

Control Systems

Lecture 9: Root Locus Techniques

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- 6 Root Locus for Positive-Feedback Systems

- Slide can be found at : <https://github.com/Daro12/Control-Systems>
- Reading:
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Introduction

definition

Root locus is a graphical representation of the closed-loop poles as a system parameter is varied.

Ex. Consider the closed-loop systems defined as

$$\frac{s^2+s+1}{s^3+4s^2+Ks+1}$$

Recall: The stability of the system depends on the location the poles.

- What value of K should we choose to achieve the requirement?
- What is the effect of varying K on the system?



Introduction

Learning outcomes

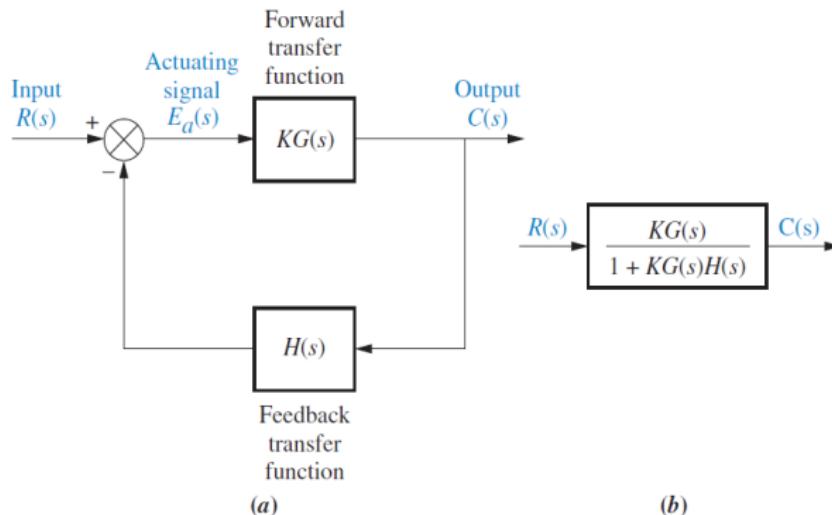
- State the properties of root locus
- Sketch the root locus
- Use the computer program to plot the root locus
- Sketch the root locus for positive feedback systems



Introduction

Control System Problem

Consider the typical closed-loop feedback control system below



From Norman S. Nise (figure 8.1)

The poles change with K



Introduction

Control System Problem

Let define

$$G(s) = \frac{N_G(s)}{D_G(s)} \text{ and } H(s) = \frac{N_H(s)}{D_H(s)}$$

then,

$$T(s) = \frac{KN_G(s)D_H(s)}{D_G(s)D_H(s) + KN_G(s)N_H(s)}$$

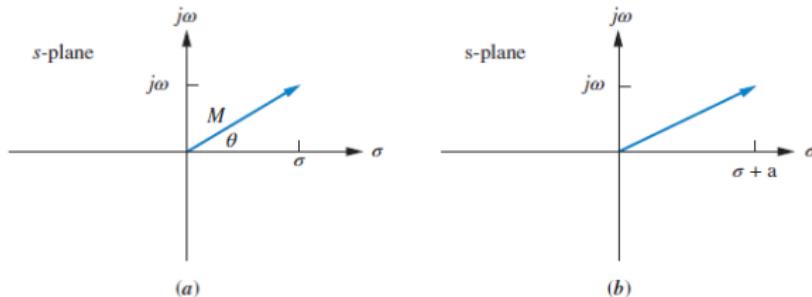
The system's **transient response** and **stability** are dependent upon the poles which is the function of **K**. We have no knowledge of the systems' performance unless we know the value of **K**.



Introduction

Vector Representation of Complex Numbers

We have the complex number $s = \sigma + j\omega$



From Norman S. Nise (Figure 8.2)

and consider the complex function

$$F(s) = (s + a),$$

then,

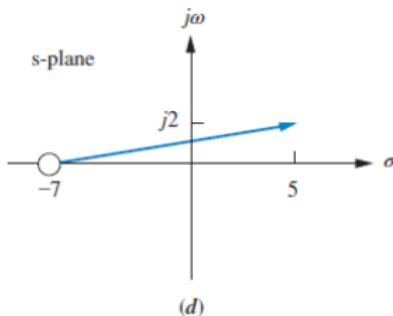
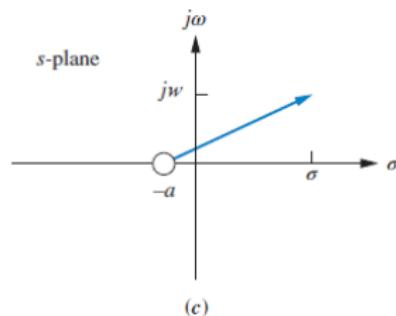
$$F(s) = \sigma + j\omega + a = (\sigma + a) + j\omega$$



Introduction

Vector Representation of Complex Numbers

$F(s)$ has a zero at $-a$. If we translate the vector a units to the left, we have an alternative representation of a complex number originated at zeros of $F(s)$, and terminates on the point $s = \sigma + j\omega$



Conclusion: $(s + a)$ is a complex number and can be represented by a vector drawn from the zero of the function to the point s .

Ex. $(s + 7)|_{s \rightarrow 5+j2}$ is a complex number drawn from the zero -7 , to $s = 5 + j2$.



Introduction

Vector Representation of Complex Numbers

Let apply the concepts to a complicated function. Assume a function

$$F(s) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (s + z_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (s + p_j)} \quad (1)$$

The function defines the complex arithmetic to be performed in order to evaluate $F(s)$ at any point s . The magnitude, M , of $F(s)$ at any point, s , is

$$M = \frac{\prod \text{(zeros lengths)}}{\prod \text{(pole lengths)}} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |(s + z_i)|}{\prod_{j=1}^n |(s + p_j)|} \quad (2)$$

The angle, θ , of $F(s)$ at any point, s , is

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \sum \text{(zero angles)} - \sum \text{(pole angles)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \angle(s + z_i) - \sum_{j=1}^n \angle(s + p_j) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$



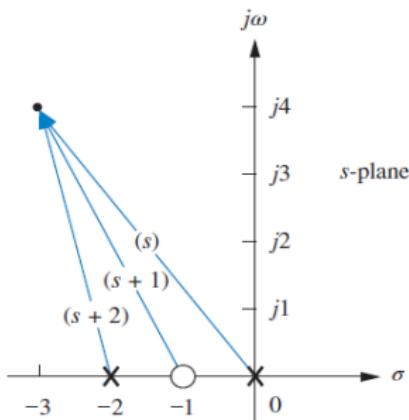
Introduction

Vector Representation of Complex Numbers

Ex. Given

$$F(s) = \frac{(s+1)}{s(s+2)}$$

find $F(s)$ at the point $s = (-3 + j4)$



From Norman S. Nise (Figure 8.3)

