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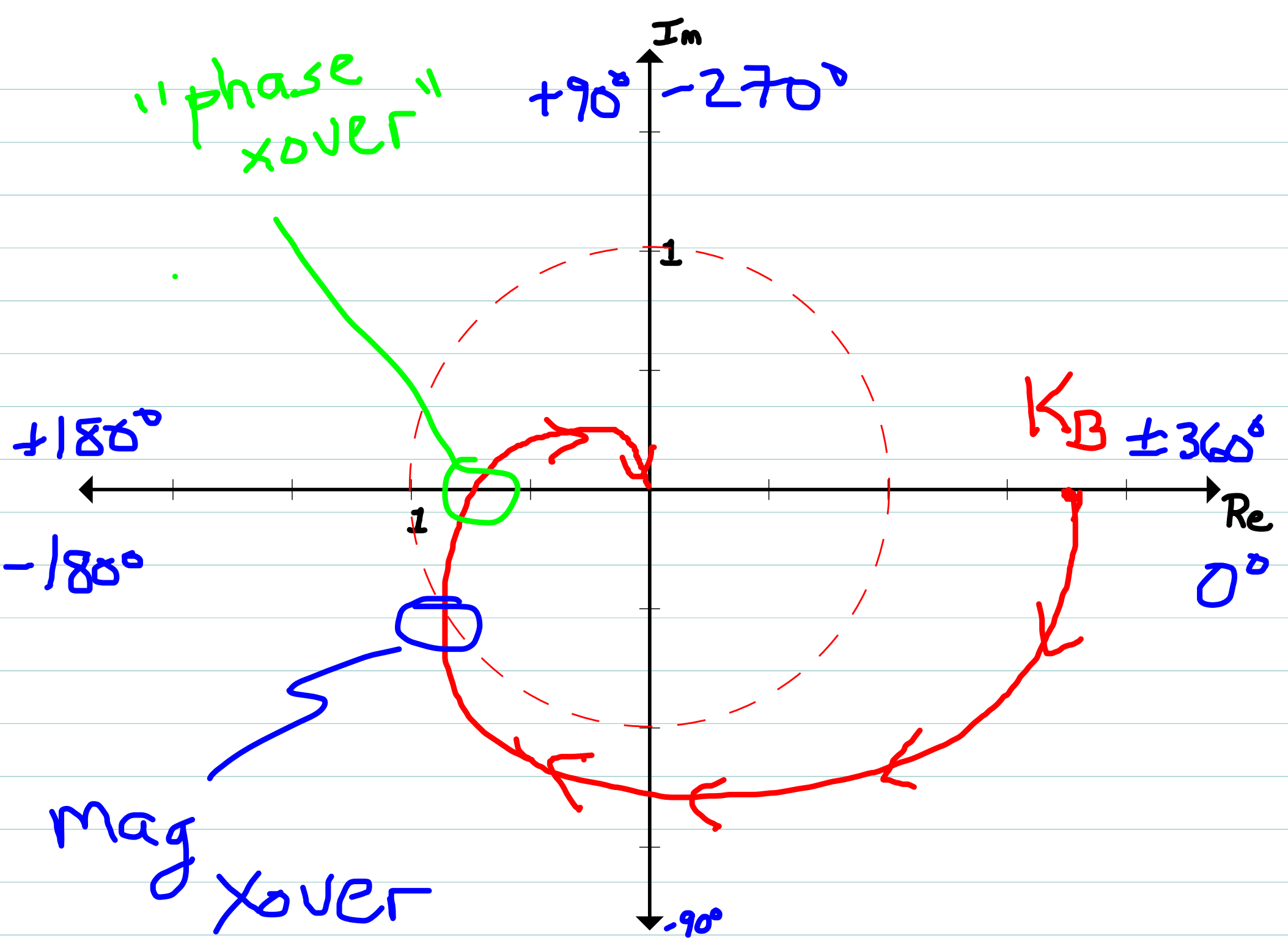
Low freq phase: Constant at 0°

High freq. mag slope: -60 dB/dec

High freq. phase: -270°

Recall: negative high freq. slope means

$$|G(j\omega)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$



Phase Crossover

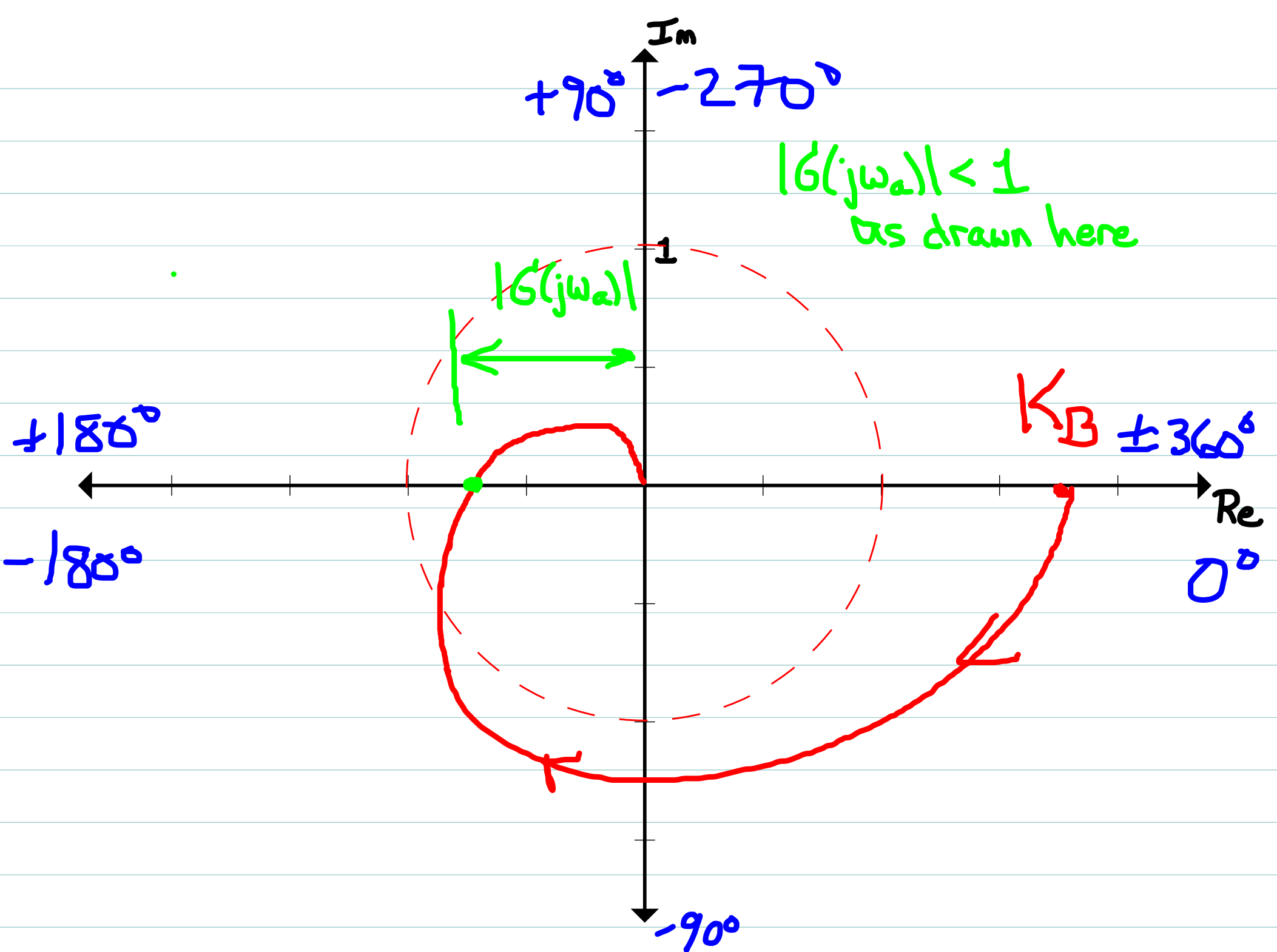
The "phase crossover" of a polar plot is the point where the plot crosses through the negative real axis.

