

# ECE171A: Linear Control System Theory

## Lecture 8: Root Locus

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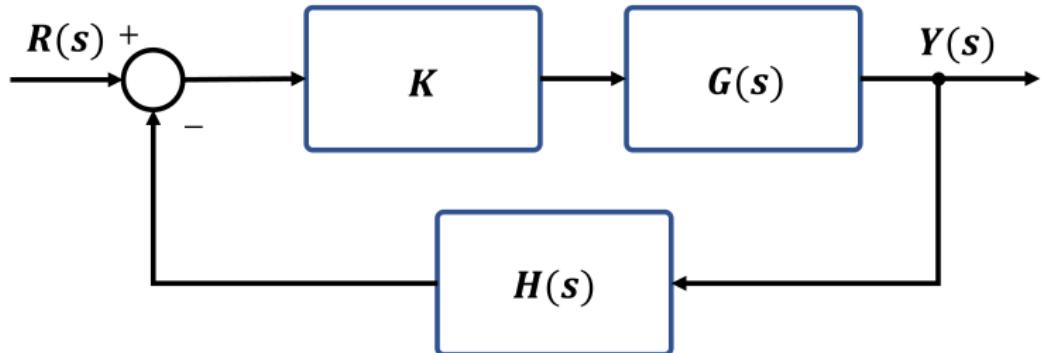
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## Root Locus Overview

- ▶ The response of a control system is determined by the locations of the poles of the transfer function in the  $s$  domain
- ▶ Feedback control can be used to move the poles of the transfer function by choosing an appropriate controller type and gain
- ▶ The **root locus** provides all possible pole locations as a system parameter (e.g., the controller gain) varies
- ▶ It is important to understand how to manipulate the root locus by changes in the controller type

## Root Locus: Example 1



- ▶ Consider a single-loop feedback control system
- ▶ Let  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+2)}$  and  $H(s) = 1$
- ▶ The transfer function is:

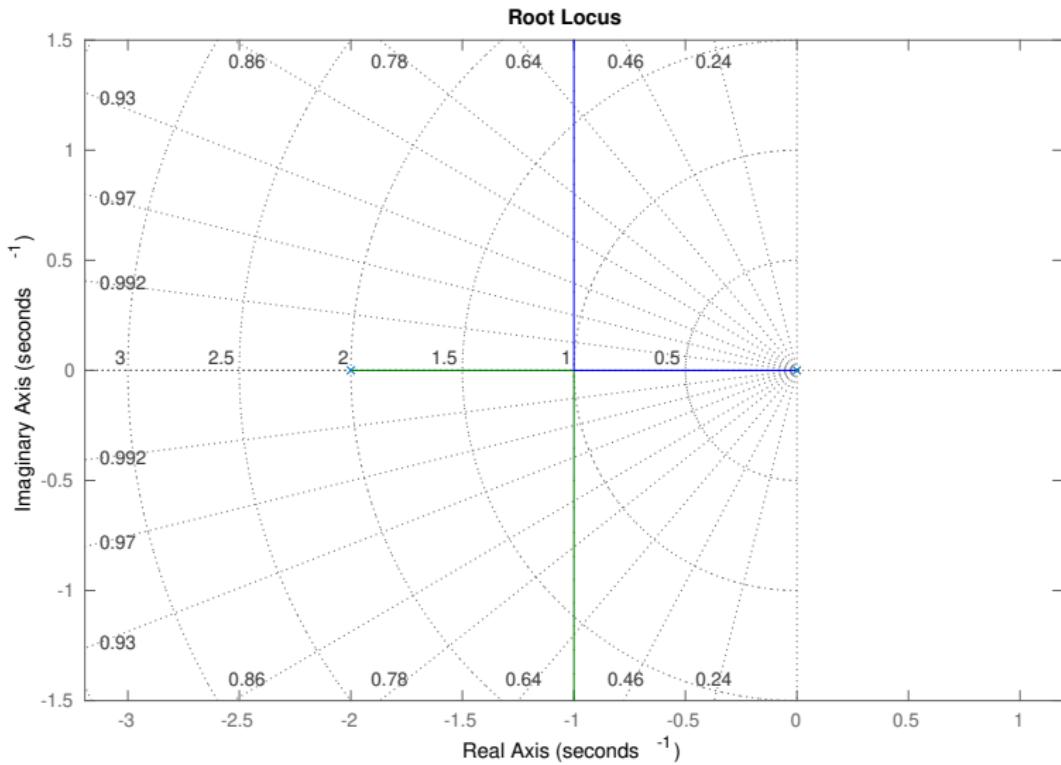
$$T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K}{s^2 + 2s + K}$$

- ▶ How do the transfer function poles vary as a function of  $K$ ?

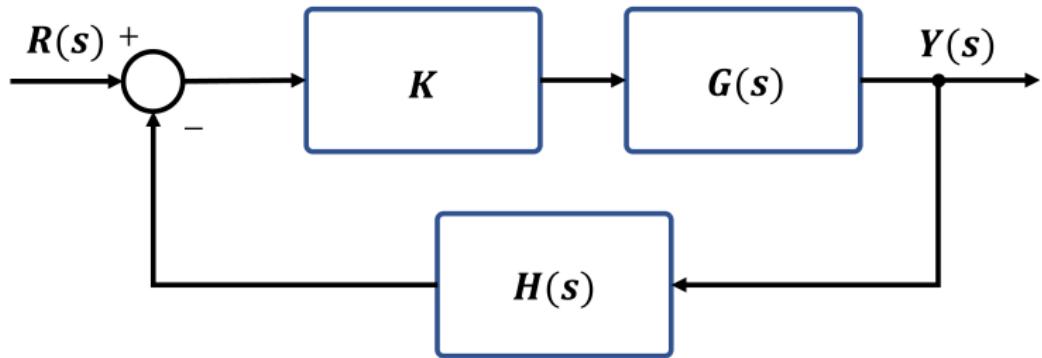
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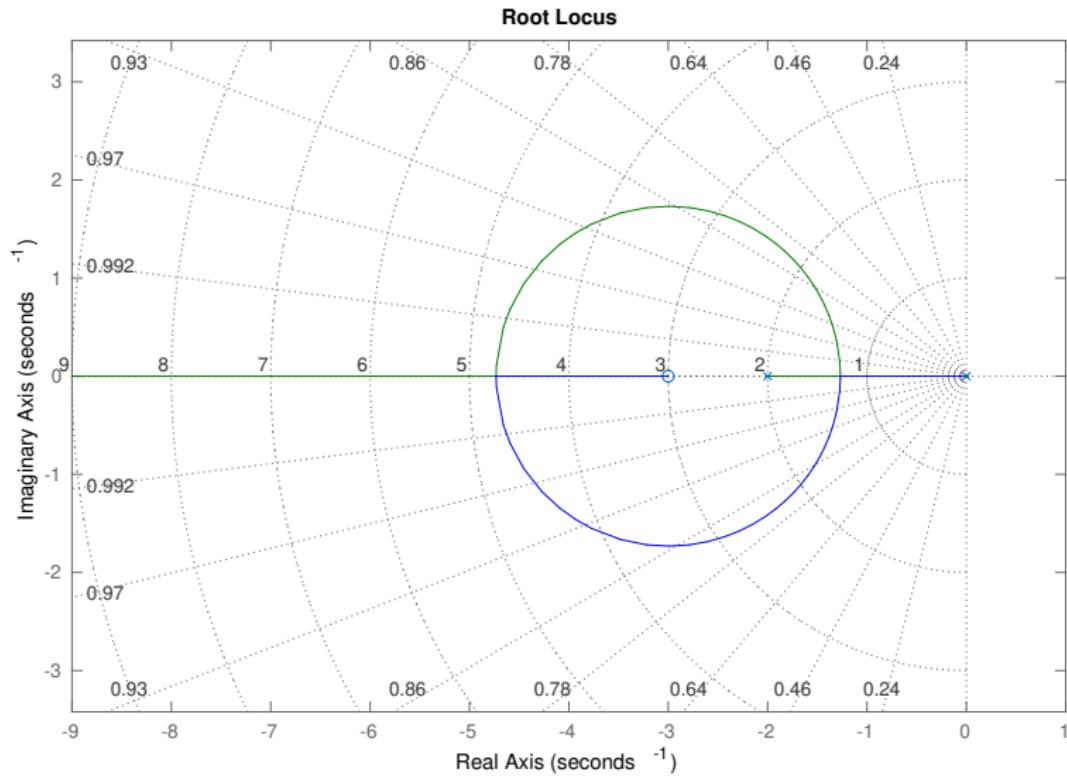


- ▶ Let  $G(s) = \frac{(s+3)}{s(s+2)}$  and  $H(s) = 1$
- ▶ The transfer function is:  $T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K(s+3)}{s^2 + (s+K)s + 3K}$
- ▶ **Adding a zero increases the relative stability of the system by attracting the branches of the root locus**

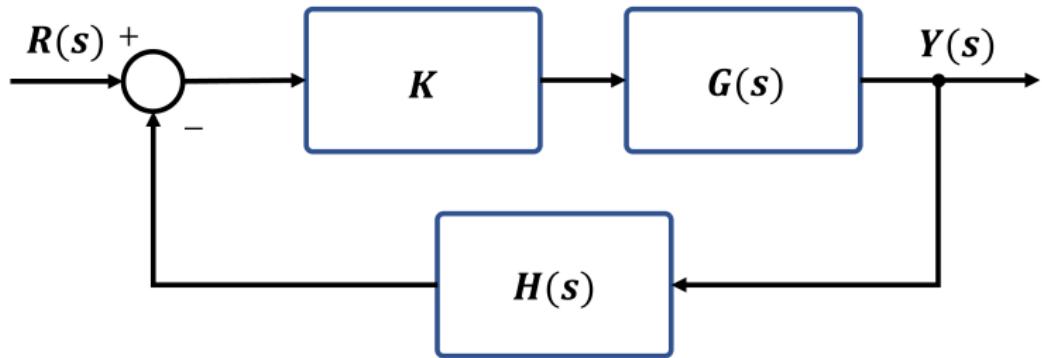
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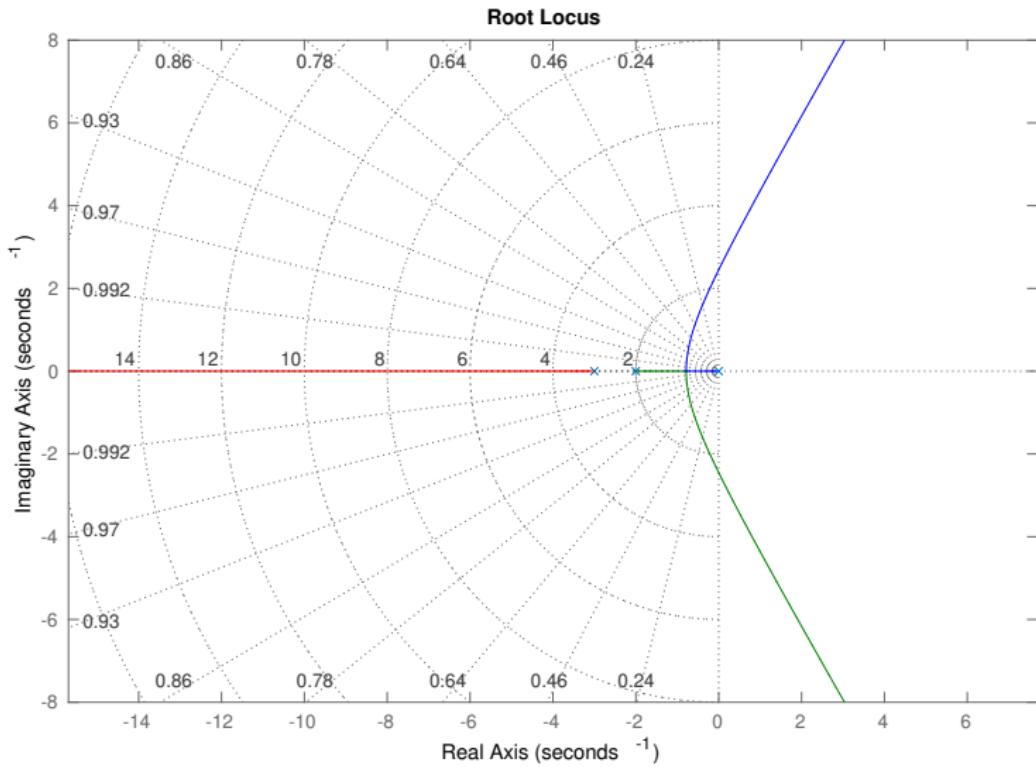


