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Stability Analysis

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Stability of Control Systems

Stability of closed-loop feedback systems is central to control system design.

A control system is in **equilibrium** if:

- The absence of any disturbance or input.
- The output stays in the same state.

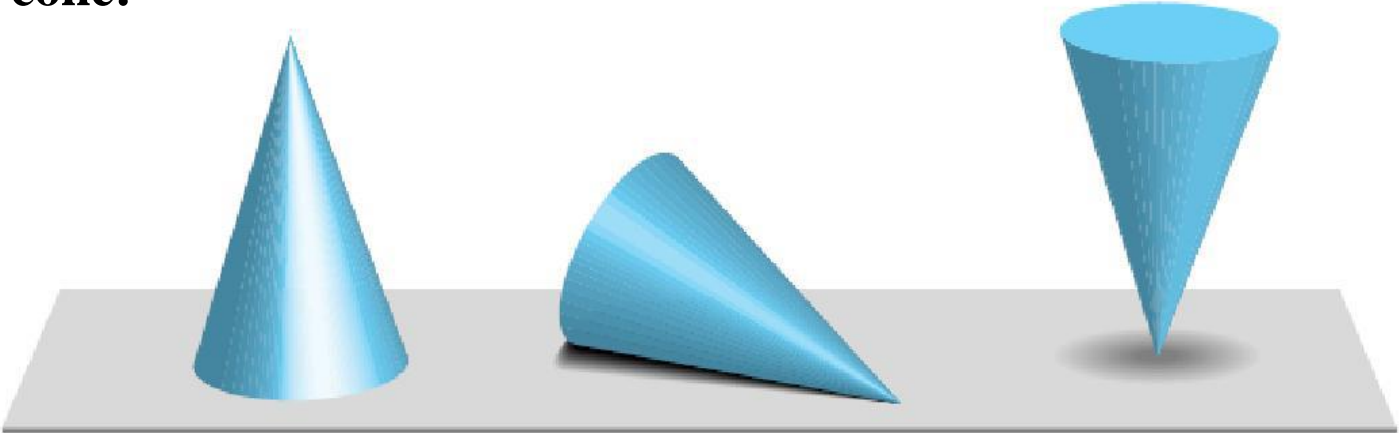
يعد إستقرار أنظمة التغذية العكسية ذات المسار المغلق أمراً أساسياً للتحكم في تصميم النظام.

يكون نظام التحكم في حالة توازن إذا:

- عدم وجود أي إزعاج أو إدخال للنظام.
- الإخراج من النظام يبقى في نفس الحالة.

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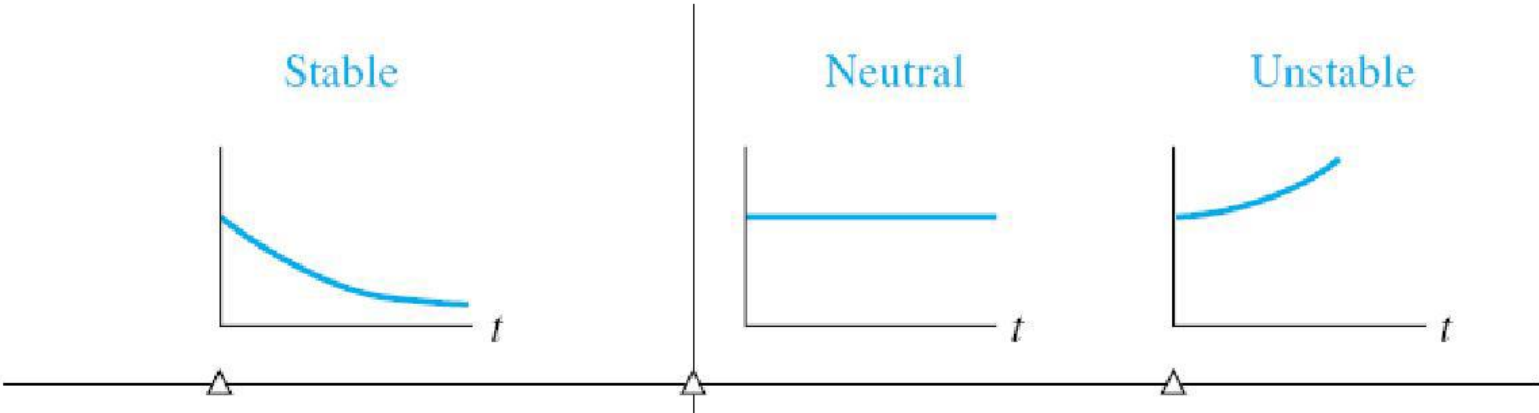
The stability of a cone:



(a) Stable

(b) Neutral

(c) Unstable



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The original Tacoma Narrows Bridge was built in 1939 in the Washington State, U.S.A. At the time, it was the third longest suspension bridge in the world, and cost about US\$6.56 million (considered a bargain then). The Tacoma Narrows Bridge opened to the public on July 1, 1940.

