

Flight Dynamics & Control

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Outline

- Types of Flight Control Systems
- Classical & Modern Design Methods
 - Classical SISO – Root locus, frequency domain (bode plots, sensitivity function, Nyquist analysis, gain & phase margins)
 - Modern SISO or MIMO – pole placement, optimal control (H_2 , H_∞), separation principle
- Controllability/Observability
- Normal Forms for LTI Systems
- Pole Placement
 - 747 Altitude Hold
- Separation Principle
 - F-16 Stability Augmentation System

Control Systems

- flight path regulation:
 - flight path angle, γ , via elevator, δ_e ,
 - velocity regulation, V via thrust, T ,
 - altitude hold, h via elevator, δ_e ,
- autopilots: regulation of attitude using independent single loops
 - pitch, θ via elevator, δ_e ,
 - roll, ϕ via aileron, δ_a ,
 - yaw, ψ via rudder, δ_r ,
- stability augmentation systems: feedback of angular rates
 - pitch, θ , via elevator, δ_e ,
 - roll, ϕ , via aileron, δ_a ,
 - yaw, ψ , via rudder, δ_r ,

Controllability & Observability

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx + Du$$

Controllability: The system is (completely) controllable if there exists a control input $u(t)$ defined on a finite time interval $[0, T]$ that steers the system from any initial state x_0 to any final state x_1 .

Observability: The system is (completely) observable if the initial state x_0 can be determined from knowledge of the input $u(t)$ and the measurement of the output $y(t)$ over a finite time interval $[0, T]$.



Controllability / Observability Tests

Controllability Matrix: $\mathcal{C} = \begin{bmatrix} B & AB & \dots & A^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$

Observability Matrix: $\mathcal{O} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$

Controllable $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } \mathcal{C} = n$ (for SI $\det \mathcal{C} \neq 0$)

Observable $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } \mathcal{O} = n$ (for SO $\det \mathcal{O} \neq 0$)

Special Forms

Consider a SISO controllable & observable system

$$\mathcal{C} = [b \quad Ab \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}b], \det \mathcal{C} \neq 0 \quad \mathcal{O} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ cA \\ \vdots \\ cA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \det \mathcal{O} \neq 0$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{O}^{-1} = [p_1 \quad \cdots \quad p_n]$$

We will consider four state transformations defined by

$$T_1 = \mathcal{C}, T_2 = \mathcal{O}, T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} q_n \\ q_n A \\ \vdots \\ q_n A^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, T_4 = [p_n \quad Ap_n \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}p_n]$$

Controllability Form for SISO Systems

$$\dot{x} = Ax + bu, \quad y = cx$$

$$\mathcal{C} = [b \quad Ab \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}b], \quad \det \mathcal{C} \neq 0$$

$$T = [b \quad Ab \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}b]$$

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$$\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & \ddots & -a_1 \\ & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u \quad \dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{n-1} & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots \\ -a_1 & & \ddots & 1 \\ -a_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = cTz$$

Controllability Form – the transformation

$$\dot{z} = (T^{-1}AT)z + (T^{-1}b)u$$

$$T^{-1}T = I \Rightarrow [T^{-1}b \quad T^{-1}Ab \quad \dots \quad T^{-1}A^{n-1}b] = I$$

$$T^{-1}AT = [T^{-1}Ab \quad T^{-1}A^2b \quad \dots \quad T^{-1}A^nb]$$

$$T^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & Y_1 \\ 1 & & Y_2 \\ & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & Y_n \end{bmatrix}, Y = T^{-1}A^nb$$

suppose $\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$, C-H Thm $\Rightarrow A^n + a_{n-1}A^{n-1} + \dots + a_0I = 0$

$$Y = T^{-1}A^nb = -a_{n-1}T^{-1}A^{n-1}b - \dots - a_0T^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} -a_0 \\ -a_1 \\ \vdots \\ -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



Observability Form

$$\dot{x} = Ax + bu, \quad y = cx$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ cA \\ \vdots \\ cA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det \mathcal{O} \neq 0$$

$$T = \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow$$

$$\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ -a_{n-1} & \cdots & -a_1 & -a_0 \end{bmatrix} z + (T^{-1}b)u, \quad y = [1 \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0]z$$

Observability Form – the transformation

$$y = cx$$

$$\dot{y} = cAx, cb = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} = cA^2x, cAb = 0$$

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$$y^{(n-1)} = cA^{n-1}x, cA^{n-2}b = 0$$

$$y^{(n)} = cA^n x + u, cA^{n-1}b = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} z_1 = cx \\ z_2 = cAx \\ \vdots \\ z_n = cA^{n-1}x \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \dot{z}_1 = z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 = z_3 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{z}_{n-1} = z_n \\ \dot{z}_n = cA^n S^{-1}z + u \end{array}$$

$$z = Sx$$



Observability Form – the transformation, cont'd

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ cA \\ \vdots \\ cA^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, SS^{-1} = I \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} cS^{-1} \\ cAS^{-1} \\ \vdots \\ cA^{n-1}S^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = I$$

$$A^n + a_{n-1}A^{n-1} + \dots + a_1A + a_0I = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} cA^n S^{-1} &= -a_{n-1}cA^{n-1}S^{-1} - \dots - a_1cAS^{-1} - a_0cS^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_1 & -a_0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Summary of Forms

Observability

T_1

$$\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & \ddots & -a_1 \\ \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \bar{c}z$$

controllability

T_2

$$\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & -a_1 & -a_0 \\ -a_{n-1} & \cdots & -a_1 & -a_0 \end{bmatrix} z + \bar{b}u$$

$$y = [1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0]z$$

$$\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & -a_1 & -a_0 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \bar{c}z$$

T_4

Controller/phase variable

$$\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{n-1} & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ -a_1 & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ -a_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} z + \bar{b}u$$

$$y = [1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0]z$$

T_3

Observer



Pole Placement Problem

Given a linear system:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

find a state feedback control:

$$u = Kx$$

such that the closed loop system:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + BKx = (A + BK)x$$

has a specified (self-conjugate) set of poles $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$.



Pole Placement Sol'n: SISO Case

- Convert $\dot{x} = Ax + bu$ to controller form (phase variable form) using $x = Tz$:

$$\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

- Set $u = [k_1 \quad k_2 \quad \cdots \quad k_n]z$ and obtain closed loop: $\dot{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ k_1 - a_0 & k_2 - a_1 & \cdots & k_n - a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} z$

- Expand desired closed loop characteristic polynomial and compare coefficients, and solve for k_1, \dots, k_n :

$$\phi_{cl}(\lambda) = (\lambda - p_1)(\lambda - p_2) \cdots (\lambda - p_n) = \lambda^n + \alpha_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + \alpha_0 \Rightarrow \alpha_0 = a_0 - k_1, \alpha_1 = a_1 - k_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1} = a_{n-1} - k_n$$

- Convert back to x -coordinates: $Kz = KT^{-1}x \Rightarrow u = (KT^{-1})x$



Pole Place Design: The Easy Way

PLACE Pole placement technique

$K = \text{PLACE}(A,B,P)$ computes a state-feedback matrix K such that the eigenvalues of $A-B*K$ are those specified in vector P . No eigenvalue should have a multiplicity greater than the number of inputs.

Warning!! Notice the sign difference.

