

# Alternate Design Perspectives

Our correlation between phase margin/crossover and the poles of  $T(s)$  [hence its transient response characteristics] is approximate and tenuous at best.

It would be nice if we could specifically target the desired closed-loop poles, and design  $H(s)$  to obtain them.

There are, in fact, techniques for this, although in using them we give up many of the insights afforded by the freq. response design methods...

(Everything is a trade-off! There are no magic bullets in this game!)

## Recall the Characteristic Equation:

All closed-loop poles satisfy:  $1 + L(s) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow L(s) = -1$$

Let  $L_0(s) = [L(s)]_{K=1}$  ( $K$  = compensator gain - real!)

Then  $s$  is a CL pole if:  $\underline{K} L_0(s) = -1$

which requires  $L_0(s)$  to be real.

For any such  $s$ :  $K = \frac{-1}{L_0(s)}$

is the gain which would make this  $s$  a CL pole

Moreover:  $L_0(s)$  is real (hence  $s$  a possible CH pole)

$$\text{if: } \angle L_0(s) = \ell(180^\circ) \quad (\ell = \text{any integer})$$

In particular:

$$L_0(s) = (1+2\ell)180^\circ \quad (\text{odd multiple of } 180^\circ)$$

$\Rightarrow L_0(s)$  is a negative real number

$$\Rightarrow \text{corresponding } K = \frac{-1}{L_0(s)} \text{ is positive}$$

and:

$$L_0(s) = 2\ell(180^\circ) \quad (\text{even multiple of } 180^\circ)$$

$\Rightarrow$  corresponding  $K$  is negative

## "Angle condition", $K > 0$

If we restrict ourselves initially to  $K > 0$ , we need

$$\angle L(s) = \angle L_0(s) = (1+2q)180^\circ$$

for  $s$  to be a CL pole. This is the "angle condition".

Any value of  $s$  satisfying this condition will be a CL pole for an appropriate positive value of  $K$ .

Suppose that we want a specific CL pole,  $s_{des}$ .

$$\text{We need } \angle L(s_{des}) = (1+2q)180^\circ$$

But recall:  $\angle L(s) = \angle G(s) + \angle H(s)$  for any  $s \in \mathbb{C}$

Thus, to make  $s_{des}$  a CL pole we need

$$(1+2\ell)180^\circ = \angle G(s_{des}) + \angle H(s_{des})$$

Hence, must design compensator  $H(s)$  so that:

$$\angle H(s_{des}) = (1+2\ell)180^\circ - \angle G(s_{des})$$

Similar to Bode design approach, define:

$$\varphi_{reg} = (1+2\ell)180^\circ - \angle G(s_{des})$$

(choose  $\ell$  to get  $\varphi_{reg}$  in range  $[-180^\circ, +180^\circ]$ )

Then choose poles/zeros in  $H(s)$  so that

$$\angle H(s_{des}) = \varphi_{reg}$$

Example:

Suppose  $G(s) = \frac{3}{s(s+2)}$

and we want  $T(s)$  to have a pole at  $s_{des} = -3+3j$

$$\angle G(s_{des}) = 116.56^\circ$$

(In Matlab:  $\text{angle}(\text{evalfr}(G, -3+3j))$ )

