

# 4CM00: Control Engineering

## *Digital filters*

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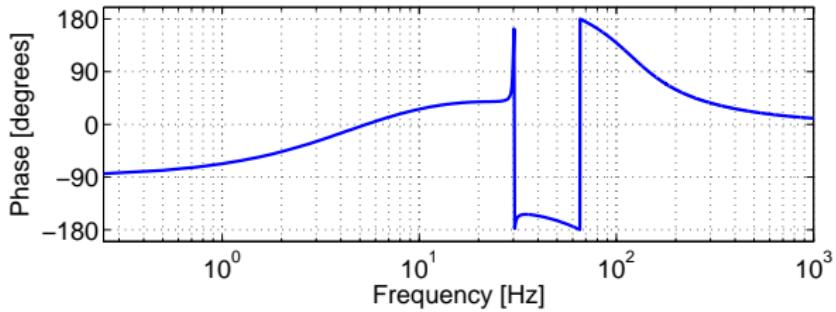
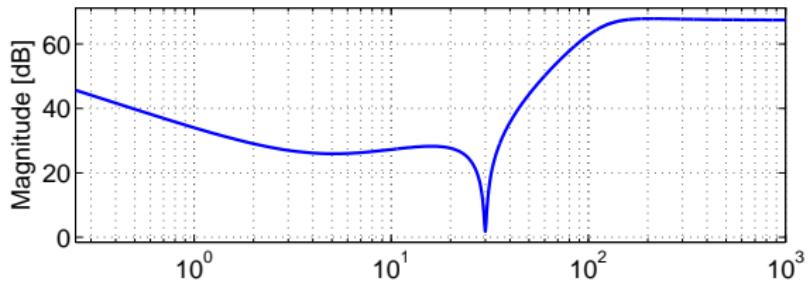
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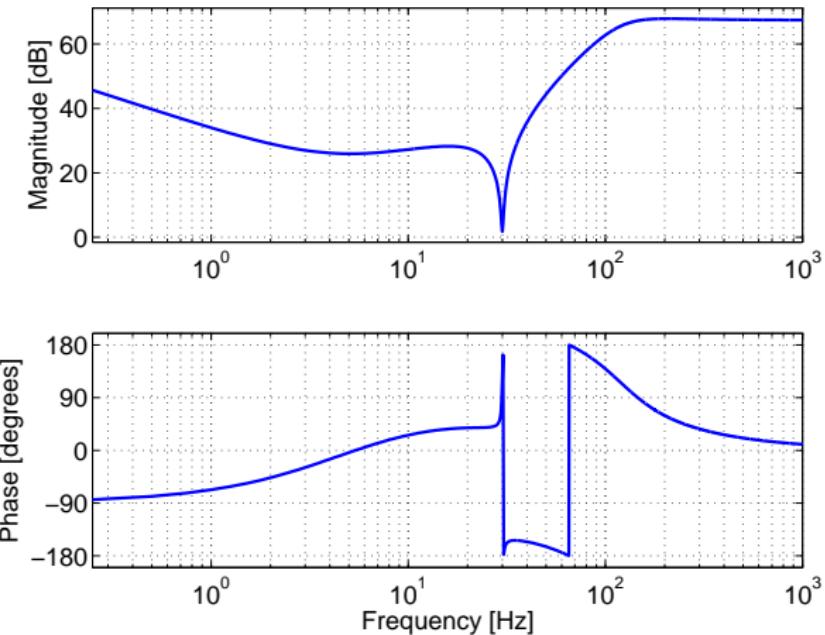


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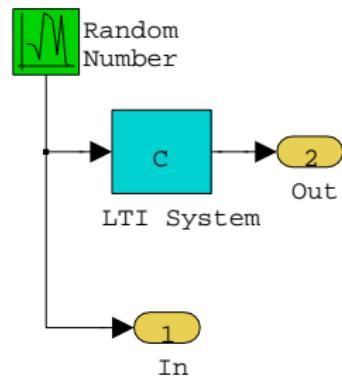
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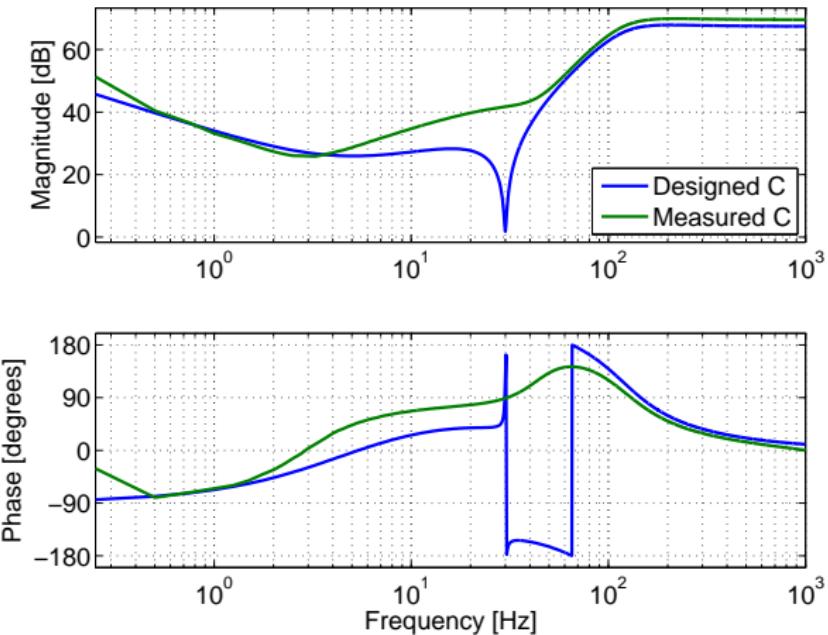


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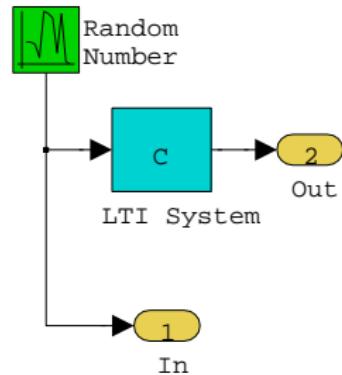
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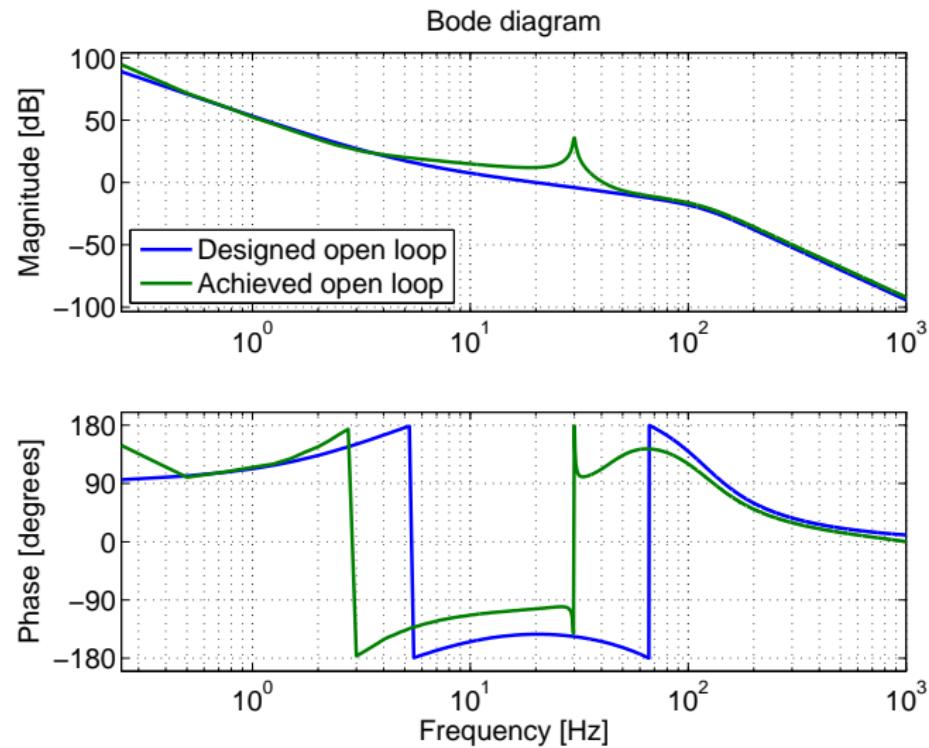


