

# CONTROL I

ELEN3016

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## Stability of Dynamical Systems

(Lecture 11)

# Overview

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- First Things First!
- Introductory Examples
- Review of 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Systems
- Routh-Hurwitz Stability Criterion
- Tutorial Exercises & Homework
- **Next Attraction!**

# First Things First!

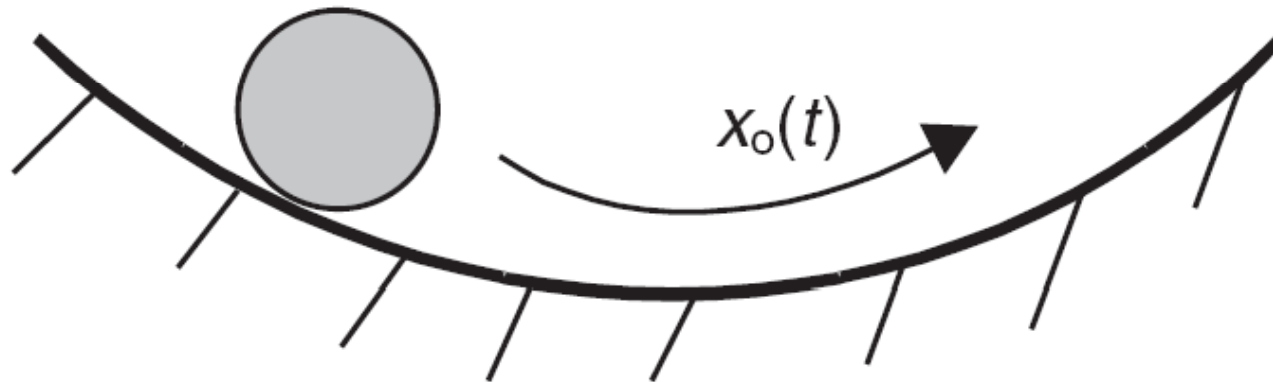
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- Test

- After the study break ... 😊  
10<sup>th</sup> September, 08:00 – 10:00 in CB228.
- Will cover Chapters 1 to 5 of Burns.
- All problems discussed in class and all formal tutorial problems and (small) variations on these themes are important for the Test.