This corresponds to the point where $\angle G(j\omega) = -180^\circ$

Again, easily seen from Bode phase diagrams: call ω_a "phase crossover freq." the value of ω for which $\angle G(j\omega) = -180^\circ$.

Note: May be one, none, or many ω_a depending on system.

Important quantity: $|G(j\omega_a)|$ magnitude at phase crossover frequency



Gain Margin

The gain margin, a , is defined as:

$$a = \frac{1}{|G(j\omega_a)|}$$

Gain margin is commonly expressed in dB:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{dB} &= 20 \log a \\ &= -|G(j\omega_a)|_{dB} \end{aligned}$$

So gain margin in dB is negative of Bode magnitude at phase crossover freq.

Meaning of Gain and phase margins

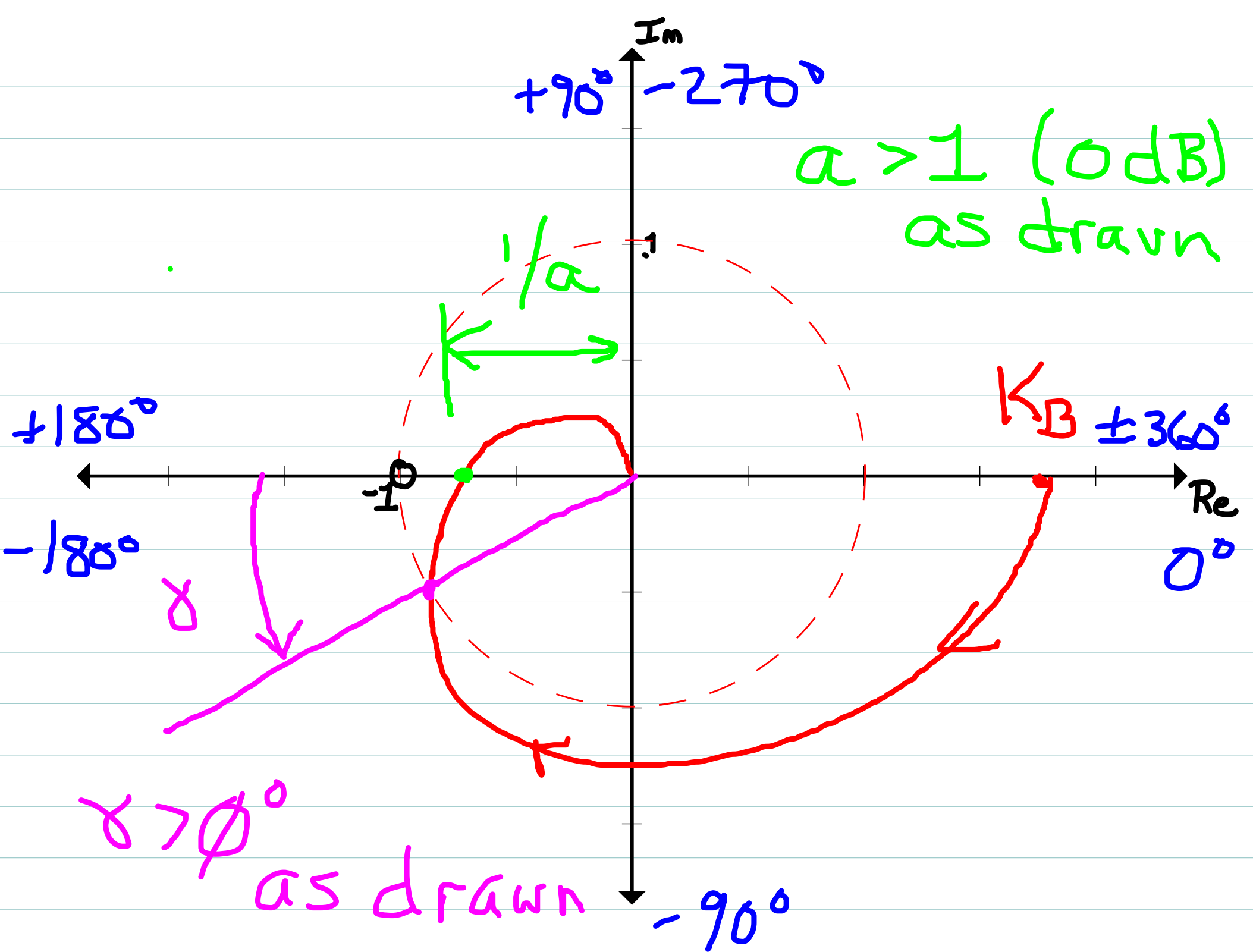
α, γ measure how close polar plot comes to point $-1 + 0j$ ("-1 point") in complex plane. Recall $-1 + 0j = 1 \angle -180^\circ$

Two "pseudo-orthogonal" directions

→ α measures distance to -1 along real axis as a ratio $1/|G(j\omega)|$

⇒ γ measures distance to -1 as an angle around unit circle.

