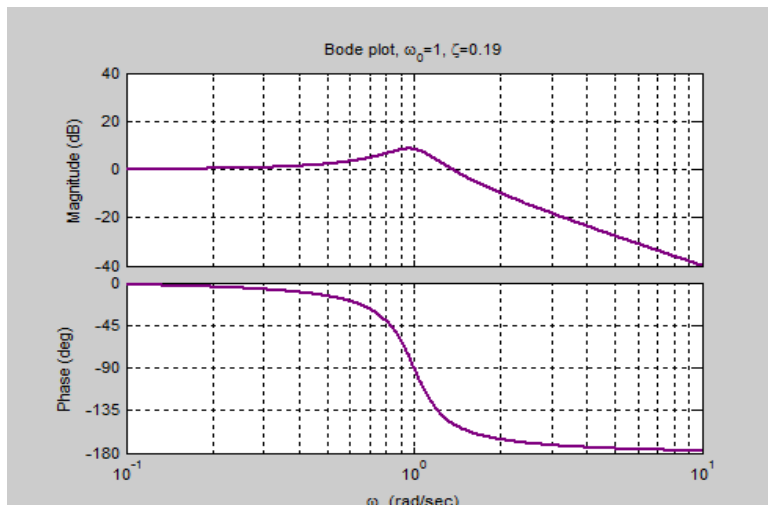
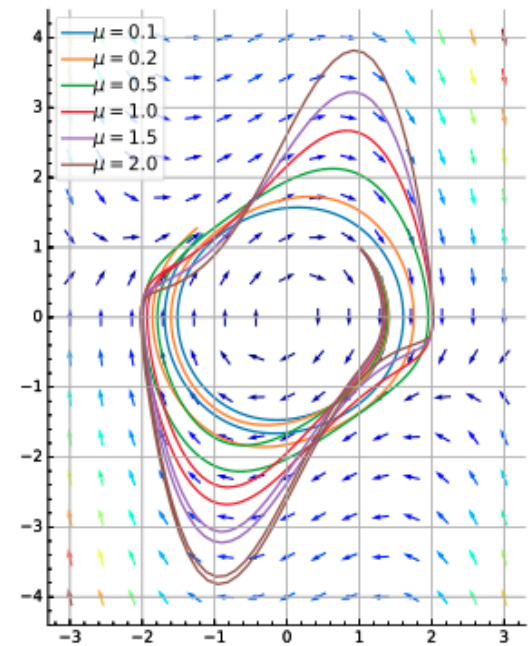
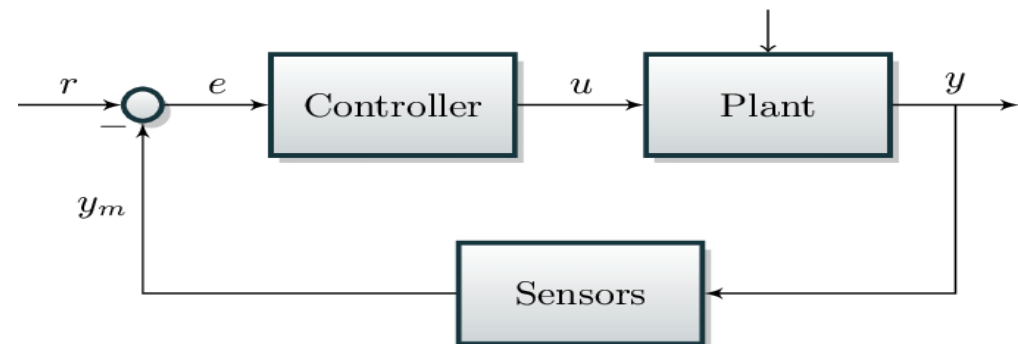


Introduction to Control Systems

Theory and applications



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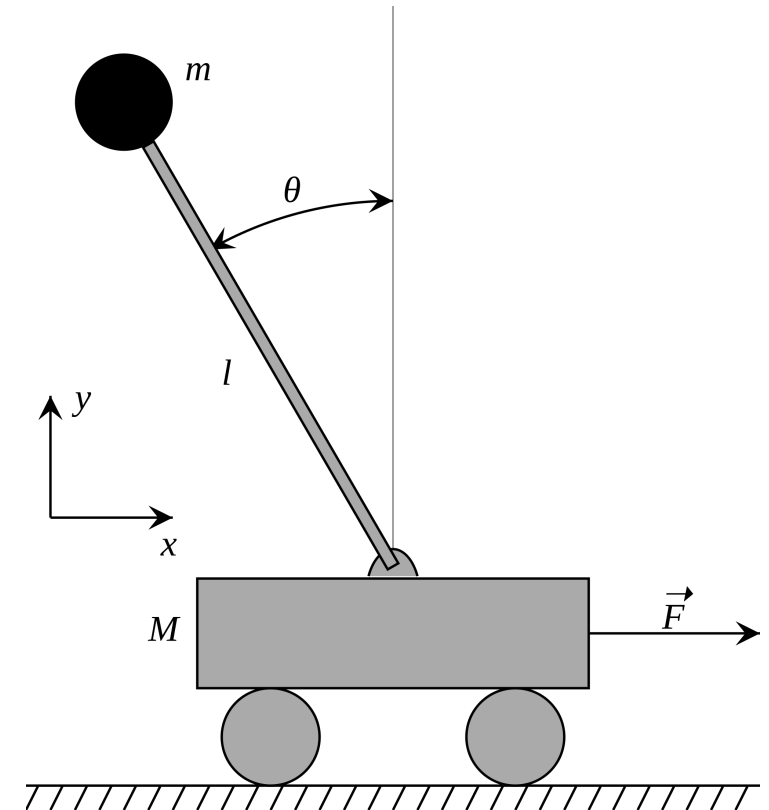


Course Overview (1)

- Day 1: Linear Control (time domain)
 - Introduction
 - Dynamical Linear Systems
 - Observability & Controllability
 - PID Controllers
 - Luenberger Observer
- Day 2: Linear Control (frequency domain)
 - From State-space to Transfer Function
 - Classic Control Elements (Bode Diagram / Root Locus)
 - Introduction to Simulink.
 - Ctrl Lab (days 1,2)

Course Overview (2)

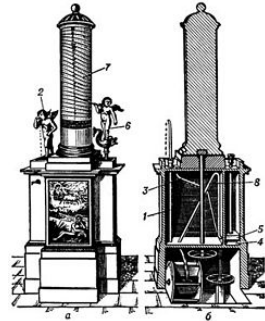
- Day 3: Optimal Control and KF Estimation
 - Optimal Control (LQR)
 - Model Predictive Control
 - Kalman Filtering
 - Sliding Mode Control (tentative)
- Day 4: Control Laboratory
 - Kalman Filtering and Optimal Control
 - Matlab/Simulink
 - Cart-pole



Control Systems History

- Water Clock

- Alexandria
(Ctesibius, 3rd century BC)



- Centrifugal Governor

- Windmills
(C. Huygens, 17th century)
- Steam Engine
(J. Watt, 1788)

