



## nonsmooth optimization techniques for structured controller design

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## nonsmooth descent algorithm

### Algorithm ([Apkarian and Noll, 2006-I, ?])

set  $\beta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_\theta > 0$ .

Initialize with controller  $K_0$ .

- 1 set counter  $l \leftarrow 0$
- 2 find **active set**  $\hat{X}(K_l)$ .
- 3 build a **finite extension**  $\hat{X}_e(K_l)$ .
- 4 compute the **optimality function value** (convex QP)  $\theta(K_l)$  and the **search direction**  $H(K_l)$ .
- 5 if  $|\theta(K_l)| < \varepsilon_\theta$  (criticality test), **stop**.  
else compute the **step-size**  $t_l$  such that

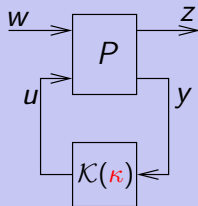
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- 6 set  $K_{l+1} \leftarrow K_l + t_l H(K_l)$ ,  $l \leftarrow l + 1$  and go to step 2.

## synthesis formulation

### general setup

$$P(s) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ z \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B_1 & B_2 \\ C_1 & D_{11} & D_{12} \\ C_2 & D_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \\ u \end{bmatrix} \right.$$



- $\mathcal{K}(\kappa)$  defines controller structure
- find  $\kappa$  free parameters to achieve stability, frequency- or time-domain constraints

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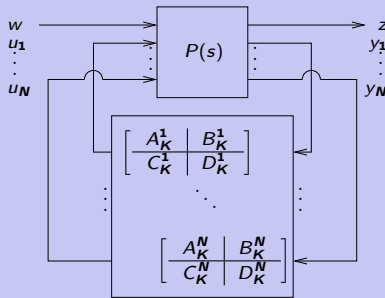
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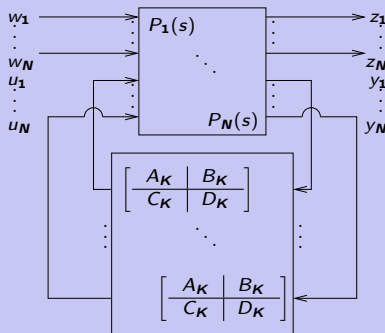
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## fault tolerant control ( $N$ sub-systems)

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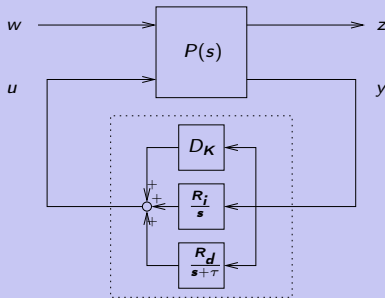
### MIMO PID control ( $m_2 \times m_2$ )

$$K(\kappa) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & R_i \\ 0 & -\tau I_{m_2} & R_d \\ \hline I_{m_2} & I_{m_2} & D_K \end{array} \right]$$

such that  $K(s) = D_K + \frac{R_i}{s} + \frac{R_d}{s+\tau}$ .

$\kappa =$

$$\left[ \tau \quad (\text{vec } R_i)^T \quad (\text{vec } R_d)^T \quad (\text{vec } D_K)^T \right]^T.$$



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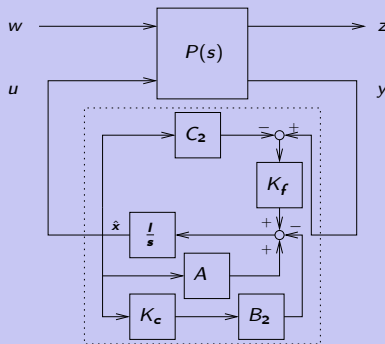
## observer based control

$$K(\kappa) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A - B_2 K_c - K_f C_2 & K_f \\ \hline -K_c & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$K_f$ : estimation gain

