

Summary: Root Locus sketching rules

Negative Feedback

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- ➔ **Today's Goal:** Shaping the transient response by adjusting the feedback gain

Damping ratio and pole location

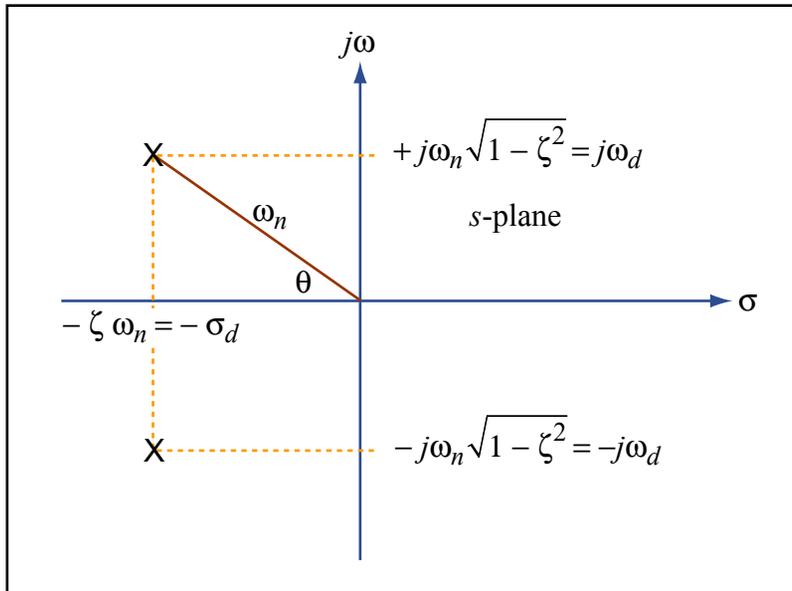


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Fig. 4.17

Recall 2nd-order underdamped system

$$\frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

Complex poles $-\sigma_d \pm j\omega_d$,

where $\begin{cases} \sigma_d = \zeta\omega_n, \\ \omega_d = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\omega_n. \end{cases}$

From the geometry,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta} \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos \theta = \zeta.$$

The angle θ that a complex pole subtends to the origin of the s-plane determines the damping ratio ζ of an underdamped 2nd order system.

The distance from the pole to the origin equals the natural frequency.

Transient response and pole location

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- Settling time

$$T_s \approx 4/(\zeta\omega_n);$$

- Damped osc. frequency

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\omega_n$$

- Overshoot %OS

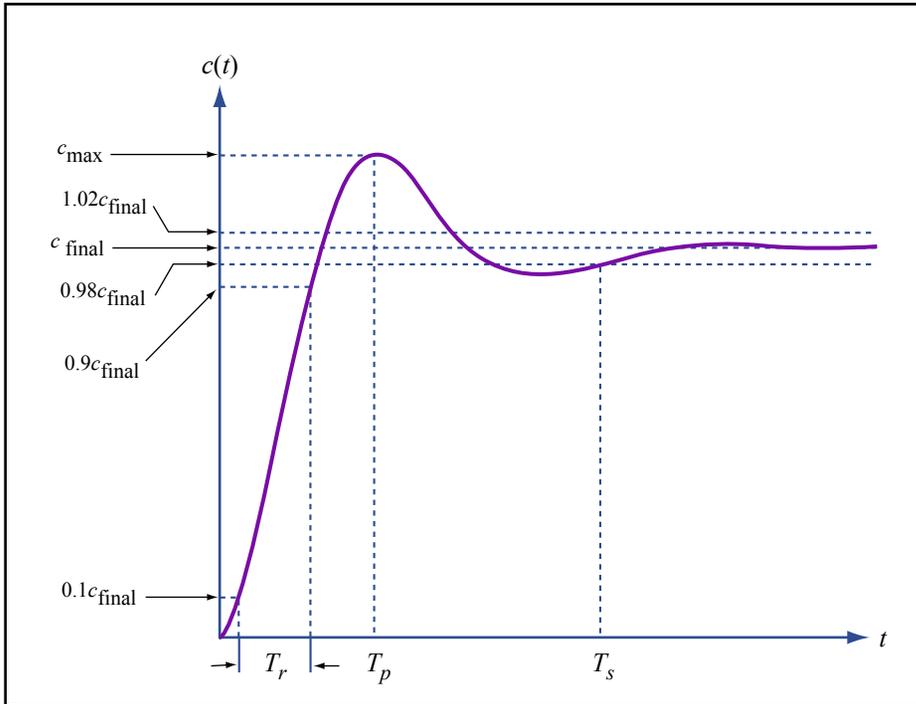
$$\%OS = \exp\left(-\frac{\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}\right)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{\zeta}$$

