

Linear Systems

Linear Quadratic Optimal Control

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- more nice properties will show up later

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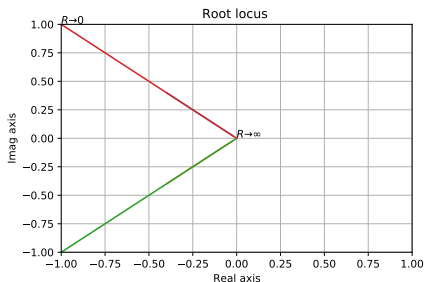


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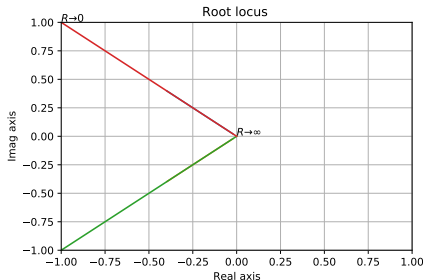


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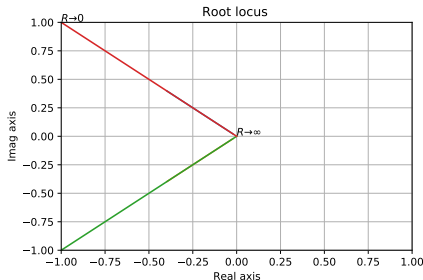


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- $R \downarrow$ (allow for large control efforts) $\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2}$ move further to the left of the complex plane \Rightarrow faster speed of closed-loop dynamics

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$$[K, P, \Lambda] = \text{lqr}(A, B, C^T C, R)$$

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where *sys* is defined by $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$, $y = Cx + Du$, and

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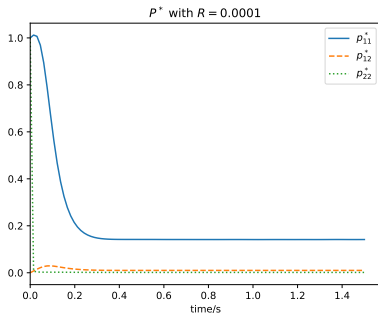


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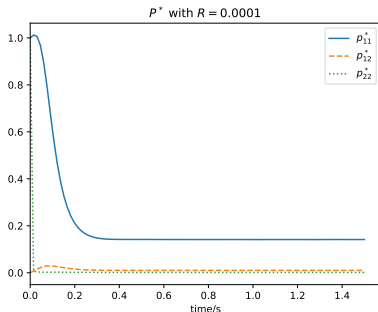


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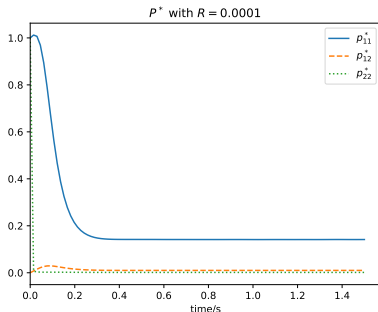


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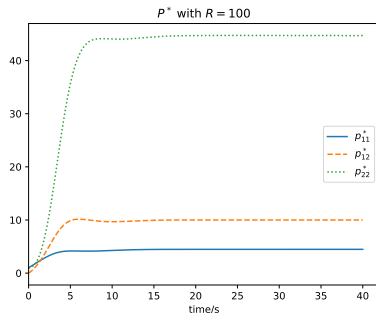
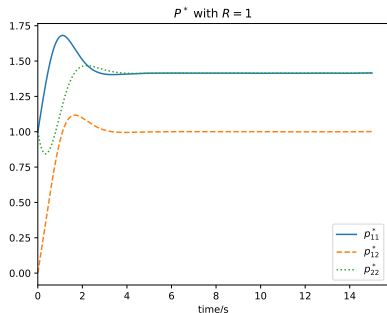


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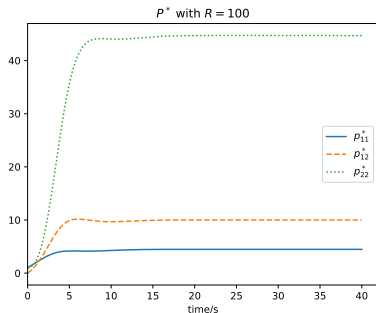
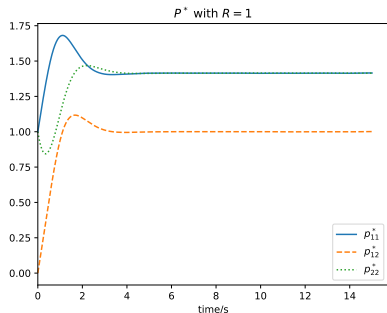


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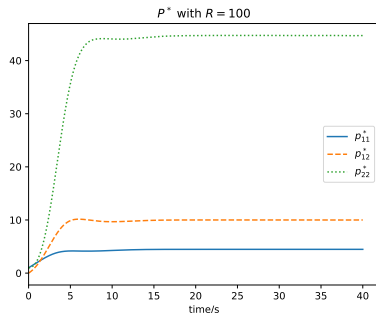
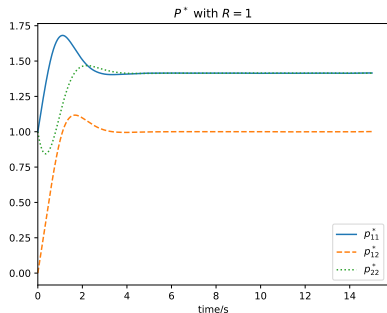
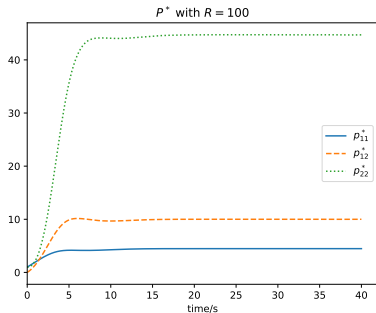


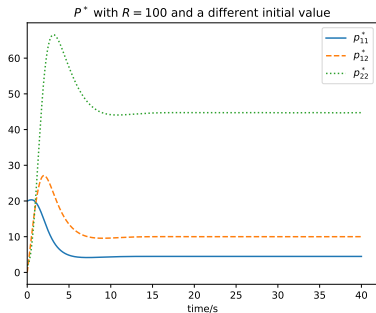
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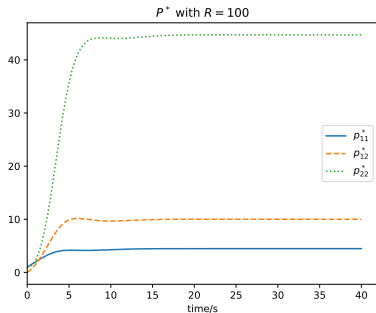
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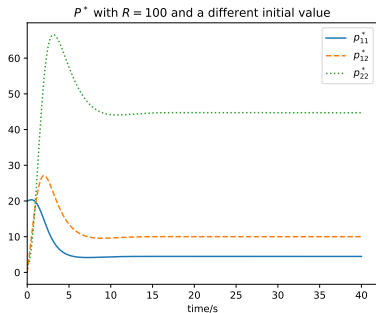
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- ▶ we know stationary LQR yields guaranteed closed-loop stability for controllable (stabilizable) and observable (detectable) systems

It turns out that LQ regulators with full state feedback has excellent additional properties of:

- ▶ at least a 60 degree phase margin
- ▶ infinite gain margin
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