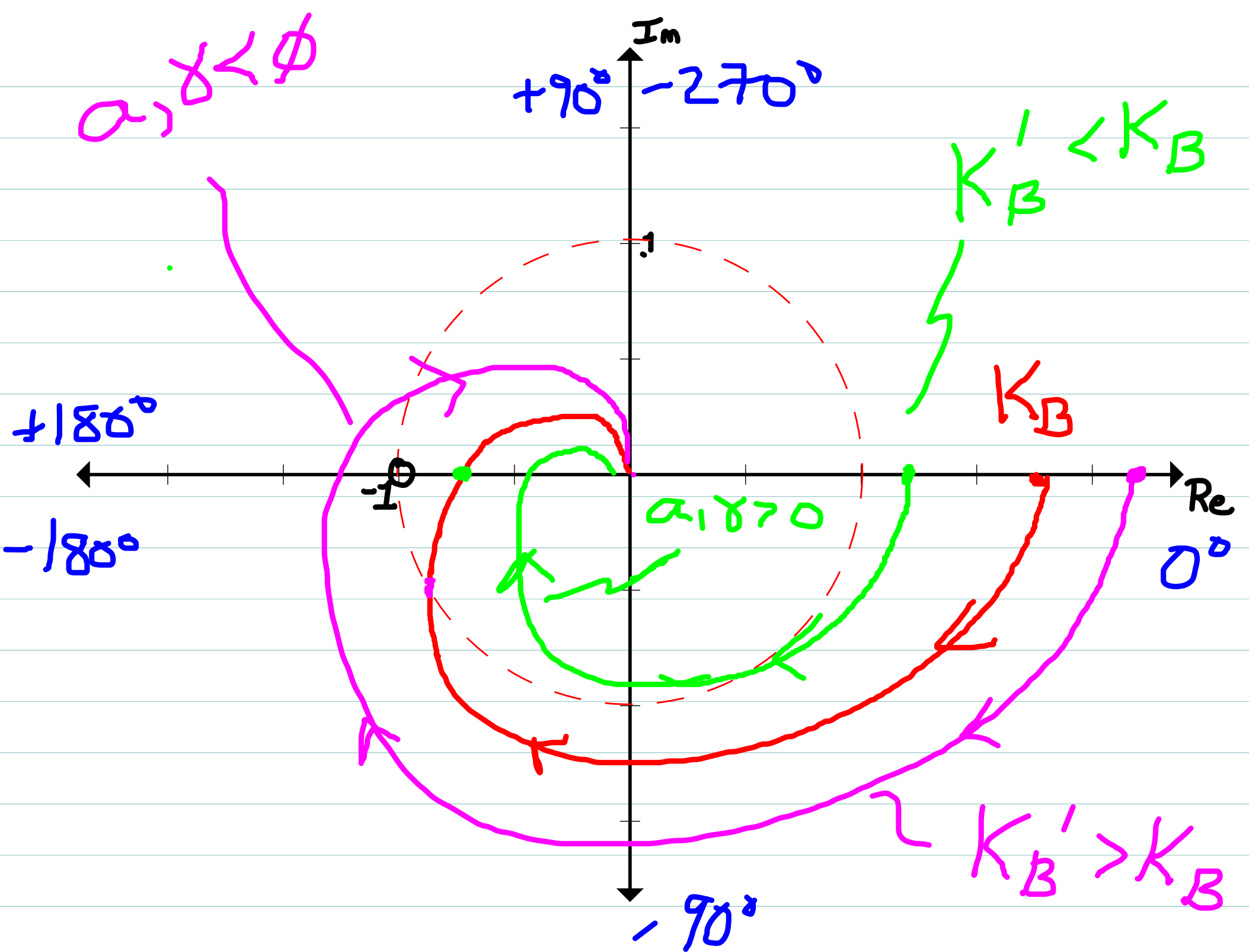
Note: $\alpha > 1$ ($\alpha > 0 \text{ dB}$) means phase crossover occurs inside unit circle. $\alpha < 1$ ($\alpha < 0 \text{ dB}$) means phase crossover is outside unit circle



Effect of Gain Changes

Increasing or decreasing K_B uniformly expands or contracts polar plot about the origin

\Rightarrow Will generally change crossovers and margins



Effect of Zeros

Since they affect magnitude and phase, zeros will change shape of polar plot.

