
Meeting Design Specs using Bode Plots

ECE 461/661 Controls Systems

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When designing a compensator to meet design specs including:

- Steady-state error for a step input
- Phase Margin
- 0dB gain frequency

the procedure using Bode plots is about the same as it was for root-locus plots.

- Add a pole at $s = 0$ if needed (making the system type-1)
 - Start cancelling zeros until the system is too fast
 - For every zero you added, add a pole. Place these poles so that the phase adds up.
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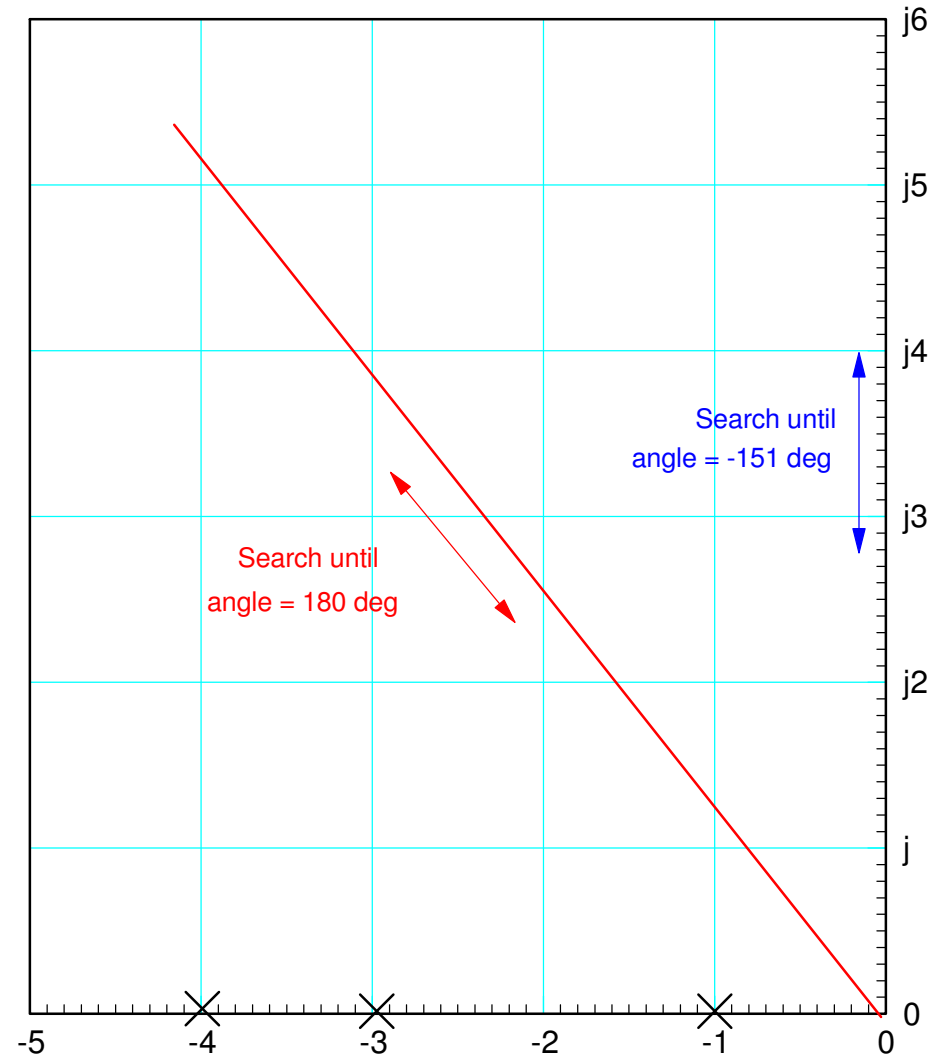
$|GK| = 1$

Root Locus

- Search along damping line
- Gain = 1 when the open-loop phase is 180 degrees

Bode Plots

- Search along $j\omega$ axis
- Gain = 1 when the open-loop phase is ϕ



Example 1: $G(s) = \left(\frac{1000}{(s+1)(s+3)(s+6)(s+10)} \right)$

Design a compensator which result in

- No error for a step input
- 20% overshoot for a step input, and
- A settling time of 4 second