- ▶ Let  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+2)(s+3)}$  and  $H(s) = 1$
- ▶ The transfer function is:  $T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{K}{s^3 + 5s^2 + 6s + K}$
- ▶ **Adding a pole decreases the relative stability of the system by repelling the branches of the root locus**

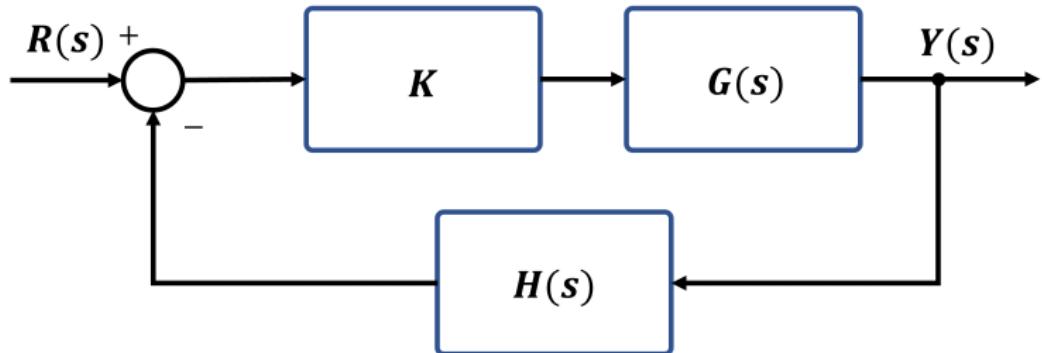
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## Root Locus Definition



► Transfer function:  $T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{KG(s)}{1 + KG(s)H(s)}$

► The poles of the transfer function satisfy:

$$1 + KG(s)H(s) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad G(s)H(s) = -\frac{1}{K}$$

► The **root locus** is the set of points  $s$  such that  $1 + KG(s)H(s) = 0$  as  $K$  varies

# Root Locus Definition

- ▶ **Root locus:** points  $s$  such that:

$$1 + KG(s)H(s) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad G(s)H(s) = -\frac{1}{K}$$

- ▶ **Positive root locus:** for  $K \geq 0$ , the points  $s$  on the root locus satisfy:
  - ▶ **Magnitude condition:**  $|G(s)H(s)| = \frac{1}{K}$
  - ▶ **Angle condition:**  $\angle G(s)H(s) = (1 + 2l)\pi$  for  $l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
- ▶ **Negative root locus:** for  $K \leq 0$ , the points  $s$  on the root locus satisfy:
  - ▶ **Magnitude condition:**  $|G(s)H(s)| = -\frac{1}{K}$
  - ▶ **Angle condition:**  $\angle G(s)H(s) = 2l\pi$  for  $l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

## Root Locus Definition

- ▶ Consider the zeros and poles of  $G(s)H(s)$  explicitly:

$$\begin{aligned} G(s)H(s) &= \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \cdots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 s + a_0} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{b_m}{a_n}}_{\kappa} \frac{(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n)} \end{aligned}$$

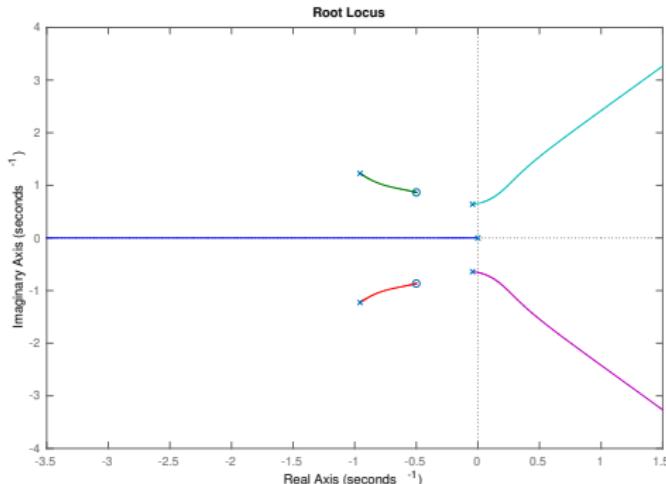
- ▶ The **root locus** is the set of all solutions  $s$  to the equation:

$$1 + KG(s)H(s) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a(s) + Kb(s) = 0$$

- ▶ The root locus is a general tool because it can be used to find how the roots of any polynomial vary with a single parameter
- ▶ For example, the root locus can be used to study the closed-loop pole variations due to system parameter changes

## Root Locus Symmetry

- ▶ For  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{b(s)}{a(s)}$  with real-coefficient polynomials  $a(s)$  and  $b(s)$ , the closed-loop poles will either be real or appear as complex conjugate pairs
- ▶ The root locus is **symmetric** about the real axis and the axes of symmetry of the pole-zero configuration of  $G(s)H(s)$
- ▶ We can divide the root locus into:
  - ▶ points on the real axis
  - ▶ symmetric parts off the real axis



## Positive Root Locus ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ Consider the zeros and poles of  $G(s)H(s)$  explicitly:

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = \kappa \frac{(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n)}$$

- ▶ **Positive root locus:** for  $K \geq 0$ , the points  $s$  on the root locus satisfy:
  - ▶ **Magnitude condition:** used to determine the gain  $K$  corresponding to a point  $s$  on the root locus:

$$|G(s)H(s)| = |\kappa| \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m |s - z_i|}{\prod_{i=1}^n |s - p_i|} = \frac{1}{K}$$

- ▶ **Angle condition:** used to check if a point  $s$  is on the root locus:

$$\angle G(s)H(s) = \angle \kappa + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (s - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (s - p_i) = (1 + 2l)\pi,$$

where  $l \in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$

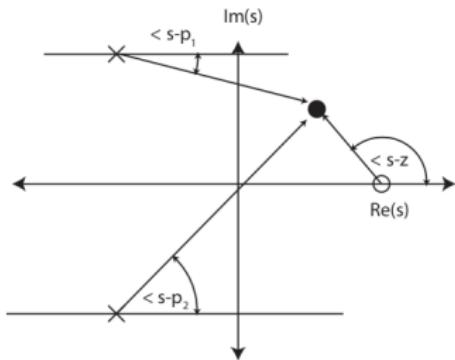
## Angle Condition Example ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ Consider  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{s+4}{s((s+1)^2+1)} = \frac{s+4}{s(s+1+j)(s+1-j)}$
- ▶ Is the point  $s = -3$  on the root locus?

$$\begin{aligned}\angle G(s)H(s) &= \angle 1 - \angle -3 - \angle -2+j - \angle -2-j \\ &= 0 - \pi - 0 = -\pi\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Is the point  $s = -4 + j$  on the root locus?

$$\begin{aligned}\angle G(s)H(s) &= \angle j - \angle -4+j - \angle -3+j/2 - \angle -3 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \pi \\ &\approx -\frac{5\pi}{2} + 0.833\end{aligned}$$



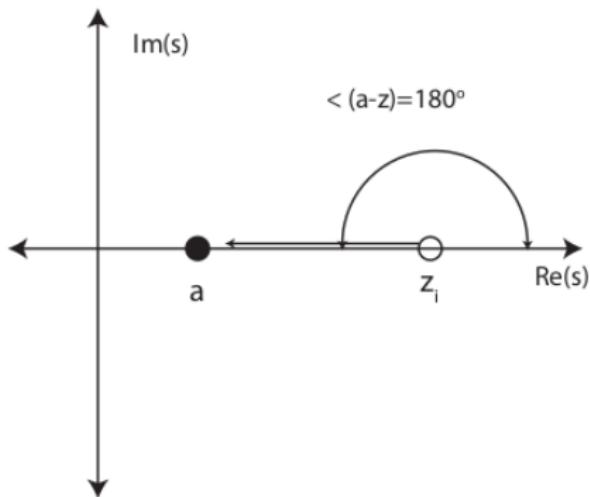
- ▶ Using this method to determine all points on the root locus is cumbersome. We need more general rules.

## Points on the Real Axis ( $K \geq 0$ )

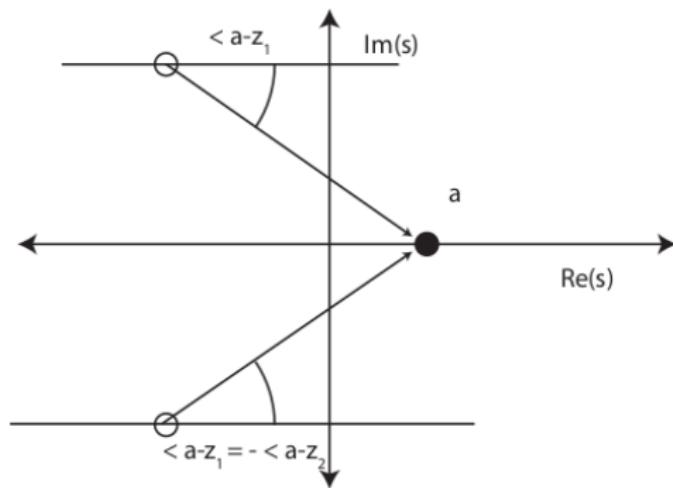
- Angle condition:

$$\angle G(s)H(s) = \kappa + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (s - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (s - p_i) = (1 + 2l)\pi, \quad l \in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$$

- For real  $s = a$ :



(a) A zero to the right contributes  $\pi$



(b) A conjugate pair of zeros does not contribute since the phases sum to zero

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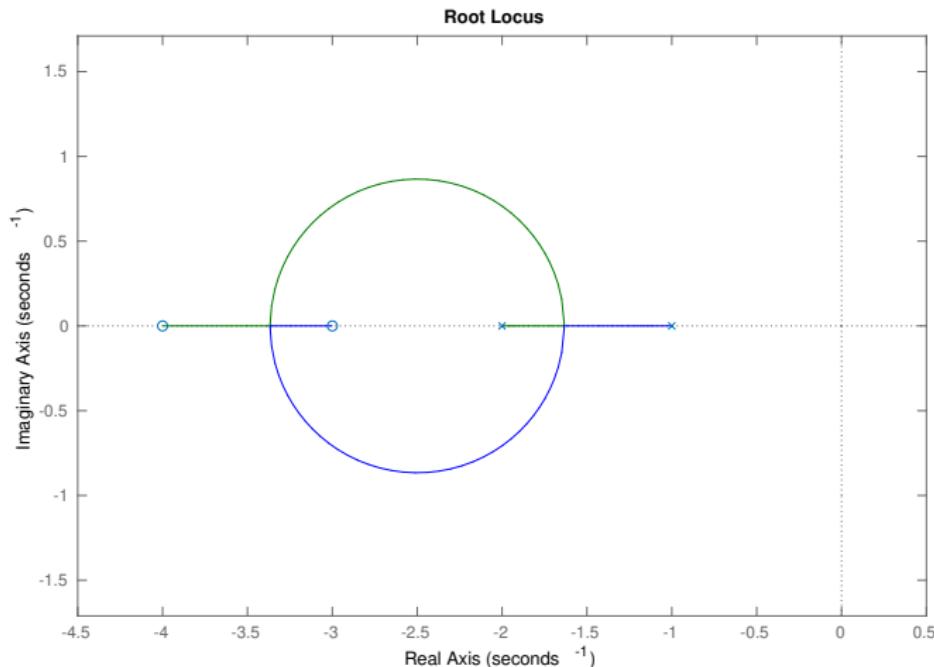
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- ▶ If  $s$  is real:
  - ▶ Pairs of complex conjugate poles or zeros do not contribute since their phases sum to zero
  - ▶ A pole or zero to the left of  $s$  does not contribute since its phase is 0
  - ▶ Each zero to the right of  $s$  contributes  $\pi$  radians
  - ▶ Each pole to the right of  $s$  contributes  $-\pi$  radians
- ▶ **Rule:** The positive root locus contains all points on the real axis that are to the left of an odd number of zeros or poles.

