

Determine stability for linear systems

There are many definitions of stability.

BIBO stable:  $\xrightarrow{\text{Bounded input}}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Bounded output}}$  stable

Recall from your Diff. Equations class the notion of the convolution:

Convolution is a fancy way of finding the response for a linear system through the impulse behavior.



$$y(t) = \mathcal{I}^{-1} \{ Y(s) \} = \mathcal{I}^{-1} \{ G(s)U(s) \}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \mathcal{I}^{-1} \{ G(s) \} \quad w/ \quad u(t) = \text{Impulse.}$$

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) u(t-\tau) d\tau \quad (\#1)$$

↑      ↑  
impulse response

convolution theorem.

If  $u(t)$  is bounded, then there exists a constant  $M$  s.t.

$$|u| \leq M < \infty \quad \forall t \quad (\#2)$$

So:

$$\underline{|y|} = \left| \underbrace{\int h(z) u(t-z) dz}_{\text{---}} \right| \leq$$

$$\Rightarrow |y| = \left| \int h(z) u(t-z) dz \right| \leq \int |h(z) u(t-z)| dz$$

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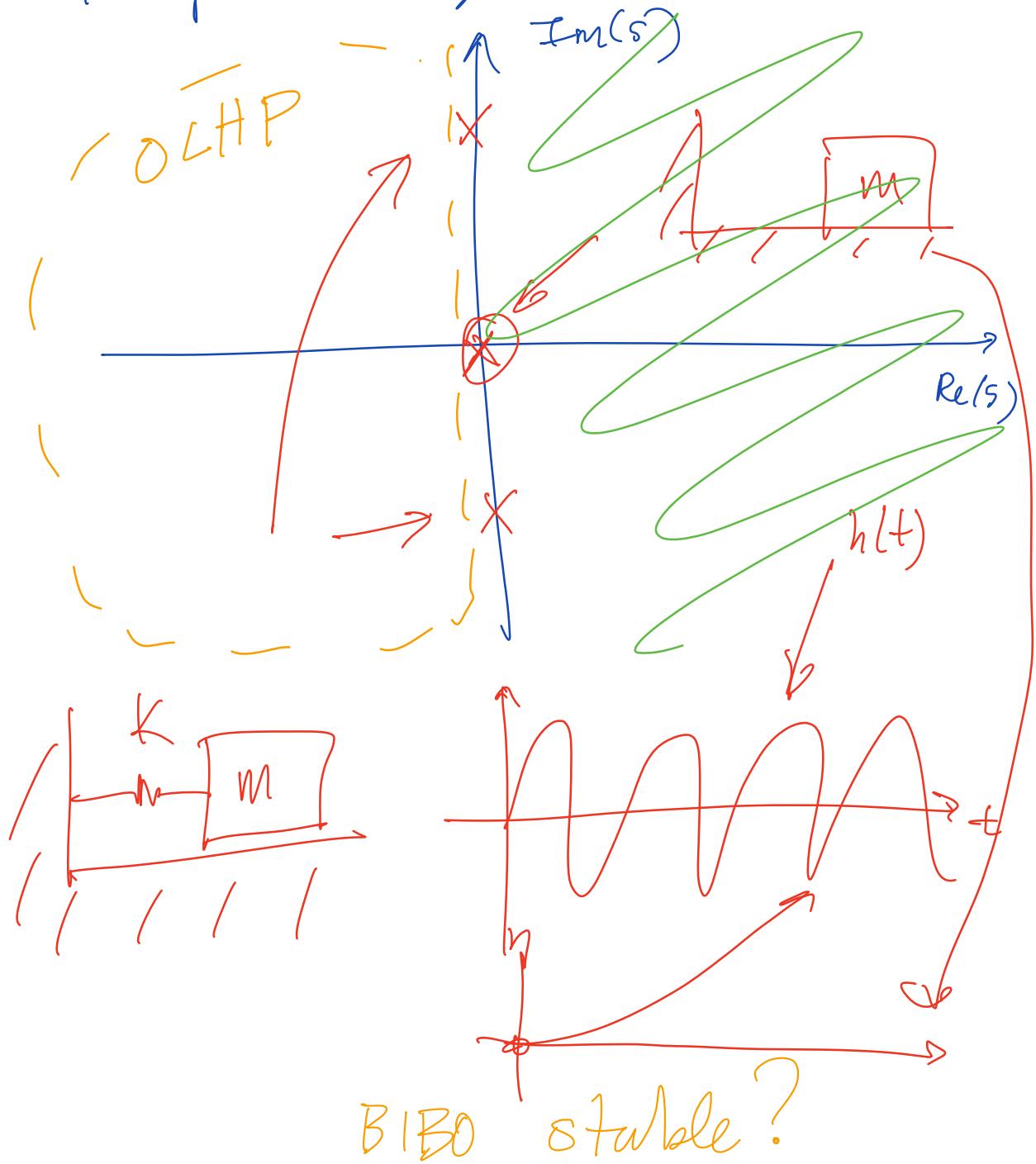
$$\Rightarrow |y| \leq \int |h| \underbrace{|u(t-z)|}_{\sim} dz \leq m \int |h| dz$$

