

FRACTIONAL CALCULUS IN AUTOMATICS

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2. Fractional discrete – time system

Fractional – order backward difference/ sum Grünwald – Letnikov FOBD/S

Definition 3.1

Given a discrete - variable bounded real function $f(k)$. The Grünwald – Letnikov fractional – order backward difference (GL-FOBD) of order $\nu \in \mathbf{R}_+ / \mathbf{Z}_+$ is defined as a finite sum

$${}_{k_0} \Delta_k^{(\nu)} f(k) = \sum_{i=k_0}^k a_{i-k_0}^{(\nu)} f_{k-i+k_0}$$

with coefficients $a_i^{(\nu)}$

$$a_i^{(\nu)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i < 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } i = 0 \\ (-1)^i \frac{\nu(\nu-1)\cdots(\nu-i+1)}{i!} & \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

$${}_{k_0}\Delta_k^{(\nu)} f(k) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0^{(\nu)} & a_1^{(\nu)} & \dots & a_{k-k_0}^{(\nu)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_k \\ f_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{k_0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{a}_{k-k_0}^{(\nu)} \end{bmatrix}^T {}_k\mathbf{f}_{k_0}$$

Definition 3.2 (GL-FOBS)

Given a discrete - variable bounded real function $f(k)$, The Grünwald – Letnikov fractional – order backward sum (GL-FOBS) of order $\nu \in \mathbf{R}_+ / \mathbf{Z}_+$ is defined as a finite sum

$${}_{k_0}\Delta_k^{(-\nu)} f(k) = \sum_{i=k_0}^k a_{i-k_0}^{(-\nu)} f_{k-i+k_0}$$

$${}_{k_0}\Delta_k^{(\nu)} f(k) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0^{(\nu)} & a_1^{(\nu)} & \dots & a_{k-k_0}^{(\nu)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_k \\ f_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{k_0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{a}_{k-k_0}^{(\nu)} \end{bmatrix}^T {}_k\mathbf{f}_{k_0}$$

Riemann – Liouville FOBD/S

One assumes

$$n \leq \nu < n + 1, \text{ where } n \in \mathbf{Z}_+.$$

Definition 3.3

Given a discrete - variable bounded real function $f(k)$. The Riemann - Liouville fractional – order backward difference (RL-FOBD) of order $\nu \in \mathbf{R}_+ / \mathbf{Z}_+$ is defined as a finite sum

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_{k_0} \Delta_k^{(\nu)} f(k) = & \\
 & \left[{}_0 \mathbf{a}_{k-k_0}^{(\nu-n-1)} \right]^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta^{(n+1)} f(k) \\ \Delta^{(n+1)} f(k-1) \\ \Delta^{(n+1)} f(k-2) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta^{(n+1)} f(k_0) \end{bmatrix} + \\
 & \left[a_k^{(\nu-1)} \quad a_k^{(\nu-2)} \quad a_k^{(\nu-3)} \quad \dots \quad a_k^{(\nu-n-1)} \right] \begin{bmatrix} f(k_0-1) \\ \Delta^{(1)} f(k_0-1) \\ \Delta^{(2)} f(k_0-1) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta^{(n)} f(k_0-1) \end{bmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& k_0 \Delta_k^{(\nu)} f(k) = \\
& \sum_{i=k_0}^k a_{i-k_0}^{(\nu-n-1)} \Delta^{(n+1)} f(k + k_0 - i) + \\
& \sum_{i=0}^n a_k^{(\nu-1-i)} \Delta^{(i)} f(k_0 - 1)
\end{aligned}$$

Horner form of the FOBD/S

Definition 3.4

Given a discrete - variable bounded real function $f(k)$. The Horner fractional – order backward difference (H-FOBD) of order $\nu \in \mathbf{R}_+ / \mathbf{Z}_+$ is defined as a finite sum

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu)} y_k &= \\ &= c_0^{(\nu)} \left[y_k + c_1^{(\nu)} \left[y_{k-1} + c_2^{(\nu)} \left[y_{k-2} + \cdots \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \cdots c_{k-2}^{(\nu)} \left[y_2 + c_{k-1}^{(\nu)} \left[y_1 + c_k^{(\nu)} y_0 \right] \right] \right] \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_i^{(\nu)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = 0 \\ \frac{i-1-\nu}{i} & \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

The one – sided \mathcal{Z} transform of the FOBD

$$\mathcal{Z}\left\{{}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu)} f_k\right\} = \left(1-z^{-1}\right)^\nu F(z) +$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1^{(\nu)} & a_2^{(\nu)} & a_3^{(\nu)} & \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z^0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ z^{-1} & z^0 & 0 & \dots \\ z^{-2} & z^{-1} & z^0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{-1} \\ f_{-2} \\ f_{-3} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

The one – sided \mathcal{Z} transform of the FOBS

$$\mathcal{Z}\left\{{}_0\Delta_k^{(-\nu)} f_k\right\} = \left(1-z^{-1}\right)^{-\nu} F(z)$$

3.1 Discrete transfer function of a fractional system

Consider a linear, time – invariant difference equation

$$\sum_{i=0}^n A_i {}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu_i)} y_k = \sum_{j=0}^m B_j {}_0\Delta_k^{(\mu_j)} u_k$$

$$A_i = \text{const} \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1,$$

$$B_j = \text{const} \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

$$m \leq n, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

$$A_n = 1,$$

$$\nu_n > \nu_{n-1} > \dots > \nu_1 > \nu_0 = 0,$$

$$\mu_n > \mu_{n-1} > \dots > \mu_1 > \mu_0 = 0, \nu, \mu \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

${}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu_i)} y_k, {}_0\Delta_k^{(\mu_j)} u_k$ - FOBDs of input and output functions,

y_{-i} for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, initial conditions,

$$\mathcal{Z} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^p A_i \, {}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu_i)} y_k \right\} = \mathcal{Z} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^q B_j \, {}_0\Delta_k^{(\mu_j)} u_k \right\}$$

with zero initial conditions, $\mathcal{Z}\{y(k)\} = Y(z)$
 $\mathcal{Z}\{u(k)\} = U(z)$

$$G(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^q B_j (1 - z^{-1})^{(\mu_j)}}{\sum_{j=0}^p A_j (1 - z^{-1})^{(\nu_j)}}$$

$$0 < \mu_1 < \mu_2 < \dots < \mu_q,$$

$$0 < \nu_1 < \nu_2 < \dots < \nu_p,$$

$$\mu_q < \nu_p$$

$$A_i, B_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Characteristic equation

$$w(z) = z^{\nu_p} \sum_{j=0}^p A_j \left[z^{-1} (z - 1) \right]^{\nu_j} =$$

$$z^{\nu p} \sum_{j=0}^p A_j \left[z^{-\nu j} (z-1)^{\nu j} \right] =$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^p A_j \left[z^{\nu p - \nu j} (z-1)^{\nu j} \right]$$

Example 3.1

$$G(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{3(1-z^{-1})^{0.5} + 4}{(1-z^{-1})^{1.5} + 2(1-z^{-1}) + 1}$$

$$(1-z^{-1})^{\nu} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i^{(\nu)} z^{-i}$$

$$G(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{3 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i^{(0.5)} z^{-i} + 4}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i^{(1.5)} z^{-i} + 2(1-z^{-1}) + 1} =$$

$$G(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} d_i z^{-i}}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e_i z^{-i}}$$

Assuming that

$$a_i^{(\nu)} = 0 \text{ for } i = L + 1, L + 2, \dots$$

$$\left(1 - z^{-1}\right)^\nu = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i^{(\nu)} z^{-i} \approx \sum_{i=0}^L a_i^{(\nu)} z^{-i}$$

one gets

$$G(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^L d_i z^{-i}}{\sum_{i=0}^L e_i z^{-i}}$$

(an approximation of the FO discrete system by the classical realization)

3.1.1 Response of a fractional system described by a discrete transfer function

One assumes that $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_p, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_q$ are rational numbers

$$\nu_i = \frac{e_i}{d_i} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, p,$$

$$\mu_i = \frac{g_i}{f_i} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, q,$$

n - least common denominator

$$\nu_i = \frac{n_i}{n} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, p,$$

$$\mu_i = \frac{m_i}{n} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, q.$$

For $n_i, m_i, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \cup \{0\}$

$$G(s) =$$

$$\frac{b_q \left(\left(1 - z^{-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^{m_q} + b_{q-1} \left(\left(1 - z^{-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^{m_{q-1}} + \dots + b_0}{\left(\left(1 - z^{-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^{n_p} + a_{p-1} \left(\left(1 - z^{-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^{n_{p-1}} + \dots + a_0}$$

Introduction a new variable

$$w = \left(1 - z^{-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

yields

$$F(w) = \frac{b_q w^{m_q} + b_{q-1} w^{m_{q-1}} + \dots + b_1 w^{m_1} + b_0}{w^{n_p} + a_{p-1} w^{n_{p-1}} + \dots + a_1 w^{n_1} + a_0}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n_{p,R}} \frac{R_i}{w + w_{i,R}} +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_{p,C}} \left(\frac{C_i}{w + w_{i,C}} + \frac{C_i^*}{w + w_{i,C}^*} \right)$$

- $n_{p,R}$ - number of real poles,
- $w_{i,R}$ - real pole,
- $n_{p,C}$ - number of complex poles,
- $w_{i,C}$ - complex pole,
- R_i - real coefficients,
- C_i - complex coefficient.