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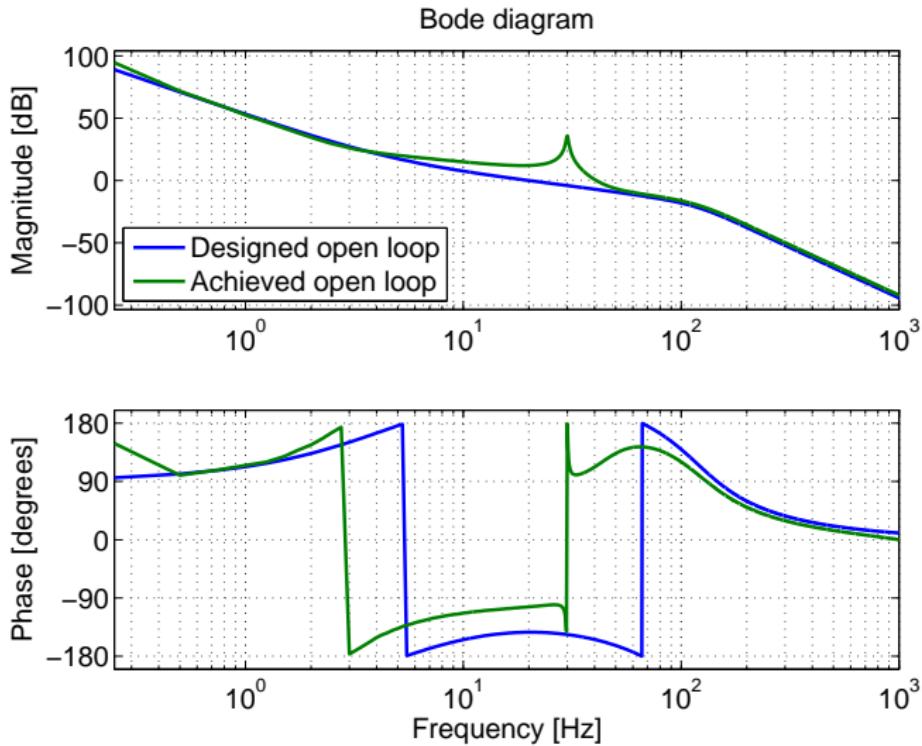
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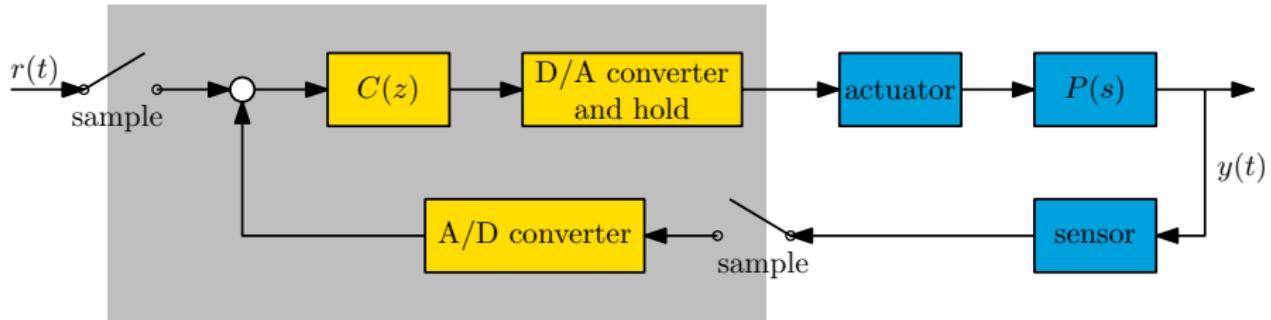
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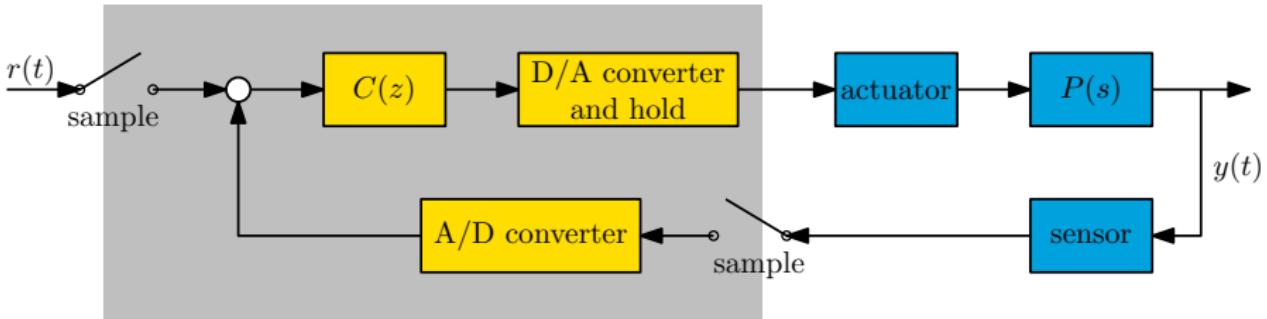
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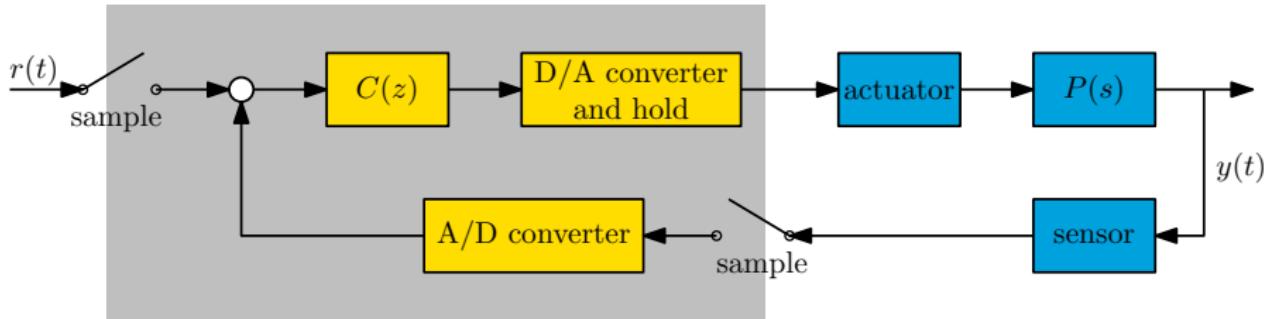


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- ▶ Measurement  $y(t)$  is sampled every  $T$  seconds:  $y(t) \rightarrow y(kT)$
- ▶ Analog value of  $y(kT)$  is digitized
  - e.g. by an encoder
  - e.g. by a 10, 12 or 16 bits A/D converter
- ▶ Controller  $C(z)$  computes new output  $u(kT)$  based on measurements  $y(kT), y((k-1)T), y((k-2)T)$ , etc.
- ▶ D/A converter creates analog continuous signal by holding the output  $u(kT)$  until the next sample



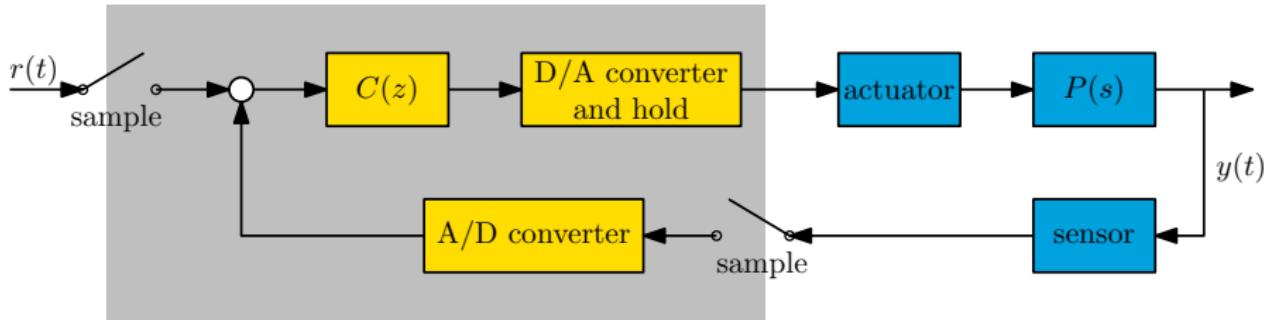
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Controller  $C(s)$  computes  $u(t)$  based on continuous time signals  $e(t), \dot{e}(t), \ddot{e}(t), \dots, \int e(t), \int \int e(t), \dots$

