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Lab 2

Concentrates on a Virtual PID controller Design using the Ziegler-
Nichols Rule



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Part 1: Unity Feedback Control System

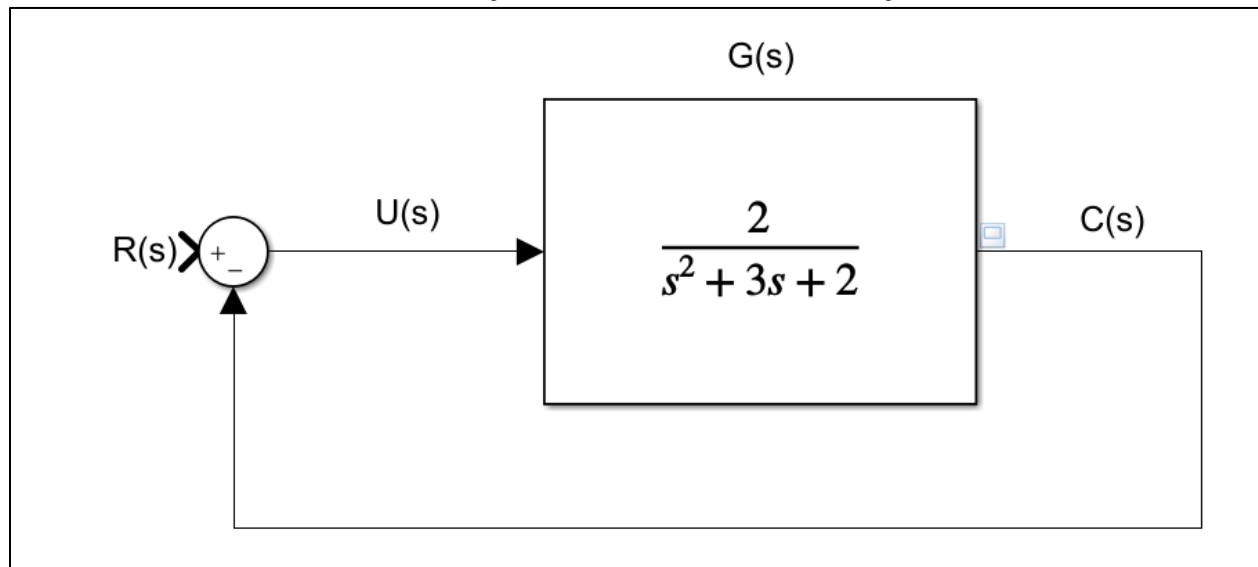


