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# **python-control-plotly**

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## GETTING STARTED

The *python-control-plotly* library provides several classes and functions to analyse the behavior of continuous and discrete time systems. As its name suggests, this library is based on the *python-control* and *plotly* libraries.

This library contains low-level and high-level API.

- Low level API provides several classes that allows in-depth customisation of plots,
- High level API provides several function that mimic the behavior of some Matlab plotting function. This tools relies on the low-level api.

Most of users will only use the high-level API since it allows to plot graph with a minimum of code.

### 1.1 Installation

```
pip install control-plotly
```

### 1.2 How to use it

This library requires the *python-control* library. This library can be imported as follows

```
import control as ctl
```

There are basically two ways to use this library.

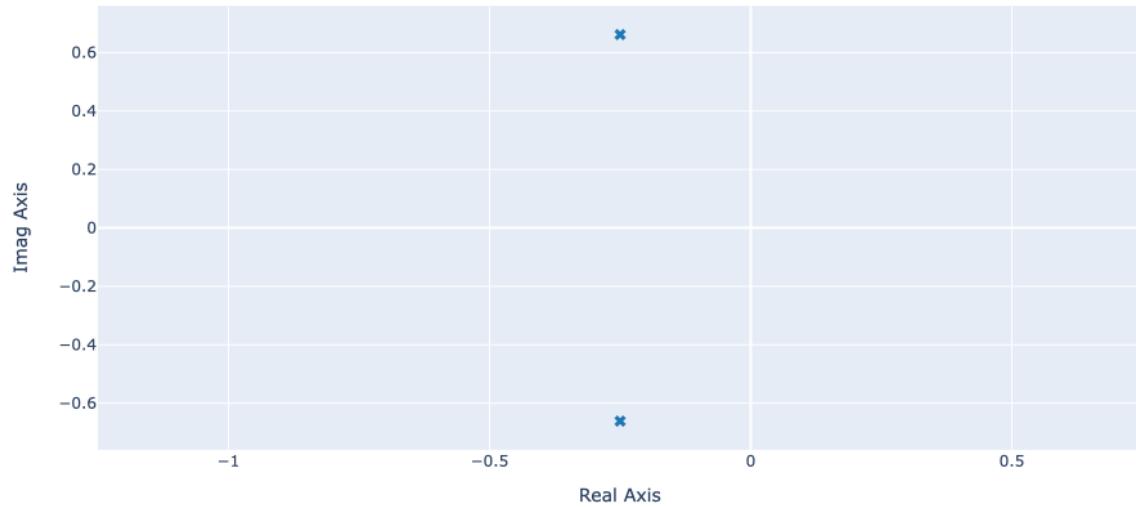
- Standalone Python code
- Jupyter Notebook

#### 1.2.1 Standalone Python code

For standalone python code, figures are plotted in your default browser. For this use case, you need to explicitly call the *show()* method to show your plot.

```
from control_plotly import pzmap

sys = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])
fig = pzmap(sys)
fig.show()
```



## 1.2.2 Jupyter Notebook

In jupyter notebook, figures are automatically plotted if the plotting function is located in the last line of a code cell.

```
import control as ctl
from control_plotly import pzmap

sys = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])
pzmap(sys)
```

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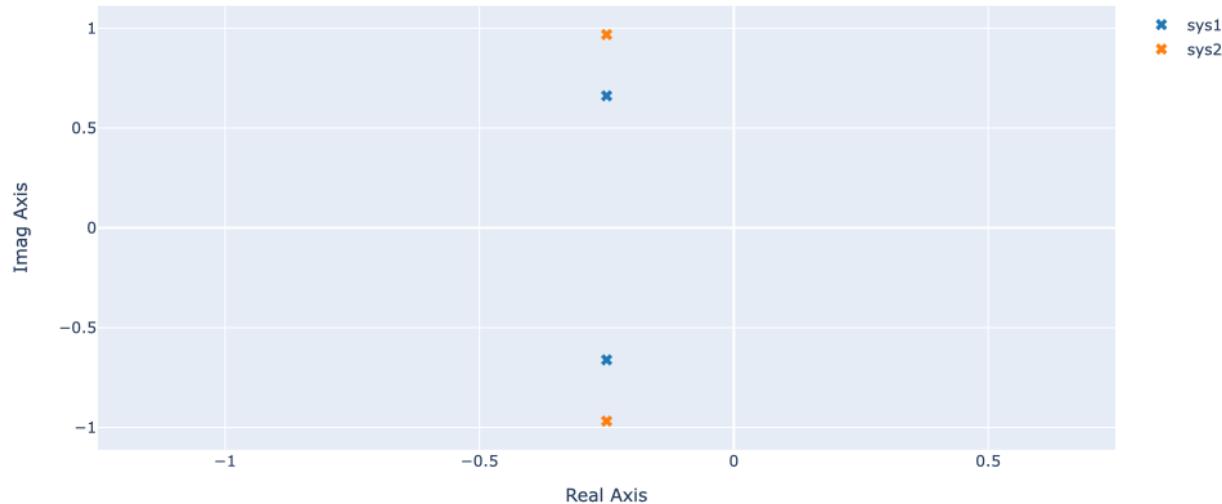
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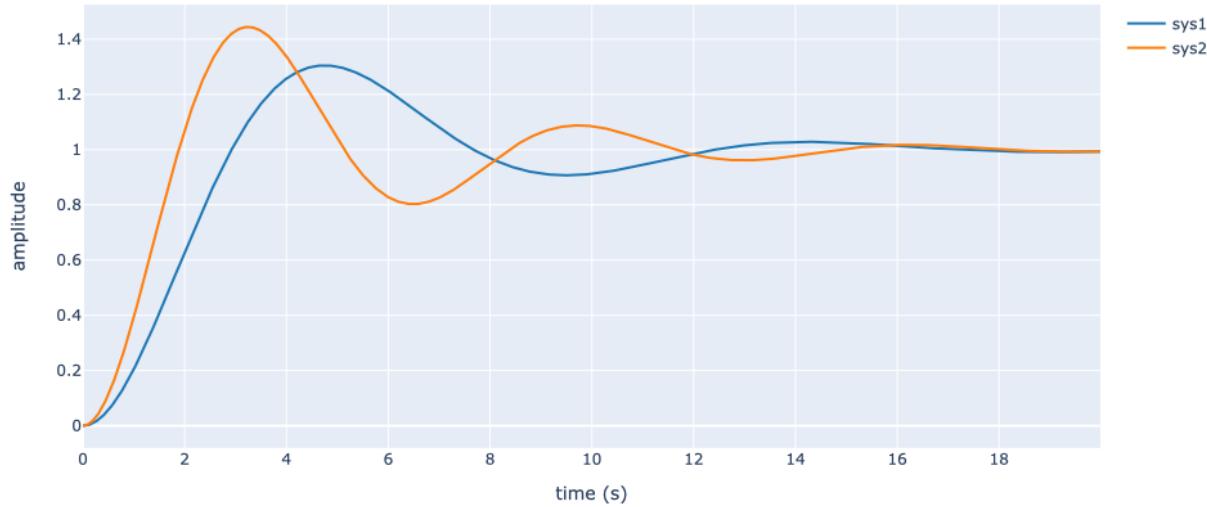
## 2.1 Poles and Zeros