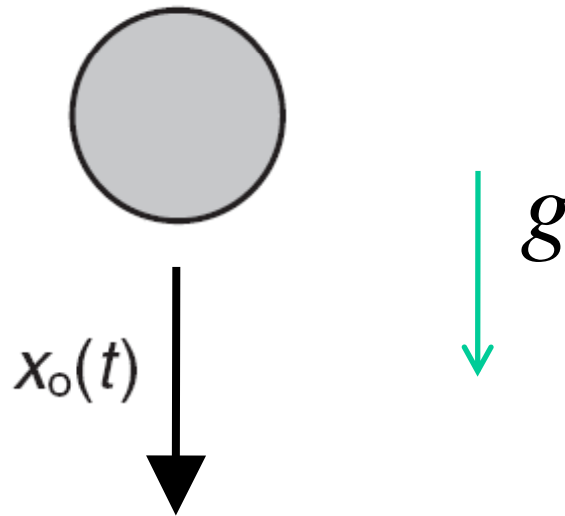
# Introductory Example 1

- *Stable* time response



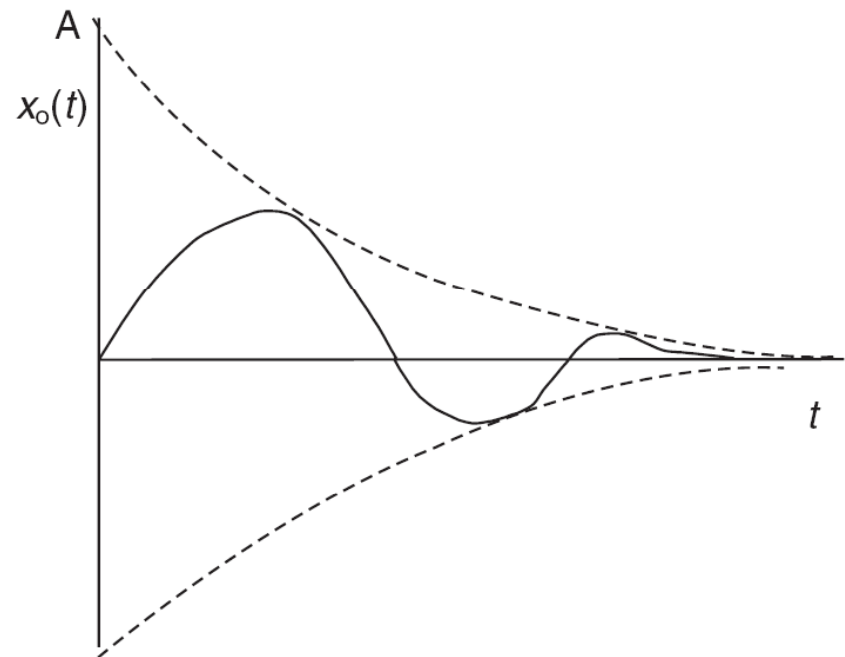
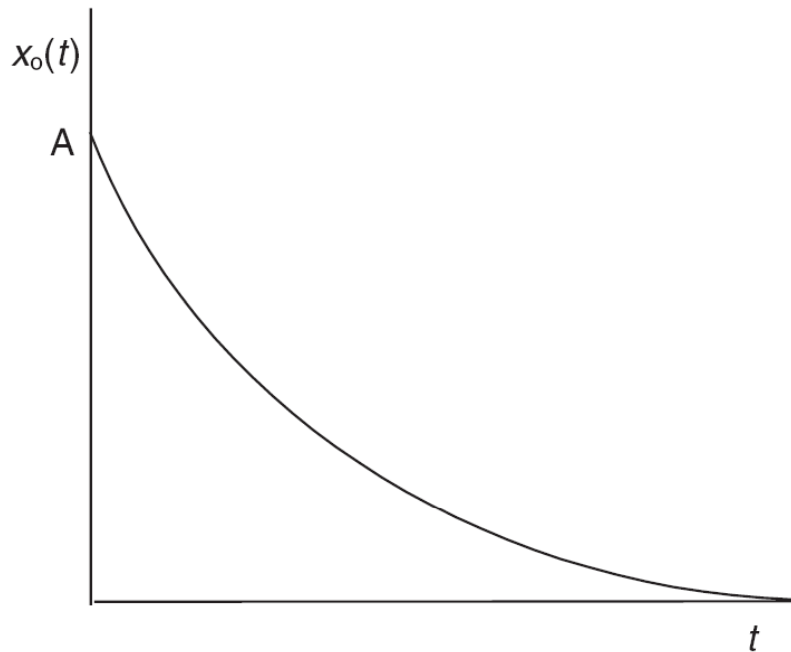
# Introductory Example 2

- Example of *unstable* time response



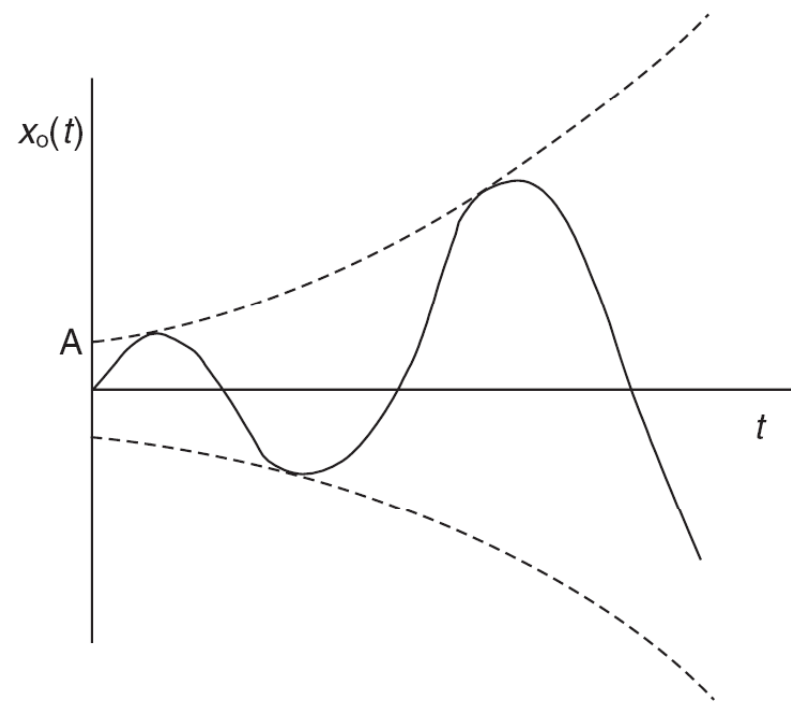
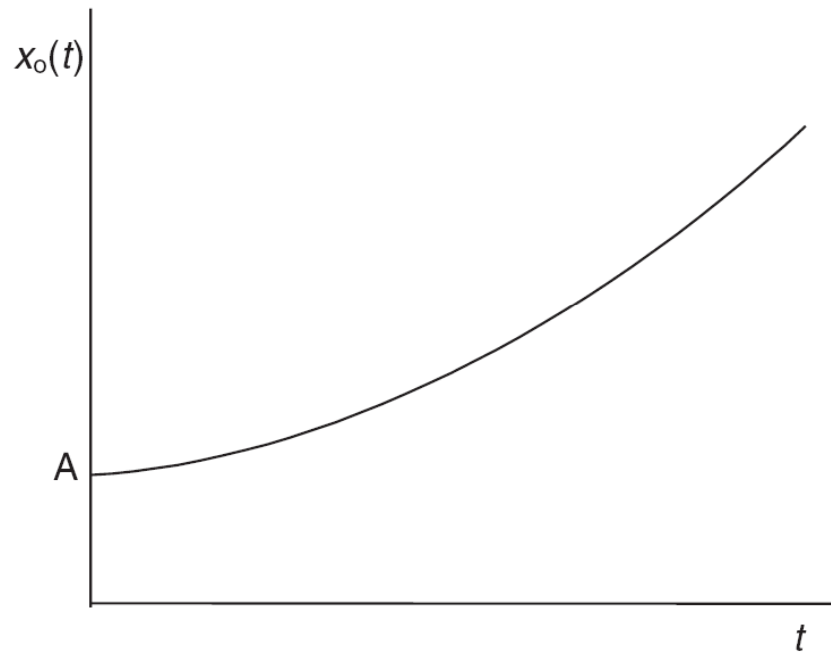
# Types of Stable Time Response