Solution: First, convert to Bode Plot terminology

- Type-1 system
- 20% overshoot means

$$\zeta = 0.4559$$

$$M_m = 1.2322$$

$$GK = 1 \angle -132.12^\circ$$

$$\text{Phase Margin} = 47.88 \text{ degrees}$$

- A settling time of 4 seconds means

$$s = -1 + j 2$$

$$\text{The } 0\text{dB gain frequency is } 2.00 \text{ rad/sec}$$

In short, design $K(s)$ so that the system is type-1 and

$$(GK)_{s=j2} = 1 \angle -132.12^\circ$$

Start with

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{s+1}{s} \right)$$

At 4 rad/sec

$$GK = \left(\frac{1000}{s(s+3)(s+6)(s+10)} \right)_{s=j2} = 2.1508 \angle -153.43^\circ$$

There is too much phase shift, so start cancelling zeros. If you cancel the zero at -3

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

$$GK = \left(\frac{1000}{s(s+6)(s+10)} \right)_{s=j2} = 7.7522 \angle -119.75^\circ$$

Too far from -180 degrees (good)

Add a 2nd pole

- # poles = #zeros

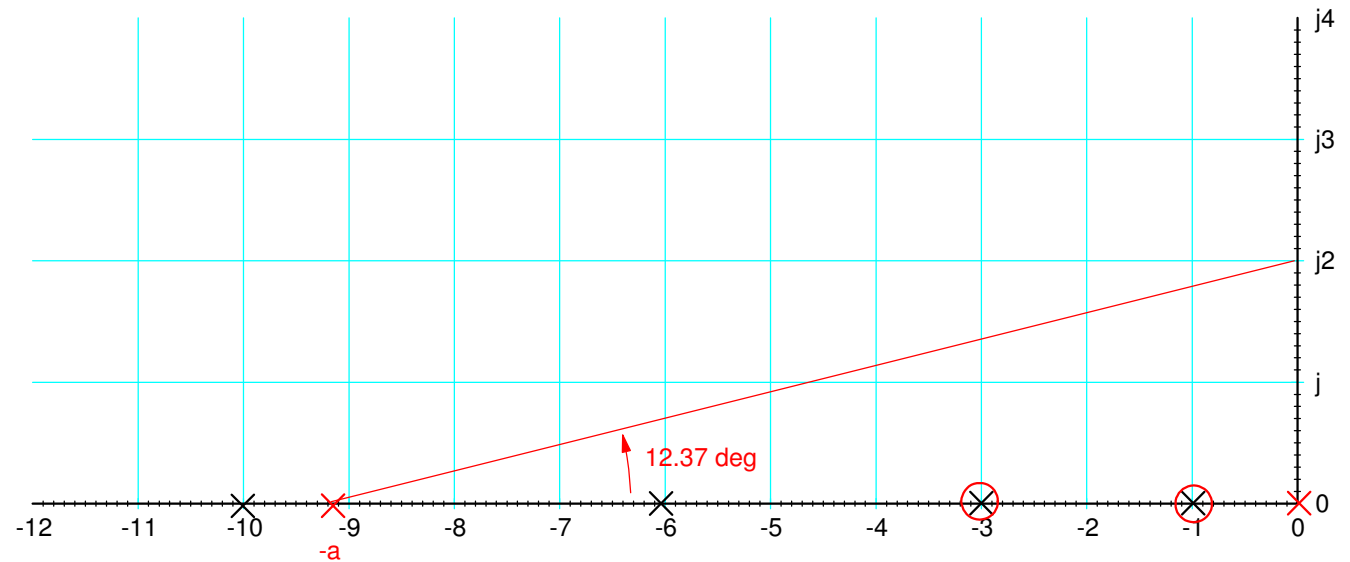
$$K(s) = \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)}{s(s+a)} \right)$$

Solve for 'a'

$$GK = \left(\frac{1000k}{s(s+a)(s+6)(s+10)} \right)_{s=j2} = 1 \angle -132.12^\circ$$

$$\angle \left(\frac{1}{s+a} \right)_{s=j2} = -12.37^\circ$$

$$a = \frac{2}{\tan(12.37^\circ)} = 9.1154$$



$$K(s) = k \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)}{s(s+9.1154)} \right)$$

To find k,

$$GK = \left(\frac{1000}{s(s+6)(s+9.1154)(s+10)} \right)_{s=j2} = 0.8307 \angle -132.12^\circ$$

