

Final Exam
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Task 1 (15%): System dynamics: From response to model

Consider a process described by the transfer function model

$$y = h_p(s)u. \quad (1)$$

The transfer function $h_p(s)$ could be a function of the system gain K , time delay τ , system transmission zero τ_z and time constants T_1 and/or T_2 .

- Given the input and output transient responses, $u = u(t)$ and $y = y(t)$ respectively, as illustrated in Figure 1. Propose the structure of the corresponding transfer function $h_p(s)$?
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- Given the input and output transient responses, $u = u(t)$ and $y = y(t)$ respectively, as illustrated in Figure 3. Propose the structure of the corresponding transfer function $h_p(s)$?

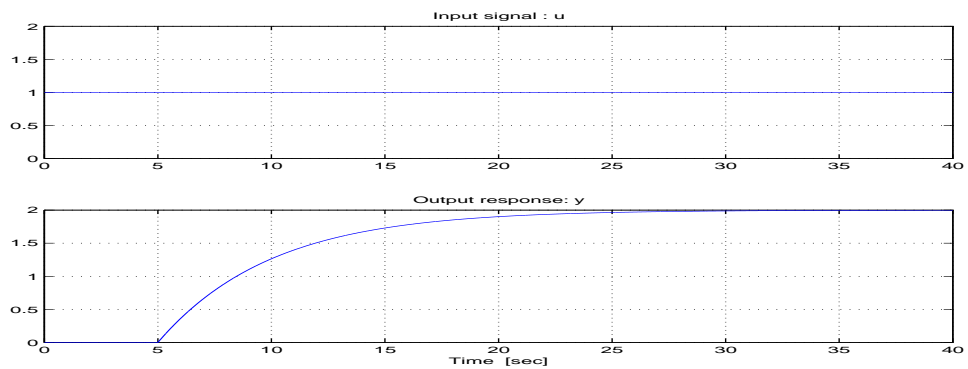


Figure 1: Time response of dynamic system from input u to output y .

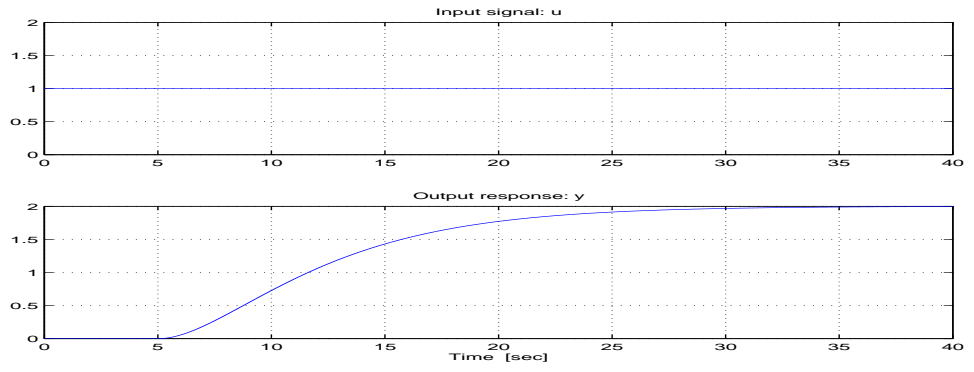


Figure 2: Time response of dynamic system from input u to output y .

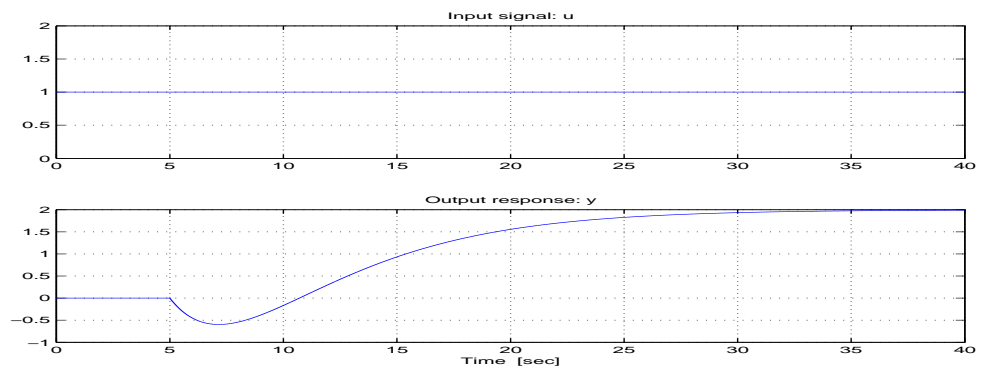


Figure 3: Time response of dynamic system from input u to output y .

Task 2 (15%): PID-control, the SIMC method

Consider a process described by the transfer function model

$$y = h_p(s)u. \quad (2)$$

We assume a time delay in the model. The process is controlled by a controller of the form

$$u = h_c(s)(r - y). \quad (3)$$

The feedback control system is illustrated in Figure (4).

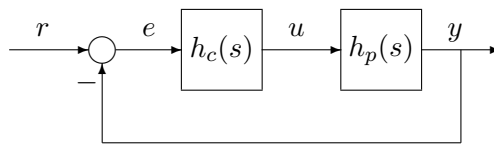


Figure 4: Standard feedback system. Plant described by a transfer function $h_p(s)$ and controller with transfer function $h_c(s)$.

