Today's goal

- Root Locus examples and how to apply the rules
 - single pole
 - single pole with one zero
 - two real poles
 - two real poles with one zero
 - three real poles
 - three real poles with one zero
- Extracting useful information from the Root Locus
 - transient response parameters
 - limit gain for stability

Root Locus definition

 Root Locus is the locus on the complex plane of closed-loop poles as the feedback gain is varied from 0 to ∞.

$$Y(s) \longrightarrow G(s) = \frac{1}{s+2} \xrightarrow{X(s)} Y(s) + \xrightarrow{K} \xrightarrow{K} G(s) = \frac{1}{s+2} \xrightarrow{X(s)}$$

$$\left(\frac{X(s)}{Y(s)}\right)_{OL} = \frac{1}{s+2} \qquad \left(\frac{X(s)}{Y(s)}\right)_{CL} = \frac{K}{s+2+K}$$

$$(\frac{X(s)}{Y(s)})_{OL} = \frac{K}{s+2+K}$$

Root-locus sketching rules

- Rule 1: # branches = # poles
- Rule 2: always symmetric with respect to the real axis
- **Rule 3:** real-axis segments are to the left of an *odd* number of real-axis finite poles/zeros



Root-locus sketching rules

• Rule 4: begins at poles, ends at zeros

$$\begin{pmatrix} X(s) \\ \overline{Y(s)} \end{pmatrix}_{\rm CL} = \frac{K}{s + (K+2)}$$

(closed-loop
pole) = - (K+2) \rightarrow -\infty, as K \rightarrow \infty

 $\begin{pmatrix} X(s) \\ \overline{Y(s)} \end{pmatrix}_{\rm CL} = \frac{K(s+5)}{(K+1) s + (5K+2)}$ $\begin{pmatrix} \text{closed-loop} \\ \text{pole} \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{5K+2}{K+1} \to -5, \text{ as } K \to \infty$



We say that this TF has a "zero at infinity"

-3

-4

 σ (seconds⁻¹)

-2

-1

0

Root Locus

-3

 σ (seconds⁻¹)

-2

-1

0

-6

-5

-7

jω (seconds^{−1})

-0.4

-8

1

-0.2 -6

-5

-4

1

Root Locus sketching rules

• **Rule 5:** Real-axis intercept and angle of asymptote



Root Locus sketching rules

• **Rule 6:** Real axis breakaway and break-in points σ_b



Root Locus sketching rules

• Rule 7: Imaginary axis crossings

Solve $KG(j\omega_x) = -1$



What else is the Root Locus telling us

• Gain = product of distances to the poles



The zeros are "pulling" the Root Locus

- Because of Rule 4
- Therefore, adding a zero makes the response
 - faster
 - stable



Practice 1: Sketch the Root Locus



Practice 2: Are these Root Loci valid? If not, correct them



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