
Digital Control of a DC Servo Motor

ECE 461/661 Controls Systems

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Problem:

- Control the speed of a DC servo motor
- Control the position of a DC servo motor

The mathematical model from before:

- Clifton 000-053479-002

$$\omega \approx \left(\frac{39.28}{s+6} \right) V_a$$

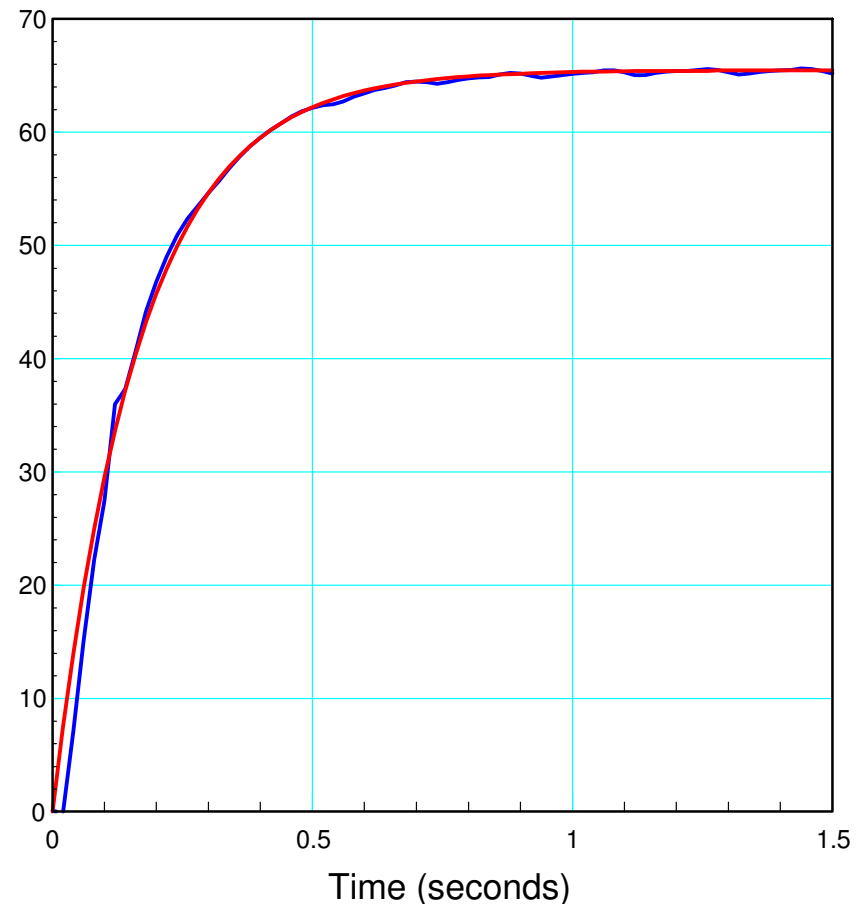
$$\theta \approx \left(\frac{39.28}{s(s+6)} \right) V_a$$

With $T = 20\text{ms}$

$$\omega \approx \left(\frac{0.7404}{z-0.8869} \right) V_a$$

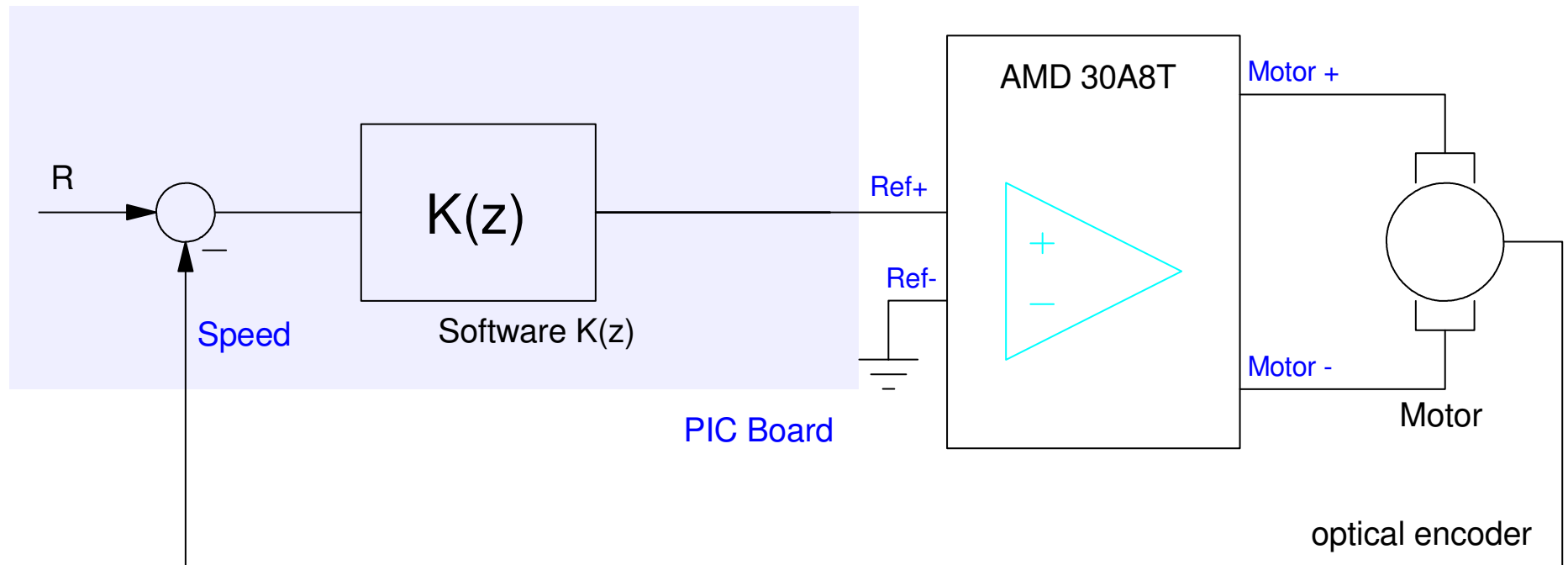
$$\theta \approx \left(\frac{0.02z}{z-1} \right) \left(\frac{0.7404}{z-0.8869} \right) V_a$$