The function `control_plotly.pzmap()` creates a pole-zero plot of the continuous or discrete-time system `sys`.



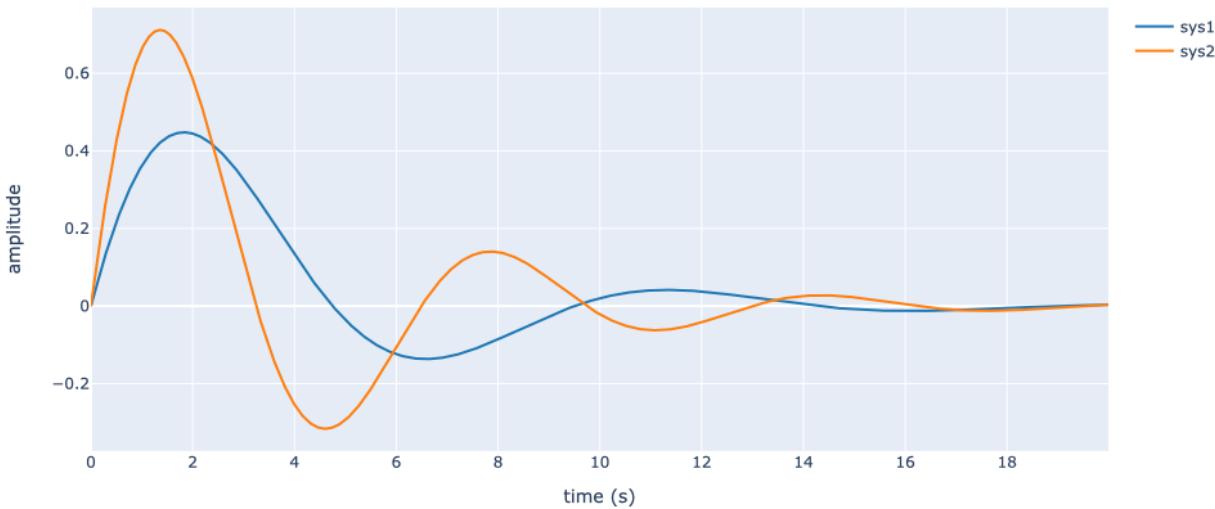
## 2.2 Step Response

The function `control_plotly.step()` create a step response plot for the continuous or discrete-time system sys.



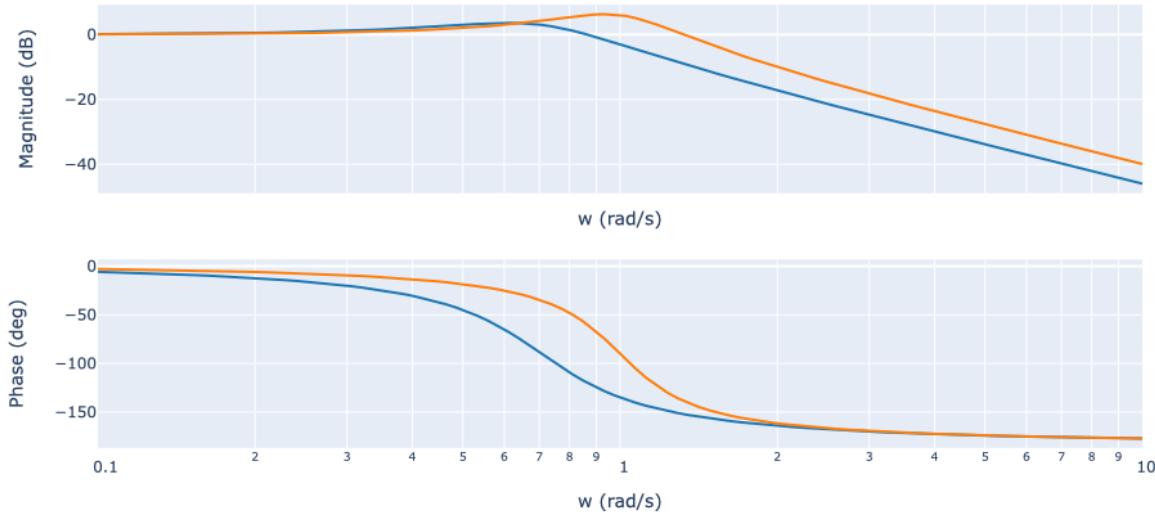
## 2.3 Impulse Response

The function `control_plotly.impulse()` create a step response plot for the continuous or discrete-time system sys.



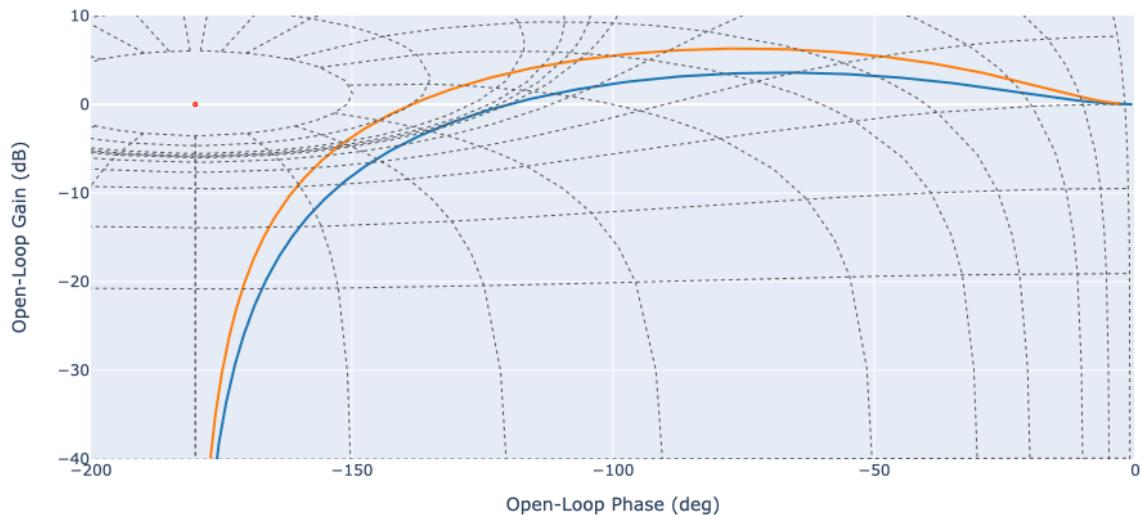
## 2.4 Bode Plot

The function `control_plotly.bode()` create a bode plot for the continuous or discrete-time system sys.



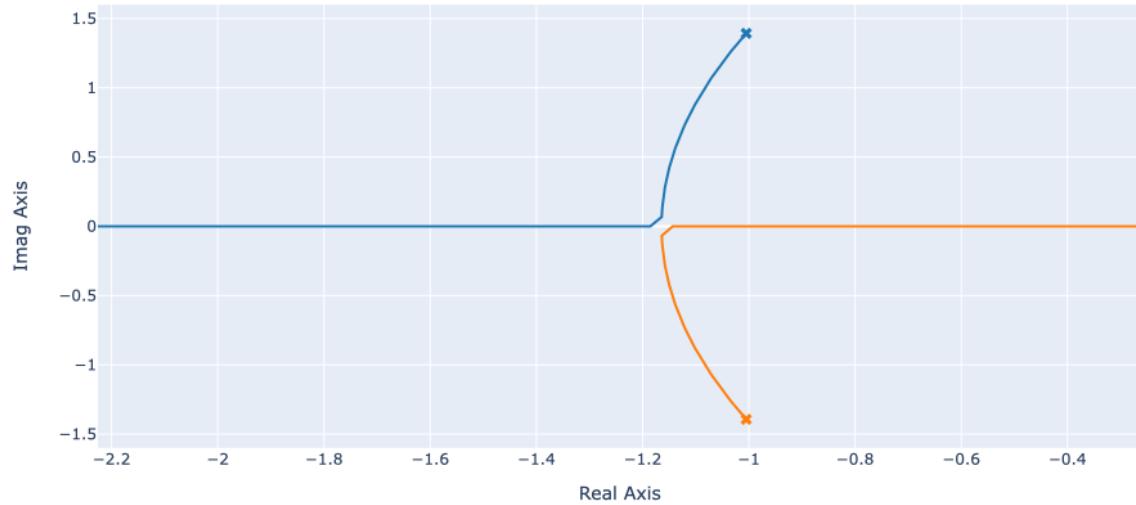
## 2.5 Nichols Plot

The function `control_plotly.nichols()` create a nichols plot for the continuous or discrete-time system sys.



## 2.6 Root Locus Plot

The function `control_plotly.rlocus()` create a root locus plot for the continuous or discrete-time system `sys`.



## API DOCUMENTATION

### 3.1 High-Level API

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#### plots

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<code>pzmap(sys_list[, x_lim, y_lim, x_title, y_title])</code>	Returns a pole-zero plot of the continuous or discrete-time systems <code>sys_list</code> .
<code>step(sys_list[, t, x_lim, y_lim, x_title, ...])</code>	Returns the step response plot of the continuous or discrete-time systems <code>sys_list</code> .
<code>impulse(sys_list[, t, x_lim, y_lim, ...])</code>	Returns the impulse response of the continuous or discrete-time systems <code>sys_list</code> .
<code>bode(sys_list[, w, x_lim, y_lim, dB, Hz, ...])</code>	Returns the impulse response of the continuous or discrete-time systems <code>sys_list</code> .
<code>nichols(sys_list[, w, x_lim, y_lim, cm, cp, ...])</code>	Returns the nichols chart of the continuous or discrete-time systems <code>sys_list</code> .
<code>rlocus(sys[, k, x_lim, y_lim, show_grid, wn, m])</code>	Returns the root locus chart of the continuous or discrete-time systems <code>sys_list</code> .

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#### 3.1.1 control\_plotly.pzmap

`control_plotly.pzmap(sys_list, x_lim=None, y_lim=None, x_title=None, y_title=None)`

Returns a pole-zero plot of the continuous or discrete-time systems `sys_list`.

##### Parameters

- **sys\_list** (*system or list of systems*) – A single system or a list of systems to analyse
- **x\_lim** (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the x axis
- **y\_lim** (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the y axis
- **x\_title** (*str (optional)*) – The x axis name
- **y\_title** (*str (optional)*) – The y axis name

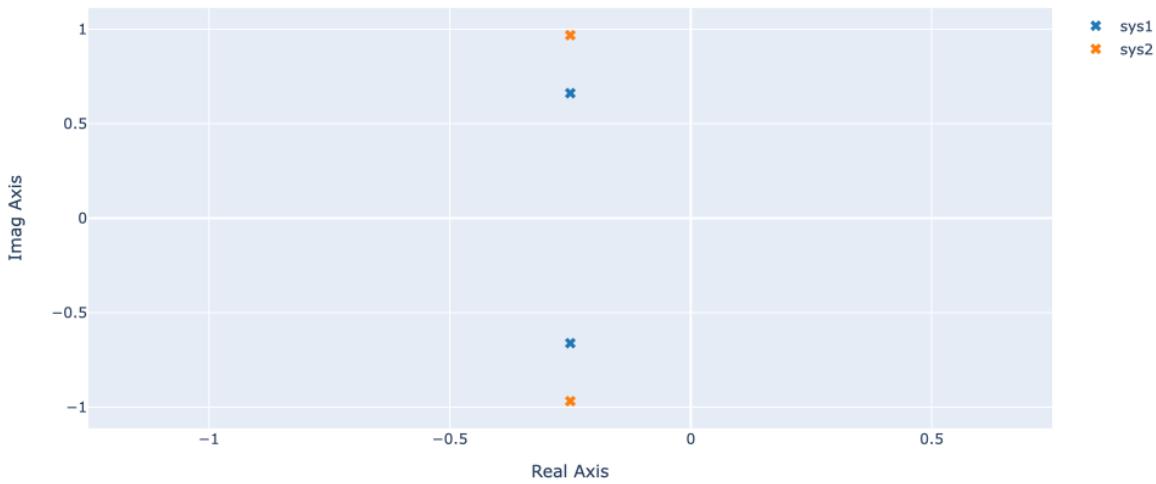
**Returns** `fig` – A plotly figure

**Return type** plotly figure

## Example

```
import control as ctl
from control_plotly import pzmap

sys1 = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])
sys2 = ctl.tf([1],[1,0.5,1])
pzmap([sys1,sys2])
```



### 3.1.2 control\_plotly.step

`control_plotly.step(sys_list, t=None, x_lim=None, y_lim=None, x_title=None, y_title=None)`

Returns the step response plot of the continuous or discrete-time systems `sys_list`.

#### Parameters

- `sys_list` (*system or list of systems*) – A single system or a list of systems to analyse
- `t` (*numpy vector (optional)*) – The base time vector
- `x_lim` (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the x axis
- `y_lim` (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the y axis
- `x_title` (*str (optional)*) – The x axis name
- `y_title` (*str (optional)*) – The y axis name

**Returns** `fig` – A plotly figure

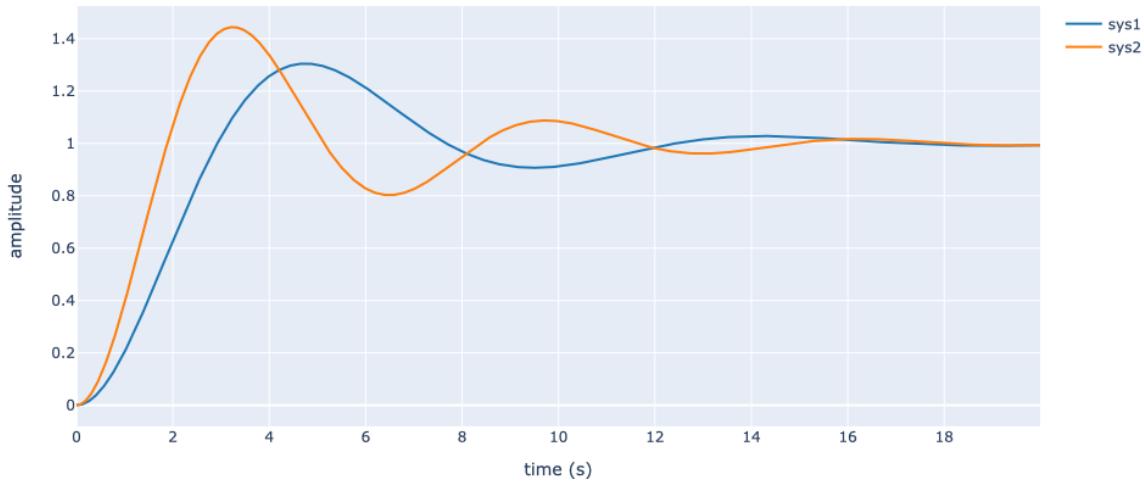
**Return type** plotly figure

## Example

```
import control as ctl
from control_plotly import step

sys1 = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])
sys2 = ctl.tf([1],[1,0.5,1])
t = np.arange(0,20,0.01)

step([sys1,sys2],t=t)
```



### 3.1.3 control\_plotly.impulse

`control_plotly.impulse(sys_list, t=None, x_lim=None, y_lim=None, x_title=None, y_title=None)`  
Returns the impulse response of the continuous or discrete-time systems `sys_list`.

#### Parameters

- `sys_list` (*system or list of systems*) – A single system or a list of systems to analyse
- `t` (*numpy vector (optional)*) – The base time vector
- `x_lim` (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the x axis
- `y_lim` (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the y axis
- `x_title` (*str (optional)*) – The x axis name
- `y_title` (*str (optional)*) – The y axis name

`Returns fig` – A plotly figure

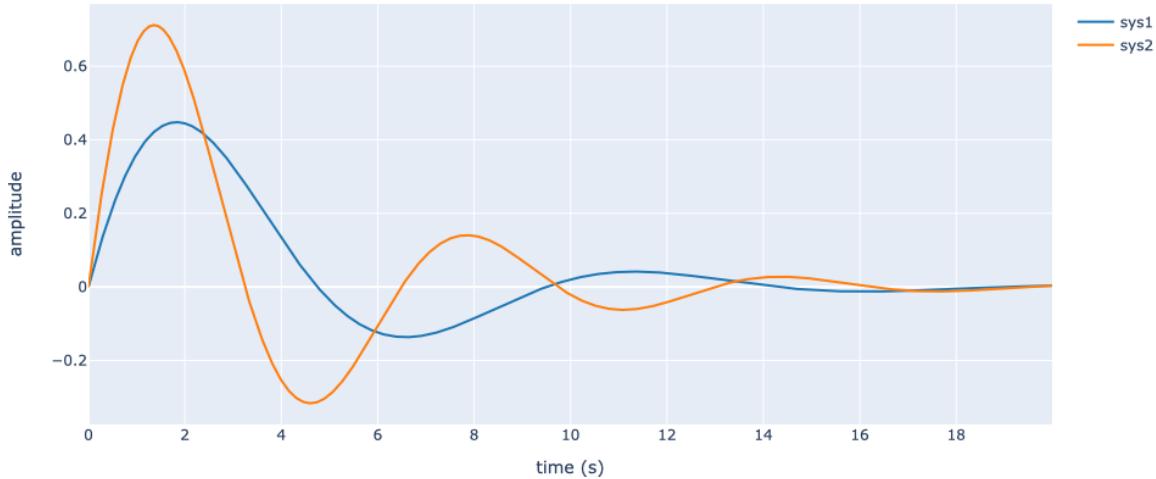
`Return type` plotly figure

## Example

```
import control as ctl
from control_plotly import impulse

sys1 = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])
sys2 = ctl.tf([1],[1,0.5,1])
t = np.arange(0,20,0.01)

impulse([sys1,sys2],t=t)
```



### 3.1.4 control\_plotly.bode

`control_plotly.bode(sys_list, w=None, x_lim=None, y_lim=None, dB=True, Hz=False, deg=True, log_x=True)`  
Returns the impulse response of the continuous or discrete-time systems `sys_list`.

#### Parameters

- `sys_list` (*system or list of systems*) – A single system or a list of systems to analyse
- `w` (*numpy vector (optional)*) – The base angular frequency vector (in rad/s)
- `x_lim` (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the x axis
- `y_lim` (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the y axis
- `dB` (*boolean (optional)*) – Use a logarithmic scale for the magnitude plot
- `Hz` (*boolean (optional)*) – Use frequency in Hz for the x axis
- `deg` (*boolean (optional)*) – Use angle in degree for the phase plot.

`Returns fig` – A plotly figure

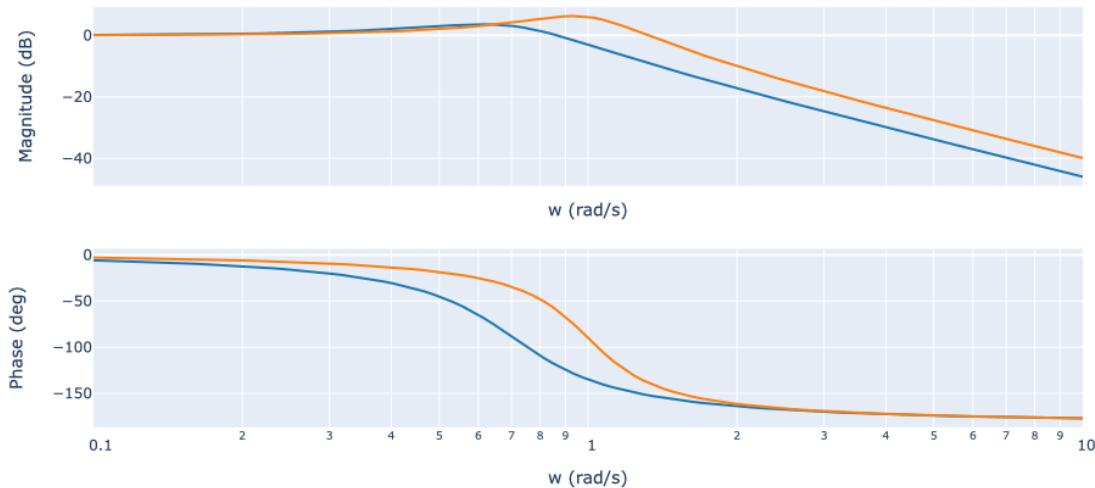
**Return type** plotly figure

### Example

```
import control as ctl
from control_plotly import bode

sys1 = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])
sys2 = ctl.tf([1],[1,0.5,1])
w = np.logspace(-1,1,100)

bode([sys1,sys2],w=w)
```