## Points on the Real Axis ( $K \geq 0$ ): Example

- Determine the real axis portions of the root locus for

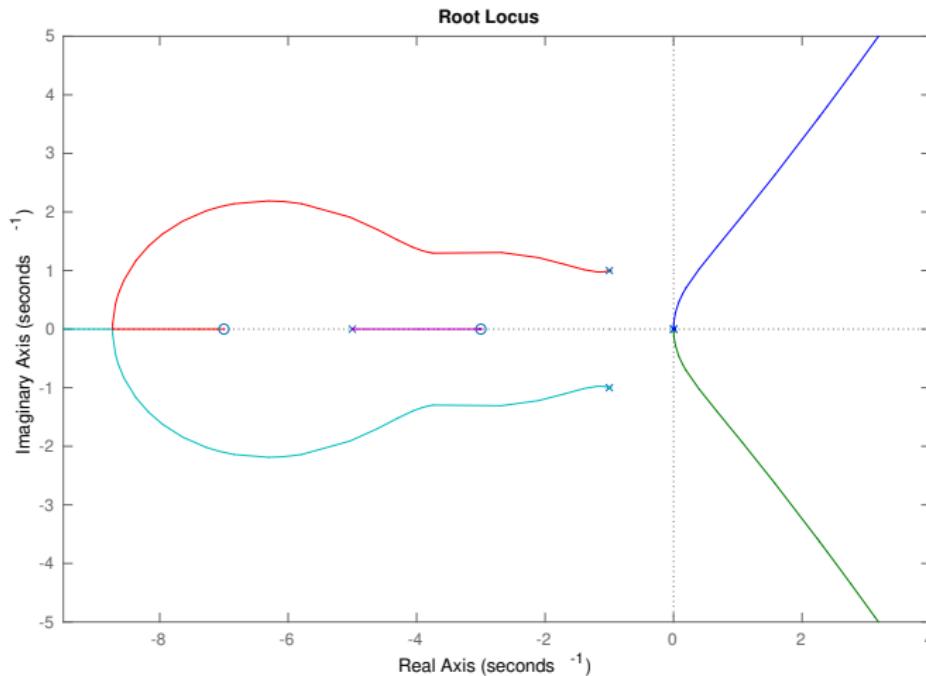
$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{(s+3)(s+4)}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$



## Points on the Real Axis ( $K \geq 0$ ): Example

- Determine the real axis portions of the root locus for

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{(s+3)(s+7)}{s^2((s+1)^2 + 1)(s+5)}$$



## Departure and Arrival Points ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ The root locus contains the solutions of  $a(s) + Kb(s) = 0$ , where  $a(s)$  is an  $n$ -th degree polynomial and  $b(s)$  is an  $m$ -th degree polynomial
- ▶ Assuming  $n \geq m$ , **the root locus has  $n$  branches**
- ▶ If  $K = 0$ , the solutions of  $a(s) + Kb(s) = 0$  are the roots of  $a(s)$ , i.e., the poles of  $G(s)H(s)$
- ▶ If  $K \rightarrow \infty$ , the solutions of  $\frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = -\frac{1}{K}$  are the roots of  $b(s)$ , i.e., the zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$
- ▶ **Rule:** The  $n$  branches of the root locus begin at the poles of  $G(s)H(s)$  (when  $K = 0$ ), and  $m$  of the branches end at the zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$  (as  $K \rightarrow \infty$ ).

## Asymptotic Behavior of the Root Locus ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ The root locus has  $n$  branches starting at the poles of  $G(s)H(s)$  and  $m$  of them terminate at the zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$
- ▶ What happens with the remaining  $n - m$  branches?
- ▶ As  $K \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $G(s)H(s) = -\frac{1}{K} \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} G(s)H(s) &= \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \cdots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 s + a_0} \\ &= \frac{b_m \frac{1}{s^{n-m}} + b_{m-1} \frac{1}{s^{n-m+1}} + \cdots + b_1 \frac{1}{s^{n-1}} + b_0 \frac{1}{s^n}}{a_n + a_{n-1} \frac{1}{s} + \cdots + a_1 \frac{1}{s^{n-1}} + a_0 \frac{1}{s^n}} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The numerator of  $G(s)H(s)$  goes to zero if  $|s| \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e., there are  $n - m$  **zeros at infinity**
- ▶ As  $K \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $m$  branches go to the zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$  and the remaining  $n - m$  branches go off to infinity

# Asymptotic Behavior of the Root Locus ( $K \geq 0$ )

- Angle condition:

$$\angle G(s)H(s) = \angle \kappa + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (s - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (s - p_i) = (1 + 2l)\pi, \quad l \in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$$

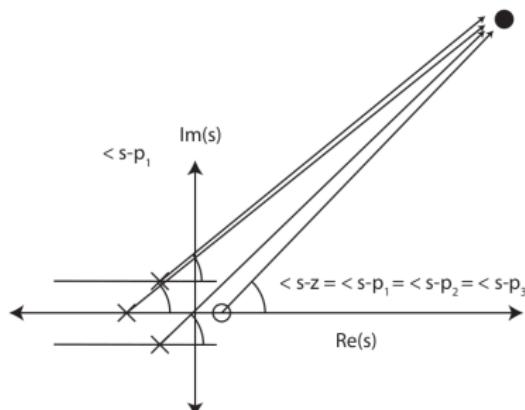
- As  $|s| \rightarrow \infty$ , all angles become the same:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \angle (s - z_1) = \dots = \angle (s - z_m) \\ &= \angle (s - p_1) = \dots = \angle (s - p_n)\end{aligned}$$

- Asymptote angles:

$$\theta_l = \frac{(1 + 2l)\pi}{|n - m|} - \angle \kappa,$$

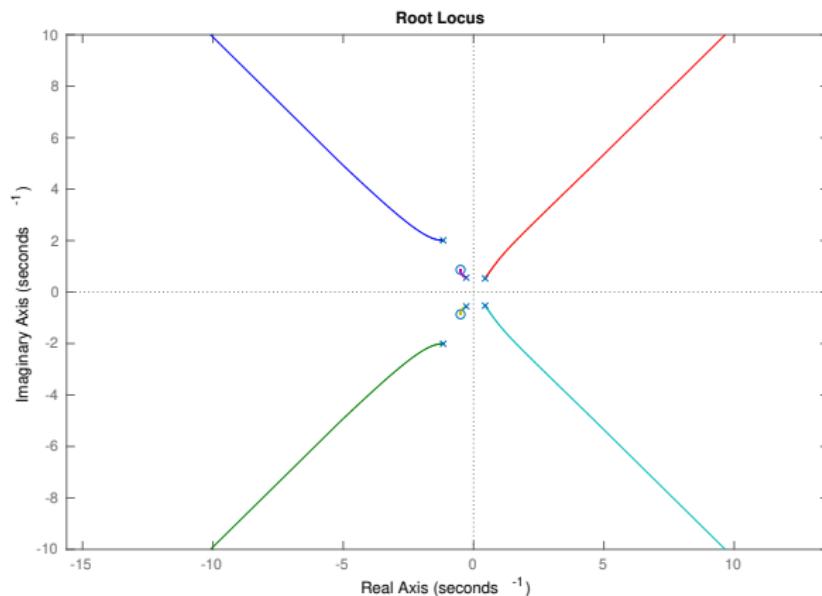
for  $l \in \{0, \dots, |n - m| - 1\}$



## Asymptotic Behavior of the Root Locus ( $K \geq 0$ ): Example

- Determine the root locus asymptotes for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{s^2+s+1}{s^6+2s^5+5s^4-s^3+2s^2+1}$
- There are  $m = 2$  zeros and  $n = 6$  poles and hence  $n - m = 4$  asymptotes with angles:

$$\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$



## Asymptotic Behavior of the Root Locus ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ Where do the asymptote lines start?
- ▶ If we consider a point  $s$  with very large magnitude, the poles and zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$  will appear clustered at one point  $\alpha$  on the real axis
- ▶ The **asymptote centroid** is a point  $\alpha$  such that as  $K \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \cdots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 s + a_0} \approx \frac{b_m}{a_n (s - \alpha)^{n-m}}$$

- ▶ Recall the Binomial theorem:

$$(s - \alpha)^{n-m} = s^{n-m} - \alpha(n - m)s^{n-m-1} + \cdots$$

- ▶ Recall polynomial long division:

$$\frac{s^n + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} s^{n-1} + \cdots + \frac{a_1}{a_n} s + \frac{a_0}{a_n}}{s^m + \frac{b_{m-1}}{b_m} s^{m-1} + \cdots + \frac{b_1}{b_m} s + \frac{b_0}{b_m}} = s^{n-m} + \left( \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} - \frac{b_{m-1}}{b_m} \right) s^{n-m-1} + \cdots$$

## Asymptotic Behavior of the Root Locus ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ Matching the coefficients of  $s^{n-m-1}$  shows the asymptote centroid:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{n-m} \left( \frac{b_{m-1}}{b_m} - \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right)$$

- ▶ Recall Vieta's formulas:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m z_i = -\frac{b_{m-1}}{b_m}$$

- ▶ **Rule:** the  $n-m$  branches of the root locus that go to infinity approach asymptotes with angles  $\theta_l$  coming out of the centroid  $s = \alpha$ , where:

- ▶ **Angles:**

$$\theta_l = \frac{(1+2l)\pi}{|n-m|} - \cancel{\kappa}, \quad l \in \{0, \dots, |n-m|-1\}$$

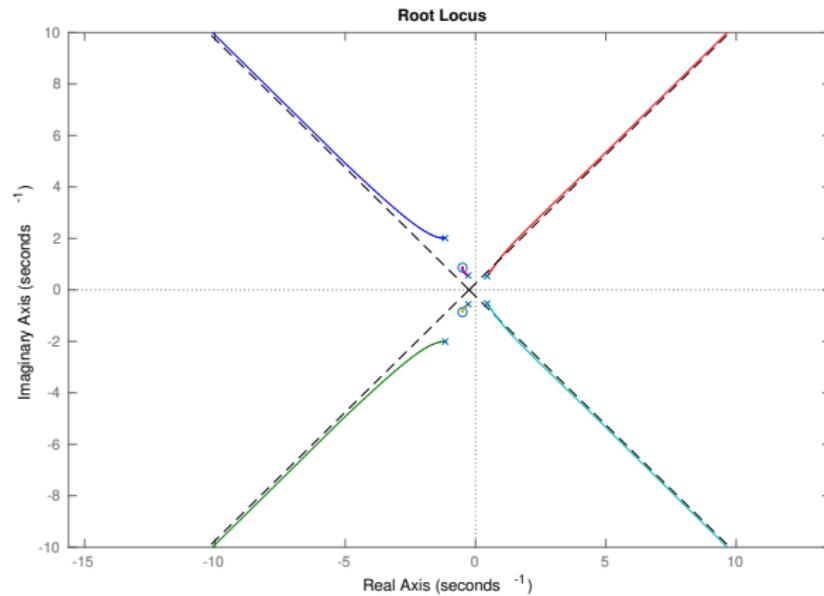
- ▶ **Centroid:**

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{n-m} \left( \frac{b_{m-1}}{b_m} - \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i - \sum_{i=1}^m z_i}{n-m}$$

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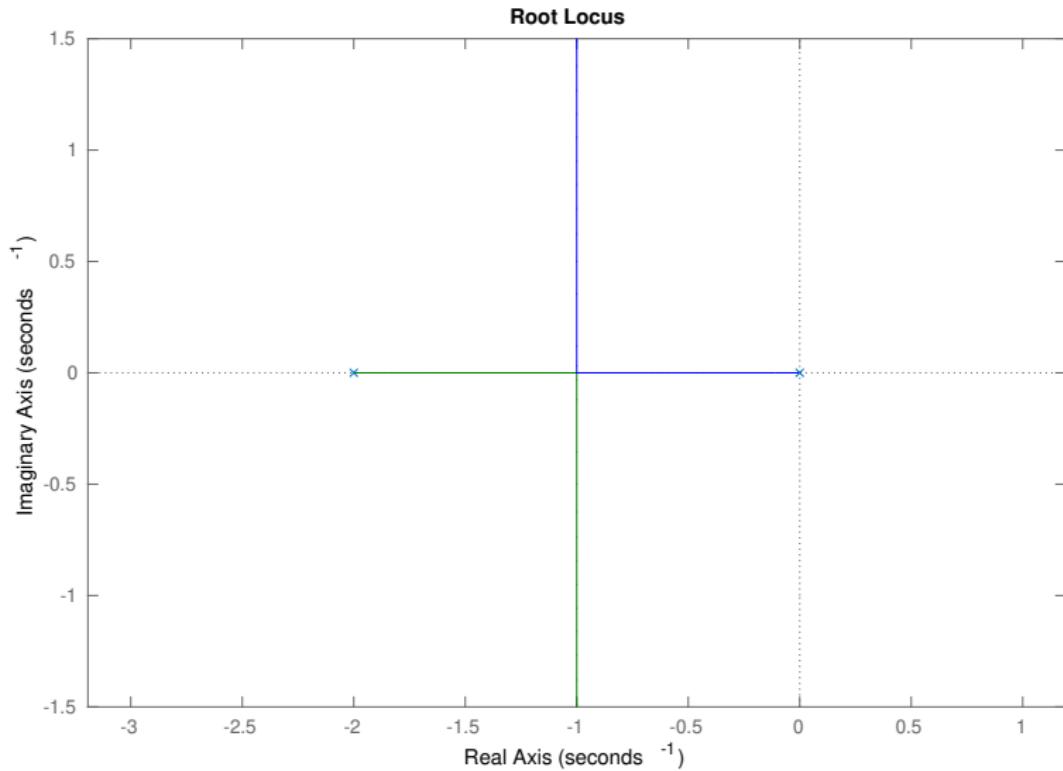
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- There are 4 asymptotes with angles  $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$  and centroid:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{1} - \frac{2}{1} \right) = -\frac{1}{4}$$



