

## System Identification Tool (MATLAB) - Problem Statement

Generate time input and output time history data to be used in the Sys ID tool to create approximate models using just that data. Use a unit step input occurring at 0.01 seconds, with a simulation stop time of 20 seconds and a fixed step solver with step size of 0.01 seconds. Generate two variables, input and output needed by the tool.

$$y(t) = \frac{-s^2 - 0.9s + 1}{s^3 + 1.5s^2 + 1.5s + 1}u(t)$$

### Problem 1) Polynomial functions ARX/ARMAX (30 points)

Use the System Identification App/toolbox to create input/output models of the data generated for the system described above. Here, though, you only need the input (the step function) and the output of the second order system.

- Use the system identification app to create an ARX model of the system dynamics with the Focus set to Simulation. When you import the data, make sure to specify the begin time (0) and the sample time (0.01 sec). Then, choose to estimate a polynomial model, ARX structure. You get to pick the order.
- Extract the  $A(z)$  and  $B(z)$  polynomials from the model and compare those polynomials with the result you find by using `c2d` to convert the original s-plane function. They should be close for at least the  $A(z)$  expression. The  $B(z)$  might be different, but let's see what the simulation looks like in part c).
- Note that, in Simulink, you can put a polynomial model into an Idmodel block, found under the System Identification Toolbox pallet in Simulink. Export your model from the Sys ID tool for part c) to MATLAB and use the Idmodel block in Simulink to implement the approximated model. Compare the time histories.
- Now add the zero mean, 0.001 variance noise to the output and use that data to repeat step a) and step c). What does noise do to the ability to produce an accurate model of the system? Feel free to play with the tool settings to make the model as good as you can get it. You can also try the ARMAX setting with various order models.

### Problem 2) Transfer Function Approximation (30 points)

For the same system as above, use the System Identification app to identify a transfer function.

- Use the system identification app to create third order transfer function denominator, second order numerator using the data without noise.
- Compare the poles and zeros of the identified transfer function with the true values.
- Export the model and use the Idmodel block to import the identified transfer function into Simulink. Compare the time histories of true vs identified.

- d) Now repeat steps a), b), and c) when using the output which has the random noise added. What does noise do to the ability to produce an accurate model of the system in this case?

**Problem 3) State Space ID (30 points)**

Repeat the process as in Problem 1, but this time identify a state space model.

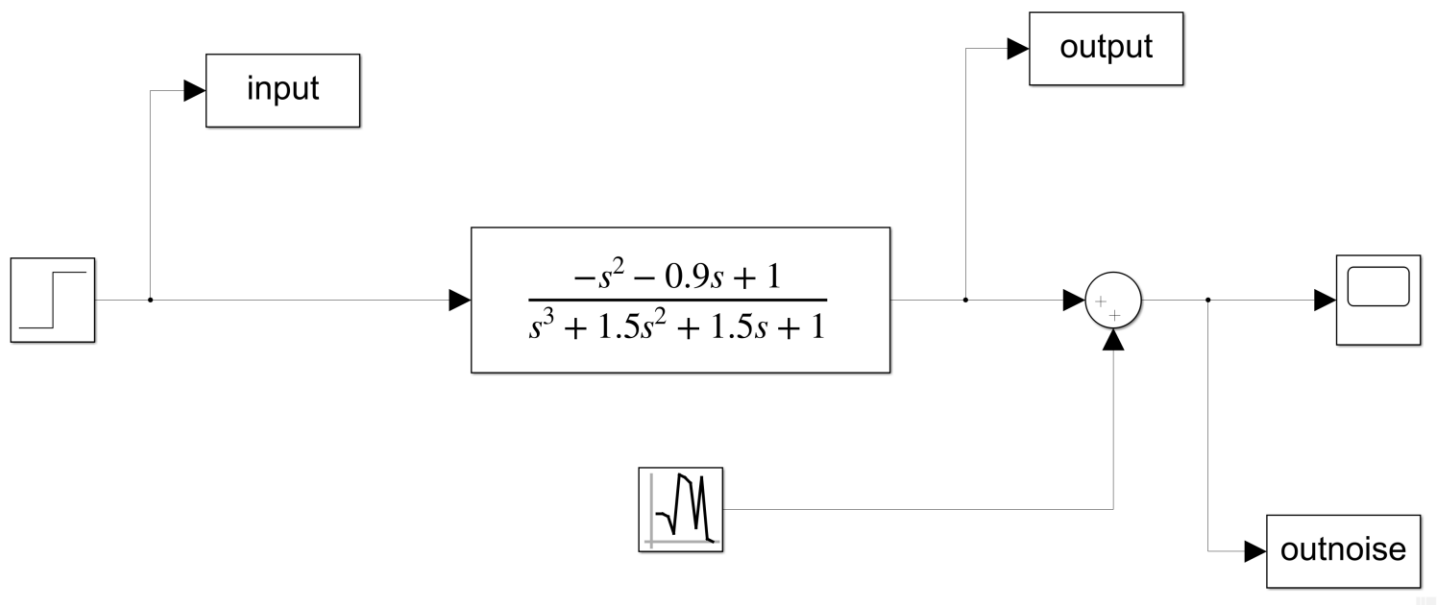
- a) Use the system identification app to create a state space model using the data without noise. You might have to turn off the 'Allow unstable models' checkbox under the Estimation Options section of the GUI and set the Focus to Simulation.
- b) Compare the poles and zeros of the identified model with the true values.
- c) Export the model and use the Idmodel block to import the identified state space system into Simulink. Compare the time histories of true vs identified.
- d) Now repeat steps a), b), and c) when using the output which has the random noise added. Feel free to experiment with the different tool settings to try to make the model as good as you can get it.
- e) What does noise do to the problem, i.e. does it help or hurt?

**Problem 4) Discussion (10 points)**

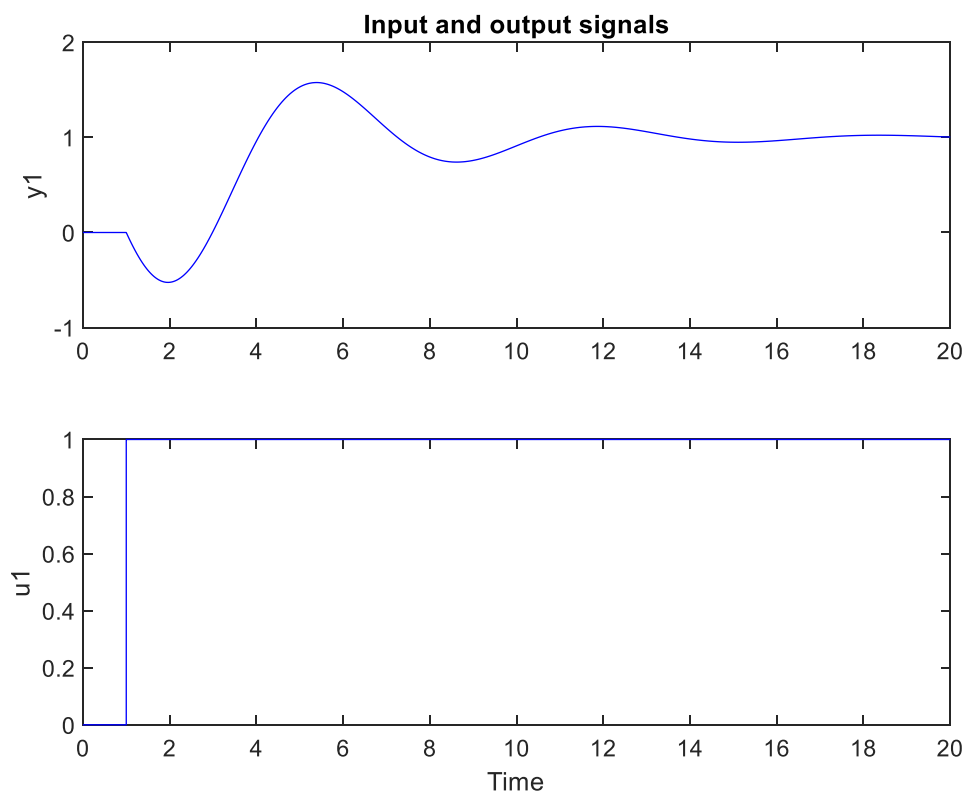
Comment on which of the three methods you tried above produced the best model fit for the noise-free case and for the noisy data case. Which would you probably use if you had to develop a model from data that has noise to it? Note this is probably problem-dependent so it would be best to try different methods to see what works best for your situation.

## Problem - 1

a.



Simulink Diagram



Plots for Input and Output signals

Polynomial Models

Structure: ARX: [na nb nk] ▾

Orders: [5 4 1]

Equation:  **$Ay = Bu + e$**

Method: ☒ ARX ☐ IV

Domain: ☐ Continuous ☒ Discrete (0.01 s)

☐ Add noise integration ("ARIX" model)

Input delay: 0

Name: arx541

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Focus: Simulation ▾ Initial state: Auto ▾

Regularization... Covariance: Estimate ▾

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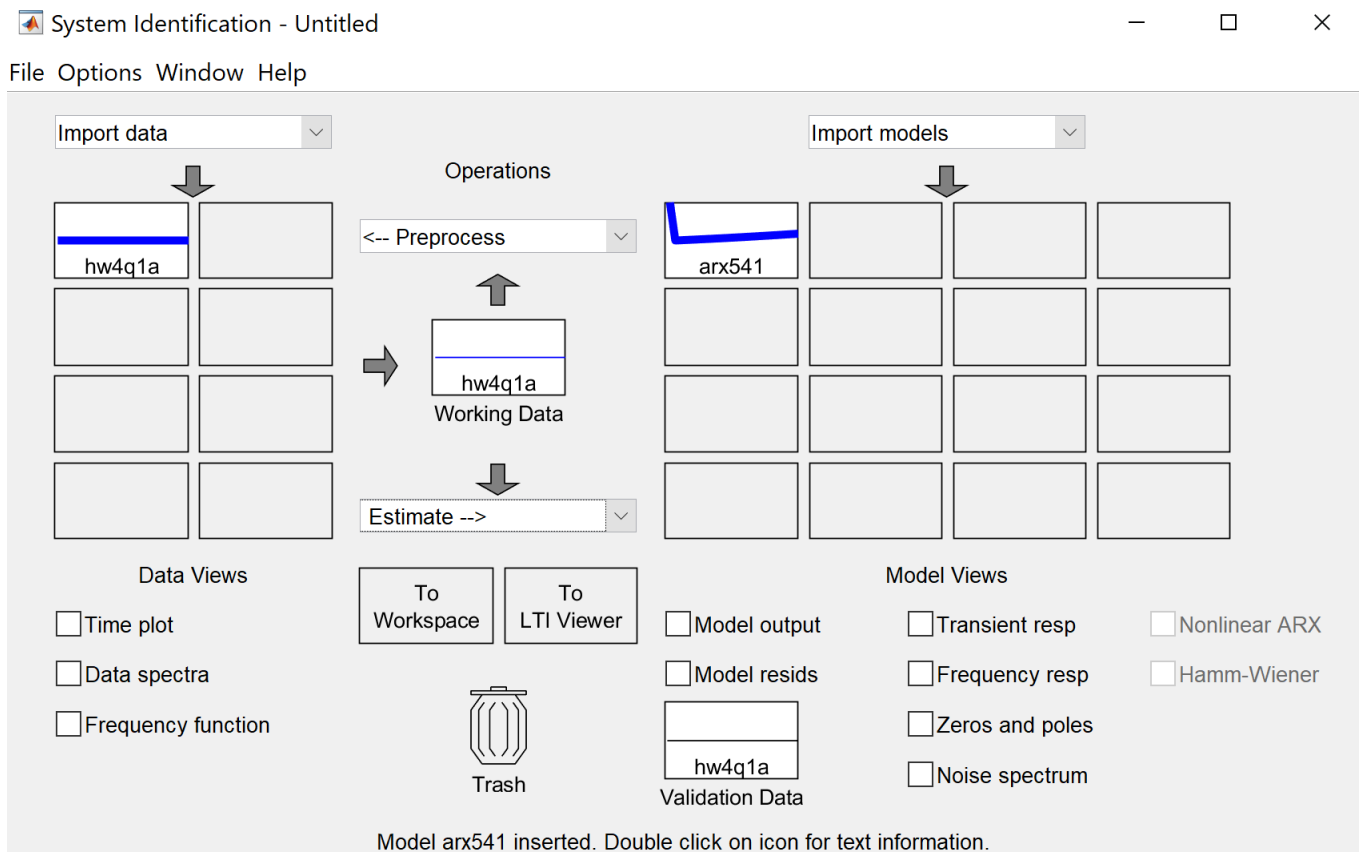
☐ Display progress Stop iterations

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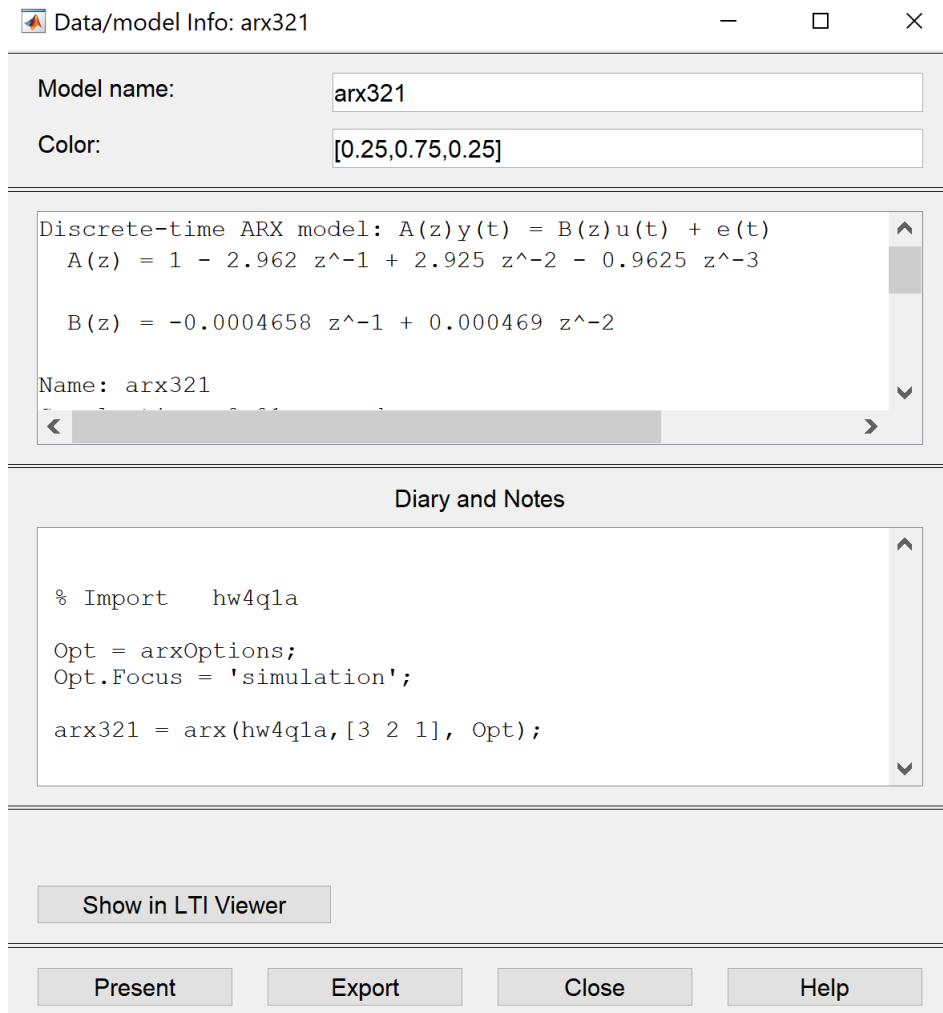
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Estimate Close Help



**Importing data and estimating the polynomial function**



b.

### MATLAB Commands for c2d

```
>> F=tf([-1 -0.9 1],[1 1.5 1.5 1])
```

F =

$$\frac{-s^2 - 0.9 s + 1}{s^3 + 1.5 s^2 + 1.5 s + 1}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

```
>> Fd=c2d(F,0.01)
```

Fd =

$$\frac{-0.00997 z^2 + 0.01985 z - 0.00988}{z^3 - 2.985 z^2 + 2.97 z - 0.9851}$$

Sample time: 0.01 seconds

Discrete-time transfer function.

**Conclusion** - The  $A(z)$  is similar to the denominator of the discrete transfer function when it is estimated using the same orders for numerator and denominator. Higher order estimations cannot be compared easily.

Model name: arx541

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Discrete-time ARX model:  $A(z)y(t) = B(z)u(t) + e(t)$ 

$$A(z) = 1 - 1.99 z^{-1} + 1.97 z^{-3} - 0.9802 z^{-4} - 3.61e-10 z^{-5}$$

$$B(z) = -0.00997 z^{-1} + 0.009931 z^{-2} + 0.009872 z^{-3} - 0.009831 z^{-4}$$

Name: arx541

## Diary and Notes

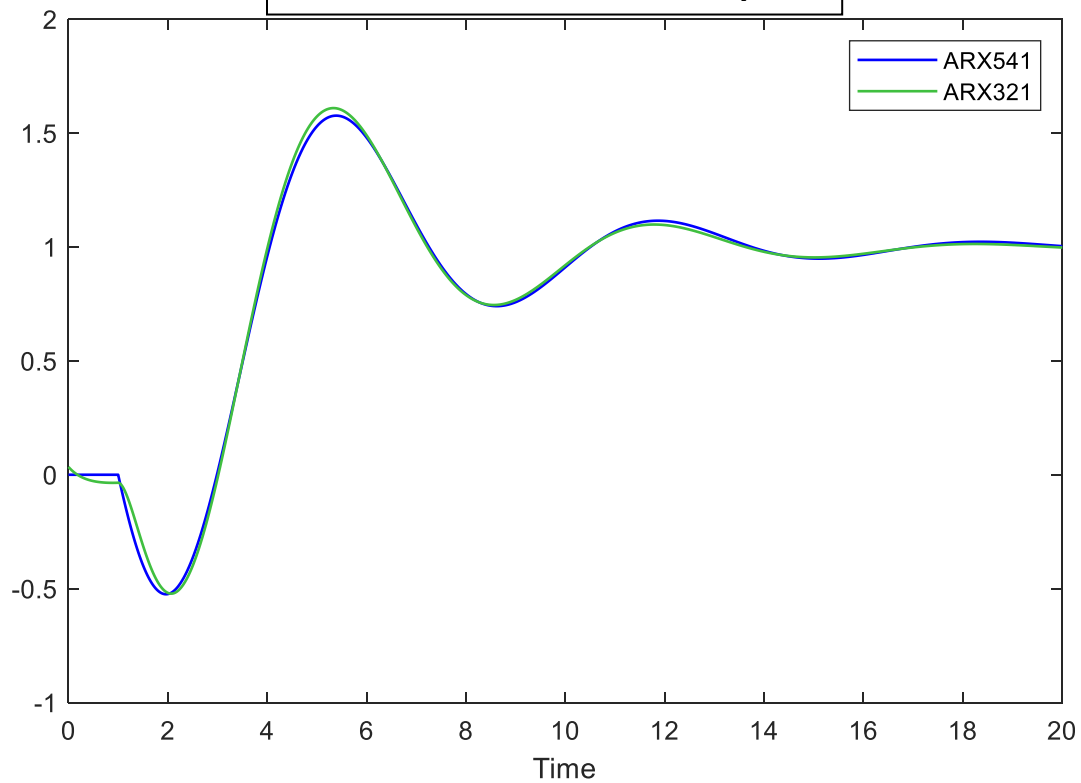
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% Import hw4qla

