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Schovan's Control and Feedback Systems (SFCS)

Chapter 2 Material

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Today's Topics

Ideal Systems (Top Down Design)

Basic Feedback Structure

Feedback System Example

Why Isn't Feedback Perfect?

- cost of feedback
- instantaneous response not possible
- other?

Critical Feedback System Issues

- stability
- performance
 - speed
 - oscillatory nature

Block Diagram Fundamentals

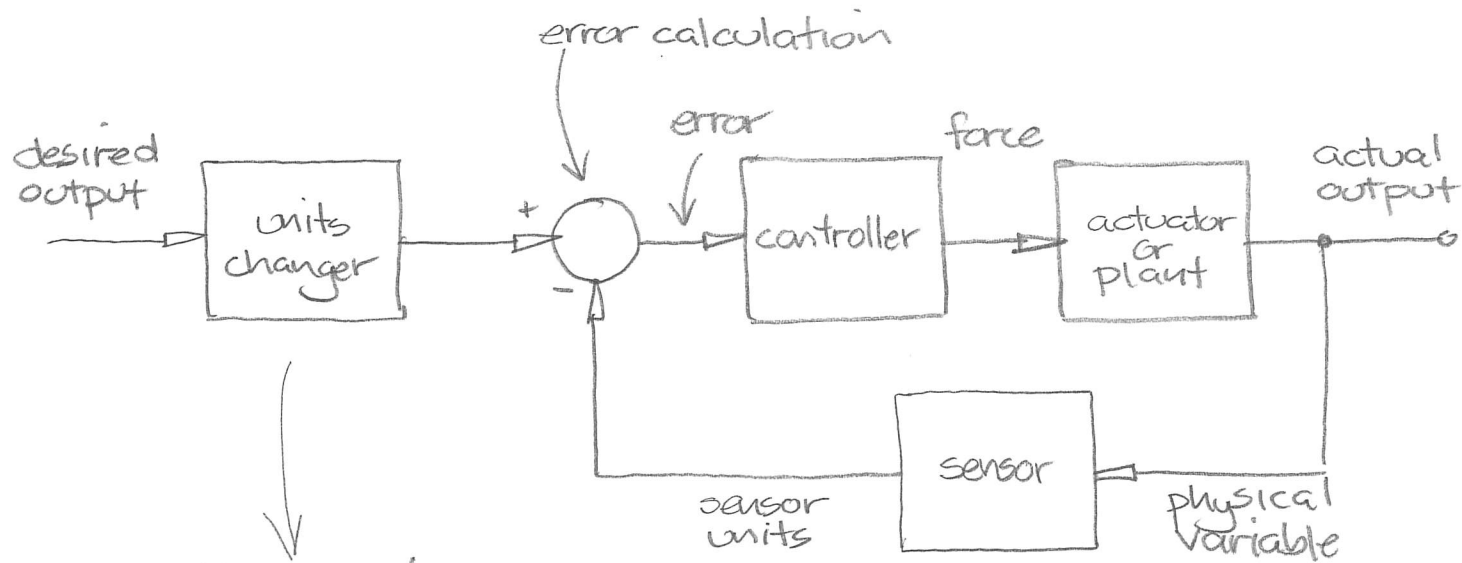
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The Basic (or Typical) Feedback Structure



we can only
add (subtract
things that
have the
same units,
we will deal
with this
block later)

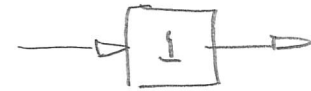
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Why Isn't Feedback Perfect?

Ideally, we would add feedback to a device/process we want to control and it would turn into that ideal system



Unfortunately it doesn't happen. Reasons are:

(1) Instantaneous response is not possible.

(we will have to settle for ideal over a range)

(2) Feedback comes with costs, two primary costs are:

(a) the sensor

(b) we create the potential for destabilizing stable systems.

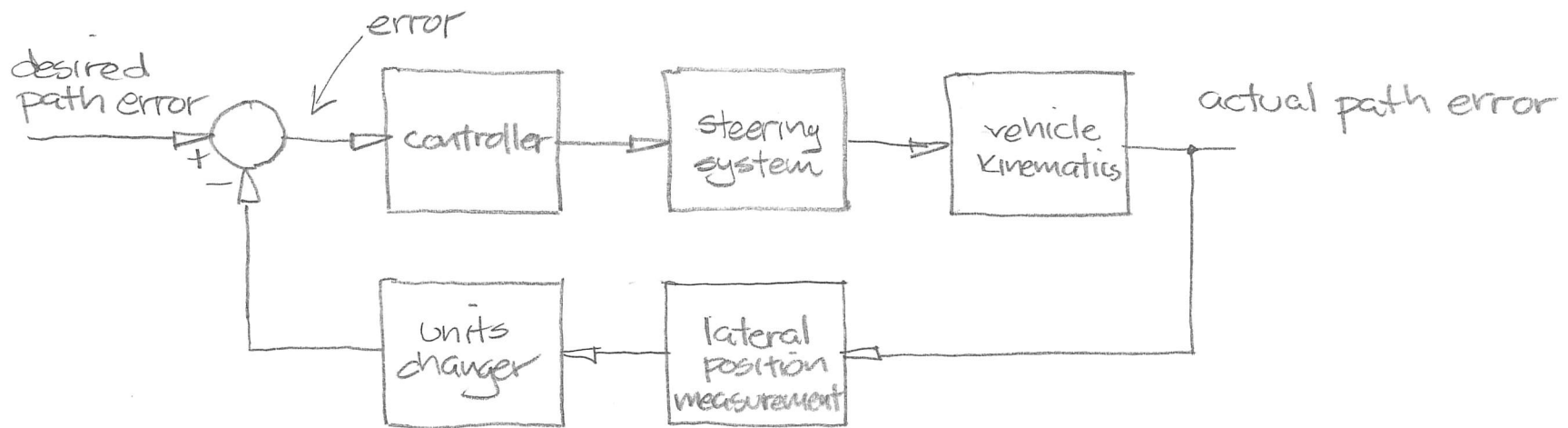
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Feedback System Example

Lateral Control of an Automobile



I can put this where I want and shortly we will eliminate it altogether.

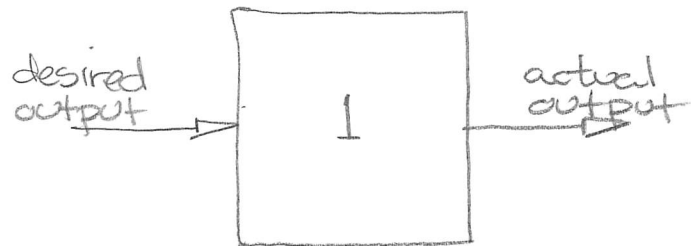
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Ideal Systems

In an ideal system, the desired output and the actual output are always the same. Such a system is



The system 'transfers' the desired output to the actual output instantaneously. The system tracks exactly.

(Perfect teenager)

While the perfect system is not possible, drawing the above block diagram is a starting place for design. It is the top-level diagram and it indicates we know what we're after.