
Meeting Design Specs Using Root Locus

ECE 461/661 Controls Systems

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Lead & PID Compensators

Lead

- Pull the root locus left, speeding up the system

PID

- Add a pole at $s = 0$ (making Type-0 systems Type-1)
- Add 0, 1, or 2 zeros

In General

- Add a pole at $s = 0$ (if needed) to make the system type-1
- Add zeros to cancel poles, speeding up the system, and
- Add fast poles so that $\#poles \geq \# zeros$

The resulting $K(s)$ may not have name per say.

Example: $G(s) = \left(\frac{361.2378}{(s+0.3234)(s+2.081)(s+5.439)(s+10.1)(s+15.65)} \right)$

Find $K(s)$ so that there is...

- No error for a step input,
- A 2% settling time of 4 seconds,
- 20% overshoot for a step input, and
- The high-frequency gain of $K(s)$ is finite

Translating:

- GK is type-1 (or more)
 - Closed-loop dominant pole: $s = -1 + j2$
 - #poles \geq #zeros
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$$G(s) = \left(\frac{361.2378}{(s+0.3234)(s+2.081)(s+5.439)(s+10.1)(s+15.65)} \right)$$

Step 1) Add a pole at $s = 0$

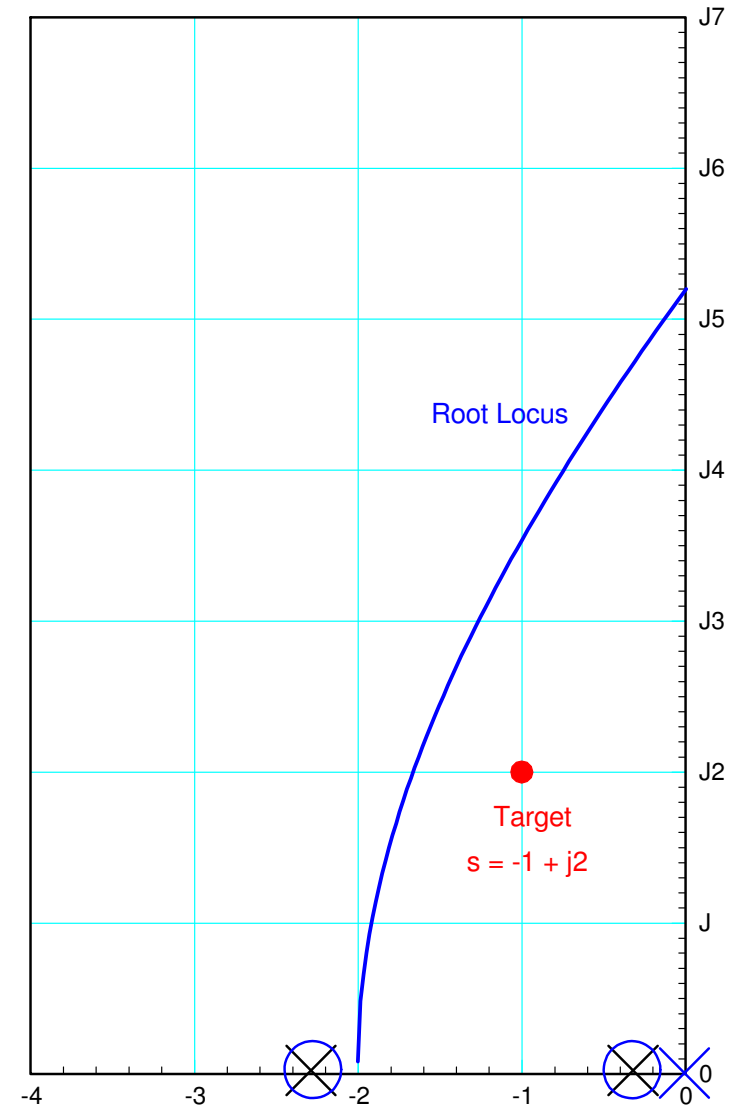
- Makes GK type-1

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{k}{s} \right)$$

Step 2) Start canceling poles

- Keep going until you're too fast
- The root locus passes left of design point

$$K(s) = k \left(\frac{(s+0.3234)(s+2.081)}{s} \right)$$



Step 3) Add a pole (#poles = #zeros)