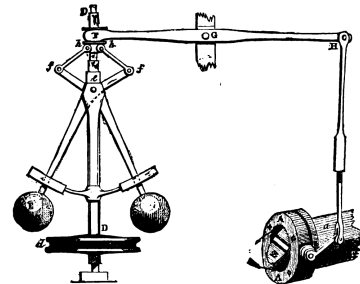
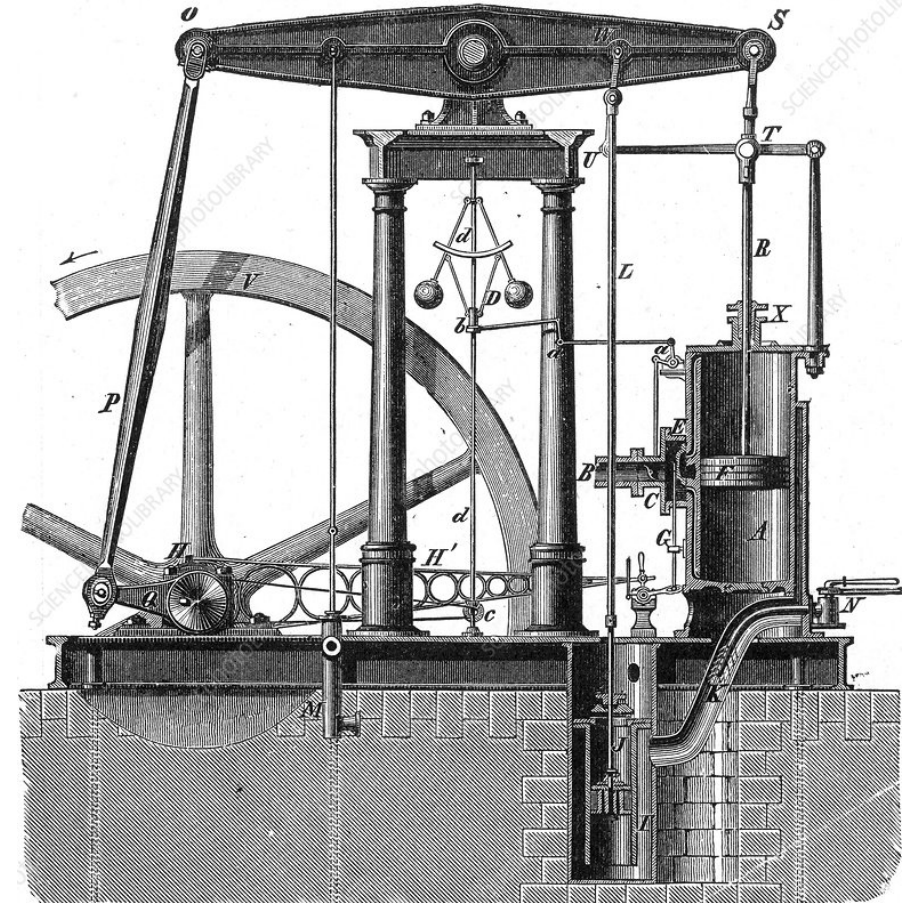
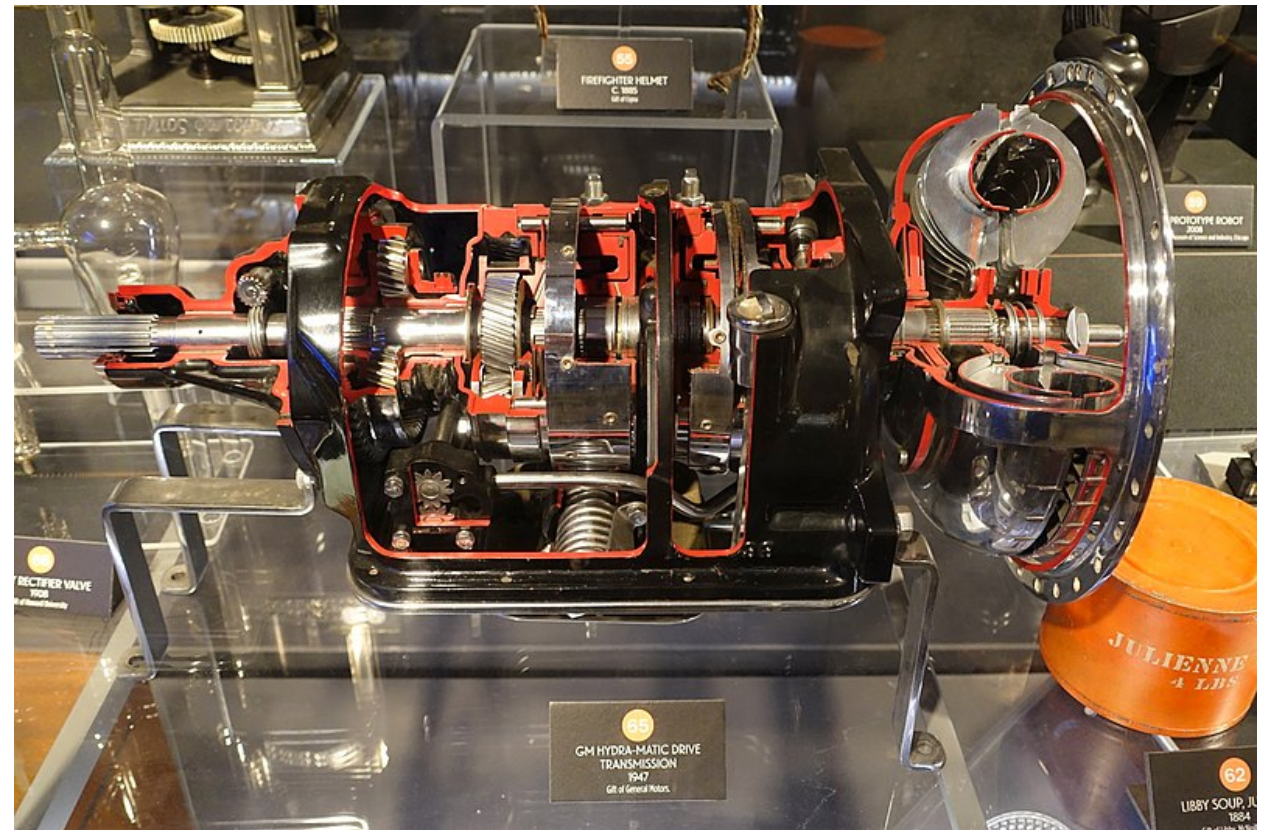
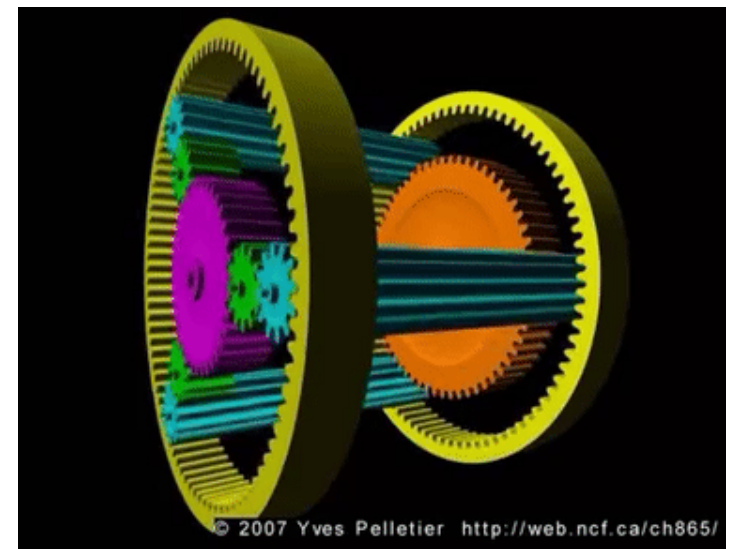


FIG. 4.—Governor and Throttle-Valve.



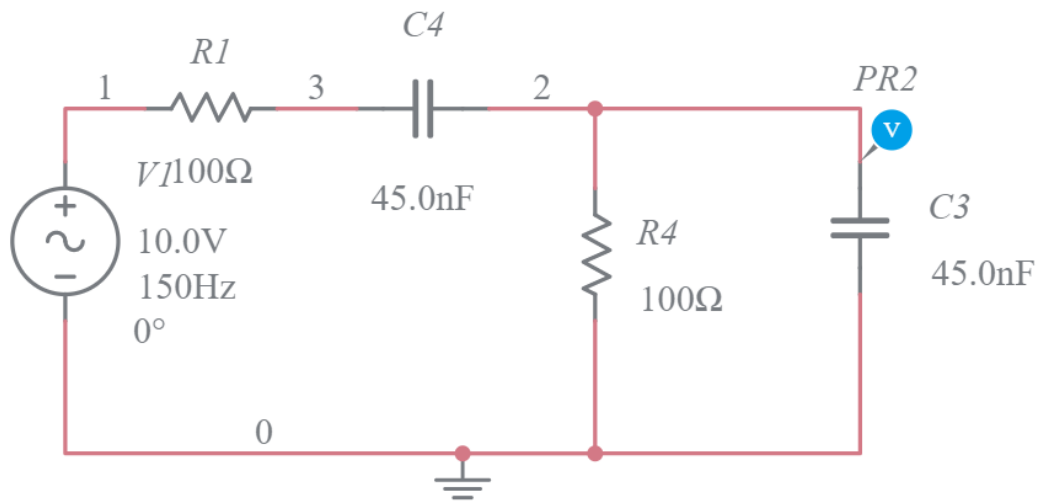
Control Systems History

- First Automatic Transmission (Hydramatic, 1939)

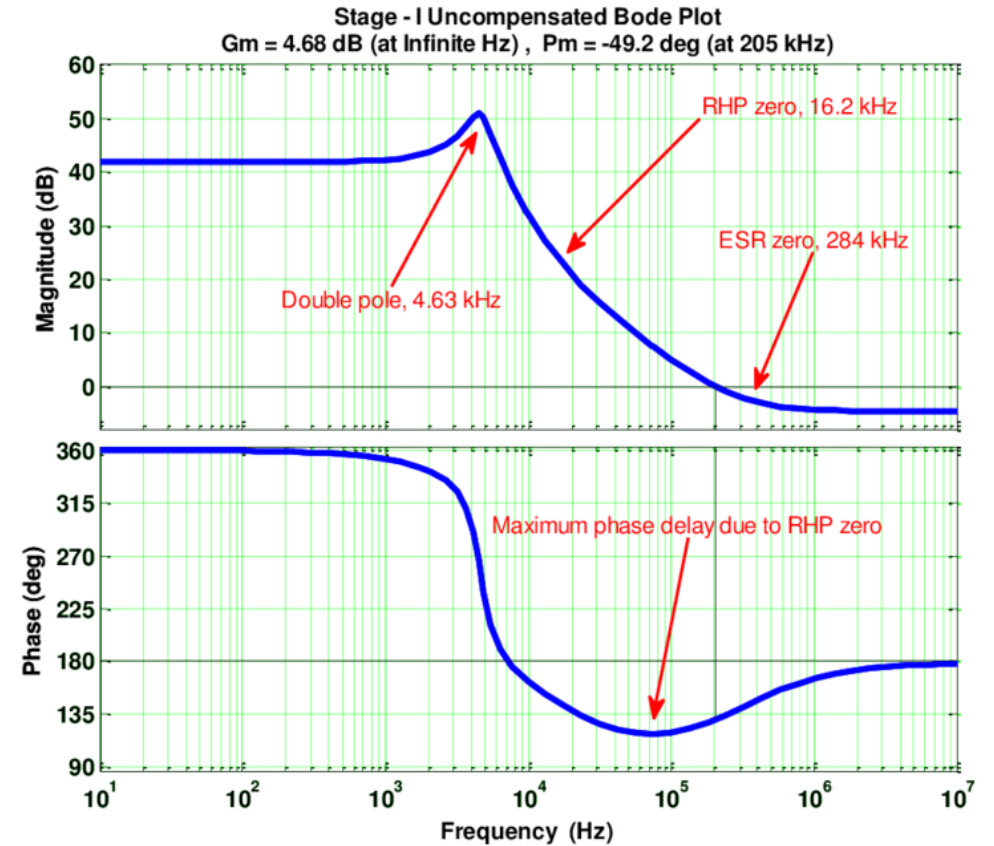


Control Systems History

- Classical control theory formalized from circuits theory



Tacoma Bridge Collapse



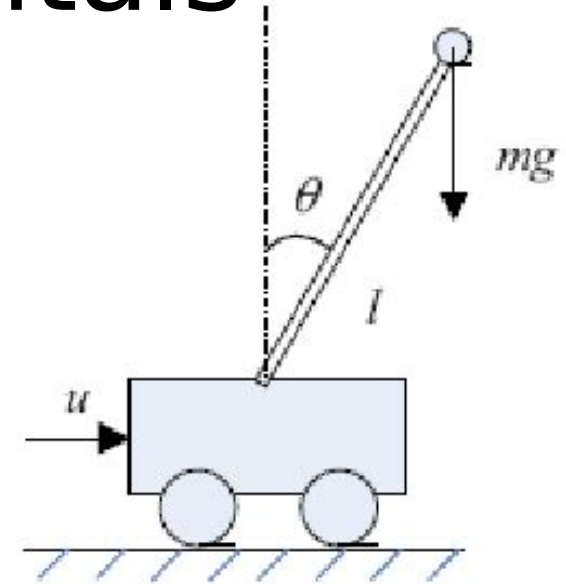
Day 1

Linear Control (time domain)

Control Systems Fundamentals

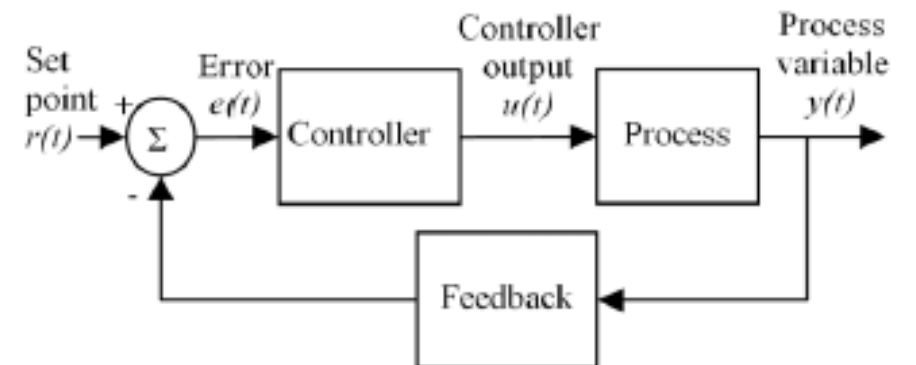
REQUIRED

- Dynamical System MODEL
- Control Input (non-autonomous systems)
- Reference Signal



CHALLENGES

- Missing/Noisy Information
- Physical limitations



Dynamical Systems (1)

Past history (state) influences future output

- **Continuous Time** vs. **Discrete Time**
 $\dot{x} = f(x), \quad t \in [0, \infty)$ $x(k+1) = f(x(k)), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- **Autonomous** vs. **Non-autonomous**
 $\dot{x} = f(x)$ $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$
- **Linear** vs. **Non-linear**
 $\dot{x}_1 = -2x_2$ $\dot{x}_1 = -x_1x_2$
 $\dot{x}_2 = 0.5x_1 + x_2 + 0.4u$ $\dot{x}_2 = 0.5x_1^2 + \sin(x_2) + \frac{0.4}{u}$

Dynamical Systems (2)

- **SISO**

$$\dot{x} = Ax + b \cdot u$$

$$y = Cx (= 0.5x_1)$$

- **Time Invariant**

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

- **Deterministic**

$$\dot{x} = -x^2 - x + u$$

$$y = 0.5x$$

vs.

