

# Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering

Feedback Control  
(hidden principle/technology)

# Gyro Boy



# Segue



# Booster Vehicle during Ascent



# Balancing a Stick



# Questions



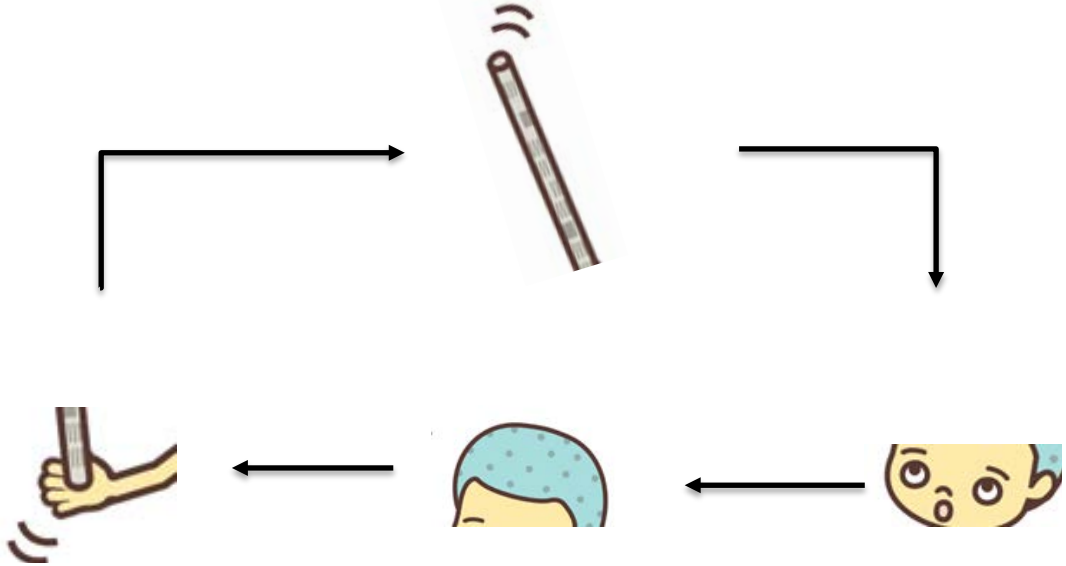
- Which sticks harder to balance?
  - Smaller lengths
- What did the “Balancer” watch?
  - Stick angle
- Did the “Balancer’s” position change?
  - Yes

# “Balancer’s Principal Parts



- Visual system – measure stick angle
- Hand – provides restoring force
- Brain – computes the necessary hand commands

# Balancer in Feedback with Stick





# Gyro Boy's Principal Parts

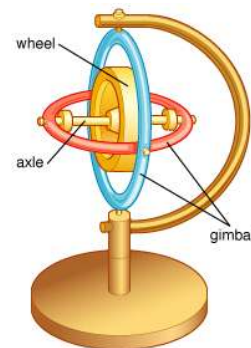


- Gyros – measure imbalance
- Motors – provide restoring force (wheels)
- Computer – computes the necessary motor commands

# Gyro Boy's Gyros



Gyros



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# Gyro Boy's Servo Motors



Motors (servo motors)



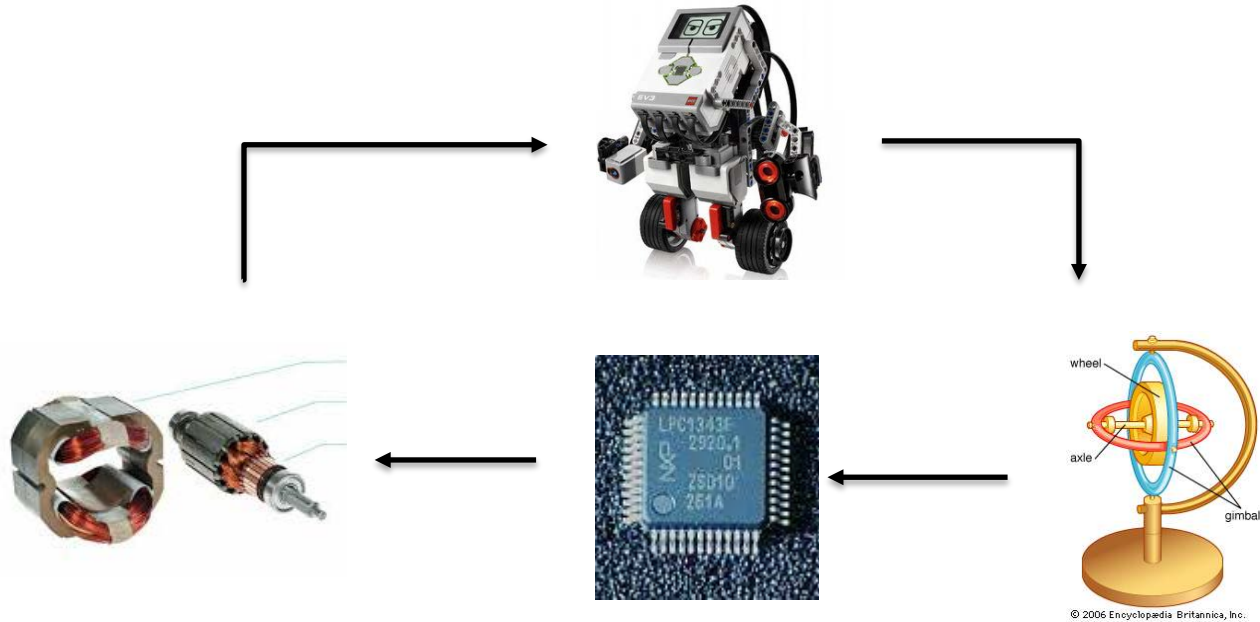
# Gyro Boy's Computer



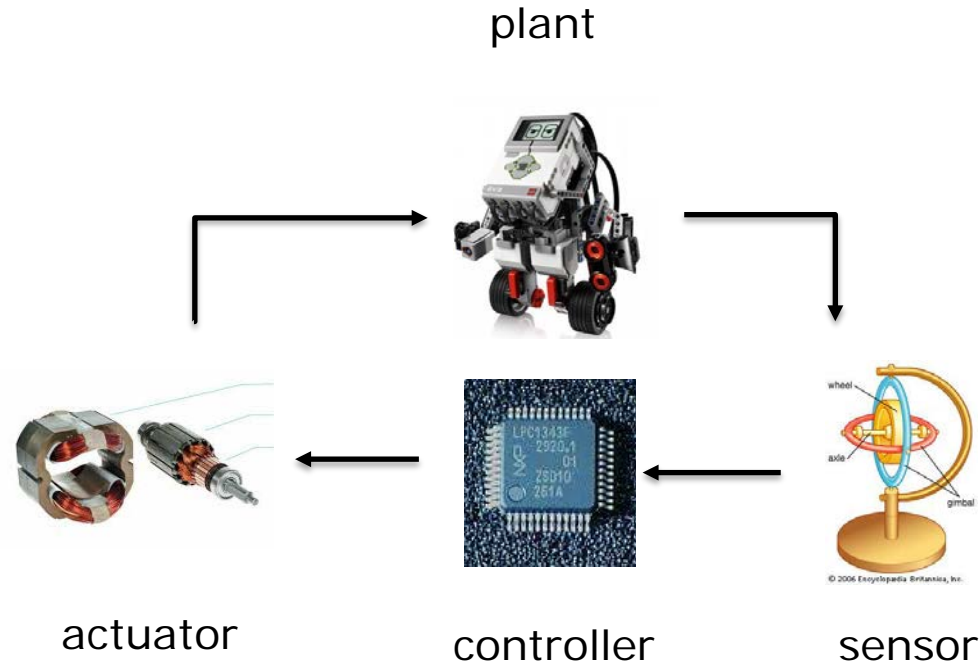
Microcontroller (ARM family)



