

Q1 (50marks): Simulate the behavior of an enhanced Two-Channel Transparent Telerobotic Architecture ($C_5 = -1$, $C_6 = 100$, $C_4 = 0$) for 60 seconds, considering the following parameters:

- **Two-way Communication Delay of 100ms**
- $Z_m = \frac{2s+13}{0.1s+1}$
- $Z_s = \frac{0.5s+3}{0.1s+1}$
- Z_h : a mass-damping model with a mass of 2 kg and damping of 2 N.s/m
- Z_e : a mass damping model with a mass of 0.1 kg and damping of 0.1 N.s/m
- $f_e^* = 0$
- $f_h^* = 20 \sin(1t) + 20 \cos(2t) + 20 \sin(10t)$

Hints:

- If you need any derivative block in Simulink, you can either use Simulink's derivation block or replace any derivation with the following transfer function $\frac{s}{0.01s+1}$ for this project (as a suggestion which may help).
- For ODE solver, you can choose the variable step for ODE 15s, or you can choose fixed-step ODE4 and have a step length of 0.001 seconds. Sometimes changing ODE solver helps with some unexpected issues.
- If your signals are not smooth, you can put a low pass filter in front of the signals you are sending; for example $\frac{1}{0.1s+1}$.
- If you get an "algebraic loop error", it tells you which signal is the problem; you just need to put a z^{-1} operator in front of that signal. Sometimes passing signals through z^{-1} before sending it to the other side of the communication network helps.

(A) What is Z_{to} of this system? What is the hybrid matrix of the system?

In an ideal transparency scenario,

$$\text{Let hybrid matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-2sT_d} \\ -e^{-2sT_d} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

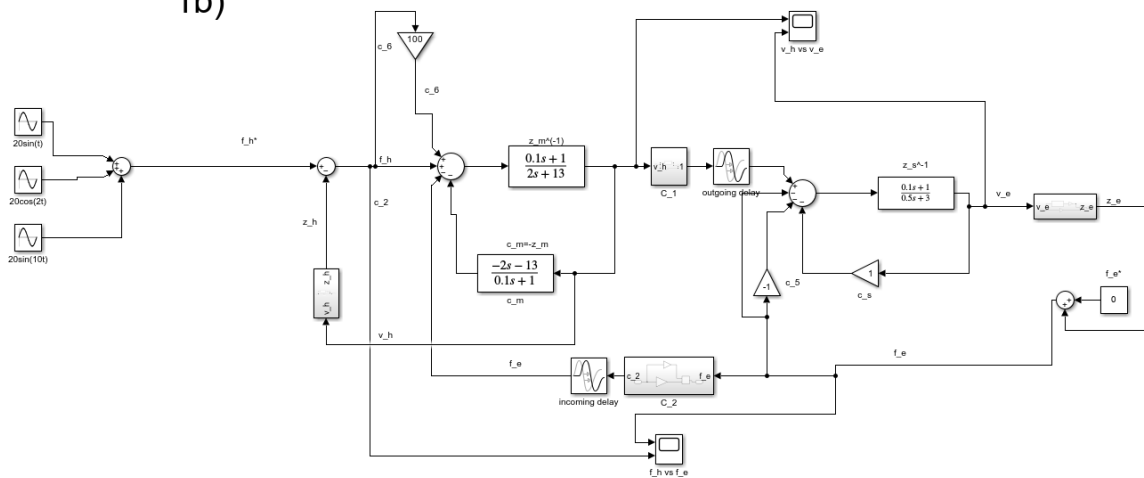
If time delay $T_d > 0$ & for any $C_6 \geq 0$,

$$Z_{to} = Z_e e^{-2sT_d}$$

(B) Plot the Velocity of the leader robot versus the Velocity of the follower robot. Also, plot the interactive Force (F_h) at the leader robot felt by the user versus the Force at the

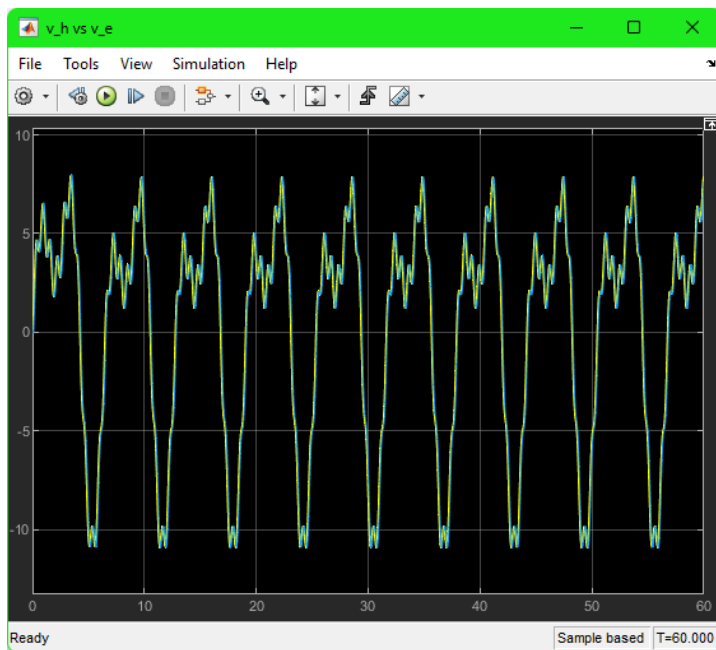
environment side (F_e). Compare, evaluate, and discuss the transparency and performance of the system (Force tracking and Velocity tracking).

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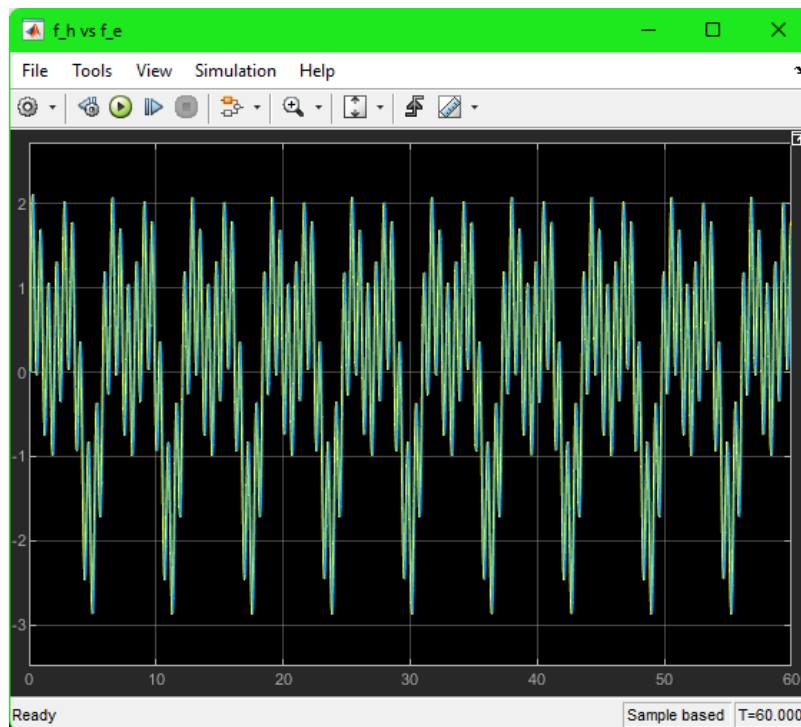
Velocity tracking

v_h vs v_e



Force tracking

$$f_h \text{ vs } f_e$$



Compare, evaluate, and discuss the transparency and performance of the system (Force tracking and Velocity tracking).

As seen in the graphs above, f_h is tracking f_e (same trajectory just shifted by a slight delay) as well as v_h is tracking v_e (same trajectory just shifted by a slight delay). This shows that the system has achieved transparency. This is expected to happen because we have configured the model to match the ideal scenario where you have kinematic correspondence ($v_h = v_e$) as well as ideal force response ($f_h = f_e$) with the exception of a delay in the curves. The system performs according to expectation because there is no echo on follower and leader side, which leads to acceptable force tracking as well as acceptable velocity tracking (ideal case for a scenario with a delay).