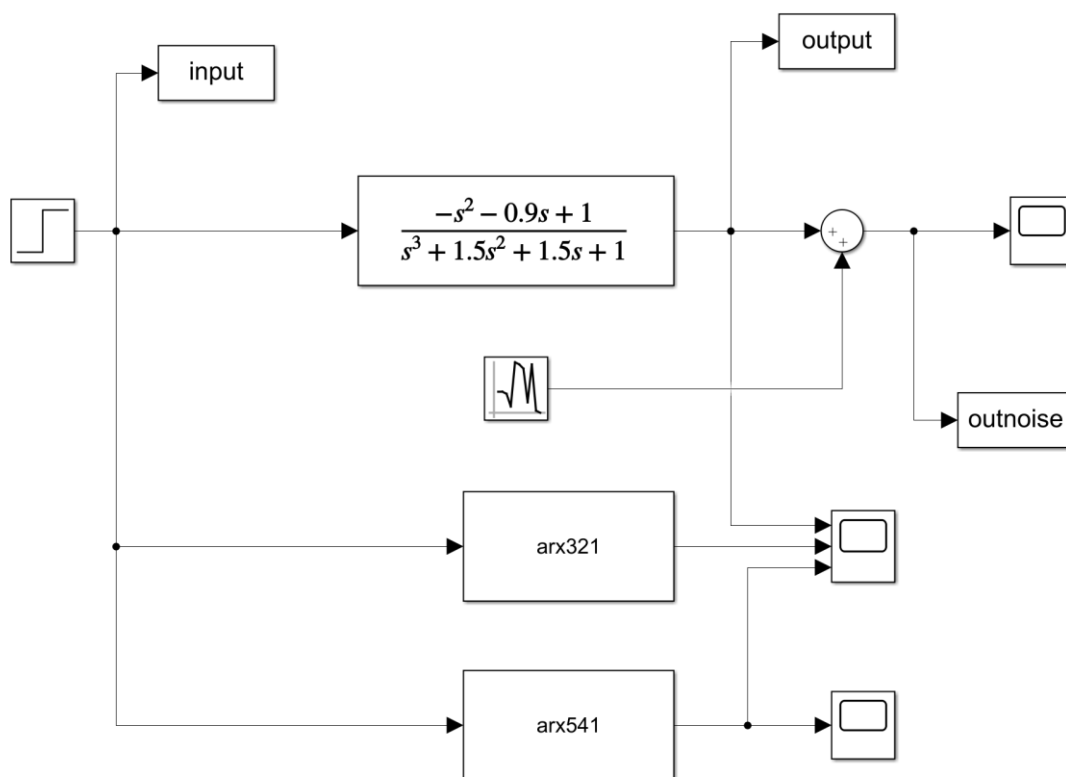
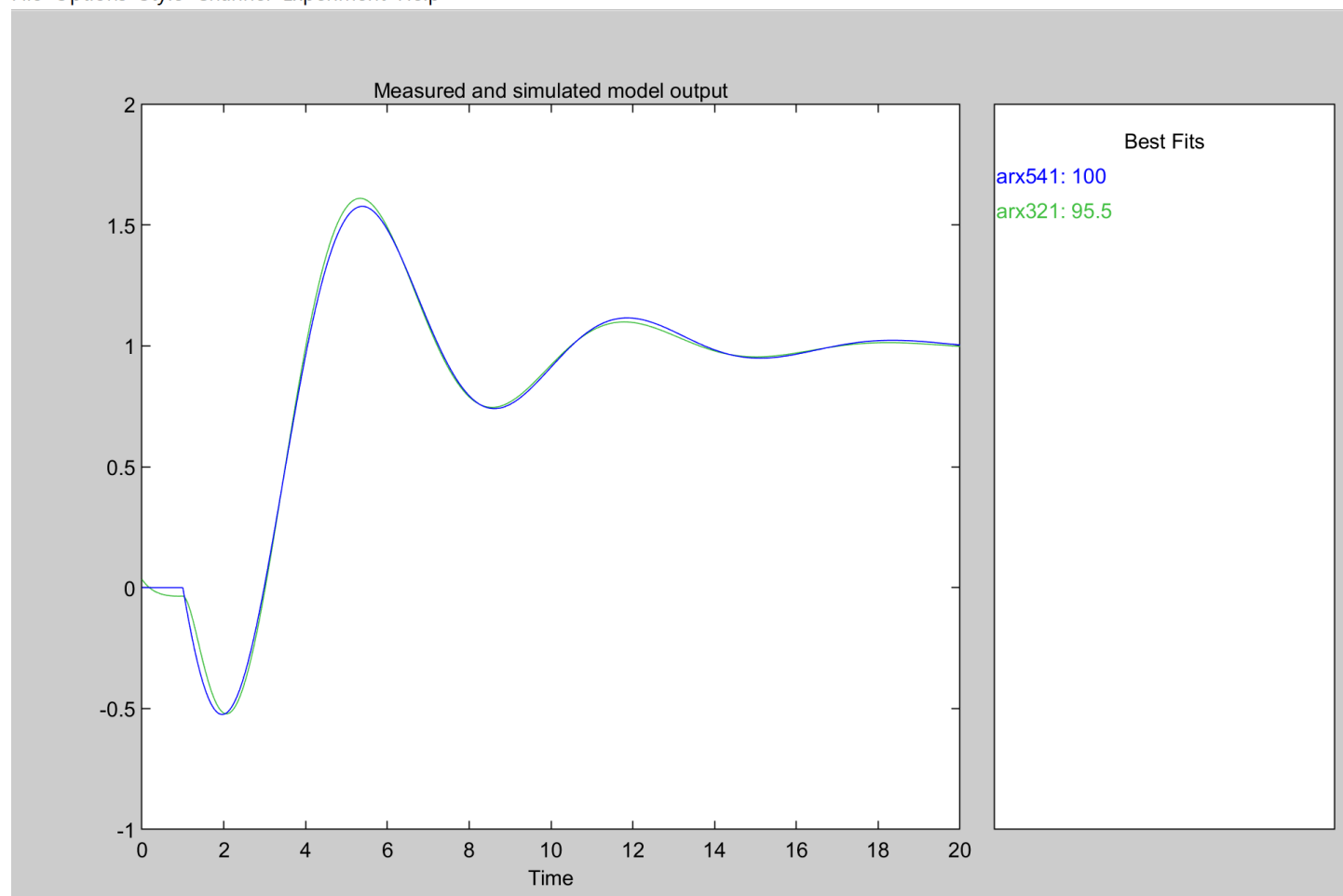
Opt = arxOptions;
Opt.Focus = 'simulation';

arx541 = arx(hw4qla,[5 4 1], Opt);
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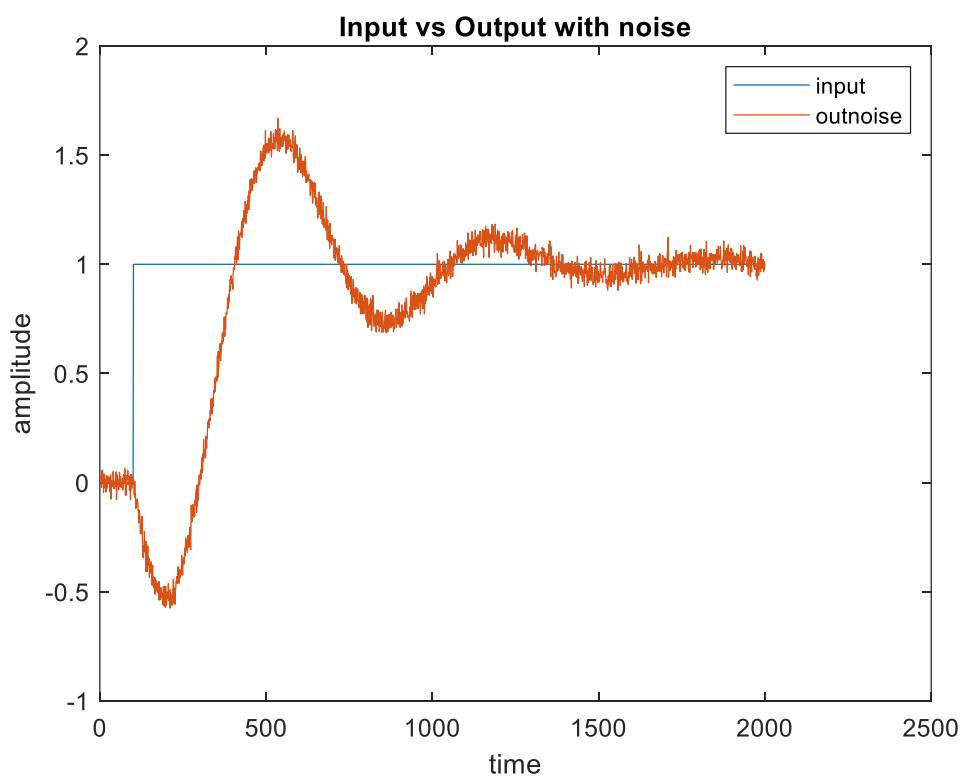
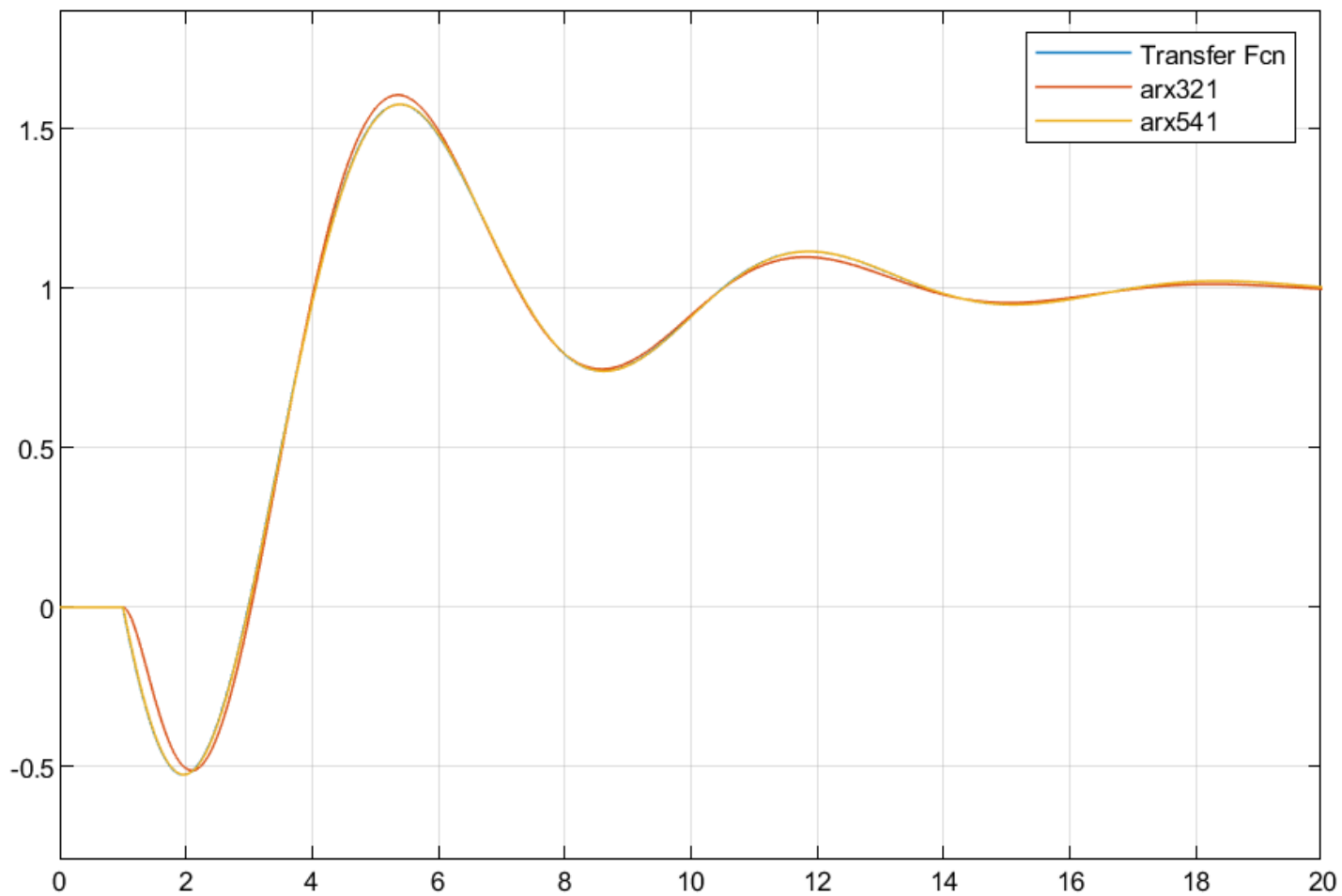
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Plot for Simulated Outputs





Comparison plots for estimated and actual outputs



d.



The screenshot shows the main interface of the System Identification software. It features several sections:

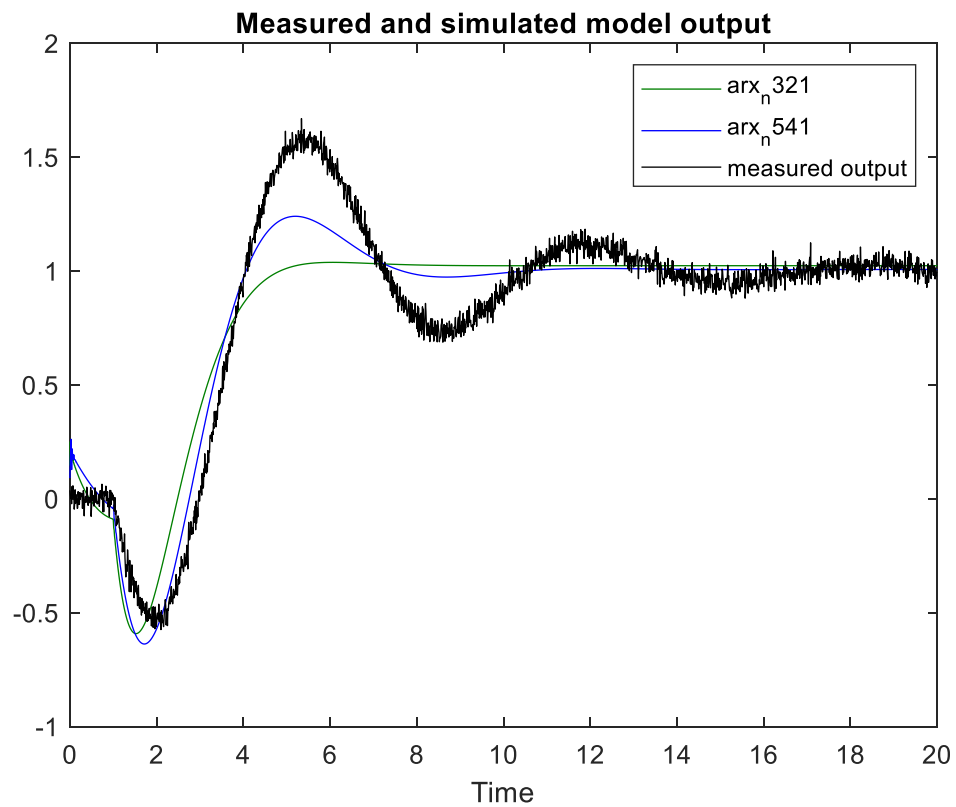
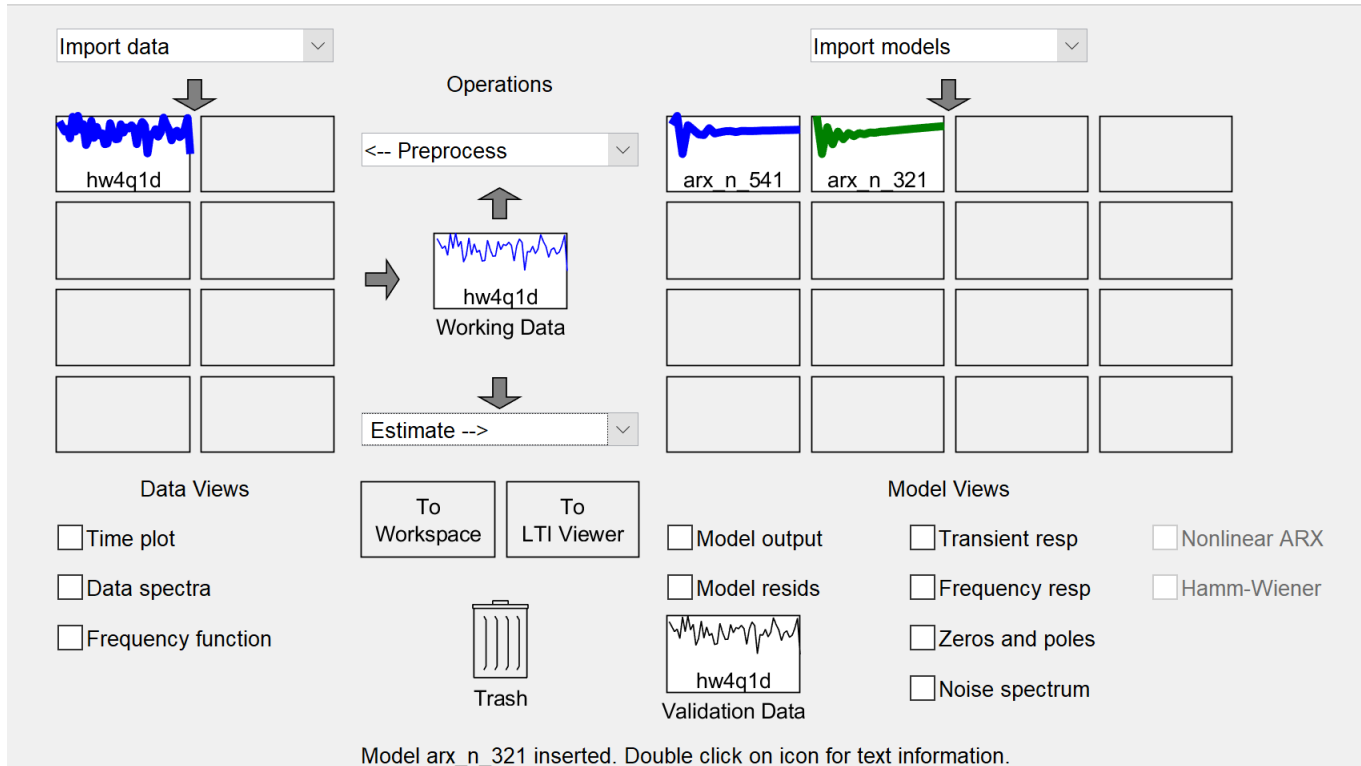
- Import data:** A dropdown menu and a grid of data plots. The first plot is labeled 'hw4q1a' and the second is 'hw4q1d'. A blue waveform is visible over the 'hw4q1d' plot.
- Operations:** A central area with a 'Preprocess' dropdown, a 'Working Data' box labeled 'hw4q1a', and an 'Estimate -->' dropdown.
- Import models:** A dropdown menu and a grid of model plots. The first plot is labeled 'arx541', the second 'arx321', the third 'arxn541', and the fourth 'arxn321'.
- Data Views:** Checkboxes for 'Time plot', 'Data spectra', and 'Frequency function'.
- Model Views:** Checkboxes for 'Model output', 'Model resid', 'Transient resp', 'Frequency resp', 'Zeros and poles', 'Noise spectrum', 'Nonlinear ARX', and 'Hamm-Wiener'.
- Buttons:** 'To Workspace', 'To LTI Viewer', 'Trash' (represented by a trash can icon), and 'Validation Data' (labeled 'hw4q1a').

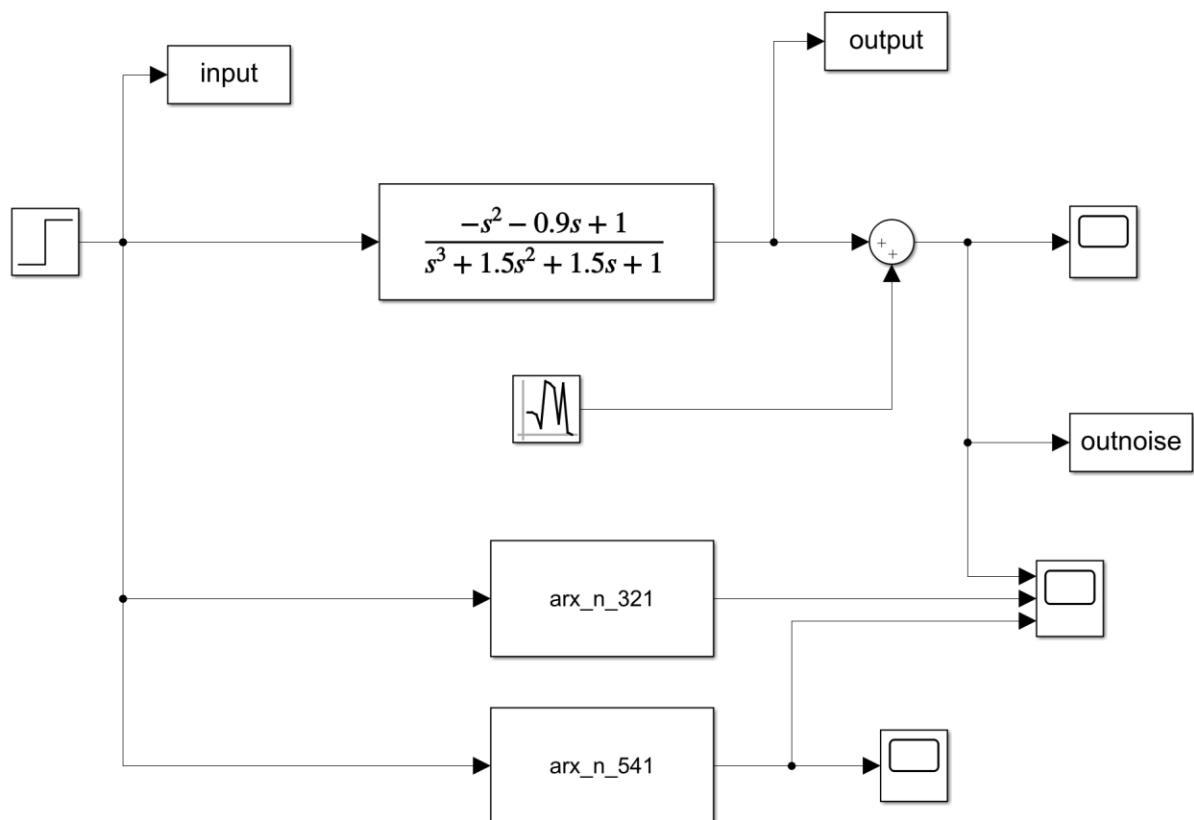
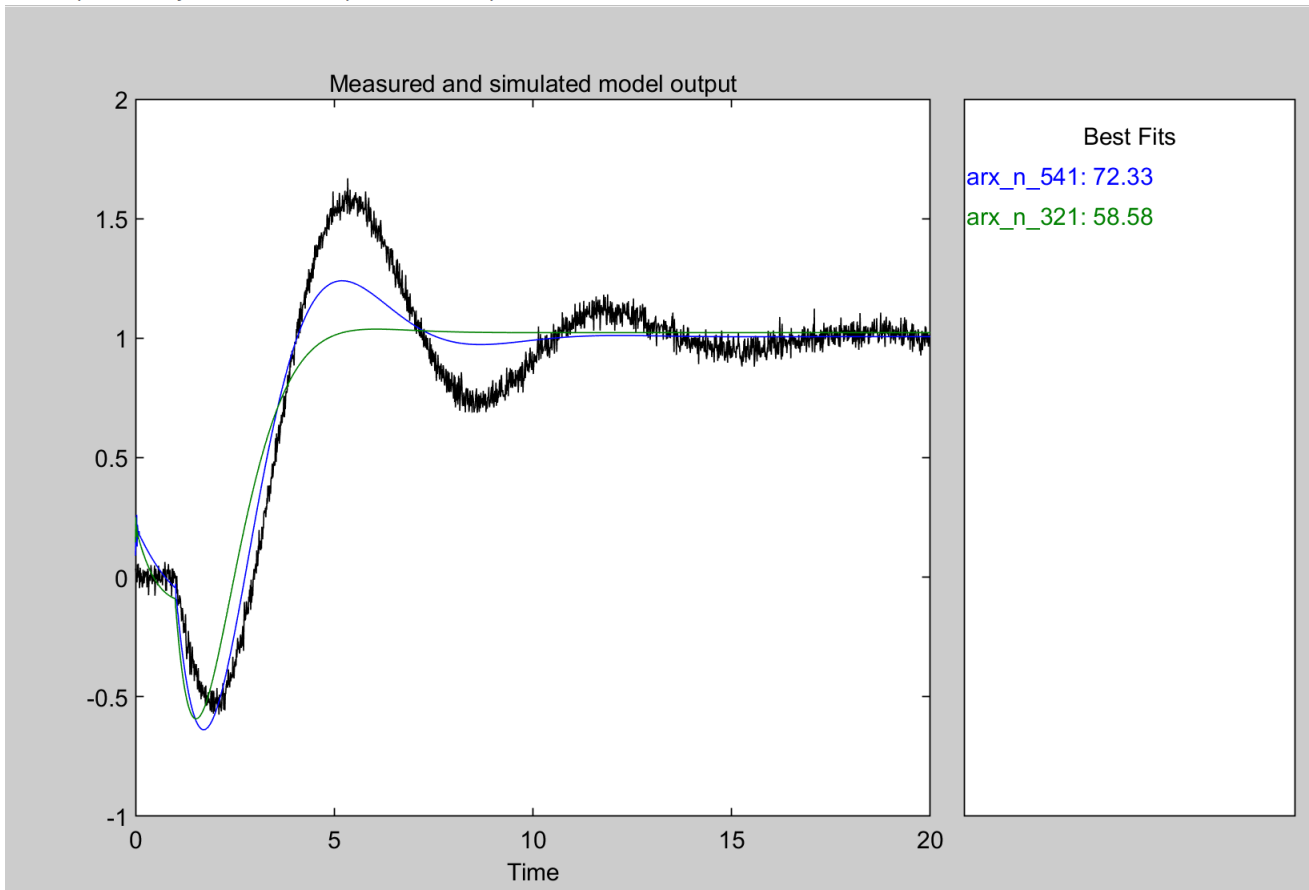
The screenshot shows the 'Polynomial Models' dialog box with the following settings:

- Structure:** ARX: [na nb nk]
- Orders:** [ 3 2 1 ]
- Equation:**  $Ay = Bu + e$
- Method:** ☒ ARX ☐ IV
- Domain:** ☐ Continuous ☒ Discrete (0.01 s)
- ☐ Add noise integration ("ARIX" model)
- Input delay:** 0
- Name:** arx\_n\_321
- Focus:** Simulation
- Initial state:** Auto
- Regularization...** (button)
- Covariance:** Estimate
- ☐ Display progress
- Stop iterations** (button)
- Order Selection** (button)
- Order Editor...** (button)
- Estimate** (button)
- Close** (button)
- Help** (button)

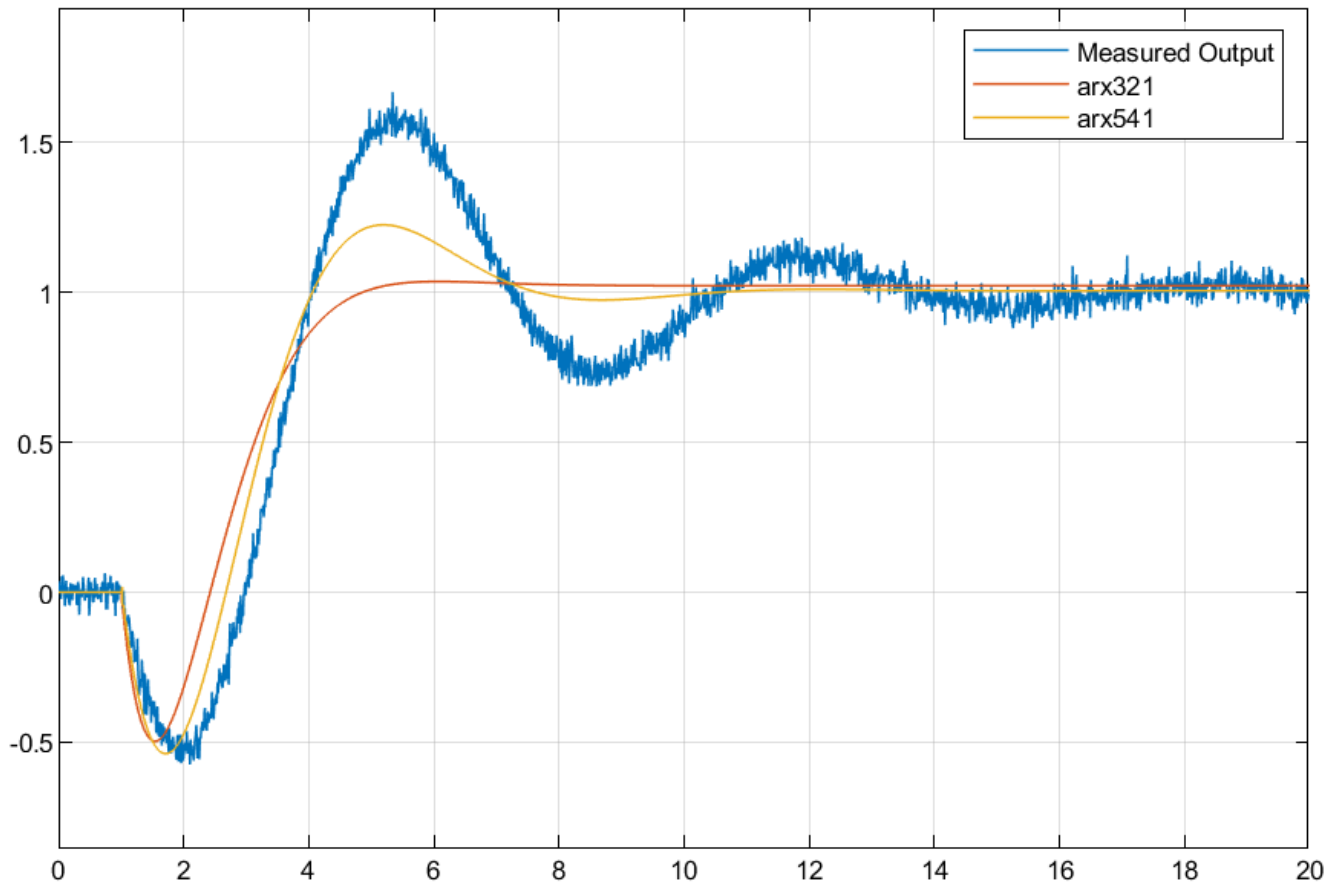
Importing data with noise and estimating polynomial functions

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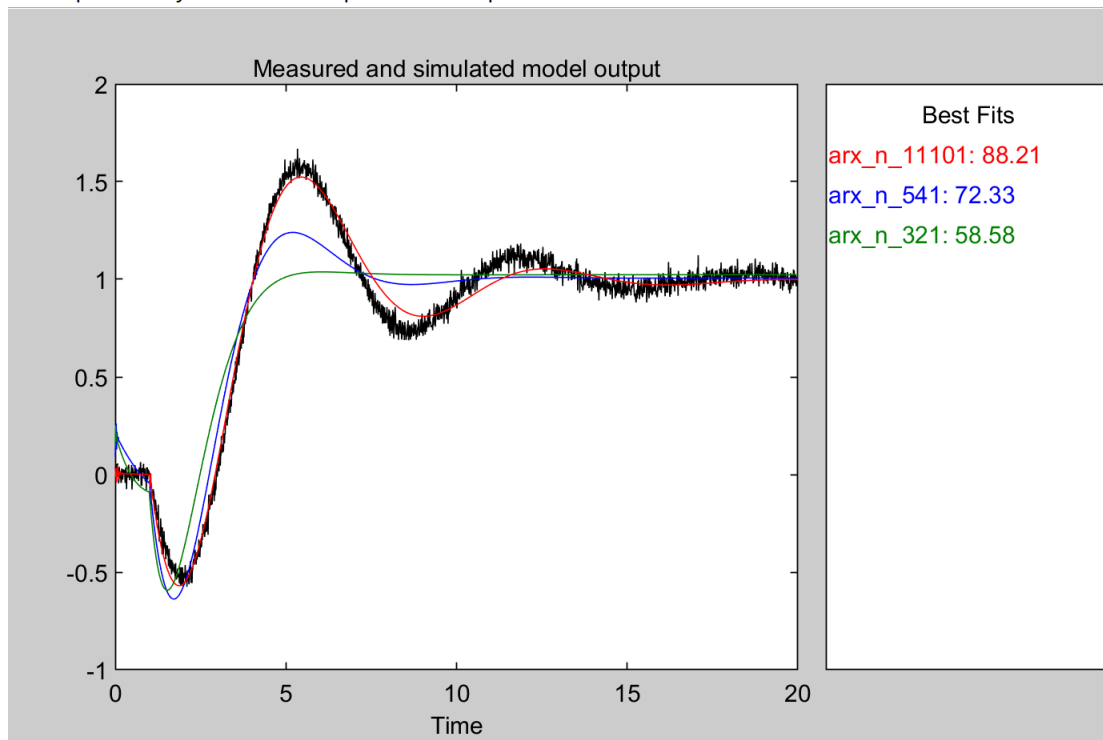
**Conclusion** - Noise significantly reduces the fitting capability of the ARX model



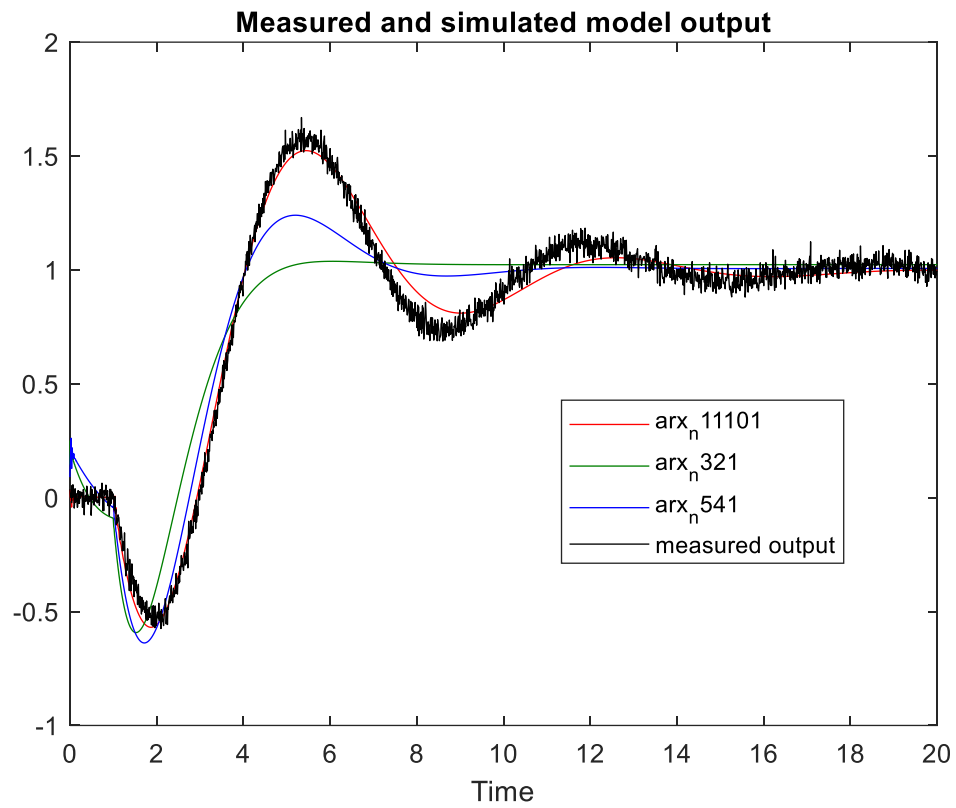
Model Output: y1

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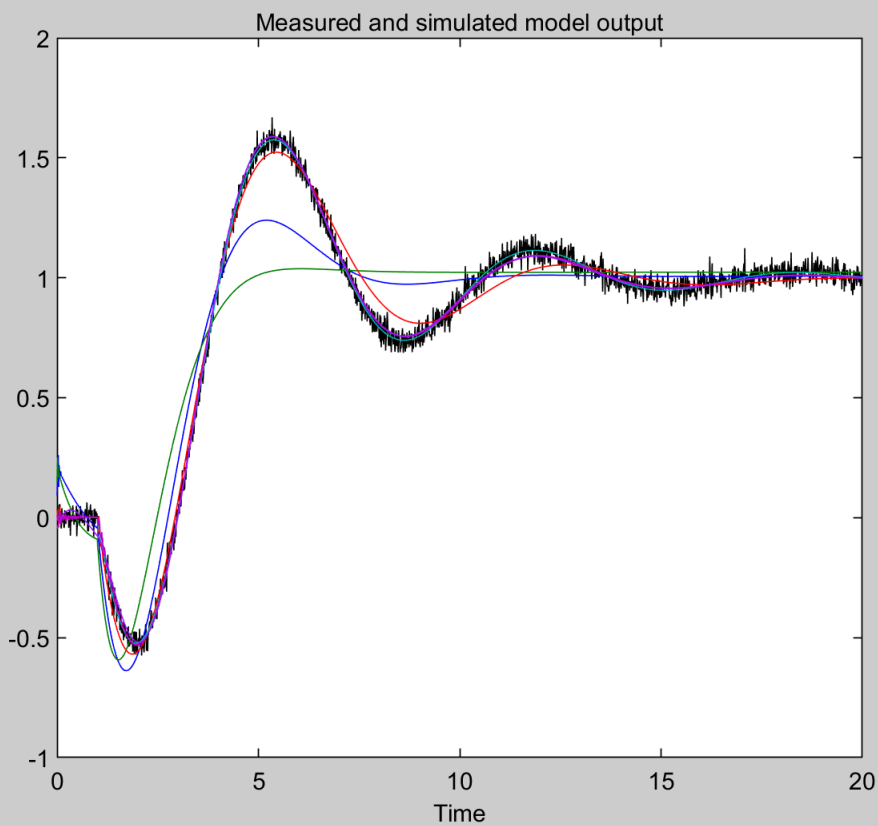
It is observed that using higher orders for estimation in the ARX model allow for better fits in case of data with noise.



Model Output: y1

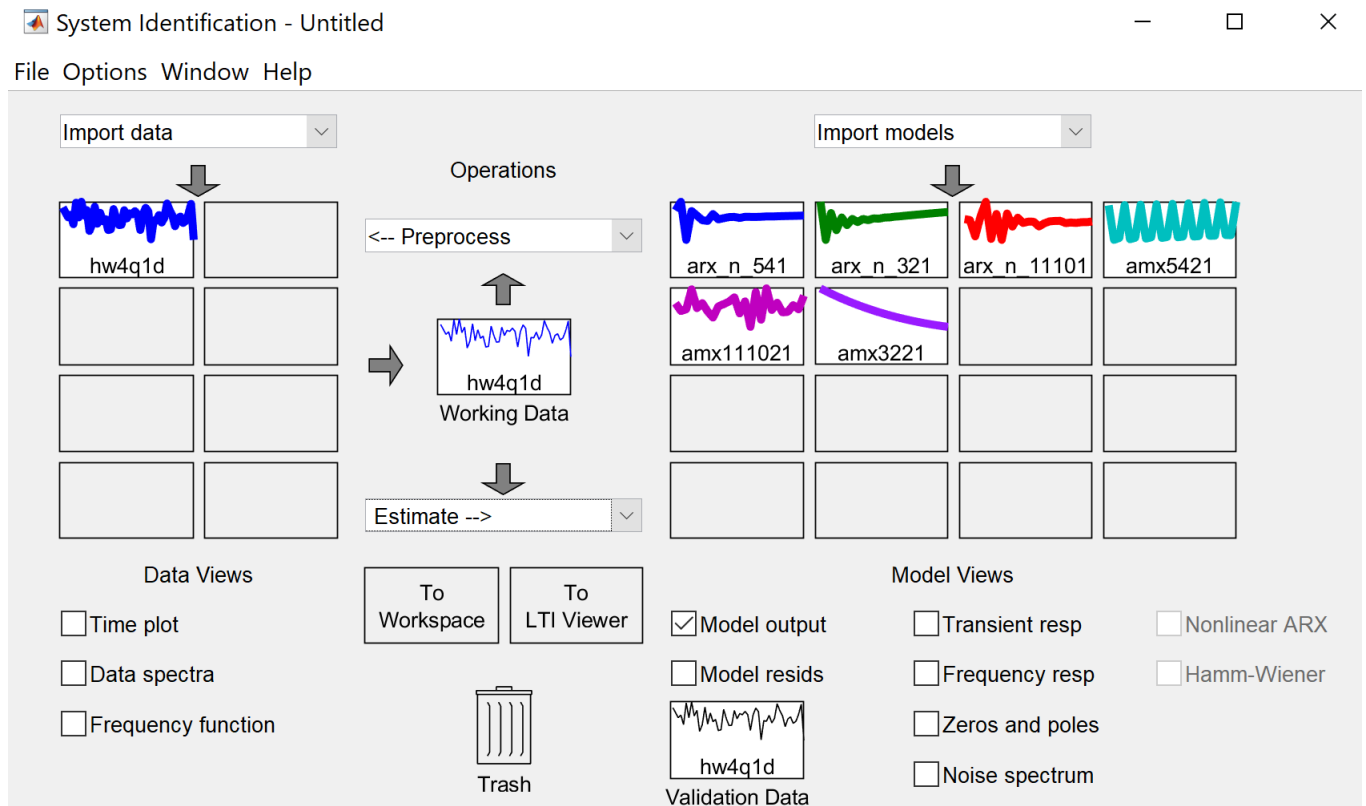
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Best Fits

amx5421: 93.61  
amx111021: 93.15  
amx3221: 92.82  
arx<sub>n</sub> 11101: 88.21  
arx<sub>n</sub> 541: 72.33  
arx<sub>n</sub> 321: 58.58



**Conclusion:** ARMAX model is better in prediction than AMX model. The ARMAX model has the best fit at amx5421, it probably starts chasing noise for higher orders of estimation which results in a lesser fit.

## Problem - 2

a.

Transfer Functions

Model name: tf1

Number of poles: 3

Number of zeros: 2

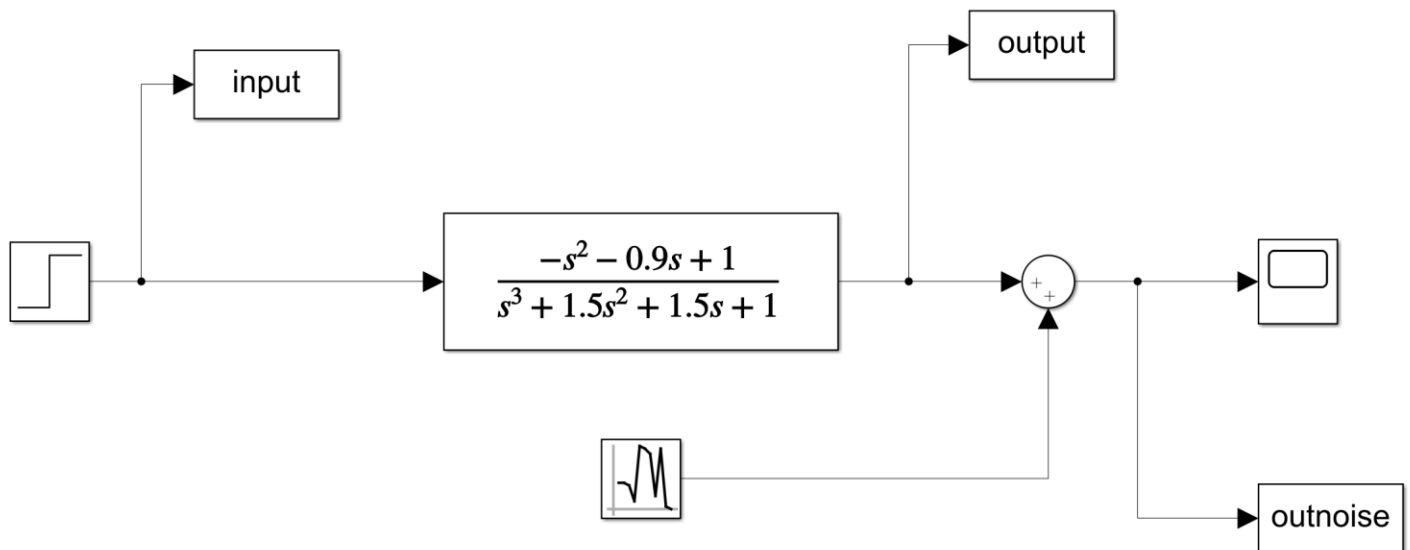
☒ Continuous-time ☐ Discrete-time (Ts = 0.01) ☐ Feedthrough

› I/O Delay

› Estimation Options

Estimate Close Help

Setting the initial values for estimation of transfer function after importing data



Simulink Block Diagram

Transfer Function Identification  
 Estimation data: Time domain data hw4q2  
 Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
 Number of poles: 3, Number of zeros: 2  
 Initialization Method: "lv"

## Estimation Progress

Initializing model parameters...  
 Initializing using 'lv' method...  
 done.

Initialization complete.

Algorithm: Nonlinear least squares with automatically chosen line search method

Iteration	Cost	Norm of step	First-order		Improvement (%)	
			optimality	Expected	Achieved	Bisections
0	4.10284e-28	-	6.02e+16	2.08e+29	-	-
1	7.4198e-29	1.84e-12	2.55e+16	2.08e+29	81.9	0
2	7.36044e-29	1.91e-14	1.75e+16	1.48e+29	0.8	1
3	7.23355e-29	8.8e-15	1.58e+16	6.71e+28	1.72	2
4	7.0996e-29	2.55e-14	1.05e+16	4.98e+28	1.85	1
5	7.01872e-29	1.56e-14	1.01e+16	1.16e+28	1.14	0
6	6.99929e-29	1.31e-15	1.37e+16	2.51e+28	0.277	4
7	6.96623e-29	7.74e-15	9.45e+15	4.21e+28	0.472	1
8	6.86584e-29	1.53e-14	1.63e+16	2.01e+28	1.44	0
9	6.74044e-29	3.18e-16	1.65e+16	2.92e+28	1.83	5
10	6.6426e-29	2.65e-15	1.63e+16	3.1e+28	1.45	1
11	6.62577e-29	6.43e-16	1.64e+16	5.76e+28	0.253	4
12	6.62577e-29	4.61e-18	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	3.72e-05	11
13	6.62577e-29	2.31e-18	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	1.86e-05	12
14	6.62577e-29	1.15e-18	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	9.3e-06	13
15	6.62577e-29	1.44e-19	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	1.16e-06	16
16	6.62577e-29	1.8e-20	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	1.45e-07	19
17	6.62577e-29	4.51e-21	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	3.63e-08	21
18	6.62577e-29	2.25e-21	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	1.32e-08	22
19	6.62577e-29	1.13e-21	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	9.08e-09	23
20	6.62577e-29	5.63e-22	1.64e+16	5.42e+28	4.54e-09	24

Estimating parameter covariance...  
 done.