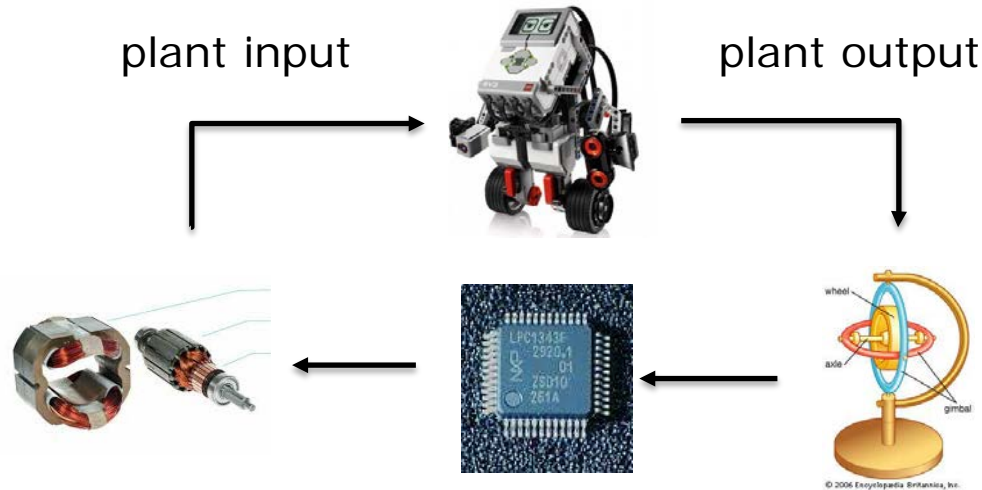
# Gyro Boy's Feedback Loop



# Feedback Loop Jargon

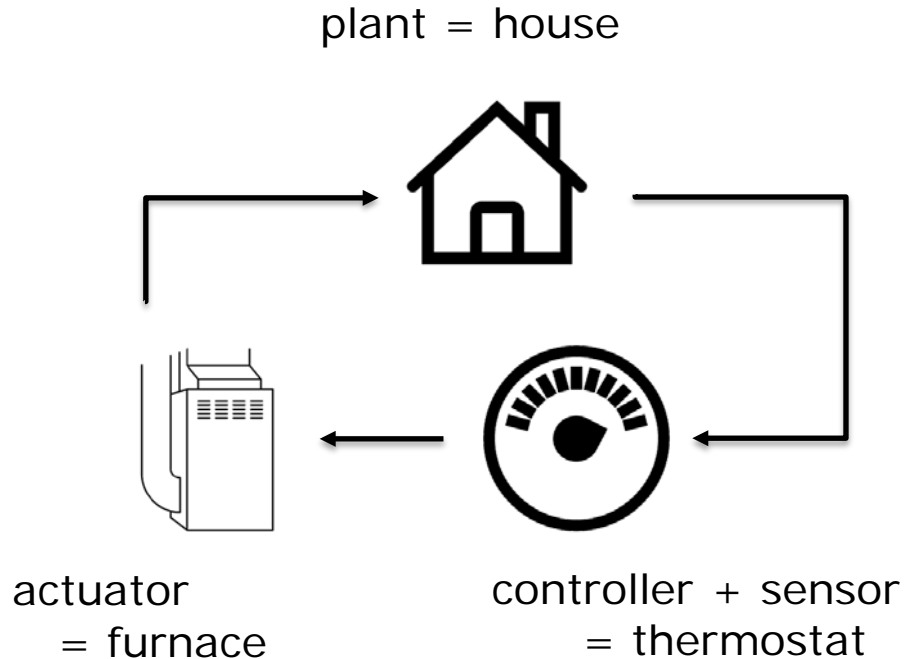


# Feedback Loop Jargon (more)



- plant input = ?  
"force" produced by motors
- plant output = ?  
gyro boy's "tilt angle"

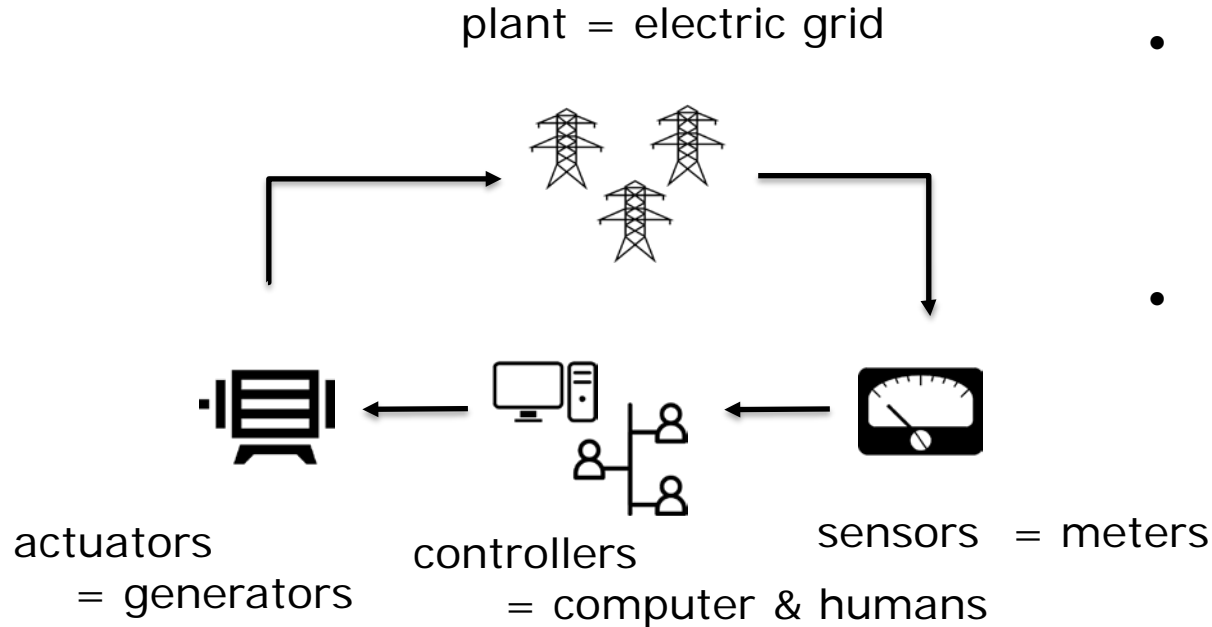
# Example: Home Heating System



- plant input = ?  
"heat" produced and distributed by furnace
- plant output = ?  
house's temperature



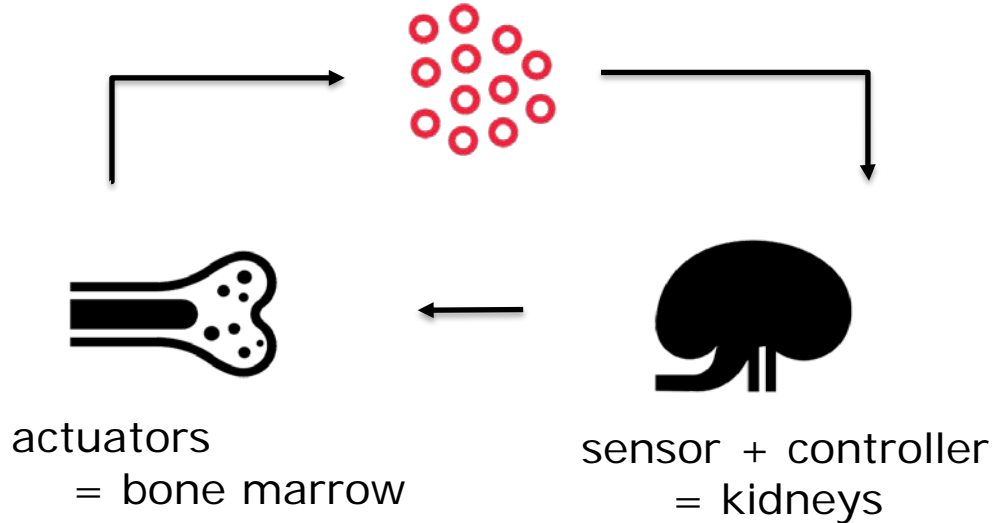
# Example: Electric Grid



- plant input = ?  
“electric power”  
produced by  
generators
- plant output = ?  
“electric power”  
carried by grid &  
delivered to users

