

# LEC 4

## The Stability of Linear feedback systems

Routh- Hurwitz stability criterion

### Case 1:

No element in the first column is zero.

**Example** The characteristic equation of a second order System is.

$$q(s) = a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0$$

the array is written as

$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
 s^2 & a_2 & a_0 \\
 s^1 & a_1 & 0 \\
 \hline
 s^0 & b_1 & 0
 \end{array}$$

$b_{n-1} = b_{2-1}$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_1 &= \frac{a_1 a_0 - (0) a_2}{a_1} = \frac{1}{a_1} (a_1 a_0 - 0 a_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{a_1} (a_1 a_0 - 0 a_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{a_1} \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_0 \\ a_1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{a_1} (0 - a_2 a_1) = \frac{1}{a_1} (-a_2 a_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the required for a stable second order system is simply that all the coefficients be positive.

for The Third order to be stable, it is necessary and sufficient That the coefficients be positive and  $a_2 a_1 \geq a_0 a_3$

The condition other  $a_2 a_1 = a_0 a_3$  results in a board line stability case, and one pair of roots lies on the majority axis in the s plane.

Numerical example for the case when the characteristic equation results in no zero elements in the first consider a polynomial.

$$q(s) = (s - 1 + j\sqrt{2})(s - 1 - j\sqrt{2})(s - 3)$$

$$\text{i.e. } q(s) = s^3 + s^2 + 2s + 24 \quad (7)$$

The polynomial satisfies that all the coefficients exist and are positive . Therefore, utilizing the Route. Hurwitz array, we have (eq1)

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} s^3 & 1 & 2 \\ s^2 & 1 & 24 \\ \hline s^1 & b_1 & 0 \\ s^0 & c_1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{2 \times 2 - 24 \times 1}{1} = -22$$

$$c_1 = \frac{b_1(24) - 1 \times 0}{b_1} = \frac{24 b_1}{b_1} = 24$$

Then the array is

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} s^3 & 1 & 2 \\ s^2 & 1 & 24 \\ s^1 & -22 & 0 \\ s^0 & 24 & 0 \end{array}$$

Since two changes in sign appears in the first column, we find that two roots of  $q(s)$  lie in the right hand of **S** plane .

## Case 2

Zero in the first column while some other elements of the row containing a zero in the first column are non-zero.

If only one element in the array is zero, it may be replaced with a small positive number  $\epsilon$ ; which is allowed  $\epsilon$  approach zero after completing the array.

**Example**, consider the following's characteristic equation.

$$q(s) = s^5 + 2s^4 + 2s^3 + 4s^2 + 11s + 10$$

The Routh-Hurwitz array is then

odd	$s^5$	1	2	11	
even	$s^4$	2	4	10	
	$s^3$	$\epsilon$	6	0	
	$s^2$	$\epsilon_1$	10	0	
	$s^1$	$d_1$	0	0	
	$s^0$	10	0	0	

  

$$b_1 = \frac{4 \cdot 2 - 11 \cdot 1}{2} = 0 \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$\frac{4 \cdot 4 - 20}{4} = \frac{24}{4} = 6$$

$$c_1 = \frac{4\epsilon - 12}{\epsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad d_1 = \frac{6c_1 - 10\epsilon}{c_1} = 6 - \frac{10\epsilon}{c_1}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{-12}{\epsilon} \rightarrow \text{large negative number} \quad \text{since } \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

$$d_1 = 6$$

Then the array is

$s^5$	1	2	11
$s^4$	2	4	10
$s^3$	$\epsilon$	6	0
$s^2$	$\frac{-12}{\epsilon}$	10	0
$s^1$	6	0	0
$s^0$	10	0	0

There are two sign changes due to the large negative number in the first column,  **$C_s = -12/\epsilon$**  Therefore, the system is unstable, and two roots lies in the right half of the s plane.

### Example: (case 2)

Given the characteristic equation

$$q(s) = s^4 + s^3 + s^2 + s + K$$

It is required to determine the gain  $K$  which results in borderline stability using the Hurwitz stability criterion-

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The Routh-Hurwitz array is then.

