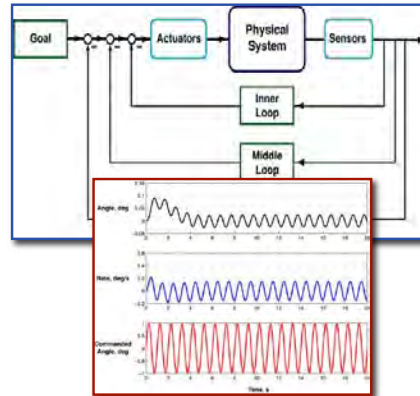


Dynamic Effects of Feedback Control

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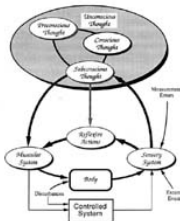
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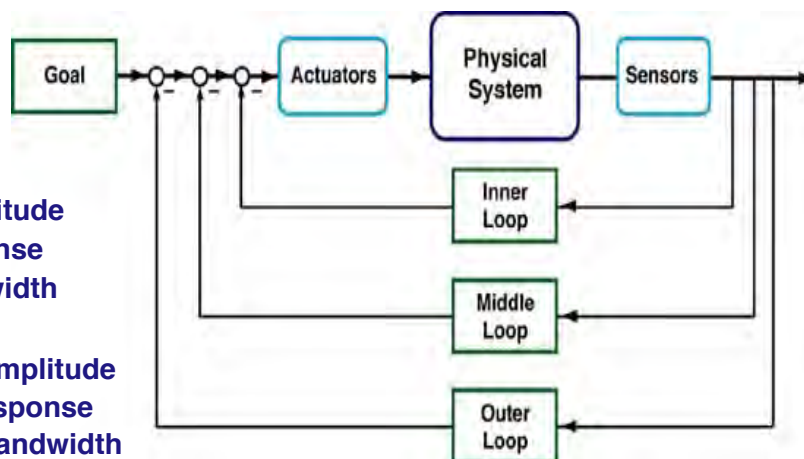
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Outer-to-Inner-Loop Control Hierarchy

- **Inner Loop**
 - Small Amplitude
 - Fast Response
 - High Bandwidth
- **Middle Loop**
 - Moderate Amplitude
 - Medium Response
 - Moderate Bandwidth
- **Outer Loop**
 - Large Amplitude
 - Slow Response
 - Low Bandwidth



- **Feedback**
 - Error between command and feedback signal drives next inner-most loop

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Natural Feedback Control

Inner Loop

Chicken Head Control - 1

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dPlkFPowCc



Middle Loop

Hovering Red-Tail Hawks

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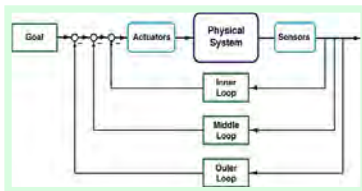
Outer Loop

Osprey Diving for Fish

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Outer-to-Inner-Loop Control Hierarchy of an Industrial Robot

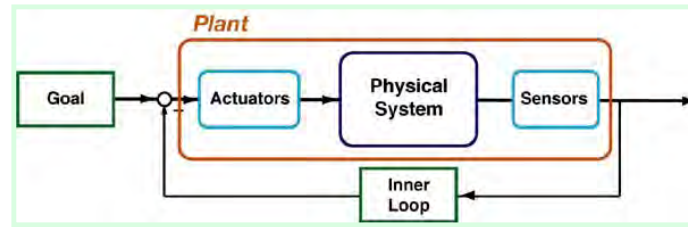
- **Inner Loop**
 - Focus on control of individual joints
- **Middle Loop**
 - Focus on operation of the robot
- **Outer Loop**
 - Focus on goals for robot operation



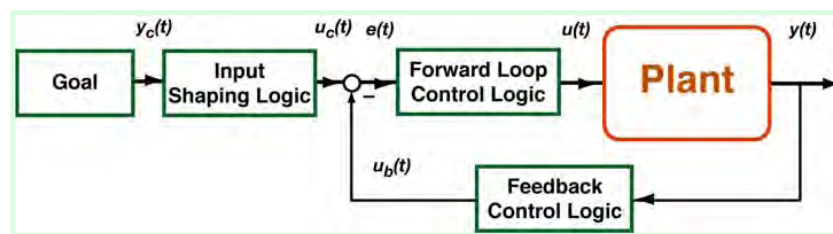
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Inner-Loop Feedback Control

Feedback control design must account for actuator-system-sensor dynamics

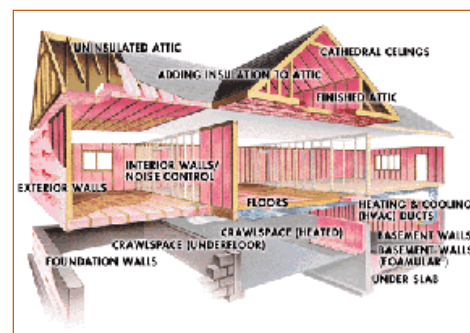
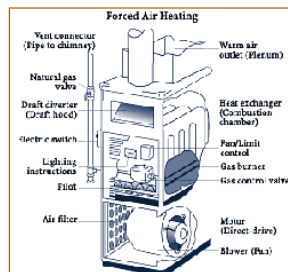
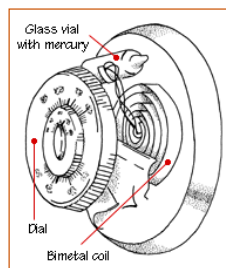