- At zero $-1: \sqrt{20} \angle 116.6^\circ$
- At pole $0: 5 \angle 126.9^\circ$
- At pole $-2: \sqrt{17} \angle 104^\circ$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} M\angle\theta &= \frac{\sqrt{20}}{5\sqrt{15}} \angle (116^\circ - 126.9^\circ - 104.0^\circ) \\ &= 0.217 \angle (-114.3^\circ) \end{aligned}$$



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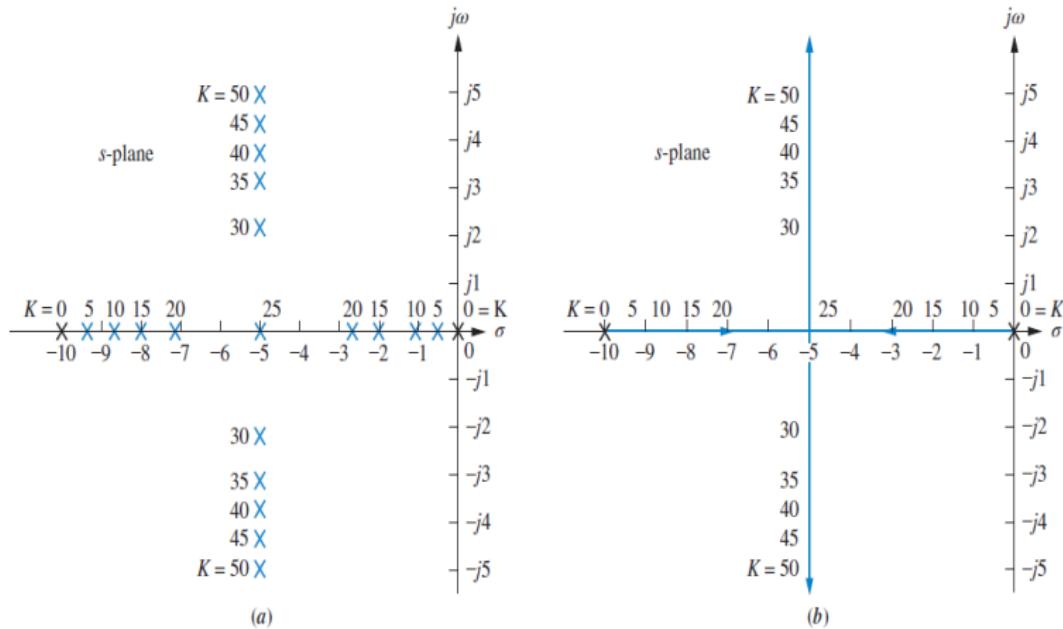
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Defining the Root Locus

consider the closed loop transfer function defined as

$$\frac{K}{s^2 + 10s + K}$$



From Norman S. Nise (Figure 8.5)



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Properties of the Root Locus

Consider the closed-loop transfer function for the system

$$T(s) = \frac{KG(s)}{1+KG(s)H(s)}$$

Poles exist when the characteristic polynomial in the denominator become zero, or

$$KG(s)H(s) = -1 = 1\angle(2k + 1)180^\circ, k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Since $KG(s)H(s)$ is the complex quantity, It can be written in the form of angle and magnitude.

Angle condition:

$$\angle KG(s)H(s) = (2k + 1)180^\circ, k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (4)$$

Magnitude condition:

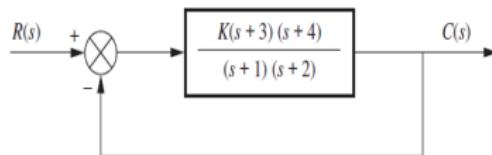
$$|KG(s)H(s)| = 1$$



(5)

Properties of the Root Locus

Consider the system below



From Norman S. Nise (Figure 8.6)

The closed-loop transfer function $T(s)$ is

$$T(s) = \frac{K(s+3)(s+4)}{(1+K)s^2 + (3+7K)s + (2+12K)}$$

If point s is a closed-loop system pole for some value of gain, K , then s must satisfy Eqs. (4),(5)



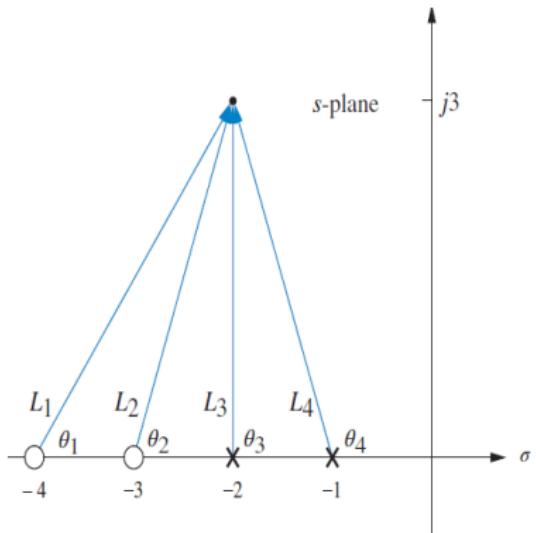
Properties of the Root Locus

Consider the point $-2 + j3$. If this point is a closed-loop pole for some value of gain, then the angles of the zeros minus the angles of the poles must equal an odd multiple of 180° .

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 - \theta_3 - \theta_4 = 56.31^\circ + 71.57^\circ - 90^\circ - 108.43^\circ = -70.55^\circ$$

Thus, $-2 + j3$ is not a point on the root locus, or alternatively, $-2 + j3$ is not a closed-loop pole for any gain.

If these calculations are repeated for the point $-2 + j(\sqrt{2}/2)$, the angles do add up to 180° . That is, $-2 + j(\sqrt{2}/2)$ is a point on the root locus for some value of gain. We now proceed to evaluate that value of gain.



From Norman S. Nise (Figure 8.7)



Properties of the Root Locus

$$K = \frac{1}{|G(s)H(s)|} = \frac{1}{M} = \frac{\prod \text{pole length}}{\prod \text{zero lengths}} \quad (6)$$

Replace $-2 + j3$ by $-2 + j(\sqrt{2}/2)$, the gain K , is calculated as

$$K = \frac{L_3 L_4}{L_1 L_2} = \frac{(\sqrt{2}/2)(1.22)}{(2.12)(1.22)} = 0.33$$

Thus, the point $-2 + j(\sqrt{2}/2)$ is a point on the root locus for a gain of 0.33.



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Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 1: Number of branches

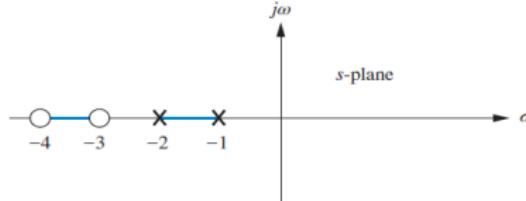
of branches of root locus = # of branches of closed-loop poles

- Rule 2: Symmetry

The root locus is symmetrical about the real axis.

- Rule 3: Real-axis segments

On the real axis, for $K > 0$, the root locus exists to the left of an odd number of real-axis, finite open-loop poles and/or finite open-loop zeros.



From Norman S. Nise (Figure 8.9)



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 4: Starting and ending points

The root locus begins at the finite and infinite poles of $G(s)H(s)$ and ends at the finite and infinite zeros of $G(s)H(s)$.

consider again the closed-loop transfer function

$$T(s) = \frac{KN_G(s)D_H(s)}{D_G(s)D_H(s) + KN_G(s)N_H(s)}$$

- As $K \rightarrow 0$ (small gain),

$$T(s) \approx \frac{KN_G(s)D_H(s)}{D_G(s)D_H(s) + \epsilon} \quad (7)$$

We conclude that the root locus begin at the poles of $G(s)H(s)$.

- As $K \rightarrow \infty$

$$T(s) \approx \frac{KN_G(s)D_H(s)}{\epsilon + KN_G(s)N_H(s)} \quad (8)$$

We conclude that the root locus ends at the zeros of $G(s)H(s)$



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 5: Behavior at Infinity

Consider applying Rule 4 to the following open-loop transfer function:

$$KG(s)H(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$

There are three finite poles, at $s = 0$, $s = -1$ and $s = -2$, and no finite zeros.

A function can also have infinite poles and zeros.

- If the function approaches infinity as s approaches infinity, then the function has a pole at infinity.
- If the function approaches zeros as s approaches infinity, then the function has a zero at infinity

Ex.

- $G(s) = s$ has the poles at ∞ since $G(s) \rightarrow \infty$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$.
- $G(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ has a zero at ∞ since $G(s) \rightarrow 0$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 5: (cont.)

Every function of s has an equal number of poles and zeros if we include the infinite poles and zeros as well as the finite poles and zeros.

For illustration, consider

$$KG(s)H(s) \approx \frac{K}{s^3} = \frac{K}{s \cdot s \cdot s}$$

Each s in the denominator causes the open-loop function, $KG(s)H(s)$, to become 0 as that $s \rightarrow \infty$. It has three zeros at infinity

So, the root locus begins at the finite poles of $KG(s)H(s)$ and ends at the infinite zeros.

- Where are the infinite zeros?



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 5: (Cont.)

The root locus approaches straight lines as asymptotes as the locus approaches infinity. Further, the equation of the asymptotes is given by the real-axis intercept, σ_a and angle, θ_a as follows:

$$\sigma_a = \frac{\sum_{\text{finite poles}} - \sum_{\text{finite zeros}}}{\#\text{finite poles} - \#\text{finite zeros}} \quad (9)$$

$$\theta_a = \frac{(2k + 1)\pi}{\#\text{finite poles} - \#\text{finite zeros}} \quad (10)$$

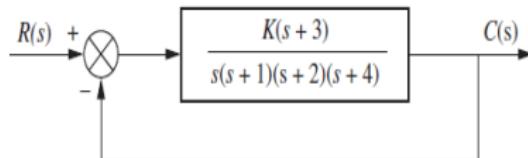
where $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ and the angle is given in radians with respect to the positive extension of the real axis.



Root Locus Sketching

Example: Sketching with Asymptotes

Consider the system below



From Nise Figure 8.11

The real-axis intercept is evaluated as

$$\sigma_a = \frac{(-1-2-4)-(-3)}{4-1} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

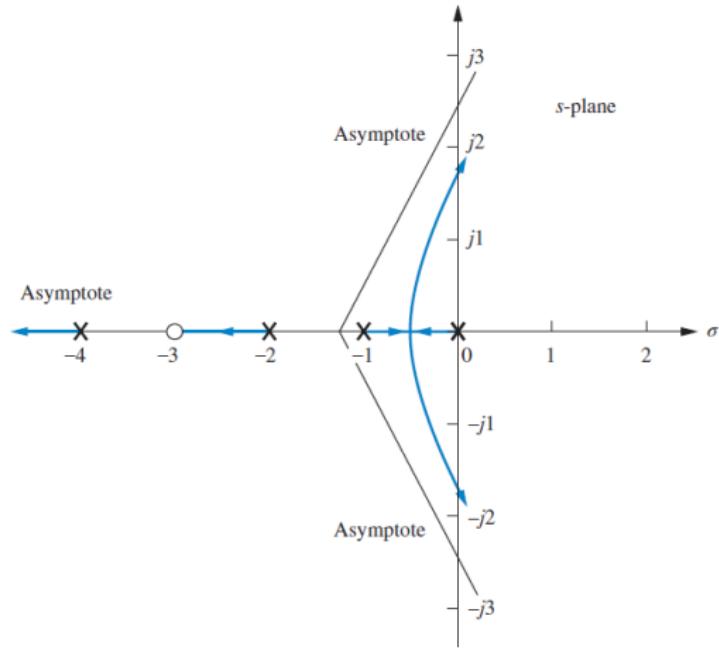
The angles of the lines that intersect at $-4/3$ is given as

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_a &= \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{\#\text{finite poles} - \#\text{finite zeros}} \\ &= \pi/3, \quad k = 0 \\ &= \pi, \quad k = 1 \\ &= 5\pi/3, \quad k = 2\end{aligned}$$



Root Locus Sketching

Example: Sketching with Asymptotes



From Nise Figure 8.12



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 6: Real axis break-in and breakaway points

For each $s = \sigma$ on the real-axis segment of the root locus,

$$KG(\sigma)H(\sigma) = -1$$

or

$$K = -\frac{1}{G(\sigma)H(\sigma)} \quad (11)$$

Real-axis break-in and breakaway points are the real values of σ for which

$$\frac{dK(\sigma)}{d\sigma} = 0$$

Ex. consider

$$KG(s)H(s) = \frac{K(s-3)(s-5)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 6: Real axis break-in and breakaway points (cont.)
we have

$$KG(s)H(s) = -1$$

then,

$$K(\sigma) = -\frac{\sigma^2 + 3\sigma + 2}{\sigma^2 - 8\sigma + 15}$$

Take the derivative with respect to σ

$$\frac{dK}{d\sigma} = -\frac{11\sigma^2 - 26\sigma - 61}{(\sigma^2 - 8\sigma + 15)^2}$$