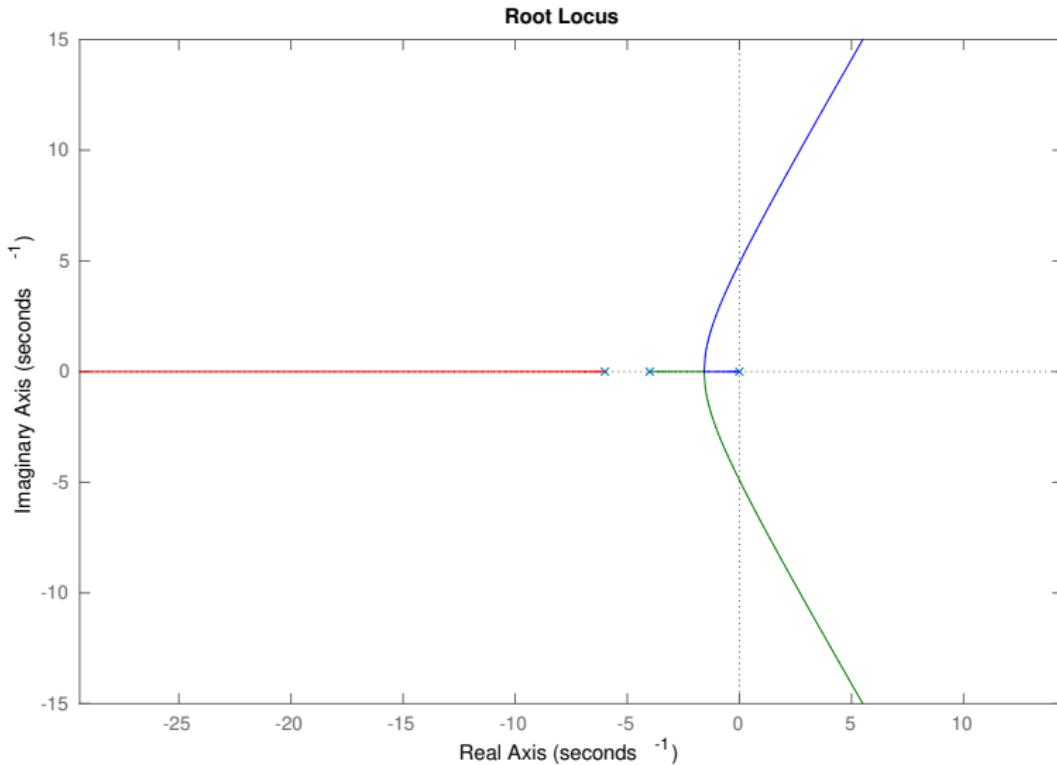
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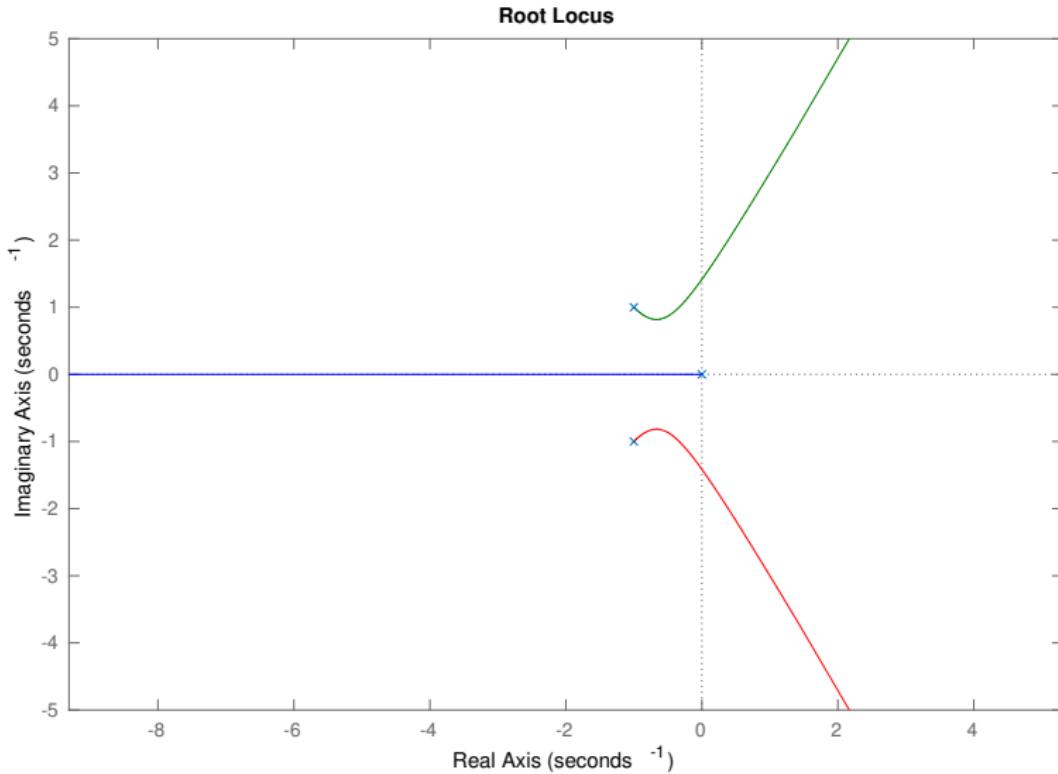
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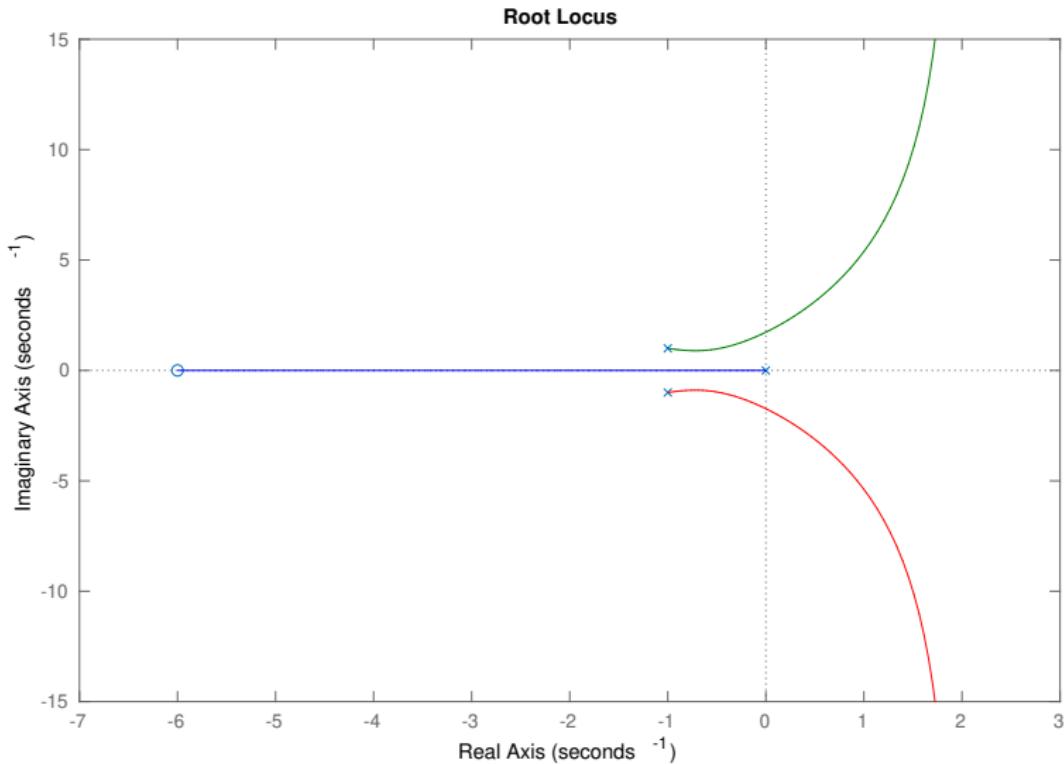
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## Breakaway Points ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ The root locus leaves the real line at **breakaway points**  $\bar{s}$  where two branches meet
- ▶ The characteristic polynomial  $\Delta(s) = a(s) + Kb(s) = 0$  has repeated roots at the breakaway points:

$$\Delta(s) = (s - \bar{s})^q \bar{\Delta}(s) \quad \text{for } q \geq 2$$

- ▶ Since  $\bar{s}$  is a root of multiplicity  $\geq 2$ :

$$\Delta(\bar{s}) = a(\bar{s}) + K b(\bar{s}) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\Delta}{ds}(\bar{s}) = \frac{da}{ds}(\bar{s}) + K \frac{db}{ds}(\bar{s}) = 0$$

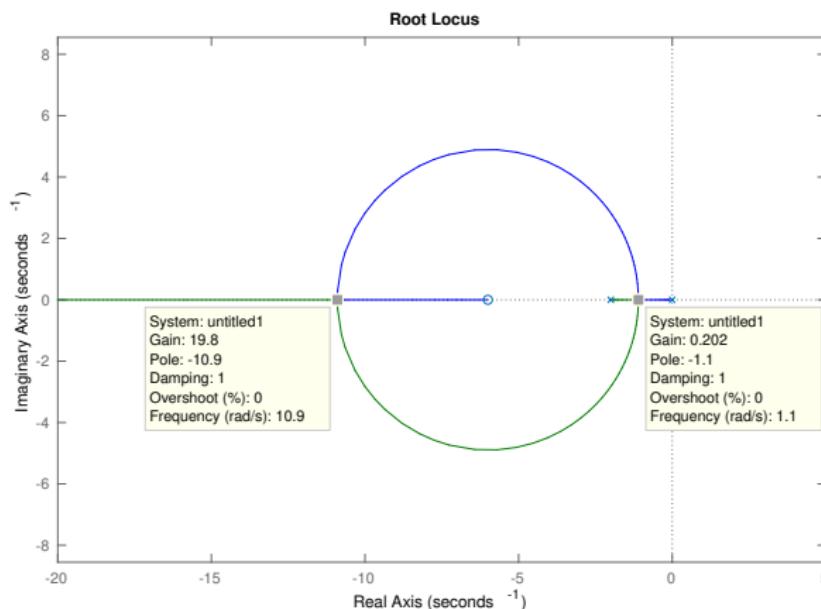
- ▶ **Rule:** The positive root locus breakaway points  $\bar{s}$  occur when both:
  - ▶  $-\frac{a(\bar{s})}{b(\bar{s})} = K$  is a positive real number
  - ▶  $b(\bar{s}) \frac{da}{ds}(\bar{s}) - a(\bar{s}) \frac{db}{ds}(\bar{s}) = 0$

## Breakaway Points ( $K \geq 0$ ): Example

- Determine the root locus breakaway points for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = \frac{s+6}{s(s+2)}$

$$b(s) \frac{da}{ds}(s) - a(s) \frac{db}{ds}(s) = 2(s+6)(s+1) - s(s+2) = s^2 + 12s + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{s} = -6 \pm 2\sqrt{6} \Rightarrow -\frac{a(\bar{s})}{b(\bar{s})} = \frac{-48 \pm 20\sqrt{6}}{\pm 2\sqrt{6}} = 10 \mp 4\sqrt{6} > 0$$



