

# **[MEN573]**

# **Advanced Control Systems I**

## Lecture 12 – Stability

### Part I Definitions & Routh-Hurwitz Test

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# Outline

- Review of finite dimensional vector norms
- Equilibrium state of CT unforced systems
- Lyapunov's definitions of stability
- Stability of CT LTI Systems
  - Stability analysis using the Routh-Hurwitz criterion
- Stability of DT LTI Systems
  - Stability analysis using the Routh-Hurwitz criterion

# Vector Norm, Review

Let  $v \in \mathcal{R}^n$

1. 1- norm

$$\|v\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|$$

2. (Euclidean)

$$\|v\|_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (v^T v)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Vector Norm, Review

Let  $v \in \mathcal{R}^n$

3. p - norm

$$\|v\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty$$

4. sup - norm

$$\|v\|_\infty = \max_i |v_i|$$

# Finite dimensional vector norms

**All vector norms in  $\mathcal{R}^n$  and  $\mathcal{C}^n$  are equivalent:**

- Let  $\|\cdot\|_a, \|\cdot\|_b$  be **any** two vector norms, then, there exists a pair of constants  $k_1, k_2$  such that

$$k_1\|v\|_a \leq \|v\|_b \leq k_2\|v\|_a \quad \text{for all } v \in \mathcal{R}^n$$

# Finite dimensional vector norms

- In this class, we use the symbol  $\|\cdot\|$  to denote the Euclidean vector norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$ .

$$\|v\|_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (v^T v)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- However, most results can be applied to any vector norm.

# Vector norms - convention

- For  $v \in \mathcal{R}^n$ ,  $|v|$  means a vector norm of  $v$
- For  $v \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $|v|$  means the absolute value of  $v$

# Continuous Time Unforced Systems

n-th order system:

$$\dot{x} = f(x, t) , \quad x(t_o) = x_o$$

An **equilibrium state**  $x_e$  is such that:

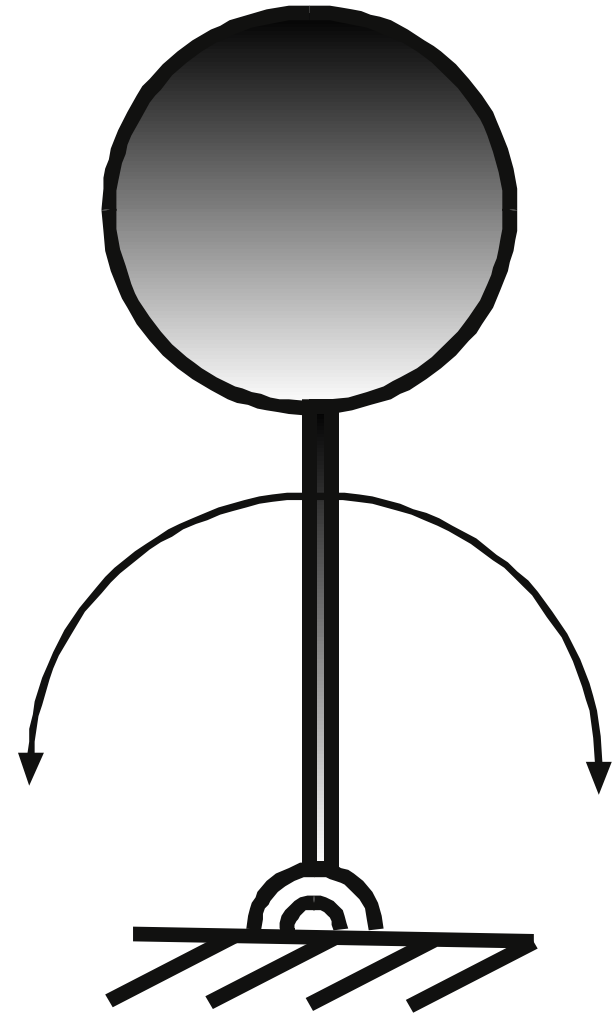
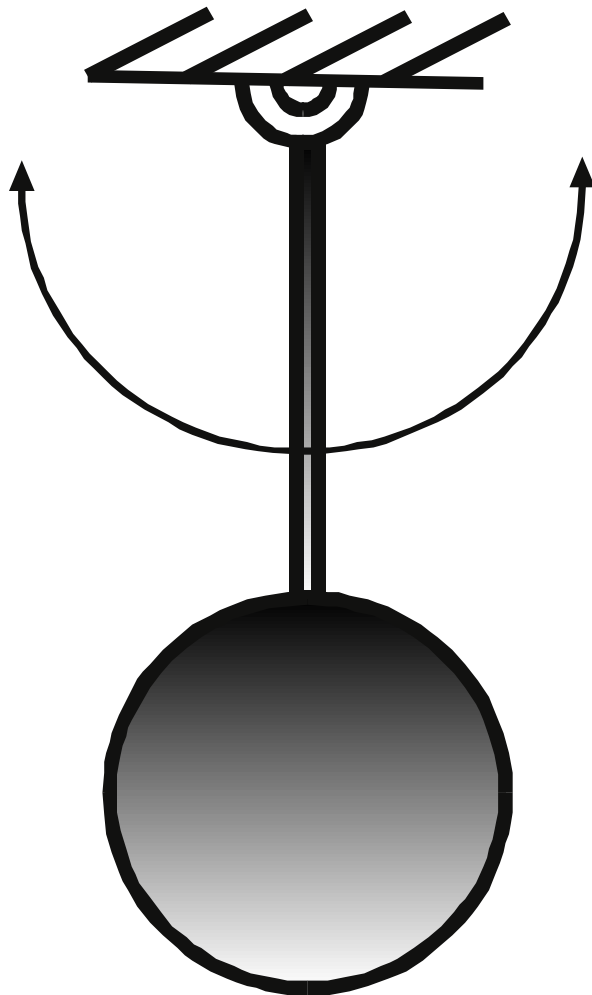
$$f(x_e, t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

Without loss of generality, we will assume that  $0$  is an equilibrium state.