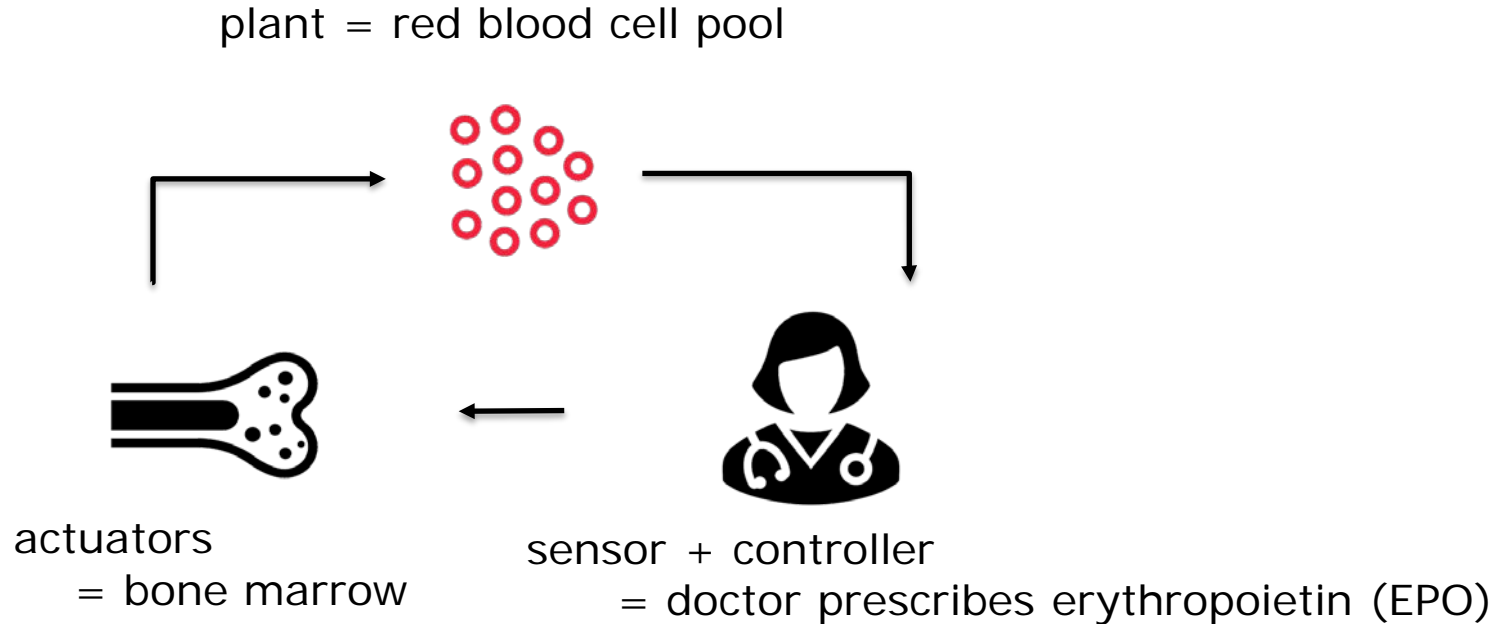
# Example: Blood Oxygen

plant = red blood cell pool

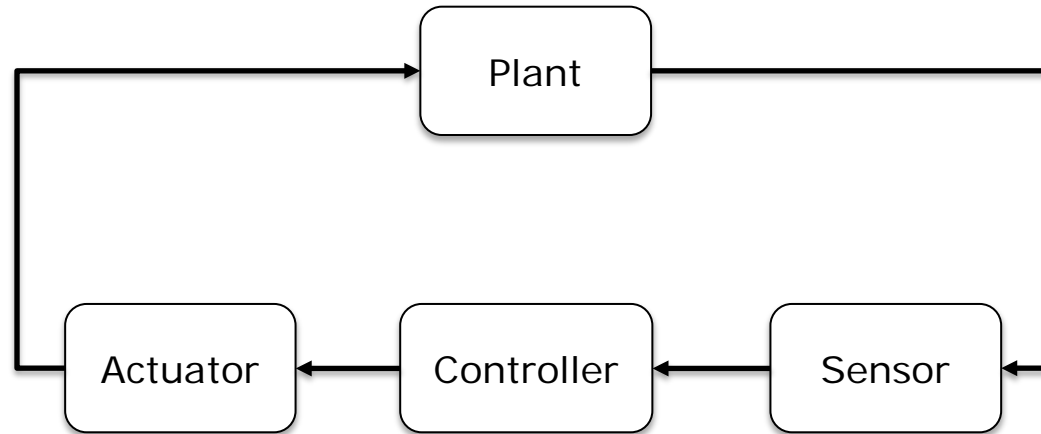


- plant input =  
new red blood cells
- plant output =  
total blood hemoglobin

# Example: Kidney Failure



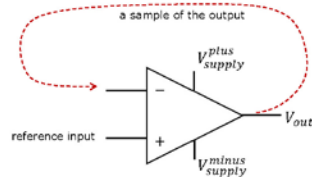
# Standard Feedback Loop Block Diagram



# Challenge: Express “Feedback Amplifier” as a Standard Feedback Loop

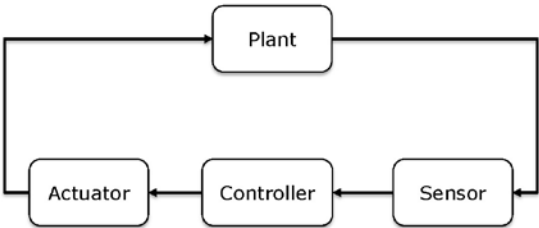
## Adding Feedback to the OpAmp

- Providing a sample of output voltage of the OpAmp, back to its input, is a way that it can be controlled to keep it from reaching its extremes
- This is what is called **feedback control**, and is the topic of next week’s module.



- feedback occurs when you connect part of the output back to the input
- **positive feedback** is when the return path reinforces the input signal
- **negative feedback** is when the return path partially cancels the input signal

## Standard Feedback Loop Block Diagram

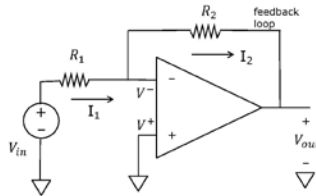


## Basic Op Amp Rules

- There are two basic rules for working with Op Amps **when feedback is used**

- 1.) Voltage  $V^+ = V^-$

- 2.) Current  $I_1 = I_2$

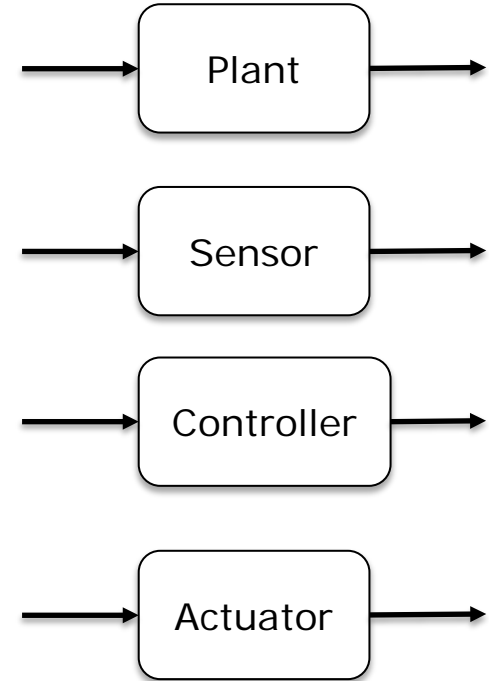
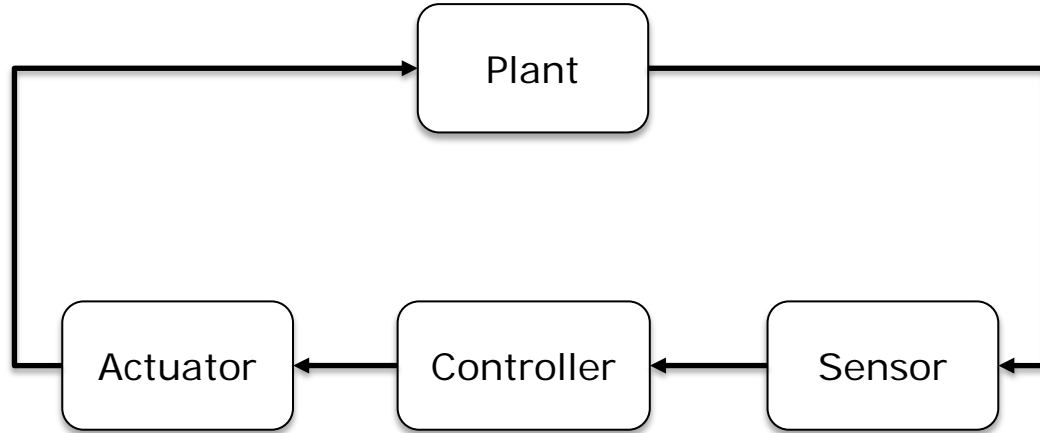


The reasons why these two rules exist, requires some in-depth analysis. This analysis is not part of this course. For now, just assume that these two rules govern the behavior of the Op Amp

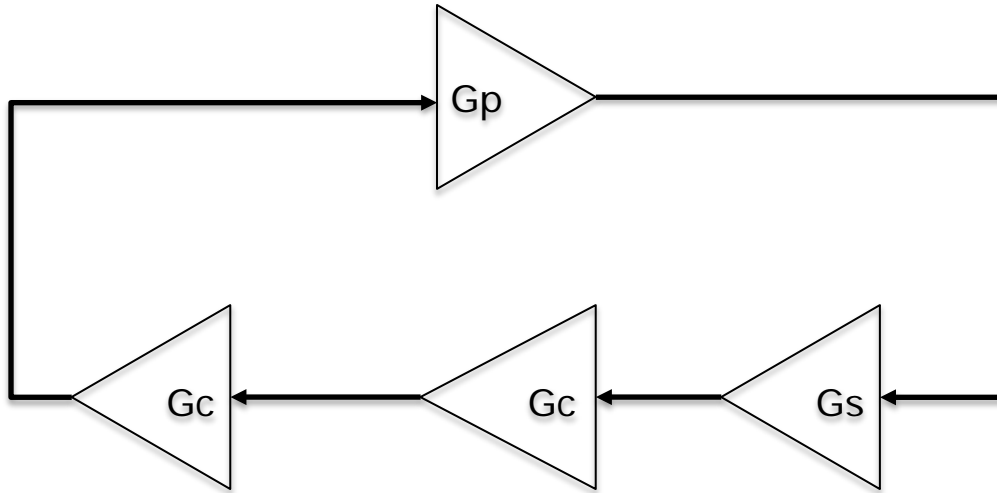
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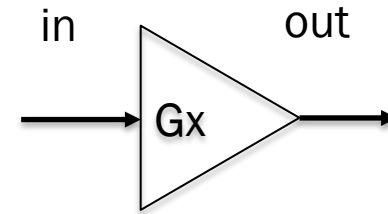
# Systems Blocks



# Example: Blocks are Amplifiers

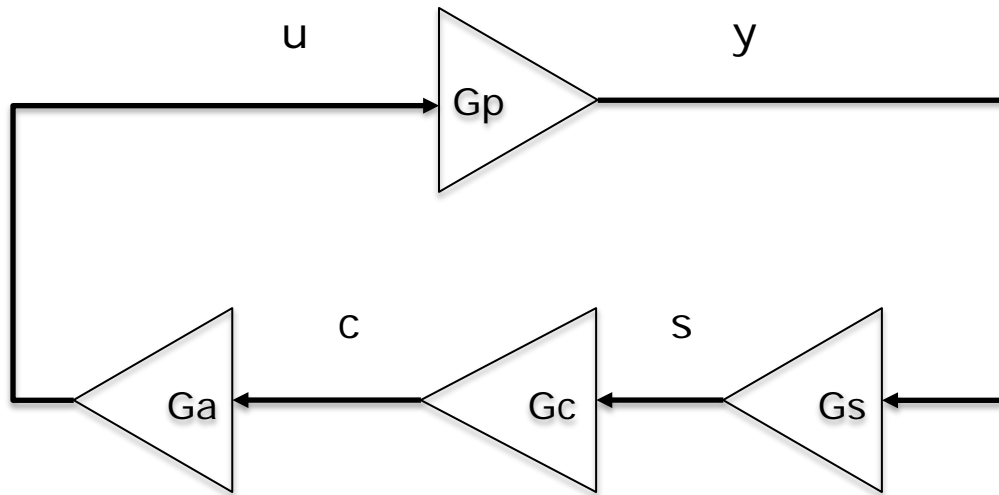


Rule



$$\text{out} = G_x * \text{in}$$

# Basic Feedback Loop Equation



Closed Loop Equations

$$y = G_p * u$$

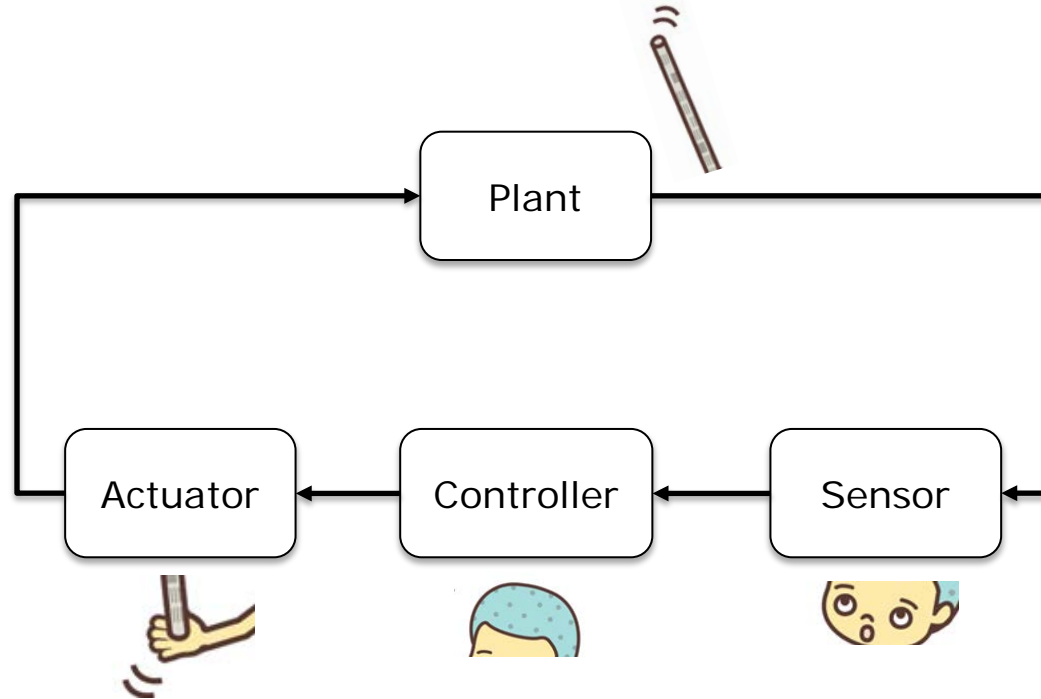
$$s = G_s * y$$

$$c = G_c * s$$

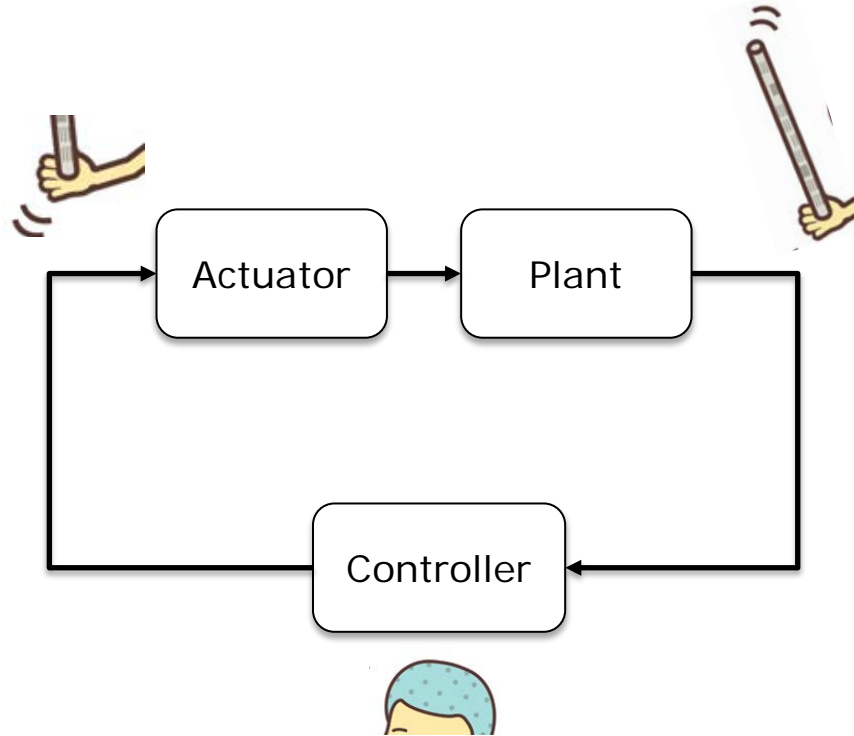
$$u = G_a * c$$



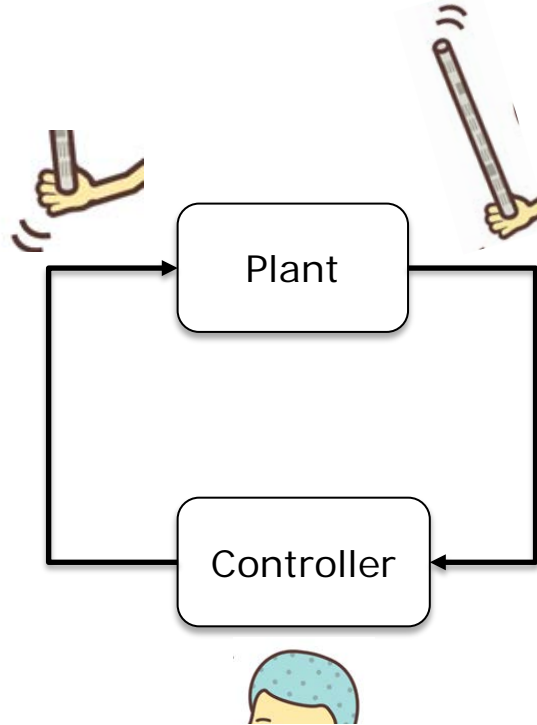
# Feedback Loop – Balancing a Stick



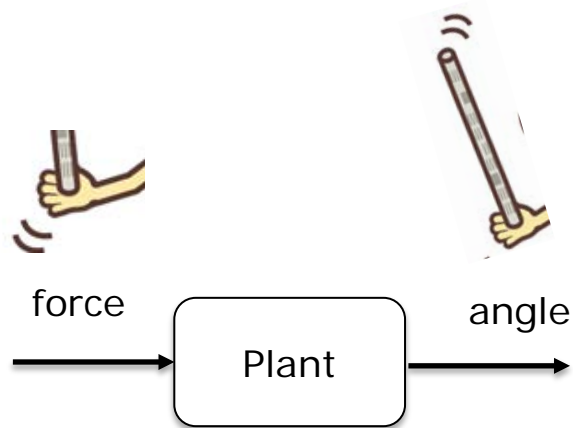
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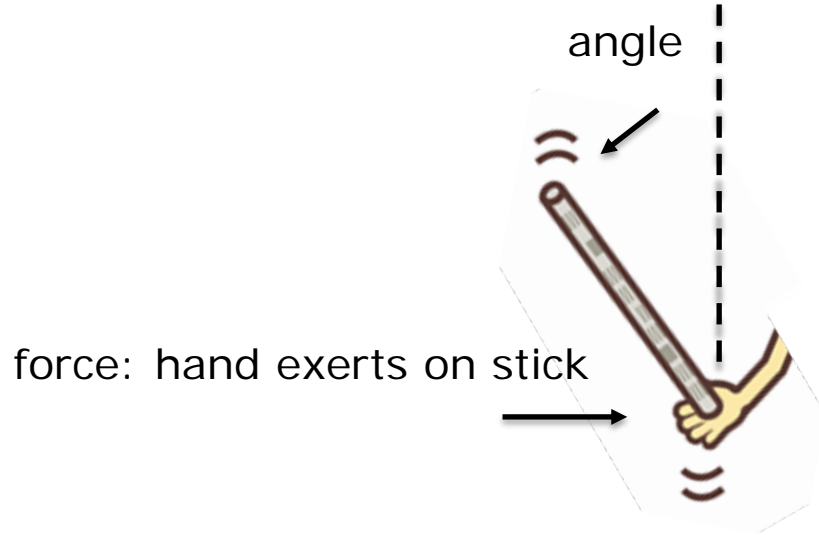
# Feedback Loop – Balancing a Stick - Simplify