$$K(s) = k \left(\frac{(s+0.3234)(s+2.081)}{s(s+a)} \right)$$

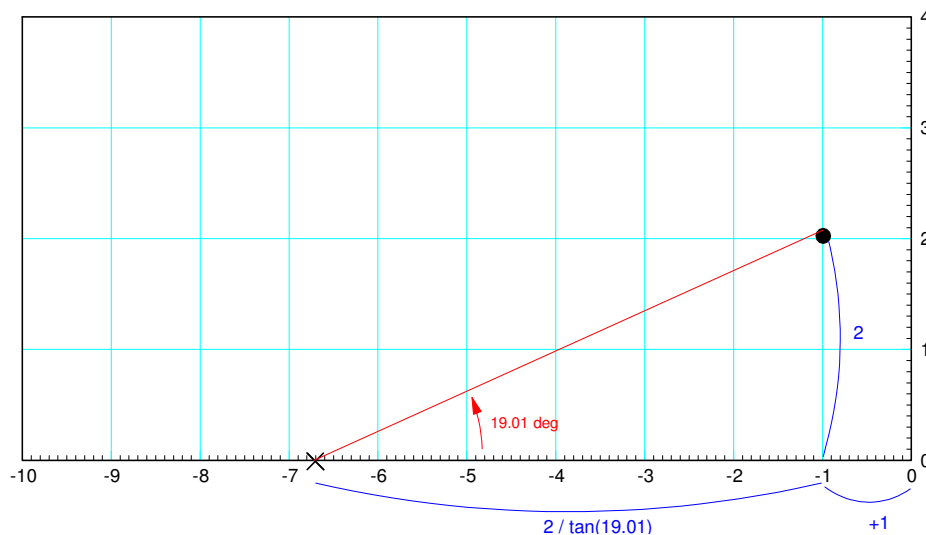
Pick 'a' so that $s = -1 + j2$ is on the root locus

$$GK = \left(\frac{361.2378k}{s(s+5.439)(s+10.1)(s+15.65)(s+a)} \right)_{s=-1+j2} = 1 \angle 180^\circ$$

$$\left(\frac{361.2378}{s(s+5.439)(s+10.1)(s+15.65)} \right)_{s=-1+j2} = 0.2409 \angle -160.99^\circ$$

$$\angle(s+a) = 19.01^\circ$$

$$a = \frac{2}{\tan(19.01^\circ)} + 1 = 6.8046$$



Step 4: Find k

$$K(s) = k \left(\frac{(s+0.3234)(s+2.081)}{s(s+6.8046)} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{361.2378}{s(s+5.439)(s+6.8046)(s+10.1)(s+15.65)} \right)_{s=-1+j2}$$

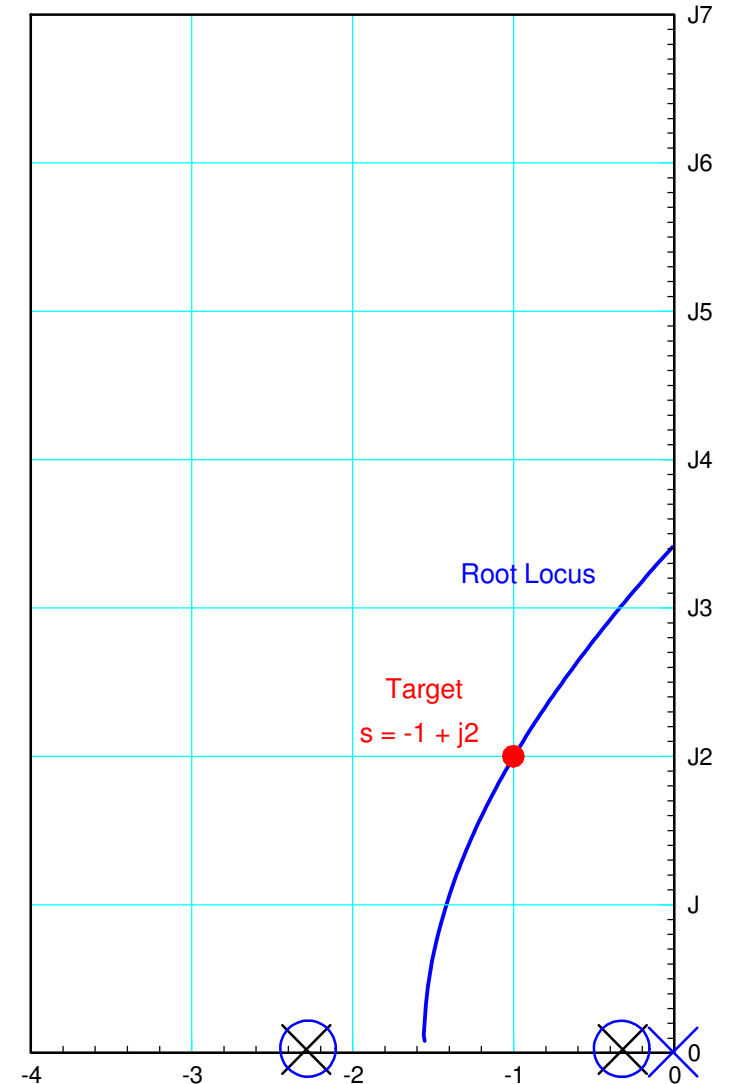
$$GK = 0.0392 \angle 180^\circ$$

- 180 degrees: $-1 + j2$ is on the root locus (good)
- 0.0393: k is off (gain should be 1.000)