# Equilibrium state of unforced systems

Examples:



# Equilibrium state of linear systems

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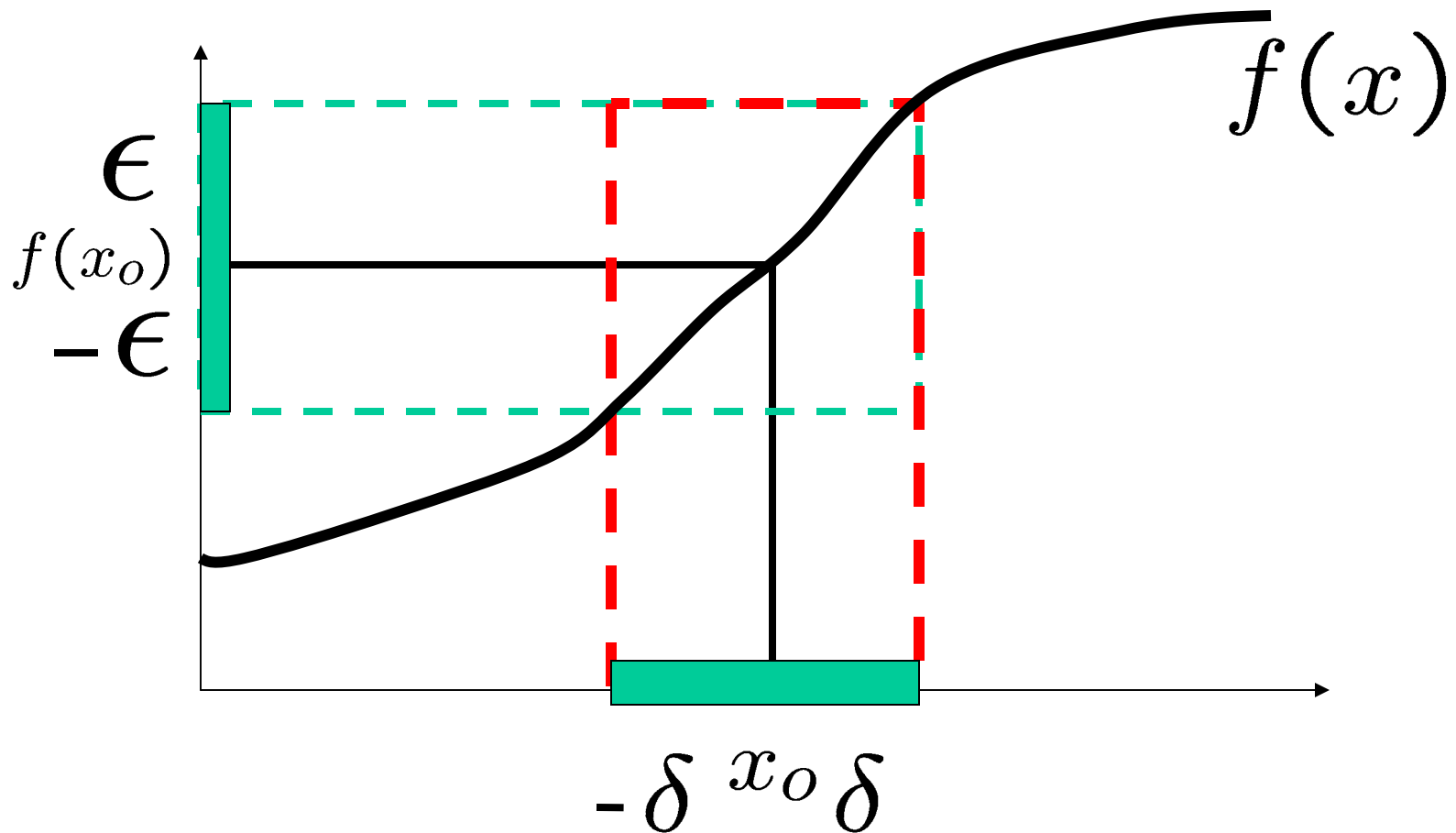
# Continuous Function

The function  $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is continuous at  $x_o$  if

- for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta(x_o, \epsilon) > 0$  such that

$$|x - x_o| < \delta \quad \longrightarrow \quad |f(x) - f(x_o)| < \epsilon$$

# Continuous Function



$$|x - x_o| < \delta \quad \longrightarrow \quad |f(x) - f(x_o)| < \epsilon$$

# Uniformly Continuous Function

The function  $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is **uniformly continuous** if

- for every  $\epsilon > 0$  , there exists a  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that

$$|x - x_o| < \delta \quad \longrightarrow \quad |f(x) - f(x_o)| < \epsilon$$

$\delta$  is not a function of  $x_o$  , ONLY of  $\epsilon$

# Stability in the sense of Lyapunov

The equilibrium state  $\theta$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$

