

# controltheory

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```
library(controltheory)
```

This package helps to treat linear systems in R. Specifically root locus and a time domain simulation (using deSolve) are implemented.

Polynomials are represented as vectors, as done in `base::polyroot` and the `polynom` package. A shorthand for `polynom::polynomial` is defined:

```
p( 1, 2, 3 )  
## 1 + 2*x + 3*x^2
```

## 1 Root Locus

The root locus of the transfer function:

$$G_1 = N/D = \frac{(5+s)(1+s)}{s(3+s)(2+2s+s^2)} \quad (1)$$

shows where the poles of the closed-loop system,  $kG_1/(1+kG_1)$ , move as  $k$  increases from 0. Specifically, the poles are defined by the roots of the characteristic polynomial which will be called  $\Delta$  ( $\Delta = kN + D$ ). Points of interest, such as break-points, asymptotes and intervals in which  $k$  leads to a stable system are calculated following [http://lpsa.swarthmore.edu/Root\\_Locus/RootLocusReviewRules.html](http://lpsa.swarthmore.edu/Root_Locus/RootLocusReviewRules.html)

```

eq1 <- rational( p(5, 1) *p(1, 1), p() * p(3, 1) * p(2, 2, 1))
print(eq1)

## 5 + 6*x + x^2
## -----
## 6*x + 8*x^2 + 5*x^3 + x^4

r1 <- rlocus(eq1, k.expand.f = 2)
lapply(r1, head, 3)

## $poles
##   k.idx pole k.int.idx Im      Re      k      k.int stability
## 1      1      1          1 0 -0.0008334 0.001 [0,14.5]    stable
## 2      1      2          1 1 -0.9994500 0.001 [0,14.5]    stable
## 3      1      3          1 -1 -0.9994500 0.001 [0,14.5]    stable
##
## $asymptotes
##   f pole Re      Im
## 1 0.0      2 0.5 0.0000
## 2 0.0      3 0.5 0.0000
## 3 0.1      2 0.5 0.7879
##
## $points
##   type Re      Im
## 1    z -1 -5.457e-15
## 2    z -5  5.457e-15
## 3    p  0  0.000e+00
##
## $ks.stable
## $ks.stable$pp
##           ppInts sign
## 1 (-Inf,-2.34]   -1
## 2 (-2.34,14.5]    1
## 3 (14.5, Inf]    -1
##
## $ks.stable$cuts
## [1] -Inf -2.343 14.510 Inf

```

```
library(ggplot2)
plot(ggplot( r1$poles, aes(Re, Im)) +
     geom_path(aes(group=interaction(pole, stability),
                      col=pole, linetype=stability)) +
     geom_path(data=r1$asymptotes, linetype=3,
               aes(group=pole, col=pole)) +
     geom_point(data=subset(r1$points, type != 'centroid'),
                aes(shape=type))
)
```

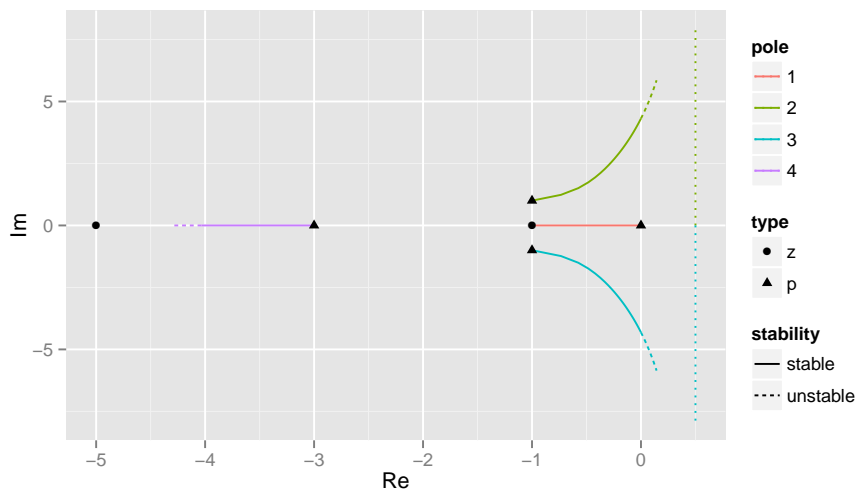


Figure 1: Root locus for equation (1)

## 2 Time domain

`ilt` is provided as an adapter for `deSolve::radau`. It numerically calculates an inverse laplace transform, at least if the provided transfer function is a ratio of polynomials.

### 2.1 Sin

As an example, here is  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}1/(1 + s^2) = \sin(t)$

```
library(controltheory)
sint <- ilt( rational( 1, c(1, 0, 1)), times = seq(0, pi, by=0.3) )
unclass(sint)

