

# Iterative Learning Control Revisited

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This work builds on the results reported in TRI-BN-16-17 and TRI-BN-17-02 for one-pole and two-pole closed-loop transfer functions, respectively.

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One-pole closed  
loop transfer  
function

$$\frac{A}{z - B}$$

Two-pole closed  
loop transfer  
function

$$\frac{A(z - 1)}{(z - B1)(z - B2)}$$

Z-domain conditions for stability under iteration of 1, 2 & 3 term learning functions used with the two-pole plant were reported in TRI-BN-17-02.

For the conditions used therein, and the 3-term ILC, the domain of stability in the space of (A,B1,B2) was disappointing: very narrow for the look-ahead ILC and non-existent for the look-back ILC.

In this report, the conditions on the learning functions are revisited with a view to increasing the domain of stability (a.k.a. monotonic convergence).

In addition we introduce learning functions that are infinite series and find their domain of stability for one-pole & two-pole plant.

Closed-loop transfer function without ILC:  $P(z) = \frac{G(z)}{1 + C(z)G(z)}$

Transfer function with ILC:  $T(z) = Q(z)[1 - vL(z).zP(z)]$

Stability analysis in z-domain proceeds by substituting  $z = \text{Exp}[i\Theta]$  into T, and then forming the locus of T in the complex plane as  $\Theta$  varies from 0 to  $\pi$ .

Let  $R = |T(z)|$  and  $\text{Tan}\phi = \text{Im}[T(\Theta)]/\text{Re}[T(\Theta)]$ .

System is stable if T remains within the unit circle  $R \leq 1$  for all  $\Theta$ .

If  $R=1$ , then  $dR/d\phi$  must be identically zero; and  $d^2R/d\phi^2 < 0$ .

[For comparison, on the unit circle all derivatives of R w.r.t.  $\phi$  must be zero]

Because  $|T(\phi)| < 1$  is (generally) not a unit circle, so it follows that when  $R(\phi)=1$  odd derivatives w.r.t.  $\phi$  must be zero & even derivatives  $< 0$ .

Typically  $T(\Theta)$  is less complicated than  $T(\phi)$ .

Fortunately, we can often work with  $T(\Theta)$  because:

$$dR/d\phi = (dR/d\Theta)(d\Theta/d\phi) = 0 \text{ if } dR/d\Theta=0 \text{ OR } d\Theta/d\phi=0$$

$$d^2R/d\phi^2 = (d^2R/d\Theta^2)(d\Theta/d\phi)^2 + (d^2\Theta/d\phi^2) (dR/d\Theta) < 0 \text{ if } dR/d\Theta=0 \text{ AND } (d^2R/d\Theta^2) < 0.$$

For the system described in TRI-DN-13-23, analysis is simplified if we transform from variables  $U=aT$  &  $Kp$  to  $A$  &  $B$

$$A = 1 - e^{-U} \geq 0$$


$$B = e^{-U} - AKp$$

$$B = e^{-U}(1 + Kp) - Kp$$

$$B = 1 - A(1 + Kp)$$

sampling rate  $\frac{1}{T}$ , the cavity time constant  $\frac{1}{a}$

Always  $\nu > 0$ , so roots  
always pure real

$$\left\{ \left\{ B1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4B} \right) \right\}, \left\{ B2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4B} \right) \right\} \right\}$$


$$b = 1 + e^{-U} - AKp(1 + U)$$

Some useful properties:

$$B1 + B2 = b$$

$$B2 - B1 = \sqrt{b^2 - 4B}$$

$$B1 \times B2 = B$$

**PI Control &  $K_i = a \cdot K_p$**   
**Closed Loop Gain Function**

Sampling rate =  $1/T$ ; cavity time constant =  $1/a$   
 $U = aT$ ;  $v$  = learning gain

$$P(z) = \frac{(-1 + e^U)(-1 + z)}{1 + K_p - e^U K_p - z - e^U z - K_p z + e^U K_p z - K_p U z + e^U K_p U z + e^U z^2}$$