- Stable response: Non-oscillatory vs Oscillatory



# Types of Unstable Time Response

- Unstable response: Non-oscillatory vs Oscillatory



# Characteristic Equation & Roots

- Characteristic equation of a 2<sup>nd</sup>-order system

$$as^2 + bs + c = 0 \quad (5.5)$$

- Roots

$$s_1, s_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad (5.6)$$

$$\underbrace{a, b, c > 0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}(s_1), \operatorname{Re}(s_2) < 0 \\ b > \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \end{cases}$$

That is, all of the same sign!

# Characteristic Equation & Roots

- Overdamped 2<sup>nd</sup>-order system ( $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ )

$$s_1 = -\sigma_1 \quad s_2 = -\sigma_2 \quad (5.7)$$

- Critically damped 2<sup>nd</sup>-order system ( $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ )

$$s_1 = s_2 = -\sigma \quad (5.8)$$

- Underdamped 2<sup>nd</sup>-order system ( $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ )

$$s_1, s_2 = -\sigma \pm j\omega \quad (5.9)$$

# Characteristic Equation & Roots

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-order system with  $a, c > 0$ ,  $b < 0$  implies
  - a.  $-4ac < 0 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac < b^2$  implying either
    - i. complex conjugate pole pair if  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$  or
    - ii. two real poles of the same sign if  $0 < b^2 - 4ac$ .
  - b.  $-\frac{b}{2a} > 0$  i.e. at least one unstable pole.

Combining a.) & b.) we conclude that both poles (real or complex) are in the RHP giving an unstable system.

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Combining a.) & b.) ensures a single unstable pole in the RHP giving an unstable system.

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# Stability of a LTI System

- Characteristic equation of an  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order system

$$a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 s + a_0 = 0$$

- Necessary but not sufficient condition for a system to be stable:
  - The coefficients of the characteristic equation must all have the same sign and that none are zero.

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Characteristic equation of an  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order system

$$a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 s + a_0 = 0 \quad (5.11)$$

- Necessary and sufficient condition for a system to be stable:
  - All the *Hurwitz determinants* of the characteristic polynomial are positive or, equivalently,
  - All coefficients in the first column of the *Routh array* have the same sign.

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Routh array

$s^0$	$p_1$			
$s^1$	$q_1$			
$\vdots$	$\vdots$			
$s^{n-3}$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$\dots$
$s^{n-2}$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$\dots$
$s^{n-1}$	$a_{n-1}$	$a_{n-3}$	$a_{n-5}$	$\dots$
$s^n$	$a_n$	$a_{n-2}$	$a_{n-4}$	$\dots$

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

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$s^{n-1}$	$a_{n-1}$	$a_{n-3}$	$a_{n-5}$	$\dots$
$s^n$	$a_n$	$a_{n-2}$	$a_{n-4}$	$\dots$

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Expanding the Routh array's third row:

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{a_{n-1}} \begin{vmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-3} \\ a_n & a_{n-2} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{1}{a_{n-1}} \begin{vmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-5} \\ a_n & a_{n-4} \end{vmatrix}$$

etc.

- Continue until the first zero appears. Then move to next row.

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

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$s^{n-1}$	$a_{n-1}$	$a_{n-3}$	$a_{n-5}$	$\dots$
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# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Expanding the Routh array's fourth row:

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{b_1} \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ a_{n-1} & a_{n-3} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{b_1} \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_3 \\ a_{n-1} & a_{n-5} \end{vmatrix}$$

etc.