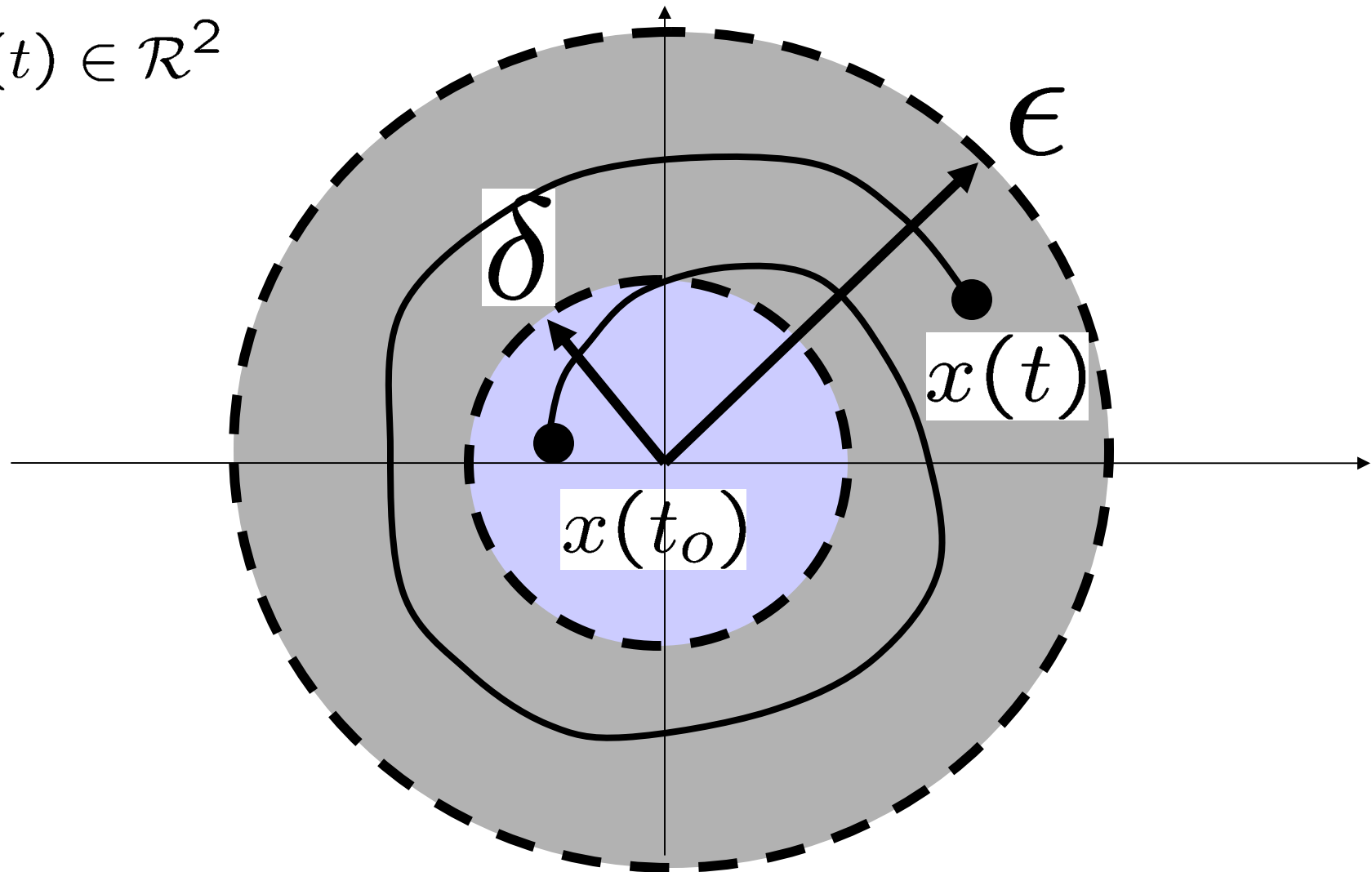
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- for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta(\varepsilon, t_o) > 0$  such that

$$|x(t_o)| < \delta \quad \longrightarrow \quad |x(t)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall t \geq t_o$$

# Stability in the sense of Lyapunov

$$x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^2$$



$$|x(t_0)| < \delta \quad \longrightarrow \quad |x(t)| < \epsilon \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

# Stability in the sense of Lyapunov

The equilibrium state  $0$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$

is **uniformly stable** in the sense of Lyapunov if

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# Asymptotic Stability

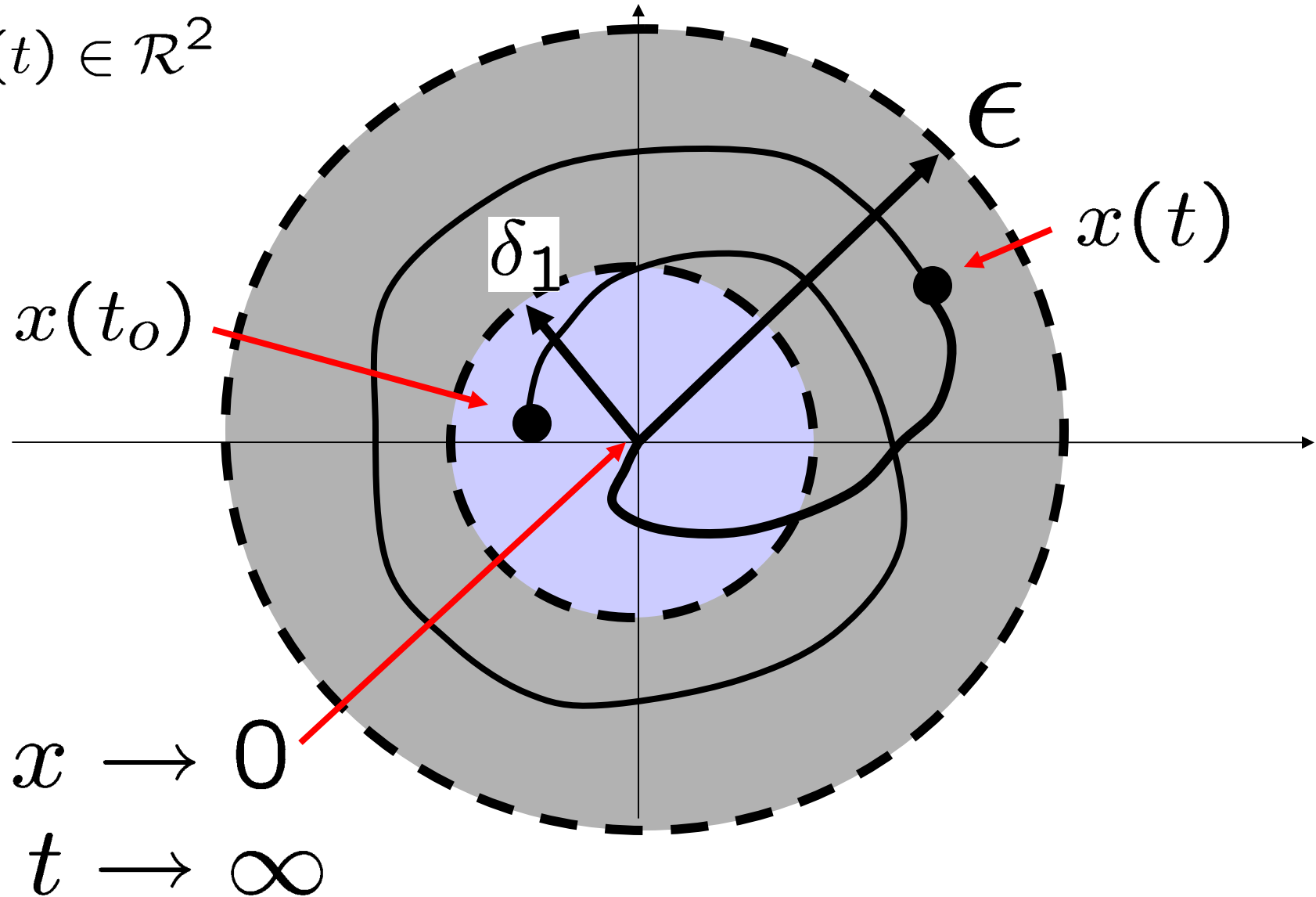
The equilibrium state  $0$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$  is **asymptotically stable** if:

1. it is stable in the sense of Lyapunov and
2. there exists a  $\delta_1(t_o) > 0$  such that

$$|x(t_o)| < \delta_1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$$

# Asymptotic Stability

$$x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^2$$



# Uniform Asymptotic Stability

The equilibrium state  $0$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$

is ***uniformly asymptotically*** stable if:

1. it is uniformly stable in the sense of Lyapunov and
2. there exists a  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that

$$|x(t_0)| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$$

$\delta, \delta_1$  are not functions of  $t_0$

# Global Asymptotic Stability

The equilibrium state  $0$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$

is **globally asymptotically** stable if:

- it is asymptotically stable for **any**  $\delta_1 > 0$

$$|x(t_o)| < \delta_1$$

$\delta_1$  is arbitrarily large

*It does not matter how far is the initial condition from the origin*

# Exponential Stability

The equilibrium state  $0$  of  $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$

is uniformly **exponentially** stable if:

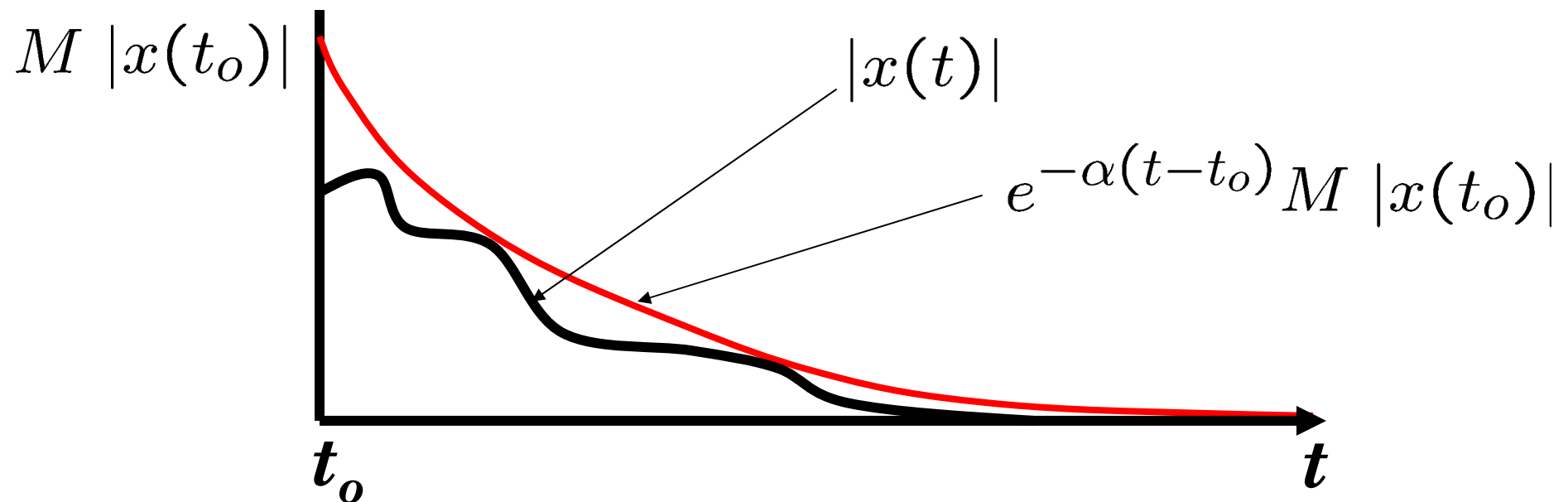
- it is stable in the sense of Lyapunov and
- there exists a  $\delta > 0$  and constants  $M < \infty$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$|x(t)| \leq e^{-\alpha(t-t_o)} M |x(t_o)|$$

for all  $|x(t_o)| < \delta$

# Exponential Stability

$$|x(t)| \leq e^{-\alpha(t-t_o)} M |x(t_o)|$$



$\alpha$  is called the rate of exponential convergence.

**exponential stab. is stronger than asymptotic stab.**

# Stability of LTI Systems

The stability of the equilibrium state  $0$  for a linear systems

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

can be concluded immediately based on the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Let  $\lambda_i$  be the  $i$ th eigenvalue of  $A$ .