Single-Input/Single-Output Example, with forward and feedback control logic (“**compensation**”)



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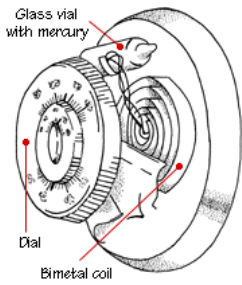
Thermostatic Temperature Control



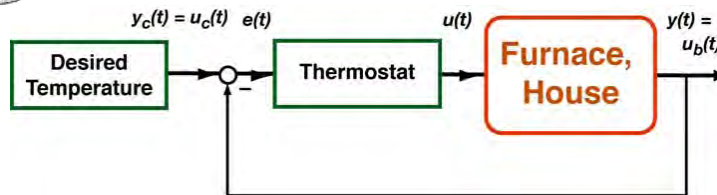
- **Dynamics**
 - Delays
 - Dead Zones
 - Saturation
 - Coupling
- **Structure**
 - Layout
 - Insulation
 - Circulation
 - Multiple Spaces
- **External Effects**
 - Solar Radiation
 - Air Temperature
 - Wind
 - Rain, Humidity

... all controlled by a simple (but nonlinear) on/off switch

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Thermostat Control Logic



- **Control Law** [i.e., logic that drives the control variable, $u(t)$]

$$e(t) = y_c(t) - y(t) = u_c(t) - u_b(t)$$

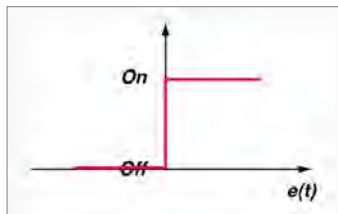
< Thermostat >

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ (on)}, & e(t) > 0 \\ 0 \text{ (off)}, & e(t) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- y_c : Desired output variable (command)
- y : Actual output
- u : Control variable (forcing function)
- e : Control error

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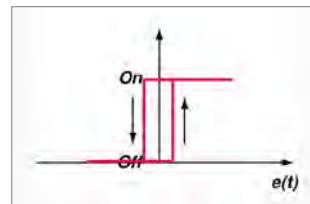
Thermostat Control Logic



$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ (on)}, & e(t) > 0 \\ 0 \text{ (off)}, & e(t) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- ...but control signal would “chatter” with slightest change of temperature
- **Solution:** Introduce *lag* to slow the switching cycle, e.g., **hysteresis**

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ (on)}, & e(t) - T > 0 \\ 0 \text{ (off)}, & e(t) + T \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

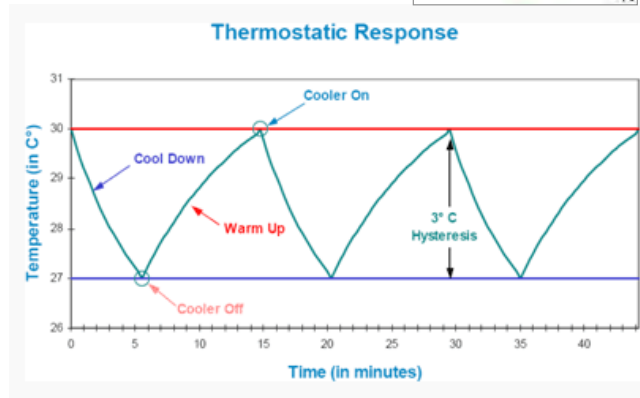
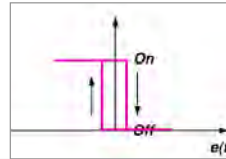


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Thermostat Control Logic with Hysteresis

- Hysteresis delays the response
- System responds with a *limit cycle*

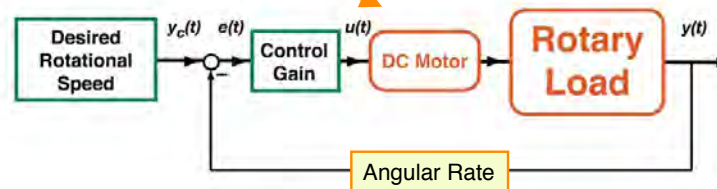
- Cooling control is similar with sign reversal



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Speed Control of Direct-Current Motor



Linear Feedback Control Law ($c = \text{Control Gain}$)

$$u(t) = c e(t)$$

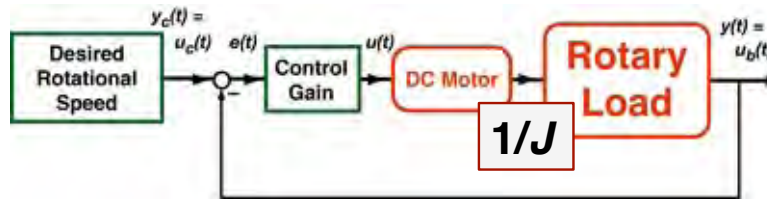
where

$$e(t) = y_c(t) - y(t)$$

How would $y(t)$ be measured?