Ackermann's Formula

$$K = [0 \quad \dots \quad 0 \quad 1] e^{-1} \phi_{cl}(A) \quad L = \phi_{cl}(A) \mathcal{O}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

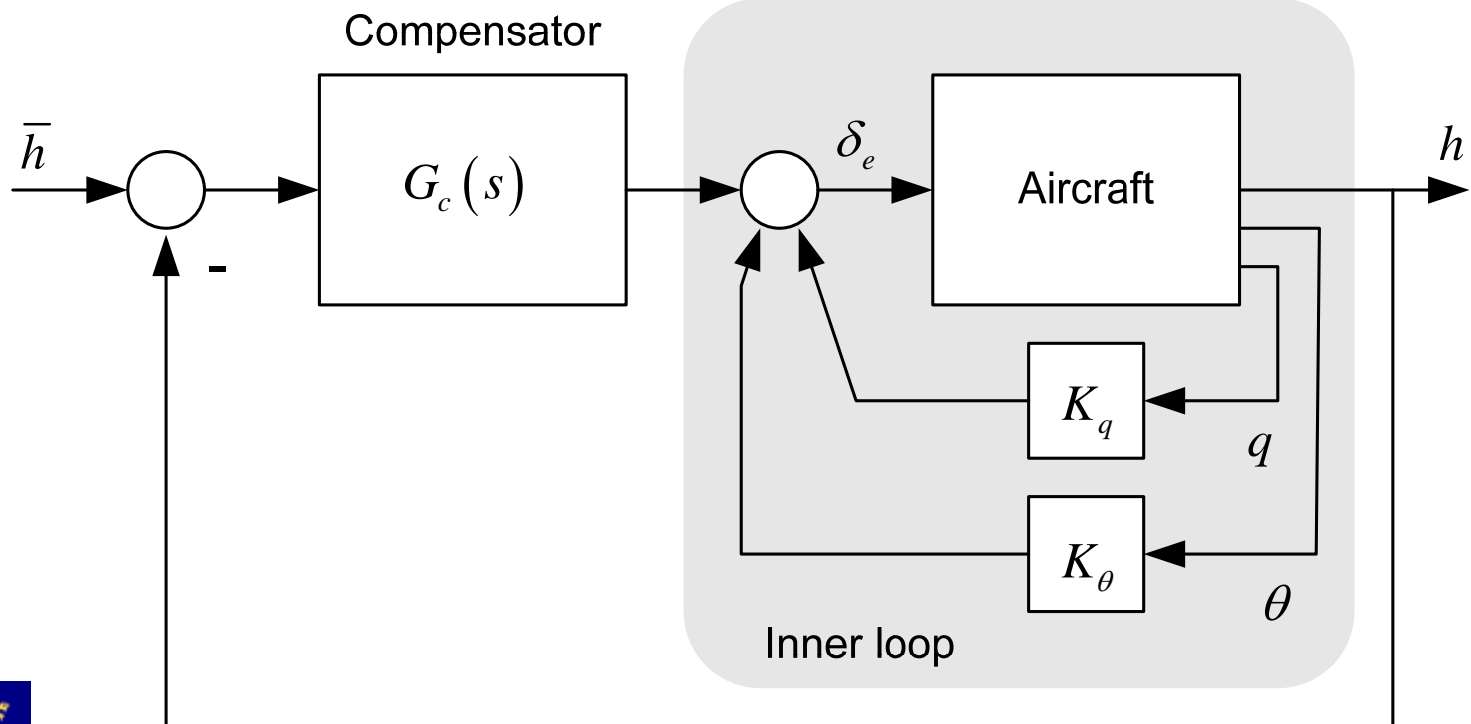
ACKER Pole placement gain selection using Ackermann's formula.

$K = \text{ACKER}(A,B,P)$ calculates the feedback gain matrix K such that the single input system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

with a feedback law of $u = -Kx$ has closed loop poles at the values specified in vector P , i.e., $P = \text{eig}(A-B*K)$.

Boeing 747-400 altitude hold controller



Boeing 747 Dynamics (cruise)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{w} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.006 & 0.0263 & 0 & -32.2 & 0 \\ -0.0941 & -0.624 & 820 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.000222 & -0.00153 & -0.668 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 830 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \\ h \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -32.7 \\ -2.08 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta_e$$

$$h = [0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

Boeing 747 Inner Loop Design

```
A=[-0.0064 0.0263 0 -32.2 0;-0.0941 -0.624 820 0 0;-.000222 -0.00153 -0.668 0 0;0 0 1 0 0;0 -1 0 830 0];
B=[0;-32.7;-2.08;0;0];
C=[0 0 0 0 1];
poles=[0,-2.25+2.99i,-2.25-2.99i,-0.0105,-0.0531];
Kinner=place(A,B,poles)
eig(A-B*Kinner)
Kinner =
    -0.0008    -0.0054   -1.4845   -0.6517         0
ans =
     0
-2.2500 + 2.9900i
-2.2500 - 2.9900i
-0.0531
-0.0105
```

Small contribution, so we'll drop these two terms

Boeing 747 cont'd

$$\delta_e \rightarrow h: G(s) = \frac{32.7(s + 0.0045)(s + 0.5645)(s - 5.61)}{s \underset{\text{phugoid}}{(s + 0.003 \pm j0.0098)}(s + 0.6463 \pm j1.1211) \underset{\text{short-period}}{}}$$

Choose: $K_q = -1.4845$, $K_\theta = -0.6517$

$$A \rightarrow A_p = A + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -0.8 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inner loop improves stability

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -0.0064 & 0.0263 & 0 & -32.2 & 0 \\ -0.0941 & -0.624 & 721 & -21 & 0 \\ -0.0002 & -0.0015 & -3.76 & -1.36 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 830 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G \rightarrow G_p(s) = \frac{32.7(s + 0.0045)(s + 0.5645)(s - 5.61)}{s(s + 0.0105)(s + 0.0531)(s + 2.25 \pm j2.99) \underset{\text{short-period}}{}}$$

Boeing 747 cont'd

- Inner loop 'stabilizer' requires only the allowed measurements, q , θ – so it can be readily implemented
- The outer loop - 'altitude hold' – only uses altitude. As we will see, it is necessary to estimate other states

Computations - Attitude hold state feedback gain

```
>> A=[-0.0064 0.0263 0 -32.2 0;-0.0941 -0.624 761 -196.2 0;  
      -.0002 -0.0015 -4.41 -12.48 0;0 0 1 0 0;0 -1 0 830 0]
```

```
A =  
   -0.0064    0.0263         0   -32.2000         0  
   -0.0941   -0.6240   761.0000  -196.2000         0  
   -0.0002   -0.0015   -4.4100   -12.4800         0  
         0         0    1.0000         0         0  
         0   -1.0000         0   830.0000         0
```

```
>> b=[0;-32.7;-2.08;0;0]
```

```
b =  
      0  
 -32.7000  
  -2.0800  
      0  
      0
```

```
>> p=[-.0045;-0.145;-0.513;-2.25+i*2.98;-2.25-i*2.98]  
   -0.0045  
   -0.1450  
   -0.5130  
  -2.2500 + 2.9800i  
  -2.2500 - 2.9800i
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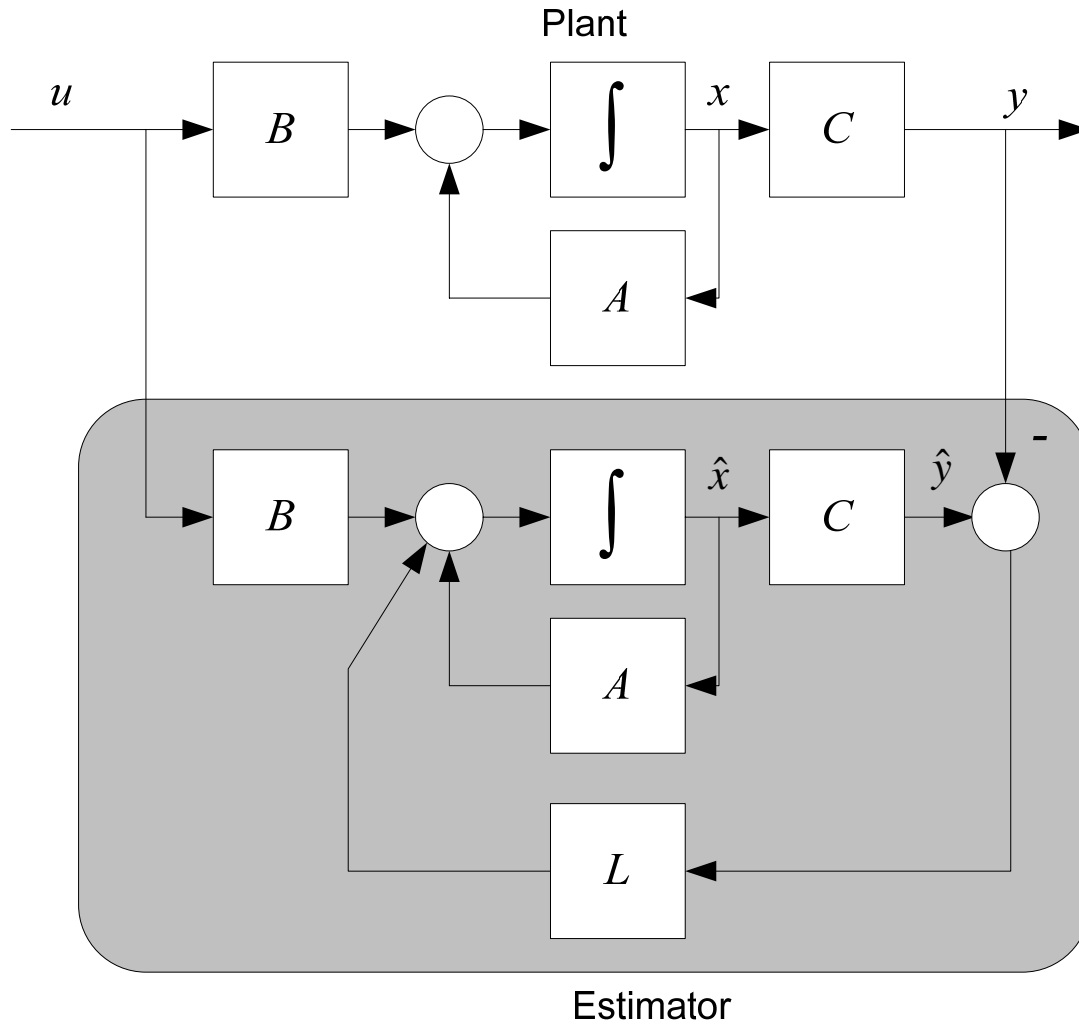
Computations - Attitude hold state feedback gain