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Opened on July 1, 1940. On November 7, 1940, a windstorm induced severe torsional movement in the bridge that eventually caused the bridge to break apart and collapse.

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1. Stable

A linear time-invariant control system is **stable** if the **output eventually comes back to its equilibrium state** when the system is subjected to an initial condition.

يكون نظام التحكم الخطي غير المتغير مع الزمن **مستقراً** إذا عاد الإخراج في النهاية إلى حالة توازنه عندما يخضع النظام لشرط أولي.

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2. Critically Stable

A linear time-invariant control system is **critically stable** if **oscillations of the output continue forever**.

يكون نظام التحكم الخطي غير المتغير مع الزمن **مستقرًا بشكل حرج** إذا استمرت تذبذبات الإخراج إلى الأبد.

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3. Unstable

A linear time-invariant control system is **unstable** if the output diverges without bound from its equilibrium state when the system is subjected to an initial condition.

يكون نظام التحكم الخطي غير المتغير مع الزمن **غير مستقراً** إذا تباعد الإخراج دون تقييد من حالة توازنه عندما يخضع النظام لشرط مبدئي.

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Note:

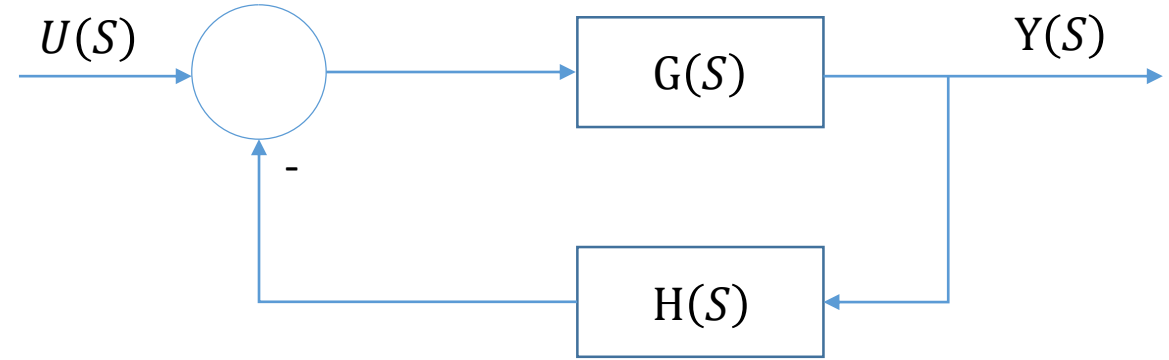
Actually, the output of a physical system may increase to a certain extent but may be limited by mechanical "stops," or the system may break down or become nonlinear after the output exceeds a certain magnitude so that the linear differential equations no longer apply.

ملاحظة:

في الواقع ، قد يزداد إخراج النظام المادي إلى حد معين ولكن قد يكون محدوداً بواسطة "نقاط توقف ميكانيكية"، أو قد ينهار النظام أو يصبح غير خطي بعد أن يتجاوز إخراج النظام قيمة معينة بحيث لا يتم تطبيق المعادلات التفاضلية الخطية.