- **MIMO**

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B\mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = Cx$$

vs.

- **Time Variant**

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t), t)$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t)$$

vs.

- **Non-Deterministic (Stochastic, noisy, etc.)**

$$x(k+1) = -(2 + \nu)x(k)^2 - x(k) + u(k)$$

$$y(k) = 0.5x(k) + \eta$$

$$\nu \sim N(\mu, \sigma), \eta \sim U(0, 1)$$

Dynamical Systems (3)

- LTI systems --- State-Space representation $x(0) = x_0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

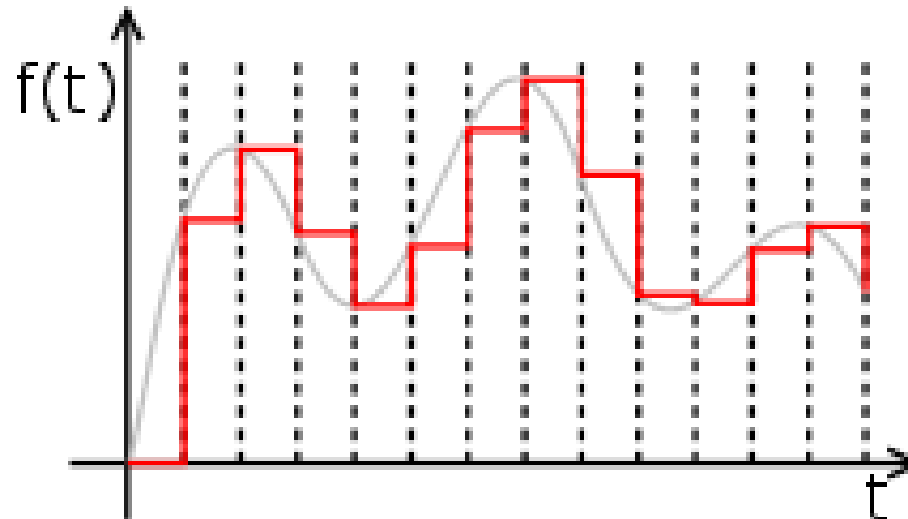
$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

$$A_d = e^{A\Delta T}$$
$$B_d = A^{-1}(e^{A\Delta T} - 1)B$$



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- Output response (continuous time)

$$y(t) = \underbrace{C e^{At} x_0}_{\text{Free Response (homogeneous solution)}} + \underbrace{C \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} B u(\tau) d\tau}_{\text{Effect of input}} + Du(t)$$

- Output response (discrete time)

$$y(k) = C A_d^k x_0 + C \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A_d^{k-1-i} B_d u(i) + Du(k)$$

Stability condition (Hurwitz)

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{at} \\ a < 0 & \quad \quad \quad a > 0 \\ \text{real}(\text{eig}(A)) &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(k) &= a^k \\ |a| < 1 & \quad \quad \quad |a| > 1 \\ |\text{eig}(A_d)| &< 1 \end{aligned}$$

State-Space Realizations

Similarity Transformations

- The choice of a state-space model for a given system is not unique.
- For example, let T be an invertible matrix, and consider a coordinate transformation $x = T\tilde{x}$, i.e., $\tilde{x} = T^{-1}x$. This is called a [similarity transformation](#).
- The standard state-space model can be written as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \\ y = Cx + Du. \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} T\dot{\tilde{x}} = AT\tilde{x} + Bu, \\ y = CT\tilde{x} + Du. \end{cases}$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{x}} &= (T^{-1}AT)\tilde{x} + (T^{-1}B)u = \tilde{A}\tilde{x} + \tilde{B}u \\ y &= (CT)\tilde{x} + Du = \tilde{C}\tilde{x} + \tilde{D}u. \end{aligned}$$

- You can check that the time response is exactly the same for the two models (A, B, C, D) and $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}, \tilde{C}, \tilde{D})$!

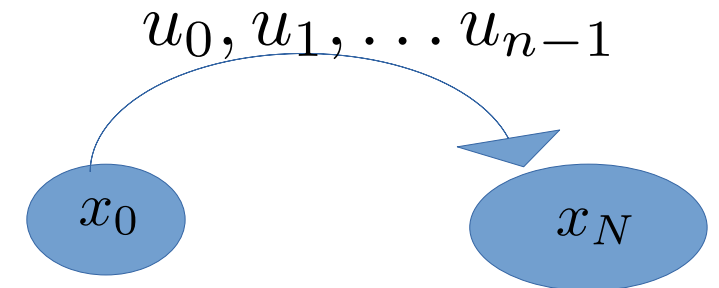
LTI Systems Properties

Discrete case

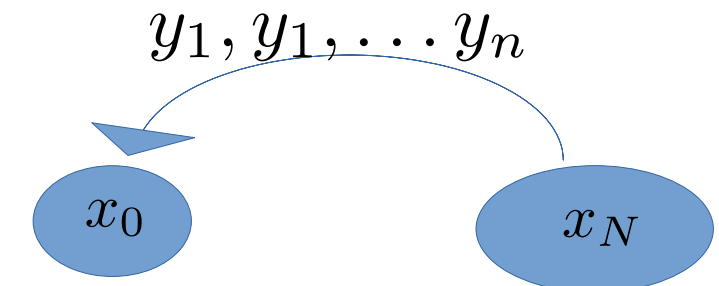
$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$$

$$y(k) = Cx(k)$$

Reaching a state



“Observing” the initial state



LTI Systems Properties

Conditions for all LTI systems:

- Controllability $\iff \text{rank}(\mathcal{C}) = n$

$$\mathcal{C} = [B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B]$$

- Observability $\iff \text{rank}(\mathcal{O}) = n$

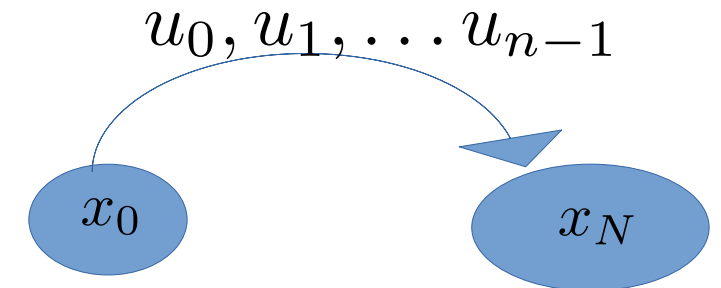
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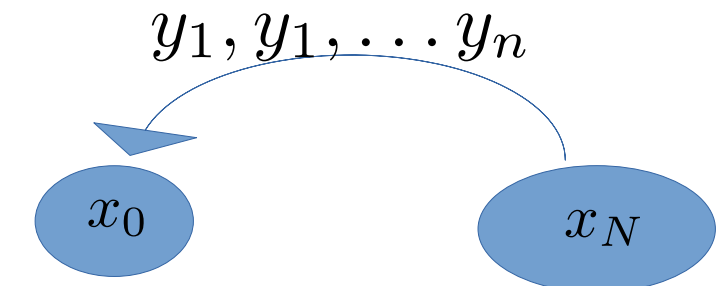
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LTI Systems Properties

- Pair (A,B) is “Controllable” $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(\mathcal{C}) = n$
- Pair (A,C) is “Observable” $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(\mathcal{O}) = n$
- LTI System $\mathcal{S} : \{A, B, C\}$ is a “minimal state-space realization” if it is both observable and controllable.

- Example:

$$\mathcal{S}_0 : \{A_0, B, C\}, \quad \mathcal{S}_1 : \{A_1, B, C\}$$

$$B = [0 \quad 0 \quad 1]^T \quad C = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0]$$

$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{O}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathcal{C}_0) = 1 \quad \text{rank}(\mathcal{O}_0) = 2$$

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{O}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

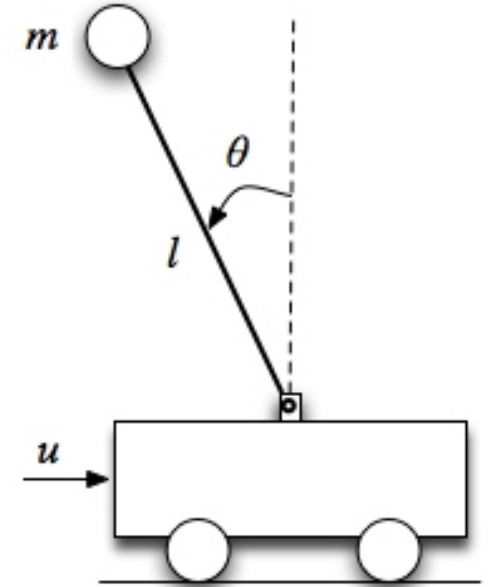
$$\text{rank}(\mathcal{C}_1) = 3 \quad \text{rank}(\mathcal{O}_1) = 3$$

non-LTI Systems (example)

Is the inverted pendulum (cartpole) controllable?