Setting $dK/d\sigma = 0$, we find

$$\sigma_1 = -1.45 \text{ and } \sigma_2 = 3.82$$

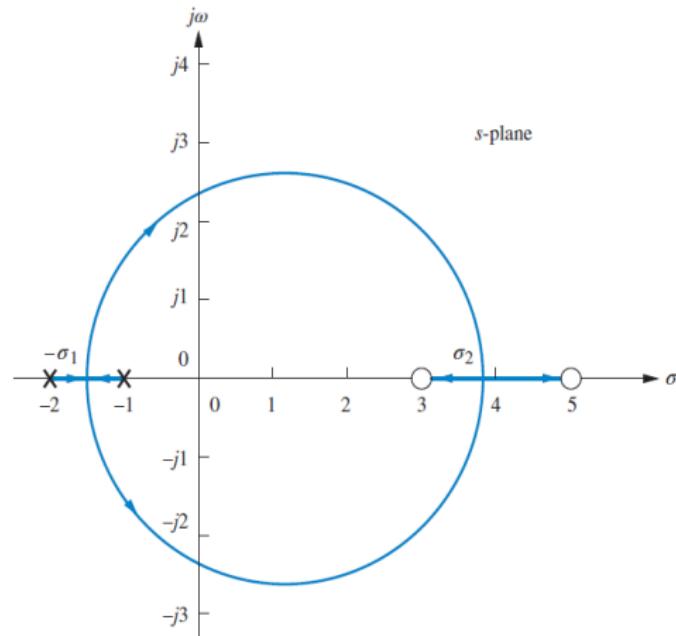
which are the breakaway and break-in points.



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 6: Real axis break-in and breakaway points (cont.)



From Nise Figure 8.13



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 7: The $j\omega$ -Axis Crossings

if $s = j\omega$ is a closed loop pole on the imaginary axis, then

$$KG(j\omega)H(j\omega) = -1 \quad (12)$$

Ex. Consider

$$KG(s)H(s) = \frac{K(s+3)}{s(s+1)(s+2)(s+4)}$$

substitute $s = j\omega$ then setting $KG(j\omega)H(j\omega) = -1$
we obtain

$$-\omega^4 + j7\omega^3 + 14\omega^2 - j(8 + K)\omega - 3K = 0$$

Separating real and imaginary parts,

$$\begin{aligned} -\omega^4 + 14\omega^2 - 3K &= 0 \\ 7\omega^3 - (8 + K)\omega &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



Root Locus Sketching

Sketching Rule

- Rule 7: The $j\omega$ -Axis Crossings: Form the second equation, discard the trivial solution, we obtain

$$\omega^2 = \frac{8+K}{7}$$

Substituting into the first equation. Then

$$K^2 + 65K - 720 = 0$$

Then,

$$K = -74.65 \text{ or } K = 9.65$$

Discard the negative one (negative feedback $K > 0$).

Thus,

$$K = 9.65 \text{ and } \omega = 1.59$$



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Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

In plotting root loci with MATLAB, we deal with the system equation given in the form

$$1 + K \frac{\text{num}}{\text{den}} = 0$$

A MATLAB command commonly used for plotting root loci is

```
rlocus(num, den)
```

Using this command, the root-locus plot is drawn on the screen. The gain vector K is automatically determined.

For the systems defined in state space, `rlocus(A, B, C, D)` plots the root locus of the system with the gain vector automatically determined.

Note that commands

```
rlocus(num, den, K) or rlocus(A, B, C, D, K)
```

use the user-supplied gain vector K .



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

If it is desired to plot the root loci with marks 'o' or 'x', it is necessary to use the following command:

```
r = rlocus(num,den)  
plot(r,'o') or plot(r,'x')
```

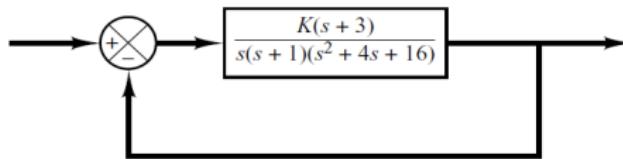
Plotting root loci using marks o or x is instructive, since each calculated closed-loop pole is graphically shown; in some portion of the root loci those marks are densely placed and in another portion of the root loci they are sparsely placed



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 1

Consider the system shown below



From Ogata (Figure 6-15)

Plot root loci with a square aspect ratio so that a line with slope 1 is a true 45° line. Choose the region of root-locus plot to be

$$-6 \leq x \leq 6, -6 \leq y \leq 6$$

where x and y are the real-axis coordinate and imaginary-axis coordinate, respectively.



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example

To set the given plot region on the screen to be square, enter the command

```
v = [-6 6 -6 6]; axis (v); axis('square')
```

With this command, the region of the plot is as specified and a line with slope 1 is at a true 45° , not skewed by the irregular shape of the screen.

Define

$$a = s(s + 1); \quad a = [1 \ 1 \ 0]$$

$$b = s^2 + 4s + 16; \quad b = [1 \ 4 \ 16]$$

Then we use the following command:

```
c = conv(a,b)
```

The denominator polynomial is thus found to be

```
den = [1 5 20 16 0]
```



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example

To find the complex-conjugate open-loop poles (the roots of $s^2 + 4s + 16 = 0$), we may enter the roots command as follows:

```
r = roots(b)
```

Thus, the system has the following open-loop zero and open-loop poles:

Open-loop zero: $s = -3$

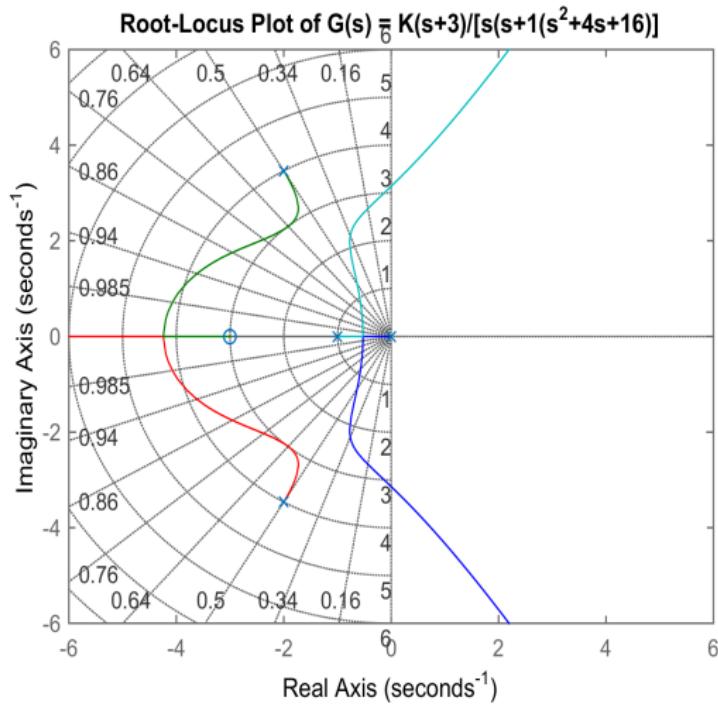
Open-loop poles: $s = 0, s = -1, s = -2 \pm j3.4641$

```
%-----Root-locus plot-----  
num = [1 3];  
den = [1 5 20 16 0];  
rlocus(num,den)  
v= [-6 6 -6 6];  
axis(v);axis('square')  
grid;  
title('Root-Locus Plot of G(s) = K(s+3)/[s(s+1)(s^2 + 4s + 16)]')
```



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 1



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 2

Consider the negative feedback system whose open-loop transfer function $G(s)H(s)$ is

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+0.5)(s^2+0.6s+10)}$$

There are no open-loop zeros. Open-loop poles are located at $s = -0.3 + j3.1480$, $s = -0.3 - j3.1480$, $s = -0.5$, and $s = 0$

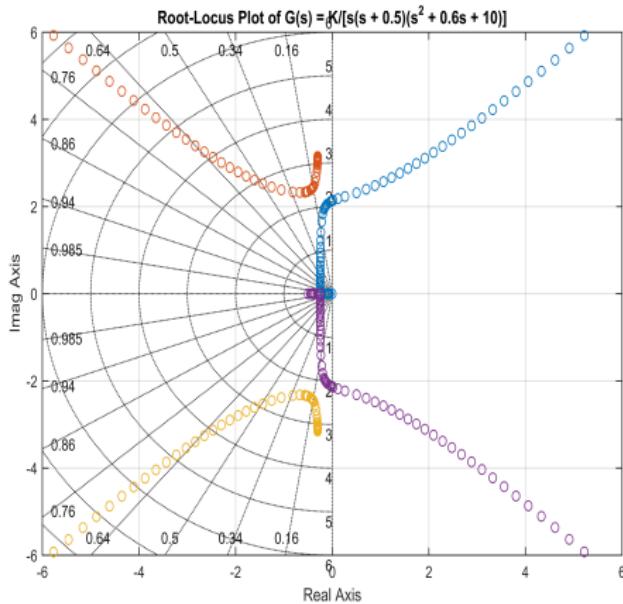
%-----Root-locus plot-----

```
num = [1];
den = [1 1.1 10.3 5 0];
rlocus(num,den)
plot(r,'o'); v= [-6 6 -6 6];
axis(v);axis('v'); grid
sgrid
title('Root-Locus Plot of G(s) = K/[s(s + 0.5)(s^2 + 0.6s + 10)]')
xlabel('Real Axis')
ylabel('Imag Axis')
```



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 2



we can also plot the root loci using smaller increments of K in the critical region.



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 2

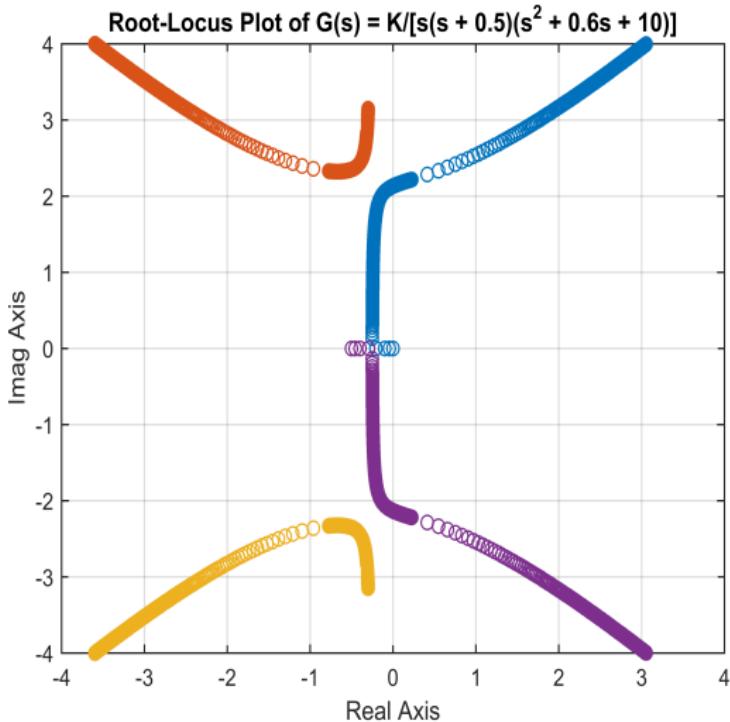
-----Root locus plot -----

```
num = [1]; den = [1 1.1 10.3 5 0];
K1 = 0:0.2:20; K2 = 20:0.1:30; K3 = 30:5:1000;
K = [K1 K2 K3];
r = rlocus(num,den,K);
plot(r, 'o')
v = [-4 4 -4 4]; axis(v)
grid
title('Root-Locus Plot of G(s) = K/[s(s + 0.5)(s^2 + 0.6s + 10)]')
xlabel('Real Axis')
ylabel('Imag Axis')
```



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

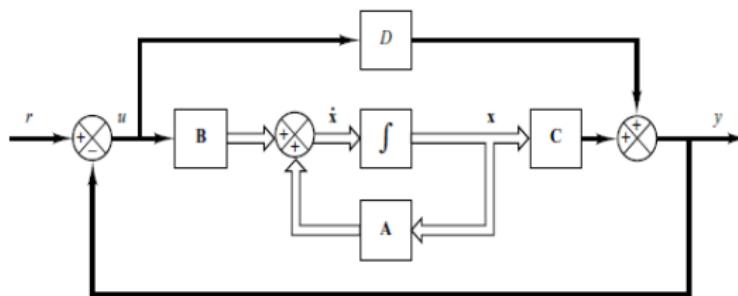
Example 2



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 3

Consider the system shown below



From Ogata (figure 6-19)

The system equations are

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

$$y = Cx + Du$$

$$u = r - y$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -160 & -56 & -14 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C = [1 \ 0 \ 0], D = [0]$$

In this example problem, we shall obtain the root-locus diagram of the system defined in state space.