- a) Give a short description of the SIMC (also known as the Skogestad) method for tuning PID controllers.
- b) Consider the feedback control system in Figure (4).
 - Find the transfer function $h_{ry}(s)$ from the reference, r , to the output measurement, y , in the transfer function model

$$y = h_{ry}(s)r. \quad (4)$$

I.e. find an expression for $h_{ry}(s)$?

- Specify a desired transfer function $h_{ry}(s)$ for the controlled system (closed loop set-point response)? We want $y \approx r$.
- c)
 - Find an expression for the controller transfer function, $h_c(s)$, as a function of the time delay transfer function $e^{-\tau s}$ and the model transfer function $h_p(s)$ for the process.
 - Use the simple approximation $e^{-\tau s} \approx 1 - \tau s$ and find the resulting controller transfer function $h_c(s)$?

- d) Given a process with a 2nd order model as follows

$$y = h_p(s)u, \quad (5)$$

where

$$h_p(s) = 2 \frac{e^{-s}}{(1 + 4s)(1 + 2s)(1 + s)(1 + \frac{1}{2}s)}. \quad (6)$$

- Use the half rule for model reduction and formulate a 1st order model approximation of the form

$$h_p(s) = k \frac{e^{-\tau s}}{1 + T_1 s}, \quad (7)$$

for the transfer function in Equation (6). Find the gain k , the time delay τ and the time constant T_1 in the model approximation Equation (7) ?

- Find the controller $h_c(s)$ by the SIMC (Skogestad) method. What type of controller is this?
- e) Assume that the process, $h_p(s)$, is modeled by a 2nd order process of the form

$$h_p(s) = k \frac{e^{-\tau s}}{\tau_0^2 s^2 + 2\tau_0 \xi s + 1}. \quad (8)$$

- What are the definitions for the parameters ξ and τ_0 in in the model (8).
- When is the process oscillating ?
- Find the controller $h_c(s)$ by the SIMC (Skogestad) method.
- What type of controller is this?

Task 3 (5%): Frequency analysis

Given a feedback system as illustrated in Figure 5.

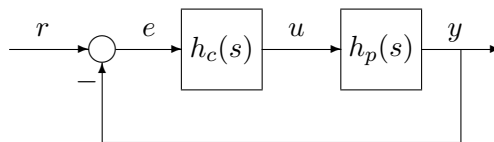


Figure 5: Standard feedback system. Plant described by a transfer function model $h_p(s)$ and controller transfer function $h_c(s)$.

- a) Consider an PI controller, $h_c(s)$, and an integrating plus time delay process, $h_p(s)$, given by

$$h_c(s) = K_p \frac{1 + T_i s}{T_i s}, \quad h_p(s) = k \frac{e^{-\tau s}}{s}, \quad (9)$$

where K_p and T_i are the PI controller parameters, k is the gain velocity (slope of the integrator) and τ the time delay.

- Write down an expression for the loop transfer function, $h_0(s)$.

- b) Assume in this subtask 2b) that we use an approximation $e^{-\tau s} \approx 1$ for the time delay (same as neglecting the time delay in the model, Eq. (9)). The set-point response transfer function may then be written as

$$\frac{y}{r} = \frac{h_0}{\pi(s)} \quad (10)$$

where the characteristic polynomial $\pi(s)$ may be written on standard 2nd order form as follows

$$\pi(s) = \tau_0^2 s^2 + 2\zeta\tau_0 s + 1. \quad (11)$$

Here τ_0 is the response time and ζ the relative damping coefficient.

- Find expressions for the coefficients τ_0^2 and $2\zeta\tau_0$ in the characteristic polynomial Eq. (11) as a function of the PI controller parameters K_p , T_i and the gain velocity parameter k .
- Assume that we prescribe a unit relative damping, i.e. $\zeta = 1$. Find expressions for the PI controller parameters K_p and T_i as a function of a prescribed response time $\tau_0 > 0$.

Task 4 (25%): PID controller and Smith predictor

Given a PID controller in the Laplace plane

$$h_c(s) = K_p \frac{1 + T_i s}{T_i s} + K_p T_d s = K_p + \frac{K_p}{T_i s} + K_p T_d s, \quad (12)$$

such that the control is generated by

$$u(s) = h_c(s)e(s) \quad (13)$$

where $e(s) = r - y(s)$ is the control error. We are assuming a constant reference signal, r , in this task.

- a) Write down a continuous state space model for the PID controller in Equations (12) and (13).
- b) Find a discrete time state space model for the PID controller in Step 4a) above.

Use the explicit Euler method for discretization.

- c) In this subtask you should use the trapezoid method for discretization. Find a discrete time PID controller in Step 4b) above on so called velocity (incremental, deviation) form, i.e. in such a way that the control is generated by the formula

$$u_k = u_{k-1} + g_0 e_k + g_1 e_{k-1} + g_2 (y_k - 2y_{k-1} + y_{k-2}). \quad (14)$$

You should also write down the expressions for the parameters g_0 , g_1 and g_2 .

Assume now given a system described by the following transfer function model

$$y = h_p(s)u + h_v(s)v \quad (15)$$

- d) Do you need a model in order to use a PID controller ? The answer is: Yes or No
- e) Answer the following:
- When may it make sense to use a Smith predictor?
 - Sketch a block diagram of a system controlled by a Smith predictor.
 - Give a short description of the different elements in the Smith predictor.
- f) Find the transfer function from the reference r to the system output y in the Smith predictor.
- g) Find the transfer function from the disturbance v to the system output y in the Smith predictor.