$$k = \frac{1}{0.0392} = 25.49$$

SO

$$K(s) = 25.49 \left(\frac{(s+0.3234)(s+2.081)}{s(s+6.8046)} \right)$$



Check in Matlab:

```
G = zpk([], [-0.3234, -2.081, -5.439, -10.1, -15.65], 361.2378 )
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361.2378
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(s+0.3234) (s+2.081) (s+5.439) (s+10.1) (s+15.65)
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K = zpk([-0.3234, -2.081], [0, -6.8046], 25.49 )
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25.49 (s+0.3234) (s+2.081)
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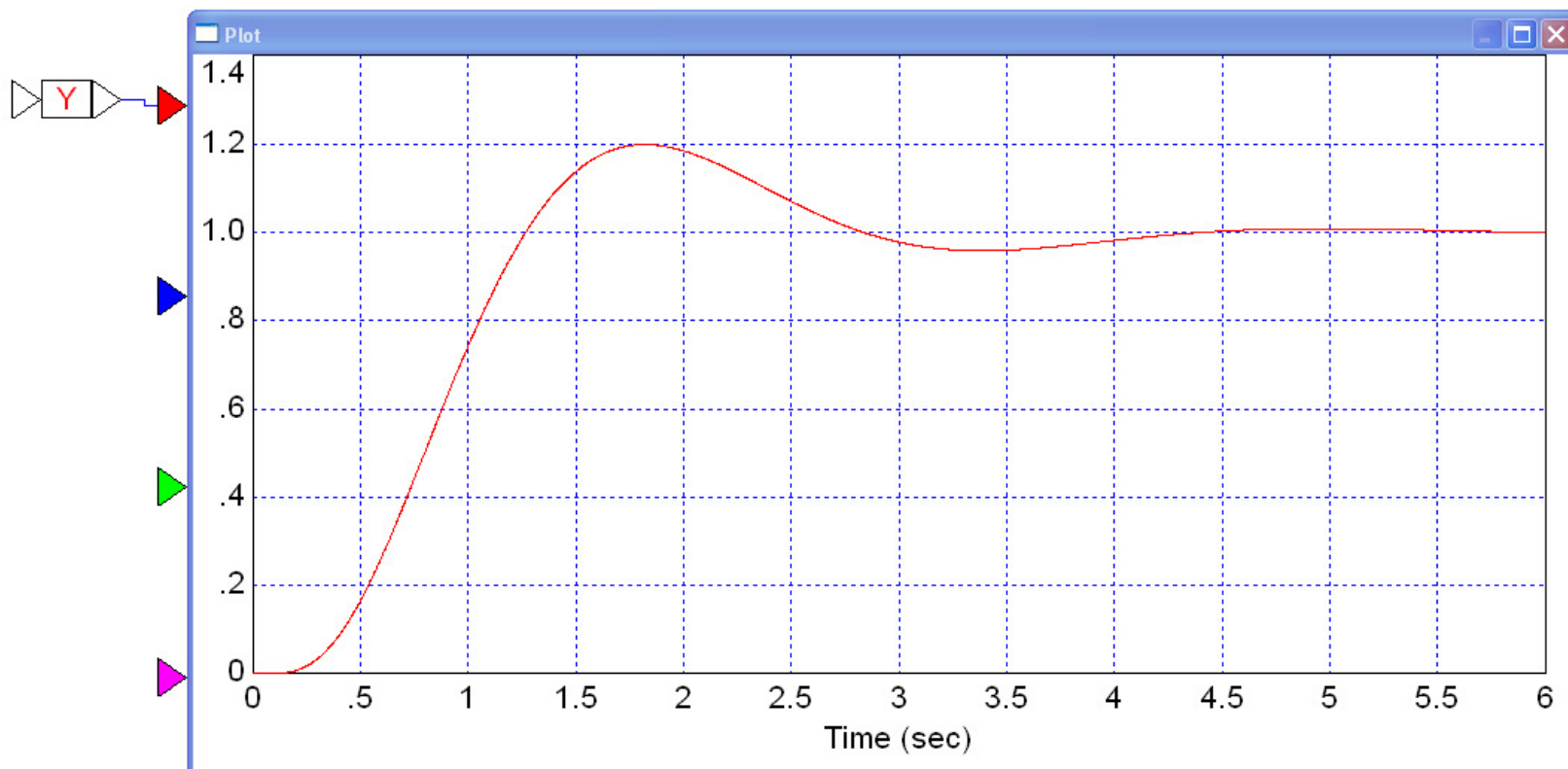
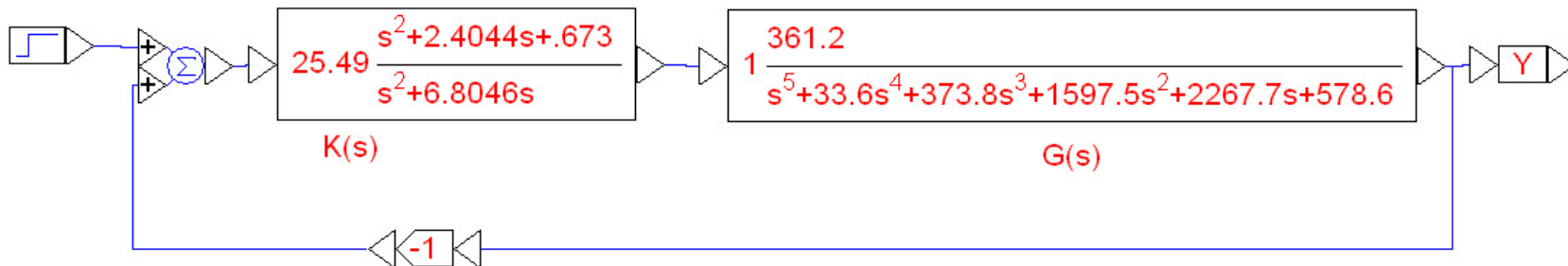
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s (s+6.805)
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Gcl = minreal( G*K / (1 + G*K) )
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eig(Gcl)