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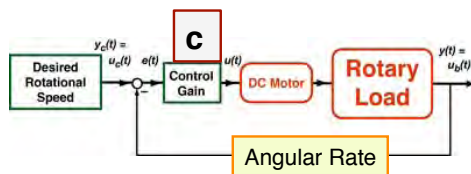
Characteristics of the Model



- **Simplified Dynamic Model**

- Rotary inertia, J , is the sum of motor and load inertias
- Internal damping neglected
- **Output speed, $y(t)$, rad/s, is an integral of the control input, $u(t)$**
- **Motor control torque is proportional to $u(t)$**
- **Desired speed, $y_c(t)$, rad/s, is constant**

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Model of Dynamics and Speed Control

First-order LTI ordinary differential equation

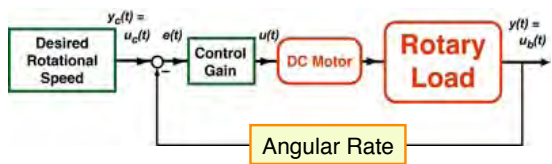
$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{J}u(t) = \frac{c}{J}e(t) = \frac{c}{J}[y_c(t) - y(t)], \quad y(0) \text{ given}$$

Integral of the equation, with $y(0) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{1}{J} \int_0^t u(t) dt = \frac{c}{J} \int_0^t e(t) dt = \frac{c}{J} \int_0^t [y_c(t) - y(t)] dt \\ &= -\frac{c}{J} \int_0^t [y(t)] dt + \frac{c}{J} \int_0^t [y_c(t)] dt \end{aligned}$$

- **Positive integration of $y_c(t)$**
- **Negative feedback of $y(t)$**

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Step Response of Speed Controller

Step input :

$$y_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

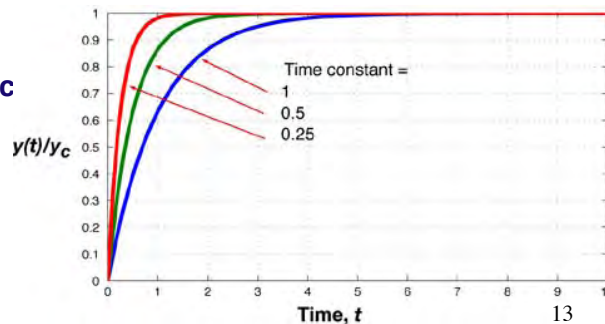
- Solution of the integral

$$y(t) = y_c \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{c}{J}t\right) \right] = y_c \left[1 - \exp^{\lambda t} \right] = y_c \left[1 - \exp^{-t/\tau} \right]$$

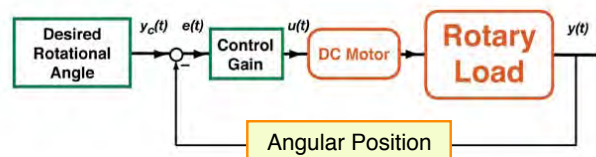
- where

- $\lambda = -c/J =$ eigenvalue or root of the system (rad/sec)
- $\tau = J/c =$ time constant of the response (sec)

What does the shaft angle response look like?



Angle Control of Direct-Current Motor



- Simplified Dynamic Model

- Rotary inertia, J , is the sum of motor and load inertias
- Output angle, $y(t)$, is a double integral of the control, $u(t)$
- Desired angle, $y_c(t)$, is constant

Feedback Control Law

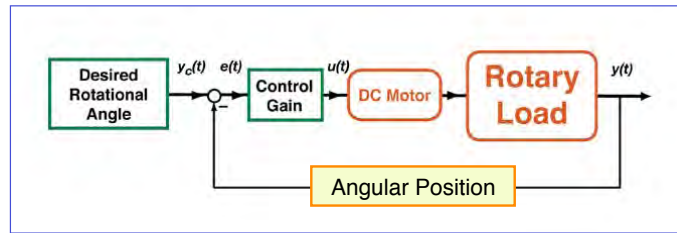
$$u(t) = c e(t)$$

where

$$e(t) = y_c(t) - y(t)$$

How would $y(t)$ be measured?

Model of Dynamics and Angle Control



2nd-order, linear, time-invariant ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} = \ddot{y}(t) = \frac{1}{J} u(t) = \frac{c}{J} e(t) = \frac{c}{J} [y_c - y(t)]$$

Output angle, $y(t)$, as a function of time

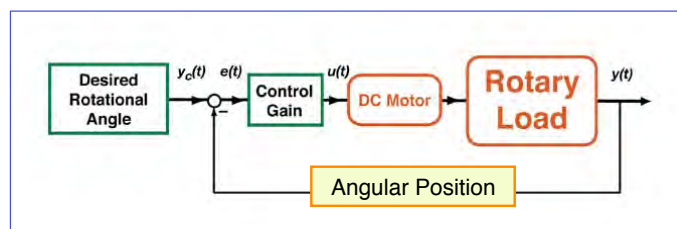
$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{c}{J} \int_0^t \int_0^t [y_c - y(t)] dt dt \\ &= -\frac{c}{J} \int_0^t \int_0^t [y(t)] dt^2 + \frac{c}{J} \int_0^t \int_0^t [y_c] dt^2 \end{aligned}$$