## Result

Termination condition: Near (local) minimum, (norm(g) < tol)..  
 Number of iterations: 20, Number of function evaluations: 221

Status: Estimated using TTEST  
 Fit to estimation data: 100%, FFE: 6.69568e-29

Stop

Close

## Estimation for Continuous transfer function

Transfer Function Identification  
 Estimation data: Time domain data hw4q2  
 Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
 Number of poles: 3, Number of zeros: 2

## Estimation Progress

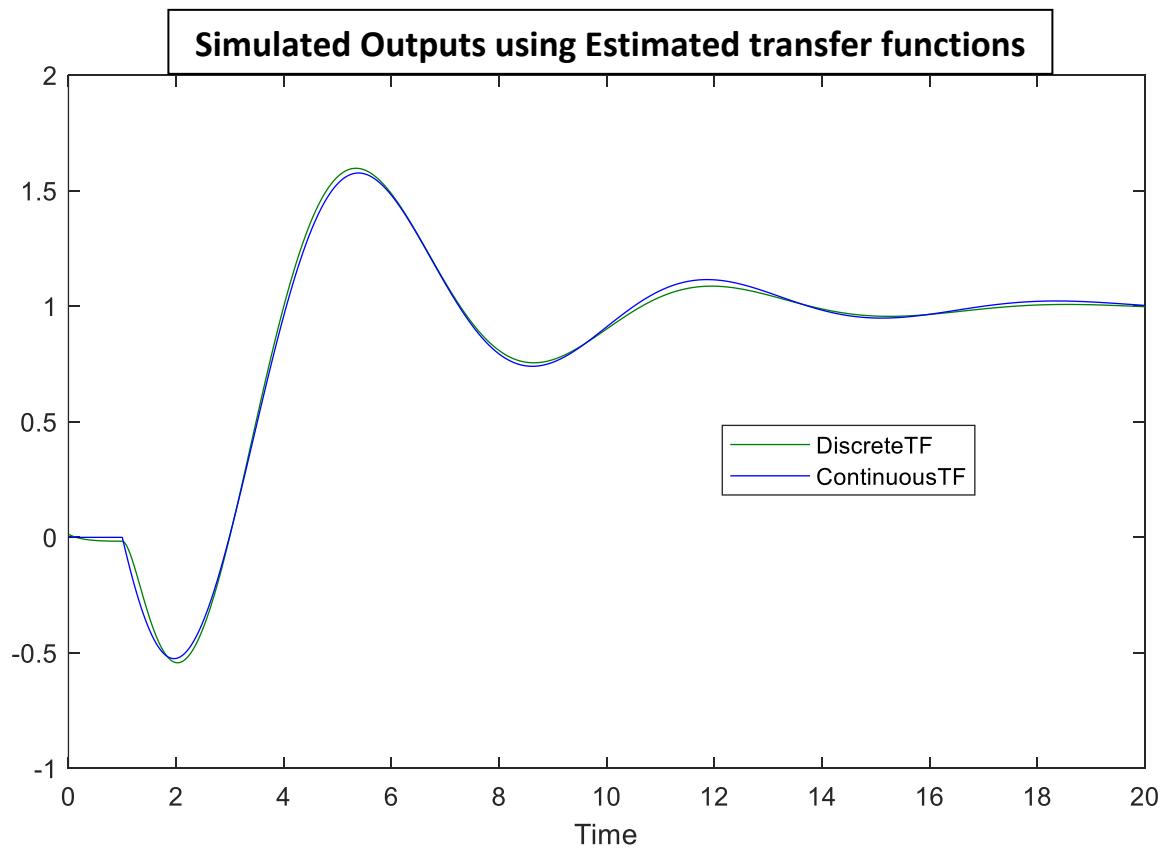
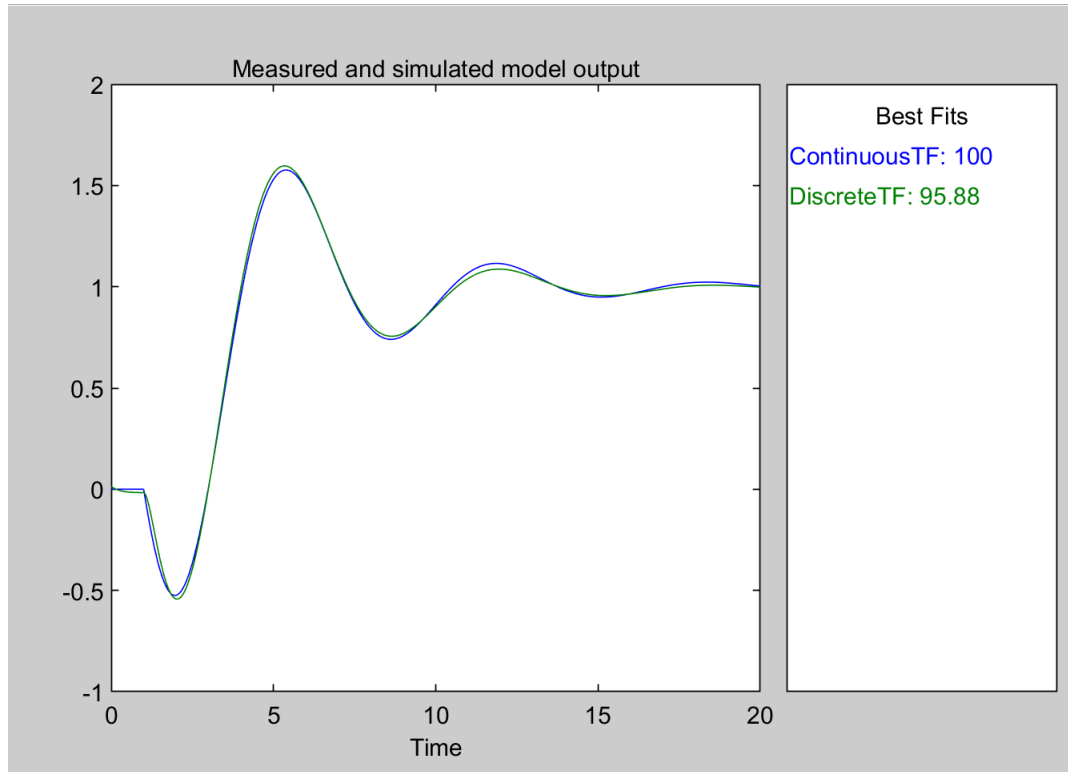
Initializing model parameters...  
 Initializing using 'ark' method...  
 Initialization complete.

Algorithm: Nonlinear least squares with automatically chosen line search method

Iteration	Cost	Norm of step	First-order		Improvement (%)	
			optimality	Expected	Achieved	Bisections
0	0.00814281	-	3.86e+05	95.3	-	-
1	0.00402784	1.98	1.09e+06	95.3	50.5	4
2	0.00129131	0.244	6.4e+05	90.8	47.5	2
3	0.000524787	0.0671	2.47e+05	65.9	59.4	1
4	0.000455262	0.0246	1.46e+05	13	13.2	0
5	0.000452313	0.000204	2.55e+04	0.686	0.648	0
6	0.000452282	0.000365	2.14e+03	0.00649	0.00677	0

## Estimation for discrete transfer function





## b. MATLAB Commands for converting to discrete form for comparison

```
>> C=tf([-1 -0.9 1],[1 1.5 1.5 1])
```

C =

$$\frac{-s^2 - 0.9 s + 1}{s^3 + 1.5 s^2 + 1.5 s + 1}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

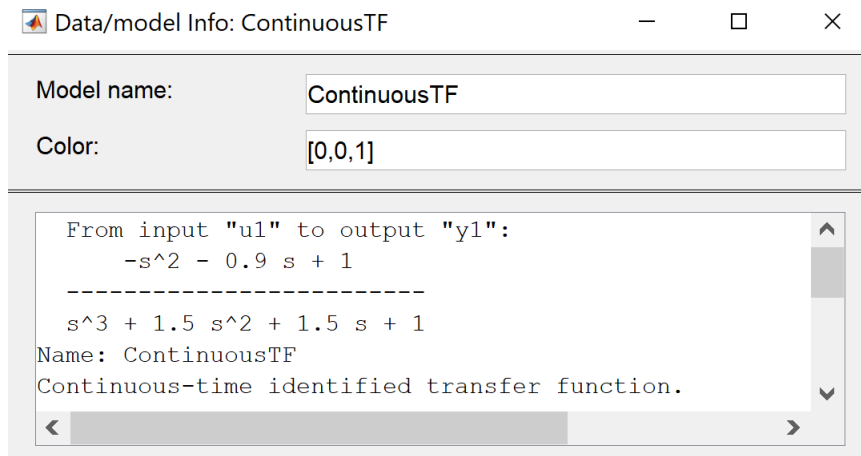
```
>> D=c2d(C,0.01)
```

D =

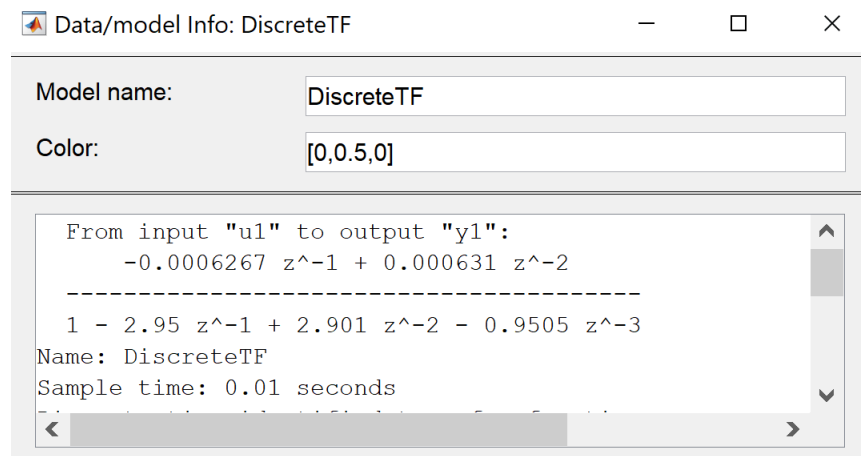
$$\frac{-0.00997 z^2 + 0.01985 z - 0.00988}{z^3 - 2.985 z^2 + 2.97 z - 0.9851}$$

Sample time: 0.01 seconds

Discrete-time transfer function.

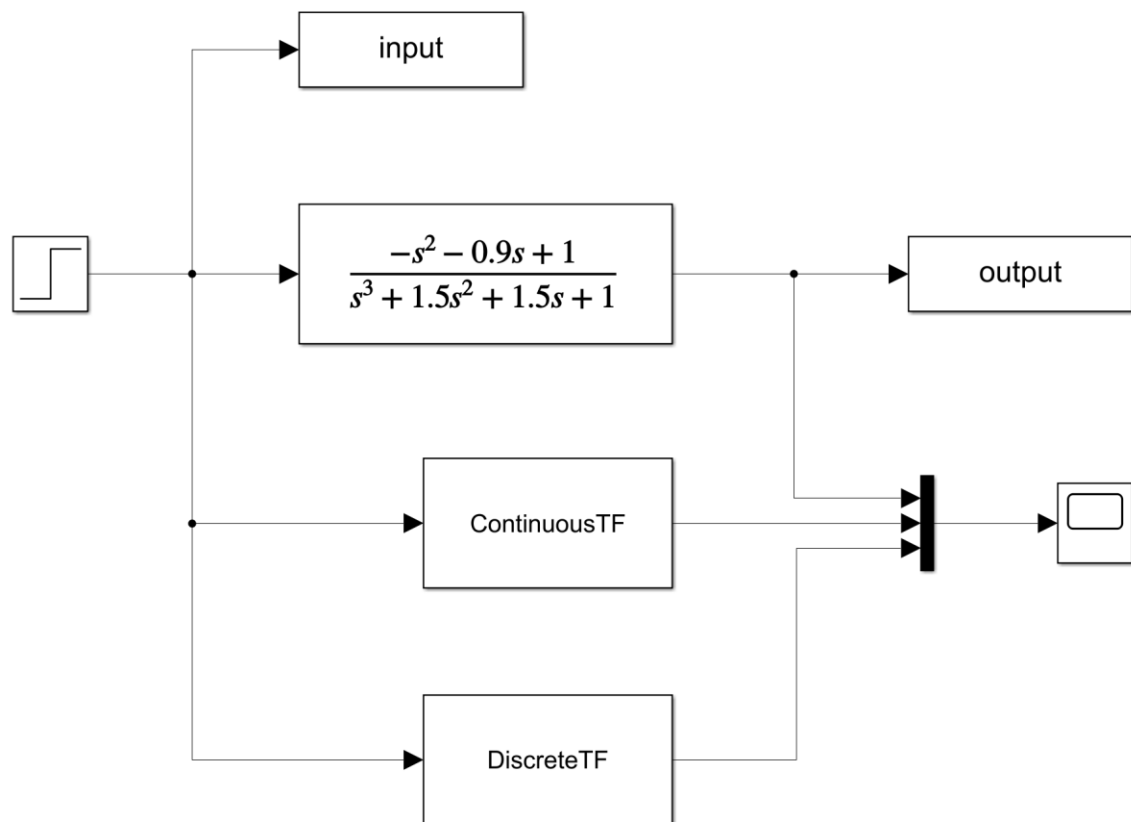


### Continuous Transfer Function

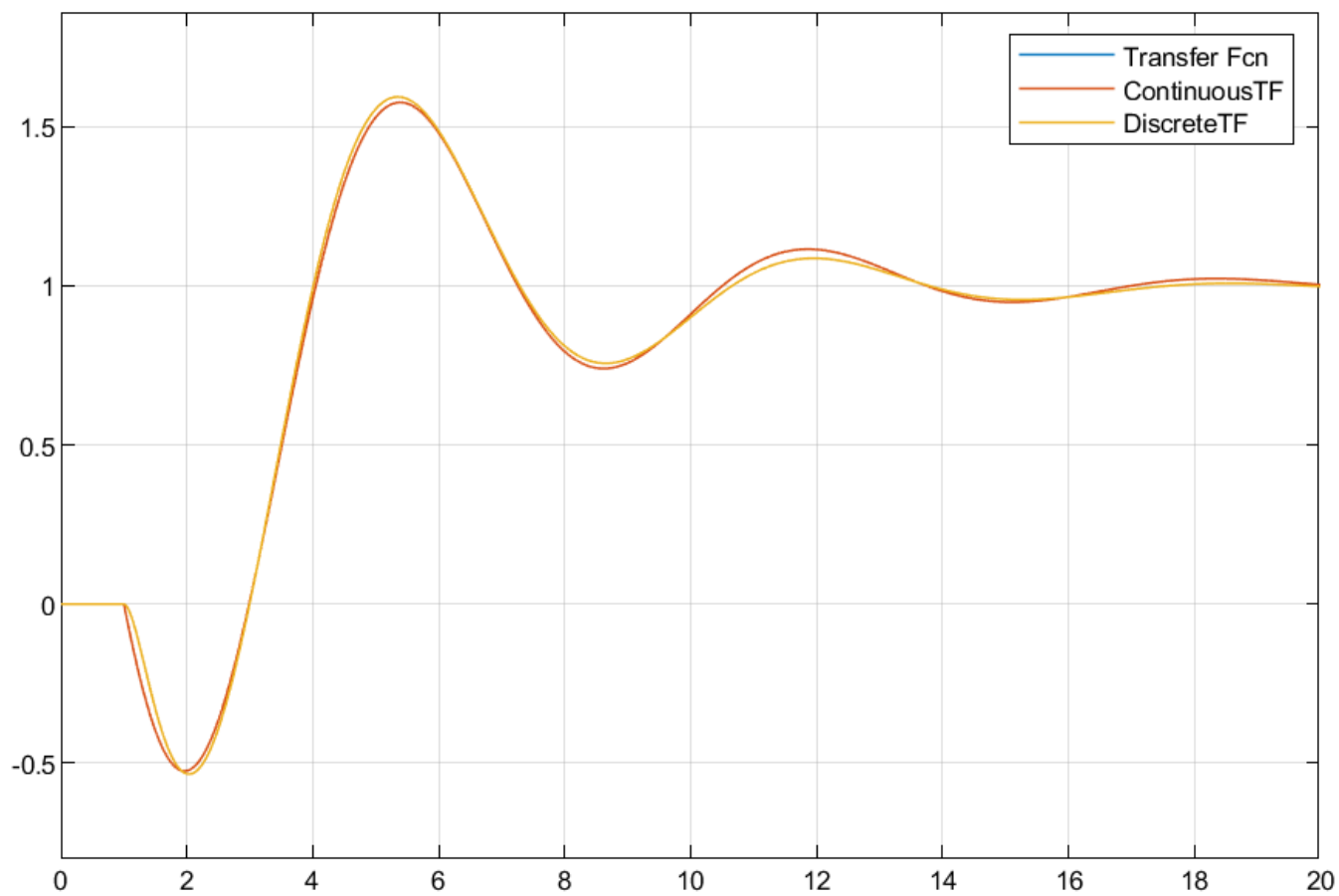


### Discrete Transfer function

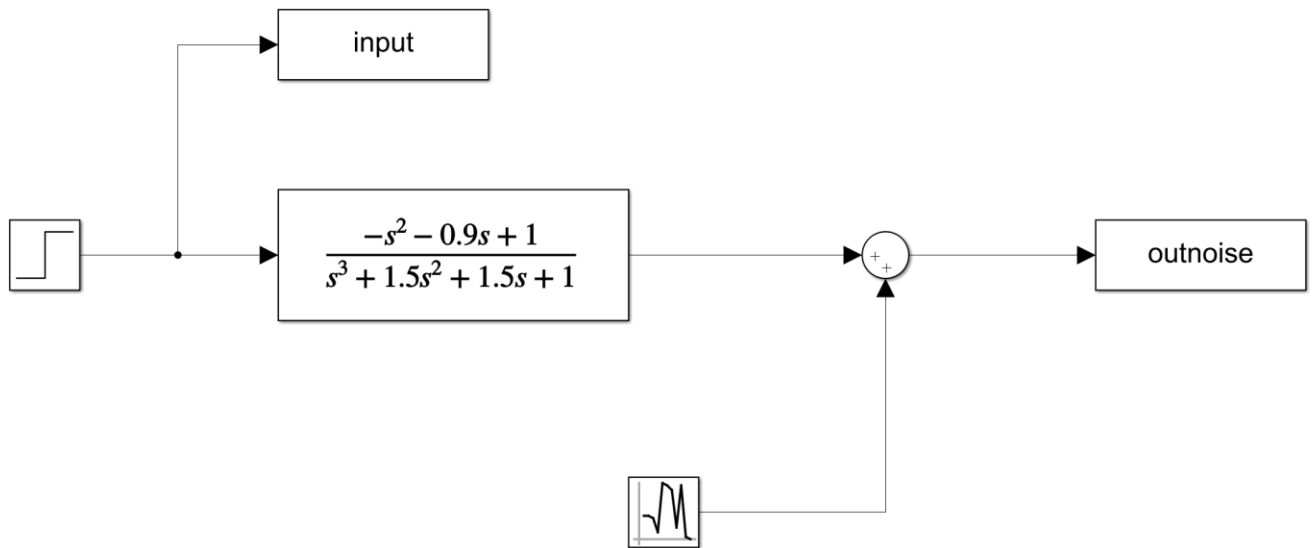
**Conclusion** - The estimated continuous transfer function is exactly the same as the original system values i.e., poles and zeros are same. Denominator for the estimated discrete transfer function is very similar to  $A(z)$  but the numerator is different.



c.



Comparison plots derived from Scope



d.

## Simulink Block Diagram with Noise

Import Data

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**Data Format for Signals**

Time-Domain Signals

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**Workspace Variable**

Input: input

Output: outnoise

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**Data Information**

Data name: test4

Starting time: 0

Sample time: 0.01

Importing data with noise from workspace

 Transfer Functions

Model name: tf2

Number of poles: 3

Number of zeros: 2

☒ Continuous-time ☐ Discrete-time (Ts = 0.01) ☐ Feedthrough


I/O Delay

Estimation Options

Estimate

Close

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Transfer Function Identification

Estimation data: Time domain data test4

Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.

Number of poles: 3, Number of zeros: 2

Initialization Method: "lv"

Estimation Progress

Initializing model parameters...

Initializing using 'lv' method...

done.

Initialization complete.

Algorithm: Nonlinear least squares with automatically chosen line search method

Iteration	Cost	Norm of step	First-order optimality	Improvement (%)	Expected	Achieved	Bisections
0	0.00103528	-	47.3	38.3	-	-	-
1	0.00103524	0.133	387	36.3	0.00387	0	0
2	0.00103487	0.00192	0.158	34.7	0.0359	0	0
3	0.00103487	2.73e-05	0.000393	5.84e-06	6.14e-09	0	0

Estimating parameter covariance...

done.

Result

Termination condition: Near (local) minimum, (norm(g) < tol)..


Number of iterations: 3, Number of function evaluations: 7

Status: Estimated using TFEST

Fit to estimation data: 93.61%, FPE: 0.00104422

Stop

Close

 Transfer Functions

Model name: tf3

Number of poles: 3

Number of zeros: 2

☐ Continuous-time ☒ Discrete-time (Ts = 0.01) ☐ Feedthrough

I/O Delay

Estimation Options

Estimate

Close

Help

Transfer Function Identification  
Estimation data: Time domain data test4  
Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
Number of poles: 3, Number of zeros: 2  
Initialization Method: "iv"  
Transfer Function Identification  
Estimation data: Time domain data test4  
Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
Number of poles: 3, Number of zeros: 2

## Estimation Progress

Initializing model parameters...  
Initializing using 'iv' method...  
done.

Initialization complete.

