

# Introduction to Transportation Network



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## Introduction

### Highway congestion

Highway congestion is imposing an intolerable burden on may urban residents.

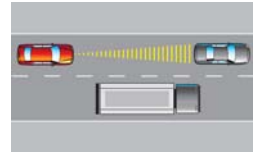
Congestion occurs when the demand for travel exceeds highway capacity.



### Action

There are some approaches to reducing congestion such that building more highways, raising tolls or taxes.

In these approaches, the best way to reducing congestion is that vehicle itself judges the circumstance and change it's behavior **automatically** to avoid congestion.



## Congestion avoid

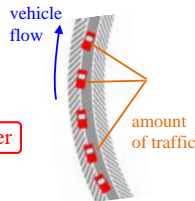
### Highway capacity

To improve Highway capacity,

- decrease amount of traffic
- increase vehicle flow



Control theory can apply to the latter



### Improve vehicle flow

#### Longitudinal control

Vehicles **keep a narrow distance** of the precede vehicle.

- Simple problem, Many research

#### Lateral control

Vehicles seek to change a **less crowded lane**.

- Complex problem, few research



## Longitudinal control

### Specific

- Keep a **desired distance** of the precede vehicle
- Disturbance attenuation**



### Disturbance

**Velocity change** of precede vehicle caused by tunnel, slope or merging etc..



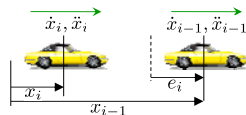
Design controller that satisfies tracking and disturbance attenuation



## Definition

### i th vehicle model

Position:  $\mathbf{x}_i$   
Velocity:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{v}_i$   
Acceleration:  $\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{u}_i$



### Error input

Position error between i th and i-1th vehicle

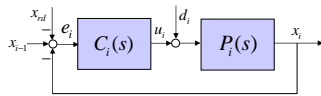
$$\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{x}_{i-1} - \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{rd}$$

$\mathbf{x}_{rd}$ : Desired relative position

### Block Diagram

#### Closed loop transfer function

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \frac{P_i(s)C_i(s)}{1 + P_i(s)C_i(s)} \mathbf{x}_{i-1} \\ = T_i(s) \mathbf{x}_{i-1}$$



## String stability

### Disturbance attenuation

Consider  $d_0$ ,

Transfer function  $d_0$  to  $e_i$

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{H}_{e_i d_0}(s) d_0$$



Attenuation condition

$$\|H_{e_i d_0}(s)\|_{\infty} \leq 1 \quad \forall i$$

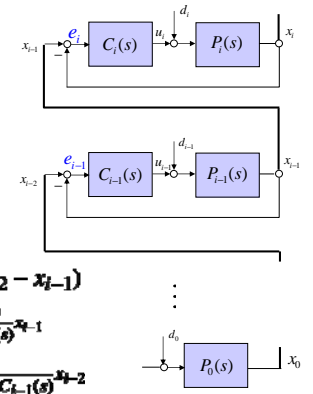
### Error input

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{x}_{i-1} - \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{rd}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_{i-1} = (\mathbf{x}_{i-1} - \mathbf{x}_i) - (\mathbf{x}_{i-2} - \mathbf{x}_{i-1})$$

$$\Downarrow \mathbf{x}_i = \frac{P_i(s)C_i(s)}{1 + P_i(s)C_i(s)} \mathbf{x}_{i-1}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_{i-1} = \frac{1}{1 + P_i(s)C_i(s)} \mathbf{x}_{i-1} - \frac{1}{1 + P_{i-1}(s)C_{i-1}(s)} \mathbf{x}_{i-2}$$





## String Stability

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$$e_i - e_{i-1} = \frac{1}{1 + P(s)C(s)} x_{i-1} - \frac{1}{1 + P_{i-1}(s)C_{i-1}(s)} x_{i-2}$$

