Stability Margins

How do we determine stability margins (GM & PM) from the Nyquist plot?

GM & PM are defined relative to a given K, so consider Nyquist plot of KG(s) (we only draw the $\omega > 0$ portion):



How do we spot GM & PM?

• GM = $1/M_{180^{\circ}}$

— if we divide K by M_{180°}, then the Nyquist plot will pass through (−1, 0), giving M = 1, φ = 180°
PM = φ

— the phase difference from 180° when M = 1