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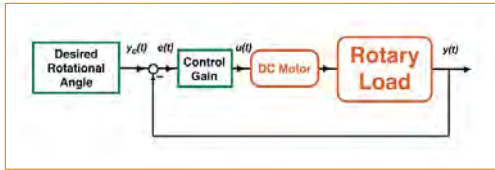
Model of Dynamics and Angle Control

- Corresponding set of 1st-order equations, with
 - Angle: $x_1(t) = y(t)$
 - Angular rate: $x_2(t) = dy(t)/dt$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1(t) &= x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= \frac{u(t)}{J} = \frac{c}{J} [y_c - y(t)] = \frac{c}{J} [y_c - x_1(t)] \end{aligned}$$



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State-Space Model of the DC Motor

Open-loop dynamic equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/J \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

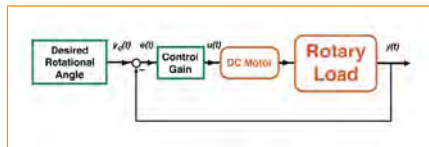
Feedback control law

$$u(t) = c[y_c(t) - y_1(t)] = c[y_c(t) - x_1(t)]$$

Closed-loop dynamic equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -c/J & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c/J \end{bmatrix} y_c$$

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Step Response with Angle Feedback

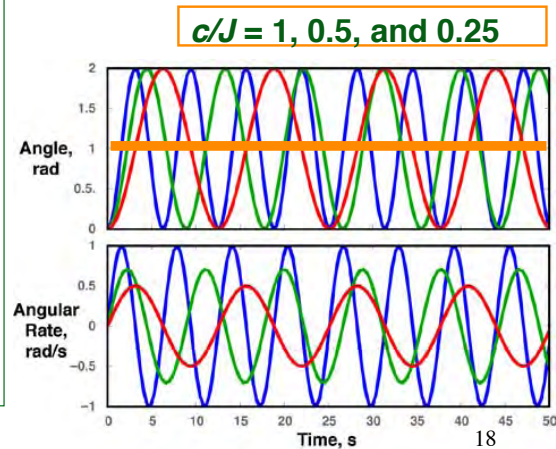
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -c/J & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c/J \end{bmatrix} y_c$$

% Step Response of Undamped Angle Control

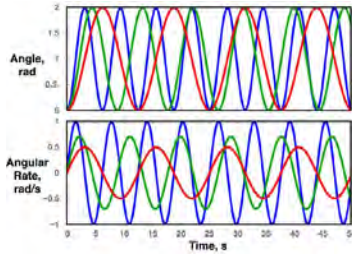
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G1 = [0;1];
F2 = [0 1;-0.5 0];
G2 = [0;0.5];
F3 = [0 1;-0.25 0];
G3 = [0;0.25];
Hx = [1 0;0 1];
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Sys1 = ss(F1,G1,Hx,0);
Sys2 = ss(F2,G2,Hx,0);
Sys3 = ss(F3,G3,Hx,0);
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step(Sys1,Sys2,Sys3)
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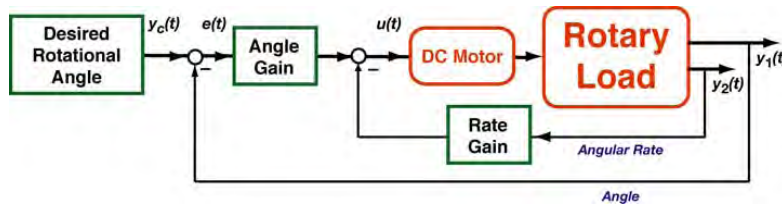


What Went Wrong?

- **No damping!**
- **Solution: Add rate feedback in the control law**

- **Control law with rate feedback**

$$u(t) = c_1 [y_c(t) - y_1(t)] - c_2 y_2(t)$$



Closed-loop dynamic equation

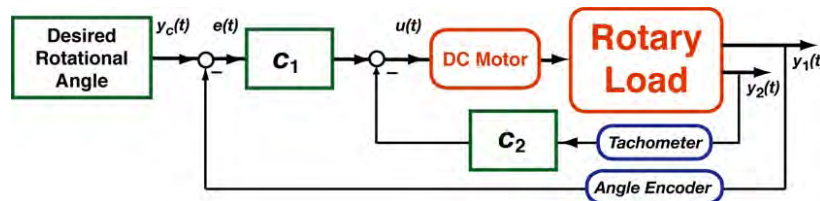
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -c_1/J & -c_2/J \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_1/J \end{bmatrix} y_c$$