(C) Is the system stable? If yes, based on the material in the course, mathematically explain why it is stable. If it is not Stable, explain why it is unstable.

In order to prove stability, we can use Nyquist Stability Theory. The theory is given below

- Z_h should not have RHP zeros (The admittance of human limb should be stable)
- Z_e should not have RHP zeros (The admittance of environment should be stable)
- $|Z_h| > |Z_e|$ This is called Small Gain Stability Condition of Interconnected systems

This analysis is based on Nyquist Stability Theory

$$Z_h = 2s + 2$$

To find zeros of Z_h ,

$$0 = 2s + 2$$

$$s = -1$$

Since the zeros of Z_h are not in the RHP, we can conclude that the first condition is satisfied.

$$Z_e = 0.1s + 0.1$$

To find zeros of Z_e ,

$$0 = 0.1s + 0.1$$

$$s = -1$$

Since the zeros of Z_e are not in the RHP, we can conclude that the second condition is satisfied.

For the third condition,

$$Z_h = 2j\omega + 2 \text{ where } j = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$|Z_h| = \sqrt{(2\omega)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$|Z_h| = \sqrt{4\omega^2 + 4}$$

$$Z_e = 0.1j\omega + 0.1 \text{ where } j = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$|Z_e| = \sqrt{(0.1\omega)^2 + 0.1^2}$$

$$|Z_e| = \sqrt{0.01(\omega)^2 + 0.01}$$

$$\sqrt{4\omega^2 + 4} > \sqrt{0.01(\omega)^2 + 0.01} = |Z_h| > |Z_e|$$

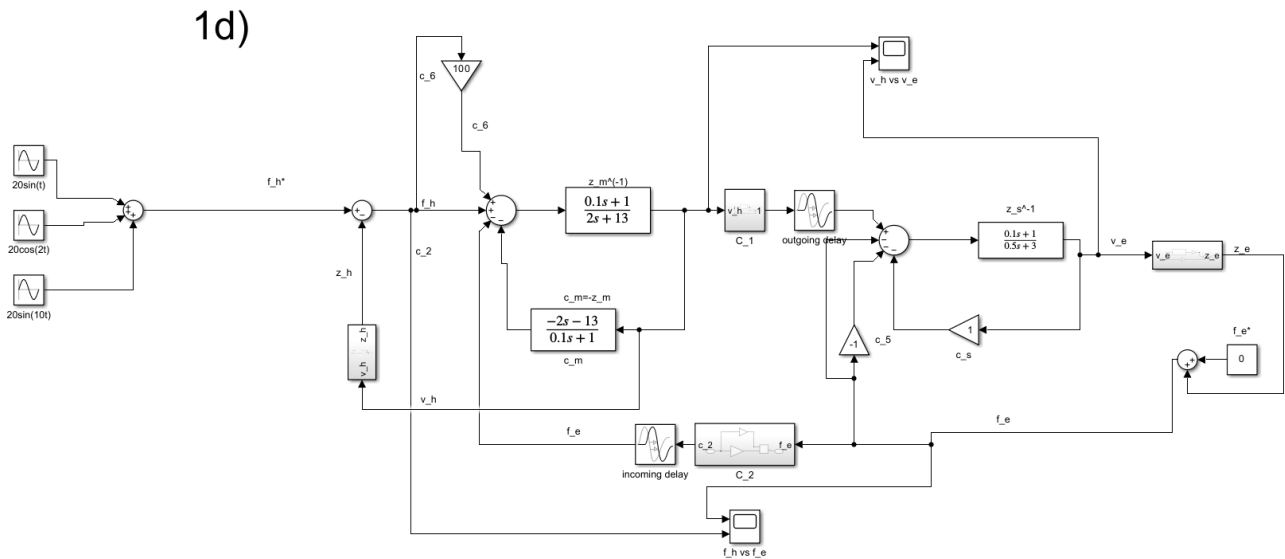
Therefore, we can conclude that the third condition has been satisfied. **The system is stable.**

(D) Now replace Z_e with a mass damping model with a mass of 10 kg and damping of 10 N.s/m, Repeat (B), and (C). If the system is unstable, scale down the Force received from the environment, after the communication, at the human side, by the factor of (1/6). Will the system be stable? Plot the velocities and forces (V_h , V_e , F_h , F_e) and write if the velocity tracking changed? If the force tracking was changed? So if the system was unstable, is it correct to say that by scaling down the reflected Force, we

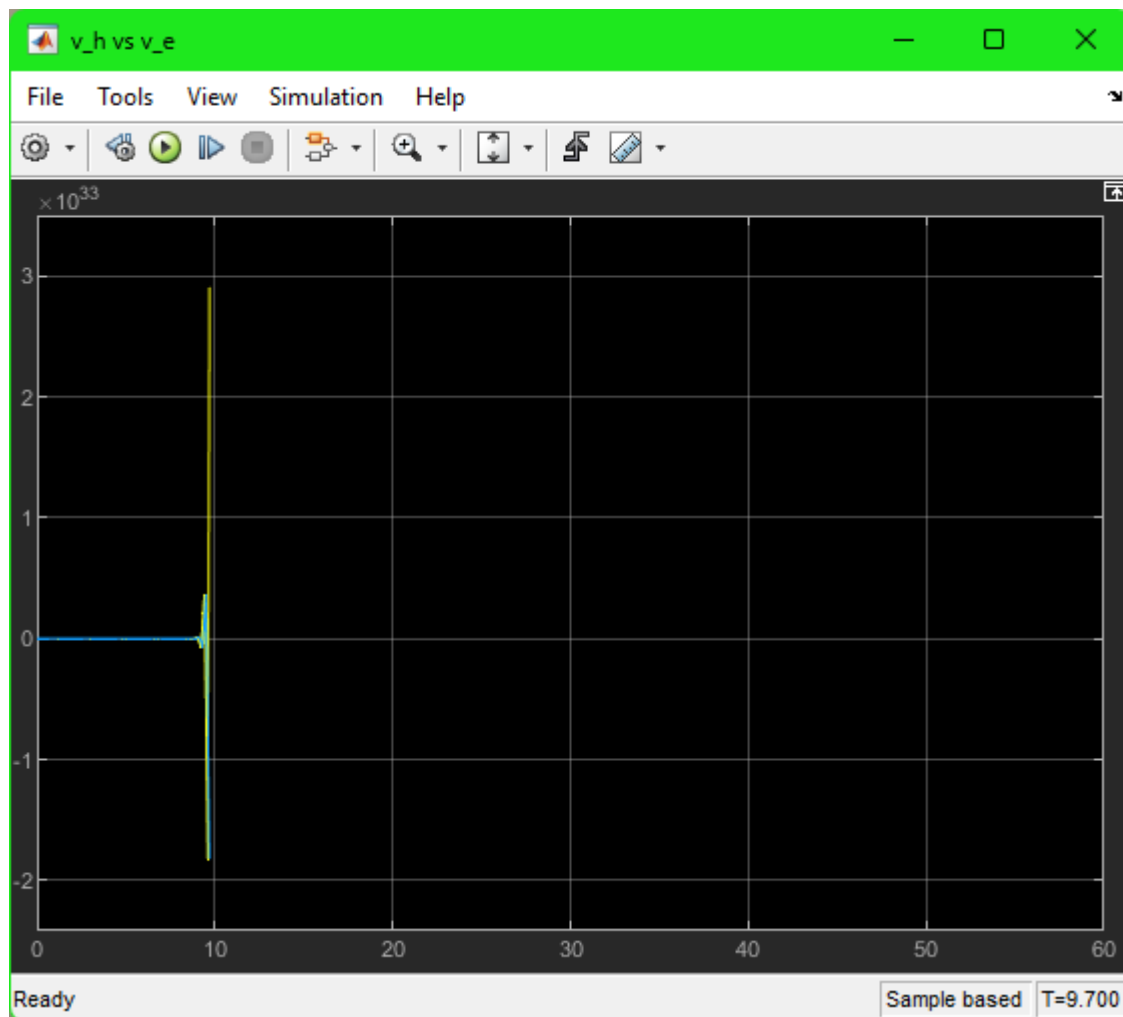
can make the system stable? And if it was stable, is it correct to say that scaling down does not affect stability? Explain your answers.

