

# BASIC CONDITIONS OF THE ROOT LOCI

① 
$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

② The characteristic equation is obtained by setting  $1 + G(s)H(s)$  to zero

$$1 + G(s)H(s) = 0$$

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

③ If both sides of  $F(s)$  are divided by the terms that do not contain  $K$  then,

$$1 + \frac{K(s^m + b_1 s^{m-1} + \dots + b_{m-1} s + b_m)}{(s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n)} = 0$$

④ Therefore  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{K(s^m + b_1 s^{m-1} + \dots + b_{m-1} s + b_m)}{s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n}$

Where  $G(s)H(s)$  is the open loop transfer function.

⑤ The complete root loci is the loci of the points in the  $s$ -plane that satisfy  $1 + G(s)H(s) = 0$  as  $K$  is varied from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ .

⑥ Let  $G(s)H(s) = K G_1(s)H_1(s)$  where  $G_1(s)H_1(s)$  does not contain the variable parameter  $K$

$$\text{Then } G_1(s)H_1(s) = -\frac{1}{K}$$

⑧ To satisfy this equation the following conditions must be met simultaneously.

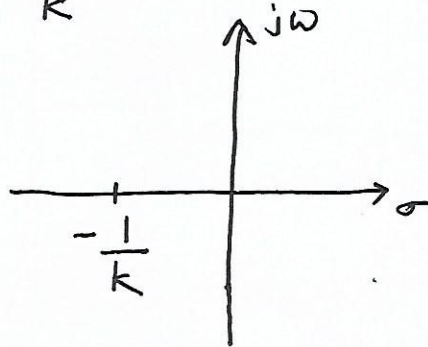
$$|G(s)H(s)| = \frac{1}{|K|} \quad -\infty < K < \infty \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\angle G(s)H(s) = (2k+1)\pi \quad K > 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

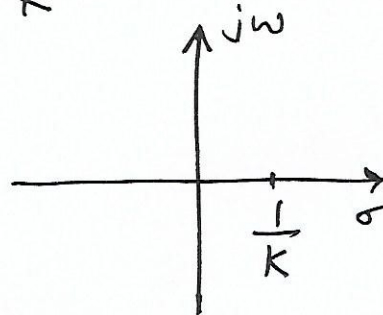
$$\angle G(s)H(s) = 2k\pi \quad K \leq 0 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

⑨ When  $k$  is positive,  $-\frac{1}{K}$  will be on the negative real axis.  
Angle on negative real axis is odd multiple of  $\pi$



⑩ When  $k$  is negative,  $-\frac{1}{K}$  will be on the positive real axis.  
Angle on positive real axis is even multiple of  $\pi$





# RULES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROOT LOCUS

①  $k=0$  points

⊛ The  $k=0$  points on the complete root loci are at the poles of  $G(s)H(s)$

$$|G(s)H(s)| = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |s + z_i|}{\prod_{j=1}^n |s + p_j|} = \frac{1}{|K|}$$

⊛ As  $K$  approaches zero,  $|G(s)H(s)|$  approaches  $\infty$  and correspondingly  $s$  approaches the poles of  $G(s)H(s)$ , that is  $s$  approaches  $-p_j$

⊛ This property applies to both the root loci and the complementary root loci since the sign of  $K$  has no effect.

eg ⊛ Consider the following equation

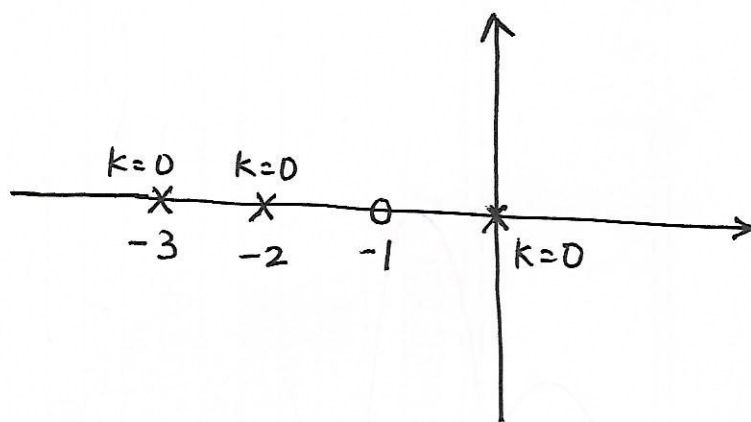
$$s(s+2)(s+3) + K(s+1) = 0$$

When  $K=0$ , the three roots of the equation are at  $s=0$ ,  $s=-2$  and  $s=-3$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad 1 + G(s)H(s) = \frac{1 + K(s+1)}{s(s+2)(s+3)}$$

① These three points are the poles of the function  $G(s)H(s)$

② The three  $k=0$  points on the complete root loci are shown below



②  $k = \pm \infty$  points

① The  $k = \pm \infty$  points on the complete root loci are at the zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$

② As  $k$  approaches  $\pm \infty$ ,  $|G(s)H(s)|$  approaches 0

③ This corresponds to  $s$  approaching the zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$  or  $s$  approaches  $-Z_i$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ )

Eg Consider the equation

$$s(s+2)(s+3) + k(s+1) = 0$$

When  $k$  is very large,  $k(s+1) = 0$  which has a root at  $s = -1$

④  $G(s)H(s)$  also has two other zeros located at infinity, because for a rational function the total number of poles and zeros must be equal if the poles and zeros at infinity are included.

⑤ Therefore  $k = \pm\infty$  points are at  $s = -1, \infty$  and  $\infty$

### ③ Number of branches of the complete root loci

⑥ A branch of the complete root loci is the locus of one root when  $k$  takes on values between  $-\infty$  and  $\infty$ .

⑦ The number of branches of the root loci is equal to the greater of  $n$  and  $m$ .

eg  $s(s+2)(s+3) + k(s+1) = 0$  has three branches since  $n=3, m=1$

⑧ The equation is of third order in  $s$ , it must have three roots and therefore three branches of the root loci