# Introduction to Modern Controls Discretization of Continuous-time Transfer-function Models



## Topic

Discretization of transfer-function models

#### Overview

consider the discrete-time controller implementation scheme

$$u[k] \longrightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{ZOH}} \xrightarrow{u(t)} \boxed{\mathsf{G}(s)} \xrightarrow{y(t)} \stackrel{\Delta T}{\circ} y[k]$$

where u[k] and y[k] have the same sampling time

- for this note, we use [k] to distinguish DT signals from their CT counter parts
- goal: to derive the transfer function from u[k] to y[k]
- solution concept: let u[k] be a discrete-time unit impulse (whose Z transform is 1) and obtain the Z transform of y[k]

## Solution

$$u[k] \longrightarrow \overline{\text{ZOH}} \xrightarrow{u(t)} \overline{G(s)} \xrightarrow{y(t)} \circ \xrightarrow{\Delta T} y[k]$$

• u[k] is a DT impulse  $\Rightarrow$  after ZOH

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < \Delta T \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = 1(t) - 1(t - \Delta T) \Longrightarrow U(s) = \frac{1 - e^{-s\Delta T}}{s}$$

hence

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[G(s)\frac{1 - e^{-s\Delta T}}{s}\right] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[G(s)\frac{1}{s}\right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[G(s)\frac{e^{-s\Delta T}}{s}\right]$$

## Solution

$$u[k] \xrightarrow{\text{ZOH}} u(t) \xrightarrow{g(s)} g(t) \xrightarrow{\Delta T} y[k]$$
$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ G(s) \frac{1}{s} \right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ G(s) \frac{e^{-s\Delta T}}{s} \right]$$

• sampling y(t) at  $\Delta T$  and performing Z transform give:

$$\underbrace{Y(z)}_{=G(z)\times 1} = \mathcal{Z} \left\{ \underbrace{\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ G(s) \frac{1}{s} \right]}_{t=k\Delta T} - \underbrace{\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ G(s) \frac{e^{-s\Delta T}}{s} \right]}_{t=k\Delta T} \right\} \\
= \mathcal{Z} \left\{ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ G(s) \frac{1}{s} \right] \Big|_{t=k\Delta T} \right\} - z^{-1} \mathcal{Z} \left\{ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ G(s) \frac{1}{s} \right] \Big|_{t=k\Delta T} \right\}$$

#### Solution

$$u[k] \longrightarrow \boxed{ZOH} \xrightarrow{u(t)} \boxed{G(s)} \xrightarrow{y(t)} \circ \xrightarrow{\Delta T} y[k]$$

- $u[k] = \delta[k] (U(z) = 1)$
- $\bullet \ \ Y(z) = \mathcal{Z} \left\{ \left. \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \left. G(s) \frac{1}{s} \right] \right|_{t=k\Delta T} \right\} z^{-1} \mathcal{Z} \left\{ \left. \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \left. G(s) \frac{1}{s} \right] \right|_{t=k\Delta T} \right\} \right.$
- $\Rightarrow$ the zero order hold equivalent of G(s) is

$$G(z) = (1 - z^{-1})\mathcal{Z}\left\{ \left. \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ G(s) \frac{1}{s} \right] \right|_{t=k\Delta T} \right\}$$

where  $\Delta T$  is the sampling time

# Example: obtain the ZOH equivalent of

$$G(s) = \frac{a}{s+a}$$

• 
$$\frac{G(s)}{s} = \frac{a}{s(s+a)} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+a}$$

hence

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{G(s)}{s}\right\} = 1(t) - e^{-at}1(t)$$

• sampling at  $\Delta T$  gives  $1[k] - e^{-ak\Delta T}1[k]$ , whose Z transform is

$$\frac{z}{z-1} - \frac{z}{z - e^{-a\Delta T}} = \frac{z(1 - e^{-a\Delta T})}{(z-1)(z - e^{-a\Delta T})}$$

hence the ZOH equivalent is

$$(1-z^{-1})\frac{z(1-e^{-a\Delta T})}{(z-1)(z-e^{-a\Delta T})} = \frac{1-e^{-a\Delta T}}{z-e^{-a\Delta T}}$$

# Matlab and Python commands

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• c2d(G,dt,'zoh')
• e.g., G(s)=\frac{1}{s^2} and \Delta T=1
% matlab
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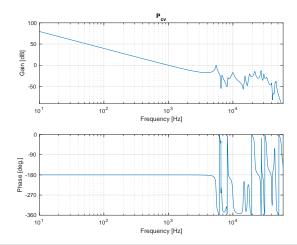
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dt = 1;
num = 1;
den = [1,0,0];
G = tf(num,den);
Gd = c2d(G,dt,'zoh');
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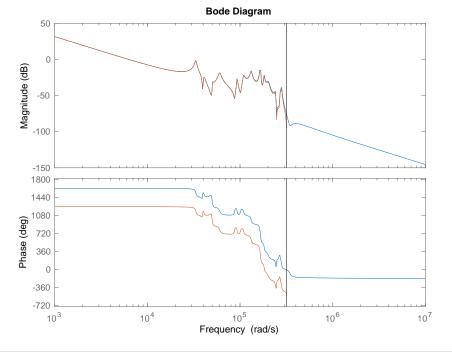
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#Python
import control as ct
dt = 1
num = [1]
den = [1,0,0]
G = ct.tf(num,den)
Gd = ct.c2d(G,dt,'zoh')
print(Gd)
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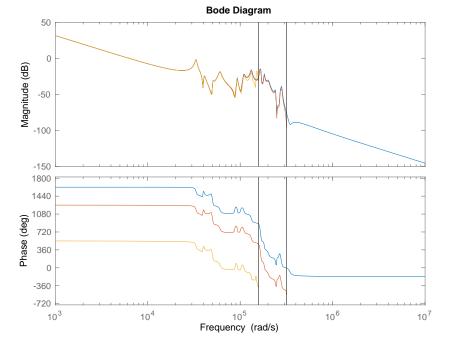
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% MATLAB code to generate a single-stage HDD model
                                % Number of sector
num sector=420;
num_rpm=7200;
                             % Number of RPM
Ts = 1/(num_rpm/60*num_sector); % Sampling time
omega_vcm=[0, 5300 ,6100 ,6500 ,8050 ,9600 ,14800 ,17400 ,21000 ,26000
→ ,26600 ,29000 ,32200 ,38300 ,43300 ,44800]*2*pi;
kappa_vcm=[1, -1.0, +0.1, -0.1, 0.04, -0.7, -0.2, -1.0, +3.0, -3.2]
\rightarrow ,2.1 ,-1.5 ,+2.0 ,-0.2 ,+0.3 ,-0.5];
zeta_vcm = [0, 0.02, 0.04, 0.02, 0.01, 0.03, 0.01, 0.02, 0.02, 0.012]
\rightarrow ,0.007 ,0.01 ,0.03 ,0.01 ,0.01 ,0.01 ];
Sys_Pc_vcm_c1=0;
for i=1:length(omega_vcm)
       Sys_Pc_vcm_c1=Sys_Pc_vcm_c1+tf([0,0,kappa_vcm(i)]*Kp_vcm,[1,

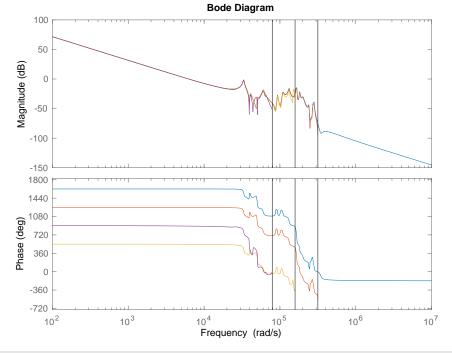
→ 2*zeta_vcm(i)*omega_vcm(i), (omega_vcm(i))^2]);
end
Sys_Pd_vcm_c1 = c2d(Sys_Pc_vcm_c1,Ts,'zoh')
Sys_Pd1_vcm_c1 = c2d(Sys_Pc_vcm_c1,Ts*2,'zoh')
Sys_Pd2_vcm_c1 = c2d(Sys_Pc_vcm_c1,Ts/2,'zoh')
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figure, bodeplot(Sys_Pc_vcm_c1)
figure, bodeplot(Sys_Pc_vcm_c1,Sys_Pd2_vcm_c1)
figure, bodeplot(Sys_Pc_vcm_c1,Sys_Pd2_vcm_c1,Sys_Pd_vcm_c1)
figure,
    bodeplot(Sys_Pc_vcm_c1,Sys_Pd2_vcm_c1,Sys_Pd_vcm_c1,Sys_Pd1_vcm_c1)
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#### Exercise

Find the zero order hold equivalent of  $G(s) = e^{-Ls}$ ,  $2\Delta T < L < 3\Delta T$ , where  $\Delta T$  is the sampling time.