$K_c$ : state-feedback gain

$$\kappa = \left[ (\text{vec } K_f)^T \quad (\text{vec } K_c)^T \right]^T$$





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### fractional representations

$$K(s, \kappa) = (N_m s^m + \dots + N_0)(D_n s^n + \dots + D_0)^{-1}$$

$N_i$  numerator coefficients

$D_j$  denominator coefficients

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etc

any differentiable possibly nonlinear  $\mathcal{K}(\kappa)$

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nonsmooth problem becomes

$$\min_{\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^q} \max_{x \in X} \underbrace{f(\mathcal{K}(\kappa), x)}_{f_\infty(\mathcal{K}(\kappa))}$$

chain rule for subdifferentials with  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^q)$ :

$$\partial(f_\infty \circ \mathcal{K})(\kappa) = \mathcal{K}'(\kappa)^* [\partial f_\infty(\mathcal{K}(\kappa))]$$

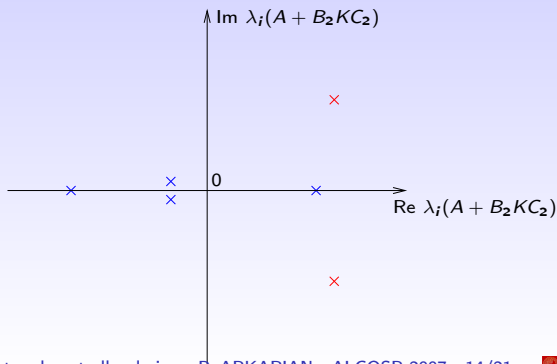
subgradients  $\psi = J_{\mathcal{K}}(\kappa)^T \phi$

where  $J_{\mathcal{K}}$  Jacobian matrix of  $\mathcal{K}$ , and  $\phi \in \partial f_\infty(\mathcal{K}(\kappa))$

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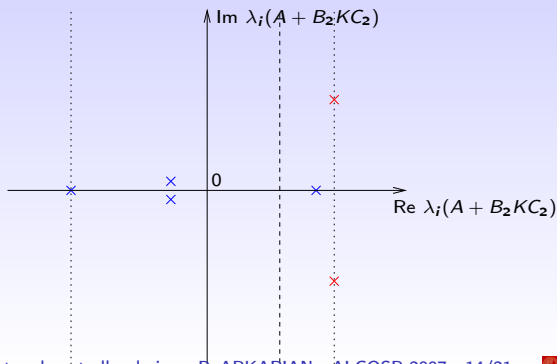
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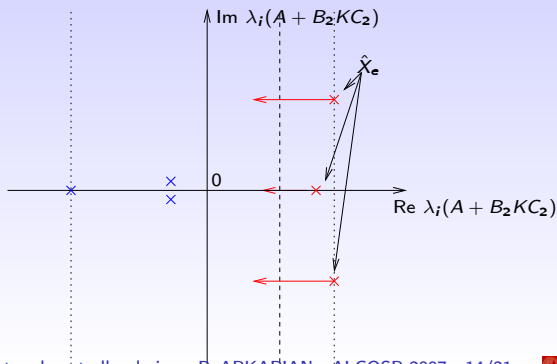
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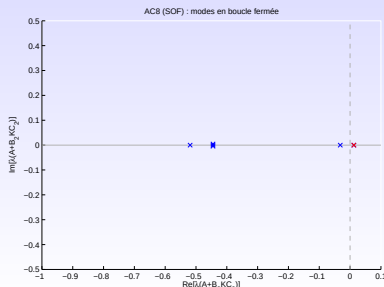
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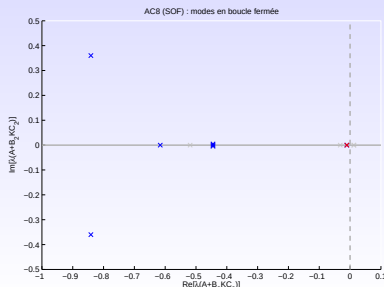
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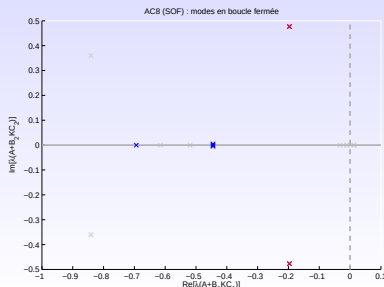
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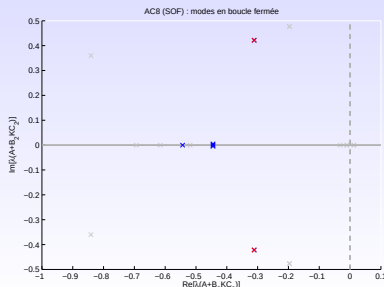
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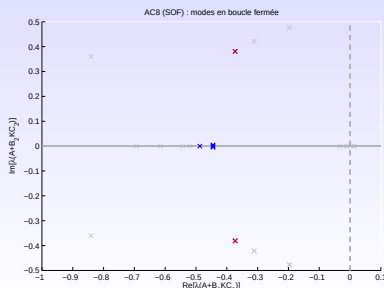
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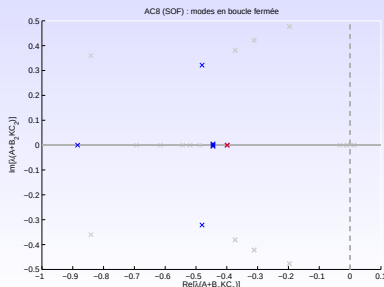
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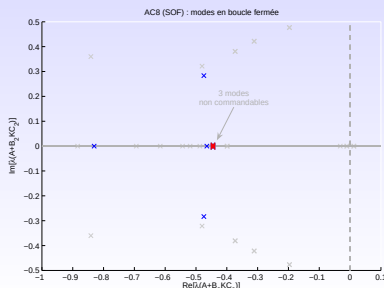
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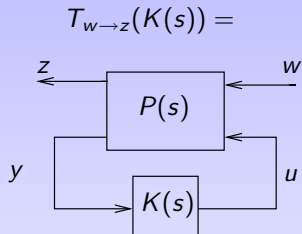
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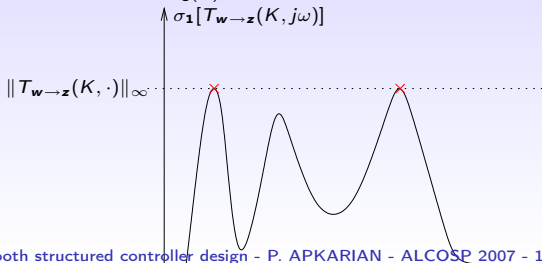