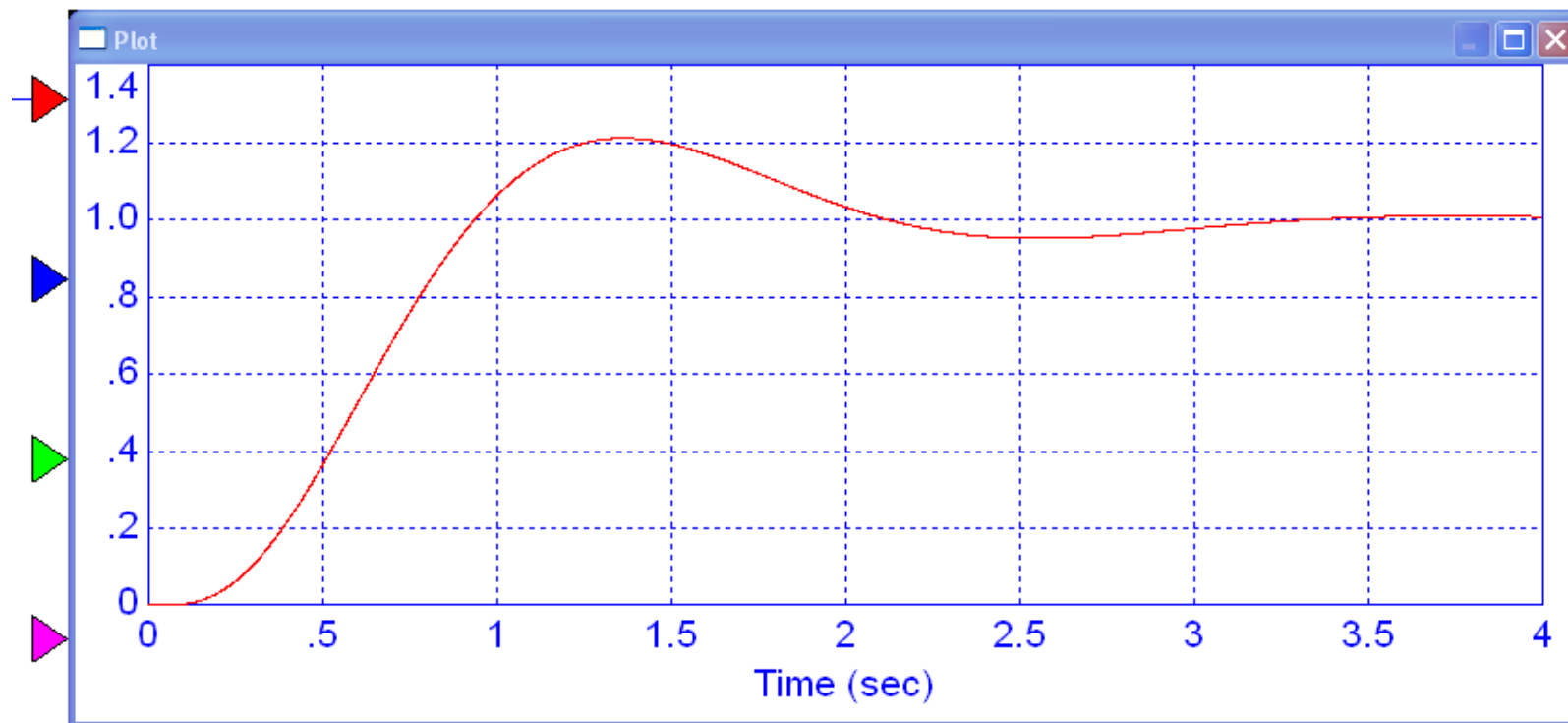
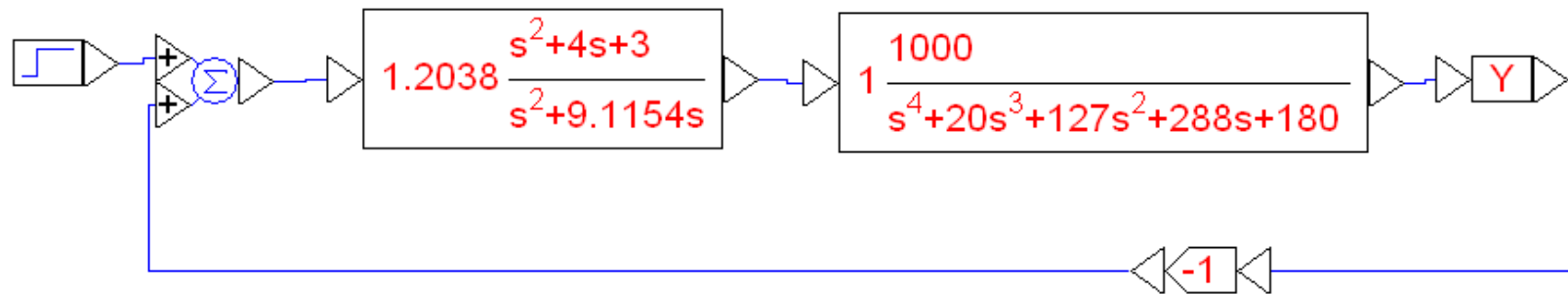
This should be 1.000, so add a gain, k,

$$k = \frac{1}{0.8307} = 1.2038$$

and

$$K(s) = 1.2038 \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)}{s(s+9.1154)} \right)$$