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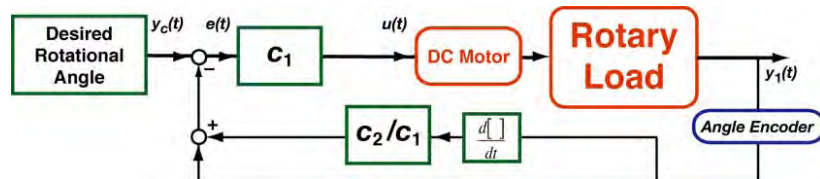
Alternative Implementations of Rate Feedback

$$u(t) = c_1 [y_c(t) - y_1(t)] - c_2 y_2(t) = c_1 [y_c(t) - y_1(t)] - c_2 \frac{dy_1(t)}{dt}$$

One input, two outputs



One input, one output



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Step Response with Angle and Rate Feedback

$$c_1 / J = 1$$

$$c_2 / J = 0, 1.414, 2.828$$

% Step Response of Damped Angle Control

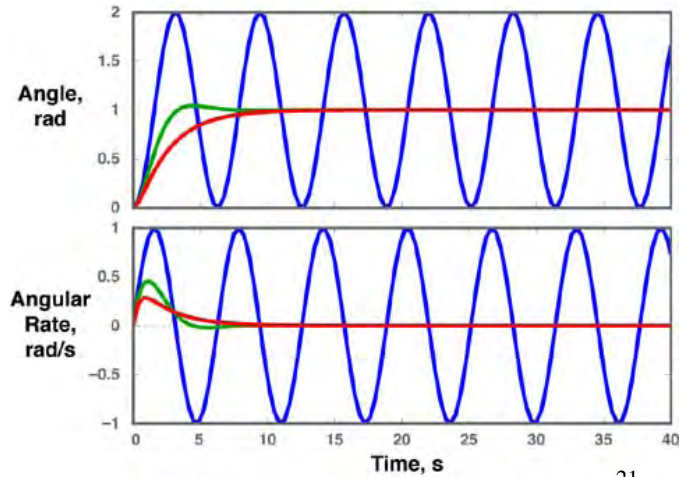
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G1 = [0;1];

F1a = [0 1;-1 -1.414];
F1b = [0 1;-1 -2.828];

Hx = [1 0;0 1];

Sys1 = ss(F1,G1,Hx,0);
Sys2 = ss(F1a,G1,Hx,0);
Sys3 = ss(F1b,G1,Hx,0);

step(Sys1,Sys2,Sys3)
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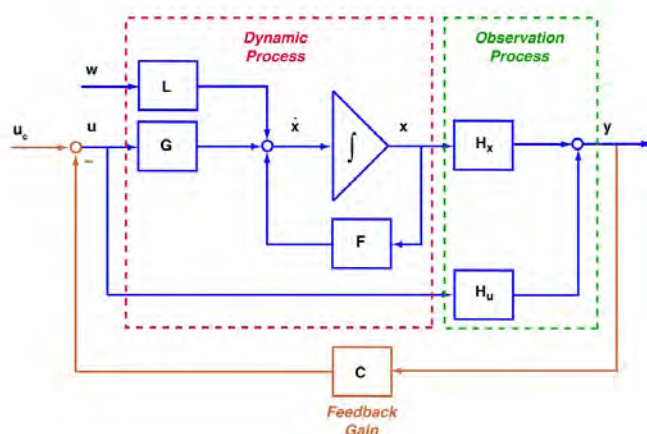
LTI Model with Feedback Control

- Command input, u_c , has dimensions of u

$$u(t) = u_c(t) - Cy(t)$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = Fx(t) + Gu(t) + Lw(t)$$

$$y(t) = H_x x(t) + H_u u(t)$$

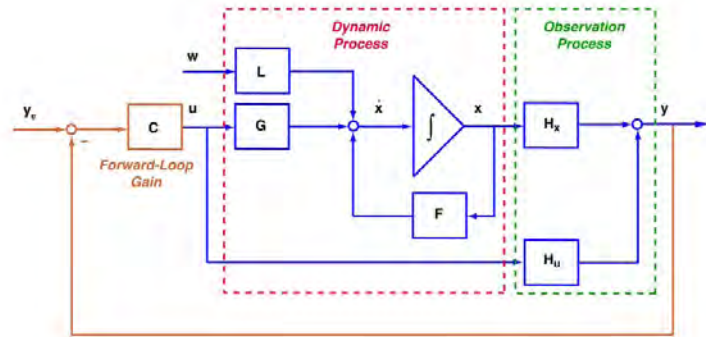


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LTI Control with Forward-Loop Gain

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{C}[\mathbf{y}_c(t) - \mathbf{y}(t)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{L} \mathbf{w}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) &= \mathbf{H}_x \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{H}_u \mathbf{u}(t) \end{aligned}$$



With $\mathbf{C}_c = \mathbf{C}$, command input, \mathbf{y}_c , has dimensions of \mathbf{y}

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Effect of Feedback Control on the LTI Model

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G} [\mathbf{u}_c(t) - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{y}(t)] \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{open\ loop} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G} \{ \mathbf{u}_c(t) - \mathbf{C} [\mathbf{H}_x \mathbf{x}(t)] \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{H}_x] \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{u}_c(t) \\ &\triangleq \mathbf{F}_{closed\ loop} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{u}_c(t) \end{aligned}$$