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-1.0000 + 2.0000i  
-1.0000 - 2.0000i  
-9.7606 + 4.0657i  
-9.7606 - 4.0657i  
-16.4724
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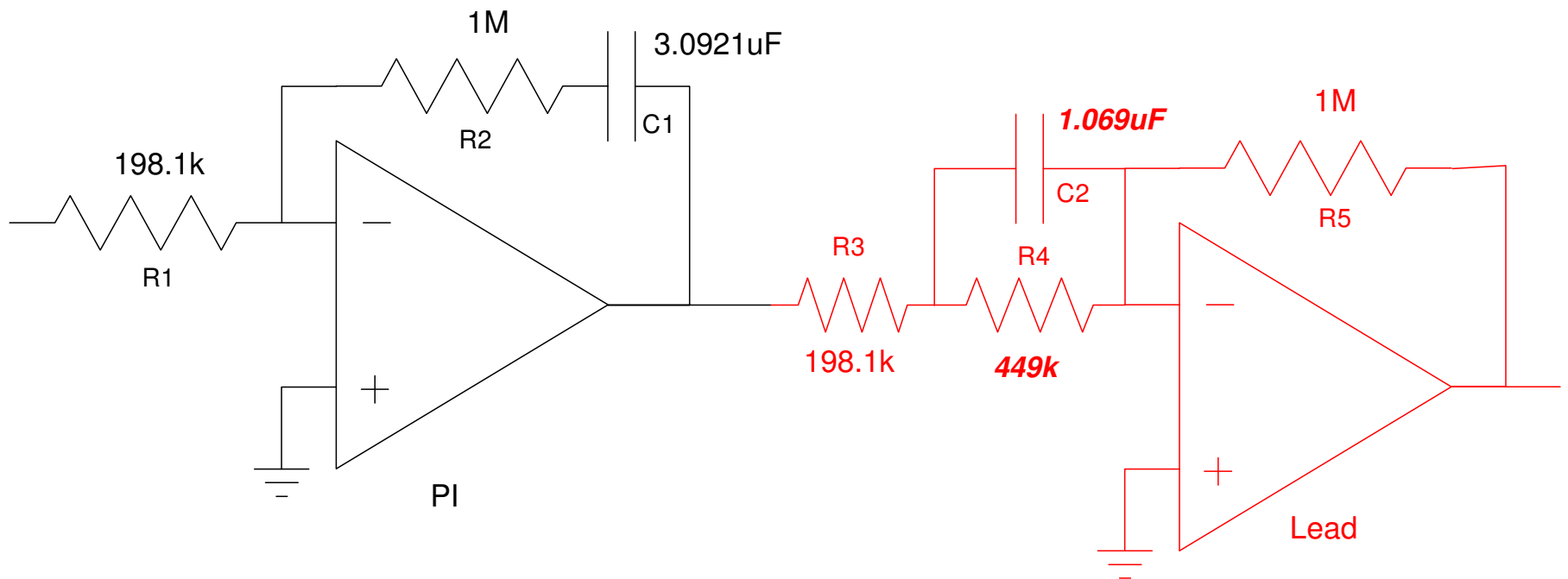
pole we placed



Circuit Implementation:

Rewrite as

$$K(s) = \left(5.05 \frac{s+0.3234}{s} \right) \left(5.05 \frac{s+2.081}{s+6.8046} \right)$$

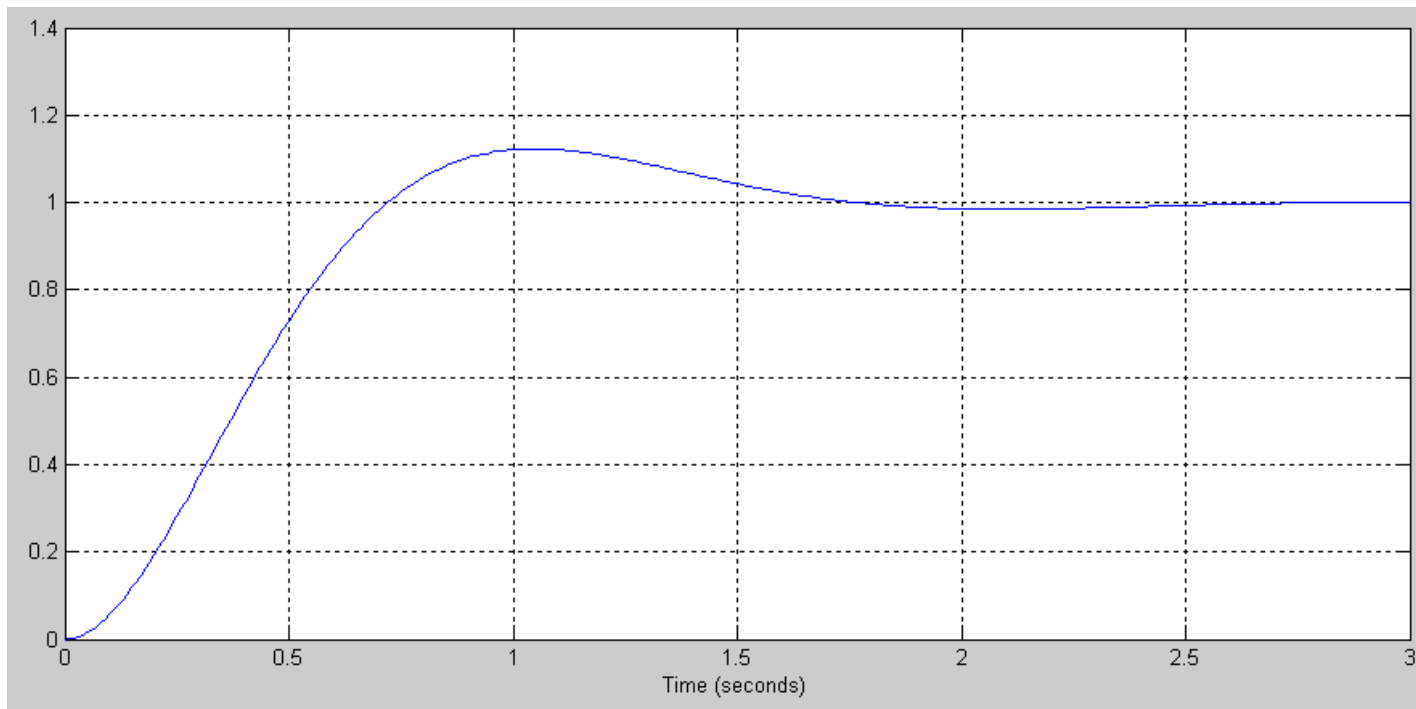


Example 2:

Let

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{100}{(s+1)(s+3)(s+5)(s+10)} \right)$$

Design a compensator so that the closed-loop step response looks like this:

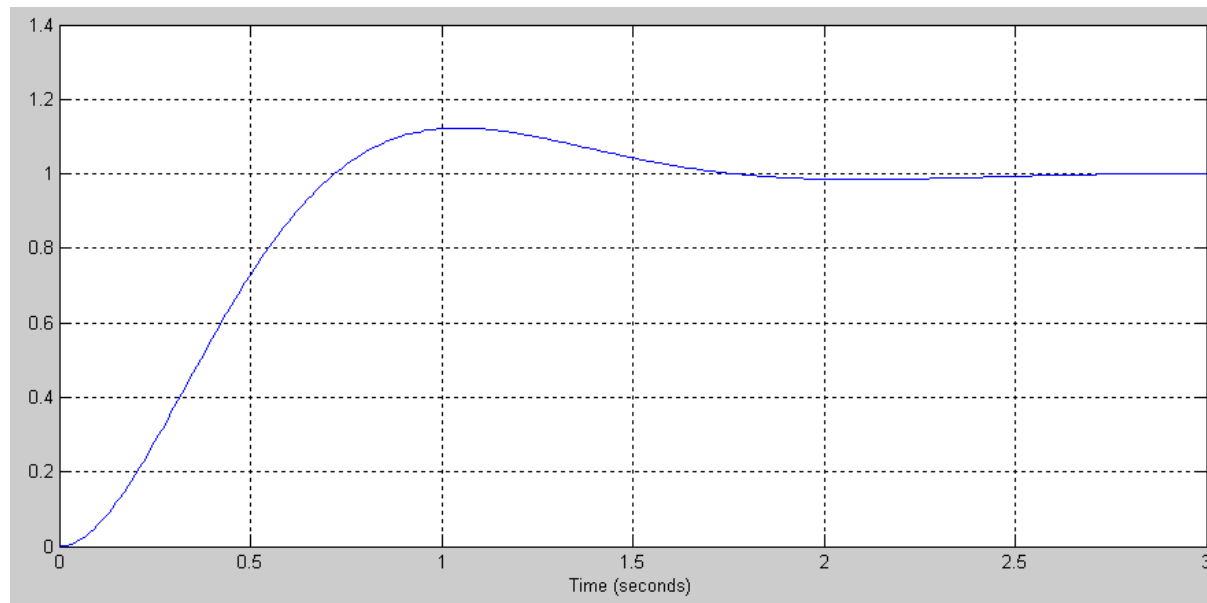


Desired Step Response

Solution:

Step 1: Translate the requirements to root-locus terms.

- The DC gain is one: the system should be type-1
- The 2% settling time is 2 seconds:
 - the real part of the closed-loop dominant pole should be -2
- The overshoot is 12%
 - The damping ratio should be $\zeta = 0.55$