Figure 1 Unity Feedback Control System diagram made with Simulink

Part 2: Calculating L and T

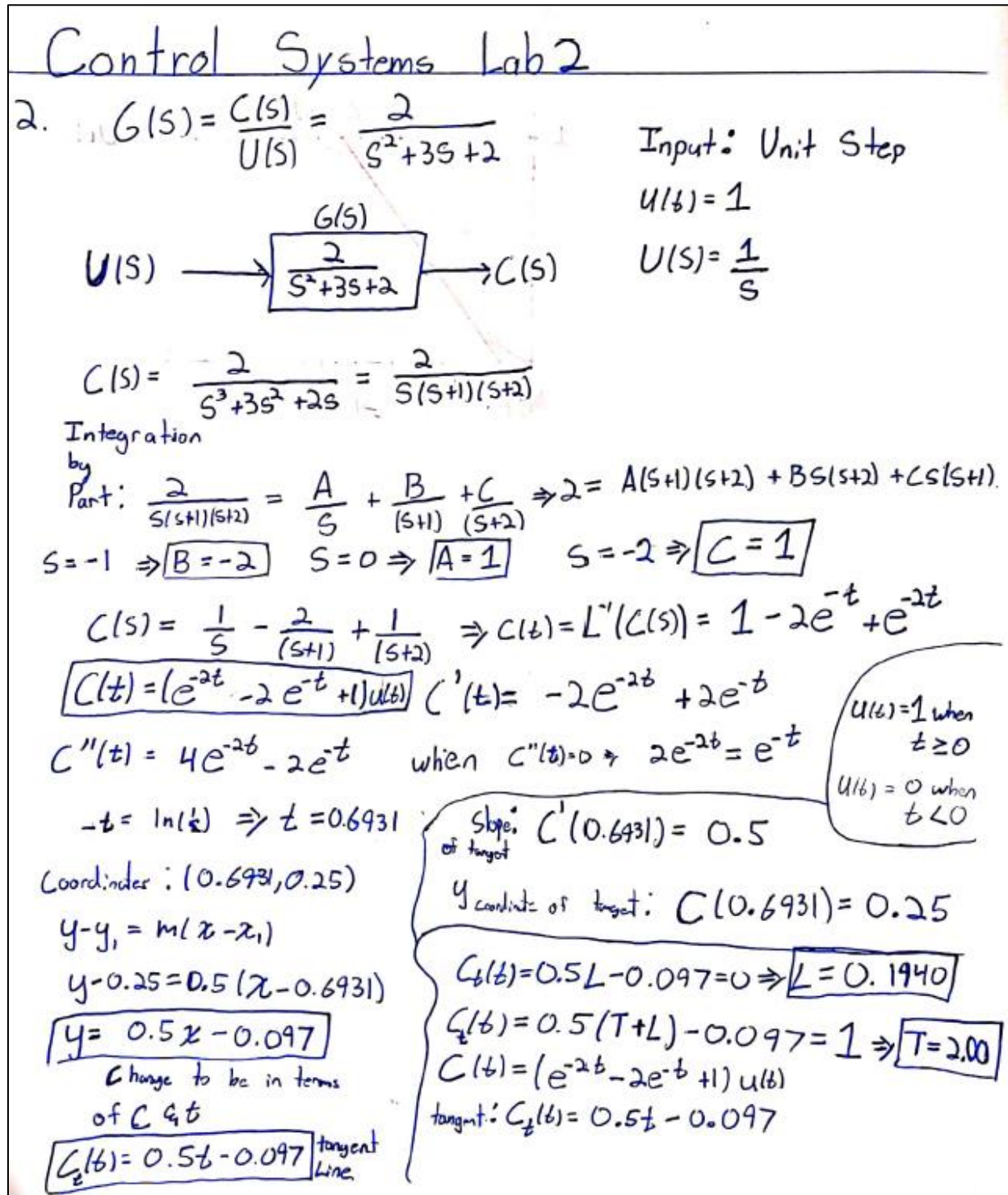


Figure 2 Calculations for L and T

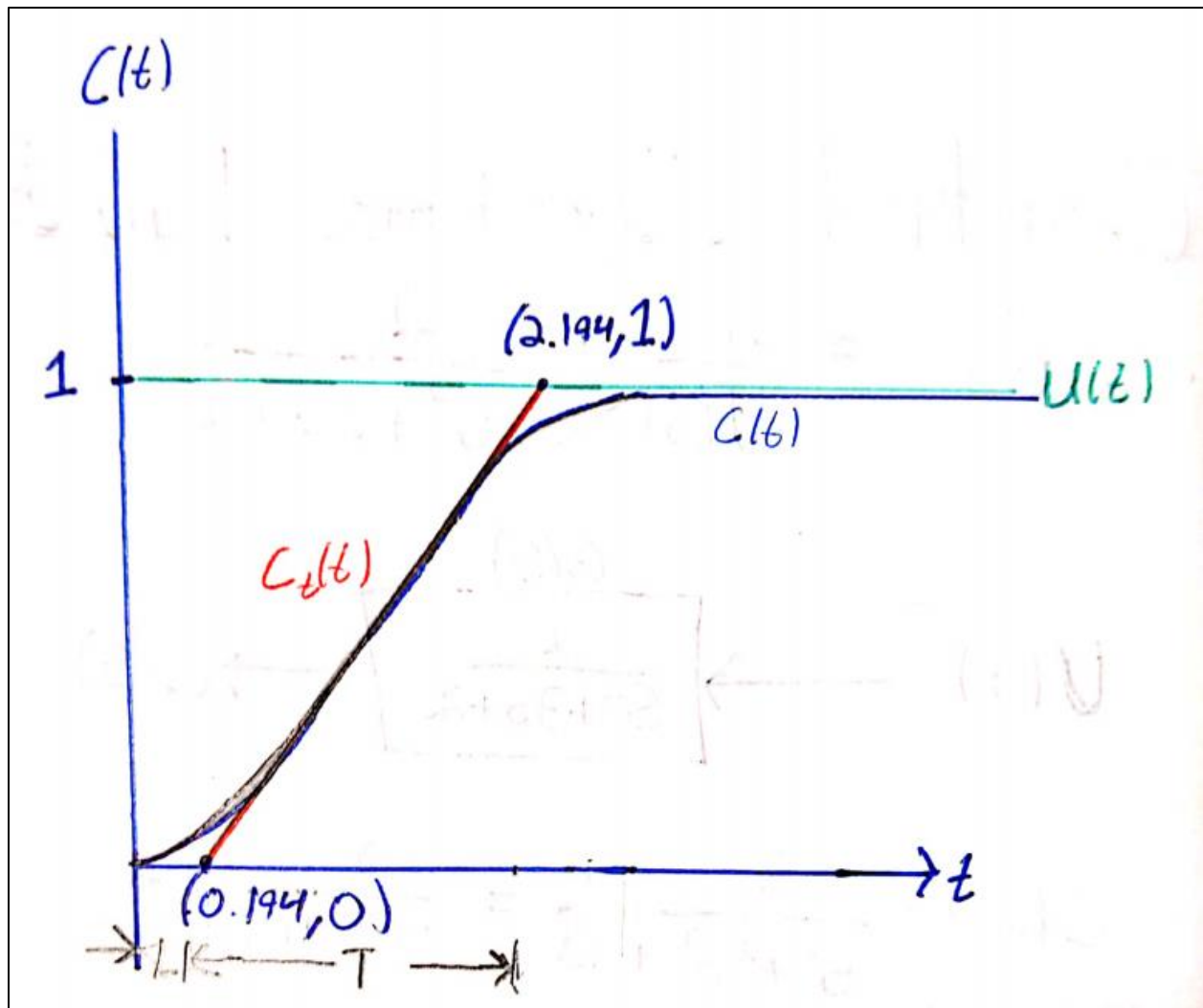


Figure 3 Graph showing the tangent of the inflection

As seen above, L is calculated to be 0.194 and T is equal to 2.00