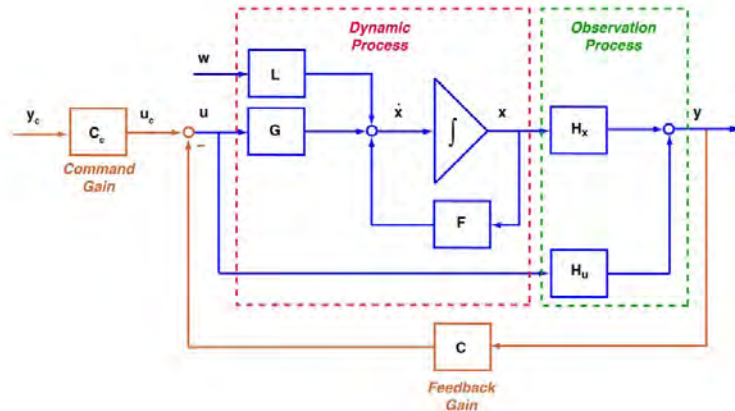
Feedback modifies the stability matrix of the closed-loop system

Convergence or divergence
Envelope of transient response

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LTI Model with Feedback Control and Command Gain

Command input, y_c , is “shaped” by C_c



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(t) &= \mathbf{u}_c(t) - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}(t) \\ &= \mathbf{C}_c \mathbf{y}_c(t) - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}(t) \end{aligned}$$

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Effect of Command Gain on LTI Model

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}\{\mathbf{C}_c \mathbf{y}_c(t) - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}(t)\} \\ &= \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}\{\mathbf{C}_c \mathbf{y}_c(t) - \mathbf{C}[\mathbf{H}_x \mathbf{x}(t)]\} \\ &= [\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_x] \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{C}_c \mathbf{y}_c(t) \end{aligned}$$

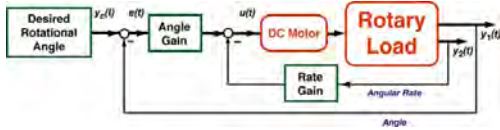
Steady-state response of the system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^*(t) = -[\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_x]^{-1} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{C}_c \mathbf{y}_c^*(t)$$

- Command gain adjusts the steady-state response
- Has no effect on the stability of the system

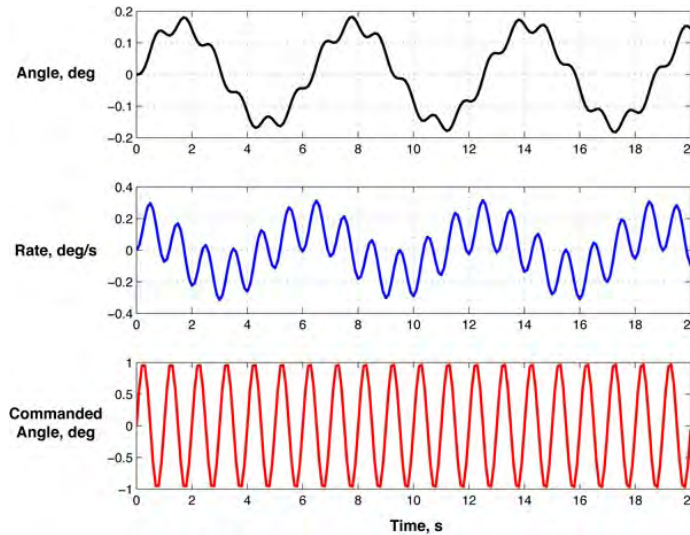
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Response to Sine Wave Input with Angle Feedback: No Damping

$$y_c(t) = \sin(\omega t) = \sin(6.28 t), \text{ deg}$$

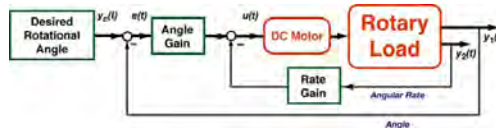
$$c_1/J = 1; c_2/J = 0$$



- Why are there 2 oscillations in the output?
 - *Undamped transient response to the input*
 - *Long-term dynamic response to the input*
- System has a natural frequency of oscillation, ω_n
- Long-term response to a sine wave is a **sine wave**

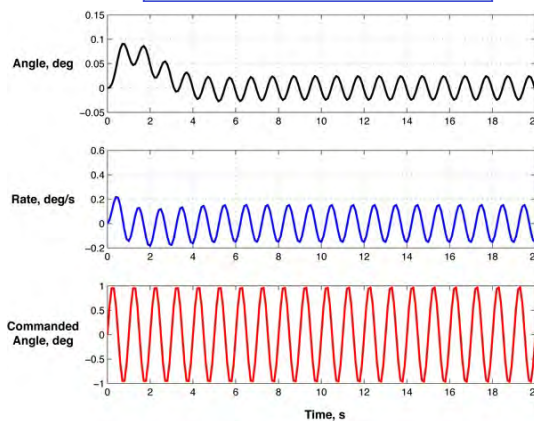
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Response to Sine Wave Input with Rate Damping

