

**MIMO systems.**  
**Full state linear feedback controller.**  
**LQR.**

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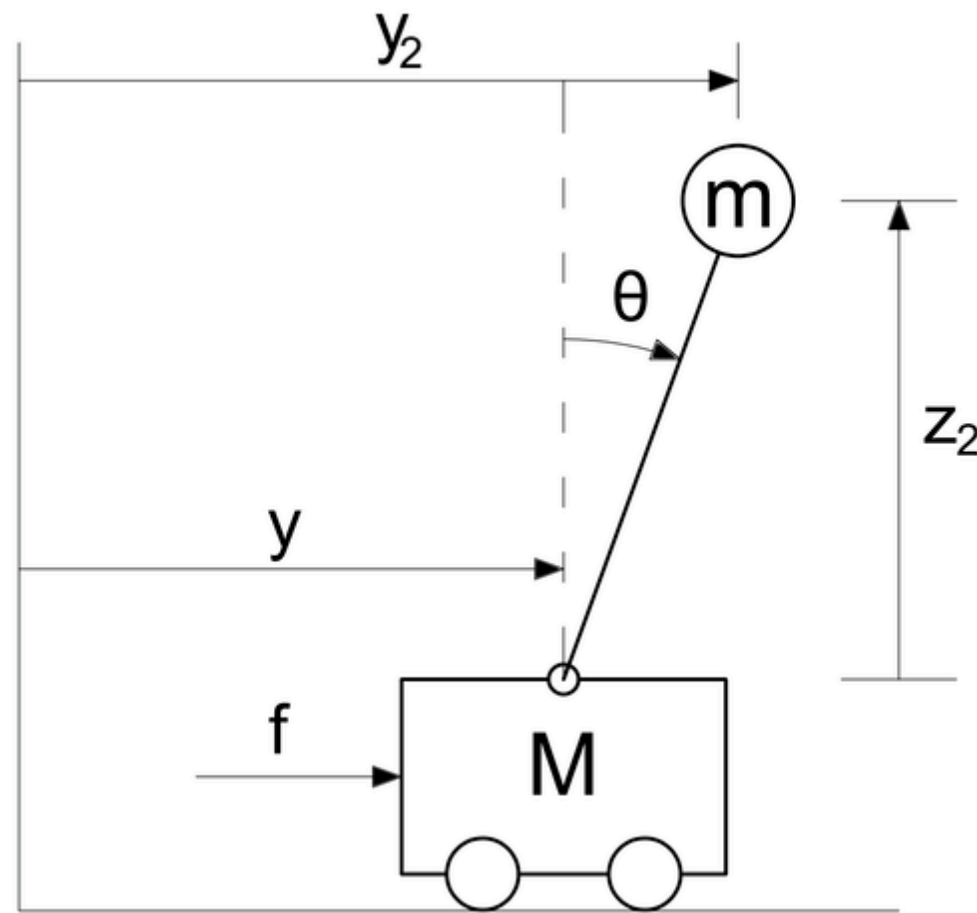
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# Cart-pole control



Inverted pendulum on the cart can be modeled as follows

$$(M + m)\ddot{y} + b\dot{y} + ml\ddot{\theta} \cos \theta - ml\dot{\theta}^2 \sin(\theta) = F$$

$$ml \cos(\theta)\ddot{y} + (I + ml^2)\ddot{\theta} - mgl \sin \theta = 0$$

where  $F = u + w$ , i.e. control + disturbance

Or in canonical state space ODE form

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y} = y_1 \\ \dot{y}_1 = \frac{-m^2 l^2 g \cos \theta \sin \theta + (I + ml^2)(ml\dot{\theta}_1^2 \sin \theta + F - by_1)}{(I + ml^2)(M + m) - m^2 l^2 \cos^2 \theta} \\ \dot{\theta} = \theta_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 = \frac{(M + m)mgl \sin \theta + by_1 ml \cos \theta - m^2 l^2 \theta_1^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta - mlF \cos \theta}{(M + m)(I + ml^2) - m^2 l^2 \cos^2 \theta} \end{cases}$$

# Cart-pole control

## Linearized model

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y} \\ \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-(I+ml^2)b}{I(M+m)+Mml^2} & \frac{-gm^2 l^2}{I(M+m)+Mml^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{mlb}{I(M+m)+Mml^2} & \frac{mgl(M+m)}{I(M+m)+Mml^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y_1 \\ \theta \\ \theta_1 \end{bmatrix}}_x + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{I+ml^2}{I(M+m)+Mml^2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{-ml}{I(M+m)+Mml^2} \end{bmatrix}}_{B=D} (u+w)$$

Design a PID controller such that

$\theta(t) \rightarrow 0$ ,

i.e.  $C = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$ ,  $y = Cx$ ,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y_1 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix}$

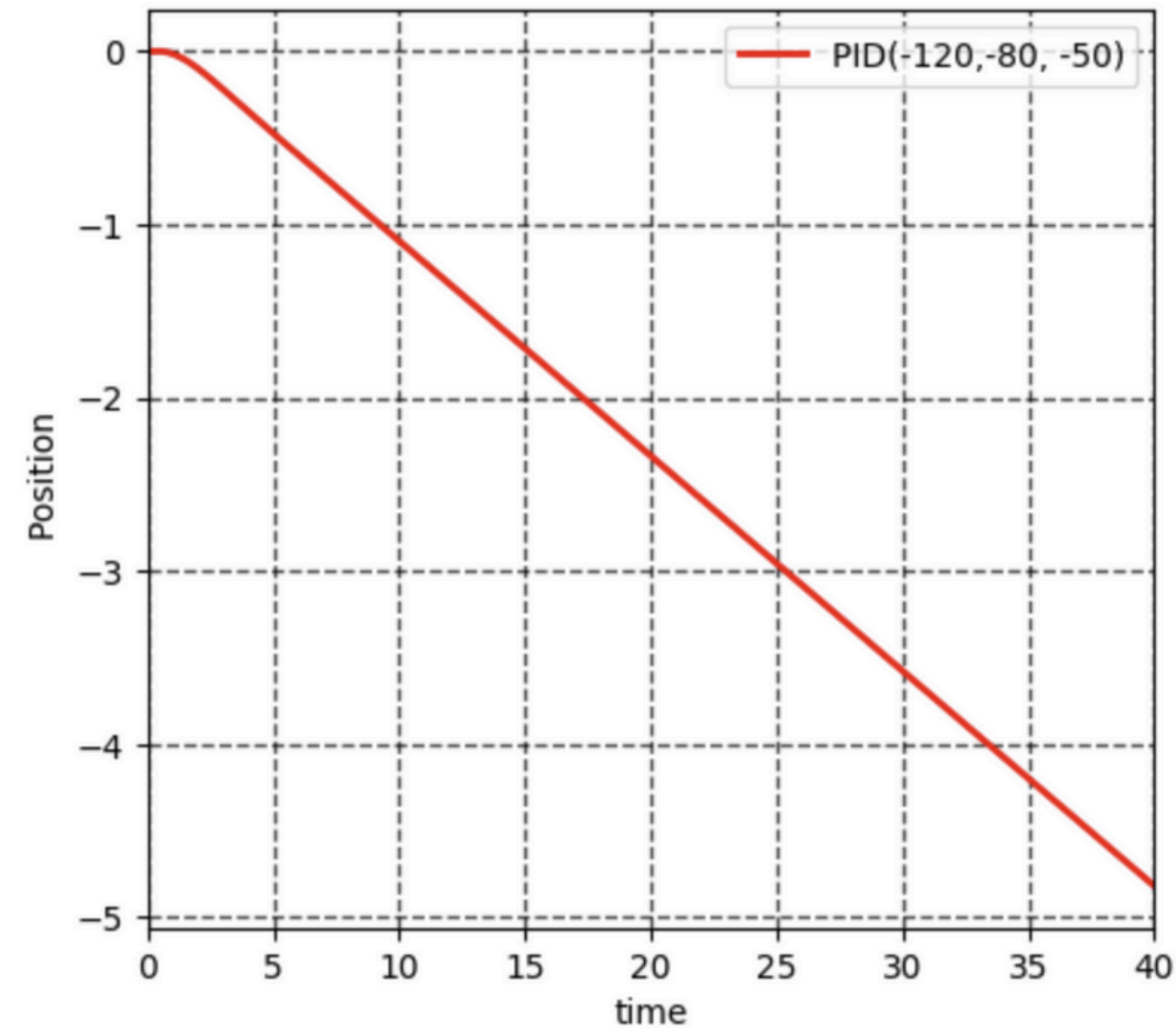
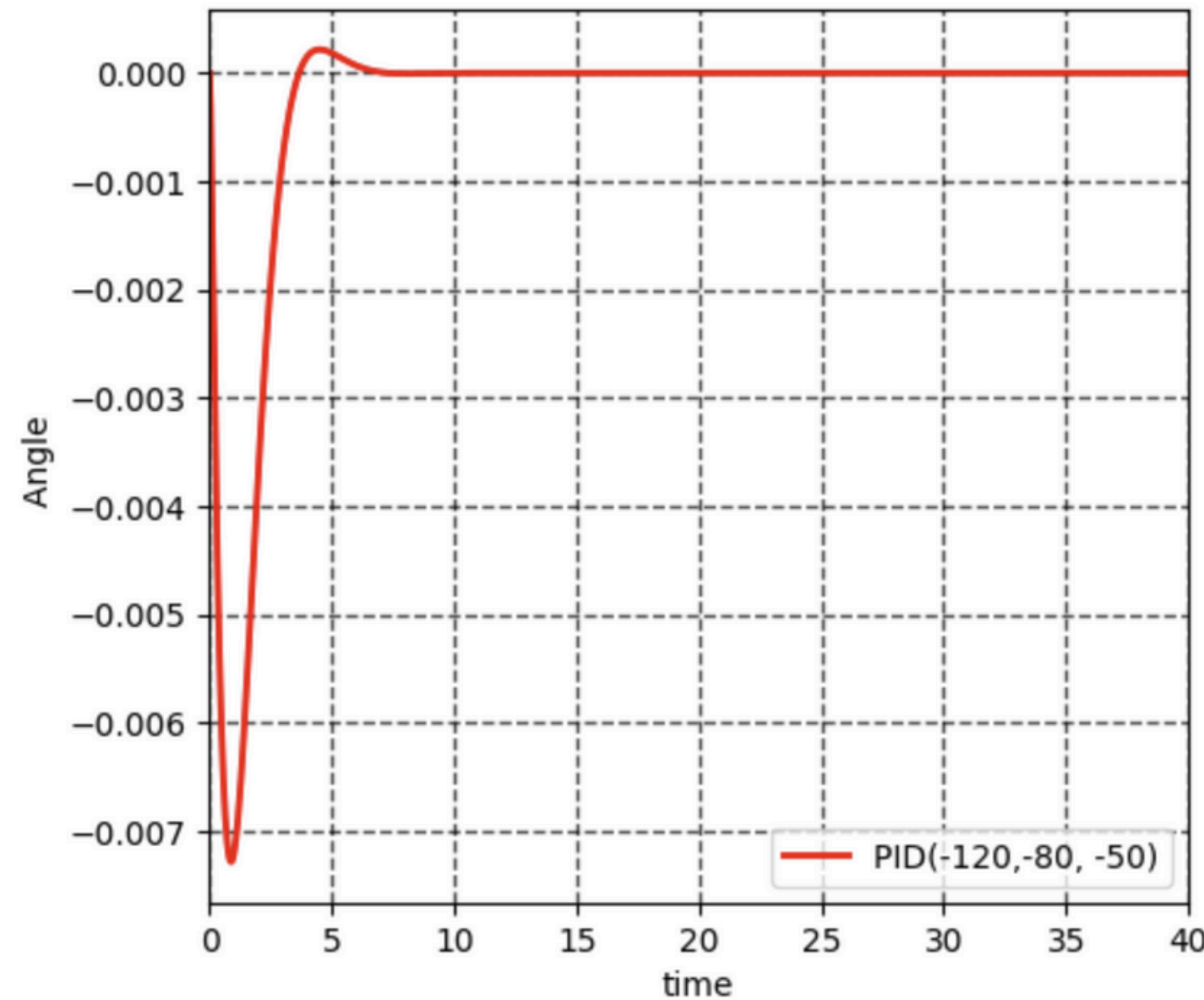
# Cart-pole control. PID.

$$u(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_d \dot{e}(t)$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + Dw$$

$$D = B$$

$$w = 0.1$$



The controller keeps pendulum in up right position, but position of the cart goes to infinity....

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and any disturbance  $w(t)$

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$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + Dw$$

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# Regulator for LTI systems

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**Asymptotic Stability.** The system  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$  is **asymptotically stable** if every finite initial state  $x_0$  excites a bounded response  $x(t)$  that approaches 0 as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

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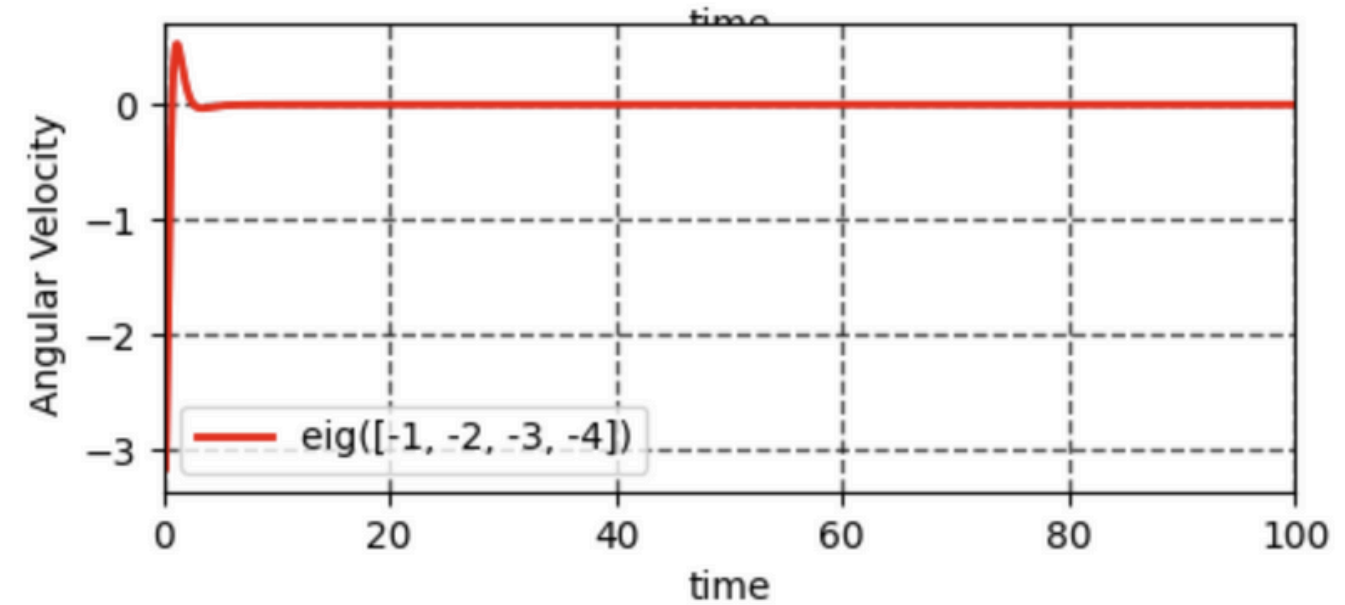
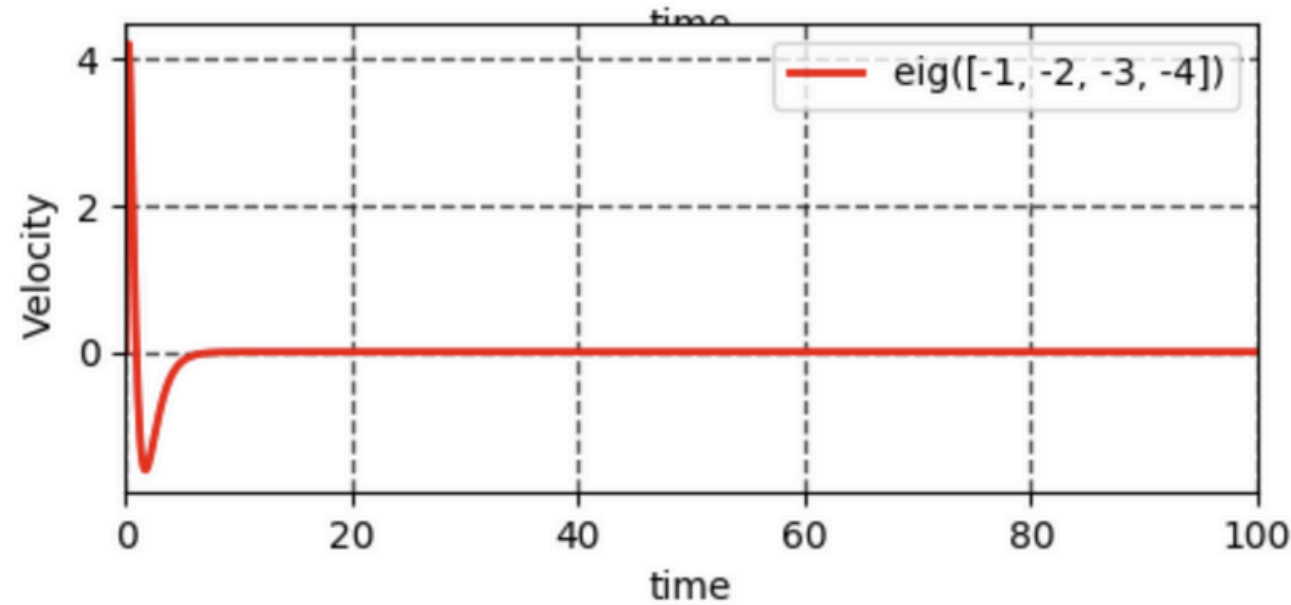
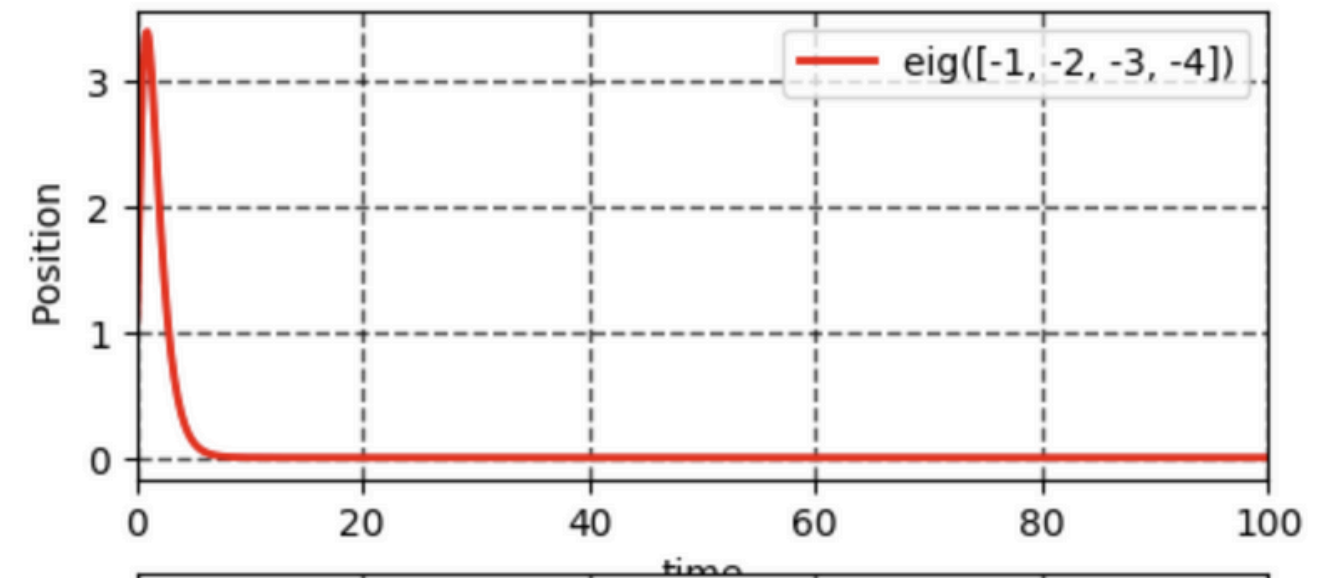
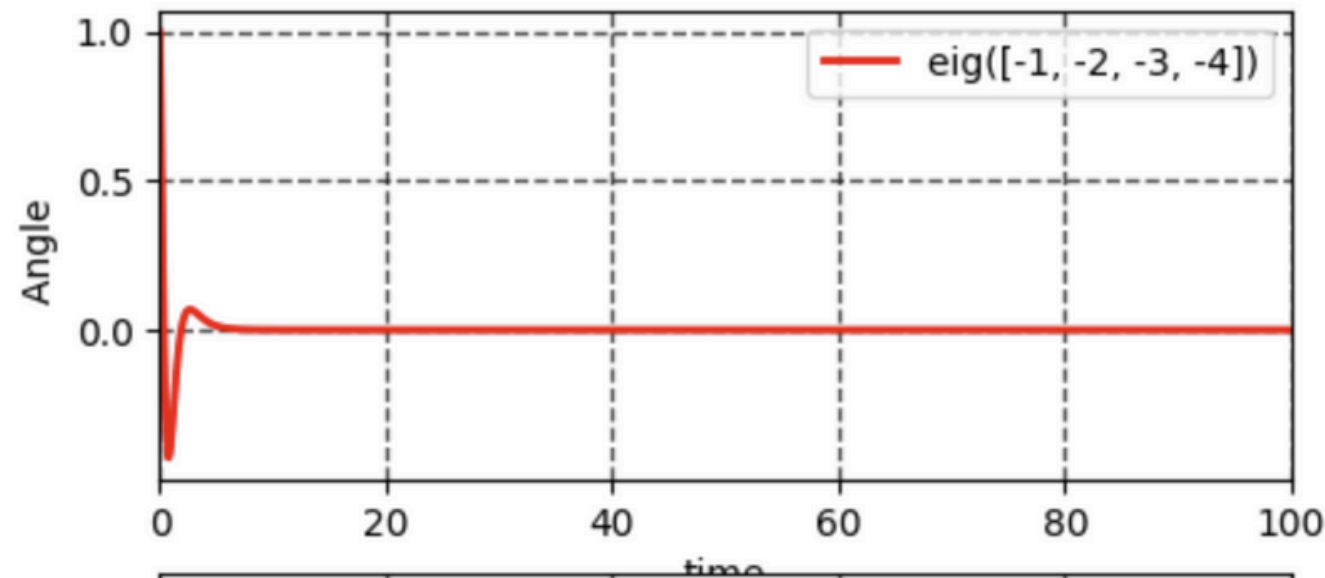
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**Theorem (Controllability and Feedback — MIMO).** The pair  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BK}, \mathbf{B})$ , for any  $p \times n$  real matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  is controllable if and only if the pair  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  is controllable.

