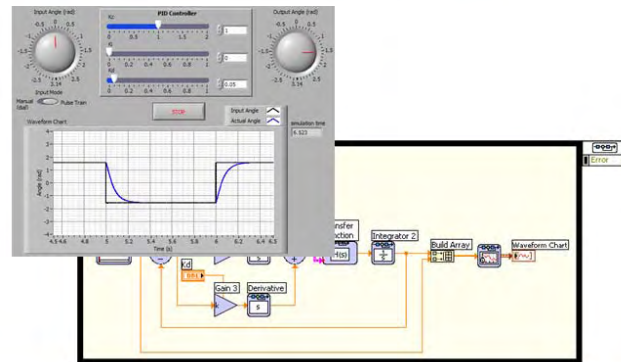
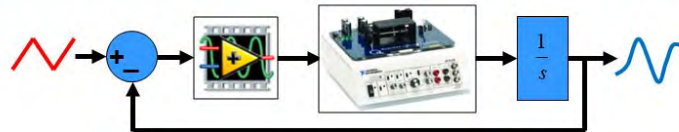


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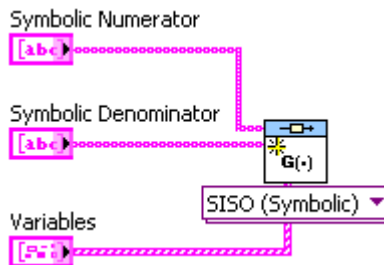


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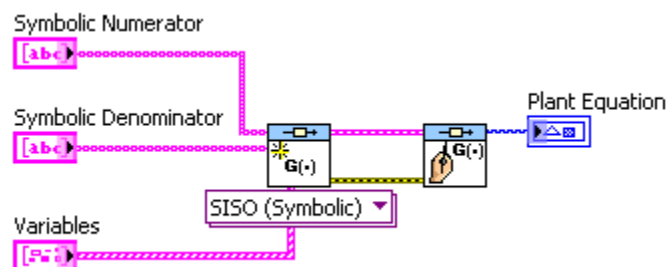
Exercise 1a:

1. Build the VI block diagram

- ☐ Open a blank VI from the “Getting Started” screen. Save it as `Exercise_1a.vi`.
- ☐ Switch to the block diagram of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
- ☐ Open the Functions Palette by right-clicking anywhere in the block diagram. Dock the palette by clicking the icon at the top-left corner of the palette window.
- ☐ Place the `CD Construct Transfer Function Model.vi` on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Model Construction » CD Construct Transfer Function Model.vi**, and place it on the block diagram. From the drop-down menu select **Single-Input Single-Output (Symbolic)**.
- ☐ Right-click the **Symbolic Numerator** input terminal of the `CD Construct Transfer Function Model.vi`, and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click the **Symbolic Denominator** input terminal of the `CD Construct Transfer Function Model.vi`, and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click the **Variables** input terminal of the `CD Construct Transfer Function Model.vi`, and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:



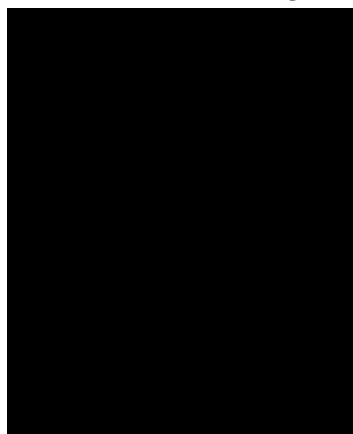
- ☐ Place the `CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi` on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Model Construction » CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi**, and place it on the block diagram.
- ☐ Wire the **Transfer Function Model** output terminal of the `CD Construct Transfer Function Model.vi` to the **Transfer Function Model** input terminal of the `CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi`.
- ☐ Right-click the **Equation** output terminal of the `CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi`, and select **Create » Indicator** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Triple-click the label of the picture indicator, and rename it `Plant Equation`.
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:



- ☐ Save the VI (<Ctrl+S>).

2. Run the VI

- ☐ Switch to the front panel of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
- ☐ Right-click the Value numeric control inside the Variables control and select **Display Format...**, then select **Automatic Formatting**. This will allow the control to display small numbers properly.
- ☐ On the front panel, set the values of the Symbolic Numerator, Symbolic Denominator, and Variables controls according to the following table:



Note: Symbolic variables are case sensitive, so make sure to use consistent capitalization.

