simple,

- pick W such that $|P_a(j\omega)|$, where $P_a = PW$, is shaped appropriately possible choices
 - $\begin{array}{l} & W(s) = k_{\rm p} \\ & W(s) = k_{\rm p}\omega_{\rm c}/s \ ({\rm I}) \ {\rm or} \ W(s) = k_{\rm p}(1+k_{\rm i}/s) \ ({\rm PI}) \\ & W(s) = k_{\rm p}/(\tau s+1) \end{array}$

to fix the crossover to add integral action to add low-pass filter

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– whatever C_a designed for P_a is then implemented as $C = WC_a$ for P

Think loop shaping, act LQG

Loop shaping:

- easy on the magnitude shaping
- $\,$ might be intricate in the phase shaping around crossover

LQG:

- guarantees closed-loop stability
- $-\,$ not directly interpretable in terms of frequency-domain properties

Combine:

- shape loop magnitude (via frequency-dependent weights)
- $-\,$ solve some LQG to stabilize the shaped loop

LQR

Bring in

$$P_{a}:\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{a}(t) = A_{a}x_{a}(t) + B_{a}u_{a}(t) + B_{a}d_{a}(t), & x_{a}(0) = 0, \\ y(t) = C_{a}x_{a}(t) + n(t), \end{cases}$$

and consider a **balanced** LQG for it with the cost

$$\mathcal{J} = \int_0^\infty (y^2(t) + u_a^2(t)) dt = \int_0^\infty \left[\begin{array}{c} x_a'(t) & u_a'(t) \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} C_a' C_a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x_a(t) \\ u_a(t) \end{array} \right] dt$$

and unit intensities of d_a and n. In other words,

- cost puts equal importance to y and $u_{a} = (1/W)u$,

– load disturbance $d_a = (1/W)d$ and noise *n* are equally important. Motivation:

- LQR shall just ensure stability \implies unsophisticated and balanced.

Controller

The resulted controller is

$$C(s) = W(s)C_{a}(s)$$

Some of its properties:

- the degree of C(s), $\deg(C(s)) = \deg(P(s)) + 2 \deg(W(s))$ unless some poles or zeros of W(s) are canceled by $C_a(s)$
- integrators of W(s) become integrators of C(s)
- any nonzero roll-off in W(s) increases that of C(s)

Success indicator:

$$\epsilon = rac{1}{\sqrt{1+\lambda_{\max}igl(ar{X}_{\mathsf{a}}ar{Y}_{\mathsf{a}}igr)}} < 1,$$

where \bar{X}_{a} and \bar{Y}_{a} are solutions to CAREs for P_{a} . The level $\epsilon \geq 0.25$ may be regarded as adequate, $\epsilon \geq 0.5$ is very good.





Example: DC motor

A DC motor from Lecture 1, controlled in closed loop



Requirements:

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- closed-loop stability (of course)
- zero steady-state error for a step in r
- zero steady-state error for a step in d
- good stability margins
- $-~\omega_{\rm c}$ is treated as a tuning parameter



always holds

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integrator in C(s)





Example: $\omega_c = 0.5$, PI weight

Choose

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$$W(s) = k_{\rm p} \left(1 + \frac{1}{s} \right)$$

where $k_{\rm p}$ renders $|P_{\rm a}(j\omega_{\rm c})| = 1$. Resulting $\epsilon = 0.4223$, loops are