 - The closed-loop dominant pole should be $s = -2 + j3$



Step 2: Find K(s)

- Make the system type-1
- $s = -2 + j3$ is on the root locus

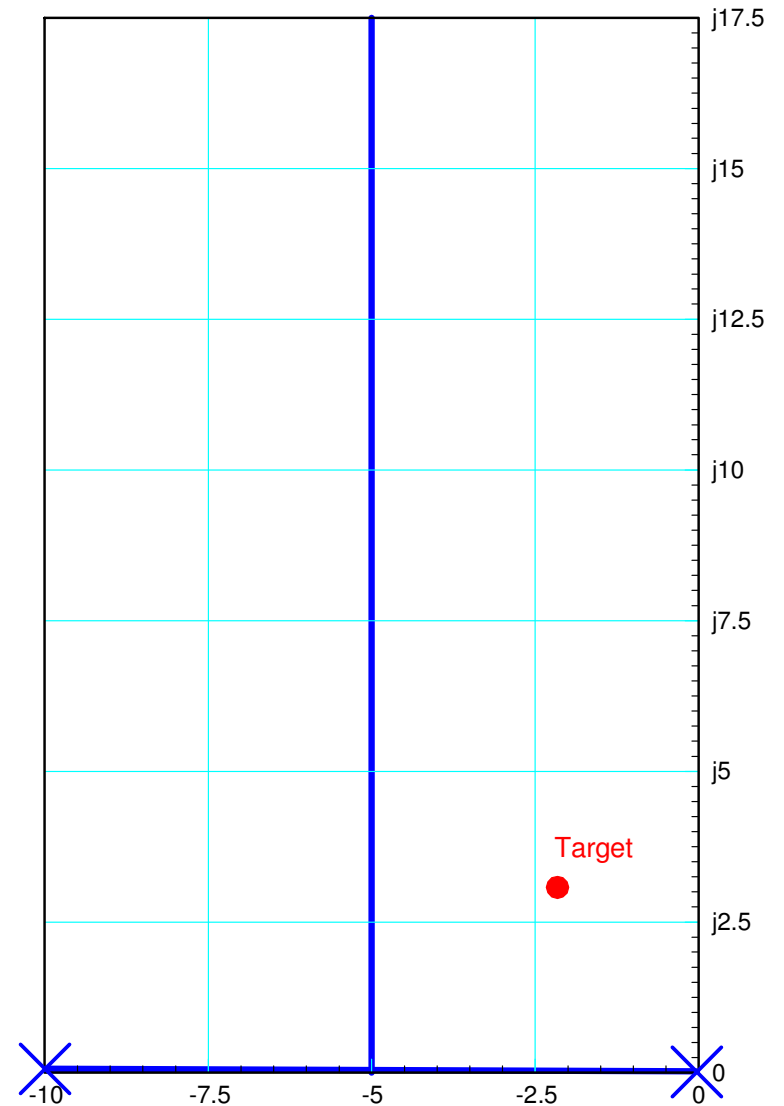
Start with

$$K(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

Start canceling zeros until you're too fast

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+5)}{s(s+a)^2} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{100}{s(s+10)} \right)$$



Add two poles so that #poles = #zeros

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+5)}{s(s+a)^2} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{100}{s(s+a)^2(s+10)} \right)$$

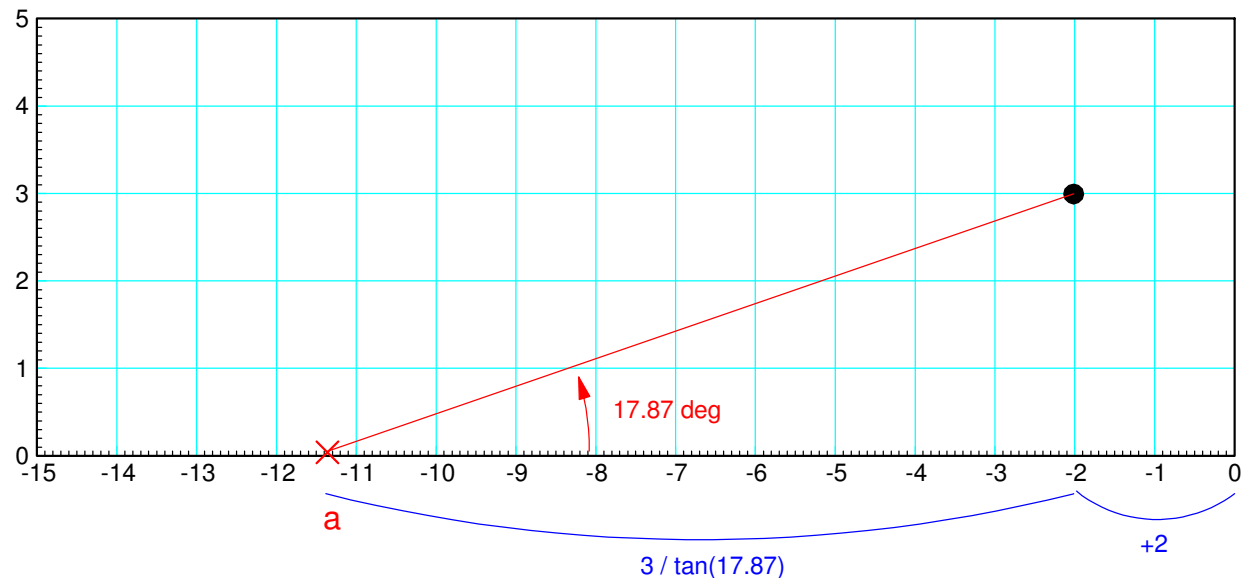
Find 'a' so that the angles add up

$$\left(\frac{100}{s(s+a)^2(s+10)} \right)_{s=-2+j3} = X \angle 180^\circ$$

$$\left(\frac{100}{s(s+10)} \right)_{s=-2+j3} = 3.2461 \angle -144.26^\circ$$

$$\angle(s+a) = 17.87^\circ$$