- ☐ Set the front panel control values to default. Select **Edit » Make Current Values Default**.
- ☐ The front panel should look like this:

Symbolic Numerator

0 K

Symbolic Denominator

0 K^2 $J \cdot R_m$

Plant Equation

Variables

0

Name	Value
K	0.03
Rm	3.30
J	9.64E-6

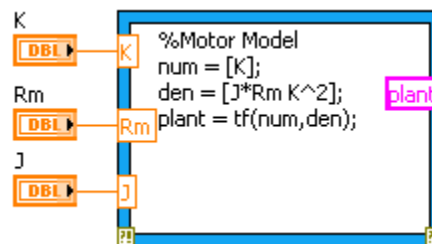
- ☐ Run the VI (<Ctrl+R>). Observe the transfer function drawn in the Plant Equation indicator. This transfer function will be used in future exercises.
- ☐ Save the VI (<Ctrl+S>).

Exercise 1b:

1. Build the VI block diagram

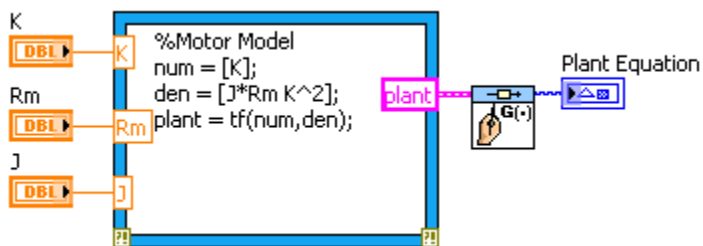
- ☐ Open a blank VI from the “Getting Started” screen. Save it as `Exercise_1b.vi`.
- ☐ Switch to the block diagram of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
- ☐ Open the Functions Palette by right-clicking anywhere in the block diagram. Dock the palette by clicking the icon at the top-left corner of the palette window.
- ☐ Place a MathScript Node on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Programming » Structures » MathScript Node**, and draw a rectangle on the block diagram to define the node.
- ☐ Enter the following code inside the MathScript Node:


```
%Motor Model
num = [K];
den = [J*Rm K^2];
plant = tf(num,den);
```
- ☐ Right-click on the left border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Input**. Enter `K` as the input. Right-click on the input terminal of the `K` variable and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click on the left border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Input**. Enter `Rm` as the input. Right-click on the input terminal of the `Rm` variable and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click on the left border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Input**. Enter `J` as the input. Right-click on the input terminal of the `J` variable and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click on the right border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Output**. Enter `plant` as the output. Right-click on the output terminal of the `plant` variable and select **Choose Data Type » Add-ons » TF Object**.
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:



- ☐ Place the `CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi` on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Model Construction » CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi**, and place it on the block diagram.
- ☐ Wire the output terminal of the `plant` variable to **Transfer Function Model** input terminal of the `CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi`.
- ☐ Right-click the **Equation** output terminal of the `CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi`, and select **Create » Indicator** from the shortcut menu.

- ☐ Double-click the label of the picture indicator, and rename it `Plant Equation`.
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:



- ☐ Save the VI (`<Ctrl+S>`).

2. Run the VI

- ☐ Switch to the front panel of the VI (`<Ctrl+E>`).
- ☐ Set the values of the front panel controls according to the following table:

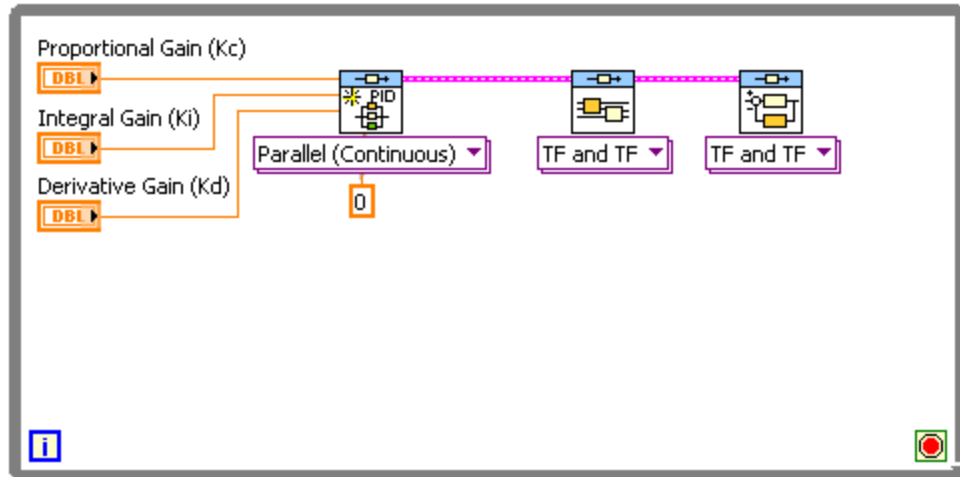
K	0.028
Rm	3.3
J	9.64E-06

- ☐ Set the front panel control values to default. Select **Edit » Make Current Values Default**.
- ☐ Run the VI (`<Ctrl+R>`). Observe the transfer function drawn in the `Plant Equation` indicator. This transfer function will be used in future exercises.
- ☐ Save the VI (`<Ctrl+S>`).

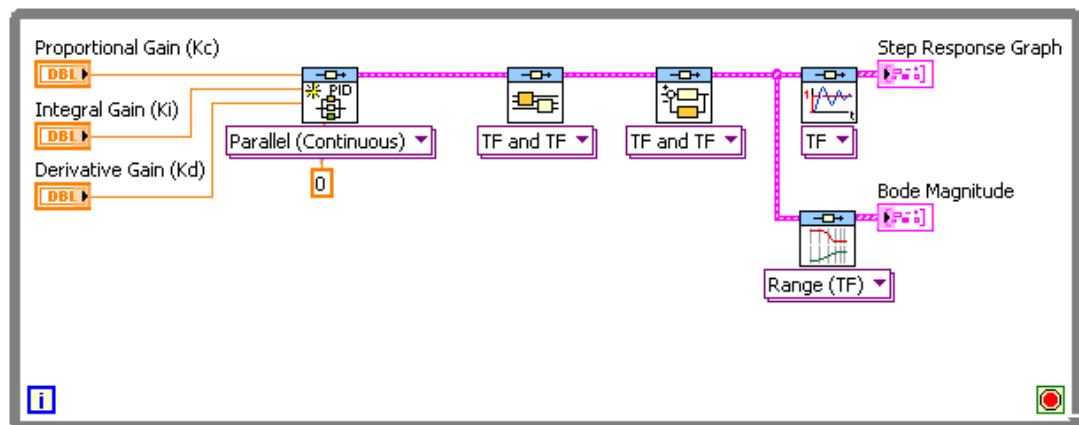
Exercise 2:

1. Build the VI block diagram

- ☐ Open a blank VI from the “Getting Started” screen. Save it as `Exercise_2.vi`.
- ☐ Switch to the block diagram of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
- ☐ Open the Functions Palette by right-clicking anywhere in the block diagram. Dock the palette by clicking the icon at the top-left corner of the palette window.
- ☐ Place a **While Loop** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Programming » Structures » While Loop**. Draw a rectangle on the block diagram to define the loop.
- ☐ Place the **CD Construct PID Model.vi** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Model Construction » CD Construct PID Model.vi**, and place it on the block diagram. From the drop-down menu select **PID Parallel**.
- ☐ Right-click on the **Kc** input terminal of the **CD Construct PID Model.vi** and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click on the **Ki** input terminal of the **CD Construct PID Model.vi** and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click on the **Kd** input terminal of the **CD Construct PID Model.vi** and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Right-click on the **High Frequency Time Constant [s] (Tf)** input terminal of the **CD Construct PID Model.vi** and select **Create » Constant** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Place the **CD Series.vi** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Model Interconnection » CD Series.vi**, and place it on the block diagram. From the drop-down menu select **Transfer Function and Transfer Function**.
- ☐ Wire the **Transfer Function Model** output terminal of the **CD Construct PID Model.vi** to the **Model 1** input terminal of the **CD Series.vi**.
- ☐ Place the **CD Feedback.vi** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Model Interconnection » CD Feedback.vi**, and place it on the block diagram. From the drop-down menu select **Transfer Function and Transfer Function**.
- ☐ Wire the **Series Model** output terminal of the **CD Series.vi** to the **Model 1** input terminal of the **CD Feedback.vi**.
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:

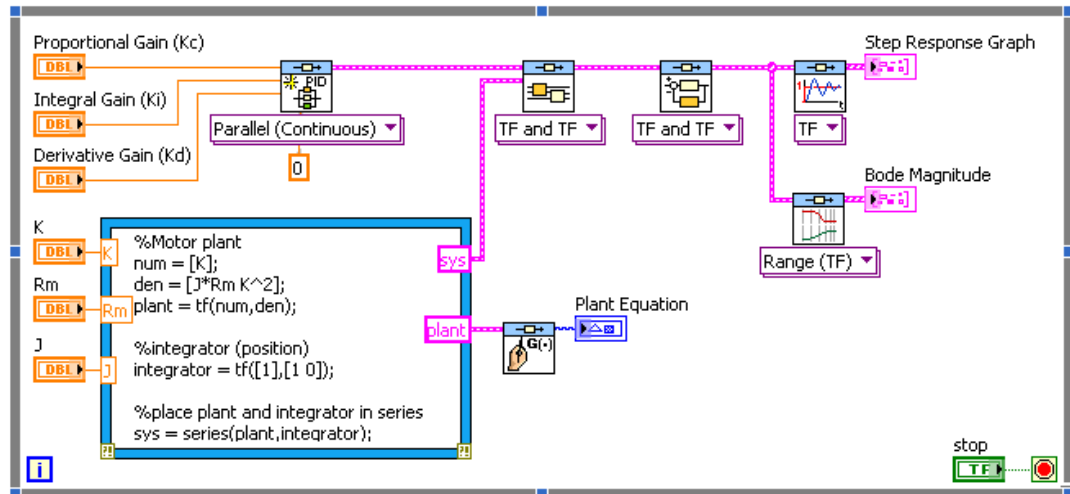


- ☐ Place the **CD Step Response.vi** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Time Response » CD Step Response.vi**, and place it on the block diagram. From the drop-down menu select **Transfer Function**.
- ☐ Wire the **Closed Loop Model** output terminal of the **CD Feedback.vi** to the **Transfer Function Model** input terminal of the **CD Step Response.vi**.
- ☐ Right-click the **Step Response Graph** output terminal of the **CD Step Response.vi** and select **Create » Indicator** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Place the **CD Bode.vi** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Frequency Response » CD Bode.vi**, and place it on the block diagram. From the drop-down menu select **Frequency Range » Transfer Function**.
- ☐ Wire the **Closed Loop Model** output terminal of the **CD Feedback.vi** to the **Transfer Function Model** input terminal of the **CD Bode.vi**.
- ☐ Right-click the **Bode Magnitude** output terminal of the **CD Bode.vi** and select **Create » Indicator** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:



- Place a **MathScript Node** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Programming » Structures » MathScript Node**, and draw a rectangle on the block diagram to define the node.
- Enter the following code inside the MathScript Node:

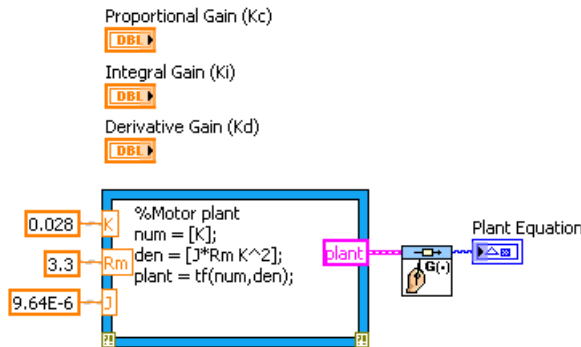

```
%Motor plant
num = [K];
den = [J*Rm K^2];
plant = tf(num,den);
%integrator (position)
integrator = tf([1],[1 0]);
%place plant and integrator in series
sys = series(plant,integrator);
```
- Right-click on the left border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Input**. Enter **K** as the input. Right-click on the input terminal of the **K** variable and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- Right-click on the left border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Input**. Enter **Rm** as the input. Right-click on the input terminal of the **Rm** variable and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- Right-click on the left border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Input**. Enter **J** as the input. Right-click on the input terminal of the **J** variable and select **Create » Control** from the shortcut menu.
- Right-click on the right border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Output**. Enter **sys** as the output. Right-click on the output terminal of the **sys** variable and select **Choose Data Type » Add-ons » TF Object**.
- Wire the **sys** output terminal of the MathScript Node to the **Model 2** input terminal of the **CD Series.vi**.
- Right-click on the right border of the MathScript Node and select **Add Output**. Enter **plant** as the output. Right-click on the output terminal of the **plant** variable and select **Choose Data Type » Add-ons » TF Object**.
- Place the **CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Control Design » Model Construction » CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi**, and place it on the block diagram.
- Wire the **plant** output terminal of the MathScript Node to the **Transfer Function Model** input terminal of the **CD Draw Transfer Function.vi**.
- Right-click the **Equation** output terminal of the **CD Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi**, and select **Create » Indicator** from the shortcut menu.
- Double-click the label of the picture indicator, and rename it **Plant Equation**.
- Create a control button for the **Stop** function of the While Loop.
- The block diagram should look like this:



- ☐ Save the VI (<Ctrl+S>).
2. Run the VI
- ☐ Switch to the front panel of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
 - ☐ Set the front panel controls according to the following table:
- | | |
|------------------------|----------|
| K | 0.028 |
| Rm | 3.3 |
| J | 9.64E-06 |
| Proportional Gain (Kc) | 1 |
| Integral Gain (Ki) | 0 |
| Derivative Gain (Kd) | 0.05 |
- ☐ Set the front panel control values to default. Select **Edit » Make Current Values Default**.
 - ☐ Run the VI (<Ctrl+R>). Change the values of Proportional Gain (Kc), Integral Gain (Ki), and Derivative Gain (Kd), and observe how the time and frequency response change.
 - ☐ Save the VI.

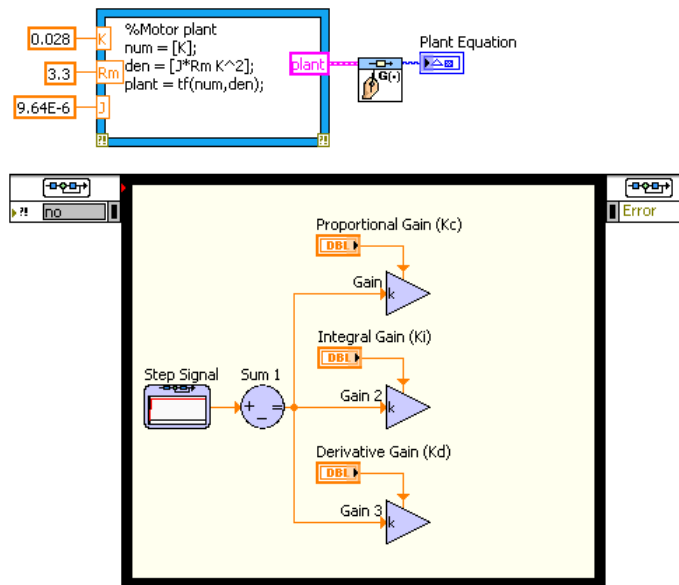
Exercise 3:

- ☐ Open `Exercise_2.vi`. Save the VI as `Exercise_3.vi`.
- ☐ Go to the block diagram. Remove the While Loop. Right-click the border of the loop and select **Remove While Loop** so that the code inside the loop is not deleted.
- ☐ Change the controls connected to the MathScript Node into constants.
 - Right-click the K control and select **Change to Constant** from the shortcut menu. Set the value of the constant to 0.028.
 - Right-click the R_m control and select **Change to Constant** from the shortcut menu. Set the value of the constant to 3.3.
 - Right-click the J control and select **Change to Constant** from the shortcut menu. Set the value of the constant to 9.64E-6.
- ☐ Remove everything from the block diagram except for the MathScript Node, the constants wired to the MathScript Node, the PID controls (Proportional Gain (K_c), Integral Gain (K_i), and Derivative Gain (K_d)), and the CD `Draw Transfer Function Equation.vi`.
- ☐ Optional: Remove the `sys` output terminal from the MathScript Node, then remove lines 5-10 from the code inside the MathScript Node. (This portion of code creates the `sys` model, which consists of the `plant` model in series with an integrator. In this exercise, the integration will be performed in a Simulation Loop.)
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:



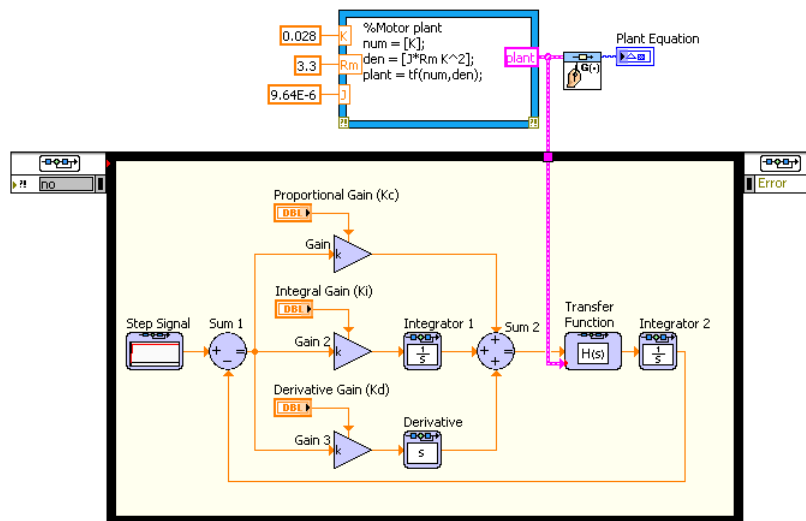
- ☐ Place a **Simulation Loop** on the block diagram. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Simulation Loop**. Draw a rectangle below the MathScript Node on the block diagram to define the loop.
- ☐ Place the Proportional Gain (K_c), Integral Gain (K_i), and Derivative Gain (K_d) controls inside the Simulation Loop.
- ☐ Place a **Step Signal** block inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Signal Generation » Step Signal**, and place it in the loop. Double-click the Step Signal block to open the configuration dialog. Set the value of **step time** to 0.01. Click **OK**.
- ☐ Place a **Summation** block inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Signal Arithmetic » Summation**, and place it in the loop. Label the Summation block "Sum 1".

- Place three **Gain** blocks inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Signal Arithmetic » Gain**, and place each block in the loop. Do the following for each Gain block:
 - Right-click the Gain block and select **Visible Items » Label** from the shortcut menu.
 - Right-click the Gain block and select **Configuration** from the shortcut menu. Set **Parameter Source** to “Terminal”.
- Make the following wiring connections in the Simulation Loop:
 - Connect the **output** terminal of the Step Signal block to the **Operand1** terminal of the Sum 1 block.
 - Connect the **Result** terminal of the Sum 1 block to the **Input** terminal of each of the three Gain blocks.
 - Connect the Proportional Gain (K_c) control to the **gain** terminal of the Gain block.
 - Connect the Integral Gain (K_i) control to the **gain** terminal of the Gain 2 block.
 - Connect the Derivative Gain (K_d) control to the **gain** terminal of the Gain 3 block.
- The block diagram should look like this:



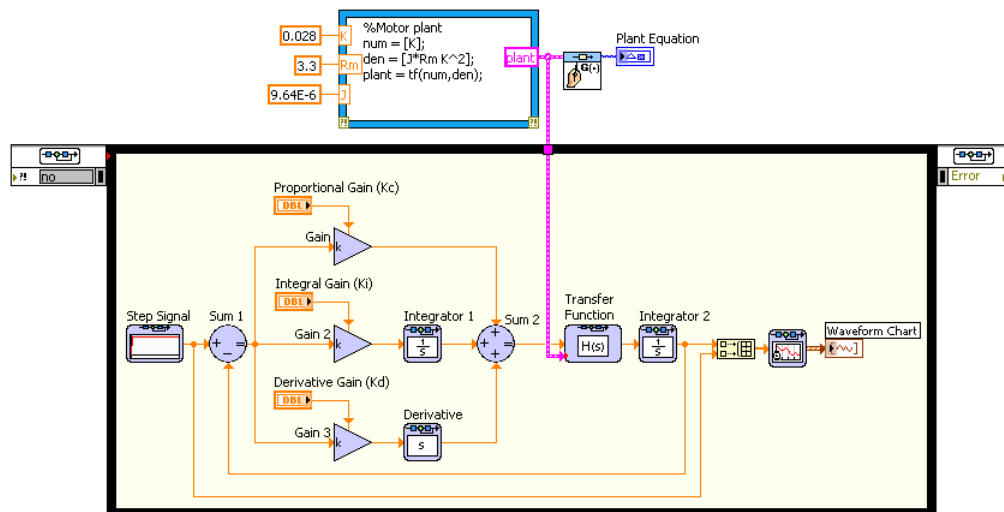
- Place two **Integrator** blocks inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Continuous Linear Systems » Integrator**, and place each block in the loop. Label the two blocks “Integrator 1” and “Integrator 2”
- Place a **Derivative** block inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Continuous Linear Systems » Derivative**, and place each block in the loop.