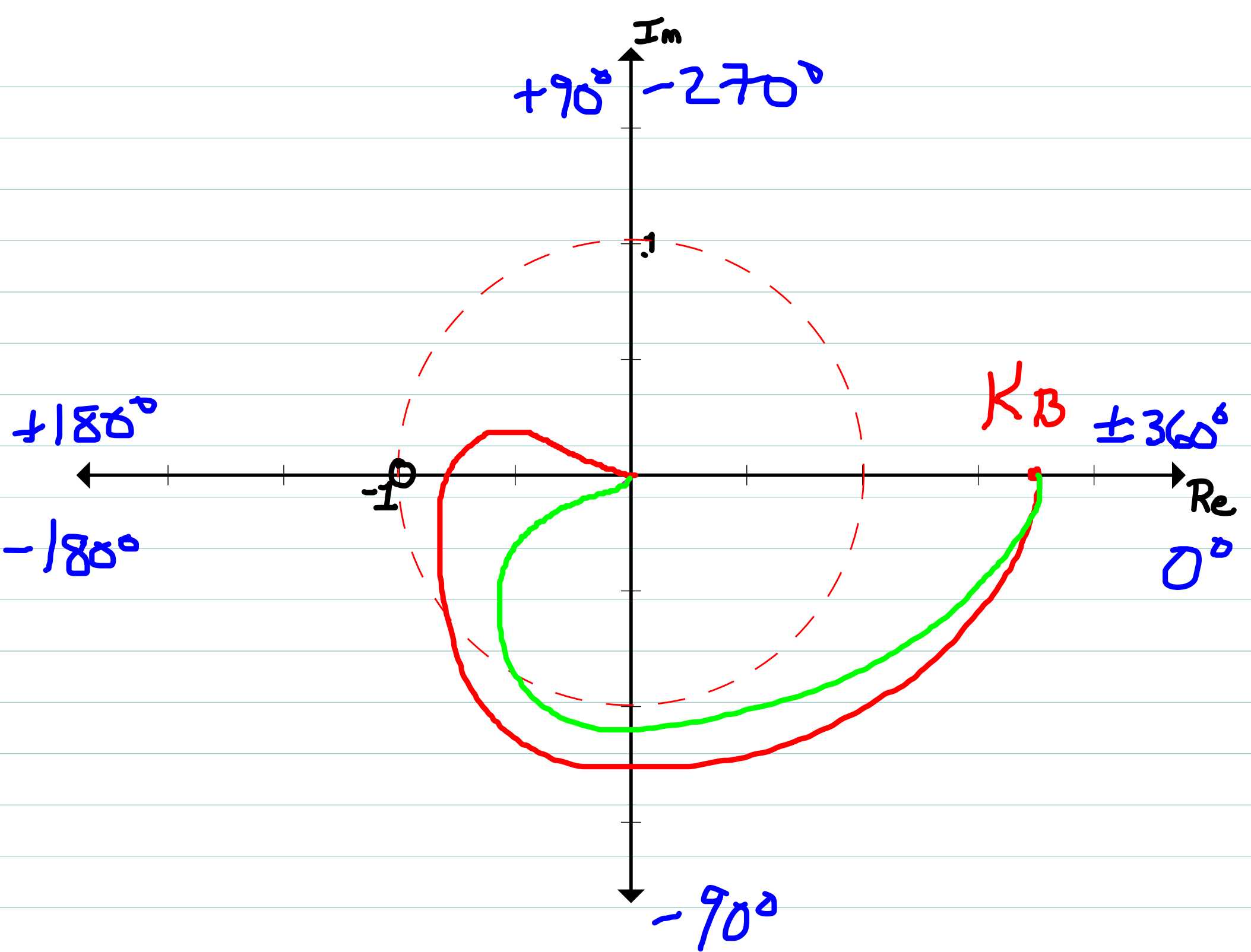
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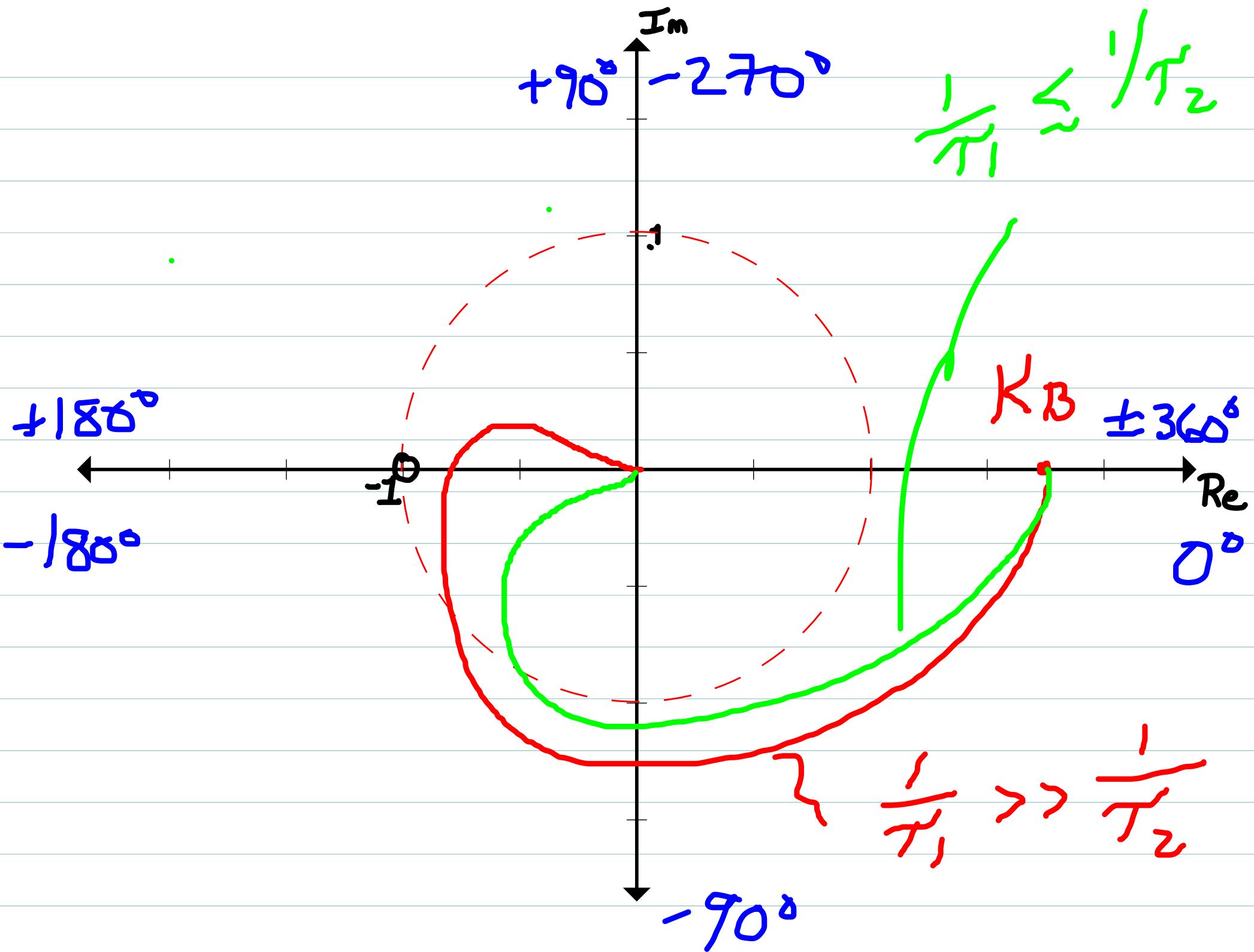
$$G(s) = K_B \frac{(\tau_1 s + 1)}{(\tau_2 s + 1)^3} \quad \begin{array}{l} K_B > 1 \\ \tau_1, \tau_2 > 0 \end{array}$$

high freq phase: -180° here (why??)

But this limit may be asymptotically approached from above or below as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$

This difference can have a profound impact on shape of plot. Need to check Bode for accuracy, but can often "reason it out" for simple cases.





Poles at origin

Poles at origin will introduce a unique feature to a polar plot.

