



Aktorik und Sensorik mit intelligenten Materialsystemen 4

Computer Lecture: Digital control of a SMA-spring actuator

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- GOALS:
 - Digital PI position control for a SMA-spring actuator
 - Simulation for different sampling times
 - Simulation for different discretization methods
 - Implementation of anti-windup architecture



Assignment

- Given the Simulink file representing the SMA-spring model:
 - Design and implement a PI controller for the SMA actuator, based on the following linearized model,

$$G(s) = -\frac{0.2891}{s + 14.93}$$

in such a way that the closed loop system is a first order transfer function with time constant $\tau^* = 0.015$ s.

- Implement the controller as a digital PI, by choosing a preferred discretization method for the integral. Choose the sampling time as

$$T_s = \frac{\tau}{N}$$

where τ is the time constant of the SMA model transfer function $G(s)$. Simulate the closed loop performance for $N = 20, 10, 5, 2$, for a test of the duration of 1 second in which a step reference starts at 0.104 m and switches to 0.103 m at $t = 0.5$ s.

- For the case with $N = 2$, simulate the closed loop performance obtained by using the other two discretization methods
- Choose $N = 10$ and a preferred discretization method. Simulate the closed loop performance for a test of the duration of 1 second in which a step reference starts at 0.104 m and switches to 0.102 m at $t = 0.5$ s. Implement an arbitrary anti-windup architecture. Compare the performance obtained with and without the anti-windup scheme, considering J limited within 0 W and 0.25 W.