

# EL2450 – Assignment I

## 1 Question 3

The reference signal is a step of 10 units from time 100 seconds, with an offset of 40 units, as seen in figure 1.

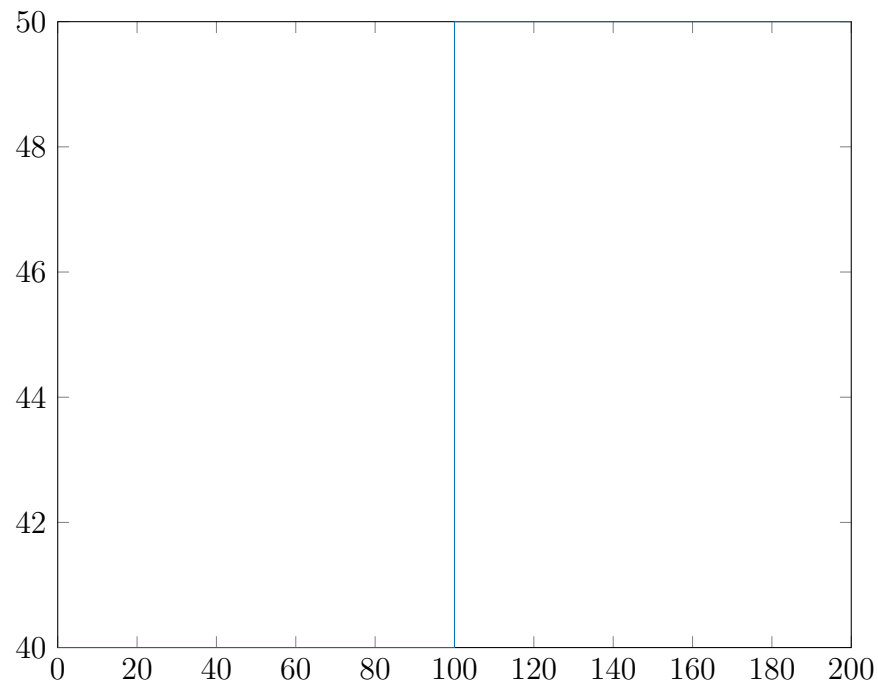


Figure 1: The reference signal.

## 2 Question 4

Table 1 illustrates the corresponding values of the  $K$ ,  $T_I$ ,  $T_D$  and  $N$  coefficients for set  $\chi$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$ .

$\chi$	$\zeta$	$\omega_0$	$K$	$T_I$	$T_D$	$M$
0.5	0.7	0.1	2.6062	14.4445	5.5143	0.9791
0.5	0.7	0.2	5.9243	9.3823	3.1938	1.1191
0.5	0.8	0.2	6.3325	10.3873	3.1523	1.1591

Table 1: Coefficients of the PID controller per set  $\chi$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$  values.

### 3 Question 5

Table 2 illustrates the rise time, overshoot and settling time for set values of  $\chi$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$ .

$\chi$	$\zeta$	$\omega_0$	$T_r$	$M$	$T_s$
0.5	0.7	0.1	8.2	14.40	39.0
0.5	0.7	0.2	5.0	34.67	23.7
0.5	0.8	0.2	4.95	31.72	24.25

Table 2: Rise time ( $T_r$ ) in seconds, overshoot ( $M$ ) as a percentage of the output's steady state value, and settling time  $T_s$  in seconds for set values of  $\chi$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$ .

Due to our step response requirements, the best control performance is given by the third set of  $(\chi, \zeta, \omega_0)$  parameters. All three requirements are fulfilled, as opposed to the case of the first set, and in comparison to the case of the second set, the rise time and overshoot are less, while their settling times are comparable.

Figures 2, 3 and 4 depict the step response for the three sets of  $(\chi, \zeta, \omega_0)$  parameters.

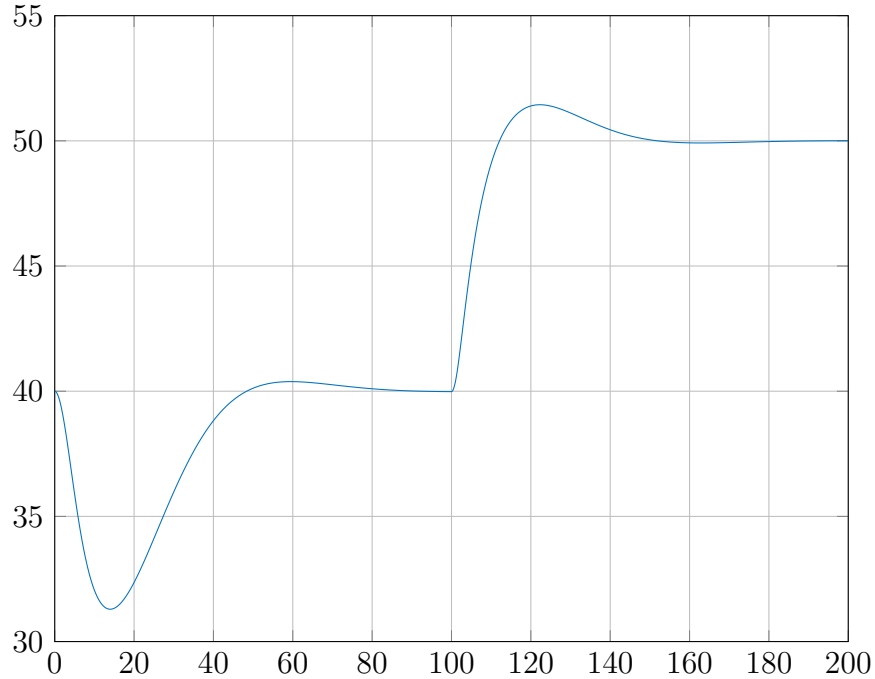


Figure 2: Step response for  $(\chi, \zeta, \omega_0) \equiv (0.5, 0.7, 0.1)$ .

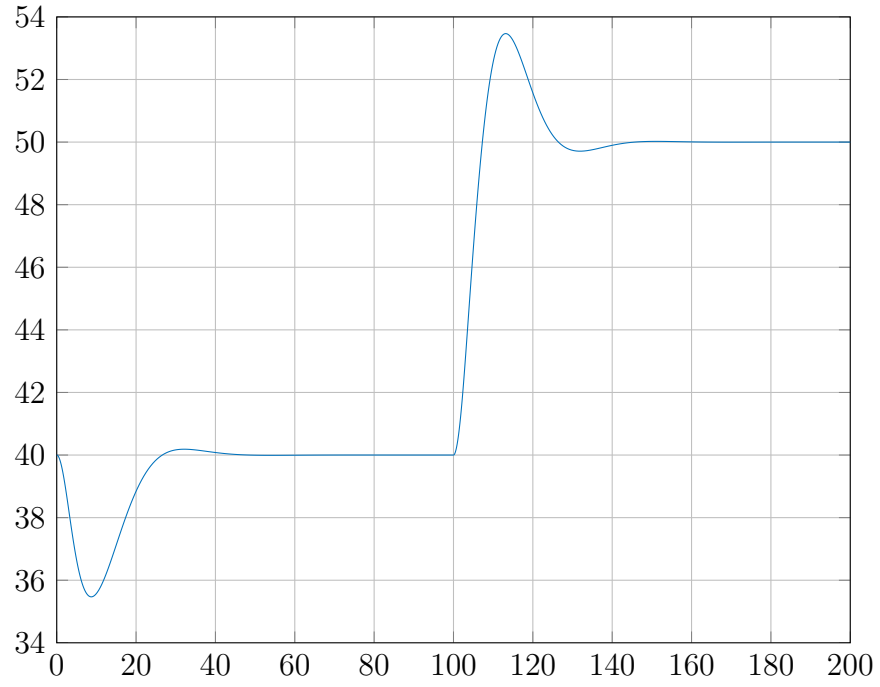


Figure 3: Step response for  $(\chi, \zeta, \omega_0) \equiv (0.5, 0.7, 0.2)$ .

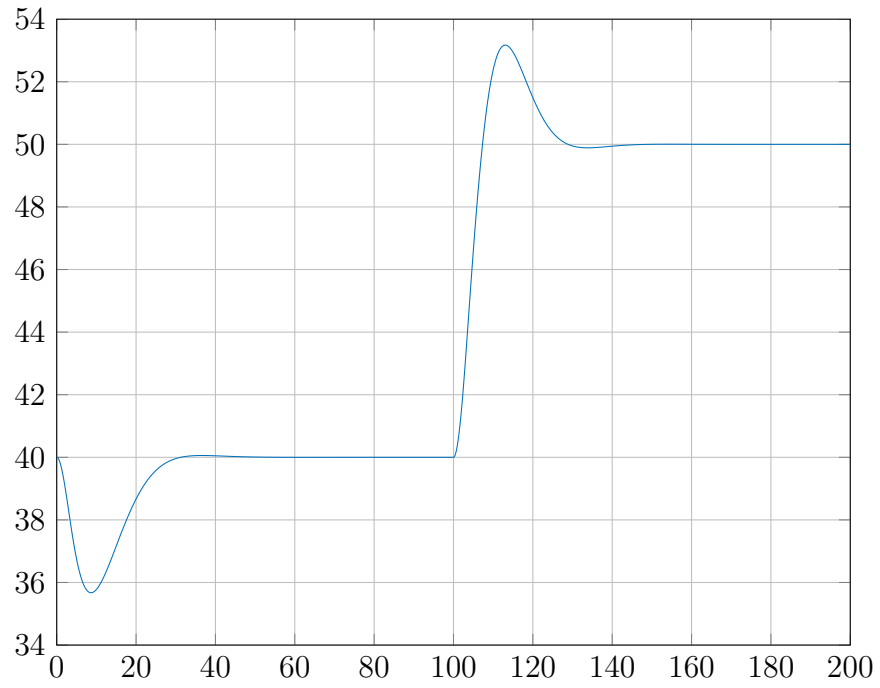


Figure 4: Step response for  $(\chi, \zeta, \omega_0) \equiv (0.5, 0.8, 0.2)$ .

## 4 Question 6

The open-loop transfer function is equal to the product of the transfer function of the controller  $F(s)$  and that of the process  $G(s)$ . The crossover frequency  $\omega_c$  is the frequency at which the magnitude of  $F(j\omega)G(j\omega)$  is 1.0.

In practice, we were able to derive the crossover frequency by using MATLAB's `margin()` function, with argument the open-loop transfer function.

Table 3 illustrates the crossover frequencies in rad/s for set values of the  $\chi$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$  parameters.

$\chi$	$\zeta$	$\omega_0$	$\omega_c$
0.5	0.7	0.1	0.2239
0.5	0.7	0.2	0.3426
0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3619

Table 3: Crossover frequencies depending on the set values of  $\chi$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$ .

## 5 Question 7

Figure 5 shows the root locus of the open-loop transfer function without the use of a zero-order hold, while figure 6 shows exactly the same, but with the addition of a zero-order hold between the controller and the process, with sampling time of  $h = 1$  sec. It is apparent that without the zero-order hold, the system is stable, since all poles have negative real values. However, the time delay and the pole at zero that the zero-order hold introduces deliver a reduction in the degree of stability.

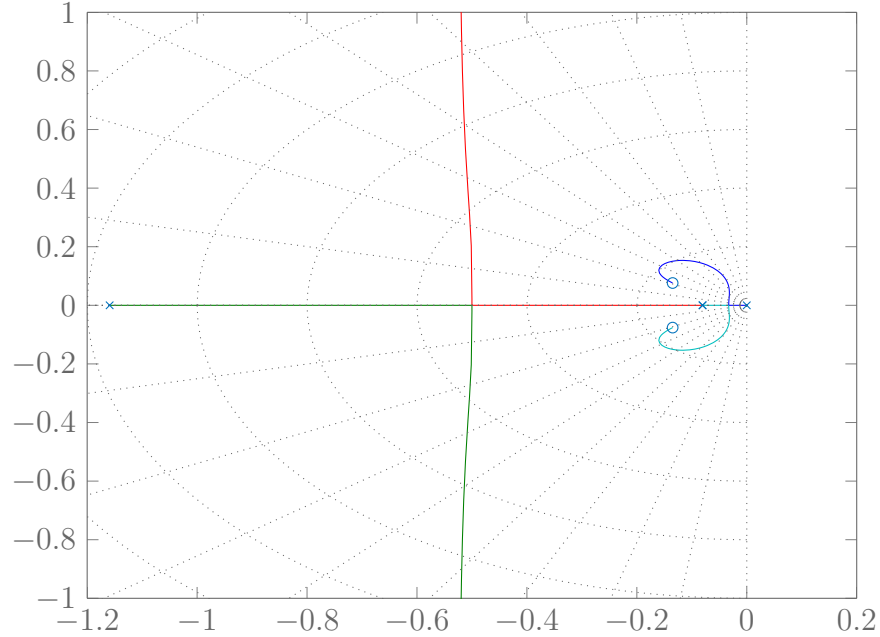


Figure 5: Root locus of the open-loop system without the use of a zero-order hold.

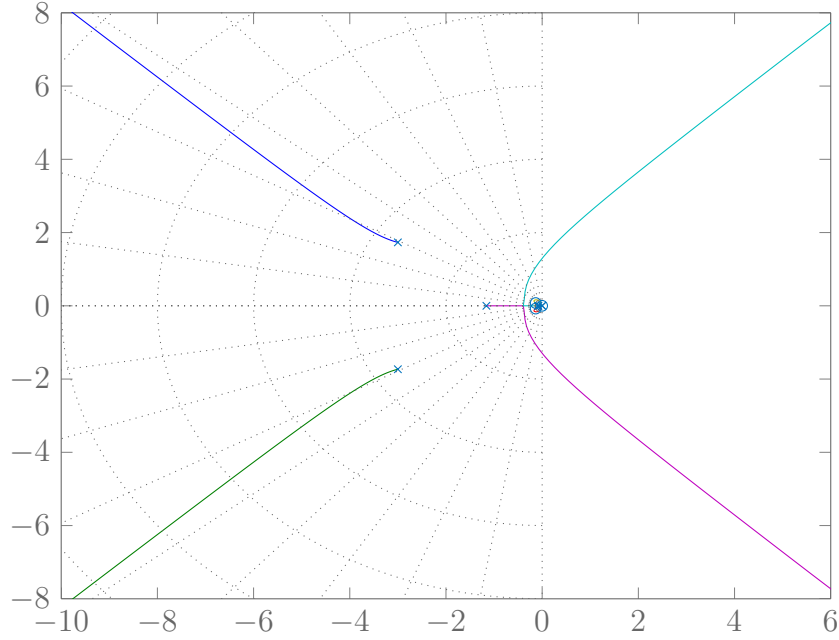


Figure 6: Root locus of the open-loop system with the use of a zero-order hold.

Figures 7-14 illustrate the step response when between the continuous controller and the plant a zero-order hold has been inserted, for sampling time varying between 1 and 8 seconds. The values of the  $\chi$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$  parameters were chosen to be the ones giving the best performance among the three sets, hence  $(\chi, \zeta, \omega_0) \equiv (0.5, 0.8, 0.2)$ .

Here, up until  $h = 5$  sec, as the sampling time increases, so do the rise time, settling time and overshoot. However, increasing  $h$  beyond 7 sec make the system critically stable, since two conjugate poles are approaching 0.

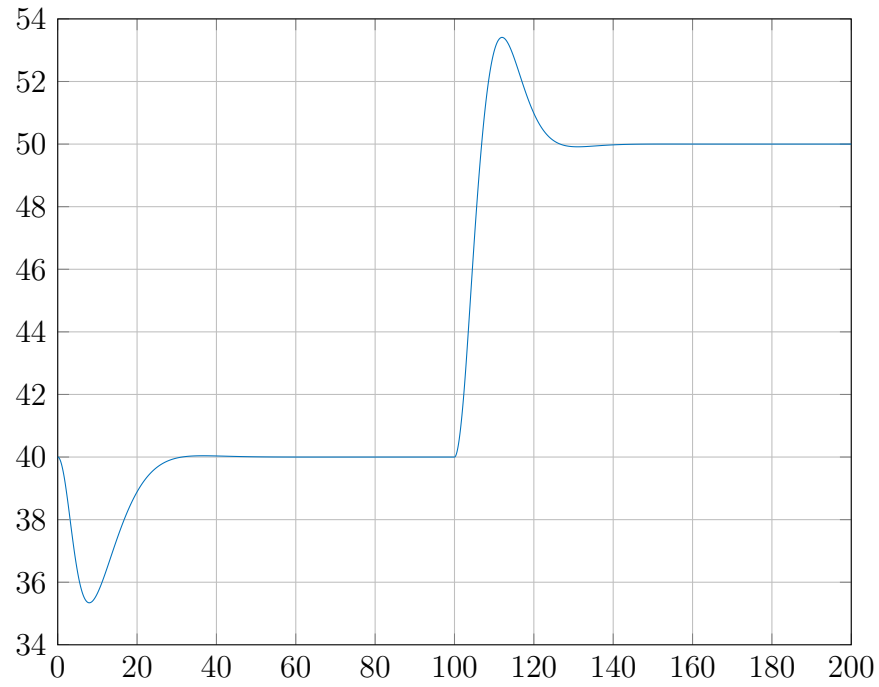


Figure 7: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 1 sec.

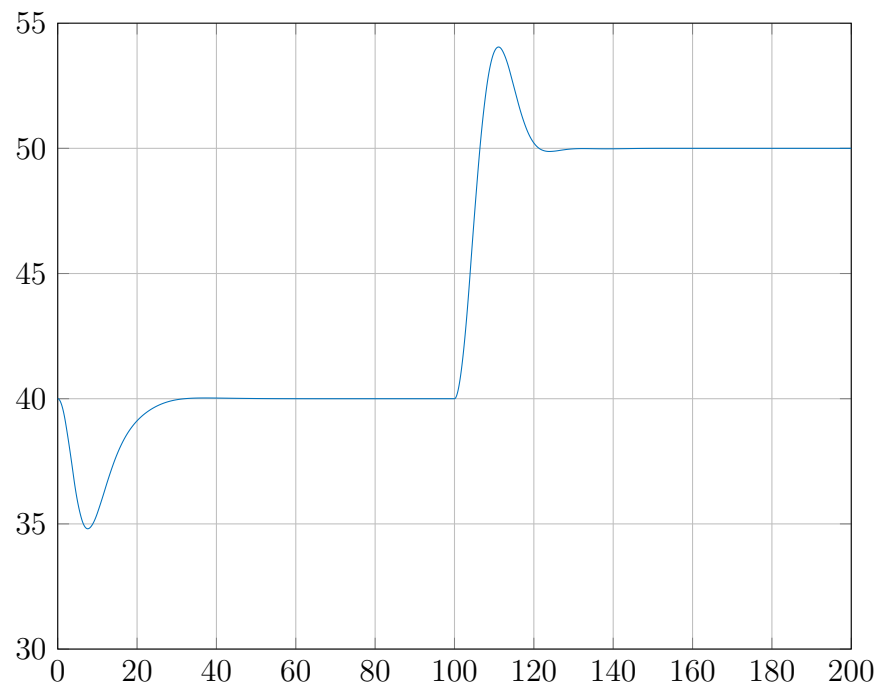


Figure 8: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 2 sec.

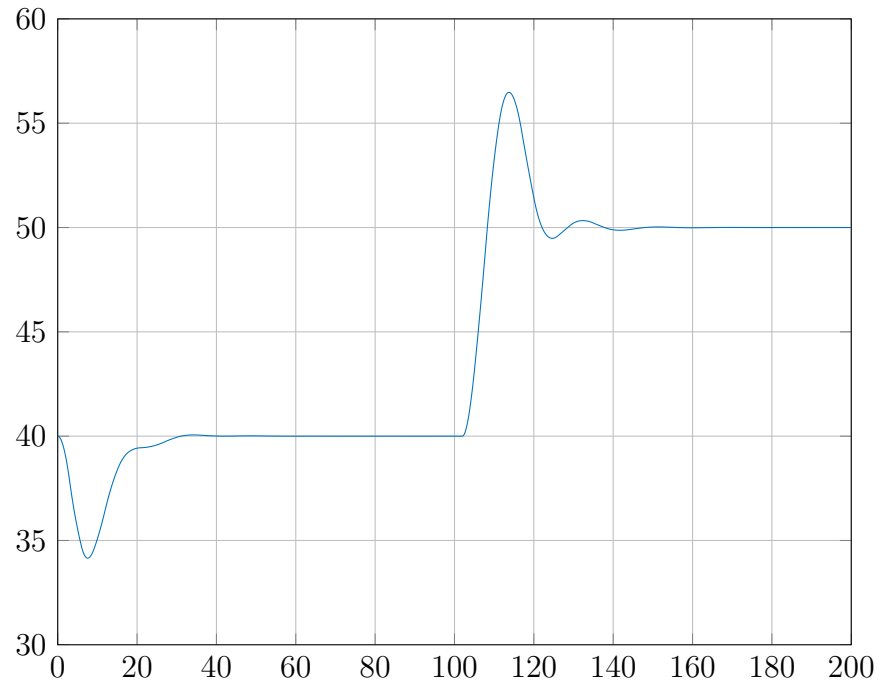


Figure 9: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 3 sec.

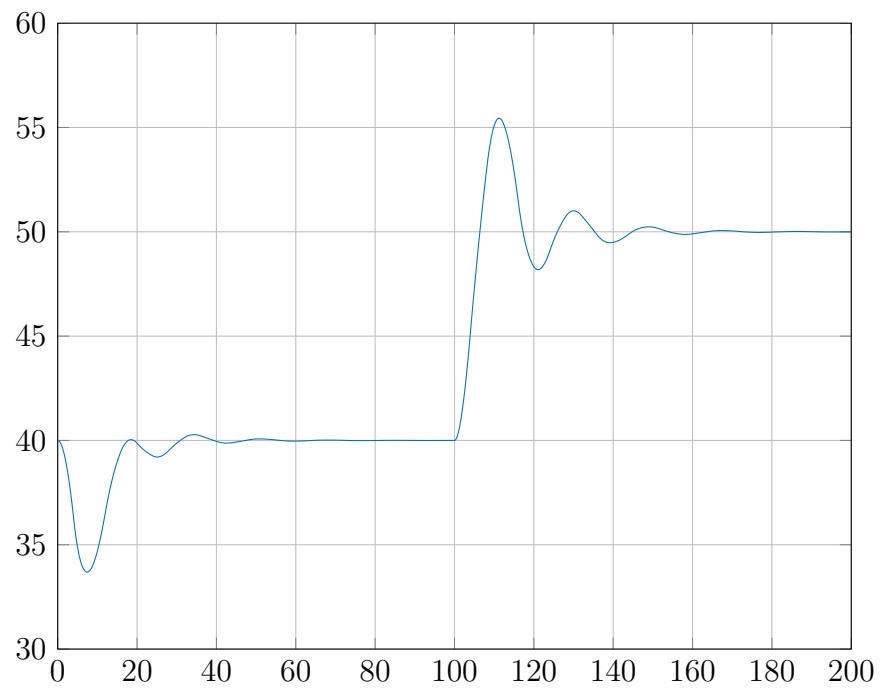


Figure 10: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 4 sec.

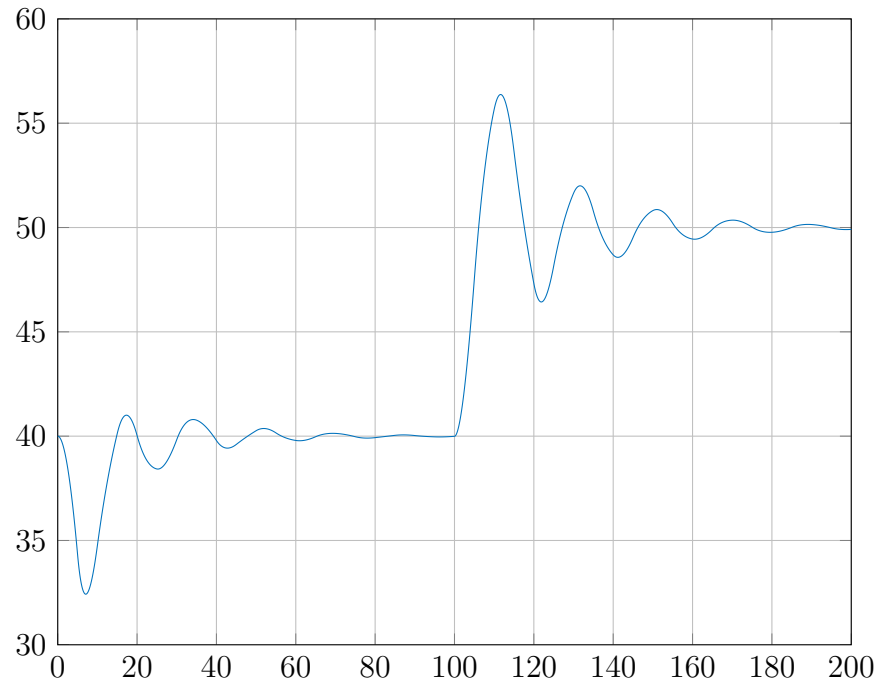


Figure 11: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 5 sec.

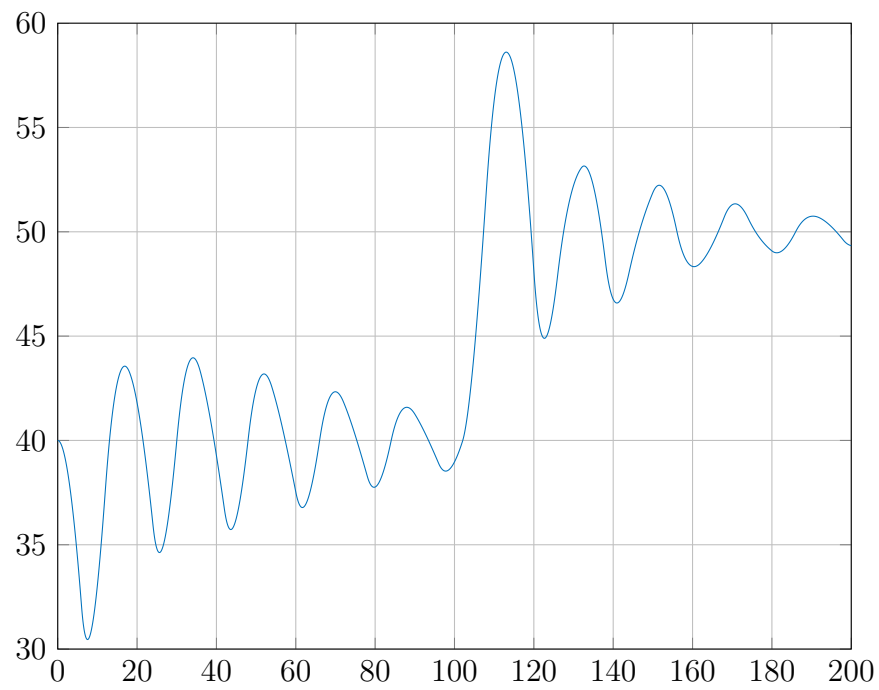


Figure 12: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 6 sec.



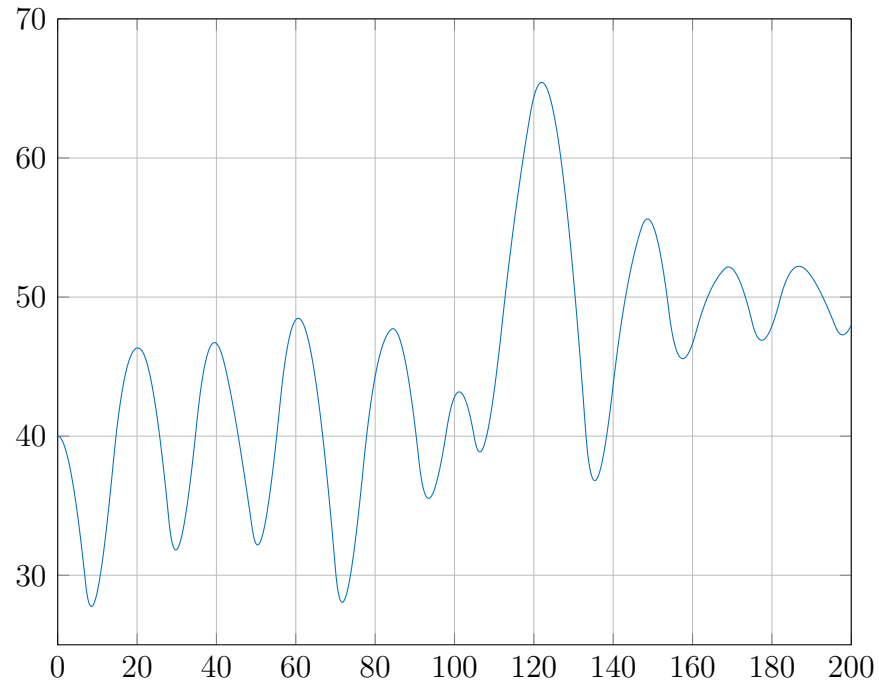


Figure 13: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 7 sec.

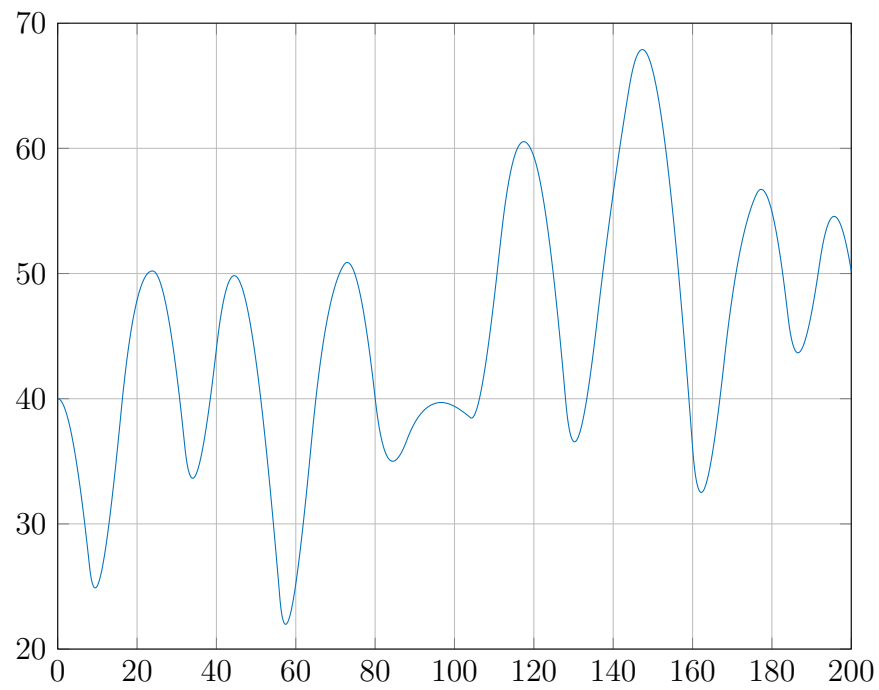


Figure 14: Step response using a zero-order hold of sample time 8 sec.

## 6 Question 8

Figures 15-27 show the step response for the case of a discrete and a continuous controller with a zero-order hold, marked in red and blue respectively, for varying values of the sampling time. It is evident that the lower the sampling rate, the less stable the system becomes, and the more the responses of the two controllers differ from each other.

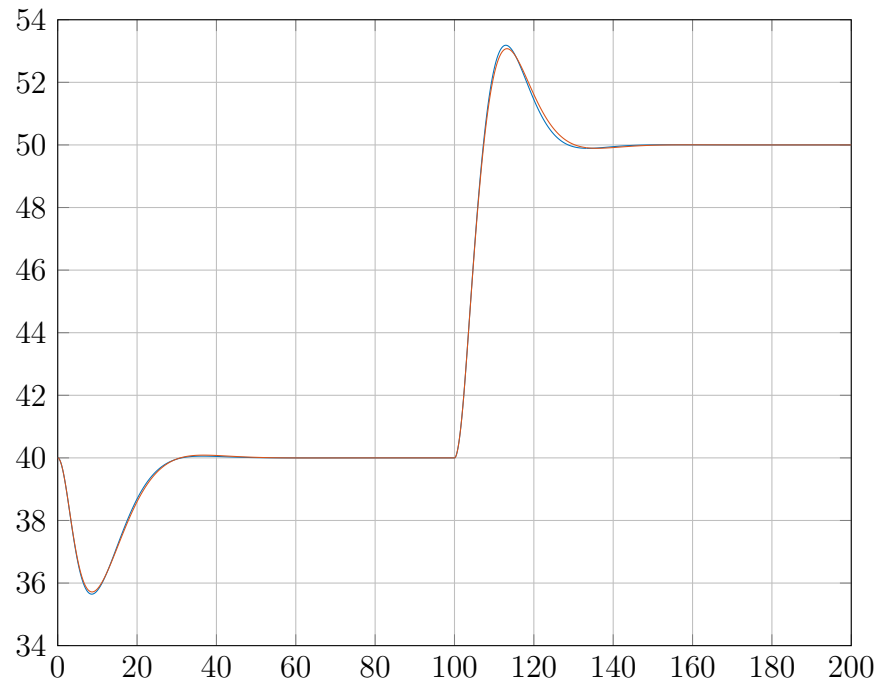


Figure 15: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 0.1$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 0.1$ .

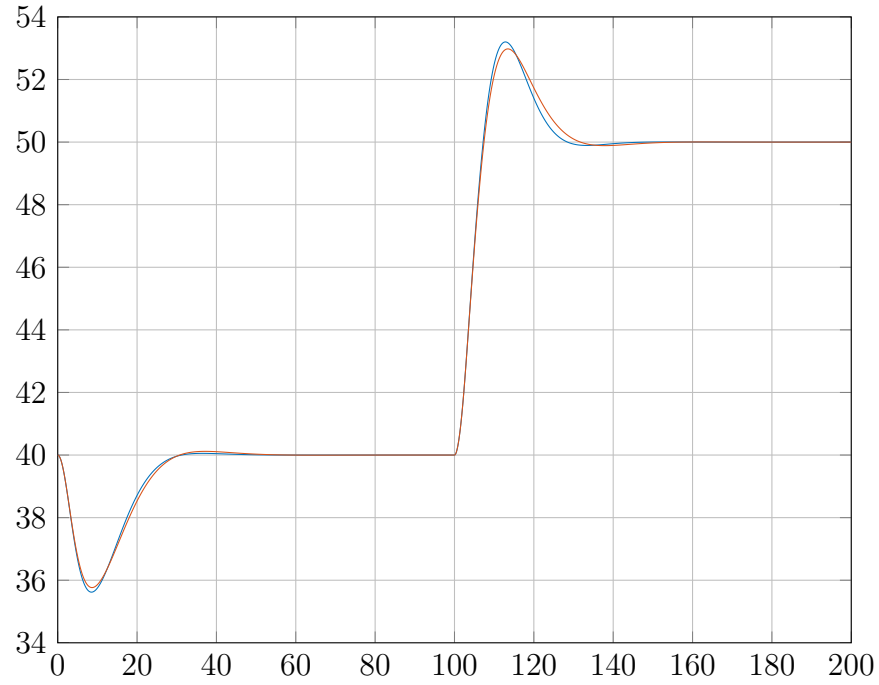


Figure 16: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 0.2$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 0.2$ .

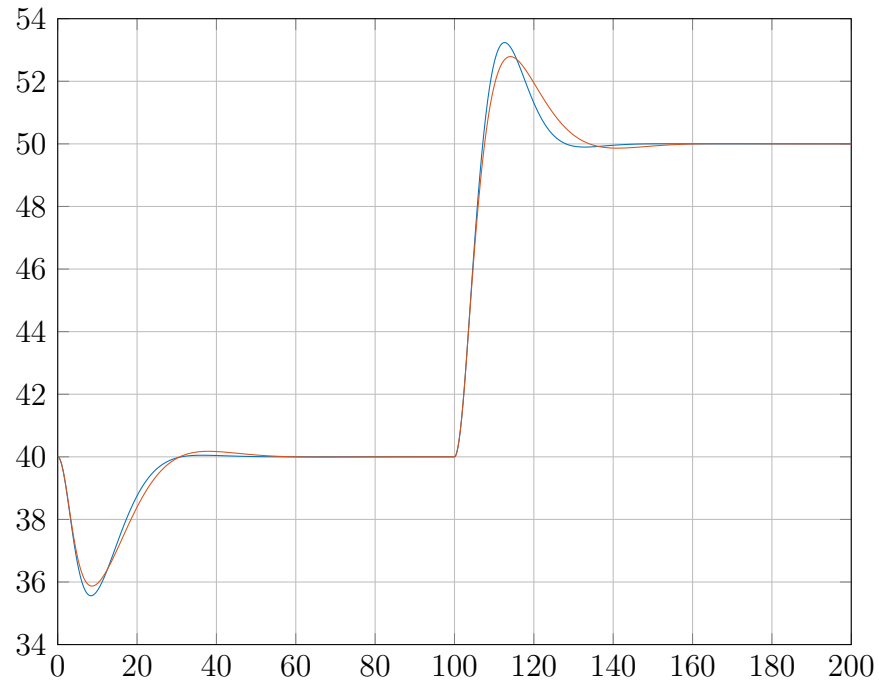


Figure 17: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 0.4$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 0.4$ .