Algorithm: Nonlinear least squares with automatically chosen line search method

Iteration	Cost	Norm of step	First-order optimality	Improvement (%)		
				Expected	Achieved	Bisections
0	0.00103528	-	47.3	38.3	-	-
1	0.00103524	0.133	387	38.3	0.00387	0
2	0.00103487	0.00192	0.158	34.7	0.0359	0
3	0.00103487	2.73e-05	0.000393	5.84e-06	6.14e-09	0

Estimating parameter covariance...  
done.

Initializing model parameters...  
Initializing using 'arm' method...  
Initialization complete.

Algorithm: Nonlinear least squares with automatically chosen line search method

Iteration	Cost	Norm of step	First-order optimality	Improvement (%)		
				Expected	Achieved	Bisections
0	25.0809	-	9.07e+06	99.6	-	-
1	1.28049	0.977	8.95e+05	99.6	94.9	1
2	0.12797	0.241	7.06e+04	91.1	90	0
3	0.105059	0.489	1.38e+05	29.2	17.9	3
4	0.0710687	0.341	3.36e+05	35	32.4	3
5	0.0592387	0.121	4e+05	47.8	16.6	3
6	0.0281728	0.037	9.02e+05	52.5	52.4	1
7	0.00614046	0.0502	2.41e+05	75.9	78.2	0
8	0.00248141	0.228	1.73e+04	67.9	59.6	0
9	0.00224173	0.41	2.79e+04	12.2	9.66	0
10	0.00219166	2.07	4.84e+04	8.98	2.23	4
11	0.00211192	0.95	7.79e+04	14.5	3.64	4
12	0.00150809	0.829	7.31e+05	13.2	28.6	2
13	0.00138521	0.0446	6.49e+05	5.27	8.15	0
14	0.00137043	0.00643	4.69e+04	0.875	1.07	0
15	0.00136924	0.00235	2.04e+03	0.0633	0.0866	0
16	0.00136909	0.000783	664	0.00776	0.0107	0
17	0.00136907	0.000281	236	0.00103	0.0014	0

## Result

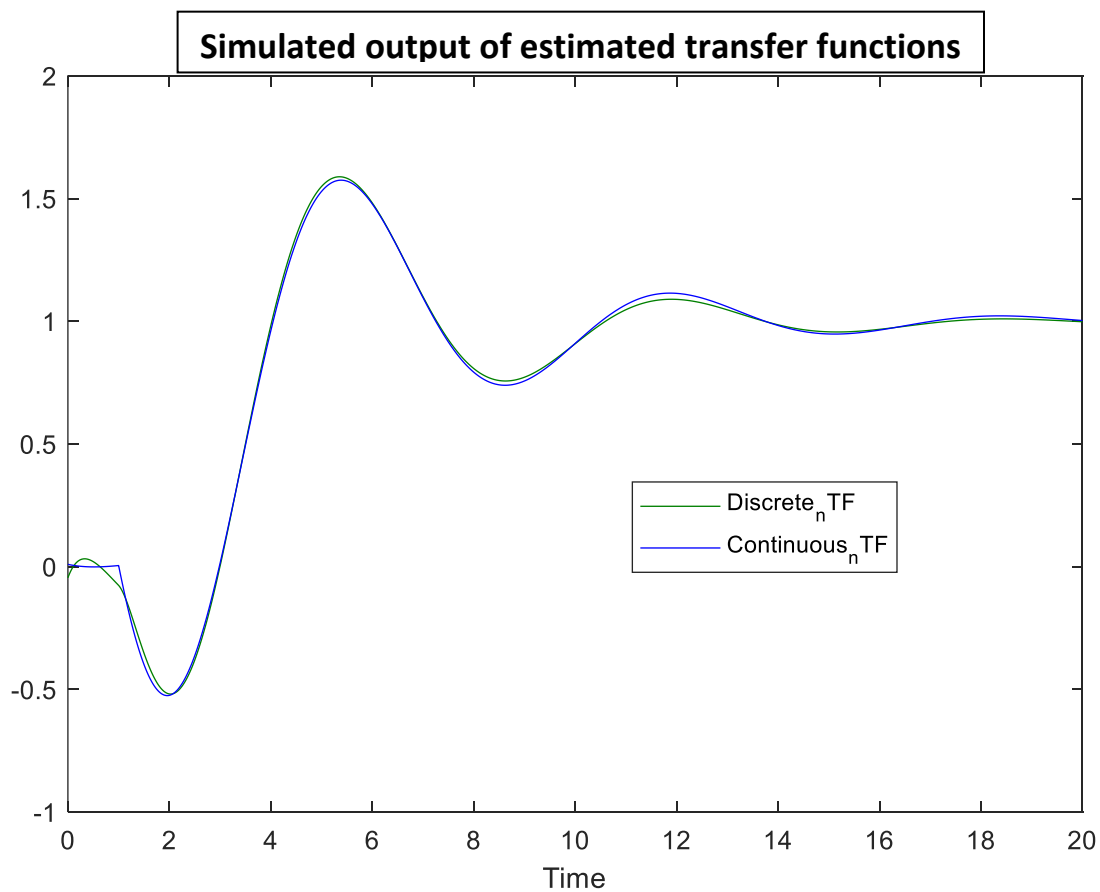
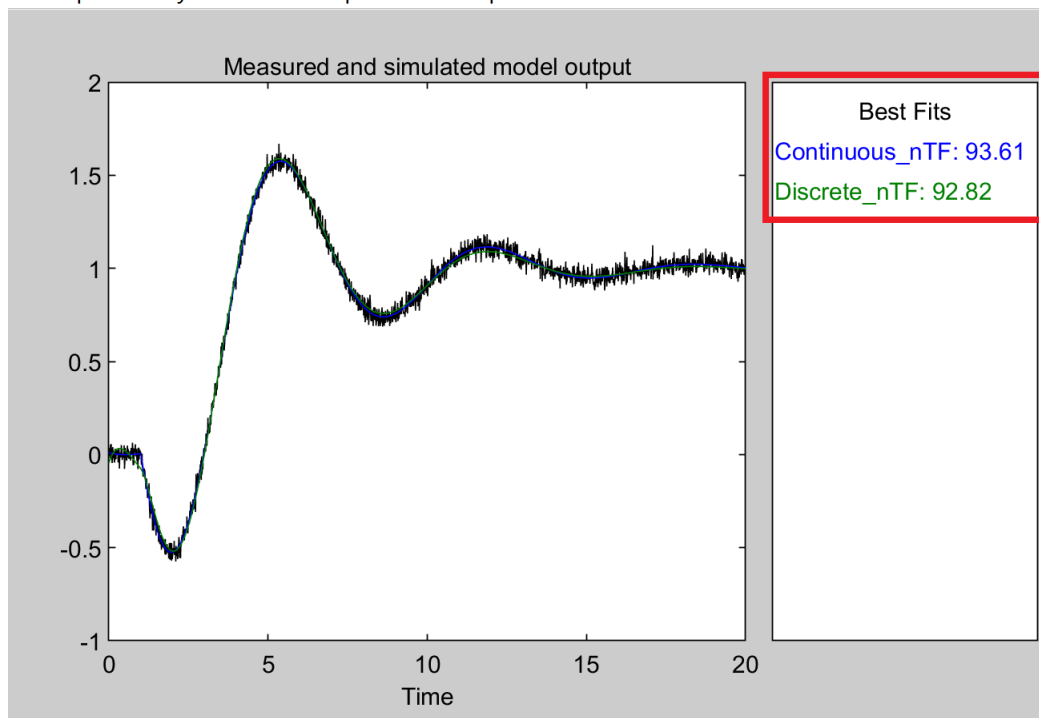
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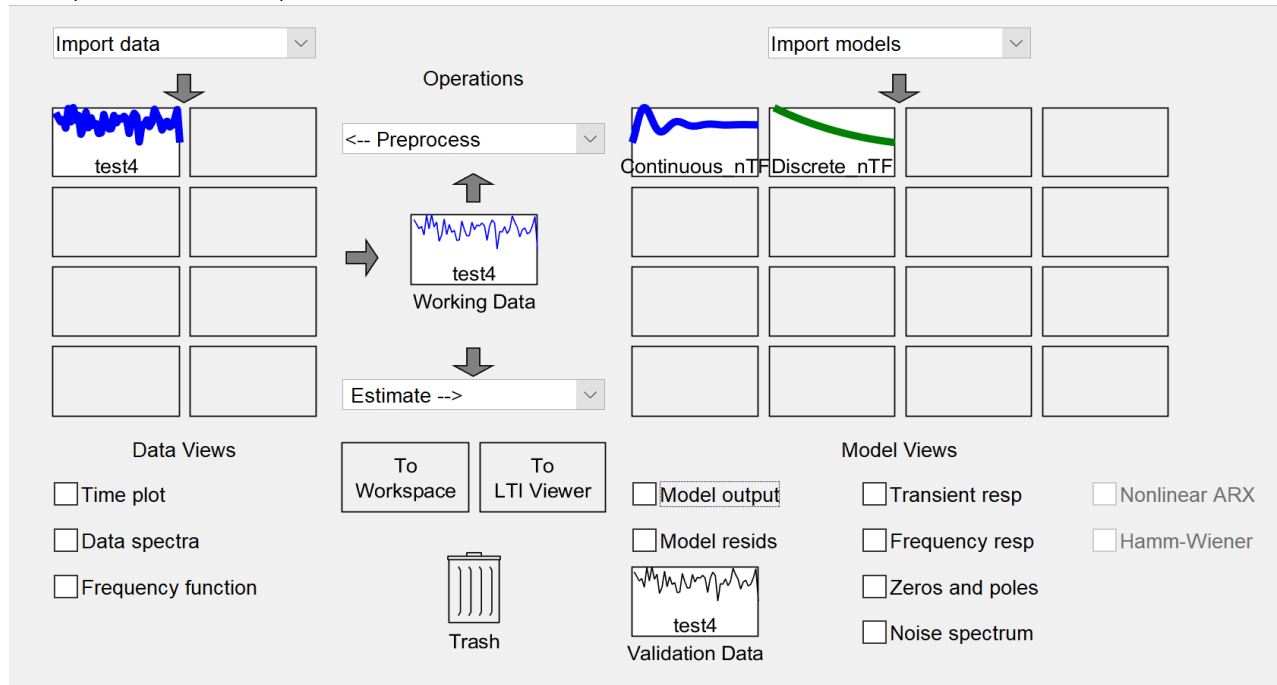
Status: Estimated using TFEST  
Fit to estimation data: 93.61%, FPE: 0.00104422  
Termination condition: Near (local) minimum, (norm(g) < tol)..  
Number of iterations: 17, Number of function evaluations: 56

Status: Estimated using TFEST  
Fit to estimation data: 92.82%, FPE: 0.00131766

■ Stop Close

Setting parameters for estimation and estimation process data





Data/model Info: Discrete\_nTF

Model name: Discrete\_nTF

Color: [0,0.5,0]

From input "u1" to output "y1":  

$$-0.0002987 z^{-1} + 0.0003015 z^{-2}$$


---


$$1 - 2.966 z^{-1} + 2.933 z^{-2} - 0.9667 z^{-3}$$

Name: Discrete\_nTF

Sample time: 0.01 seconds

Data/model Info: Continuous\_nTF

Model name: Continuous\_nTF

Color: [0,0,1]

From input "u1" to output "y1":  

$$-1.044 s^2 - 0.8942 s + 0.9654$$


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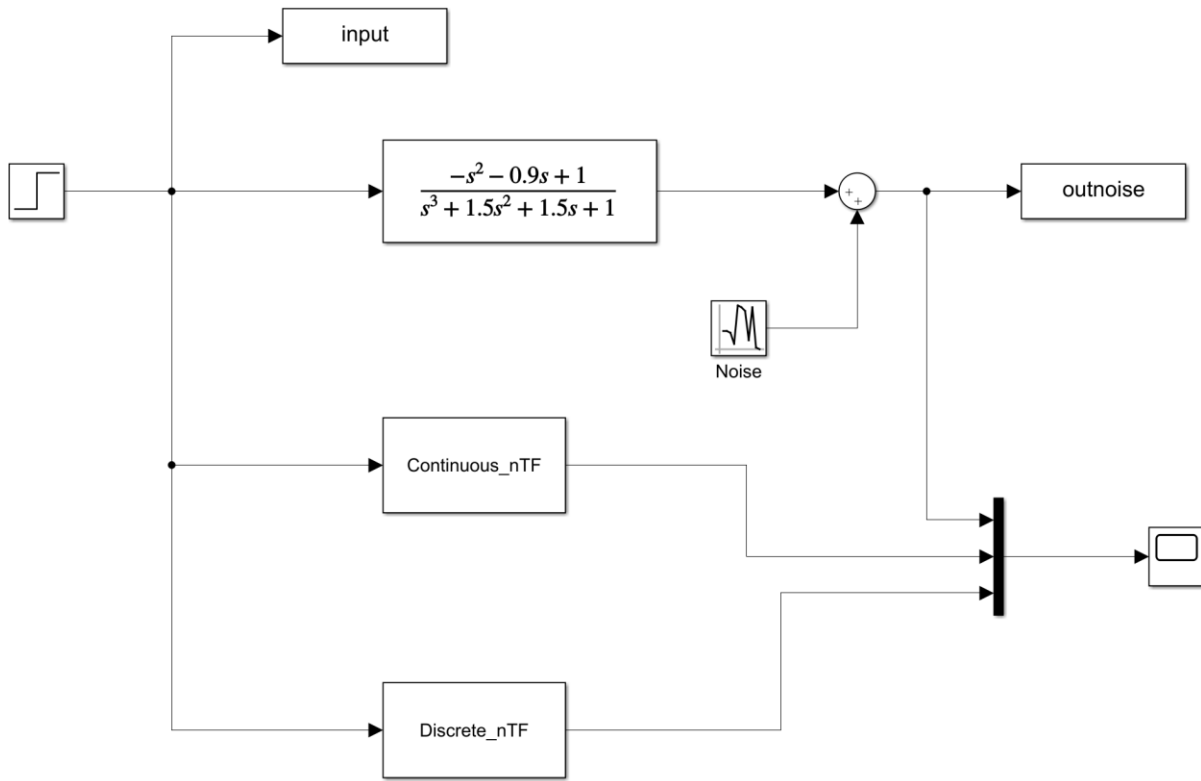

$$s^3 + 1.468 s^2 + 1.481 s + 0.9661$$

Name: Continuous\_nTF

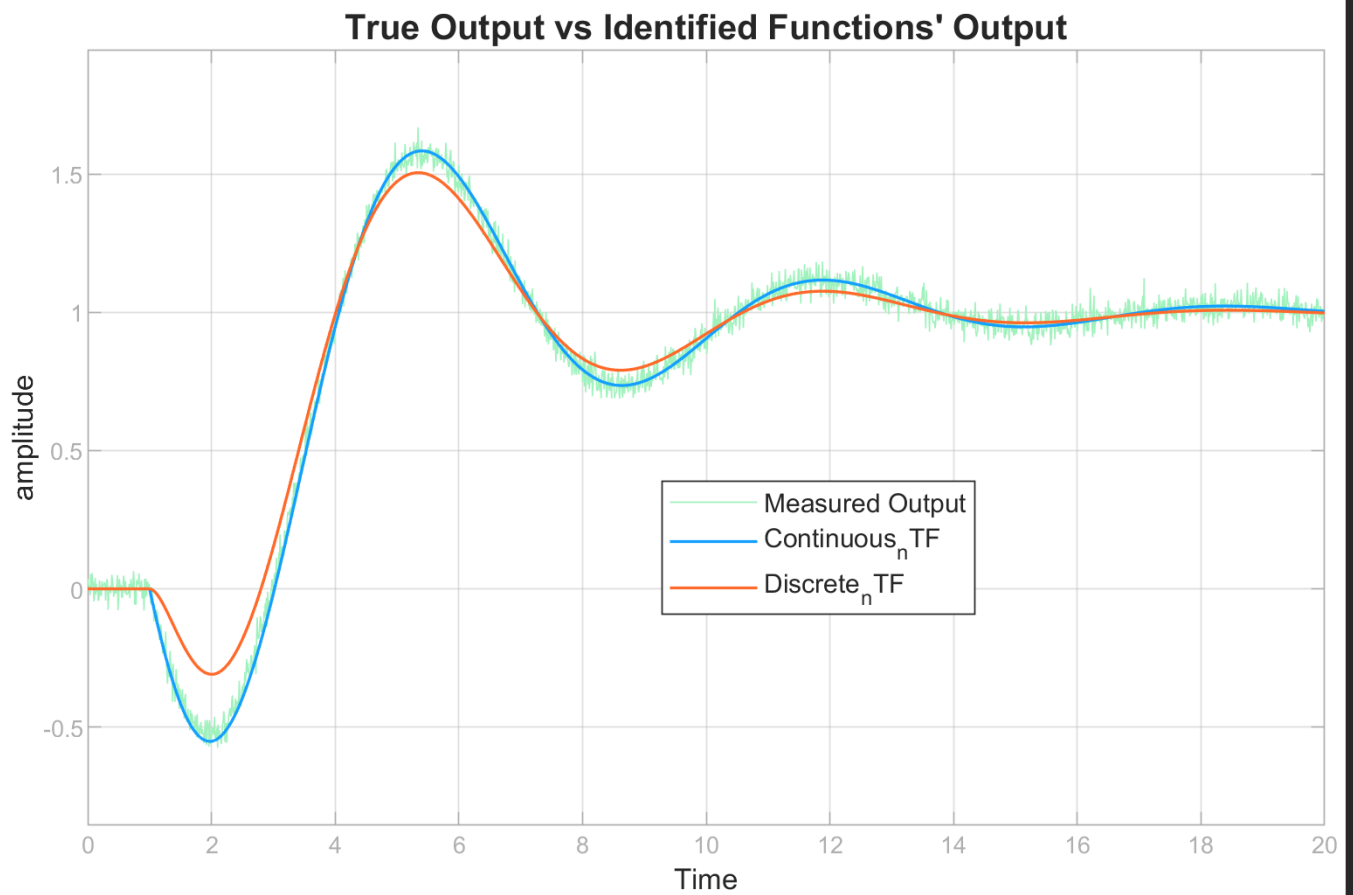
Continuous-time identified transfer function.

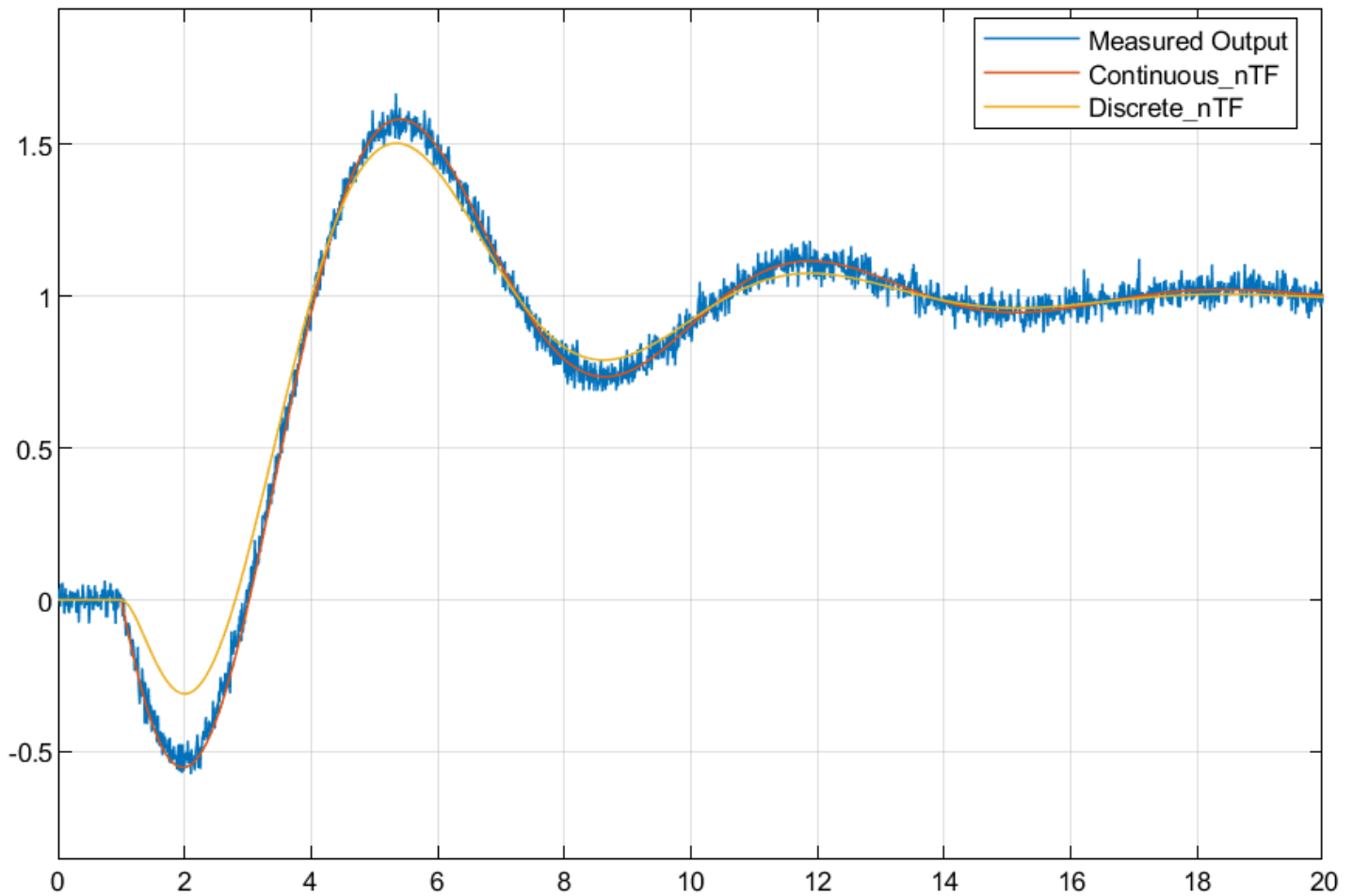
Comparison of poles and zeros of the identified transfer function with the true values





**Simulink Block Diagram**

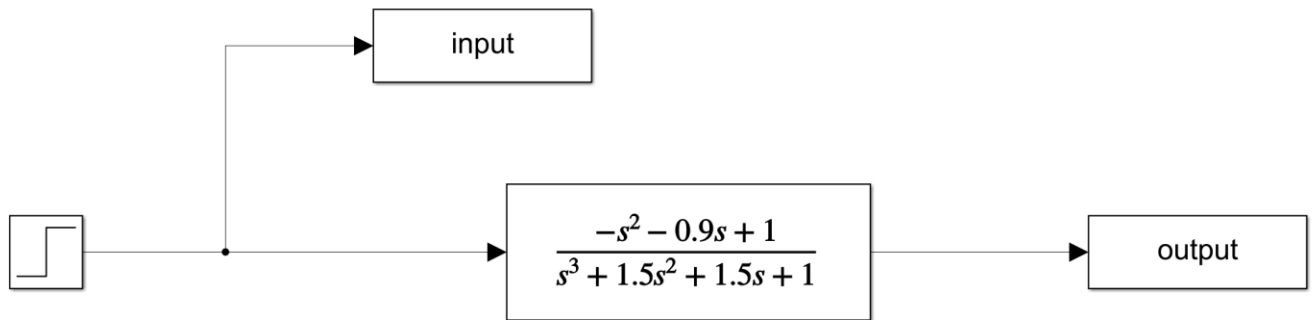




**Conclusion** - The continuous transfer function is similar to the original transfer function i.e., the poles and zeros are similar which can be confirmed using different commands such as `damp` or `pole`. The denominator of the discrete transfer function derived from the original transfer function is also similar to  $A(z)$  as observed in the previous parts.