Example 3.2

Find a unit step response of a system

$$G(z) = \frac{a_0}{\left(1 - z^{-1}\right)^n + a_0} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

for $a_0 = \{0.5, \dots, 1.5\}$, $n = 2$. Substitution

$$w = \left(1 - z^{-1}\right)^{0.5}$$

$$G(w) = \frac{a_0}{w + a_0} \cdot \frac{1}{w^2} = \frac{1}{w^2} - \frac{a_0}{w} + \frac{a_0}{w + a_0}$$

$$G(z) =$$

$$\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} - \frac{\frac{1}{a_0}}{\left(1-z^{-1}\right)^{0.5}} + \frac{\frac{1}{a_0}}{\left(1-z^{-1}\right)^{0.5} + a_0}$$

$$f_{1,k} = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}} \right\} = \mathbf{1}_{k-1}$$

$$f_{2,k} = -\frac{1}{a_0} \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{z^{-1}}{\left(1-z^{-1}\right)^{0.5}} \right\} = -\frac{1}{a_0} a_{k-1}^{(-0.5)}$$

$$f_{3,k} = \frac{1}{a_0} \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\left(1-z^{-1}\right)^{0.5} + a_0} \right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{a_0 + 1} \left(\delta_{k-1} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_j^{(\nu)} y_{k-1-j} \right)$$

$$y_k = \sum_{j=1}^3 f_{j,k}$$

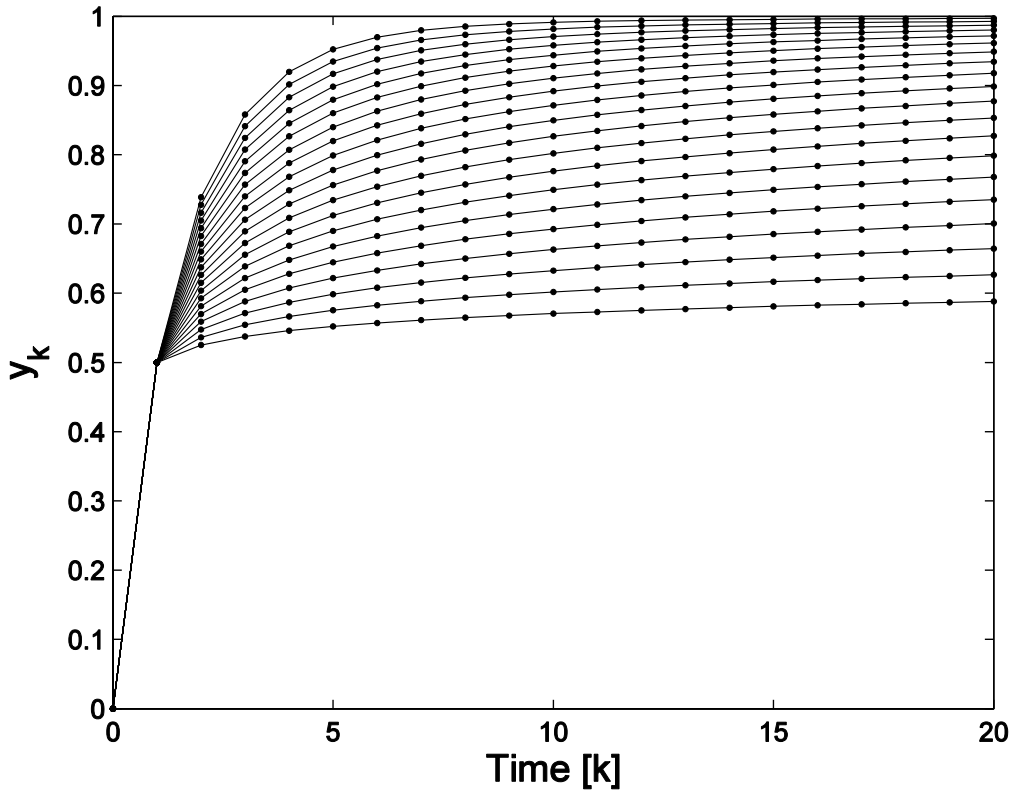


Fig.3.1 Unit step responses for
 $a_0 = \{0.1, \dots, 1.0\}$

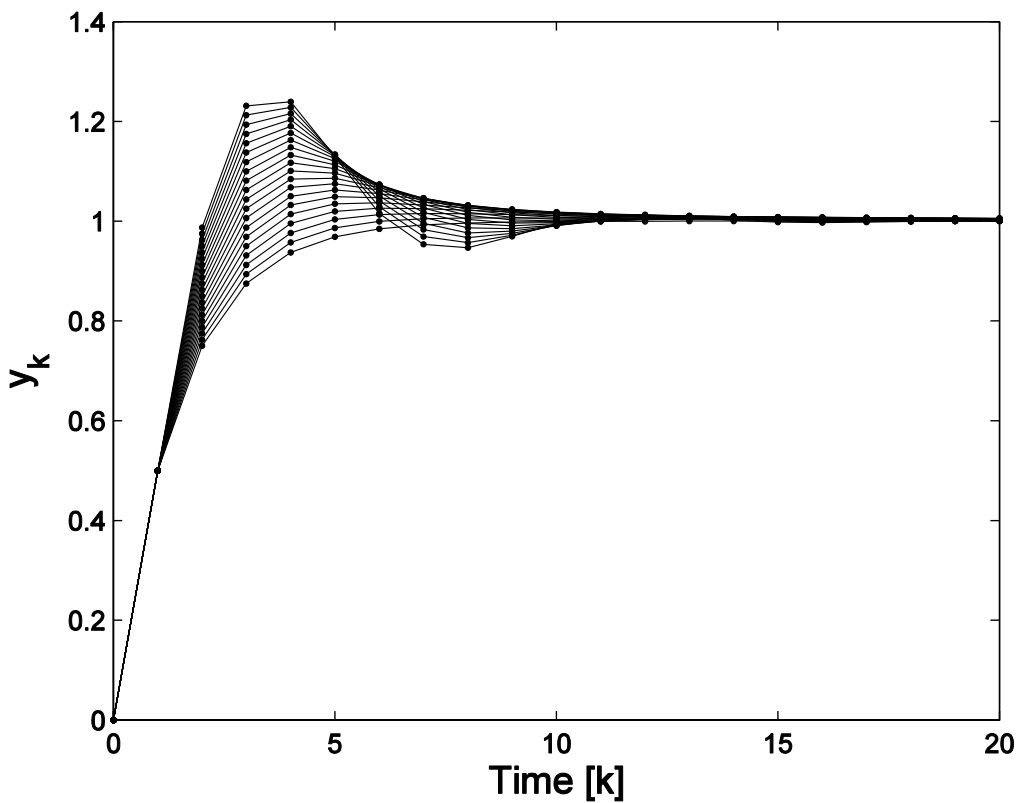


Fig.3.2 Unit step responses for
 $a_0 = \{1.1, \dots, 1.9\}$

3.2 State-space description of a fractional discrete system

$${}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu)} \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}_k, u_k]$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \nu_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } 0 < \nu_1 \leq \nu_2 \leq \dots \leq \nu_n \leq 1$$

$n \times 1$ - vector of fractional orders,

$$0 < \nu_1 < \nu_2 < \dots < \nu_n \leq 1$$

non-commensurate orders

$$0 < \nu_1 = \nu_2 = \dots = \nu_n \leq 1$$

commensurate orders

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,k} \\ x_{2,k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n,k} \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times 1$ – state vector

$${}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu)} \mathbf{x}(t) = {}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,k} \\ x_{2,k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n,k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu_1)} x_{1,k} \\ {}_0\Delta_k^{(\nu_2)} x_{2,k} \\ \vdots \\ {}_0\Delta_t^{(\nu_n)} x_{n,k} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_k = \begin{bmatrix} f_1[\mathbf{x}_k, u_k] \\ f_2[\mathbf{x}_k, u_k] \\ \vdots \\ f_n[\mathbf{x}_k, u_k] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1[x_{1,k}, \dots, x_{n,k}, u_k] \\ f_2[x_{1,k}, \dots, x_{n,k}, u_k] \\ \vdots \\ f_n[x_{1,k}, \dots, x_{n,k}, u_k] \end{bmatrix}$$