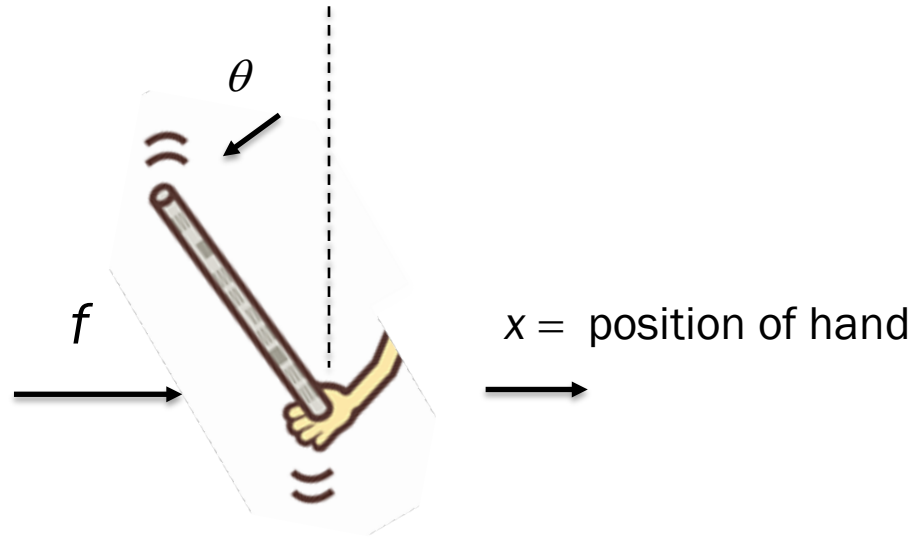
# Modelling the plant



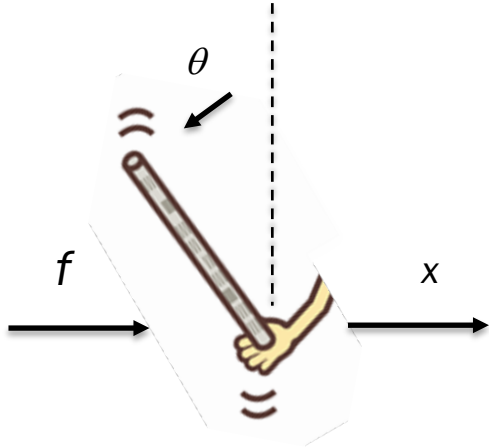
# Modelling the plant



# Motions (rotational & translational)



# Newton's Laws of Motion



$$Ma = \sum \text{forces}; \quad \text{translational}$$

$$Ia = \sum \text{torques}; \quad \text{rotational}$$

# Law of Motion as Differential Equation (D.E.)

$$Ma = \sum \text{forces}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta \text{ velocity}}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \text{velocity}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\Delta \text{ position}}{\Delta t}$$

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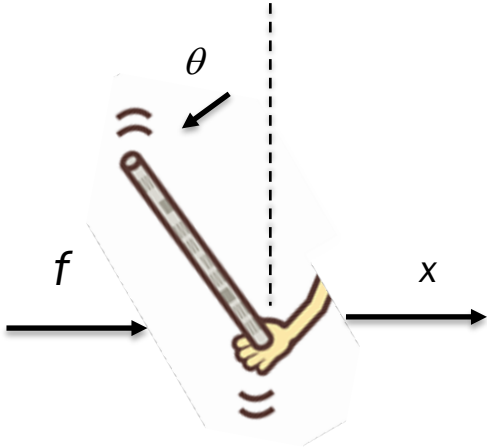
$$= \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x$$

$$\equiv \ddot{x}$$

$$M\ddot{x} = \sum \text{forces}$$



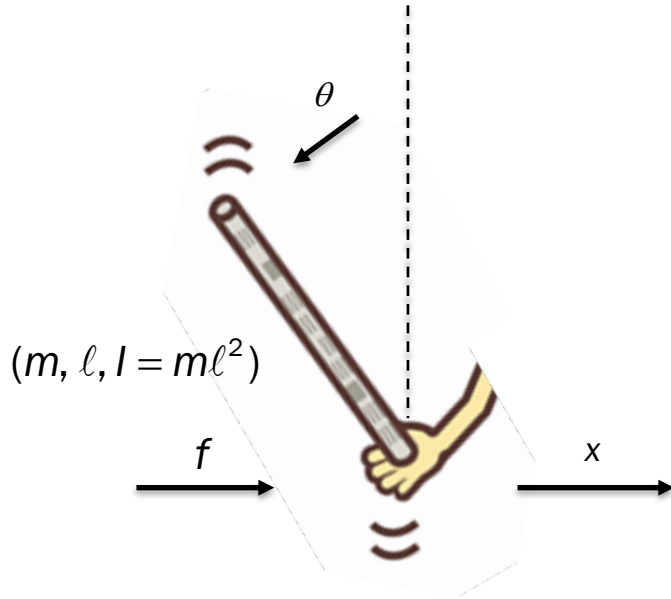
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# D.E. for the Hand-Stick

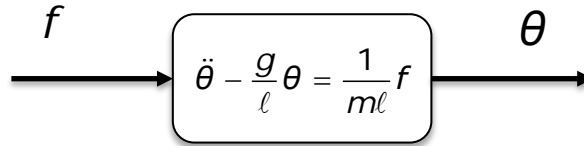
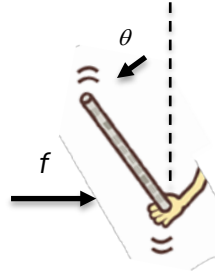


$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{\ell} \theta = \frac{1}{m\ell} f$$

$$\ddot{x} - \frac{g}{\ell} \ddot{x} = \ddot{f} - \frac{2g}{\ell} f$$

$g$  = gravitational acceleration

# D.E. Model of the plant



## D.E. Solution

$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{\ell} \theta = \frac{1}{m\ell} f$$

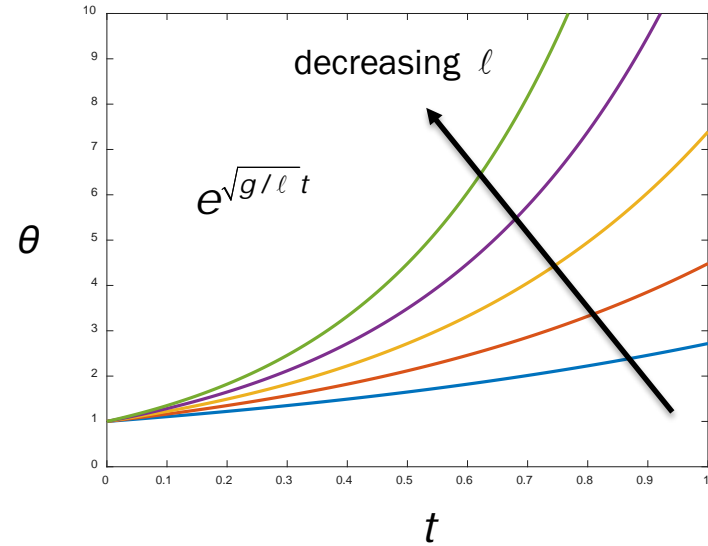
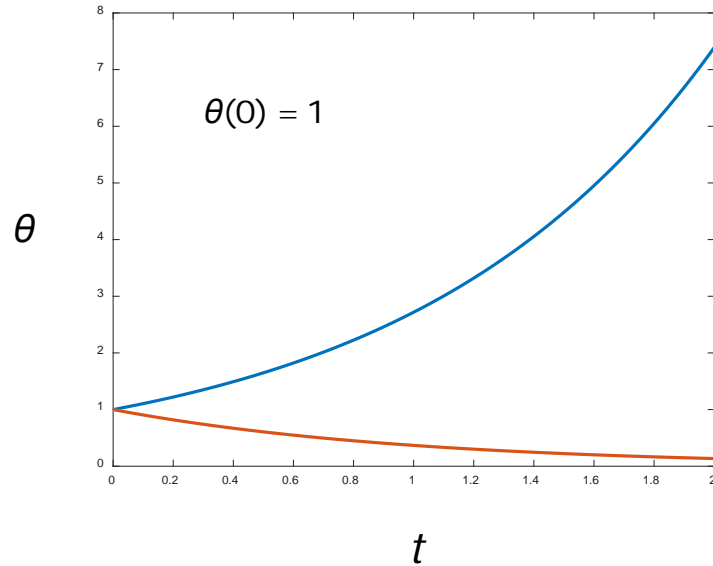
take  $f = 0$

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) - \frac{g}{\ell} \theta(t) = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$$

$$\theta(t) = \frac{\theta(0)}{2} \left( e^{-\sqrt{g/\ell} t} + e^{\sqrt{g/\ell} t} \right)$$