$$a = \frac{3}{\tan(17.87^\circ)} + 2 = 11.301$$



This results in

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+5)}{s(s+11.301)^2} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{100k}{s(s+11.301)^2(s+10)} \right)$$

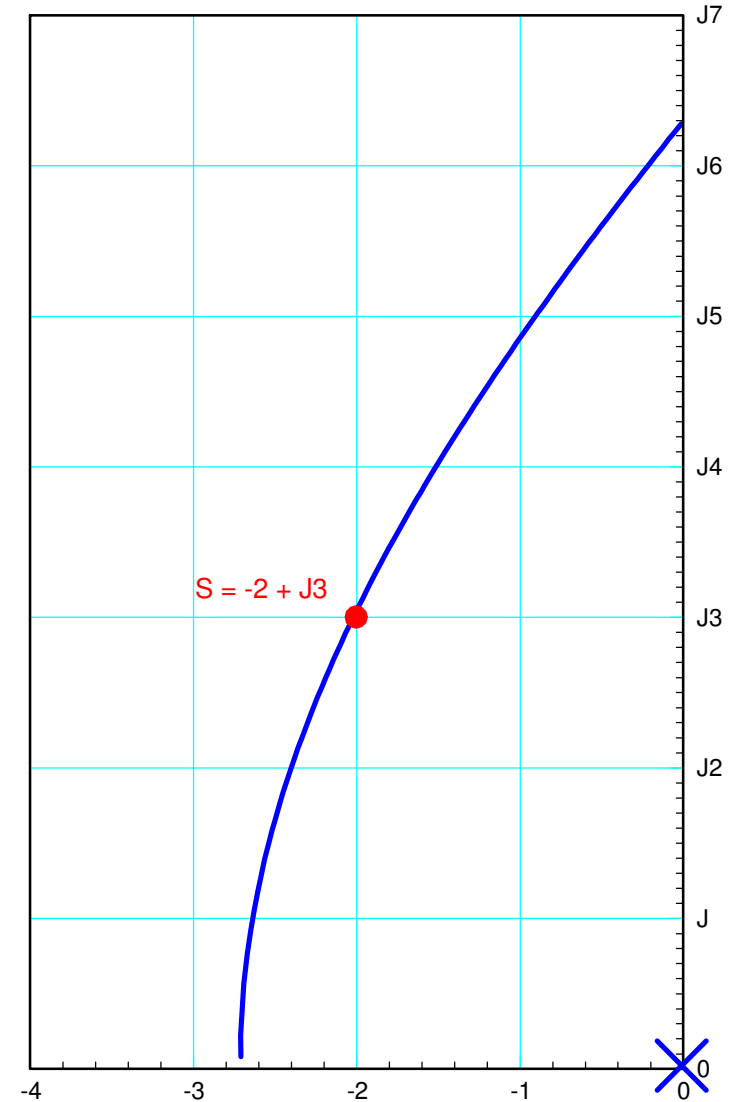
Step 3: Find k

$$\left(\frac{100}{s(s+11.301)^2(s+10)} \right)_{s=-2+j3} = 0.0340 \angle 180^\circ$$

$$k = \frac{1}{0.0340} = 29.4222$$

and

$$K(s) = 29.4222 \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+5)}{s(s+11.301)^2} \right)$$



Validation in Matlab

- Actual vs. Desired Step Response

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Gd = zpk([], [-2+j*3, -2-j*3], 13);
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G = zpk([], [-1, -3, -5, -10], 100);
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K = zpk([-1, -3, -5], [0, -11.301, -11.301], 29.4222);
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Gcl = minreal(G*K / (1+G*K));