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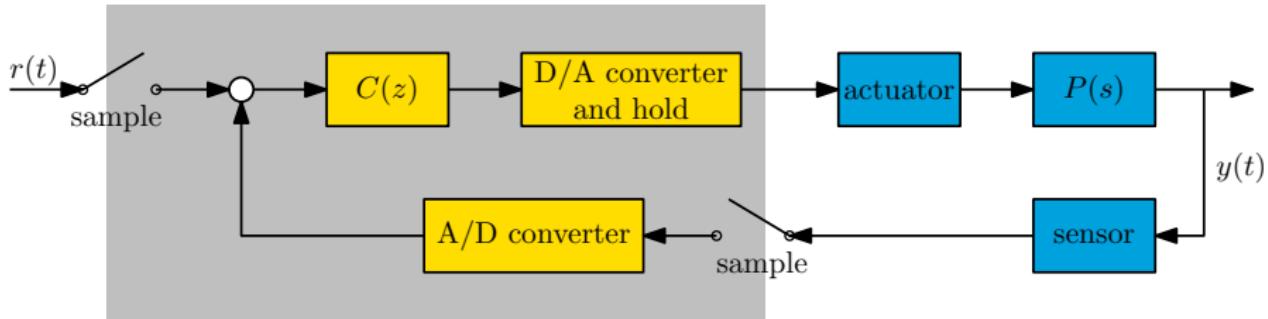
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**Consequence:  $C(s) \neq C(z) !!!$**



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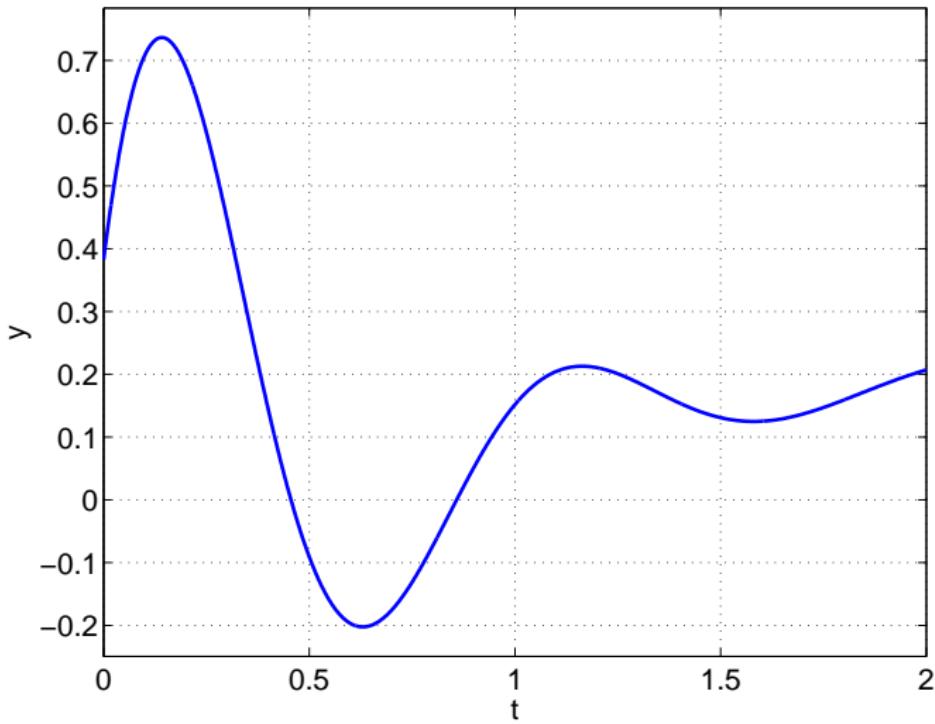


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  - Various discretization methods possible
  - Accuracy depends on method and sample time

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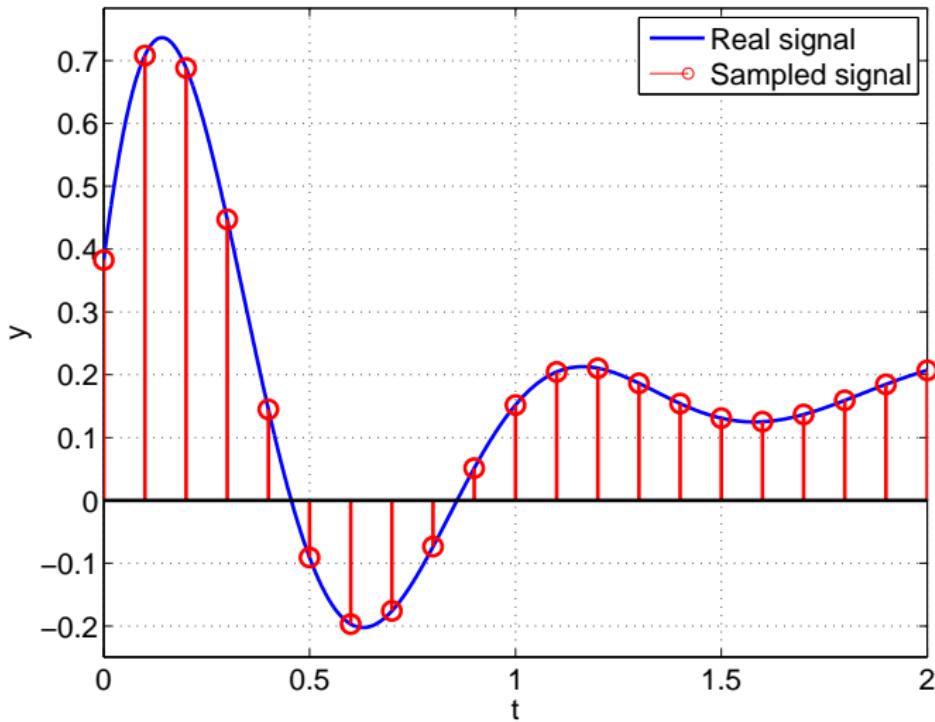
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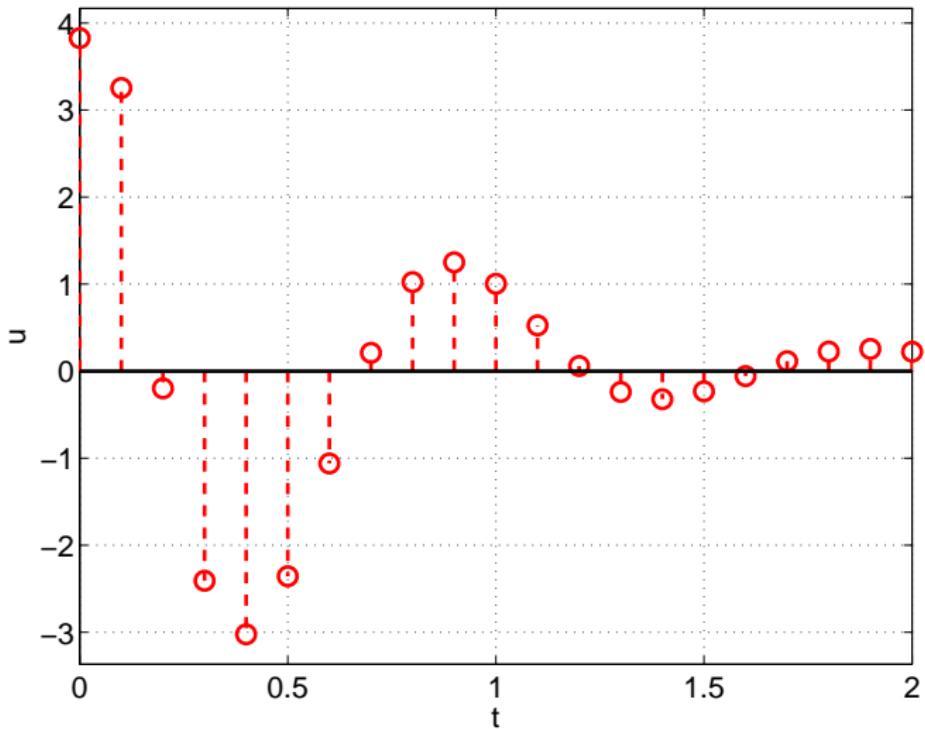
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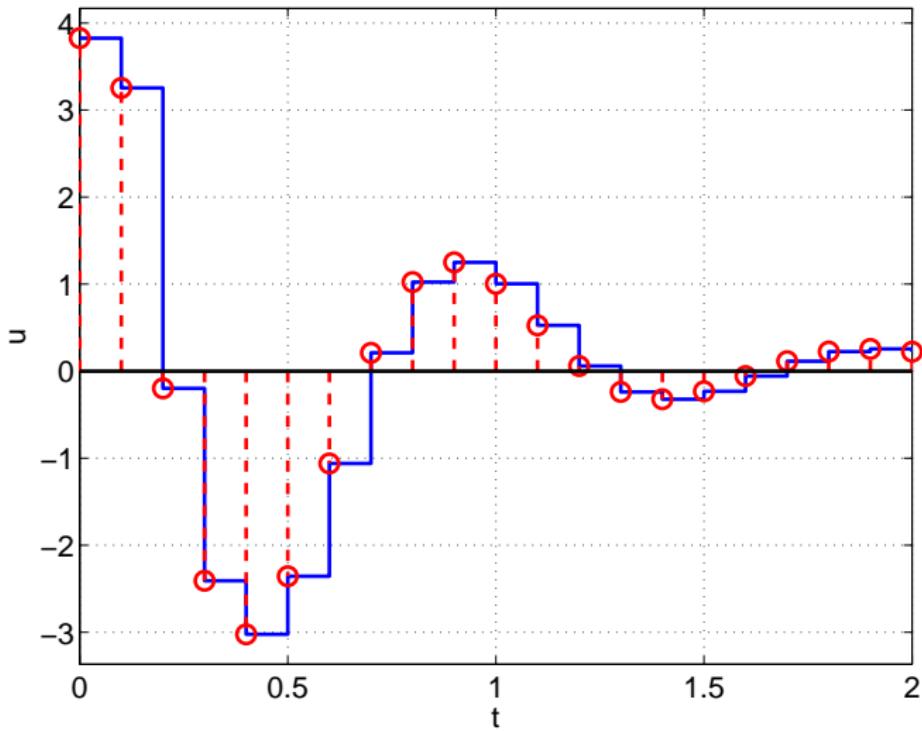