Before scaling down

Plot the Velocity of the leader robot versus the Velocity of the follower robot. Also, plot the interactive Force (F_h) at the leader robot felt by the user versus the Force at the environment side (F_e). Compare, evaluate, and discuss the transparency and performance of the system (Force tracking and Velocity tracking).

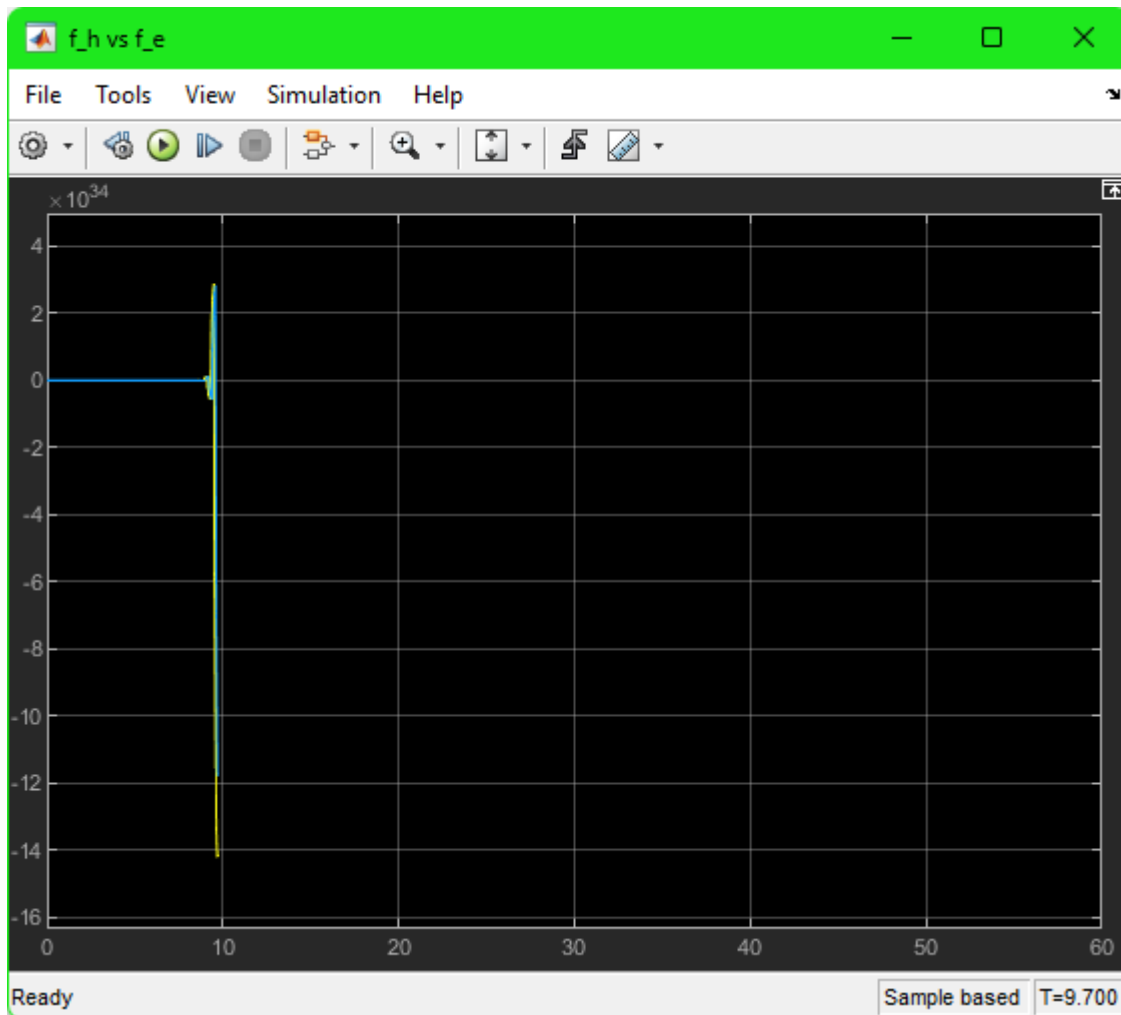


Velocity tracking

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$$Z_e = 10s + 10$$

To find zeros of Z_e ,

$$0 = 10s + 10$$

$$s = -1$$

Since the zeros of Z_e are not in the RHP, we can conclude that the second condition is satisfied.

For the third condition,

$$Z_h = 2j\omega + 2 \text{ where } j = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$|Z_h| = \sqrt{(2\omega)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$|Z_h| = \sqrt{4\omega^2 + 4}$$

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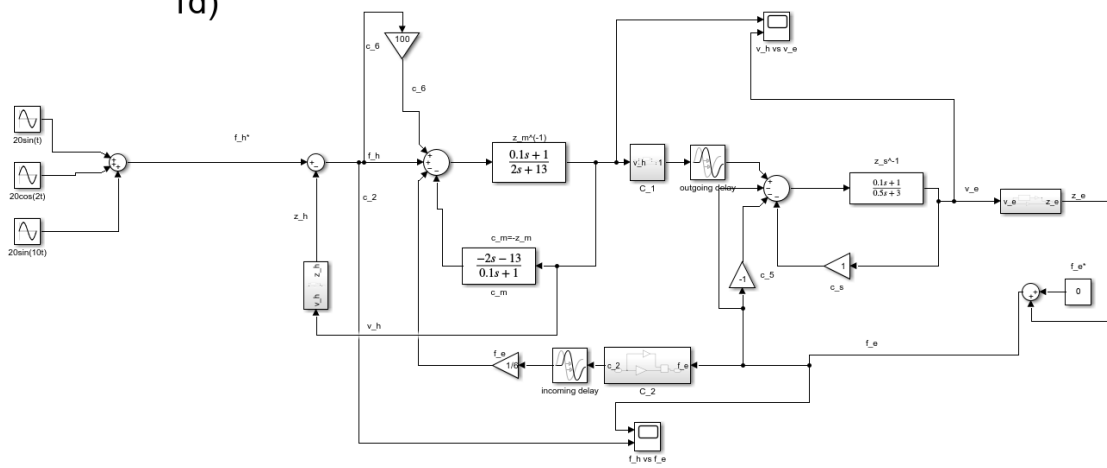
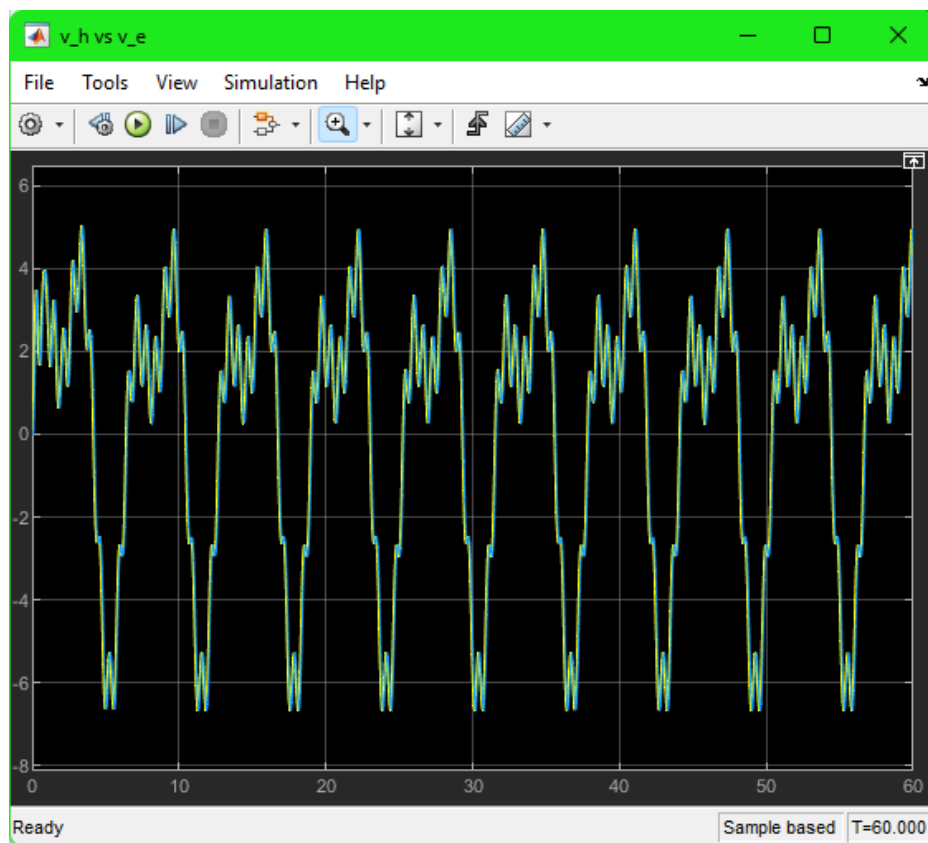
$$|Z_e| = \sqrt{100(\omega)^2 + 100}$$

