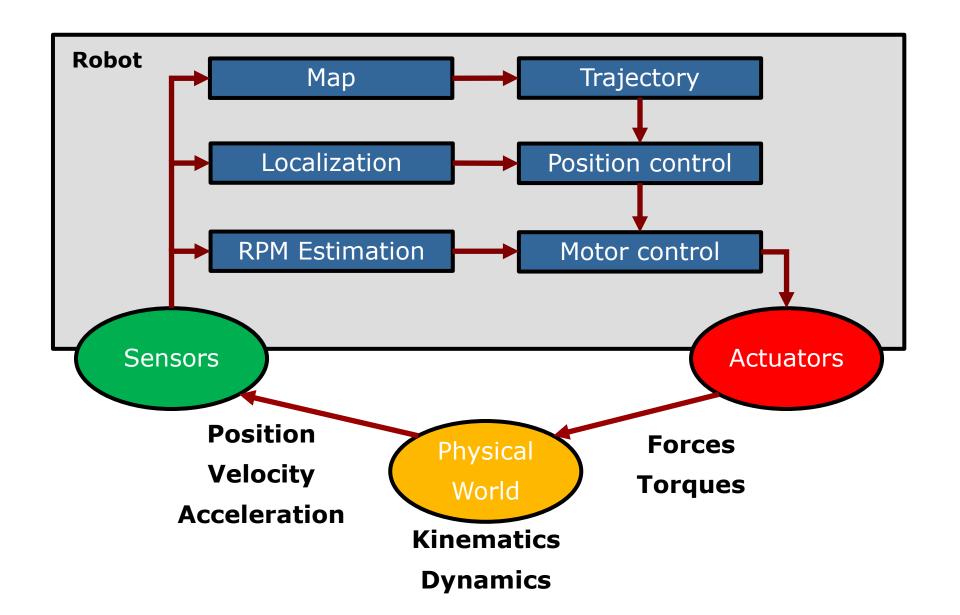


Control Architecture



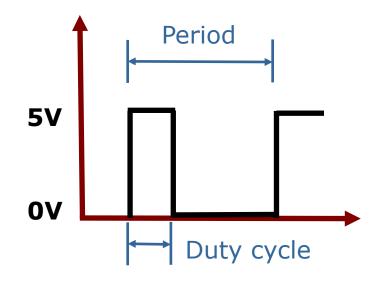
DC Motors

- Stationary permanent magnet
- Electromagnet induces torque
- Split rings + brushes switch the direction of current



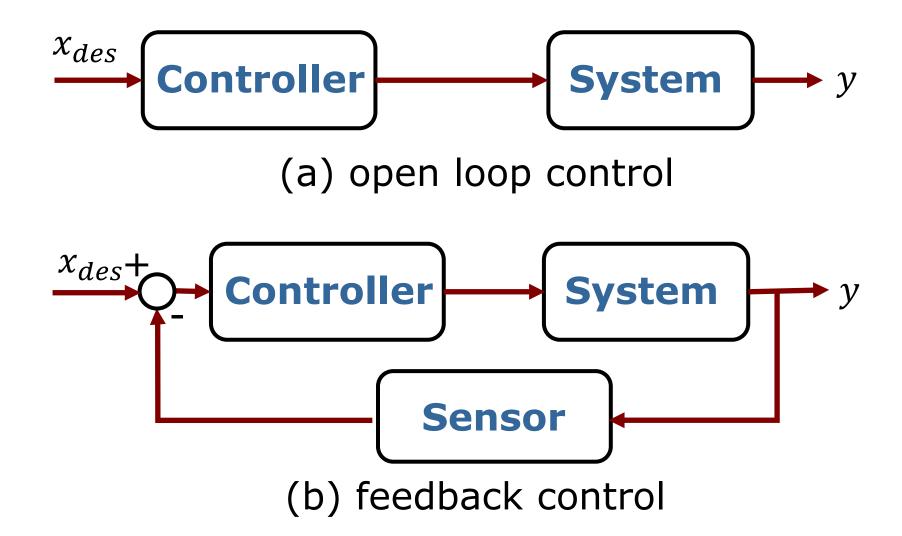
DC motors controllers

- More power = faster rotation
- How to modulate power using a digital signal?
- Pulse width modulation (PWM)
- Duty cycle = ratio of on time vs period