Can be written: 
$$\frac{A(z - 1)}{(z - B1)(z - B2)}$$

**Stability conditions:**

**$B1 > 0$  implies**

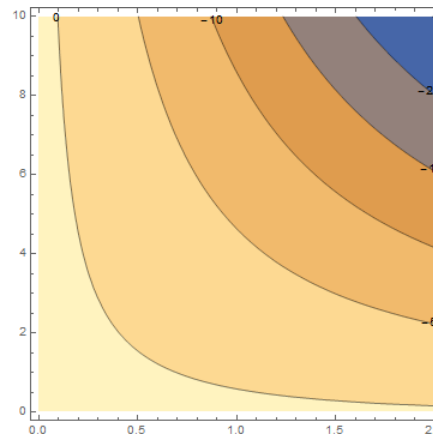
$$U > 0 \ \& \ K_p \leq \frac{1}{-1 + e^U}$$

**$B2 < 1$  implies**

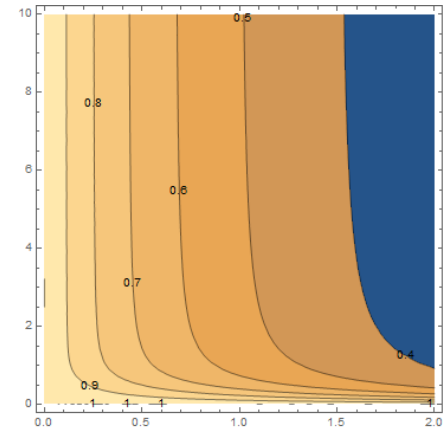
$$U > 0 \ \& \ K_p \geq 0$$

$B = B1 = 0$  &

$B2 = 1 - e^{-U}$  when 
$$K_p = \frac{1}{-1 + e^U}$$



$B1(U, K_p)$



$B2(U, K_p)$

STABILITY OF THE 2-POLE SYSTEM  
WITH  
ITERATIVE LEARNING CONTROL

### 3-Term, "Look Back 2 steps"; Ki=a.Kp

$L = v(1 + 1/z + c/z^2)$ ; causal = use information from present and 2 previous time steps

$C=1 \rightarrow \text{TRI-BN-17-02} \rightarrow$

$$T = 1 - \frac{Ave^{i\theta}(-1 + e^{i\theta})(1 + e^{-i\theta} + e^{-2i\theta})}{(-B1 + e^{i\theta})(-B2 + e^{i\theta})} \quad R=|T|=1 \text{ when } \Theta = 0 \text{ or } 2\pi/3.$$

$$dR/d\Theta = 0 \text{ when } \Theta = 0 \text{ or } \pi.$$

The condition for  $dR/d\Theta = 0$  when  $\Theta = 2\pi/3$  is the split  $B2 = -\frac{B1}{1 + B1}$

Introducing this leads to the sufficient condition  $Av \leq 1$

For the particular relation between B1 and B2, the split implies  $B = -b < -1$

This note: there are no useful solutions for  $C \geq 2/3$

$C = 1/3 \rightarrow$  this note

$R=|T|=1$  when  $\Theta = 0$ .  $dR/d\Theta = 0$  when  $\Theta = 0$  or  $\pi$ .  $d^2R/d\Theta^2 < 0$  implies

$$Av < -\frac{3}{49}(-17 + 3B1 + 3B2 + 11B1B2) \quad -\frac{1}{3} < B1 < \frac{1}{5} \quad -\frac{1}{3} < B2 < \frac{1}{5} \quad c = \frac{1}{3}$$