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{p} &= \frac{u + m l \dot{\theta}^2 \sin \theta - m g \cos \theta \sin \theta}{M + m \sin^2 \theta} \\ \ddot{\theta} &= \frac{g \sin \theta - \cos \theta \ddot{p}}{l} \end{cases}$$

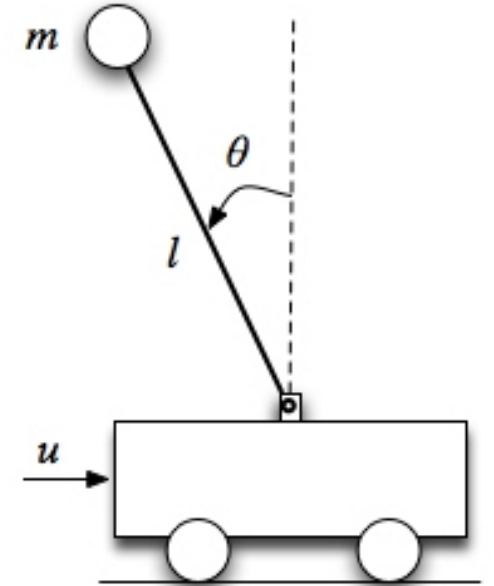
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$$\dot{x} = \underline{A}x + \underline{B}u$$

$$\underline{A} = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_0, u=u_0}$$

$$\underline{B} = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial u} \right|_{x=x_0, u=u_0}$$

$$x = [p, \dot{p}, \theta, \dot{\theta}]^T$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = \left[0, \frac{1}{(M + m(1 - \cos^2(\theta)))}, 0, \frac{-\cos(\theta)}{L(M + m(1 - \cos^2(\theta)))} \right]^T$$

non-LTI Systems (example)

Linearization

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$$\underline{B} = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial u} \right|_{x=x_0, u=u_0}$$

$$(\dot{x} = 0, \theta_0 = 0, \dot{\theta}_0 = 0, u_0 = 0)$$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -gm/M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/M \\ 0 \\ -1/(Ml) \end{bmatrix}$$

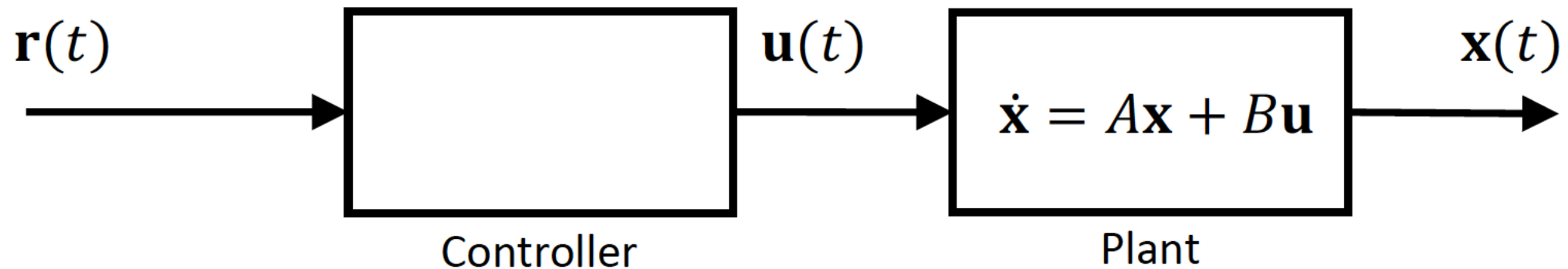
$$\alpha = \frac{(m + M)g}{Ml}$$

$$M = 1, m = 0.1, g = 9.81, l = 0.5$$

$$\mathcal{C} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -43 \\ -2 & 0 & -43 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathcal{C}) = 4$$

Reference Tracking



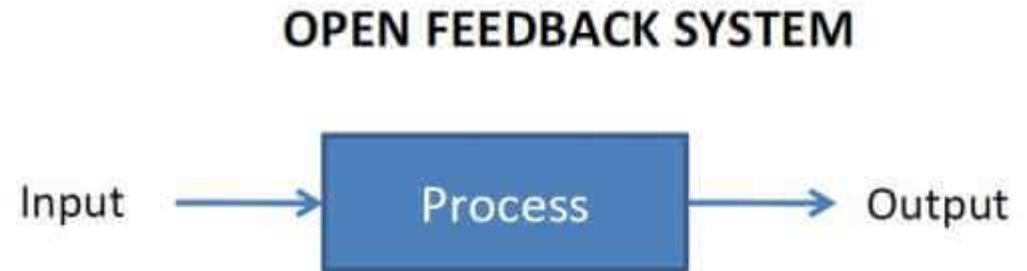
Control objectives:

- Reject disturbances (if there is some perturbation in state, making it get back to initial state)
- Follow reference trajectories (if we want the system to have a certain \mathbf{x}_{ref})
- Make system follow some other “desired behavior”

Open-loop vs. Closed-loop

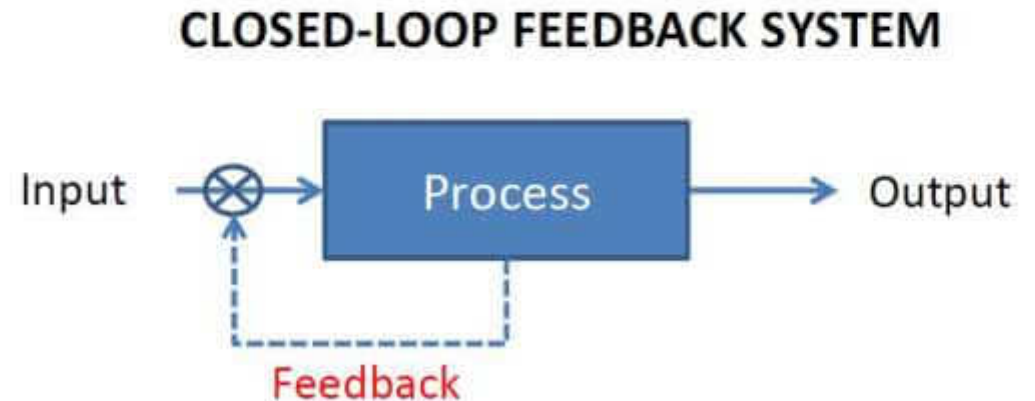
Open-loop or feed-forward control

- ▶ Control action does not depend on plant output
- ▶ Cheaper, no sensors required.
- ▶ Quality of control generally poor without human intervention

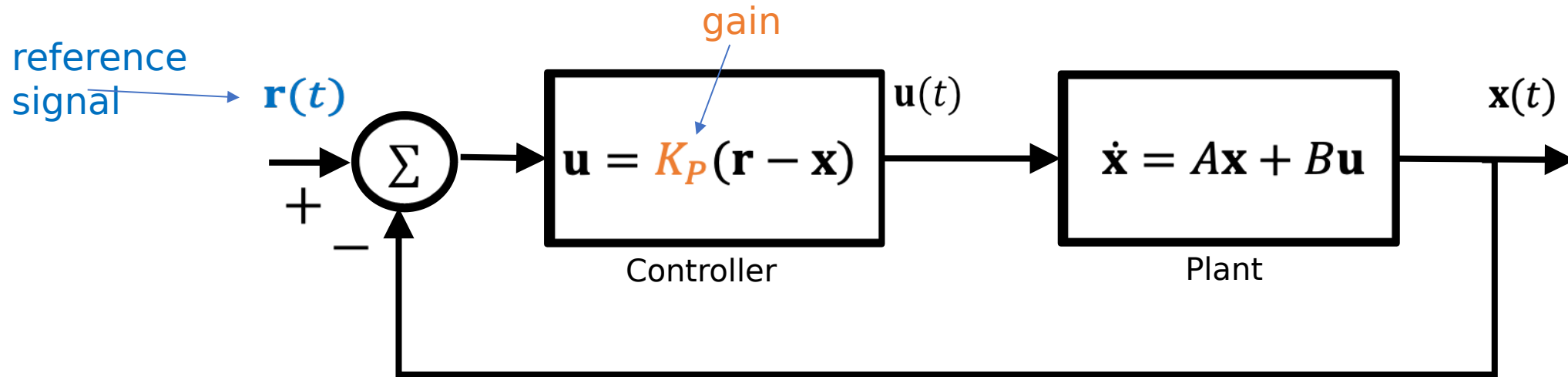


Feed-back control

- ▶ Controller adjusts controllable inputs in response to observed outputs
- ▶ Can respond better to variations in disturbances
- ▶ Performance depends on how well outputs can be sensed, and how quickly controller can track changes in output



Proportional Controller



- ▶ Common objective: make plant state *track* the reference signal $\mathbf{r}(t)$
- ▶ $e = r - x$ is the error signal
- ▶ Closed-loop dynamics: $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x} + BK_P(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}) = (A - BK_P)\mathbf{x} + BK_P\mathbf{r}$
- ▶ pick K_P s.t. the composite system is asymptotically stable, i.e. pick K_P such that eigenvalues of $(A - BK)$ have negative real-parts