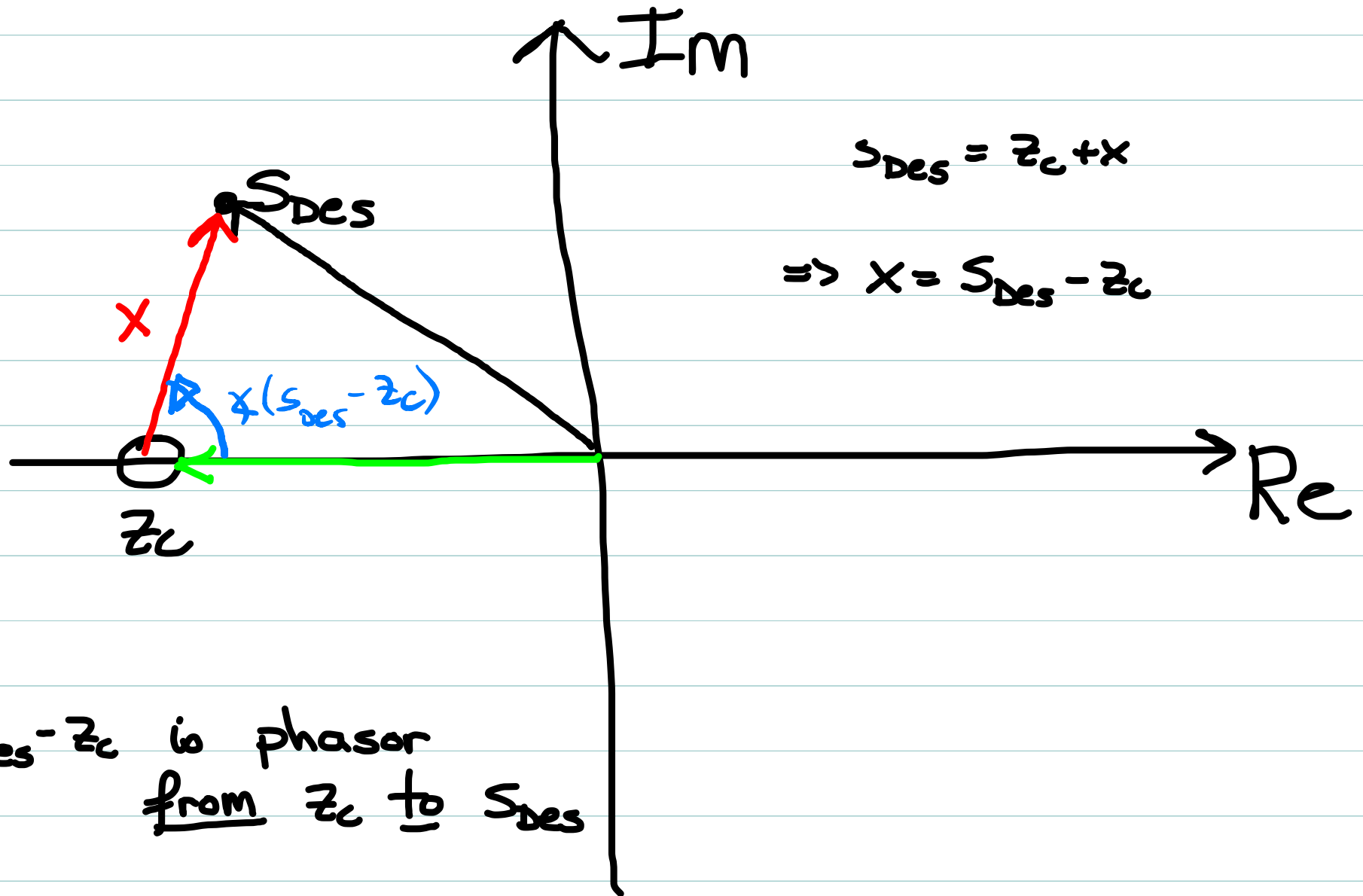
$$\Rightarrow \varphi_{req} = 180^\circ - 116.56^\circ = 63.43^\circ \text{ here}$$

