Real Time Systems and Control Applications



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Recall Z-Transform Formula G(s) Imaginary axis $(j\omega)$ s-plane locations of system poles $s = \sigma \pm j\omega$ Laplace Transform of sampled data ~ X Real axis (σ) $\mathcal{L}(f^*(t)) = \sum f(kT) e^{-ksT}$ Х Type equation here. k=0**STABLE** UNSTABLE Define $z = e^{sT}$, now the z-Transform is defined as: **G(z)** $Z\{f(t)\} = Z(f^*(t)) = \sum f(kT) z^{-k}$ z-plane k = 0

Mapping Stability Region from s-plane to z-plane

 From continuous control, we know that: the region of stability is the left half of s-plane. Given G(s) → G(z), determine the stability region on z-plane?

• By definition,
$$z = e^{sT}$$
. Let $s = \alpha + j\omega$, then
 $z = e^{sT} = e^{T(\alpha + j\omega)} = e^{\alpha T}e^{j\omega T}$
 $z = e^{\alpha T}(\cos\omega T + j\sin\omega T) = e^{\alpha T}\angle\omega T$

• A point or region on s-plane can be mapped into a corresponding point or region on z-plane.

Question: If T=0.5, which point on z-plane is mapped from the point (2,0) on s-plane? How about (0,1)?



We assume $s = \alpha + j\omega$

- Points on the $j\omega$ -axis, α have zero values, so $e^{\alpha T} = 1$. Thus points on the $j\omega$ -axis of s-plane map into points on the unit circle on z-plane.
- If α is positive, $e^{\alpha T} > 1$. Thus points on the positive real axis of s-plane map into points outside the unit circle on z-plane.
- If α is negative, $e^{\alpha T} < 1$. Thus points on the negative real axis of splane map into points inside the unit circle on z-plane.



Mapping from s-plane to z-plane



Vertical lines on the s-plane map to circles with constant radius on the z-plane.

Mapping from s-plane to z-plane



Horizontal lines on the *s*-plane map to lines of constant angle on the *z*-plane.

Stability of Digital Control System

• Stable, if all poles of closed loop transfer function are inside the unit circle on z-plane.

- Unstable, if any of the poles is outside the unit circle.
- Marginally stable, if one or more poles are on the unit circle and all other poles are inside the unit circle.

Example



What T value makes the system stable?

•
$$G(s) = \frac{1 - e^{-sT}}{s} \frac{10}{s+1} = 10 \times (1 - e^{-sT}) \left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}\right] \qquad G(z) = \frac{z-1}{z} Z\left[\frac{10}{s(s+1)}\right]$$

• Taking z-transfer function:

$$G(z) = 10 \times \left(1 - z^{-1}\right) \left[\frac{z}{z - 1} - \frac{z}{z - e^{-T}}\right] = 10 \frac{1 - e^{-T}}{z - e^{-T}}$$

- Closed-loop TF in z-plane is $T(z) = \frac{G(z)}{1 + G(z)} = \frac{10(1 - e^{-T})}{z - (11e^{-T} - 10)}$
- The pole is

$$z = (11e^{-T} - 10)$$

Value of poles when T changes

- $z = (11e^{-T} 10)$
- $T = 0 \rightarrow z = 1$
- $T = 0.1 \Rightarrow z = -0.05$
- $T = 0.2 \rightarrow z = -1$
- $T = 0.3 \Rightarrow z = -1.85$

The system is stable for $T \leq 0.2$

• ...

Root Locus on Z-Plane

Determines the location of roots of the characteristic equation of a closed loop control system as the overall system gain (often denoted by *K*) varies.

Steps to plot closed-loop poles

1. Derive the open loop function $K\overline{GH}$.

2. Factor numerator and denominator to get open loop zeros and poles.

3.Plot roots of $1 + K\overline{GH} = 0$ in z-Plane as K varies.

Note that while construction rules for the *z*-plane are identical with those for the *s*-Plane.

Consider Sampled-data System



- The closed-loop transfer function is $\frac{K G(z)}{1+KZ[G(s)H(s)]} \triangleq \frac{K G(z)}{1+K\overline{GH}}$
- System characteristic equation is $1 + K\overline{GH} = 0$, and $K\overline{GH}$ is open loop TF

Rules To Plot Root Locus

$$1+K\overline{GH}(z)=0$$
 $\overline{GH}(z)=\frac{N(z)}{D(z)}$

1. Loci originate on the poles of $K\overline{GH}$ and terminate on its zeros.

2. The loci are symmetrical with respect to the real axis.

3. The number of asymptotes is equal to the number of poles of $K\overline{GH}$, n_p , minus the number of its zeros, n_z . The angles of the asymptotes are found by $\theta_a = \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{n_p - n_z}$, $k = 0, 1, 2, ... (n_p - n_z - 1)$, where n_p is # of finite poles and n_z is # of finite zeros.

Rules to Plot Root Locus

4. The origin of the asymptotes on the real axis is given by:

$$\sigma = \frac{\sum \text{poles of } \overline{GH}(z) - \sum \text{zeros of } \overline{GH}(z)}{n_p - n_z}$$

5. The breakaway point for the locus between two poles (or the break-in point for the locus between two zeros) is found by

$$\frac{d[\overline{GH}(z)]}{dz} = 0$$



Root Locus Example



• Consider the system, we have

$$G(z) = (1 - z^{-1}) Z \left[\frac{K}{s^2(s+1)} \right]_{(T=1)} = K \frac{z-1}{z} \left[\frac{z^2 e^{-1} + z - 2z e^{-1}}{(z-1)^2 (z-e^{-1})} \right] = \frac{K(z e^{-1} + 1 - 2e^{-1})}{(z-1)(z-e^{-1})}$$

• Hence, the open loop transfer function $G(z) = \frac{0.368K(z+0.718)}{(z-1)(z-0.368)}$

Plot the Locus of Roots

(1) Start at z=1 and z=0.368, and terminate at z=-0.718 and z=infinity

(2) Break-away or break-in points: $\frac{d}{dz}G(z) = 0$ occurs at z = 0.64 and z = -2.08

$$\frac{d}{dz}G(z) = \frac{0.368K}{(z-1)(z-0.368)} + \frac{(-1)0.368K(z+0.718)}{[(z-1)(z-0.368)]^2}(2z-1.368) = 0$$

→ $z^2 + 1.436z - 1.35 = 0$ → z = 0.64 or z = -2.08

What is the corresponding K value for z = 0.64 or z = -2.08?

Open-loop TF: $G(z) = \frac{0.368K(z+0.718)}{(z-1)(z-0.368)}$



What gain value of K yields breakin and break-away points? $O_{\text{pen-le}}$

en-loop Transfer Function
(z) =
$$\frac{0.368K(z + 0.718)}{(z - 1)(z - 0.368)}$$

• z = 0.64 or z = -2.08 are the poles of close loop system The characteristic equation is 1 + G(z) = 0. Hence, 0.368K(z + 0.718) + (z - 1)(z - 0.368) = 0

• Substitute z = 0.64 or z = -2.08, and we get

$$K = 0.20$$
 at $z = 0.64$

and K = 15.0 at z = -2.08

The K value achieving marginally stable makes the root locus 1 + G(z) = 0 cross the unit circle.



 K value that makes the roots appear on the unit circle implies the gain value for stability.

• So K satisfies: 0.368K(z + 0.718) + (z - 1)(z - 0.368) = 0|z| = 1

K = 2.39



If $z = \alpha + jw$ is on the unit circle, we must have $\alpha^2 + w^2 = 1$ (Not $\alpha^2 + (jw)^2 = 1$)



End!