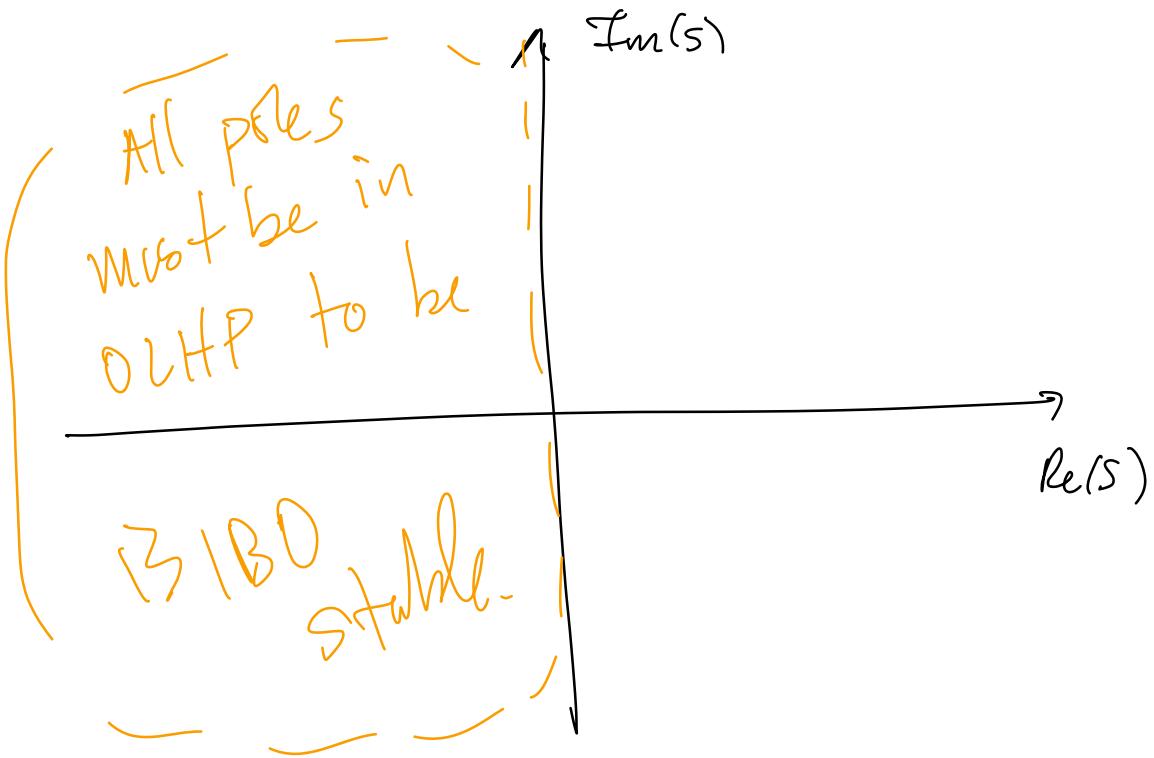
$$\Rightarrow |y| \leq m \underbrace{\int |h| dz}_{< \infty}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |h(z)| dz < \infty}$$

How does this relate back

to poles + zeros:





## Determining stability

Given  $G(s) = \frac{n(s)}{d(s)}$

$\leftarrow$  numerator  
 $\leftarrow$  denominator

To determine stability, we find poles of  $G(s)$ , or equivalent the roots of  $d(s)$   $\Rightarrow d(s) = 0$

To find poles of  $G(s)$ :

Solve  $d(s) = 0$

Let  $s = \sigma \pm j\omega$  be a root of  $d(s)$  or pole of  $G(s)$ . Then, system is ~~Bi~~ stable when:

$$\operatorname{Re}(s) = \tau < 0$$

\* System is Marginally stable  
when  $\tau = 0$ .

Ex Let  $\omega(s) = \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + 3s + 2)}$

is this system stabl?

Need to find poles.

$$d(s) = s^2 + 3s + 2 = 0$$

$$(s+1)(s+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s = -1 \quad \underline{\text{stabil}} ?$$
$$s = -2$$

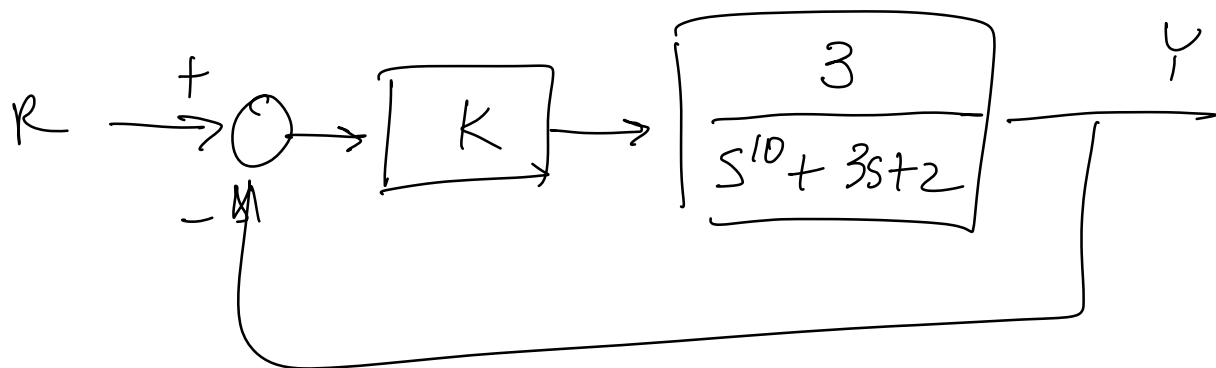
Yes !

$$\text{Ex} \quad G(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2s + 4}{s^{10} + 3s + 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^{10} + 3s + 2 = 0$$

~~solve using Matlab~~

is it that easy ??

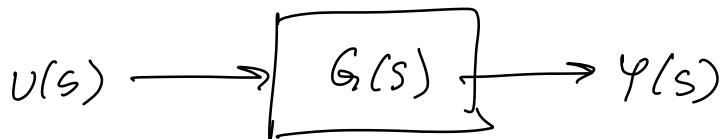


$$\frac{Y}{R} = \frac{\frac{3}{s^{10} + 3s + 2}}{1 + K \frac{3}{s^{10} + 3s + 2}} = \frac{3}{s^{10} + 3s + 2 + 3K}$$

$s^{10} + 3s + 2 + K = 0$

## Stability

Given a system (LTI systems);



$$G(s) = \frac{n(s)}{d(s)}$$

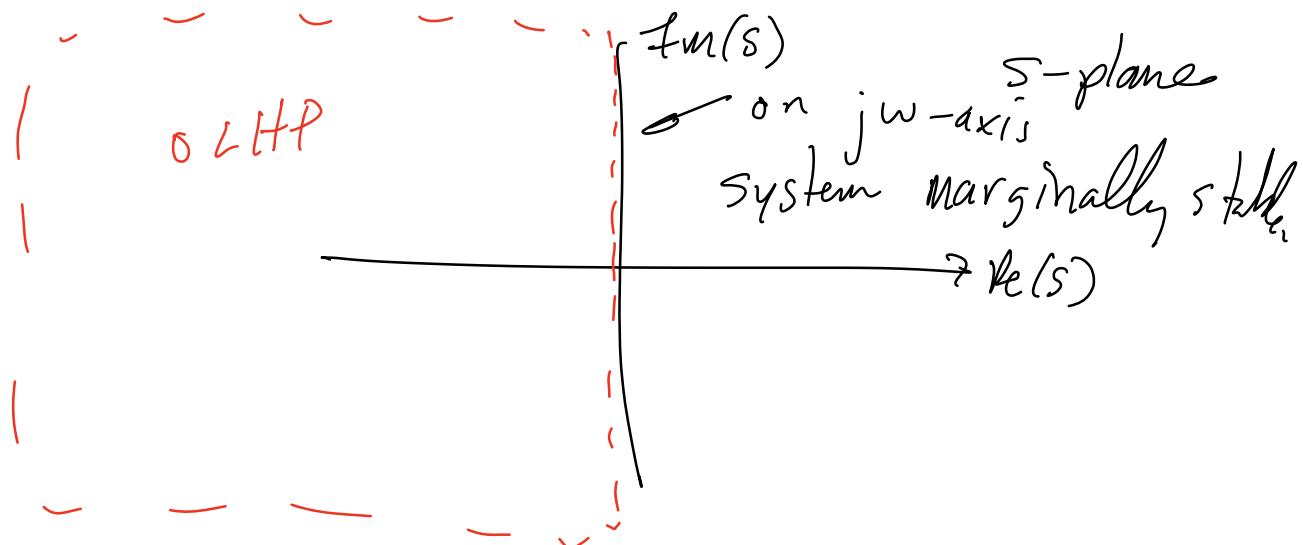
↳ challenging to solve

Determine stability :  $d(s) = 0$

Solve for  $s$  (roots of  $d(s)$ )

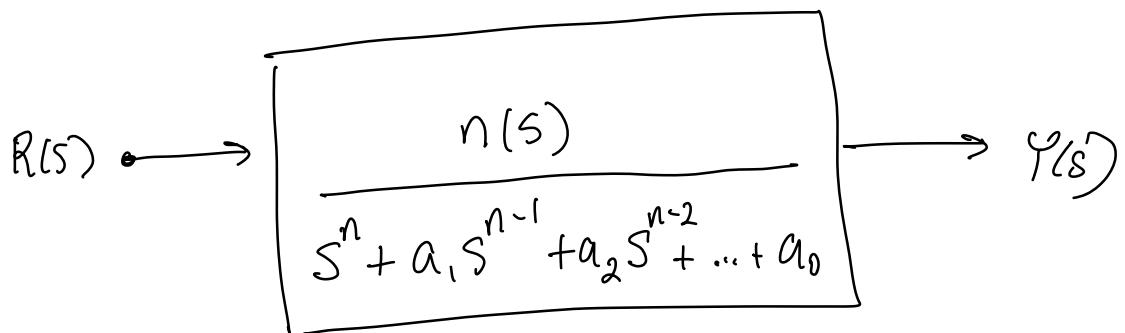
Stable requires all roots s

to be in the OLTSP:



## Routh-Hurwitz Stability Criterion

Consider the system:



where  $d(s) = s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + a_2 s^{n-2} + \dots + a_0$   
is a monic polynomial in  $s$ .

\* For stability (necessary & sufficient cond.)  
we want the real parts of roots of  $d(s)$   
to be negative (i.e., roots in OLF).

Note: on  $j\omega$ -axis is not in OLF.

Note: If any coefficients of  $d(s)$  are missing, then the system will have

Poles located outside of the OLF P.

By examining the monic polynomial:

$$d(s) = s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + a_2 s^{n-2} + \dots + a_n$$

we can make two statements:

- 1) If there is at least one sign change, i.e., "+" to "-", then there will be at least one pole not in OLF P.

e.g.:  $s^2 - 2s + 1 = d(s)$

$\Rightarrow$  at least one pole outside OLF P.

- 2) If all the coefficients of  $d(s)$  are positive, then we cannot say anything about location of the poles.  $s^2 + 2s + 1$

## Routh - Hurwitz Method (1905)

1. Generate the Routh-table
2. Interpret the Routh-table

Step 1 Generate the R-table

Start with  $d(s) = \underline{1}s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \underline{a_2} s^{n-2} + \dots + a_n$

|           |  | Coefficients |       |       |     |
|-----------|--|--------------|-------|-------|-----|
|           |  | 1            | $a_2$ | $a_4$ | ... |
|           |  | $a_1$        | $a_3$ | $a_5$ | ... |
| $s^n$     |  |              |       |       |     |
| $s^{n-1}$ |  |              |       |       |     |
| $s^{n-2}$ |  | $b_1$        | $b_2$ | $b_3$ | ... |
| :         |  | $c_1$        | $c_2$ | $c_3$ | ... |
| :         |  | :            | :     | :     | ... |
| $s^0$     |  | :            | :     | :     | ... |

~~Important!!~~

where :

$$b_1 = \frac{-\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a_2 \\ a_1 & a_3 \end{vmatrix}}{a_1} \quad b_2 = \frac{-\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a_4 \\ a_1 & a_5 \end{vmatrix}}{a_1} \quad b_3 = \frac{-\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a_6 \\ a_1 & a_7 \end{vmatrix}}{a_1}$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{b_1} \quad C_2 = \frac{-\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_5 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}}{b_1} \quad \dots$$

## Step 2 Interpreting R-Table

The base table will only tell us the number of poles in LHP and RHP.

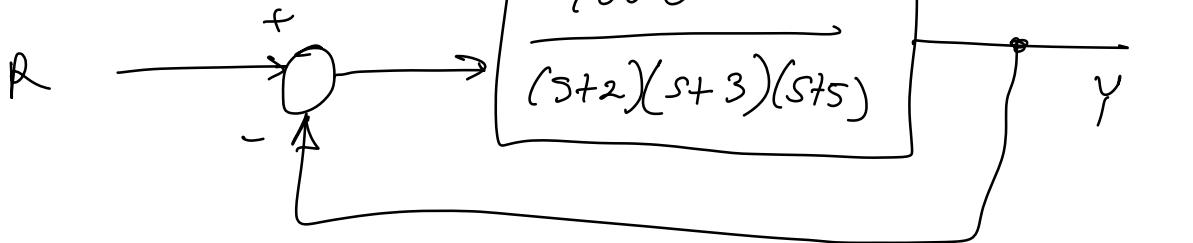
Poles on the jw-axis will be covered in special cases.

\* Routh-Hurwitz criterion declares that the number of roots (poles) of  $d(s)$  that are in the RHP is equal to the number of sign changes in the first column of R-H Table

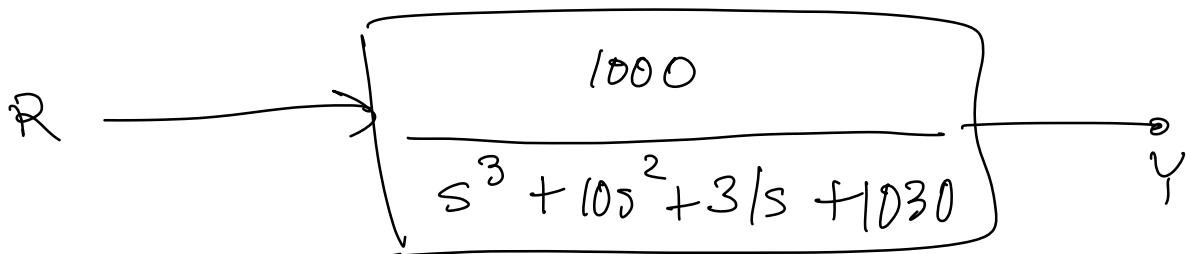
Hence, if the system is stable (can be marginally stable), all poles are in LHP, thus there should be no sign changes in

first column!!

Example



Is this system stable?



① R-Tabelle  $d(s) = s^3 + \underline{10s^2} + \underline{31s} + \underline{1030}$

|       |      |    |      |
|-------|------|----|------|
| $s^3$ | 1    | 31 | 0    |
| $s^2$ | 10   | 1  | 1030 |
| $s^1$ | -72  | 1  | 0    |
| $s^0$ | 1030 |    |      |

$$b_1 = -\frac{1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 10 & 1030 \end{vmatrix}}{10} = -72 \quad b_2 = \frac{-1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{10} = 0$$

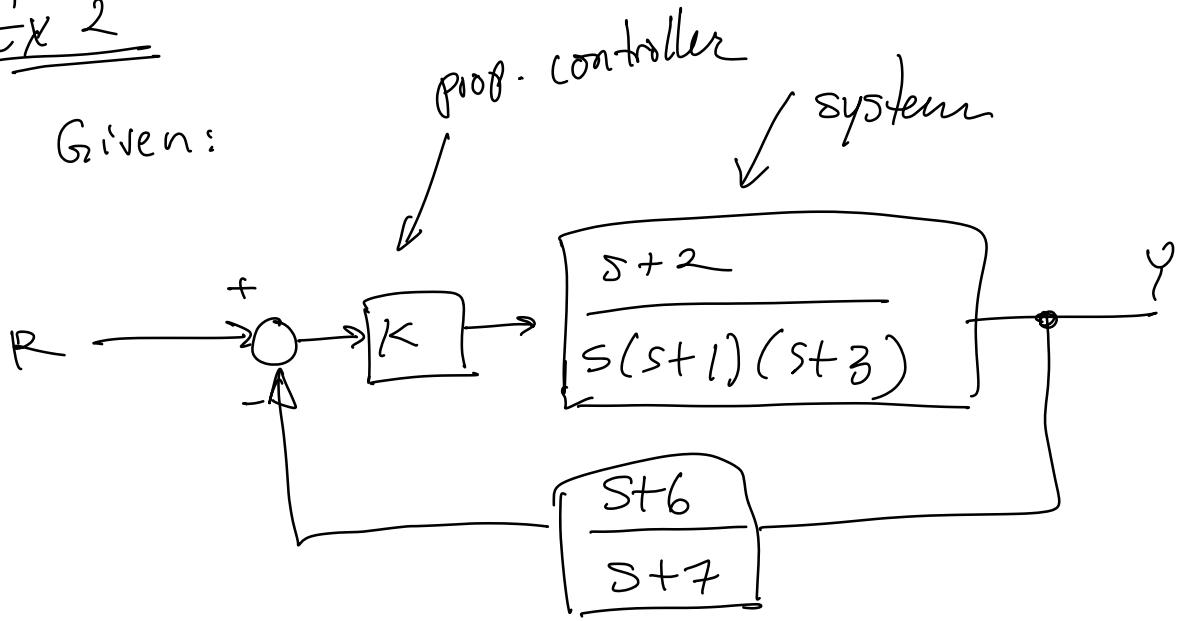
$$C_1 = -\frac{\begin{vmatrix} 10 & 1030 \\ -72 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{-72} = 1030$$

② Count sign changes in 1st column  $\Rightarrow$  2 sign changes in ORHP

$\therefore$  system is Unstable

Ex 2

Given:



Find range for  $K$  to make  
this system stable!

feedback /  
return signal  
Transfer function

Step 1 Need C Loop  $d(s)$ :

$$T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{(s+2)(s+7)}{s^4 + 11s^3 + (K+3)s^2 + (8K+21)s + 12K}$$

Next, Create R-table

$$d(s) = s^4 + 11s^3 + (K+3)s^2 + (8K+21)s + 12K$$

|       |       |         |       |
|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| $S^4$ | 1     | $K+31$  | $12K$ |
| $S^3$ | 11    | $8K+21$ | 0     |
| $S^2$ | $b_1$ | $b_2$   | $b_3$ |
| $S^1$ | $c_1$ | $c_2$   | $c_3$ |
| $S^0$ | $d_1$ |         |       |

$$b_1 = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & K+31 \\ 11 & 8K+21 \end{vmatrix}}{11} = \frac{3K + 320}{11} > 0$$

$$b_2 = 12K$$

$$c_1 = \frac{24K^2 + 1171K + 6720}{3K + 320} \quad c_2 = 0$$

$$d_1 = 12K$$

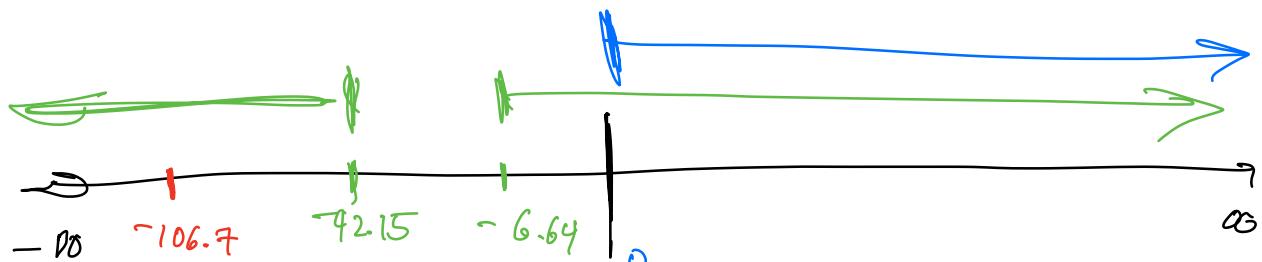
We want  $b_1 > 0 ; c_1 > 0 ; d_1 > 0$

$$b = \frac{3k+320}{11} > 0 \Rightarrow k > -106.7$$

$$c_1 = \frac{24k^2 + 117k + 6720}{3k + 320} > 0$$

$$k < -42.15 \text{ or } k > -6.64$$

$$d_1 = 12k > 0 \Rightarrow k > 0$$



Blue part:  $k > 0$