The system identification toolbox does a good job at calculating the transfer functions despite noise. It has an efficiency similar to the ARMAX model used in the previous problem. The continuous transfer function and discrete transfer function denominator are very similar to the original system.

## Problem - 3




a.

### Simulink Block Diagram

The 'Import Data' dialog box is shown with the following fields and buttons:

- Data Format for Signals:** A dropdown menu set to 'Time-Domain Signals'.
- Workspace Variable:** Two input fields. 'Input:' is set to 'input' and 'Output:' is set to 'output'.
- Data Information:** Three input fields. 'Data name:' is set to 'test5', 'Starting time:' is set to '0', and 'Sample time:' is set to '0.01'. There is a 'More' button below these fields.
- Buttons:** 'Import' (highlighted with a dashed border), 'Reset', 'Close', and 'Help'.

Importing data

 State Space Models

Model name: ss2

Model Order:

☒ Specify value:

3

☐ Pick best value in the range:

1:10

☒ Continuous-time

☐ Discrete-time ( $T_s = 0.01$ )

Model Structure Configuration

Estimation Options

Estimation Method:

Subspace (N4SID)

N4Weight:

Auto

N4Horizon:

Auto

Focus:

Simulation

☐ Allow unstable models

☒ Estimate covariance

☒ Display progress


Initial states:

Auto

Estimate

Close

Help

 Plant Identificati...

State-space Model Identification

Estimation data: Time domain data test5  
Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
Number of states: 3

Estimation Progress

Estimating parameters using subspace algorithm...  
Estimating parameter covariance...  
done.

Result

Status: Estimated using N4SID with simulation focus (stability enforced)  
Fit to estimation data: 100%, FFE: 1.48121e-23

Stop

Close

State Space Models

Model name: ss3

Model Order:

☒ Specify value: 3

☐ Pick best value in the range: 1:10

☐ Continuous-time ☒ Discrete-time ( $T_s = 0.01$ )

► **Model Structure Configuration**

▼ **Estimation Options**

Estimation Method: Subspace (N4SID)

N4Weight: Auto N4Horizon: Auto

Focus: Simulation

☐ Allow unstable models

☒ Estimate covariance

☒ Display progress

Initial states: Auto

Estimate Close Help

Plant Identificati...

State-space Model Identification

Estimation data: Time domain data test5  
Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
Number of states: 3

**Estimation Progress**

Estimating parameters using subspace algorithm...  
Estimating parameter covariance...  
done.

**Result**

Status: Estimated using N4SID with simulation focus (stability enforced)  
Fit to estimation data: 100%, FPE: 1.48127e-23

Stop Close

Estimating continuous and discrete time models with 3<sup>rd</sup> order state space functions

System Identification - Untitled

File Options Window Help

Import data

test5

Operations

<-- Preprocess

test5  
Working Data

Estimate -->

To Workspace
To LTI Viewer

Trash

Import models

Continuous

Discrete

Data Views

☐ Time plot
☐ Data spectra
☐ Frequency function

Model Views

☒ Model output
☐ Model resid

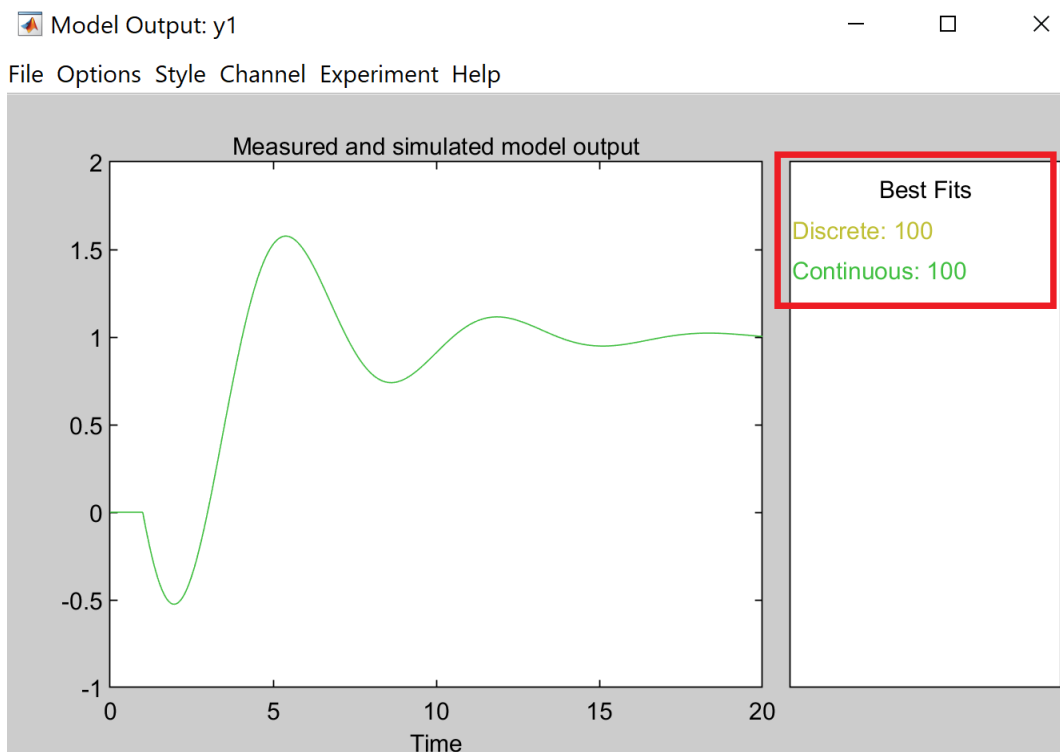
test5

Validation Data

☐ Transient resp
☐ Frequency resp
☐ Zeros and poles
☐ Noise spectrum

☐ Nonlinear ARX
☐ Hamm-Wiener

Click on data/model icons to plot/unplot curves.



Both discrete and continuous estimations provide perfect results with a 100 percent fit.

## b. MATLAB commands to compare transfer functions

```
AC=[-1.499 -0.8319 -0.001454; 0.9955 -0.004427 0.8192; -0.001322 -0.8184 0.003508]
```

```
BC=[0.2601;-0.1717;-0.007281]
```

```
CC=[5.836 15.21 -12.98]
```

```
DC=0
```

```
[NC,DC]=ss2tf(AC,BC,CC,DC)
```

```
CTF=tf(NC,DC)
```

```
CTF =
```

$$\frac{-0.9991 s^2 - 0.9003 s + 1}{s^3 + 1.5 s^2 + 1.5 s + 1}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

```
AD=[0.9851 -0.008257 -4.833e-05;0.009881 0.9999 0.008191;-5.366e-05 -0.008184 1]
```

```
BD=[0.002589;-0.001704;-6.583e-05]
```

```
CD=[5.836 15.21 -12.98]
```

```
DD=0
```

```
[ND,DD]=ss2tf(AD,BD,CD,DD)
```

```
DTF=tf(ND,DD)
```

```
DiTF=c2d(DTF,0.01)
```

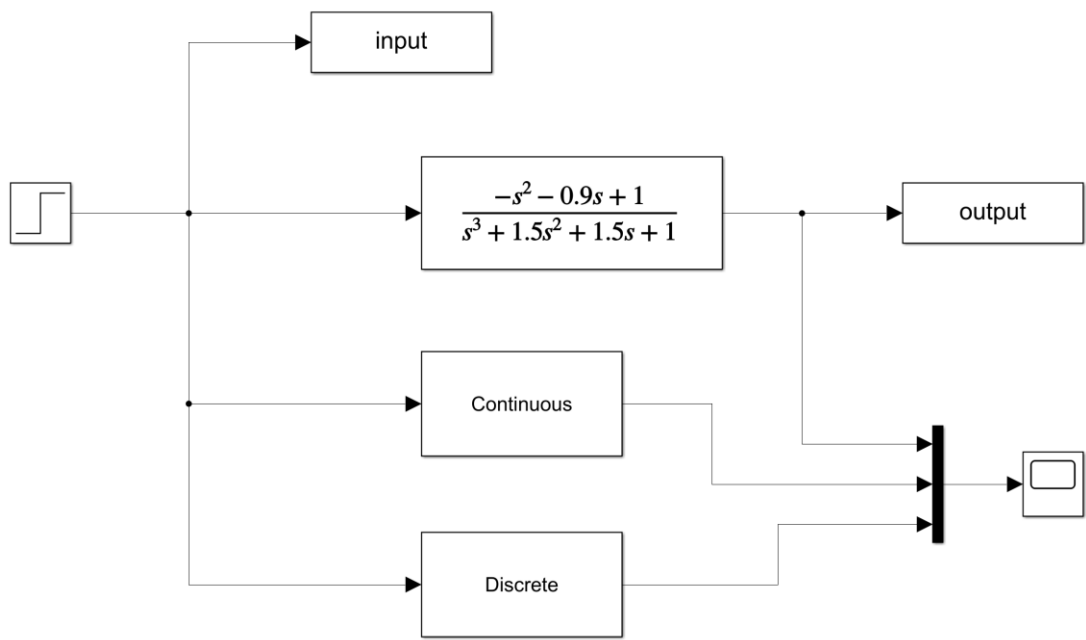
```
DiTF =
```

$$\frac{-0.0001 z^2 + 0.0002021 z - 0.000102}{z^3 - 3.03 z^2 + 3.06 z - 1.03}$$

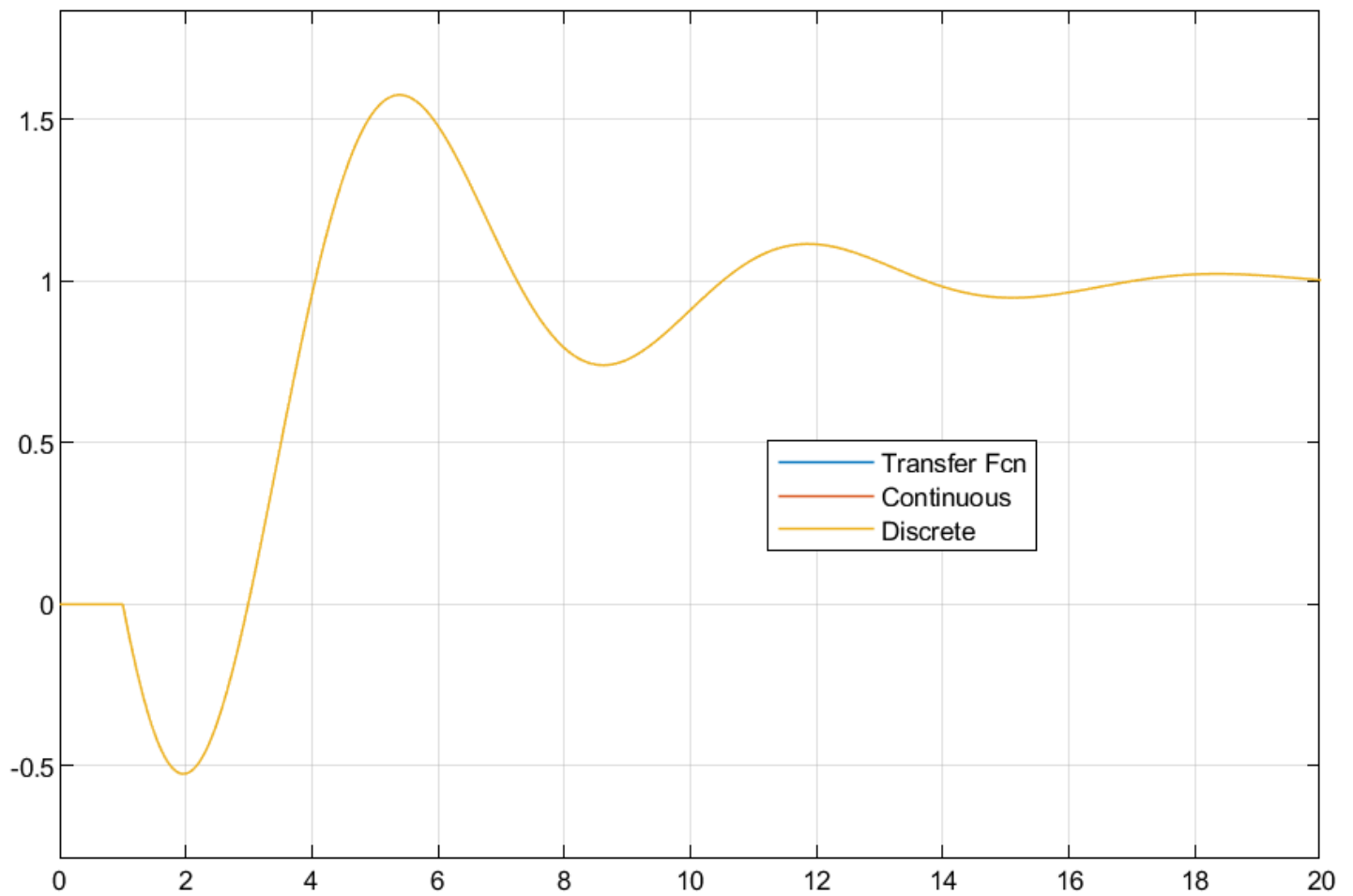
Sample time: 0.01 seconds

Discrete-time transfer function.

**Conclusion** - The continuous transfer function obtained from the estimated state space model is very similar to original transfer function i.e., the poles and zeros are also similar. The discrete transfer function obtained from the estimated discrete state space model has an  $A(z)$  very similar to the discrete transfer function obtained from the original transfer function.



**c.**





## Now estimating with 4<sup>th</sup> order

Import Data

**Data Format for Signals**

Time-Domain Signals

**Workspace Variable**

Input: input

Output: output

**Data Information**

Data name: test6

Starting time: 0

Sample time: 0.01

More

State Space Models

Model name: ss2

Model Order:

☒ Specify value: 4

☐ Pick best value in the range: 1:10

☒ Continuous-time ☐ Discrete-time (Ts = 0.01)

▸ **Model Structure Configuration**

▸ **Estimation Options**

Estimation Method: Subspace (N4SID)

N4Weight: Auto N4Horizon: Auto

Focus: Simulation

☐ Allow unstable models

☒ Estimate covariance

☒ Display progress

Initial states: Auto

Estimate Close Help

Plant Identificati...

State-space Model Identification

Estimation data: Time domain data test6  
Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
Number of states: 4

Estimation Progress

Estimating parameters using subspace algorithm...  
Estimating parameter covariance...  
done.

Result

Status: Estimated using N4SID with simulation focus (stability enforced)  
Fit to estimation data: 98.93%, FFE: 1.88551e-09

StopClose

State Space Models

Model name: ss3

Model Order:  
☒ Specify value: 4  
☐ Pick best value in the range: 1:10  
☐ Continuous-time ☒ Discrete-time (Ts = 0.01)

Model Structure Configuration

Estimation Options

Estimation Method: Subspace (N4SID)  
N4Weight: Auto N4Horizon: Auto  
Focus: Simulation  
☐ Allow unstable models  
☒ Estimate covariance  
☒ Display progress  
Initial states: Auto

EstimateCloseHelp

Plant Identificati...

State-space Model Identification

Estimation data: Time domain data test6  
Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
Number of states: 4

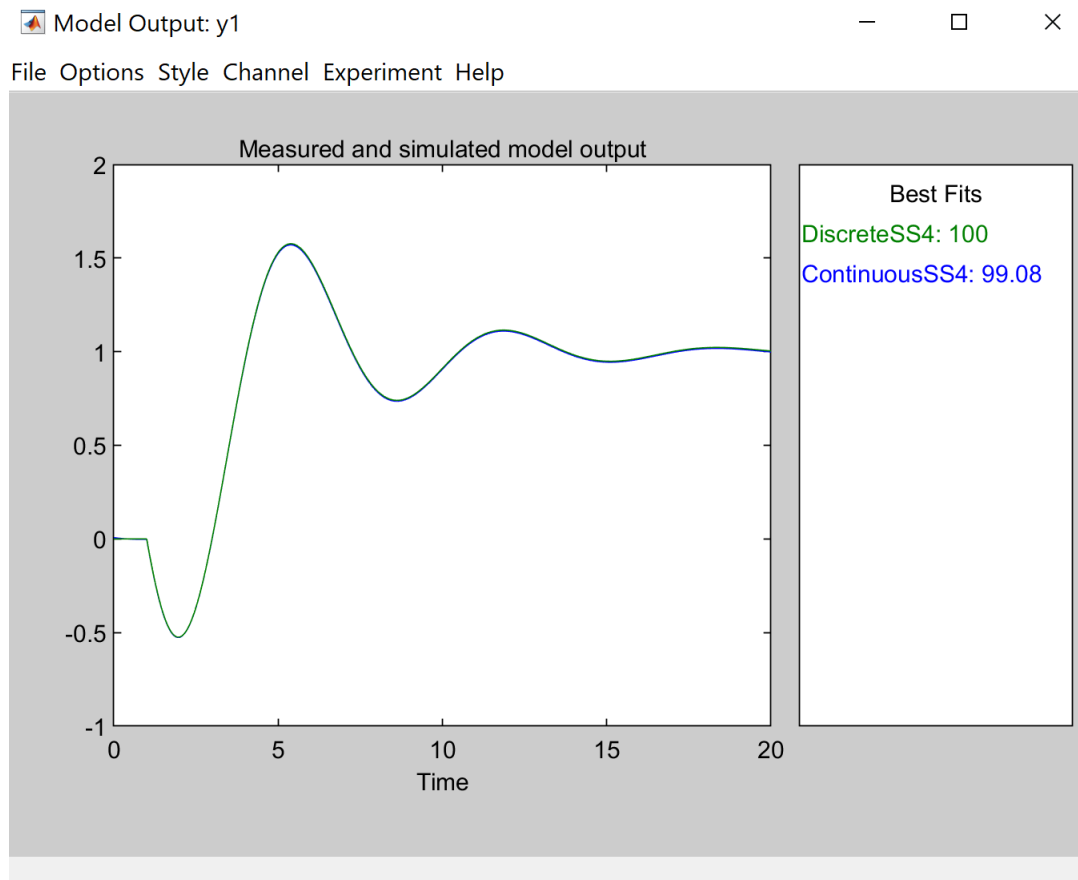
Estimation Progress

Estimating parameters using subspace algorithm...  
Estimating parameter covariance...  
done.