# Stability of Continuous Time LTI Systems

Unstable	$\text{Re}\{\lambda_i\} > 0$ for at least one $\lambda_i$ , or $\text{Re}\{\lambda_i\} \leq 0 \quad \forall \lambda_i$ 's, but for a repeated $\lambda_j$ on the imaginary axis with multiplicity $m_j$ , $\text{nullity}[\lambda_j I - A] < m_j$ (Jordan form)
Stable in the sense of Lyapunov	$\text{Re}\{\lambda_i\} \leq 0 \quad \forall \lambda_i$ 's, but for any repeated $\lambda_j$ on the imaginary axis with multiplicity $m_j$ , $\text{nullity}[\lambda_j I - A] = m_j$ (diagonal form)
Exponentially stable	$\text{Re}\{\lambda_i\} < 0 \quad \forall \lambda_i$ ,

$\lambda_i$  is the  $i$ th eigenvalue of  $A$ .



# Hurwitz Matrix

A matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  is **Hurwitz** if

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda_i\} < 0 \quad \forall \lambda_i,$$

$\lambda_i$  is the  $i$ th eigenvalue of  $A$ .

$\dot{x} = Ax$  is exponentially stable

# Instability

Unstable

*$Re\{\lambda_i\} > 0$  for at least one  $\lambda_i$ , or  
 $Re\{\lambda_i\} \leq 0 \ \forall \lambda_i$ 's, but for a repeated  $\lambda_j$  on  
the imaginary axis with multiplicity  $m_j$ ,  
 $nullity [\lambda_j I - A] < m_j$  (Jordan form)*

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# Unstable system

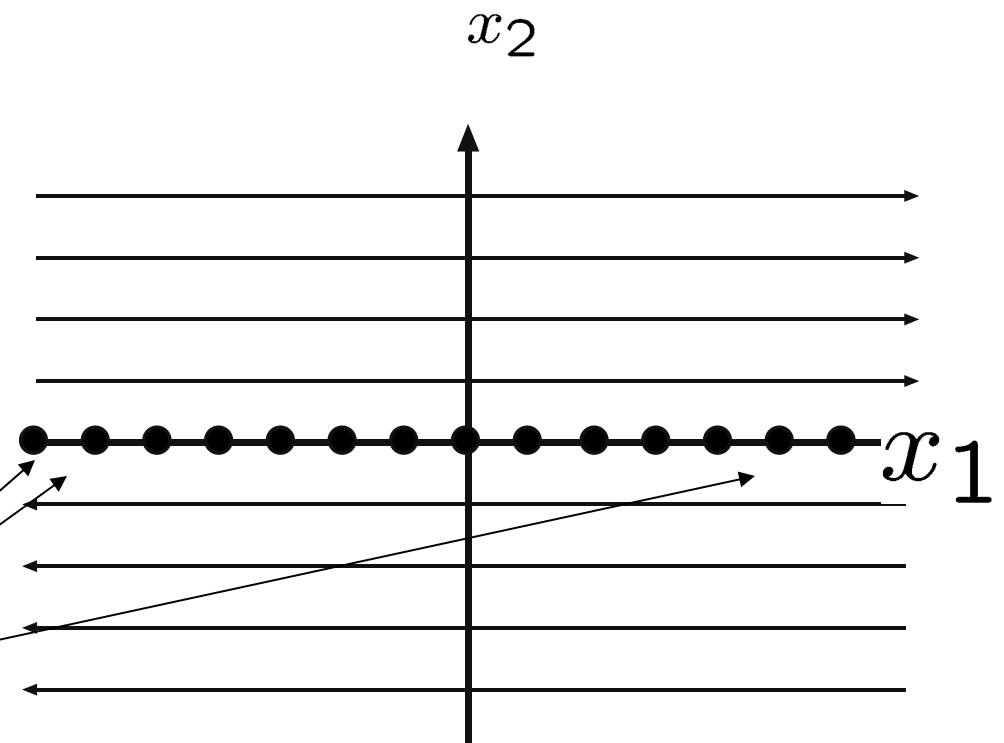
$$\dot{x} = A x \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\text{nullity} \{ \lambda_i I - A \} = 1$$

Jordan canonical form

equilibrium states



# Limited stability

Stable in the  
sense of  
Lyapunov

**$Re\{ \lambda_i \} \leq 0 \quad \forall \lambda_i$ 's**, but for any repeated  **$\lambda_j$**   
on the imaginary axis with multiplicity  **$m_j$** ,  
 **$nullity [\lambda_j I - A] = m_j$**  (diagonal form)

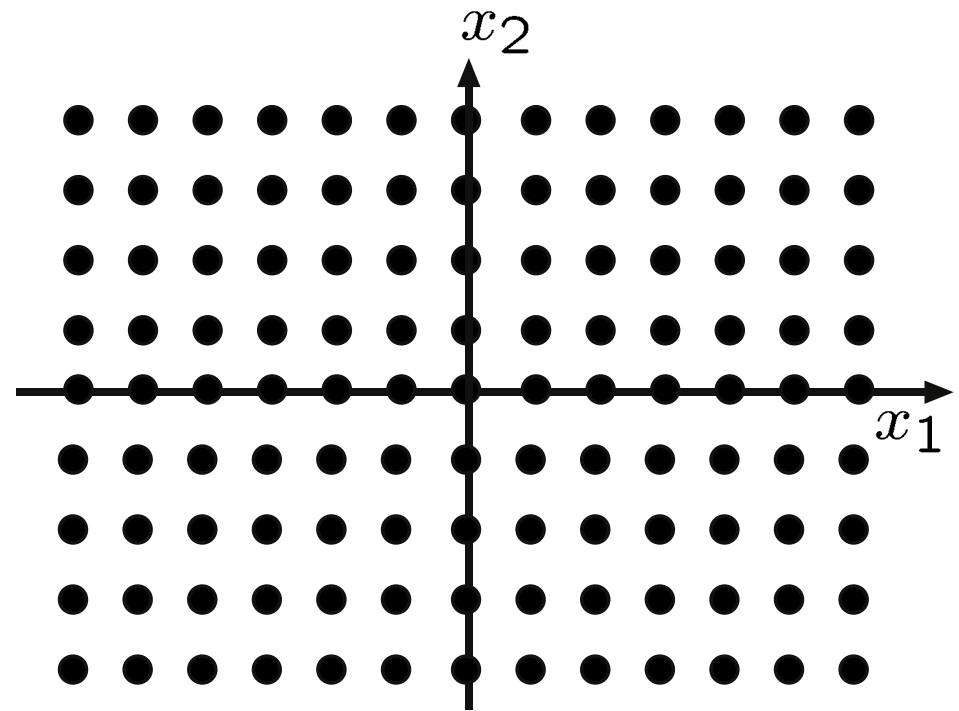
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# Limited Stability

