

Modelling and control summaries



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Root-loci 7: Asymptote directions

The focus is on the simplest form of block diagram, a process $G(s)$ and a compensator $M(s)$ which is expressed as a gain K multiplied by a transfer function. The closed-loop transfer function is $G_c(s)$.

	<p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Conditions for closed-loop poles</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin: 5px 0;"> $p_c = 0 \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Kn + d = 0 \\ K \frac{n}{d} = -1 \\ \arg\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \pm 180^\circ \end{array} \right\}$ </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 10px;"> $M(s) = K\tilde{M}(s)$ </div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $G_c = \frac{GK\tilde{M}}{1 + GK\tilde{M}} = \frac{Kn}{Kn + d}$ </div>	

<p style="color: green; margin: 0;">Asymptotic END POINTS of root-loci corresponding to when $K \rightarrow \infty$</p>
<p>Poles are given by $Kn(s) + d(s) = 0$. As $K \rightarrow \infty$, some poles go to the open-loop zeros, the remainder go to asymptotes at infinity. We are looking for values of 's' such that:</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> $\left. \begin{array}{l} s \rightarrow \infty \\ K \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Kn(s) + d(s) = 0$ </div>

<p style="color: green; margin: 0;">Key Observations about large numbers</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 10px;"> $\left. \begin{array}{l} n = n_m s^m + n_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + n_0 \\ s \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow n(s) \approx n_m s^m$ </div> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 10px;"> $\left. \begin{array}{l} d = d_k s^k + d_{k-1} s^{k-1} + \dots + d_0 \\ s \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow d(s) \approx d_k s^k$ </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> $\left. \begin{array}{l} s \rightarrow \infty \\ K \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Kn + d \rightarrow Kn_m s^m + d_k s^k; \quad Kn_m s^m + d_k s^k = 0 \Rightarrow (Kn_m + d_k s^{k-m}) = 0$ $s = \sqrt[k-m]{-Kn_m / d_k}$ </div>

SUMMARY: Asymptotic directions are (k-m)th roots of -1.

$$s = k - m \sqrt[k-m]{-Kn_m / d_k}$$

$$k - m = 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{-1} = \pm 90^\circ$$

$$k - m = 3 \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{-1} = -180^\circ, \pm 60^\circ$$

$$k - m = 4 \Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{-1} = \pm 45^\circ, \pm 135^\circ$$

Find the asymptotic directions of the root-loci for the following

$$G = \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

$$M(s) = \frac{0.4}{s} K$$

3 poles so k=3
No zeros so m=0
Hence k-m=3

$$\sqrt[3]{-1} = -180^\circ, \pm 60^\circ$$

$$G = \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$$

$$M(s) = 0.5K$$

2 poles so k=2
No zeros so m=0
Hence k-m=2

$$\sqrt[2]{-1} = \pm 90^\circ$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G = \frac{1}{s^3 + 6s^2 + 11s + 6} \\ K(s) = \frac{(s+6)}{(s+4)} K \end{array} \right\}$$

4 poles so k=4
1 zeros so m=1
Hence k-m=3

$$\sqrt[3]{-1} = -180^\circ, \pm 60^\circ$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G = \frac{1}{s^2 + 11s + 30} \\ K(s) = \frac{(s+1)}{(s+2)} K \end{array} \right\}$$

3 poles so k=3
1 zeros so m=1
Hence k-m=2

$$\sqrt[2]{-1} = \pm 90^\circ$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G = \frac{1}{s^3 + 6s^2 + 11s + 6} \\ K(s) = \frac{(s+6)}{s(s+4)} K \end{array} \right\}$$

5 poles so k=5
1 zeros so m=1
Hence k-m=4

$$\sqrt[4]{-1} = \pm 45^\circ, \pm 135^\circ$$

REMARK: If there is only 1 asymptote, then the direction is -180° .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G = \frac{s+4}{s^2 + 5s + 6} \\ K(s) = \frac{(s+6)}{(s+4)} K \end{array} \right\}$$

3 poles so k=3
2 zeros so m=2
Hence k-m=1

$$\sqrt[1]{-1} = -1 \equiv -180^\circ$$