

# Control Systems

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*Abstract*—This manual is an introduction to control systems based on GATE problems. Links to sample Python codes are available in the text.

Download python codes using

svn co <https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/control/codes>

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### 10.1 Introduction

10.1. A unity negative feedback system has the

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+1)(s+3)} \quad (10.1.1)$$

The value of the gain  $K$  ( $>0$ ) at which the root locus crosses the imaginary axis is ?

**Solution:**

#### 10.2. Root Locus:

The Root locus is the locus of the roots of the characteristic equation, which are the poles of closed loop transfer function, by varying system gain  $K$  from 0 to  $\infty$ .

#### 10.3. The characteristic equation of the closed loop control system is:

$$1 + G(s)H(s) = 0 \quad (10.3.1)$$

The points on the root locus branches must satisfy the **angle condition**. We can find the value of  $K$  for the points on the root locus branches by using **magnitude condition**.

#### 10.4. Angle Condition:

Given the Characteristic equation, we can write it as:

$$G(s)H(s) = -1 + j0 \quad (10.4.1)$$

The phase angle of  $G(s)H(s)$  is:  $\angle G(s)H(s) =$

$$\arctan\left(\frac{0}{-1}\right) = (2n+1)\pi$$

The angle condition is the point at which the angle of the transfer function is an odd multiple of 180.

#### 10.5. Magnitude Condition

Magnitude of  $G(s)H(s)$  is:

$$|G(s)H(s)| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 0^2} \quad (10.5.1)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$|G(s)H(s)| = 1 \quad (10.5.2)$$

The magnitude condition is that the point (which satisfied the angle condition) at which the magnitude of the transfer function is one.

#### 10.6. For given transfer function:

$H(s) = 1$ . So, closed loop transfer function will be

$$T(s) = \frac{K}{s(s+1)(s+3) + K} \quad (10.6.1)$$

Poles of closed loop transfer function are the roots of the Characteristic Equation. So, characteristic Equation is:

$$s^3 + 4s^2 + 3s + K = 0 \quad (10.6.2)$$

#### 10.7. Routh Array Table:

**If all elements of any row of the Routh array table are zero, then the root locus branch intersects the imaginary axis**

Routh Array Table:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} s^3 & 1 & 3 \\ s^2 & 4 & K \\ s^1 & (12-K)/4 & 0 \\ s^0 & K & \end{array} \quad (10.7.1)$$

For poles to be on imaginary axis, row  $s^1$  should be zero. So,

$$\frac{12-K}{4} = 0 \quad (10.7.2)$$

Hence,  $K = 12$ .

#### 10.8. Verification:

Auxilliary equation:

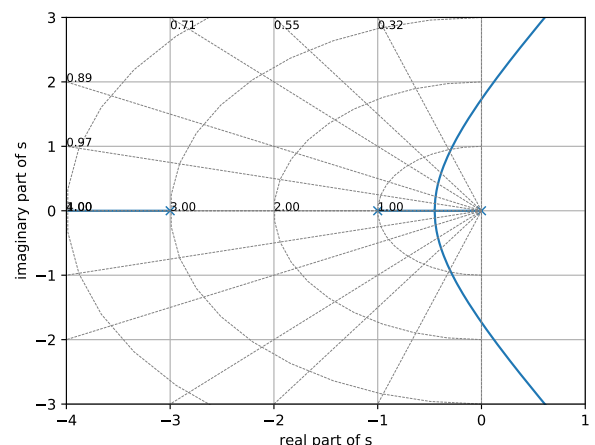
$$4s^2 + K = 0 \quad (10.8.1)$$

$$4s^2 + 12 = 0 \quad (10.8.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow s = -j\sqrt{3}, +j\sqrt{3}$$

Thus a pair of poles lie on imaginary axis for  $K = 12$ .

#### 10.9. Root Locus plot



Code to plot root locus:

codes/ee18btech11050.py