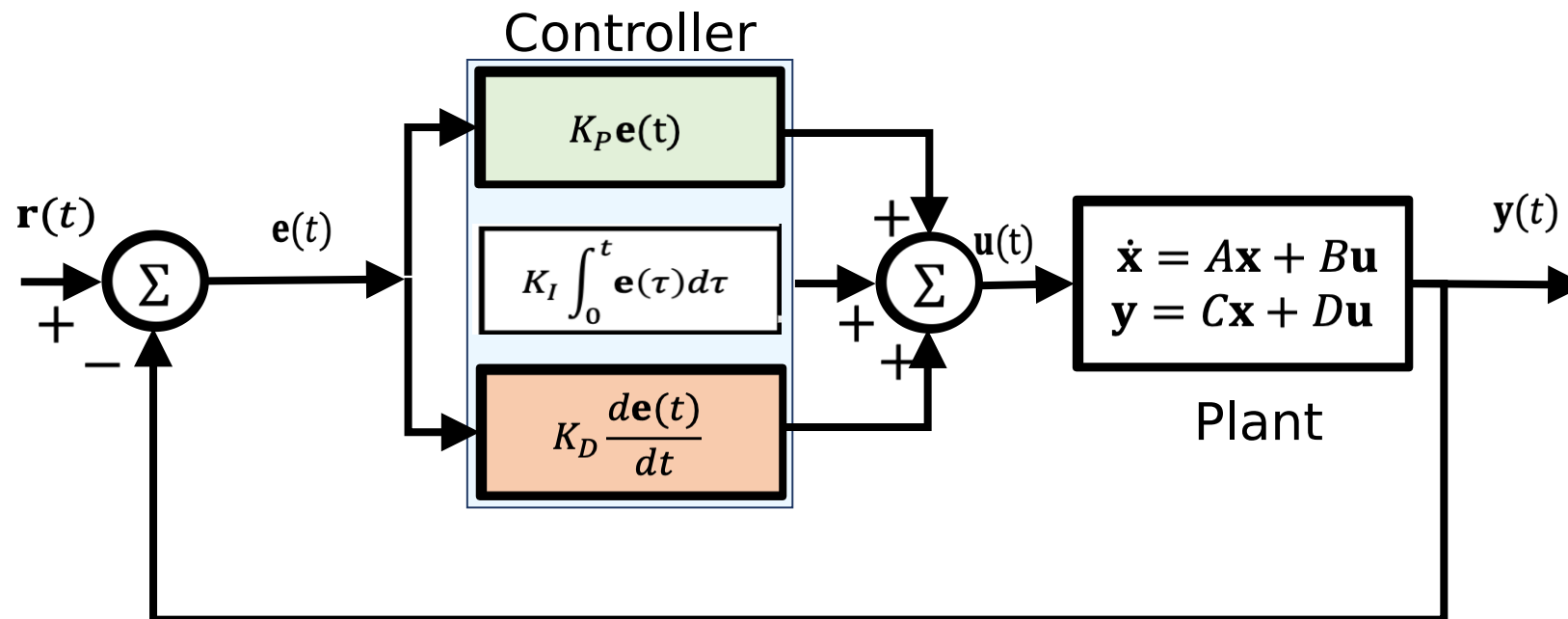
P. Ctrl: eigenvalues assignment

- Initial LTI system $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

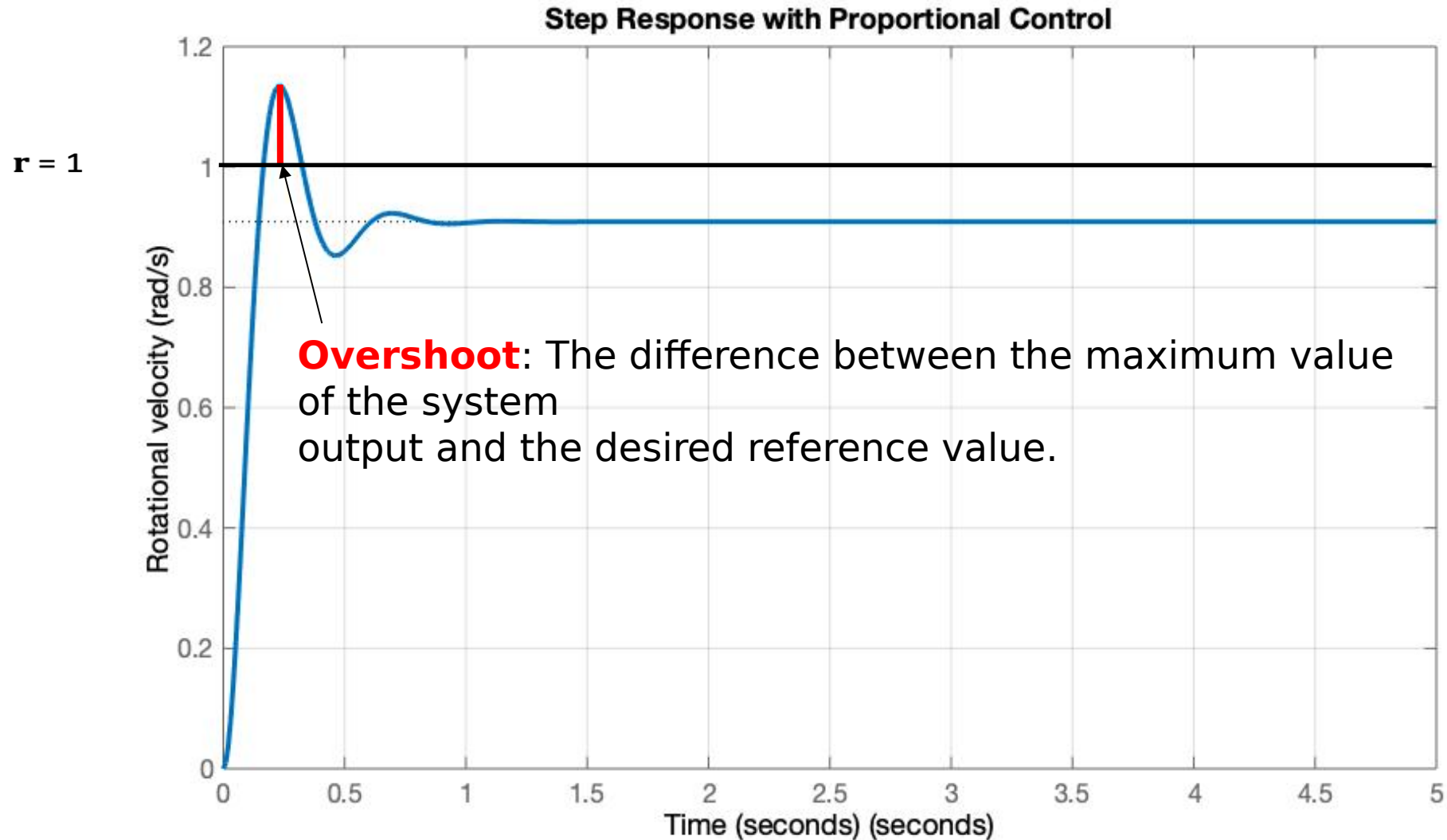
- ▶ Note $\text{eigs}(A) = 6, 1 \Rightarrow$ unstable plant!
- ▶ Let $K = (k_1 \ k_2)$. Then, $A - BK = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 2k_1 & 6 - 2k_2 \\ 1 - k_1 & 3 - k_2 \end{pmatrix}$
- ▶ Solve the equation: $\det(A - BK - \lambda I) = 0$, i.e. $\lambda^2 + (2k_1 + k_2 - 7)\lambda + (6 - 2k_2) = 0$
- ▶ 2 distinct solution if polynomial of the form $(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) = \lambda^2 + (-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\lambda + \lambda_1 \lambda_2$
- ▶ That means: $2k_1 + k_2 - 7 = (-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)$ and $6 - 2k_2 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$
- ▶ $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$ gives $k_1 = 4, k_2 = 2$

Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) controllers

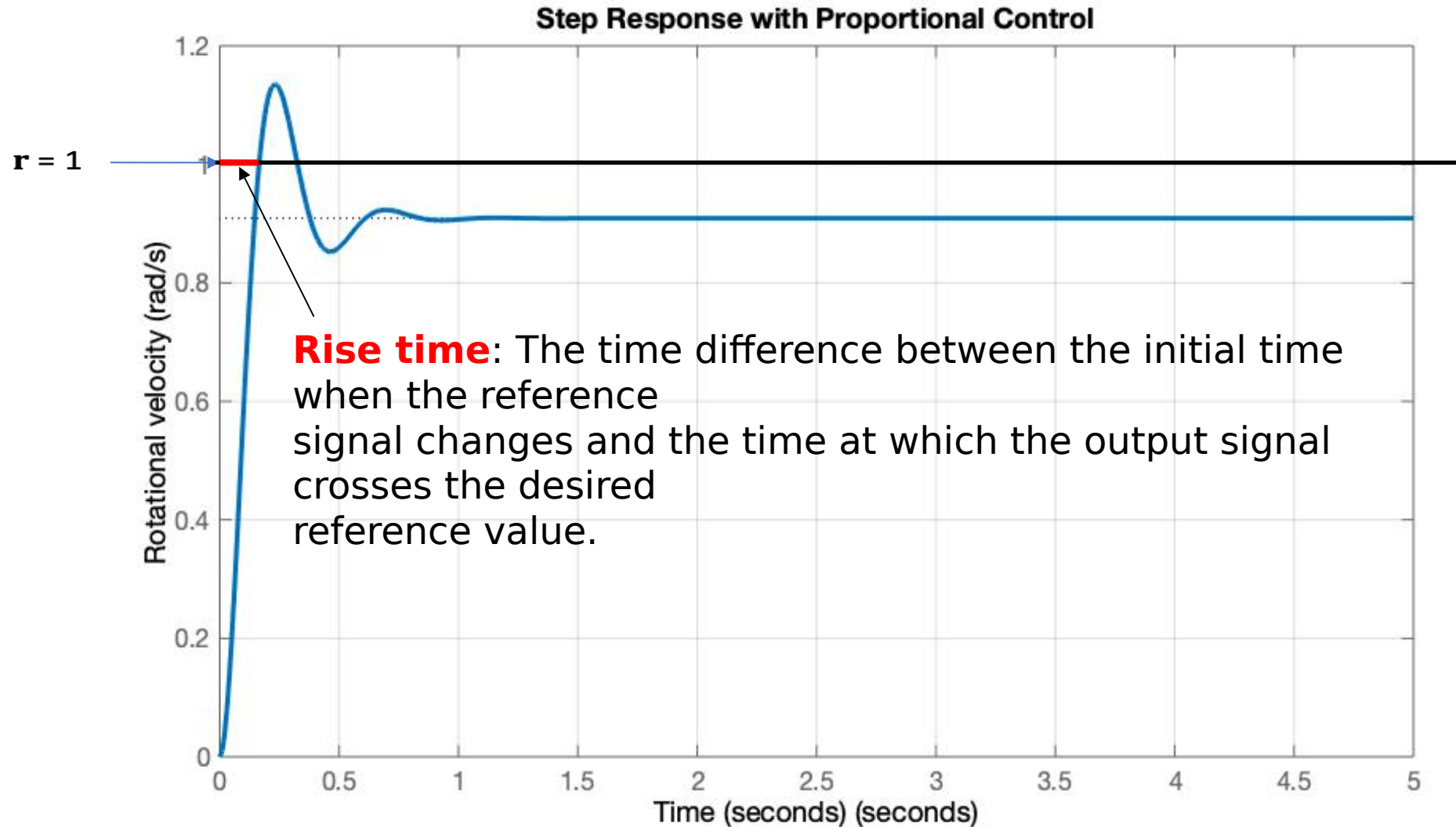
- Entire state in most cases is not available, feedback only based on y
- How do we evaluate the controlled system performance?