Assume initially:  $H(s) = K(s-z_c)$ ,  $K > 0$

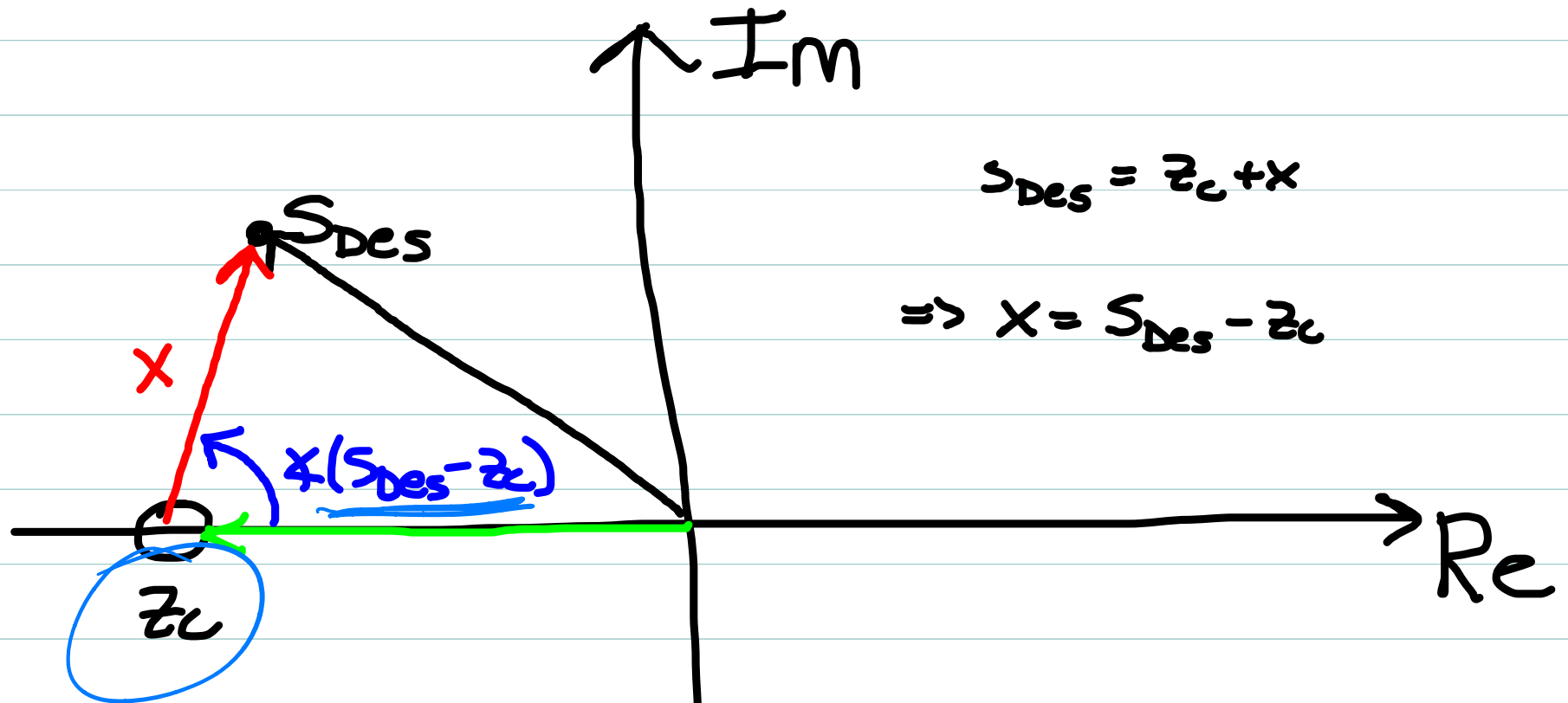
(Not implementable: for illustration only!)

$$\text{Then we need } \angle(s_{des} - z_c) = 64.43^\circ$$

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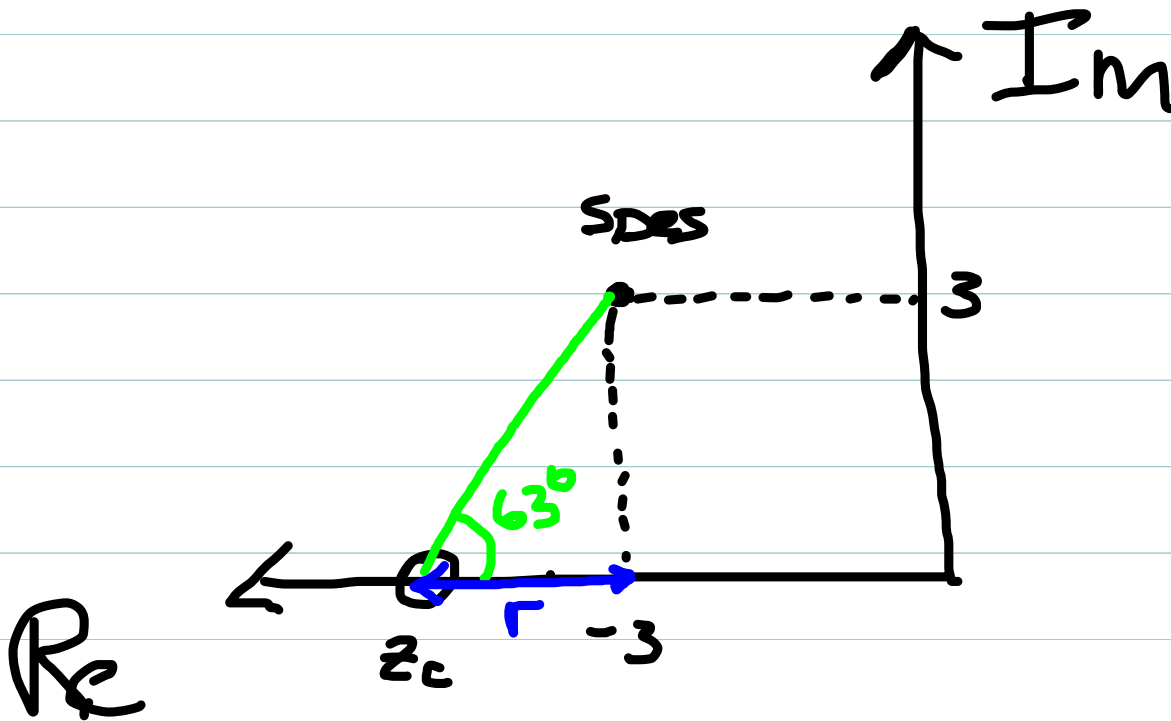
$s_{Des} - z_c$  is phasor  
from  $z_c$  to  $s_{Des}$

