# 4.5 Stability Analysis

Consider two systems in a negative feedback configuration shown below:

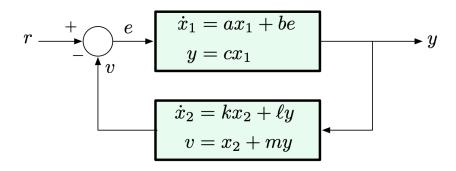


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Write down the conditions that must be satisfied by the system parameters a, b, c, k, l, m for this transfer function to be stable (i.e., for all poles to have negative real parts).

#### **Solution:**

Notice that the denominator of the transfer function is a monic second order polynomial in the form  $p(s) = s^2 + a_1 s + a_2$ 

In order for the system to be stable, we need all roots of (5) to be in the OLHP. When the determinant of (5) is non-negative, that is,  $a_1^2 - 4a_2 \ge 0$ , we need both roots to be negative:

$$\frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4a_2}}{2} < 0 \Rightarrow a_1 > 0, 0 < a_2 \le \frac{a_1^2}{4}$$

When  $a_1^2 - 4a_2 < 0$ , we need the real part of the roots to be negative:

$$\frac{-a_1}{2} < 0 \Rightarrow a_1 > 0, a_2 > \frac{a_1^2}{4}$$

Hence it can be summarized that we need both  $a_1 > 0$ ,  $a_2 > 0$  in order for the system to be stable. This condition can be directly obtained by using Routh-Hurwitz criterion. Substitute  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  with the system parameters given, all we need is:

$$\begin{cases} bcm - a - k > 0 \\ ak + bcl - bckm > 0 \end{cases}$$

### **GPT Answer:**

To determine the stability of the system shown in the provided diagram, we need to derive the

closed-loop transfer function and then analyze it for stability.

For a negative feedback system, the closed-loop transfer function T(s) can be found using the formula:

$$T(s) = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

where G(s) is the forward path transfer function and H(s) is the feedback path transfer function. Assuming a unity feedback, the overall forward path transfer function from e to y is:

$$G(s) = \frac{c}{s-a} \cdot \frac{1}{s-k-lm}$$

The closed-loop transfer function is thus:

$$T(s) = \frac{c}{(s-a)(s-k-lm) + c}$$

The conditions for stability, according to the Routh-Hurwitz criterion, are:

$$a+k+lm>0$$
 and  $ak-alm+c>0$ 

If these conditions are met, the closed-loop system will be stable.

**Confidence Level: 95%** 

**Calculation error** 

#### **Claude Answer:**

To determine the conditions for stability, we can analyze the characteristic equation of the closed-loop transfer function.

The closed-loop transfer function is:

$$\frac{y}{r} = \frac{(ax_1+be)(kx_2+ly)}{1+(ax_1+be)(cx_1)(kx_2+ly)}$$

Simplifying:

$$\frac{y}{r} = \frac{akx_1x_2 + alx_1y + bekx_2 + bely}{1 + ackx_1^2x_2 + aclx_1^2y + bekx_1x_2 + belx_1y}$$

For stability, the denominator polynomial must have all roots with negative real parts. Using the Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion, the necessary and sufficient conditions are:

 $ackx_1^2x_2 + aclx_1^2y + bckx_1x_2 + bclx_1y > 0$   $ackx_1^2x_2 + bckx_1x_2 > 0$   $aclx_1^2y + bclx_1y > 0$  Assuming  $x_1, x_2, y > 0$  (physical variables), the conditions simplify to:

 $ac(kx_2+ly)+bc(kx_2+ly)>0$   $implies(a+b)c(kx_2+ly)>0$   $(a+b)ckx_1x_2>0$   $(a+b)clx_1y>0$  Therefore, the system is stable if:

$$a+b>0,\quad c>0,\quad k>0,\quad l>0$$

Confidence level: 90%

## **Calculation error**