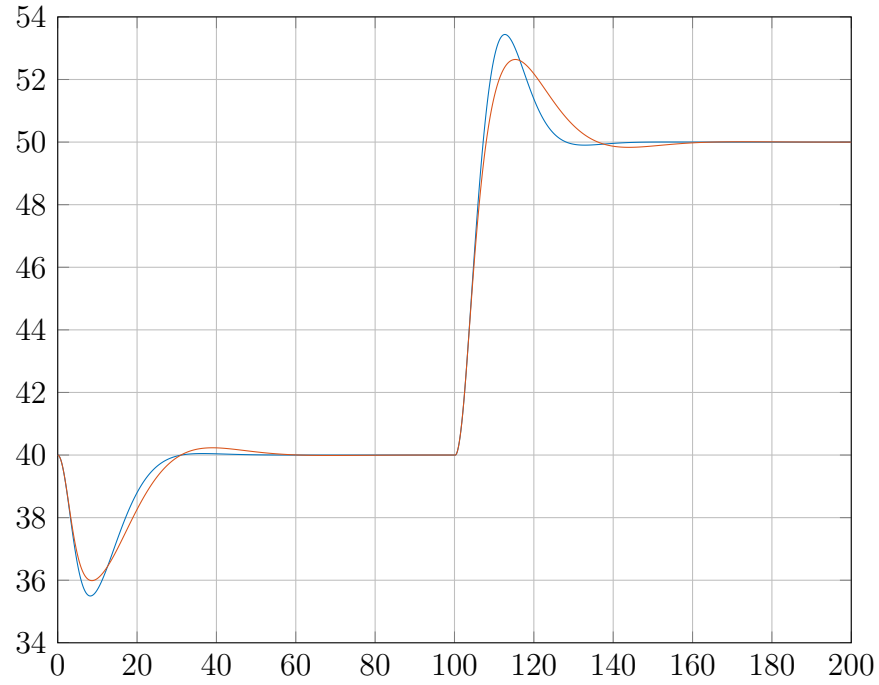


Figure 18: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 0.6$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 0.6$ .

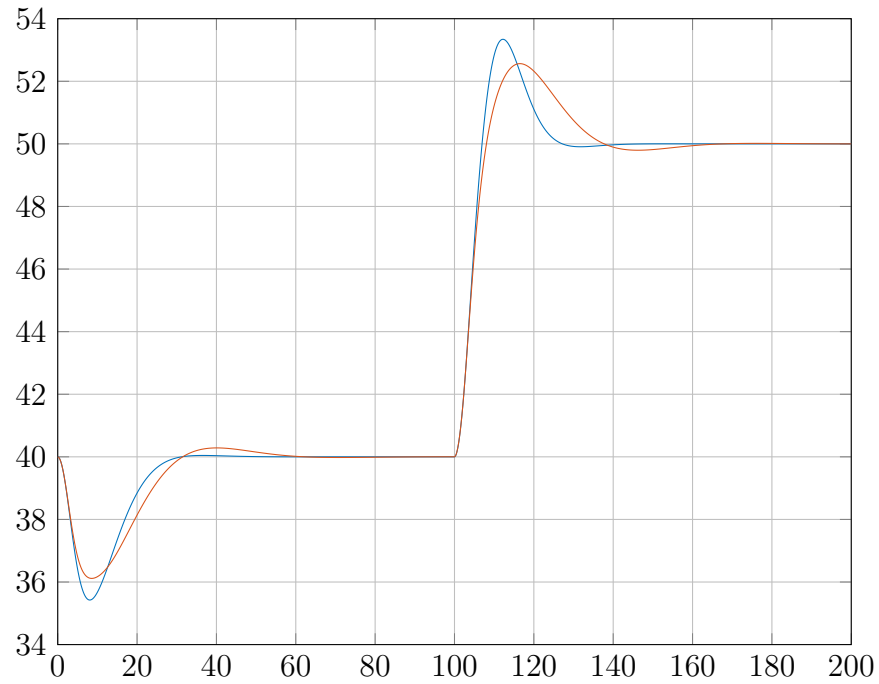


Figure 19: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 0.8$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 0.8$ .

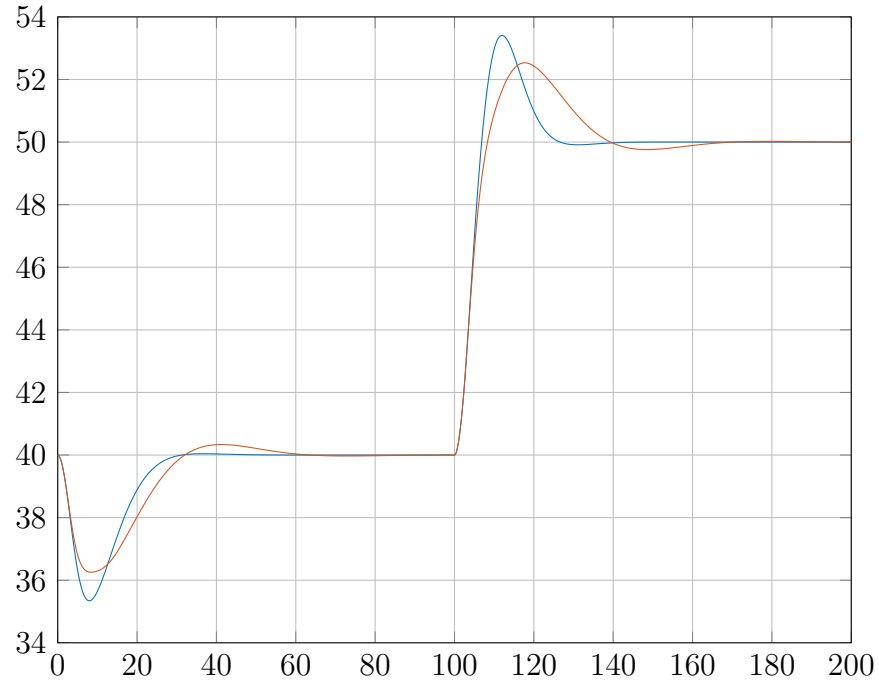


Figure 20: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 1$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 1$ .

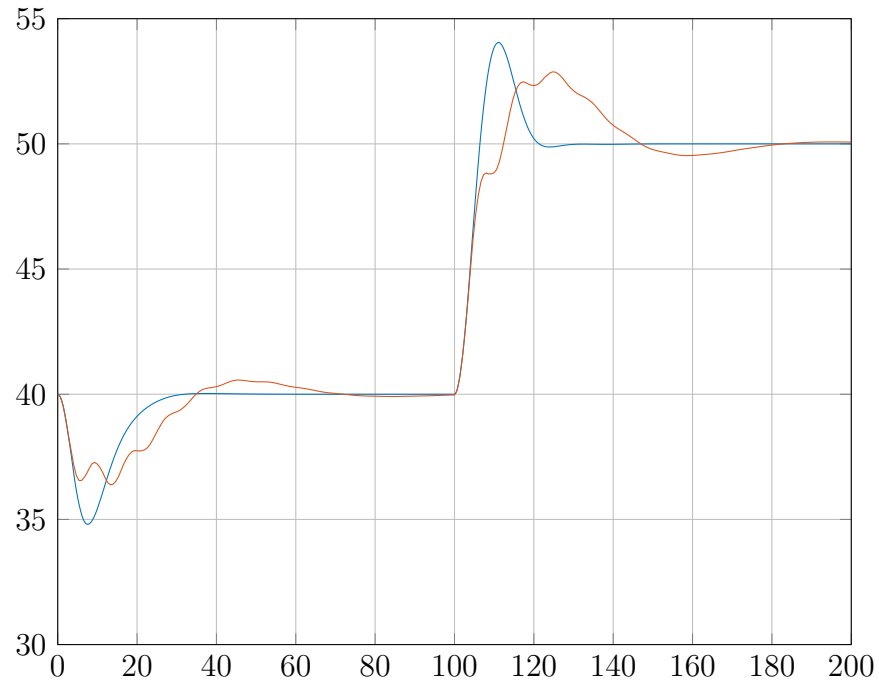


Figure 21: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 2$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 2$ .

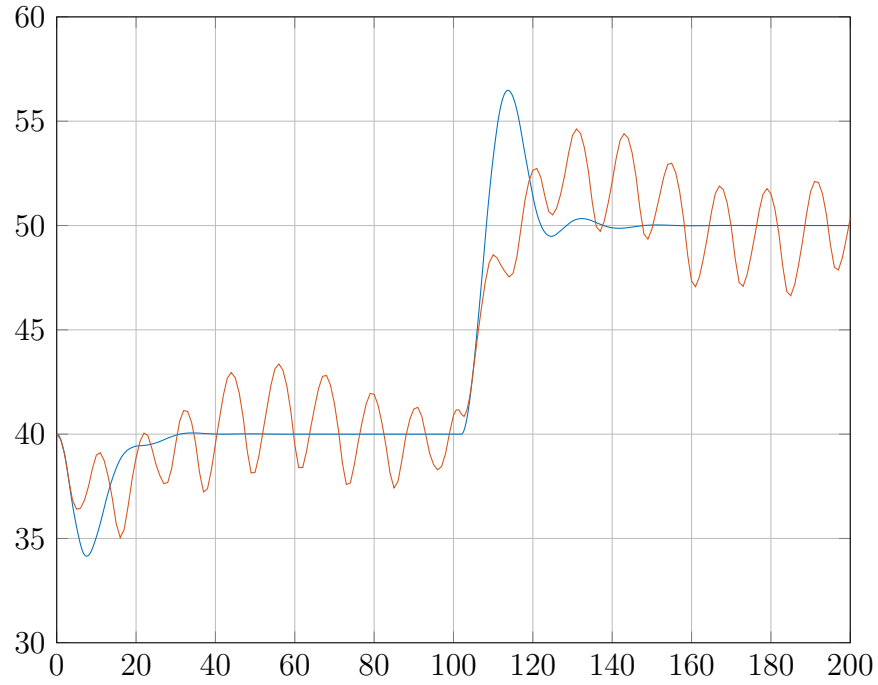


Figure 22: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 3$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 3$ .

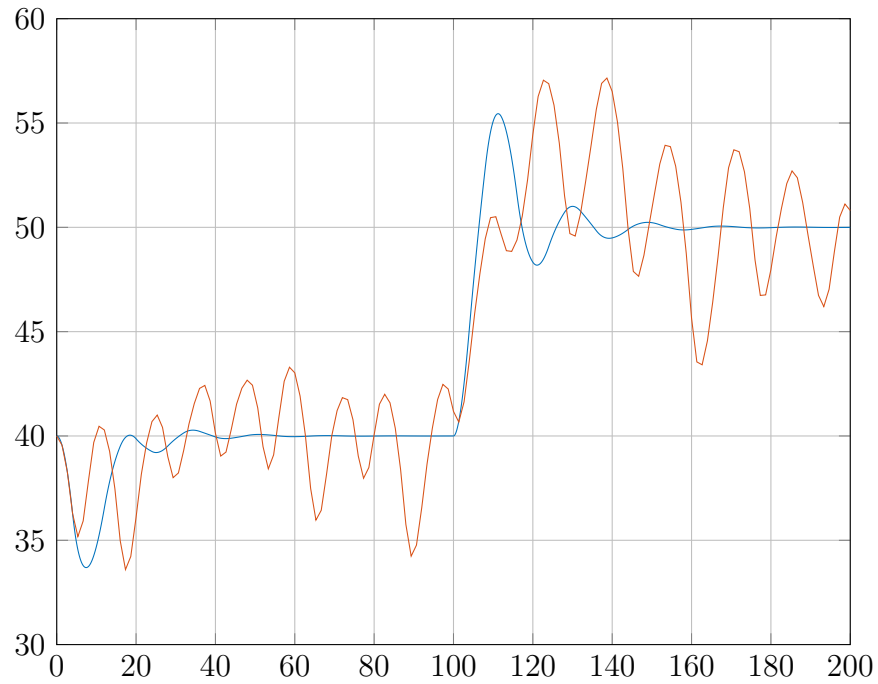


Figure 23: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 4$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 4$ .

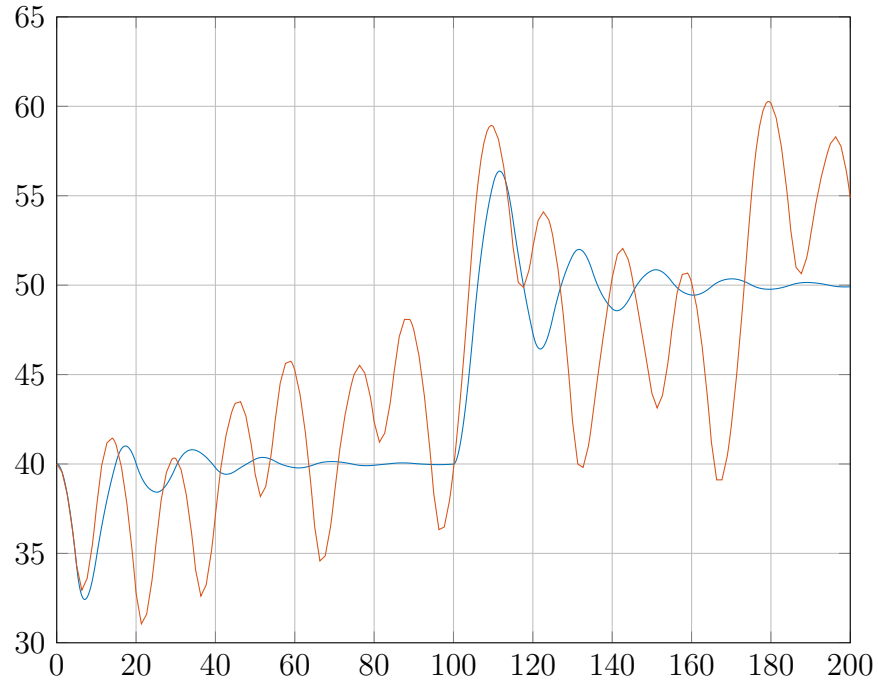


Figure 24: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 5$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 5$ .

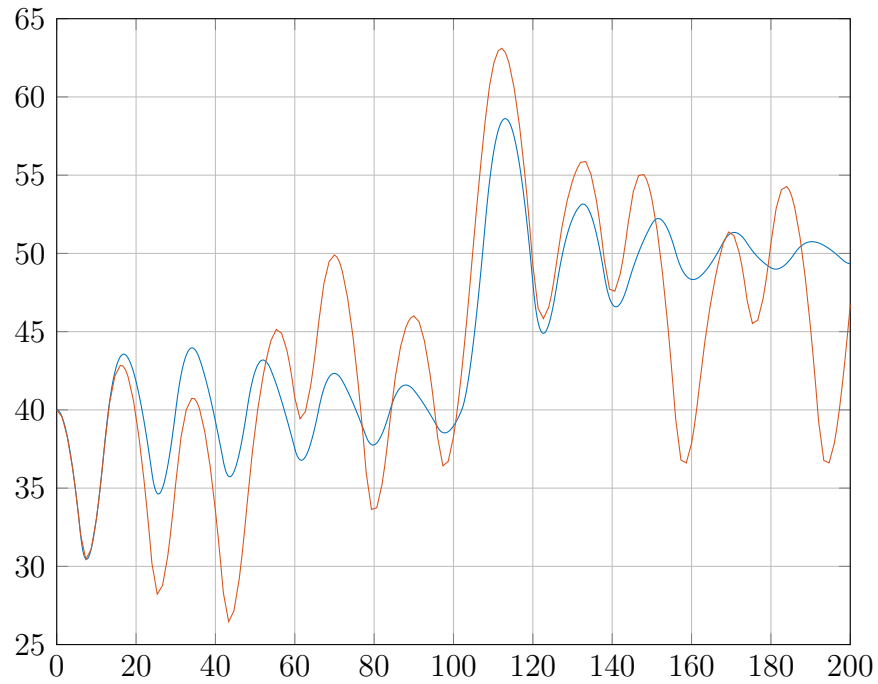


Figure 25: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 6$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 6$ .