Note: unlike Bode designs we can get up to  $+180^\circ$   
at  $s_{Des}$  from a single zero.



## Example cont'd

If we need  $\angle(s_{des} - z_c) = 63.43^\circ$  at  $s_{des} = -3 + 3j$  :



$$\tan(63.43^\circ) = \frac{3}{r} \Rightarrow r = 1.5$$

$$\Rightarrow z_c = -4.5$$

## Example, cont'd

So  $H(s) = K(s+4.5)$  and then

$$L_o(s) = \frac{3(s+4.5)}{s(s+2)}$$

$$|L_o(s_{des})| = 3/4 \quad (\text{Matlab: } \text{abs}(\text{evalfr}(L_o, -3+3j)))$$

$$\text{so } K = 4/3.$$

Check:

$$T(s) = \frac{4(s+4.5)}{s^2+2s+4(s+4.5)} = \frac{4(s+4.5)}{s^2+6s+18} \quad \checkmark$$

roots at  $-3 \pm 3j$

## Notes

1.) To be implementable  $H(s)$  needs a pole. Choose pole  $p_c$  so that

$$\angle(s_{des} - p_c) \approx 5^\circ$$

$$\text{Then } \angle H(s_{des}) = \angle(s_{des} - z_c) - \angle(s_{des} - p_c) = \angle(s_{des} - z_c) - 5^\circ$$

Add  $+5^\circ$  to  $\varphi_{req}$  to account for required pole.

(“ $\beta$ -minimizing” principle is quite messy here).

2.) Keep  $\varphi_{req} < 90^\circ$ , pref. below  $60^\circ - 70^\circ$ , or else zero will

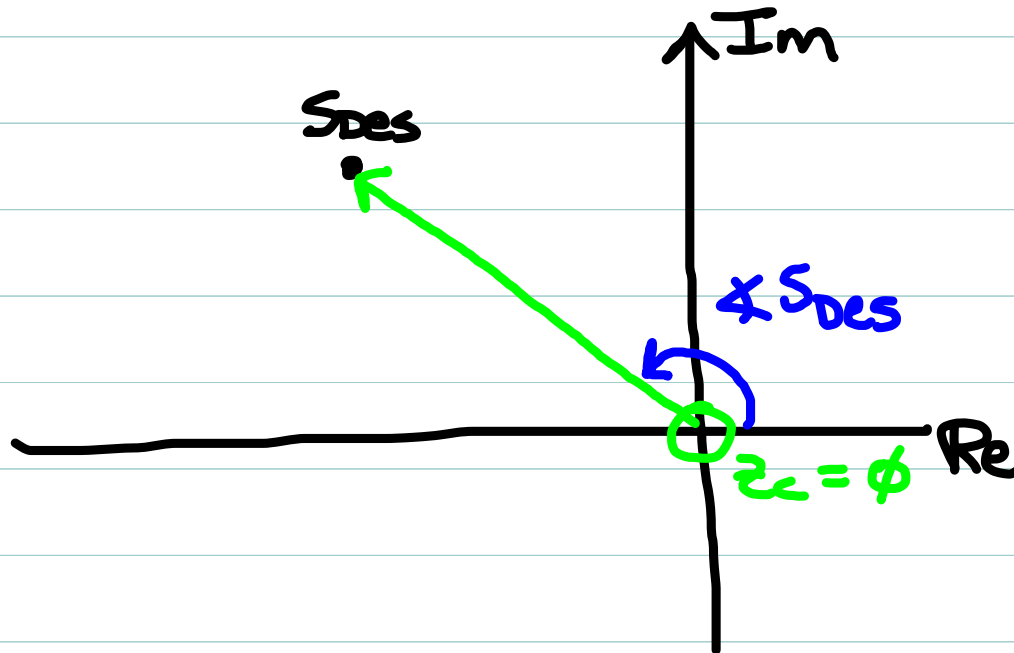
be closer to imag axis than  $s_{des}$ , creating substantial