Suppose **homogeneous** vehicle system,

$$e_i - e_{i-1} = \frac{1}{1 + P(s)C(s)} e_{i-1}$$

$$e_i = \frac{P(s)C(s)}{1 + P(s)C(s)} e_{i-1} = T(s)e_{i-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_i &= H_{e_i d_0}(s) d_0 \\ &= T(s) * T(s) * \dots * d_0 \end{aligned}$$

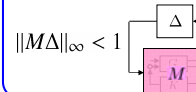
$$\therefore \|T(s)\|_{\infty} < 1$$

Sufficient condition

$$\|T(s)\|_{\infty} < 1$$

**String Stability**

Small Gain Theorem



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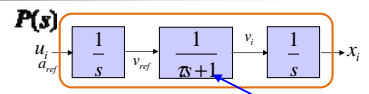


## Bode's integral formula

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Vehicle's model

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)}$$



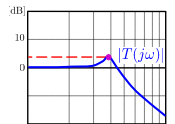
Approximation vehicle dynamics

Bode's integral formula

$$\int_0^{\infty} \ln |T(j\omega)| \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2} \geq 0$$

$$\|T(s)\|_{\infty} > 1 \text{ String Stability } \times$$

Any controller can't achieve String Stability



What's behind

$$e_i = x_{i-1} - x_i - x_{rd}$$

Only uses position data

Increase more feedback information

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## Survey

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Proc. of the 48<sup>th</sup> IEEE CDC, pp. 1992-1997, 2009.



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Trade-offs & Performance limitations in Feedback Control Systems  
Applications of Systems, Control and Optimisation

Collaborative study with Braslavsky



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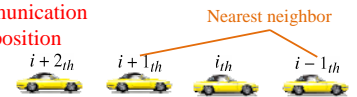
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Argument

It is **not possible** to achieve String Stability with

nearest neighbor communication  
fixed desired relative position



Error input

$$e_i = x_{i-1} - x_i - x_{rd} \text{ Fixed desired relative position}$$

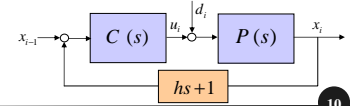
Change a speed dependent inter-vehicle spacing policy

Time headway

The required time of a vehicle to cover that distance

$$e_{vi} = x_{i-1} - x_i - \dot{x}_i h$$

$h_i$ : Time headway



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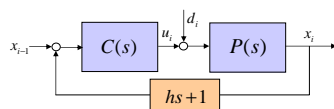
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Error input

$$e_{vi} = x_{i-1} - x_i - \dot{x}_i h$$

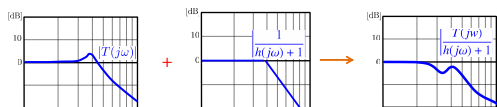
$h_i$ : Time headway



Closed loop transfer function

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= \frac{P(s)C(s)}{1 + (hs+1)P(s)C(s)} x_{i-1} \\ &= \frac{(hs+1)P(s)C(s)}{1 + (hs+1)P(s)C(s)} \frac{1}{hs+1} x_{i-1} \\ &= T'(s) \frac{1}{hs+1} x_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_i = T(s)x_{i-1}$$



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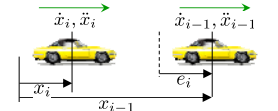
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String Stability condition expression

$$\left\| \frac{e_{vi}}{e_{v(i-1)}} \right\|_{\infty} < 1$$

i th error input:  $e_{vi} = x_{i-1} - x_i - \dot{x}_i h$

i-1 th error input:  $e_{v(i-1)} = x_{i-2} - x_{i-1} - \dot{x}_{i-1} h$



Closed loop transfer function

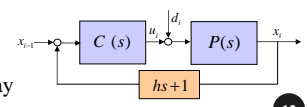
$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= T(s) \frac{1}{hs+1} x_{i-1} \\ \Rightarrow e_i &= T(s) \frac{1}{hs+1} e_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|T(s) \frac{1}{hs+1}\|_{\infty} < 1$$

Constraint

$h$  needs to be larger than constant  $h_0$

There is a limitation by using time headway



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(\*)P. Seiler, A. Pant and K. Hedrick, "Disturbance Propagation in Vehicle Strings," *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, vol. 49, No. 10, pp. 1835-1841, 2004.