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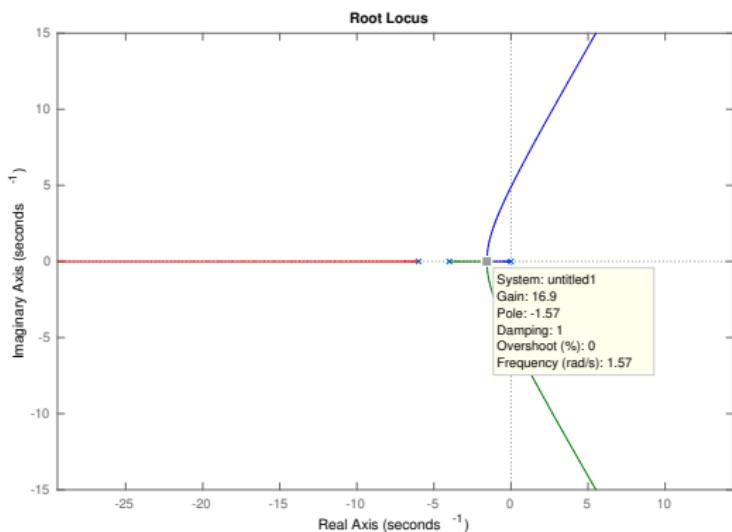
$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+4)(s+6)} = \frac{1}{s^3 + 10s^2 + 24s}$$

- Breakaway points:

$$0 = b(s) \frac{da}{ds}(s) - a(s) \frac{db}{ds}(s)$$
$$= -3s^2 - 20s - 24$$

$$\bar{s} = \frac{-10 \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{3} = \begin{cases} -1.57 \\ -5.10 \end{cases}$$

$$-\frac{a(\bar{s})}{b(\bar{s})} = \begin{cases} 16.90 \\ -5.05 \end{cases}$$



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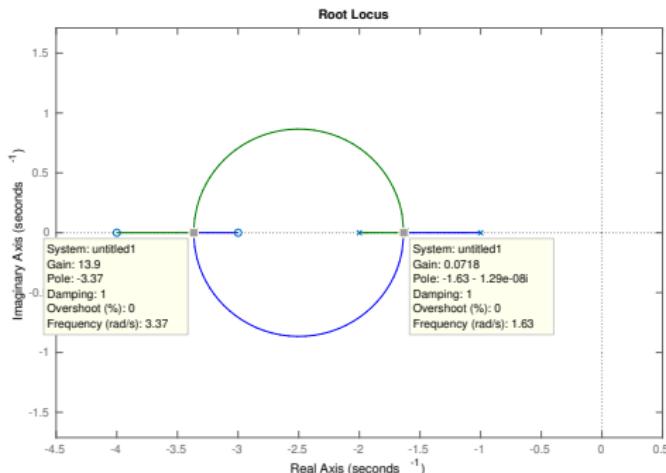
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$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{(s+3)(s+4)}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{s^2 + 7s + 12}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

- Breakaway points:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= b(s) \frac{da}{ds}(s) - a(s) \frac{db}{ds}(s) \\&= (s^2 + 3s + 2)(2s + 7) \\&\quad - (2s + 3)(s^2 + 7s + 12) \\&= -4s^2 - 20s - 22\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{s} = \begin{cases} -1.634 \\ -3.366 \end{cases}$$

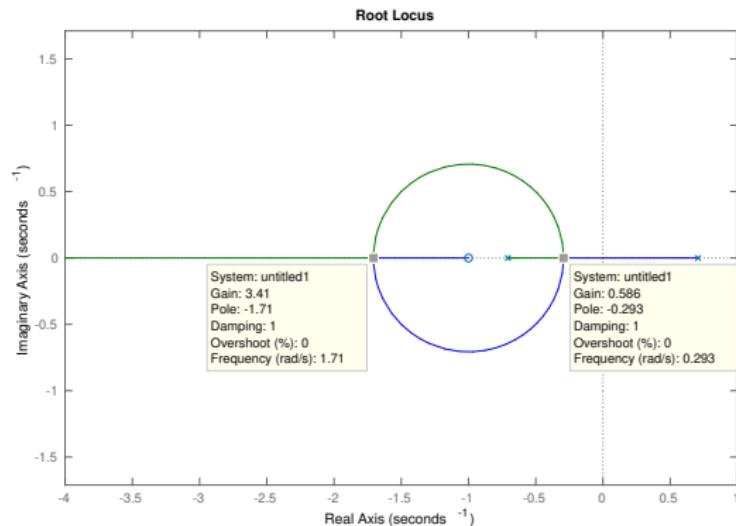


## Breakaway Points ( $K \geq 0$ ): Example

- ▶ Determine the root locus breakaway points for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2-0.5}$
- ▶ Breakaway points:

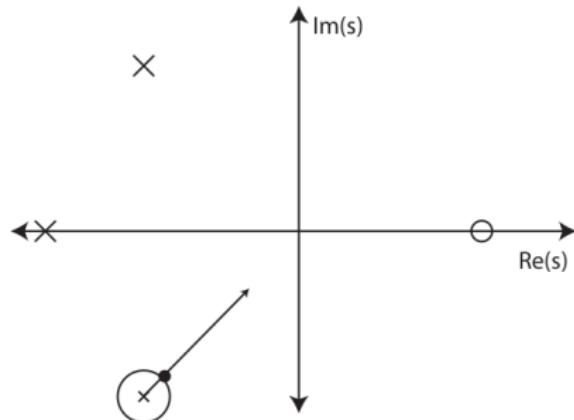
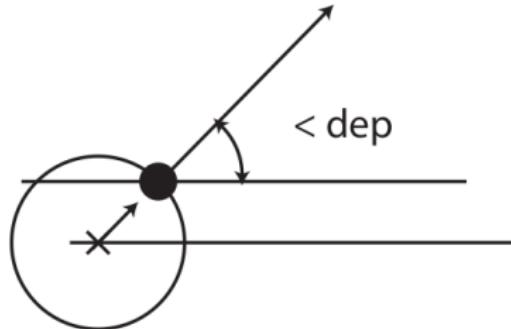
$$\begin{aligned}0 &= b(s) \frac{da}{ds}(s) - a(s) \frac{db}{ds}(s) \\&= (s^2 - 0.5) - 2s(1 + s) \\&= -s^2 - 2s - 0.5\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{s} = \begin{cases} -0.293 \\ -1.707 \end{cases}$$



## Angle of Departure ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ The root locus starts at the poles of  $G(s)H(s)$ . At what angles does the root locus depart from the poles?
- ▶ To determine the departure angle, look at a small region around a pole



## Angle of Departure ( $K \geq 0$ )

- Angle condition:

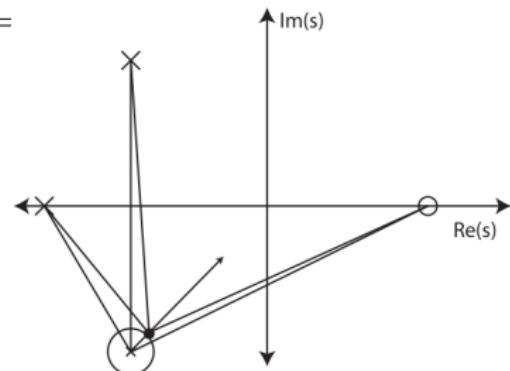
$$\angle G(s)H(s) = \underline{\kappa} + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (s - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (s - p_i) = (1 + 2l)\pi$$

- Consider  $s$  very close to a pole  $p_j$ :

- $\angle_{\text{dep}} = \angle (s - p_j)$
- $\angle (s - z_i) \approx \angle (p_j - z_i)$  for all  $i$
- $\angle (s - p_i) \approx \angle (p_j - p_i)$  for  $i \neq j$
- $\angle (p_j - p_j) = 0$

- Angle of departure at  $p_j$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\angle G(s)H(s) &= \underline{\kappa} + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (s - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (s - p_i) \\ &\approx \underline{\kappa} + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (p_j - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (p_j - p_i) - \angle_{\text{dep}} \\ &= \angle G(p_j)H(p_j) - \angle_{\text{dep}} = (1 + 2l)\pi\end{aligned}$$



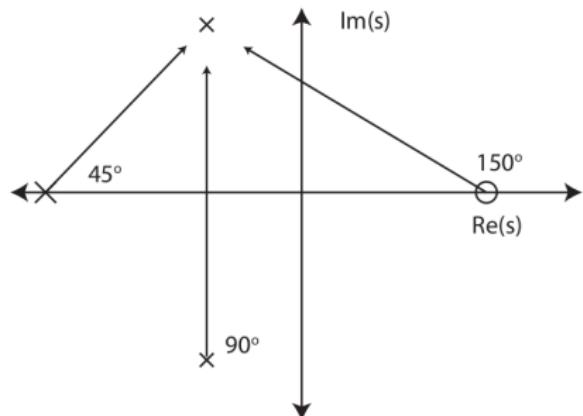
## Angle of Departure ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ **Angle of departure at a pole  $p$ :**  $\angle_{\text{dep}} = \underline{\angle G(p)H(p)} + \pi$
- ▶ **Angle of departure at a pole  $p$  with multiplicity  $\mu$ :**

$$\mu \angle_{\text{dep}} = \underline{\angle G(p)H(p)} + \pi$$

- ▶ Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\angle_{\text{dep}} &= \underline{\angle G(p)H(p)} + \pi \\ &= 150^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ + 180^\circ = 195^\circ\end{aligned}$$



## Angle of Departure ( $K \geq 0$ ): Example

- ▶ Consider:

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{s^2 + s + 1}{s^4 + 2s^3 + 3s^2 + 1s + 1}$$

- ▶ Poles:

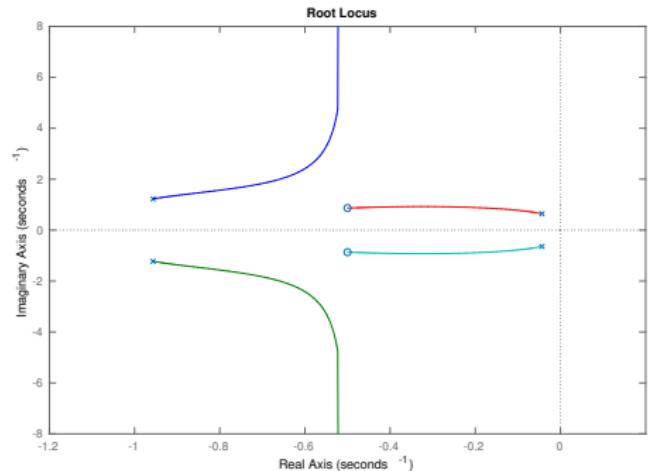
$$p_{1,2} = -0.96 \pm j1.23$$

$$p_{3,4} = -0.04 \pm j0.64$$

- ▶ Zeros:  $z_{1,2} = -0.50 \pm j0.87$

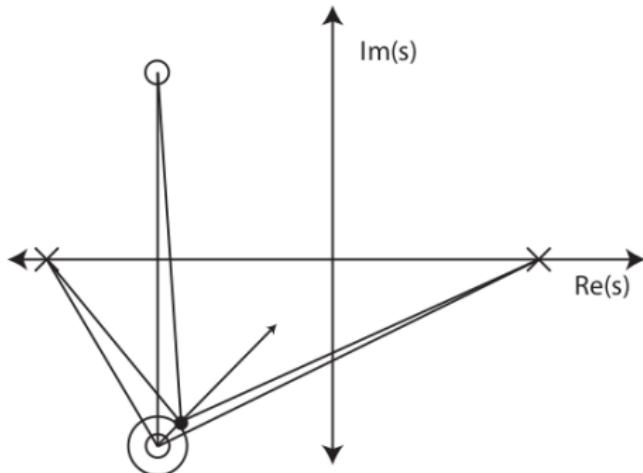
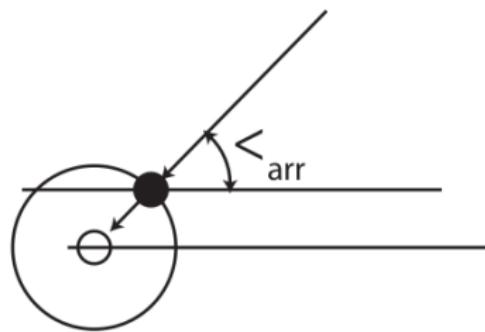
- ▶ Determine the departure angle at  $p_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\angle_{\text{dep}} &= \cancel{\angle G(p_1)H(p_1)} + \pi \\ &= \cancel{\angle(p_1 - z_1)} + \cancel{\angle(p_1 - z_2)} - \cancel{\angle(p_1 - p_2)} - \cancel{\angle(p_1 - p_3)} - \cancel{\angle(p_1 - p_4)} + \pi \\ &\approx 141.5^\circ + 102.3^\circ - 90^\circ - 147.2^\circ - 116.0^\circ + 180^\circ \\ &= 70.6^\circ\end{aligned}$$



