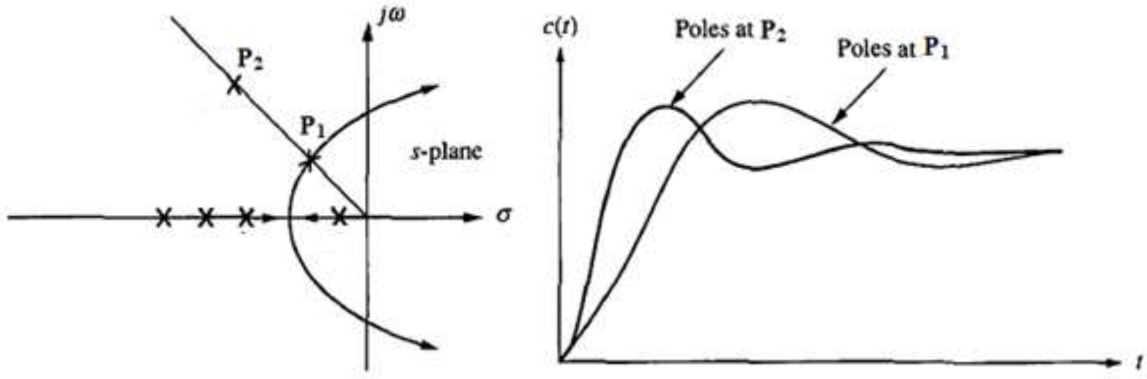
Compensation

Carrying out desired tasks and to maintain stability is the main objective of control system design. Design of control systems start with the understanding of the controlled process. This is accomplished by a controller. The main idea is to design a suitable controller to accomplish desired objective(s). Once understood and the parameters defined, the design of the controller starts with the development of root locus. The design concept start with selecting a desired complex closed-loop pole of the form: $-\zeta\omega_n + j\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$, containing two important system parameters; ζ and ω_n. In order to illustrate the basic design concept for a control system, consider a root locus plot of system shown in Figure 1.



(a) (b)

Figure 1: (a) Root Locus Plot (b) System Transient Response by Pole Shifting

As shown in Figure (1a), point P_1 is on the root locus that gives us a transient performance based on percent overshoot and settling time. If our desired point of operating the plant in a control system is P_1, lying on the root locus, then a simple gain adjustment from the controller is all that is needed for optimization. But, if we desire that transients (disturbances) should settle down quickly in a short period of time without disturbing the percent overshoot, then the operating point of the system should lie leftward on the damping line, supposing point P_2. However, P_2 does not lie on the root locus. Thus optimization of transient response cannot be accomplished by a simple gain adjustment. The design objective is therefore to shift the root locus from point P_1 to P_2, which is located on the same constant damping line (constant zeta), in which case the value of percent overshoot will not be affected while both the rise time and settling time will reduce, thus speeding up the transient response because both rise time and settling time depends on the value of ω_n, which will be greater at P_2 than that at P_1. The process of tending to pass root locus through the desired point is referred to as compensation. This is accomplished by designing a controller that can fulfill the required purpose and is then referred to as compensator. In order to understand the compensation, we will consider two examples in which case a system is given to us and let say what we can do to improve its performance.

Consider the system shown in Figure 2, which is a unity feedback system.

Example 1

The transfer function (T/F) of unity f/b system is:

$$OL\ T/F \rightarrow KG(s)H(s) = \frac{K}{(s+2)(s+4)(s+6)}$$

The followings are the items required to draw the Root Locus of the T/F

(i) No of OL poles : 3
" " " zeros : Nil (3 at ∞). No of loci = 3.

(ii) p: −2, −4 and −6

(iii) Real axis loci: Exist b/w −2 and −4 and −6 and $-\infty$

(iv) There is one break-away point b/w −2 and −4 on real axis

(v) The breakaway point is found by using the angle-mag criteria and taking its derivative and then equating this derivative to zero ie.

$$KG(s)H(s) = -1.$$

$$K = -(s+2)(s+4)(s+6)$$

$$K = -(s^3+12s^2+44s+48)$$

$$\frac{dK}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds}\left(-(s^3+12s^2+44s+48)\right) = 0$$

which will give us value of s as: s = −2.8 & −5.15
But only s = −2.8 lies b/w −2 and −4 on real axis, so this is the breakaway point. Thus

$$\sigma_b = -2.8$$

(vi) The centre of asymptotes.

$$\delta_c = \frac{\Sigma p - \Sigma z}{p-z} = \frac{-2-4-6-0}{3}$$

$$\delta_c = -4.$$

(vii) Angles of asymptotes.

$$\theta_c = \frac{180(2m+1)}{p-z} \qquad m = 0, 1, 2 \ldots$$

$m=0 \quad \theta_c = \frac{180}{3} = 60°$

$m=1 \quad \theta_c = \frac{180(3)}{3} = 180°$

$m=2 \quad \theta_c = \frac{180 \times 5}{3} = 300°$

next $m = 3, \ldots$ etc is repetition.