additional overshoot. “Split” large  $\varphi_{req}$  over multiple zeros if necessary.

## Notes (cont).

3.) Do not choose  $z_c$  in RHP! (We'll see why later)

$\Rightarrow$  places practical limit on maximum angle contribution from a zero



(effective max  
for  $z_c \leq \phi$ )

## Notes (cont)

4.) Design method guarantees  $S_{Des}$  is a CL pole, but says nothing about location of other CL poles.

These might actually be unstable!

Suppose:  $G(s) = \frac{2}{s^2(s+1)}$  ,  $S_{Des} = -2 + 0j$

$G(-2) = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \varphi_{req} = \emptyset \Rightarrow H(s) = K > \emptyset$  sufficient

$K = \frac{-1}{-\frac{1}{2}} = 2$  and here

$$T(s) = \frac{4}{s^3 + s^2 + 4}$$

With poles at  $-2$  ,  $\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{4}{3}j$   $\leftarrow$  unstable!

To use these ideas effectively as a design tool, we must have some idea where the other poles of  $T(s)$  will be; i.e. at least if they are stable.

Requires us to more generally understand all possible solutions of  $1 + L(s) = 0$

Or, equivalently, the "locus" of points in the complex plane which satisfy the angle condition(s):

$$\angle L(s) = (1+2\ell)180^\circ \quad (\text{if } K > 0)$$

$$\angle L(s) = (2\ell)180^\circ \quad (\text{if } K < 0).$$

# "Root Locus" Method for CL pole prediction

Set up:  $L(s) = K \left[ \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} \right]$

$\Rightarrow \text{Deg}\{N(s)\} = m$ ;  $m$  zeros  $z_i$  such that  $N(z_i) = 0$

$$N(s) = (s - z_1)(s - z_2) \cdots (s - z_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m (s - z_i)$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Deg}\{D(s)\} = n$ ;  $n$  poles  $p_k$  such that  $D(p_k) = 0$

$$D(s) = (s - p_1)(s - p_2) \cdots (s - p_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n (s - p_k)$$

$\Rightarrow n \geq m$ : no more zeros than poles

$\Rightarrow$  Characteristic equation:  $s$  is a CL pole if

$$1 + L(s) = 0$$

## Basic Observations

$$1 + L(s) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + K \left[ \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D(s) + K N(s) = 0$$

This is an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order polynomial equation to define CL poles:

$\Rightarrow$  There are  $n$  CL poles, same number as OL poles

Consider limit as  $K \rightarrow 0$ . Then CE becomes:  $D(s) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Same eq'n as defines OL poles.