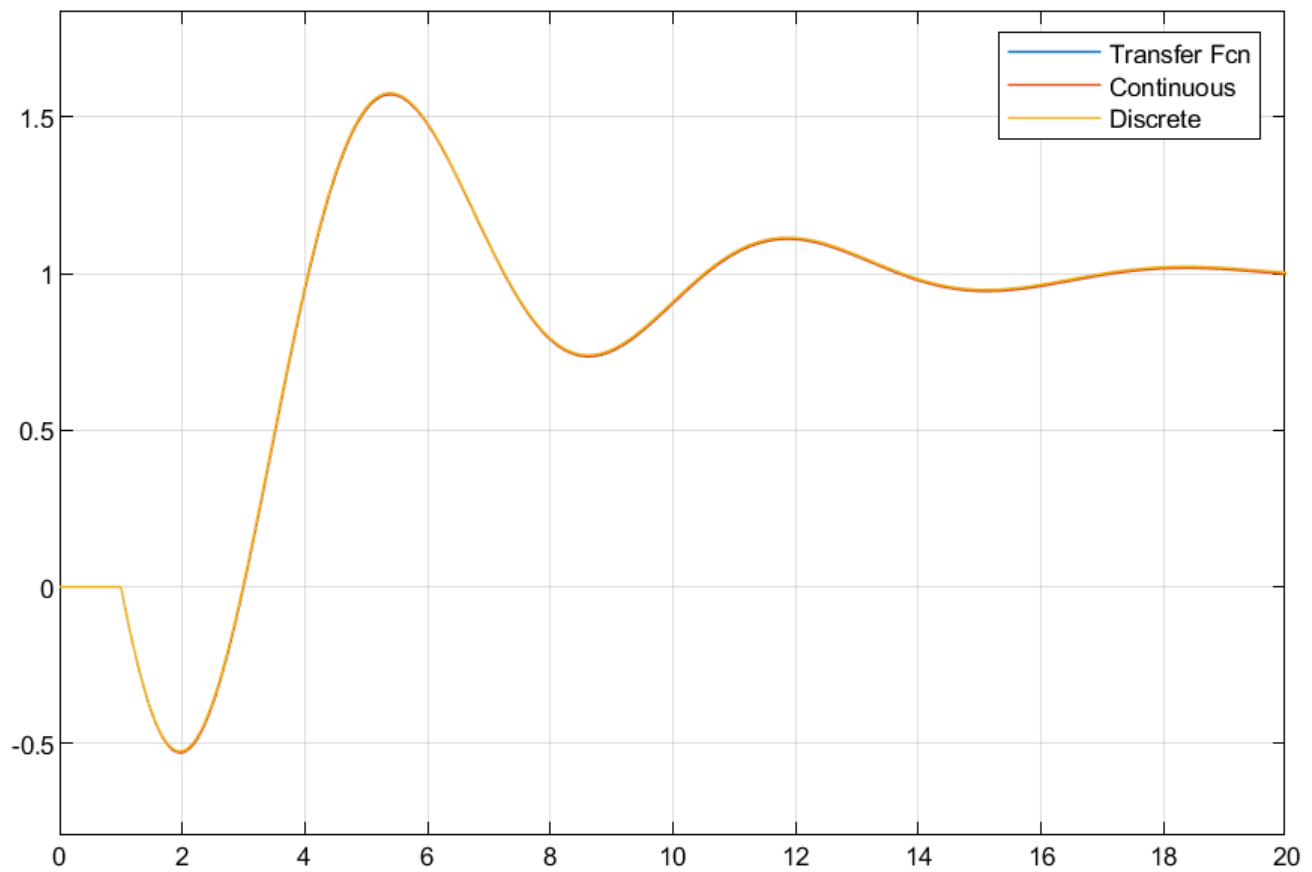
Result

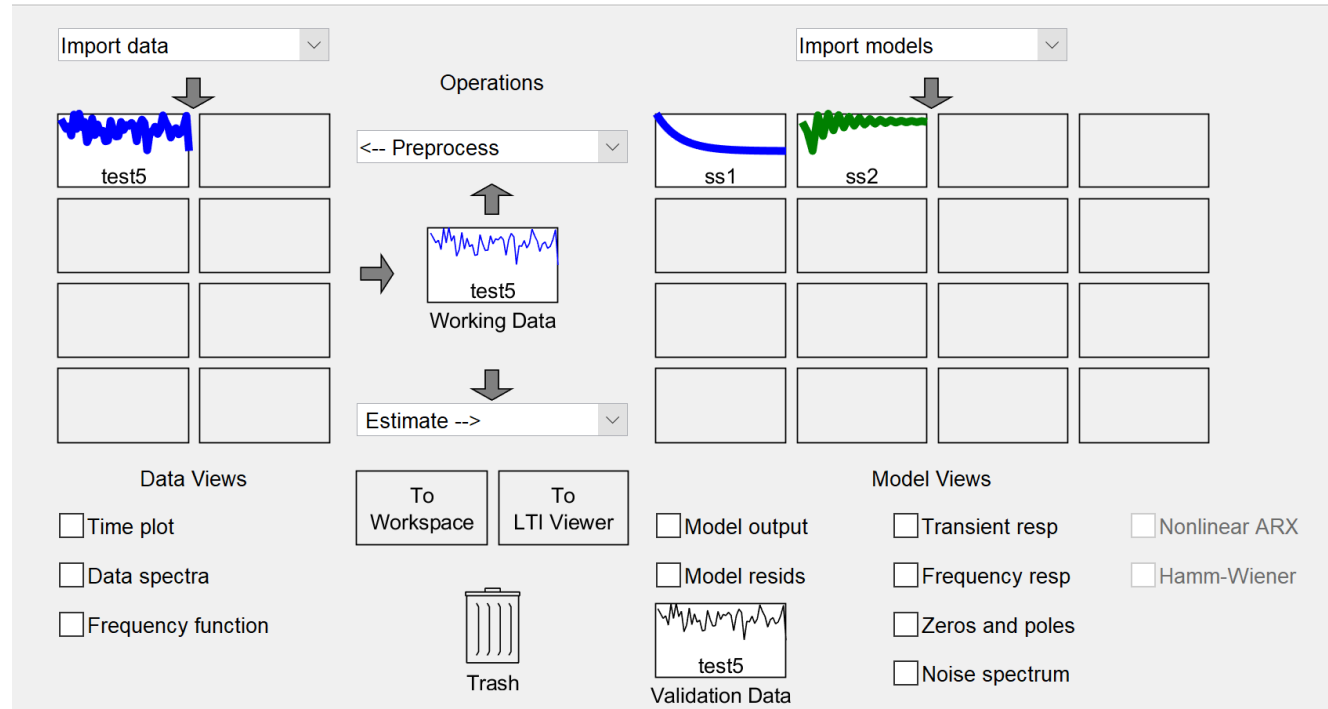
Status: Estimated using N4SID with simulation focus (stability enforced)  
Fit to estimation data: 100%, FFE: 4.65953e-24

StopClose

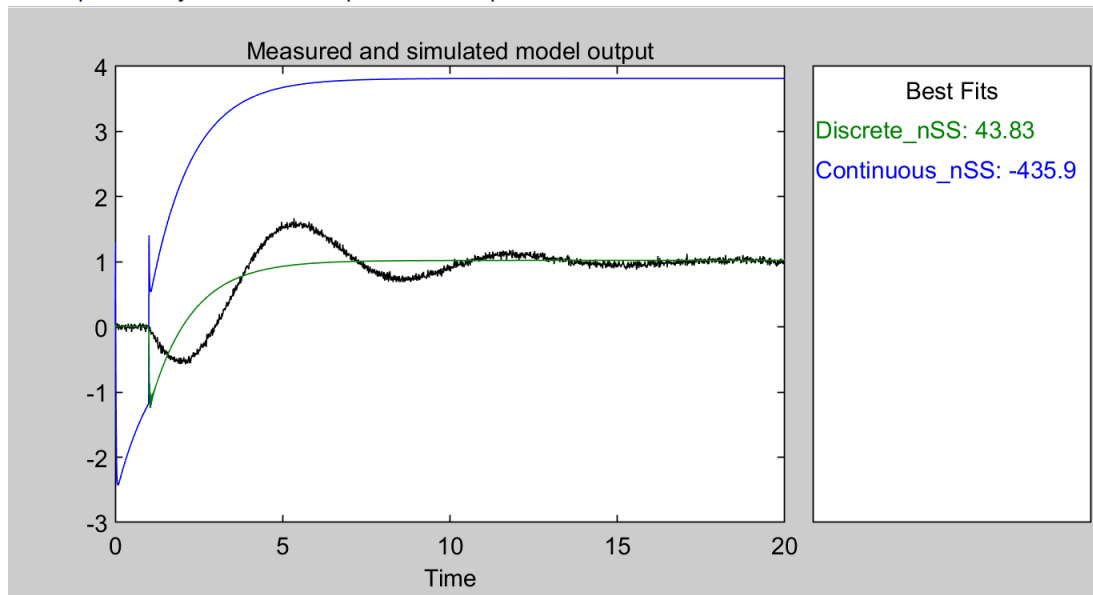


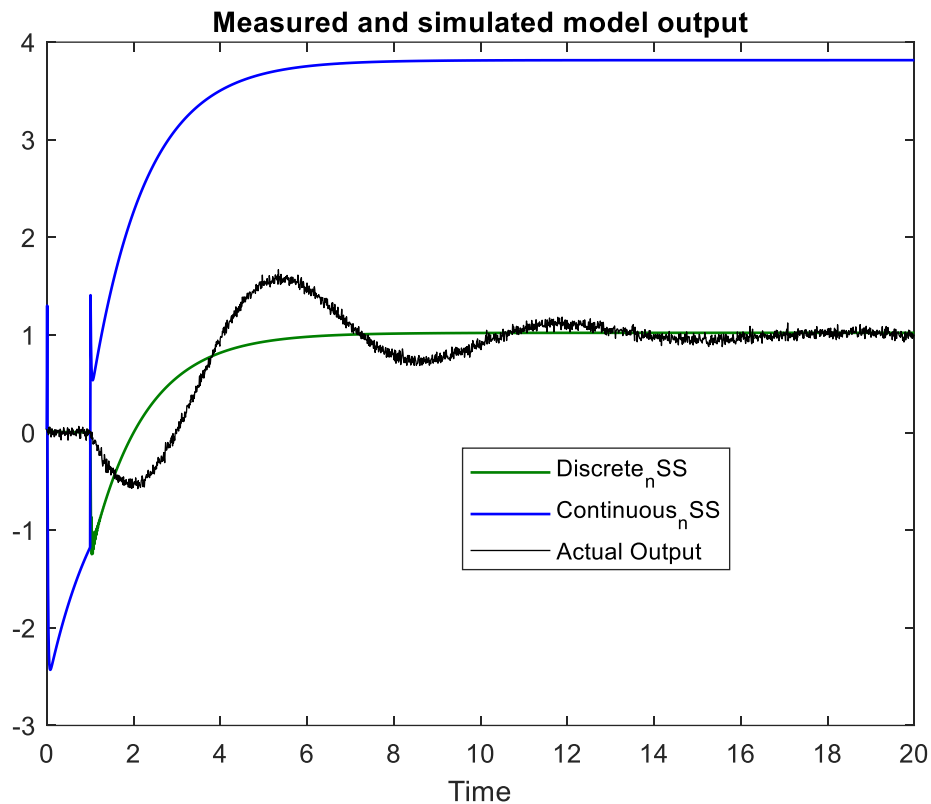
It's observed that the fit for continuous state space model is slightly lower than before





d.





Noise completely throws off the state space estimation, therefore, I used a range.

### MATLAB Code for getting the transfer functions

```
ACN=[-0.5403 109.8 2.181;-31.24 -2531 506.7;-1.027 -320.2 -1.48]
```

```
BCN=[-15.7;744.5;49.96]
```

```
CCN=[18.84 11.55 7.518]
```

```
DCN=0
```

```
[NCN,DCN]=ss2tf(ACN,BCN,CCN,DCN)
```

```
CTFN=tf(NCN,DCN)
```

```
CTFN =
```

$$\frac{8679 s^2 + 2.673e05 s + 5.245e05}{s^3 + 2533 s^2 + 1.708e05 s + 1.358e05}$$

Continuous-time transfer function.

**Note - DCN is repeated but by the time it is repeated, the first value becomes irrelevant**

```
ADN=[0.9844 0.05965 0.1715;-0.01898 -0.8875 0.2828;0.02005 -0.1792 0.5349]
```

```
BDN=[0.1091;0.491;-0.2851]
```

```
CDN=[18.66 0.5385 9.019]
```

```
DDN=0
```

```
[NTDN,DTDN]=ss2tf(ADN,BDN,CDN,DDN)
```

```
DTFN=tf(NTDN,DTDN)
```

```
DTFNf=c2d(DTFN,0.01)
```

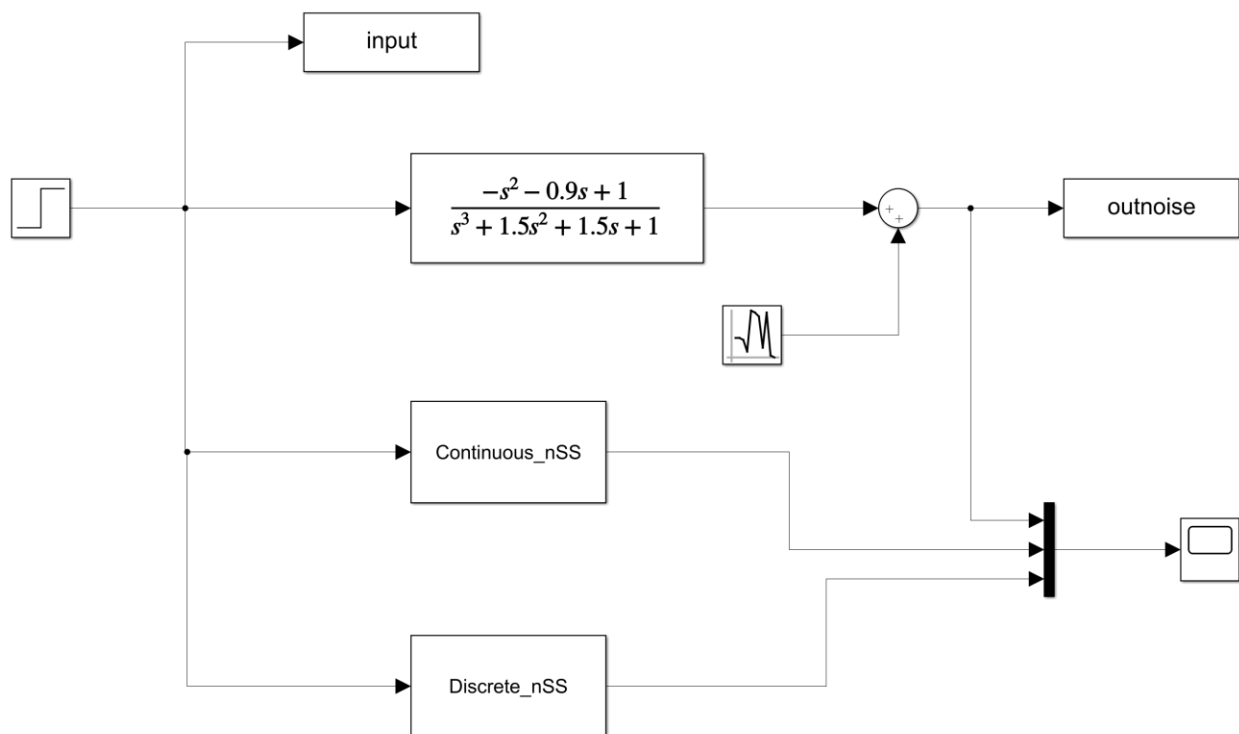
```
DTFNf =
```

$$\frac{-0.002751 z^2 + 0.00544 z - 0.002688}{z^3 - 3.006 z^2 + 3.013 z - 1.006}$$

Sample time: 0.01 seconds

Discrete-time transfer function.

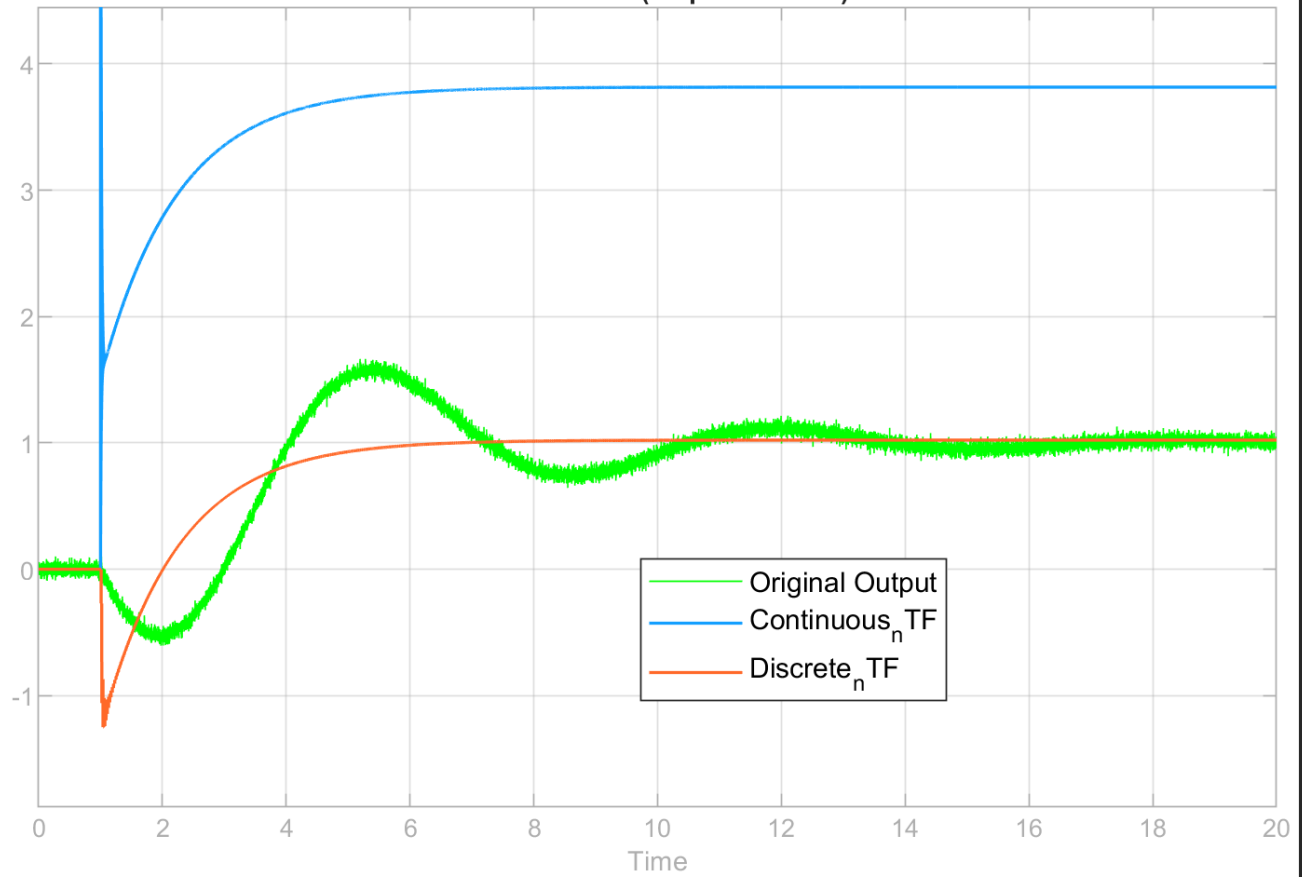
**Conclusion** - The continuous transfer function is completely different from the original as expected from the fit values i.e., the poles and zeros are different. The denominator of the discrete transfer function remains similar to the discrete transfer function values derived from the original transfer function. However, despite that, it is only able to attain a fit value of 43.83



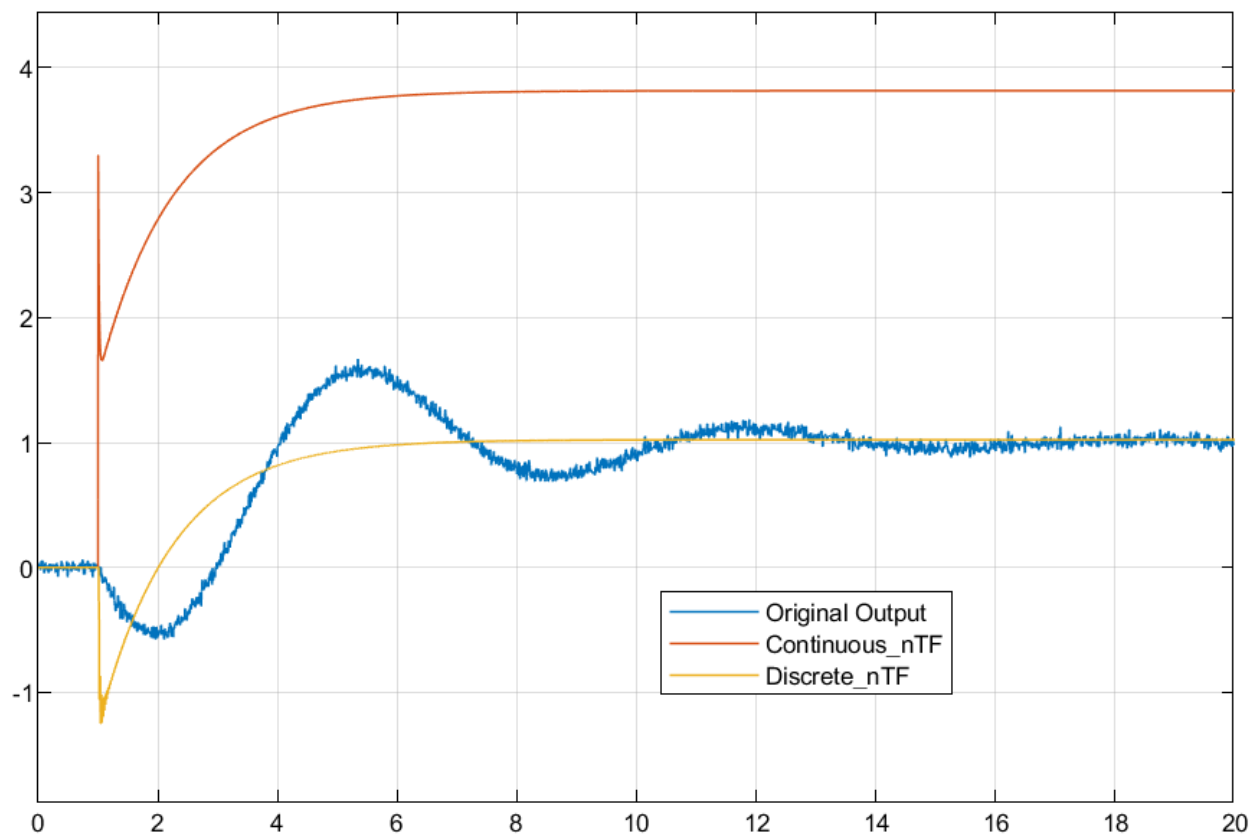
**Simulink Block Diagram**

The simulation failed to run using fixed step size of 0.01 and requested me to either reduce the step size or reduce error tolerances. I changed it to variable step and received the outputs. Then I also reduced the step size to 0.001 and received the same outputs on the scope plots. Both are shown below.

Discrete Plot (step size 0.001)



Plot using variable time step settings in Simulink



State Space Models

Model name: ss1

Model Order:

☐ Specify value:

4

☒ Pick best value in the range:

4:10

☒ Continuous-time

☐ Discrete-time ( $T_s = 0.01$ )

Model Structure Configuration

Estimation Options

Estimation Method: Subspace (N4SID)

N4Weight: Auto

N4Horizon: Auto

Focus: Simulation

☐ Allow unstable models

☒ Estimate covariance

☒ Display progress

Initial states: Auto

Estimate

Close

Help

Plant Identificati...

State-space Model Identification

Estimation data: Time domain data test5  
Data has 1 outputs, 1 inputs and 2001 samples.  
Number of states: [4 5 6 7 8 9 10]

Estimation Progress

Estimating parameters using subspace algorithm...