- Continue until the first zero appears. Then move to next row. **Terminate with a complete row of zeros.**

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Routh array

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$s^1$	$q_1$				
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$s^{n-3}$	$c_1$		$c_2$	$c_3$	$\dots$
$s^{n-2}$	$b_1$		$b_2$	$b_3$	$\dots$
$s^{n-1}$	$a_{n-1}$		$a_{n-3}$	$a_{n-5}$	$\dots$
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# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

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# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Example 5.1

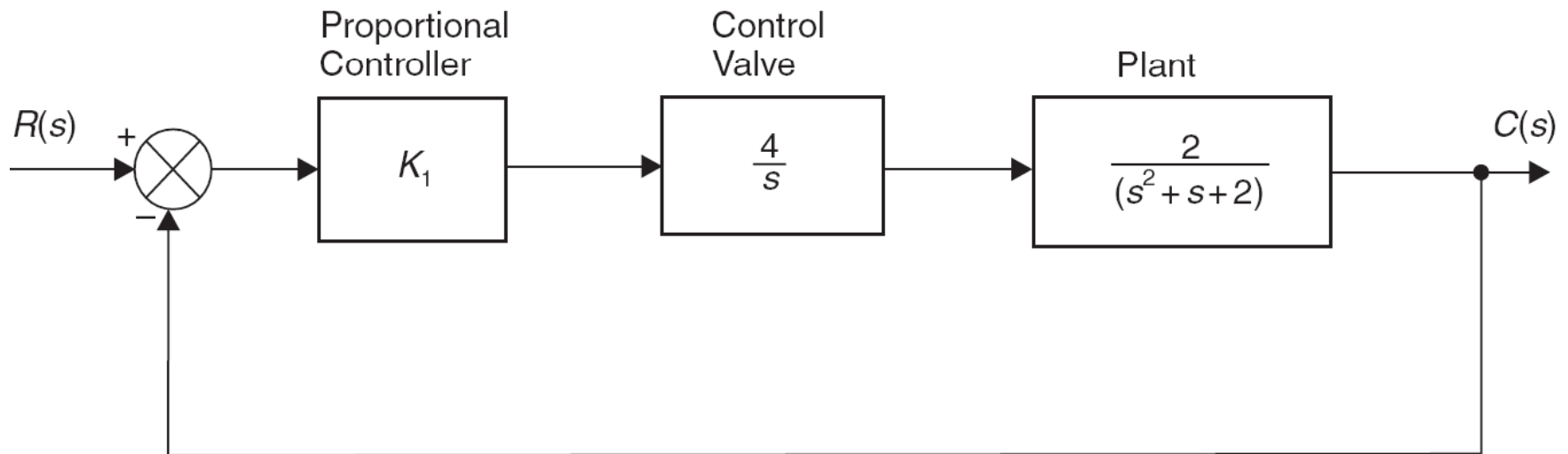
$$s^4 + 2s^3 + s^2 + 4s + 2 = 0$$

Routh array:

$s^0$	2		
$s^1$	8		
$s^2$	-1	2	
$s^3$	2	4	
$s^4$	1	1	2

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Example 5.2



Find the minimum proportional gain for which the system is "only just unstable" (marginally stable).

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Example 5.2 (continued)

Characteristic equation:  $(K = 8K_1)$

$$1 + G(s)H(s) = 1 + \frac{K}{s(s^2 + s + 2)} = 0$$

$$s^3 + s^2 + 2s + K = 0 \quad (5.30)$$

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Example 5.2 (continued)

Routh array:

$s^0$	$K$	
$s^1$	$(2 - K)$	
$s^2$	1	$K$
$s^3$	1	2

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

- Example 5.2 (continued)

Routh array:

$s^0$	$K$		
$s^1$	$(2 - K)$		
$s^2$	1	$K$	
$s^3$	1	2	

→  $K \geq 2$

$K_1 = 0.25$

# Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

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- Example 5.2 (cont'd)

Study the remaining part of Example 5.2 as well as Section 5.2.2 on special cases of the Routh array.

# Tutorial Exercises & Homework

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- Tutorial Exercises
  - Burns, Examples 5.12 and 5.13
- Homework
  - Burns, Example 5.2 and Sec. 5.2.2

# Conclusion


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- First Things First!
- Introductory Examples
- Review of 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Systems' Stability
- Routh-Hurwitz Stability Criterion
- Burns, Sec 5.2.2 (**Self-study!**)
- Tutorial Exercises & Homework

# Next Attraction! – Miss It & You'll Miss Out!

- The Root Locus Technique  
(Burns, Chapter 5)

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**Thank you!**  
**Any Questions?**