Part 3: Reference response

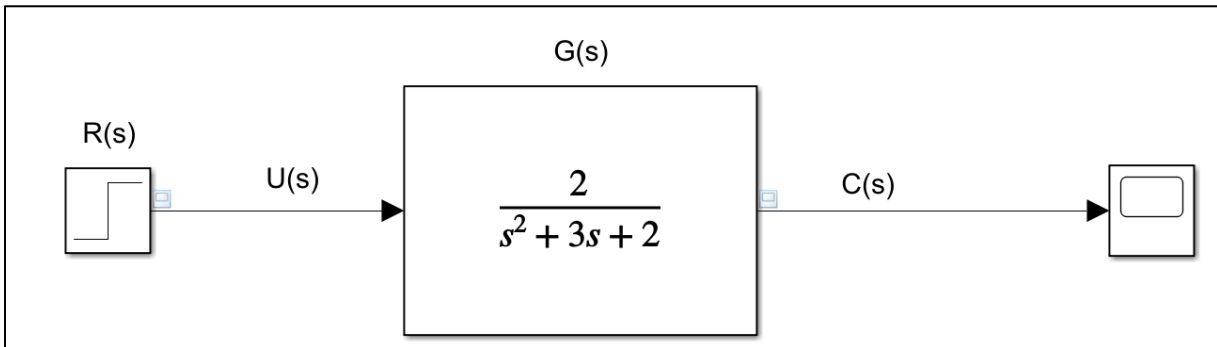


Figure 4 Reference response without control and feedback

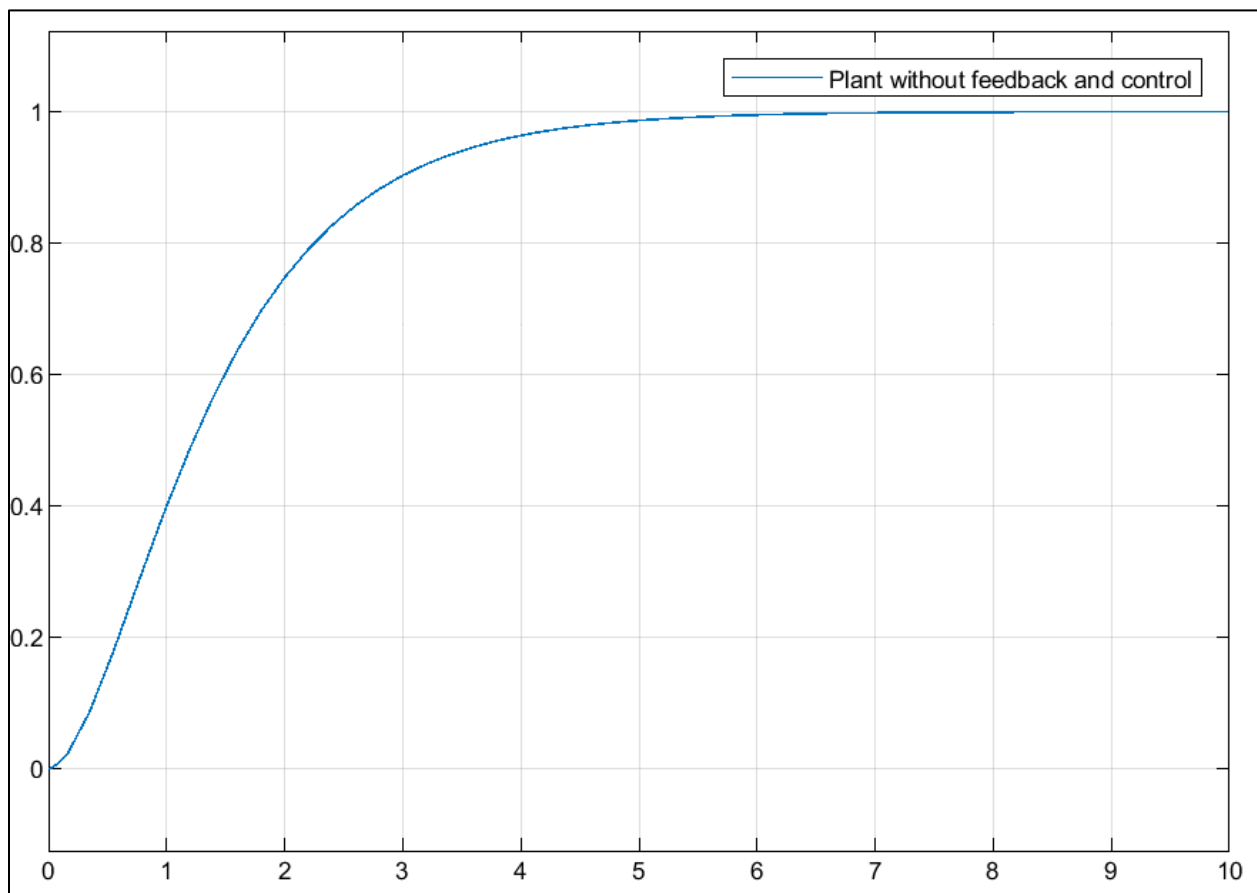


Figure 5 Plant without feedback and control

Part 3-1: P control with closed-loop unit-step Response