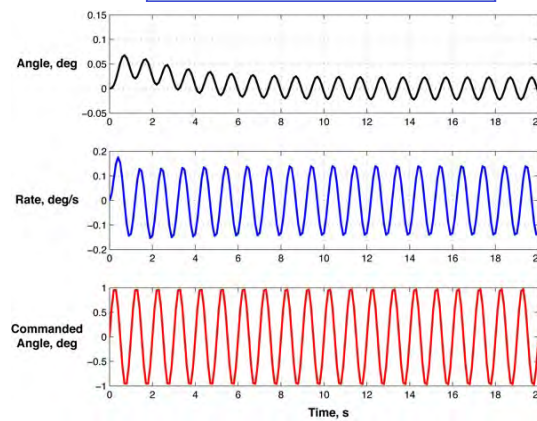


$$y_c(t) = \sin(\omega t) = \sin(6.28 t), \text{ deg}$$

$$c_1/J = 1; c_2/J = 1.414$$



$$c_1/J = 1; c_2/J = 2.828$$



With damping, transient response decays
In this case, damping has negligible effect on long-term response

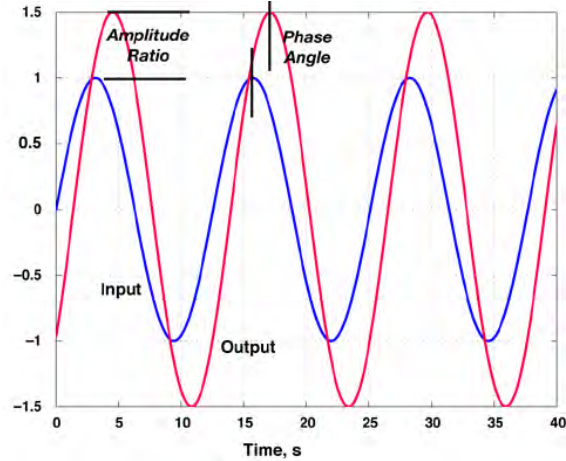
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System Dynamics Produces Differences in Amplitude and Phase Angle of Input and Output

$$\text{Amplitude Ratio (AR)} = \frac{|y_{\text{Output Peak}}|}{|y_{\text{Input Peak}}|}$$

$$\text{Phase Angle} = 360 \frac{(t_{\text{Input Peak}} - t_{\text{Output Peak}})}{\text{Period of Input}}, \text{deg}$$

Amplitude ratio and phase angle characterize the system model



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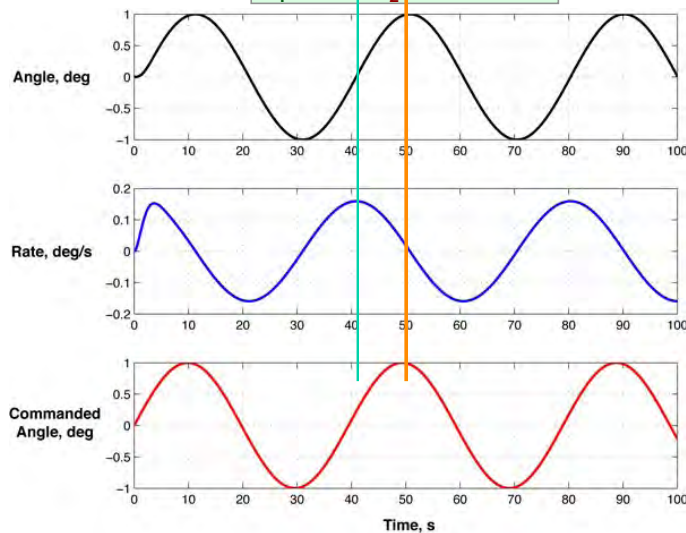
Effect of Input Frequency on Output Amplitude and Phase Angle



$$y_c(t) = \sin(t / 6.28), \text{deg}$$

$$c_1 / J = 1; c_2 / J = 1.414$$

- With low input frequency, input and output amplitudes are about the same
- Output angle oscillation “lags” input by a few degrees
- Rate oscillation “leads” angle oscillation by ~90 deg

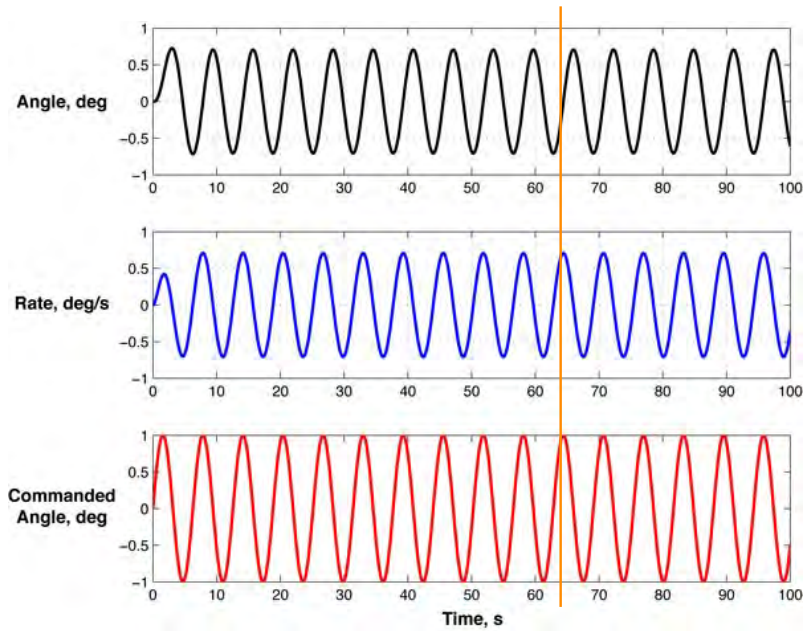


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At Higher Frequency, Output Amplitude Decreases, Phase Angle Lag Increases