$$\dot{x} = A x \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\text{nullity} \{ \lambda_i I - A \} = 2$$



# Routh-Hurwitz criterion

The asymptotic stability of the equilibrium state  $0$

$$\dot{x} = A x$$

can be concluded immediately based on the Routh-Hurwitz criterion.

The characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} A(s) &= \det\{sI - A\} \\ &= s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_n \end{aligned}$$

# Hurwitz Characteristic Polynomial

Characteristic polynomial (CP) of the matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$

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is **Hurwitz** if

$$A(s_o) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{s_o\} < 0$$

A matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  is Hurwitz if its CP is Hurwitz.

# Routh Array

Let the characteristic polynomial (CP) of the matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{5 \times 5}$

$$A(s) = a_0 s^5 + a_1 s^4 + a_2 s^3 + a_3 s^2 + a_4 s + a_5$$

## Routh Array:

$a_0$	$a_2$	$a_4$	0	$s^5$
$a_1$	$a_3$	$a_5$	0	$s^4$
$b_1 = a_2 - \frac{a_0 a_3}{a_1}$	$b_2 = a_4 - \frac{a_0 a_5}{a_1}$	$b_3 = 0 - \frac{a_0 \cdot 0}{a_1} = 0$		$s^3$
$c_1 = a_3 - \frac{a_1 b_2}{b_1}$	$c_2 = a_5 - \frac{a_1 b_3}{b_1}$	0		$s^2$
$d_1 = b_2 - \frac{b_1 c_2}{c_1}$	0	0		$s$
$e_1 = c_2$	0			$s^0$



# Routh-Hurwitz criterion (CT)

The characteristic polynomial (CP) of the matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$

$$A(s) = a_0 s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_n, \quad a_0 > 0$$

- is Hurwitz ***iff*** all elements of the first column of the Routh array are positive (necessary and sufficient condition)

- If Hurwitz, all coefficients of the polynomial are positive (necessary condition).
- The number of sign changes that occur on the first column of the Routh array equals the number of roots on the right half of the complex plane.

# Routh-Hurwitz criterion (CT)

- See Nise chapter 6, or any undergraduate textbook, for a discussion of special cases such as:
  - "0" in the first column
  - all elements in one row are zero.

# Routh-Hurwitz criterion (CT)

- Example:

$$A(s) = 2s^4 + s^3 + 3s^2 + 5s + 10$$

$s^4$	2	3	10
$s^3$	1	5	0
$s^2$	$3 - 2 \times 5 / 1 = -7$	10	0
$s^1$	$5 - 1 \times 10 / (-7) = 6.43$	0	
$s^0$	10		

- There are two sign changes in the first column.
- The system is unstable and there are two characteristic roots in the right half side of s-plane.

# Discrete Time Unforced Systems

Consider an n-th order nonlinear time varying discrete time (DT) systems of the form:

$$x(k+1) = f(x(k), k) , \quad x(k_o) = x_o$$

# Equilibrium state of unforced systems

An equilibrium state  $x_e$  is such that:

- $f(x_e, k) = x_e$ , for all  $k$ , for DT systems.

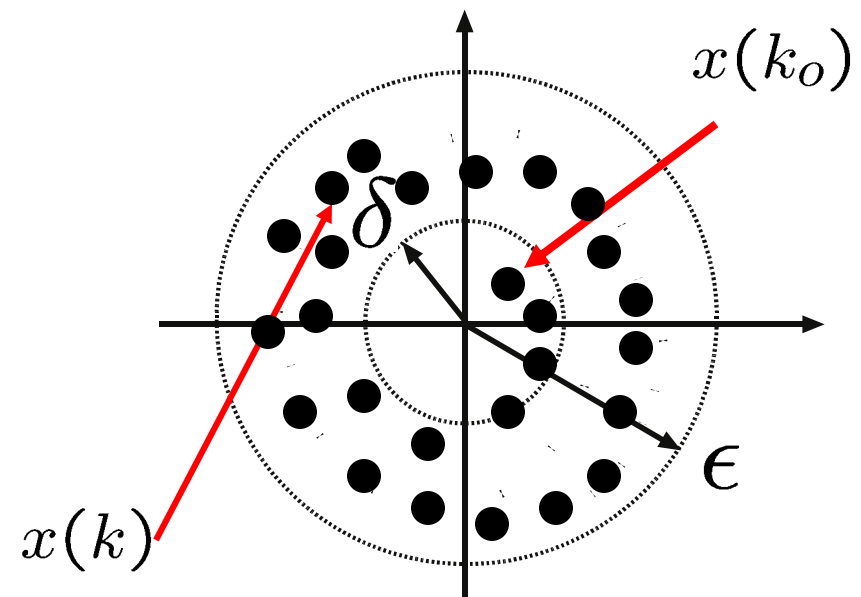
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# Stability in the sense of Lyapunov

The equilibrium state  $0$  of  $x(k+1) = f(x(k), k)$  is stable in the sense of Lyapunov if

- for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta(\varepsilon, k_o) > 0$  such that

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$0 < \rho < 1$  such that

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for all  $|x(k_o)| < \delta$

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# Stability of Discrete Time (DT) Systems

$$x(k + 1) = A x(k)$$

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Exponentially stable	$ \lambda_i  < 1 \ \forall \lambda_i$ ,

$\lambda_i$  is the  $i$ th eigenvalue of  $A$ .