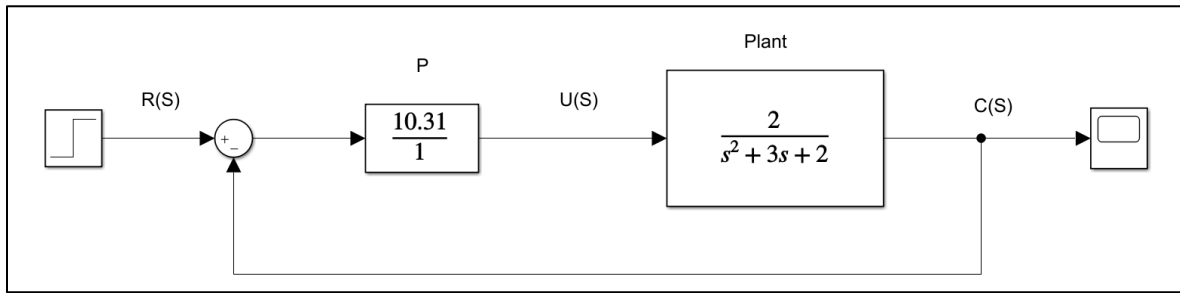


Figure 6 P control with plant and feedback

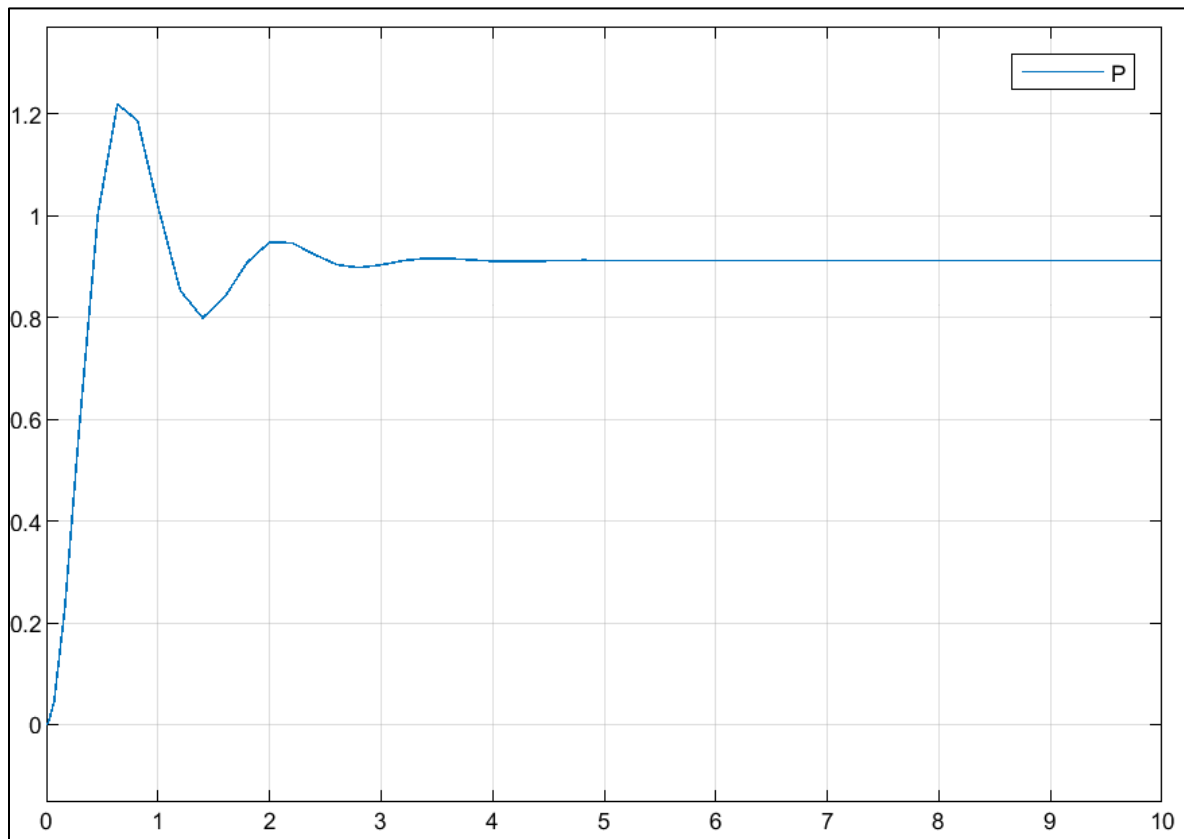


Figure 7 Response of the P control

Evaluating the P control results and comparing it with the reference response shows a couple of key changes. Tracking accuracy does not match our reference signal until after we reach 4 seconds; the signal is amplified to 1.2 which is .2 above what we are trying to achieve. Response time has improved quite a lot as it reaches a value of 1 before the first second. Unfortunately, stability has worsened as it takes 4 seconds before the signal becomes stable.

Part 3-2: PI control with closed-loop unit-step Response

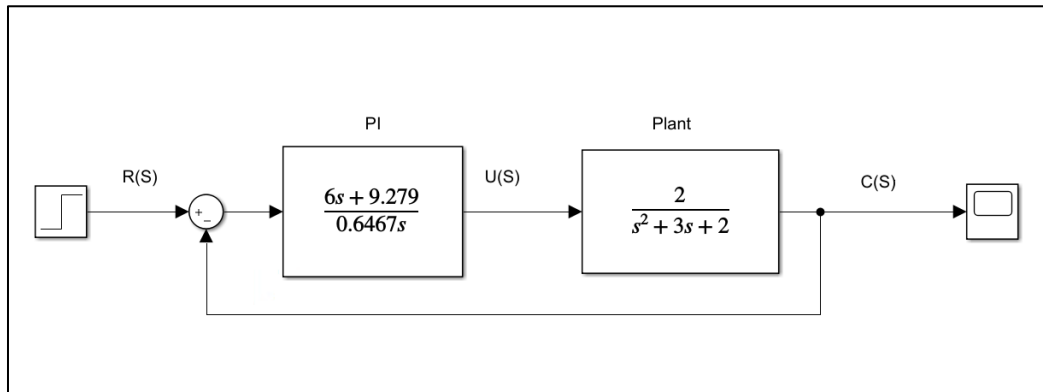


Figure 8 PI control with plant and feedback

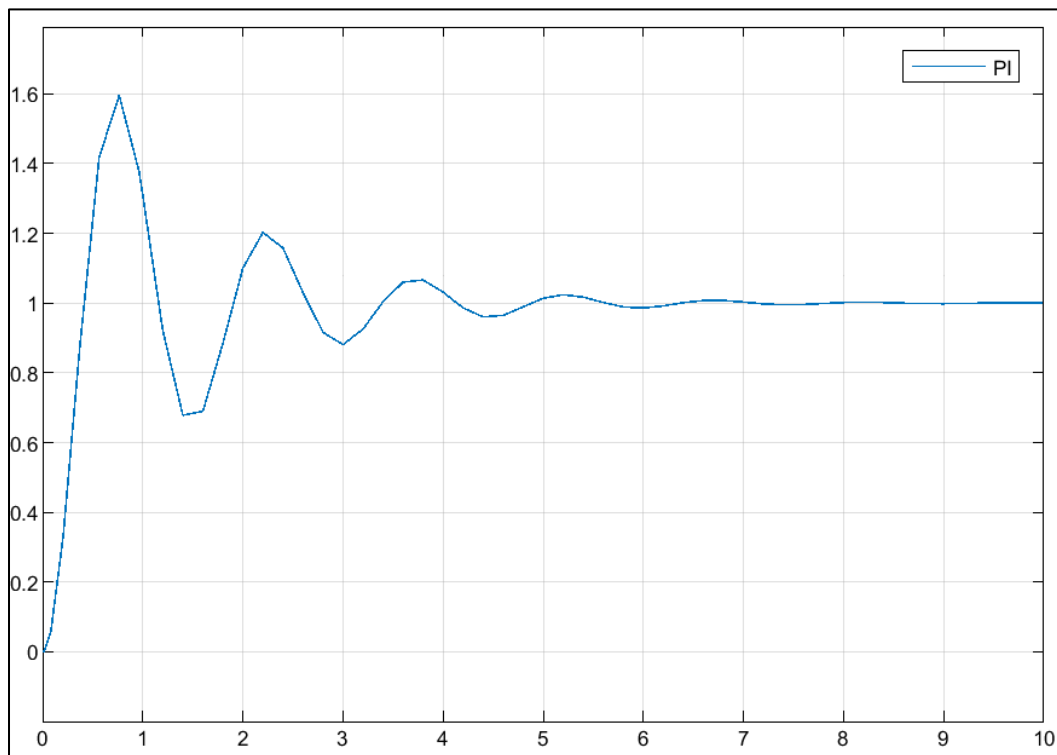


Figure 9 Response of the PI control

When comparing the PI control response with the reference response and P control shows a couple of key changes. Tracking accuracy has worsened quite a lot; the signal oscillates much more. Response time has essentially remained the same as the P control as it reaches 1 at approximately 0.5 seconds. The stability has worsened a lot as it takes almost 7 seconds to stabilize the output signal.

Part 3-3: PID control with closed-loop unit-step Response

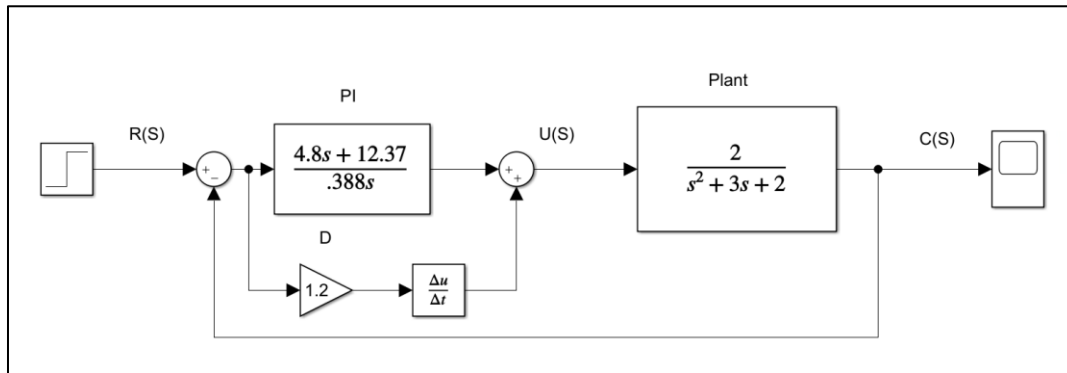


Figure 10 PID control with plant and feedback

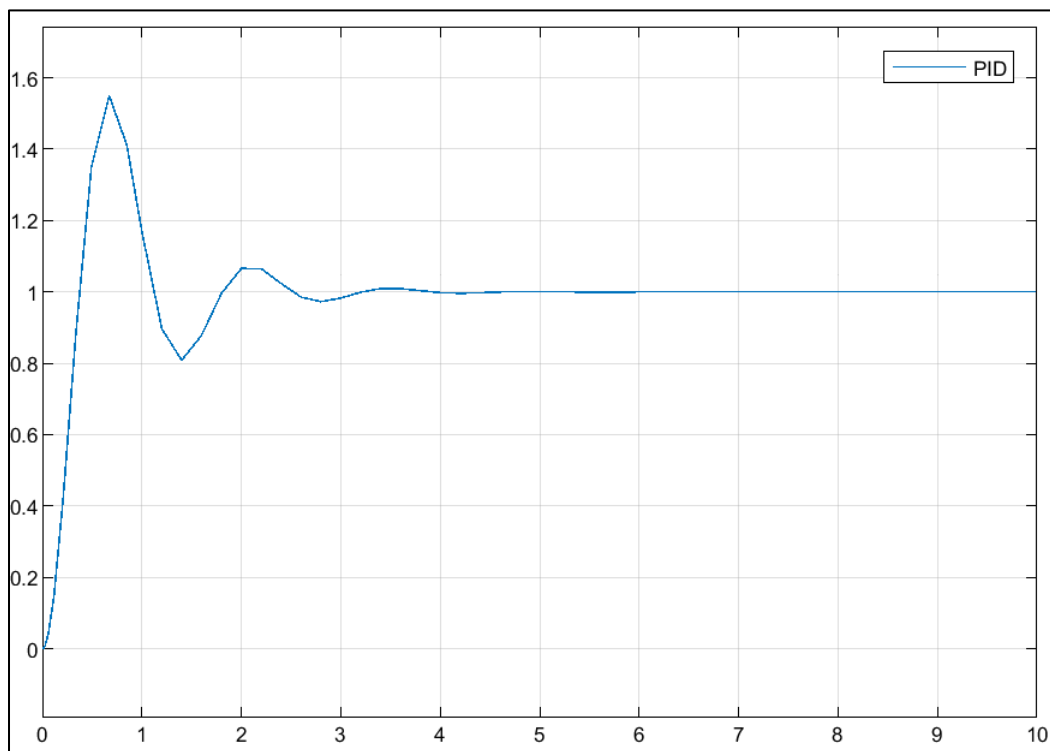


Figure 11 Response of the PID control

Finally, comparing the PID control response with the reference response, P, and PI control shows a couple of key improvements. Tracking accuracy has slightly improved; the signal has started to oscillate less and is getting closer to 1. Response time has improved to where the signal reaches 1 at around 0.3 seconds. The stability has improved a lot; it reaches stability at approximately 4 seconds.