**Theorem (Eigenvalue assignment — MIMO).** All eigenvalues of  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BK})$  can be assigned arbitrarily (provided complex eigenvalues are assigned in conjugated pairs) by selecting a real constant  $\mathbf{K}$  if and only if  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  is controllable.

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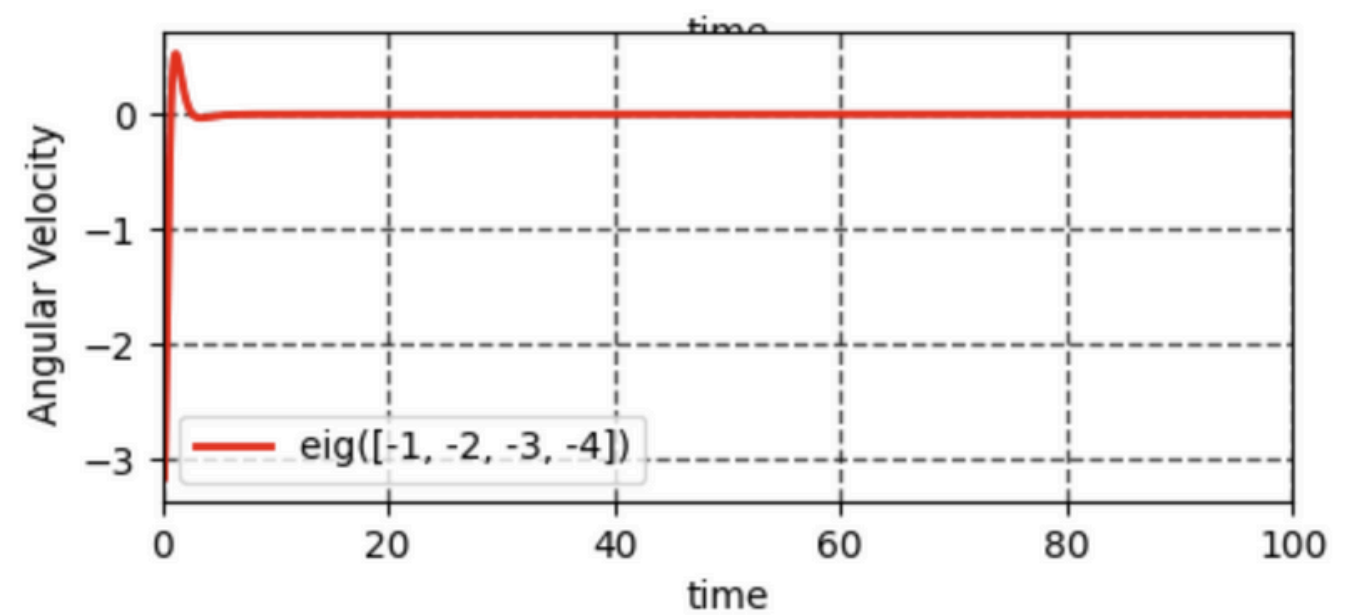
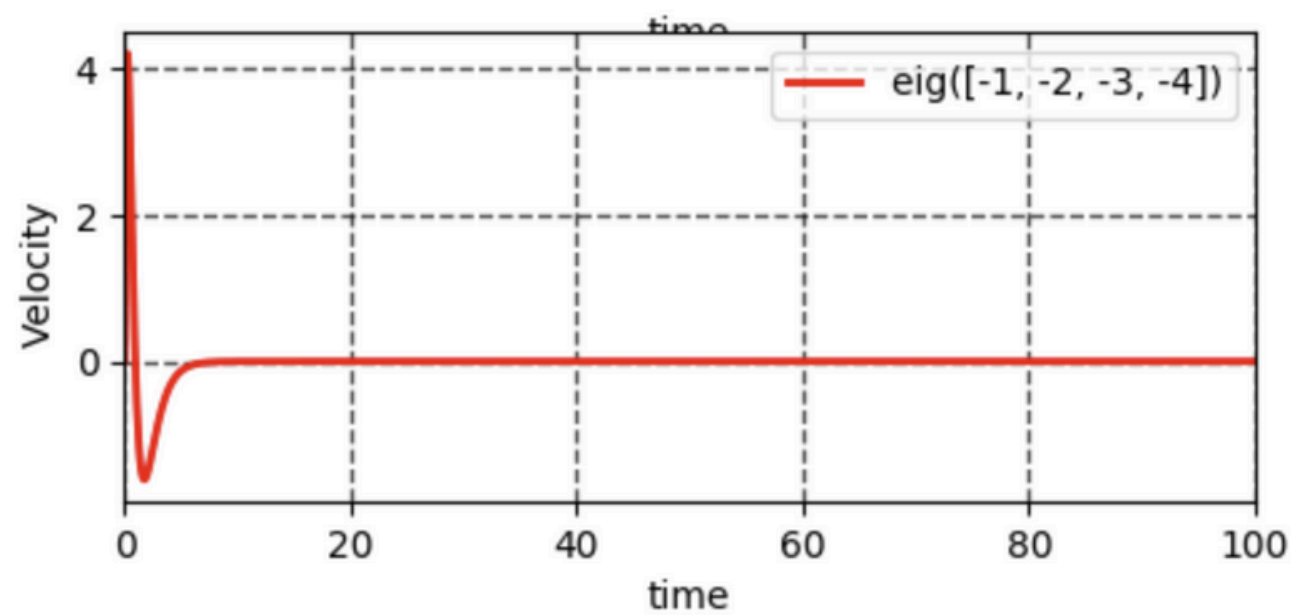
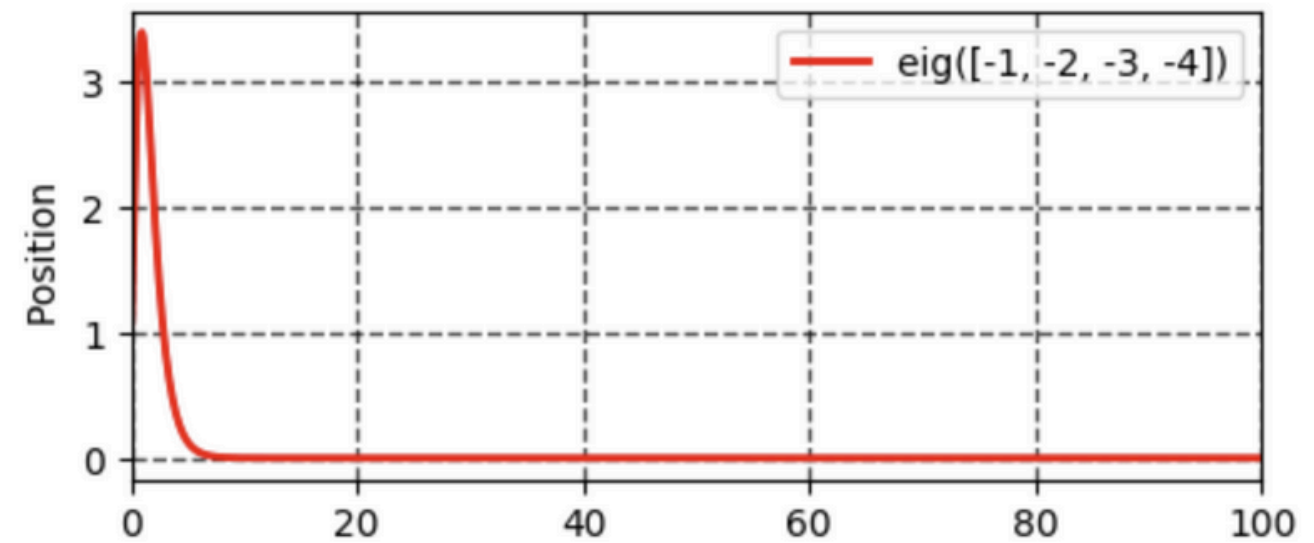
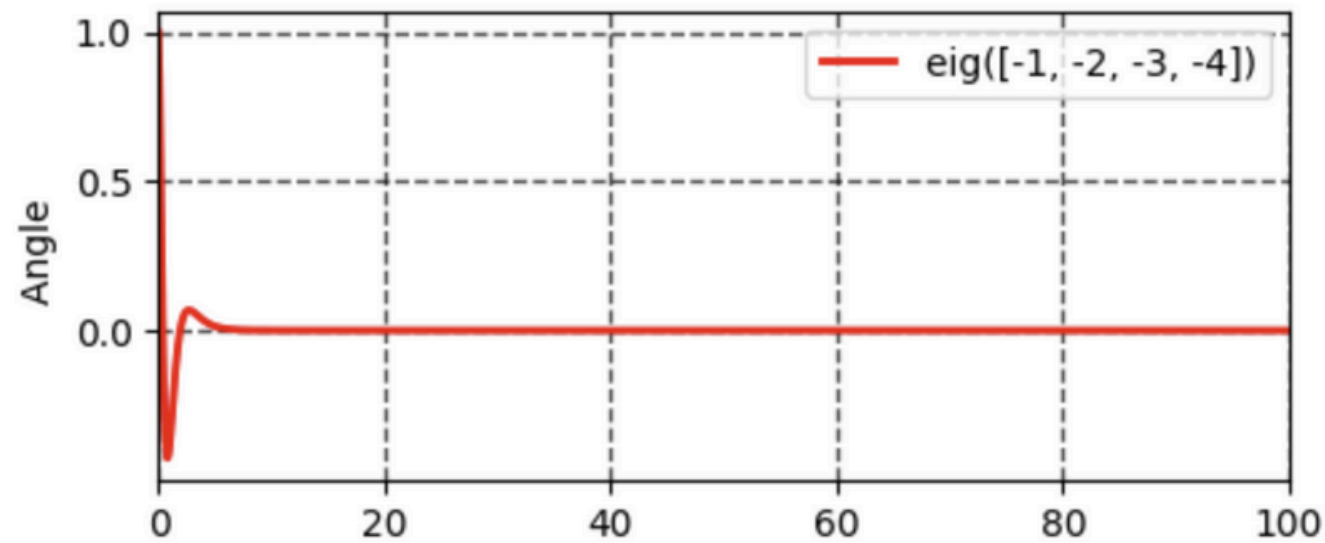
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## Linear full state feedback controller



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Place closed loop eigenvalues.

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**Returns** **K** – Gain such that  $A - B K$  has eigenvalues given in **p**

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`control.place_varga(A, B, p, dtime=False, alpha=None)` [\[source\]](#)

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- **dtime** (bool, optional) – False for continuous time pole placement or True for discrete time. The default is `dtime=False`.
- **alpha** (float, optional) –  
If `dtime` is false then `place_varga` will leave the eigenvalues with real part less than `alpha` untouched. If `dtime` is true then `place_varga` will leave eigenvalues with modulus less than `alpha` untouched.  
By default (`alpha=None`), `place_varga` computes `alpha` such that all poles will be placed.

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### See also

`place`, `acker`

### Notes

This function is a wrapper for the slycot function `sb01bd`, which implements the pole placement algorithm of Varga [1]. In contrast to the algorithm used by `place()`, the Varga algorithm can place multiple poles at the same location. The placement, however, may not be as robust.

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# Eigenvalues assignment

**Example (Nonuniqueness of  $\mathbf{K}$  in MIMO state feedback).** As a simple MIMO system consider the second order system with two inputs

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t})$$

The system has two eigenvalues at  $s = 0$ , and it is controllable, since  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ , so  $\mathcal{C} = [\mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}]$  is full rank.

Let's consider the state feedback

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t}) = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t})$$

Then the closed loop evolution matrix is

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} -k_{11} & -k_{12} \\ 1-k_{21} & -k_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Eigenvalues assignment

**Example (Continuation).** Suppose that we would like to place both closed-loop eigenvalues at  $s = -1$ , i.e., the roots of the characteristic polynomial  $s^2 + 2s + 1$ . Then, **one possibility** would be to select

$$\begin{cases} k_{11} = 2 \\ k_{12} = 1 \\ k_{21} = 0 \\ k_{22} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BK} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvalues at } s = -1$$

But the **alternative selection**

$$\begin{cases} k_{11} = 1 \\ k_{12} = \text{free} \\ k_{21} = 1 \\ k_{22} = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BK} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & k_{12} \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{also eigenvalues at } s = -1$$

As we see, **there are infinitely many** possible selections of  $\mathbf{K}$  that will give the same eigenvalues of  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BK})!$   $\square$



# Eigenvalues assignment

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The “excess of freedom” in MIMO state feedback design could be a problem if we don’t know how to best use it...

There are several ways to tackle the problem of selecting  $\mathbf{K}$  from an infinite number of possibilities, among them

- ▶ **Optimal Design**. Computes the **best**  $\mathbf{K}$  by optimising a suitable cost function.

# Linear Quadratic Regulator

**Theorem (LQR).** Consider the state space system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^q$$

and the performance criterion

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} \left[ \mathbf{x}^T(t) \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{u}^T(t) \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}(t) \right] dt, \quad (\text{J})$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is non negative definite and  $\mathbf{R}$  is positive definite. Then the optimal control minimising (J) is given by the **linear** state feedback law

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

with

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P}$$

and where  $\mathbf{P}$  is the unique positive definite solution to the matrix **Algebraic Riccati Equation** (ARE)

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q} = 0$$

# Linear Quadratic Regulator

`control.lqr(A, B, Q, R [, N])` [\[source\]](#)

Linear quadratic regulator design.

The `lqr()` function computes the optimal state feedback controller  $u = -K x$  that minimizes the quadratic cost

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} (x' Q x + u' R u + 2x' N u) dt$$

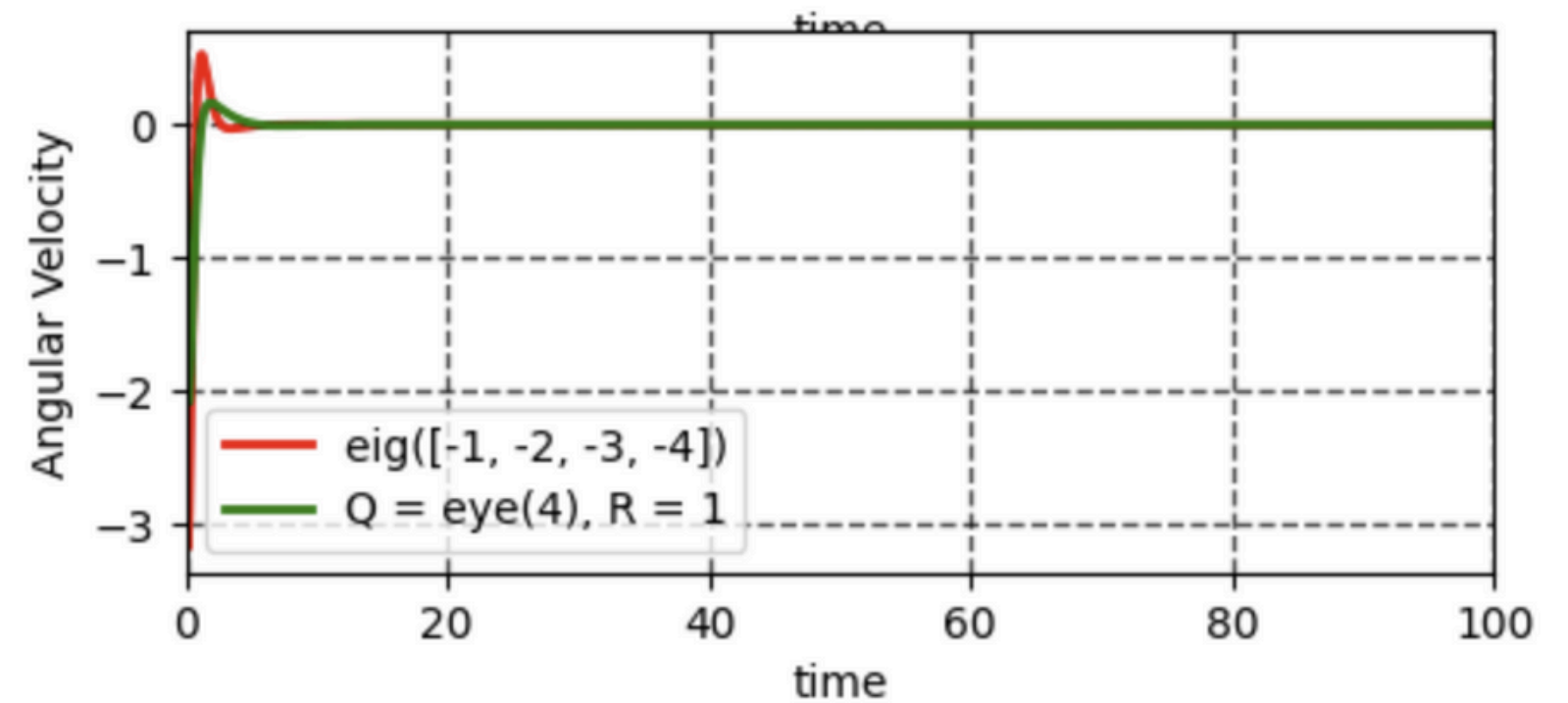
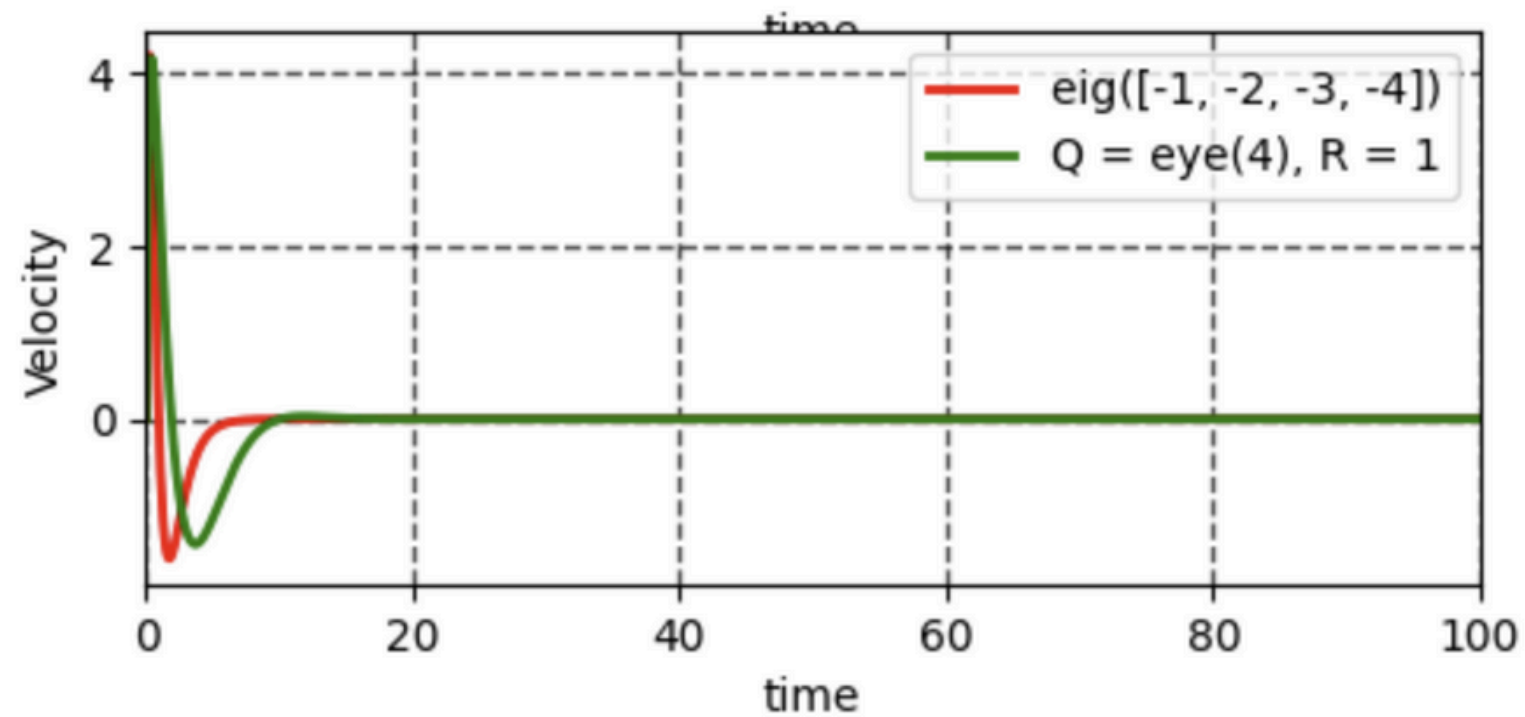
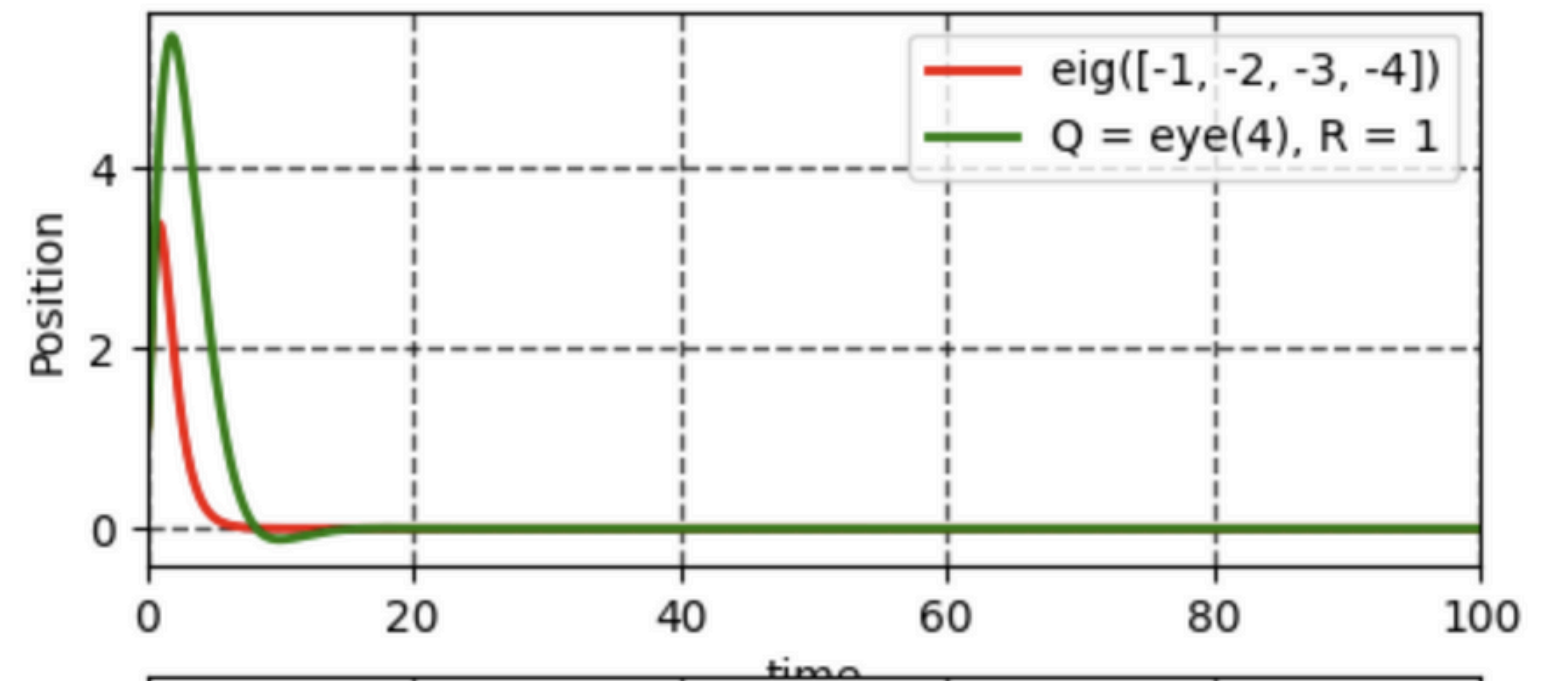
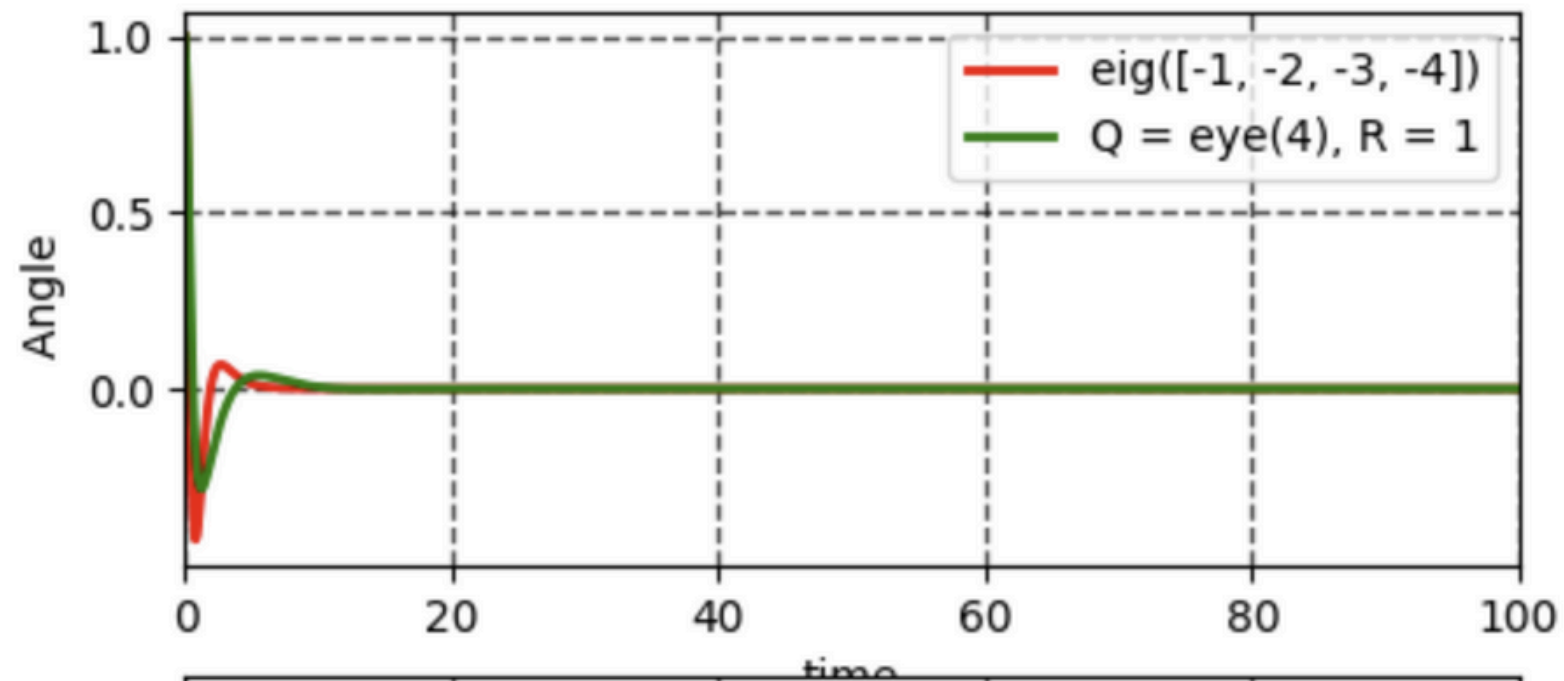
The function can be called with either 3, 4, or 5 arguments:

- `K, S, E = lqr(sys, Q, R)`
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where `sys` is an *LTI* object, and `A`, `B`, `Q`, `R`, and `N` are 2D arrays or matrices of appropriate dimension.

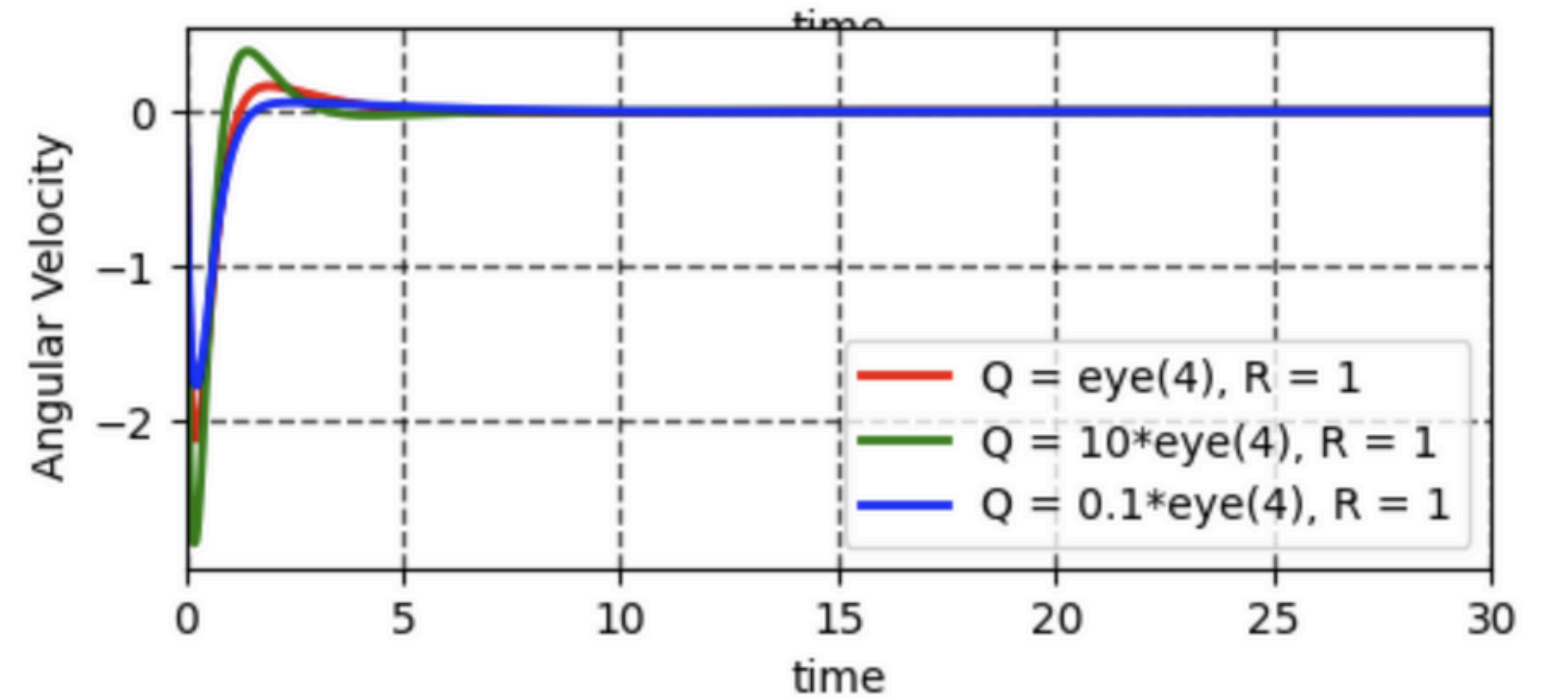
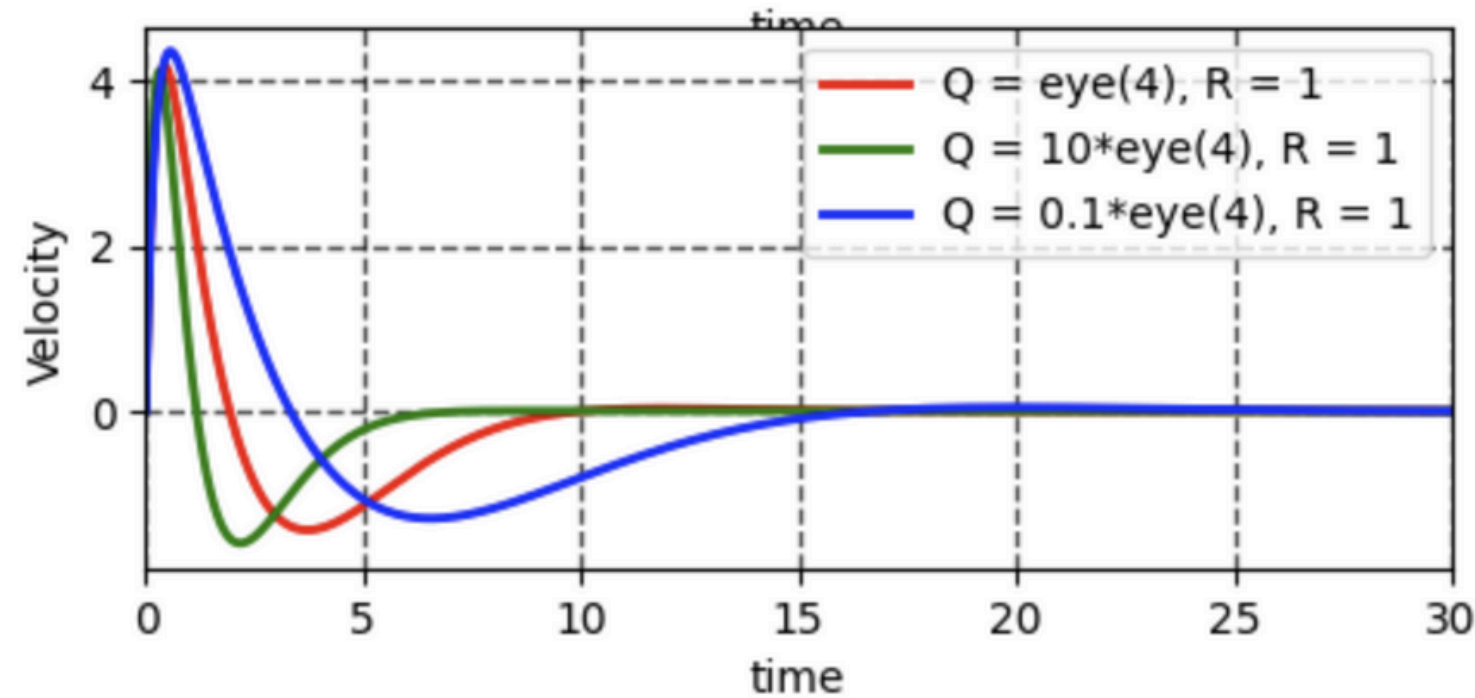
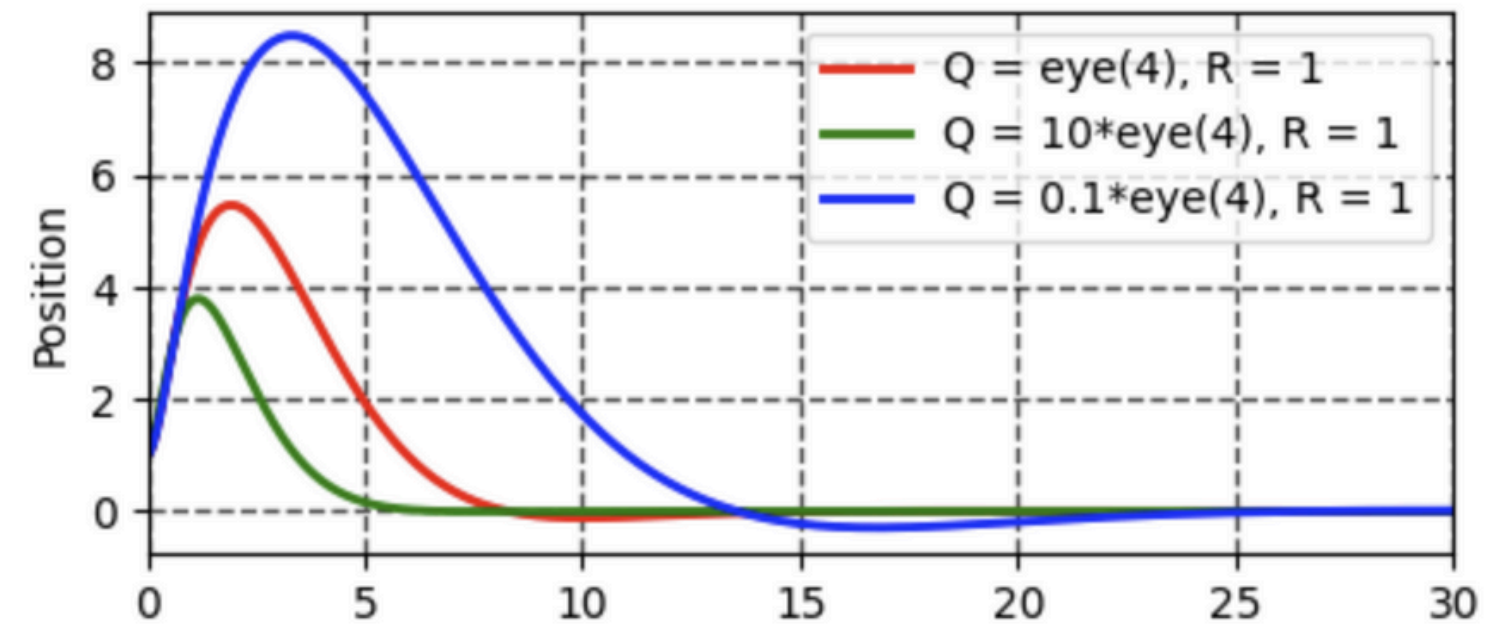
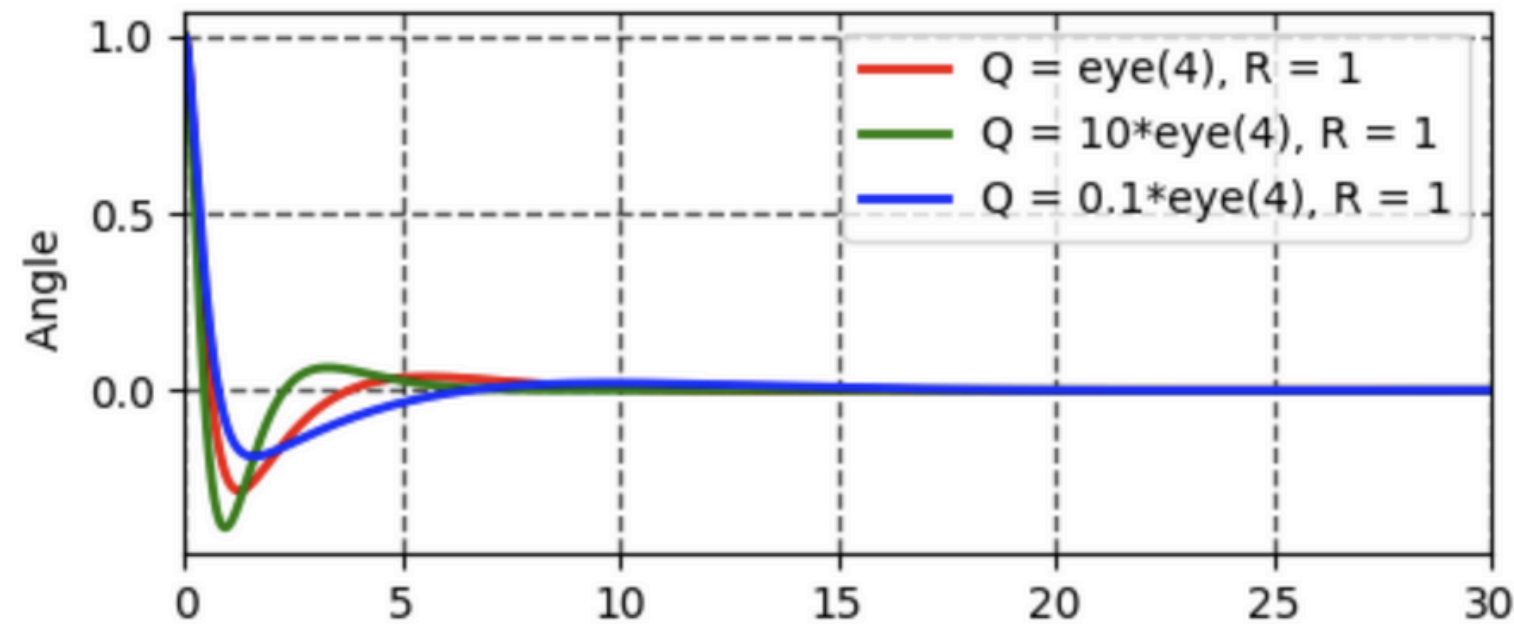
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# Cart-pole control. LQR.



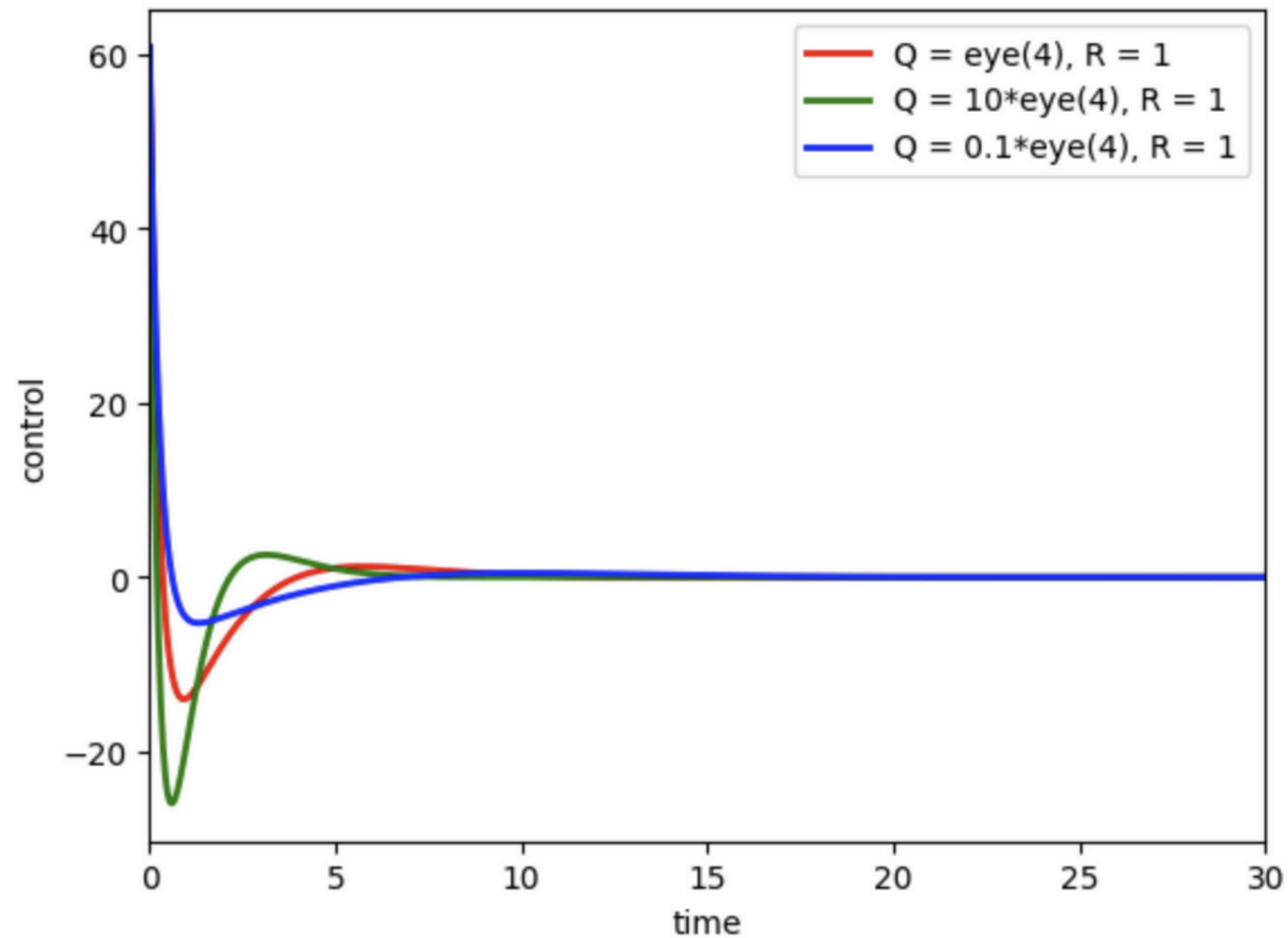
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# Cart-pole control. LQR.



