
Gain and Lead with Bode Plots

ECE 461/661 Controls Systems

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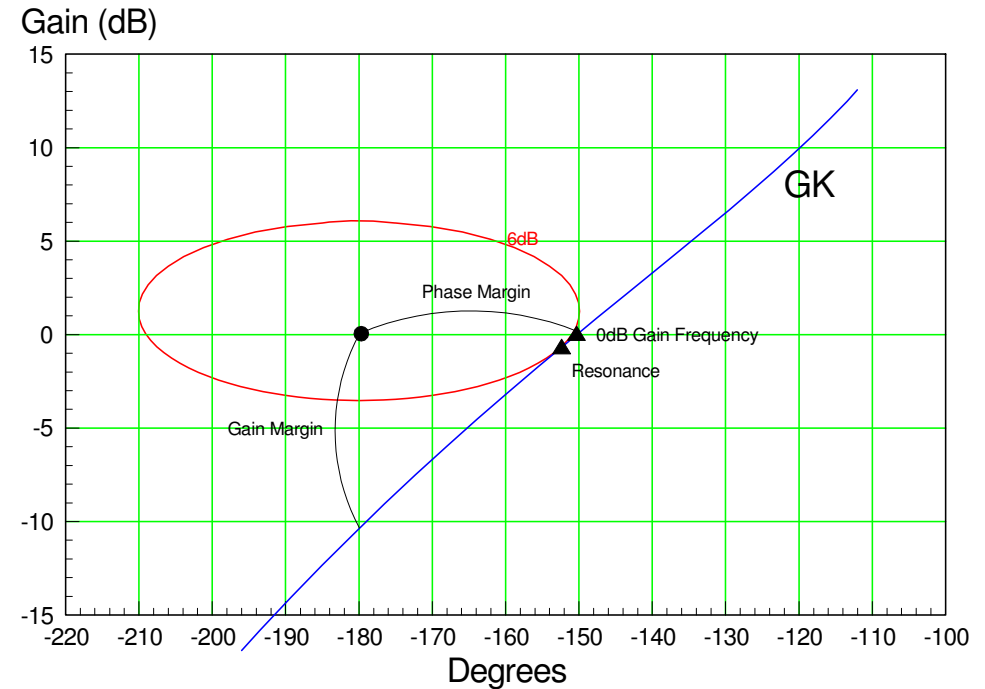
Gain Compensation

Nichols charts are useful

- They show directly what you are trying to do: keep away from -1

Nichols charts are a pain to use:

- They are difficult to draw
- The resonance is difficult to find
the frequency where $G(j\omega)$ is tangent to the M -circle changes as you change the gain.



Phase Margin

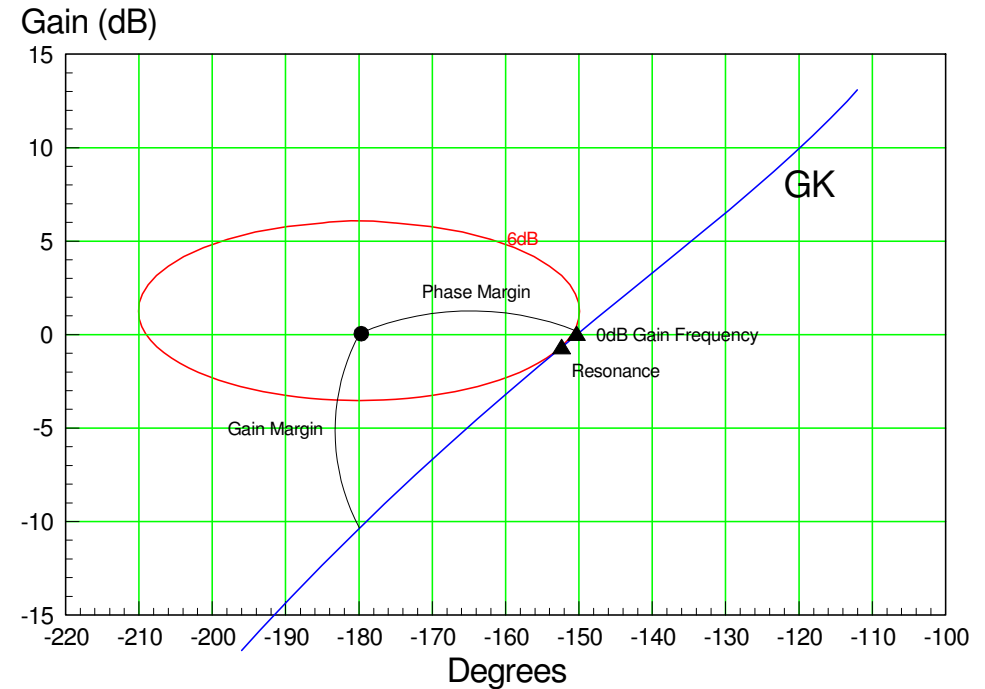
- Distance to -1 when open loop gain is 0dB

Assume the resonance is the same as the 0dB gain frequency

- Close but a little off

If so,

- Designing for a phase margin is equivalent to designing for a resonance (Mm)



Relationship between Mm and Phase Margin:

The phase margin which approximately corresponds to a certain resonance is from

$$G(j\omega) = 0dB \angle \phi = 1 \angle \phi$$

$$\left| \frac{G}{1+G} \right| = \left| \frac{1 \angle \phi}{1+1 \angle \phi} \right| = M_m$$

$$|1 + (\cos \phi + j \sin \phi)| = \frac{1}{M_m}$$

$$(1 + \cos \phi)^2 + (\sin \phi)^2 = \frac{1}{M_m^2}$$

$$1 + 2 \cos \phi + \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi = \frac{1}{M_m^2}$$

$$\boxed{2 + 2 \cos \phi = \frac{1}{M_m^2}}$$

$$\text{Phase Margin} = 180^\circ - |\phi|$$

Example: Find K so that $G(s) = \left(\frac{2000}{s(s+5)(s+20)} \right)$ has

- $M_m < 6\text{dB}$, and
- Minimal error for a step and ramp input.