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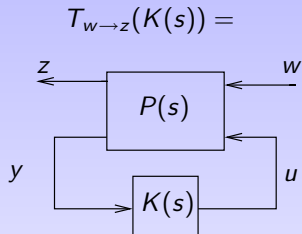
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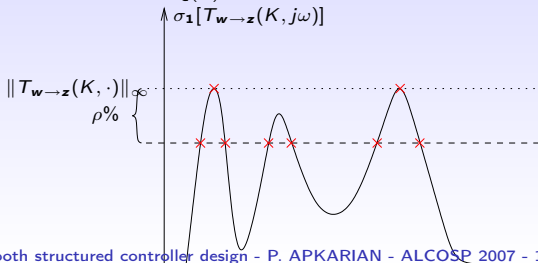
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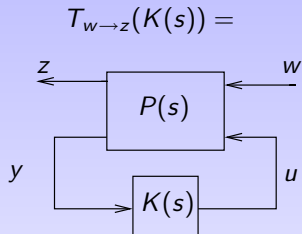
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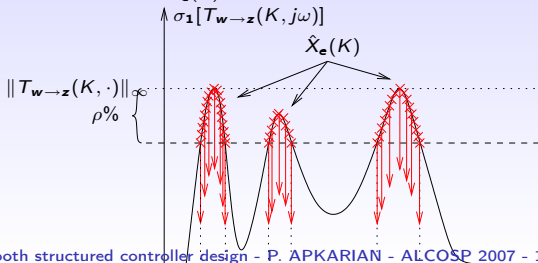
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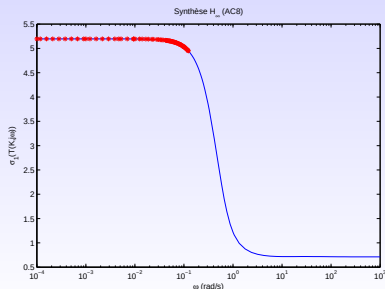
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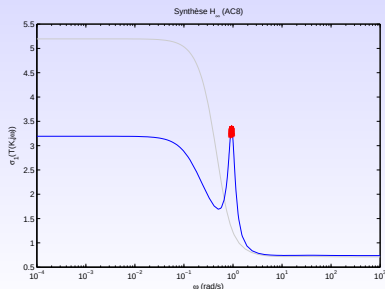
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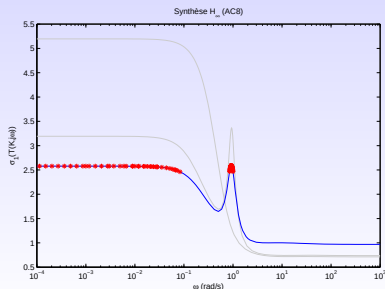
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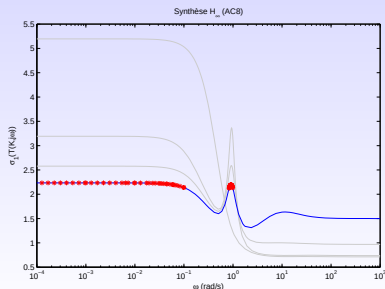
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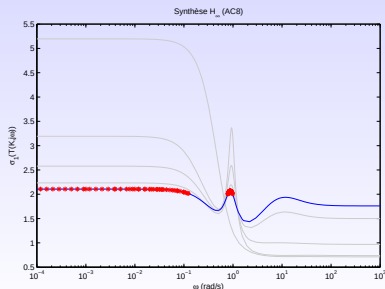
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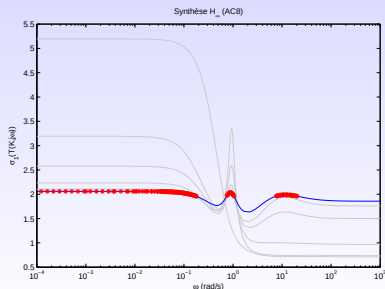