Speed (rad/sec)



Hardware Setup

- Use a microcontroller to compute speed (or angle),
- Also use it to implement $K(z)$



Speed Control: Gain Compensation

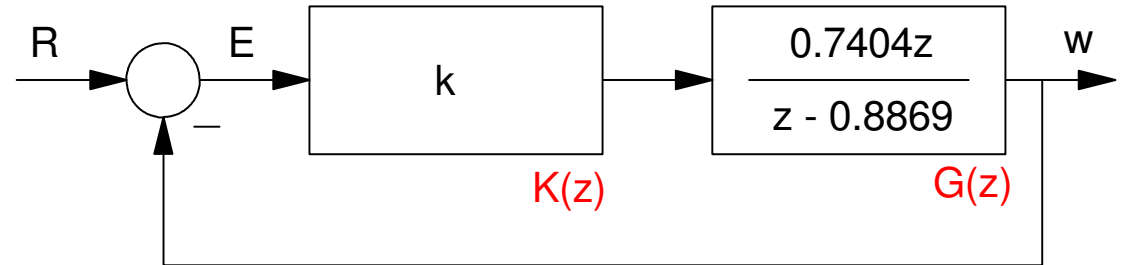
$$G(s) = \left(\frac{39.28}{s+6} \right)$$

$$T = 20ms$$

$$G(z) = \left(\frac{0.7404}{z-0.8869} \right)$$

$$K(s) = k$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{0.7404k}{z-0.8869} \right)$$



Predicted Response

$$(GK)_s = -1$$

$$z = 0.6$$

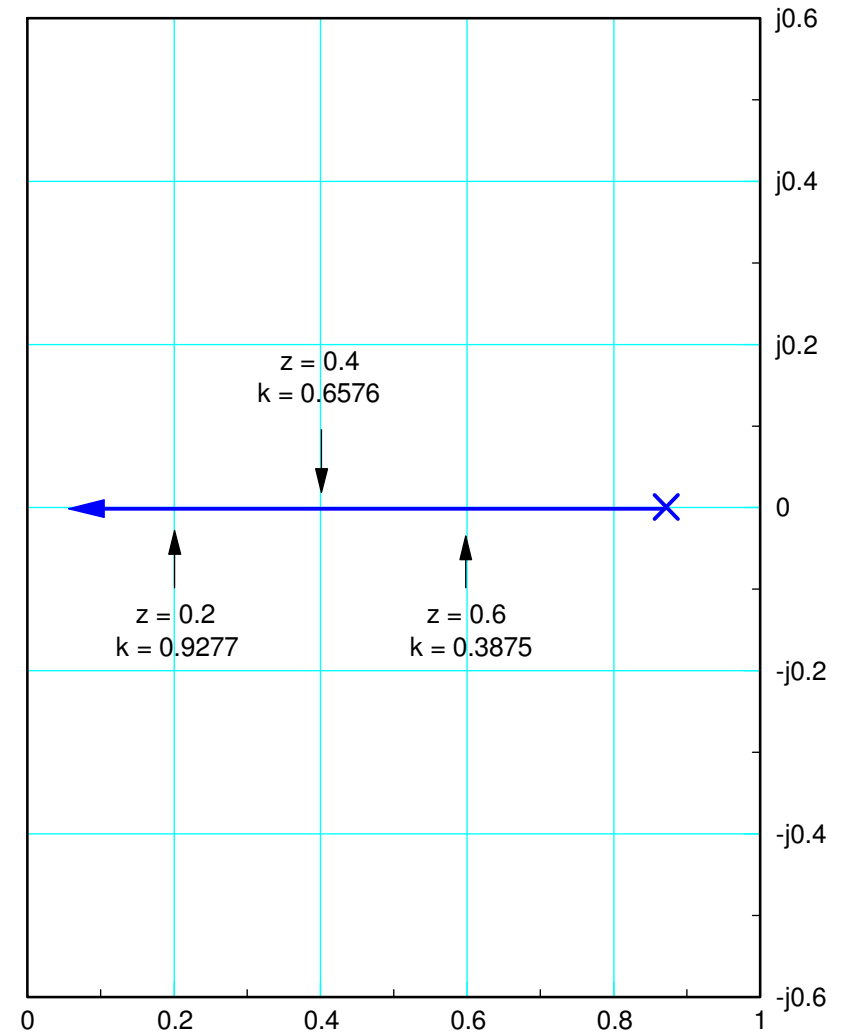
- $k = 0.3875$

$$z = 0.4$$

- $k = 0.6576$

$$z = 0.2$$

- $k = 0.9277$



Experimental Results:

$z = 0.6$

- $k = 0.3875$

$z = 0.4$

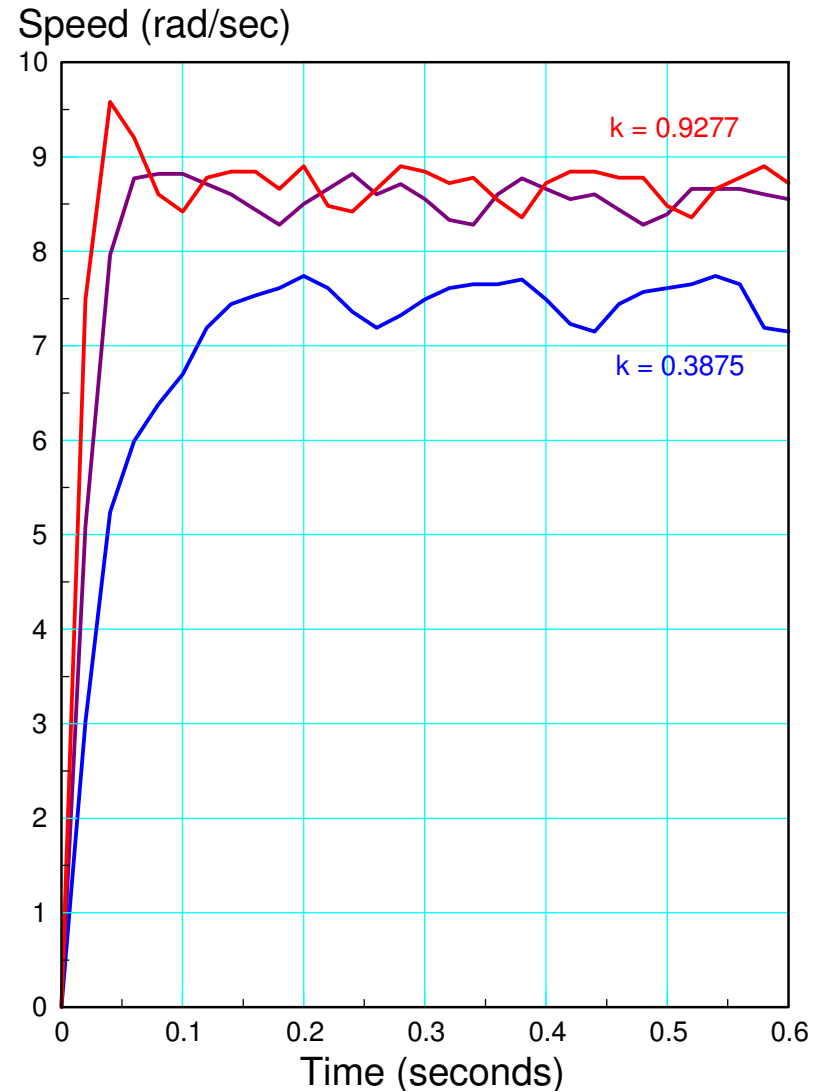
- $k = 0.6576$

$z = 0.2$

- $k = 0.9277$

Code:

```
while(1) {  
    :  
    :  
    E = REF - SPEED;  
    U = 0.9722 * E;  
    D2A(U);  
    Wait_20ms();  
}
```



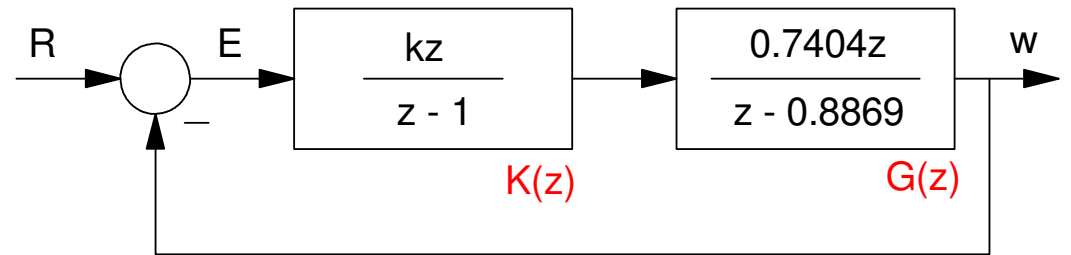
Speed Control: I Compensation

$$K(z) = \left(\frac{kz}{z-1} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{0.7404k \cdot z}{(z-1)(z-0.8869)} \right)$$

Type-1 System

- No Error for a Step Input



Code:

```
while(1) {  
    :  
    :  
    E = REF - SPEED;  
    U = U + k * E;  
    D2A(U);  
    Wait_20ms();  
}
```