Stability Methods for Control Systems

$$\frac{Y(S)}{U(S)} = \frac{G(S)}{1 + G(S)H(S)}$$

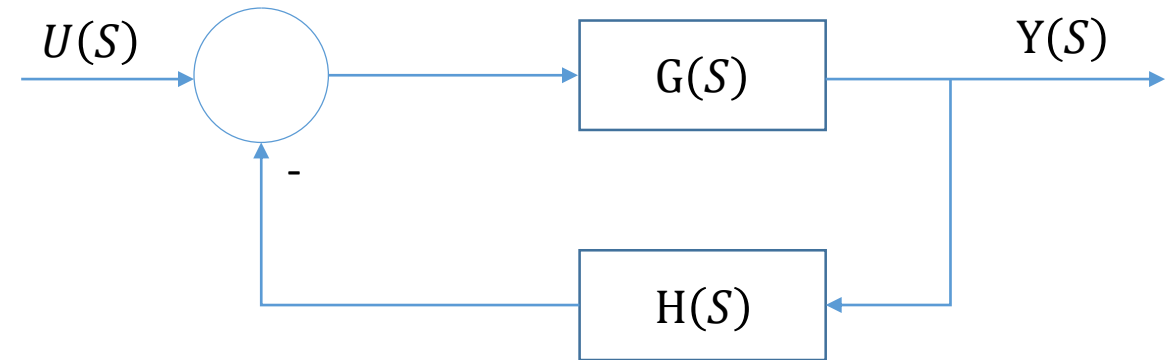


- Solving *characteristic equation*, $P(s) = 0$ or matrix $P(s) = |sI - A| = 0$, to determine the stability based on the location of roots on the complex $S = \sigma \pm j\omega$ plane.
- Applying *Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion* (Routh 1872, Hurwitz 1892), without solving $P(s) = 0$.
- Applying *Root Locus* (Evans 1948) Frequency analysis methods.
- *Bode diagram* (Bode 1927), $P(j\omega) = 0$.
- *Nyquist stability criterion* (1932), without solving $P(j\omega) = 0$.
- *Lyapunov stability methods*, (Lyapunov 1892) (become known in west 1961)

Stability of Linear Feedback Systems by Solving Characteristic Equation

The **stability** of a feedback system is directly related to the location of the **roots** of the **characteristic equation** of the system **transfer function** and to the **location of the eigenvalues of the system matrix** for a system in state variable format.

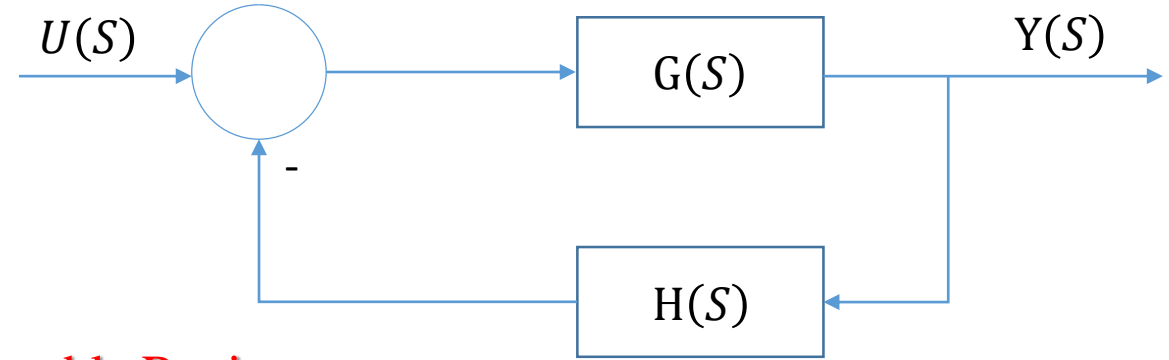
Thus the **stability of a linear closed-loop system** can be determined from the **location of the closed loop poles** in the $S = \sigma \pm j\omega$ plane.



Stability of Linear Feedback Systems by Solving Characteristic Equation

$$\frac{Y(S)}{U(S)} = \frac{G(S)}{1 + G(S)H(S)}$$

$$P(S) = 1 + G(S)H(S) = 0$$



The **system is stable** if all the roots of characteristic equation $P(s)$ lie to the left of the $j\omega$ axis.

Stable region



Note: Whether a linear system is stable or unstable is a property of the system itself and does not depend on the characteristic of input or driving function of the system.

Unstable Region



S-Plane

If all roots of characteristic equation lie to the left side of the $j\omega$ axis on the complex s-plane then the system is stable. Thus the transient response of the system eventually reaches to equilibrium.