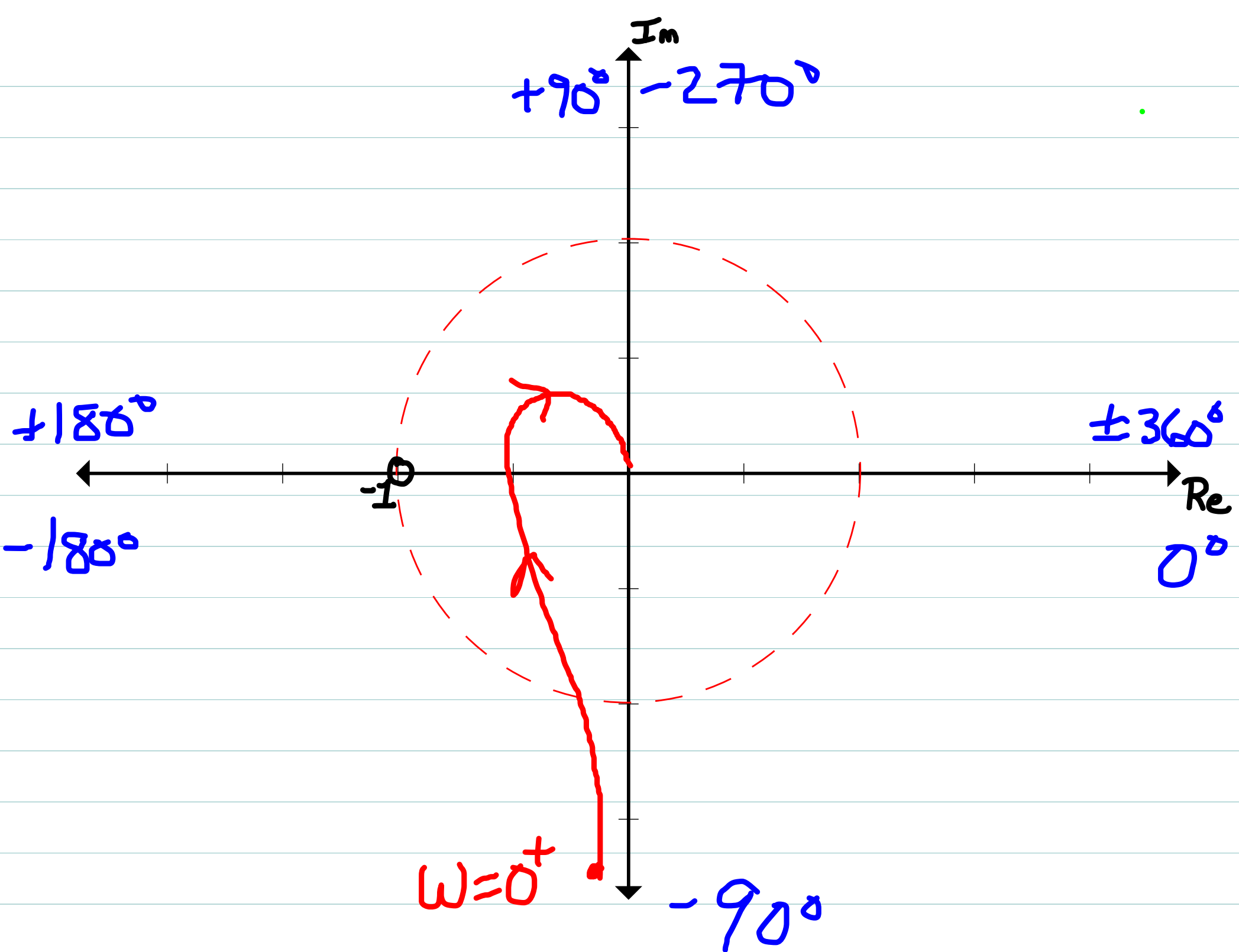
$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \angle G(j\omega) = \angle K_B - N 90^\circ$$

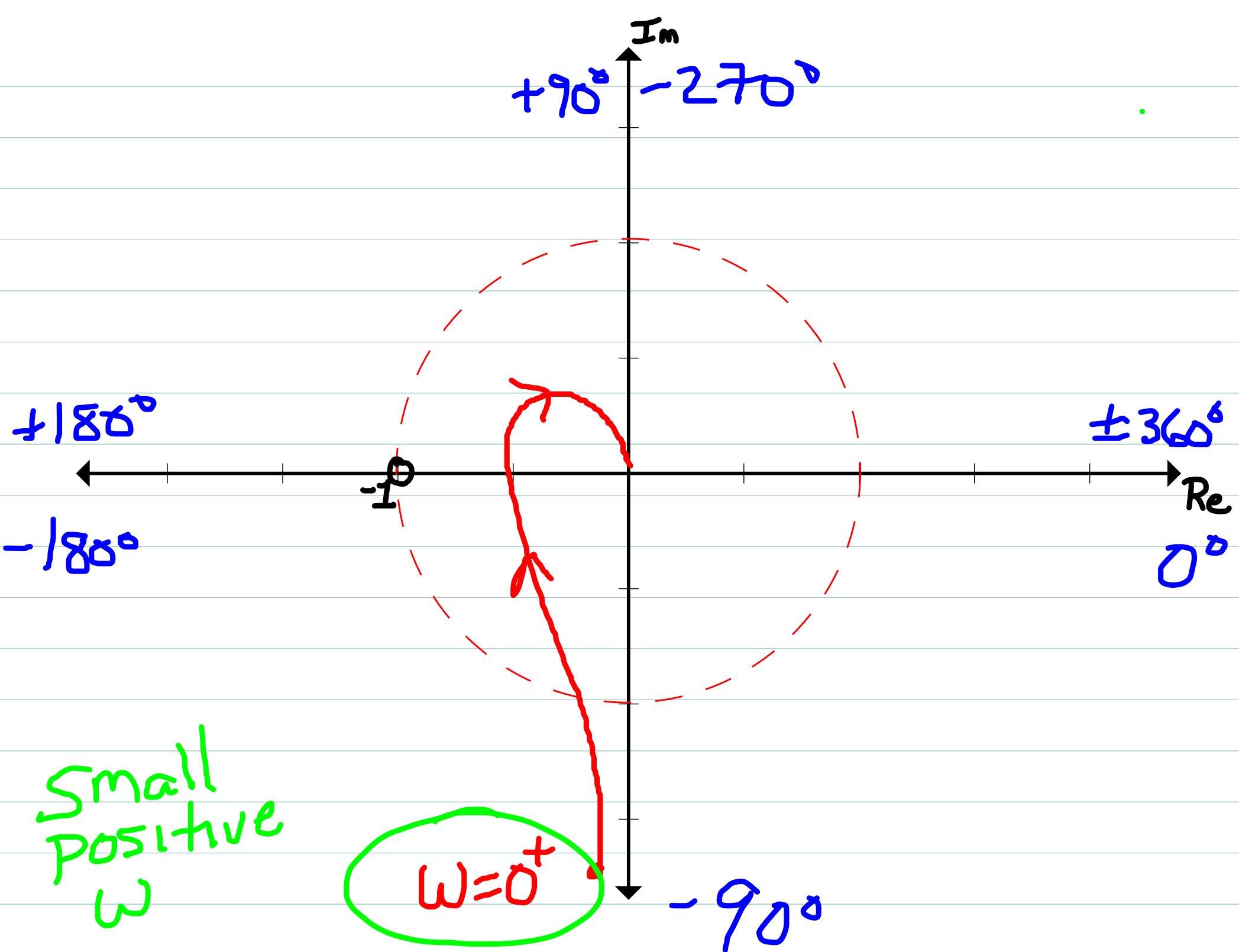
and $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} |G(j\omega)| = \infty$ in these cases

\Rightarrow Polar plot will exhibit a "tail" along one of the coordinate axes.

Example:

$$G(s) = \frac{K_B}{s(\tau s + 1)^2} \quad T, K_B > 0$$





Note: Which side of a coordinate axis the tail lies on is sometimes important.