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eig(Gcl)
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-14.3010 + 4.6697i
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-14.3010 - 4.6697i
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-2.0000 + 3.0000i
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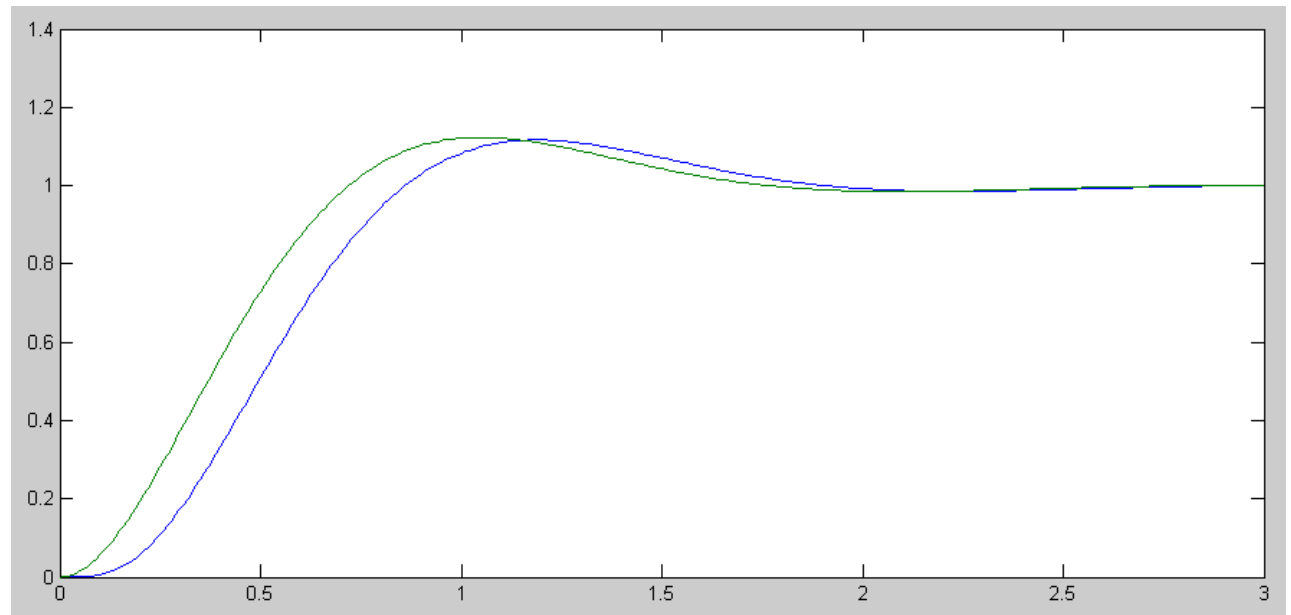
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-2.0000 - 3.0000i
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t = [0:0.01:3]';
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yd = step(Gd, t);
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y = step(Gcl, t);
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plot(t, y, t, yd)
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Circuit:

$$K(s) = 29.4222 \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+5)}{s(s+11.301)^2} \right)$$