Handwritten Routh-Hurwitz array and calculations:

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} s^4 & 1 & 1 & K \\ s^3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline s^2 & K & K & 0 \\ s^1 & \frac{E-K}{E} & 0 & 0 \\ s^0 & K & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

Calculations for the auxiliary polynomial  $E(s)$ :

$$C_1 = \frac{E-K}{E} = \frac{E}{E} - \frac{K}{E} = \frac{E-K}{E}$$
$$d_1 = \frac{K(E-K)}{E} = \frac{KE - K^2}{E}$$
$$= K - \frac{K^2}{E}$$
$$= K$$

r.e. The array is

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} s^4 & 1 & 1 & K \\ s^3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ s^2 & E & K & 0 \\ s^1 & \frac{E-K}{E} & 0 & 0 \\ s^0 & K & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

Therefore, any value of  $K$  greater than zero (positive values) the system is unstable. Also, since the last term in the first column is paid to  $K$ , a negative value of  $K$  will result in an unstable system. Therefore, the system is unstable for all values of  $K$ .

### Case 3

Forms is the first column, and the other elements of the row containing the zero in the first column are also zero, ( we discuss the case when the row consists of a single element which is zero )

case 3 occurs when all the elements in one you are zeros or when the rows consist of a single element which is zero.

#### Example.

consider the third - order system with a characteristic equation

$$q(s) = s^3 + 2s^2 + 4s + K$$

where K is an adjustable loop gain Find The value of K for a stable system.

#### Sol

The Routh array is.

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odd	$s^3$	1	4
even	$s^2$	2	K
	$s^1$	$b_1$	0
	$s^0$	$c_1$	0

$$b_1 = \frac{8-K}{2}, \quad c_1 = \frac{b_1 K - 0}{b_1} = K$$

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	$s^3$	1	4
	$s^2$	2	K
	$s^1$	$\frac{8-K}{2}$	0
	$s^0$	2	0
		K	



therefore, for a stable system, we require That  $0 \leq K \leq 8$

when  $K=8$ , we have two roots on the  $j\omega$  axis and a borderline stability case.

### Example

In The previous example , find the factors of the characteristic equation when  $K=8$ .

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The array when  $K=8$  is

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} s^3 & 1 & 4 \\ s^2 & 2 & 8 \\ s^1 & 0 & 0 \\ s^0 & 8 & 0 \end{array}$$

when  $K=8$  we obtain row of zeros (case 3) The auxiliary equation  $U(S)$ , is the equation of the row preceding the row of zeros .The equation of the row preceding the row of zeros is, in this case, obtained from the  $s^2$ = row. We recall that this row contains the coefficients of the even powers of  $S$  and therefore in this case we have.

$$\begin{aligned} U(S) &= 2S^2 + 8S^0 = 2S^2 + 8 \\ &= 2S^2 + 8 = 2(S^2 + 4) = 2(S + j2)(S - j2) \end{aligned}$$

To show that the auxilian eqn  
,  $U(S)$  is a factor of the chs equation.  
, we divide  $q(s)$  by  $U(s)$  to obtain.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{2}S + 1 \\ 2S^2 + 8 \overline{) S^3 + 2S^2 + 4S + 8} \\ \underline{S^3 \quad \quad + 4S} \quad \quad + 8 \\ 2S^3 \quad \quad + 8 \\ \underline{2S^3 \quad \quad + 8} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

- Therefore, when  $K=8$ , the factor of the chs eqn are.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e } (S^3 + 2S^2 + 4S + 8) &= 2\left(\frac{1}{2}S + 1\right)(S + j2)(S - j2) \\ &= (S + 2)(S + j2)(S - j2) \end{aligned}$$

The  $q(S)$  roots are.

$$(S + 2), (S + j2), (S - j2)$$

Then we have two roots on the  $j\omega$ -axis and on the border stability case and one root on the right of the S- plane.