Trends in underdamped response as ζ increases

Fig. 4.14

As $\zeta \uparrow$,



- Rise time $T_r \uparrow$ (slower);
- Settling time $T_s \approx 4/(\zeta\omega_n) \uparrow$ (slower);
- Peak time $T_p = \pi/(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}\omega_n) \uparrow$ (slower);
- Overshoot $\%OS \downarrow$ (smaller)

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Achieving a desired transient with a given RL

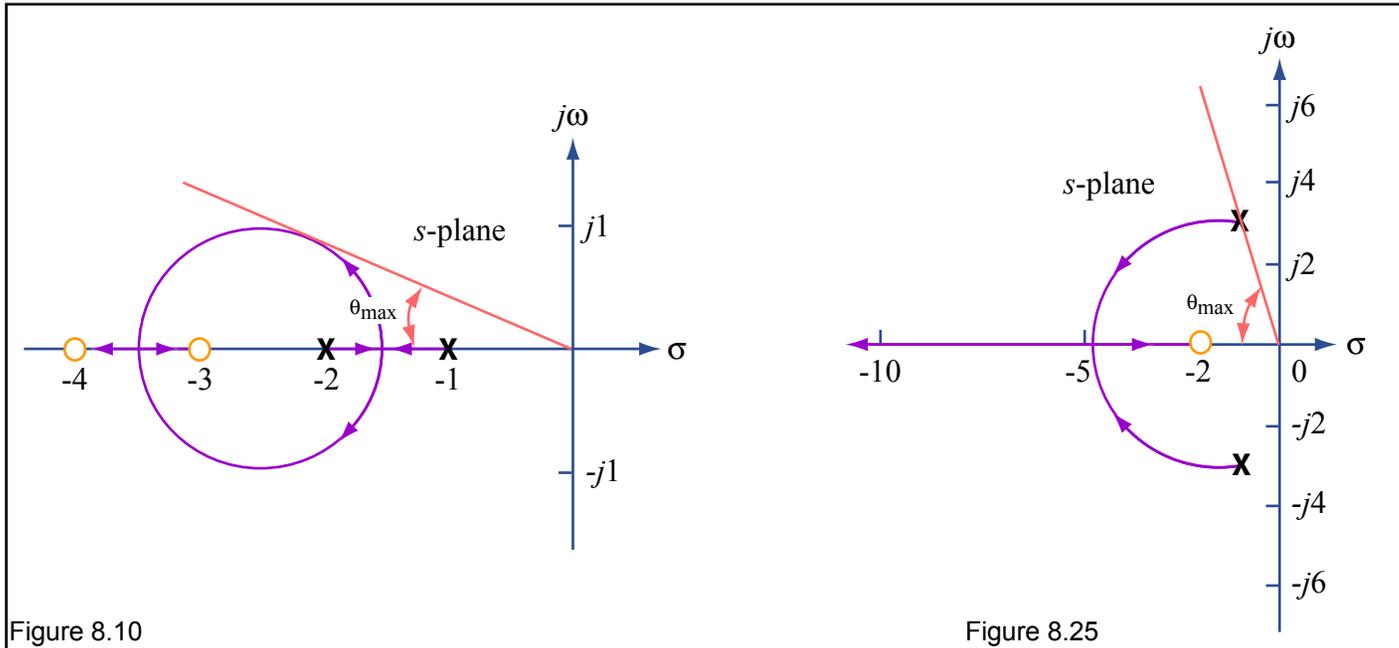


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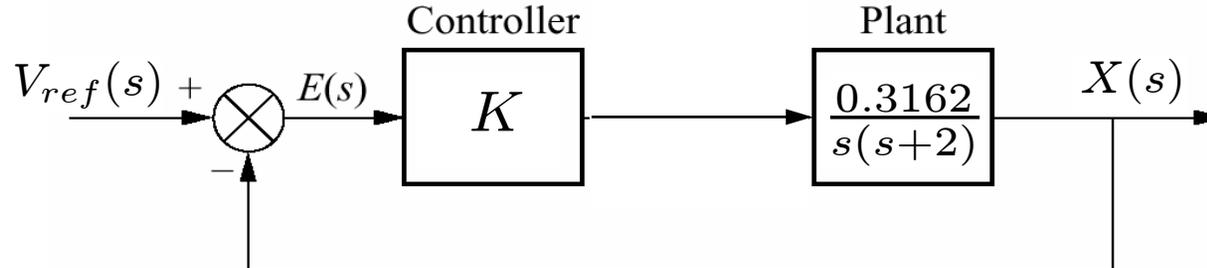