$\Rightarrow$  In low gain limit,  $K \rightarrow 0$ , the CL poles are same as OL poles

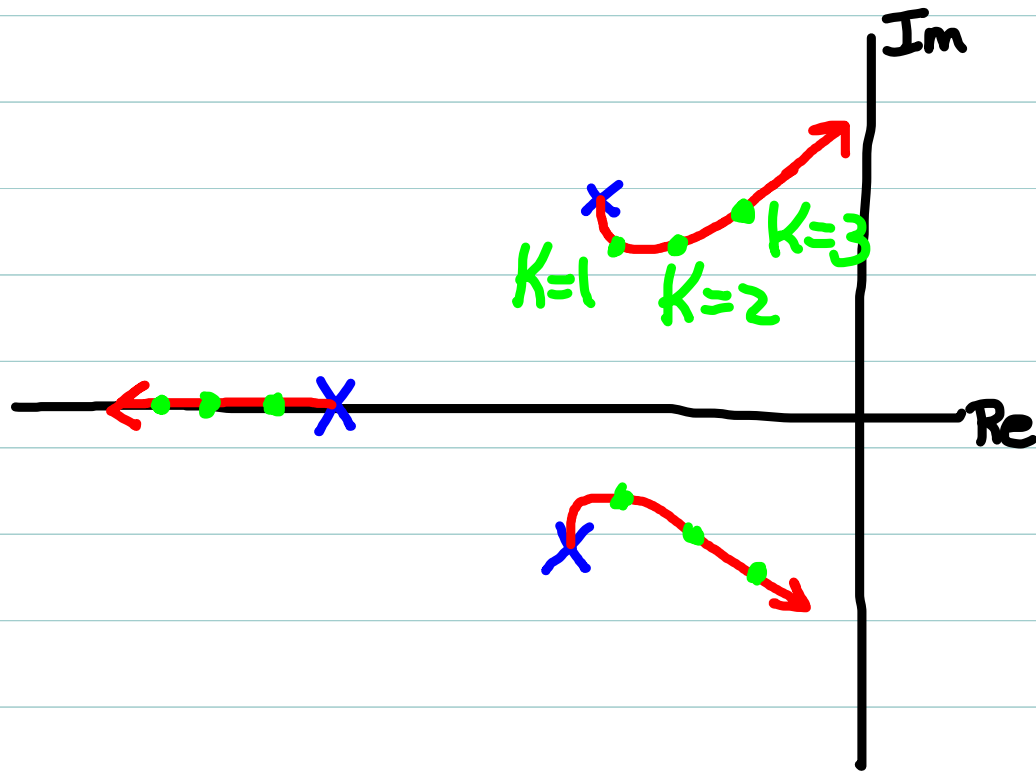


## Varying K

⇒ As  $K$  changes, the CL pole locations migrate away from OL poles

⇒ Each CL pole location traces out a continuous curve starting at an OL pole. These curves are called branches.

⇒ Since there are  $n$  CL poles, there are  $n$  branches



$X = \text{OL pole}$

$\bullet = \text{CL pole for different } K$

$- = \text{branch}$

# Symmetry

- $\Rightarrow$  Recall that complex roots of polynomial equations occur in conjugate pairs.
- $\Rightarrow$  If  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfies  $1 + L(s) = 0$ , so also  $\bar{s}$  satisfies  $1 + L(\bar{s}) = 0$ .
- $\Rightarrow$  CL pole locations are symmetric about real axis.
- $\Rightarrow$  Branches of CL pole loci are symmetric ("mirror image") about real axis.
- $\Rightarrow$  Can we predict branch behavior as  $|K|$  increases?

High gain limit :  $|K| \rightarrow \infty$

Recall CL poles satisfy  $D(s) + KN(s) = 0$

Equivalently, if  $K \neq 0$  :

$$N(s) + \left[\frac{1}{K}\right] D(s) = 0$$

and as  $|K| \rightarrow \infty$  we have :  $N(s) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  As  $|K| \rightarrow \infty$ , the CL poles coincide with OL zeros!

$\Rightarrow$  Branches terminate at OL zeros!

$\Rightarrow$  OL zeros "attract" CL poles to them in high gain limit

$\Rightarrow$  RHP zeros in  $L(s)$  are dangerous!

## High gain limit, cont

$\Rightarrow$   $n$  CL poles (branches), but only  $m \leq n$  OL zeros.

$\Rightarrow$  What happens to other  $n-m$  CL poles (branches)?

$\Rightarrow$  The remaining  $n-m$  branches asymptote to infinity

$\Rightarrow$  But how? Depends on sign of  $K$ . Suppose for simplicity we take  $K > 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Recall "angle condition" for  $K > 0$ :

if  $s$  is a possible CL pole, then

$$\angle L(s) = (1+2\ell)180^\circ \quad (\text{odd multiple of } 180^\circ).$$