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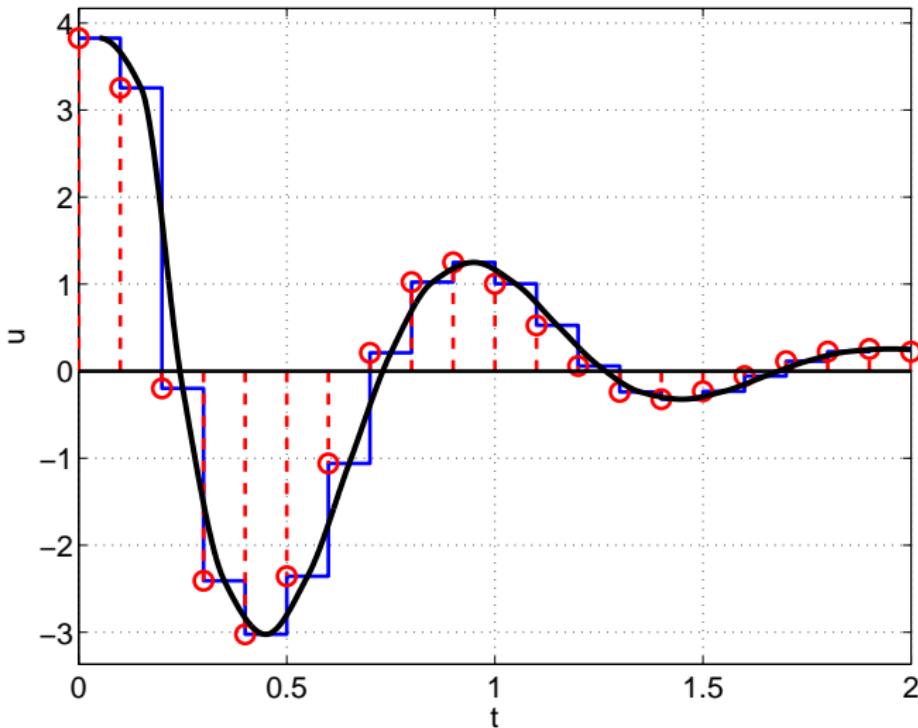


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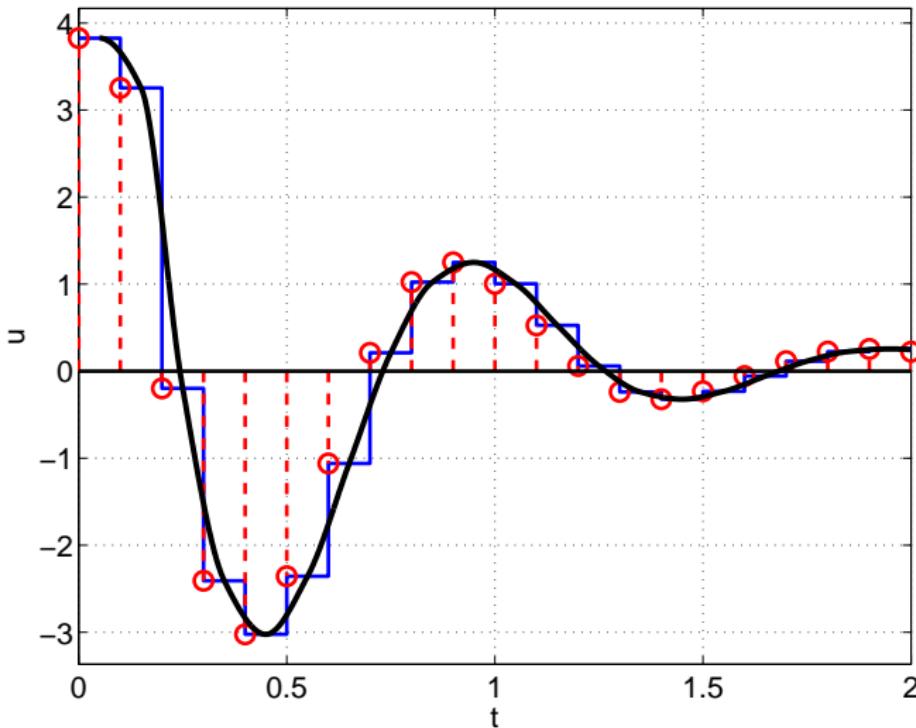


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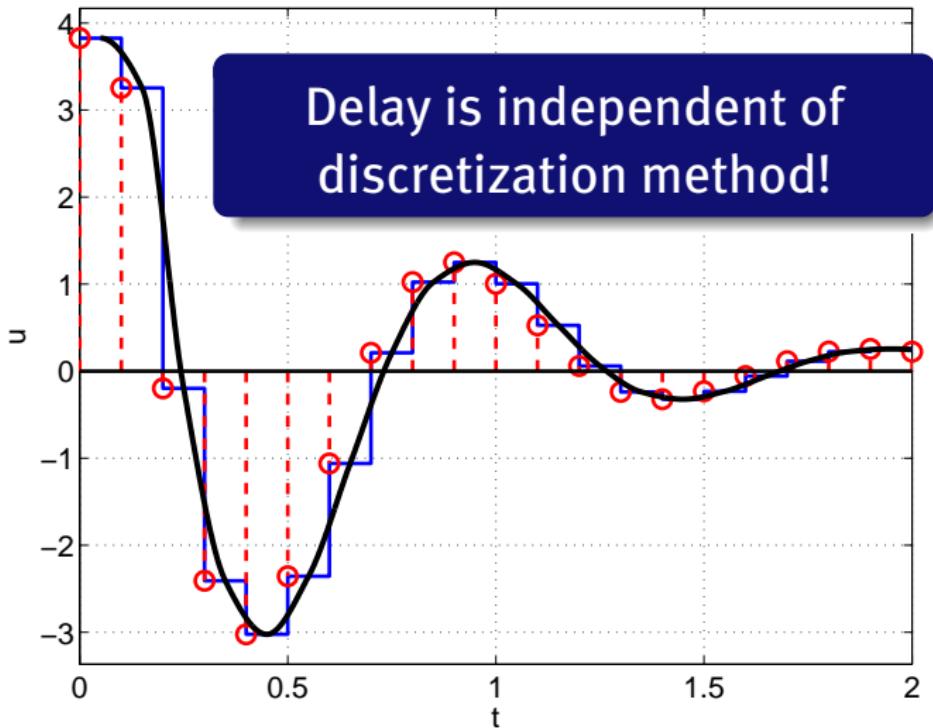


