Exercises:

1. Energy storages.

2. Electric water heater.

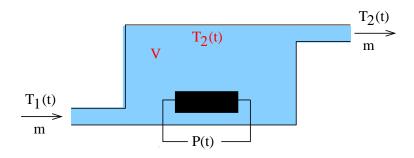


Figure 1: Electric water heater

The energy balance

$$\mathcal{P}(t) + cm(t)T_1(t) - cm(t)T_2(t) - K[T_2(t) - T_o(t)] = cV\rho \dot{T}_2(t)$$

Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{P}(s) + cmT_1(s) - cmT_2(s) - K[T_2(s) - T_o(s)] = cVs\rho\dot{T}_2(s)$$

Transfer functions

$$T(s) = \left[\mathcal{P}(s) + cmT_1(s) + KT_o(s) \right] \cdot \frac{1}{Vc\rho s + mc + K}$$

3. Model of building.

On the figure is shown a simplified model of a room with a heater. It is assumed that the room temperature is T_r , wall temperature is T_w , ambient temperature is T_a and the heater temperature is T_h .

• In steady state the heater gives 2000 W, $T_h = 80$ °C, $T_r = 25$ °C, $T_w = 18$ °C and $T_a = 10$ °C. It is assumed that the heat transfers are convective. Find expressions for \mathcal{P}_{hr} , \mathcal{P}_{rw} and \mathcal{P}_{wa} .

$$A_{hr}\alpha_{hr} = \frac{2000}{80 - 25} = 36.4 \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{hr} = A_{hr}\alpha_{hr}(T_h - T_r)$$

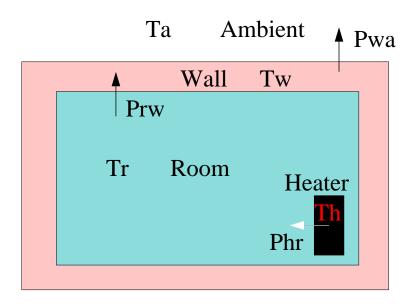


Figure 2: Room model

$$A_{rw}\alpha_{rw} = \frac{2000}{25 - 18} = 286 \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{rw} = A_{rw}\alpha_{rw}(T_r - T_w)$$
$$A_{wa}\alpha_{wa} = \frac{2000}{18 - 10} = 250 \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{wa} = A_{wa}\alpha_{wa}(T_w - T_a)$$

• Write the energy balances.

Room:

$$c_{air}M_{air}\dot{T}_r(t) = \mathcal{P}_{hr}(t) - A_{rw}\alpha_{rw}(T_r(t) - T_w(t))$$

Wall:

$$c_w M_w \dot{T}_w(t) = A_{rw} \alpha_{rw} (T_r(t) - T_w(t)) - A_{wa} \alpha_{wa} (T_w(t) - T_a)$$

• It is assumed that the ambient temperature is constant, and it is possible to control \mathcal{P}_{hr} . The heat capacity of the wall is 100 times the heat capacity of the room. Find a (linear) transfer function from $T_h(s)$ to $T_r(s)$. How do the step response look and why?

Linearisation and Laplace transform gives (the variables are now small signals):

$$c_{air} M_{air} s T_r(s) = \mathcal{P}_{hr}(s) - A_{rw} \alpha_{rw} (T_r(s) - T_w(s))$$
$$c_w M_w s T_w(s) = A_{rw} \alpha_{rw} (T_r(s) - T_w(s)) - A_{wa} \alpha_{wa} T_w(s)$$

Eliminating $T_w(s)$ from the equations we find:

$$T_r(s) = \frac{c_{air}M_{air}s + A_{rw}\alpha_{rw} + A_{wa}\alpha_{wa}}{c_{air}M_{air}c_wM_ws^2 + [c_{air}M_{air}(A_{rw}\alpha_{rw} + A_{wa}\alpha_{wa}) + c_wM_wA_{rw}\alpha_{rw}]s + A_{rw}\alpha_{rw}A_{wa}\alpha_{wa}} \mathcal{P}_{hr}$$

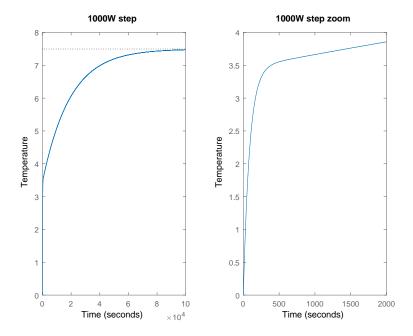


Figure 3: Step response

It is seen that the room temperature raises very quickly due to the low air heat capacity; then the room temperature must heat up the wall.

