

# Control Systems

## Lecture 8: Stability Analysis for Linear Systems

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    - Output diverges for any input
  - **Marginally stable systems** – poles on the imaginary axis with all other poles on the left.  
(system stable for some input, unstable for others)



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A simple criterion, known as **Routh's stability criterion**, enables us to determine the number of closed-loop poles that lie in the right-half  $s$  plane without having to factor the denominator polynomial.



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- 3 **Unstable system** is possible with all positive coefficients  $\Rightarrow$  use Routh's stability criterion





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$$\begin{array}{cccc} s^5 & 1 & & 2 & 11 \\ s^4 & 2 & & 4 & 10 \\ s^3 & 0 \approx \epsilon & & 6 & \\ s^2 & -12/\epsilon + 4 & & 10 & \\ s^1 & 10\epsilon^2/12 + 6 & & & \\ s^0 & 10 & & & \end{array}$$

Assume  $\epsilon$  to be positive, 2 sign changes  $\Rightarrow$  **unstable**



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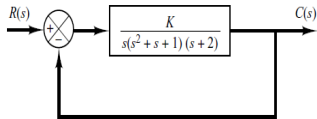




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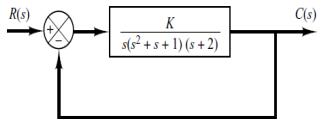
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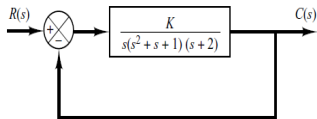
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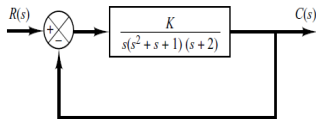
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For stability,  $K$  must be positive, and all coefficients in the first column must be positive. Therefore,

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## Eigenvalues

Recall

$$G(s) = C[Is - A]^{-1}B + D$$

In order to find the pole, we need to find

$$\det(Is - A) = 0$$

Which is equivalent to finding the eigenvalue of A.

$$\det(I\lambda - A)$$

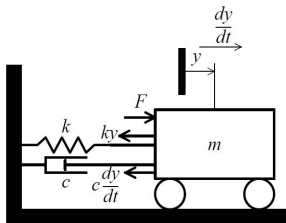
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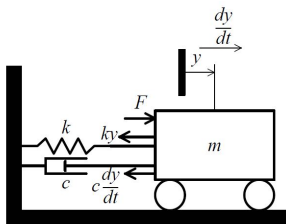


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Compute the determinant

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ k/m & s + c/m \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 + \frac{c}{m}\lambda + \frac{k}{m}$$

The roots of the equation above are the poles of the system





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