$$\sqrt{4\omega^2 + 4} < \sqrt{100\omega^2 + 100} = |Z_h| < |Z_e|$$

Therefore, the third condition has shown to have failed the satisfaction criteria. **The system is unstable.**

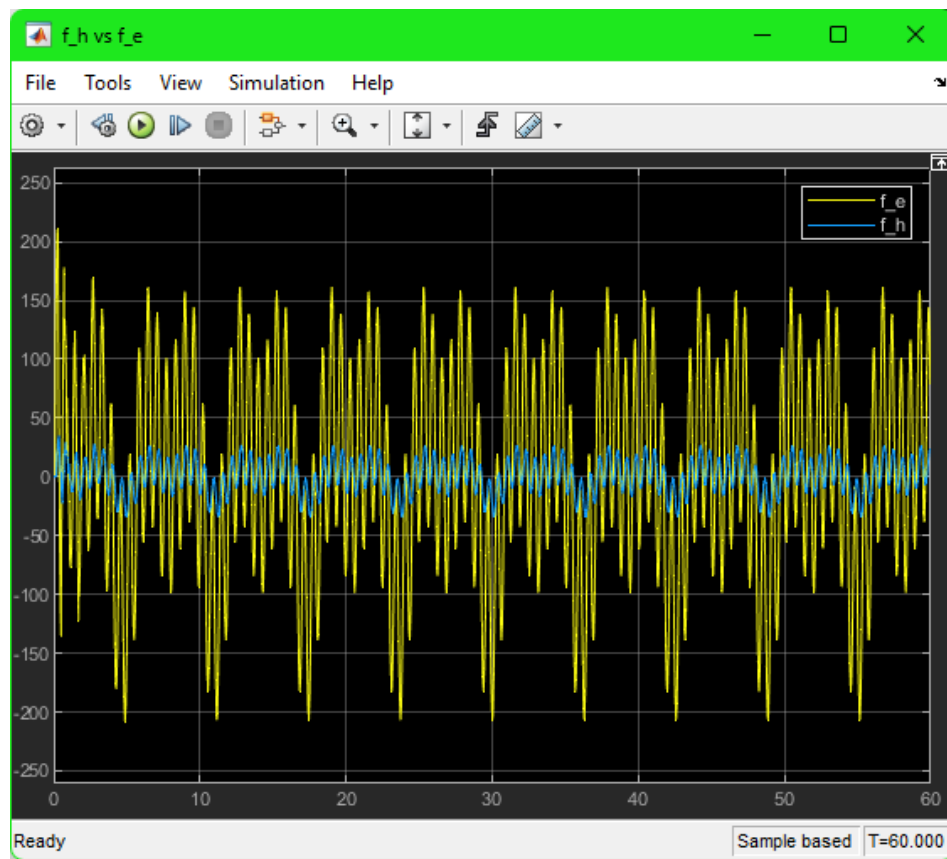
After Scaling down

If the system is unstable, scale down the Force received from the environment, after the communication, at the human side, by the factor of (1/6). Will the system be stable? Plot the velocities and forces (V_h , V_e , F_h , F_e) and write if the velocity tracking changed? If the force tracking was changed? So if the system was unstable, is it correct to say that by scaling down the reflected Force, we can make the system stable? And if it was stable, is it correct to say that scaling down does not affect stability? Explain your answers.

 v_h VS v_e 

Force tracking

$$f_h \text{ vs } f_e$$



As seen in the graphs above, f_h is not tracking f_e (similar trajectory shifted by a slight delay and different magnitude) but we do observe v_h tracking v_e (same trajectory just shifted by a slight delay). This shows that the system achieves partial transparency. The system performs according to expectation because the force tracking's magnitude is being reduced and velocity tracking's magnitude remains the same (only a shift as a result of the delay), which leads to acceptable velocity tracking (ideal case for a scenario with a delay) but unacceptable force tracking.

So if the system was unstable, is it correct to say that by scaling down the reflected Force, we can make the system stable? And if it was stable, is it correct to say that scaling down does not affect stability? Explain your answers.

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$$Z_e = \frac{10s}{6} + \frac{10}{6}$$

To find zeros of Z_e ,

$$0 = 10s + 10$$

$$s = -1$$

Since the zeros of Z_e are not in the RHP, we can conclude that the second condition is satisfied.

For the third condition,

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$$|Z_h| = \sqrt{(2\omega)^2 + 2^2}$$

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$$Z_e = \frac{10}{6}j\omega + \frac{10}{6} \text{ where } j = \sqrt{-1}$$

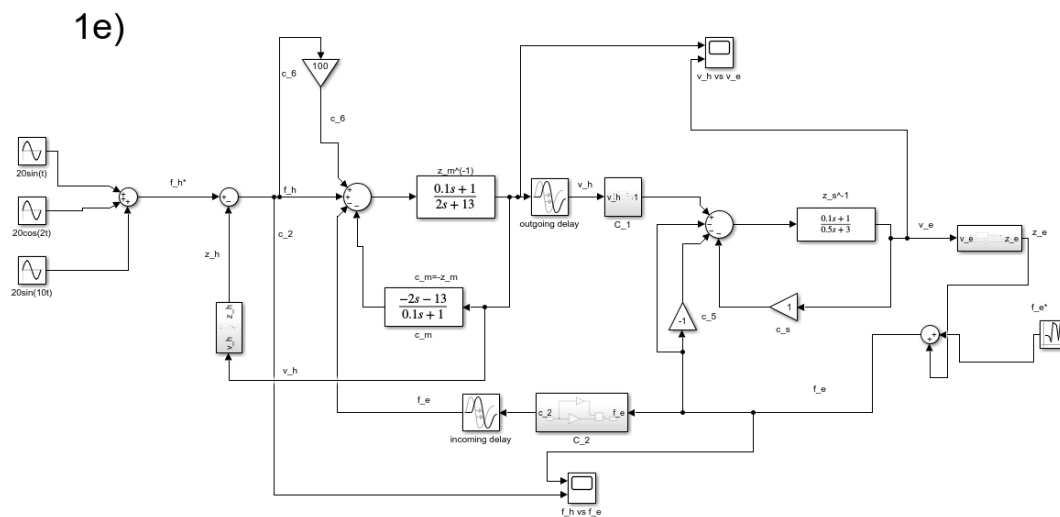
$$|Z_e| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{10}{6}\omega\right)^2 + \left(\frac{10}{6}\right)^2}$$

$$|Z_e| = \sqrt{\frac{100}{36}\omega^2 + \frac{100}{36}}$$

$$\sqrt{4\omega^2 + 4} > \sqrt{\frac{100}{36}\omega^2 + \frac{100}{36}} = |Z_h| > |Z_e|$$