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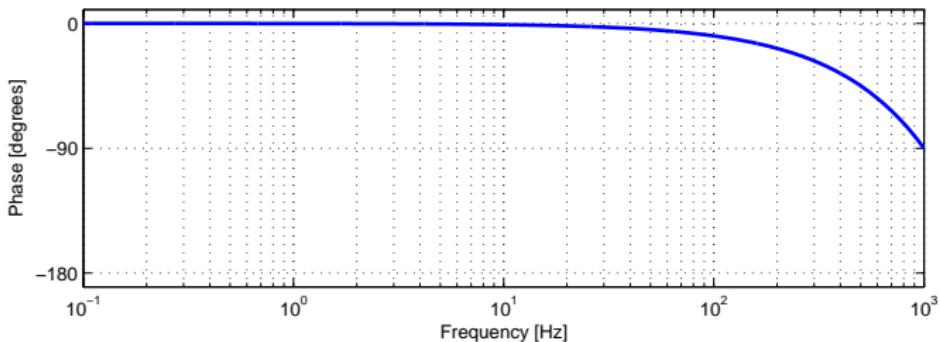
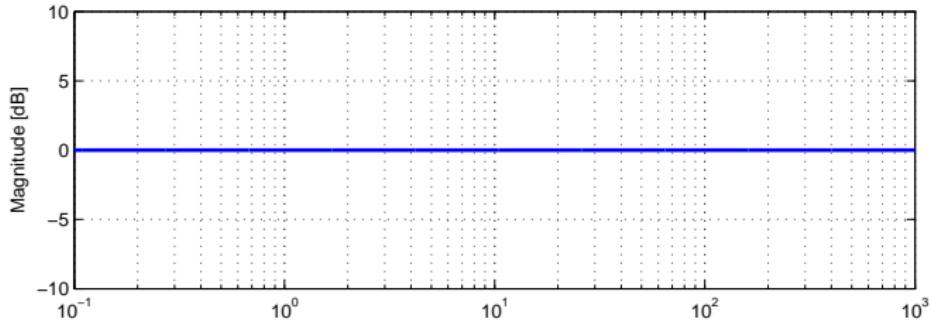


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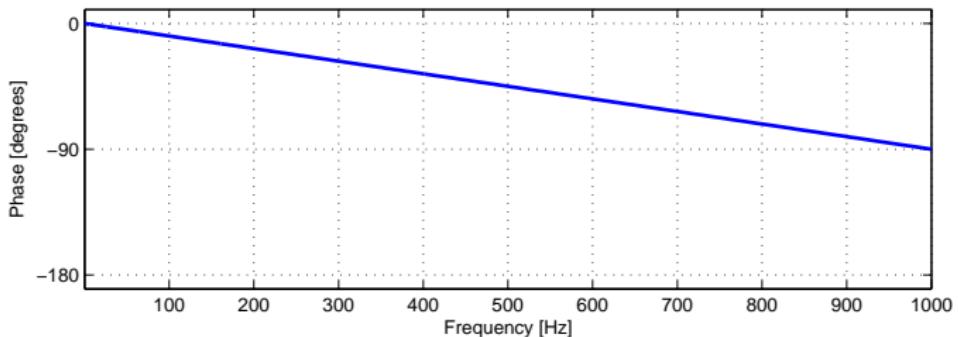
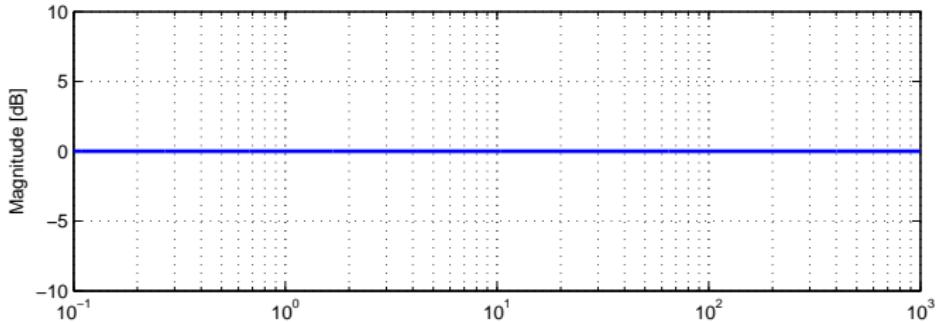
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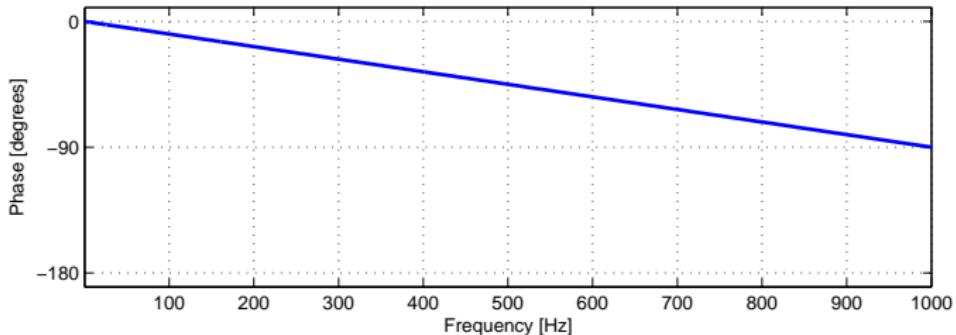
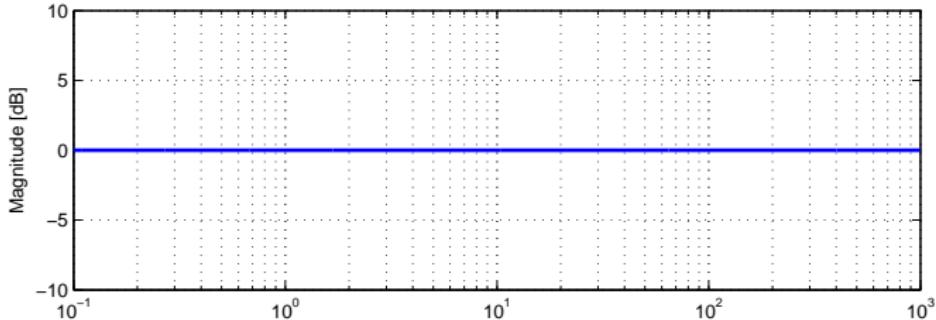
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# Introduction to discrete time systems

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Past, present and future values of  $x(k)$  are denoted by the **shift operator**  $z$ :

$$x(k+1) = zx(k)$$

$$x(k-1) = z^{-1}x(k)$$

$$x(k-N) = z^{-N}x(k)$$

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$$(1 + a_1z^{-1}) y(k) = (b_0 + b_1z^{-1}) u(k)$$

$$H(z) = \frac{y(k)}{u(k)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1z^{-1}}{1 + a_1z^{-1}}$$

or equivalently:  $H(z) = \frac{b_0z + b_1}{z + a_1}$ .

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Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{y(k)}{u(k)} &= \frac{z}{z - 1} \\ (z - 1)y(k) &= zu(k) \\ y(k + 1) - y(k) &= u(k + 1) \\ y(k + 1) &= u(k + 1) + y(k)\end{aligned}$$

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## Discrete time frequency $\omega$ :

Frequency  $\omega$  is normalized, such that  $\omega \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .

This corresponds to a sampling time  $T = 1$ .

Actual frequency  $\omega_s = \frac{\omega}{T_s}$ , where  $T_s$  is actual sample time.

Example 1:

$$y(k+1) = ay(k)$$

Consider a time sequence:

$$y(k+2) = ay(k+1) = a^2y(k)$$

$$y(k+3) = ay(k+2) = a^3y(k)$$

$$y(k+N) = a^N y(k)$$

**Note:**  $y(k+N) \rightarrow 0$  for  $N \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $a^N \rightarrow 0$ , i.e.  $|a| < 1$ .

