



Chap 6 The Stability of Linear Feedback Systems

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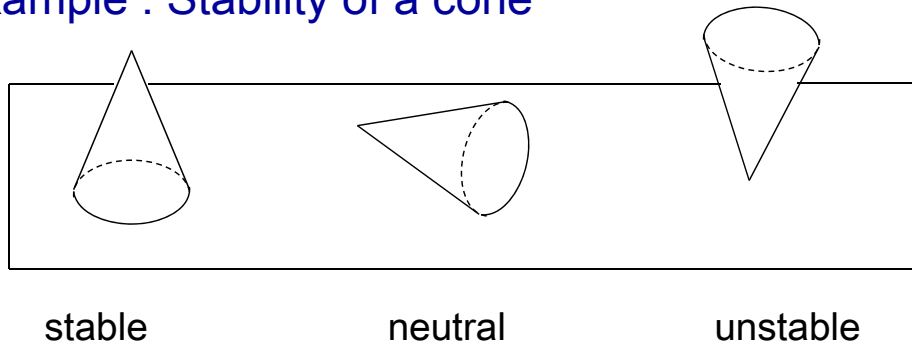
The Concept of Stability -1

□ Definitions

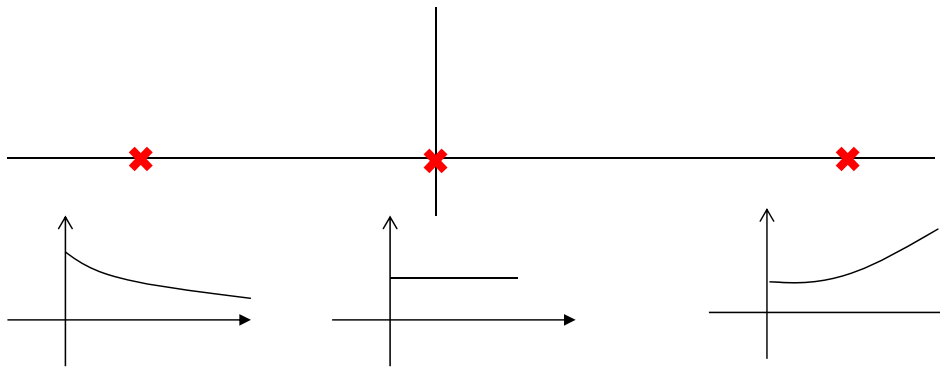
- ◆ A stable system is a dynamic system with a bounded response to a bounded input (BIBO stability)
- ◆ A linear system is stable **if and only if** the absolute value of its impulse response, $g(t)$, integrate over an infinite range is finite

The Concept of Stability -2

- Example : Stability of a cone



- Example: Stability of dynamic systems



The Concept of Stability -3

- Stability (transfer function)

$$T(s) = \frac{p(s)}{q(s)} = \frac{k \prod_{i=1}^M (s + z_i)}{s^N \prod_{k=1}^Q (s + \sigma_k) \prod_{m=1}^R (s^2 + 2\alpha_m s + (\alpha_m^2 + \omega_m^2))}$$

$$q(s) = \Delta(s) = 0 \quad \text{roots are "poles"}$$

$$p = -\sigma_k, -\alpha_m \pm \omega_m$$

The impulse response of $T(s)$, ($N = 0$)

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^Q A_k e^{-\sigma_k t} + \sum_{m=1}^R B_m \left(\frac{1}{\omega_m} \right) e^{-\alpha_m t} \sin(\omega_m t + \theta_m)$$

$$A_k = \text{constant} = f(z_i, \sigma_k, \alpha_m, \omega_m, k)$$

$$B_m = \text{constant} = g(z_i, \sigma_k, \alpha_m, \omega_m, k)$$

The Concept of Stability -4

- For a system to be stable (necessary and sufficient)

⇒ All poles of the transfer function have negative real parts (in LHP)

- If the system has simple roots on the imaginary axis

⇒ Marginally stable: only certain bounded inputs will cause the output to become unbounded

“distinct” roots

The Routh-Horwitz Stability Criterion -1

- Motivation

- ◆ Can we know stability of the linear system without finding the locations of all poles?

$$\Delta(s) = q(s) = a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0 = 0$$

$(a_n > 0)$

- ◆ The answer is **YES!**

The Routh-Horwitz Stability Criterion -2

□ Necessary Condition

$$q(s) = a_n(s - r_1)(s - r_2) \dots (s - r_n) = 0$$

$$= a_n s^n - (r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_n) s^{n-1} + (r_1 r_2 + r_1 r_3 + \dots + r_{n-1} r_n) s^{n-2} - (r_1 r_2 r_3 + r_1 r_2 r_4 + \dots + r_{n-2} r_{n-1} r_n) s^{n-3} \vdots + (-1)^n r_1 r_2 \dots r_n = 0$$

□ If all the roots are in the LHP

- ◆ All the coefficients of the polynomial MUST have the same sign
- ◆ None of the coefficients vanishes