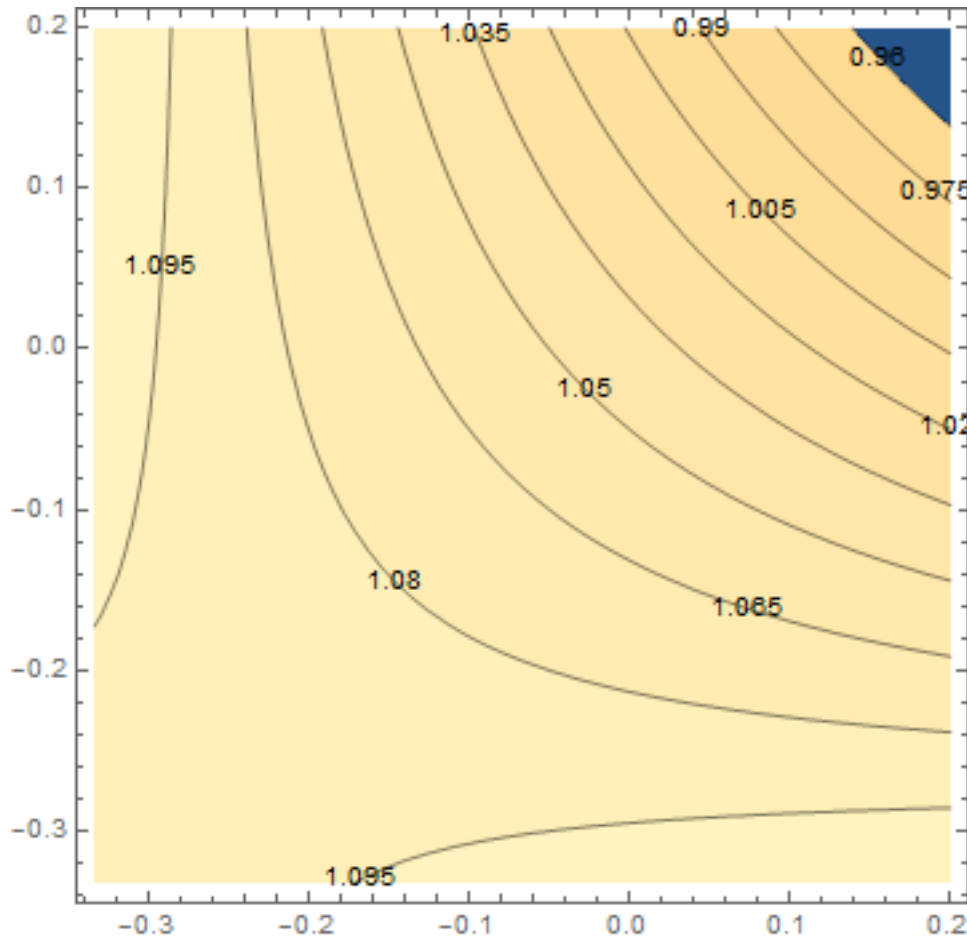
$$Av < \frac{1}{49}(51 - 9b - 33B)$$

$$0 < U < 1 \quad 0 < A < 1 \quad Kp > 0 \quad v < \frac{1}{49}(42 + 42Kp + 9KpU)$$

### 3-Term, "Look Back 2 steps"; $K_i = a \cdot K_p$

$$L = v(1 + 1/z + c/z^2);$$

$C = 1/3 \rightarrow$  this note



$Av \leq 53/49$

$Av (B_1, B_2)$

### 3-Term, "Look Back 2 steps"; $K_i = a \cdot K_p$

$$L = v(1 + 1/z + c/z^2);$$

$C = 1/4 \rightarrow$  this note

$$Av < -\frac{4}{27}(-7 + B_1 + B_2 + 5B_1B_2) \quad \&\& \quad -\frac{2}{5} < B_1 < \frac{1}{5} \quad \&\& \quad -\frac{2}{5} < B_2 < \frac{1}{5} \quad \&\& \quad c = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$Av < -\frac{4}{27}(-7 + b + 5B)$$

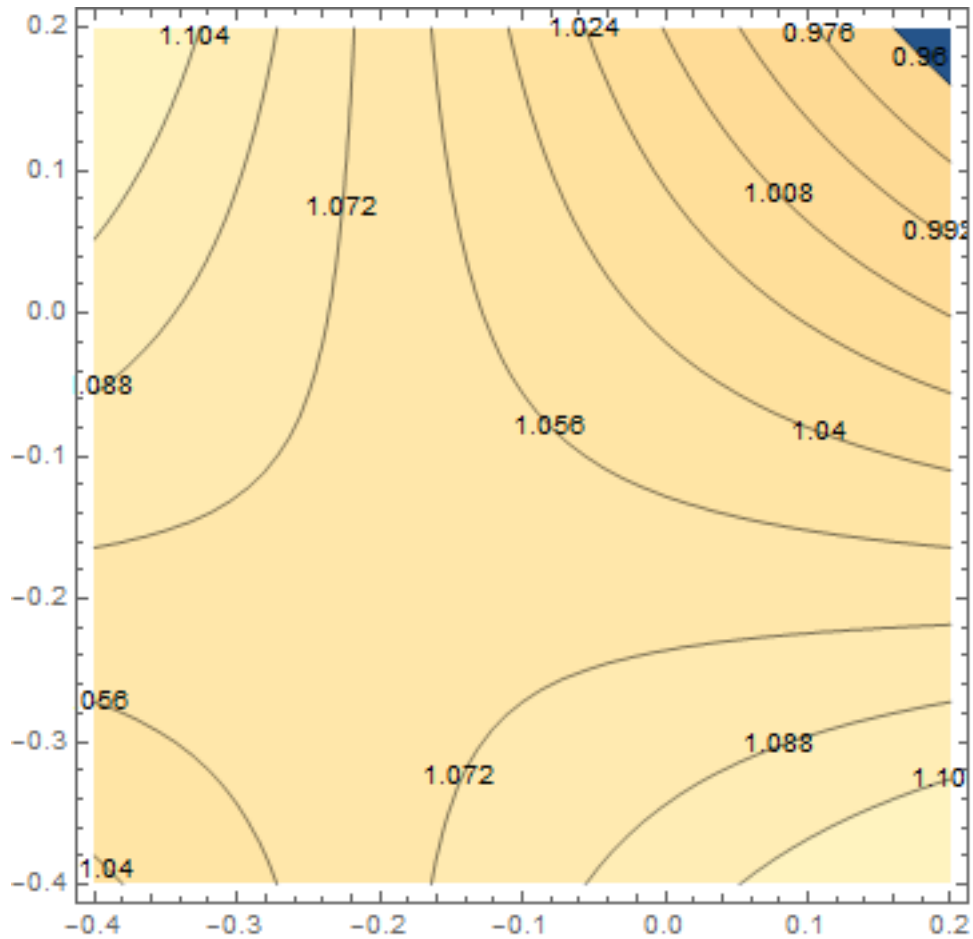
$$0 < U < 1 \quad \&\& \quad 0 < A < 1 \quad \&\& \quad K_p > 0 \quad \&\& \quad v < \frac{1}{27}(24 + 24K_p + 4K_pU)$$