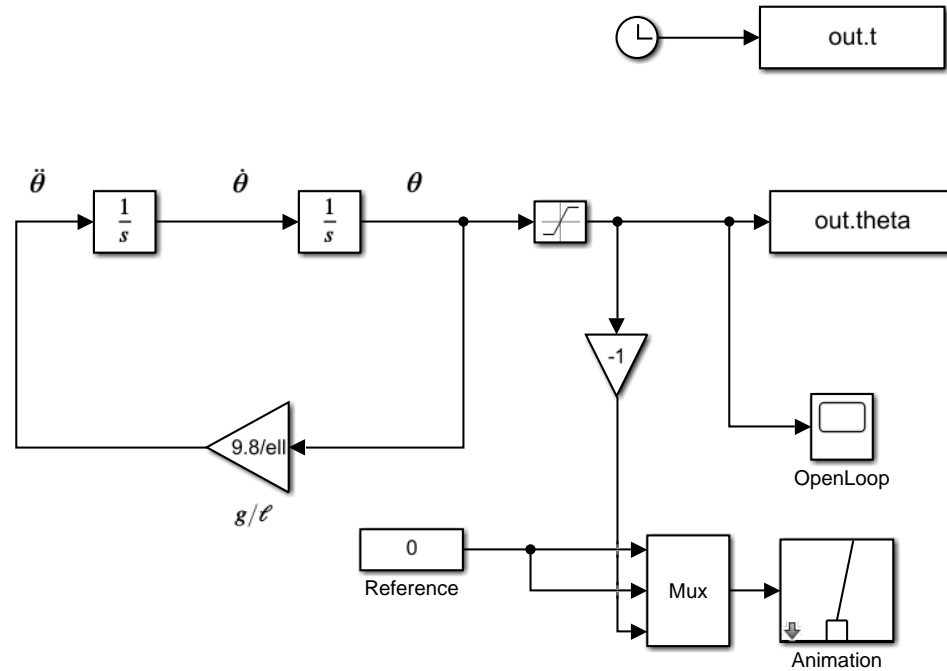
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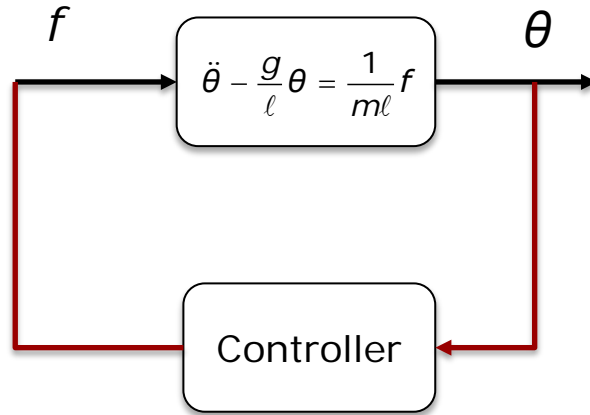
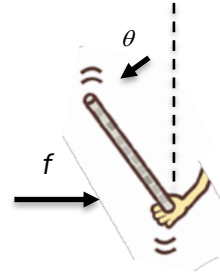


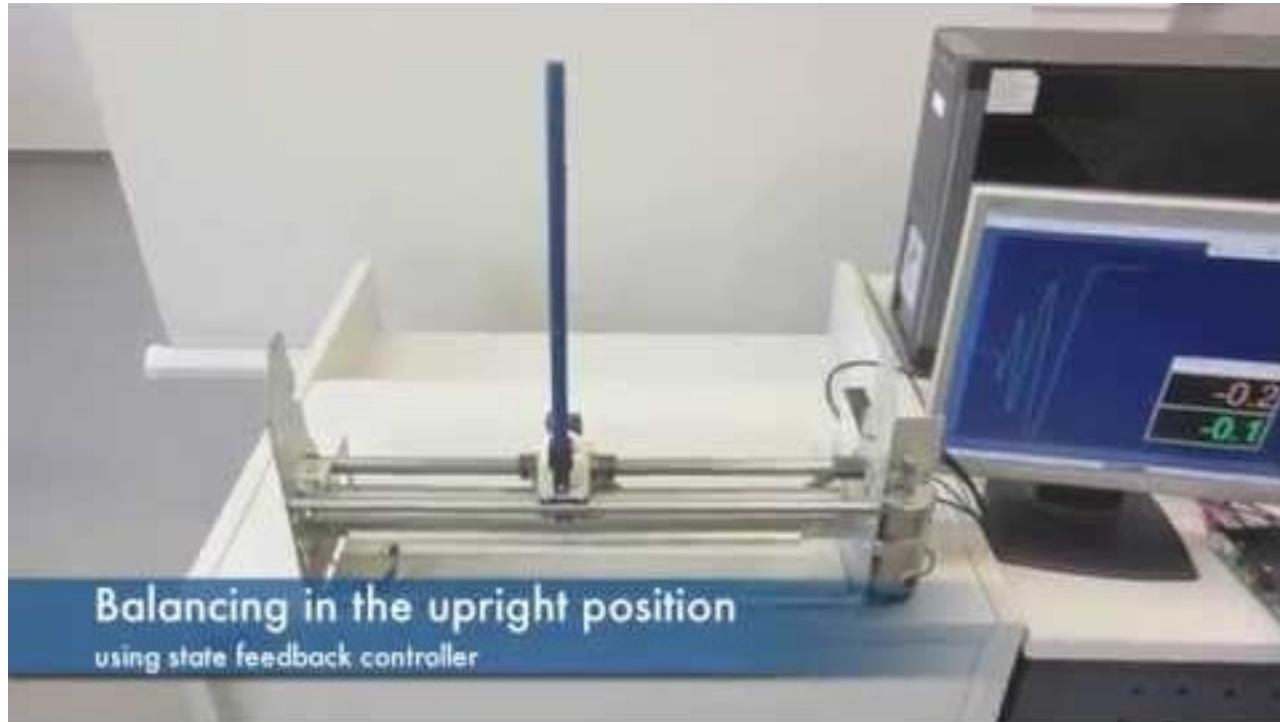
# Simulation

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) - \frac{g}{\ell} \theta(t) = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$$



# Stabilizing the stick

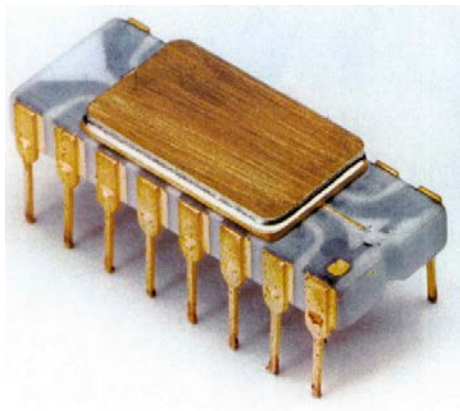








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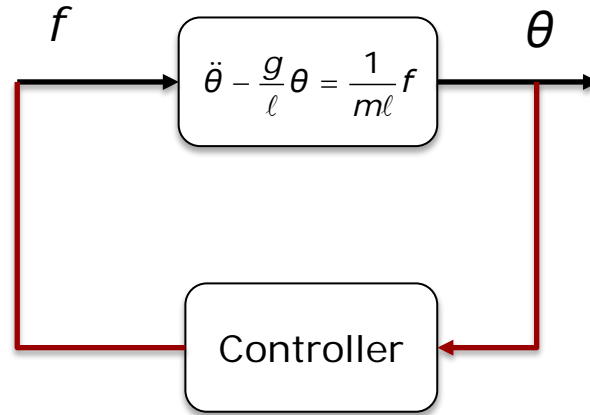
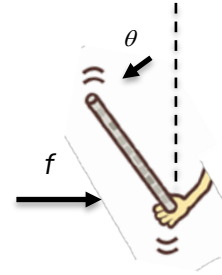


**The Intel 4004 microprocessor, 1971.**  
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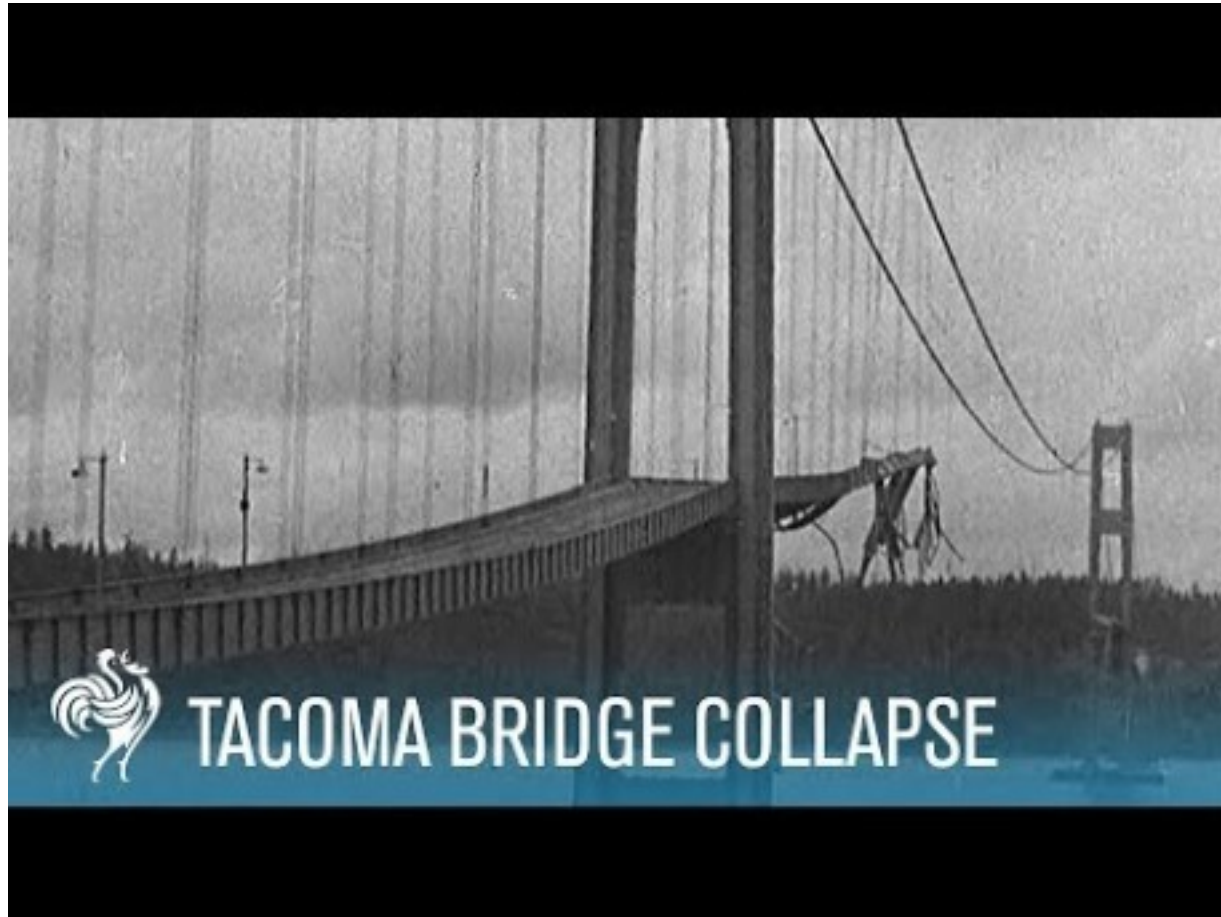
**Intel 4044**  
2.3K transistors  
92K operations/sec