(viii) $j\omega$-crossing point.

We first obtain the CL T/F of given OL T/F. Since the system is unity feedback

$$\therefore \quad CLT/F = \frac{K}{(s+2)(s+4)(s+6)+k}$$

according to formula $\frac{kG(s)}{1+kG(s)}$.

$$CLT/F = \frac{K}{s^3+12s^2+44s+48+k}$$

The denominator to polynomial is characteristic polynomial i.e.

$$Q(s) = s^3+12s^2+44s+48+k.$$

put $s = j\omega$:

$$\therefore \quad -j\omega^3 - 12\omega^2 + j44\omega + 48 + k = Q(s)$$

$$Q(s) = 0$$

So that:

$$-j\omega^3 - 12\omega^2 + j44\omega + 48 + k = 0 \quad (1)$$

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$$-j\omega^3 + j44\omega = 0.$$

$$\omega^3 = +44\omega.$$

$$\omega^2 = +44.$$

$$\omega = \pm 6.63$$

or $\quad j\omega = \pm j6.63.$

The gain at this crossing is found by equating the real portion of above eq (1)

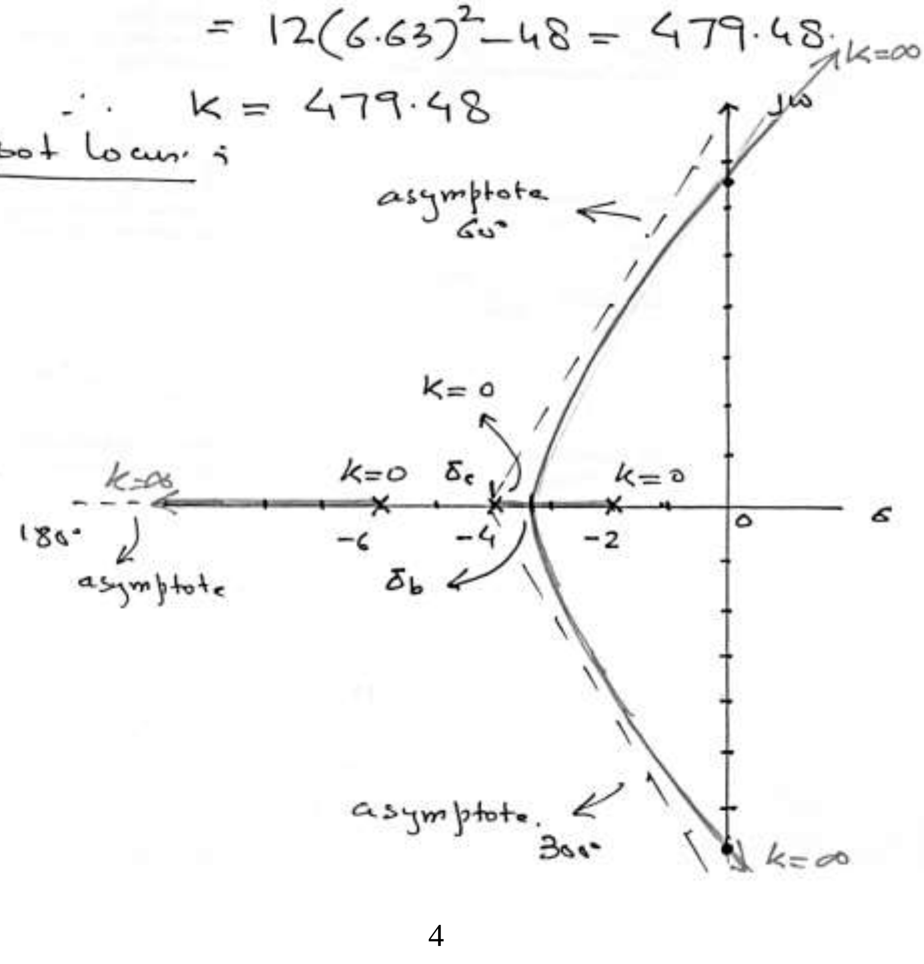
$$-12\omega^2 + 48 + k = 0.$$

$$\text{or } k = 12\omega^2 - 48$$

$$= 12(6.63)^2 - 48 = 479.48.$$

$$\therefore \quad k = 479.48$$

The root locus is



Example 2

Now let us add a simple zero at the origin in the OL T/F so that it is modified as.

$$OLT/F \rightarrow KG(s)H(s) = \frac{sk}{(s+2)(s+4)(s+6)}$$

Proceeding according to steps in example 1

(i) No of OL $p = 3$, No. of OL $z = 1$ (2 at ∞) $\therefore p - z = 3 - 1 = 2$

(ii) $p: -2, -4, -6$, $z: 0$.