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If the given RL does not allow the desired transient characteristics to be achieved, then we must *modify* the RL by *adding poles/zeros* (*compensator design*)

Example: 2nd order – type 1 system



We are given $\zeta = 1/\sqrt{2} = 0.7071$. For this value,

$$\%OS = \exp\left(\frac{\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}\right) \times 100 = e^{-\pi} \times 100 = 4.32\%.$$

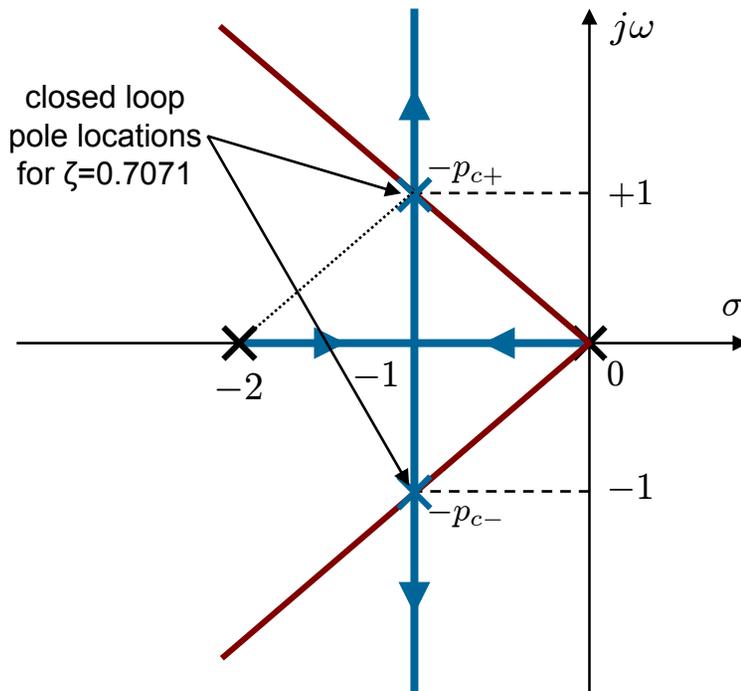
$$\text{Also, } \cos\theta = \zeta \Rightarrow \theta = \pm 45^\circ.$$

We can locate the closed-loop poles by finding the intersection of the root locus with the lines $\theta = \pm 45^\circ$.