### 3-Term, "Look Back 2 steps"; $K_i = a \cdot K_p$

$$L = v(1 + 1/z + c/z^2);$$

$C = 1/4 \rightarrow$  this note



$A_v \leq 28/27$

$A_v(B_1, B_2)$

### 3-Term "Look Ahead 2 steps"; $K_i = a.K_p$

$L = v(1+z+c z^2)$ ; use information from present and two next time steps

$C=1 \rightarrow \text{TRI-BN-17-02} \rightarrow$

$$T = 1 - \frac{Ave^{i\theta}(-1 + e^{3i\theta})}{(-B1 + e^{i\theta})(-B2 + e^{i\theta})}$$

$R = |T| = 1$  when  $\Theta = 0$  or  $2\pi/3$ .

$dR/d\Theta = 0$  when  $\Theta = 0$  or  $\pi$ .

$dR/d\Theta \text{ NOT } = 0$  at  $\Theta = 2\pi/3$  unless  $B1 \times B2 = 1$  Introducing, this condition

$$\left\{ Av < -2 + \frac{1}{B1} + B1 \right\} \& 0 < B1 < 1 \quad 0 < B1 < 1 \& 0 < B2 < 1$$

$$Av < -2 + b \quad v < -1 - K_p(1 + U)$$

$C = 1/4 \rightarrow$  this note

$$Av < -\frac{4}{27}(1 - 7B1 - 7B2 + 13B1B2) \&\& \frac{1}{7} < B1 < 1 \&\& \frac{1}{7} < B2 < 1 \&\& c == \frac{1}{4}$$