I Compensation

$$z = 0.99$$

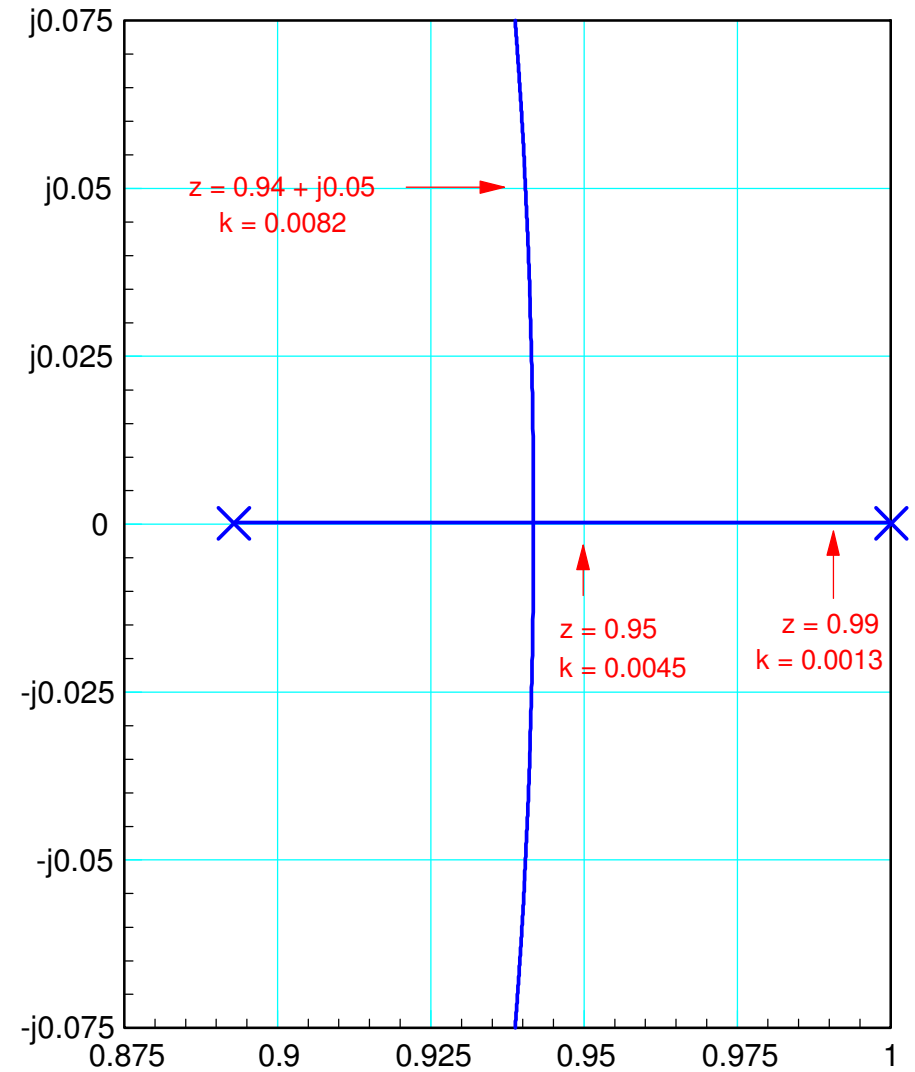
- $\left(\frac{0.7404k \cdot z}{(z-1)(z-0.8869)} \right)_{z=0.99} = -1$
- $k = 0.0013$

$$z = 0.95$$

- $\left(\frac{0.7404k \cdot z}{(z-1)(z-0.8869)} \right)_{z=0.95} = -1$
- $k = 0.0045$