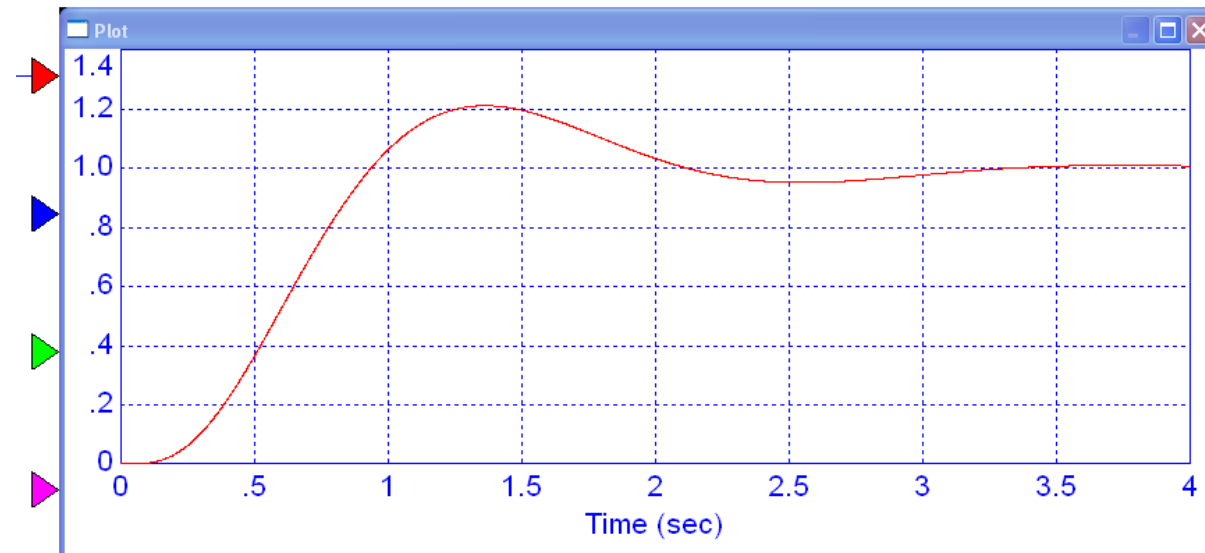
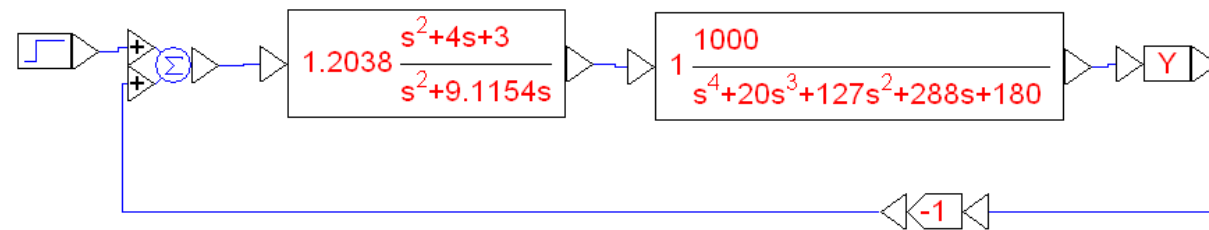
Checking in VisSim:



The overshoot is a little high.

- Designing to a phase margin means you intersect the M-circle rather than being tangent
- This results in the resonance being slightly too high

Which result in the overshoot being slightly too high.



Handout: Assume

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{100}{s(s+2)(s+5)} \right)$$

Design a compensator so that

- There is no error for a step input
- The 0dB gain frequency is 3 rad/sec, and

The phase margin is 50 degrees

Example 2: System with Delay

Add a 200ms delay

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{1000}{(s+1)(s+3)(s+6)(s+10)} \right) \cdot e^{-0.2s}$$

Solution: Again, you want to make this a type-1 system with

$$(GK)_{s=j2} = 1 \angle -132.12^\circ$$

Start

- Add a pole at $s = 0$
- Add three zeros

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+6)}{s} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\left(\frac{1000}{s(s+10)} \right) \cdot e^{-0.2s} \right)_{s=j2} = 49.029 \angle -124.22^\circ$$

With three zeros, you need to add three poles.