##      time      dy.1      y
```

```

## [1,] 0.0 1.00000 0.0000
## [2,] 0.3 0.95534 0.2955
## [3,] 0.6 0.82534 0.5646
## [4,] 0.9 0.62161 0.7833
## [5,] 1.2 0.36236 0.9320
## [6,] 1.5 0.07074 0.9975
## [7,] 1.8 -0.22720 0.9738
## [8,] 2.1 -0.50485 0.8632
## [9,] 2.4 -0.73739 0.6755
## [10,] 2.7 -0.90407 0.4274
## [11,] 3.0 -0.98999 0.1411
## attr("istate")
## [1] 1 7 33 1 NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA 0 NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
## attr("rstate")
## [1] 0.2277 3.0000 0.0010 0.0000 NA
## attr("valroot")
## [1]
## [1,] 3.772e-13
## [2,] 1.000e+00
## attr("indroot")
## [1] 1
## attr("troot")
## [1] 1.571
## attr("nroot")
## [1] 1
## attr("lengthvar")
## [1] 2
## attr("type")
## [1] "radau5"
## attr("tf")
## 1
## -----
## 1 + x^2
## attr("roots")
## attr("roots")$dy.1
## attr("roots")$dy.1$exclude
## function (t, y, ...)
## t < tMin | (y - y.inf)/(y.inf - y.init) < 0.1
## <environment: 0x3474470>
##
## attr("roots")$dy.1$final
## [1] 0
##
##
## attr("roots")$y

```

```

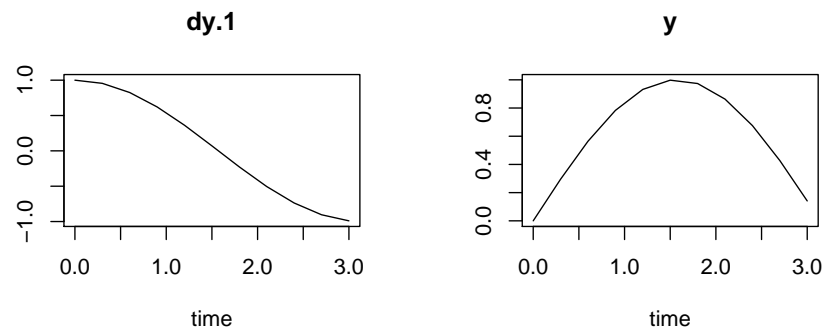
## attr("roots")$y$exclude
## function (t, y, ...)
## t < tMin
## <environment: 0x4b4f0f8>
##
## attr("roots")$y$final
## [1] 0
##
##
## attr("roots")$y
## attr("roots")$y$exclude
## function (t, ...)
## t < tMin
## <environment: 0x4b4f0f8>
##
## attr("roots")$y$final
## [1] 0
##
##
## attr("roots")$y
## attr("roots")$y$exclude
## function (t, y, ...)
## t < tMin
## <environment: 0x4b50350>
##
## attr("roots")$y$final
## [1] 0
##
##
## attr("roots")$y
## attr("roots")$y$exclude
## function (t, ...)
## t < tMin
## <environment: 0x4b50350>
##
## attr("roots")$y$final
## [1] 0
##
##
## attr("roots")$y
## attr("roots")$y$exclude
## function (t, y, ...)
## t < tMin
## <environment: 0x4b4fe80>
##
##

```

```
## attr("roots")$y$final
## [1] 0
##
##
## attr("roots")$y
## attr("roots")$y$exclude
## function (t, ...)
## t < tMin
## <environment: 0x4b4fe80>
##
## attr("roots")$y$final
## [1] 0
##
##
## attr("roots")attr("settledRtol")
## [1] 0.01 0.02 0.05
## attr("roots")attr("tMin")
## [1] 0.1
```

The result comes from `deSolve::radau`. Derivatives of the output  $y$  that were needed to calculate the response are included with names `dy.1`, `dy.2` for the first and second derivatives. Additionally zeroes of the first derivative are included in the attributes `valroot` and `troot`.

```
plot(sint)
```



## 2.2 A more complicated transfer function

For the next example, the closed-loop step response for the system given by equation (1) is found.

First define the open-loop transfer function

```

library(controltheory)
(gOL <- rational( p(5,1)*p(1,1),
                  p(0, 1) * p(3, 1) * p(2, 2, 1)))

## 5 + 6*x + x^2
## -----
## 6*x + 8*x^2 + 5*x^3 + x^4

gCL <- function(k) k*gOL / (1 + k*gOL)
gCL(1)

## 30*x + 76*x^2 + 79*x^3 + 43*x^4 + 11*x^5 + x^6
## -----
## 30*x + 112*x^2 + 175*x^3 + 167*x^4 + 103*x^5 + 42*x^6 + 10*x^7 + x^8

```

The above transfer function could be simplified by dividing through by  $x$ . The other common factors could be found by manually finding the poles and zeroes:

```

polyroot(gCL(1)@den)

## [1] 0.0000+0.000i -0.6157+0.000i -1.0000+1.000i -1.0000-1.000i
## [5] -0.5874-1.478i -0.5874+1.478i -3.0000-0.000i -3.2096+0.000i

polyroot(gCL(1)@num)

## [1] 0+0i -1-0i -1+1i -1-1i -3+0i -5-0i

```

and then making a new transfer function without the factors  $0 -1 + i$  and  $-1 - i$  from the numerator and denominator.

Alternatively, this process is automated with **rationalize**:

```

rationalize(gCL(1))