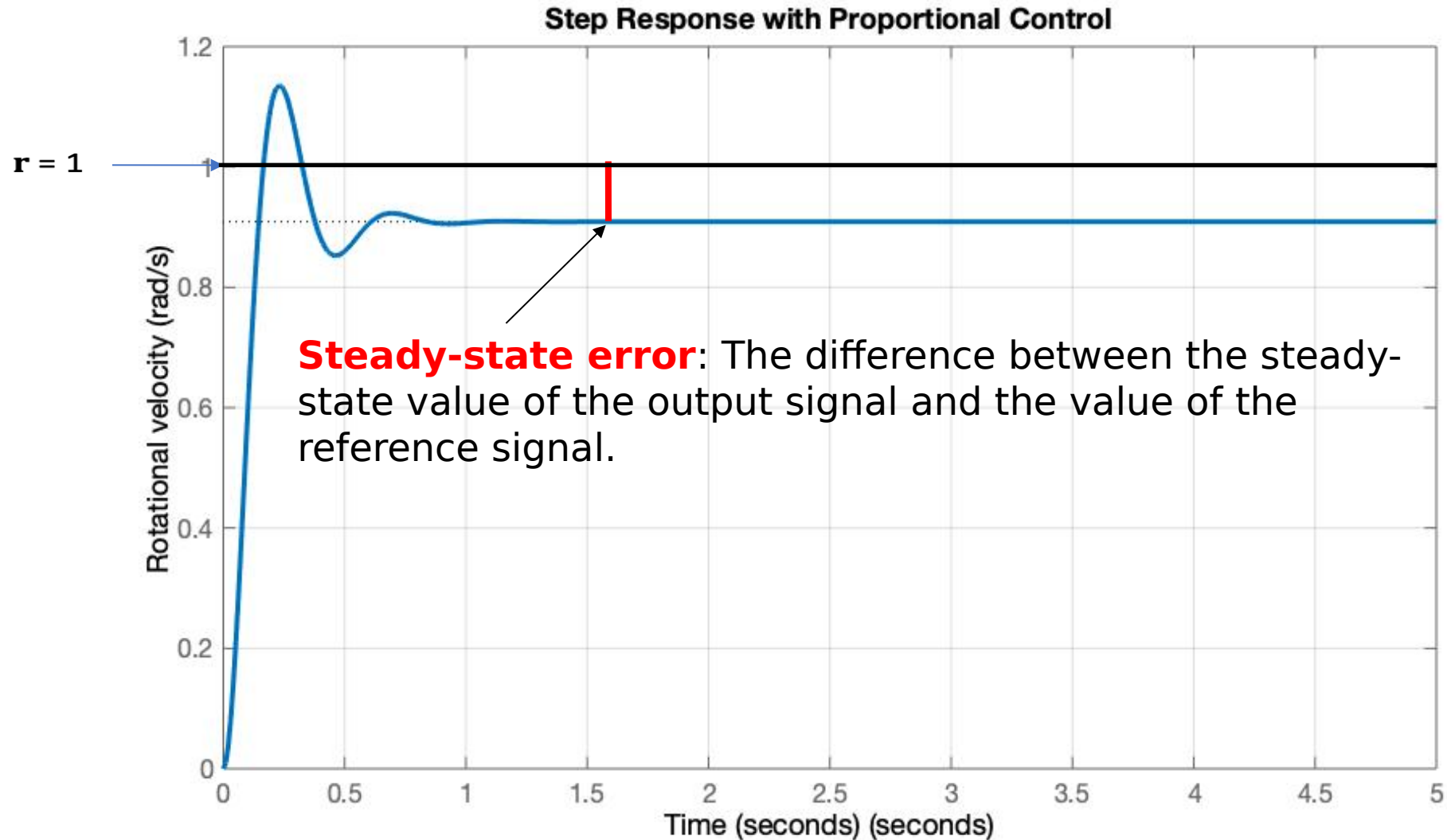
Measuring control performance



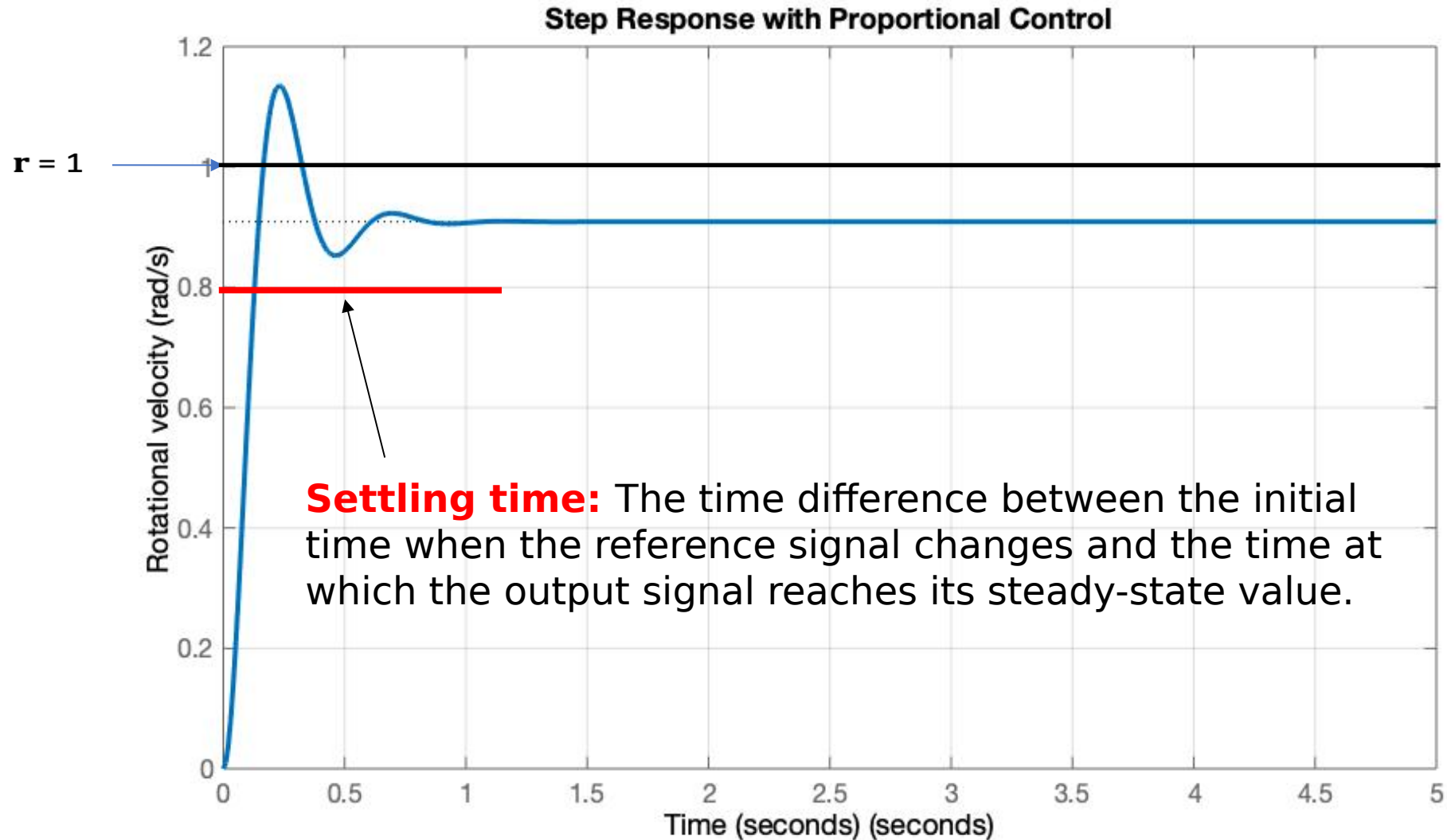
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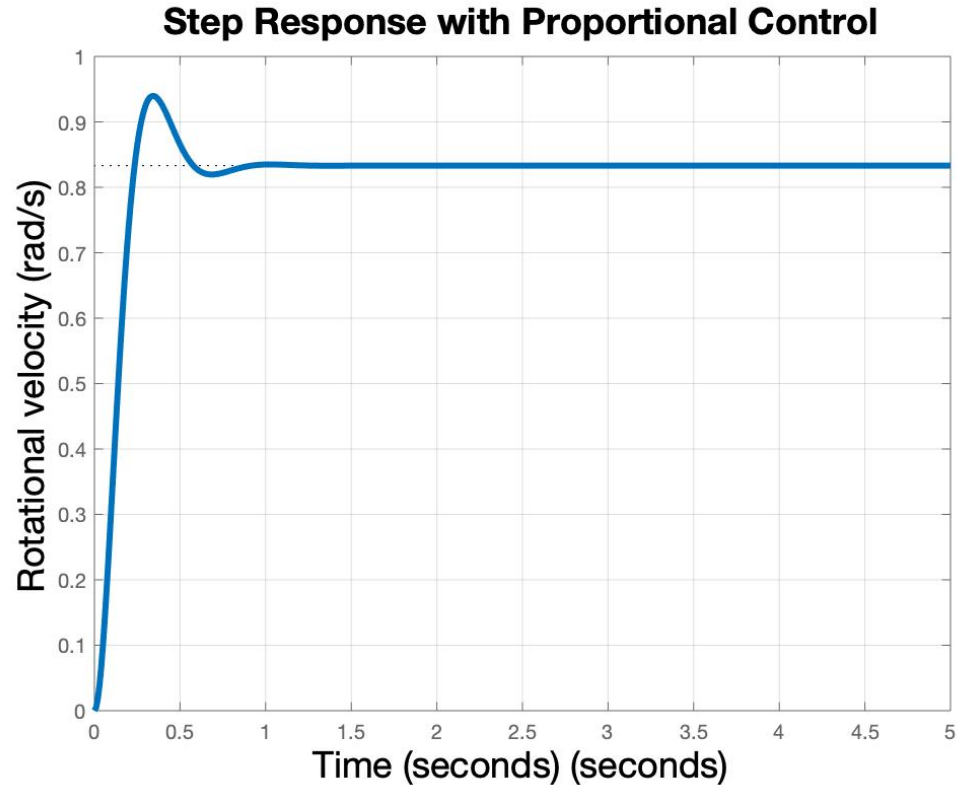
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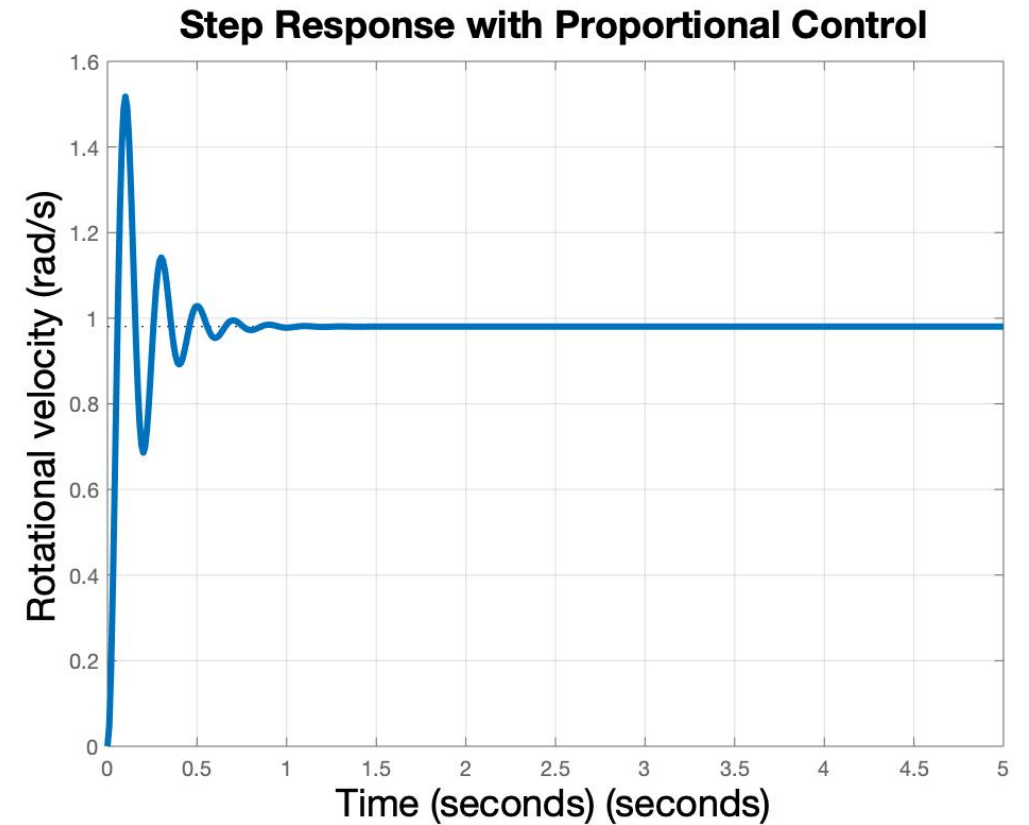
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$K_P = 50$