Solution:

i) Find the phase margin corresponding to $M_m = 6\text{dB}$:

$$\cos \phi = \left(\frac{\frac{1}{M_m^2} - 2}{2} \right)$$

$$\phi = -151.04^\circ$$

$$\text{Phase Margin} = 28.96^\circ$$

ii) Find the frequency where $G(j\omega)$ has a phase shift of -151.04°

$$G(j5.2362) = 2.5474 \angle -151.04^\circ$$

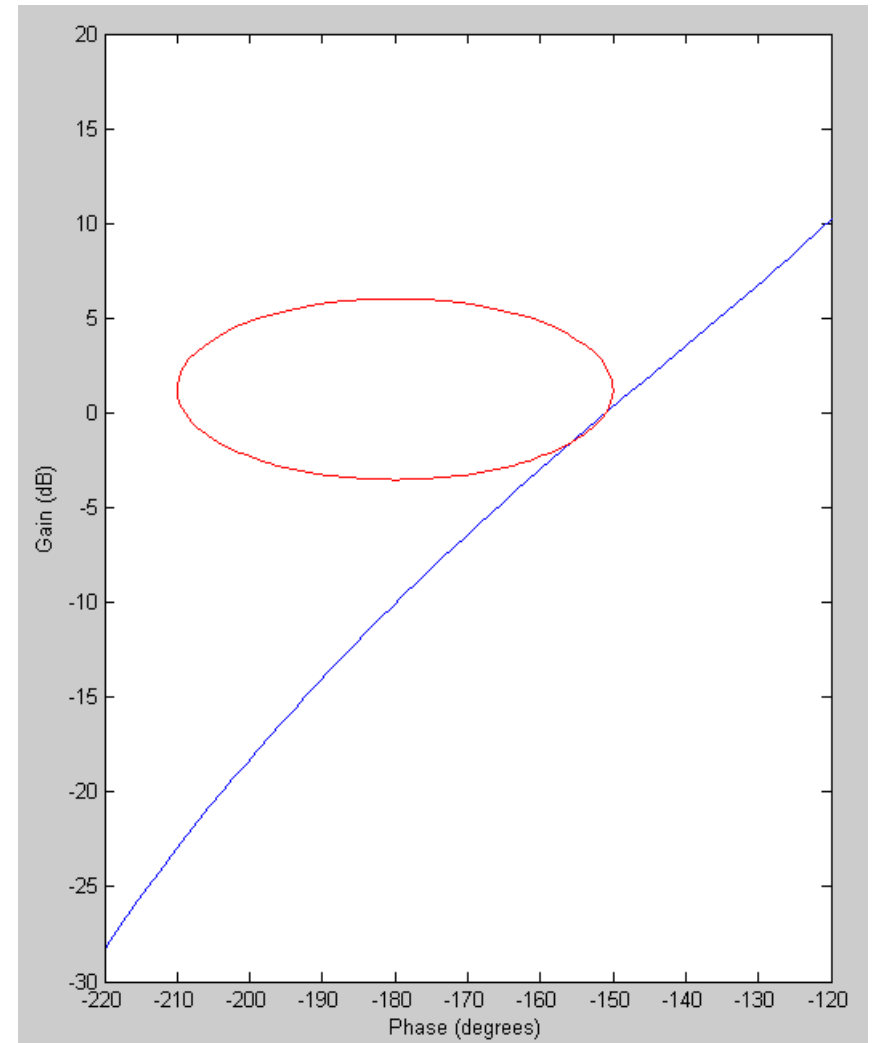
iii) Adjust k so that the gain at this frequency is one.

$$k = \frac{1}{2.5474}$$

$$k = 0.3926 = -8.1 \text{ dB}$$

Note:

- GK intersects the M-circle at 0dB
- The actual resonance is slightly more than +6dB



Resulting Closed-Loop System:

- Phase margin tells you Mm
- Mm tells you ζ
- 0dB gain frequency tells you $\text{imag}(s)$

K(s)	Kv	0dB Gain Freq	Phase Margin	Mm	CL Dom Poles (approx)
0.3926	7.85	5.24 rad/sec	28.96 deg	2.00 (6dB)	-1.41 + j5.24

Example 2: Design a gain compensator for $M_m = 6\text{dB}$

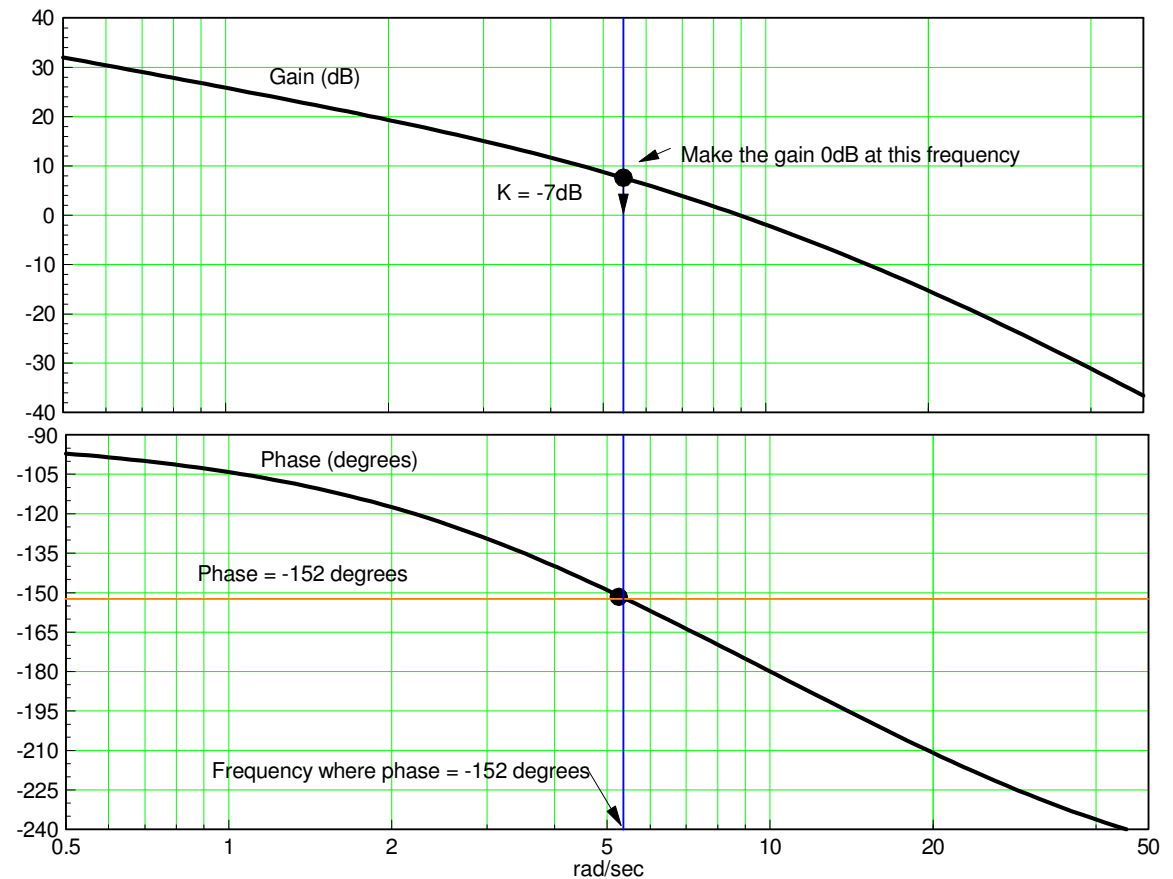
- $G(s)$ isn't given

Step 1:

- Convert M_m to phase
- $\phi = -151.04^\circ$
- Phase Margin = 28.96°

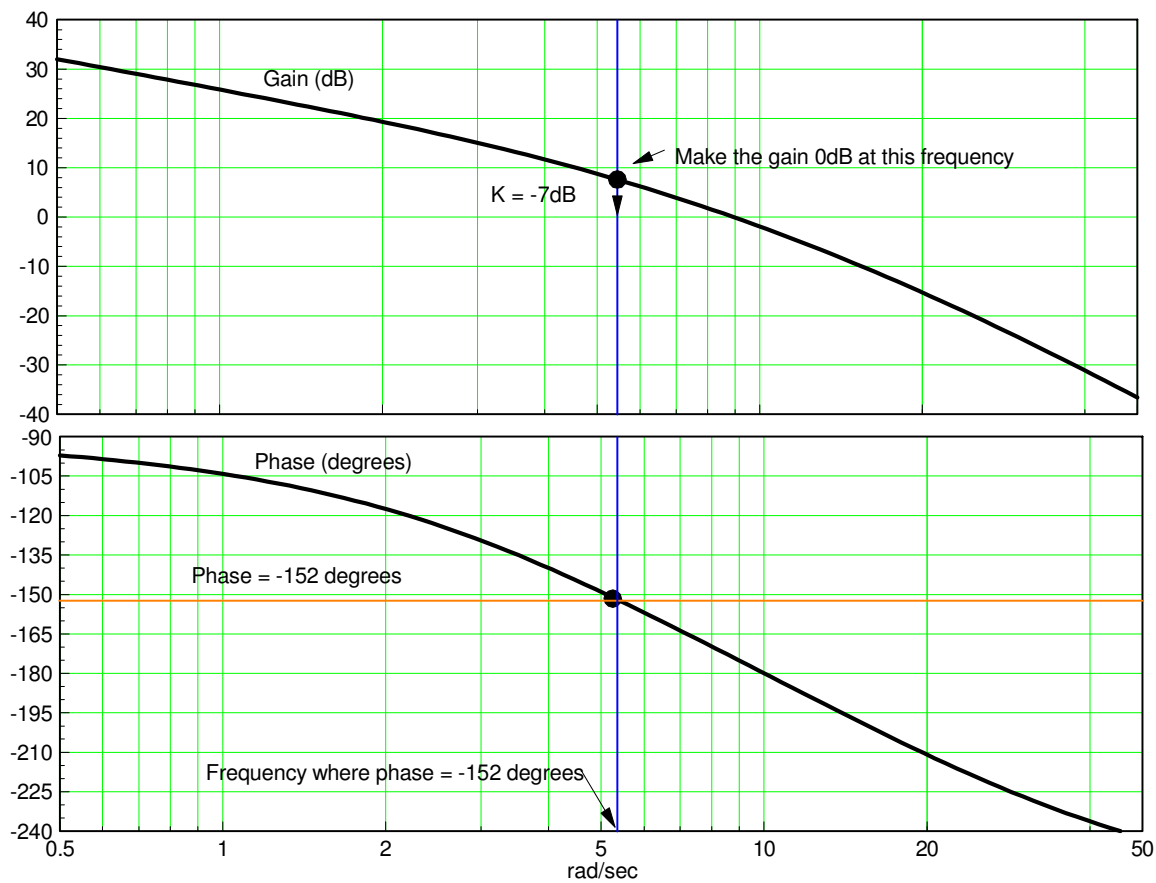
Step 2:

- Find the frequency where $G(j\omega)$ has a phase shift of -152° .
- $\omega = 5.2 \text{ rad/sec}$



Step 3:

- Adjust k
- Gain = 1 when phase = -152 degrees
- $G(j5.2) = 7\text{dB}$
- $k = -7\text{dB}$



Lead Compensator Design using Bode Plots

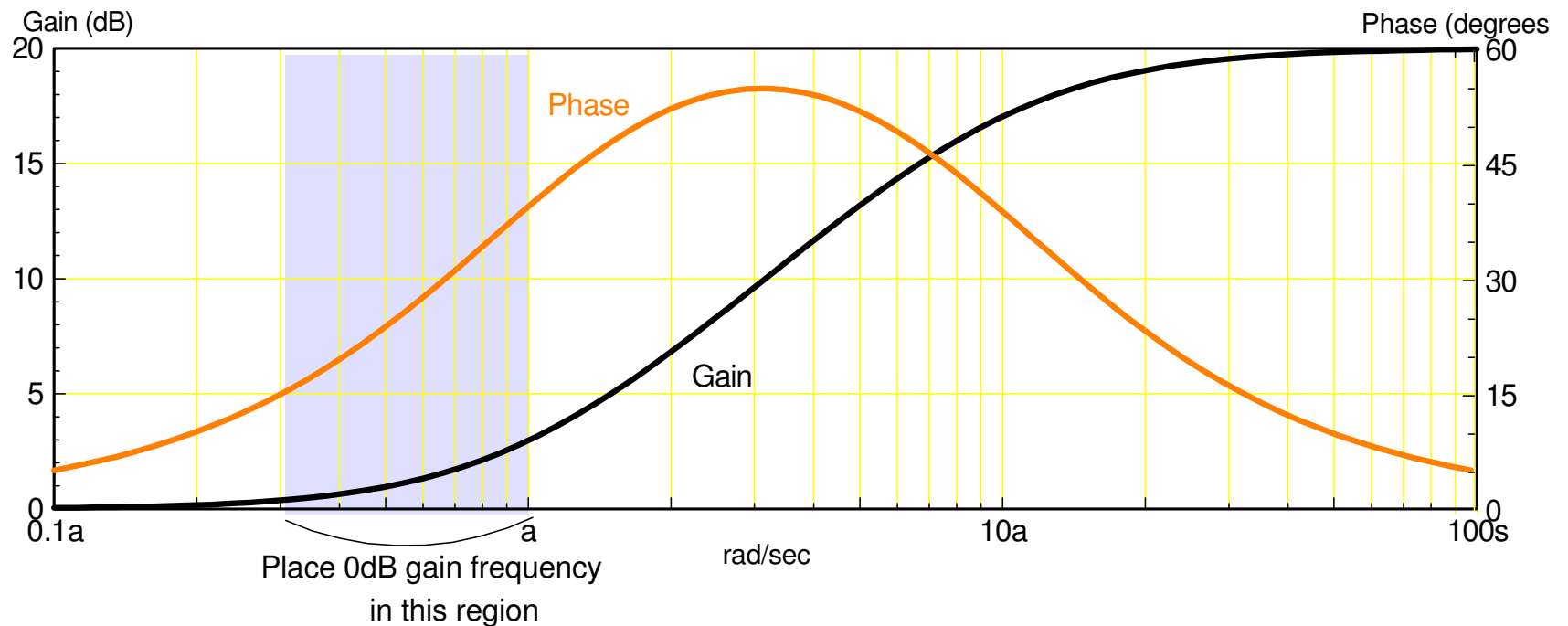
Purpose:

- Push $G(j\omega)$ away from -1
- Add phase lead (good)
- Without too much gain (bad)
- At the resonance

The frequency that's too close to -1

Generic Lead Compensator: $K(s) = 10 \left(\frac{s+a}{s+10a} \right)$

- Adds phase lead (good: pushes you away from -1)
- Adds gain (bad: pushes you closer to -1)
- Rule: Place the zero 1..3 times the resonance frequency



Example: Design a lead compensator for a phase margin of 28.96 degrees ($M_m = 2$)

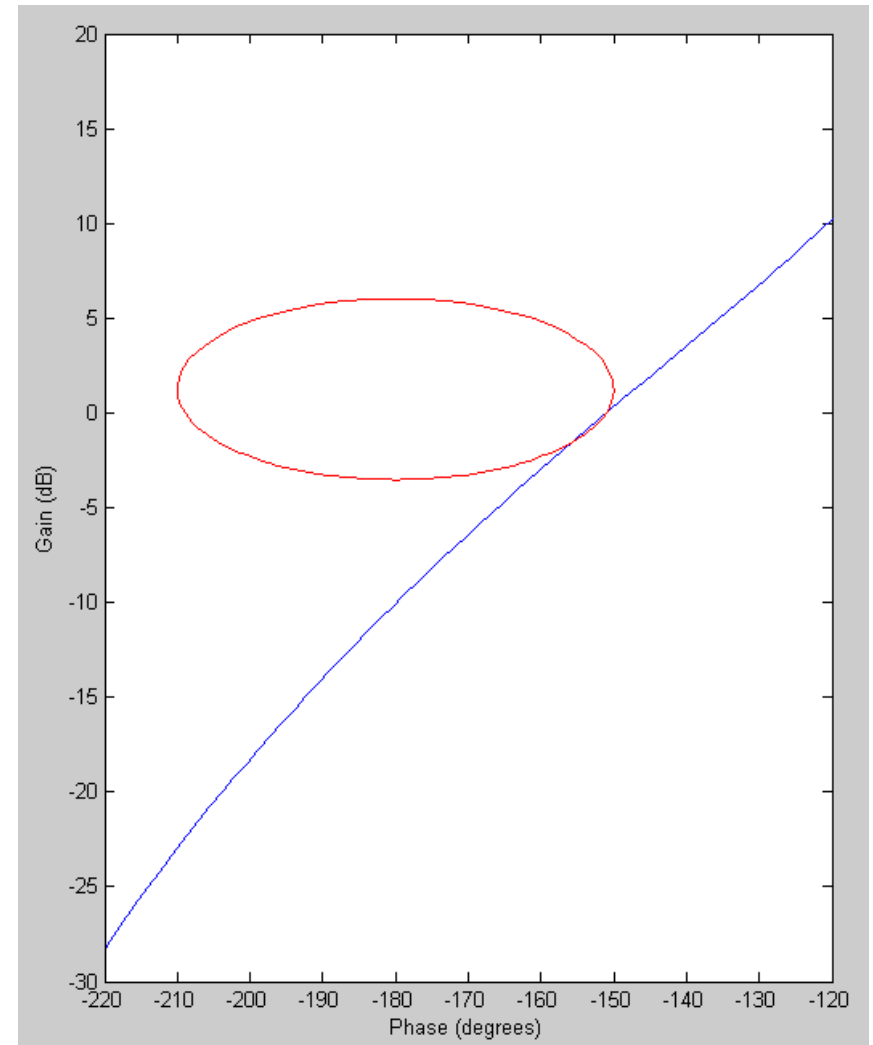
$$G(s) = \left(\frac{2000}{s(s+5)(s+20)} \right)$$

Step 1: Add gain until you're too close to -1 (phase margin = 28.96 degrees)

- $K(s) = k = 0.3926$
- Resonance = 5.24 rad/sec

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w = logspace(-2, 2, 250)';  
G = zpk([], [0, -5, -20], 2000);  
Gw = Bode2(G, w);
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Nichols2(Gw*0.3926, 2);
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Step 2: Add a lead compensator of the form

$$K(s) = 10 \left(\frac{s+a}{s+10a} \right) \quad a = (1..3) \cdot 5.24 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