Part 4: PID control with closed-loop unit-step Response

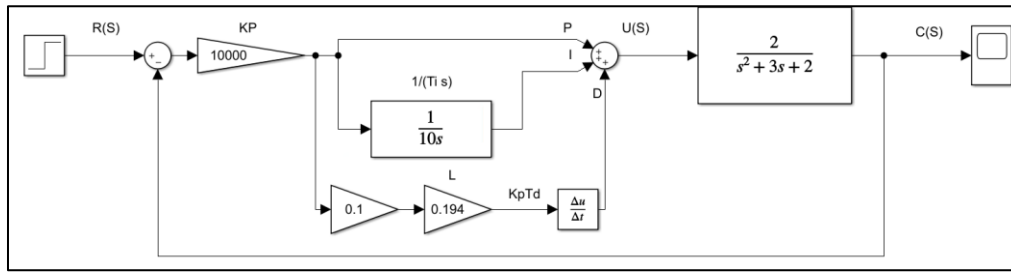


Figure 12 PID control with plant and feedback and tuned parameters

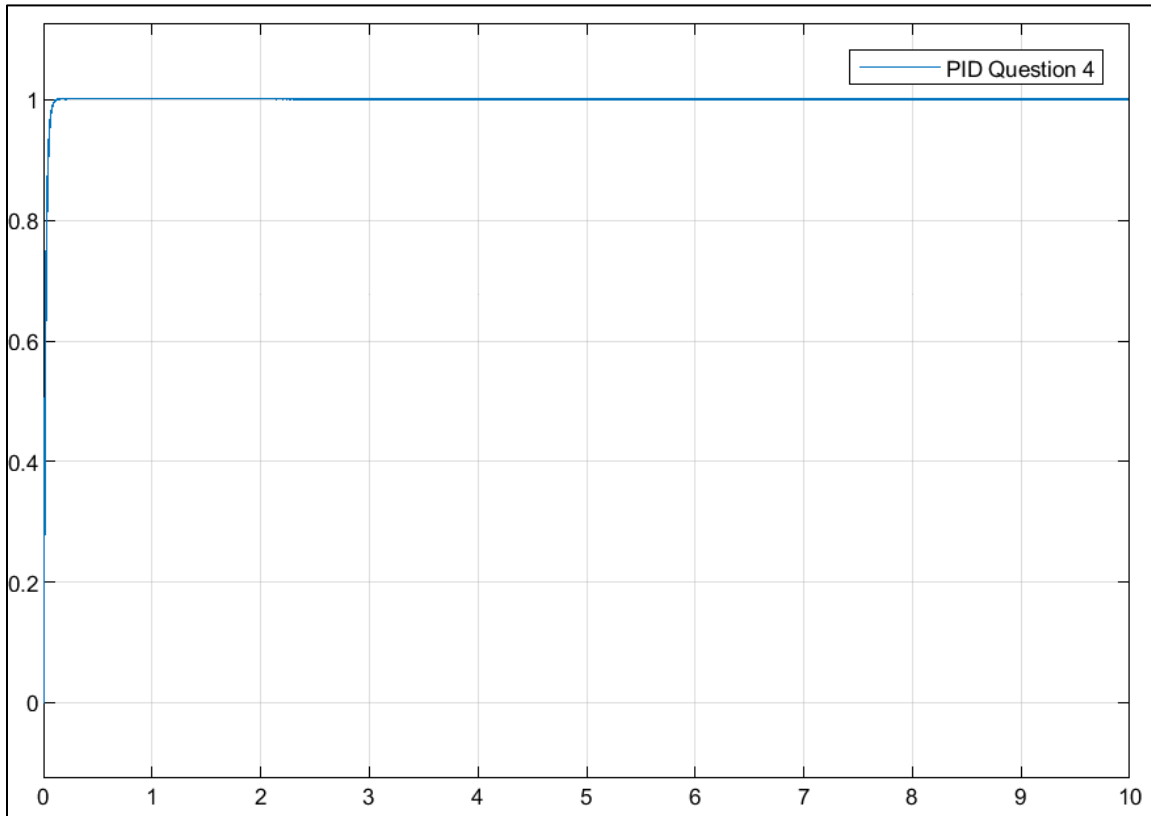


Figure 13 Response of the PID control with adjusted parameters

Table 1 Adjusted parameters used to calculate the response

L =	0.194			
T =	2			
		Kp	Ti	Td
		$970 \cdot T/L$	$5 \cdot L$	$0.1 \cdot L$

After adjusting parameters to reach a Kp value of 1000, Ti of 0.97 and Td of 0.0194, the output response begins to look very identical to the input unit step value.

Part 5: Findings and Conclusion

Observing the response with a P control and comparing it to that of the reference response proves that stability can be reached quicker. However, tracking performance is hurt in the long-run and thus, additional controls are needed. The I control in combination with the P control does not improve the results from the P control. The PI control makes the signal arguably worse but to counteract this, a D control must be added. It is found that adding a D control to the PI controller significantly improves the signal's response in multiple ways. For starters, both response time and stability are significantly improved. The only setback is that poor tracking performance remains at the start of the response. However, with fine-tuning the PID's parameters, an ideal response can be reached as seen in part 4.

After finding the response with a P control, PI control, and PID control, it can be concluded that after adjusting key parameters, an ideal output response can be reached. For starters, it is observed that increasing the K_p value significantly improves the tracking of the output signal. Increasing T_i improved the response time by reaching the unit step value quicker. Decreasing T_d also improved the stability of the response. Through trial and error, it was found that the best results for our controller were when K_p had a value of 1000, T_i was set to 0.97, and T_d was set to 0.1. In conclusion, using a tuned PID controller can help in achieving ideal output response parameters to nearly match that of the input parameters.