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 3

The root-locus plot for this system can be obtained with MATLAB by use of the following command:

```
rlocus(A,B,C,D)
```

This command will produce the same root-locus plot as can be obtained by use of the rlocus (num, den) command, where num and den are obtained from

```
[num,den]=ss2tf(A,B,C,D)
```

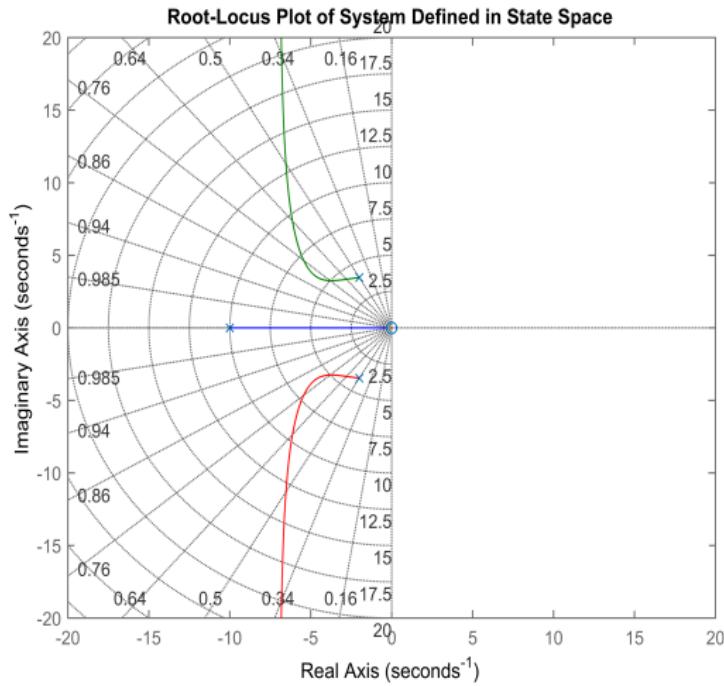
```
% -----Program-----
```

```
A = [0 1 0;0 0 1;-160 -56 -14]; B = [0;1;-14];
C = [1 0 0]; D = [0];K = 0:0.1:400;
rlocus(A,B,C,D,K);
v = [-20 20 -20 20]; axis(v)
grid
title('Root-Locus Plot of System Defined in State Space')
```



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 3

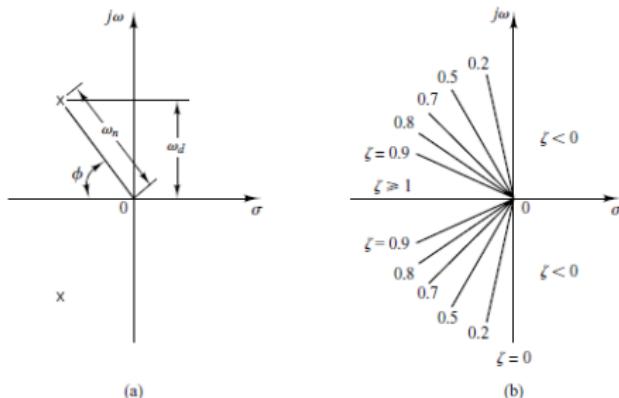


Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Example 3: Constant ζ Loci and Constant ω_n Loci

The damping ratio ζ of a pair of complex-conjugate poles can be expressed in terms of the angle ϕ , which is measured from negative real axis with

$$\zeta = \cos \phi$$



From Ogata (figure 6-21)

- The damping ratio determines the angular location of the poles.
- The distance of the pole from the origin is determined by the undamped natural frequency ω_n .



Plotting Root Loci with MATLAB

Plotting polar grid in the root-locus diagram

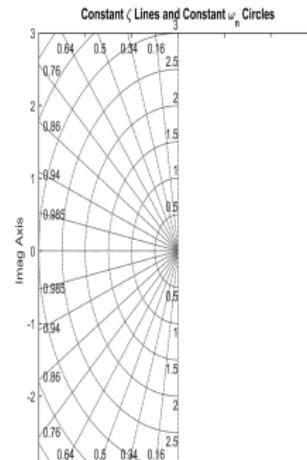
The command

`sgrid`

overlays lines of constant damping ratio ($\zeta = 0$ to 1 with 0.1 increment) and circles of constant ω_n on the root-locus plot.

-----Example 4 -----

```
sgrid  
v = [-3 3 -3 3];  
axis(v); axis('square')  
title('Constant  $\zeta$  Lines  
and Constant  $\omega_n$   
Circles')  
xlabel('Real Axis')  
ylabel('Imag Axis')
```



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If only particular constant ζ lines (such as the $\zeta = 0.5$ line and $\zeta = 0.707$ line) and particular constant ω_n circles (such as the $\omega_n = 0.5$ circle, $\omega_n = 1$ circle, and $\omega_n = 2$ circle) are desired, use the following command:

```
sgrid([0.5, 0.707], [0.5, 1, 2])
```

If we wish to overlay lines of constant ζ and circles of constant ω_n as given above to a root-locus plot of a negative feedback system with

```
num = [0 0 0 1]
den =[1 4 5 0]
```