SISO linear, time – invariant discrete – time commensurate FO system

$${}_0\Delta_{k+1}^{(\nu)}\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{b}u_k$$
$$y_k = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}_k + du_k$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n-1} & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n-11} & \cdots & a_{n-1n-1} & a_{n-1n} \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn-1} & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_{n-1} \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1} \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}^T, d = [d_1]$$

$$0 < \nu_1 = \nu_2 = \cdots = \nu_n = \nu < 1$$

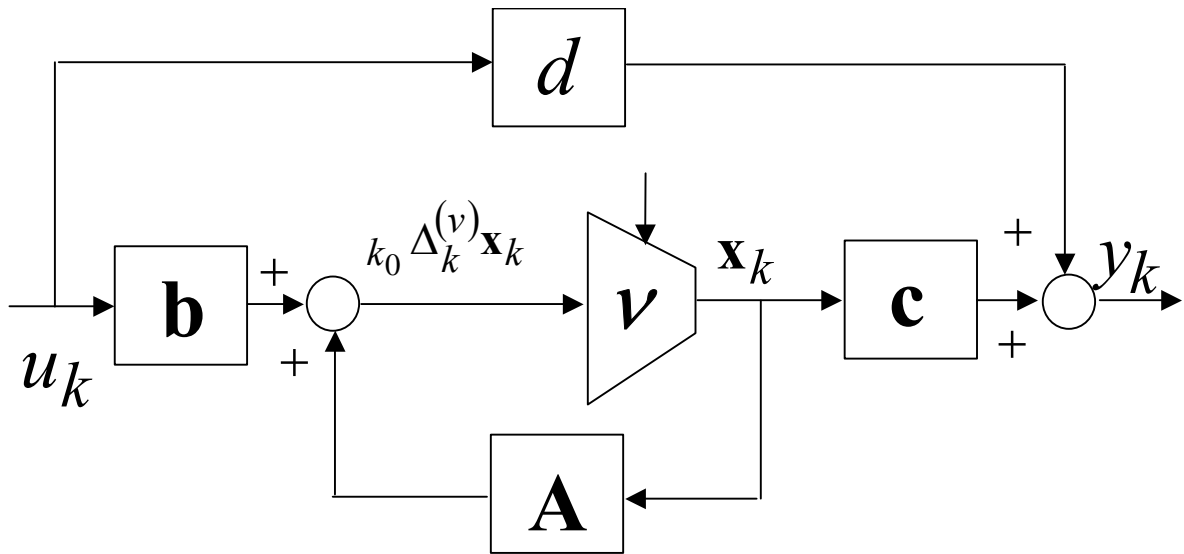


Fig.3.3 Block diagram of the FO linear system with the FODI

$${}_0\Delta_{k+1}^{(\nu)} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{b} u_k$$

$$y_k = \mathbf{c} \mathbf{x}_k + d u_k$$

A substitution of the GL-FOBD definition formula into the state – space equation transforms it to the equivalent form

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}_\nu \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{b} u_k - \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} a_i^{(\nu)} \mathbf{x}_{k+1-i}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_\nu = \mathbf{A} + \nu \mathbf{1}$$

2.1.1 Response of a fractional discrete system described by a state space equations

For known \mathbf{x}_0 , u_k and FO system described by the state – space equation a solution is as follows

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \Phi_k \mathbf{x}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \Phi_{k-1-i} \mathbf{b} u_i$$

where

$$\Phi_k = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{for } k = 0 \\ \Phi_{k-1} \mathbf{A}_\nu - \sum_{i=2}^k a_i^{(\nu)} \Phi_{k-i} & \text{for } k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_\nu = \mathbf{A} + \nu \mathbf{I}$$

Example 3.4

Evaluate a homogenous response of the FO $\nu = 0.5$ system. System is described by the state – space equations with following matrices and initial conditions

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.82 & 0.36 \\ -2.44 & -0.62 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of a matrix \mathbf{A}

$$z_1 = 0.1 + j0.6$$

$$z_2 = 0.1 - j0.6$$

$$\text{Re}\{z_2\} = 0.1 > 0$$

Asymptotically stable system.

Homogenous system response

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \Phi_k \mathbf{x}_0 =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{k-1} & \Phi_{k-2} & \cdots & \Phi_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} + \nu \mathbf{I} \\ -a_2^{(\nu)} \mathbf{I} \\ \vdots \\ -a_k^{(\nu)} \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_0$$

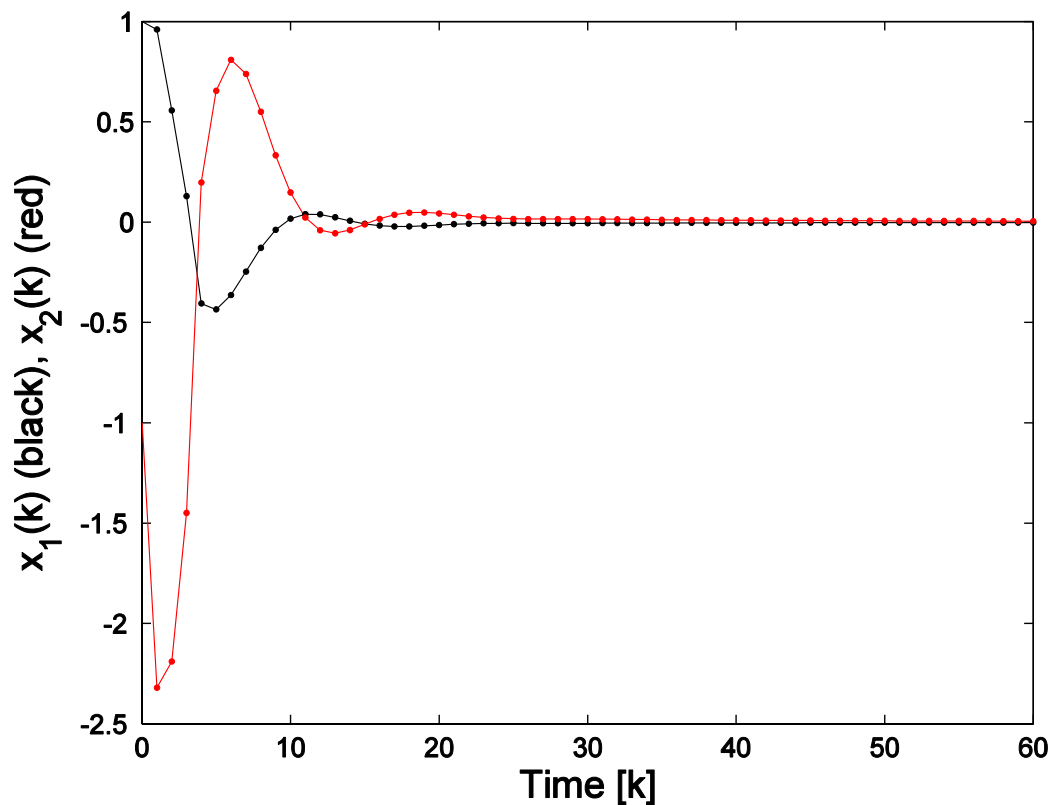


Fig.3.4 FO $\nu = 0.5$ system states vs. discrete time.

For the same state matrix \mathbf{A} and different order $\nu = 0.68994$

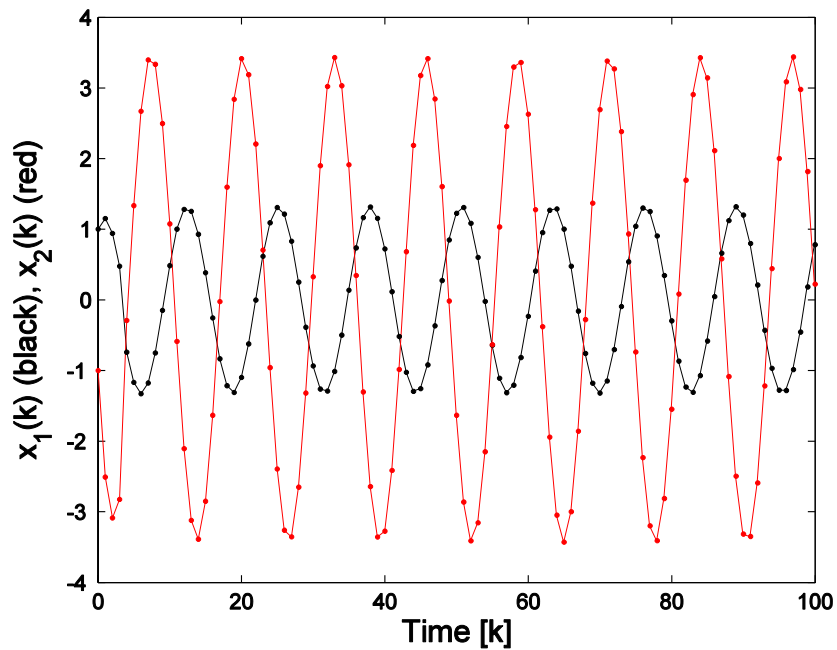


Fig.3.5 FO $\nu = 0.68994$ system states vs. discrete time.