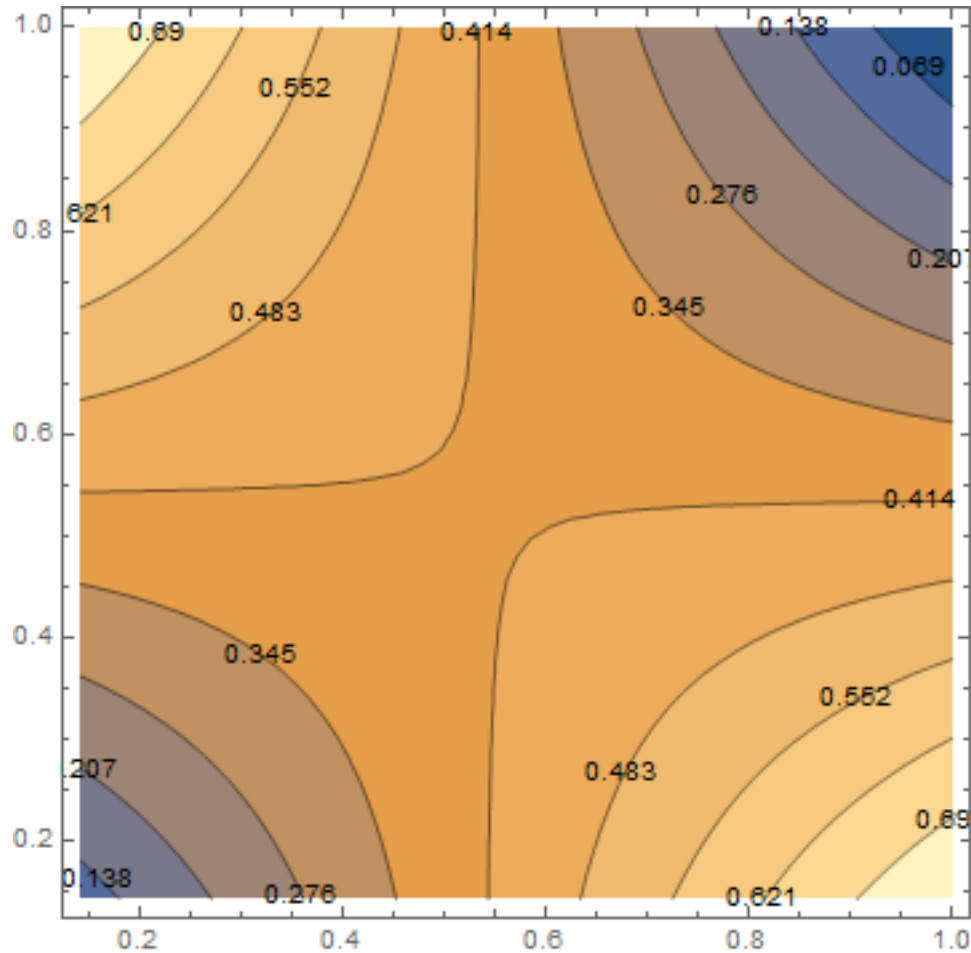
$$Av < \frac{1}{27}(-4 + 28b - 52B)$$

$$0 < U < 1 \&\& 0 < A < 1 \&\& K_p > 0 \&\& v < \frac{4}{27}(6 + 6K_p - 7K_p U)$$

### 3-Term "Look Ahead 2 steps"; $K_i = a \cdot K_p$

$$L = v(1+z+c z^2);$$

$C = 1/4 \rightarrow$  this note



$Av \leq 16/147$

$Av(B1, B2)$

## **$L = v/(1+z c) = \text{look ahead}$**

$$\frac{1}{1+z} = 1 - z + z^2 - z^3 + z^4 - z^5 + z^6 + \dots$$

$$T(z) = 1 + \frac{Av(1-z)z}{(B1-z)(B2-z)(1+cz)}$$

$$T(\theta) = 1 - \frac{Ave^{i\theta}(-1 + e^{i\theta})}{(-B1 + e^{i\theta})(-B2 + e^{i\theta})(1 + ce^{i\theta})}$$

$dT/d\theta = 0$  when  $\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$

The conditions  $R=|T| \leq 1$  and  $d^2R/d\theta^2 < 0$  at  $\theta = 0$ , and  $R \leq 1$  at  $\theta = \pi$ , lead to

$$-1 < B2 < 1 \&\& -1 < B1 \leq 1 \&\& \frac{1 + B1 + B2 - 3B1B2}{-3 + B1 + B2 + B1B2} < c < B1B2 \&\& -1 < c < 1$$