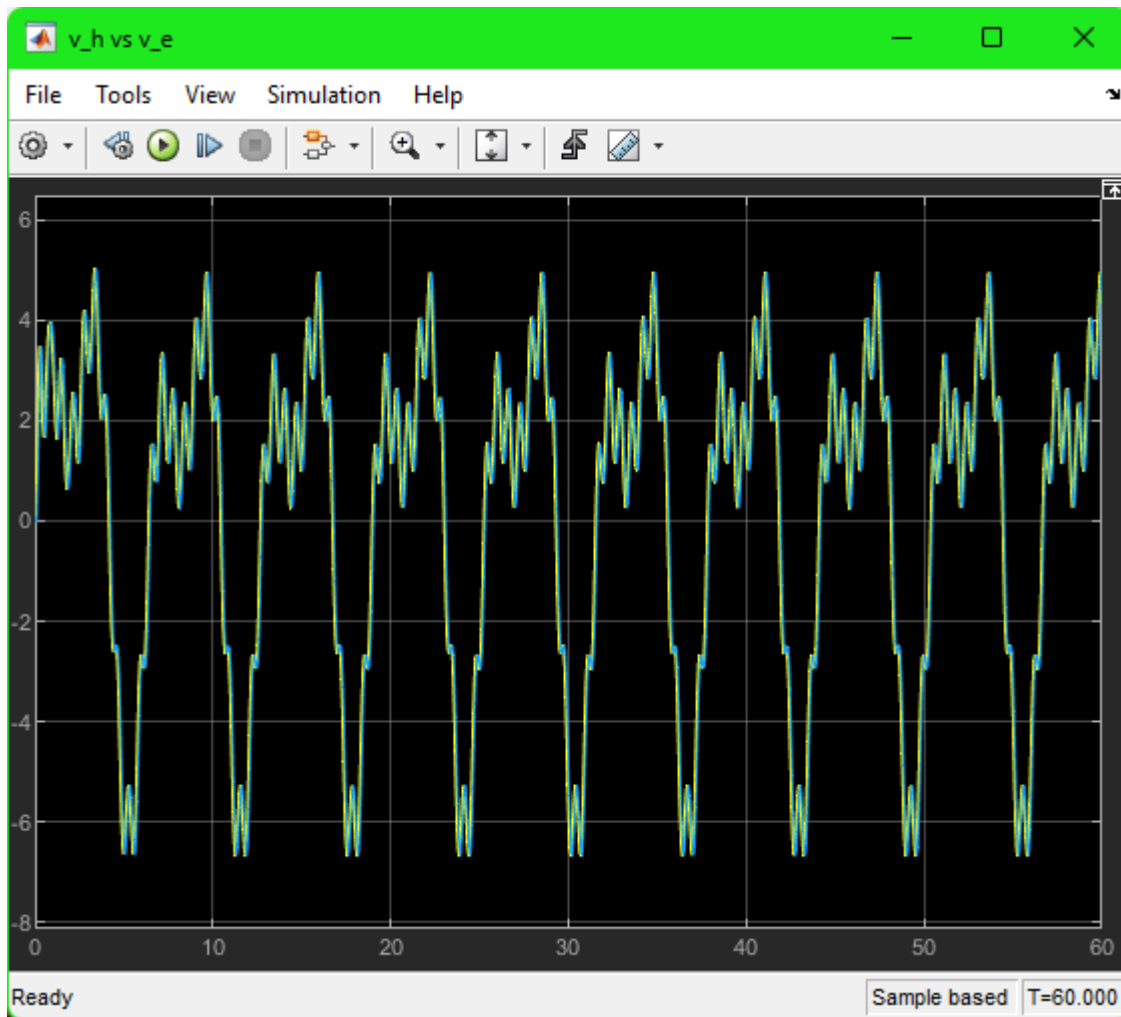
Therefore, we can conclude that the third condition has been satisfied. **The system is stable. We can then conclude that scaling down does affect stability as we made an unstable system stable by scaling F_e down.**

(E) Now, for the system plotted in (B), imagine the sensor measuring F_e has some additive noise. You can add the additive noise to F_e^* for this generate noise using a random number generator in Simulink ([click here for the link](#)). So F_e^* is not zero anymore (only for (E)); instead, we use F_e^* to add the noise. Plot velocity and force tracking of your system (V_h , V_e , F_h , F_e). You should see the effect of added noise in either velocity tracking or Force tracking, or both. Give a suggestion for reducing the effect of noise, implement your suggestion, and simulate and plot the velocities and forces. Does it work?



Velocity tracking

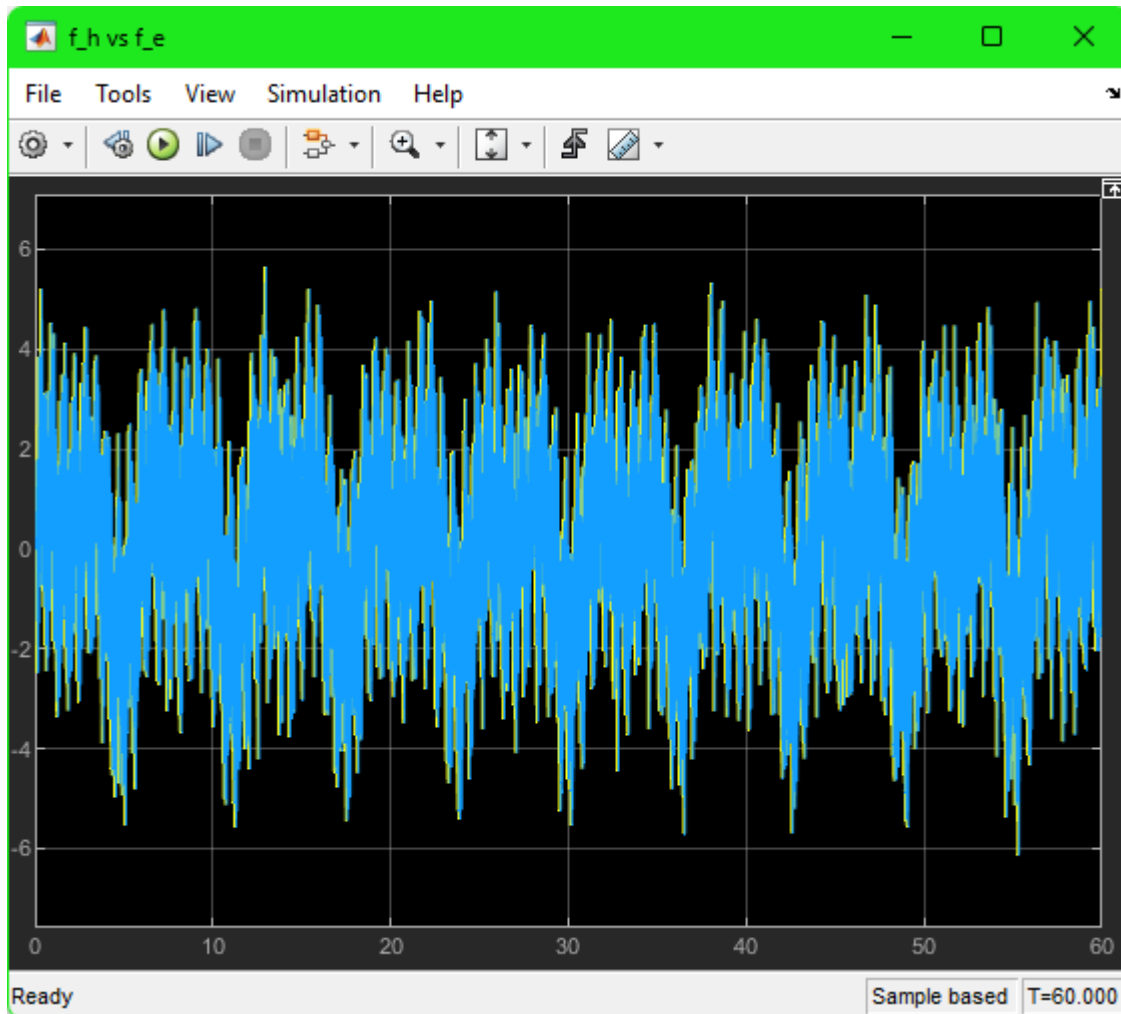
$$v_h \text{ vs } v_e$$



No effects of noise on velocity tracking is seen on the graph of v_h vs v_e because it is the same as the velocity tracking graph from part 1B.