# Schur Matrix

A matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  is **Schur** if

$$|\lambda_i| < 1 \quad \forall \lambda_i,$$

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$x(k+1) = Ax(k)$  is exponentially stable

# Schur Characteristic Polynomial (DT)

$$x(k+1) = A x(k)$$

Characteristic polynomial (CP) of the matrix  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$

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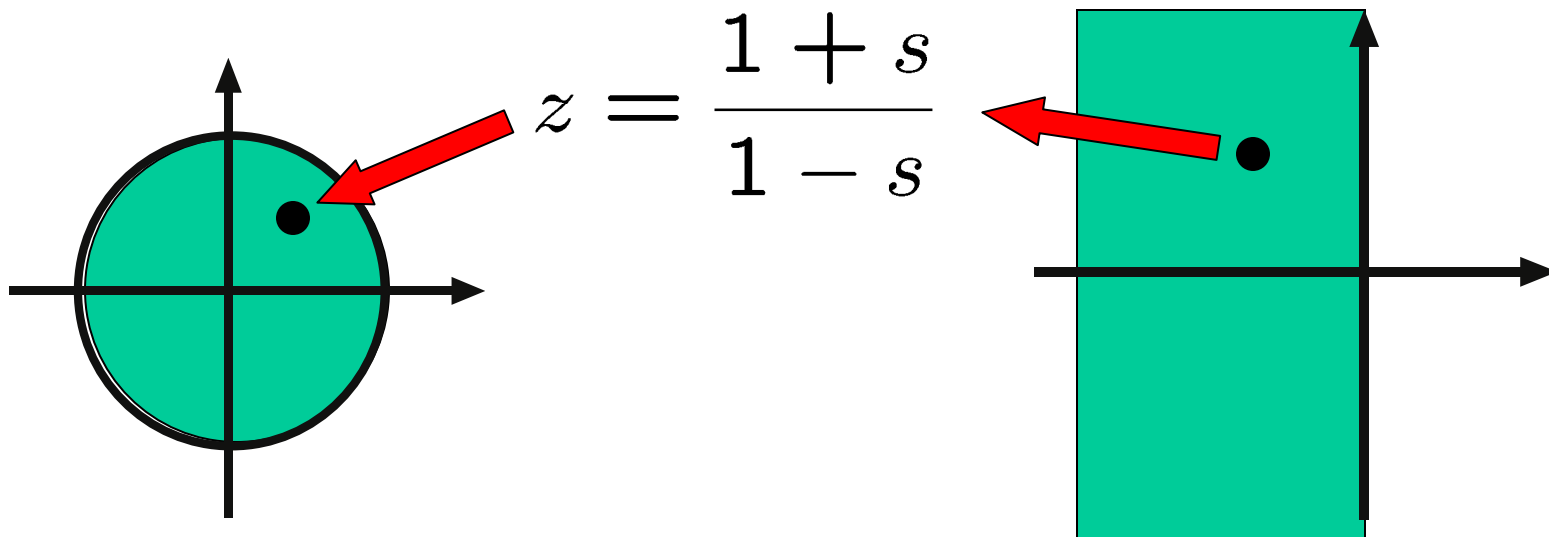
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# Routh-Hurwitz criterion (DT)

To apply the Routh-Hurwitz test to the discrete time characteristic polynomial (CP)

$$A(z) = z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n$$

it is necessary to first apply a bilinear transformation:



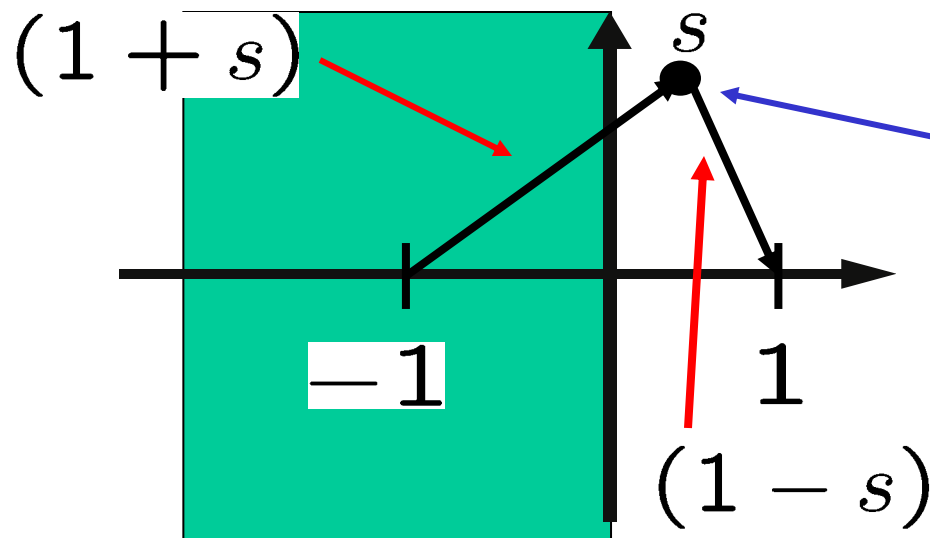
$$\{z \in \mathcal{C}, |z| \leq 1\} \leftarrow \{s \in \mathcal{C}, \operatorname{Re}\{s\} \leq 0\}$$