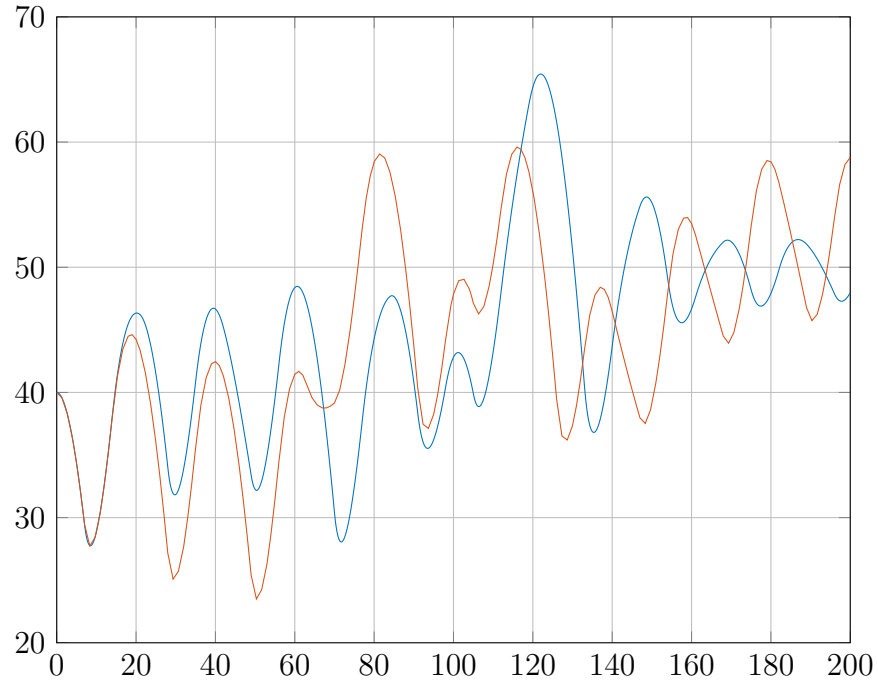


Figure 26: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 7$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 7$ .

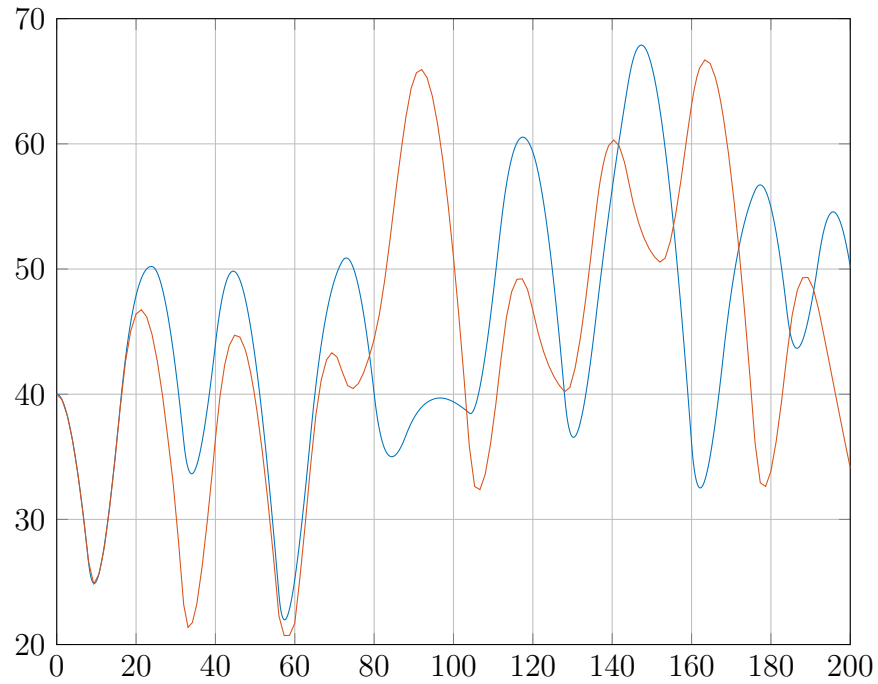


Figure 27: Step response using a discrete controller (red) with sampling time  $T_s = 8$  sec and a continuous one with a zero-order hold (blue) with sampling time  $h = 8$ .



## 7 Question 9

In theory[1], as a general rule of thumb, the sampling period should be selected so that

$$0.08 < T_s \omega_c < 0.3$$

where  $\omega_c$  is the crossover frequency of the open-loop system, hence with  $\omega_c = 0.3619$  rad/s

$$0.220 < T_s < 0.829 \text{ sec}$$

A second way one could look at this is to choose a sampling time such that there are 4 to 10 samples per rise time  $T_r$ . In this case where  $T_r = 4.95$  sec, the resulting range of acceptable values for the sampling time is

$$0.495 < T_s < 1.2375 \text{ sec}$$

Another way one could look at this is to select a sampling frequency that is much higher than twice the bandwidth of the closed-loop system. Given our setting, the bandwidth  $\omega_0 = 0.5819$  rad/s and

$$10\omega_0 < \omega_s < 30\omega_0$$

$$0.36 < T_s < 1.08 \text{ sec}$$

## 8 Question 10

The highest sampling rate that results in the step response satisfying the control requirements was found to be  $T_s = 0.5$  sec. This value lies within all intervals proposed by the empirical rules considered in the previous question.

The difference in performance can be accounted for by the discretization of the PID parameters, since they are approximated.

Figure 28 illustrates the step response for  $T_s = 0.5$  and table 4 shows the resulting control performance.

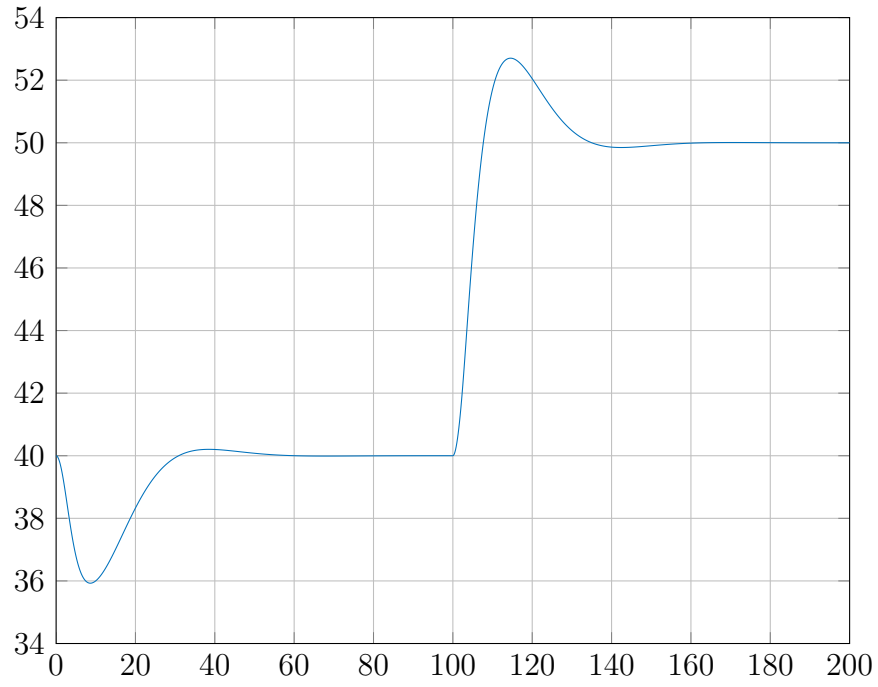


Figure 28: Step response of the system using a discrete PID controller with a sampling time of  $T_s = 0.5$  sec.

Rise time	5.15
Overshoot(%)	27.0
Settling time	29.2

Table 4: The rise time, overshoot and settling time of the step response featured in figure 28.

## References

- [1] William Levine et al. The Control Handbook. CRC Press, 1996.