ME451: Control Systems

Lecture 16
Root locus

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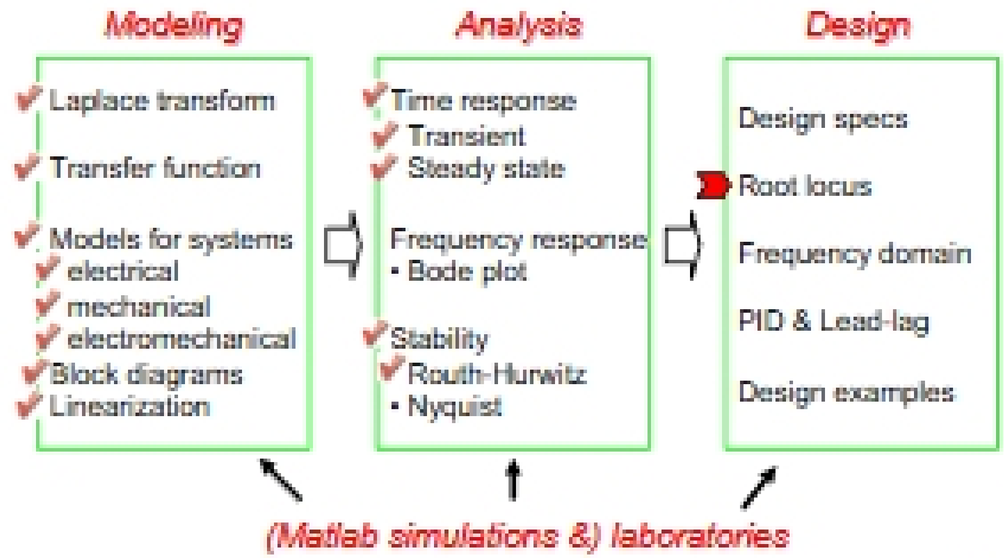
Course roadmap



Lecture plan

- L16: Root locus, sketching algorithm
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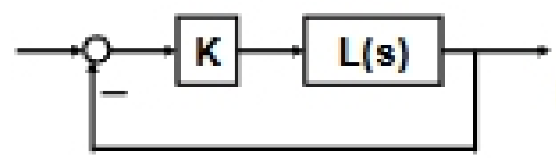
What is Root Locus?

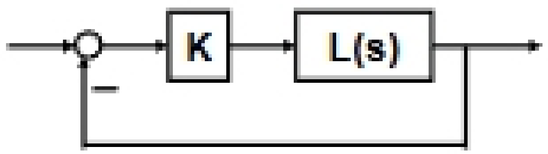
- W. R. Evans developed in 1948.
- *Pole location* of the feedback system characterizes stability and transient properties.
- Consider a feedback system that has one parameter (gain) K>0 to be designed.



L(s): open-loop TF

- *Root locus* graphically shows how poles of CL system varies as K varies from 0 to infinity.

A simple example



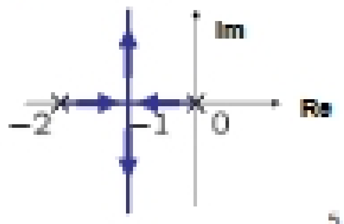
$$L(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+2)}$$

- Characteristic eq. $1 + K\frac{1}{s(s+2)} = 0$

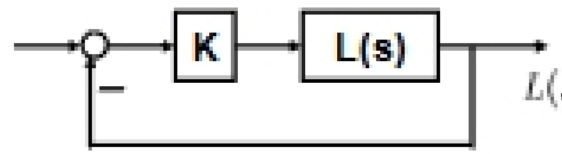
Closed-loop poles

$$\Rightarrow s^2 + 2s + K = 0 \Rightarrow s = -1 \pm \sqrt{1-K}$$

- K=0: s=0,-2
- K=1: s=-1,-1
- K>1: complex numbers



A more complicated example



$$L(s) = \frac{s+1}{s(s+2)(s+3)}$$

- Characteristic eq. $1 + K\frac{s+1}{s(s+2)(s+3)} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow s(s+2)(s+3) + K(s+1) = 0 \Rightarrow s = ???$$

- It is hard to solve this analytically for each K.
- Is there some way to sketch roughly root locus by hand? (In Matlab, use command "*rlocus.m*".)