```
>> K=place(A,b,p)
K =
    -0.0011    0.0016   -0.0843   -1.6011   -0.0010
>> eig(A-b*K)
ans =
   -2.2500 + 2.9800i
   -2.2500 - 2.9800i
   -0.0045
   -0.5130
   -0.1450
```

Clearly, of the five states u, w, q, θ, h , the weights on θ , and then q , are the largest. The other 3 are of the same order. We will estimate all 5 states from measurement h .



Full-State Estimator



Estimator Error Dynamics

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, y = Cx$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + L(\hat{y} - y), \hat{y} = C\hat{x}$$

$$e := x - \hat{x} \Rightarrow \dot{e} = Ae + LCe \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{e} = (A + LC)e}$$

One approach is to select L so as to place the poles of $(A + LC)$. Notice that the following two pole placement problems are equivalent:

$(A + BK), (A, B)$ controllable

$(A^T + C^T L^T), (A, C)$ observable



Closed Loop Dynamics

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + L(C\hat{x} - Cx)$$

$$u = K\hat{x}$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + BK\hat{x} = (A + BK)x - BKe$$

$$\dot{e} = Ae + LCe = (A + LC)e$$

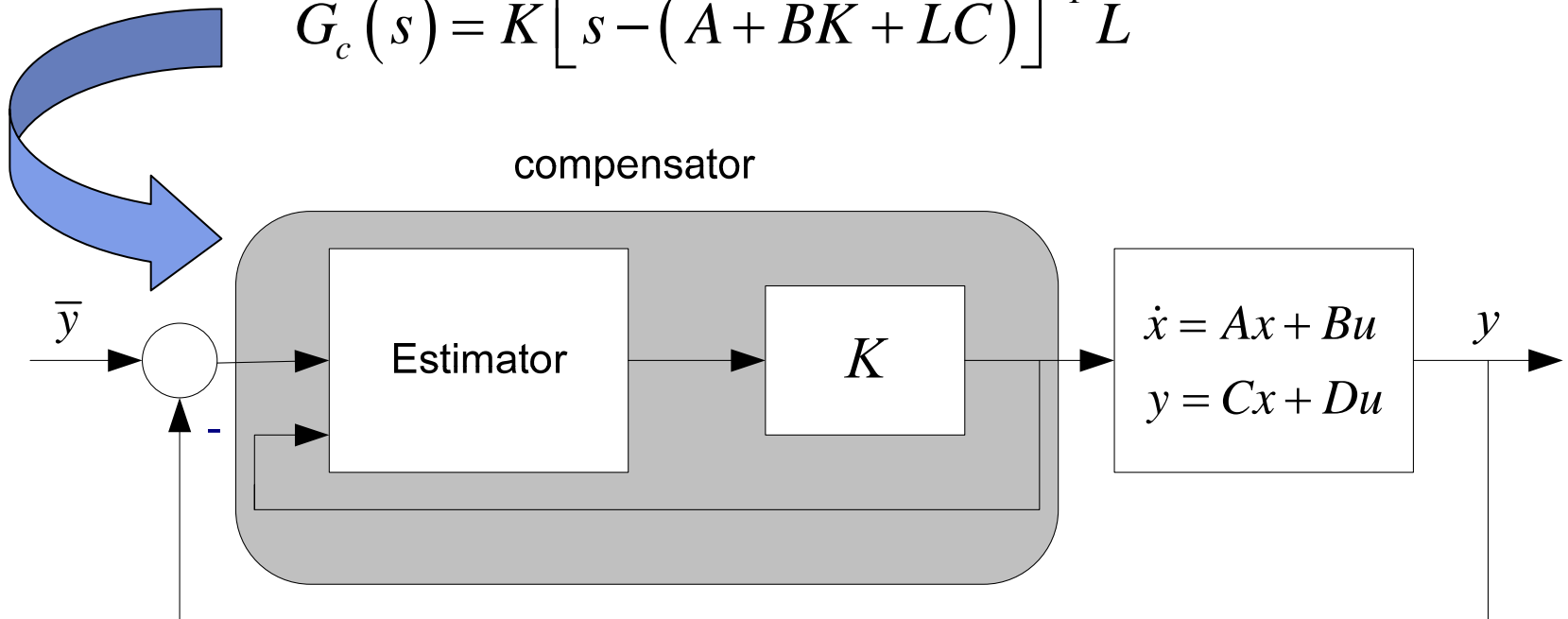
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{e} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A + BK & -BK \\ 0 & A + LC \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ e \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{closed loop poles} \\ \lambda(A + BK) + \lambda(A + LC) \end{array}$$

Compensator

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + L(\hat{y} - y) \Rightarrow (A + BK + LC)x + Le$$

$$u = K\hat{x}$$

$$G_c(s) = K [s - (A + BK + LC)]^{-1} L$$

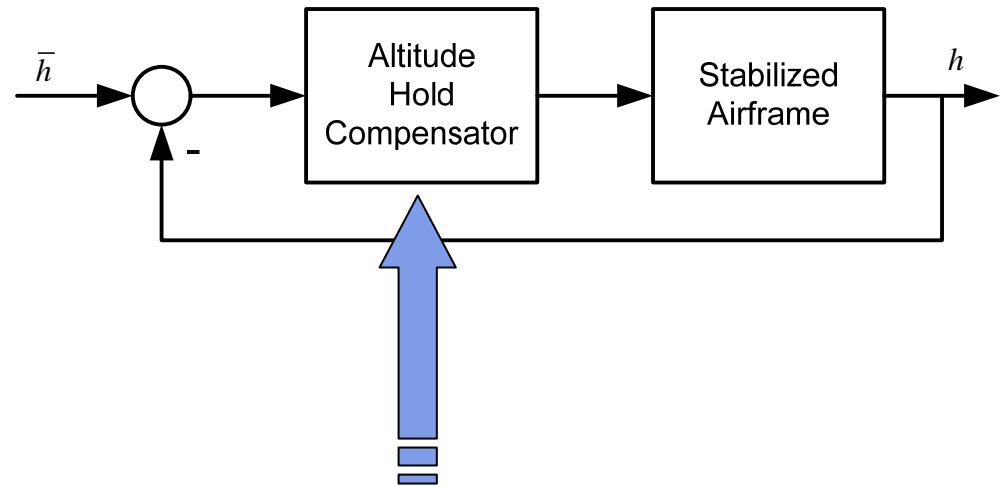


Computations – observer gain

```
>> c=[0,0,0,0,1];  
>> poles=[-0.0045,-5.645,-9,-10,-11];  
>> L=place(A',c',poles)'  
L =  
    -6.5323  
    915.2339  
    -2.7283  
     1.4615  
    30.6091  
>> eig(A-L*c)  
ans =  
    -0.0045  
   -11.0000  
   -10.0000  
    -9.0000  
    -5.6450
```

Computations – compensator transfer function

We have the plant transfer function, now we will compute the compensator transfer function. This will allow us to compute root locus and margins.



```
>> Ac=A-b*K-L*c;
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>> Bc=L;
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>> Cc=K;
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>> Gcss=ss(Ac,Bc,Cc,0);
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>> Gc=tf(Gcss);
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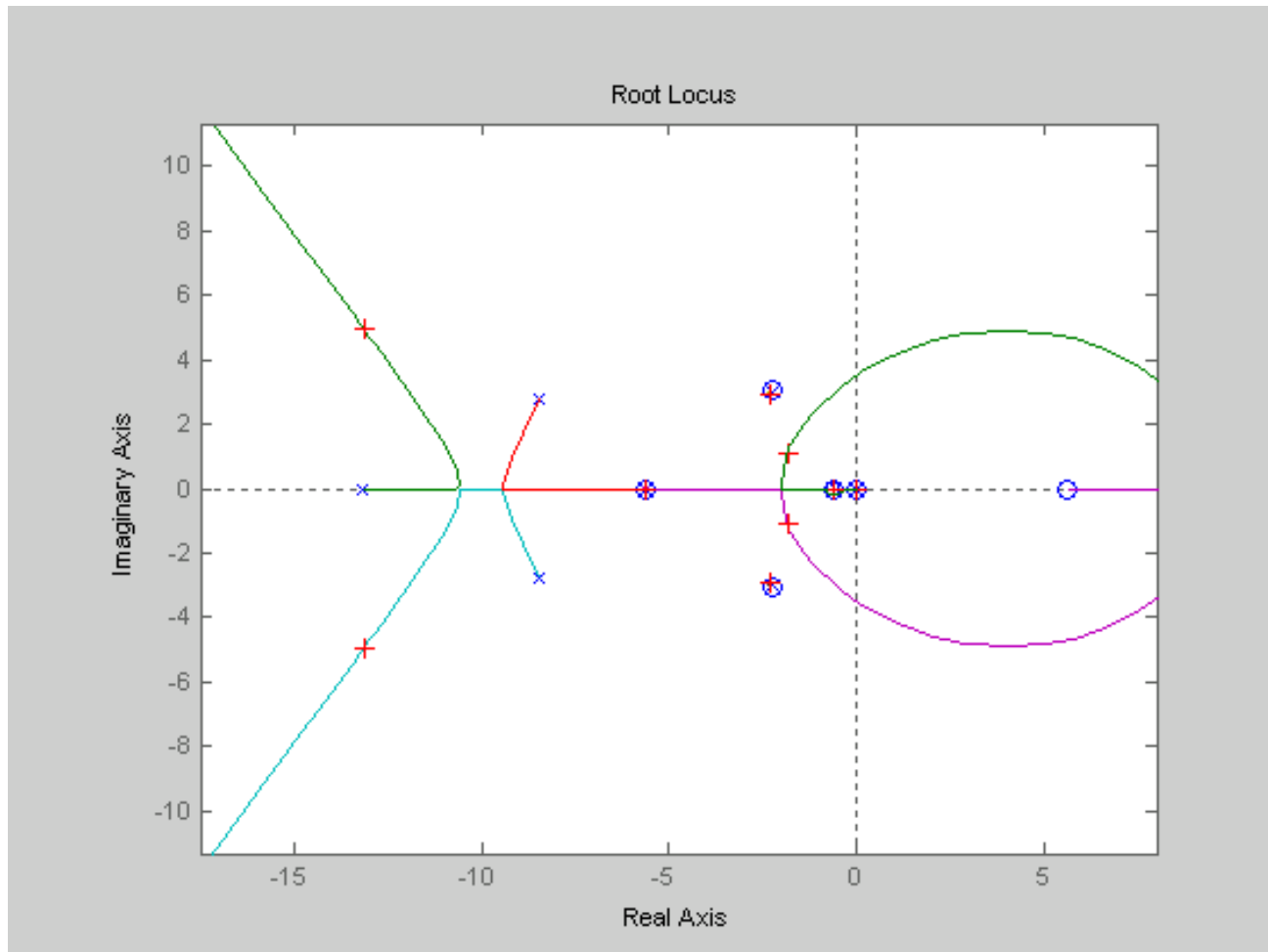
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>> zpk(Gc)
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Zero/pole/gain:

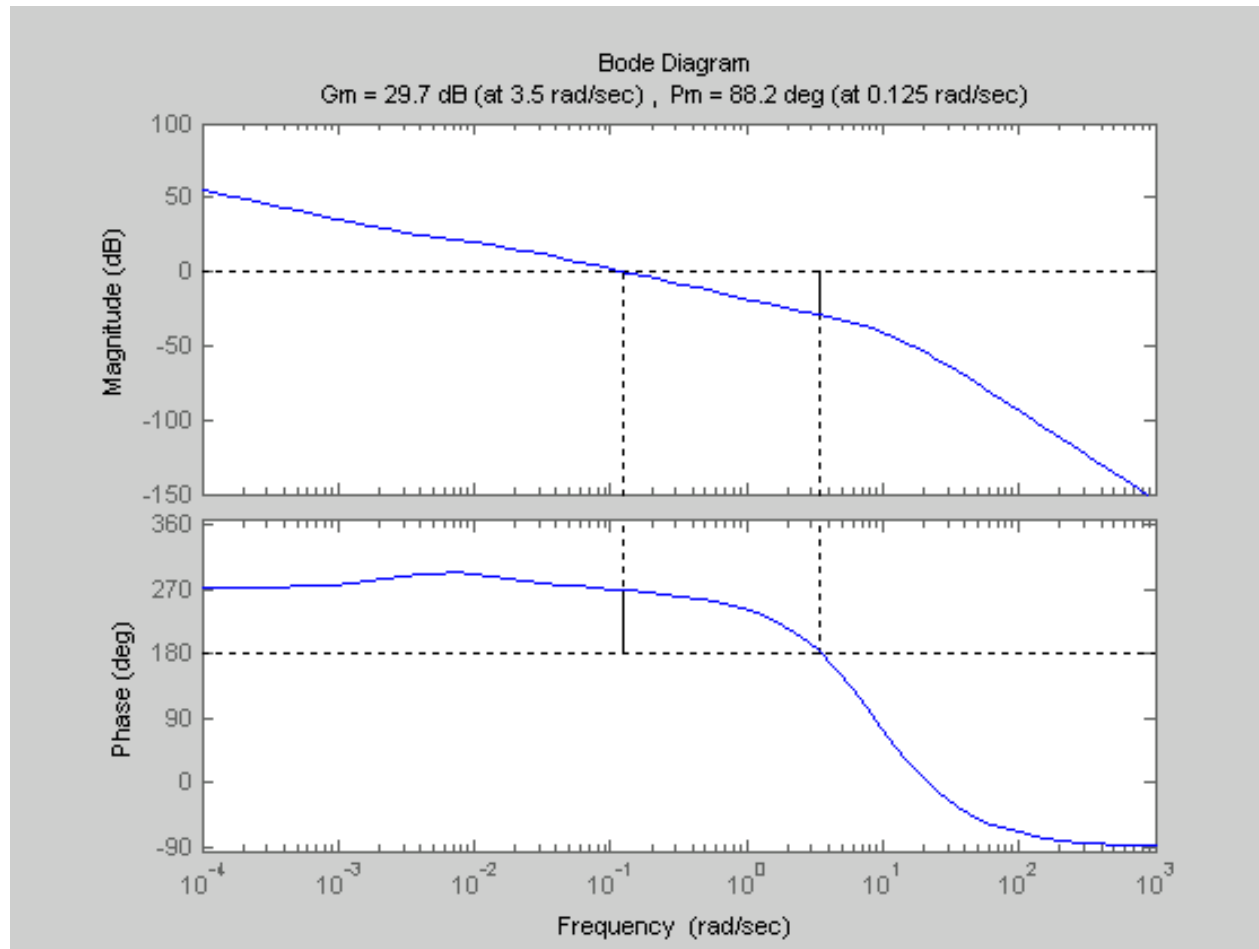
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-0.64364 (s+0.5803) (s+0.004708) (s^2 + 4.517s + 14.29)
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(s+13.22) (s+5.644) (s+0.004507) (s^2 + 16.9s + 79.2)
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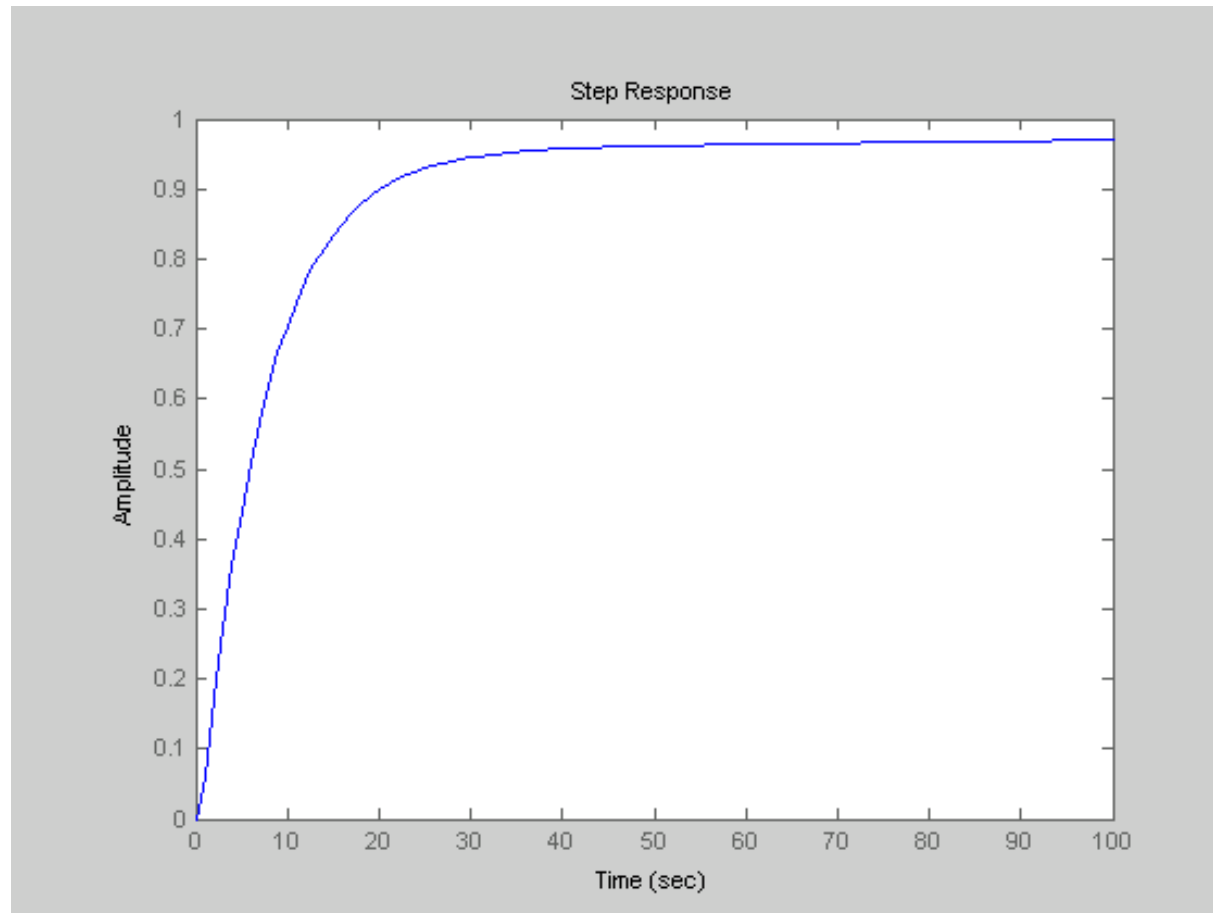
Root Locus



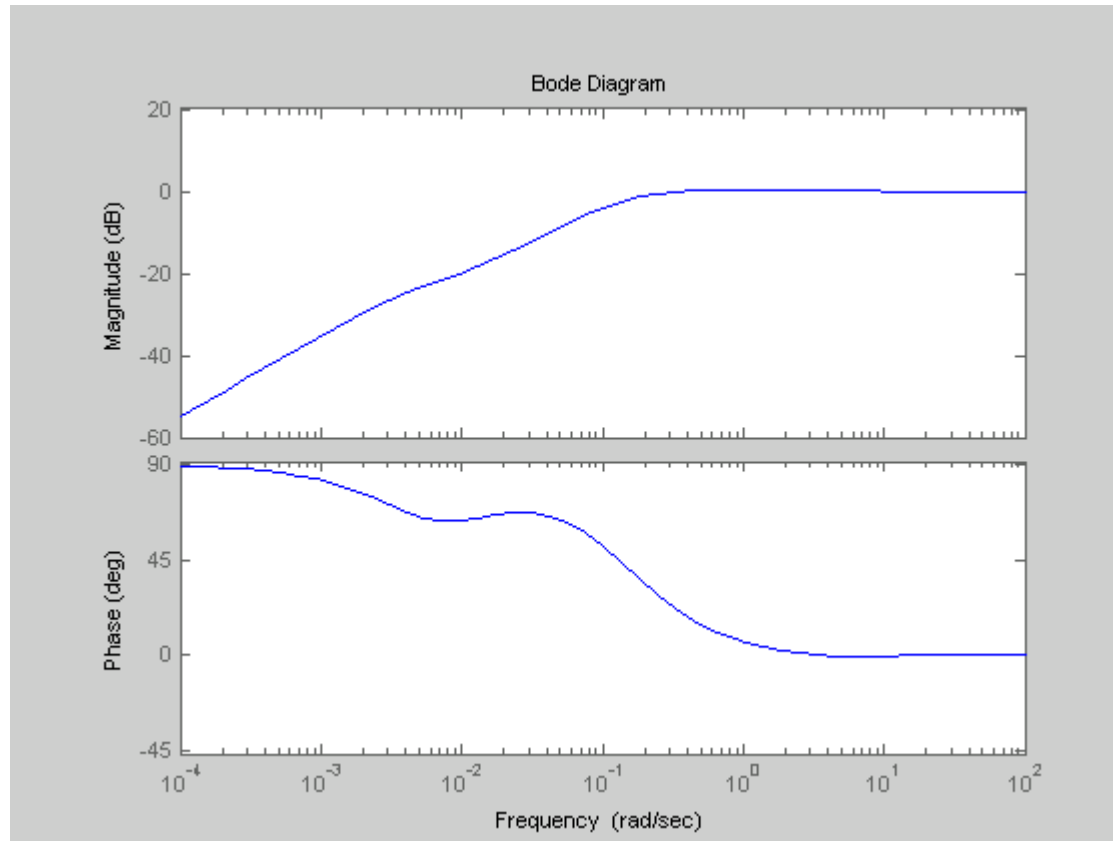
Margins



Step response



Sensitivity Function



Example: F-16

landing approach



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.507 & -3.861 & 0 & -32.17 \\ -0.00117 & -0.5164 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.000129 & 1.4168 & -0.4932 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ \alpha \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.0717 \\ -1.645 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta_E$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ \alpha \\ q \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

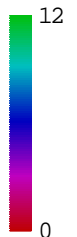
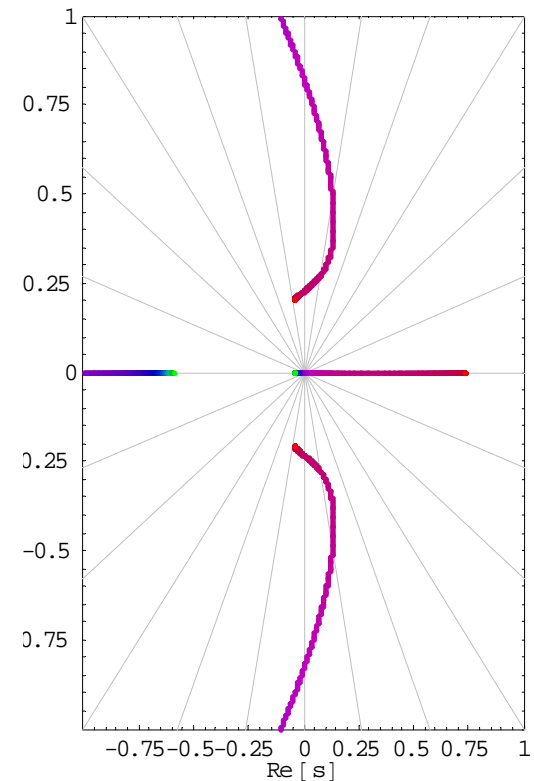
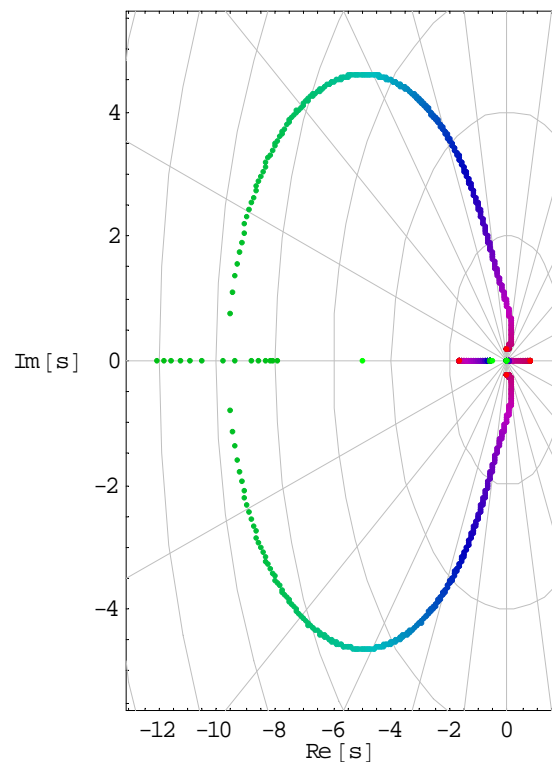
phugoid: $\lambda = -0.0438167 \pm j0.206461$ $h = \begin{bmatrix} 0.999978 \\ 0.000484 \\ 0.001343 \\ -0.000272 \end{bmatrix} \pm j \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.0002676 \\ 0.0002264 \\ -0.0064497 \end{bmatrix}$

short period: $\lambda = -1.7036, 0.730937$ $h = \begin{bmatrix} -0.994287 \\ -0.063373 \\ 0.074073 \\ -0.043481 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0.999508 \\ -0.014171 \\ -0.016507 \\ -0.022584 \end{bmatrix}$

F-16: PI Control

$$G_p(s) = 1.645 \frac{s(s + 0.0423101)(s + 0.586543)}{(s - 0.730937)(s + 1.7036)(s^2 + 0.0876334s + 0.044546)}$$

$$G_c(s) = \frac{s + 5}{s}$$



Example: F-16 state feedback

Desired poles -

short period: $\lambda_{1,2} = -1.25 \pm j2.16506$

phugoid: $\lambda_{3,4} = -0.01 \pm j0.0994987$

$$K = [0.004076 \quad 3.87578 \quad 0.718424 \quad 0.095189]$$

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$$\operatorname{Re} R_{\lambda_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.942209 \\ -0.049274 \\ -0.088225 \\ -0.029211 \\ \hline 0.260982 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \operatorname{Im} R_{\lambda_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.048293 \\ 0.135264 \\ -0.057615 \\ \hline 0.095482 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\operatorname{Re} R_{\lambda_3} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.999992 \\ 0.001453 \\ -0.000320 \\ 0.001090 \\ \hline -0.001428 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \operatorname{Im} R_{\lambda_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.000117 \\ -0.000077 \\ -0.003107 \\ \hline -0.000104 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example: F-16 Rynaski “robust observer”

"place observer poles at LHP plant zeros, remainder are placed arbitrarily"

$$\lambda = 0, -0.04231, -0.5865, -1$$

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{0.707107}{0.707107} \end{bmatrix}, R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.000934 \\ -0.006733 \\ 0.000293 \\ \frac{0.710515}{0.703649} \end{bmatrix}, R_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.001445 \\ 0.665243 \\ -0.028975 \\ \frac{0.079296}{0.741837} \end{bmatrix}, R_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.000863 \\ 0.73183 \\ -0.247431 \\ \frac{0.027934}{0.634367} \end{bmatrix}$$

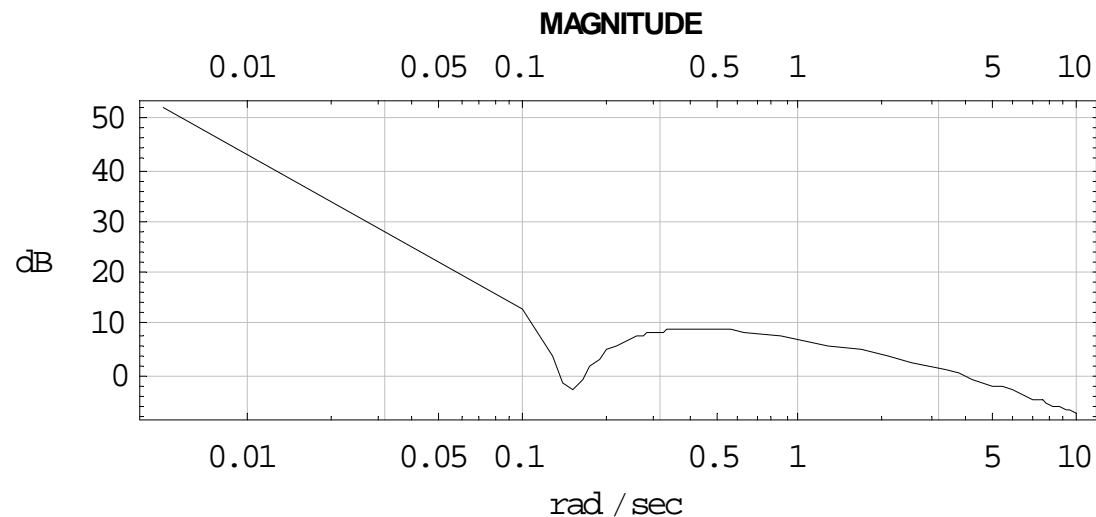
$$L^T = [0.168343 \quad -1.02106 \quad -0.56851 \quad -1]$$



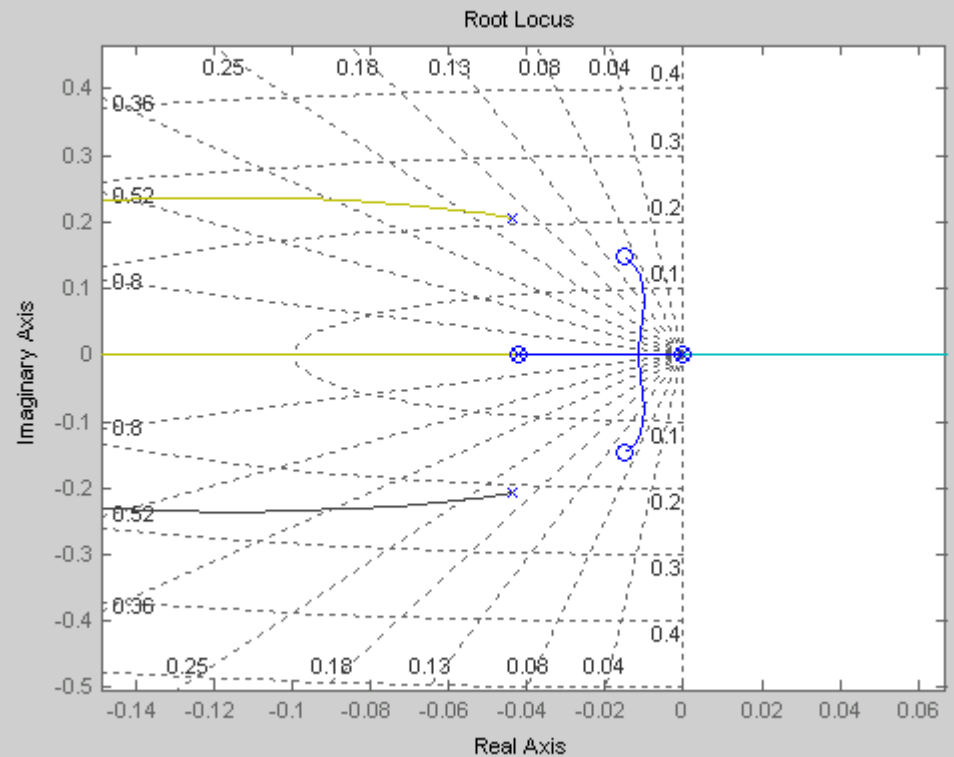
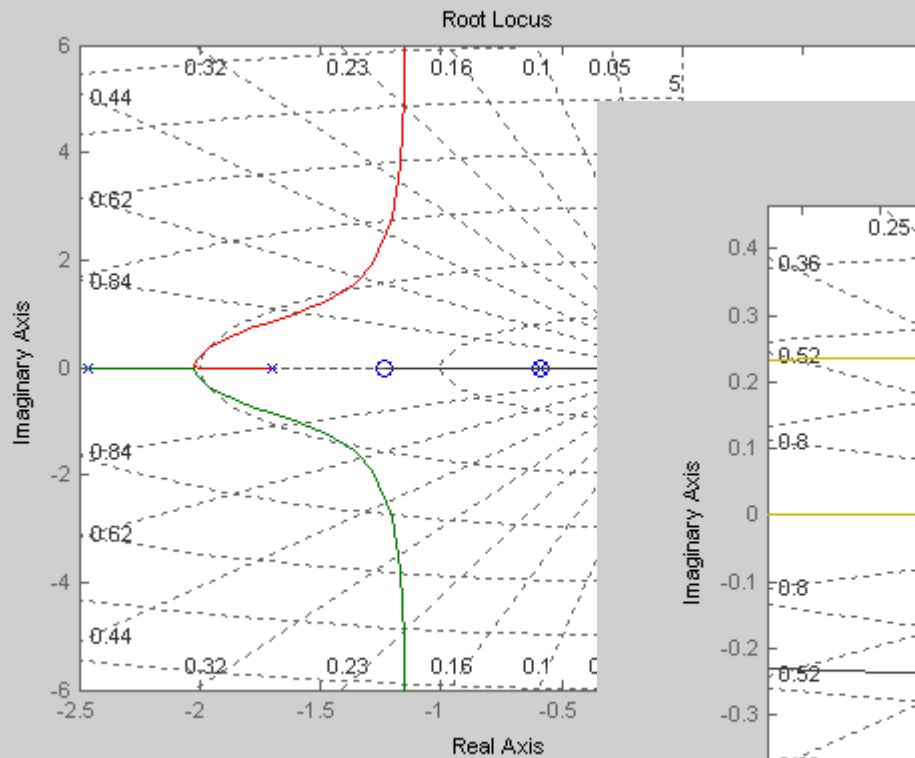
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$$G_p(s) = 1.645 \frac{s(s + 0.0423101)(s + 0.586543)}{(s - 0.730937)(s + 1.7036)(s^2 + 0.0876334s + 0.044546)}$$

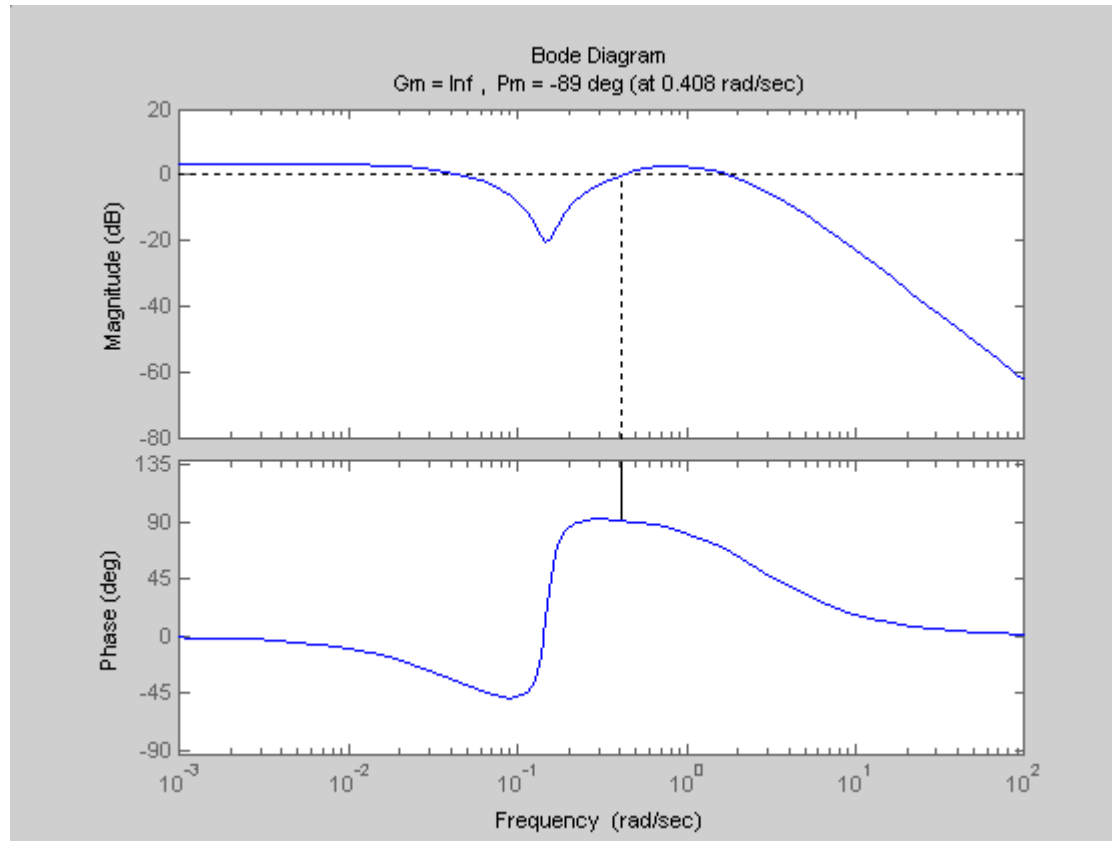
$$G_c(s) = 4.46035 \frac{(s + 2.45962)(s + 0.0148335 \pm j0.147508)}{s(s + 0.423102)(s + 0.586577)(s + 2.45962)}$$