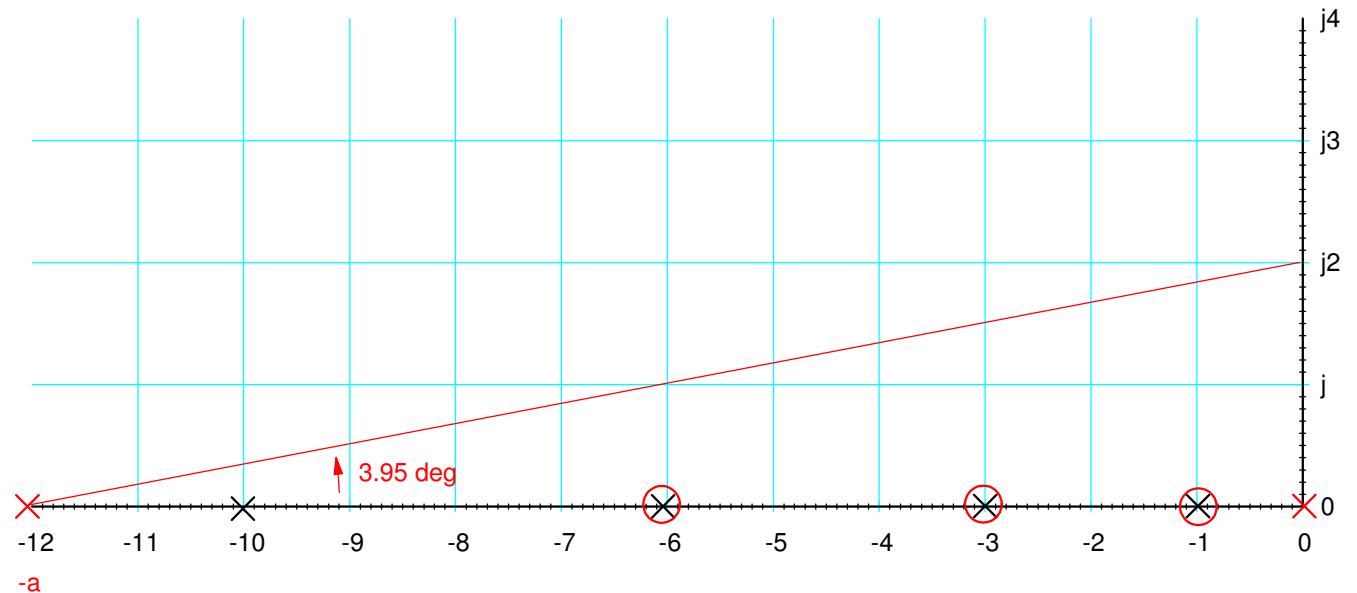
- One at $s = 0$
- Two at $s = -a$

$$K(s) = \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+6)}{s(s+a)^2} \right)$$

$$\angle(s+a)^2 = 7.8918^\circ$$

$$\angle(s+a) = 3.9459^\circ$$

$$a = \frac{2}{\tan(3.94^\circ)} = 28.995$$



$$K(s) = k \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+6)}{s(s+28.995)^2} \right)$$

To find k

$$GK = \left(\left(\frac{1000}{s(s+10)(s+28.995)^2} \right) \cdot e^{-0.2s} \right)_{s=j2} = 0.0508 \angle -132.12^\circ$$