**When Q is “larger” the state converges “faster”**

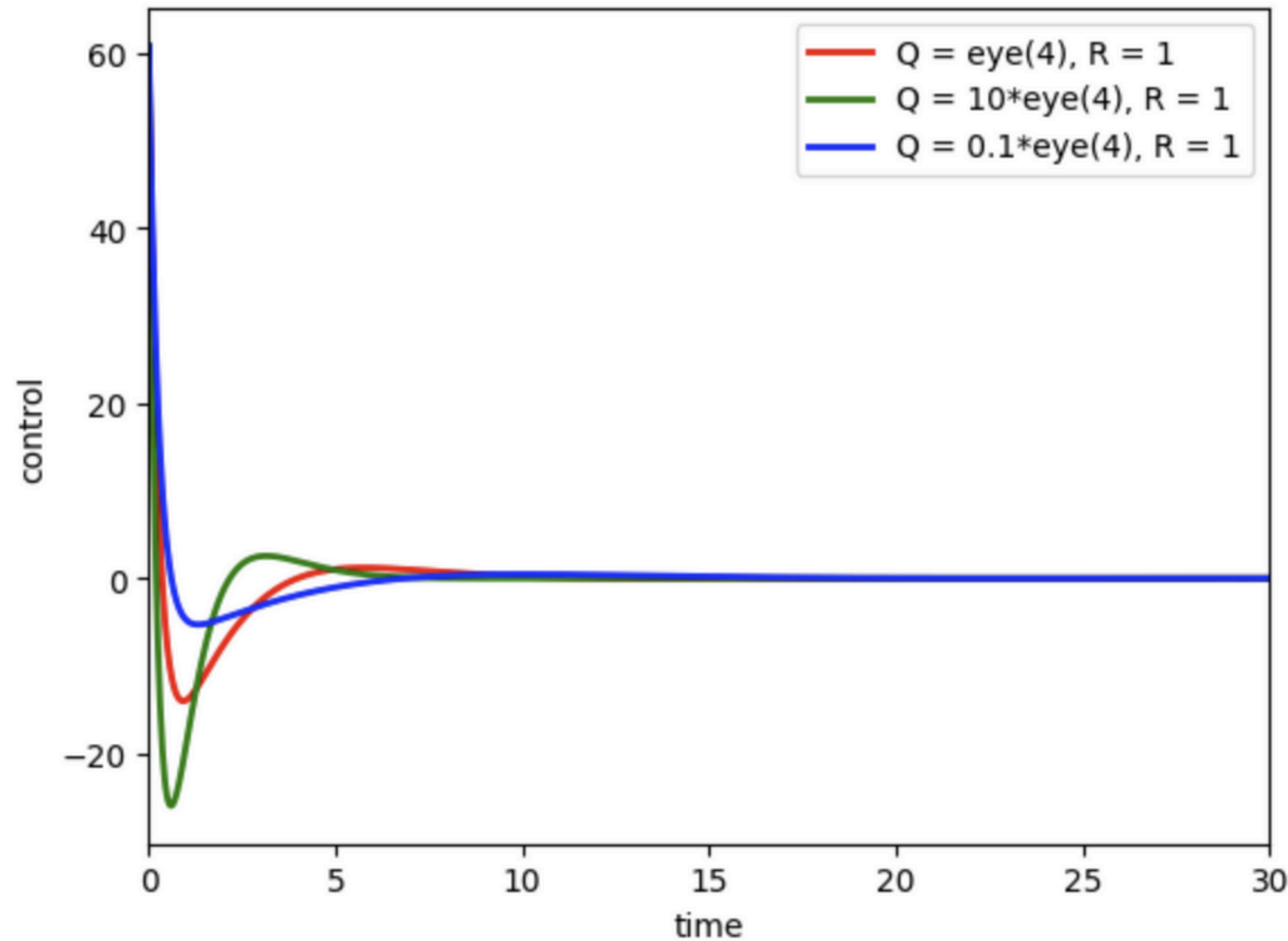
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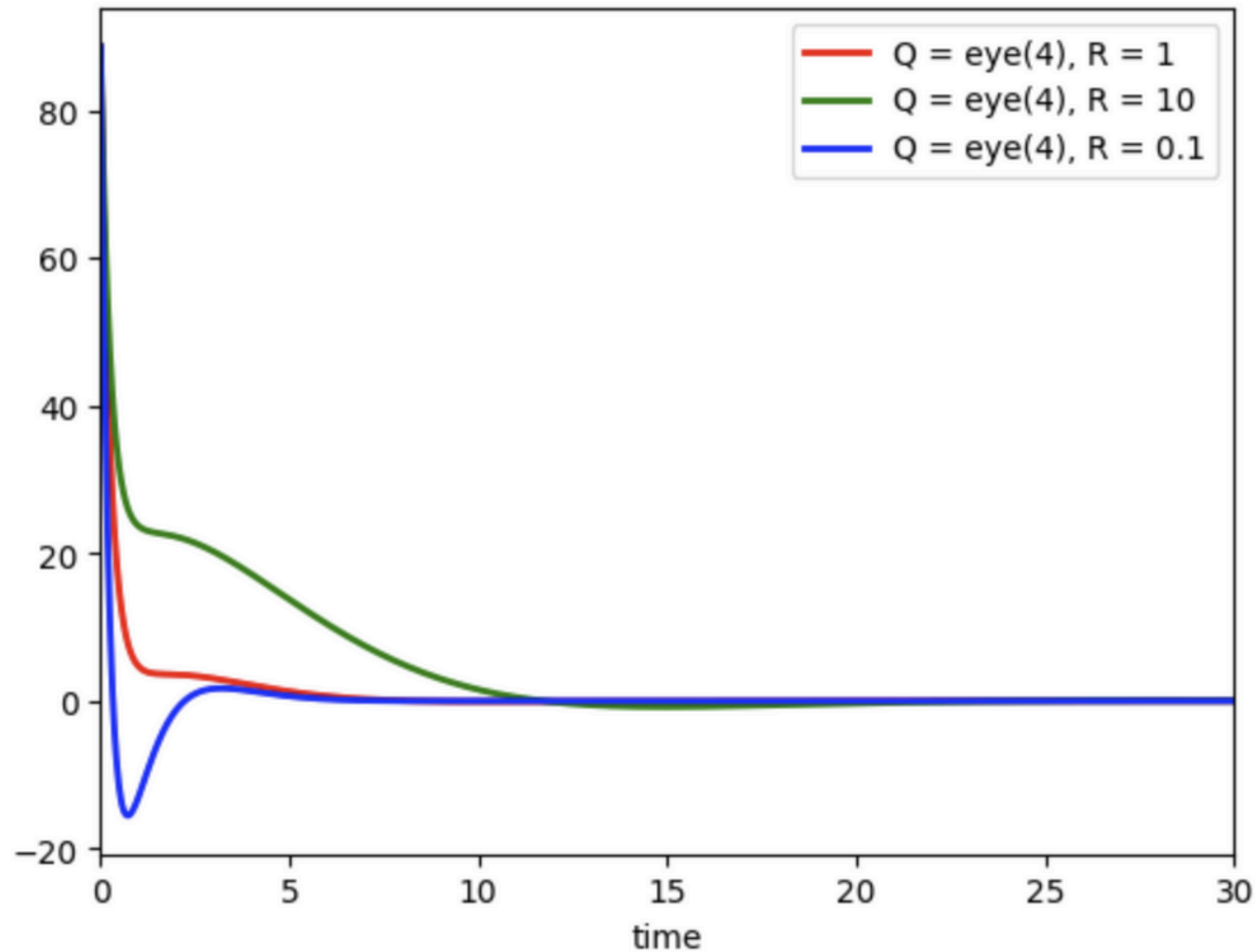
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**which is not always feasible  
due the actuator constraints**

$$\|u\| \leq \text{const}$$

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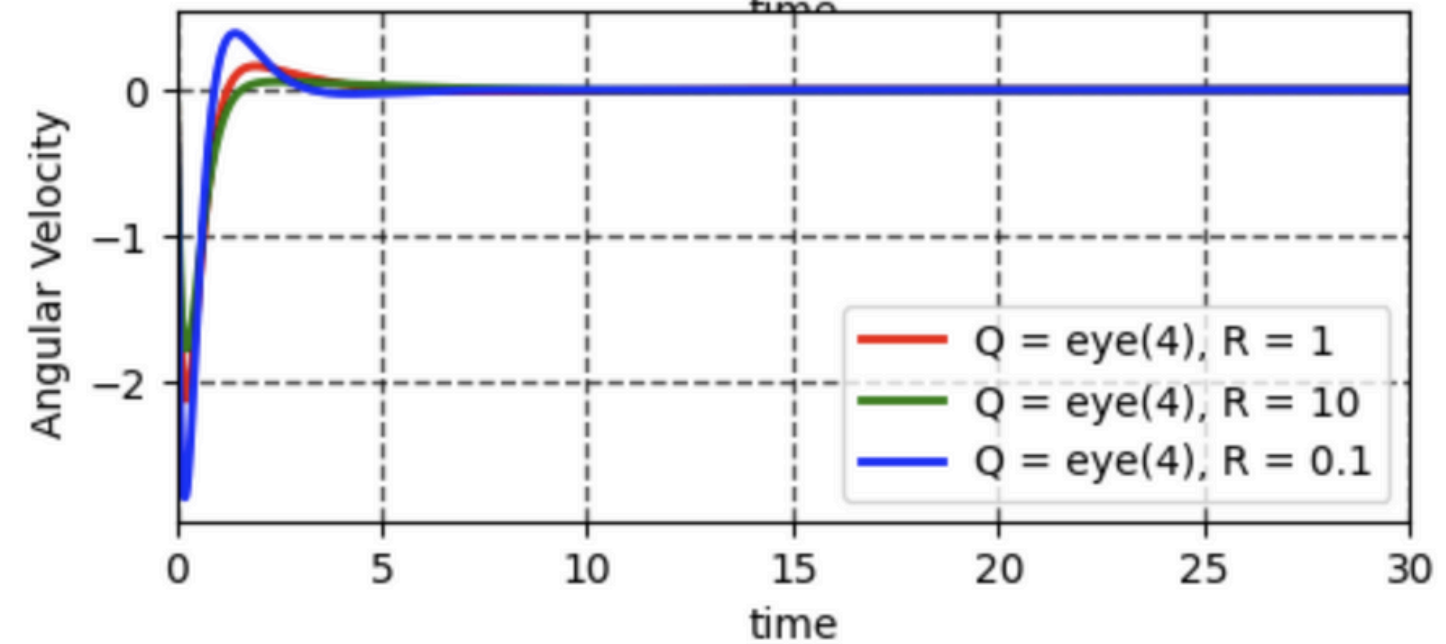
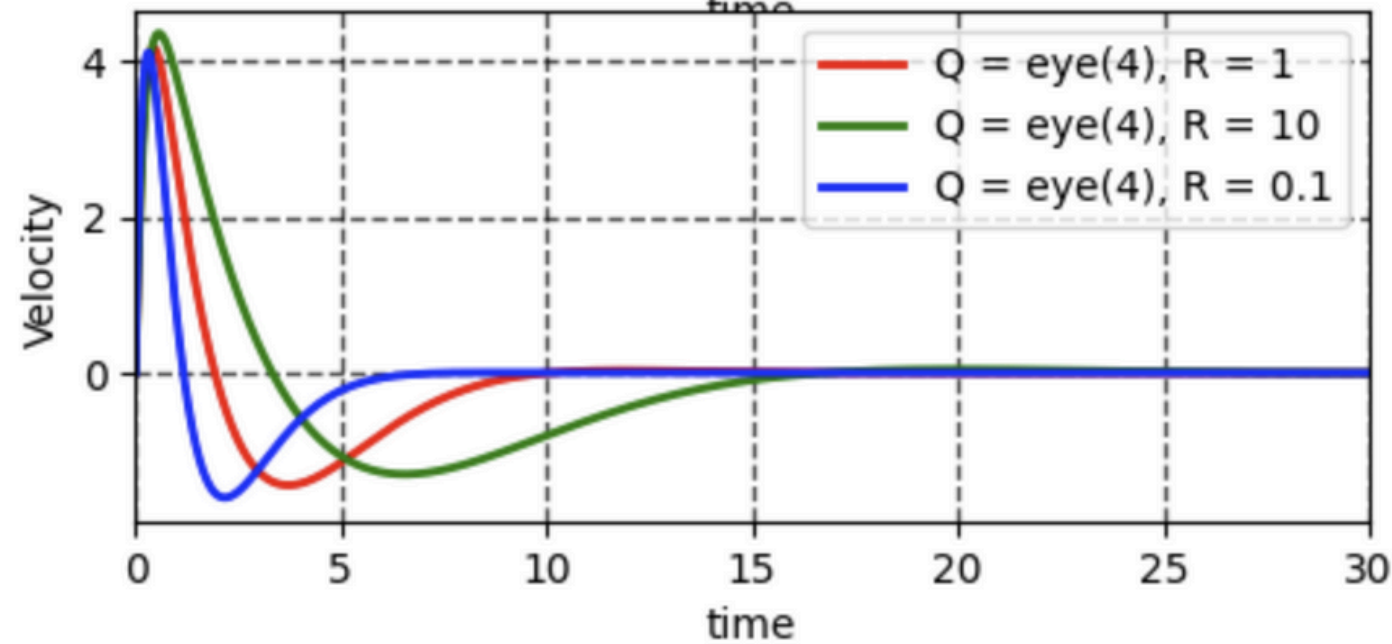
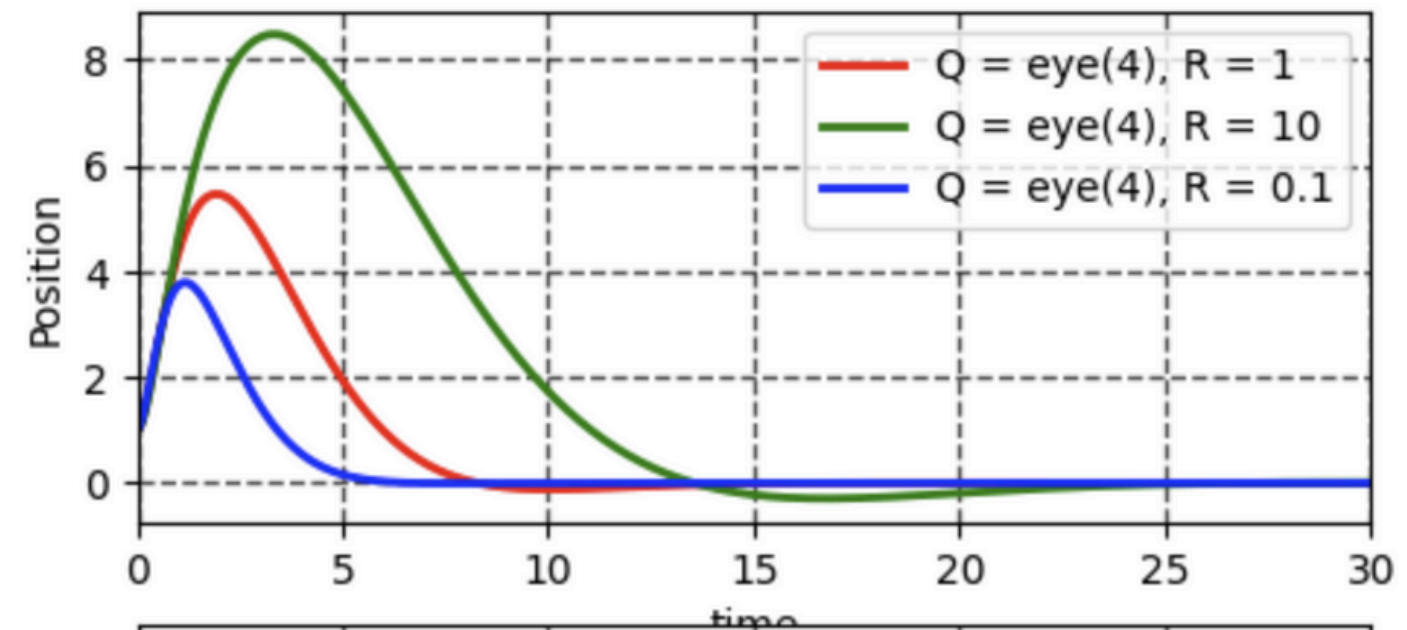
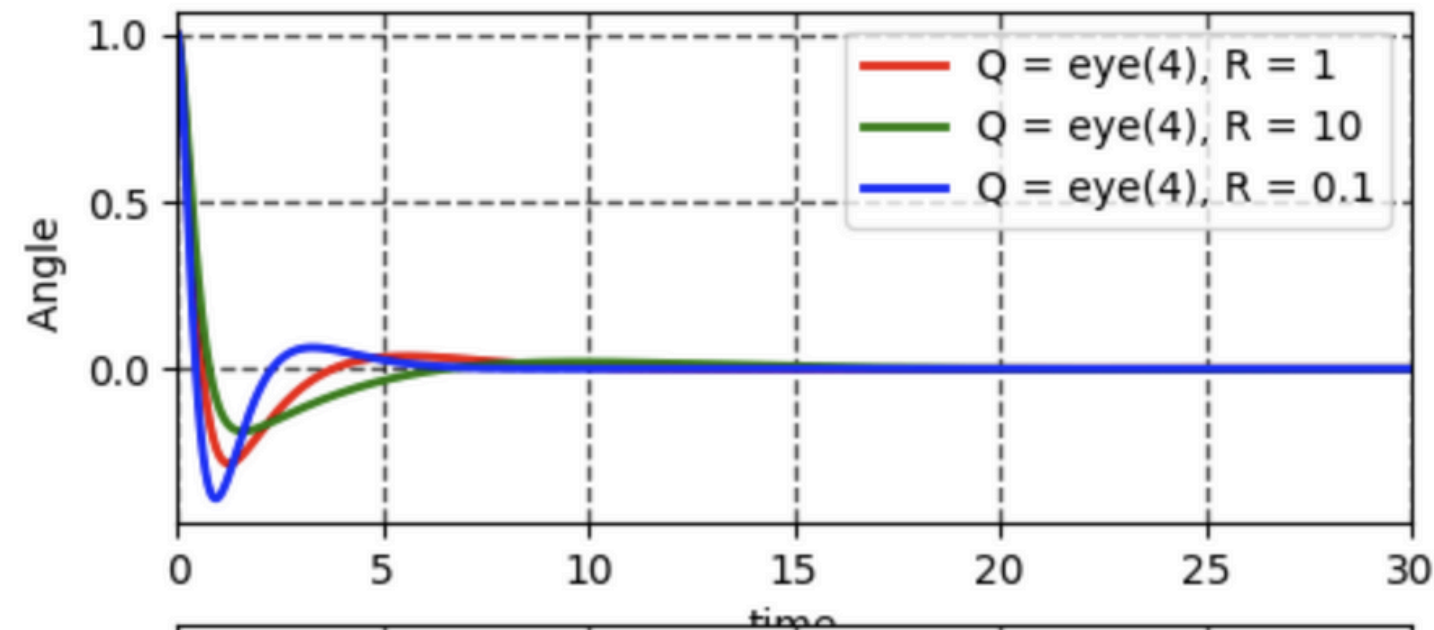


**by increasing R we  
ask the controller to  
less aggressive**

$$u = -Kx$$



# Cart-pole control. LQR.



**but the state converges slower**

# Linear Quadratic Regulator

In hindsight, LQR can be interpreted as *optimal pole placement* for

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A - BK^*)x(t)$$

trading off minimal state deviation and minimal control energy:

$$K^* = \operatorname{argmin}_K \int_0^\infty \underbrace{x(t)^\top Q x(t)}_{\text{state deviation}} + \underbrace{x(t)^\top K^\top R K x(t)}_{\text{control energy}} dt$$

# We have designed a regulator for non disturbed case

i.e. if  $(A,B)$  is **controllable** then we always can **chose matrix K** such that all eigenvalues of matrix  $(A-BK)$  have negative real parts

