

**Title : Routh Locus**

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- It is graphical technique
- Graph is obtained by plotting the roots of Characteristic equation in the complex plane by changing the value of Controller gain.
- Location of all roots is observed in the plot
- By plotting the graph of roots of Ch. Eq., we can obtained the response of an arbitrary forcing function

# Procedure for Root Locus diagram

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- Step 1: Derive the open loop transfer function and from the transfer function generate the Characteristic equation(Ch. Eq.) for the system is:

$$1 + G_{OL} = 0$$

- Step 2: By solving the Ch. Eq. we get the roots of equation
- Step 3: Now by changing the value of controller gain we get the different roots of Ch. Eq.
- Step 4: By plotting the graph of Controller gain v/s Roots of Ch. Eq. on complex plane will obtain the Root Locus diagram
- Step 5: From the Root locus diagram we can know the response of the system.

➤ For E.g., we have Ch. Eq.:  $s^3 + 6s^2 + 11s + (6 + 6K_c) = 0$

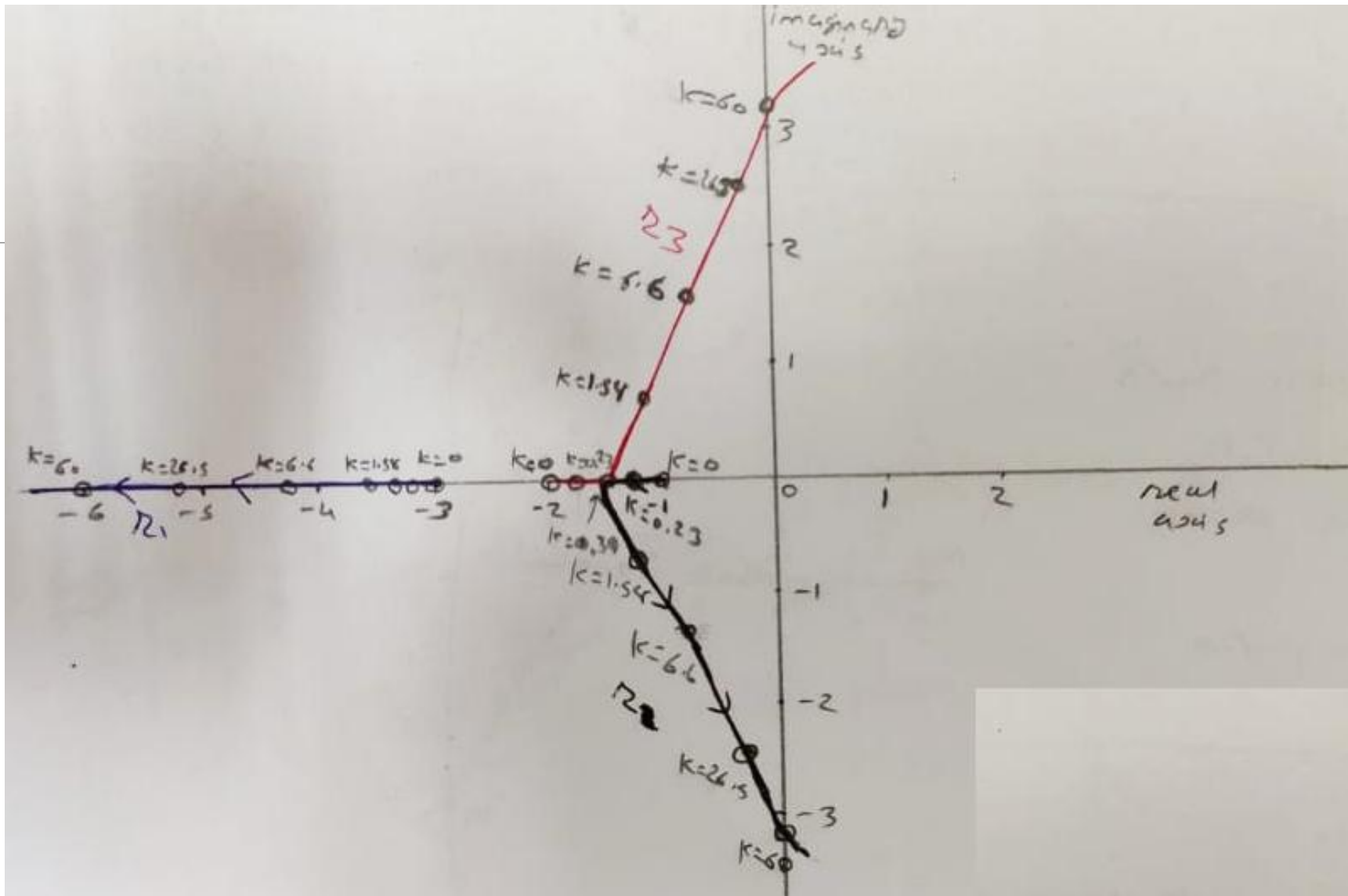
➤ It's a third order polynomial Eq. so we get three set of roots

$$s^3 + 6s^2 + 11s + (6 + 6K) = 0$$

Where,  $K = 6K_c$

➤ For the above Eq. by Changing the value of 'K', we get the different roots for this Eq. as follows:

	Root-1 ( $r_1$ )	Root-2 ( $r_2$ )	Root-3 ( $r_3$ )	
K=0	-3	-2	-1	
K=0.23	-3.1	-1.75	-1.15	
K=0.39	-3.16	-1.42	-1.42	⇒ $K_2$
K=1.58	-3.45	$-1.28 - 0.75i$	$-1.28 + 0.75i$	
K=6.6	-4.11	$-0.95 - 1.5i$	$-0.95 + 1.5i$	
K=26.5	-5.1	$-0.45 - 2.5i$	$-0.45 + 2.5i$	
K=60	-6	$-3.32i$	$+3.32i$	⇒ $K_3$
K=100	-6.72	$0.35 - 4i$	$0.35 + 4i$	



Root Locus Diagram

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➤ The above table reveals two critical values of  $K$

- $K_2$  at two roots become equal
- $K_3$  at roots are pure imaginary

1.  $K < K_2$ : Response will be Non-oscillatory (because all roots are real)
2.  $K_2 < K < K_3$ : Response will be Oscillatory (because roots are complex)
3.  $K > K_3$ : Response will be Sinusoidal (because roots have positive real parts)

# Rules of Plotting Diagram

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1. No. of branch/ Root Loci = No. of poles of open loop transfer function
2. The Root Loci originate from the poles of  $G_{OL}$  when  $K_c=0$
3. The Root Loci terminate when  $K_c=\infty$
4. Closed loop system is stable irrespective of  $K_c$  value
5. Poles are away from real axis as the value of  $K_c$  increases, the response becomes more oscillatory.

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6. The point at which two Root Loci emerging from adjacent poles on real axis, intersect & leave the real axis is determined by Solution of following Eq.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{s - z_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{s - p_j}$$

7. The gain at each value in root locus is obtained by solving the following Eq.

$$K \frac{|s - z_1| |s - z_2| \dots |s - z_m|}{|s - p_1| |s - p_2| \dots |s - p_n|} = 1$$

8. The point at which Root Loci crosses the imaginary axis can be found from the step No. 8 of Routh test Criteria