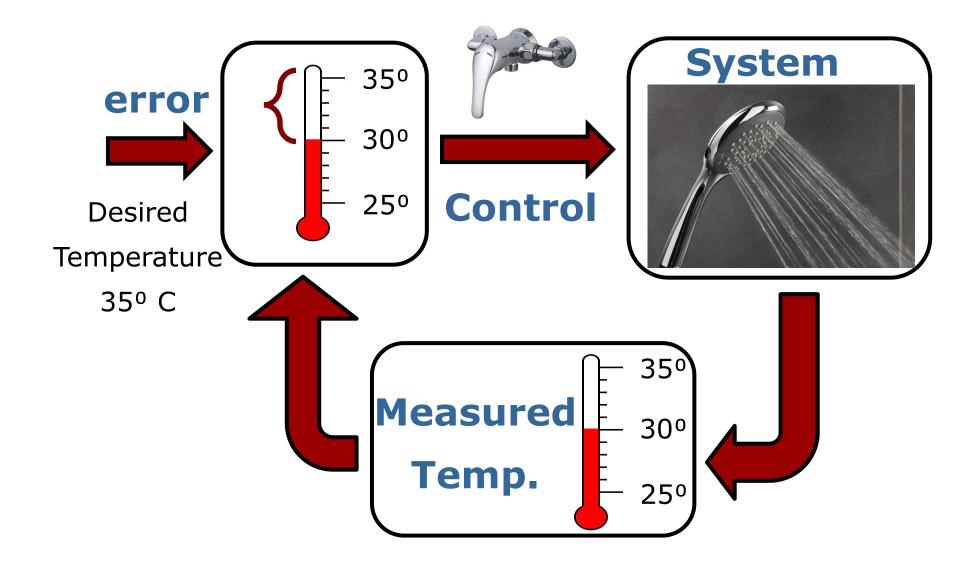




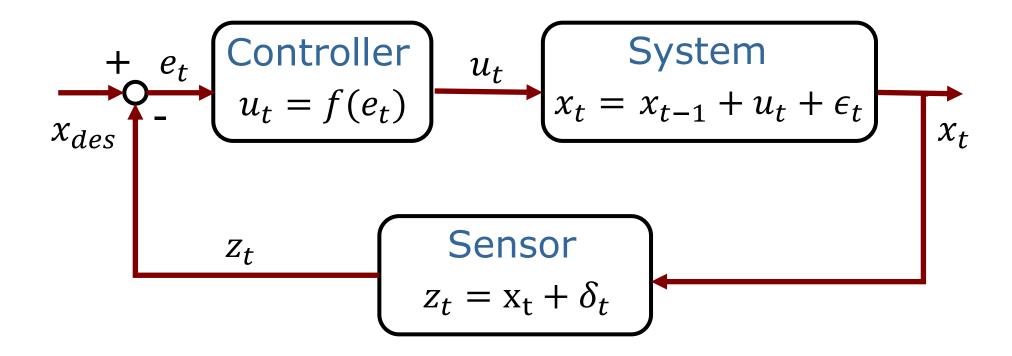
Open loop vs. feedback control



Feedback control: An Example

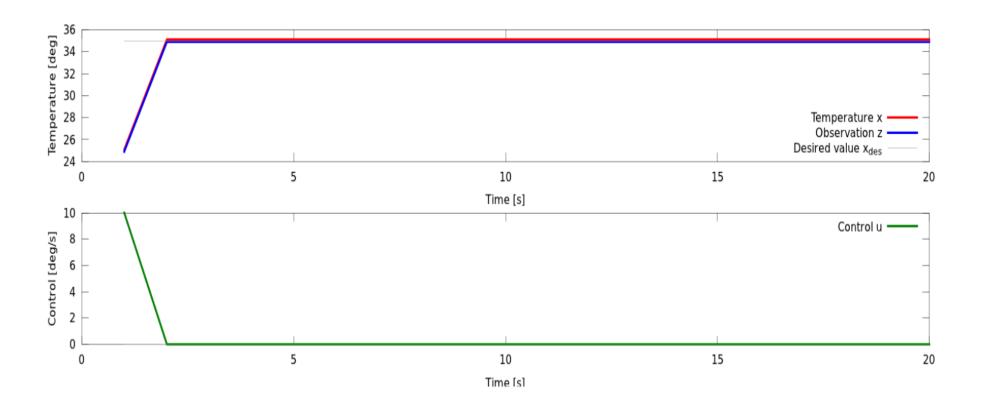


Block Diagram



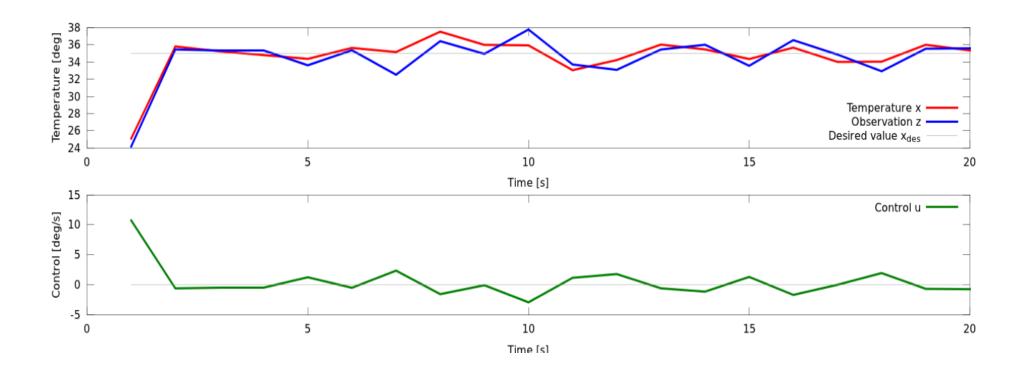
Proportional control

■ P-Control: $u_t = K_p e_t$ with $K_p = 1$



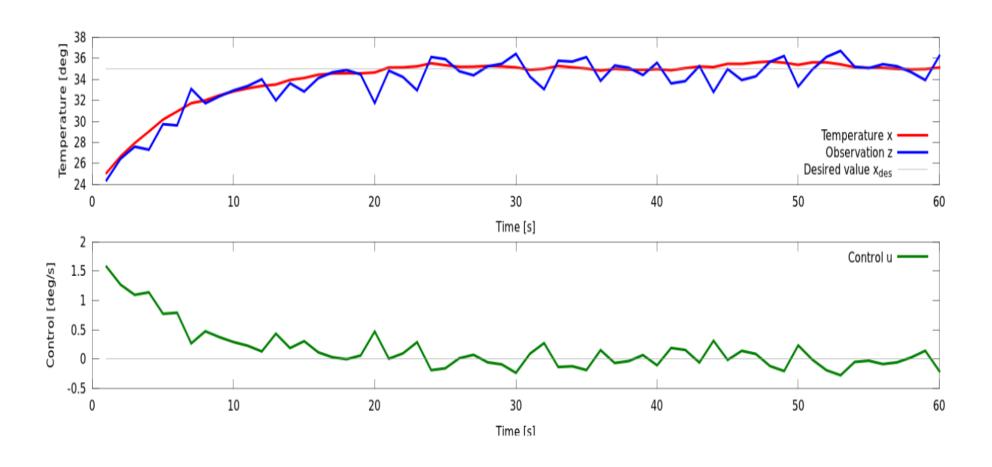
Effect of noise

• How does the noise in system/measurement effect the control?