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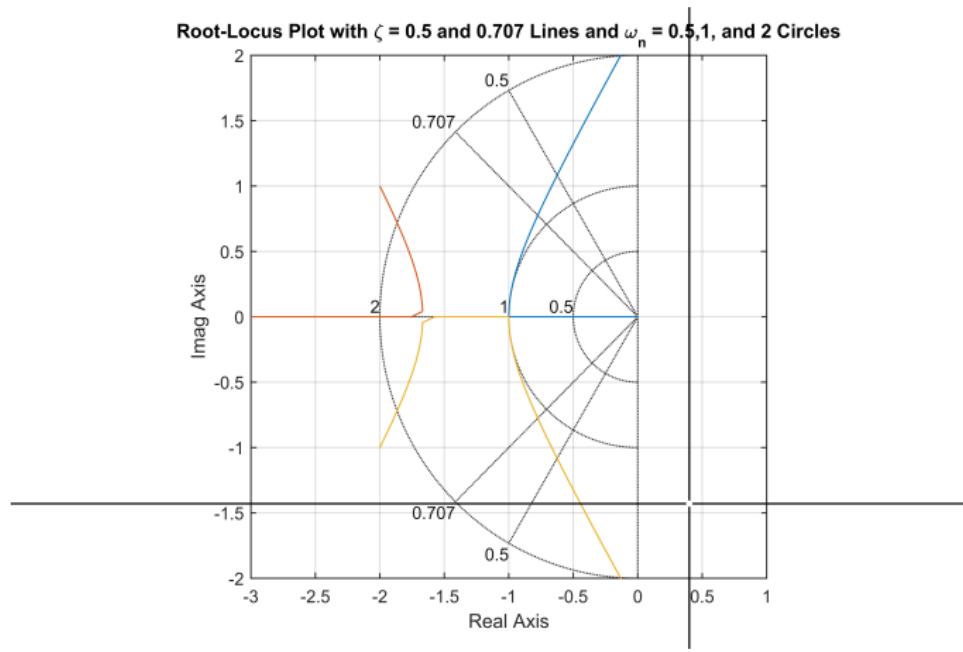
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```
num = [1];
den = [1 4 5 0];
K = 0:0.01:1000;
r = rlocus(num,den,K);
plot(r,'-'); v = [-3 1 -2 2]; axis(v); axis('square')
sgrid([0.5,0.707], [0.5,1,2])
grid
title('Root-Locus Plot with \zeta = 0.5 and 0.707 Lines and
\omega_n = 0.5,1, and 2 Circles')
xlabel('Real Axis'); ylabel('Imag Axis')
gtext('\omega_n = 2')
gtext('\omega_n = 1') gtext('\omega_n = 0.5')
gtext('x')
gtext('x')
gtext('x')
```



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If we want to omit either the entire constant ζ lines or entire constant ω_n circles, we may use empty bracket [] in the arguments of the sgrid command.

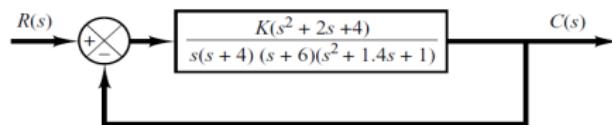
For example, if we want to overlay only the constant damping ratio line corresponding to $\zeta = 0.5$ and no constant ω_n circle on the root plot, the we may use this command

```
sgrid(0.5, [])
```



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Conditionally stable systems



From Ogata (figure 6-24)

----- Example 6-----

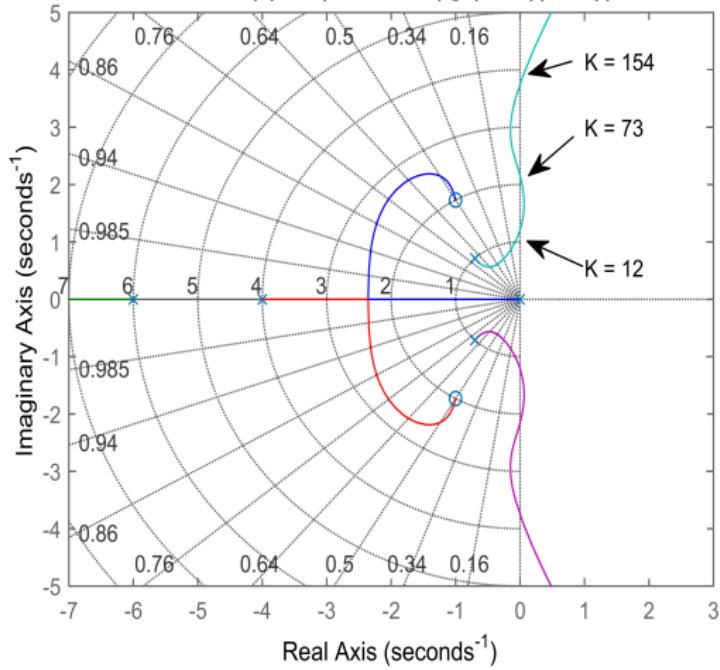
```
num = [1 2 4];
den = conv(conv([1 4 0],[1 6]), [1 1.4 1]);
rlocus(num, den)
v = [-7 3 -5 5]; axis(v); axis('square')
grid
title('Root-Locus Plot of G(s) = K(s^2 + 2s + 4)/[s(s + 4)(s + 6)(s^2 + 1.4s + 1)]')
text(1.0, 0.55, 'K = 12')
text(1.0, 3.0, 'K = 73')
text(1.0, 4.15, 'K = 154')
```



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Root-Locus Plot of $G(s) = K(s^2 + 2s + 4)/[s(s + 4)(s + 6)(s^2 + 1.4s + 1)]$



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Conditionally stable systems

- This system is stable only for limited ranges of the value of K –that is, $0 \leq K \leq 12$ and $73 \leq K \leq 154$.
- The system becomes unstable for $12 \leq K \leq 73$ and $154 \leq K$.
- If K assumes a value corresponding to unstable operation, the system may break down or may become nonlinear due to a saturation nonlinearity that may exist. Such a system is called conditionally stable.



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Conditionally stable systems

In practice, conditionally stable systems are not desirable.

Conditional stability is dangerous but does occur in certain systems—in particular, a system that has an unstable feedforward path. Such an unstable feedforward path may occur if the system has a minor loop.

It is advisable to avoid such conditional stability since, if the gain drops beyond the critical value for any reason, the system becomes unstable.



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Nonminimum-Phase Systems

- If all the poles and zeros of a system lie in the left half s plane, then the system is called **minimum phase**.
- If a system has at least one pole or zero in the right-half s plane, then the system is called **nonminimum phase**.

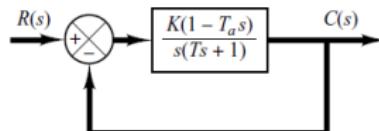
The term nonminimum phase comes from the phase-shift characteristics of such a system when subjected to sinusoidal inputs.



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Nonminimum-Phase Systems

Consider the system shown



From Ogata (figure 6-26)

For this system,

$$G(s) = \frac{K(1-T_a s)}{s(Ts+1)}, (T_a \leq 0), H(s) = 1$$

This is a nonminimum-phase system, since there is one zero in the right-half s plane.



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The angle condition becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\angle G(s) &= \angle -\frac{K(T_a s - 1)}{s(Ts + 1)} \\ &= \angle \frac{K(T_a s - 1)}{s(Ts + 1)} + 180^\circ \\ &= \pm 180^\circ (2k + 1), (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\angle \frac{K(T_a s - 1)}{s(Ts + 1)} = 0^\circ \quad (13)$$

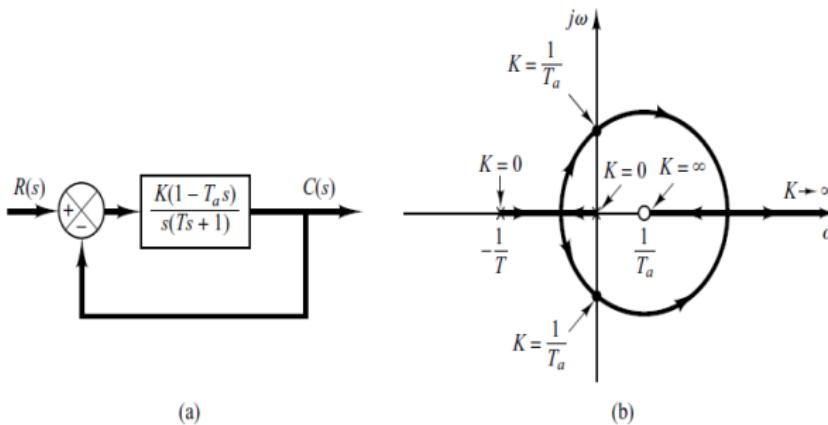
The root loci can be obtained from Equation (13).



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Figure below shows a root-locus plot for this system. From the diagram, we see that the system is stable if the gain K is less than $1/T_a$.



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For example, if $T = 1$ sec and $T_a = 0.5$ sec, The program is

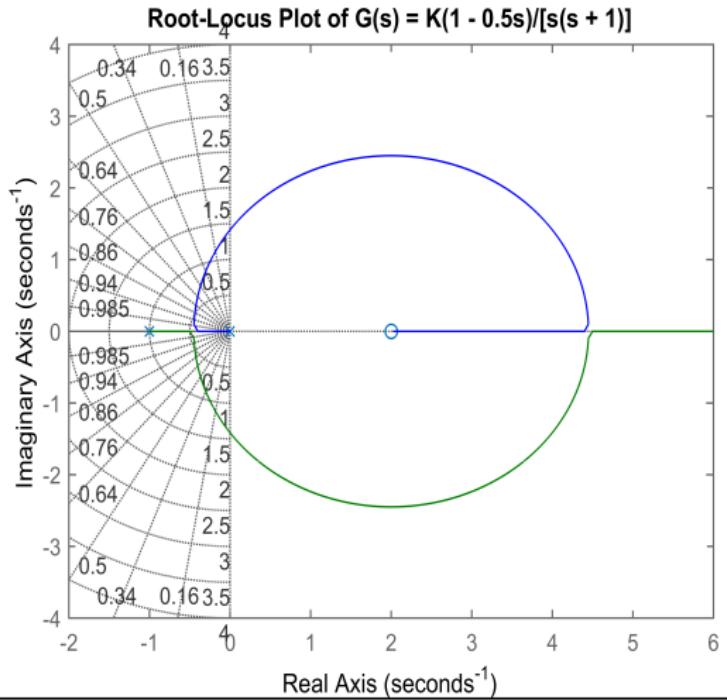
-----example 7 -----