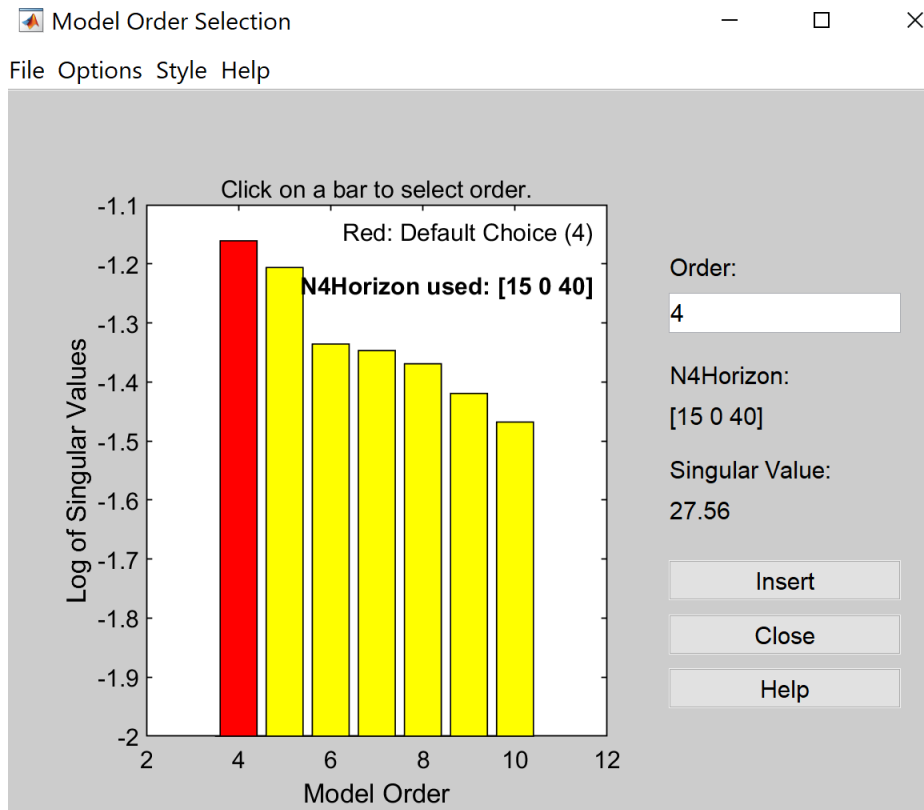
Waiting for order selection...  
Inspect the bar chart showing the Hankel Singular values and pick the order corresponding to a bar (red bar: recommended choice).  
Press the Insert button after selecting a value to estimate a model of the chosen order.

Result

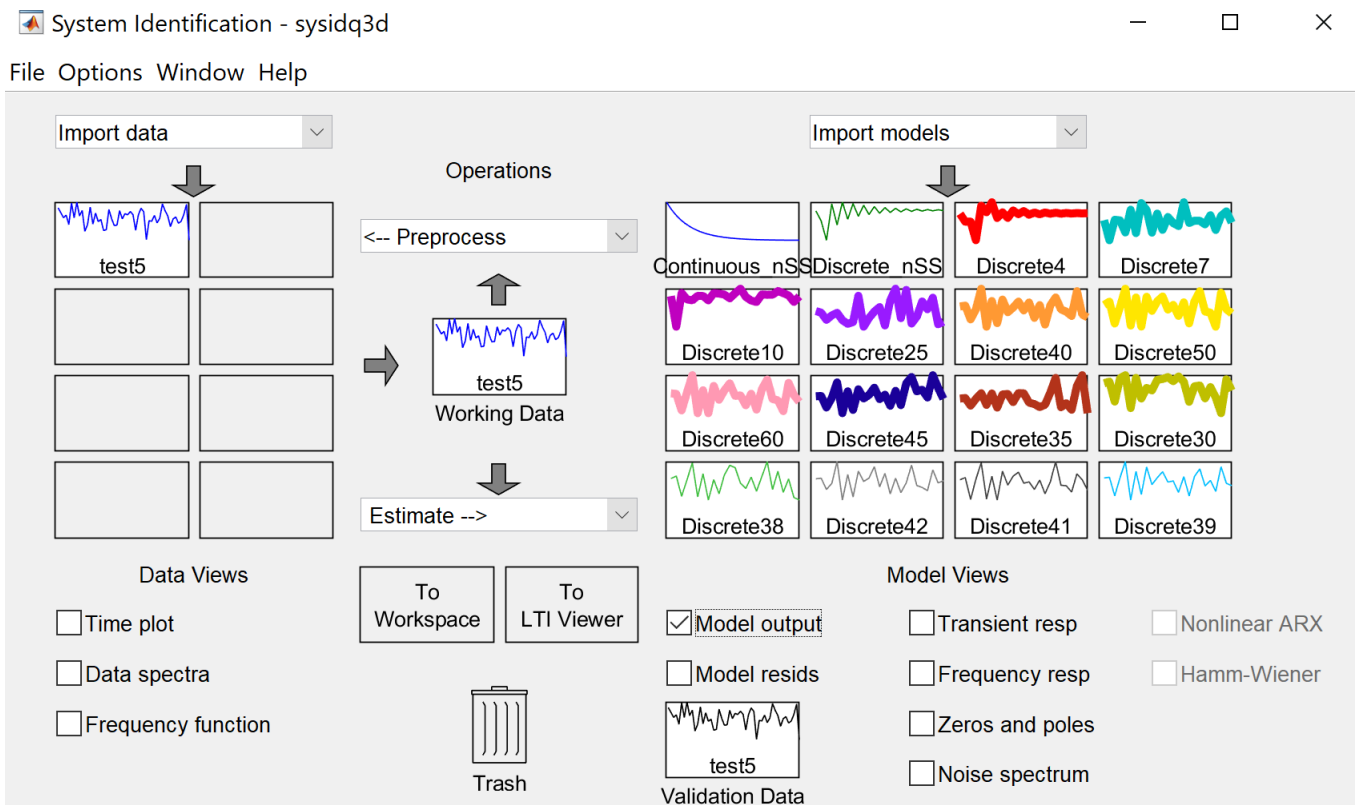
Stop

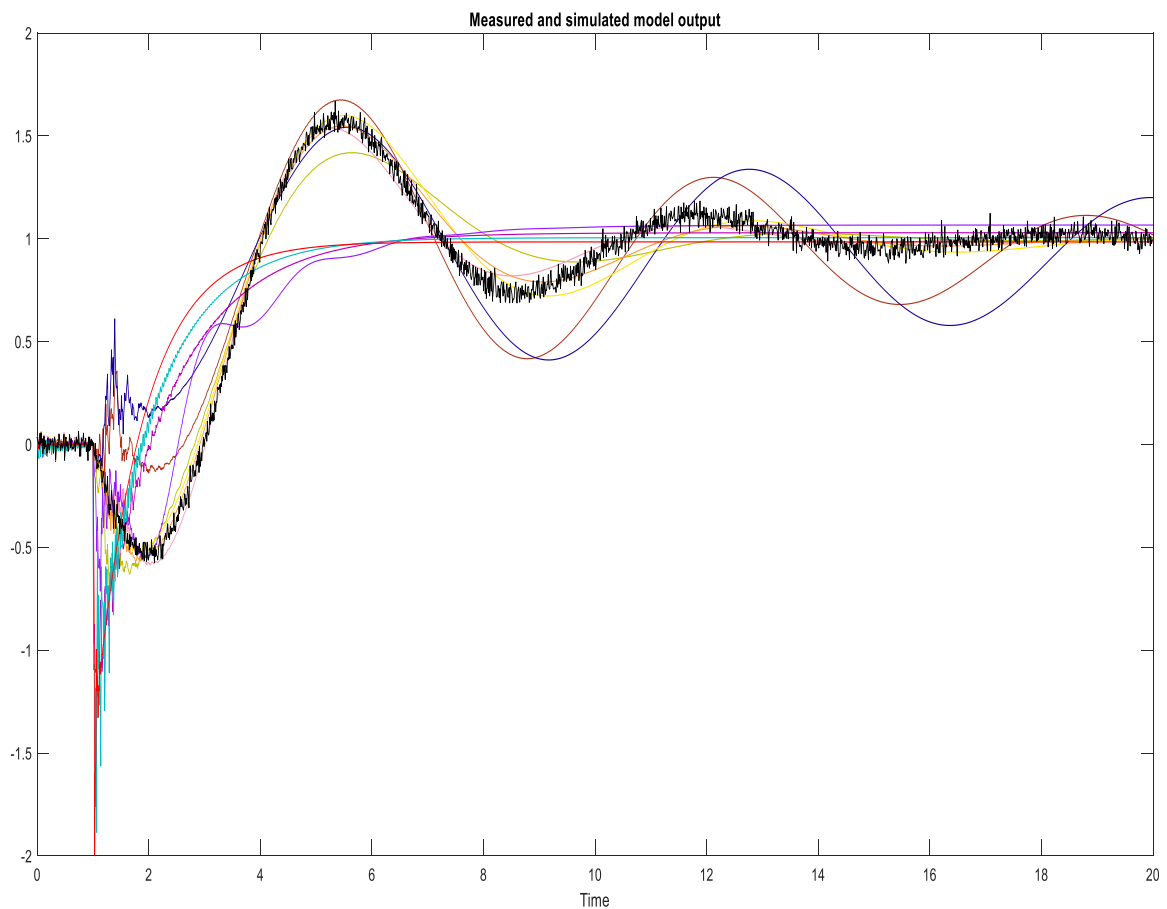
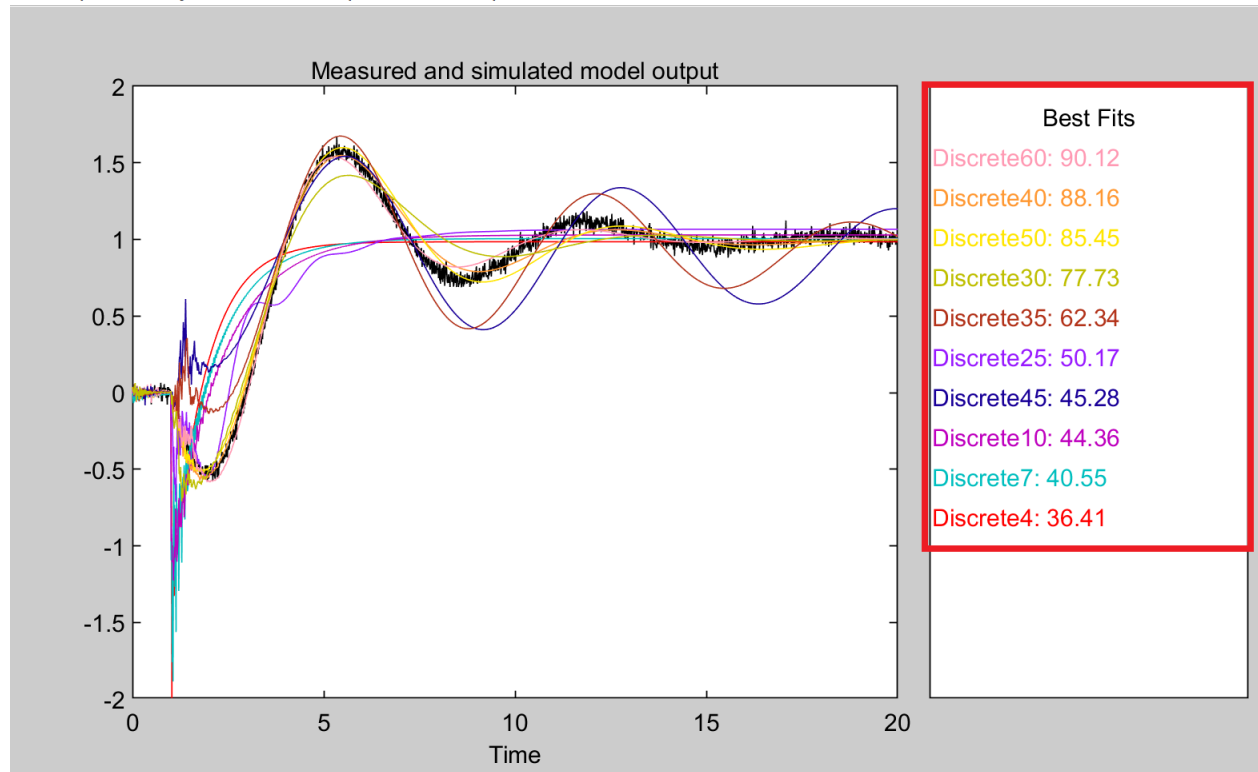
Close

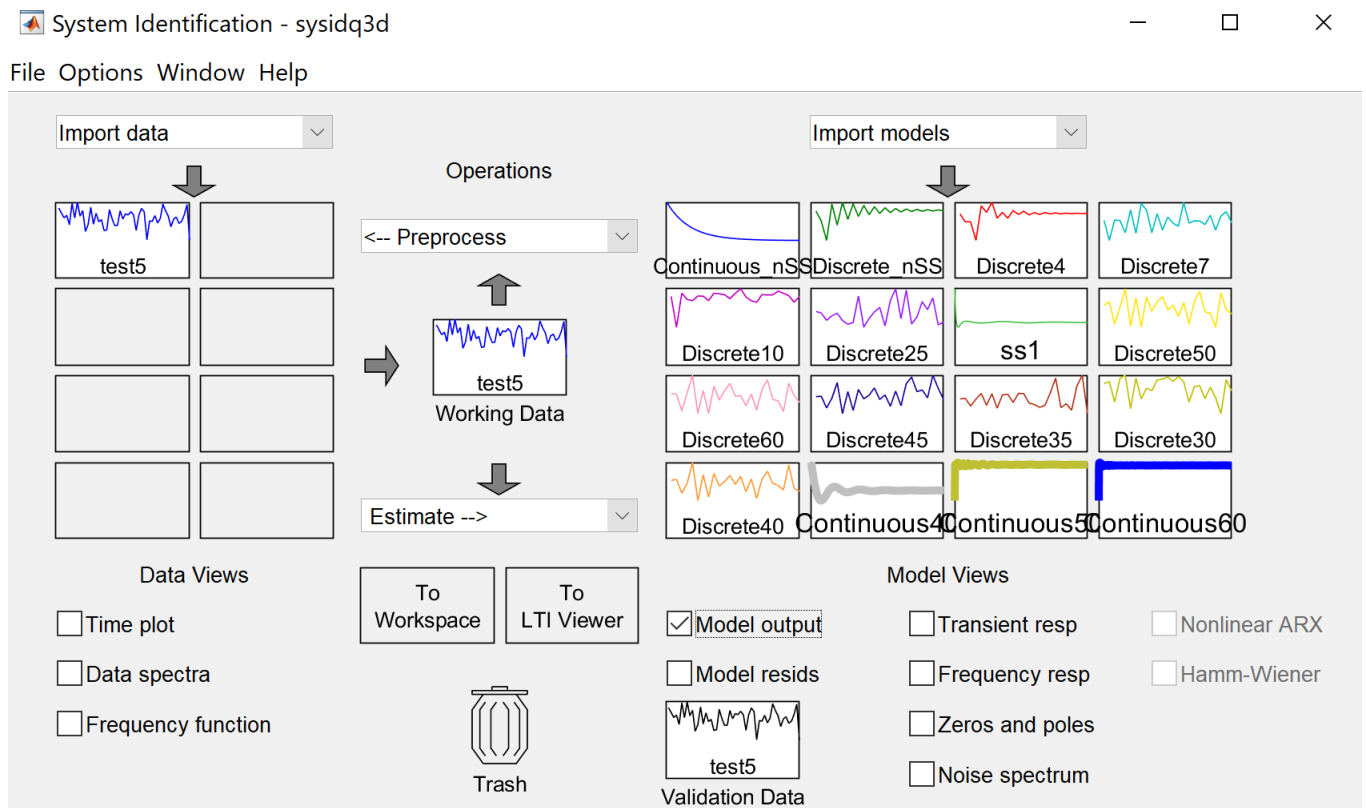
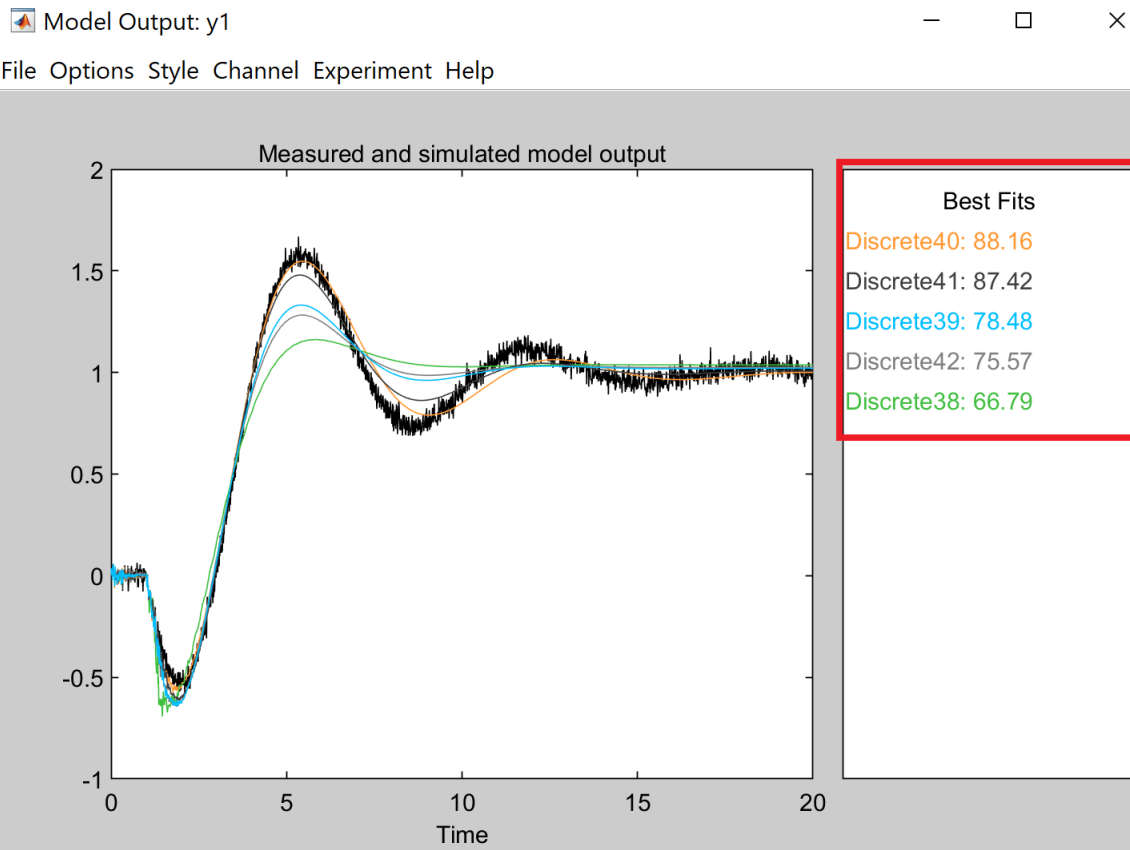


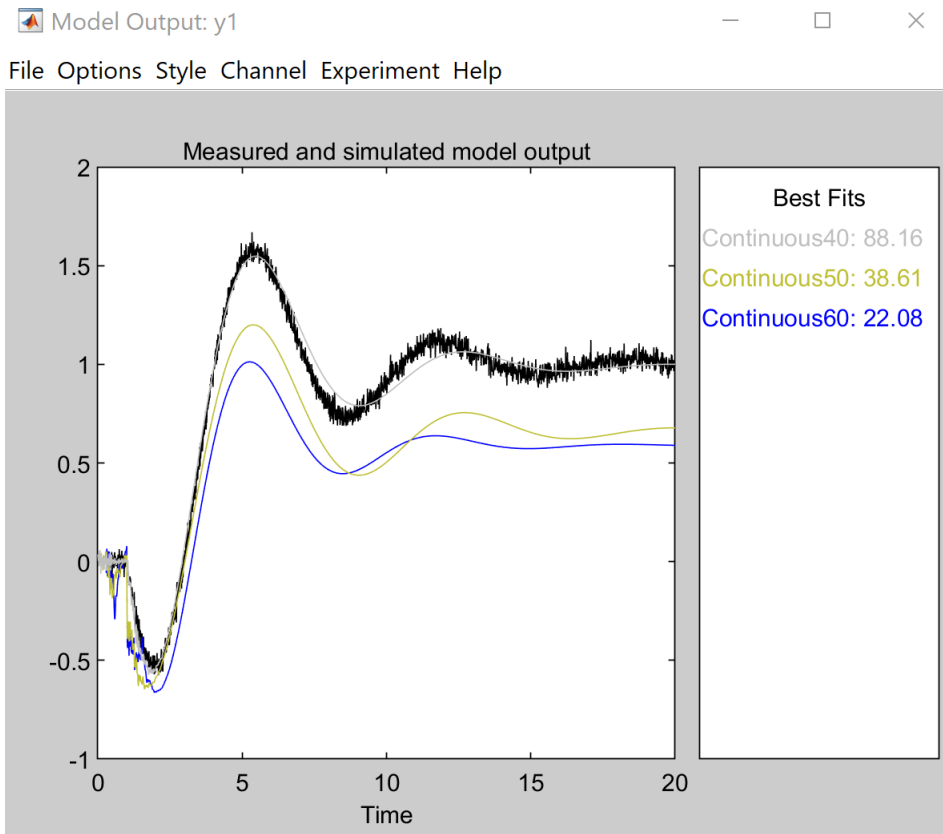


Using the range, the suggested order was 4 which lowered the fit value to 36.41 so I reverted back to increasing the order of the estimated function to see the effects on estimated output. I didn't experiment much with the continuous estimation as it took too much time for estimation process.









**Conclusion** - Using the hit and trial method, I observed two things for discrete estimation. Firstly, it takes a model of order 60 to take the fit value above 90. Secondly, there is a peak in fit value for the order 40 which might be due to the way the system identification toolbox is set up in MATLAB as explained by Dr. Niestroy during class.

The hit and trial method took a long time with continuous estimation once the order reached values of 20. However, the peak was observed at order 40 similar to what was seen in the case of discrete estimation. But the fits don't improve as the order is increased till 60.

Note: There were many other orders I ran the continuous function with but the documentation started getting messy so I only kept the ones that were important.

- e. Noise definitely hurts the estimation as the fits are reduced. For the state space model estimation, noise is highly detrimental as it takes an order of 60 to get the fit value over 90 for the discrete estimation model

## Problem - 4

For the noise free data, all the continuous estimation models produced a fit of 100 whereas for the discrete estimation, the state space model produced the best fit at 100 while the other two were around the value of 95.

For the noisy data, the best fits were produced by the transfer function method and the ARMAX method at fit values around 92.

To develop a model from noisy data, the best approach is definitely to try different methods. However, I would first try the ARMAX and transfer function methods as they appear to fit the data in the best way.