$$Av < 1 + B1 + B2 - 3B1B2 - (-3 + B1 + B2 + B1B2)c$$

$$Av < 1 + b - 3B + 3c - bc - Bc$$

$$0 < U < 1 \& 0 < A < 1 \& Kp > 0 \& v < 2(1 + c + Kp) + Kp(2c - U + cU)$$

STABILITY OF THE 1-POLE SYSTEM  
WITH  
ITERATIVE LEARNING CONTROL  
USING INFINITE SERIES

# Proportional Control Closed Loop Gain Function

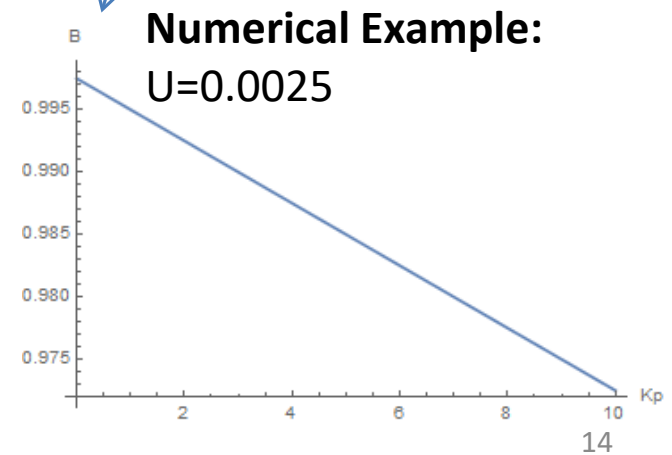
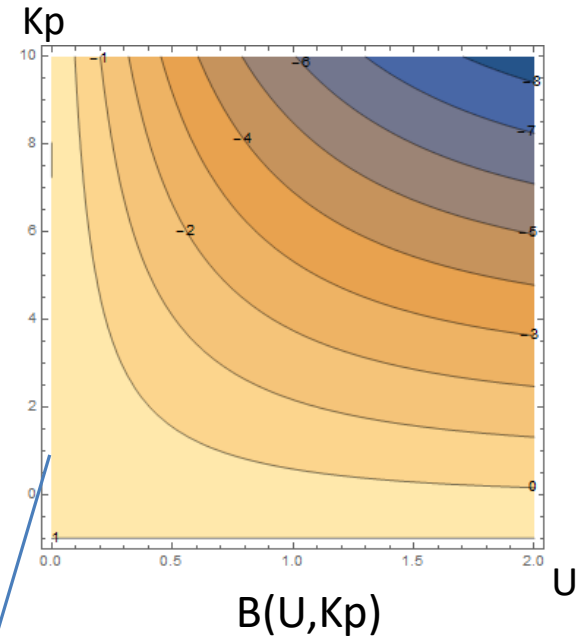
$$P(z) = \frac{-1 + e^U}{-1 - K_p + e^U K_p + e^U z}$$

Can be written:  $\frac{A}{z - B}$

$$U > 0$$

## Stability conditions:

- $B > -1$  implies  $K_p < \frac{1 + e^U}{-1 + e^U}$
- $B > 0$  implies  $K_p < \frac{1}{-1 + e^U}$
- $B < 1$  implies  $K_p \geq -1 \ \& \ U > 0$
- $U = 0$  implies  $B = 1$  for all  $K_p$



## $L = v/(1+z c) = \text{look ahead}$

$$\frac{1}{1+z} = 1 - z + z^2 - z^3 + z^4 - z^5 + z^6 + \dots$$

$$T(z) = 1 - \frac{Avz}{(-B + z)(1 + cz)}$$

$$T(\theta) = 1 - \frac{Ave^{i\theta}}{(-B + e^{i\theta})(1 + ce^{i\theta})}$$

$dT/d\theta = 0$  when  $\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$

The conditions  $R = |T| \leq 1$  and  $d^2R/d\theta^2 < 0$  at  $\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$  lead to two viable ranges of the parameter  $c$ .

$$\text{Sol1: } -1 < c < 1 \ \&\& \ c \leq B < 1$$

$$Av < 2(1 - B)(1 + c)$$

$$v < 2(1 + c)(1 + Kp)$$

$$\text{Sol2: } -1 < c < 1 \ \&\& \ -1 < B \leq c$$

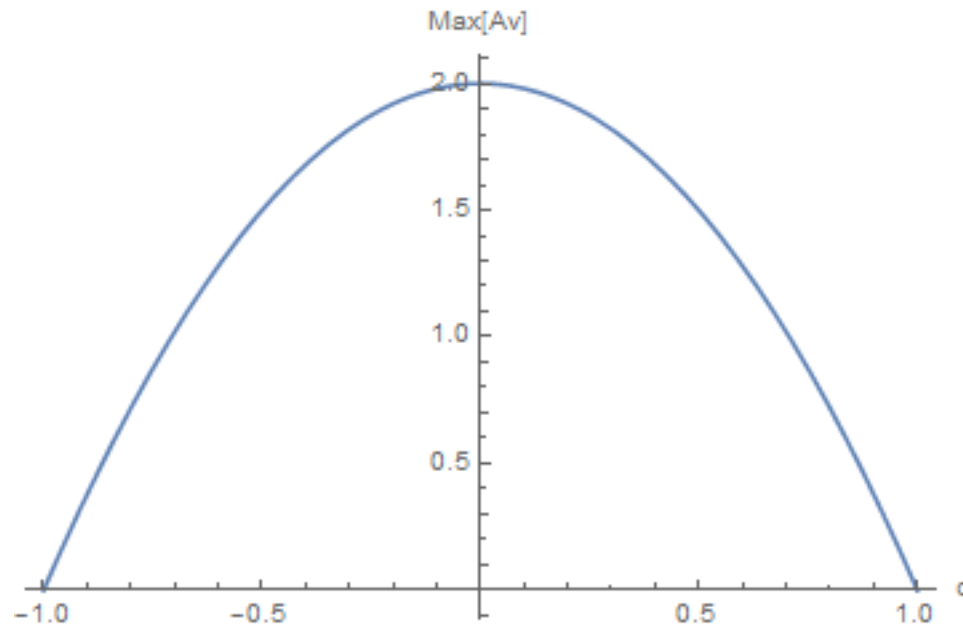
$$Av < 2(1 + B)(1 - c)$$

$$v < 2(1 - c)(2/A - 1 - Kp)$$

$$L = v/(1+z c) = \text{look ahead}$$

The largest possible value of  $Av$  for given  $c$  is the solution of

$$\frac{2 - Av - 2c}{-2 + 2c} = \frac{2 - Av + 2c}{2 + 2c} \quad \text{Max}[Av] = 2(1 - c)(1 + c)$$



Note that when  $c \rightarrow 0$ , this reduces (correctly) to the case  $L=v$



**L = vExp[z c] = look ahead**

The exponential is expanded as an infinite series in integer powers of z

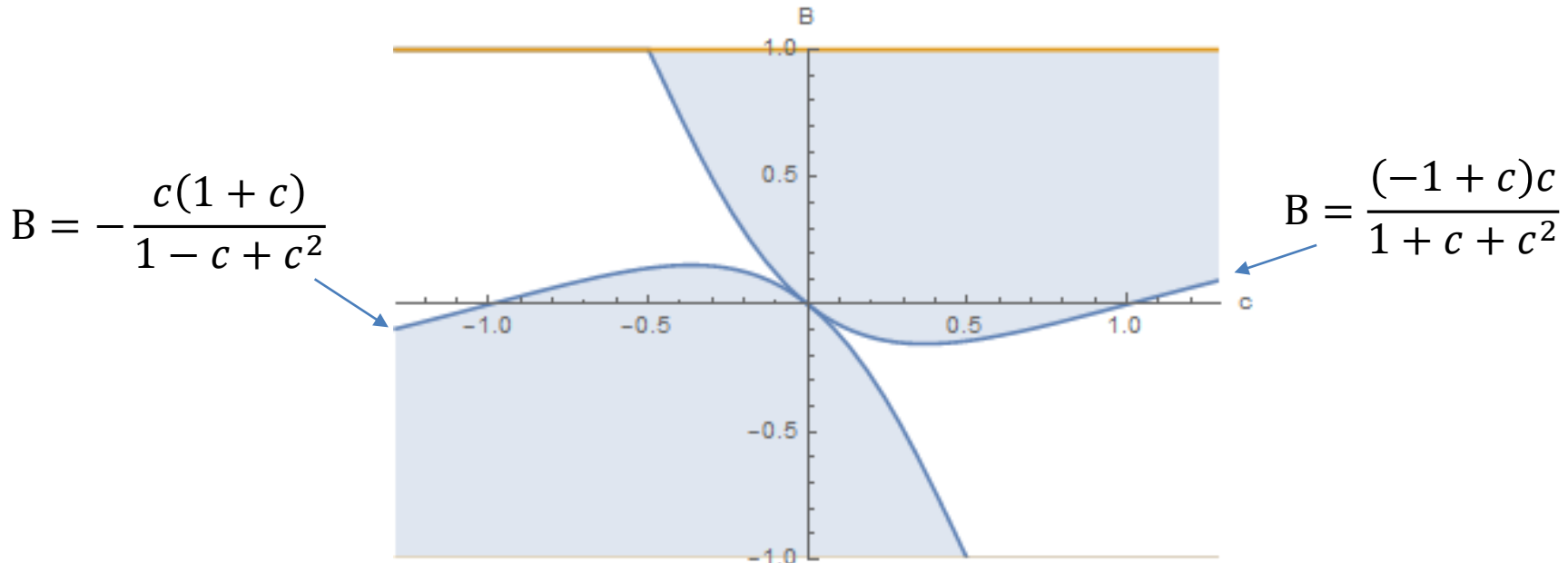
$$e^z = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6} + \frac{z^4}{24} + \dots$$

$$T(z) = 1 - \frac{\text{Ave}^{cz} z}{-B + z}$$

$$T(\theta) = 1 - \frac{\text{Ave}^{ce^{i\theta} + i\theta}}{-B + e^{i\theta}}$$

$dT/d\theta = 0$  when  $\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$

The conditions  $R = |T| \leq 1$  and  $d^2R/d\theta^2 < 0$  at  $\theta = 0$  or  $\pi$  lead to three viable ranges of the parameter c.