(iii) Real-axis loci: Exist b/w 0 and -2 and b/w -4 and -6.

(iv) There is one breakaway point b/w -4 and -6 according to the rules (see text book)

(v) Breakaway point

$$\frac{dk}{ds} = -\frac{d}{ds}\left[\frac{(s^3+12s^2+44s+48)}{s}\right] = 0$$

or $$\frac{1}{(s+2)} + \frac{1}{(s+4)} + \frac{1}{(s+6)} = \frac{1}{s}.$$

solving it will give:

$$s = -5.06, \ -2.7, \ 1.75$$

The breakaway point is -5.06 since it lies b/w -4 and -6 on real axis ~~Thus~~ loci. Thus.

$$\delta b = -5.06$$

(vi) Centre of asymptote.

$$\delta_c = \frac{\Sigma p - \Sigma z}{p - z} = \frac{-2-4-6-0}{2} = -6$$

$$\therefore \delta_c = -6$$

(vii) Angles of asymptotes.

$m = 0 \qquad \theta_c = \frac{180}{2} = 90^\circ$

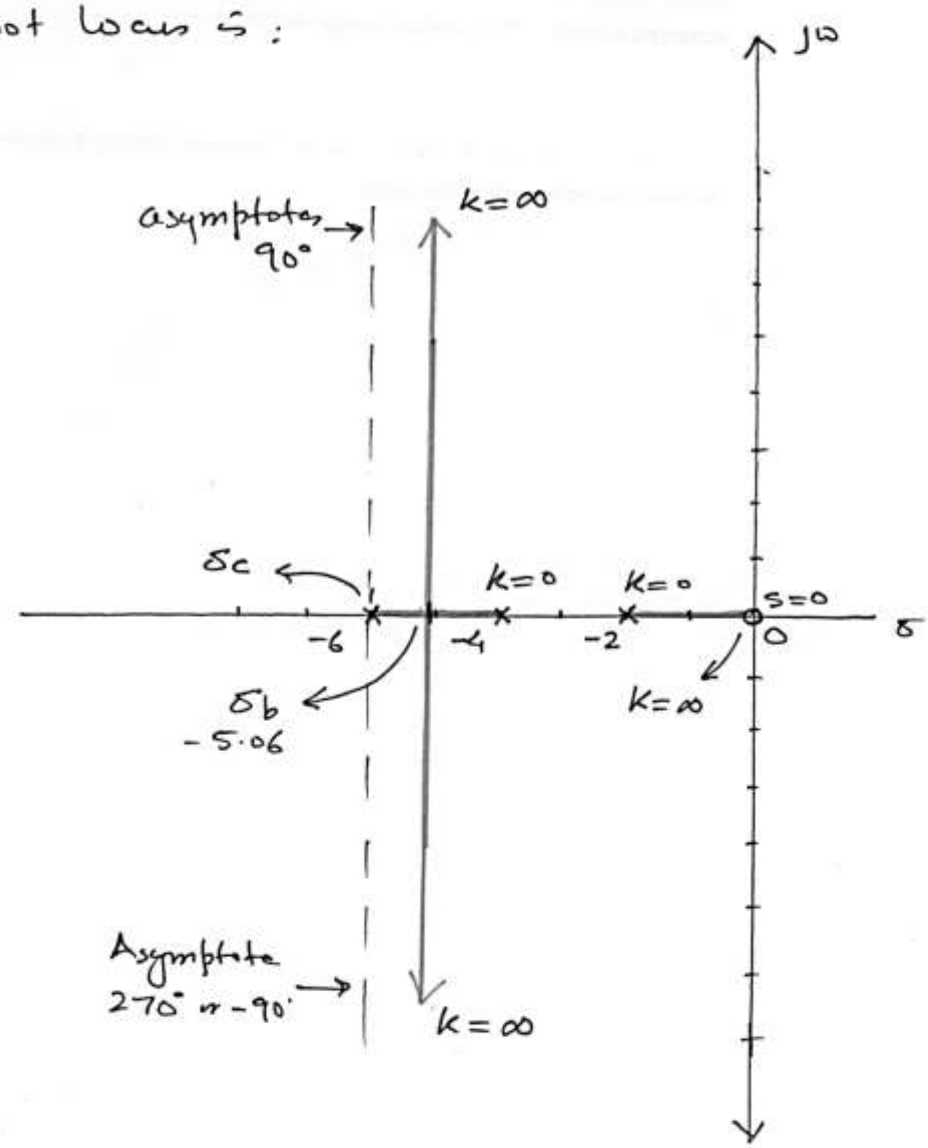
$m = 1 \qquad \theta_c = \frac{180 \times 3}{2} = 270^\circ$ or -90°

next $m = 2, 3 \ldots$ is repetition of same angles

$\therefore \quad \theta_c = 90^\circ$ and 270°

(viii) There is no $j\omega$-crossing since the Root locus goes up and down vertically and will not cross $j\omega$-axis.