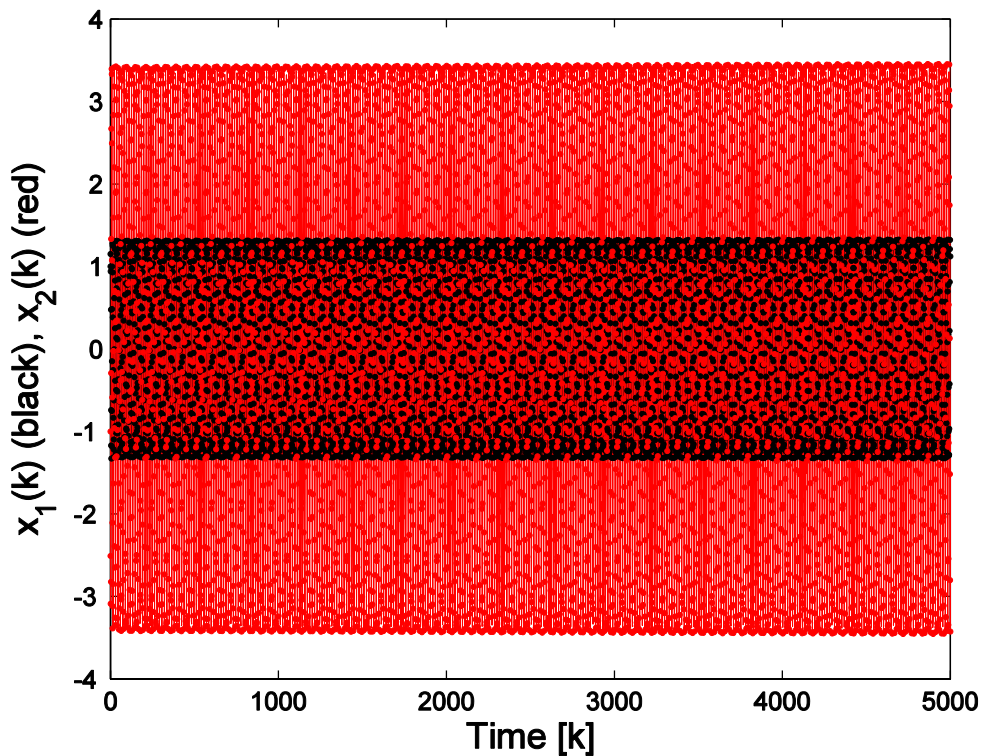


Fig.3.6 FO $\nu = 0.68994$ system states vs. discrete time.

For the same state matrix \mathbf{A} an order $\nu = 0.75$

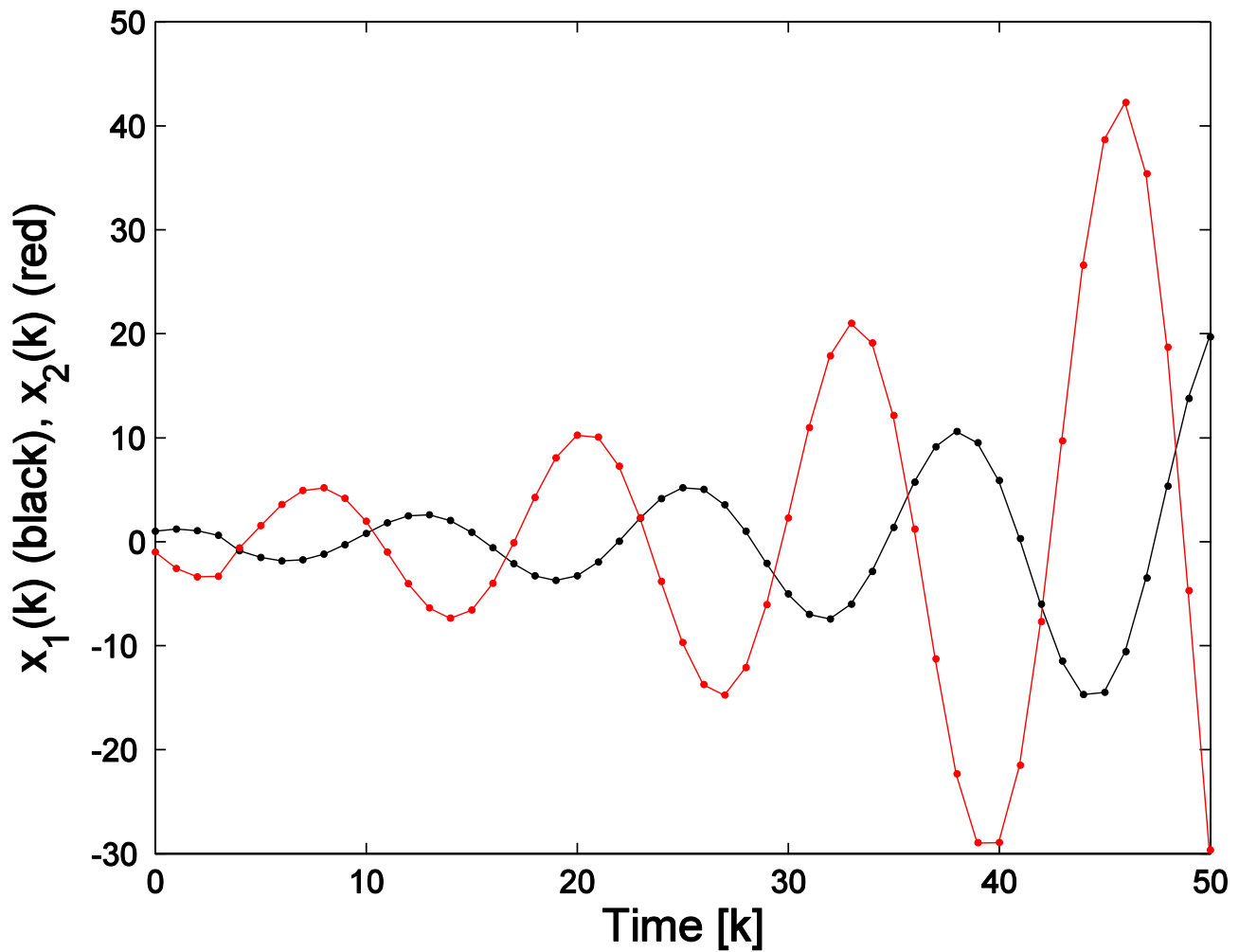


Fig.3.7 FO $\nu = 0.75$ system states vs. discrete time.

3.3 Frequency characteristics of fractional discrete elements

$$G(j\omega) = G(z)|_{z=e^{j\omega}}$$

$$\left(1 - z^{-1}\right)^{\nu} \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = \left(1 - e^{-j\omega}\right)^{\nu}$$

3.3 Frequency characteristics of the fractional discrete integrator (FDI)

FDI transfer function

$$G_I(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{1}{T_u(1-z^{-1})^\nu}$$

Nyquist characteristics of the FI

$$G_I(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{U(j\omega)} = \frac{1}{T_u(1-e^{-j\omega})^\nu}$$

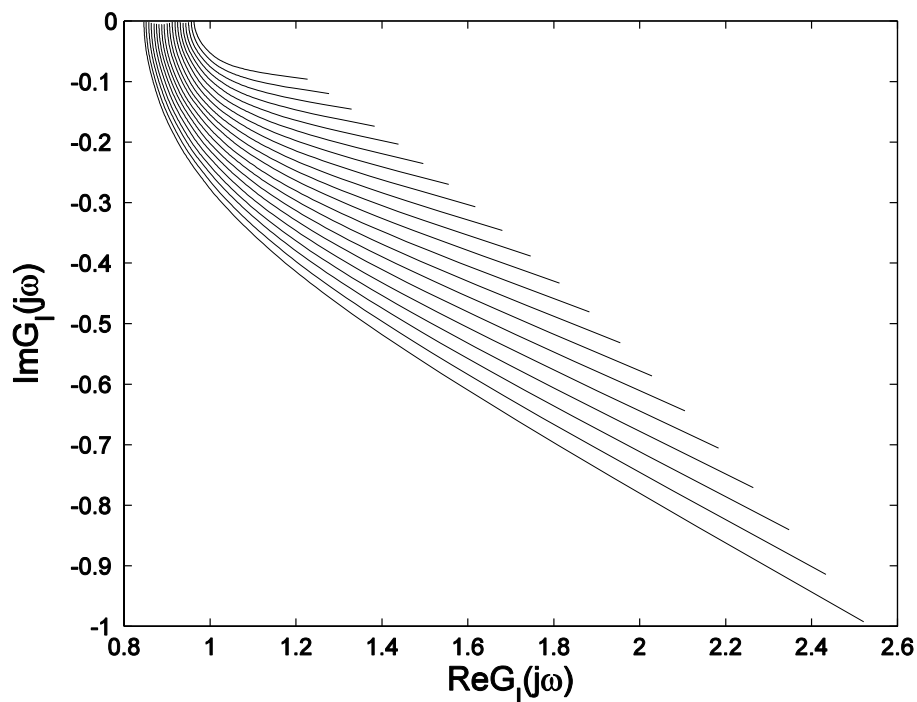


Fig.3.8 Nyquist characteristics of the FDI for different orders $\nu \in [0.05, \dots 0.25]$ and constant T_u

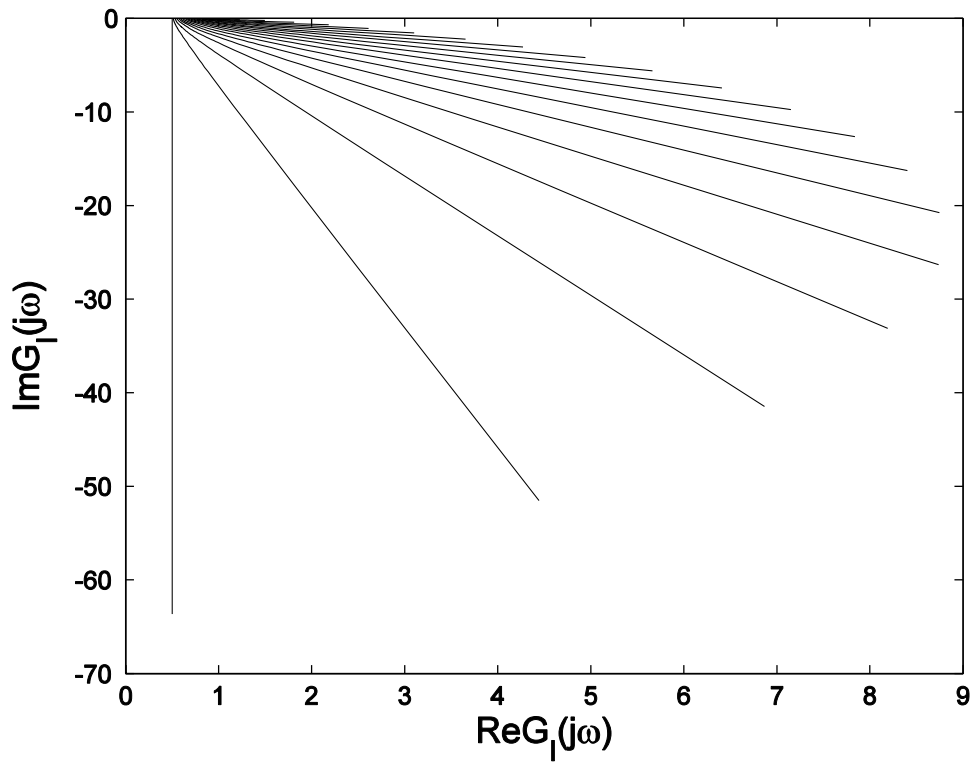


Fig.3.9 Nyquist characteristics of the FI for different orders $\nu \in [0.05, \dots 0.95, 1.0]$ and constant T_u

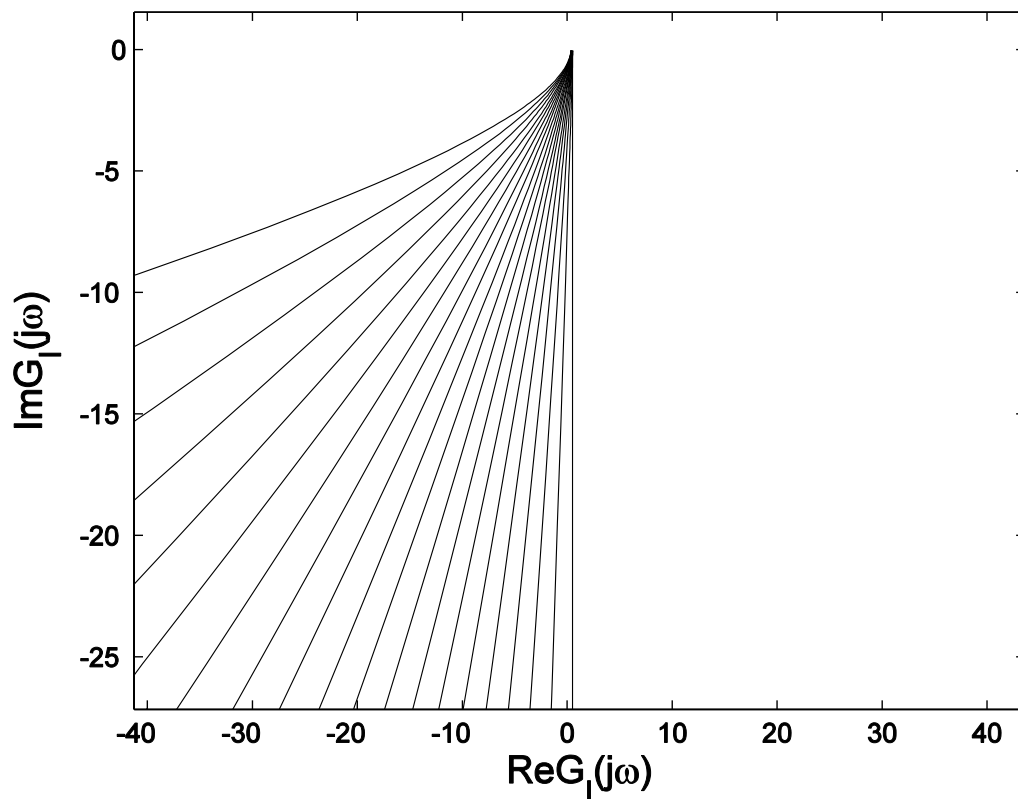


Fig.3.10 Nyquist characteristics of the FDI for different orders $\nu \in [1.0, \dots 1.95, 2.0]$ and constant T_u

The amplitude characteristic of the FDI

$$|G_I(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{T_u \left(2 \sin \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^\nu}$$

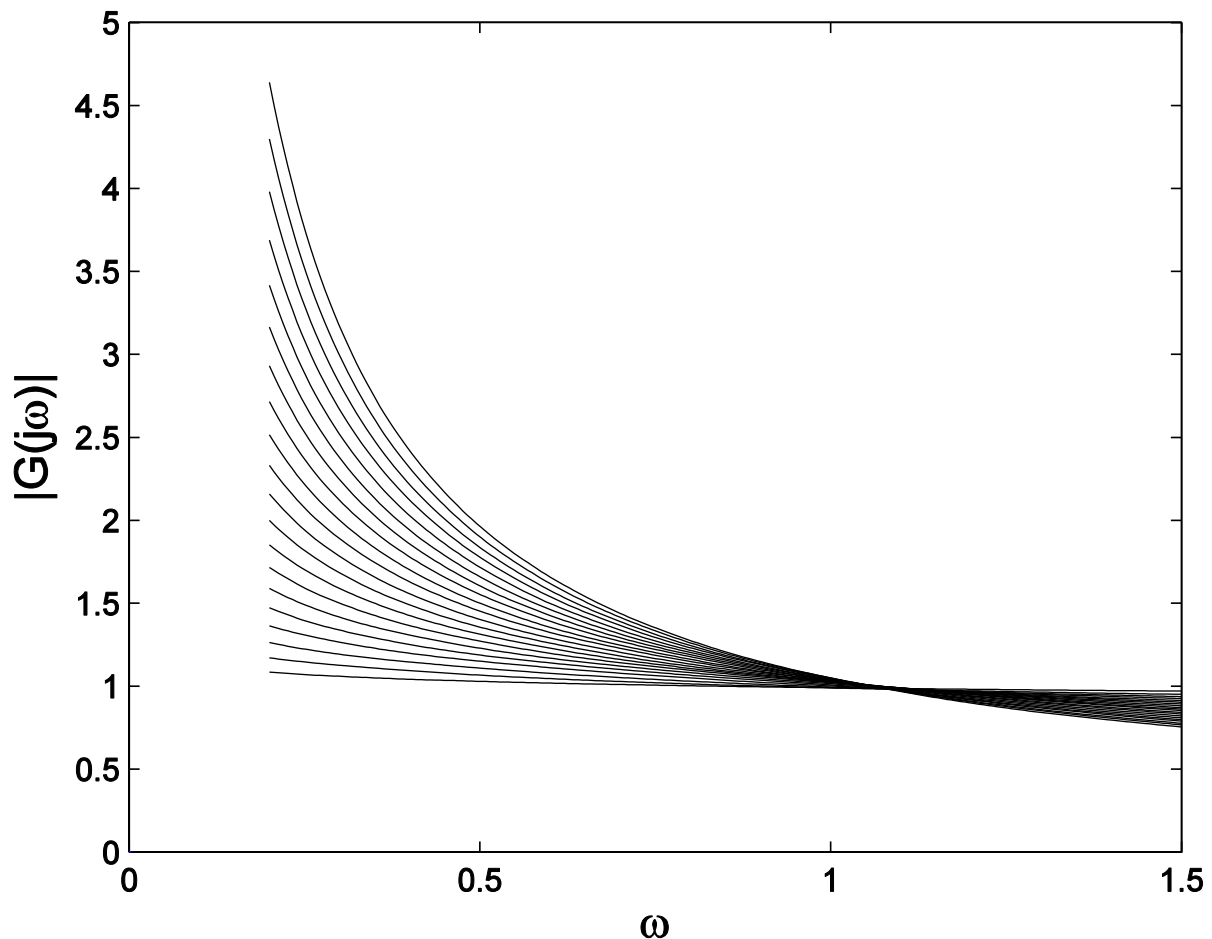


Fig.3.11 Amplitude characteristic of the FI for different orders $\nu \in [0.05, \dots 0.95, 1.0]$ and constant $T_u = 1$

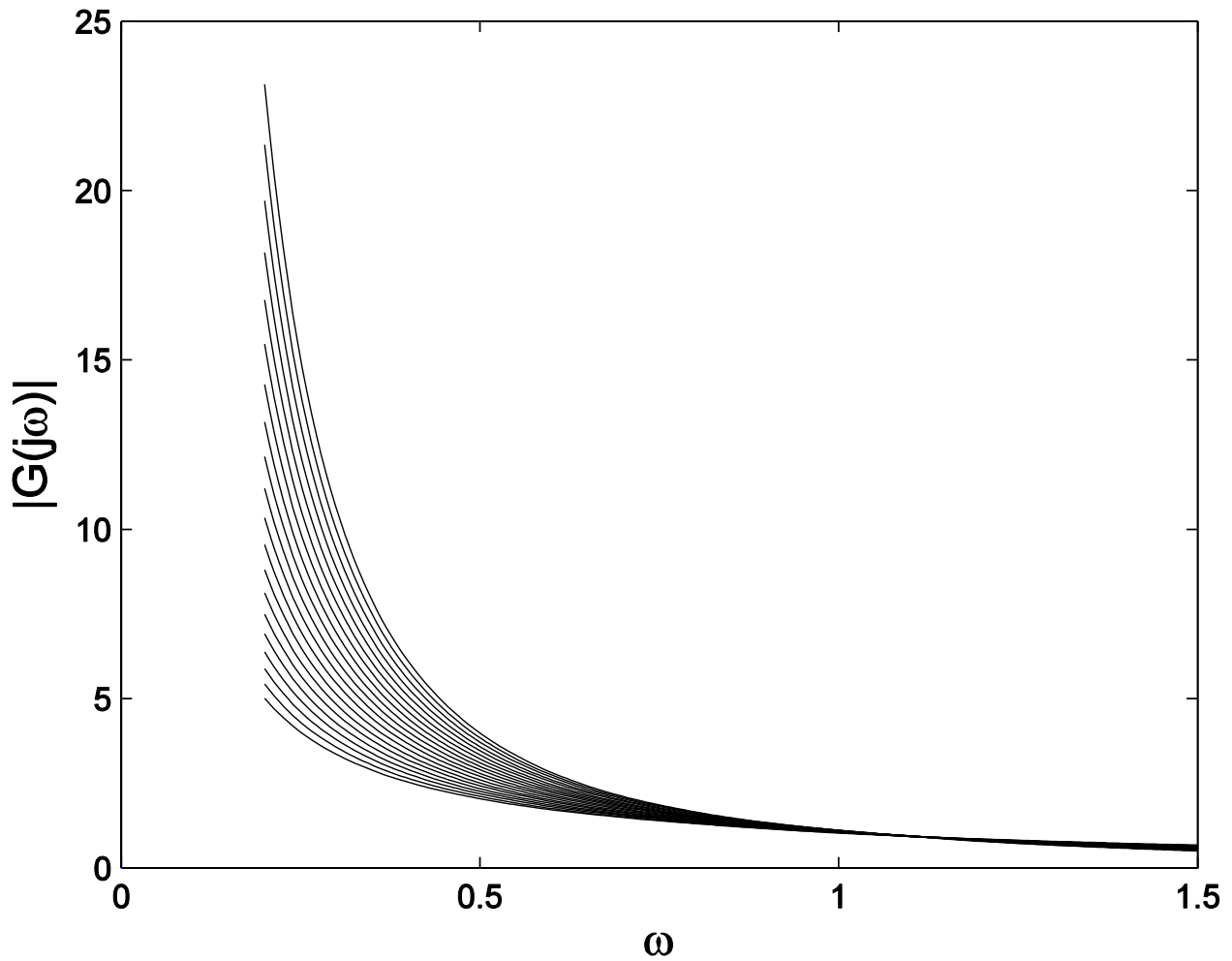


Fig.3.12 Amplitude characteristic of the FI for different orders $\nu \in [1.0, \dots 1.95, 2.0]$ and constant $T_u = 1$

The phase angle characteristic of the FI

$$\varphi(\omega) = -\nu \operatorname{arctg}\left(\operatorname{tg} \frac{\omega}{2}\right)$$

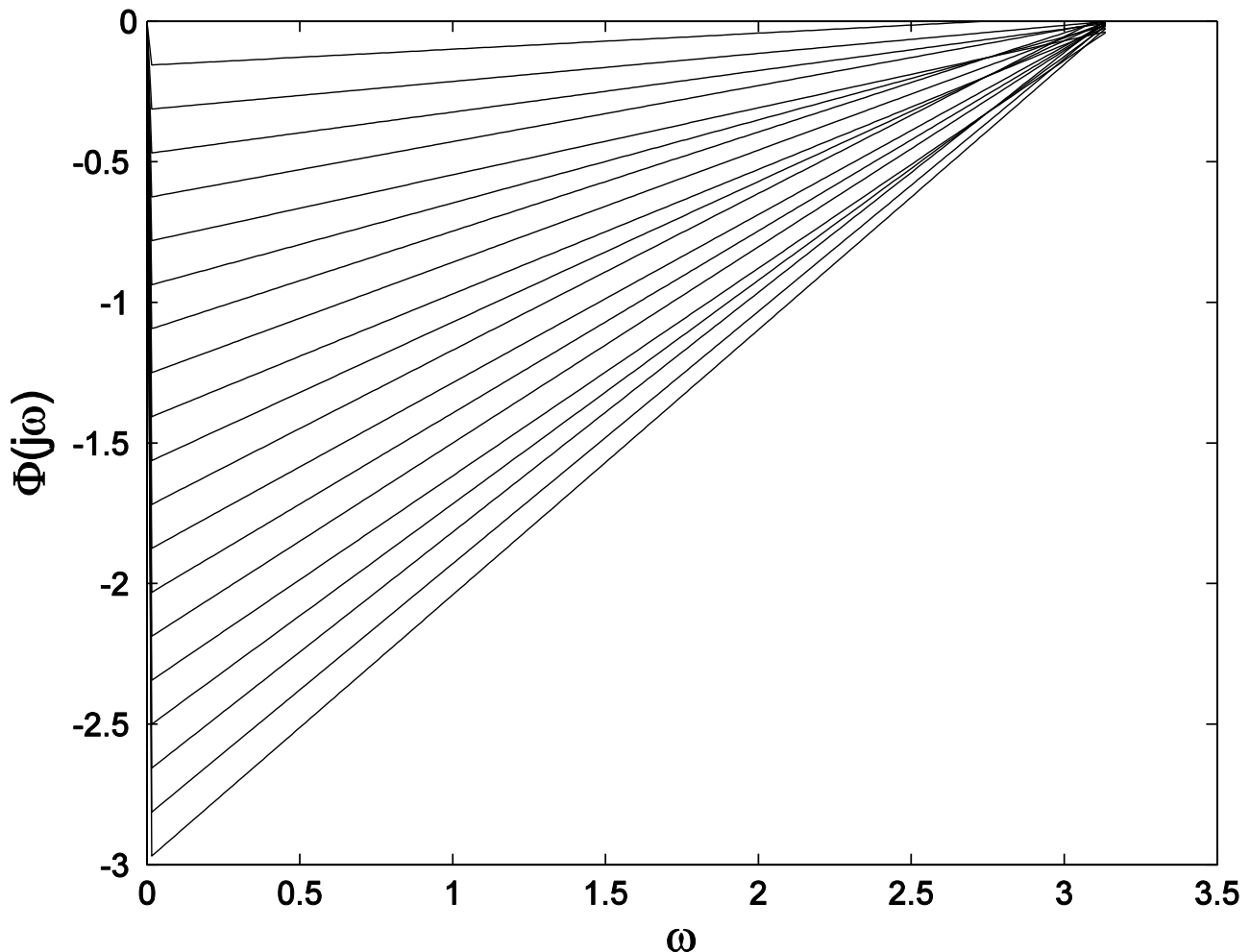


Fig.3.13 Phase angle characteristic of the FI for different orders $\nu \in [0, \dots 1.95, 2.0]$ and constant $T_u = 1$