### 3.1.5 control\_plotly.nichols

```
control_plotly.nichols(sys_list, w=None, x_lim=None, y_lim=None, cm=array([6.0, 3.0, 1.0, 0.5, 0.25, 0.0, -1.0, -3.0, -6.0, -12.0, -20.0, -40.0]), cp=array([1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 90, 120, 150, 180]), show_grid=True, show_mag=True, show_phase=True)
```

Returns the nichols chart of the continuous or discrete-time systems  $sys\_list$ .

#### Parameters

- **sys\_list** (*system or list of systems*) – A single system or a list of systems to analyse
- **w** (*numpy vector (optional)*) – The base angular frequency vector (in rad/s)
- **x\_lim** (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the x axis
- **y\_lim** (*list (optional)*) – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the y axis

- **cm** (numpy vector (optional)) – A numpy vector containing the list of contour gain (in dB)
- **cp** (numpy vector (optional)) – A numpy vector containing the list of contour phase (in deg)
- **show\_grid** (boolean (optional)) – Add the nichols grid
- **show\_mag** (boolean (optional)) – Show the nichols magnitude grid
- **show\_phase** (boolean (optional)) – Show the nichols phase grid

**Returns** fig – A plotly figure

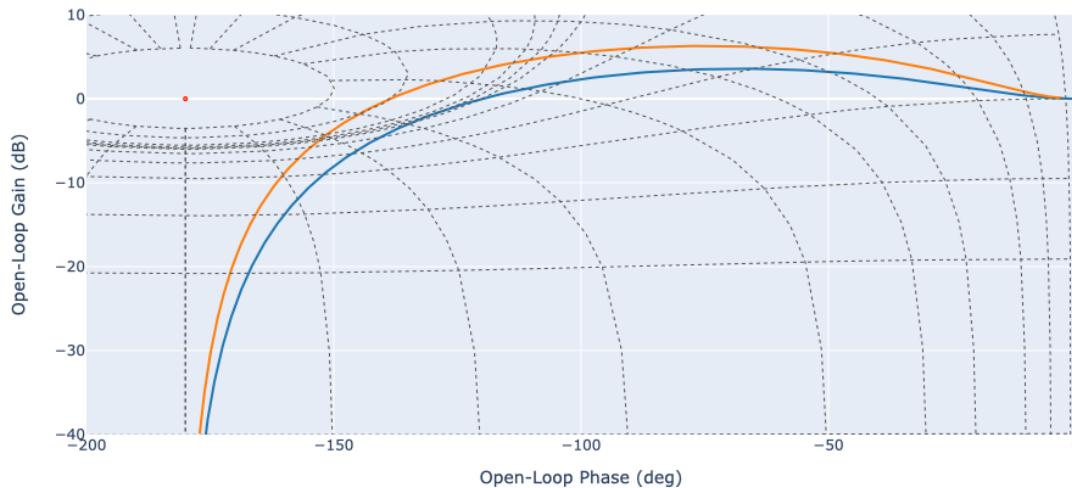
**Return type** plotly figure

### Example

```
import control as ctl
from control_plotly import nichols

sys1 = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])
sys2 = ctl.tf([1],[1,0.5,1])

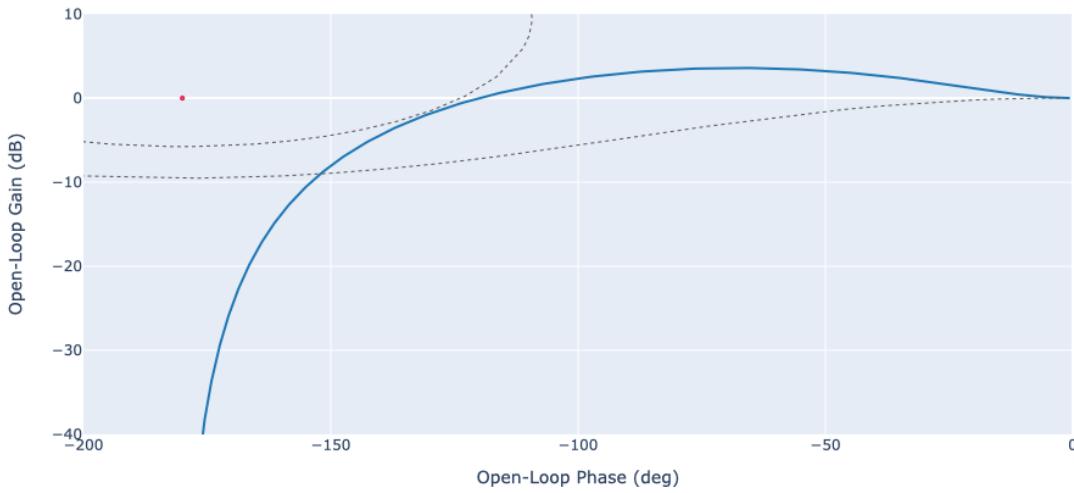
nichols([sys1,sys2])
```



```
import control as ctl
import numpy as np
from control_plotly import nichols

sys = ctl.tf([1],[2,1,1])

nichols(sys,show_phase=False,cm=np.array([0.5,-6]),x_lim=[-200,0],y_lim=[-40,10])
```



### 3.1.6 control\_plotly.rlocus

```
control_plotly.rlocus(sys, k=None, x_lim=None, y_lim=None, show_grid=False, wn=array([0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0]), m=array([0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9]))
```

Returns the root locus chart of the continuous or discrete-time systems `sys_list`.