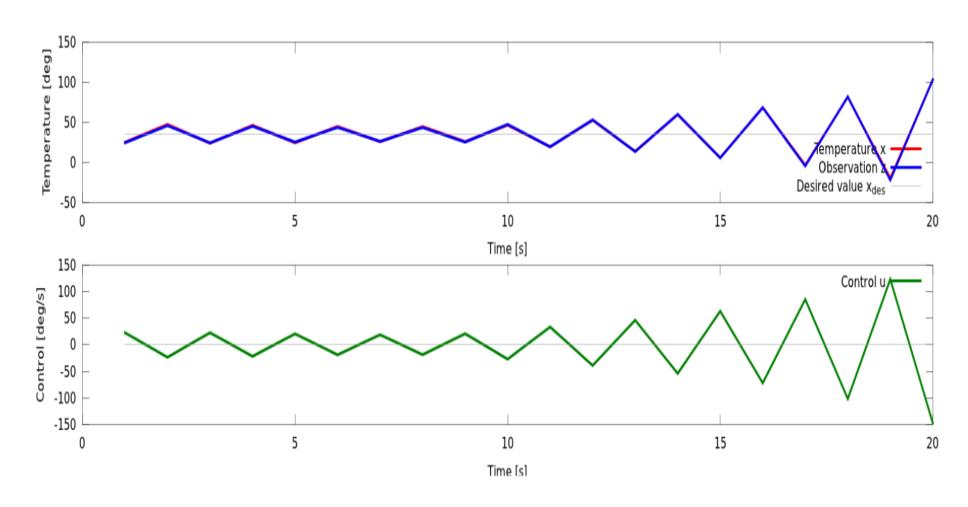
Better control with noise

• Lower gain $(K_p = 0.15)$



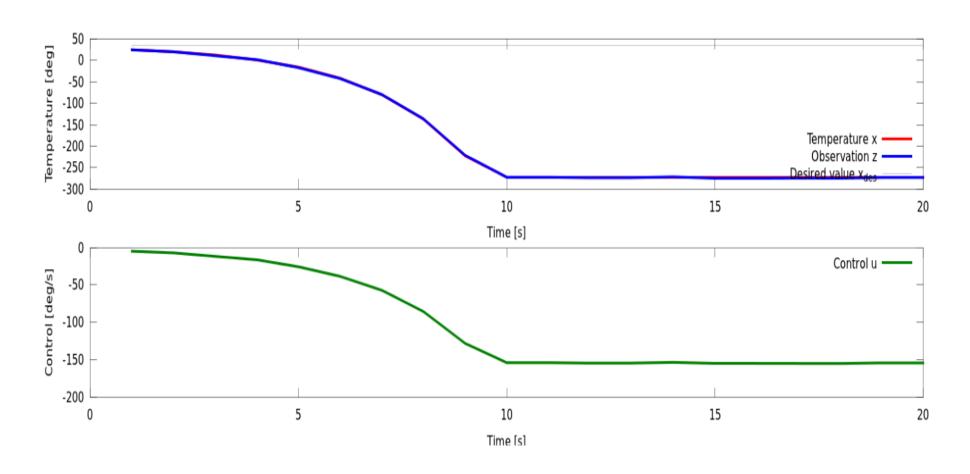
Effect of high gains

• Avoid high gains $(K_p = 2)$



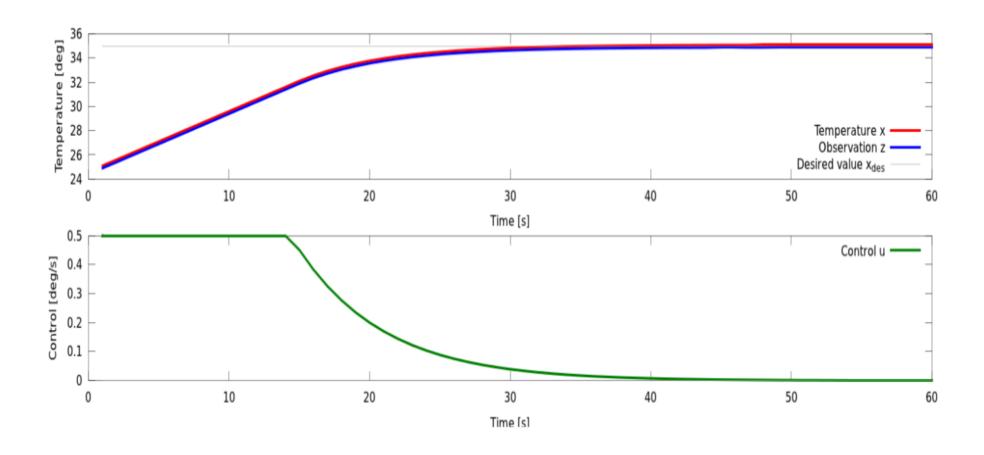
What happens with wrong sign?

If K is negative ...



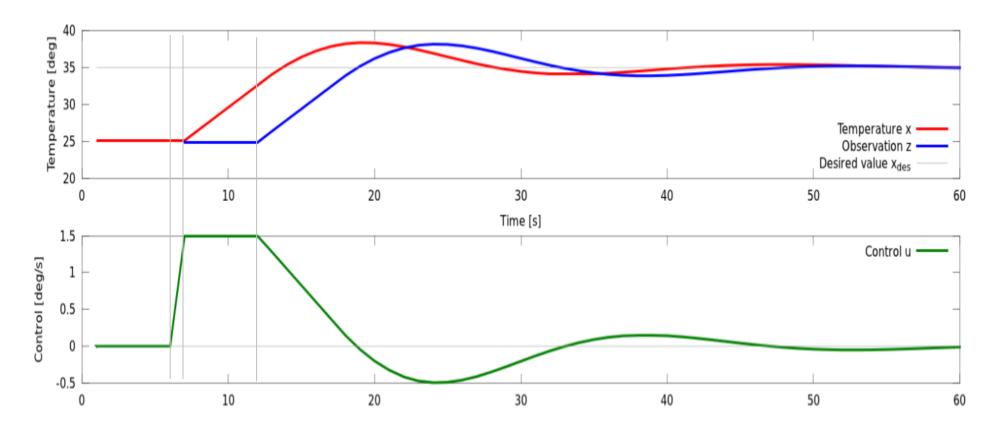
Saturation

• In practice, the set of feasible controls u is bounded



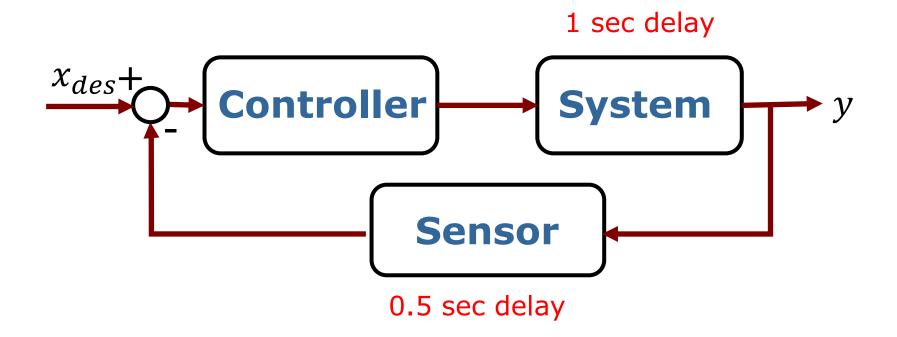
Delays

- Most real world systems have delays
- Can cause overshoots/oscillations

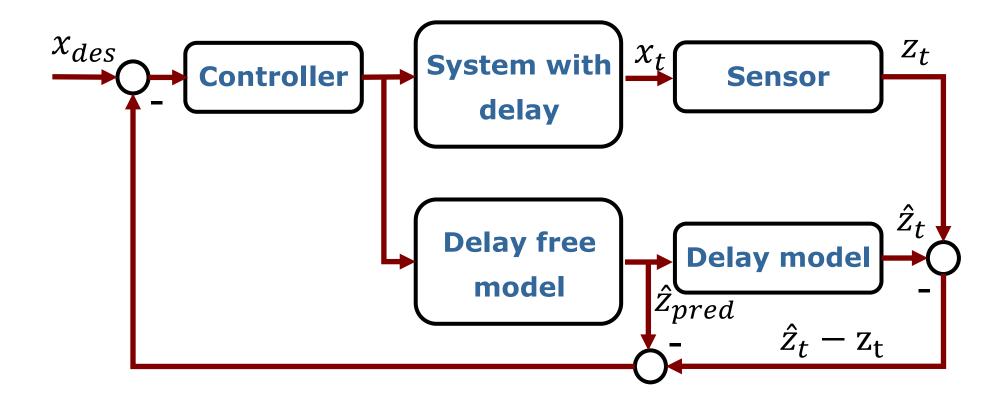


Delays

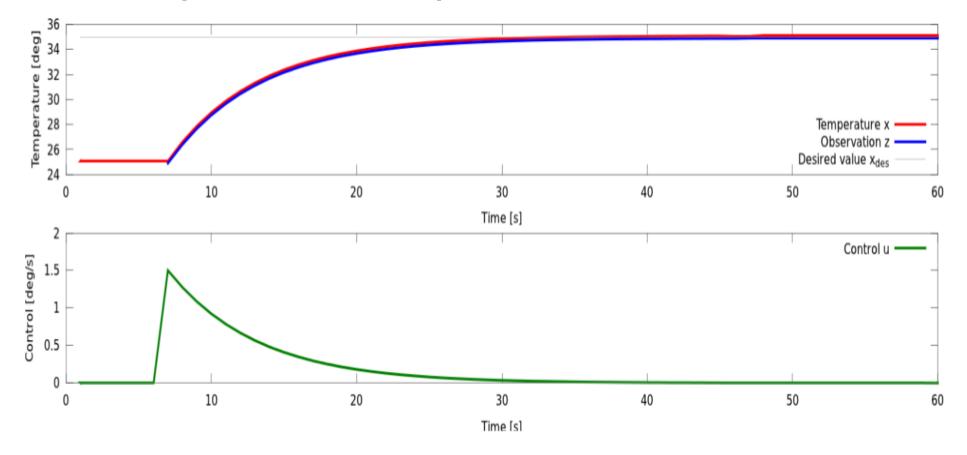
- What is the total "dead time"?
- Can we distinguish delays caused due to measurement or actuation?