Root locus: Step 0

- *Root locus is symmetric w.r.t. the real axis.*
- *The number of branches = order of L(s)*
- *Mark poles of L with "x" and zeros of L with "o".*

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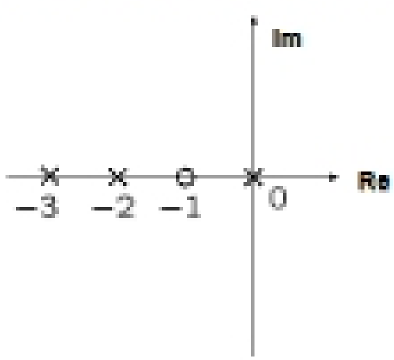
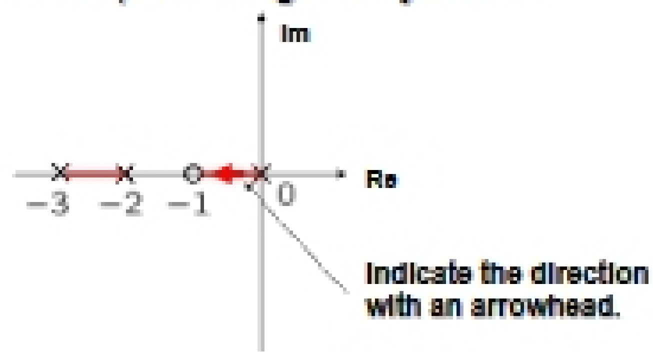


Root locus: Step 1

- *RL includes all points on real axis to the left of an odd number of real poles/zeros.*
- *RL originates from the poles of L and terminates at the zeros of L, including infinity zeros.*



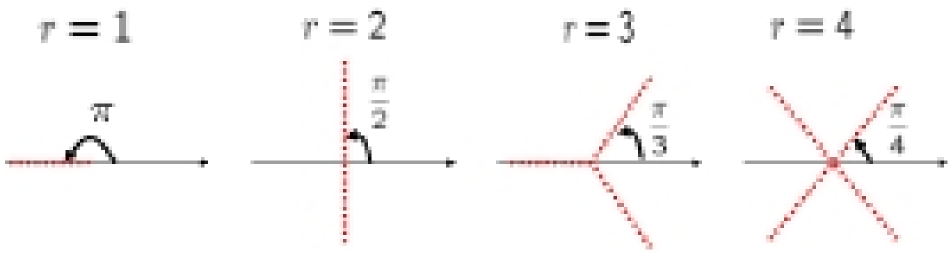
Root locus: Step 2 (Asymptotes)

- *Number of asymptotes = relative degree (r) of L:*

$$r := \underbrace{n}_{\deg(\text{den})} - \underbrace{m}_{\deg(\text{num})}$$

- *Angles of asymptotes are*

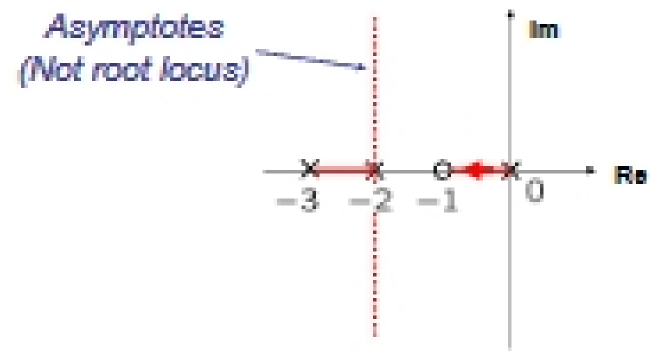
$$\frac{\pi}{r} \times (2k+1), \ k = 0, 1, \ldots$$



Root locus: Step 2 (Asymptotes)

- *Intersections of asymptotes* $\frac{\sum \text{pole} - \sum \text{zero}}{r}$

$$L(s) = \frac{s+1}{s(s+2)(s+3)} \Rightarrow \frac{\sum \text{pole} - \sum \text{zero}}{r} = \frac{(0+(-2)+(-3))-(-1)}{2} = -2$$



Root locus: Step 3

- *Breakaway points are among roots of* $\boxed{\frac{dL(s)}{ds} = 0}$

Points where two or more branches meet and break away.

$$L(s) = \frac{s+1}{s(s+2)(s+3)} \Rightarrow \frac{dL(s)}{ds} = -2\frac{s^3+4s^2+5s+3}{(s)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s = -2.4656, \ -0.7672 \pm 0.7926i$$

For each candidate s, check the positivity of $K = -\frac{1}{L(s)}$

$$\Rightarrow K = 0.4186, \ 1.7907 \mp 4.2772i$$

Quotient rule

$$\left(\quad s+1 \quad \right)' \quad s(s^2+5s+6)-(s+1)(3s^2+10s+6)$$