#### Parameters

- `sys (system)` – A single system
- `k (numpy vector (optional))` – The vector of feedback gains
- `x_lim (list (optional))` – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the x axis
- `y_lim (list (optional))` – A list of two element that defines the min and max value for the y axis
- `show_grid (boolean (optional))` – Add the discrete to continuous pole grid

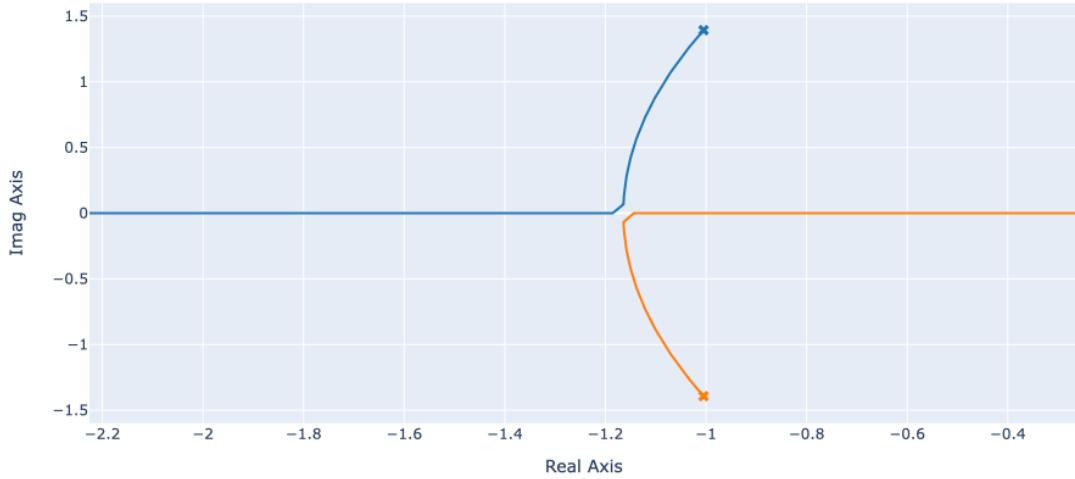
**Returns** `fig` – A plotly figure

**Return type** plotly figure

#### Example

```
import control as ctl
from control_plotly import rlocus

sys = ctl.tf([2, 5, 1], [1, 2, 3])
rlocus(sys)
```



## 3.2 Low-Level API

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`figures`

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`Time_Figure([log_x, log_y])`

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`Step_Figure([log_x, log_y])`

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`Impulse_Figure([log_x, log_y])`

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`Bode_Figure([dB, Hz, deg, log_x])`

---

`Nichols_Figure(show_mag, show_phase)`

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### 3.2.1 control\_plotly.Time\_Figure

```
class control_plotly.Time_Figure(log_x=False, log_y=False)
```

```
__init__(log_x=False, log_y=False)
```

## Methods

<code>__init__([log_x, log_y])</code>	
<code>add_plot(tf[, type, T, label])</code>	Add a new plot for the system <i>tf</i> .
<code>clear()</code>	
<code>clear_extra()</code>	
<code>clear_grid()</code>	
<code>clear_plot()</code>	
<code>get_grid_line()</code>	Returns the plotly grid line
<code>get_line_shape(tf)</code>	Returns the line shape for a particular transfer function (linear for continuous systems and hv for discrete systems)
<code>get_next_color()</code>	Returns the next curve color
<code>get_response(tf[, type, T])</code>	Return the response of the system <i>tf</i> .
<code>get_x_title()</code>	
<code>get_x_type()</code>	Returns the type for the xaxis (log or linear)
<code>get_y_title()</code>	
<code>get_y_type()</code>	Returns the type for the yaxis (log or linear)
<code>json()</code>	Returns a json representation of the plotly data
<code>set_x_lim(range)</code>	Specify the xlim range
<code>set_x_title(title)</code>	
<code>set_y_lim(range)</code>	Specify the ylim range
<code>set_y_title(title)</code>	
<code>show([show_data, show_grid, show_extra])</code>	Constructs the figure and return the plotly figure instance

## Attributes

<code>color_list</code>	
<code>data</code>	
<code>layout</code>	Returns the plotly figure layout
<code>x_scaleanchor</code>	
<code>x_scaleratio</code>	
<code>x_title</code>	

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y_scaleanchor
y_scaleratio
y_title

### 3.2.2 control\_plotly.Step\_Figure

```
class control_plotly.Step_Figure(log_x=False, log_y=False)
```

```
    __init__(log_x=False, log_y=False)
```