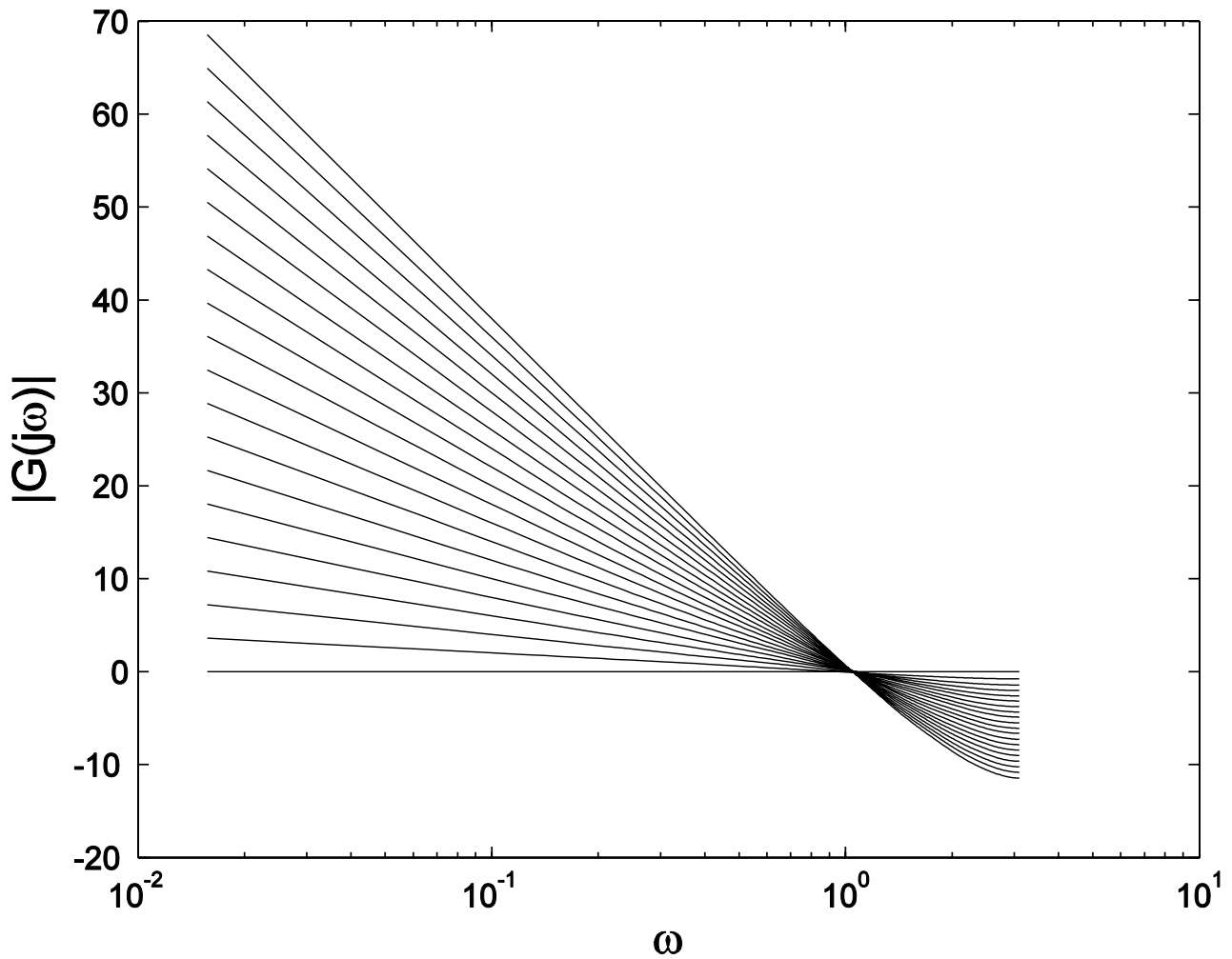


Fig.3.14 Bode amplitude characteristic of the FI for different orders $\nu \in [0.05, \dots 1.95, 2.0]$ and constant $T_u = 1$

3.2 Frequency characteristics of the FO discrete inertial element (FOIE)

$$G_1^{(\nu)}(z) = \frac{1}{\left[T_u(1-z^{-1})\right]^\nu + 1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1-z^{-1}}{\omega_u}\right)^\nu + 1}$$

$$G_1^{(\nu)}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{\left[T_u(1-e^{-j\omega})\right]^\nu + 1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1-e^{-j\omega}}{\omega_u}\right)^\nu + 1}$$

Nyquist plots of the FOIE

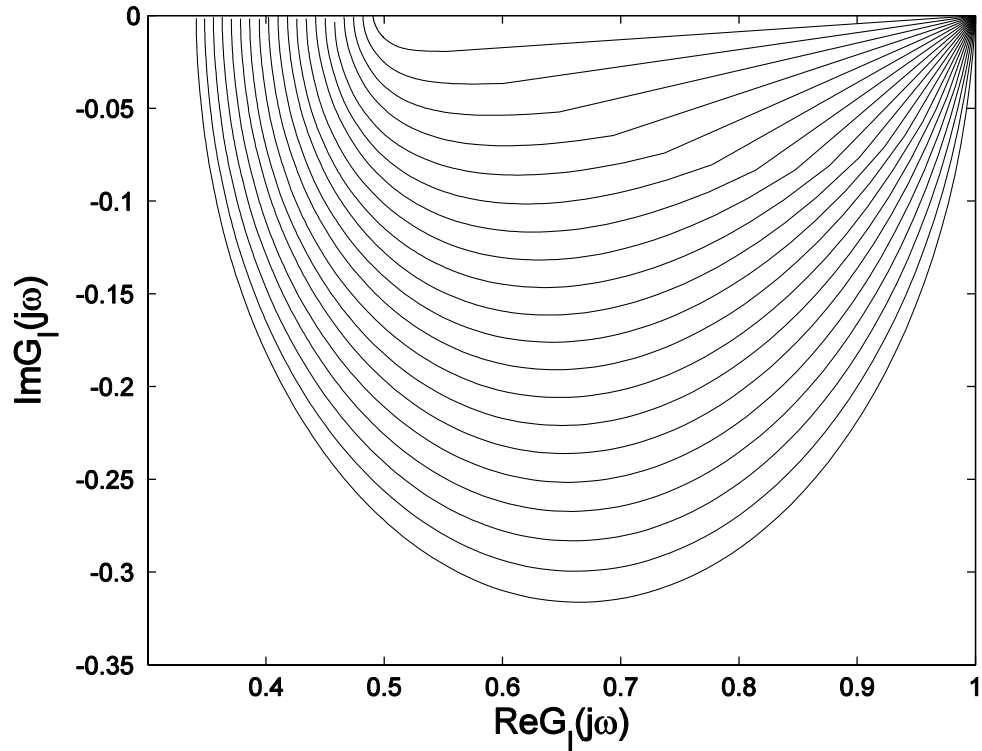


Fig.3.15 Nyquist plots of FOIE for $\nu \in [0.05, 0.1, \dots, 0.95, 1.0]$

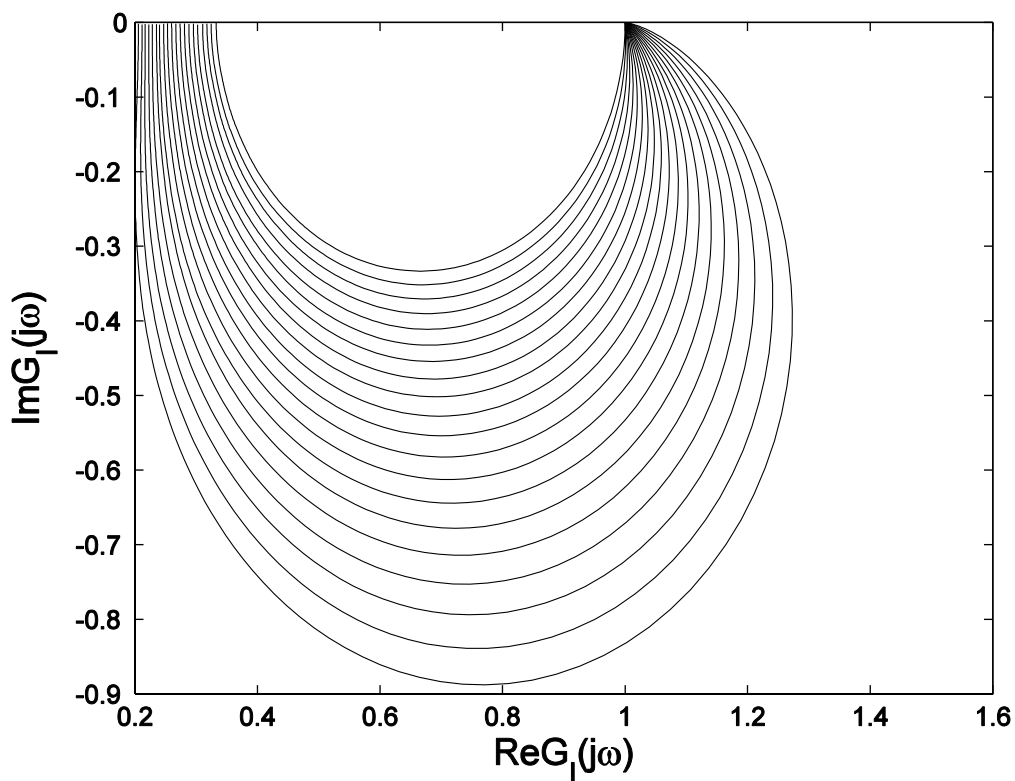


Fig.3.16 Nyquist plots of FOIE for $\nu \in [1.00, 1.08, \dots, 1.72, 1.80]$

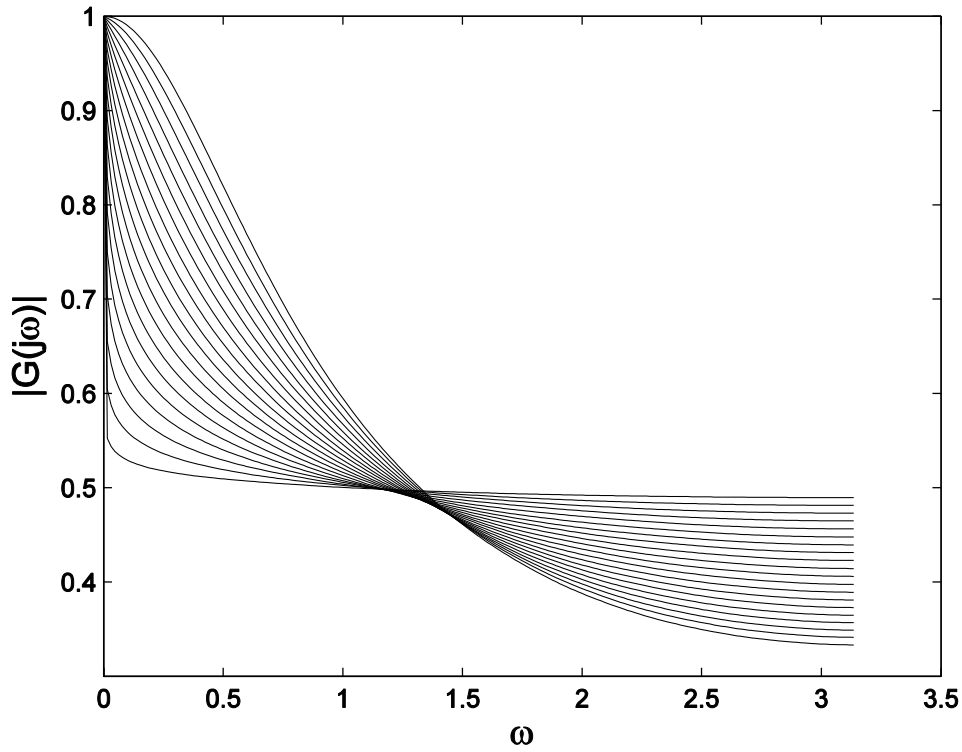


Fig.3.17 Amplitude characteristic of the FOIE for orders $\nu \in [0.1, 0.2, \dots 0.9, 1.0]$ and constant T_u