Let $a = 6$

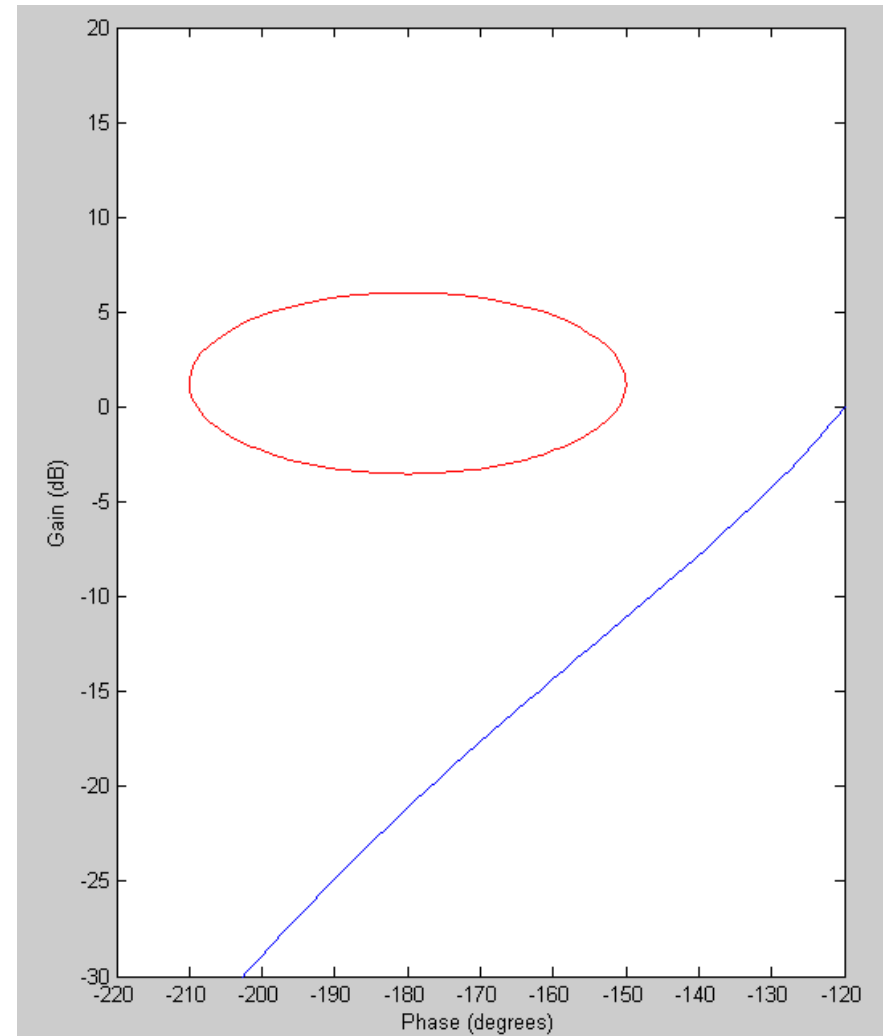
$$K(s) = k \left(\frac{s+6}{s+60} \right)$$

$$GK = \left(\frac{2000k(s+6)}{s(s+5)(s+20)(s+60)} \right)$$

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K = zpk(-6, -60, 10);  
Kw = Bode2(K, w);  
Nichols2(Gw.*Kw*0.3926, 2);