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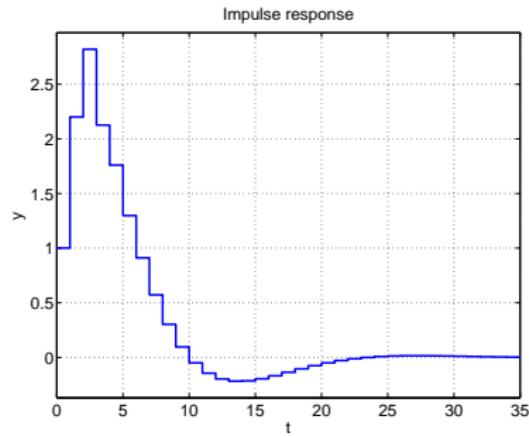
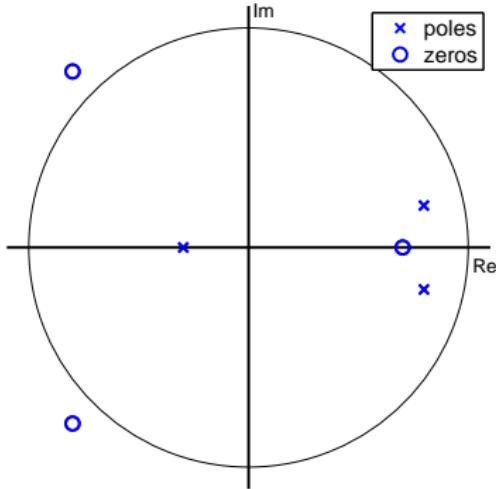
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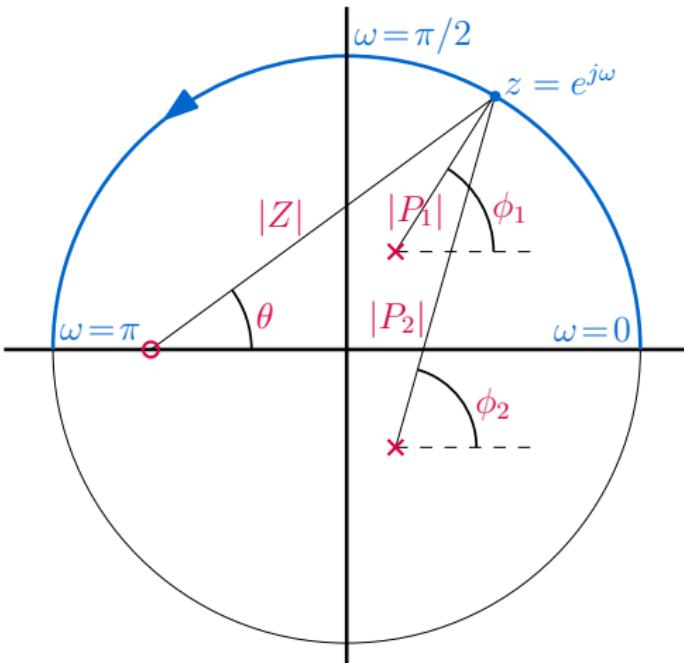
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Magnitude and phase:

$$|H(j\omega)| = \frac{|e^{j\omega} + b|}{|e^{j\omega} + a_1||e^{j\omega} + a_2|}$$

$$= \frac{|Z|}{|P_1| \cdot |P_2|}$$

$$\angle H(j\omega) = \theta - \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

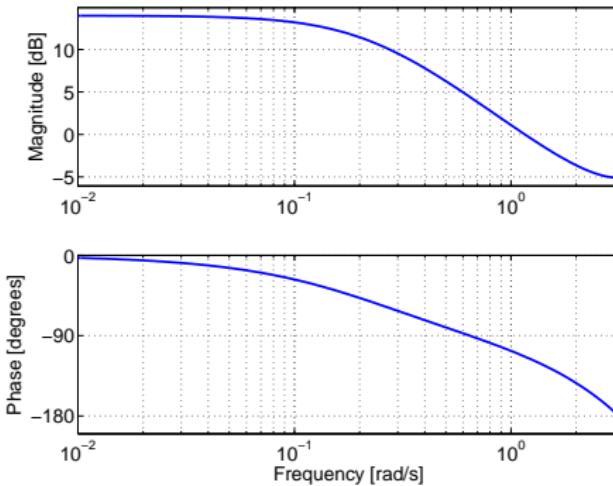
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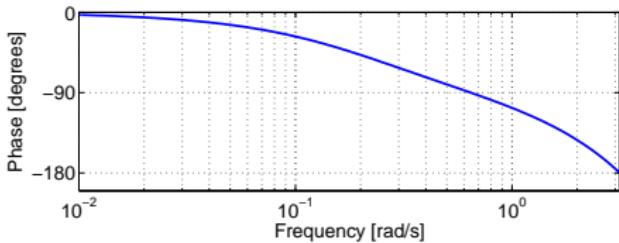
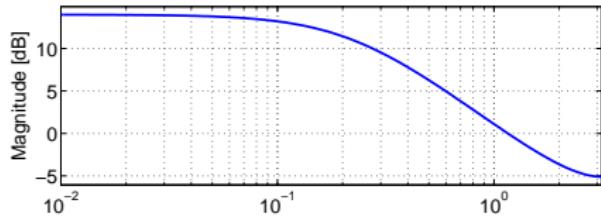
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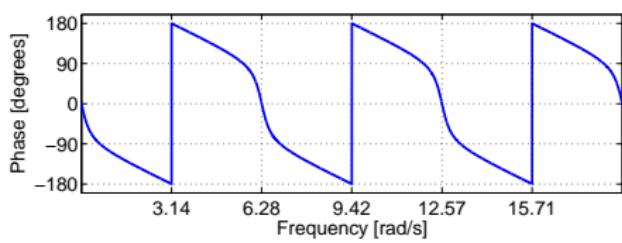
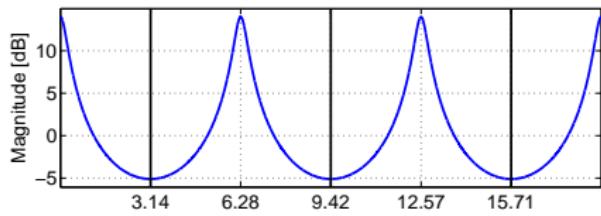


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- ▶ Frequency response repeats itself every  $2\pi$  rad/s

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Plotted on linear frequency scale

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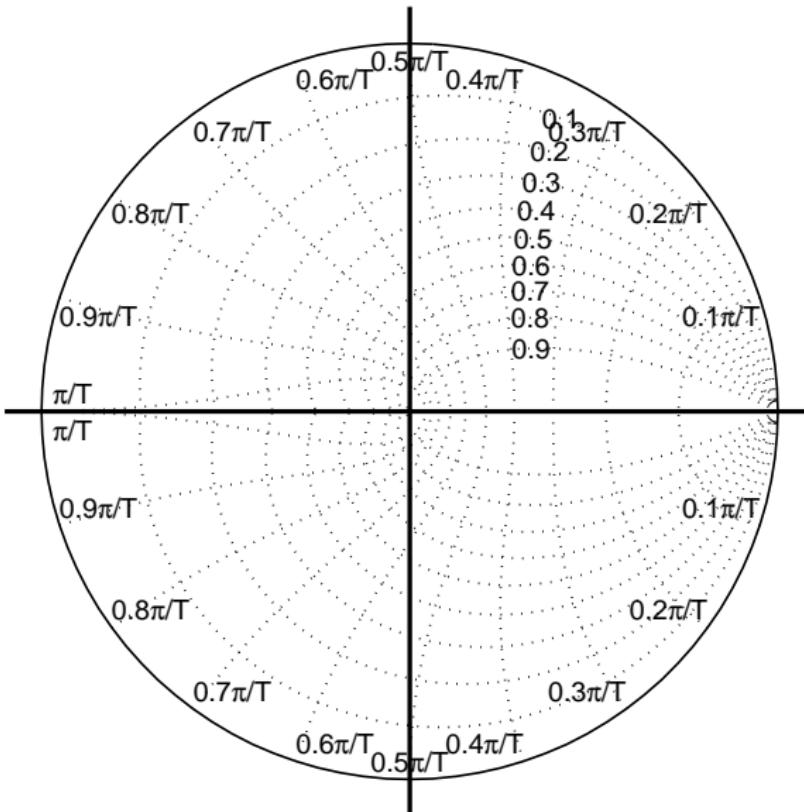
To find frequency of discrete pole / zero, use inverse relation:

$$f = \left| \frac{\ln(\lambda_D)}{2\pi T_s} \right|$$

E.g. when  $f_s = 1000\text{Hz}$  we have that  $\lambda_D = 0.8$  is located at  $f = 35.5\text{Hz}$ .