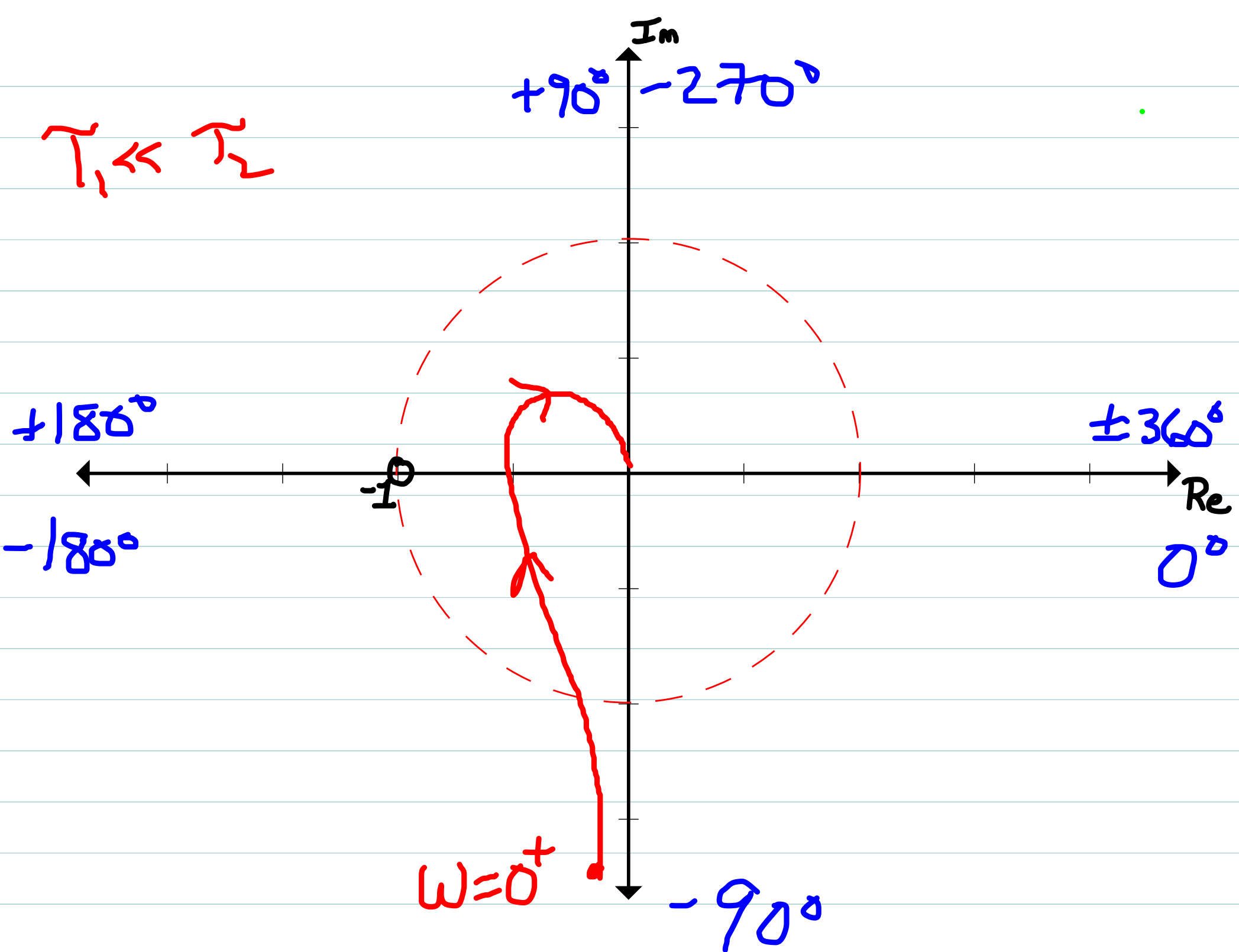
\Rightarrow Determined by asymptotic behavior of phase as $\omega \rightarrow 0$.