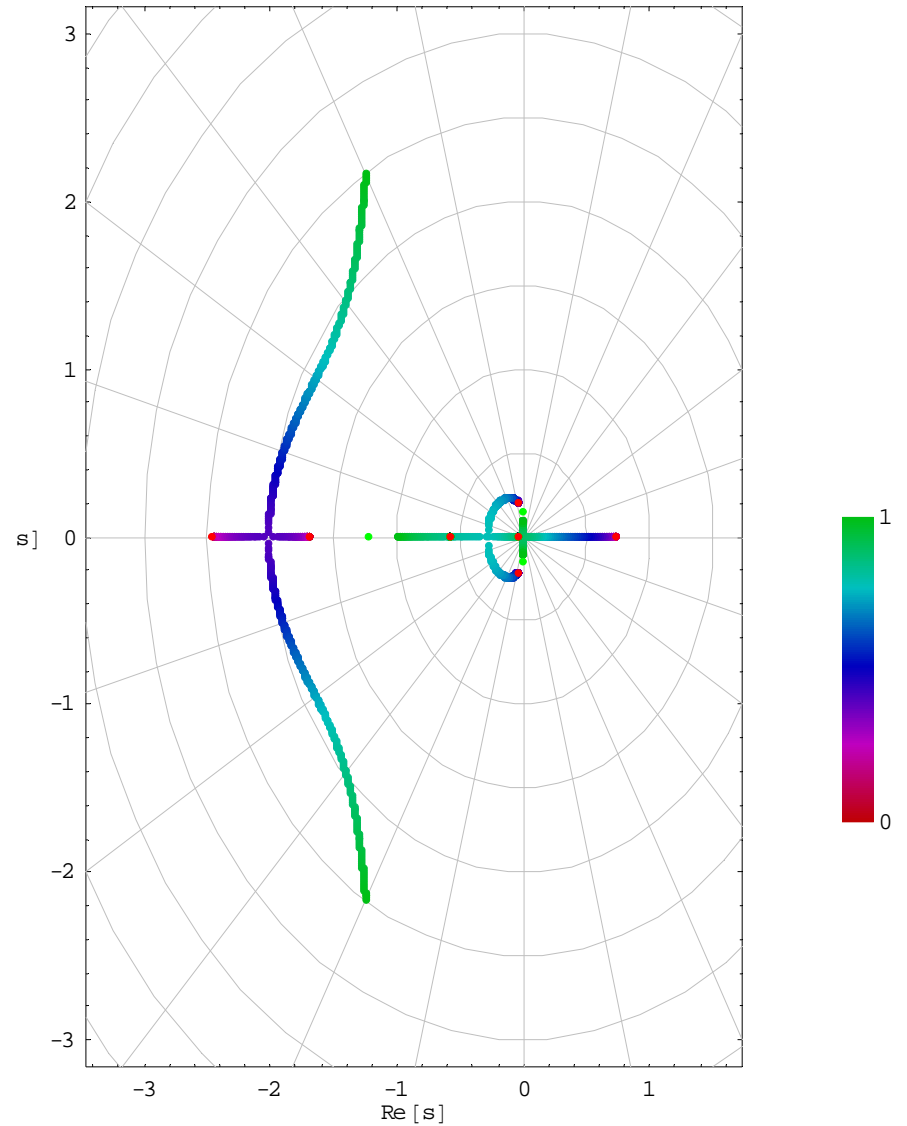
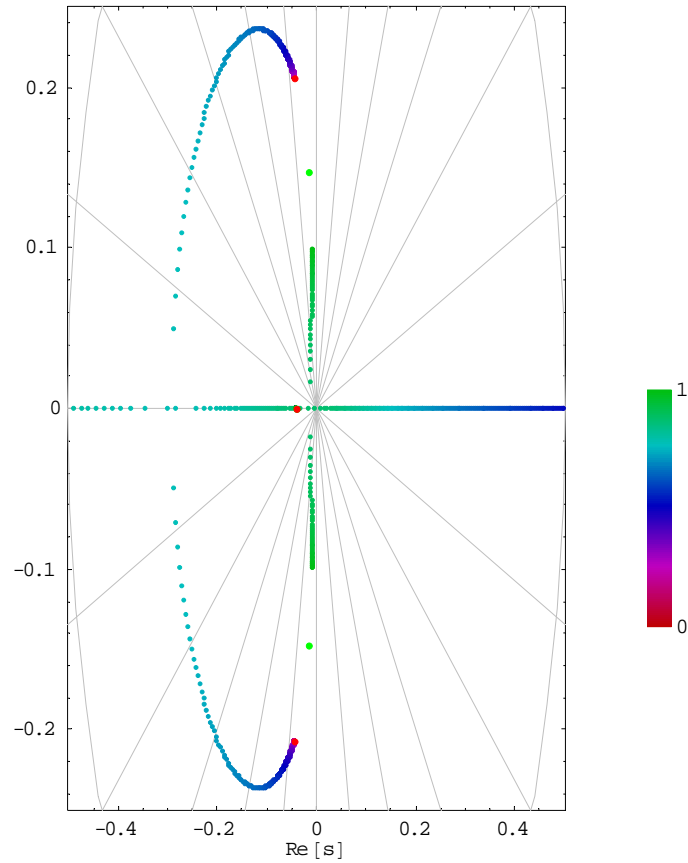
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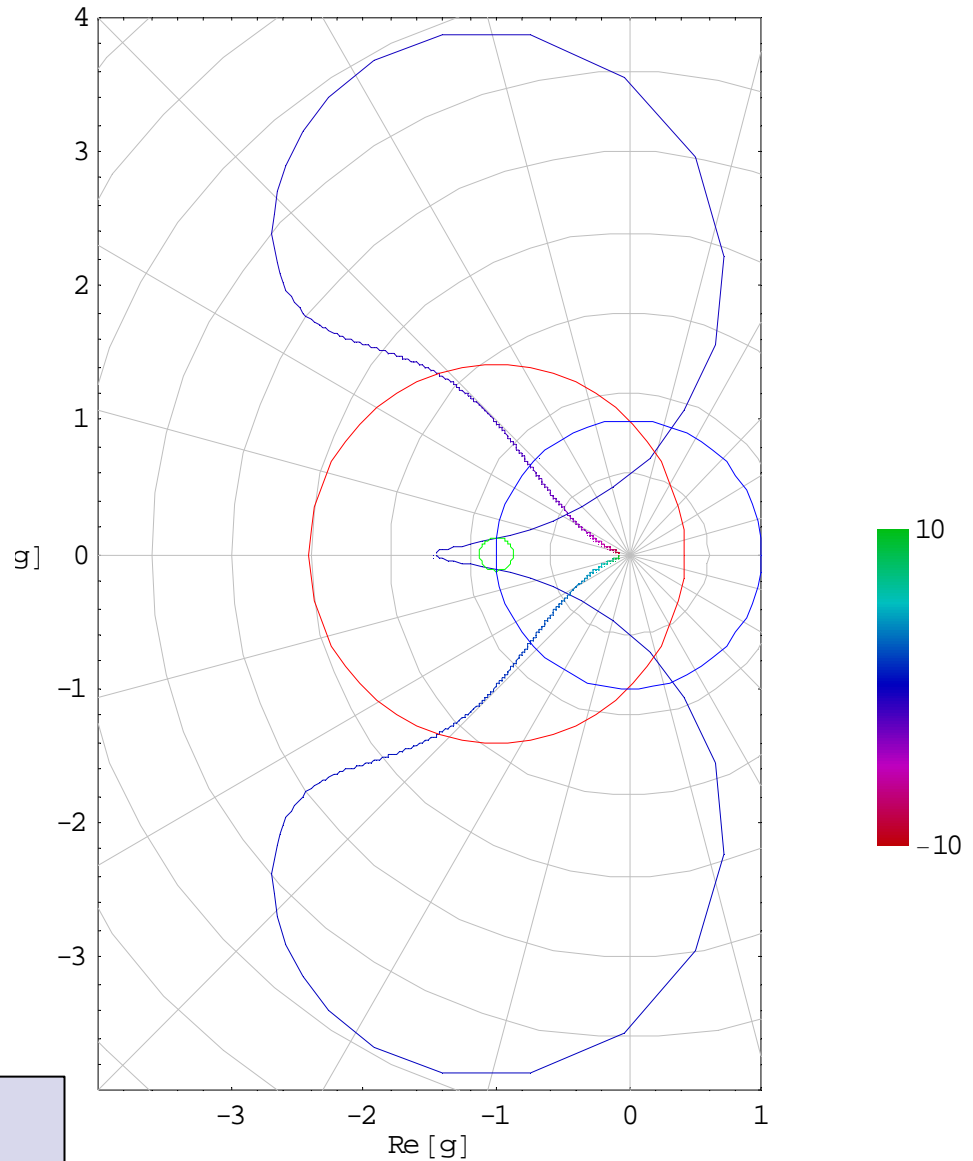
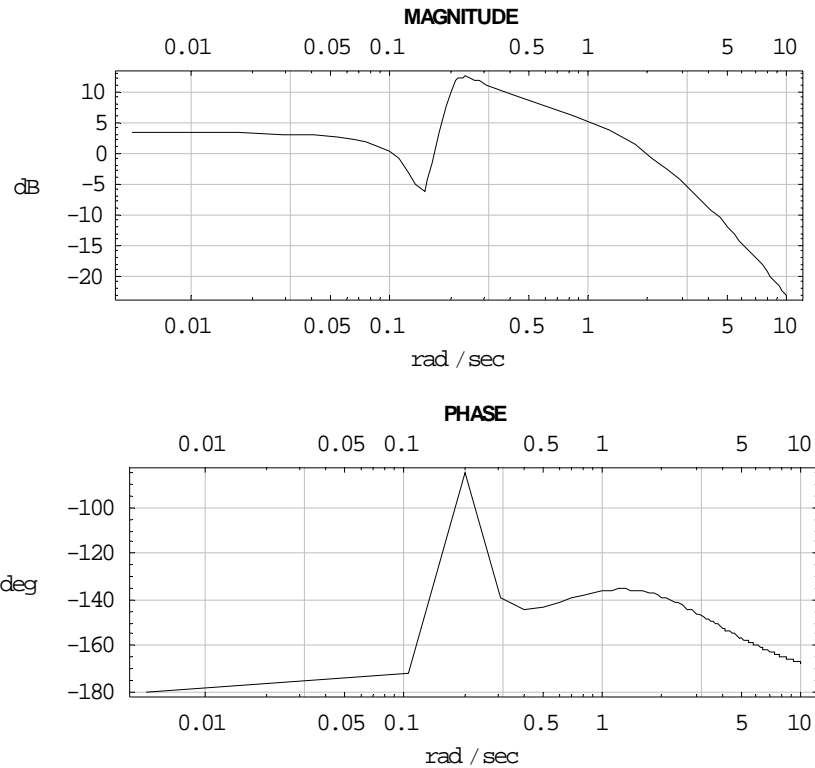
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Example F-16



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Sensitivity Function