$$z = 0.9434 + j0.0535$$

- $\left(\frac{0.7404k \cdot z}{(z-1)(z-0.8869)} \right)_z = -1$
- $k = 0.0082$



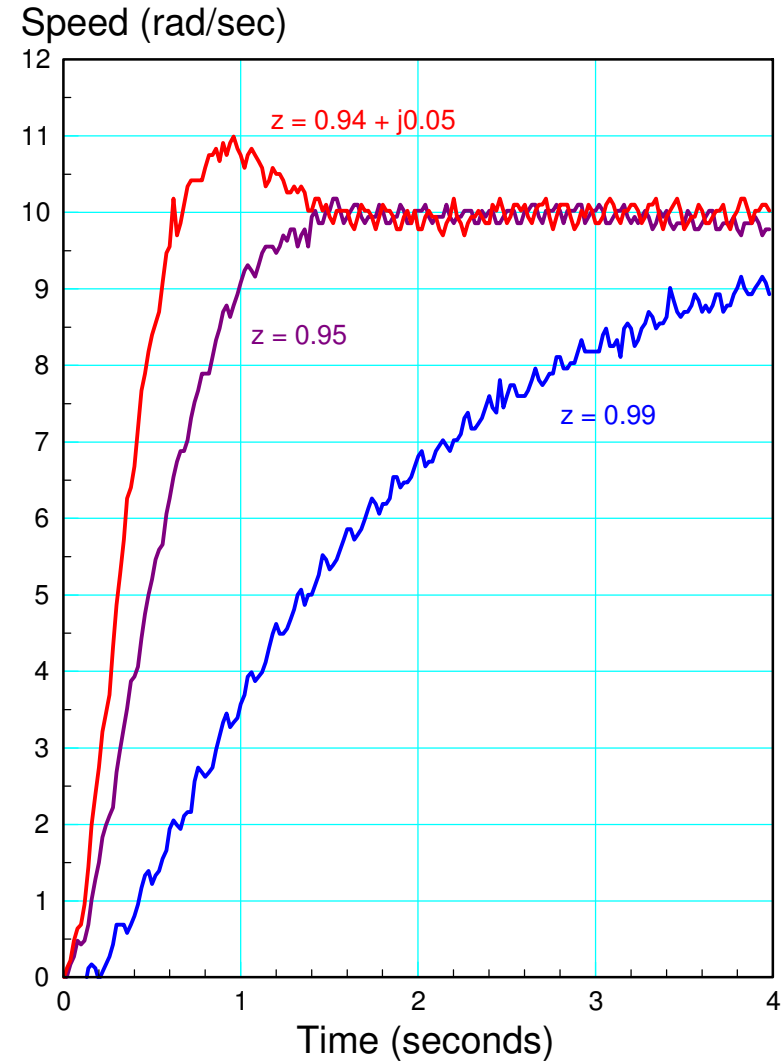
Experimental Results

- I Compensation

Steady-state speed = 10 rad/sec

- No Error for a step input
- Type-1 system

The response is what the root locus plot predicted



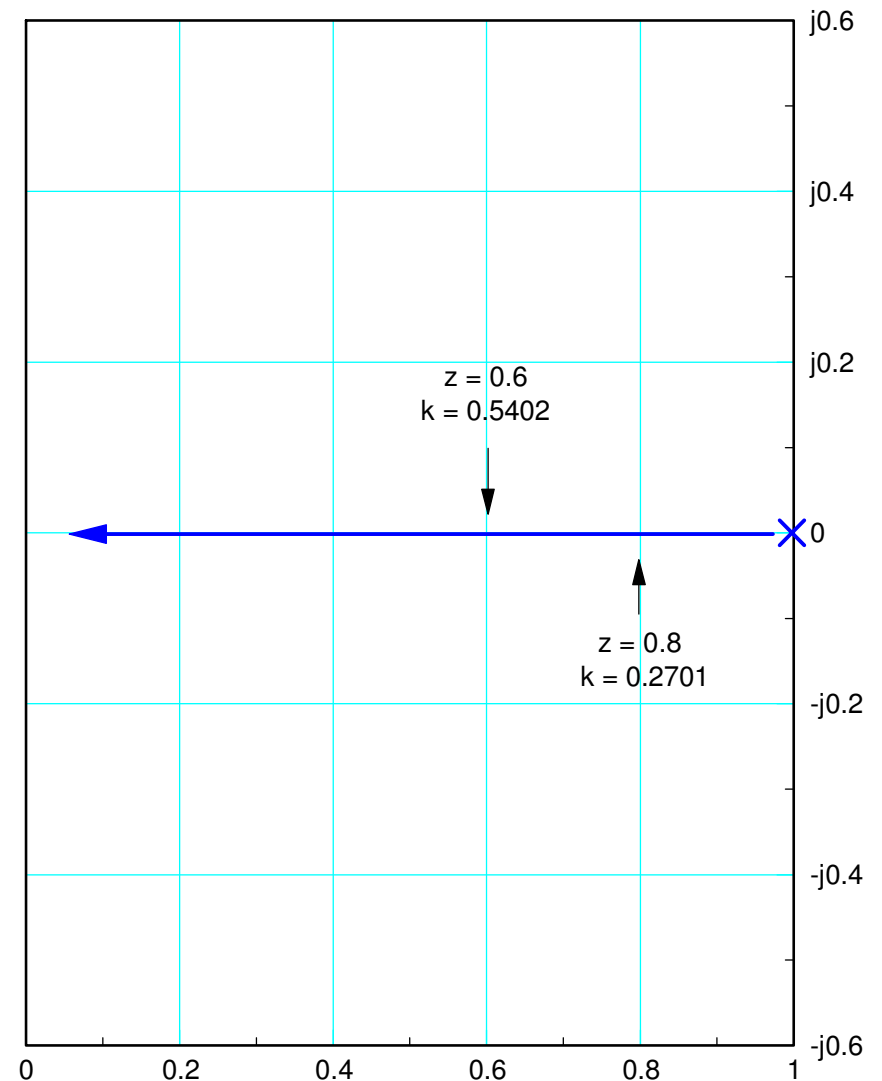
Speed Control: PI Control

$$K(z) = k \left(\frac{z-0.8869}{z-1} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{0.7404k}{z-1} \right)$$

Code:

```
while(1) {  
    :  
    E1 = E0;  
    E0 = REF - SPEED;  
    U = U + k * (E0 - 0.8869*E1);  
    D2A(U);  
    Wait_20ms();  
}
```