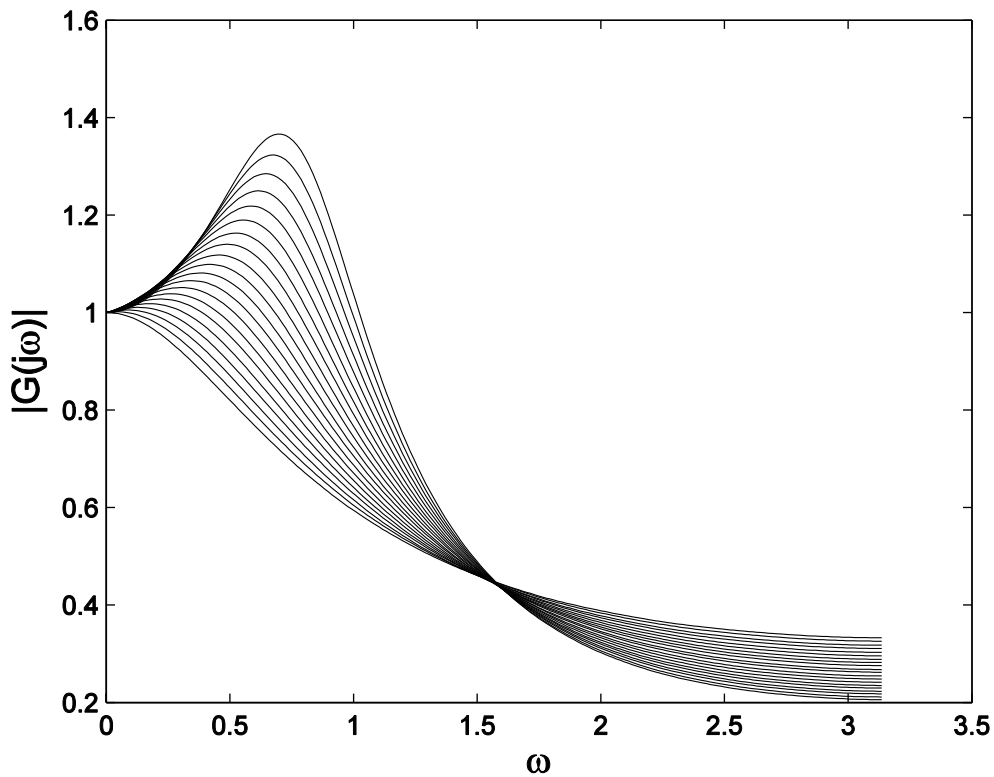


Fig.3.18 Amplitude characteristic of the FODIE for orders $\nu \in [1.1, 1.2, \dots 1.8, 1.9]$ and constant T_u .

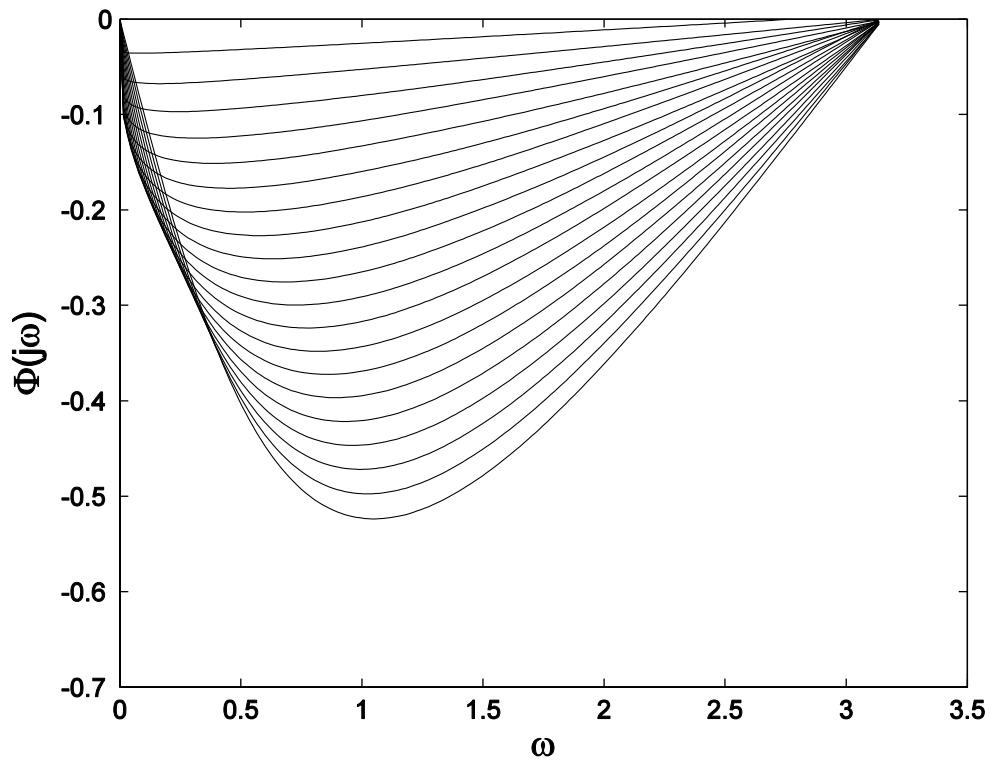


Fig.3.19 Phase angle characteristic of the FODIE for $\nu \in [0.1, 0.2, \dots, 0.9, 1.0]$ and constant T_u .

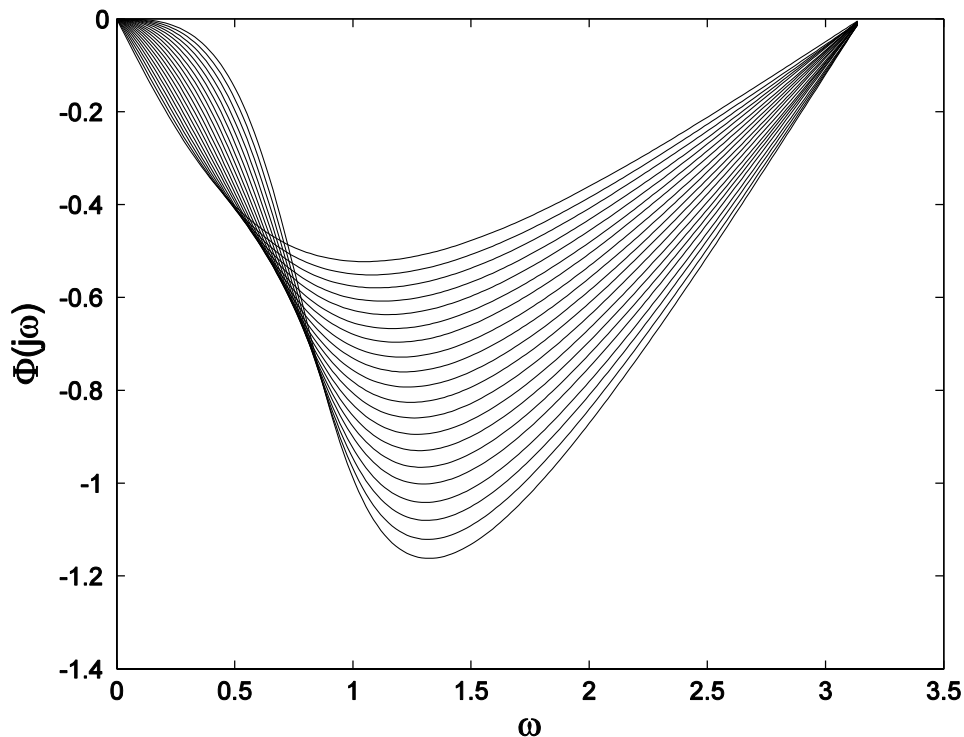


Fig.3.20 Phase angle characteristic of the ODIE for $\nu \in [1.1, 1.2, \dots, 1.8, 1.9]$ and constant T_u .