## Angle of Arrival ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ The root locus ends at the zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$ . At what angles does the root locus arrive at the zeros?
- ▶ To determine the arrival angle, look at a small region around a zero



## Angle of Arrival ( $K \geq 0$ )

- Angle condition:

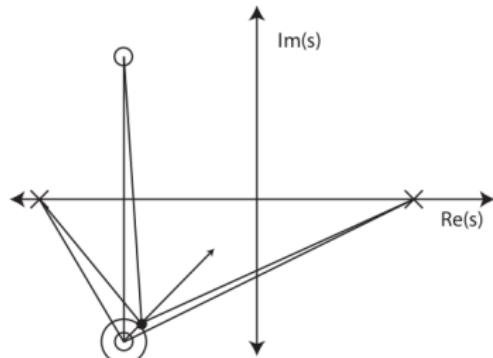
$$\angle G(s)H(s) = \underline{\kappa} + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (s - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (s - p_i) = (1 + 2l)\pi$$

- Consider  $s$  very close to a zero  $z_j$ :

- $\angle_{\text{arr}} = \angle (s - z_j)$
- $\angle (s - z_i) \approx \angle (z_j - z_i)$  for  $i \neq j$
- $\angle (s - p_i) \approx \angle (z_j - p_i)$  for all  $i$
- $\angle (z_j - z_j) = 0$

- Angle of arrival at  $z_j$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\angle G(s)H(s) &= \underline{\kappa} + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (s - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (s - p_i) \\ &\approx \angle_{\text{arr}} + \underline{\kappa} + \sum_{i=1}^m \angle (z_j - z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \angle (z_j - p_i) \\ &= \angle_{\text{arr}} + \angle G(z_j)H(z_j) = (1 + 2l)\pi\end{aligned}$$



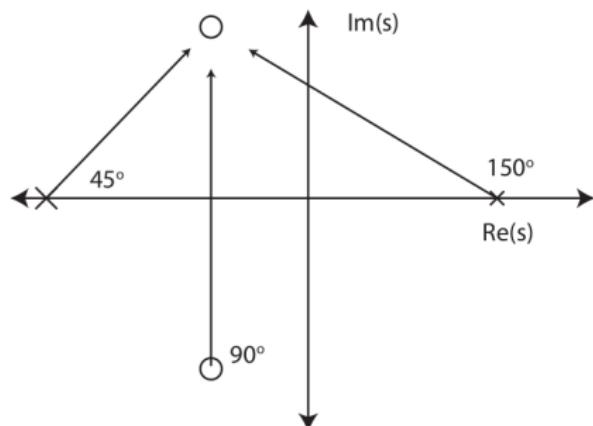
## Angle of Arrival ( $K \geq 0$ )

- ▶ Angle of arrival at a zero  $z$ :  $\angle_{\text{arr}} = \pi - \angle G(z)H(z)$
- ▶ Angle of arrival at a zero  $z$  with multiplicity  $\mu$ :

$$\mu \angle_{\text{arr}} = \pi - \angle G(z)H(z)$$

- ▶ Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\angle_{\text{arr}} &= \pi - \angle G(z)H(z) \\ &= 180^\circ - 90^\circ + 45^\circ + 150^\circ = 285^\circ\end{aligned}$$



## Positive Root Locus Summary

- ▶ The construction procedure of the positive root locus is summarized for

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = \kappa \frac{(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n)}$$

- ▶ **Step 1:** determine the **departure and arrival points**
  - ▶ The departure points are at the  $n$  poles of  $G(s)H(s)$  (where  $K = 0$ )
  - ▶ The arrival points are at the  $m$  zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$  (where  $K = \infty$ )
- ▶ **Step 2:** determine the **real-axis root locus**
  - ▶ The positive root locus contains all points on the real axis that are to the left of an **odd** number of zeros or poles
- ▶ **Step 3:** The root locus is **symmetric** about the real axis and the axes of symmetry of the pole-zero configuration of  $G(s)H(s)$

## Positive Root Locus Summary

- ▶ **Step 4:** determine the  $|n - m|$  **asymptotes** as  $|s| \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - ▶ Centroid:  $\alpha = \frac{1}{n-m} \left( \frac{b_{m-1}}{b_m} - \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i - \sum_{i=1}^m z_i}{n-m}$
  - ▶ Angles:  $\theta_l = \frac{(1+2l)\pi}{|n-m|} - \underline{\angle \kappa}, \quad l \in \{0, \dots, |n-m|-1\}$
- ▶ **Step 5:** determine the **breakaway points** where the root locus leaves the real axis
  - ▶ The breakaway points  $\bar{s}$  are roots of  $\Delta(s) = a(s) + Kb(s)$  with non-unity multiplicity such that:
    - ▶  $-\frac{a(\bar{s})}{b(\bar{s})} = K$  is a positive real number
    - ▶  $b(\bar{s}) \frac{da}{ds}(\bar{s}) - a(\bar{s}) \frac{db}{ds}(\bar{s}) = 0$
  - ▶ The angle of arrival/departure at a breakaway point of  $B$  root locus branches is:  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{B}$

## Positive Root Locus Summary

### ► Step 6: determine the **complex pole/zero angle of departure/arrival**

- Departure angle: if  $s$  is extremely close to a pole  $p$  with multiplicity  $\mu$ :

$$\angle G(s)H(s) \approx \angle G(p)H(p) - \mu\angle_{\text{dep}} = (1 + 2l)\pi \Rightarrow \mu\angle_{\text{dep}} = \angle G(p)H(p) + \pi$$

- Arrival angle: if  $s$  is extremely close to a zero  $z$  with multiplicity  $\mu$ :

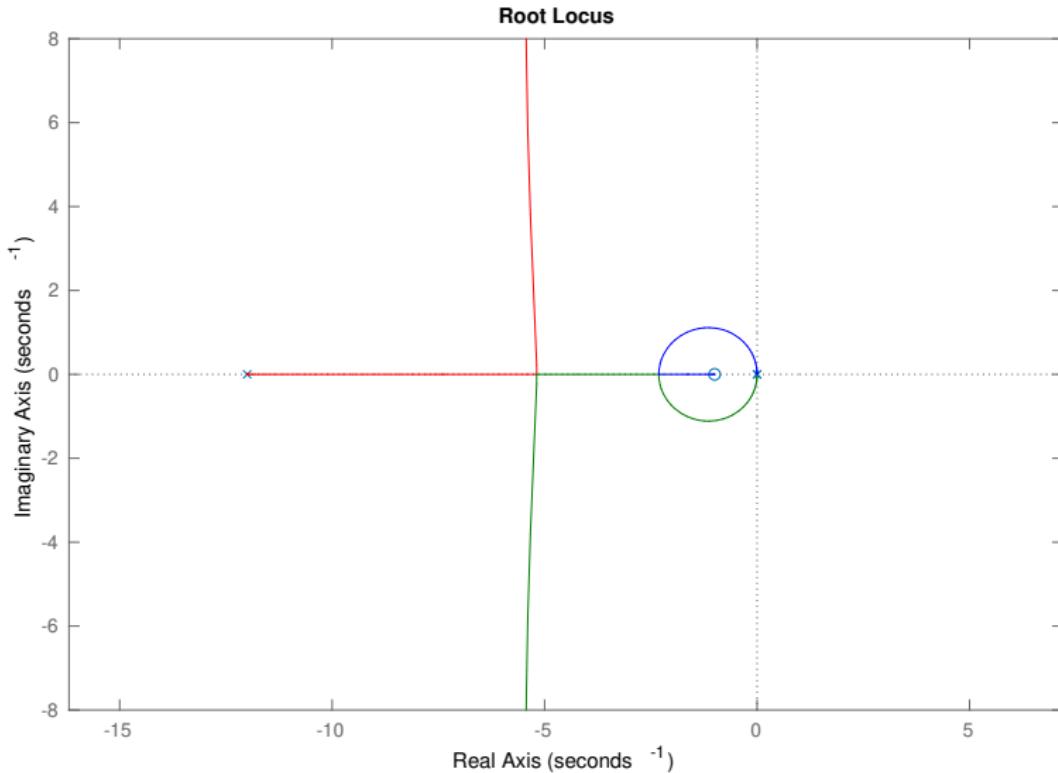
$$\angle G(s)H(s) \approx \angle G(z)H(z) + \mu\angle_{\text{arr}} = (1 + 2l)\pi \Rightarrow \mu\angle_{\text{arr}} = \pi - \angle G(z)H(z)$$

### ► Step 7: determine the **crossover points** where the root locus crosses the $j\omega$ axis

- A Routh table is used to obtain the auxiliary polynomial  $A(s)$  and gain  $K$
- The crossover points are the roots of  $A(s) = 0$

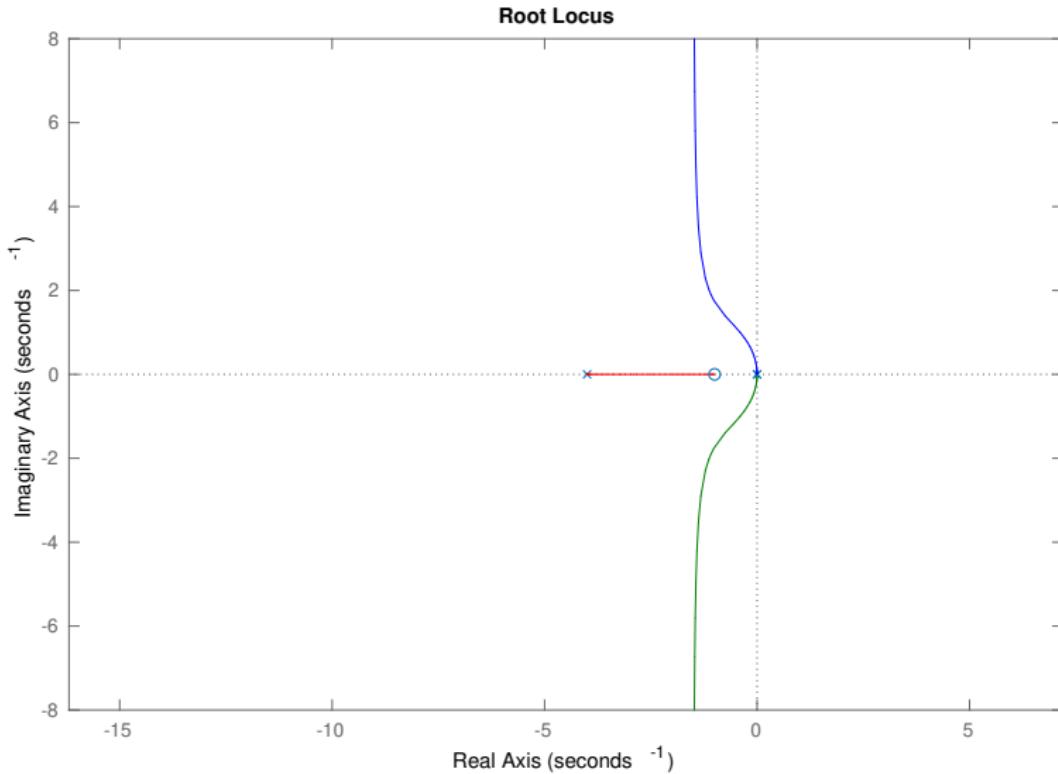
## Positive Root Locus: Example 1

- Determine the positive root locus for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2(s+12)}$