# Bilinear Transformation

$$z = \frac{1 + s}{1 - s}$$

**Unstable case,**

$$\operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0 \Rightarrow |z| > 1$$



$$\operatorname{Re}\{s\} > 0$$

$$|z| = \frac{|1 + s|}{|1 - s|} > 1$$

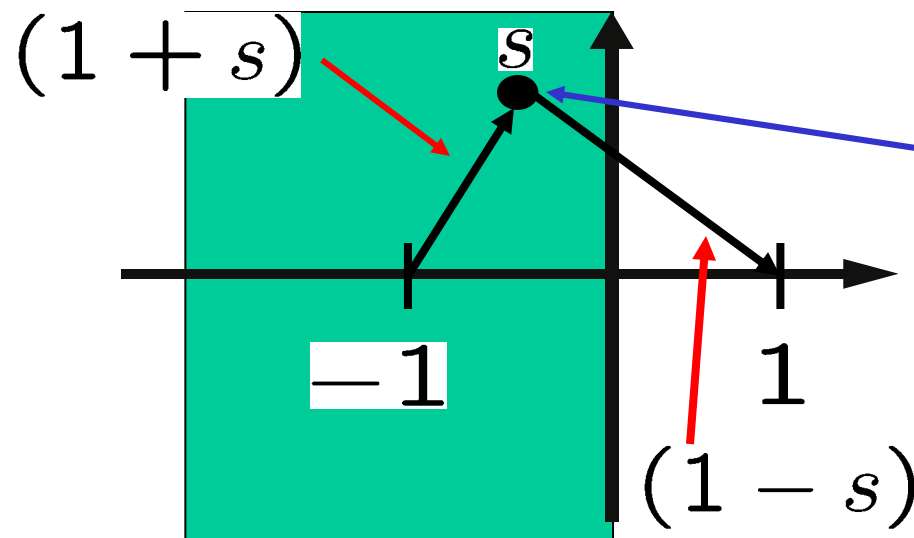
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$$\operatorname{Re}\{s\} < 0$$

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$$(1 + s) = (s - (-1))$$

# Bilinear Transformation

Let  $A(z) = z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n$

and apply the bilinear transformation,

$$\begin{aligned} A(z) \Big|_{z=\frac{1+s}{1-s}} &= \left( \frac{1+s}{1-s} \right)^n + a_1 \left( \frac{1+s}{1-s} \right)^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n \\ &= \frac{A^*(s)}{(1-s)^n} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A^*(s) &= a_0^* s^n + a_1^* s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n^* \\ &= A(z) \Big|_{z=\frac{1+s}{1-s}} (1-s)^n \end{aligned}$$

# Bilinear Transformation

Defining

$$A^*(s) = A(z) \Big|_{z=\frac{1+s}{1-s}} (1-s)^n$$

then

$$A^*(s_o) = 0 \Leftrightarrow A(z_o) = 0$$

where,

$$z_o = \frac{1 + s_o}{1 - s_o}$$

and,

$$\operatorname{Re}\{s_o\} < 0 \Leftrightarrow |z_o| < 1$$



# Routh-Hurwitz criterion (DT)

The discrete time characteristic polynomial

$$A(z) = z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$$

is Schur, i.e.  $A(z_o) = 0 \Leftrightarrow |z_o| < 1$

- ***iff*** the polynomial

$$A^*(s) = A(z) \Big|_{z=\frac{1+s}{1-s}} (1-s)^n$$

is Hurwitz

# Example

Consider the discrete time characteristic polynomial

$$A(z) = z^3 + 0.8z^2 + 0.6z + 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^*(s) &= A(z)|_{z=\frac{1+s}{1-s}} (1-s)^3 \\ &= (1+s)^3 + 0.8(1+s)^2(1-s) \\ &\quad + 0.6(1+s)(1-s)^2 + 0.5(1-s)^3 \end{aligned}$$

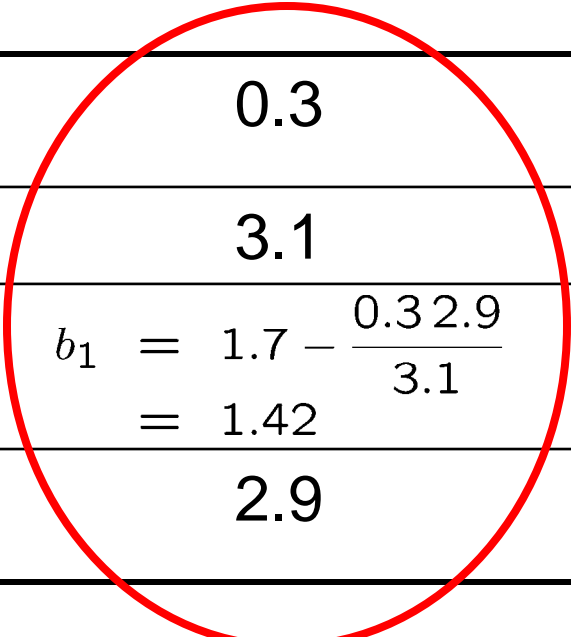
$$A^*(s) = 0.3s^3 + 3.1s^2 + 1.7s + 2.9$$

# Discrete Time Example

Routh array of

$$A^*(s) = 0.3s^3 + 3.1s^2 + 1.7s + 2.9$$

All elements  
in first column  
are positive



0.3	1.7	$s^3$
3.1	2.9	$s^2$
$b_1 = 1.7 - \frac{0.3 \cdot 2.9}{3.1}$ $= 1.42$	0	$s$
2.9		$s^0$

Thus,

$$A(z) = z^3 + 0.8z^2 + 0.6z + 0.5$$

is Schur.