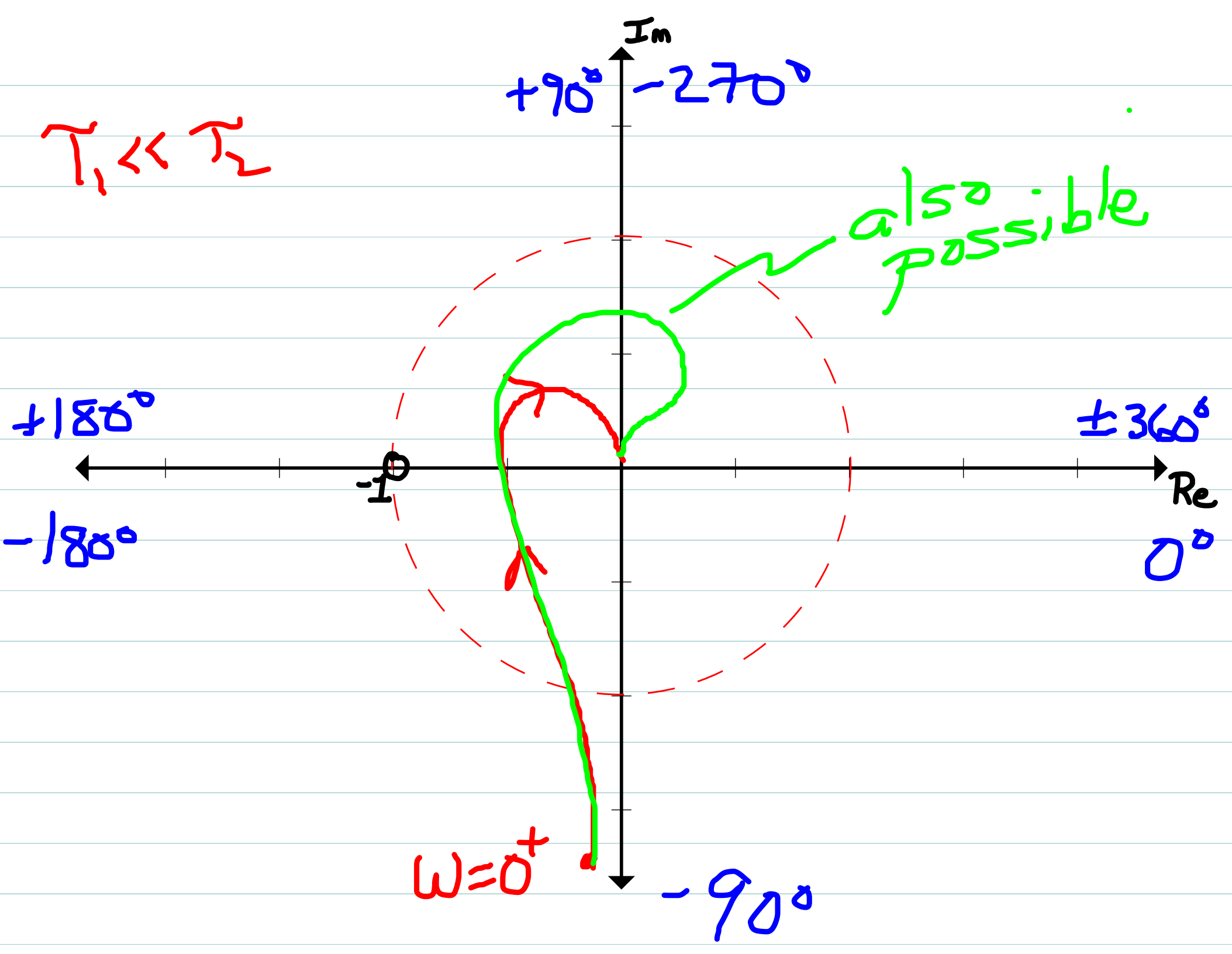
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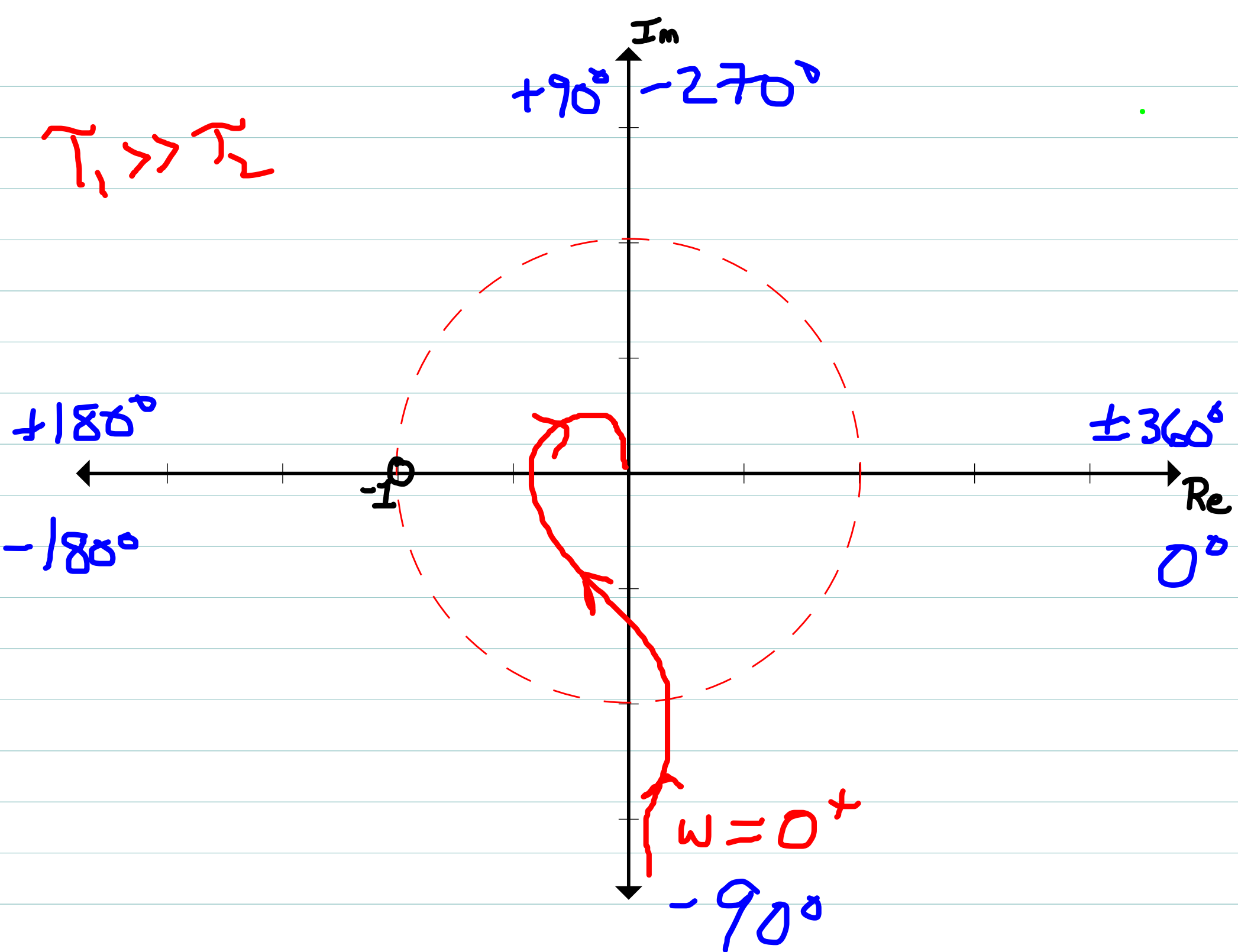
if $\tau_1 \ll \tau_2$ (so $\frac{1}{\tau_1} \gg \frac{1}{\tau_2}$) then as $\omega \rightarrow 0$ phase approaches -90° from below (equivalently, phase is decreasing as ω increases from 0).

Conversely, if $\tau_1 \gg \tau_2$, phase approaches -90° from above as $\omega \rightarrow 0$.





