

Space feedback control

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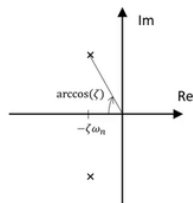
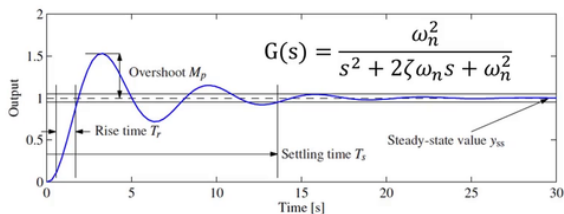
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The questions that remain are: *How do we design a state feedback controller and Where do we place the closed loop system's poles?*

Specifications and pole placement

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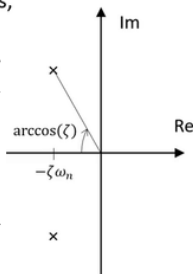
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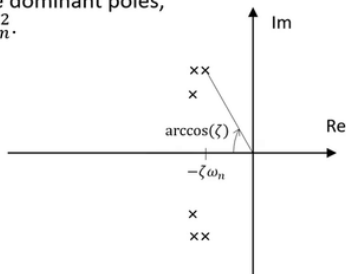


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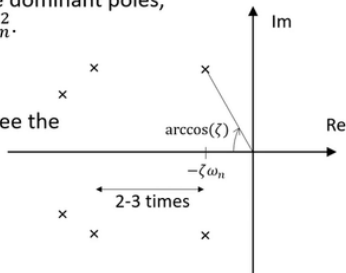


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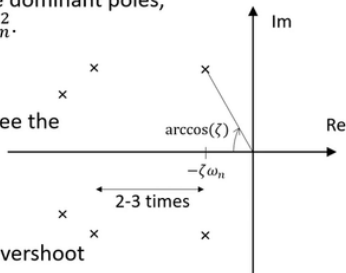


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Usually you end up with some zeros as well:

- Zeros in the left half plane give additional overshoot
- Zeros in the right half plane give a negative undershoot

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For low order systems it is ok, but for larger systems this is boring work.

Ackermann's formula offers us a method to do this in one computational step.

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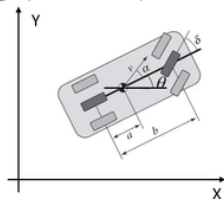
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This is called **Ackermann's formula**.

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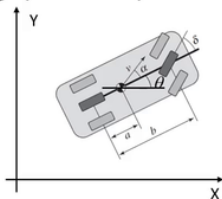
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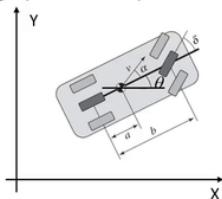
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