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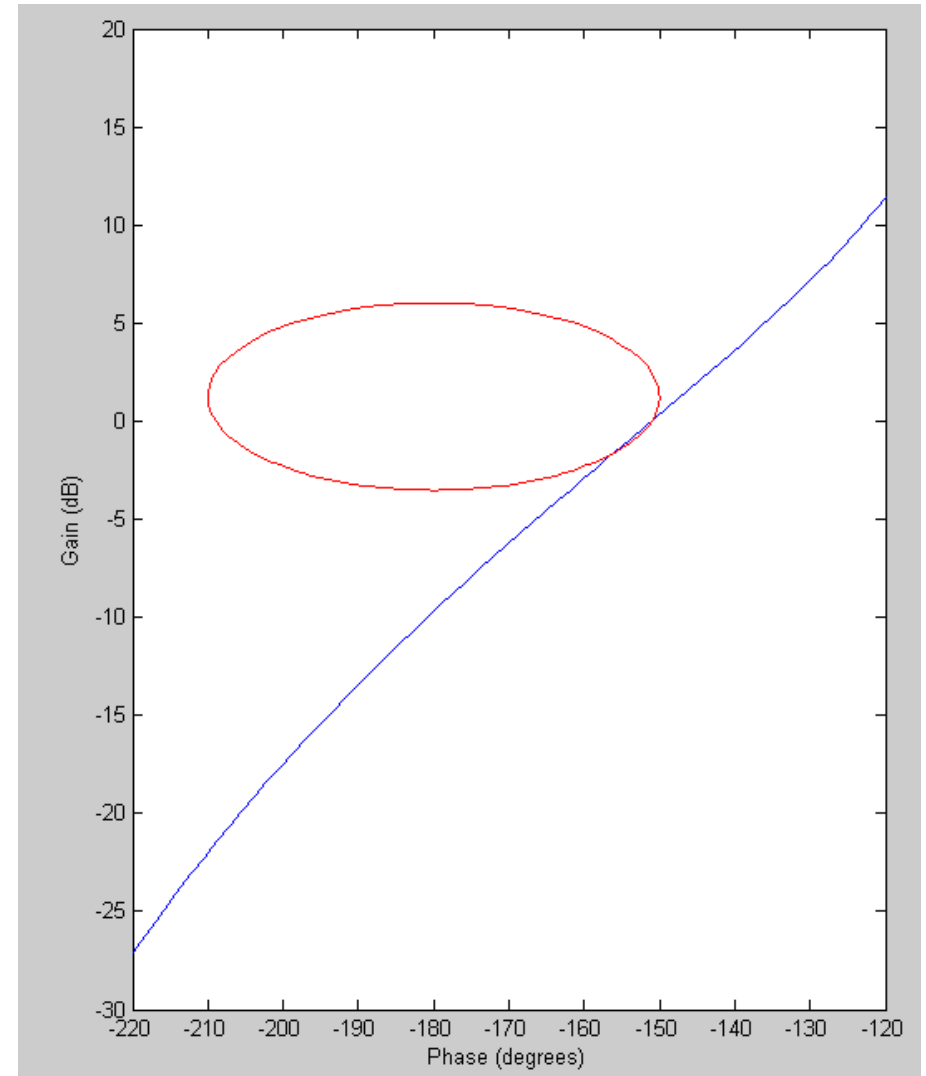
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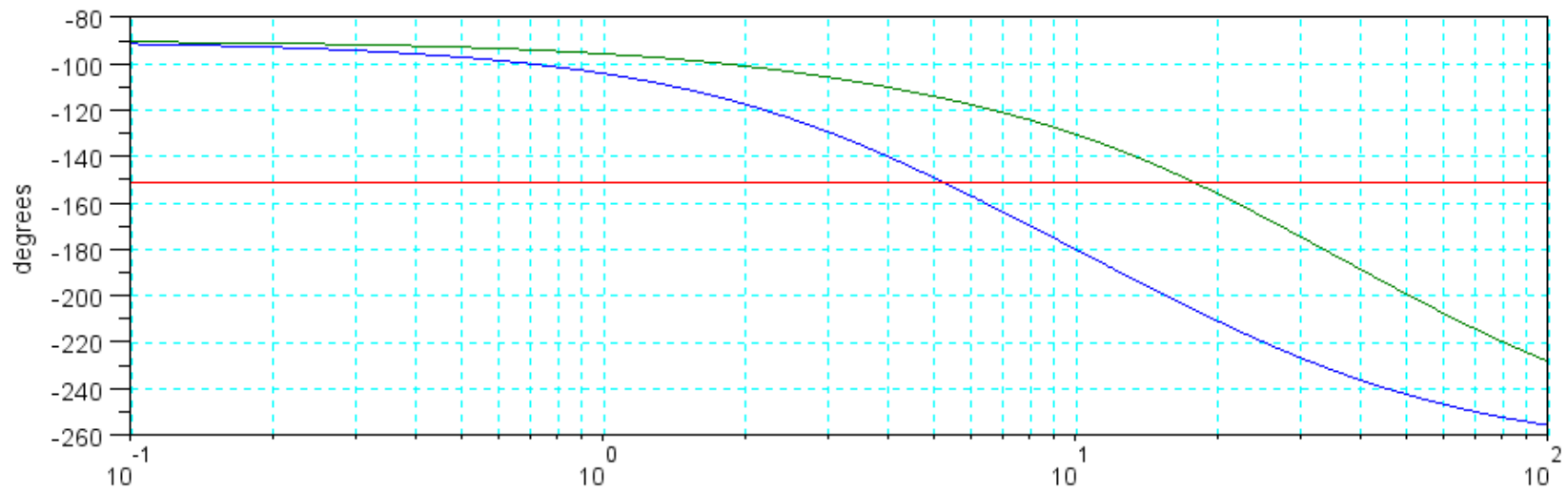
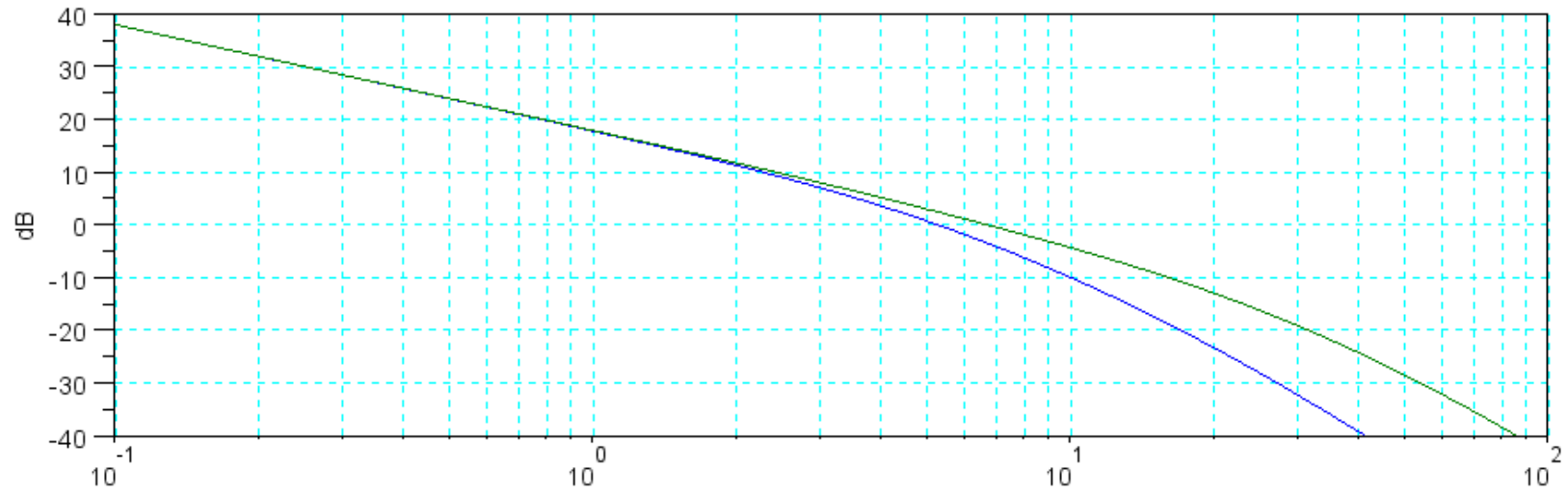
- $K(s)$ pushes $GK(jw)$ away from -1



Step 3: Add gain

- Phase margin = 29 degrees
- $K(s) = k \left(\frac{s+6}{s+60} \right)$
- $GK = \left(\frac{2000(s+6)}{s(s+5)(s+20)(s+60)} \right)$
- $GK(j17.76) = 0.0684 \angle -151.04^\circ$
- $k = \frac{1}{0.0684} = 14.62$
- $K(s) = 14.62 \left(\frac{s+6}{s+60} \right)$





Results:

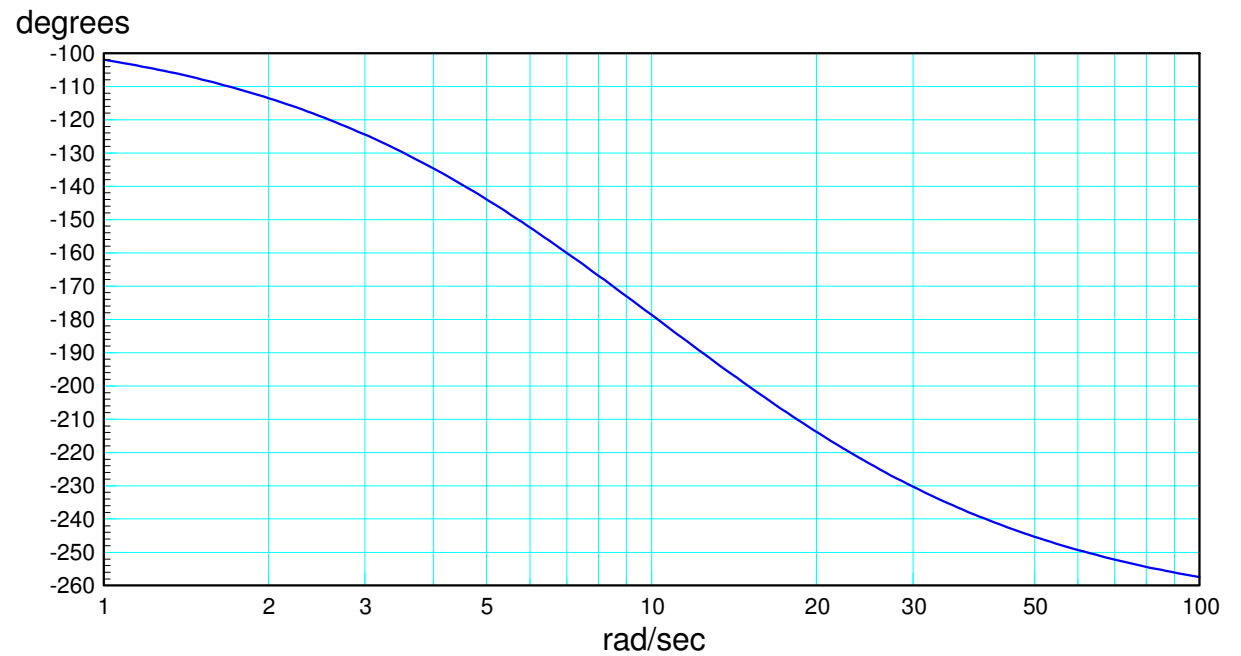
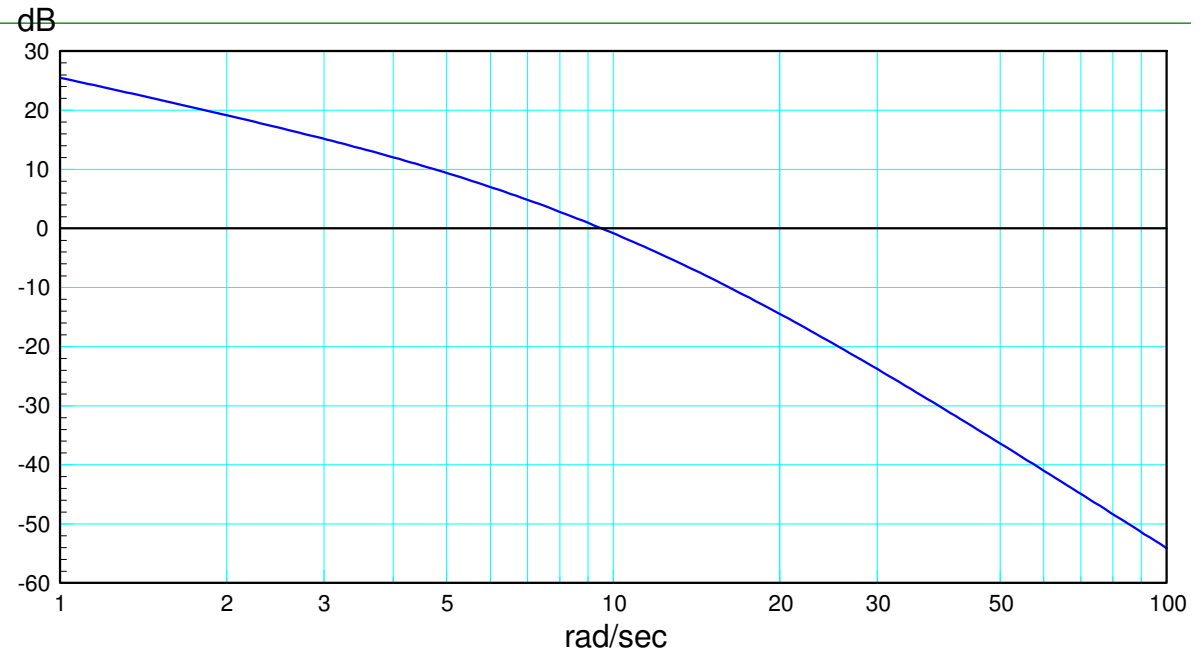
- Lead increases the phase margin
- Lead & Gain increases K_v and 0dB gain frequency

Better tracking

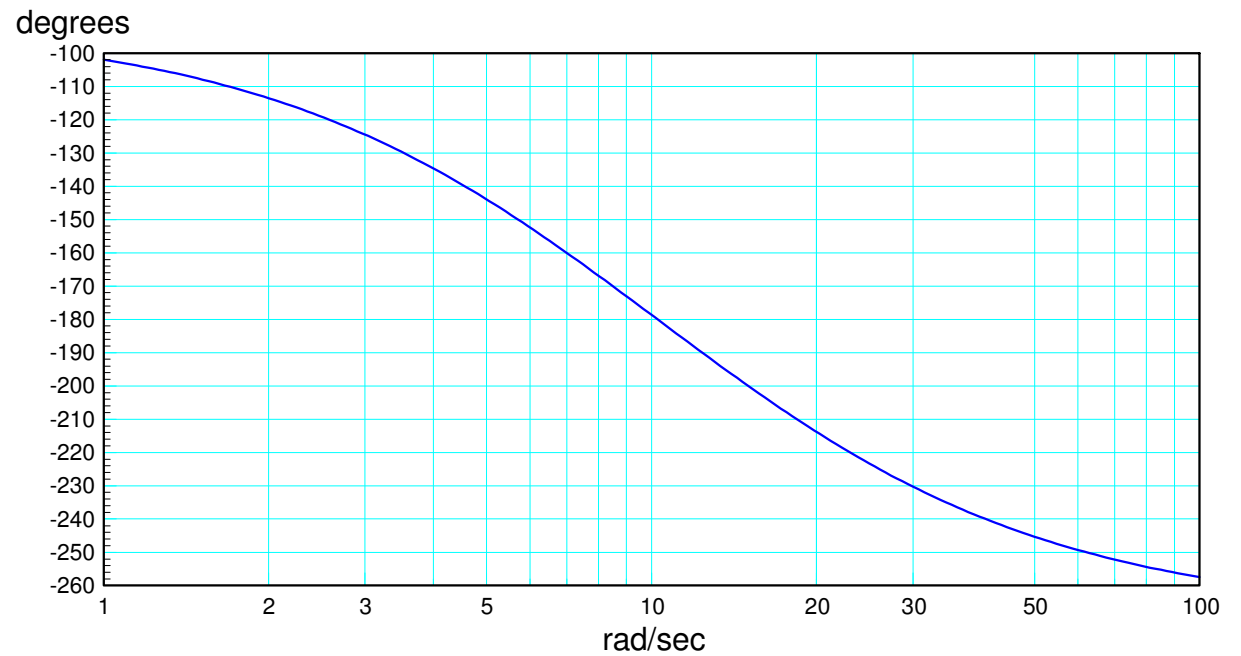
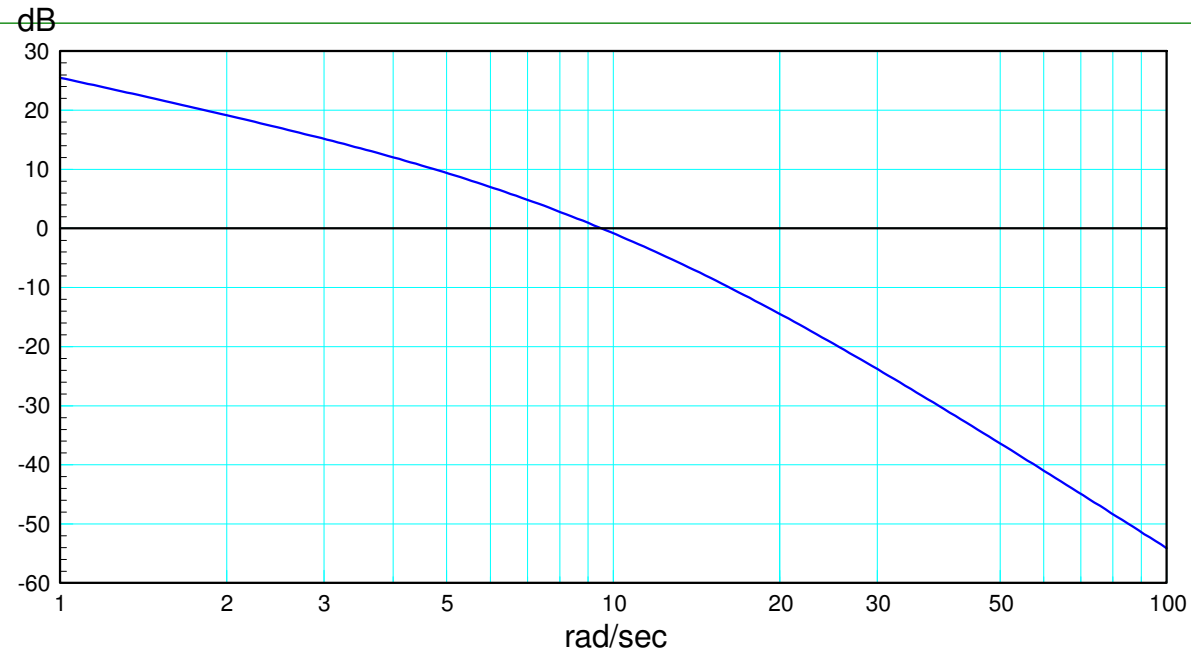
Faster system

K(s)	K_v	0dB Gain Freq	Phase Margin	Mm	CL Dom Poles (approx)
0.3926	7.85	5.24 rad/sec	28.96 deg	2.00 (6dB)	-1.41 + j5.24
$3.93 \left(\frac{s+6}{s+60} \right)$	7.85	6.64 rad/sec	60.18 deg	1.00 (0dB)	-6.64 + j0
$14.93 \left(\frac{s+6}{s+60} \right)$	29.86	17.76 rad/sec	28.96 deg	2.00 (6dB)	-4.78 + j17.76

Handout: Design a gain compensator for a 50 degree phase margin



Handout: Design a lead compensator for a 50 degree phase margin



Lead Compensator Shortcut:

Given $G(s)$

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{2000}{s(s+5)(s+20)} \right)$$

Place the zero to cancel the 2nd slowest pole

- Same rule we used with root locus
- Same result we got using Nichols charts and Bode plots

$$5.2 < a < 15.6$$

If you're going to miss the pole, miss on the high-side

$$K(s) = k \left(\frac{s+5}{s+50} \right)$$

Add gain to get the desired phase margin

Lead Compensator Design by Inspection

The following response is obtained with gain compensation: $K(s) = k$.

Design a lead compensator.

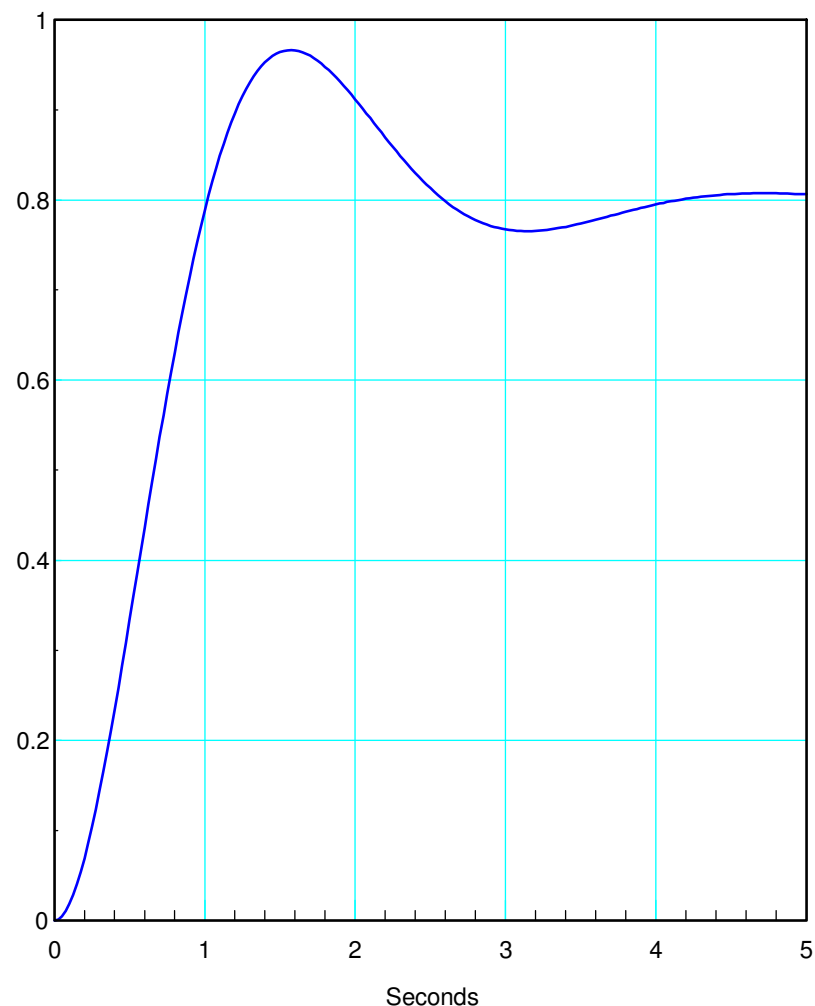
Root Locus:

- No idea where to start

Nichols Chart

- $Y(j\omega)$ has a strong signal at 2 rad/sec
- The resonance is close to 2 rad/sec
- The phase margin is too small at 2 rad/sec
- Pick 'a' to be $1..3 \times 2$

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



Summary:

The purpose of a lead compensator is to

- Pull the root locus left (root locus techniques), or
- Add phase lead, moving $G(j\omega)$ away from -1

Place the zero 1..3 times the frequency which is too close to -1

Add a pole 3-10 times the zero to add phase lead