#### Methods

__init__([log_x, log_y])	
add_plot(tf[, type, T, label])	Add a new plot for the system <i>tf</i> .
clear()	
clear_extra()	
clear_grid()	
clear_plot()	
get_grid_line()	Returns the plotly grid line
get_line_shape(tf)	Returns the line shape for a particular transfer function (linear for continuous systems and hv for discrete systems)
get_next_color()	Returns the next curve color
get_response(tf[, type, T])	Return the step response
get_x_title()	
get_x_type()	Returns the type for the xaxis (log or linear)
get_y_title()	
get_y_type()	Returns the type for the yaxis (log or linear)
json()	Returns a json representation of the plotly data
set_x_lim(range)	Specify the xlim range
set_x_title(title)	
set_y_lim(range)	Specify the ylim range
set_y_title(title)	
show([show_data, show_grid, show_extra])	Constructs the figure and return the plotly figure instance

## Attributes

color_list	
data	
layout	Returns the plotly figure layout
x_scaleanchor	
x_scaleratio	
x_title	
y_scaleanchor	
y_scaleratio	
y_title	

### 3.2.3 control\_plotly.Impulse\_Figure

```
class control_plotly.Impulse_Figure(log_x=False, log_y=False)
```

```
__init__(log_x=False, log_y=False)
```

## Methods

__init__([log_x, log_y])	
add_plot(tf[, type, T, label])	Add a new plot for the system <i>tf</i> .
clear()	
clear_extra()	
clear_grid()	
clear_plot()	
get_grid_line()	Returns the plotly grid line
get_line_shape(tf)	Returns the line shape for a particular transfer function (linear for continuous systems and hv for discrete systems)
get_next_color()	Returns the next curve color
get_response(tf[, type, T])	Return the impulse response
get_x_title()	
get_x_type()	Returns the type for the xaxis (log or linear)

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<code>get_y_title()</code>	
<code>get_y_type()</code>	Returns the type for the yaxis (log or linear)
<code>json()</code>	Returns a json representation of the plotly data
<code>set_x_lim(range)</code>	Specify the xlim range
<code>set_x_title(title)</code>	
<code>set_y_lim(range)</code>	Specify the ylim range
<code>set_y_title(title)</code>	
<code>show([show_data, show_grid, show_extra])</code>	Constructs the figure and return the plotly figure instance

### Attributes

<code>color_list</code>	
<code>data</code>	
<code>layout</code>	Returns the plotly figure layout
<code>x_scaleanchor</code>	
<code>x_scaleratio</code>	
<code>x_title</code>	
<code>y_scaleanchor</code>	
<code>y_scaleratio</code>	
<code>y_title</code>	

### 3.2.4 control\_plotly.Bode\_Figure

```
class control_plotly.Bode_Figure(dB=False, Hz=False, deg=True, log_x=True)
```

```
__init__(dB=False, Hz=False, deg=True, log_x=True)
```

## Methods

<code>__init__([dB, Hz, deg, log_x])</code>	
<code>add_plot(tf[, w, label])</code>	
<code>clear()</code>	
<code>clear_extra()</code>	
<code>clear_grid()</code>	
<code>clear_plot()</code>	
<code>get_grid_line()</code>	Returns the plotly grid line
<code>get_line_shape(tf)</code>	Returns the line shape for a particular transfer function (linear for continuous systems and hv for discrete systems)
<code>get_next_color()</code>	Returns the next curve color
<code>get_x_title()</code>	
<code>get_x_type()</code>	Returns the type for the xaxis (log or linear)
<code>get_y1_title()</code>	
<code>get_y2_title()</code>	
<code>get_y_title()</code>	
<code>get_y_type()</code>	Returns the type for the yaxis (log or linear)
<code>json()</code>	Returns a json representation of the plotly data
<code>set_x_lim(range)</code>	Specify the xlim range
<code>set_x_title(title)</code>	
<code>set_y_lim(range)</code>	Specify the ylim range
<code>set_y_title(title)</code>	
<code>show()</code>	Constructs the figure and return the plotly figure instance

## Attributes

<code>color_list</code>	
<code>data</code>	
<code>layout</code>	Returns the plotly figure layout
<code>x_scaleanchor</code>	
<code>x_scaleratio</code>	

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y_scaleanchor
y_scaleratio
y_title

### 3.2.5 control\_plotly.Nichols\_Figure

```
class control_plotly.Nichols_Figure(show_mag, show_phase)

    __init__(show_mag, show_phase)
```

#### Methods

__init__(show_mag, show_phase)	
add_grid([cm, cp])	
add_plot(tf[, w, label])	
clear()	
clear_extra()	
clear_grid()	
clear_plot()	
get_grid_line()	Returns the plotly grid line
get_line_shape(tf)	Returns the line shape for a particular transfer function (linear for continuous systems and hv for discrete systems)
get_next_color()	Returns the next curve color
get_x_title()	
get_x_type()	Returns the type for the xaxis (log or linear)
get_y_title()	
get_y_type()	Returns the type for the yaxis (log or linear)
json()	Returns a json representation of the plotly data
set_x_lim(range)	Specify the xlim range
set_x_title(title)	
set_y_lim(range)	Specify the ylim range

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<code>set_y_title(title)</code>	
<code>show([show_data, show_grid, show_extra])</code>	Constructs the figure and return the plotly figure instance
<code>update_min_max(mag, phase)</code>	

## Attributes

<code>color_list</code>	
<code>data</code>	
<code>layout</code>	Returns the plotly figure layout
<code>x_scaleanchor</code>	
<code>x_scaleratio</code>	
<code>x_title</code>	
<code>y_scaleanchor</code>	
<code>y_scaleratio</code>	
<code>y_title</code>	



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