Force tracking

$$f_h \text{ vs } f_e$$

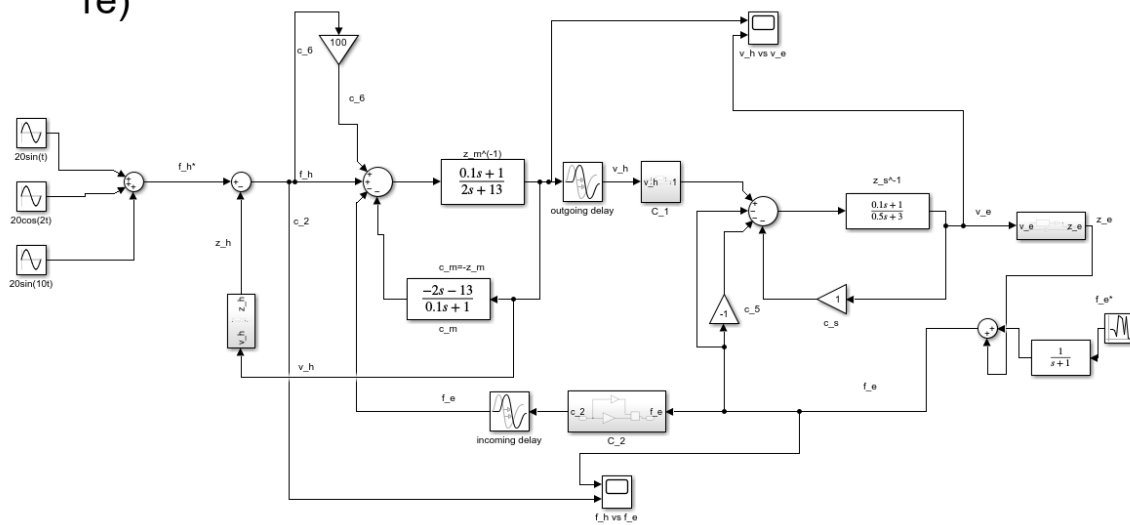


Substantial effects of noise on force tracking is seen on the graph of F_h vs F_e because it is not the same as the force tracking graph from part 1B and has random noise being added.

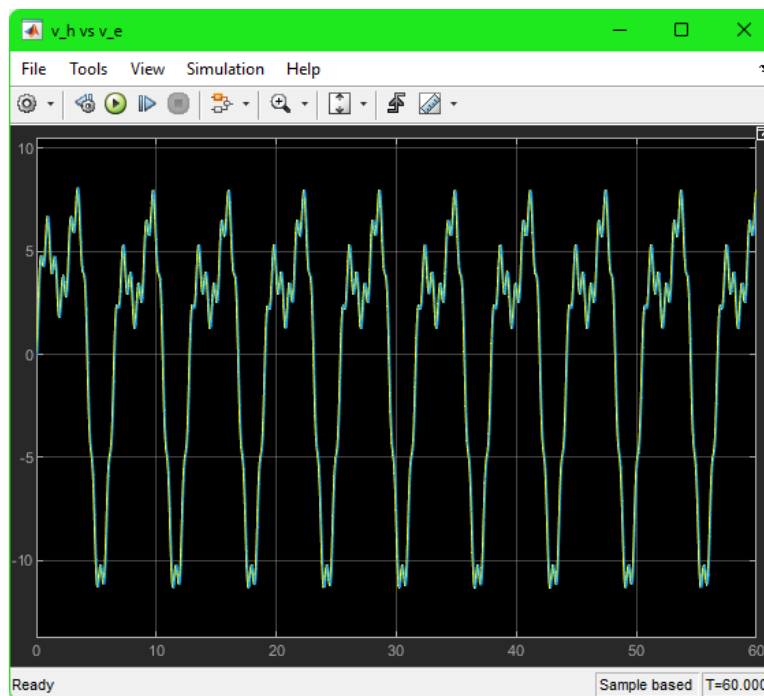
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Add a low-pass filter to remove high frequency waves.

1e)



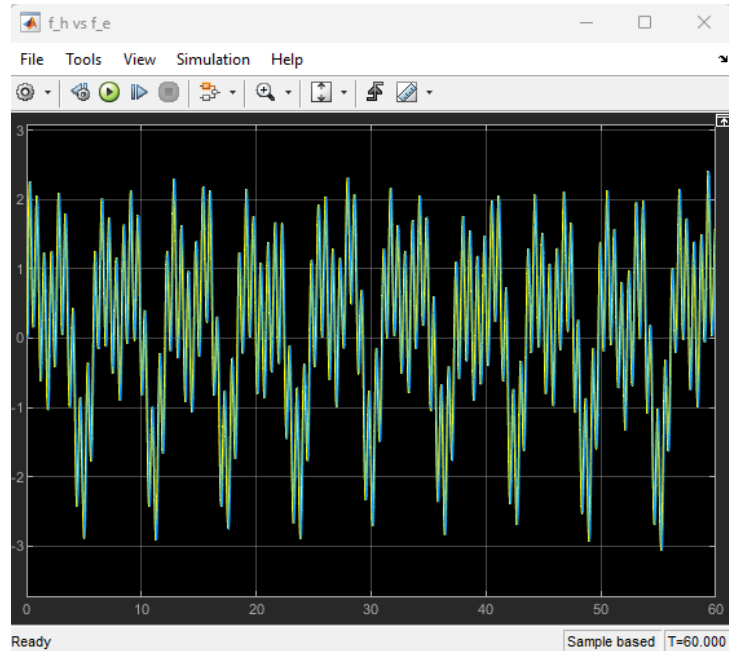
Velocity tracking

 v_h VS v_e 

No change is seen on the graph of v_h vs v_e so it does work.

Force tracking

$$f_h \text{ vs } f_e$$



A major change is seen on the graph of F_h vs F_e where we no longer see the effect of the noise. We can now see that F_h vs F_e is identical to the force tracking graph from part 1B.