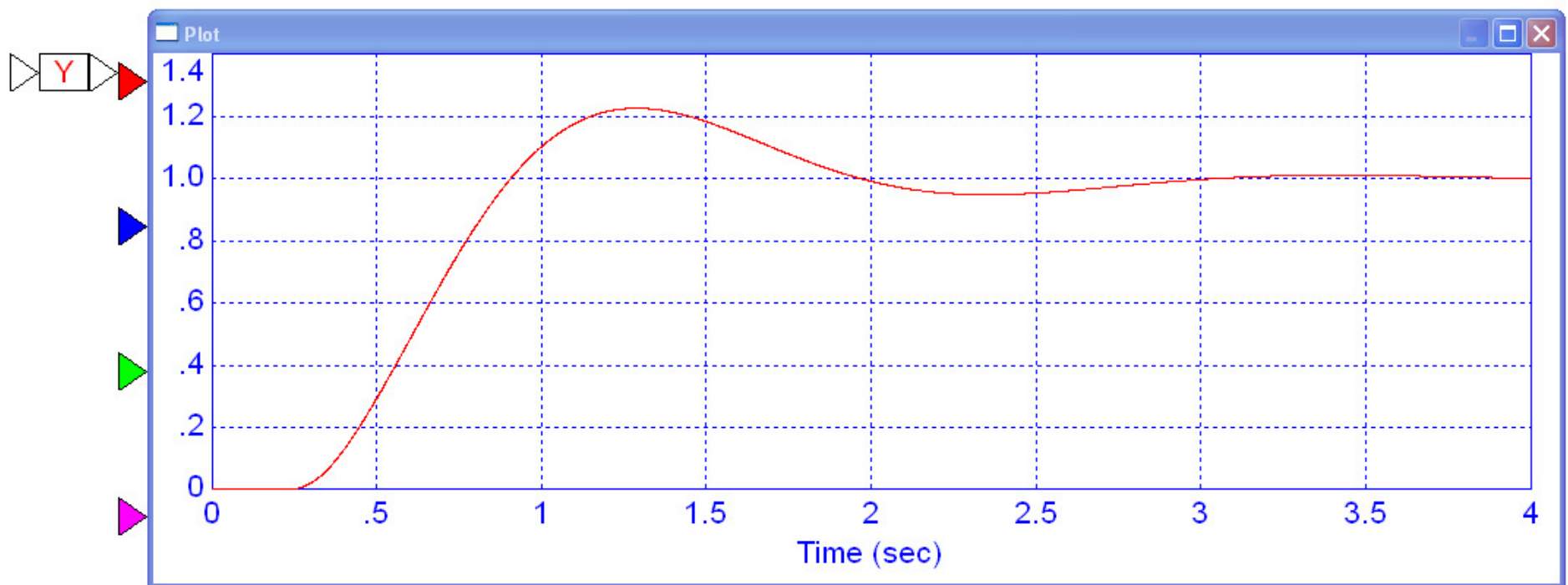
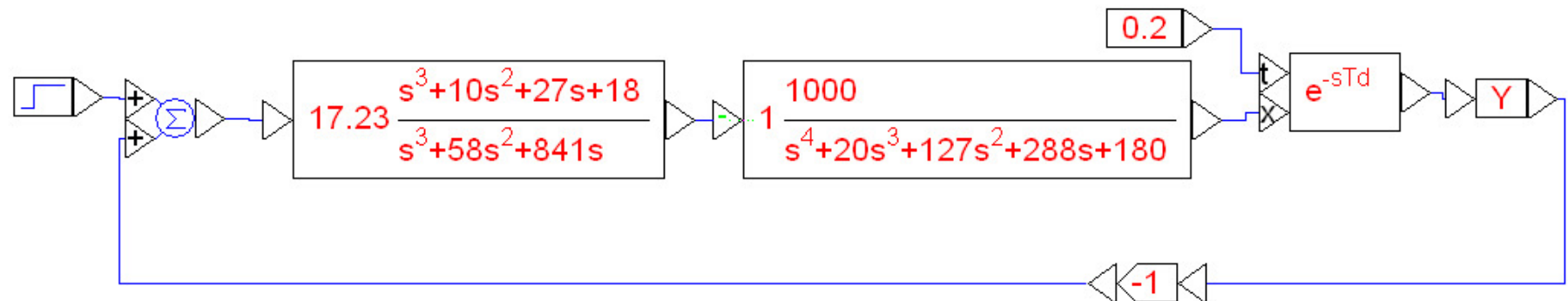
This should be one, so add a gain

$$k = \frac{1}{0.0508} = 17.2288$$

and

$$K(s) = 17.2288 \left(\frac{(s+1)(s+3)(s+6)}{s(s+28.995)^2} \right)$$

Checking in VisSim



Summary

Designing $K(s)$ so that your system meets design specs is similar to what we did with root-locus techniques.

- If the system is type-0, add a pole at $s=0$ to make it type-1 (usually)
 - Start adding zeros to cancel poles until the phase margin is too much
 - Then add poles so that
 - The number of poles = the number of zeros, and*
 - The phase margin is correct*
 - Then adjust the gain so that $|G*K| = 1$ at the 0dB gain frequency
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