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### Argument

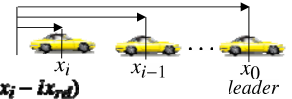
It is **not possible** to achieve String Stability with predecessor following.

Though, fixed relative desired position may be required in some situation. (such that fuel saving)

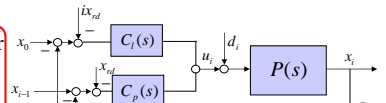
➔ Don't use Time Headway but, achieve String Stability

### Leader following

$$u_i = \underbrace{C_p(s)(x_{i-1} - x_i - x_{rd})}_{\text{predecessor following}} + \underbrace{C_f(s)(x_0 - x_i - ix_{rd})}_{\text{leader following}}$$



With Communicating to leader vehicle, Both predecessor and leader information are used.



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### Input

$$u_i = \underbrace{C_p(s)(x_{i-1} - x_i - x_{rd})}_{\text{predecessor following}} + \underbrace{C_f(s)(x_0 - x_i - ix_{rd})}_{\text{leader following}}$$

### Closed loop transfer function

$$x_i = \frac{P(s)C_p(s)}{1 + P(s)(C_p(s) + C_f(s))} x_{i-1}$$

$$e_i = \frac{P(s)C_p(s)}{1 + P(s)(C_p(s) + C_f(s))} e_{i-1} = T \frac{C_p(s)}{C_p(s) + C_f(s)} e_{i-1}$$

### String Stability

$$T \frac{C_p(s)}{C_p(s) + C_f(s)} < 1$$

### Example

$$C_p(s) = p \quad C_f(s) = l \quad k + p = 1$$
$$e_i = T \frac{C_p(s)}{C_p(s) + C_f(s)} e_{i-1} = pTe_{i-1}$$

$p \rightarrow$  large (desired) Less communication, hard SS  
 $p \rightarrow$  small High communication, easy SS

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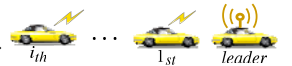
## Drawback of communication

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### Communication Delay

String stability cannot hold even infinitesimal communication delay.



➔ All vehicle controllers update simultaneously used by time jitter (such that token).

### Problem

Communication method and error leader and last vehicle Decision Update at the same time ➔ Hard to implementation

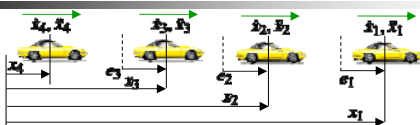
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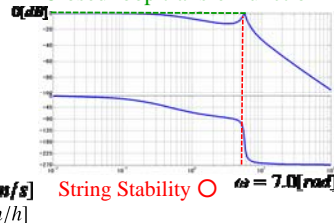
### Plant model

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)} \quad h = 2.05$$

### Controller

$$C = 16$$

### Closed loop transfer function



### Initial condition

$$x_{10} = 30[m] \quad x_{30} = 10[m]$$

$$x_{20} = 20[m] \quad x_{40} = 0[m]$$

$$v_{10} = v_{20} = v_{30} = v_{40} = v_0 = 13.8[m/s] \quad \omega = 7.0[rad/h] = 50[km/h]$$

### Disturbance

$$v_1 = v_0 + 10\sin(7t)$$

Simulate  $x_2, v_2, e_2$  in existing disturbance

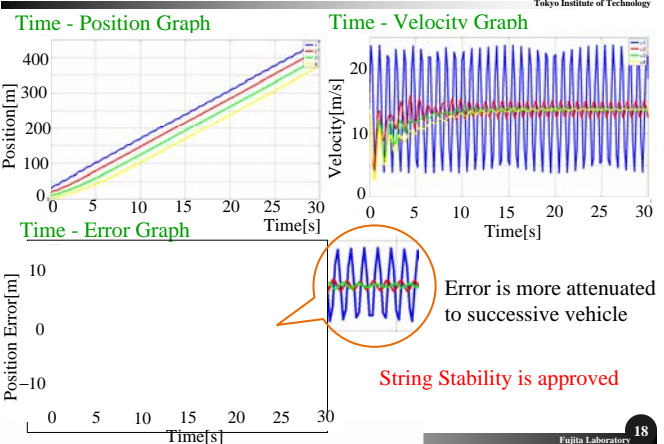
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## Simulation Result