⇒ This condition is NOT sufficient

The Routh-Horwitz Stability Criterion -3

□ Routh's Tabulation

$$a_6 s^6 + a_5 s^5 + a_4 s^4 + a_3 s^3 + a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0 = 0$$

first column

as the example

s^6	a_6	a_4	a_2	a_0
s^5	a_5	a_3	a_1	0
s^4	$\frac{a_4 a_5 - a_3 a_6}{a_5} = A$	$\frac{a_2 a_5 - a_1 a_6}{a_5} = B$	$\frac{a_0 a_5 - a_6 \cdot 0}{a_5} = a_0$	0
s^3	$\frac{a_3 A - a_5 B}{A} = C$	$\frac{a_1 A - a_0 a_5}{A} = D$	$\frac{A \cdot 0 - a_5 \cdot 0}{A} = 0$	0
s^2	$\frac{BC - AD}{C} = E$	$\frac{a_0 C - A \cdot 0}{C} = a_0$	$\frac{C \cdot 0 - A \cdot 0}{C} = 0$	0
s^1	$\frac{DE - a_0 C}{E} = F$	0	0	0
s^0	$\frac{a_0 F - E \cdot 0}{F} = a_0$	0	0	0

The Routh-Horwitz Stability Criterion -4

□ Sufficient condition: The Routh-Horwitz Criterion

- ◆ The number of roots of $q(s)$ with positive real parts is equal to the number of changes in sign of the first column of the Routh Tabulation

⇒ For a stable system,
NO CHANGE IN SIGN in the first column of Routh's Tabulation

Routh's Tabulation -1

- Case 1: No element in the first column is zero
- Example 1: 2nd-order system

$$q(s) = a_2s^2 + a_1s + a_0 \quad a_2 > 0$$

s^2	a_2	a_0
s^1	a_1	0
s^0	$\frac{a_0a_1 - a_2 \cdot 0}{a_1} = a_0$	0

⇒ Stable : a_0, a_1, a_2 are all positive

Necessary condition = sufficient condition

Routh's Tabulation -2

- Example 2: 3rd-order system

$$q(s) = a_3s^3 + a_2s^2 + a_1s + a_0 \quad a_3 > 0$$

s^3	a_3	a_1
s^2	a_2	a_0
s^1	$\frac{a_1a_2 - a_0a_3}{a_2} = A$	0
s^0	$\frac{Aa_0 - a_2 \cdot 0}{A} = a_0$	0

⇒ Stable : Necessary: a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 positive

Sufficient: $A > 0 \rightarrow a_1a_2 > a_0a_3$

$$\text{SO } a_1 > \frac{a_0a_3}{a_2}$$

條件強於 $a_1 > 0$

Routh's Tabulation -3

- Case 2 : A zero in the first column, and other elements of the same row are nonzero.

⇒ Replace 0 with a small positive ϵ and complete the tabulation

- Example 3 : $q(s) = s^5 + 2s^4 + 2s^3 + 4s^2 + 11s + 10$

s^5	1	2	11
s^4	2	4	10
s^3	$0 \rightarrow \epsilon$	6	0
s^2	$\frac{4\epsilon - 12}{\epsilon} \sim -\frac{12}{\epsilon} = A < 0$	10	0
s^1	$\frac{6A - 10\epsilon}{A} \sim 6$	0	0
s^0	10	0	0

Roots:
 0.8950 + 1.4561i
 0.8950 - 1.4561i
 -1.2407 + 1.0375i
 -1.2407 - 1.0375i
 -1.3087

⇒ Two sign changes, 2 roots in RHP, unstable

Routh's Tabulation -4

- Example 4 : $q(s) = s^4 + s^3 + s^2 + s + K$ ($K \neq 0$)

s^4	1	1	K
s^3	1	1	0
s^2	$0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon}$	K	0
s^1	$\frac{\epsilon - K}{\epsilon} \sim -\frac{K}{\epsilon}$	0	0
s^0	K	0	0

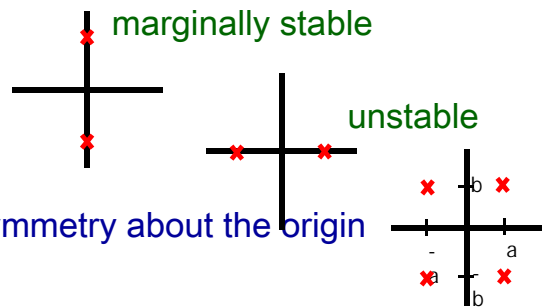
⇒ Unstable for all values of K

Routh's Tabulation -5

- Case 3: A row of zeros

- ◆ When does this happen?