```
num = [-0.5 1]; den = [1 1 0];
k1 = 0:0.01:30; k2 = 30:1:100;
K3 = 100:5:500; K = [k1 k2
k3];
rlocus(num,den,K)
v = [-2 6 -4 4]; axis(v);
axis('square')
grid
title('Root-Locus Plot of G(s)
= K(1 - 0.5s)/[s(s + 1)]')
gtext('x')
gtext('x')
gtext('o')
```



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Nonminimum-Phase Systems



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Finding the Gain value K at an Arbitrary Point on the Root Loci

It is frequently desired to find the gain value K at an arbitrary point on the root locus. This can be accomplished by using the following `rlocfind` command:

```
[K, r] = rlocfind(num, den)
```

- The `rlocfind` command, which must follow an `rlocus` command, overlays movable $x - y$ coordinates on the screen.
- Using the mouse, we position the origin of the $x - y$ coordinates over the desired point on the root locus and press the mouse button.
- Then MATLAB displays on the screen the coordinates of that point, the gain value at that point, and the closed-loop poles corresponding to this gain value.



Outline

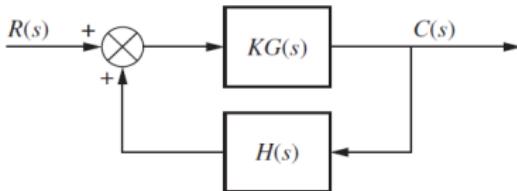
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Reading:

- Norman S. Nise, Control Systems Engineering, 7th edition, WILEY (chapter 8: page 382-448)
- Katsuhiko Ogata, Modern Control Engineering, 5th edition, Pearson (chapter 6: page 290-301)



Root Locus for Positive-Feedback Systems



We find that the transfer function for the positive-feedback is given as

$$T(s) = \frac{KG(s)}{1 - KG(s)H(s)} \quad (14)$$

From Eq. (14), obviously, a pole , s , exists when

$$KG(s)H(s) = 1 = 1\angle k360^\circ, k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots \quad (15)$$



Root Locus for Positive-Feedback Systems

Sketching rule for positive feedback

- Rule 1: Number of branches

The same arguments as for negative feedback apply to this rule. There is no change.

- Rule 2: Symmetry

The same arguments as for negative feedback apply to this rule. There is no change.

- Rule 3: Real-axis segments

Real-axis segments: On the real axis, the root locus for positive-feedback systems exists to the left of an even number of real-axis, finite open-loop poles and/or finite open-loop zeros.



Root Locus for Positive-Feedback Systems

Sketching rule for positive feedback

- Rule 4: Starting and ending points

Starting and ending points: The root locus for positive-feedback systems begins at the finite and infinite poles of $G(s)H(s)$ and ends at the finite and infinite zeros of $G(s)H(s)$.



Root Locus for Positive-Feedback Systems

Sketching rule for positive feedback

- Rule 5: Behavior at infinity

The root locus approaches straight lines as asymptotes as the locus approaches infinity. Further, the equations of the asymptotes for positive-feedback systems are given by the real-axis intercept, σ_a , and angle, θ_a , as follows:

$$\sigma_a = \frac{\sum \text{finite poles} - \sum \text{finite zeros}}{\#\text{finite poles} - \#\text{finite zeros}} \quad (16)$$

$$\theta_a = \frac{2k\pi}{\#\text{finite poles} - \#\text{finite zeros}} \quad (17)$$



Root Locus for Positive-Feedback Systems

Sketching rule for positive feedback

- The imaginary axis crossing can be found using the root locus program.
- In a search of the $j\omega$ -axis, you are looking for the point where the angles add up to a multiple of 360° .
- The breakaway points are found by looking for the maximum value of K .
- The break-in points are found by looking for the minimum value of K .



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