The root locus is:



Example 1 is that of the system shown in Figure 1, which is a unity feedback system with the forward block containing the transfer function.

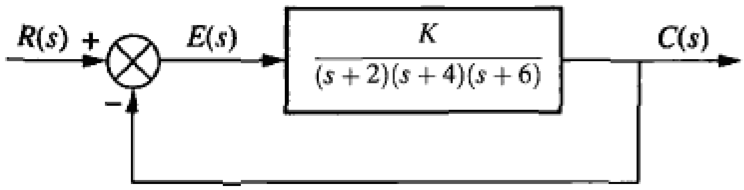


Figure 1

A simple control system can be represented as a unity feedback system with a plant driven by a controller connected in series or in the same forward path as shown in Figure 2.

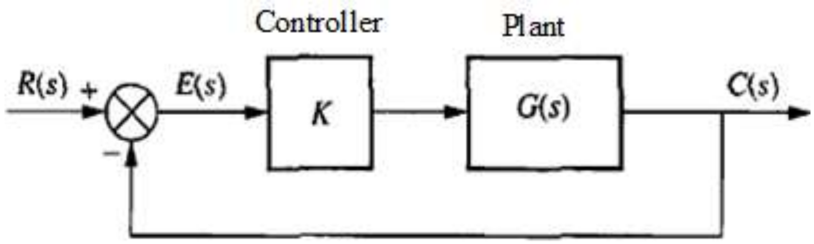


Figure 2

According to the control system configuration of Figure 2, the system of example 1 can therefore be represented as shown in Figure 3.

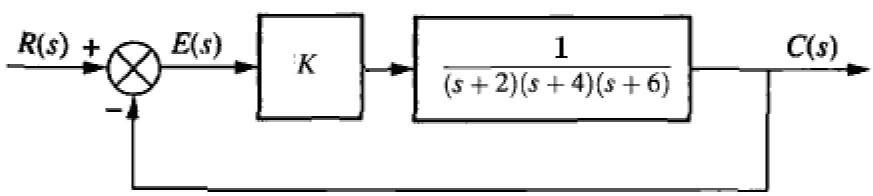


Figure 3

Comparison of the two root locus leads us to the following findings:

1. The root locus for uncompensated system (Figure 2 or 3) is moving from stable half of s-plane (LH-plane) to an unstable half of s-plane (RH-plane) in search of their zeros lying at infinity. On the other hand the root locus for compensated system by including a simple zero (zero at origin) is always stable that is it never leaves the left-half of s-plane to search for zeros lying at infinity. In this particular case it can be concluded that the system becomes stable for all closed-loop poles and thus becomes closer to a minimum phase system (gain margin: infinity).

2. Further it can be noted that the root locus of compensated system is shifted to the left in comparison with that of uncompensated system. This can be ascertained from the break-away point, which in the compensated case is –5.06 and that for uncompensated system is –4. It must be remembered that more the root locus is to the left, faster the transients (disturbances) decay that is the system becomes speedier in getting rid of disturbances and reverting to steady-state. Thus the settling time of transients is less irrespective of percentage overshoot, which means the system is getting better.

What we have done actually, is simply adding a zero at the origin or including a simple single differentiator in the forward path, since: $s = \frac{d}{dt}$. Including a simple zero can be looked upon as including a simple gain differentiator *sK* as a series controller with the plant as shown in Figure 4. Thus it can be noted that providing a derivative controller shifts the root locus to the left side as a general case. However, as a specific case in this example, the system also becomes completely stable.

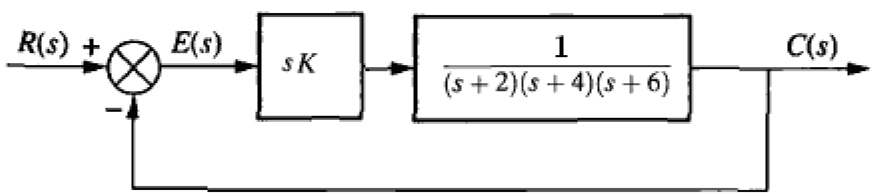


Figure 4

As Example 3, let us now consider a second order, unity feedback system with an open-loop transfer function:

$$KG(s)H(s) = \frac{K}{(s+1)(s+2)}.$$

This system is always stable and is therefore a minimum phase system with its poles lying in the left-half of s-plane. To draw its root locus, it is simple we follow the rules in finding quantities essential for plotting the root locus. These are as follows: