

Control Systems

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Abstract—This manual is an introduction to control systems based on GATE problems. Links to sample Python codes are available in the text.

Download python codes using

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svn co https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/
control/codes
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1 STABILITY

1.1 Second order System

1.1. Consider the following second order system with the transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + 2s + s^2} \quad (1.1.1)$$

Is the system stable?

Solution: The poles of

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + 2s + s^2} \quad (1.1.2)$$

are at

$$s = -1 \quad (1.1.3)$$

i.e., the left half of s-plane. Hence the system is stable.

1.2. Find and sketch the step response $c(t)$ of the system.

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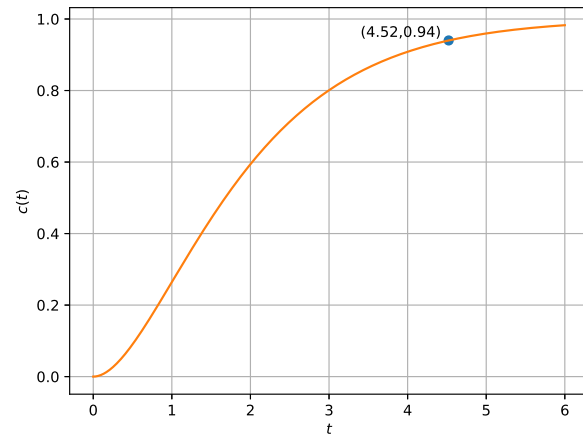


Fig. 1.2

Solution: For step-response, we take input as unit-step function $u(t)$

$$C(s) = U(s).G(s) = \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 + 2s + s^2} \right] \quad (1.2.1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s(1 + s)^2} \quad (1.2.2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{(1 + s)} - \frac{1}{(1 + s)^2} \quad (1.2.3)$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform,

$$c(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] - L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1 + s} \right] - L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(1 + s)^2} \right] \quad (1.2.4)$$

$$= (1 - e^{-t} - te^{-t}) u(t) \quad (1.2.5)$$

The following code plots $c(t)$ in Fig. 1.2

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codes/ee18btech11002/plot.py
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1.3. Find the steady state response of the system using the final value theorem. Verify using 1.2.5

Solution: To know the steady response value

of $c(t)$, using final value theorem,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sC(s) \quad (1.3.1)$$

We get

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + s + s^2} \right) = \frac{1}{1 + 0 + 0} = 1 \quad (1.3.2)$$

Using 1.2.5,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1 - e^{-t} - te^{-t}) u(t) \quad (1.3.3)$$

$$= (1 - 0 - 0) = 1 \quad (1.3.4)$$

- 1.4. Find the time taken for the system output $c(t)$ to reach 94% of its steady state value.

Solution: Now, 94% of 1 is 0.94, so we should now solve for a positive t such that

$$1 - e^{-t} - te^{-t} = 0.94 \quad (1.4.1)$$

The following code

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codes/ee18btech11002/solution.py
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provides the necessary solution as

$$t = 4.5228 \quad (1.4.2)$$

2 ROUTH HURWITZ CRITERION

- 2.1. Consider a unity feedback system as shown in Fig. 2.1, with an integral compensator $\frac{k}{s}$ and open-loop transfer function

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2} \quad (2.1.1)$$

where k greater than 0. Find its closed loop transfer function.

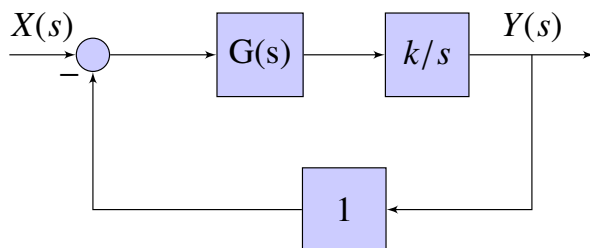


Fig. 2.1

Solution: $\because H(s) = 1$ in Fig. 2.1, due to unity

feedback, the transfer function is given by

$$\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} \quad (2.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(s) = \frac{k}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s} \quad (2.1.3)$$

- 2.2. Find the characteristic equation for $G(s)$.

Solution: The characteristic equation is

$$1 + G(s)H(s) = 0 \quad (2.2.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left[\frac{k}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s} \right] = 0 \quad (2.2.2)$$

$$\text{or, } s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + k = 0 \quad (2.2.3)$$

- 2.3. Using the tabular method for the Routh hurwitz criterion, find $k > 0$ for which there are two poles of unity feedback system on $j\omega$ axis.

Solution: This criterion is based on arranging the coefficients of characteristic equation into an array called Routh array. For any characteristic equation

$$q(s) = a_0s^n + a_1s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}s + a_n = 0 \quad (2.3.1)$$

the Routh array can be constructed as

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} s^n & a_0 & a_2 & a_4 & \dots \\ s^{n-1} & a_1 & a_3 & a_5 & \dots \\ s^{n-2} & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \quad (2.3.2)$$

where

$$b_1 = \frac{a_1a_2 - a_0a_3}{a_1} \quad (2.3.3)$$

$$b_2 = \frac{a_1a_4 - a_0a_5}{a_1} \quad (2.3.4)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{b_1a_3 - a_1b_2}{b_1} \quad (2.3.5)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{b_1a_5 - a_1b_3}{b_1} \quad (2.3.6)$$

For poles to lie on imaginary axis any one entire row of hurwitz matrix should be zero. Constructing the routh array for the characteristic equation obtained in 2.2.1,

$$s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + k = 0 \quad (2.3.7)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} s^3 & 1 & 2 \\ s^2 & 3 & k \\ s^1 & \frac{6-k}{3} & 0 \\ s^0 & k & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.3.8)$$

For poles on $j\omega$ axis any one of the row should be zero.

$$\therefore \frac{6-k}{3} = 0 \text{ or } k = 0 \quad (2.3.9)$$

$$\implies k = 6 \quad \because k > 0 \quad (2.3.10)$$

2.4. Repeat the above using the determinant method.

Solution: The *Routh matrix* can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_2 & a_4 & \cdots \\ a_1 & a_3 & a_5 & \cdots \\ 0 & a_0 & a_2 & \cdots \\ 0 & a_1 & a_3 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.4.1)$$

and the corresponding Routh determinants are

$$D_1 = |a_0| \quad (2.4.2)$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a_0 & a_2 \\ a_1 & a_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.4.3)$$

$$D_3 = \begin{vmatrix} a_0 & a_2 & a_4 \\ a_1 & a_3 & a_5 \\ 0 & a_0 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.4.4)$$

$$\dots \quad (2.4.5)$$

If at least any one of the Determinants are zero then the poles lie on imaginary axes. From (2.2.1),

$$D_1 = 1 \neq 0 \quad (2.4.6)$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & k \end{vmatrix} = k - 6 = 0 \implies k = 6 \quad (2.4.7)$$

2.5. Verify your answer using a python code for both the determinant method as well as the tabular method. **Solution:** The following code

codes/ee18btech11005/ee18btech11005.py

provides the necessary solution.

3 COMPENSATORS

4 NYQUIST PLOT