PI Control: Experimental Results

$$z = 0.99$$

$$k = 0.0135$$

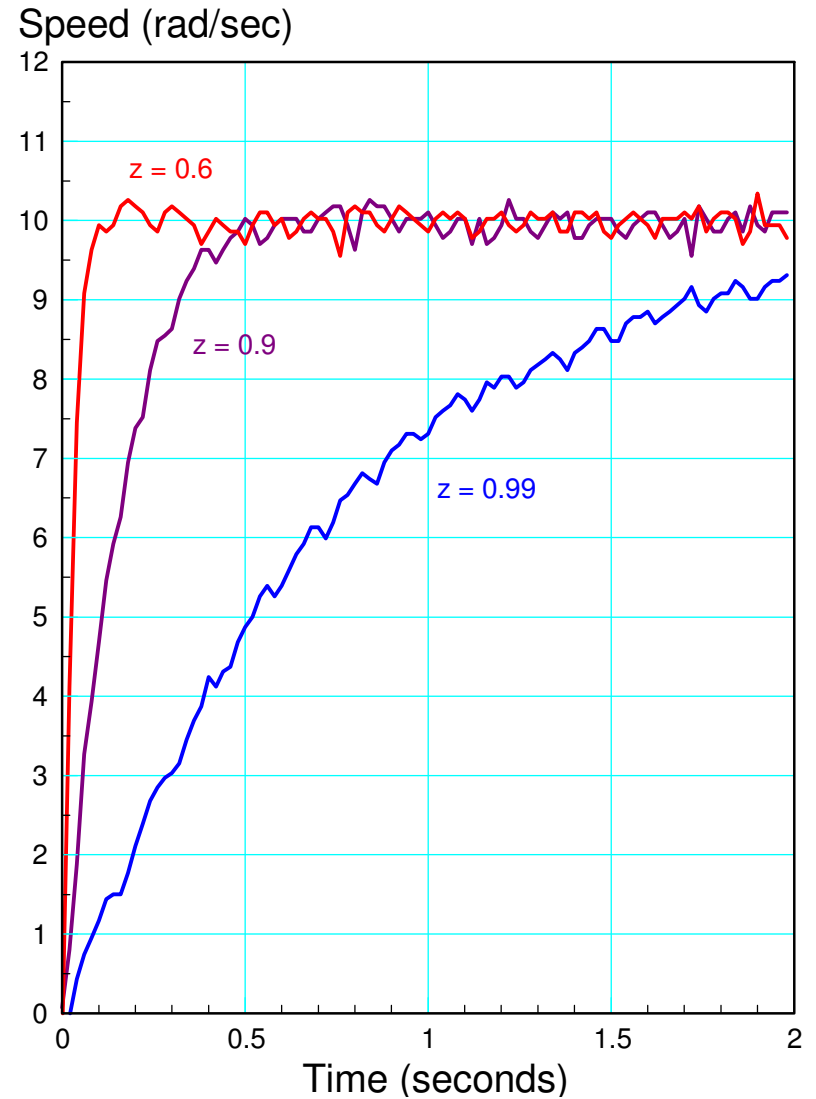
$$z = 0.9$$

$$k = 0.1351$$

$$z = 0.6$$

$$k = 0.5402$$

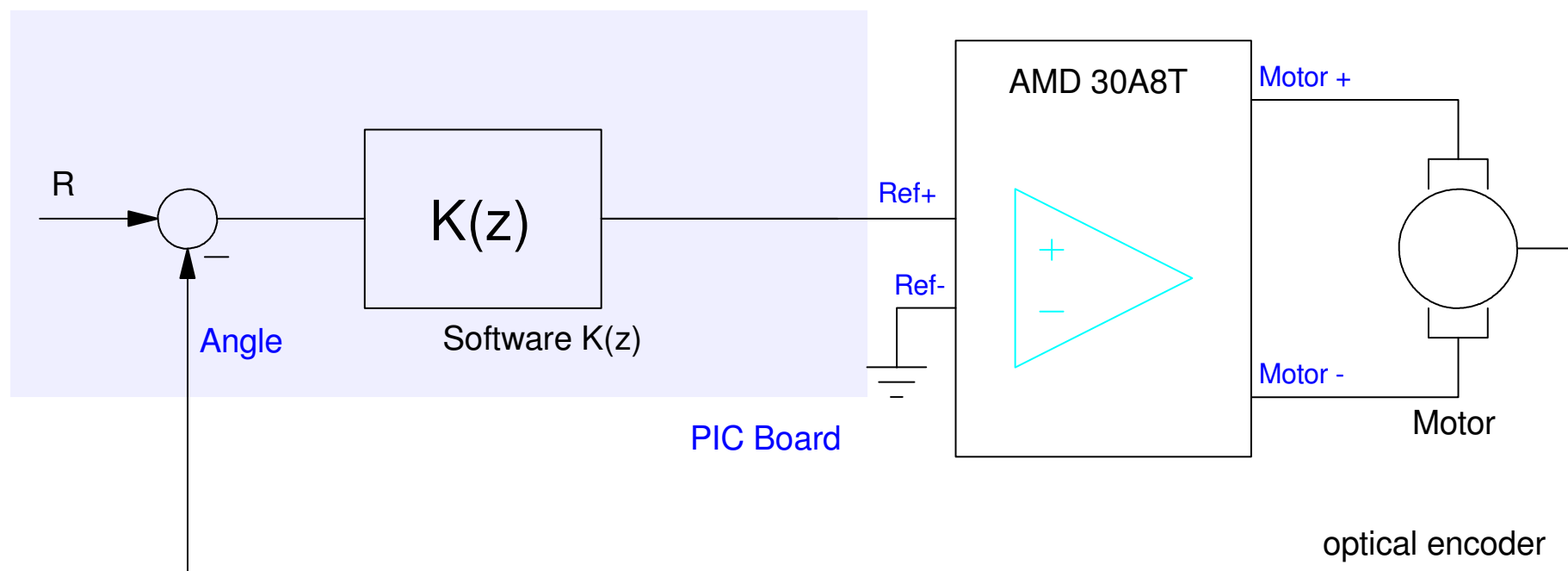
Again, the results are what the root locus plot predicts



Position Control:

- Change the sensor to an angle sensor and you have position control

$$\theta = \left(\frac{39.28}{s(s+6)} \right) V_a = \left(\frac{0.0148z}{(z-1)(z-0.8869)} \right) V_a$$