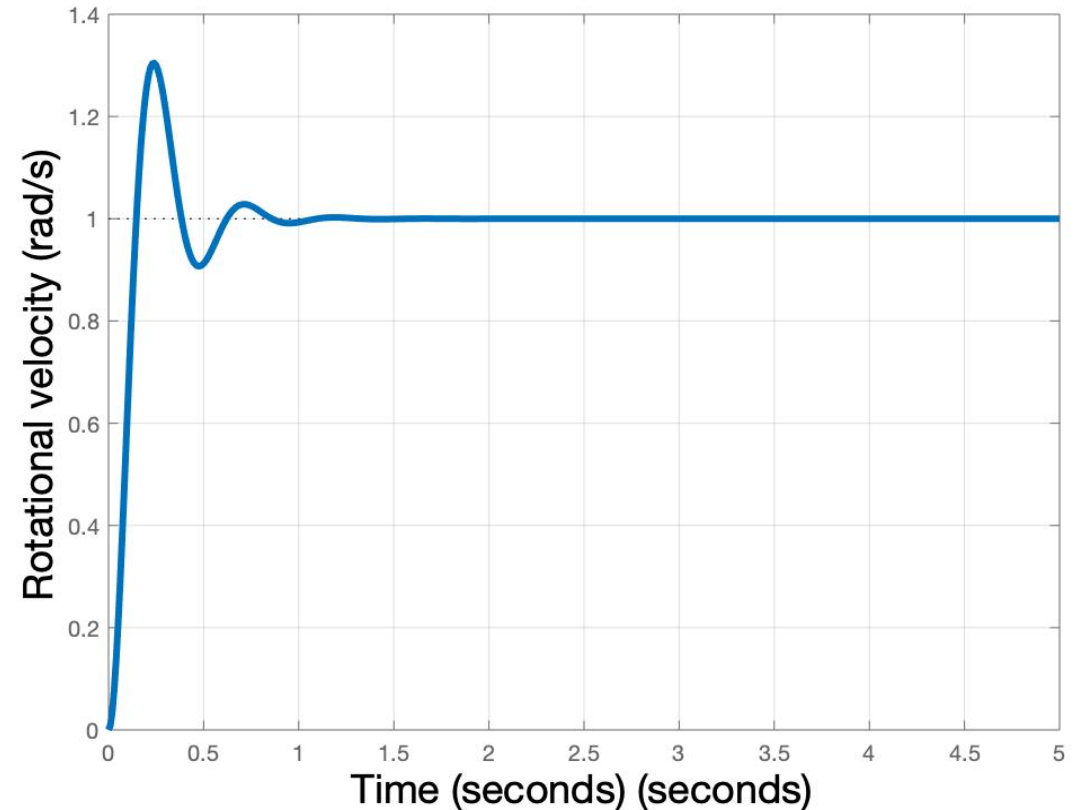
$K_P = 500$

P-only controller

- Compute error signal $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{y}$
- Proportional term $K_p \mathbf{e}$:
 - K_p proportional gain;
 - Feedback correction proportional to error
- Cons:
 - If K_p is small, error can be large! [undercompensation]
 - If K_p is large,
 - system may oscillate (i.e. unstable) [overcompensation]
 - may not converge to set-point fast enough
 - P-controller always has steady state error or offset error

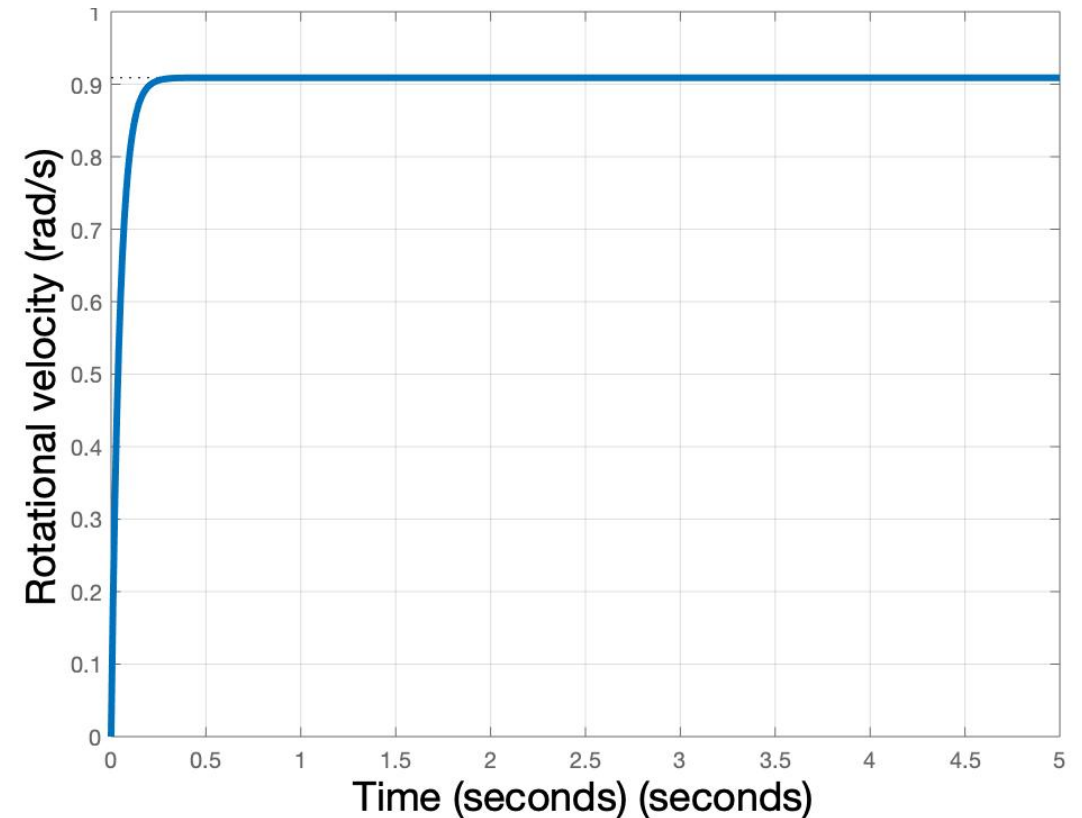
PI-controller

- Compute error signal $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{y}$
- Integral term: $K_I \int_0^t \mathbf{e}(\tau) d\tau$
 - K_I integral gain;
 - Feedback action proportional to cumulative error over time
 - If a small error persists, it will add up over time and push the system towards eliminating this error): eliminates offset/steady-state error
- Disadvantages:
 - Integral action by itself can increase instability
 - Integrator term can accumulate error and suggest corrections that are not feasible for the actuators (integrator windup)
 - Real systems “saturate” the integrator beyond a certain value