- ☐ Place another **Summation** block inside the Simulation Loop. Label the Summation block “Sum2”. Double-click the Sum2 block to open the configuration dialog. Click the icons on the diagram so that the block has three “Add” input terminals. Click **OK**.
- ☐ Place a **Transfer Function** block inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Continuous Linear Systems » Transfer Function**, and place it in the loop. Double-click the Transfer Function block to open the configuration dialog. Set the **Parameter source** option to “Terminal”. Click **OK**.
- ☐ Make the following wiring connections in the Simulation Loop:
 - Connect the **output** terminal of the Gain 2 block to the **input** terminal of the Integrator 1 block.
 - Connect the **output** terminal of the Gain 3 block to the **input** terminal of the Derivative block.
 - Connect the **output** terminals of the Gain, Integrator 1, and Derivative blocks to the **Operand1, Operand2, and Operand3** terminals of the Sum 2 block.
 - Connect the **Result** terminal of the Sum 2 block to the **input** terminal of the Transfer Function block.
 - Connect the **plant** output of the MathScript Node to the **Transfer Function** terminal of the Transfer Function block.
 - Connect the **output y(k)** terminal of the Transfer Function block to the **input** terminal of the Integrator 2 block.
 - Connect the **output** terminal of the Integrator 2 block to the **Operand2** terminal of the Sum 1 block. This will close the feedback loop.
- ☐ The block diagram should look like this:



- ☐ Place a **Build Array** function inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Programming » Array » Build Array**, and place it in the loop. Resize the Build Array node so that it has two inputs.

- Place a **SimTime Waveform** block inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Graph Utilities » SimTime Waveform**, and place it in the loop.
- Make the following wiring connections in the Simulation Loop:
 - Connect the **output** terminal of the Integrator 2 block to the first input terminal of the Build Array function.
 - Connect the **output** terminal of the Step Signal block to the second input terminal of the Build Array function.
 - Connect the **appended array** terminal of the Build Array function to the **Value** terminal of the SimTime Waveform block.
- Configure the simulation parameters of the Simulation Loop:
 - Right-click the border of the Simulation Loop, and select **Configure Simulation Parameters**.
 - Set the value of **Final Time (s)** to 1.
 - Set the value of **ODE Solver** to “Runge-Kutta 4”.
 - Set the value of **Step Size (s)** to 0.001. This will set the simulation step size to one millisecond.
 - Click the **Timing Parameters** tab, and check the box labeled “**Synchronize Loop to Timing Source**”.
 - Set the value of **Period** to 1. This will set the loop to run once per millisecond (actual time).
 - Click **OK**.
- The block diagram should look like this:



- Optional: Configure the display options for the Waveform Chart.
 - Switch to the front panel of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
 - Right-click the Waveform Chart, and select **Properties**.
 - In the **Display Format** tab, select “Floating Point” for the value of **Type**. Click **OK**.

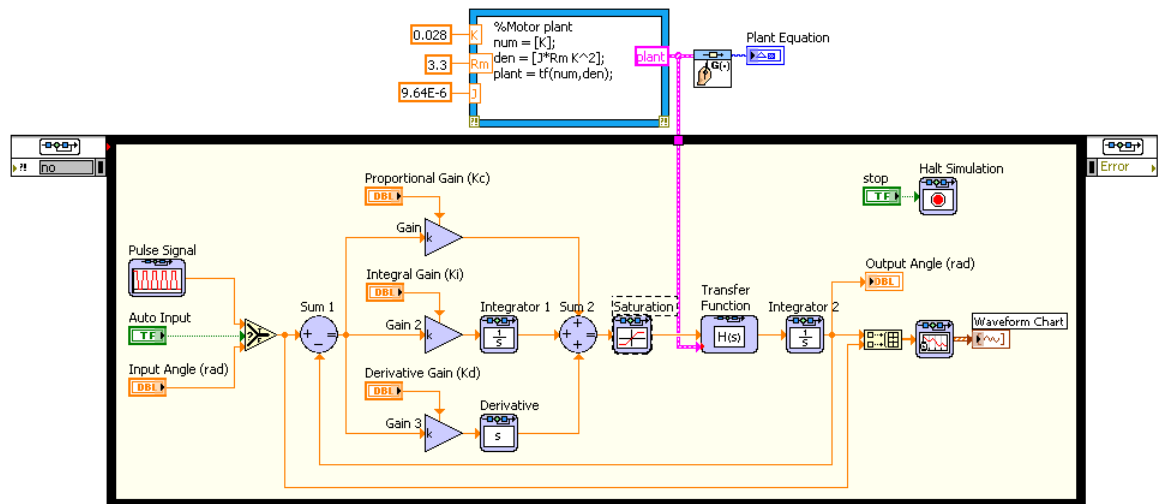
- Double-click the rightmost numerical value on the x-axis of the Waveform Chart, and set the value to 1.
- Run the VI. Change the value of the PID Gains, and then run the VI again.