Position Control: $K(z) = k$

$$\theta = \left(\frac{0.0148z}{(z-1)(z-0.8869)} \right) V_a$$

$$z = 0.99$$

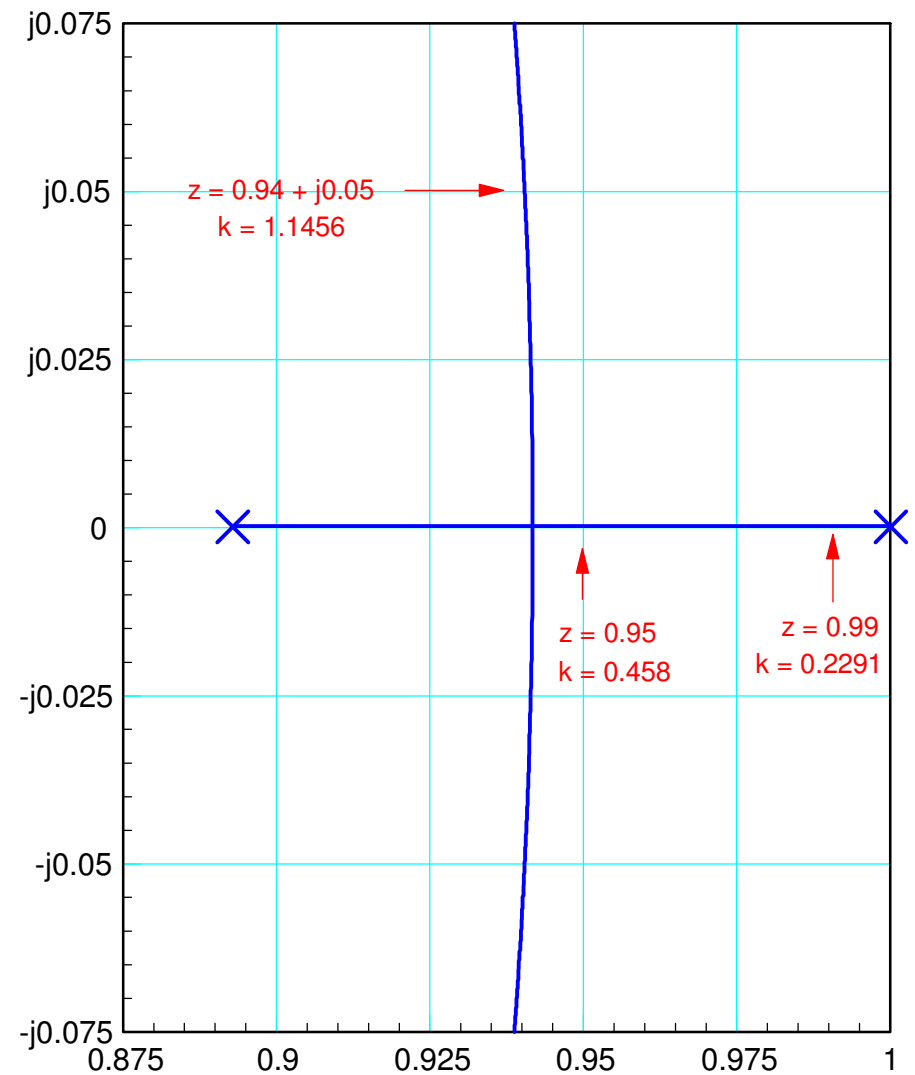
$$k = 0.2291$$

$$z = 0.95$$

$$k = 0.458$$

$$z = 0.95 + j0.05$$

$$k = 1.1456$$



Position Control: $K(s) = k$

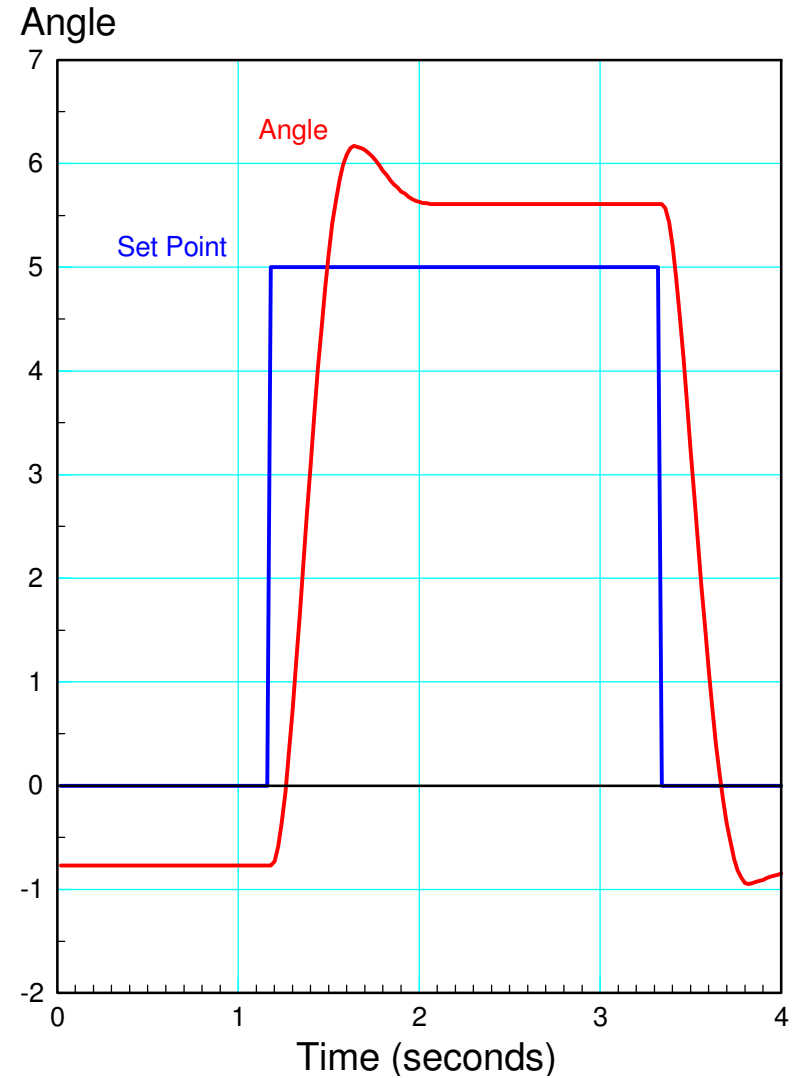
- Experimental Results

In theory, the steady-state error is zero

- Type-1 System

In practice, static friction causes a slight error

Otherwise, the response is what the root locus plot predicts



Lead Compensation

- Cancel the pole at $s = -6$
- Replace it with a pole at $s = -19.2$

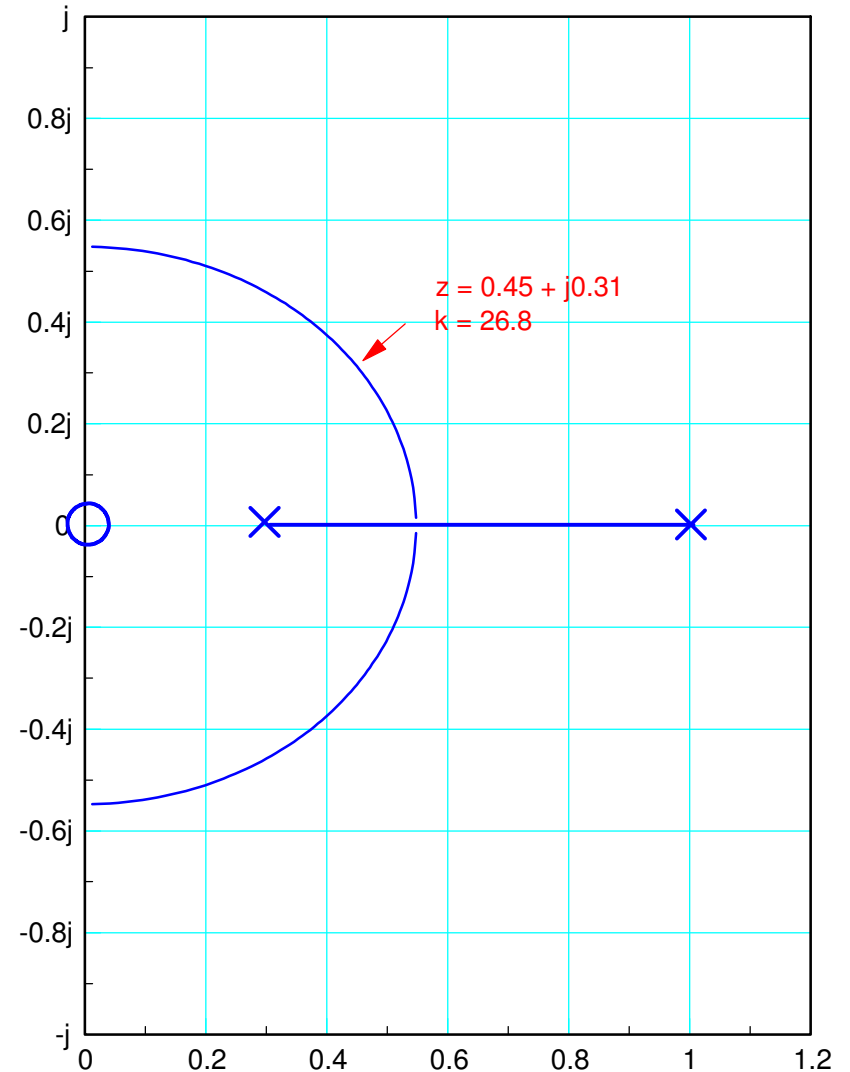
$$K(z) = k \left(\frac{z-0.8869}{z-0.3} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{0.0148z}{(z-1)(z-0.3)} \right)$$

$$z = 0.4514 + j0.3102$$

$$k = 26.8$$

$$K(z) = 26.8 \left(\frac{z-0.8869}{z-0.3} \right)$$