**Apple M1 Max**  
57B transistors  
10.4T flops

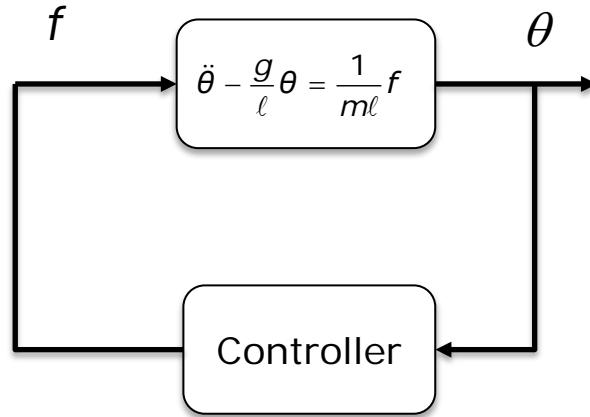
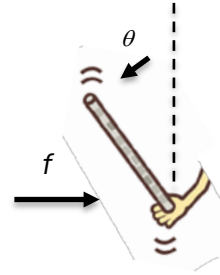
# Stabilizing the stick







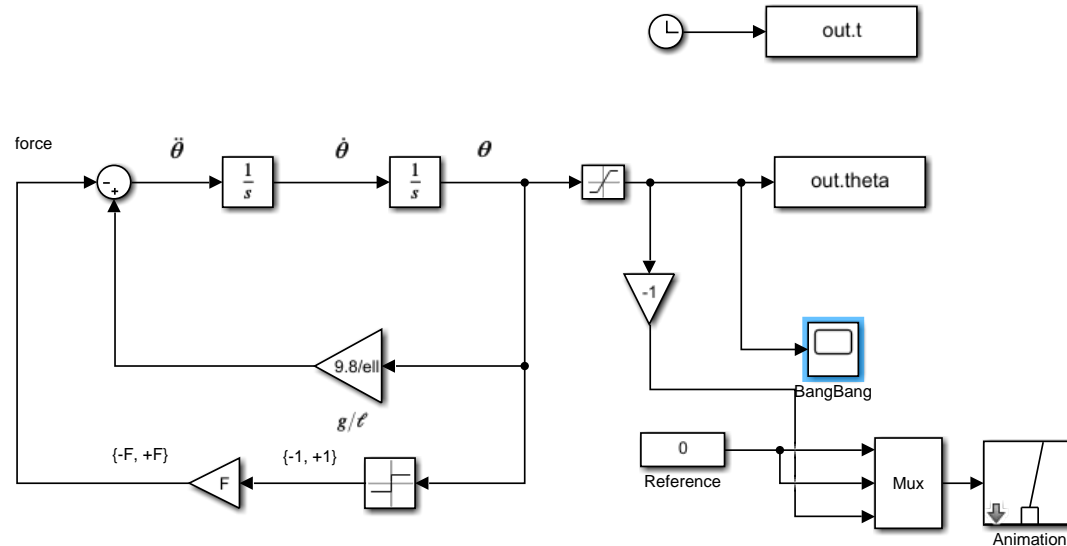
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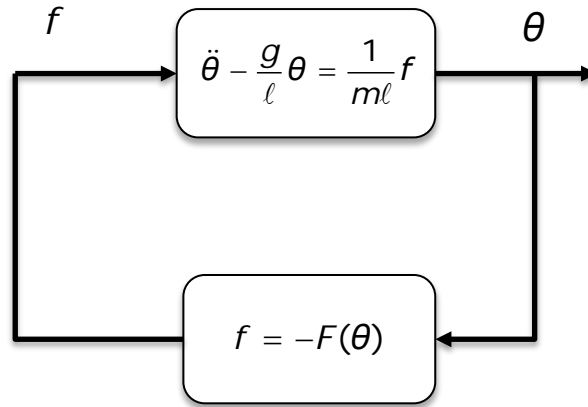
# Bang-Bang Controller

$$\text{force} = \begin{cases} -F, & \text{if } \theta > 0 \\ +F, & \text{if } \theta < 0 \end{cases}$$

$F$  = given value

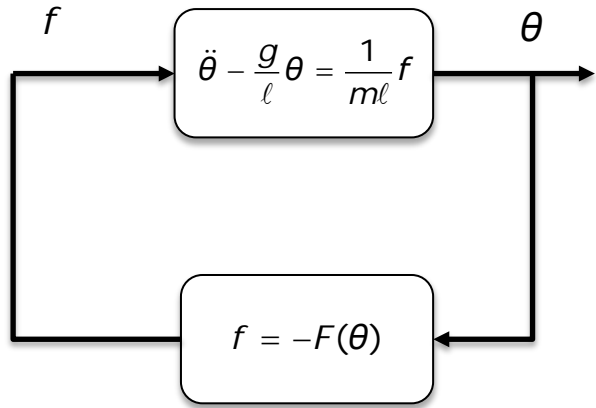


# Secret Sauce #1





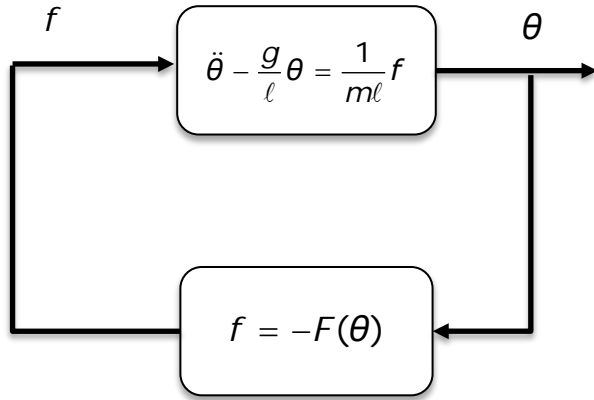
# Secret Sauce #1 (the closed-loop DE)



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{\ell}\theta &= \frac{1}{m\ell}f \\ &= -\frac{1}{m\ell}F(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{\ell}\theta + \frac{1}{m\ell}F(\theta) = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$$

# Secret Sauce #2 (rule of positive coefficients)



$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{\ell}\theta + \frac{1}{m\ell}F(\theta) = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$$

Feedback system is stable, if the coefficients of

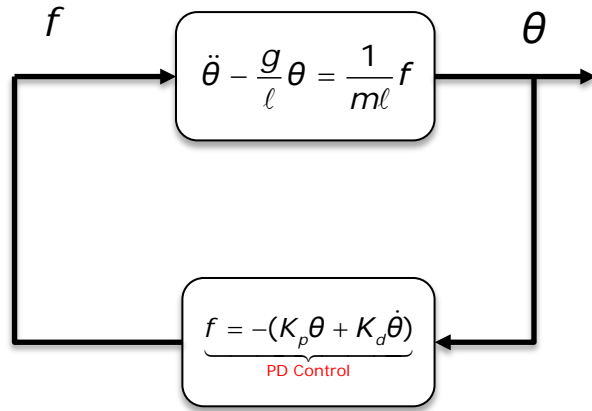
$\theta$ ,  $\dot{\theta}$  and  $\ddot{\theta}$

are strictly positive.

$$\theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

**stick returns to 12'oclock**

# Stabilization of Hand-Stick (PD Control) -1



$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{\ell}\theta + \frac{1}{m\ell}F(\theta) = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$$

PD control:  $F(\theta) = \underbrace{K_p\theta}_{\text{P term}} + \underbrace{K_d\dot{\theta}}_{\text{D term}}$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{K_d}{m\ell}\dot{\theta} + \left(\frac{K_p}{m\ell} - \frac{g}{\ell}\right)\theta = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$$

The hand-stick system is stabilized, if both:

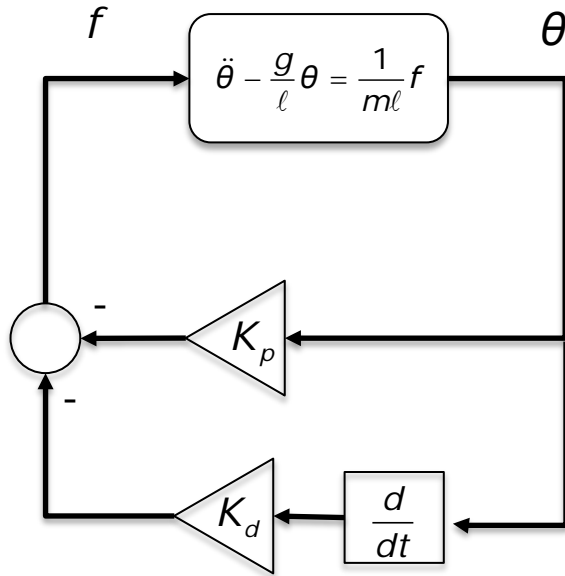
$$\frac{K_p}{m\ell} - \frac{g}{\ell} > 0;$$
$$\frac{K_d}{m\ell} > 0$$