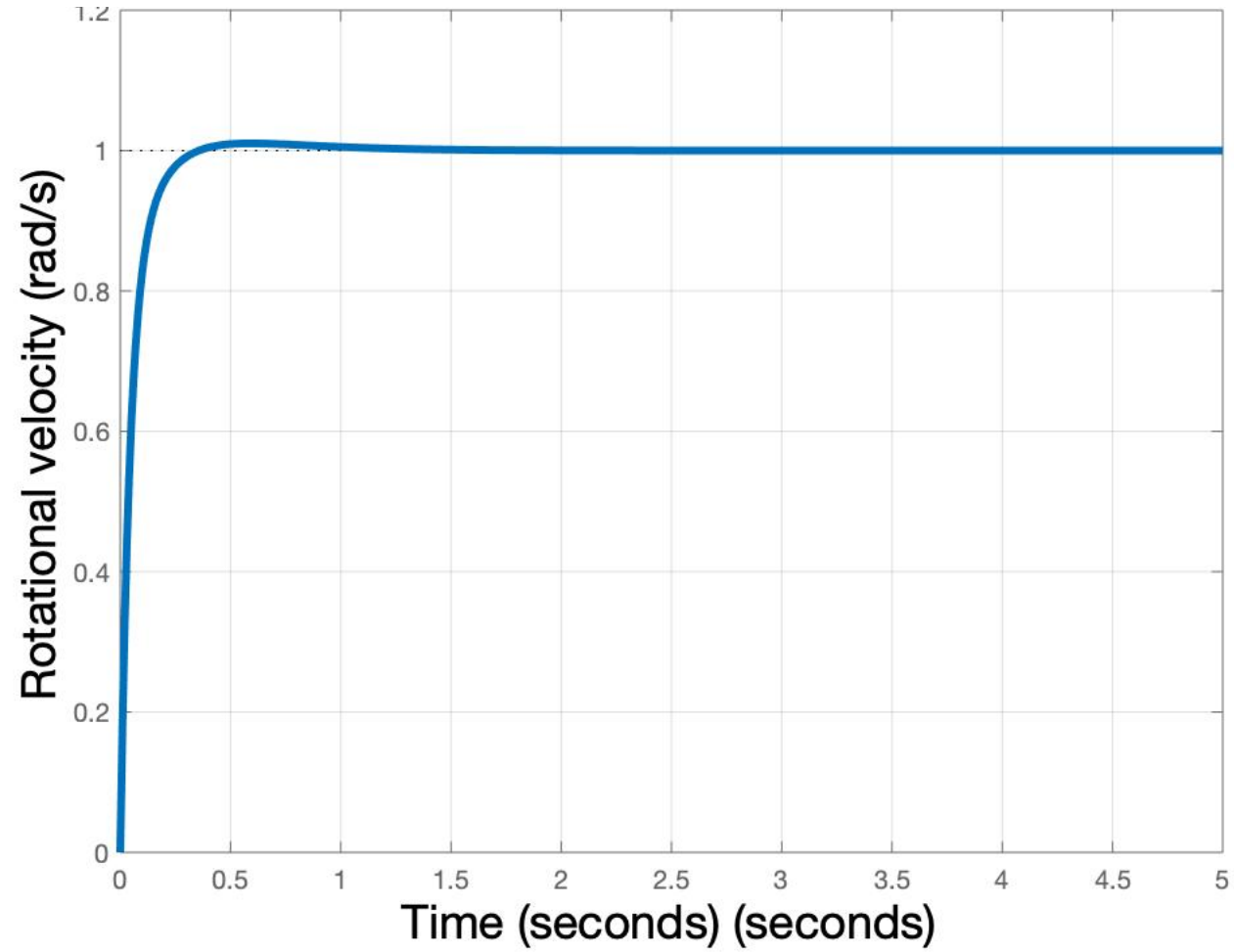


PD-controller

- Compute error signal $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{y}$
- Derivative term $K_d \dot{\mathbf{e}}$:
 - K_d derivative gain;
 - Feedback proportional to how fast the error is increasing/decreasing
- Purpose:
 - “Predictive” term, can reduce overshoot: if error is decreasing slowly, feedback is slower
 - Can improve tolerance to disturbances
- Disadvantages:
 - Still cannot eliminate steady-state error
 - High frequency disturbances can get amplified



PID-controller

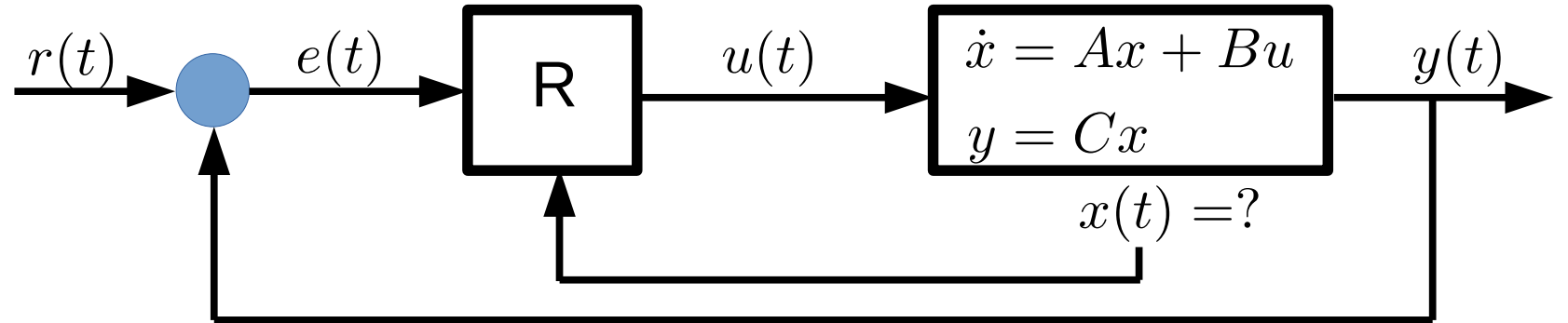


PID controller in practice

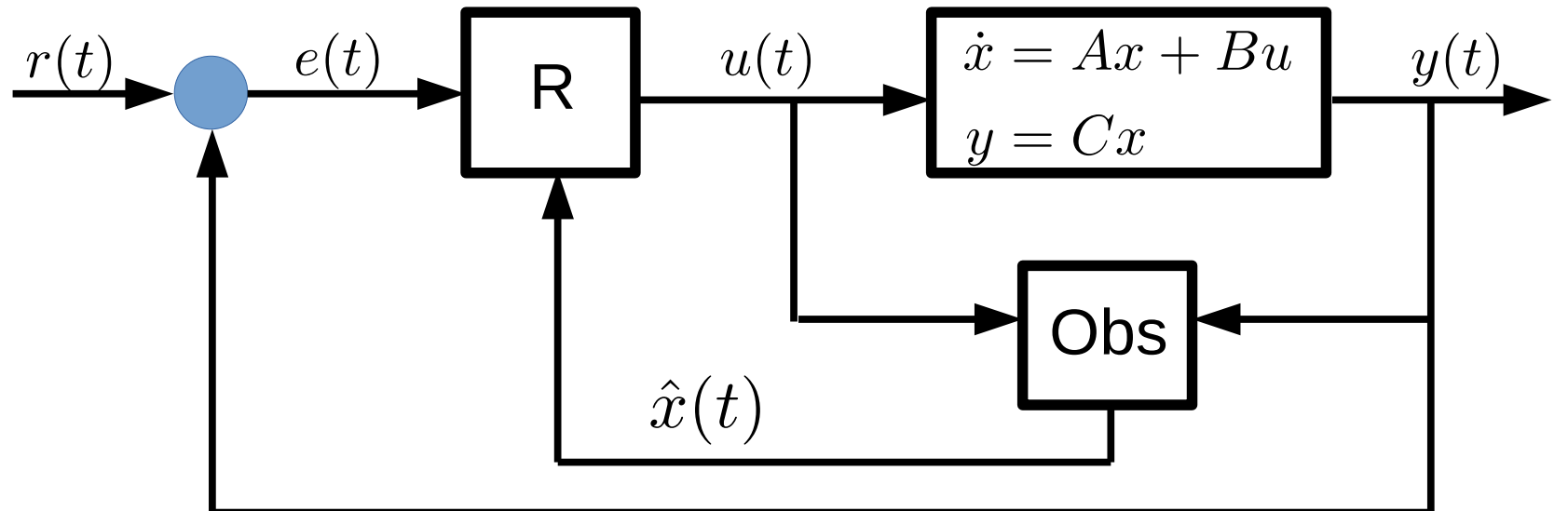
- May often use only PI or PD control
- Many heuristics to *tune* PID controllers, i.e., find values of K_P, K_I, K_D
- Several *recipes* to tune, usually rely on designer expertise
- E.g. *Ziegler-Nichols* method: increase K_P till system starts oscillating with period T (say till $K_P = K^*$), then set $K_P = 0.6K^*$, $K_I = \frac{1.2K^*}{T}$, $K_D = \frac{3}{40}K^*T$
- Matlab/Simulink has PID controller blocks + PID auto-tuning capabilities
- Work well with linear systems or for small perturbations,
- For non-linear systems use “gain-scheduling”
 - (i.e. using different K_P, K_I, K_D gains in different operating regimes)

Observation

- Problem:
 - Control design with (partially) unknown state



- Solution:
 - Luenberger Observer



Luenberger Observer

- State-space representation

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx$$



$$\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + Bu + L(y - \hat{y})$$

$$\hat{y} = C\hat{x}$$

$$u = K(x_{ref} - \hat{x})$$

Control design parameters

- Observer Error satisfies: $\dot{e} = (A - LC)e$

- Required: Observability, Controllability

- Pole Placement

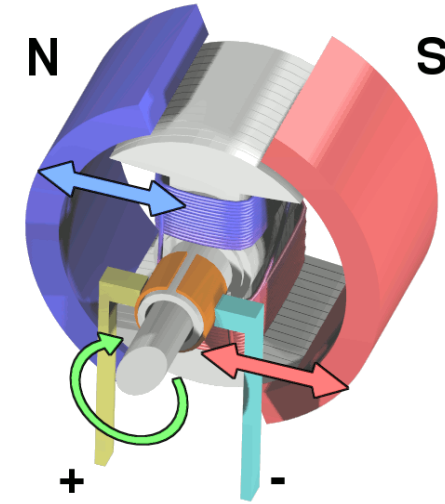
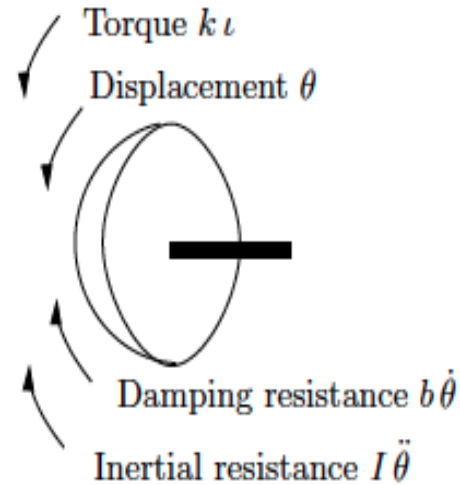
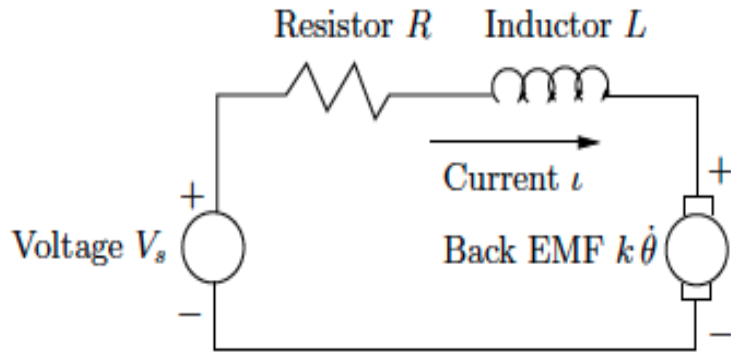
$$K : eig(A - BK) = \{\lambda_{c1}, \dots, \lambda_{cn}\}$$

$$L : eig(A^T - LC) = \{\lambda_{o1}, \dots, \lambda_{on}\}$$



Overall system is stable
iff both observer and
controller are stable

Example - DC Motor



$b = 0.1$ # friction coefficient (Nm/(rad/sec))
 $I = 0.01$ # mechanical inertia (Kg*m²)
 $k = 0.01$ # motor torque constant (Nm/A)
 $R = 1$ # armature resistance (Ohm)
 $L = 0.5$ # armature inductance (H)

$$V_s = Ri + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + k\dot{\theta}_v$$

$$I \frac{d\theta_v}{dt} + b\theta_v = ki$$

State-space
representation

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_v \\ i \end{bmatrix} \quad u = V_s$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -b/I & k \\ -k/L & -R \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = [1 \quad 0]$$