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**AME 437: Control Systems Engineering**  
**Homework 8 Solutions**

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1. (7.9.1:2) Typically, when lag compensation is implemented *after* compensation is designed for the transient response. Thus, we first find  $K$  such that  $\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and leaving out the lag compensator.

Using Matlab,

```
>> rlocus(1,[1 33 90])
```

and resizing the axis limits by right clicking on the plot, produces Figure 1. Pointing and clicking indicates that  $K = 46$  produces the desired damping ratio.

For  $K = 46$ , the closed loop transfer function is

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{460}{s^2 + 33s + 550}.$$

Thus, for a step input

$$c_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \frac{1}{s} \frac{460}{s^2 + 33s + 550} = 0.84.$$

Reducing the steady state error by a factor of 4 will satisfy the steady state error specification. Therefore, pick  $b = 0.4$ .

Using Matlab, and a little algebra

```
>> step(460*[1 .4],[1 33.1 553.3 193])
```

produces Figure 2, which illustrates that the steady state error is less than 5%.

2. (7.9.2:2) Consider

$$G_c = k_p + \frac{k_i}{s} \quad \text{and} \quad G_p(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+4)}.$$

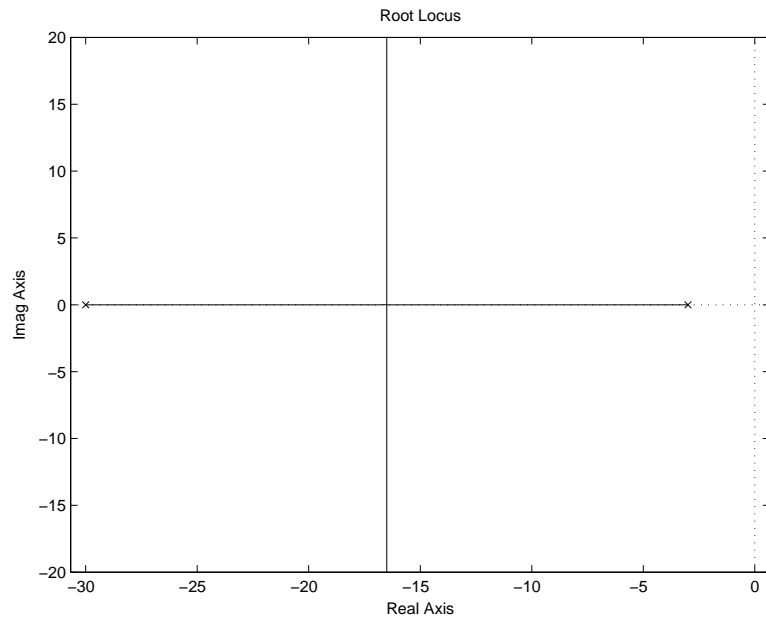
(a) Note

$$G_c = k_p \left( 1 + \frac{0.1}{s} \right),$$

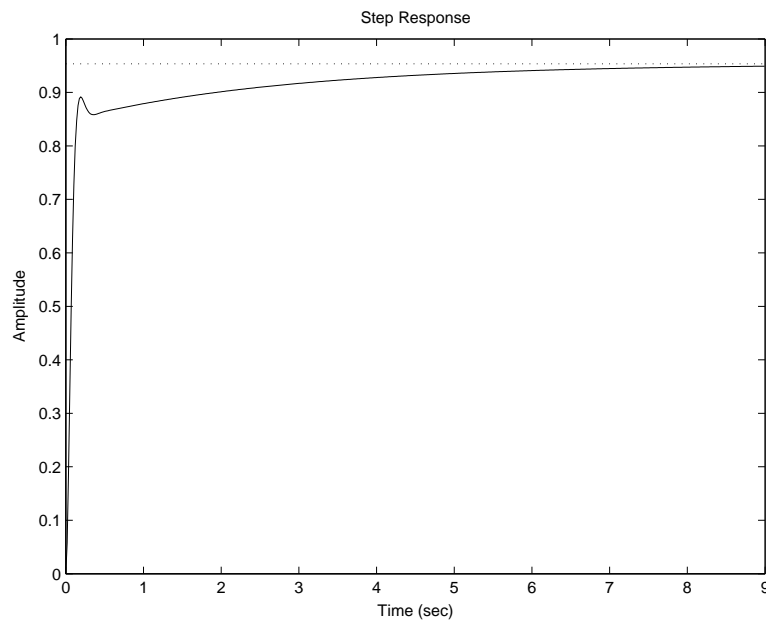
so

$$G_c(s)G_p(s) = \frac{k_p(1 + \frac{0.1}{s})}{(s+2)(s+4)} = \frac{k_p(s+0.1)}{s^3 + 6s^2 + 8s}.$$

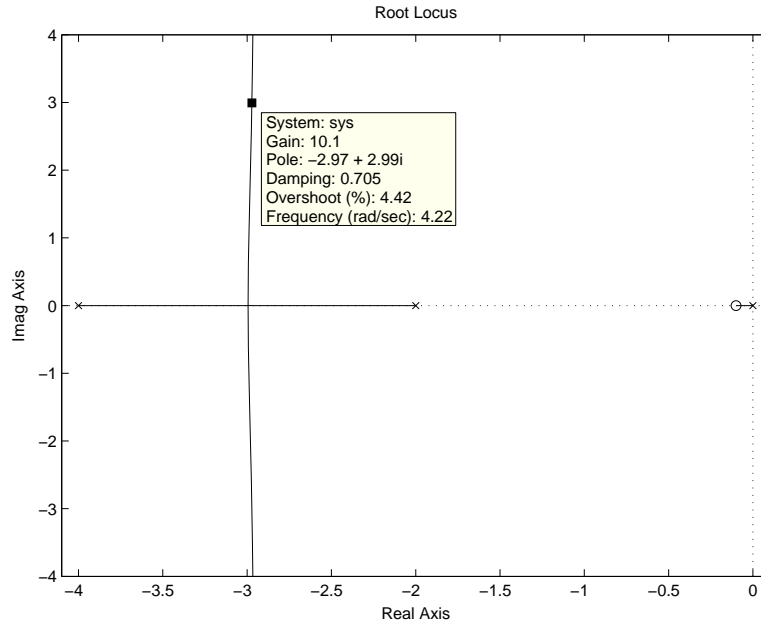
Using Matlab



**Figure 1.** Root locus for Problem 1.



**Figure 2.** Step response for Problem 1.



**Figure 3.** Root locus for Problem 2.

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>> rlocus([1 0.1],[1 6 8 0])
```

produces Figure 3. Pointing and clicking gives that  $k_p = 10$ .

(b) The closed loop transfer function is

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{10s + 1}{s^3 + 6s^2 + 18s + 1}.$$

Clearly,  $e_{ss} = 0$  for a step.

(c) Using octave

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>> sys = tf2sys([10 1],[1 6 18 1])
>> step(sys)
```

produces figure 4.

3. Consider

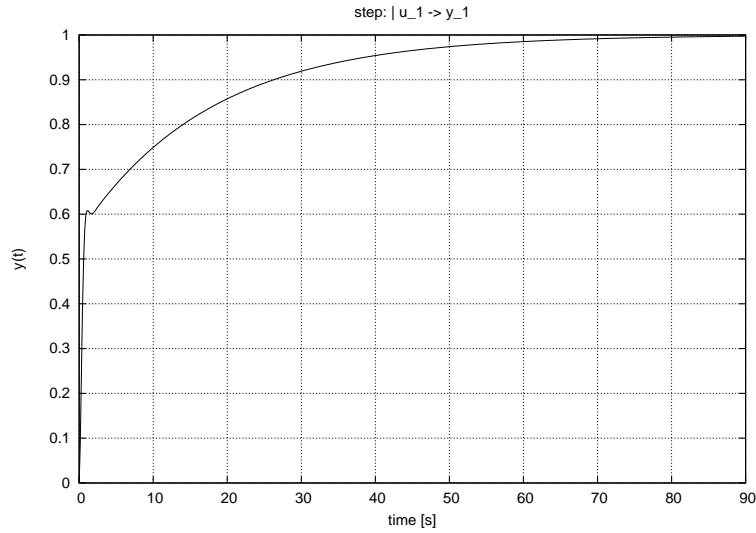
$$G_p = \frac{10}{s(s + 0.5)(s + 20)} \quad \text{and} \quad G_c = \frac{K(s + b)}{s + 10}.$$

