

Control System Problem

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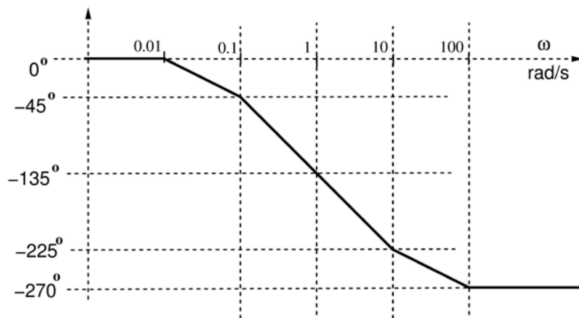
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Question

The asymptotic Bode phase plot of $\mathbf{G(s)} = \frac{k}{(s+0.1)(s+10)(s+p_1)}$, with k and p_1 both positive, is shown below.



Find the value of p_1 .

Theory Needed To Solve This Problem

Phase plot of a transfer function is calculated by substituting s with $j\omega$.

Since, the phase of $a+ib$ is $\arctan(\frac{b}{a})$

for a transfer function having z_1, z_2 has zeroes and p_1, p_2, p_3 has poles,

$$\text{phase} = \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{z_1}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{z_2}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{p_1}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{p_2}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{p_3}\right)$$

Solution

Phase of this transfer function

$$\phi(\omega) = -\arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{0.1}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{10}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{p_1}\right)$$

From the plot, at $\omega = 0.1$ ϕ is -45°

$$-45^\circ = -\arctan\left(\frac{0.1}{0.1}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{0.1}{10}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{0.1}{p_1}\right)$$

$$-45^\circ = -\arctan(1) - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{100}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{10p_1}\right)$$

$$-45^\circ \approx -\arctan\left(\frac{0.1}{0.1}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{0.1}{10}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{0.1}{p_1}\right)$$

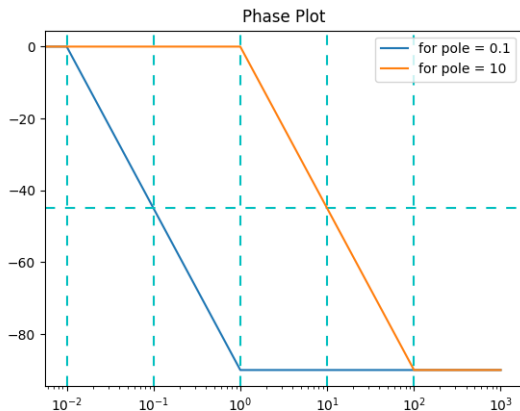
Solution

On Solving We get the p_1 is approximately 1, i.e, for p_1 in 0.95 to 1.05 the ϕ is approximately equals to -45° .

Another way by intuition, We know that in asymptotic Bode plot for a single pole has -45° at the pole and changes from 0 to -90 in 10 decades i.e, from $p/10$ to $10p$

Solution

So by adding the bodeplots corresponding to the 0.1, 10 and p_1 poles we get the required bodeplot. By observing the bodeplots corresponding to 0.1 and 10,



Solution

The values before the 0.1 does not change when compared to the given plot, so $p_1/10$ is greater than or equal to 0.1. In the plot obtained by adding these two plots the slope at 0.1 doesn't change, but in the given plot there is a change so $p/10 = 0.1 \implies p_1 = 1$

THANK YOU!