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- ▶ Stability boundary:  
 $s = j\omega \Rightarrow |z| = 1$
- ▶ ‘Origin’:  
 $s = 0 \Rightarrow z = +1$
- ▶ ‘Infinite’ pole:  
 $s = -\infty \Rightarrow z = 0$
- ▶ Vertical lines in  $s$ -plane  $\Rightarrow$  circles in  $z$ -plane
- ▶ Horizontal lines in  $s$ -plane  $\Rightarrow$  radial lines in  $z$ -plane

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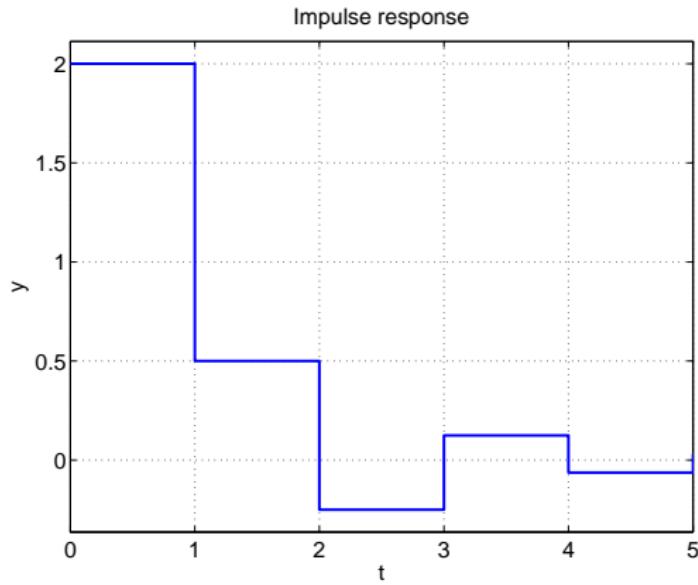
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**Note:** In general, expansion of  $H(z)$  is *infinite*. However, in some cases  $H(z)$  has a **Finite Impulse Response**.  $H(z)$  is then a FIR filter.

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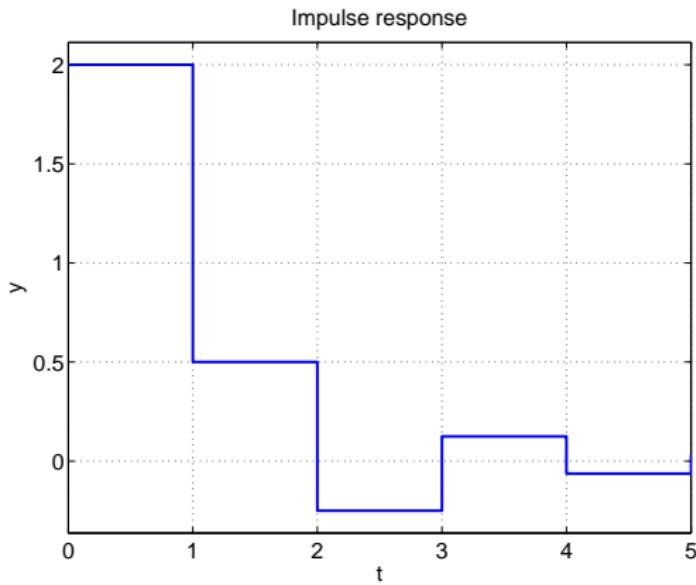


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$$y(k) = 2u(k) + \frac{1}{2}u(k-1) - \frac{1}{4}u(k-2) + \frac{1}{8}u(k-3) - \dots$$



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How to recognize anti-causal systems?

- ▶ Impulse response of  $H(z)$ :  
contains **positive powers** of shift operator, i.e.  $z, z^2, \text{etc.}$
- ▶ Transfer function  $H(z)$ :  
numerator has higher degree than denominator,  
i.e.  $H(z)$  has more zeros than poles.

# Controller design

## Implementation procedure

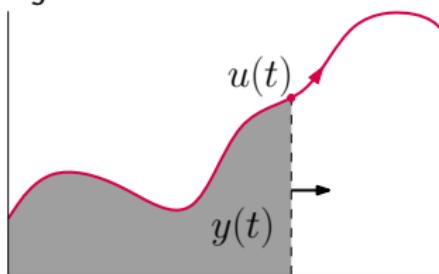
- ▶ Design continuous time controller  $C(s)$
- ▶ Discretize the controller
  - Time domain approximation
    - Forward Euler (Zero-order hold)
    - Backward Euler
    - Tustin
  - Frequency domain approximation
    - Tustin with prewarping
    - Pole-zero matching
- ▶ Measure obtained controller  $C(z)$  in open loop
  - Compare with design!
  - Adjust controller if necessary
- ▶ Implement  $C(z)$  in closed loop

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Consider continuous time integrator:  $C(s) = \frac{1}{s}$

$$y = \int u \, dt \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{y} = u$$

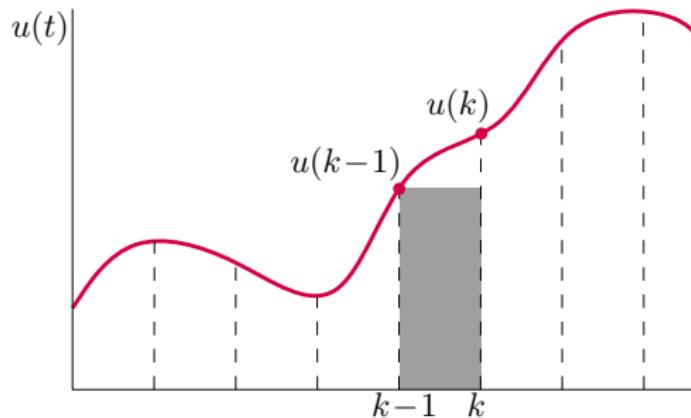


- ▶  $y(t)$  is surface beneath curve  $u(t)$
- ▶  $y(k)$  is previous value  $y(k-1) +$  additional surface
- ▶ Sample time:  $T$

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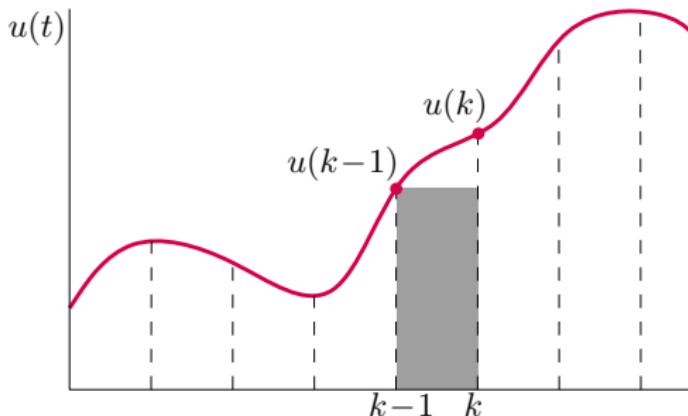
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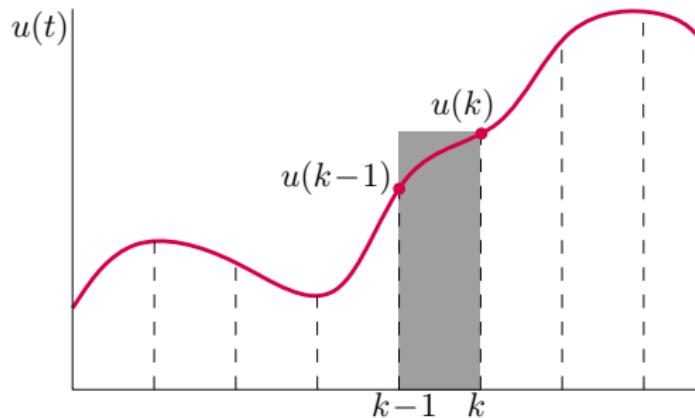
$$C(s) = \frac{s+a}{s+b} \Rightarrow C(z) = \frac{z-1+aT}{z-1+bT}$$

Drawback:  $C(z)$  is anti-causal for non-proper  $C(s)$  (derivative-terms)!

