

Solution to ECE Test 7 S09

1. With reference to the prototypical feedback system below, find the numerical range of real values of K which make the feedback system stable for the following forward and feedback path transfer functions.

(a) $H_1(s) = K$, $H_2(s) = 1/s$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{K}{1 + K/s} = \frac{sK}{s + K}$$

Poles at $s + K = 0 \Rightarrow s = -K$. We want $\text{Re}(-K) < 0$. Therefore for stability, $K > 0$ putting the poles in the left half-plane.

(b) $H_1(s) = \frac{1}{s+3}$, $H_2(s) = Ks$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{1/(s+3)}{1 + Ks/(s+3)} = \frac{1}{s(K+1) + 3}$$

Poles at $s(K+1) + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow s = \frac{-3}{K+1}$. We want $\text{Re}\left(\frac{-3}{K+1}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow K+1 > 0 \Rightarrow K > -1$. Therefore for stability, $K > -1$ putting the poles in the left half-plane.

(c) $H_1(s) = \frac{K}{s^2 + 4s + 10}$, $H_2(s) = 1$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{K/(s^2 + 4s + 10)}{1 + K/(s^2 + 4s + 10)} = \frac{K}{s^2 + 4s + 10 + K}$$

Poles at $s^2 + 4s + 10 + K = 0 \Rightarrow s = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(10 + K)}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{-6 - K}}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{-6 - K}$. We want

$$\text{Re}(-2 \pm \sqrt{-6 - K}) < 0.$$

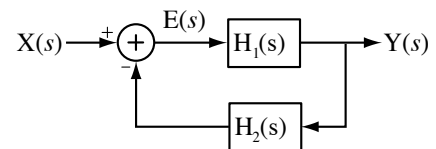
Case 1. $-6 - K \geq 0 \Rightarrow K \leq -6$

The poles are all real and we want $-2 \pm \sqrt{-6 - K} < 0$. If $\sqrt{-6 - K} \geq 2 \Rightarrow -6 - K \geq 4 \Rightarrow K \leq -10$, then one of the poles will be on the ω axis or in the right half-plane and the system will be unstable. Therefore for stability, $K > -10$ putting both poles in the left half-plane.

Case 2. $K > -6$

All the poles are complex and the real part is -2 making the system stable.

Overall: For stability, $K > -10$.



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(a) $H_1(s) = K$, $H_2(s) = 3/s$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{K}{1 + 3K/s} = \frac{sK}{s + 3K}$$

Poles at $s + 3K = 0 \Rightarrow s = -3K$. We want $\text{Re}(-3K) < 0$. Therefore for stability, $K > 0$ putting the poles in the left half-plane.

(b) $H_1(s) = \frac{1}{s+3}$, $H_2(s) = 2Ks$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{1/(s+3)}{1 + 2Ks/(s+3)} = \frac{1}{s(2K+1) + 3}$$

Poles at $s(2K+1) + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow s = -\frac{3}{2K+1}$. We want $\text{Re}\left(-\frac{3}{2K+1}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow 2K+1 > 0 \Rightarrow K > -1/2$.

Therefore for stability, $K > -1/2$ putting the poles in the left half-plane.

(c) $H_1(s) = \frac{K}{s^2 + 4s + 12}$, $H_2(s) = 1$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{K/(s^2 + 4s + 12)}{1 + K/(s^2 + 4s + 12)} = \frac{K}{s^2 + 4s + 12 + K}$$

Poles at $s^2 + 4s + 12 + K = 0 \Rightarrow s = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(12 + K)}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{-8 - K}}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{-8 - K}$. We want

$$\text{Re}\left(-2 \pm \sqrt{-8 - K}\right) < 0 .$$

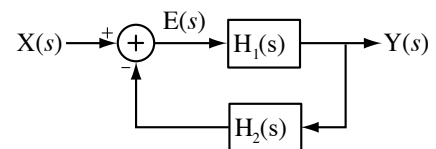
Case 1. $-8 - K \geq 0 \Rightarrow K \leq -8$

The poles are all real and we want $-2 \pm \sqrt{-8 - K} < 0$. If $\sqrt{-8 - K} \geq 2 \Rightarrow -8 - K \geq 4 \Rightarrow K \leq -12$, then one of the poles will be on the ω axis or in the right half-plane and the system will be unstable. Therefore for stability, $K > -12$ putting both poles in the left half-plane.

Case 2. $K > -8$

All the poles are complex and the real part is -2 making the system stable.

Overall: For stability, $K > -12$.



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(a) $H_1(s) = -K$, $H_2(s) = 1/s$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{-K}{1 - K/s} = \frac{-sK}{s - K}$$

Poles at $s - K = 0 \Rightarrow s = K$. We want $\text{Re}(K) < 0$. Therefore for stability, $K < 0$ putting the poles in the left half-plane.

(b) $H_1(s) = \frac{2}{s+3}$, $H_2(s) = 3Ks$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{2/(s+3)}{1 + 6Ks/(s+3)} = \frac{2}{s(6K+1)+3}$$

Poles at $s(6K+1)+3=0 \Rightarrow s = \frac{-3}{6K+1}$. We want $\text{Re}\left(-\frac{3}{6K+1}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow 6K+1 > 0 \Rightarrow K > -1/6$.

Therefore for stability, $K > -1/6$ putting the poles in the left half-plane.

(c) $H_1(s) = \frac{K}{s^2 + 4s + 16}$, $H_2(s) = 1$

$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s)H_2(s)} = \frac{K/(s^2 + 4s + 16)}{1 + K/(s^2 + 4s + 16)} = \frac{K}{s^2 + 4s + 16 + K}$$

Poles at $s^2 + 4s + 16 + K = 0 \Rightarrow s = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(16 + K)}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{-12 - K}}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{-12 - K}$. We want

$$\text{Re}\left(-2 \pm \sqrt{-12 - K}\right) < 0.$$

Case 1. $-12 - K \geq 0 \Rightarrow K \leq -12$

The poles are all real and we want $-2 \pm \sqrt{-12 - K} < 0$. If

$\sqrt{-12 - K} \geq 2 \Rightarrow -12 - K \geq 4 \Rightarrow K \leq -16$, then one of the poles will be on the ω axis or in the right half-plane and the system will be unstable. Therefore for stability, $K > -16$ putting both poles in the left half-plane.

Case 2. $K > -12$

All the poles are complex and the real part is -2 making the system stable.

Overall: For stability, $K > -16$.