Q2 (50marks):

- (A) Using integral passivity, mathematically prove that a damper ($f(t) = B V(t)$, when F is force V is Velocity, and B is the damping coefficient) is passive, when input is Velocity and output is Force.

$$F = b \times v$$

$$\text{Energy} = \int F \times v \, dt$$

$$= \int b \times v \times v \, dt$$

$$= b \times \int v^2 \, dt$$

$$b \times \int v^2 \, dt \geq 0$$

\therefore Passive according to Force velocity domain in time

(B) Using integral passivity, can you prove that the spring is also passive when input is Force and output is Velocity.

$$F = kx$$

$$\text{Energy} = \int F \times v \, dt$$

$$= \int kx \times \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

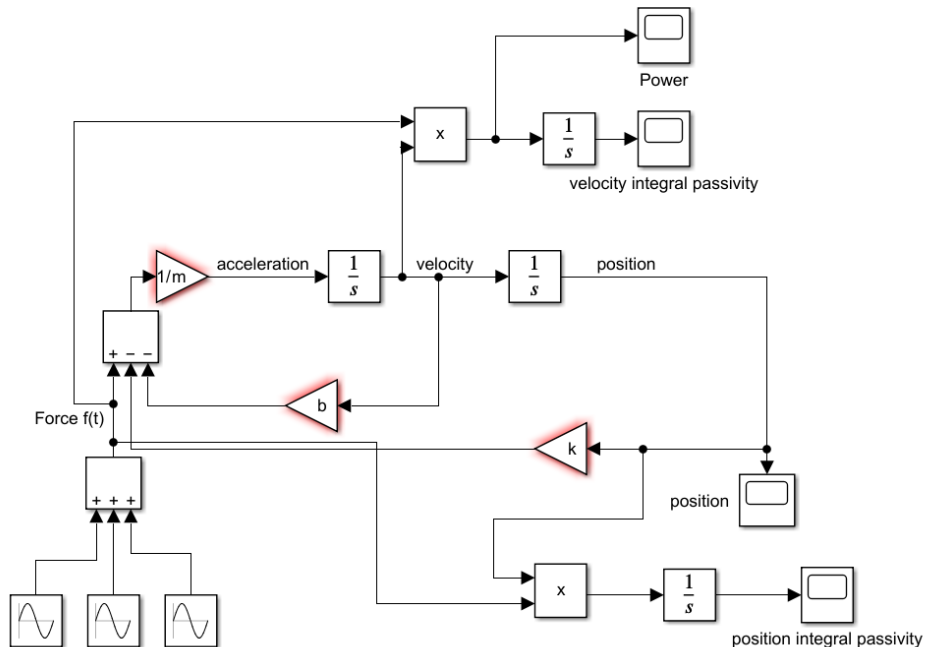
$$= k \times \int x \, dx$$

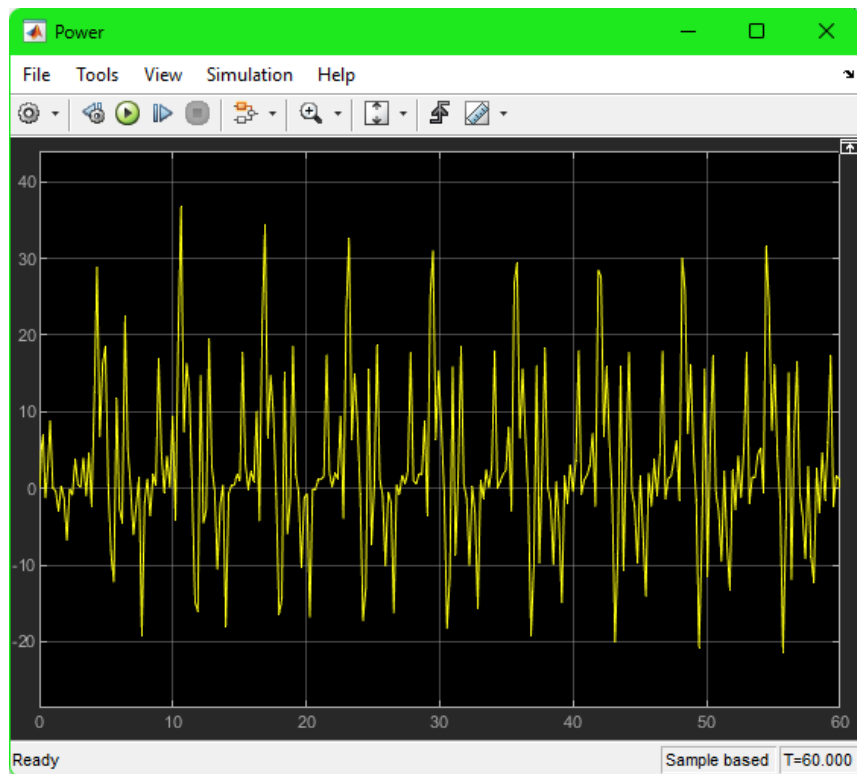
$$= \frac{kx^2}{2}$$

\therefore Passive according to Force velocity domain in time

(C) Now simulate a mass-spring-damper system in the Simulink (mass=20kg, damping=10N.s/m, spring=100N/m). Consider the input force to be $20 \sin(1t) + 10 \cos(2t) + 20 \sin(10t)$. Calculate the mechanical power ($f(t)\dot{x}(t)$) and calculate the integral passivity $\int_0^t f(t)\dot{x}(t)$ (which in this case is equal to the mechanical energy). Plot the power and integral passivity over 60 seconds. Can you confirm by looking at the plots that the system is passive? If yes, how and why? If no, how and why? Does it match your expectation?

2c)