Consequently  $\dot{x} = -(A-BK)x$  **asymptotically stable**

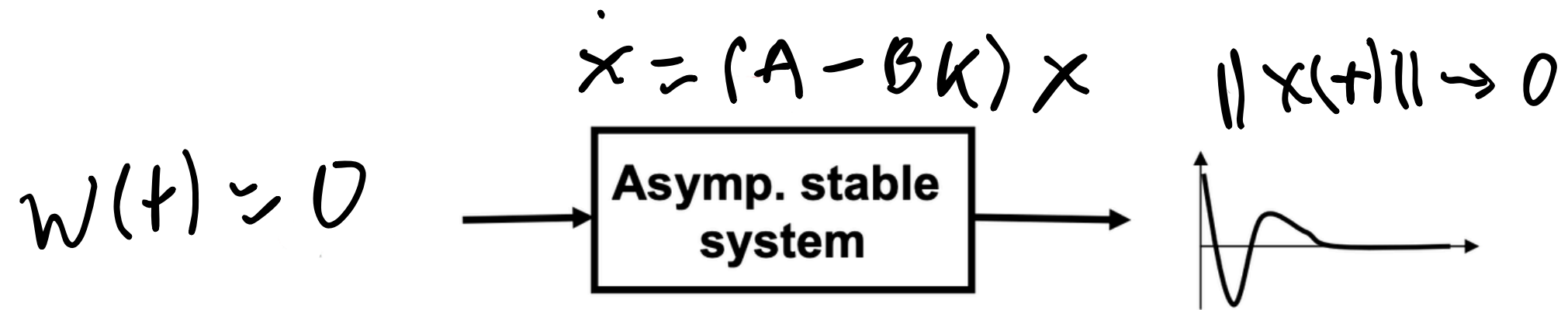
i.e. design a **linear full state feedback controller**  $u = -Kx$  such that

$x(t) \rightarrow 0$  robustly to any initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$

**What if we do have disturbances?**

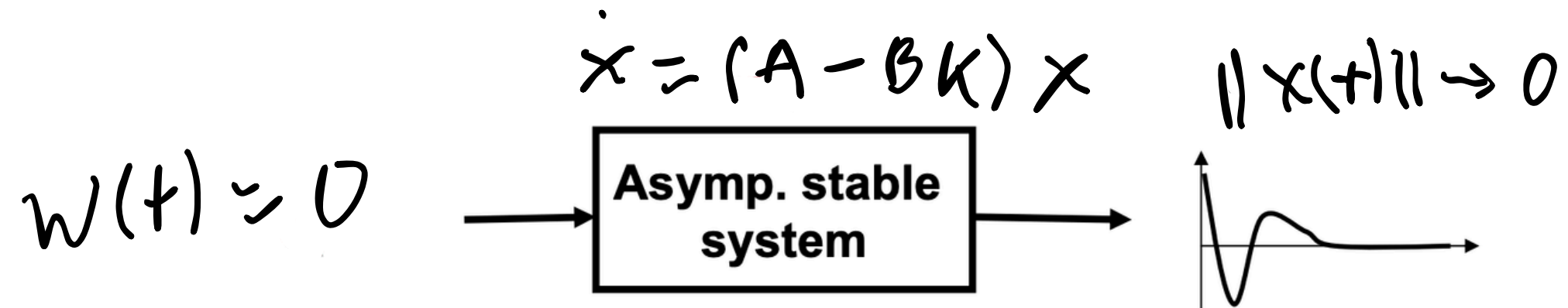
# Stability of LTI systems

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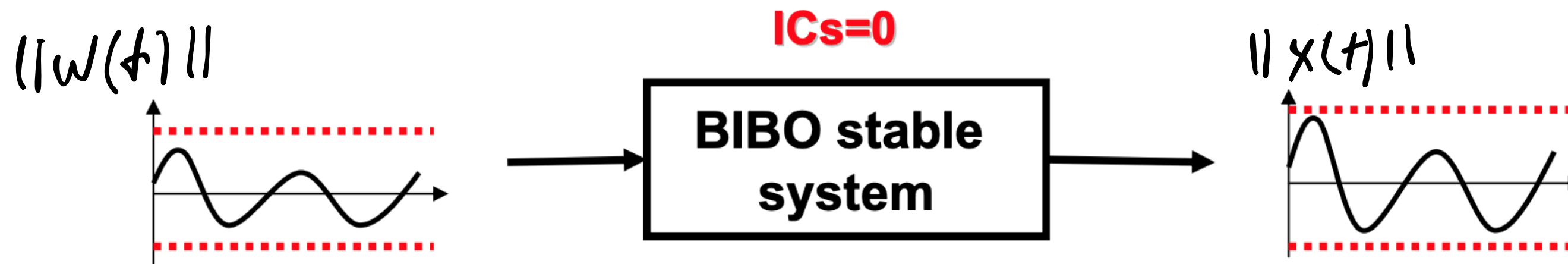


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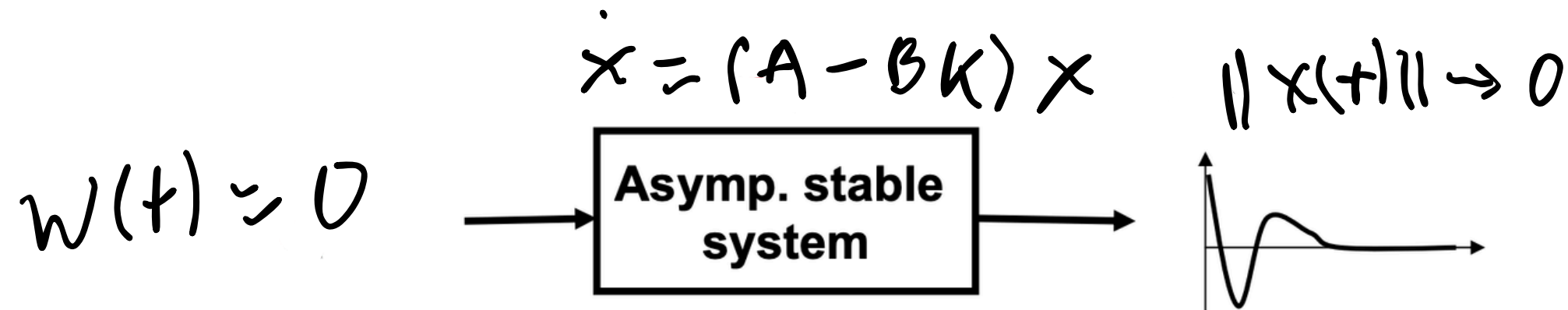


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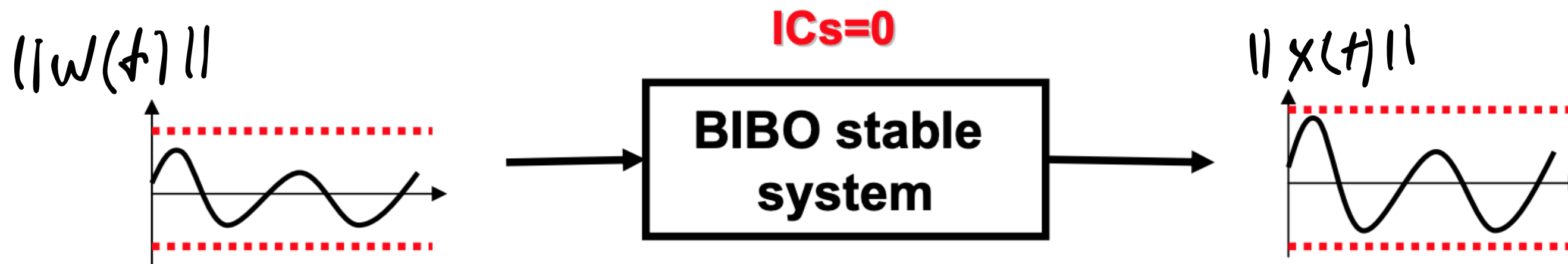


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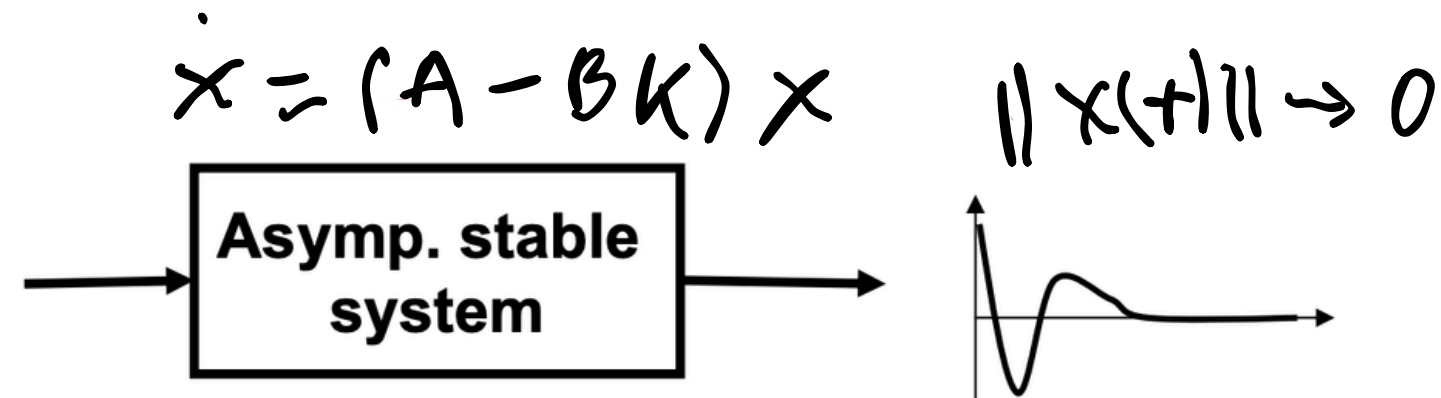
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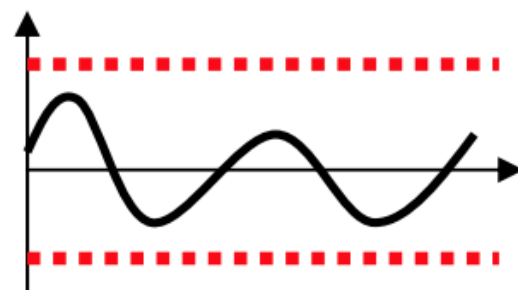
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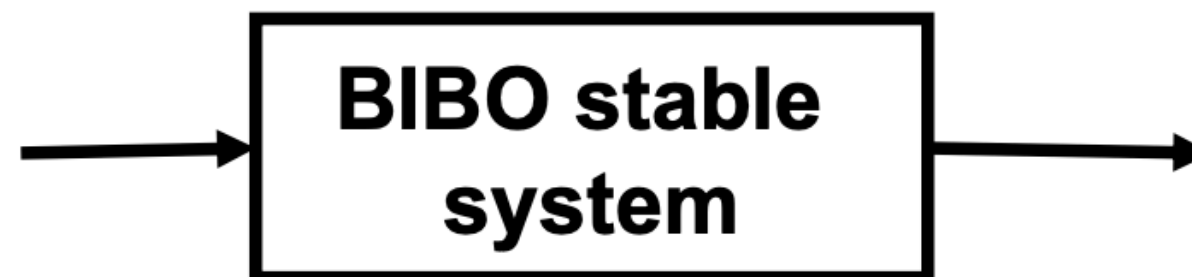


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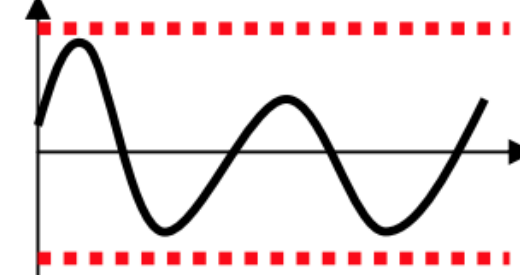
$$\|w(t)\|$$



$$ICs=0$$



$$\|x(t)\|$$





# Let's disturbance is bounded...

i.e. if  $(A,B)$  is **controllable** then  
we always can **choose matrix K** such that  
all eigenvalues of matrix  $(A-BK)$   
have negative real parts

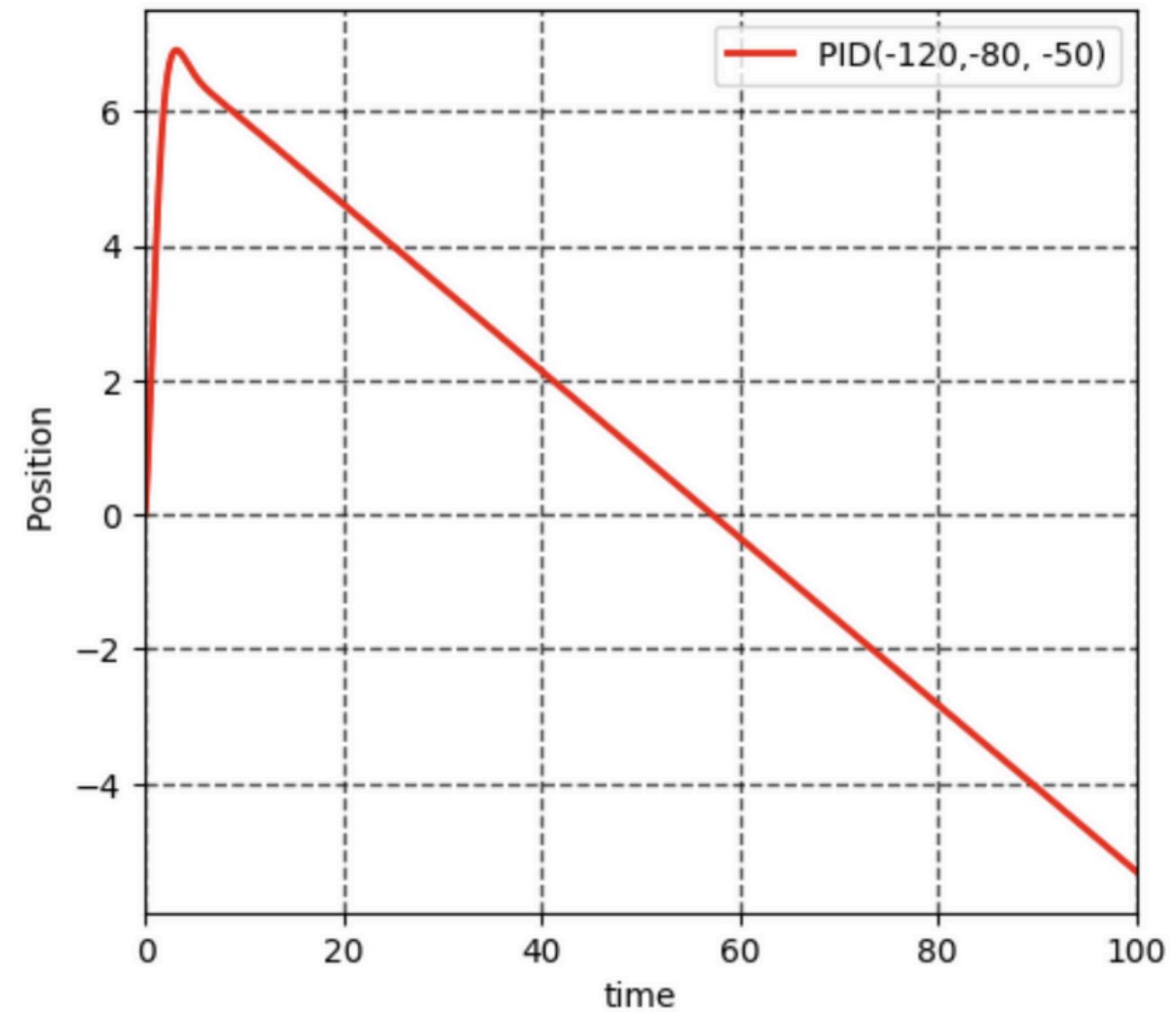
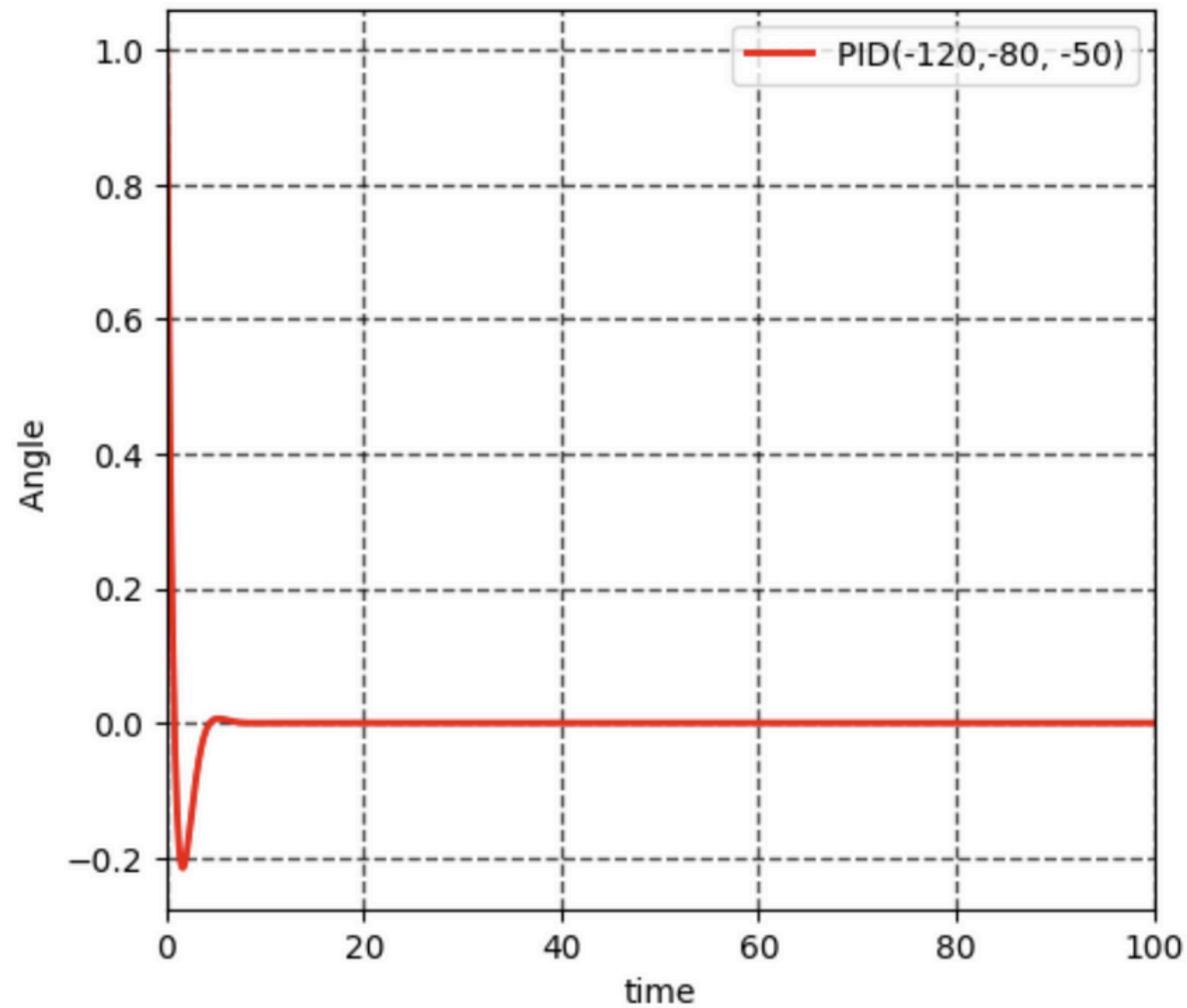
Consequently  $\dot{x} = (A - BK)x$  **asymptotically stable**

i.e. **design a linear full state feedback controller**  $u = -Kx$  such that

$\|x(t)\| \leq \text{const}$  robustly to any initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$