(a) Using the angle criterion, illustrated in Figure 5, and using  $\alpha$  for the angle from the zero located at  $s = -b$  to  $s = -s + 3i$

$$\alpha - (\tan^{-1}(3/17) + \tan^{-1}(3/7) + (180 - \tan^{-1}(3/2.5) + 135)) = 180,$$

so

$$\alpha = 118.01^\circ.$$



**Figure 4.** Step response for Problem 2.

**Note:** you need to keep track of the quadrant using  $\tan^{-1}$ . If you just punch this line into your calculator, it may not work. In matlab, I used the

`atan2()`

function.

Thus,

$$b = 1.404.$$

Using Matlab,

```
>> rlocus(10*[1 1.404],conv([1 10 0],[1 20.5 10]))
```

shows in Figure 6 that the root locus does go through the point  $s = -3 + 3i$ .

(b) From Figure 6,  $K = 64$ .

(c) From the definition of  $K_v$ ,

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s G_c(s) G_p(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{64(s + 1.404)}{s + 10} \frac{10}{s(s + 0.5)(s + 20)} = 9.$$

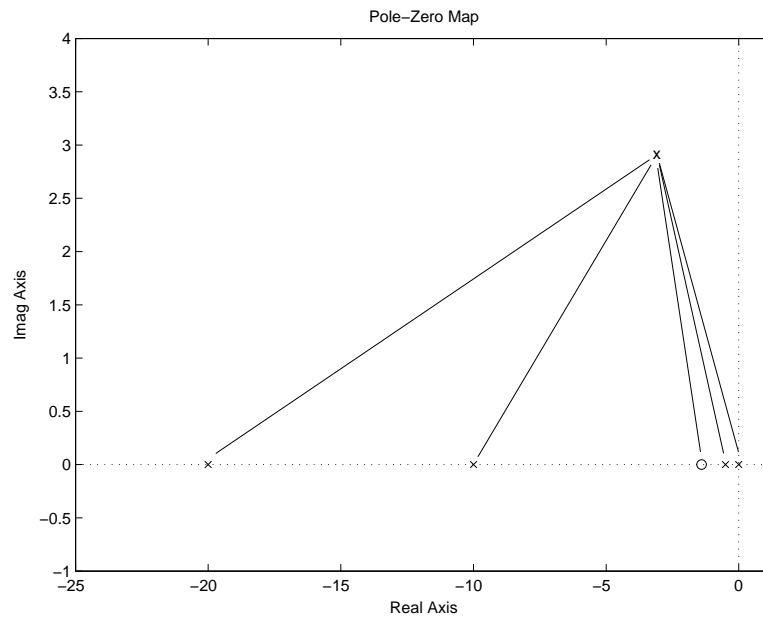
4. (7.9.4:2) Consider

$$G_c(s) = k_p + k_d s \quad \text{and} \quad G_p(s) = \frac{1}{s(s + 0.5)}.$$

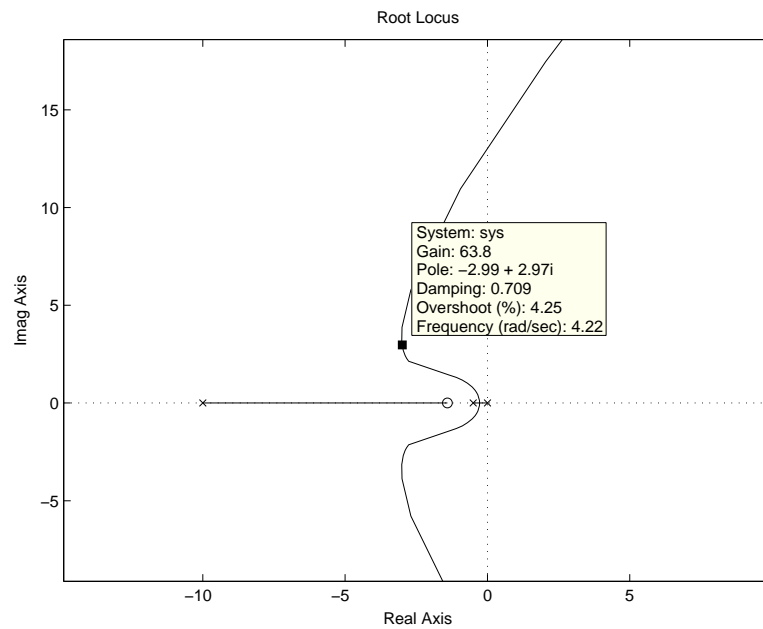
(a) To put the poles at  $s = -3 \pm 2i$ , first write

$$G_c(s) = k_d(s + b),$$

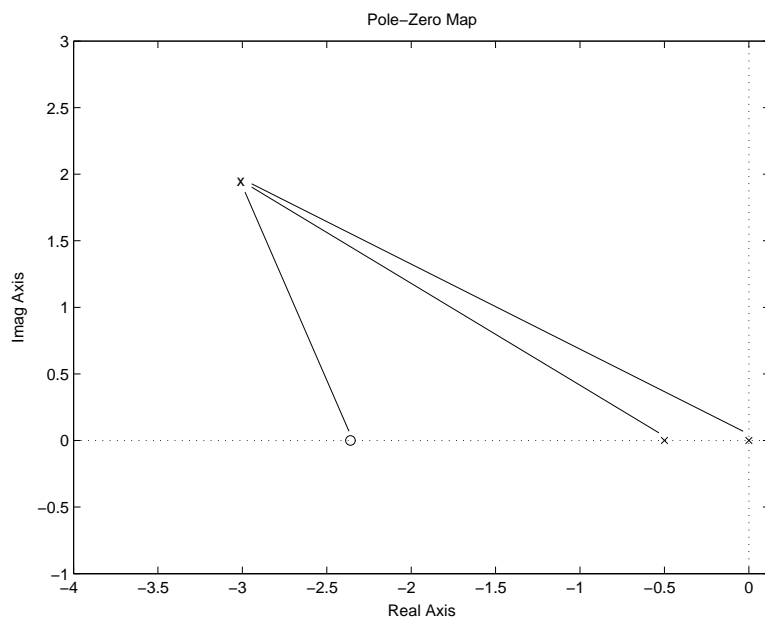
where  $b = \frac{k_p}{k_d}$ , and proceed as before.



**Figure 5.** Angle criterion for problem 3.



**Figure 6.** Root locus for problem 3.



**Figure 7.** Angle criterion for problem 4.

Using the angle criterion again, as illustrated in Figure 7, and using  $\alpha$  for the unknown angle from the zero

$$\alpha = 180 + \tan^{-1}(2/3) + \tan^{-1}(2/2.5) = 107.65.$$

Thus,  $b = 2.36$ .

Using Matlab,

```
>> rlocus([1 2.36],[1 .5 0])
```

as is illustrated in Figure 8, indicates the root locus goes through the point  $s = -3 + 2i$ . Also from the figure,  $k_p = 5.4$ .

- (b) You can either directly compute the error, use the definition of  $K_v$ . This time, we will use  $K_v$ .

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s 5.4(s + 2.36) \frac{1}{s(s + 0.5)} = 25.5.$$

Thus, for a ramp,

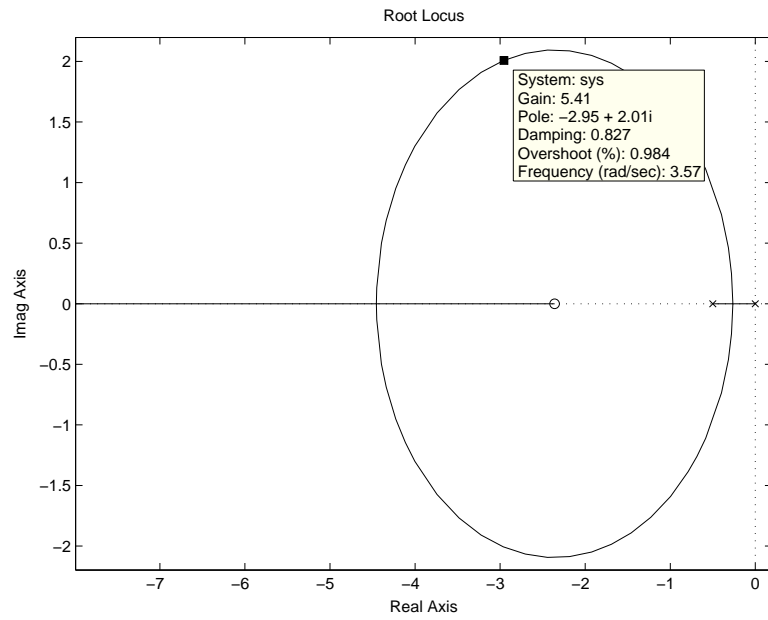
$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v} = 0.04.$$

- (c) Skip c.

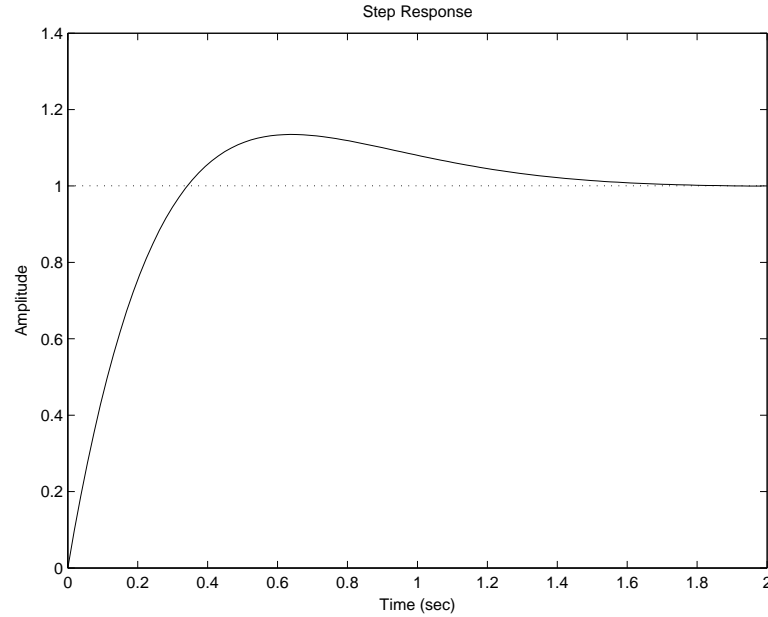
- (d) Using Matlab

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>> step(5.4*[1 2.36],[1 5.9 12.74])
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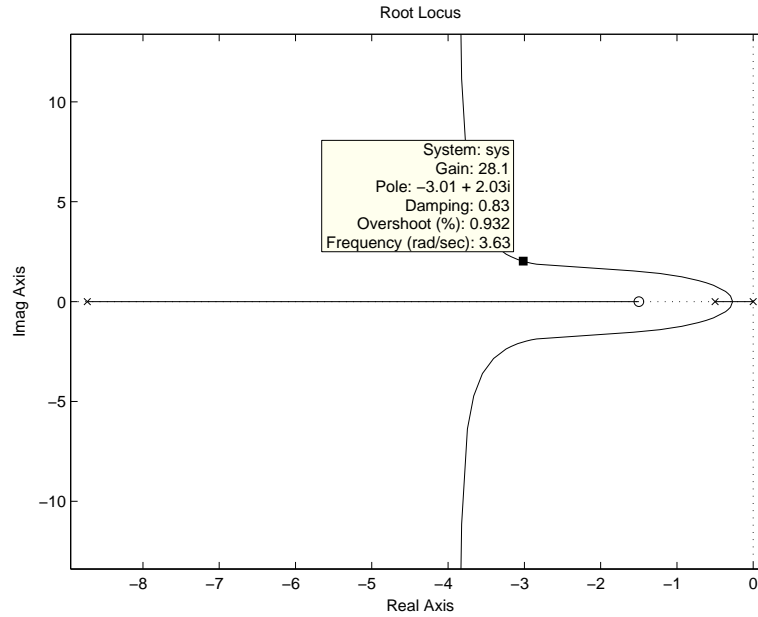
is illustrated in Figure 9.



**Figure 8.** Root locus for problem 4.



**Figure 9.** Step response for problem 4.



**Figure 10.** Root locus plot for problem 5.

5. (7.9.5:1) Consider

$$G_c(s) = \frac{K_c(s + 1.5)}{s + p_1} \quad \text{and} \quad G_p(s) = \frac{1}{s(s + 0.5)}.$$

(a) Using the angle criterion and denoting the unknown angle from  $p_1$  by  $\alpha$ ,

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}(2/1.5) - \tan^{-1}(2/2.5) - \tan^{-1}(2/3) - 180 = 19.2.$$

Thus,

$$p_1 = 8.73.$$

Using Matlab

```
>> rlocus([1 1.5],conv([1 8.73],[1 .5 0]))
```

indicates that  $K_c = 28$ , as is illustrated in Figure 10.

(b)

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \frac{28(s + 1.5)}{s + 8.73} \frac{1}{s(s + 0.5)} = 9.62,$$

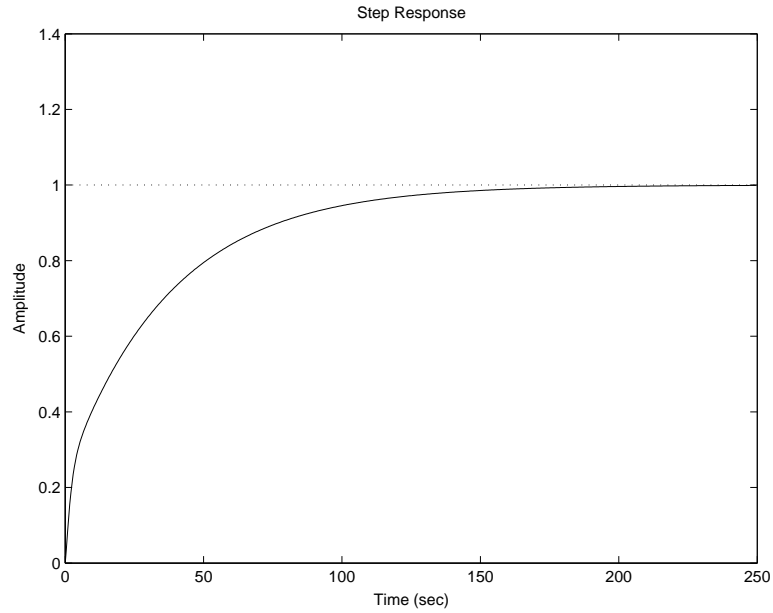
so

$$e_{ss} = 0.105$$

for a ramp.

(c) The steady state error must be reduced by a factor of 6, so pick  $z_1 = 0.1$  and  $p_2 = 0.0167$ .





**Figure 11.** Step response for problem 5.

(d) The closed loop transfer function is

$$T_c(s) = \frac{(s + 0.1)(s + 1.5)}{(s + 0.0167)(s + 8.73)s(s + 0.5) + (s + 0.1)(s + 1.5)}.$$

(e) Using Matlab,

```
>> step([1 1.6 0.15],[1 10.25 14.75 6.04 0.15])
```

gives the plot in Figure 11.

6. (7.9.6:2) Consider

$$G_c(s) = \frac{K(s + 2)(s + z_2)}{s(s + 10)} \quad \text{and} \quad G_p(s) = \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)}.$$

7. Using the angle criterion and  $\alpha$  for the unknown angle from the zero to the point  $s = -3 + 2i$ ,

$$\alpha = 180 + \tan^{-1}(2/7) + \tan^{-1}(2/2) + \tan^{-1}(2/3) = 117.3.$$

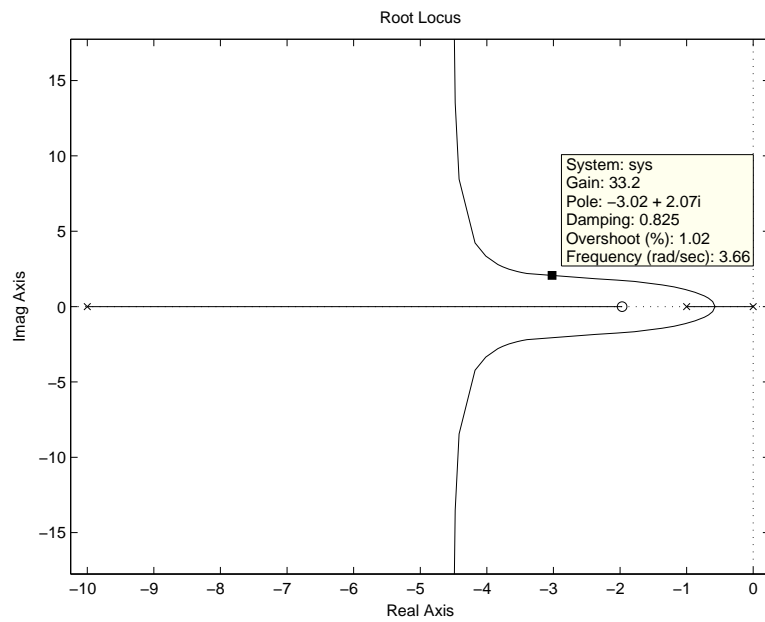
Thus,

$$z_2 = 1.97.$$

The root locus plot in Figure 12 illustrates that  $K = 33$ .

8.

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s + 1} \frac{33(s + 2)}{s(s + 10)} = 6.6.$$



**Figure 12.** Root locus plot for problem 6.

Thus

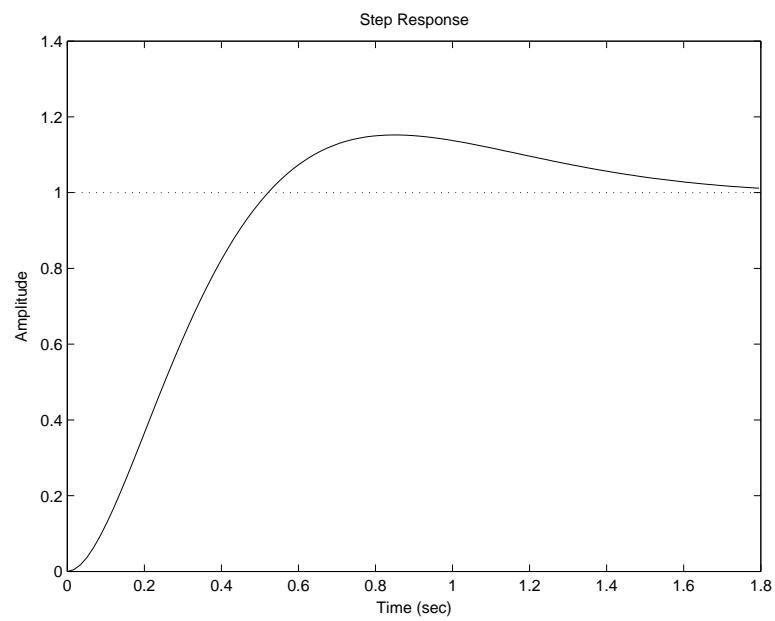
$$e_{ss} = 0.15$$

for a ramp.

9. Skip c.
10. Using Matlab

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>> step([33 66],[1 11 43 66])
```

is illustrated in Figure 13.



**Figure 13.** Step response for problem 6.