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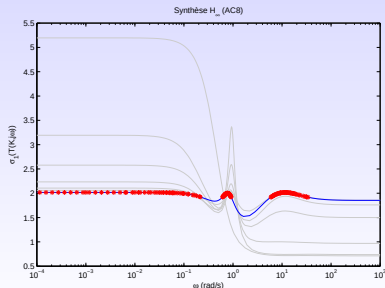
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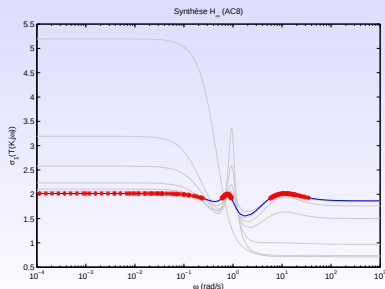
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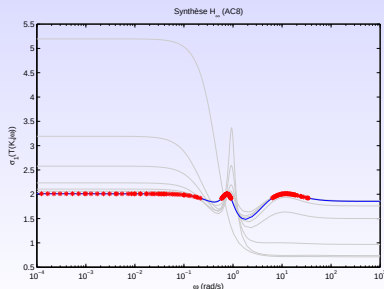
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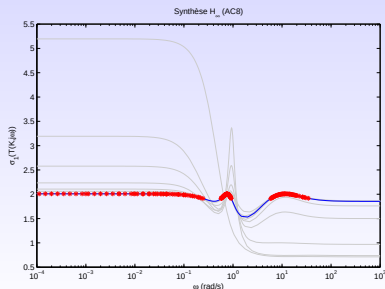
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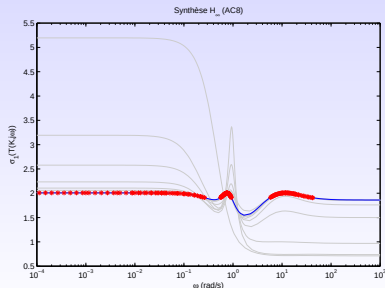
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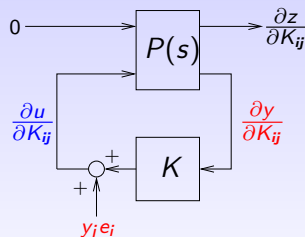
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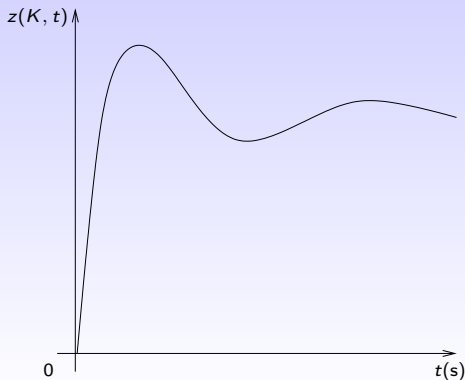
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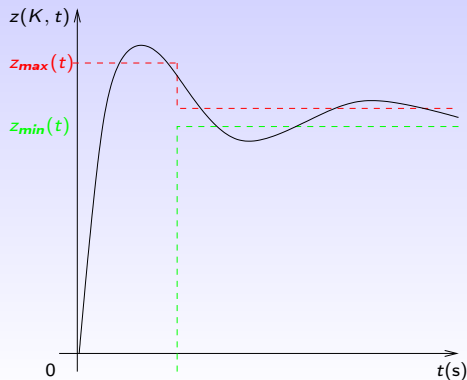
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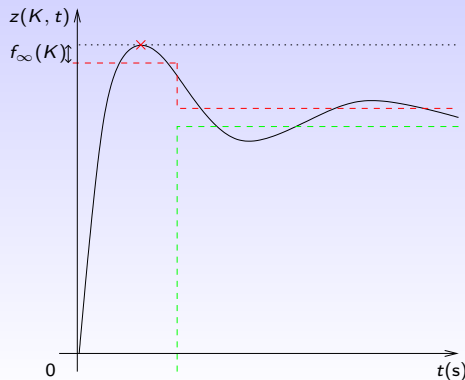
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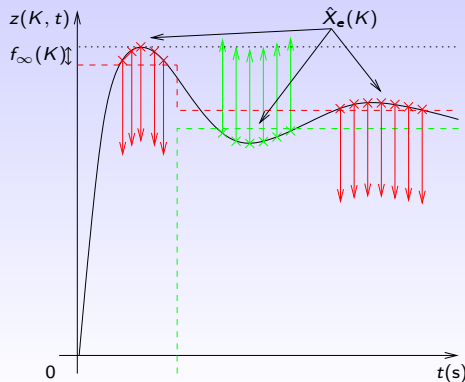
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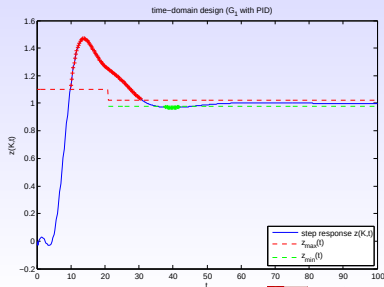