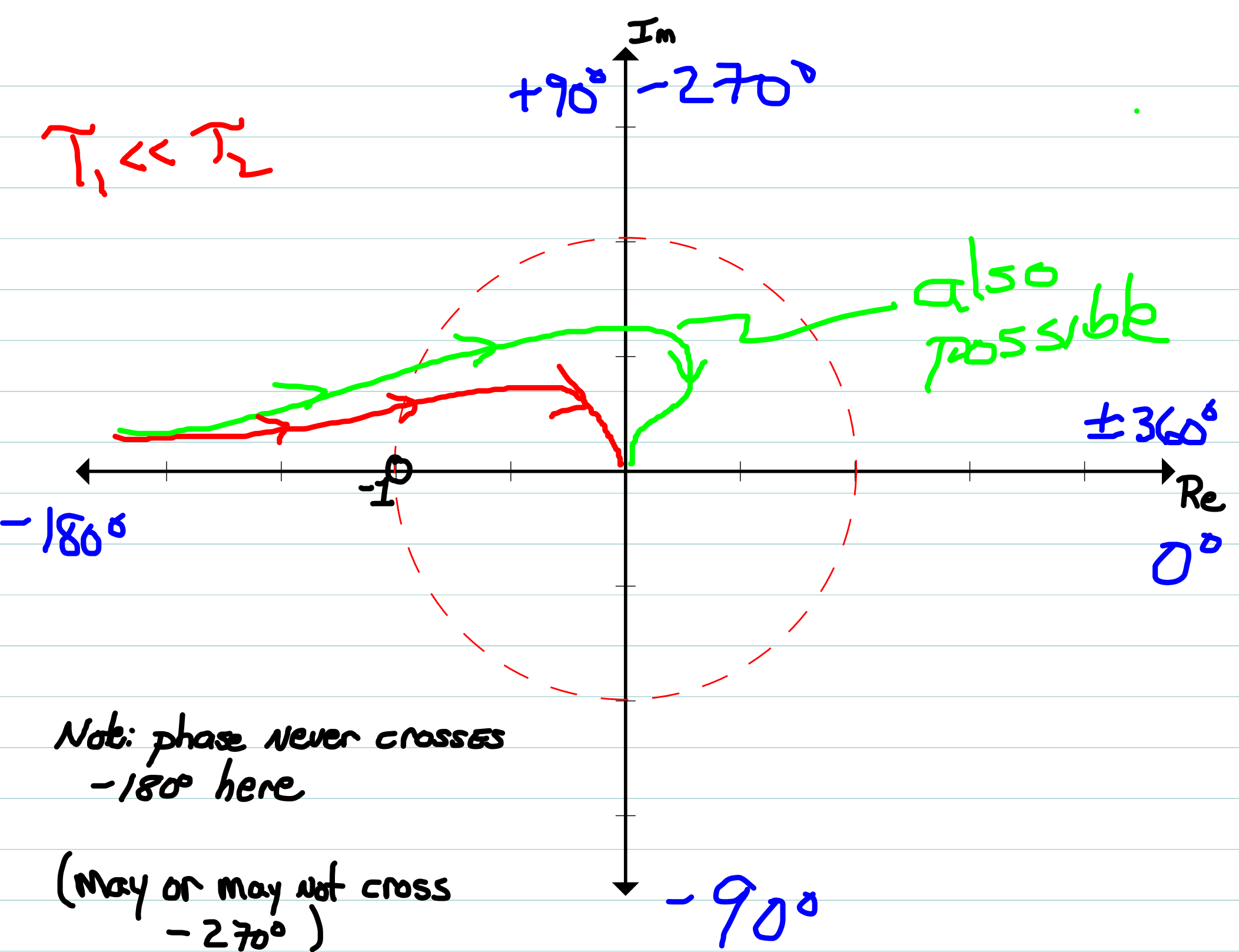
$$\tau_1 \gg \tau_2$$

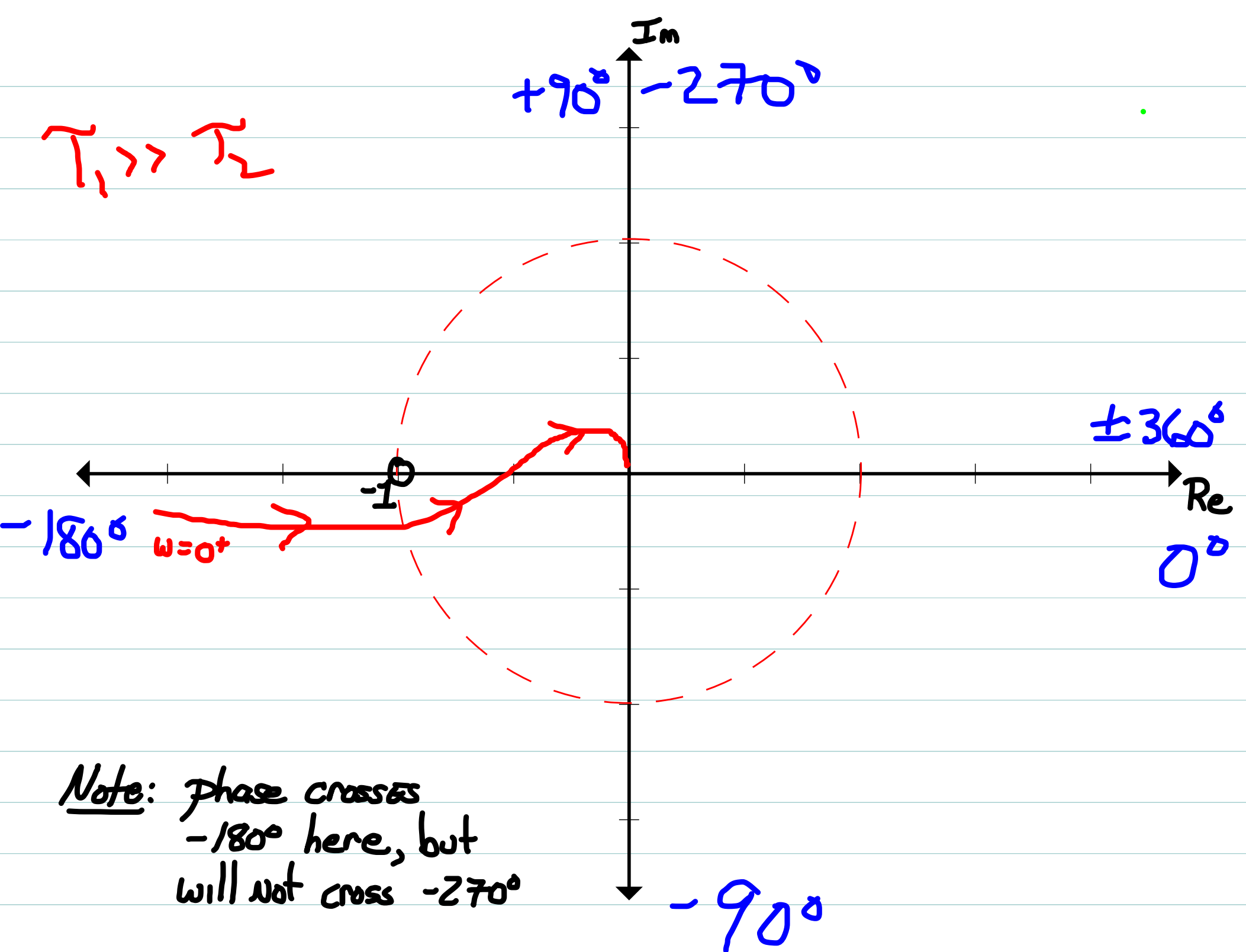


Add'l poles at origin change the coordinate axis the tail lies along.

Example:

$$G(s) = K_B \left[\frac{T_1 s + 1}{s^2 (T_2 s + 1)^2} \right]$$





A more complicated example

$$G(s) = K_B \left[\frac{(\tau_2 s + 1)^2}{s^2 (\tau_1 s + 1) (\tau_3 s + 1)^2} \right]$$

With $\tau_1 \gg \tau_2 \gg \tau_3 > 0$ ($\frac{1}{\tau_1} \ll \frac{1}{\tau_2} \ll \frac{1}{\tau_3}$)

Low freq phase: -180°

high freq phase: -270°

Phase initially decreases from pole at $-1/\tau_1$

Then increases due to double zero at $-1/\tau_2$

Then falls again due to double pole at $-1/\tau_3$