Exercise 2:

1. Build the VI block diagram

- ☐ Open `Exercise_3.vi`. Save the VI as `Exercise_4.vi`.
- ☐ Place a **Boolean** button on the front panel. From the controls palette, navigate to **Modern » Boolean » Push Button**, and place it on the front panel. Label the button “Auto Input”.
- ☐ Place a **Dial** on the front panel. From the controls palette, navigate to **Modern » Numeric » Dial**, and place it on the front panel. Label the dial “Input Angle (rad)”.
- ☐ Set the minimum and maximum values of the scale of the “Input Angle (rad)” dial to -3.14 and 3.14, respectively.
- ☐ Make a copy of the “Input Angle (rad)” dial (<Ctrl+Drag>). Label the new dial “Output Angle (rad)”.
- ☐ Change the “Output Angle (rad)” dial from a control to an indicator. Right-click the dial and select **Change to Indicator** from the shortcut menu.
- ☐ Place a **Stop Button** on the front panel. From the controls palette, navigate to **Modern » Boolean » Stop Button**, and place it on the front panel. This will allow you to terminate the simulation at will.
- ☐ Take the following steps to customize the Waveform Chart display options:
 - ☐ Right-click the chart and select **Y Scale » Autoscale Y** from the shortcut menu. Verify that the Autoscale Y option is no longer checked.
 - ☐ Set the minimum and maximum values of the Y Axis to -4 and 4, respectively.
 - ☐ Set the maximum value of the X Axis to 2.
- ☐ Switch to the block diagram of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
- ☐ Right-click the border of the Simulation Loop, and select **Configure Simulation Parameters** from the shortcut menu. Set the value of **Final time (s)** to “inf”. This will set the Simulation Loop to run until it is manually terminated. Click **OK**.
- ☐ Make sure that the “Auto Input”, “Input Angle (rad)”, “Output Angle (rad)”, and “stop” control terminals are all inside the Simulation Loop.
- ☐ Right-click the **Step Signal** block, and select **Replace » Programming » Comparison » Select** from the shortcut menu. This replaces the Step Signal block with a **Select** function.
- ☐ Place a **Pulse Signal** block inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Signal Generation » Pulse Signal**, and place it in the loop.
- ☐ Double-click the Pulse Signal block to open the configuration dialog. Set the value of **amplitude** to 3.14. Click **OK**.
- ☐ Place a **Halt Simulation** block inside the Simulation Loop. From the functions palette, navigate to **Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Utilities » Halt Simulation**, and place it in the loop.
- ☐ Make the following wiring connections in the Simulation Loop:

- Wire the **output** terminal of the Pulse Signal block to the **t** (top-left) terminal of the Select function.
- Wire the “Input Angle (rad)” control terminal to the **f** (bottom-left) terminal of the Select function.
- Wire the “Auto Input” control terminal to the **s** (center-left) terminal of the Select function.
- Wire the **output** terminal of the Integrator 2 block to the “Output Angle (rad)” indicator terminal.
- Wire the “stop” control terminal to the **Halt?** terminal of the Halt Simulation block.
- Insert a **Saturation** block at the PID output. Right-click the wire connecting the **Result** terminal of the Sum 2 block to the **input u(k)** terminal of the Transfer Function block. Select **Insert » All Palettes » Control Design & Simulation » Simulation » Nonlinear » Saturation**. Double-click the Saturation block to open the configuration dialog. Set the values of **lower limit** and **upper limit** to -24 and 24, respectively (These values represent the maximum voltage inputs of the DC motor). Click **OK**.
- The block diagram should look like this:



- Save the VI (<Ctrl+S>).

2. Run the VI

- Switch to the front panel of the VI (<Ctrl+E>).
- Run the VI (<Ctrl+R>). Click the “Auto Input” button, and observe the output signal follow a pulse signal.
- Turn off the “Auto Input” button, and change the value of “Input Angle (rad)”. The output signal should respond.
- Change the values of the PID gains, and observe how the output signal responds to the input with different gain values.

- ☐ Press the “Stop” button to end the simulation.