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Example

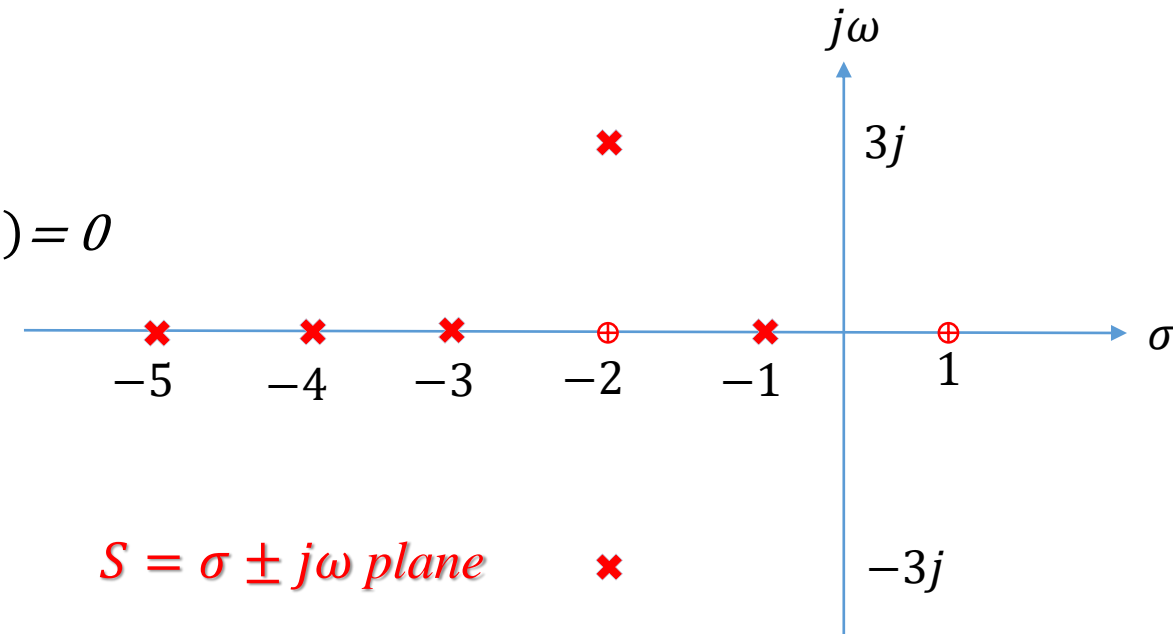
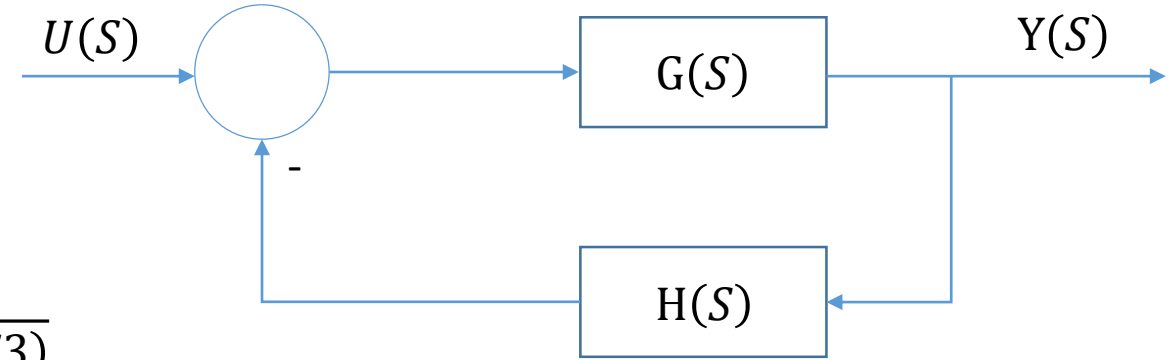
$$\frac{Y(S)}{U(S)} = \frac{G(S)}{1 + G(S)H(S)}$$

$$\frac{Y(S)}{U(S)} = \frac{(S + 2)(S - 1)}{(S + 1)(S + 4)(S + 5)(s + 2 + j3)(s + 2 - j3)}$$

$$P(S) = 1 + G(S)H(S) = 0$$

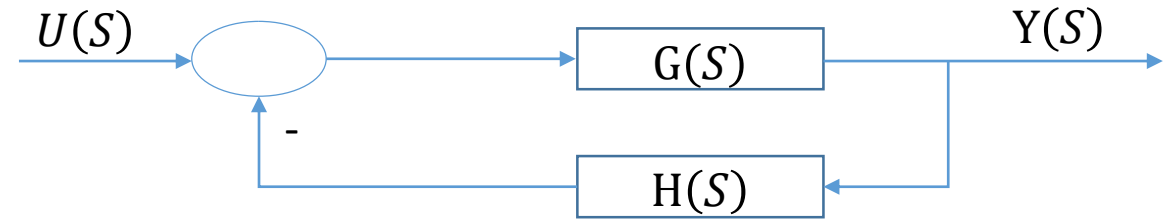
$$P(S) = (S + 1)(S + 4)(S + 5)(s + 2 + j3)(s + 2 - j3) = 0$$

Factoring the characteristic equation or denominator polynomial of the transfer function is generally difficult and generally needs computation for $n \geq 3$.



Stability of Linear Feedback Systems by Solving Characteristic Equation

$$\frac{Y(S)}{U(S)} = \frac{G(S)}{1 + G(S)H(S)}$$



State Space Model		Transfer Function Model
$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ $x \in R^n$ $u \in R^r$ $A \in R^{n \times n}$ $B \in R^{n \times r}$	$y = Cx + Du$ $C \in R^{m \times n}$ $D \in R^{m \times r}$	$\frac{Y(S)}{U(S)} = \frac{G(S)}{1 + G(S)H(S)}$ $P(s) = 1 + G(S)H(S) = 0$
$P(s) = sI - A = 0$		