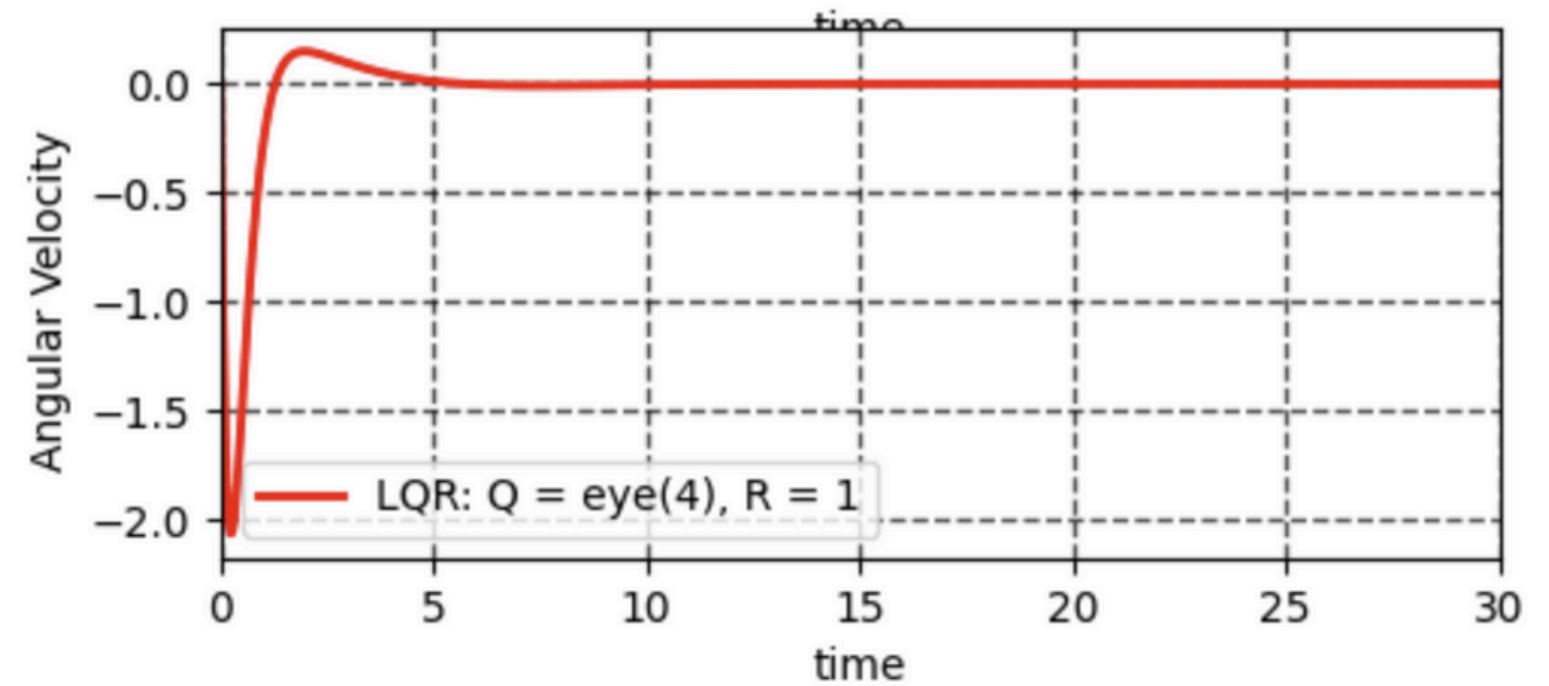
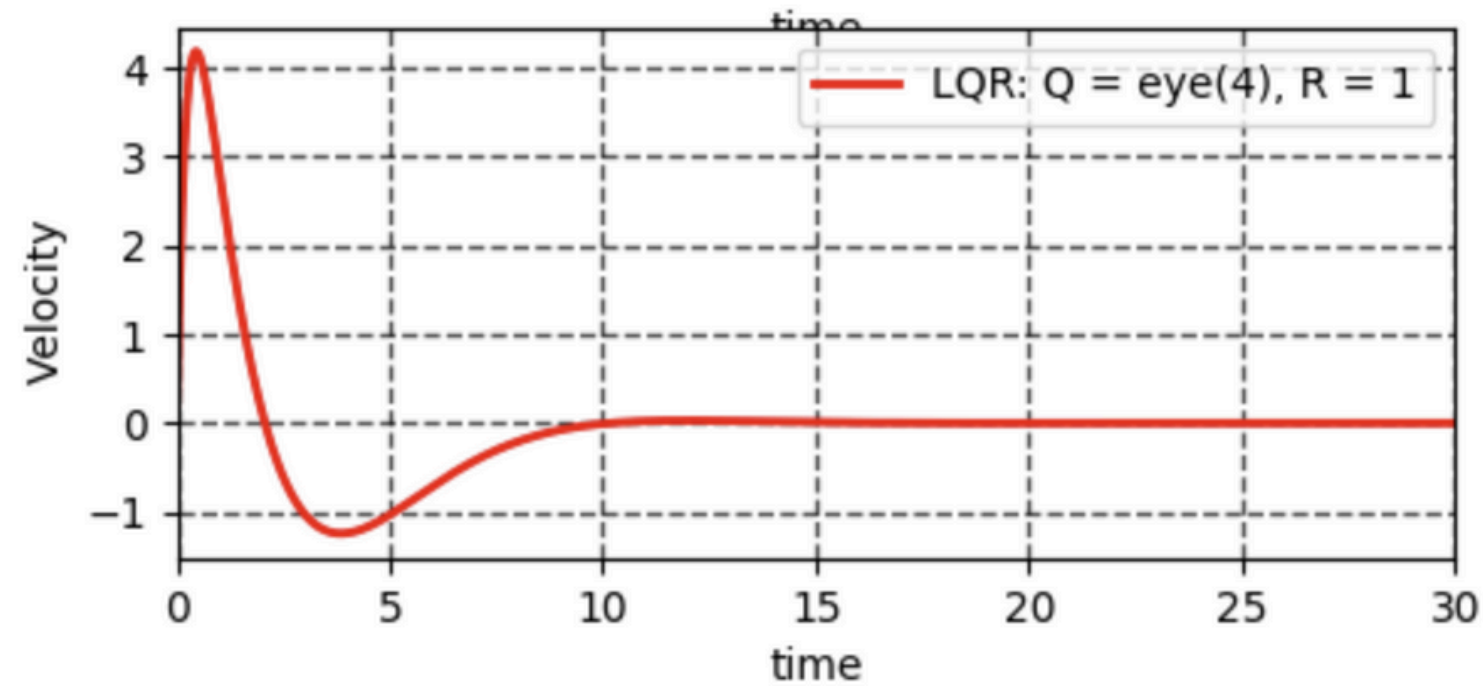
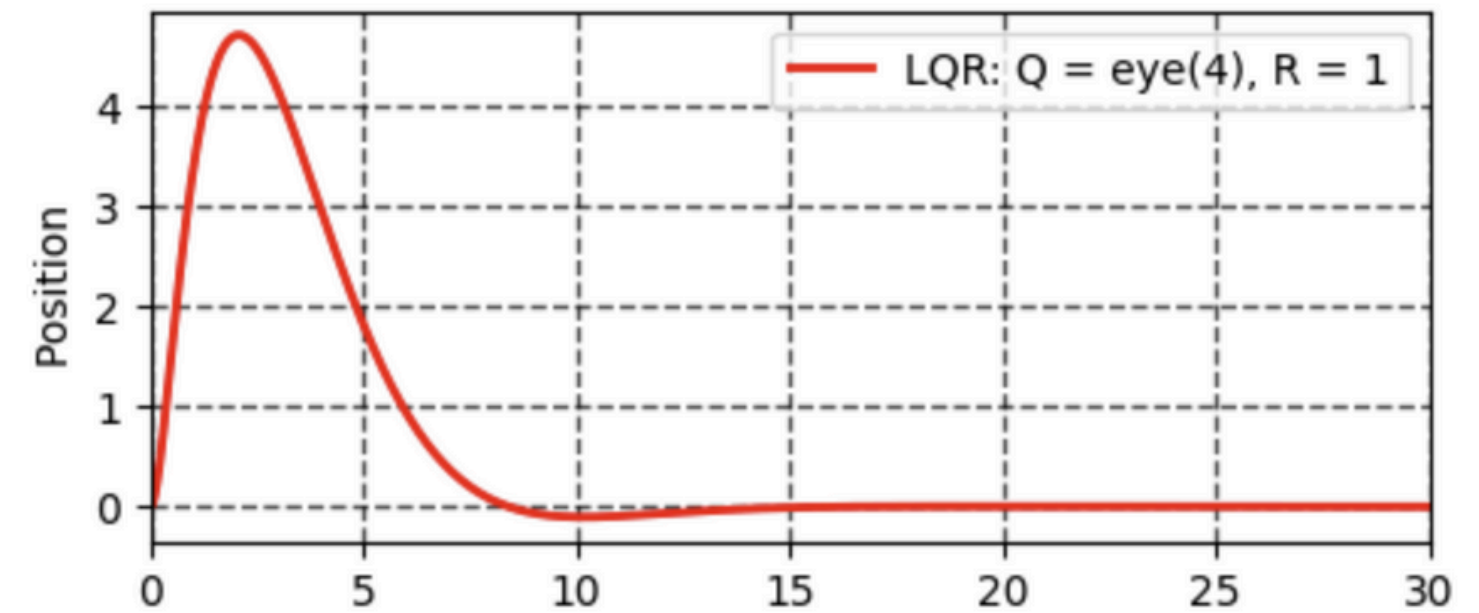
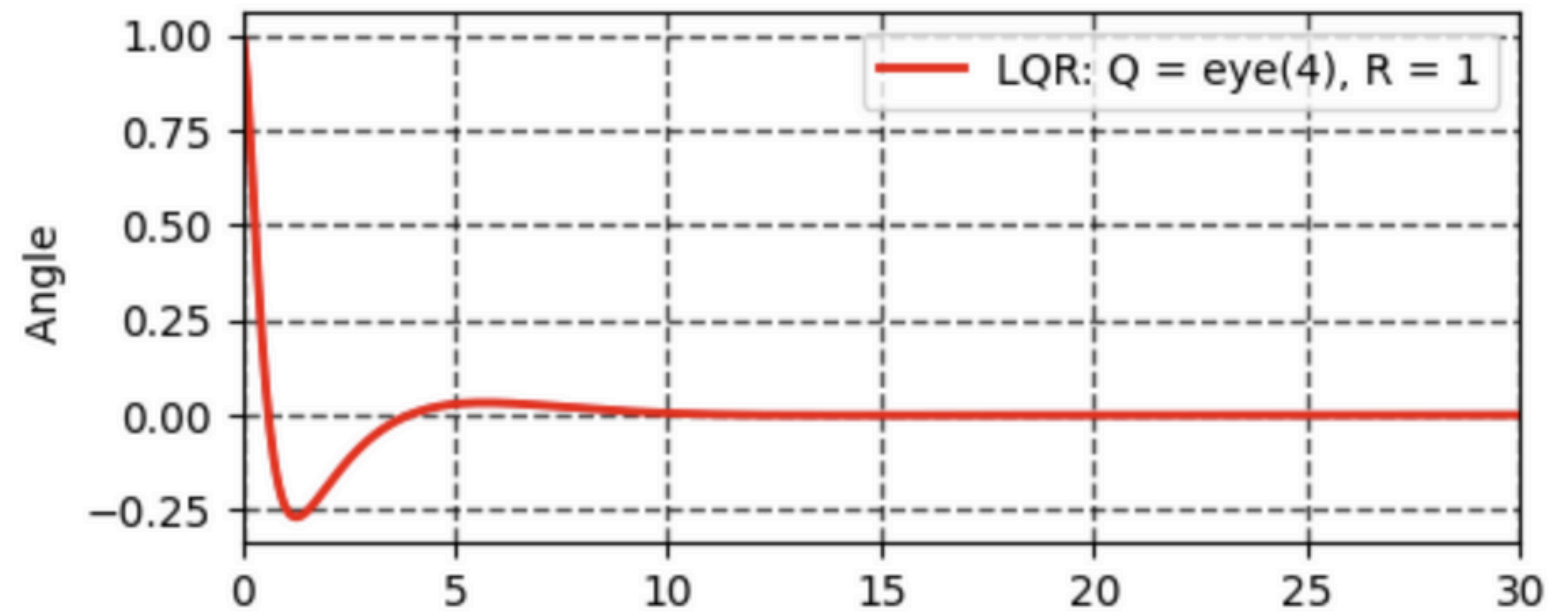
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# Cart-pole control. PID.