Lead Compensation:

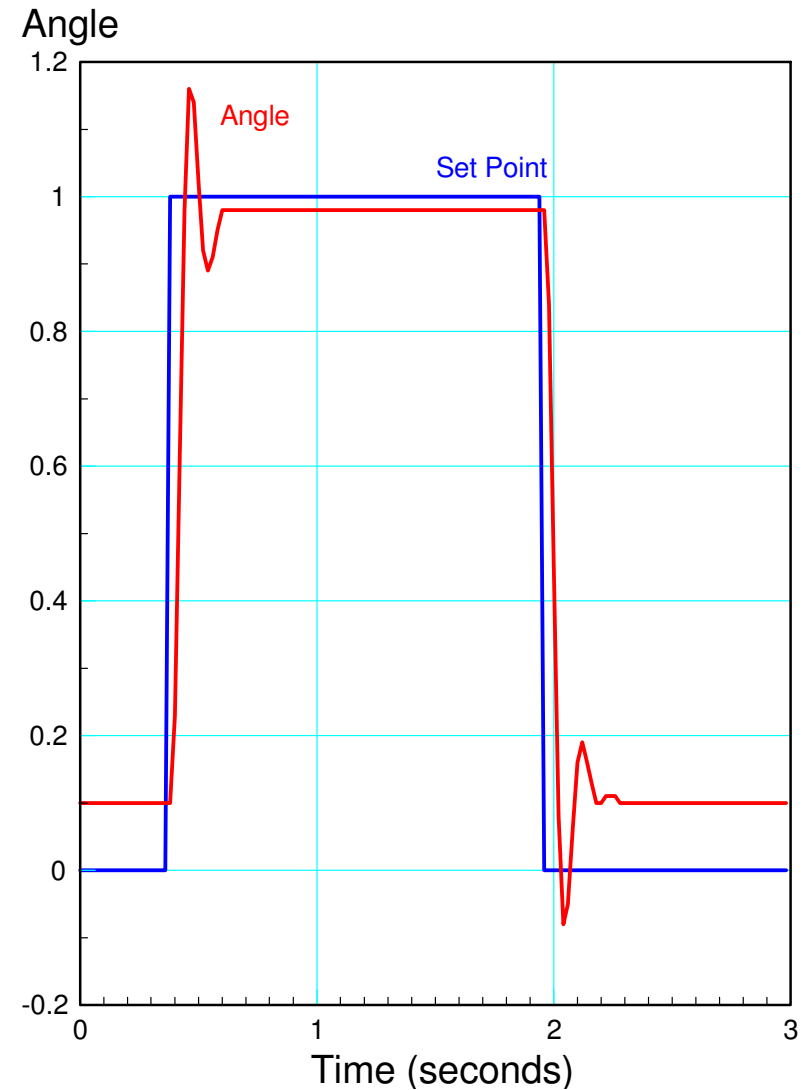
$$K(z) = 26.8 \left(\frac{z-0.8869}{z-0.3} \right)$$

Again, the experimental results are what root locus plots predicted

- Slight steady-state error due to static friction
- (nonlinear terms)

Code:

```
while(1) {  
    :  
    E1 = E0;  
    E0 = REF - SPEED;  
    U = 0.3*U + k * (E0 - 0.8869*E1);  
    D2A(U);  
    Wait_20ms();  
}
```



Summary

Root locus really works

- It predicts how the system will behave as the gain changes
- The response is as the root locus plot predicts

Digital Control also really works

- It saves hardware: you don't need to build an op-amp circuit
 - It removes the DC offset that op-amps have
 - Download a new program and you have a new controller
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