# Examples

Suppose  $K_p$  and  $K_d$  are chosen so that the closed-loop D.E. are:

Closed-loop D.E.	Hand-stick system stable?
$\ddot{\theta} - \dot{\theta} + \theta = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$	No, unstable
$\ddot{\theta} + \dot{\theta} + \theta = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$	Yes, stable
$\ddot{\theta} + \dot{\theta} = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$	No, unstable
$\ddot{\theta} + \dot{\theta} - \theta = 0; \quad \theta(0) \neq 0$	No, unstable

# Stabilization using PD control

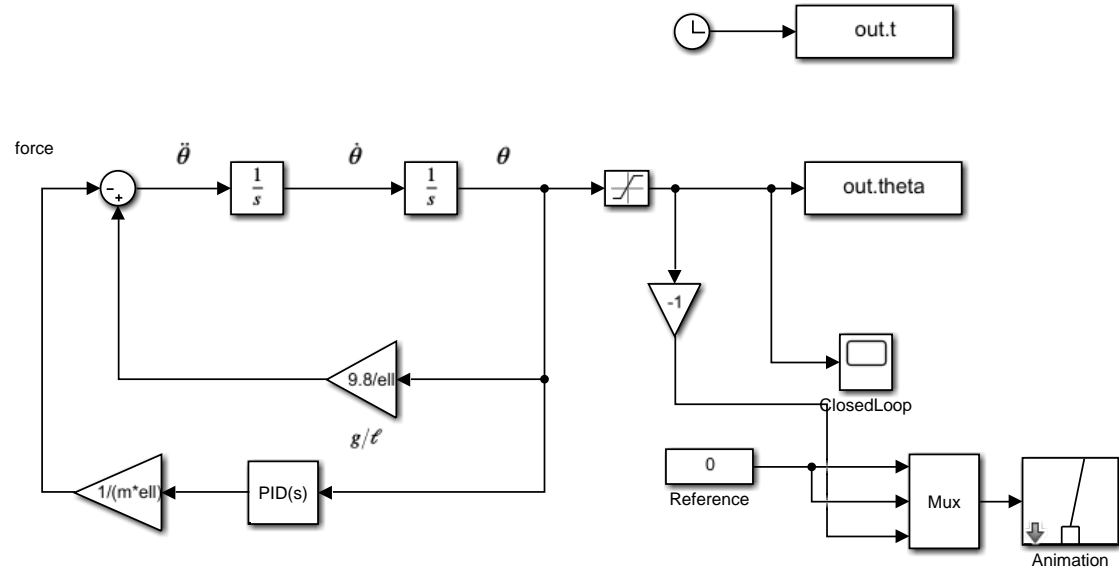


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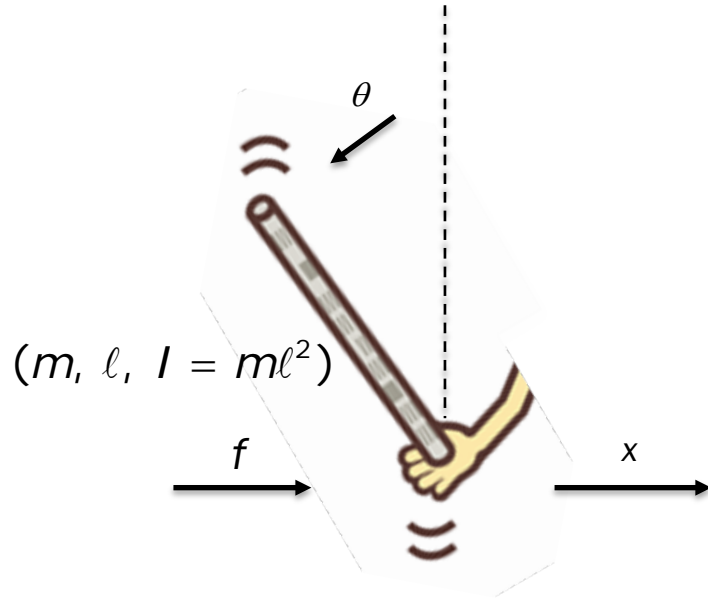
The hand-stick system is stabilized when:

$K_p$  is positive enough  
 $K_d$  is positive

# Stabilization of Hand-Stick (PD Control) - 2



# D.E. for the Hand-Stick

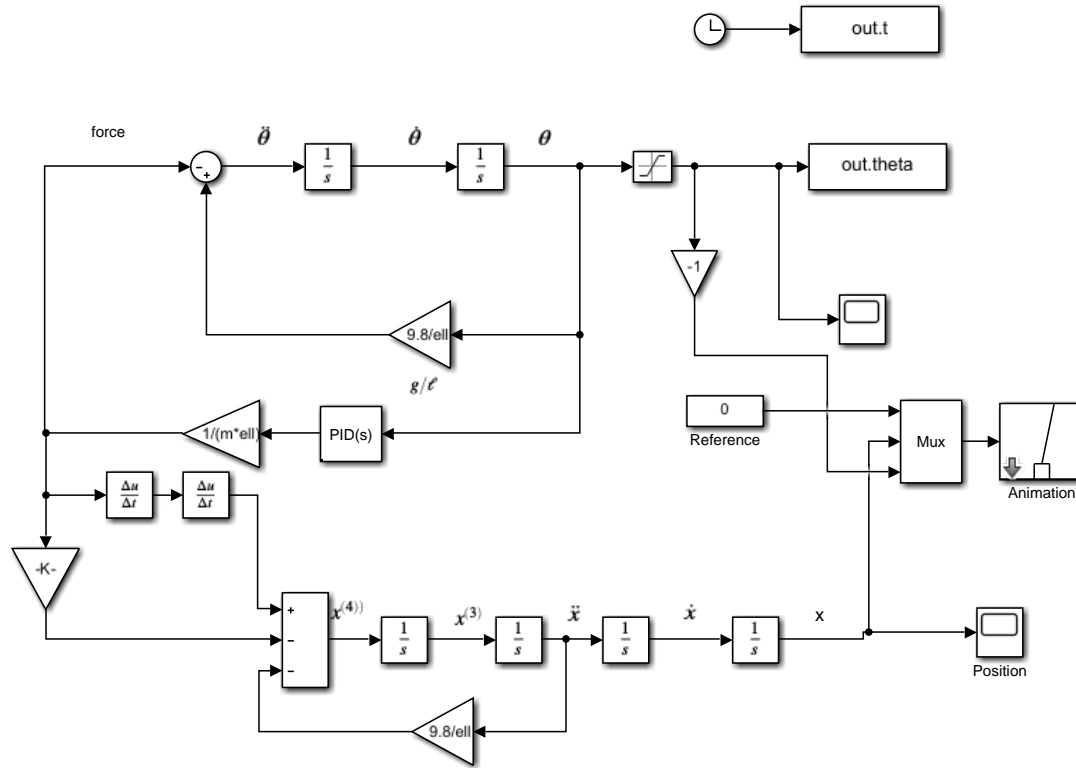


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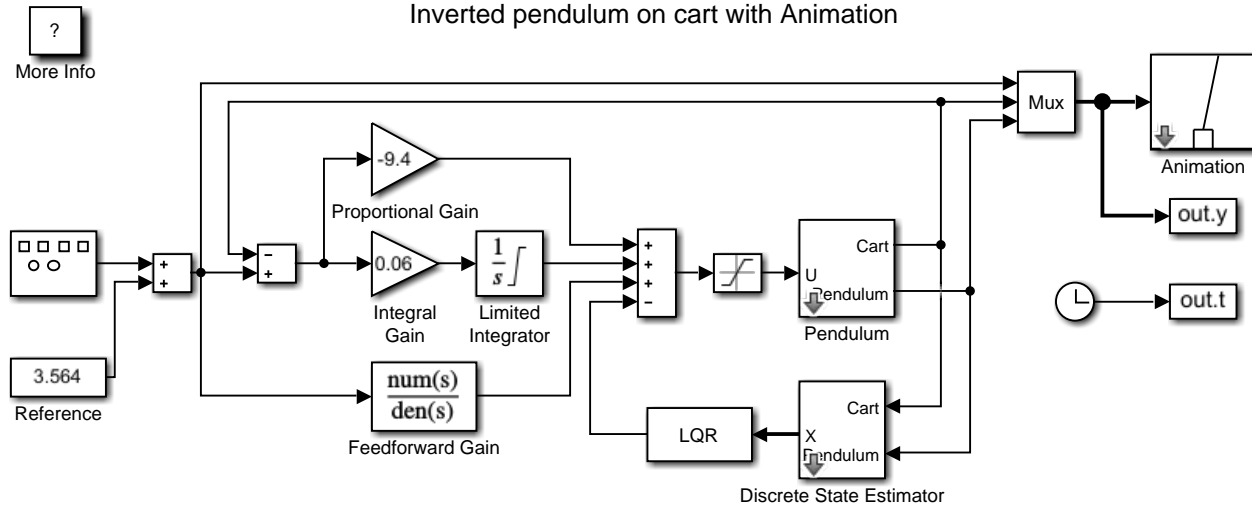
$g$  = gravitational acceleration

# Stabilization of Hand-Stick (PD Control) - 3





# Gyro Boy



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# Self-Balancing Robot (Principles of Feedback Control)

1. Provided examples of feedback control systems and identified their principal parts (plant, sensor, controller and actuator)
2. Modeled the hand-stick system with a D.E.
3. Stabilized the hand-stick system with a PD controller