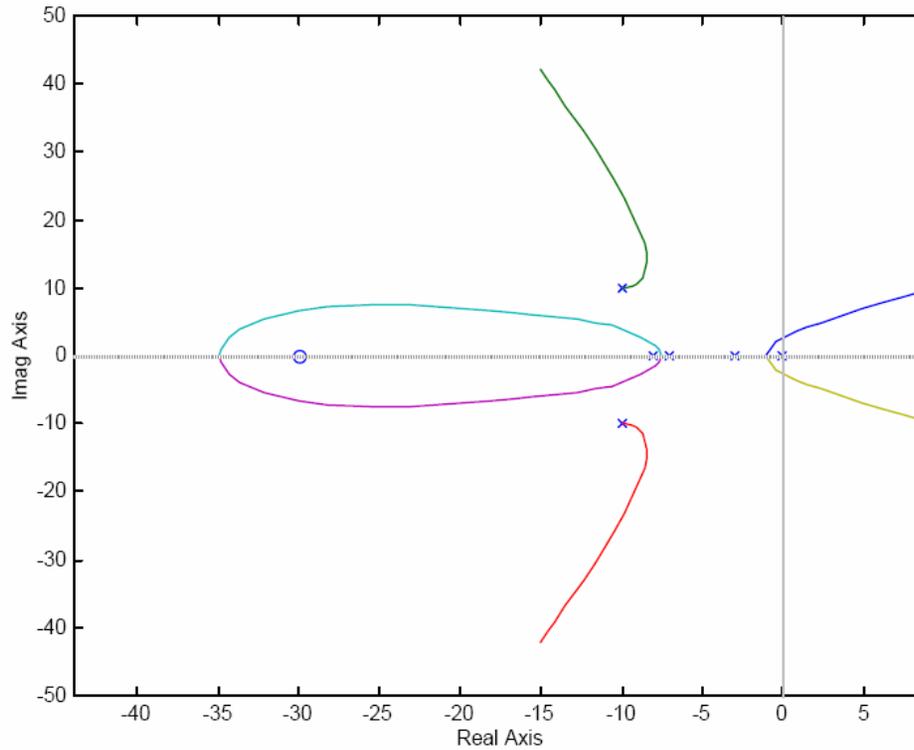
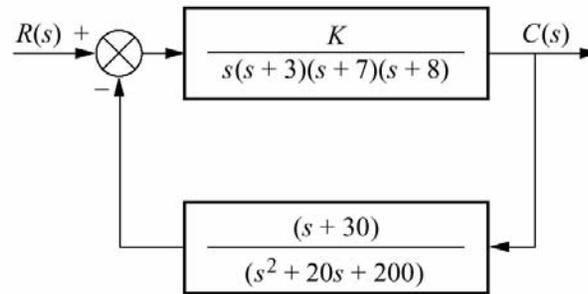
We can also estimate the feedback gain K that will yield the required closed-loop poles $-p_{c+}$, $-p_{c-}$ from the relationship $K = 1/|G(-p_{c\pm})H(-p_{c\pm})| \Rightarrow$

$$K = \frac{|p_{c\pm}| |p_{c\pm} + 2|}{0.3162} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}}{0.3162} = 6.325.$$

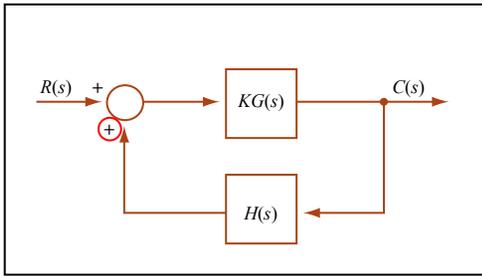
The numerator is computed geometrically from the equilateral triangle $\{(-2), (p_{c+}), (0)\}$



Example: higher order system



Positive feedback: sketching the Root Locus



$$\text{Closed-loop TF}(s) = \frac{KG(s)}{1 \ominus KG(s)H(s)}.$$

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Example: positive feedback

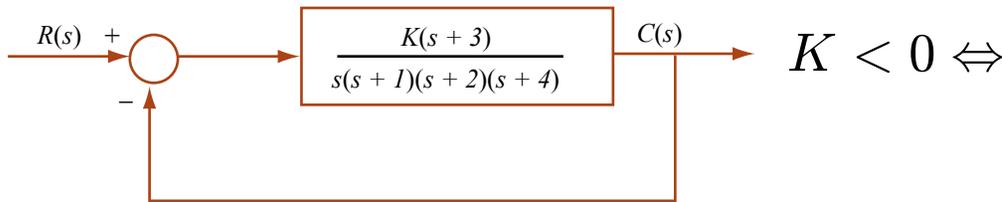


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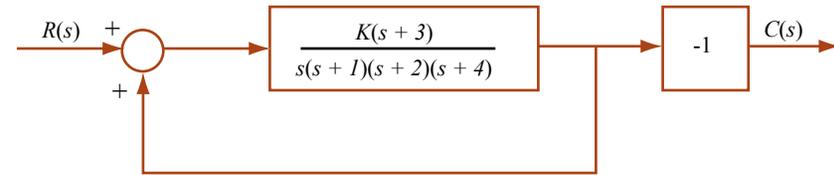


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with $K > 0$.

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Real-axis asymptote intercept:

$$\sigma_a = \frac{(-1 - 2 - 4) - (-3)}{4 - 1} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Asymptote angles

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_a &= \frac{2m\pi}{4-1}, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ &= 0, \quad m = 0, \\ &= 2\pi/3, \quad m = 1, \\ &= 4\pi/3, \quad m = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Breakaway point:
found numerically.