$$y_c(t) = \sin(t), \text{ deg}$$

$$c_1/J = 1; c_2/J = 1.414$$

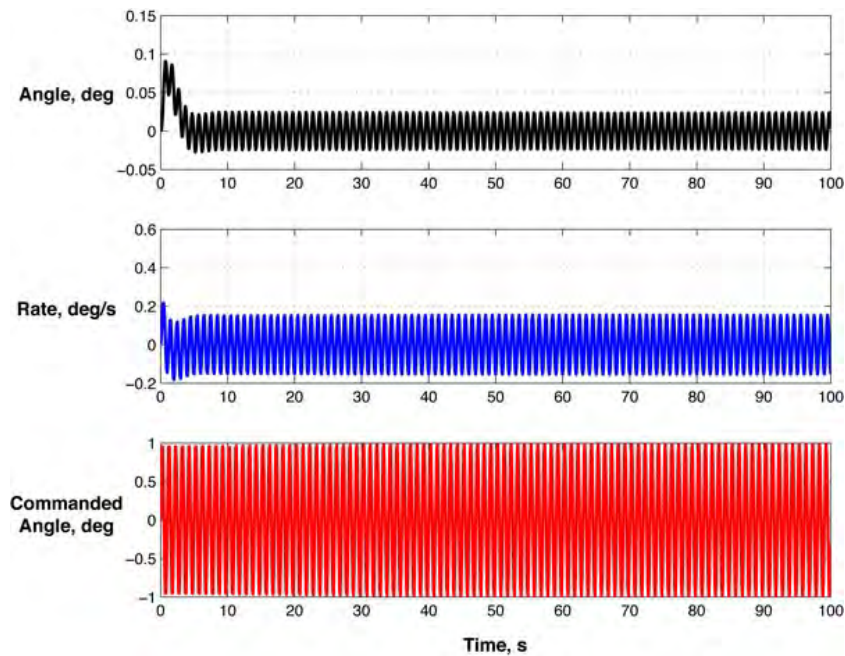


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$$y_c(t) = \sin(6.28 t), \text{ deg}$$

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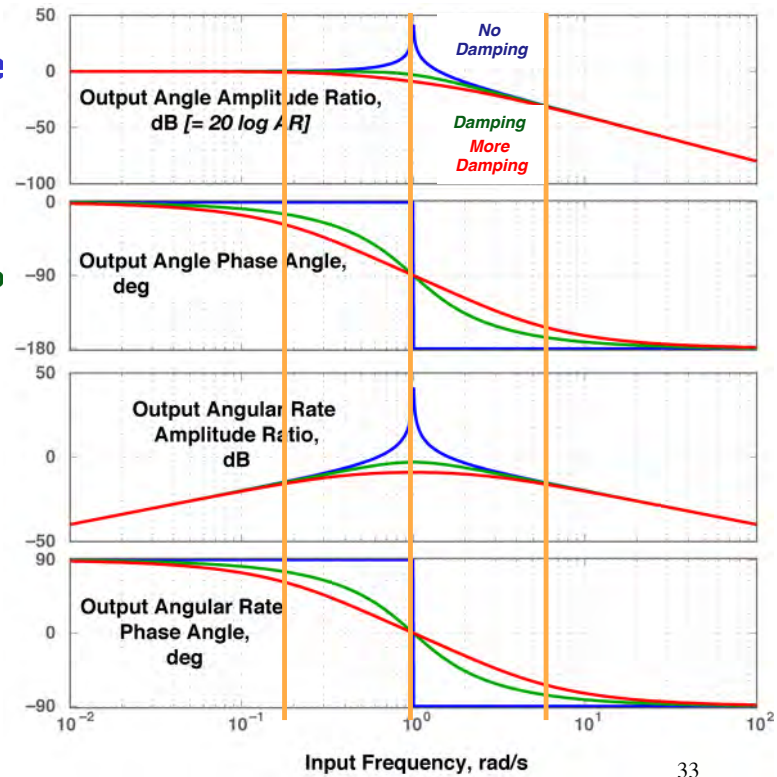
At Even Higher Frequency, Amplitude Ratio Decreases



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Frequency Response of the DC Motor with Feedback Control

- Long-term response to sinusoidal inputs over range of frequencies
 - Determine experimentally
 - or from the transfer function
- Frequency response depicted by **Bode Plot**
 - Transfer function
 - Laplace transform of system
 - TBD



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*Next Time:
Control Systems*

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