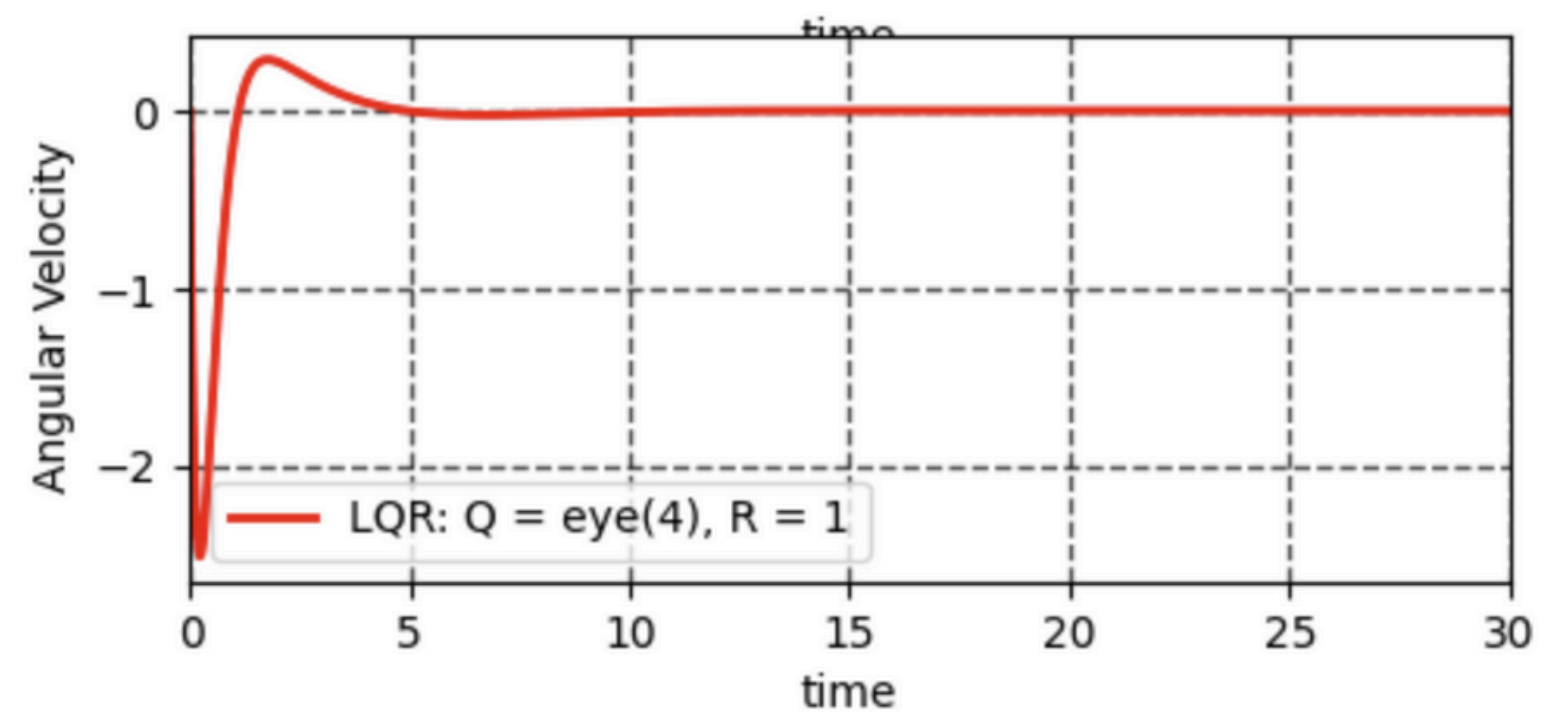
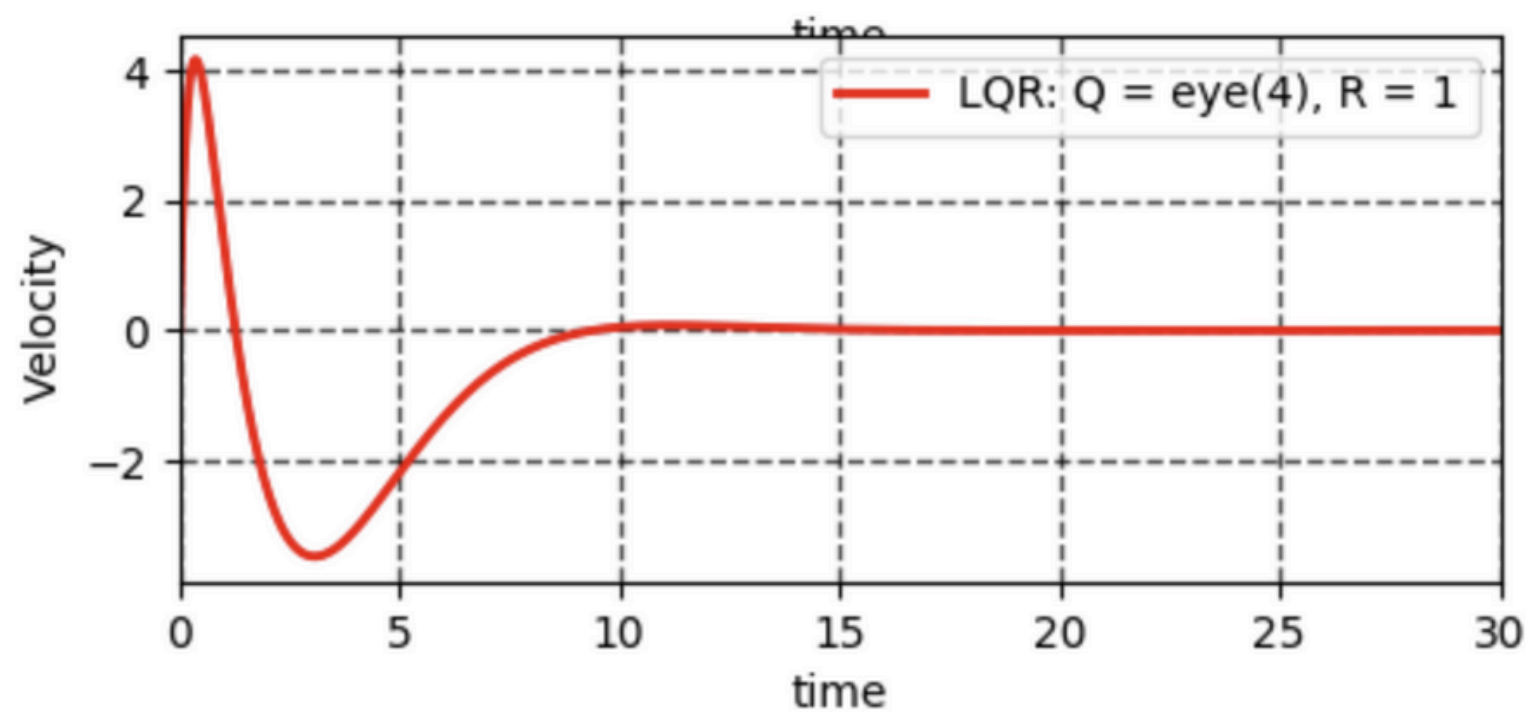
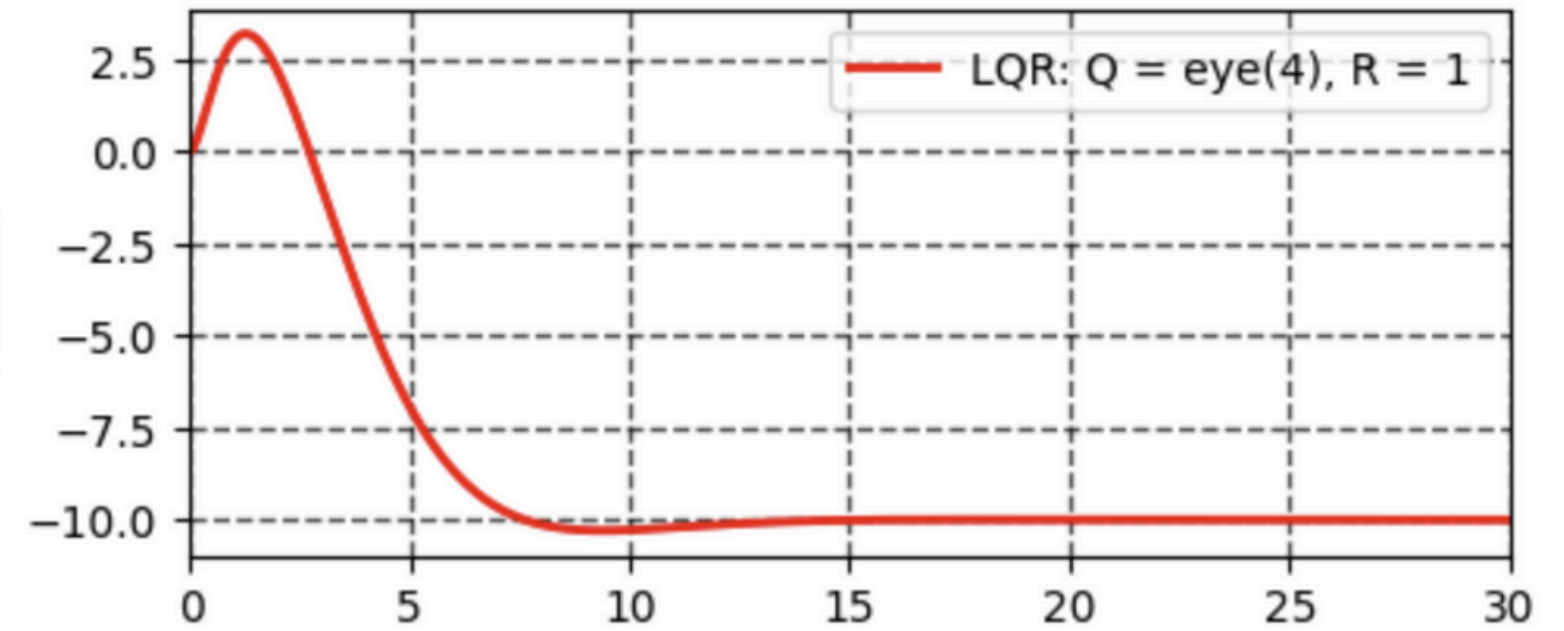
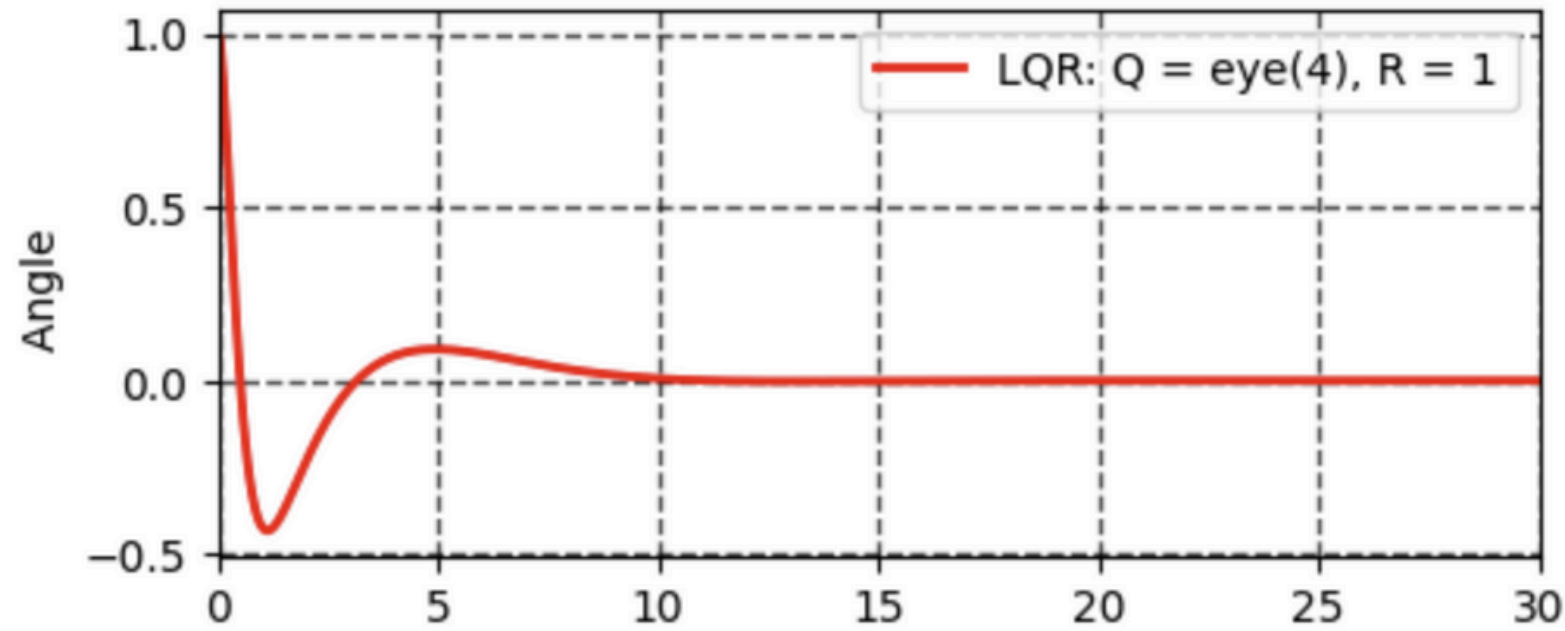
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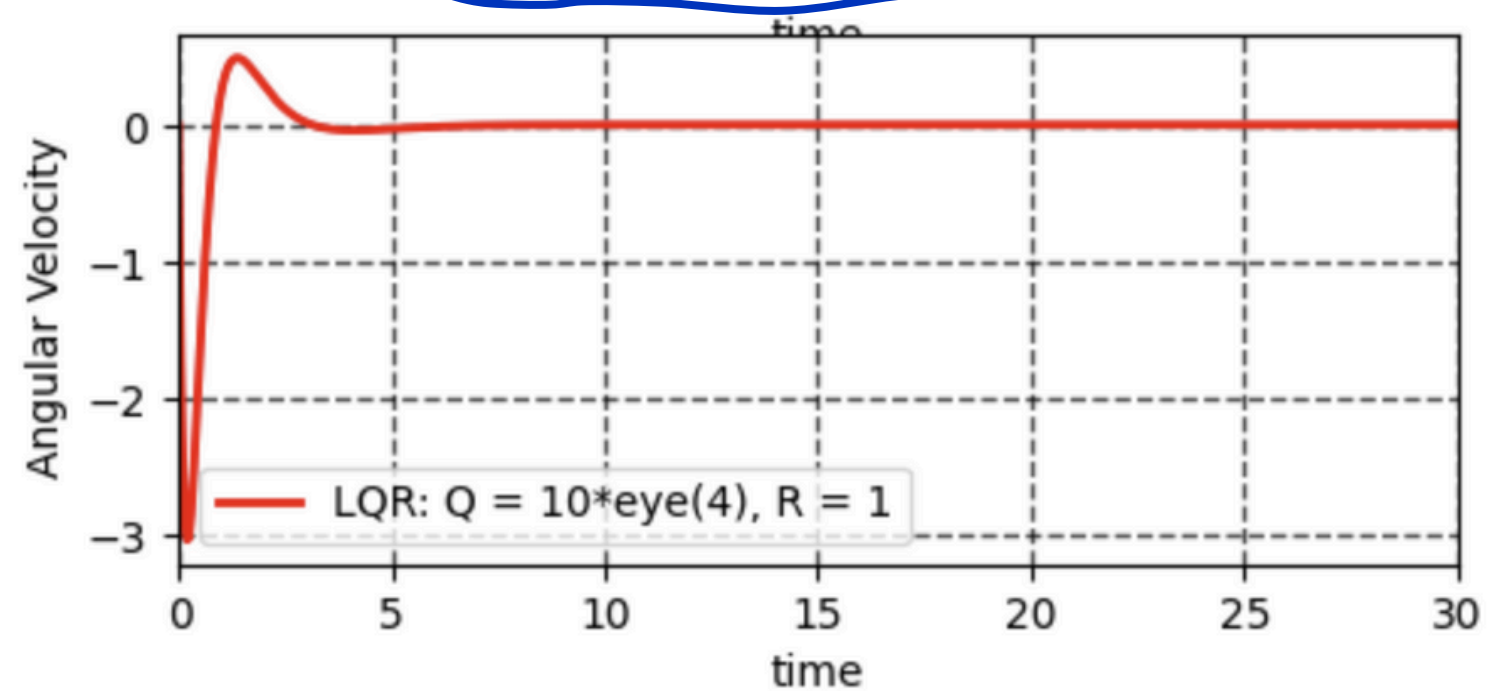
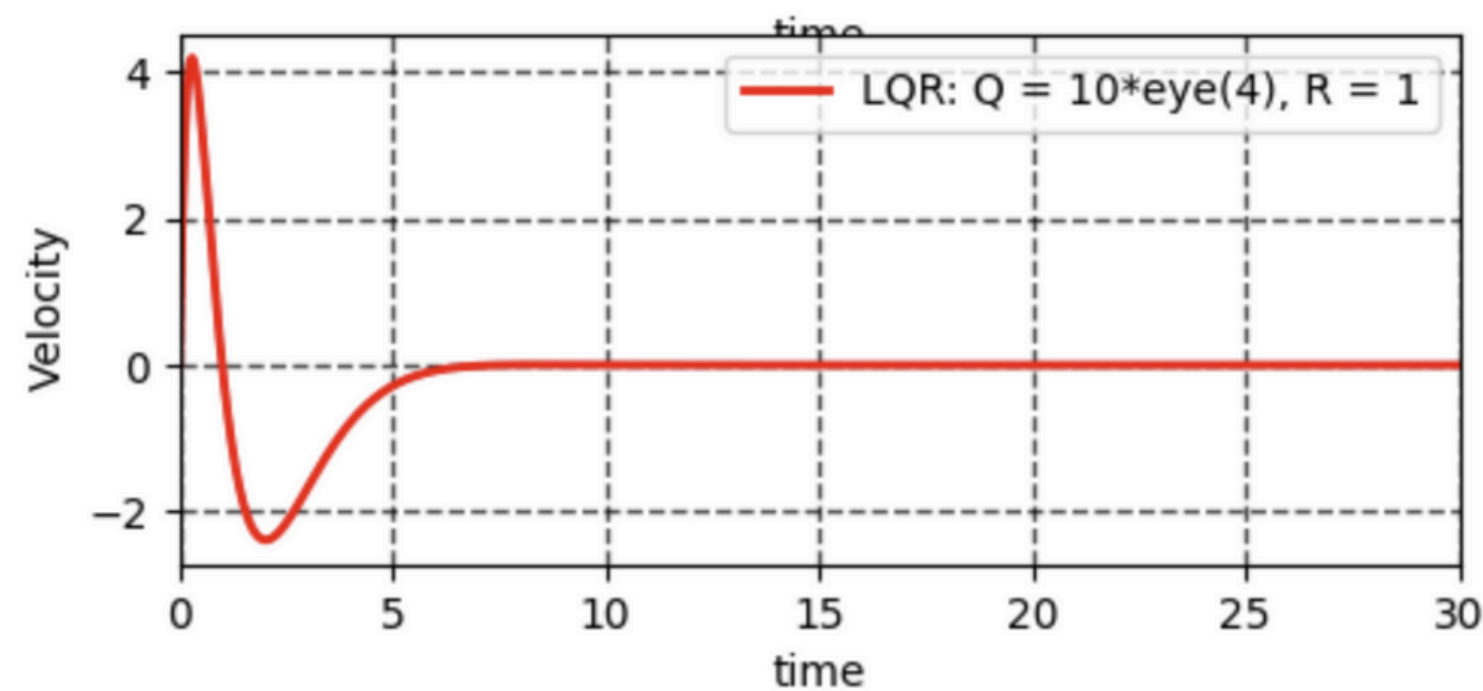
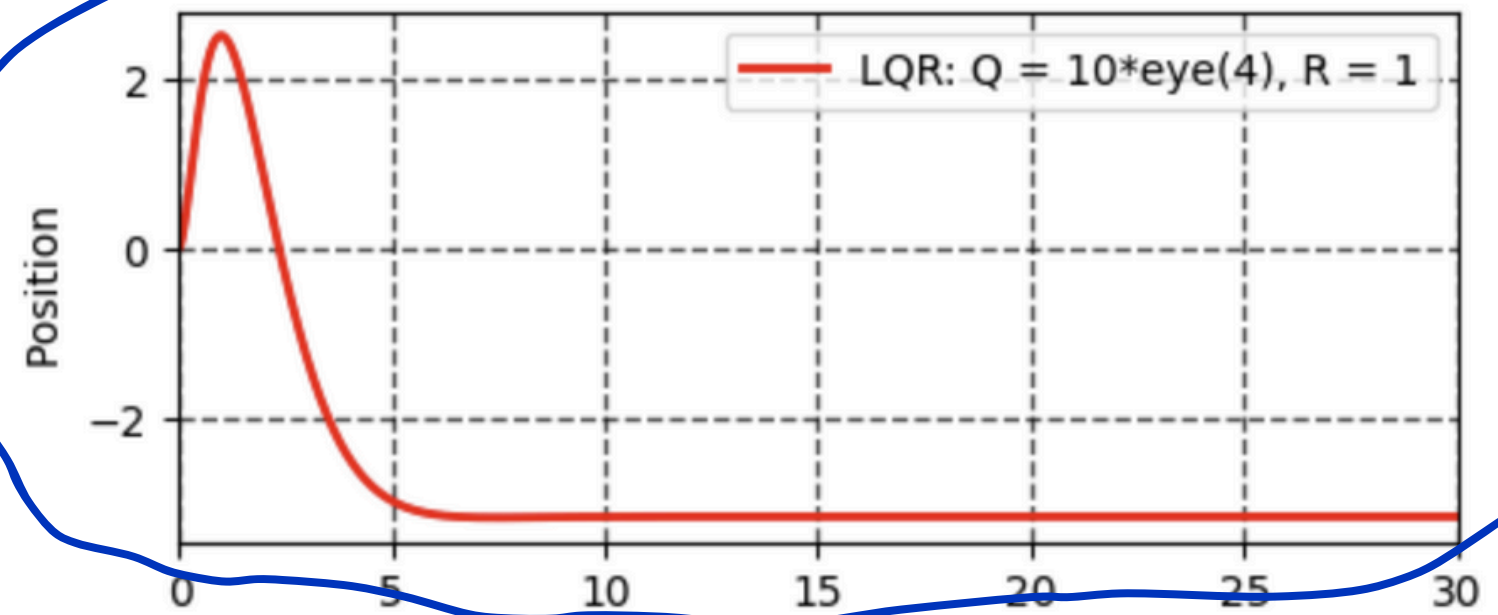
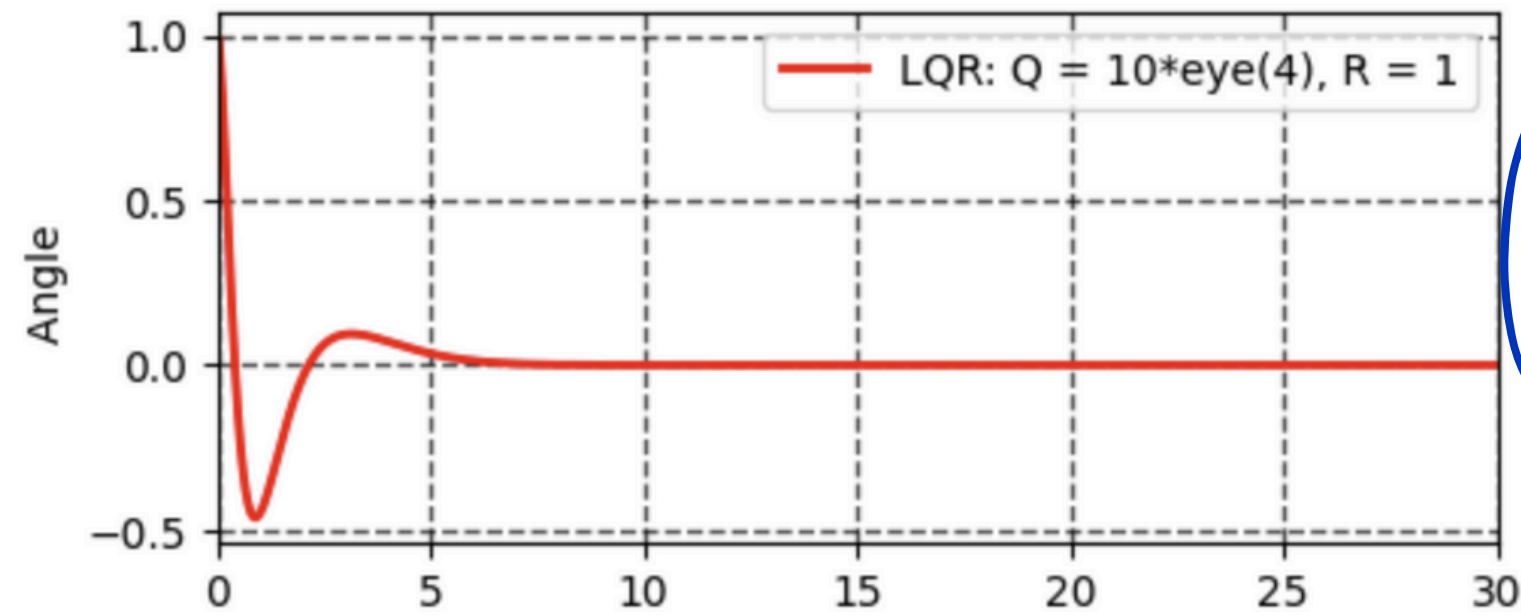
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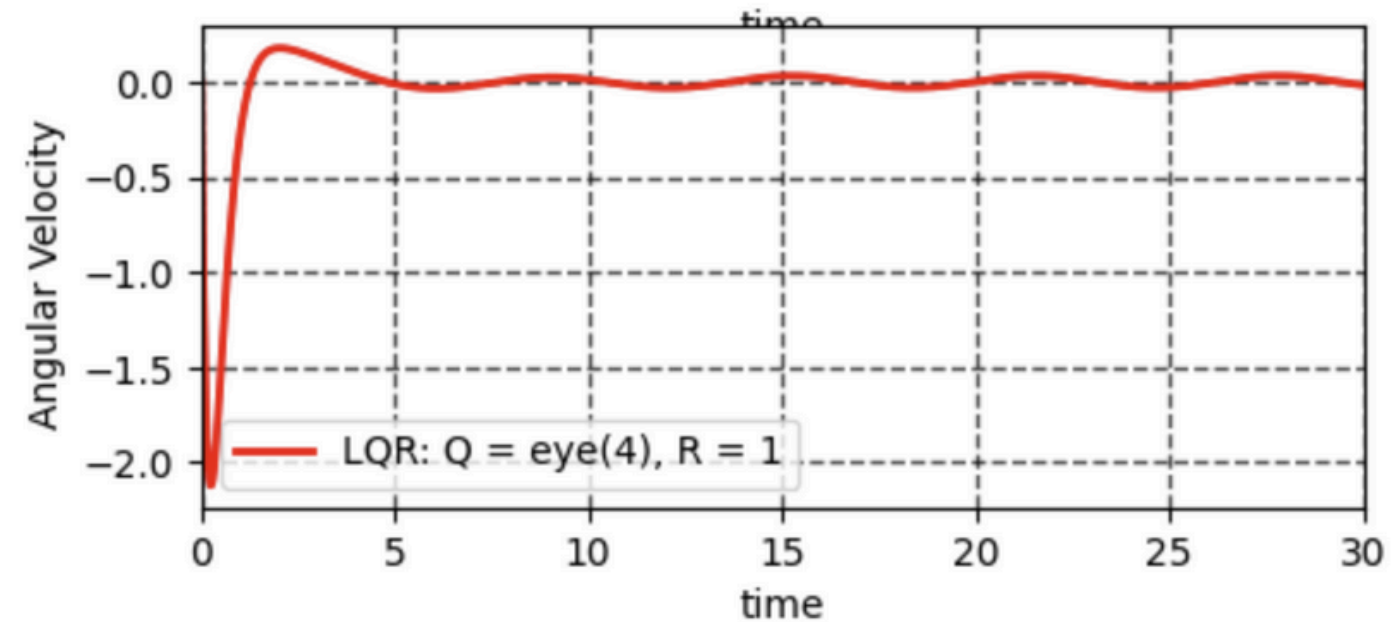
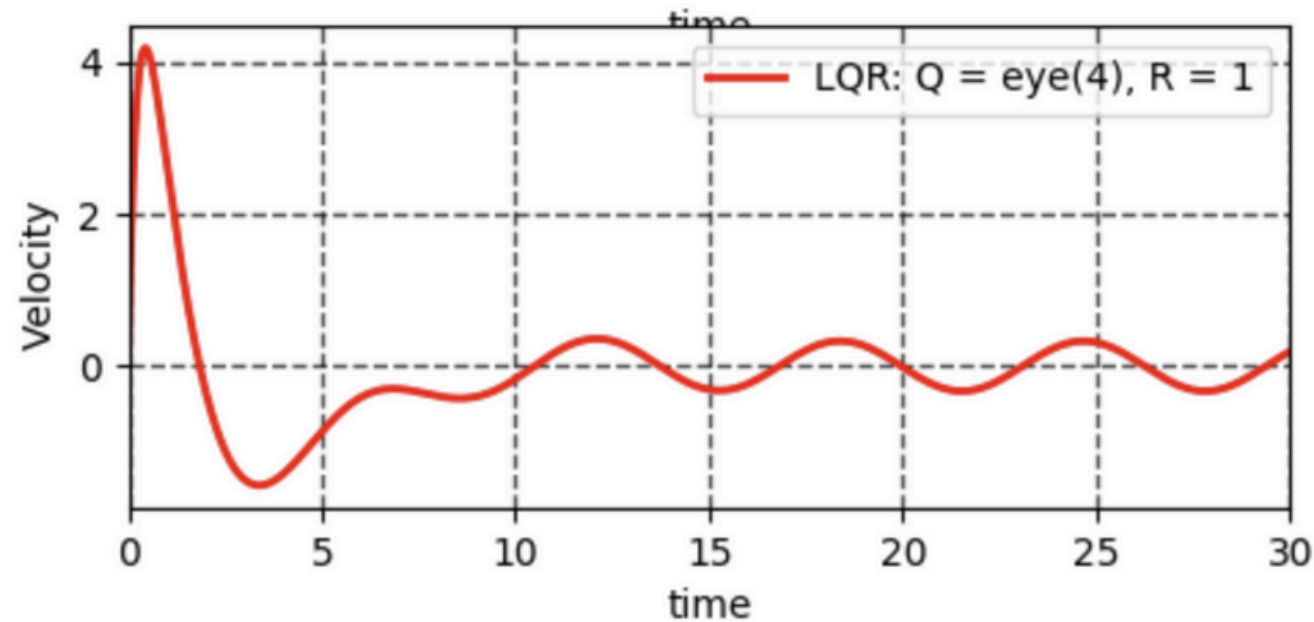
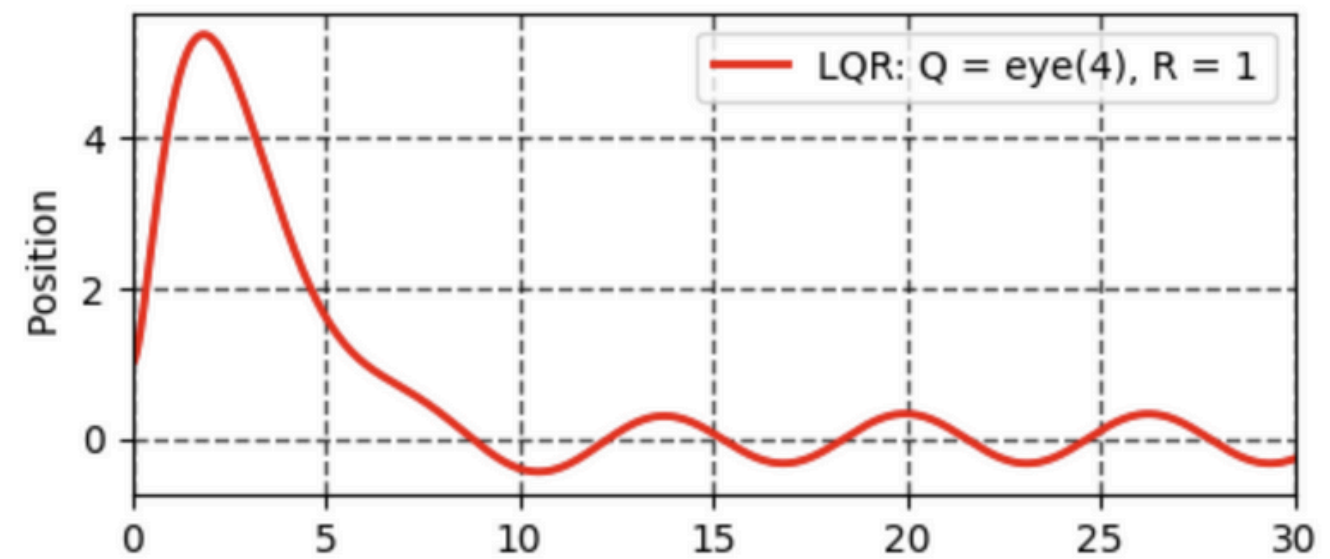
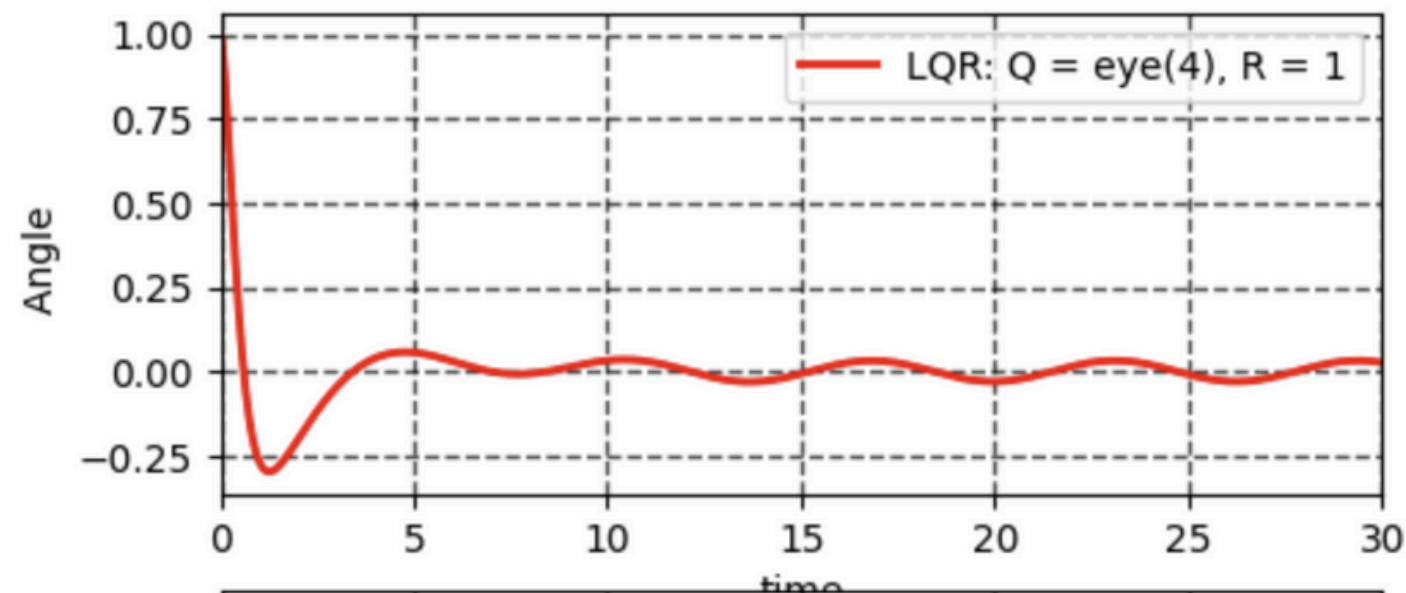
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## Linear full state feedback controller.



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**Stabilisation**

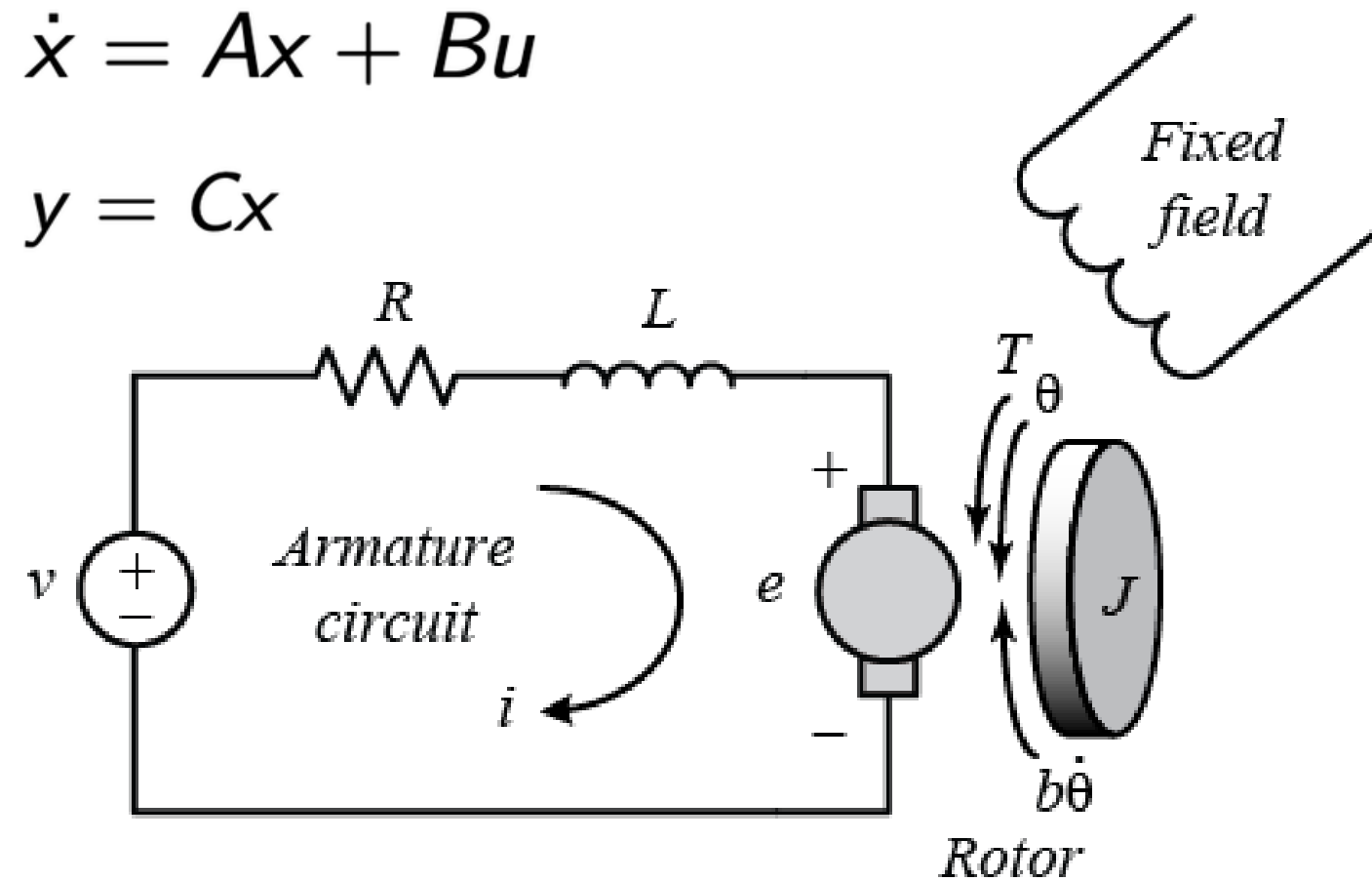
**vs**

**Reference tracking**

# DC motor control design

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx$$



A common actuator in control systems is the DC motor. It directly provides rotary motion and, coupled with wheels or drums and cables, can provide translational motion.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{b}{J} & \frac{K}{J} \\ -\frac{K}{L} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = (1, 0), \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} \theta \\ i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{r(t) = 1 \text{ rad/sec}}$$



# Reference tracking

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + Dw$$

$$y = x$$

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$$x(t) \rightarrow \underline{x_{ref}(t)}$$

robustly to any initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$ ,  
and any disturbance  $w(t)$

# Reference tracking

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + Dw$$

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add another term



Design a **linear full state feedback controller**  $u = -K(x - \underline{x\_ref})$  s.t.

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substitute

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$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x + \underbrace{BK x_{ref}} + Dw$$

acts as a disturbance

The faster non disturbed system converges to zero, the better it tracks a reference trajectory.

Unfortunately, the faster it converges, the more energy is required.

The precise tracking of  $x_{ref}$  is not guaranteed

# Reference tracking

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + Dw$$

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*n* - states  
*q* - controls

Let us assume that

1)  $x_{ref} = (x_{ref}^0, \dots, x_{ref}^{n-1})$  is constant

2) number of non-zero elements in  $x_{ref}$  is less (or equal) than number of control inputs

# Robust tracking: integral action

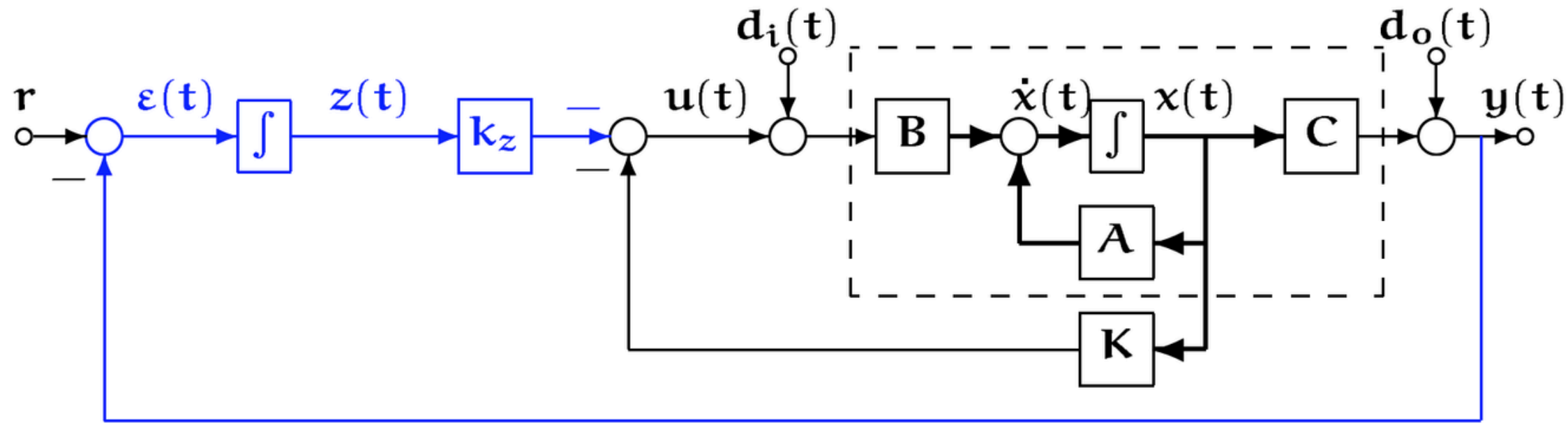
We now introduce a **robust** approach to achieve constant reference tracking by state feedback. This approach consists in the **addition of integral action** to the state feedback, so that

- ▶ the error  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{t})$  will approach 0 as  $\mathbf{t} \rightarrow \infty$ , and this property will be preserved
  - ▶ under moderate uncertainties in the plant model
  - ▶ under constant input or output disturbance signals.

**Let's start with single input,  
single non - zero constant reference to track**

# Robust tracking: integral action

The State Feedback with Integral Action scheme:



The main idea in the addition of integral action is to **augment the plant** with an extra state: the integral of the tracking error  $\epsilon(t)$ ,

$$\dot{z}(t) = \underbrace{(r - y(t))}_{\text{corresponding state}} = r - Cx(t) \quad (\text{IA1})$$

*non zero element of  $x$ -ref*

The control law for the **augmented plant** is then

$$u(t) = - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & k_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ z(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{IA2})$$

# Robust tracking: integral action

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\mathbf{z}}(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{C} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}_a} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{z}(t) \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{B}_a} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{k}_z \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{K}_a} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{z}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} r \\ &= (\mathbf{A}_a - \mathbf{B}_a \mathbf{K}_a) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{z}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} r \end{aligned}$$

The state feedback design with integral action can be done as a normal state feedback design for the **augmented plant**

If  $\mathbf{K}_a$  is designed such that the closed-loop augmented matrix  $(\mathbf{A}_a - \mathbf{B}_a \mathbf{K}_a)$  is rendered Hurwitz, then necessarily in steady-state

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{\mathbf{z}}(t) = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{y}(t) = r, \quad \text{achieving tracking.}$$

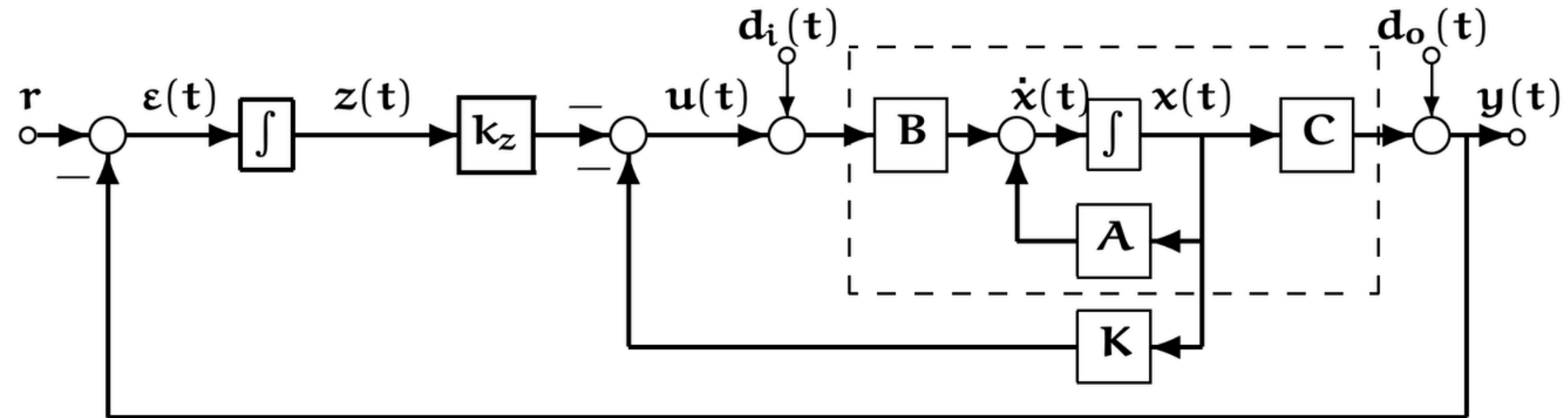


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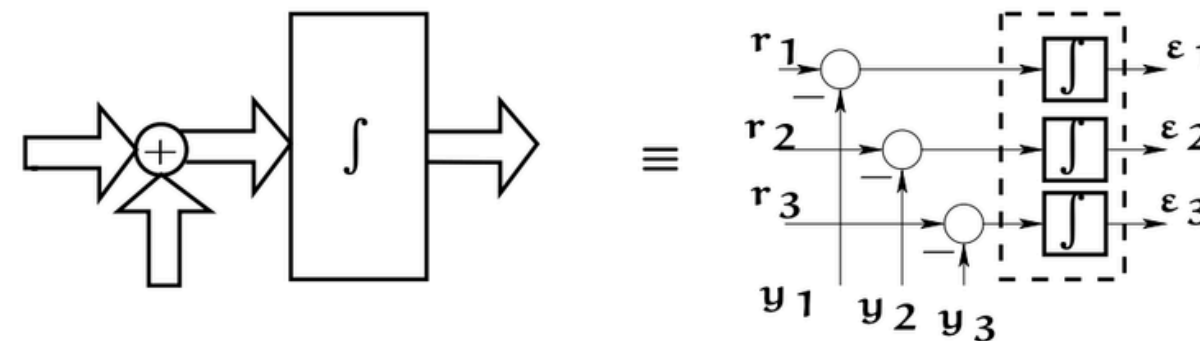
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# Robust tracking for MIMO system

The procedure to compute  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{k}_z$  for the state feedback control with integral action is exactly as in the SISO case,

$\dim(z) = q \rightarrow$

$$\dot{z}(t) = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

*corresponding state vector*

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{k}_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ z(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

*non zero elements of  $\mathbf{x}$ -set*

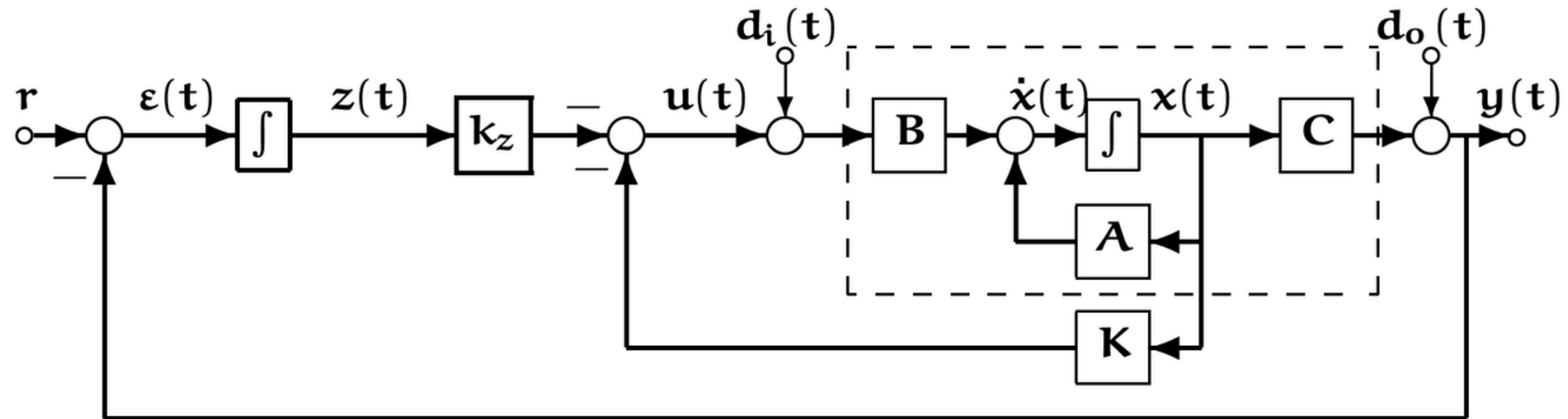
where  $\mathbf{K}_a = [\mathbf{K} \ \mathbf{k}_z]$  is computed to place the eigenvalues of the **augmented plant**  $(\mathbf{A}_a, \mathbf{B}_a)$  at desired locations, where

$$\mathbf{A}_a = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times q} \\ -\mathbf{C} & \mathbf{0}_{q \times q} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}_a = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{0}_{q \times p} \end{bmatrix}$$

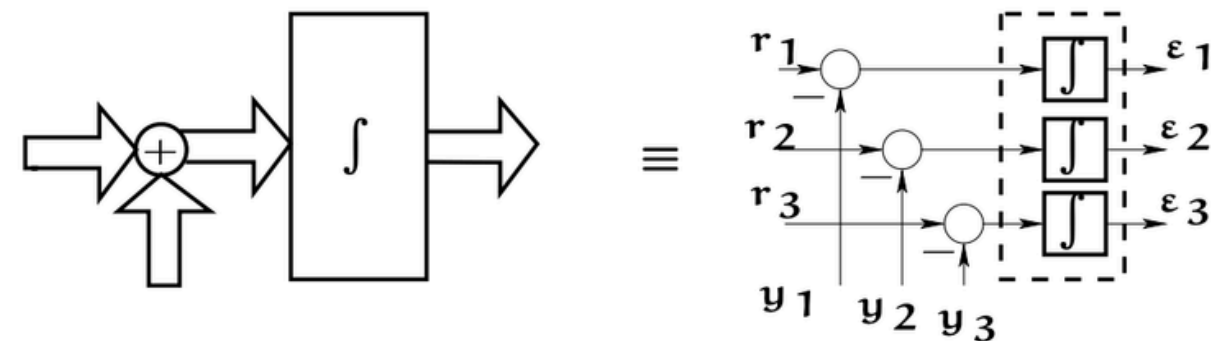
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We have seen that if a state equation is controllable, then we can assign its eigenvalues arbitrarily by state feedback. But, **what happens when the state equation is not controllable?**

We know that we can take any state equation to the **Controllable/Uncontrollable Canonical Form**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{x}}_c \\ \dot{\bar{x}}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_c & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{A}} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_c \\ \bar{x}_{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u$$

Because the evolution matrix  $\bar{A}$  is **block-triangular**, its eigenvalues are the union of the eigenvalues of the diagonal blocks:  $\bar{A}_c$  and  $\bar{A}_{\bar{c}}$ .

# What happens if system is not controllable?

The state feedback law

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{r} - \bar{\mathbf{K}}\bar{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= \mathbf{r} - [\bar{\mathbf{K}}_e \quad \bar{\mathbf{K}}_{\tilde{e}}] \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_e \\ \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{\tilde{e}} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

yields the closed-loop system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_e \\ \dot{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}_{\tilde{e}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_e - \bar{\mathbf{B}}_e\bar{\mathbf{K}}_e & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{12} - \bar{\mathbf{B}}_e\bar{\mathbf{K}}_{\tilde{e}} \\ 0 & \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\tilde{e}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_e \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\tilde{e}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_e \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}.$$

We see that **the eigenvalues of  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\tilde{e}}$  are not affected by the state feedback**, so they remain **unchanged**.

The value of  $\bar{\mathbf{K}}_{\tilde{e}}$  is **irrelevant** — the uncontrollable states cannot be affected.

# What happens if system is not controllable?

We conclude that the condition of **Controllability** is not only sufficient, but also necessary to place **all** eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{BK}$  in desired locations.

A notion of interest in control that is weaker than that of **Controllability** is that of **Stabilisability**.

**Stabilisability.** The system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{Ax}(t) + \mathbf{Bu}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{Cx}(t),$$

is said to be **stabilisable** if all its **uncontrollable states are asymptotically stable**.

This condition is equivalent to asking that the matrix  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\tilde{c}}$  be **Hurwitz**.