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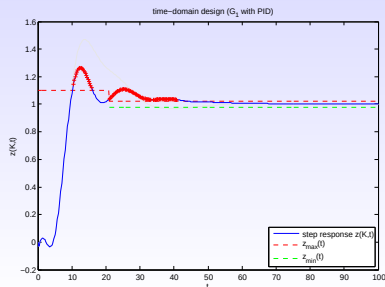
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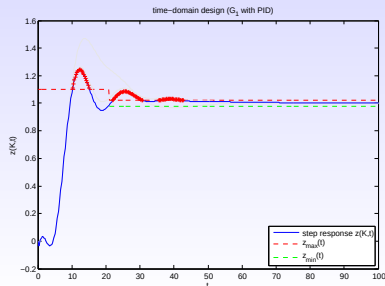
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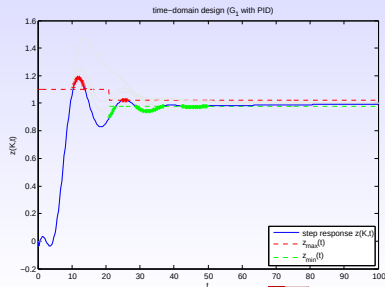
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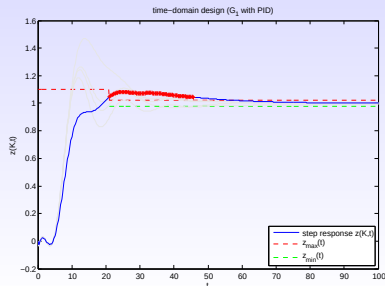
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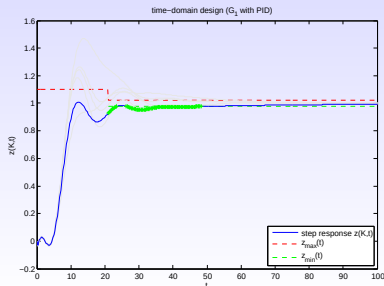
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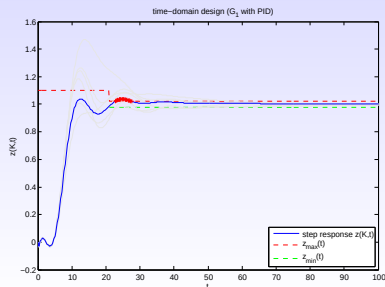
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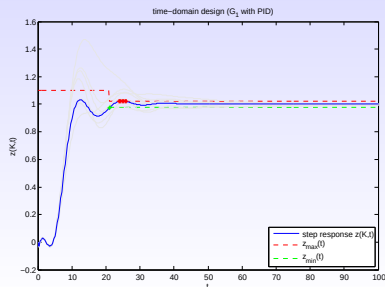
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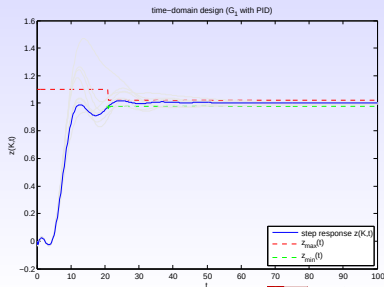
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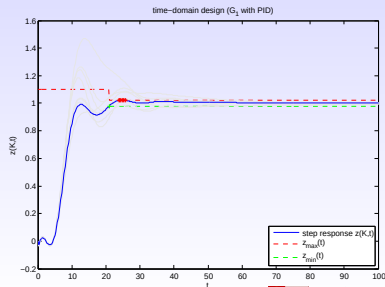
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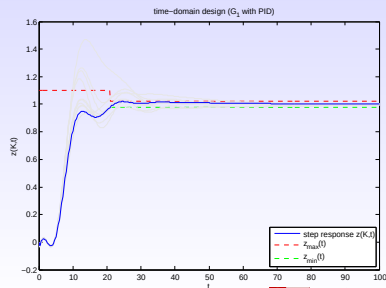
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