Split into three terms:

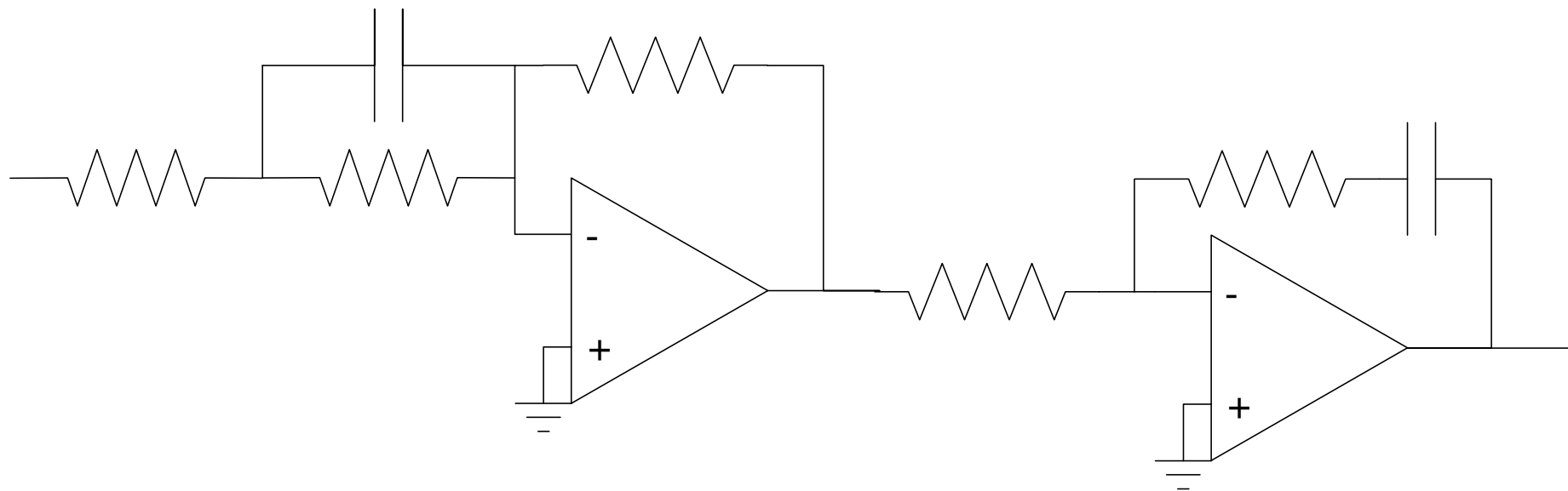
$$K(s) = \left(3.087 \left(\frac{s+1}{s} \right) \right) \left(3.087 \left(\frac{s+3}{s+11.301} \right) \right) \left(3.087 \left(\frac{s+5}{s+11.301} \right) \right)$$

This would then be a PI * Lead * Lead compensator

Handout

Find R and C to implement $K(s)$

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{20(s+2)(s+5)}{s(s+10)} \right)$$



Summary

To design a compensator to meet your design specs...

- Translate the specs to root-locus terms
 - Type-1 = no error for a step input
 - $\text{real}(s) \gg 2\%$ settling time
 - $\text{angle}(s) \gg$ overshoot
 - Add a pole at $s = 0$ if it's a type-0 system
 - Don't add a second pole at $s = 0$
 - Start cancelling (stable) zeros until you're too fast
 - Then add poles to force the root locus through your design point
 - #poles = #zeros for $K(s)$
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