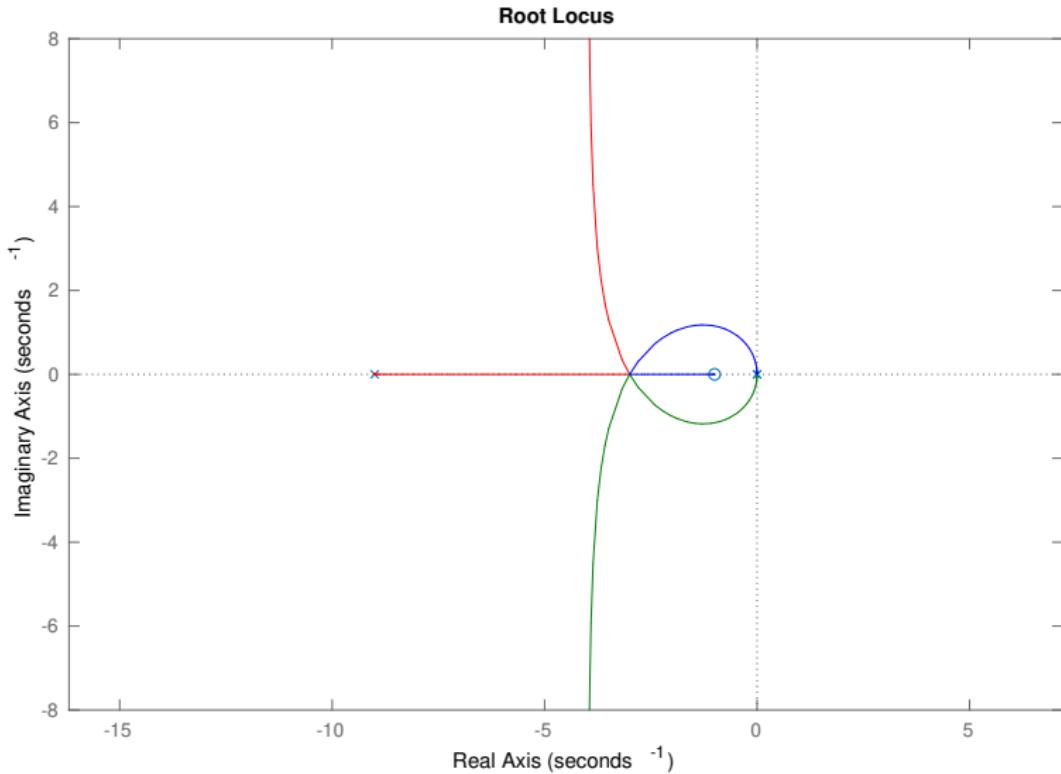
## Positive Root Locus: Example 2

- Determine the positive root locus for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2(s+4)}$



## Positive Root Locus: Example 3

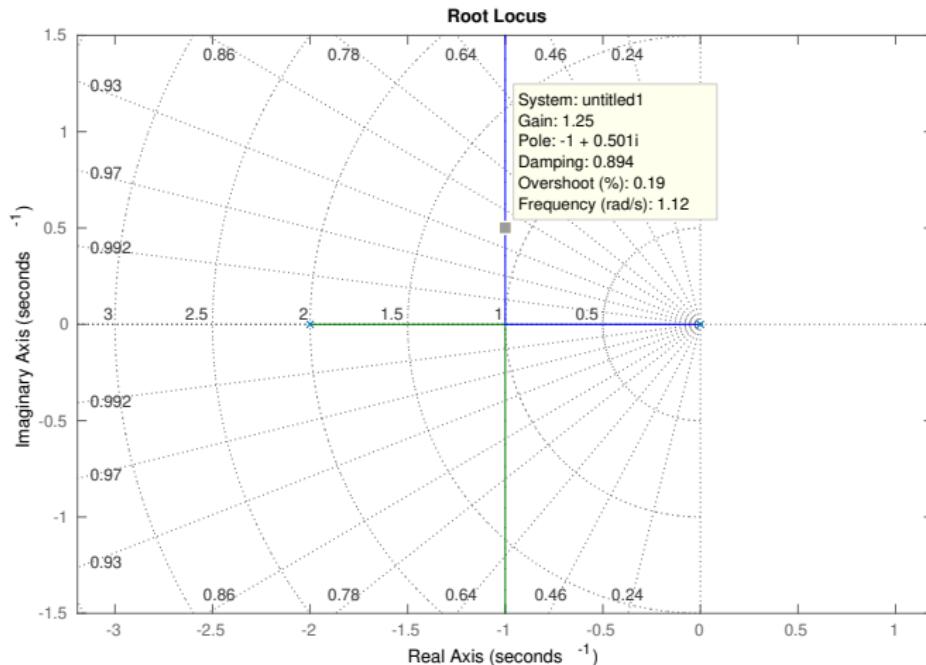
- Determine the positive root locus for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^2(s+9)}$



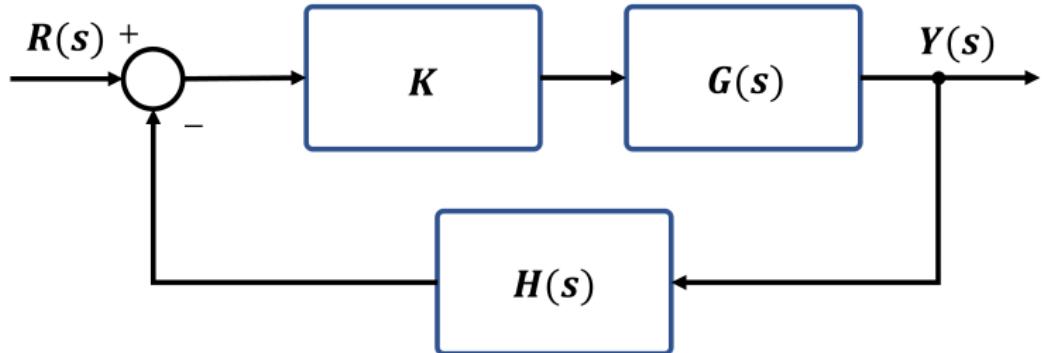
## Positive Root Locus: Example 4

- Let  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+2s}$ . Find the gain  $K$  that results in the closed-loop system having a peak time of at most  $2\pi$  seconds.

$$\frac{\pi}{\omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \leq 2\pi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \geq 0.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad K \geq \left| 1 + j\frac{1}{2} \right| \left| -1 + j\frac{1}{2} \right| = 1.25$$



## Positive Root Locus: Example 5



- ▶ Consider a single-loop feedback control system with:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s \left( \frac{s^2}{2600} + \frac{s}{26} + 1 \right)} \quad H(s) = \frac{1}{1 + 0.04s}$$

- ▶ Choose  $K$  to obtain a stable closed-loop system with percent overshoot of at most 20% and steady-state error to a step reference of at most 5%

## Positive Root Locus: Example 5

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{65000}{s(s^2 + 100s + 2600)(s + 25)} = \frac{65000}{s^4 + 125s^3 + 5100s^2 + 65000s}$$

- ▶ Poles of  $G(s)H(s)$ :  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $p_2 = -25$ ,  $p_{3,4} = -50 \pm j10$
- ▶ The positive root locus contains 4 asymptotes with:
  - ▶ angles:  $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$
  - ▶ centroid:  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{4}(125) = -31.25$
- ▶ Breakaway point: should be to the right of  $(p_1 + p_2)/2 = -12.5$  since the poles  $p_{3,4} = -100 \pm j20$  repel the root locus branches

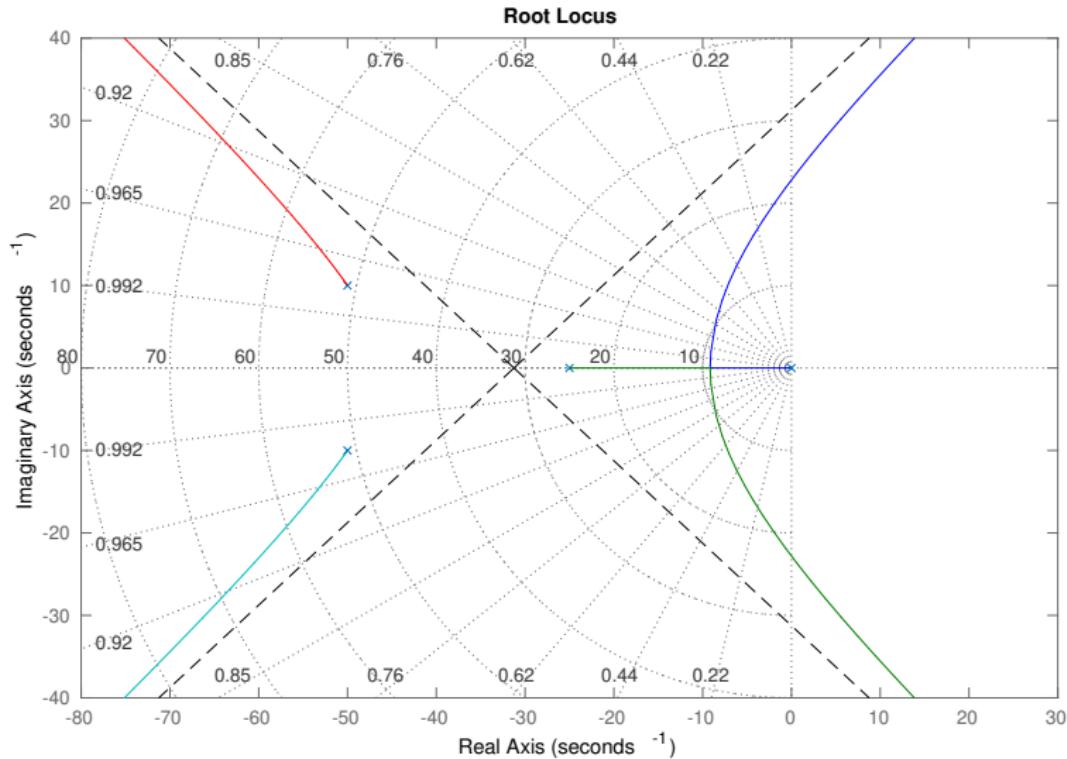
$$65000(4s^3 + 375s^2 + 10200s + 65000) = 0$$

- ▶ Departure angle at  $p_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\angle_{\text{dep}} &= \pi + \angle G(p_3)H(p_3) = \pi - \angle p_3 - p_1 - \angle p_3 - p_2 - \angle p_3 - p_4 \\ &= 180^\circ - 168.7^\circ - 158.2^\circ - 90^\circ = -236.9^\circ \Rightarrow \angle_{\text{dep}} = 123.1^\circ\end{aligned}$$

## Positive Root Locus: Example 5

► Positive root locus for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{65000}{s(s^2+100s+2600)(s+25)}$



## Positive Root Locus: Example 5

- ▶ Closed-loop transfer function characteristic polynomial:

$$\Delta(s) = a(s) + Kb(s) = s^4 + 125s^3 + 5100s^2 + 65000s + 65000K$$

- ▶ Routh table:

$s^4$	1	5100	$65000K$
$s^3$	1	520	0
$s^2$	4580	$65000K$	0
$s^1$	$520 - \frac{3250}{229}K$	0	0
$s^0$	$65000K$	0	0

- ▶ Necessary and sufficient condition for BIBO stability:  $520 - \frac{3250}{229}K > 0$  and  $65000K > 0$ :

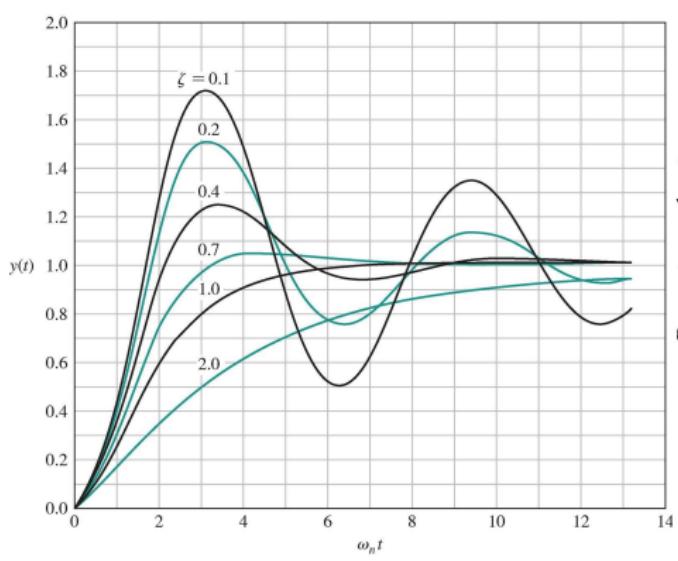
$$0 < K < \frac{916}{25} \approx 36.64$$

- ▶ Auxiliary polynomial at  $K = 916/25$  and crossover points:

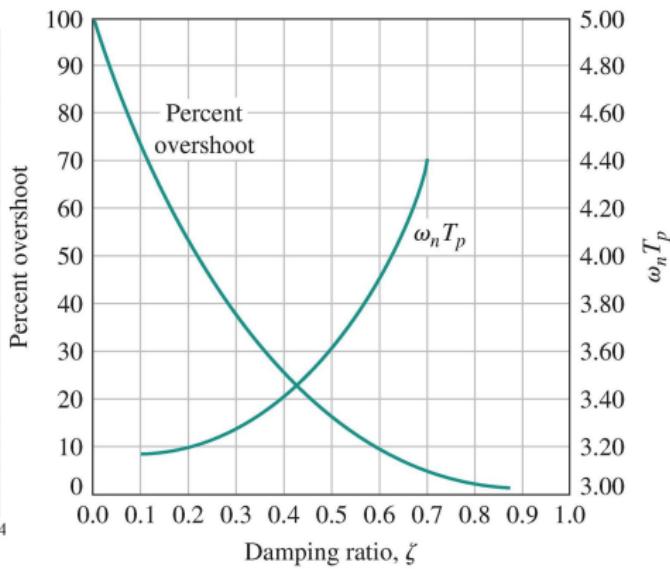
$$A(s) = s^2 + 520 \quad s_{1,2} = \pm j22.8$$

## Positive Root Locus: Example 5

- ▶ Determine the dominant pole damping to ensure percent overshoot of at most 20%
- ▶ Pick a larger damping ratio, e.g.,  $\zeta \leq 0.5$ , to ensure that the true fourth-order system satisfies the percent overshoot requirement



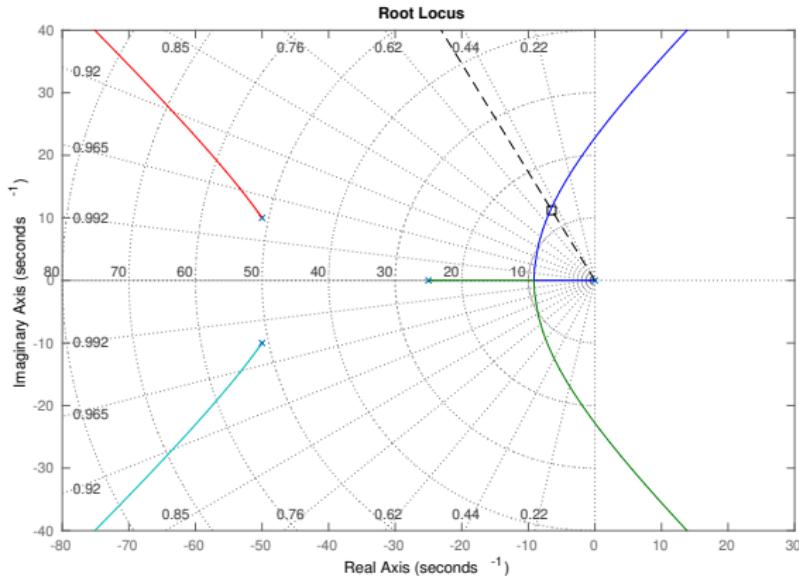
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## Positive Root Locus: Example 5

- Determine the dominant pole locations for  $\zeta = 0.5$ :  $s_{1,2} = -6.6 \pm j11.3$



- Use the magnitude condition to obtain  $K$ :

$$\frac{1}{K} = \frac{65000}{|s_1||s_1 + 25||s_1 + 50 - j10||s_1 + 50 + j10|} \Rightarrow K \approx 9.1$$

## Positive Root Locus: Example 5

- To determine the other two closed-loop poles  $s_{3,4} = -\sigma \pm j\omega$  at  $K = 9.1$ , use Vieta's formulas:

$$-2\sigma - 2(6.6) = -125 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma \approx 55.9$$

- The imaginary part of  $s_{3,4} = -55.9 \pm j\omega$  can be obtained from the root locus plot:  $\omega \approx 18$
- Closed-loop poles for  $K \approx 9.1$ :

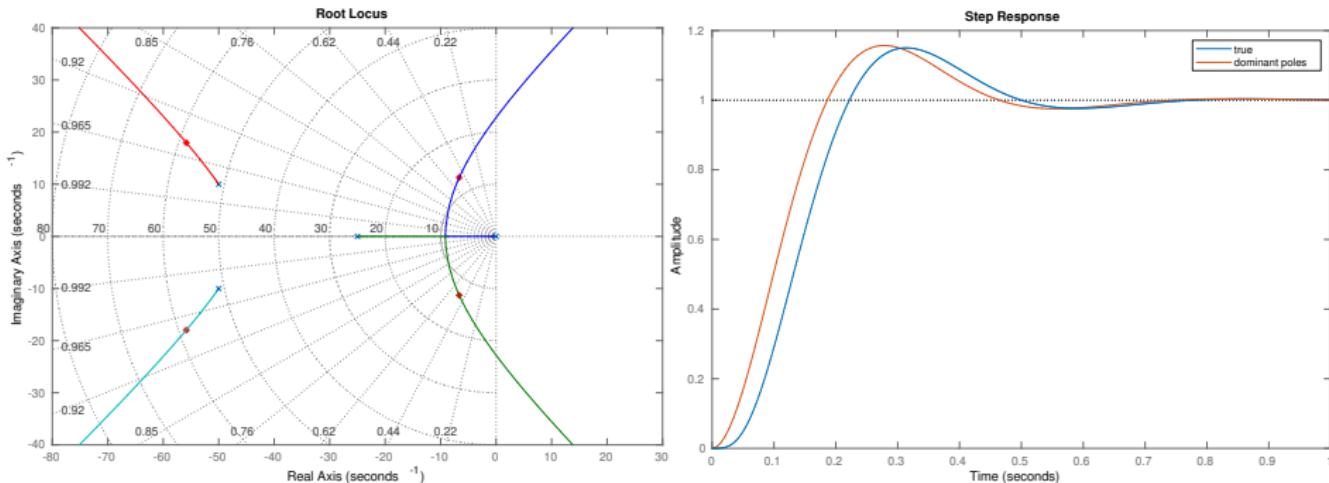
$$s_{1,2} \approx -6.6 \pm j11.3 \quad s_{3,4} \approx -56 \pm j18$$

- The steady-state error to a step is:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s(R(s) - T(s)R(s)) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} (1 - T(s)) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta(s) - 65000K}{\Delta(s)} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^4 + 125s^3 + 5100s^2 + 65000s}{s^4 + 125s^3 + 5100s^2 + 65000s + 65000K} = 0\end{aligned}$$

## Positive Root Locus: Example 5

- ▶ Final design with  $K \approx 9.1$
- ▶ The closed-loop system is stable
- ▶ The percent overshoot is less than 20%
- ▶ The steady-state error to a step input is less than 5%



## Negative Root Locus Summary

- ▶ The **negative root locus** is the set of all points  $s$  in the complex plane for which:
  - ▶ **Magnitude condition:**  $|G(s)H(s)| = -\frac{1}{K}$  for  $K \leq 0$
  - ▶ **Angle condition:**  $\angle G(s)H(s) = 2l\pi$  radians, where  $l$  is any integer
- ▶ The construction procedure of the negative root locus is summarized for

$$G(s)H(s) = \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = \kappa \frac{(s - z_1) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n)}$$

- ▶ **Step 1:** determine the **departure and arrival points**
  - ▶ The departure points are at the  $n$  poles of  $G(s)H(s)$  (where  $K = 0$ )
  - ▶ The arrival points are at the  $m$  zeros of  $G(s)H(s)$  (where  $K = -\infty$ )

# Negative Root Locus Summary

- ▶ **Step 2:** determine the **real-axis root locus**
  - ▶ The negative root locus contains all points on the real axis that are to the left of an **even** number of zeros or poles
- ▶ **Step 3:** The root locus is **symmetric** about the real axis and the axes of symmetry of the pole-zero configuration of  $G(s)H(s)$
- ▶ **Step 4:** determine the  $|n - m|$  **asymptotes** as  $|s| \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - ▶ Centroid:  $\alpha = \frac{1}{n-m} \left( \frac{b_{m-1}}{b_m} - \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i - \sum_{i=1}^m z_i}{n-m}$
  - ▶ Angles:  $\theta_l = \frac{2l\pi}{|n-m|} - \angle \kappa, \quad l \in \{0, \dots, |n - m| - 1\}$
- ▶ **Step 5:** determine the **breakaway points**
  - ▶ The breakaway points  $\bar{s}$  are roots of  $\Delta(s) = a(s) + Kb(s)$  with non-unity multiplicity such that:
    - ▶  $\frac{a(\bar{s})}{b(\bar{s})} = -K$  is a positive real number
    - ▶  $b(\bar{s}) \frac{da}{ds}(\bar{s}) - a(\bar{s}) \frac{db}{ds}(\bar{s}) = 0$
  - ▶ The angle of arrival/departure at a breakaway point of  $B$  root locus branches is:  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{B}$

## Negative Root Locus Summary

### ► Step 6: determine the **complex pole/zero angle of departure/arrival**

- Departure angle: if  $s$  is extremely close to a pole  $p$  with multiplicity  $\mu$ :

$$\angle G(s)H(s) \approx \angle G(p)H(p) - \mu\angle_{\text{dep}} = 2l\pi \Rightarrow \mu\angle_{\text{dep}} = -\angle G(p)H(p)$$

- Arrival angle: if  $s$  is extremely close to a zero  $z$  with multiplicity  $\mu$ :

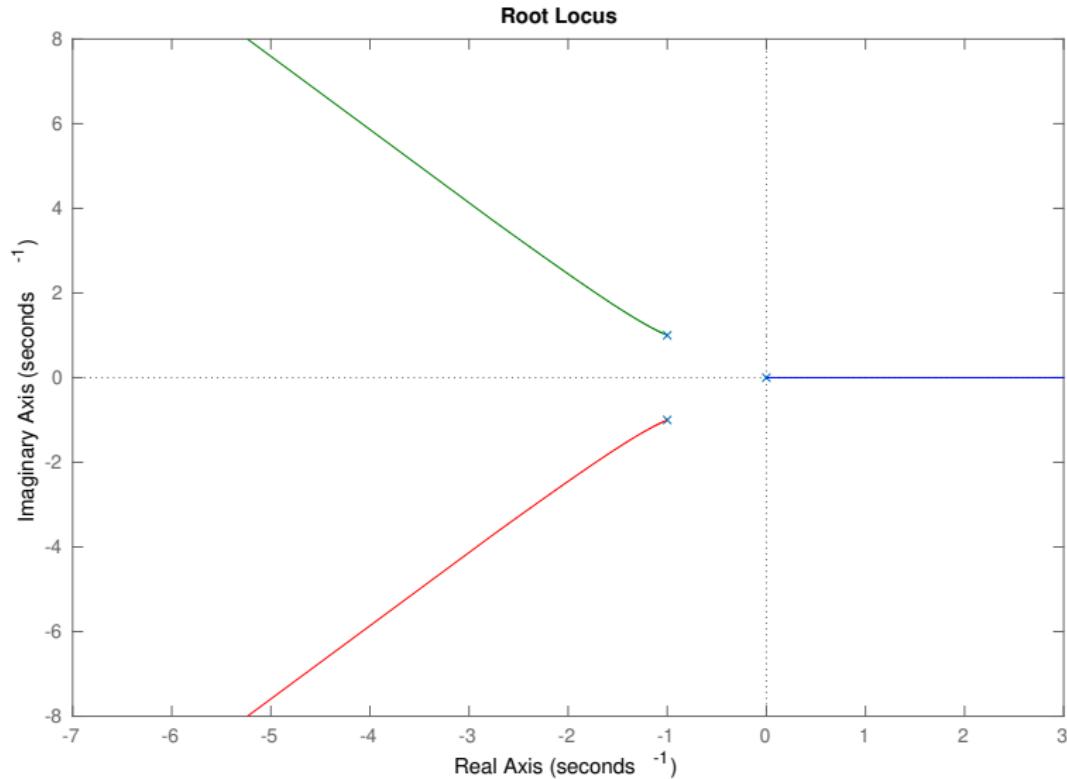
$$\angle G(s)H(s) \approx \angle G(z)H(z) + \mu\angle_{\text{arr}} = 2l\pi \Rightarrow \mu\angle_{\text{arr}} = -\angle G(z)H(z)$$

### ► Step 7: determine the **crossover points** where the root locus crosses the $j\omega$ axis

- A Routh table is used to obtain the auxiliary polynomial  $A(s)$  and gain  $K$
- The crossover points are the roots of  $A(s) = 0$

## Negative Root Locus: Example

- Determine the negative root locus for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{1}{s((s+1)^2+1)}$



## Negative Root Locus: Example

- Determine the complete (positive and negative) root locus for  $G(s)H(s) = \frac{1}{s((s+1)^2+1)}$