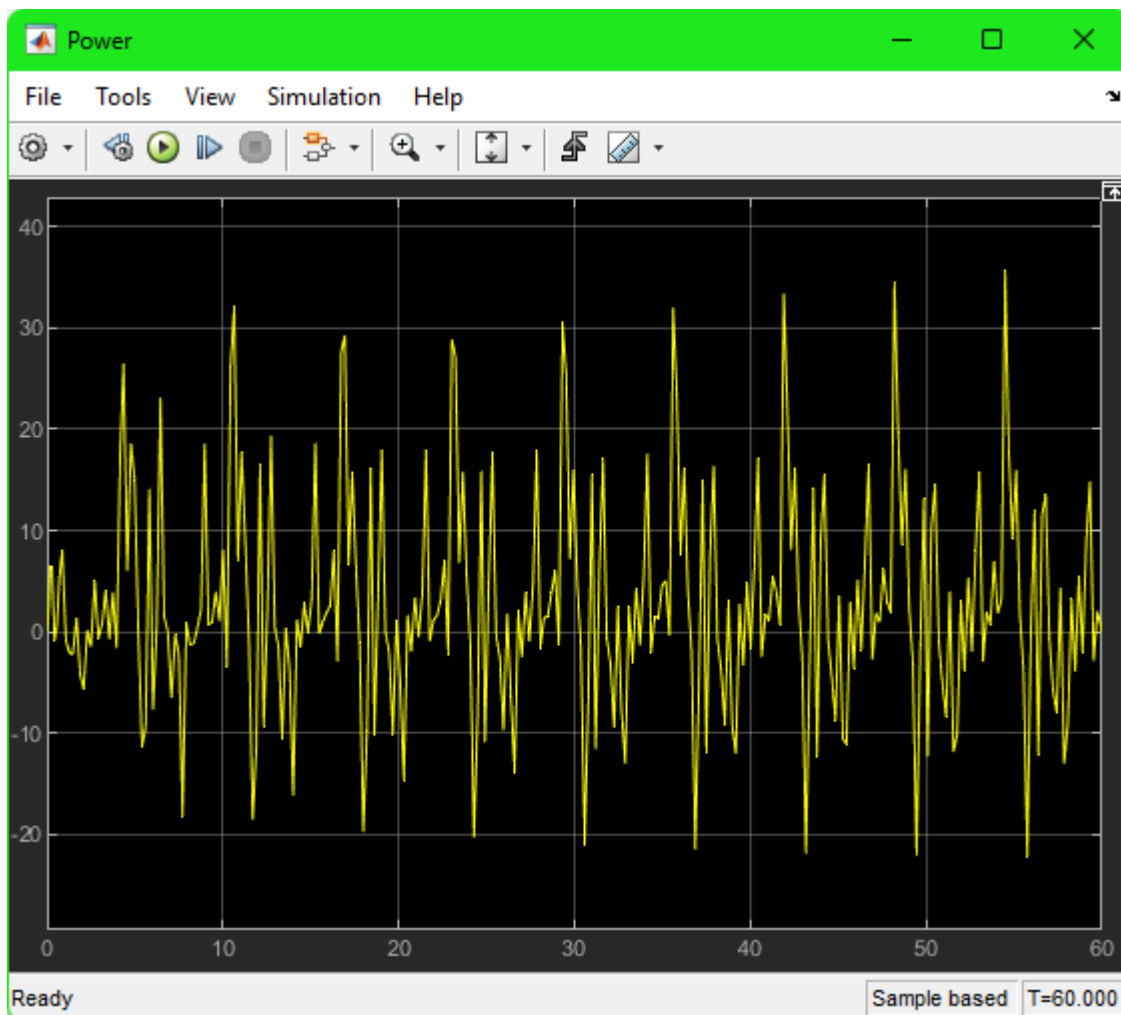
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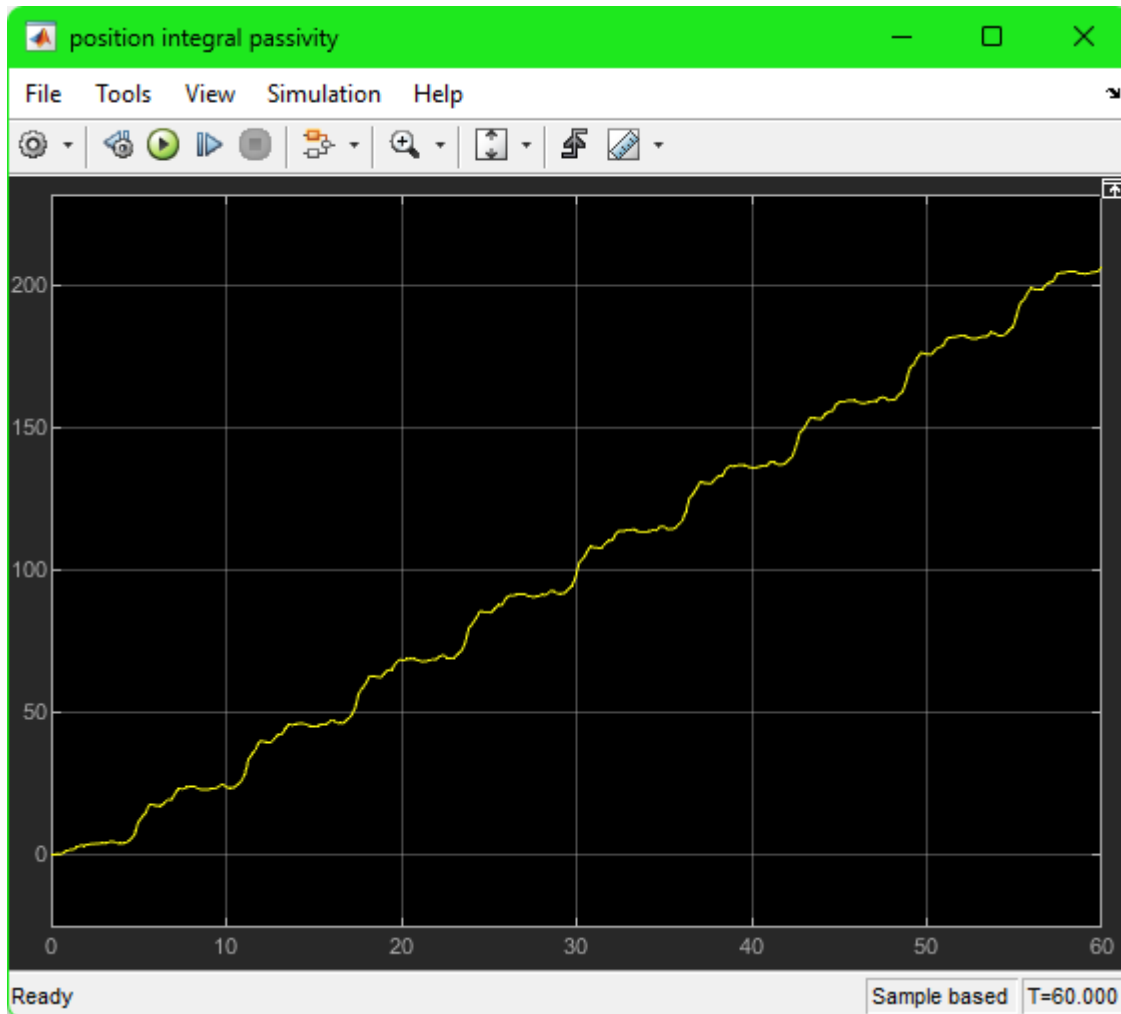
As seen in the integral passivity graph above, the integral of power (Force*velocity), energy, is positive. This means that the system is passive (we are currently in the time domain). This matches our expectation because we have a simple mass spring damper system that can be easily shown to be passive in force-velocity domain, where velocity is the output and force is the input.

(D) Now in the same simulation, calculate the position for the same input force.

Now calculate the integral passivity. Note that the output is the position, so integral passivity is $\int_0^t f(t)x(t)$. This is integral passivity in the force-position

domain (when your output is position), which is different from the mechanical definition of energy. Plot the integral passivity for the output of position. So based on this integral passivity, can you say the system is passive? If yes, how? If no, why? And how/why this result is different from the previous one (when The output was Velocity) if it is different?





So based on this integral passivity, can you say the system is passive? If yes, how? If no, why? And how/why this result is different from the previous one (when The output was Velocity) if it is different?

As seen in the integral passivity graph above, the integral of Force*position is positive. This means that the system is passive (we are currently in the time domain). This matches our expectation because we have a simple mass spring damper system that can be easily shown to be passive in force-position domain, where position is the output and force is the input. The result is not different from the previous one because both integral passivity graphs are positive and increasing showing that the system is passive.

(E) Now consider the transfer function for the mass-spring-damper system $X(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2+bs} F(s)$ when input is Force and output is the position.

a. Based on the following formulations (positive realness):

- 1. $P(s)$ does not have poles in the open right half plane;
- 2. All poles on the imaginary axis are simple;
- 3. $P(j\omega) + P^T(-j\omega) \geq 0$ for all $\omega \geq 0$.

b. h

c. Can you mathematically (and using positive realness (given above) show that the system can be non-passive if the output is Position? Provide your mathematical derivations.

For output position,

Condition 1: we need to find poles of $P(s) = \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + bs}$

$$ms^2 + bs = 0$$

$$\text{roots of the equation are } s = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 0}}{2 \times m} = 0, \frac{-b}{m}, \text{ which are real}$$

Therefore, there are no poles in the open right half plane, so this condition is satisfied.

Condition 2: there are no poles on the imaginary axis, therefore this condition is satisfied.

Condition 3:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(s)}{X(s)} &= P(s) = ms^2 + bs \\ P(j\omega) &= m(j\omega)^2 + bj\omega \\ &= -m\omega^2 + bj\omega \\ P(-j\omega) &= m(-j\omega)^2 - bj\omega \\ &= -m\omega^2 - bj\omega \\ P(j\omega) + P(-j\omega) &= -2m\omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

Passivity in admittance = Passivity in impedance

Since $-2m\omega^2 \leq 0$ for all $\omega \geq 0$, we know that it fails Llewellyn's criterion and is non-passive.

Can you mathematically (and using positive realness (given above) show that the system can be non-passive if the output is Position? Provide your mathematical derivations.

For output velocity,

Condition 1: we need to find poles of $P(s) = \frac{V(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{ms+b}$

$$ms + b = 0$$

$$s = \frac{-b}{m}$$

Therefore, there are no poles in the open right half plane, so this condition is satisfied.

Condition 2: there are no poles on the imaginary axis, therefore this condition is satisfied.

Condition 3:

$$\frac{F(s)}{V(s)} = P(s) = ms + b$$

$$P(j\omega) = mj\omega + b$$

$$P(-j\omega) = -mj\omega + b$$

$$P(j\omega) + P(-j\omega) = 2b$$

Passivity in admittance = Passivity in impedance

Since $2b \geq 0$ for all $\omega \geq 0$, we know that it passes Llewellyn's criterion and is passive.