- $(s + j\omega)(s - j\omega) \geq 1$ pair
- $(s + \sigma)(s - \sigma) \geq 1$ pair
- Complex-conjugate roots forming symmetry about the origin



- ◆ Solving steps

- Form the auxiliary equation $U(s)=0$ by using the coefficients from the row just preceding the row of zeros

$$\frac{dU}{ds} = 0$$

- Replace the zeros with coefficients of $\frac{dU}{ds} = 0$

- Continue with Routh's tabulation

Routh's Tabulation -6

□ Example 5: $q(s) = s^3 + 2s^2 + 4s + k$

s^3	1	4		
s^2	2	k	8	
s^1	$\frac{8-k}{2}$	4	0	
s^0	k	8	0	

when $k = 8$

$U(s) = 2s^2 + 8s^0 = 2s^2 + 8 = 2(s^2 + 4)$
 $= 2(s + j2)(s - j2)$
 a factor of $\Delta(s) = 0$
 roots $\pm j2$

$\frac{dU(s)}{ds} = 4s$

The 3rd root is in LHP

if $0 < k < 8 \rightarrow$ stable

if $k = 8 \rightarrow$ marginally stable

Note: $q(s) = (s + 2)(s + j2)(s - j2)$

Routh's Tabulation -7

□ Example 6: $\Delta(s) = s^5 + 2s^4 + 5s^3 + 10s^2 + 4s + 8$

s^5	1	5	4	
s^4	2	10	8	
s^3	0	8	20	0
s^2	5	8	0	
s^1	7.2	0		
s^0	8	0		

$U = 2s^4 + 10s^2 + 8 = 2(s^4 + 5s^2 + 4)$
 $\frac{dU}{ds} = 8s^3 + 20s = 2(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 4)$

\rightarrow marginally stable

The 5th root is in LHP

Note: $q(s) = (s + 2)(s + j)(s - j)(s + 2j)(s - 2j)$

Routh's Tabulation -8

□ Example 7: $q(s) = s^5 + s^4 + 2s^3 + 2s^2 + s + 1$

s^5	1	2	1
s^4	1	2	1
s^3	0 4	0 4	0
s^2	1	1	0
s^1	0 2	0	
s^0	1	0	

$$U = s^4 + 2s^2 + 1 = (s^2 + 1)^2$$

$$\frac{dU}{ds} = 4s^3 + 4s + 0$$

repeated roots on $j\omega$ - axis
→ *unstable*

$$U = s^2 + s^0 = s^2 + 1$$

$$\frac{dU}{ds} = 2s$$

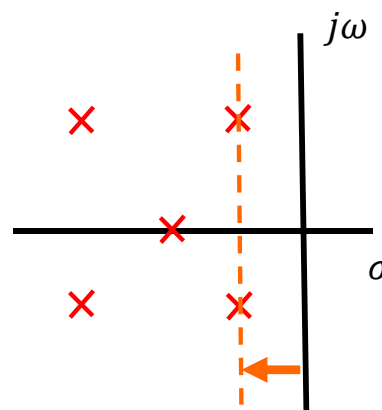
The 5th root is in LHP

Note: $q(s) = (s + 1)(s + j)(s - j)(s + j)(s - j)$

The Relative Stability -1

□ Motivation

- ◆ If the system is absolute stable, then we can think about “how stable it is” → **Relative stability**
- ◆ By **axis-shifting**, we can know how far the original system to the unstable margin



The Relative Stability -2

□ Example

$$q(s) = s^3 + 4s^2 + 6s + 4$$

$$4 \times 6 - 1 \times 4 = 20 > 0 \quad \text{stable}$$

$$\text{try } s_n = s + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} q(s_n) &= (s_n - 2)^3 + 4(s_n - 2)^2 + 6(s_n - 2) + 4 \\ &= s_n^3 - 2s_n^2 + 2s_n + 0 \quad \text{unstable} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{try } s_n = s + 1$$

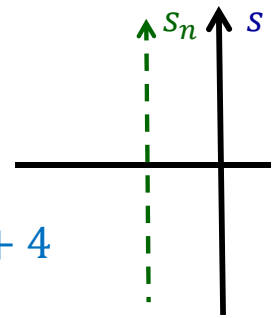
$$\begin{aligned} q(s_n) &= (s_n - 1)^3 + 4(s_n - 1)^2 + 6(s_n - 1) + 4 \\ &= s_n^3 + s_n^2 + s_n + 1 \quad 1 \times 1 - 1 \times 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$s^3 \quad 1 \quad 1$$

$$s^2 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad U(s) = s_n^2 + 1 = (s_n + j)(s_n - j)$$

$$s^1 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad \frac{dU(s)}{ds_n} = 2s_n \quad \rightarrow \text{marginally stable}$$

$$\text{Note: } q(s_n) = (s_n^2 + 1)(s_n + 1)$$



The stability of State Variable Systems

□ How to utilize Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- ◆ In transfer function $\rightarrow q(s) = \Delta(s) = 0$
- ◆ In signal-flow graph $\rightarrow \text{Mason's formula to get } \Delta$
- ◆ In block diagram $\rightarrow \text{block diagram reduction}$
- ◆ In state space $\rightarrow \det(sI - A)^{-1}$

- Questions?