## 5 + 6*x + x^2
## -----
## 5 + 12*x + 9*x^2 + 4.999999999999999*x^3 + x^4

round( rationalize(gCL(1)), digits=10)

## 5 + 6*x + x^2
## -----
## 5 + 12*x + 9*x^2 + 5*x^3 + x^4

```

```

library(doMC)
registerDoMC(2)

```

```
mkStepResponses <- function(ks, ...) mply( data.frame(k = ks),
  function(k)
    ilt(rationalize( gCL(k) / p() ),
      ...),
  .parallel=T)

library(ggplot2)
plot( ggplot( ldply(mkStepResponses(c(1,5,10),
  times=seq(0, 20, length.out=400)),
    identity),
  aes(time, y, col=factor(k)))
+ geom_path())
```

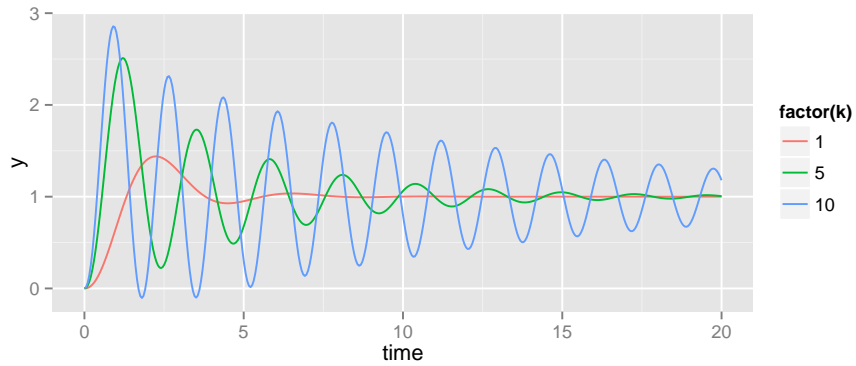


Figure 2: Step responses for the system in equation 1 with different proportional gains  $k$

```
responsesK <- mkStepResponses(seq(1, 8, length.out=20),
  times = seq(0, 100, length.out=100))

responsesK.stationary <- ldply(responsesK,
  function(x) {
    ix <- attr(x, 'indroot') == 1
    data.frame(t=attr(x, 'troot')[ix],
      n=seq_along(attr(x, 'troot')[ix]),
      y=attr(x, 'valroot')[ ncol(x)-1,ix])
  })
responsesK.settling <- within(ldply(responsesK, settlingTimes), {
  yU <- round(yU, digits=3)
  yL <- round(yL, digits=3) })
```



```
library(directlabels)
plot( ggplot(subset(responsesK.stationary, n<13), aes(k, y))
      + geom_line(aes(col=factor(n)))
      + geom_dl(aes(col=factor(n),
                    label=n),
                method='last.bumpup')
      + scale_color_discrete(guide='none'))
```

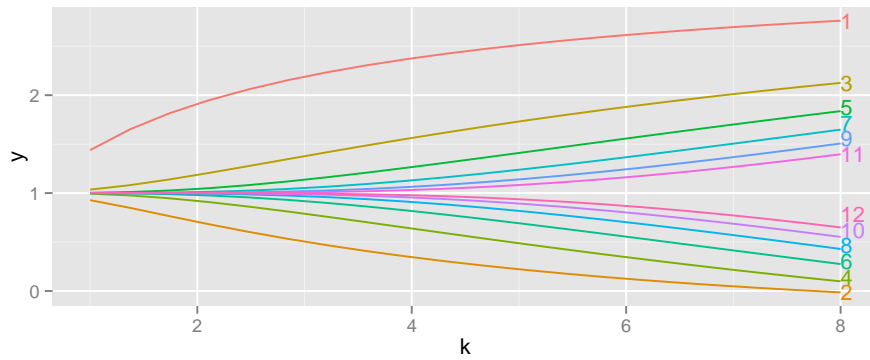


Figure 3: The peaks in figure 2 increase in amplitude as  $k$  increases.

```
plot( ggplot(responsesK.settling,
              aes(k , t, col=factor(yU)))
      + geom_line()
      + ylab('settling time'))
```

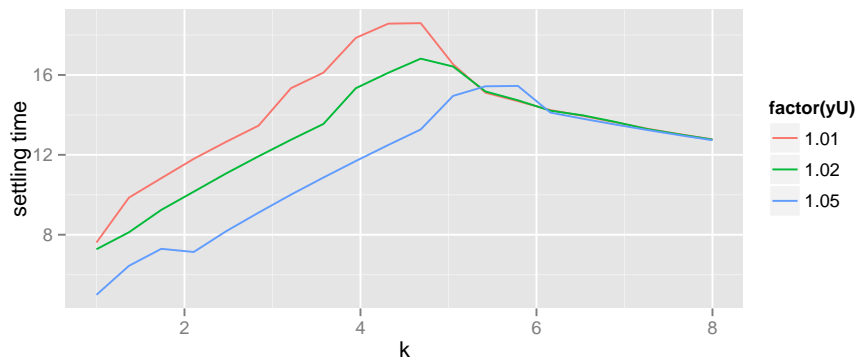


Figure 4: Settling times