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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.

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1 STABILITY

2 ROUTH HURWITZ CRITERION

2.1. Consider a unity feedback system as shown in the figure, shown with an integral compensator k/s and open-loop transfer function

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

where k greater than 0. The positive value of k for which there are two poles of unity feedback system on $j\omega$ axis is equal to—(rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution: The transfer function for negative feedback is given by

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

where $H(s) = 1$ for unity feedback system and $G(s)$ is net forward open loop gain

$$G(s) = \left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2} \right] \left[\frac{k}{s} \right] = \frac{k}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s} \quad (2.1.3)$$

Characteristic equation is..,

$$1 + G(s)H(s) = 0 \quad (2.1.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \left[\frac{k}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s} \right] = 0 \quad (2.1.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + k = 0 \quad (2.1.6)$$

The Routh hurwitz criterion:- This criterion is based on arranging the coefficients of characteristic equation into an array called Routh array. For any characteristic equation $q(s)$,

$$q(s) = a_0s^n + a_1s^{n-1} + a_2s^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}s + a_n = 0 \quad (2.1.7)$$

Routh array can be constructed as follows..,

$$\begin{pmatrix} s^n \\ s^{n-1} \\ s^{n-2} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_2 & a_4 & \dots \\ a_1 & a_3 & a_5 & \dots \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$b_1 = \frac{a_1a_2 - a_0a_3}{a_1} \quad (2.1.8)$$

$$b_2 = \frac{a_1a_4 - a_0a_5}{a_1} \quad (2.1.9)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{b_1a_3 - a_1b_2}{b_1} \quad (2.1.10)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{b_1a_5 - a_1b_3}{b_1} \quad (2.1.11)$$

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 equation(2.1.4)

$$s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s + k = 0 \quad (2.1.12)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} s^3 \\ s^2 \\ s^1 \\ s^0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & k \\ \frac{6-k}{3} & 0 \\ k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1.13)$$

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

$$\frac{6-k}{3} = 0 \text{ or } k = 0 \quad (2.1.14)$$

But given k greater than 0 ...

$$6 - k = 0 \quad (2.1.15)$$

$$k = 6 \quad (2.1.16)$$

3 COMPENSATORS

4 NYQUIST PLOT