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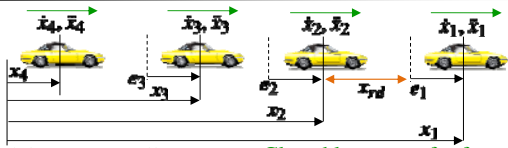
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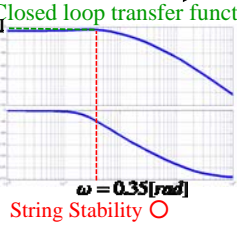
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Plant model  $P(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)}$  Controller  $C = \frac{5.33s+1}{0.383s+1}$  Closed loop transfer function  $\frac{-0.47s}{s^2+0.383s+1}$

Initial condition  $x_{10} = 30[m]$   $x_{30} = 10[m]$   
 $x_{20} = 20[m]$   $x_{40} = 0[m]$   
 $v_{10} = v_{20} = v_{30} = v_{40} = v_0 = 13.8[m/s] = 50[km/h]$

Disturbance  $v_1 = v_0 + 5\sin(0.35t)$



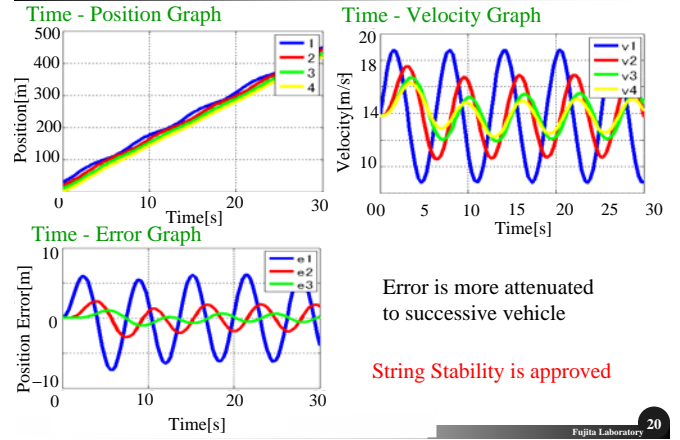
String Stability  $\odot$

Simulate  $x_i, v_i, e_i$  in existing disturbance



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Error is more attenuated to successive vehicle

String Stability is approved



## Other Researches

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### Heterogeneous Vehicles

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I. Lestas and G. Vinnicombe, "Scalability in heterogeneous vehicle platoons," *Proc. of 2007 American Control Conference*, pp 4678-4683, 2007.

### String Instability

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## Other Researches

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### Communication delay

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### Improve time headway

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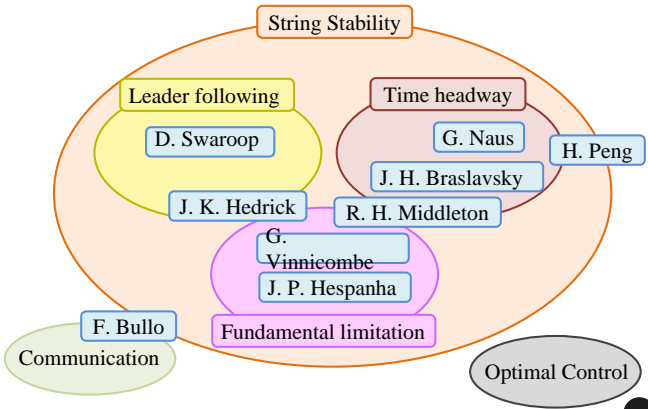
### Optimal Control

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# Appendix



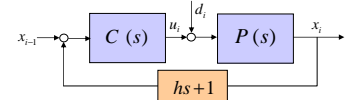
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## Plant analysis