• Formulate a linear model in state space, $T_h(t)$ and $T_a(t)$ are inputs.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{T}_r \\ \dot{T}_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{A_{rw}\alpha_{rw}}{c_{air}M_{air}} & \frac{A_{rw}\alpha_{rw}}{c_{air}M_{air}} & -\frac{A_{rw}\alpha_{rw}}{c_{air}M_{air}} \\ -\frac{A_{rw}\alpha_{rw}+A_{wa}\alpha_{wa}}{c_wM_w} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_r \\ T_w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{c_{air}M_{air}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{A_{wa}\alpha_{wa}}{c_wM_w} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{P}_{hr} \\ T_a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_r \\ T_w \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Model of a boiler.

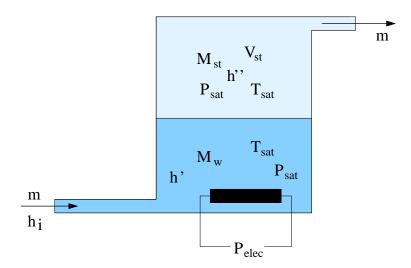


Figure 4: Electric boiler

• Explain why the energy balance is

$$\frac{d(M_w h' + M_{st} h'')}{dt} = m(h_i - h'') + \mathcal{P}_{elec}$$
(1)

- Put $M_{st} = \rho_{st} \cdot V_{st}$ in the equation. Which terms are dependent on the saturation temperature?
- Use the chain rule and the rule

$$\frac{d[f(T(t))]}{dt} = \frac{d[f(T(t))]}{dT(t)} \frac{dT(t)}{dt}$$
 (2)

to find a non-linear state description of the system, where $T_{sat}(t)$ is the state.

$$\begin{split} &\frac{d(M_wh' + M_{st}h'')}{dt} = \frac{d(M_wh' + V_{st}\rho''h'')}{dt} = M_w \frac{d(h')}{dt} + V_{st} \frac{d(\rho_{st}h'')}{dt} \\ &= M_w \frac{d(h'(T_{sat}(t)))}{dt} + V_{st}\rho''(T_{sat}(t)) \frac{d(h''(T_{sat}(t)))}{dt} + V_{st}h''(T_{sat}(t)) \frac{d(\rho''(T_{sat}(t)))}{dt} \\ &= M_w \frac{d(h'(T_{sat}(t)))}{dT_{sat}(t)} \frac{dT_{sat}(t)}{dt} + V_{st}\rho''(T_{sat}(t)) \frac{d(h''(T_{sat}(t)))}{dT_{sat}(t)} \frac{dT_{sat}(t)}{dt} \\ &+ V_{st}h''(T_{sat}(t)) \frac{d(\rho''(T_{sat}(t)))}{dT_{sat}(t)} \frac{dT_{sat}(t)}{dt} \\ &= \underbrace{[M_w \frac{d(h'(T_{sat}(t)))}{dT_{sat}(t)} + V_{st}\rho''(T_{sat}(t)) \frac{d(h''(T_{sat}(t)))}{dT_{sat}(t)} + V_{st}h''(T_{sat}(t)) \frac{d(\rho''(T_{sat}(t)))}{dT_{sat}(t)}]}_{=E} \frac{dT_{sat}(t)}{dt} \\ &= m(t)(h_i - h''(T_{sat}(t))) + \mathcal{P}_{elec}(t) \Rightarrow \\ E \frac{dT_{sat}(t)}{dt} = m(t)(h_i - h''(T_{sat}(t))) \frac{1}{E} + \frac{1}{E}\mathcal{P}_{elec}(t) \end{split}$$

In an operating point E is constant and $h_i - h''(T_{sat}(t))$ is a negative constant so the equation gives

$$\frac{dT_{sat}(t)}{dt} = -m(t)K_1 + K_2 \mathcal{P}_{elec}(t)$$