If  $c > +1/2$ , then only solution1 applies alone

If  $c < -1/2$ , then only solution2 applies alone

If  $-1/2 < c < +1/2$ , then both solutions apply; so it becomes complicated

$$L = v \text{Exp}[z c] = \text{look ahead}$$

$$\text{Sol1: } \frac{1}{2} \leq c \leq C_{\max} \ \&\& \ \frac{(-1+c)c}{1+c+c^2} < B < 1 \ \&\& \ Av < 2(1-B)e^{-c}$$

$$Av < 2Ae^{-c}(1 + Kp)$$

$$v < 2e^{-c}(1 + Kp)$$

$$\text{Sol2: } -C_{\max} \leq c \leq -\frac{1}{2} \ \&\& \ -1 < B < -\frac{c(1+c)}{1-c+c^2} \ \&\& \ Av < 2(1+B)e^c$$

$$Av < -2e^c(-2 + A + AKp)$$

$$v < 2e^c(2/A - 1 - Kp)$$

$$C_{\max} \text{ is the solution of } (-6 + c^2 + 2c^3) = 0$$

$$C_{\max} = \frac{1}{6} \left( -1 + (323 - 18\sqrt{322})^{1/3} + (323 + 18\sqrt{322})^{1/3} \right)$$

$$C_{\max} \approx 1.2933763343221676 \approx 53/41$$

$$L = v \text{Exp}[z c] = \text{look ahead}$$

$$\text{Sol3: } -\frac{1}{2} < c < \frac{1}{2} \&\&$$

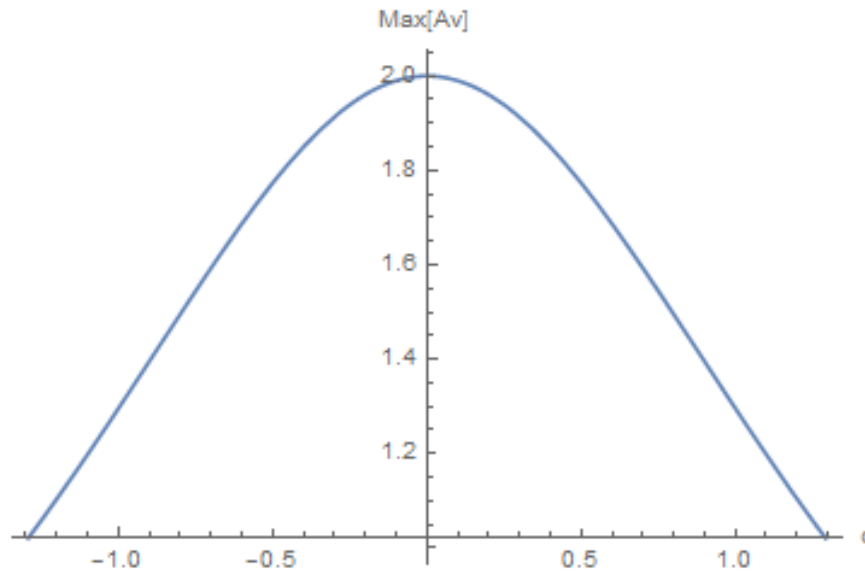
$$\left( \left( -1 < B < -\frac{c(1+c)}{1-c+c^2} \&\& Av < 2(1+B)e^c \right) \text{OR} \left( \frac{(-1+c)c}{1+c+c^2} < B < 1 \&\& Av < 2(1-B)e^{-c} \right) \right)$$

Depending on the ranges of  $B$  and  $c$ , the limitation on  $Av$  appears as Sol1 or Sol2.

$$L = v \text{Exp}[z c] = \text{look ahead}$$

The largest possible value of  $Av$  for given  $c$  is the solution of

$$1 - \frac{Ave^c}{2} = -1 + \frac{Ave^{-c}}{2} \quad \text{Max}[Av] = \frac{4e^c}{1 + e^{2c}}$$



Note that when  $c \rightarrow 0$ , this reduces (correctly) to the case  $L=v$