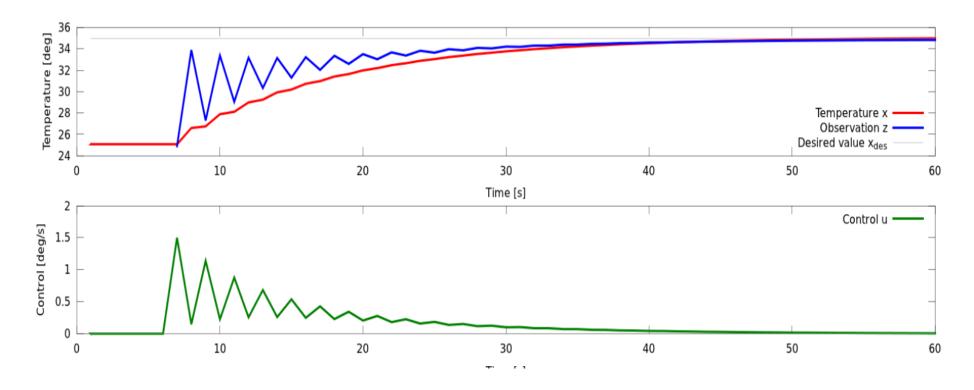
- Allows to use higher gains
- Requires accurate system model



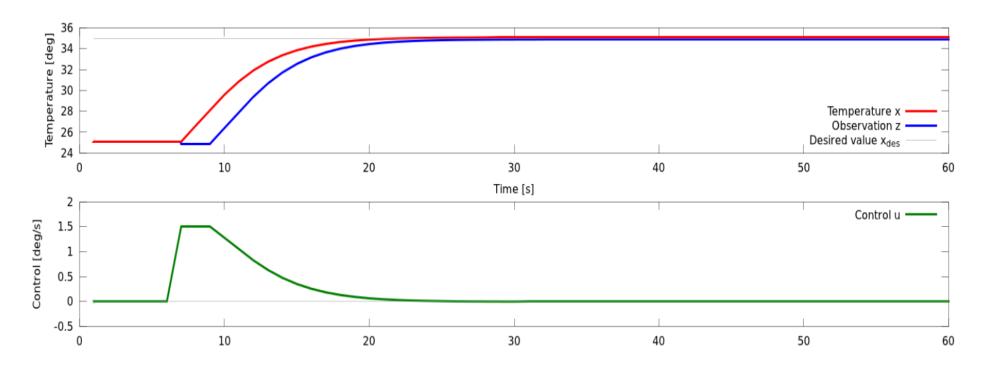
- Assume: Known system & delay model
- Results in perfect compensation



- Delay and plant model is not known accurately or is time-varying
- What if delay is overestimated?



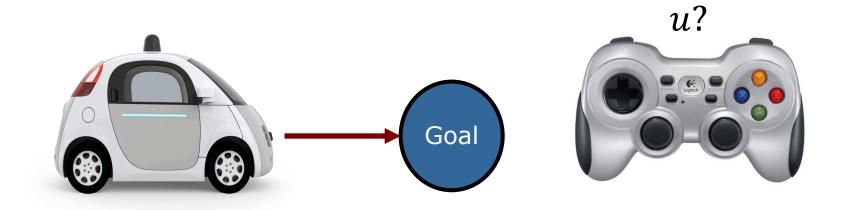
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Position Control

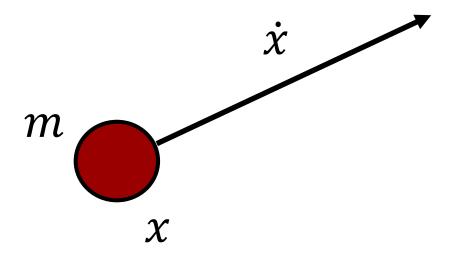
Motivation: Position control

- Move the robot to the desired goal location x_{des}
- How to generate the suitable control signal u?
- Robot location estimated via sensor measurements z



Kinematics of a rigid body

- Consider the robot as a point mass
- Moving freely in 1D space



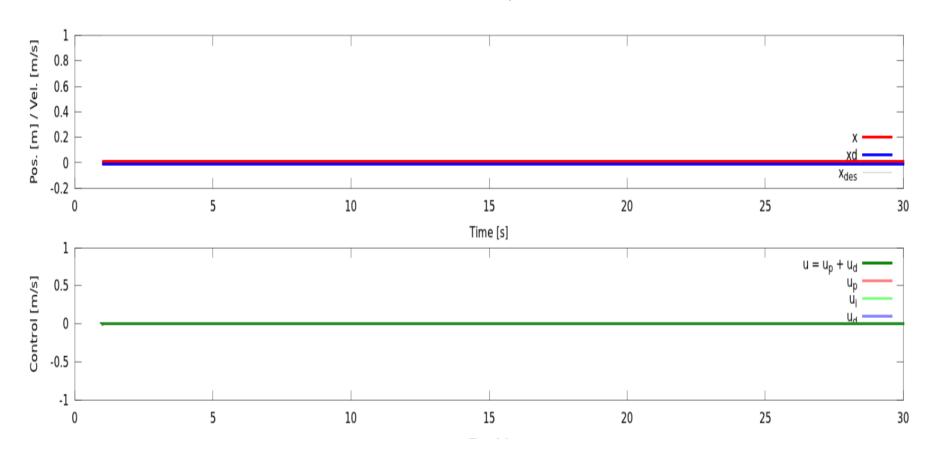
Kinematics of a rigid body

System model :

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + \dot{x}\Delta t$$

• Initial state:

$$x_0 = 0, \dot{x}_0 = 0$$



Position Control Task

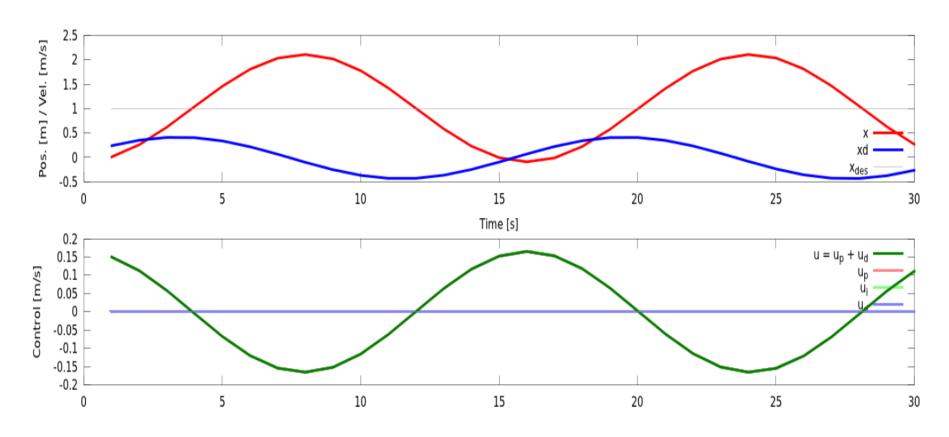
• Position control task is to reach the desired position $x_{des} = 1$ and stop there

lacktriangle At each time instant, we apply a control u_t

What will happen with P control?

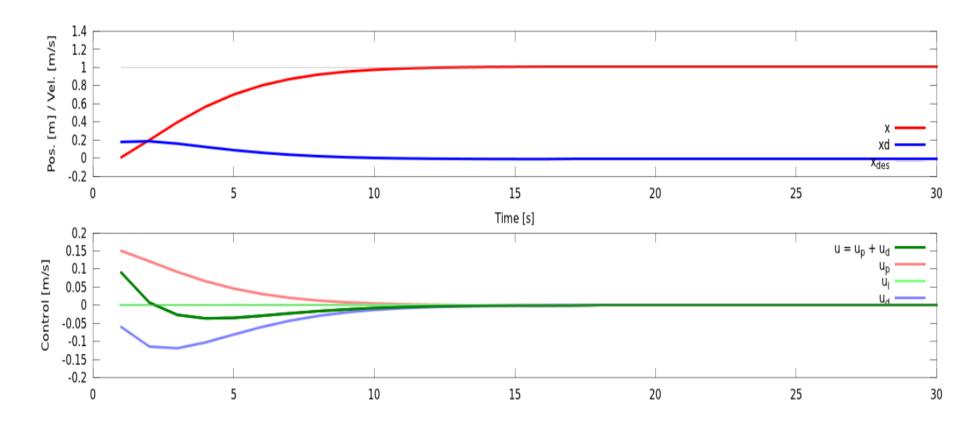
Proportional control law

$$u_t = K_p(x_{des} - x_t)$$



Proportional-derivative control law

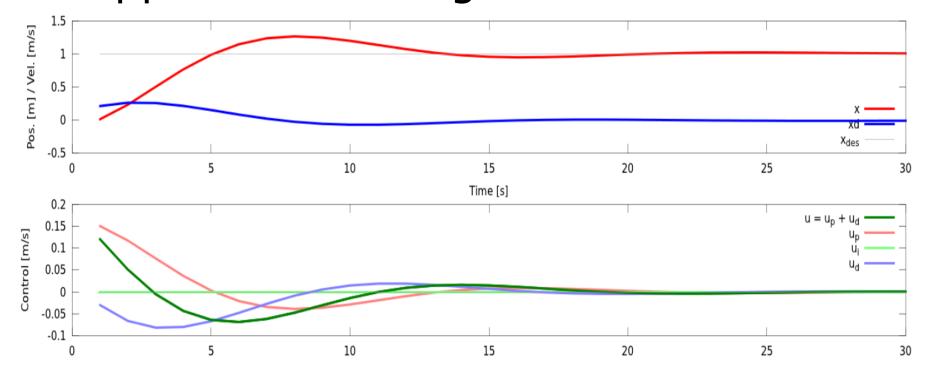
$$u_t = K_p(x_{des} - x_t) + K_D(\dot{x}_{des} - \dot{x}_t)$$



Proportional-derivative control law

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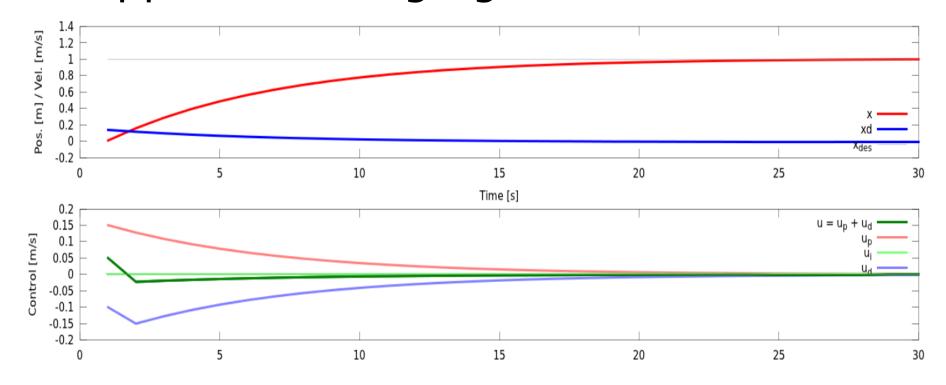
What happens with low gains?



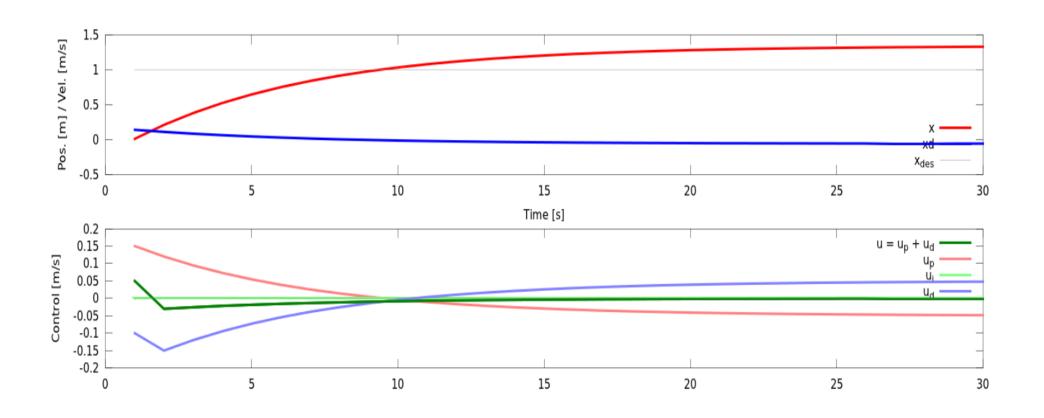
Proportional-derivative control law

$$u_t = K_p(x_{des} - x_t) + K_D(\dot{x}_{des} - \dot{x}_t)$$

What happens with high gains?



- What happens when there is a systematic bias?
- Ex: gravity is not considered in our drone model



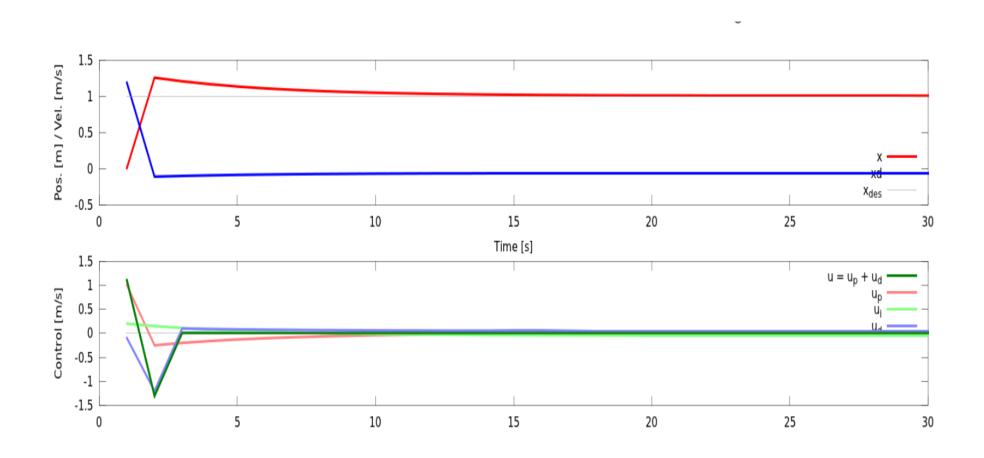
- Idea: Estimate the systematic error ...
 - Also known as steady-state error

$$u_{t} = K_{p}(x_{des} - x_{t}) + K_{D}(\dot{x}_{des} - \dot{x}_{t})$$

$$+K_{I} \int_{0}^{t} (x_{des} - x_{t}) dt$$

PID Controller

• **Idea:** Estimate the systematic error ...



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$$+K_{I} \int_{0}^{t} (x_{des} - x_{t}) dt$$

- Reasonable for steady state system
- May be dangerous to error build up (wind-up effect)

PID Control - Summary

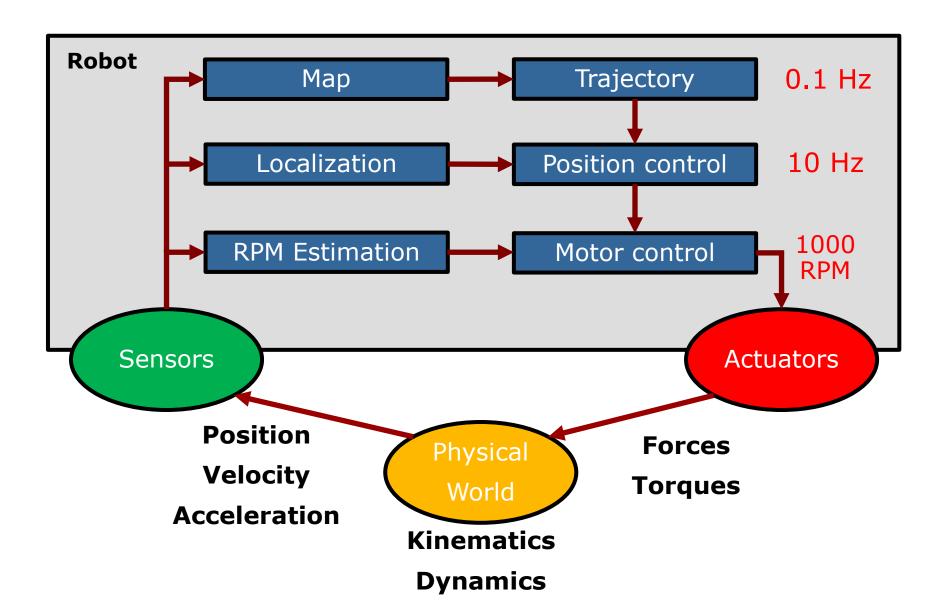
- P = simple proportional control, sufficient in most cases.
- PD = reduce overshoot (e.g. when acceleration can be controlled)
- PI = compensate for systematic error/bias
- PID = combination of the above properties.

PID Controller Demo

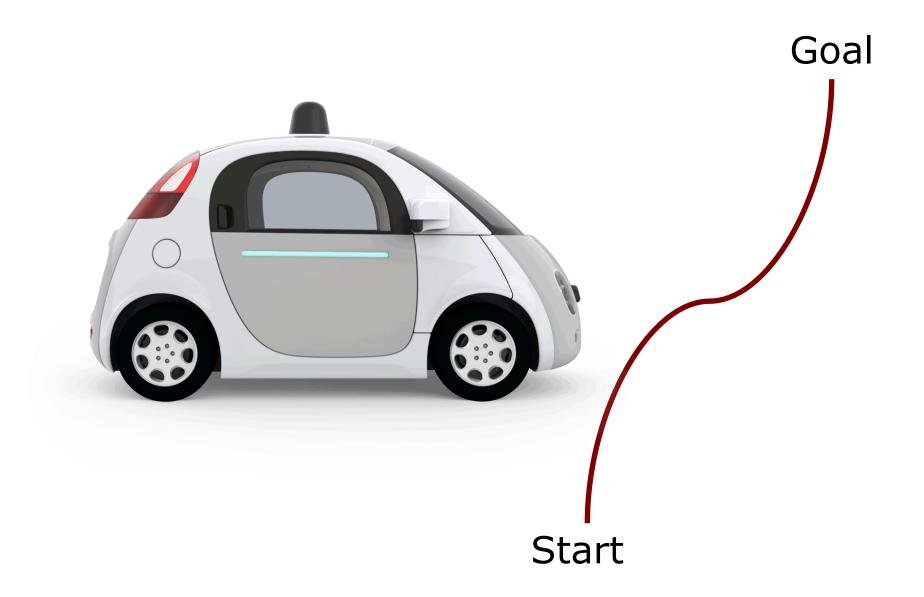
This is a physical demonstration of a PID controller controlling the angular position of the shaft of a DC motor. It was designed as a teaching tool to show the effects of proportional, integral, and derivative control schemes as well as the effect of saturation, anti-windup, and controller update rate on stability, overshoot, and steady state error. Enjoy!

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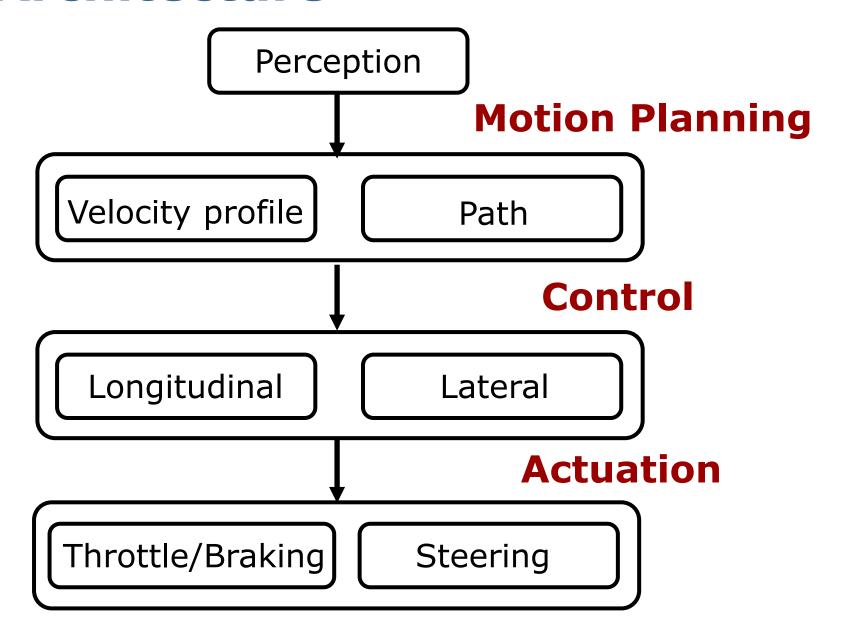
Cascaded control



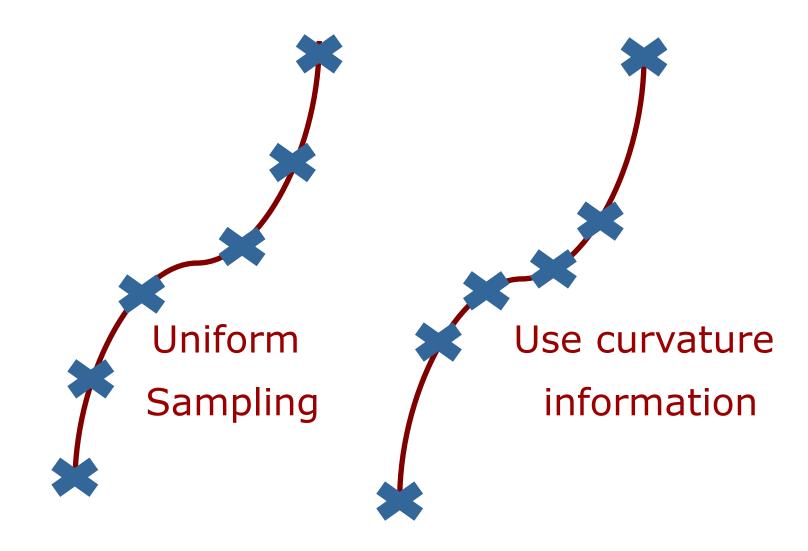
Application: Tracking Trajectory



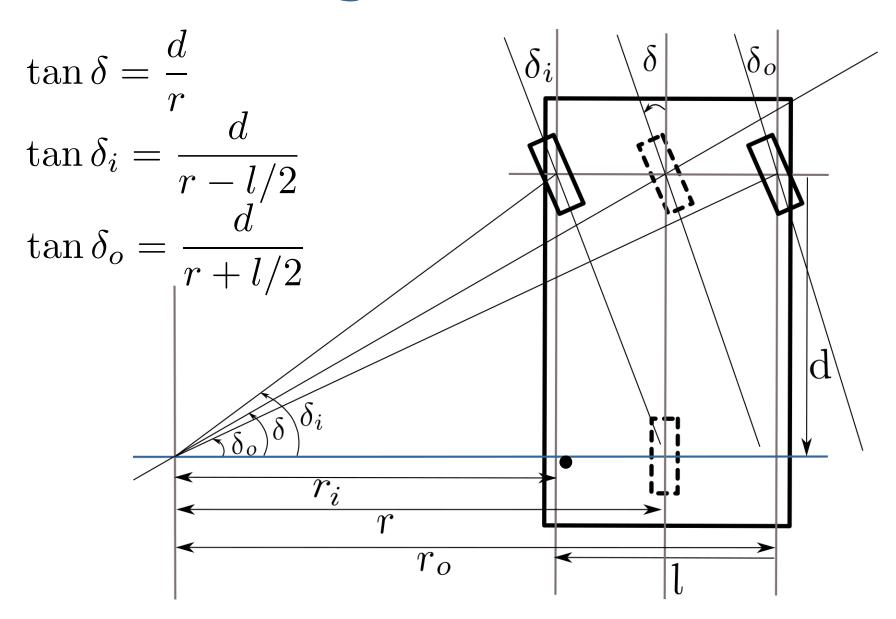
Control Architecture



Trajectory generation



Ackermann Steering



Vehicle Kinematics

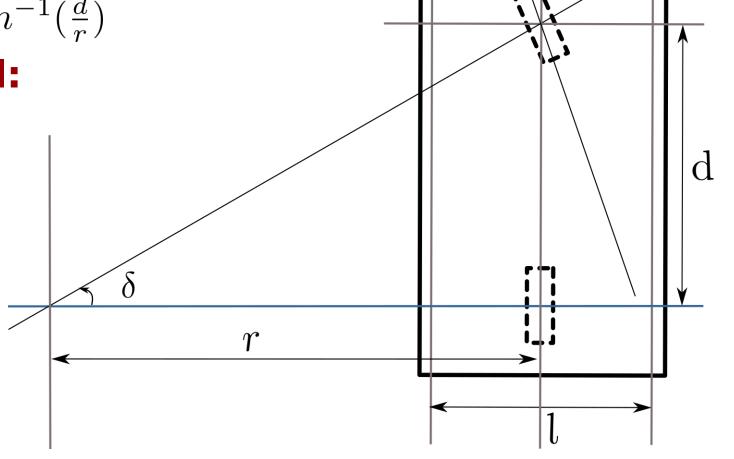
State:

$$[x, y, \theta, \delta]^T$$

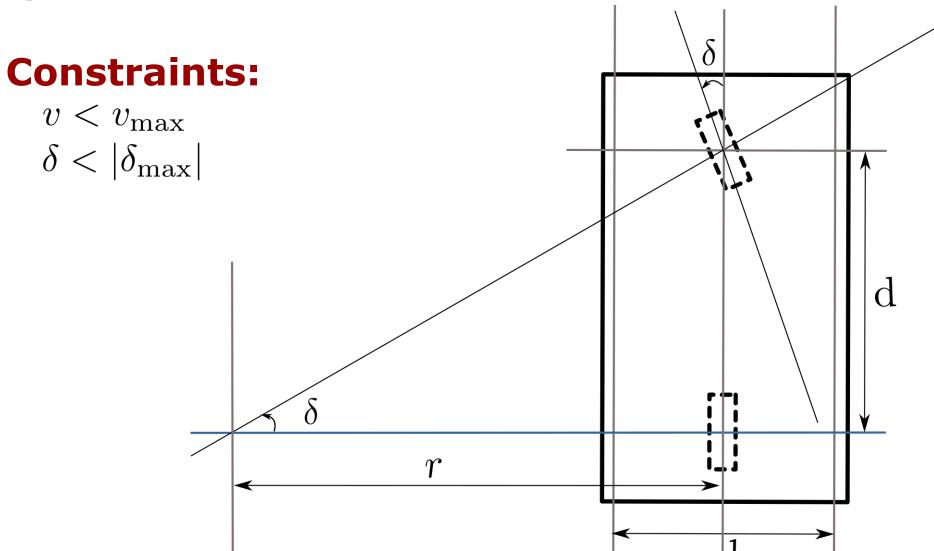
$$\delta = tan^{-1}(\frac{d}{r})$$

Control:

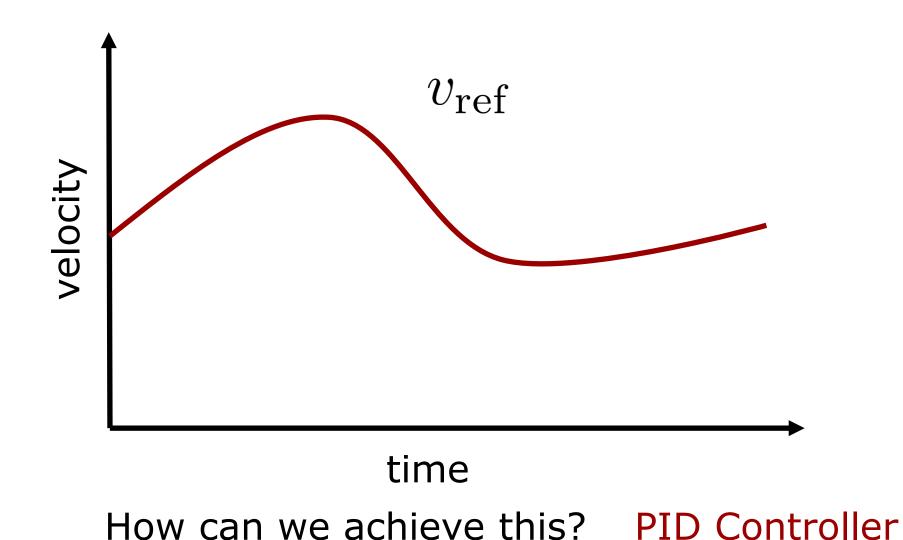
$$[v,\dot{\delta}]^T$$



Control

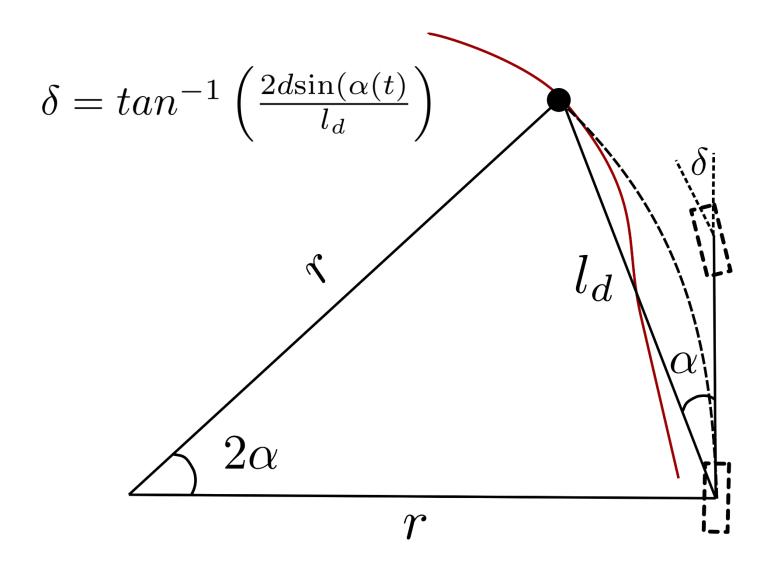


Longitudinal Control



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Lateral Control

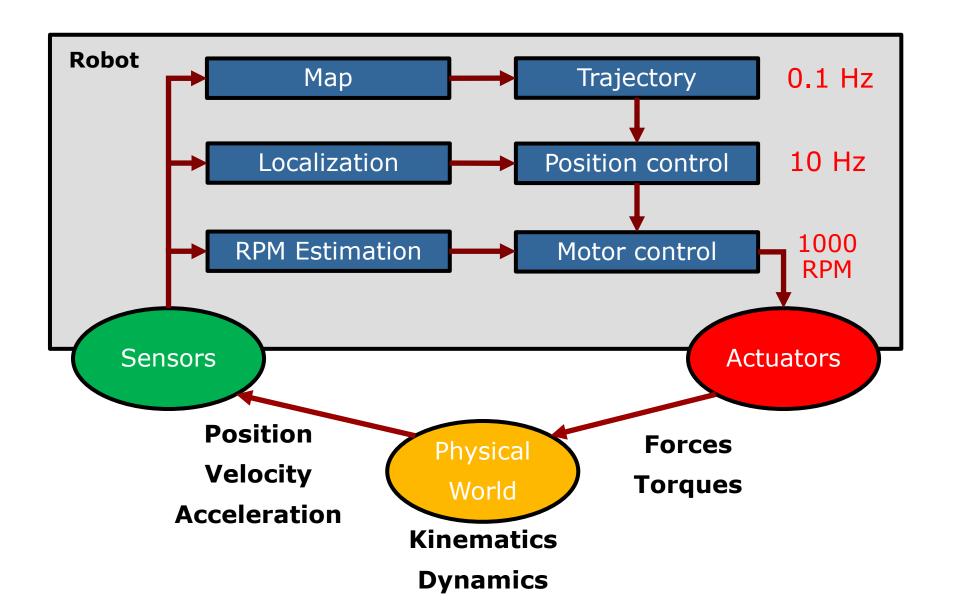


Control in action



Stata Basement Loop in ~35 seconds Implemented By Corey Walsh http://racecar.mit.edu

Cascaded control



Control design goals

- Accuracy
- Safety
- Robustness
- Response time
- Maintenance
- And other application specific goals ...

Advanced control techniques

- Optimal control
- Linear Quadratic regulator (LQR)
- Robust control
- Adaptive control
- Failsafe control
- Learning based control
- Many more techniques ...

Optimal Control

- Find the controller gives the best performance.
- How to measure performance?
- What would be a good performance measure?
 - Minimize the error?
 - Minimize the controls necessary?
 - Combination of both?

Linear Quadratic Regulator

Discrete-time linear system

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

Quadratic cost function

$$J = \sum (x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k)$$

• Goal: Finds the control with the lowest cost.

Non-Linear Control

- What if the system has non-linear dynamics?
- Solving a non-linear optimization problem is typically expensive
- Linearize the system and solve as LQR
- Solve non-linear optimization problem for a short horizon
- Results in Model Predictive Controller (MPC)

Non-Linear Control Example



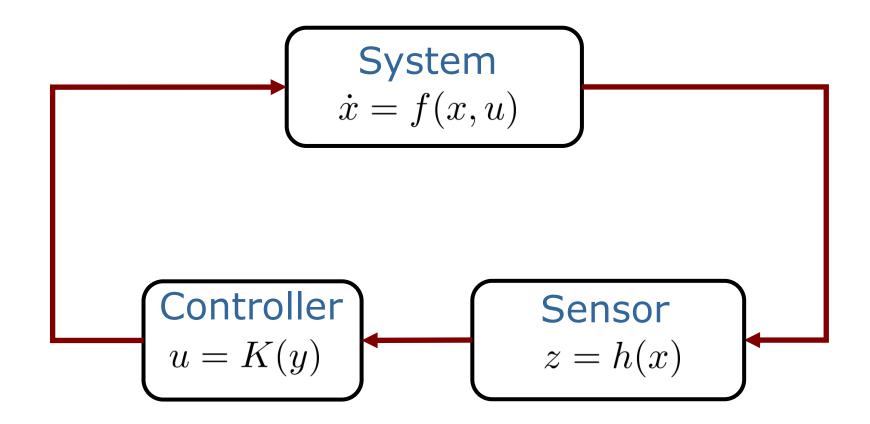
Adaptive control

- Idea: change the control law by estimating system parameter and update it in real time.
- Adapt coefficients based on meta-observations.
- Deals with time varying/uncertain parameters.
- Ex: Decrease in airplane as the mass decreases due to fuel consumption

Robust control

- Idea: Design that explicitly takes uncertainty into account.
- Define a bound for the uncertainty in model parameters.
- Control law guarantees stability as long as the uncertainty is within the bounds.
- But the control law is static unlike adaptive control.

Learning based Control



Learning with experience

Learning to follow a trajectory Quadrocopters improve over time





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Learning from simulations



Failsafe control

Quadrocopter failsafe algorithm: recovery after propeller loss





Summary

- Motors and low level controllers
- Feedback control
- PID Controller
- Path following control
- Some advanced control techniques

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