## **Feedback control** Fast Robots, ECE4160/5160, MAE 4190/5190

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## Some notes about the labs

- There have been a lot of questions about rubrics for the labs and questions about how people should answer particular questions.
  - Questions can be answered in a lot of ways. This will become even harder as the labs go on. Your code is starting to diverge, your sensor placement will be different, each of your cars are different, your motors are different, your mass distribution is different.
  - What evidence can you provide to answer the questions we've posed?
  - If you don't understand what the question is asking then we can help clarify, but how to answer it can vary and we will accept a lot of different answers.
- If you break a component, please send us a message on Ed. I have supplies for spares, but we cannot replace components multiple times. Please use your lab kits. Keep things well protected.

## **Ed Discussion Polls**

- We are going to ask students for preferred OH times (preference will be given to students who need to use the lab computers to complete the labs)
- There will also be polls posted at the end of every lab to ask how many hours the lab took. This is mostly for our own knowledge to make sure we are timing the labs correctly.



## **Feedback Control**

- Maintain position with respect to walls
- Maintain heading angle

• Etc.

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# Maintain speed prediction at different battery levels, over different surfaces



## **Feedback Control**

- Mapping: evenly spaced out sensor readings
- Path execution: adhere to generated path plans



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# • Stunts: maintain speed prediction at different battery levels, over different surfaces







## **PID control**



Based heavily on MATLAB's Tech Talk: Understanding PID control





## **PID control Football Field**







## **PID control** Drone

























## **Real systems are not linear** Actuator response



























## **PID and Sensor Noise Derivatives amplify HF signals more than LF signals**



- if  $\omega_a > 1 \text{ rad/s}$ , then amplitude will increase
- if  $\omega_a < 1 \text{ rad/s}$ , then amplitude will decrease



## **PID and Sensor Noise**



Time	Laplace		
$\frac{d}{dt}$	S		
$\int dt$	$\frac{1}{S}$		
	N	1	_ 1
	$\overline{S+N}$	$\int \frac{1}{\frac{1}{N}S+1} ds$	$\overline{\tau S+1}$









## **PID and Sensor Noise**



Time	Laplace	
$\frac{d}{dt}$	S	
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1st order LPF	$\frac{N}{S+N}$	$=\frac{1}{\frac{1}{N}S+1}$

 $= \frac{1}{\tau S + 1}$ 











dmeas

dt

- Integrator wind-up
- Derivative low pass filter  $\bullet$
- Derivative kick









- Rise time/ response: some percent of final value
- Peak time: time to reach first peak

PID

- Overshoot: amount in excess of final value
- Settling time: time before output settles to x% of final value





## **Discrete PID Control**

- Sampling time
- Control ~10 times faster than the system dynamics









## **Cascaded Control Loops**









## **Tuning PID control** physical system test and design run input system ID sequence Use heuristics









## **Tuning PID control**









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Type of controller	Kp	Ti	
PID	0.6Tg/TuKg	Tg	









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# **Tuning PID control**

- Heuristic procedure #1:
  - Set k<sub>p</sub> to small value, k<sub>d</sub> and k<sub>i</sub> to 0
  - Increase k<sub>d</sub> until oscillation, then decrease by a factor of 2-4
  - Increase k<sub>p</sub> until oscillation or overshoot, decreases by a factor of 2-4
  - Increase k<sub>i</sub> until oscillation or overshoot
  - Iterate
- Heuristic procedure #2:
  - Set k<sub>d</sub> and k<sub>i</sub> to 0
  - Increase k<sub>p</sub> until oscillation, then decrease by factor of 2-4
  - Increase k<sub>i</sub> until loss of stability, then back off
  - Increase k<sub>d</sub> to increase performance in response to disturbance
  - Iterate



## **Tuning PID control**









## **Tuning PID control** Equations of motion

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$





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## https://tinyurl.com/y67glgzk

$$F = ma$$

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

$$\tau = I\ddot{\theta}$$

$$u - \dot{\theta}c = I\ddot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{-\dot{\theta}c}{I} + \frac{1}{I}u$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{-c}{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Lab 3

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## https://mavisfu.github.io/lab3.html

## Hardware







GND VIN BOUT1 BOUT2 AOUT2 AOUT1 AISEN **BISEN** 





VDD (2.8V out) VIN (2.6–5.5V) GND **SDA** SCL XSHUT GPIO1



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VMM [ 🔘 BIN1 BIN2 AIN2 AIN1

# Oscilloscopes



## Oscilloscope setup





## Oscilloscope setup

- Bandwidth
- Sample rate
- Resolution

BANDWIDTH



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### SAMPLE RATE

### ORIGINAL WAVEFORM



SAMPLED AT SIX POINTS



### SAMPLED AT 10 POINTS





## **Oscilloscope Probes**

- Scope inputs resemble a 16pF capacitor in parallel with a 1MOhm resistor
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## **Oscilloscope Probes**

- 10x probe calibration
  - Use the built-in square wave generator
  - Adjust capacitor until the square wave looks square!







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