Plant model

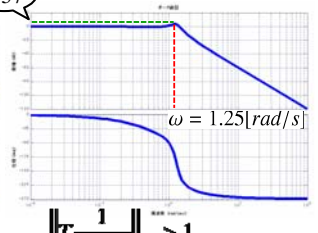
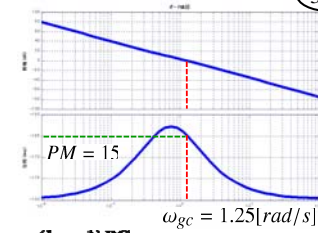
$$P(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)}$$
 zero: non pole: 0, -z



Open loop diagram

$$\tau = 1.0 \quad h = 1.85 \quad C = 1$$

Closed loop diagram  $T = \frac{1}{hs + 1}$



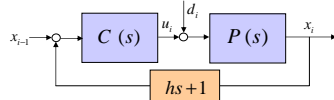
$$\|(hs + 1)PC\|_{\infty} > 1$$



## Design controller

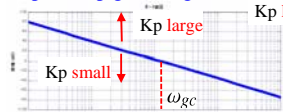
Kp controller

$$C = K_p$$

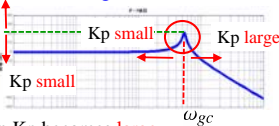


Bode analysis

Open loop gain diagram

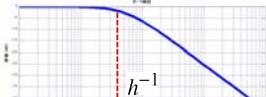


Closed diagram T



$\omega_{gc}$  becomes large when  $K_p$  becomes large.

Gain diagram  $\frac{1}{hs + 1}$



$\omega_{gc}$  must be larger than  $h^{-1}$   
find a controller that satisfies String Stability

String Stability

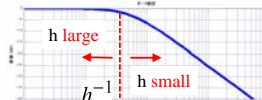


## Design controller

Constraint

The controllers that satisfy String Stability exist if  $h > 2.0$

Gain diagram  $\frac{1}{hs + 1}$



Large h makes String Stability easier to accomplish.

But, h is desired to be small for efficiency.



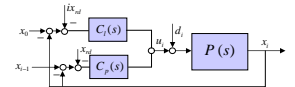
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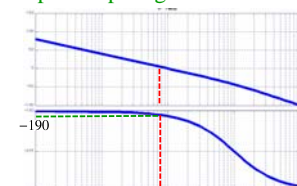
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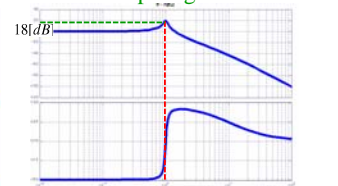
$$P(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)}$$
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Open loop diagram  $\tau = 1.0$



Closed loop diagram





## Controller design

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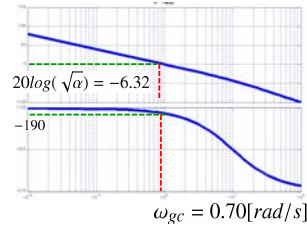
### Controller

$$C_p(s) = p + K(s)$$

$$C_i(s) = I + K(s) \quad p + I = 1$$

### Open loop diagram

$$\tau = 1.0 \quad p = 1$$



### Phase lead compensation

$$K(s) = \frac{K_p(Ts + 1)}{aTs + 1}$$

Specification

$$p = 0.5 \quad K_p = 1 \quad \bar{P}M = 50$$

Parameter

$$\phi = \bar{P}M - PM = 60$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} = 0.0718 \quad \sqrt{\alpha} = 0.268$$

$$T = \frac{1}{\omega_{max} \sqrt{\alpha}}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{5.33s + 1}{0.383s + 1}$$

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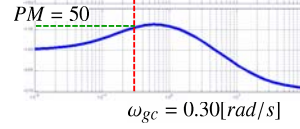
## Phase lead compensation

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### Open loop diagram

$$P(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(\tau s + 1)} \quad C = \frac{5.33s + 1}{0.383s + 1}$$

$$\tau = 1.0 \quad p = 0.5$$



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