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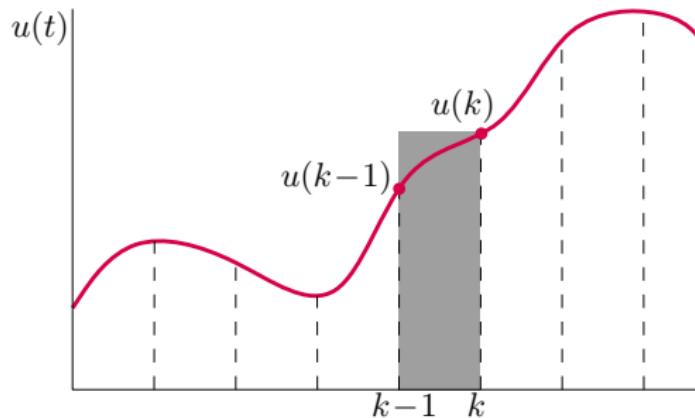
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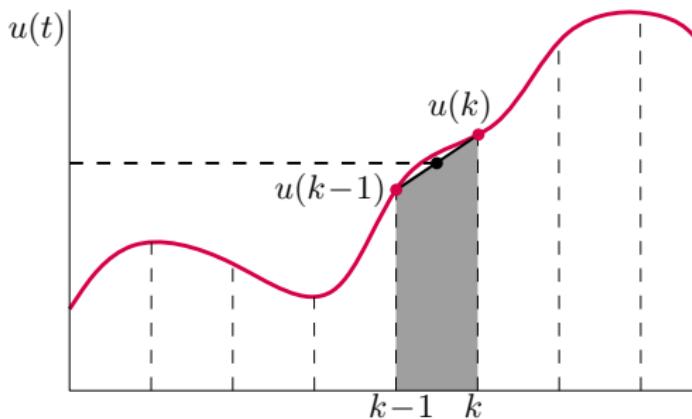
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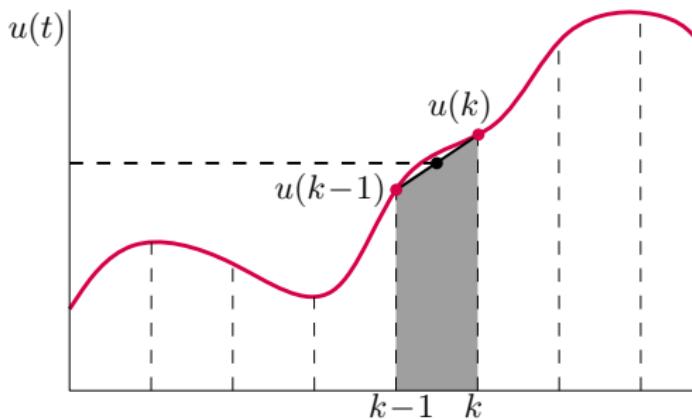
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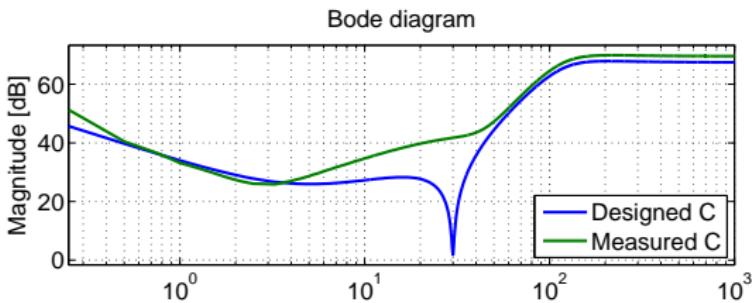
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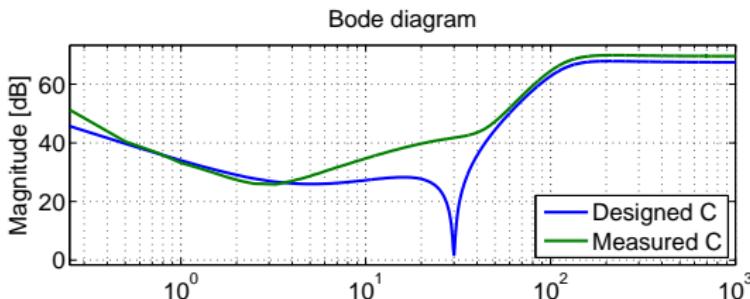
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## Solution:

- ▶ Include frequency information into discretization:
  - Tustin with prewarping
  - Pole-zero matching

Extension of the Tustin discretization:

- ▶ Prewarping matches frequency responses of  $C(z)$  and  $C(s)$  at a specified frequency  $\omega_p$
- ▶ Combination of time and frequency domain techniques

Tustin substitution changes into:

$$s \rightarrow \frac{\omega_p}{\tan(\omega_p T/2)} \cdot \frac{z - 1}{z + 1}$$

As a consequence:

$$C(s = j\omega_p) = C\left(z = e^{j\omega_p T}\right)$$

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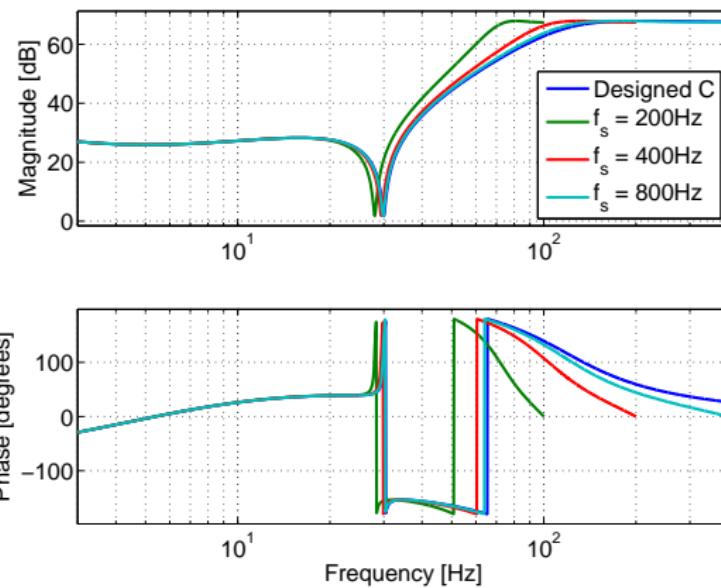
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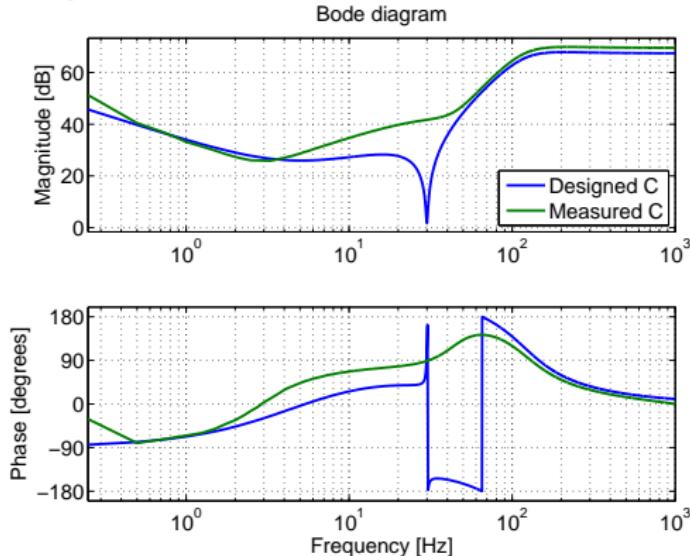
$$C(s) = \frac{s + a}{s + b} \quad \Rightarrow \quad C(z) = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-bT}}{1 - e^{-aT}} \cdot \frac{z - e^{-aT}}{z - e^{-bT}}$$

For all discretization methods:

- ▶ The smaller the sample time  $T$ , the better the approximation
- ▶ In practice, choose sample frequency at least 20 times bandwidth



Back to our original problem:



Simulink chooses its own discretization method for  $C(s)$ :

- ▶ uses zero-order hold (ZOH)
- ▶ same as forward Euler for small sample times  $T$

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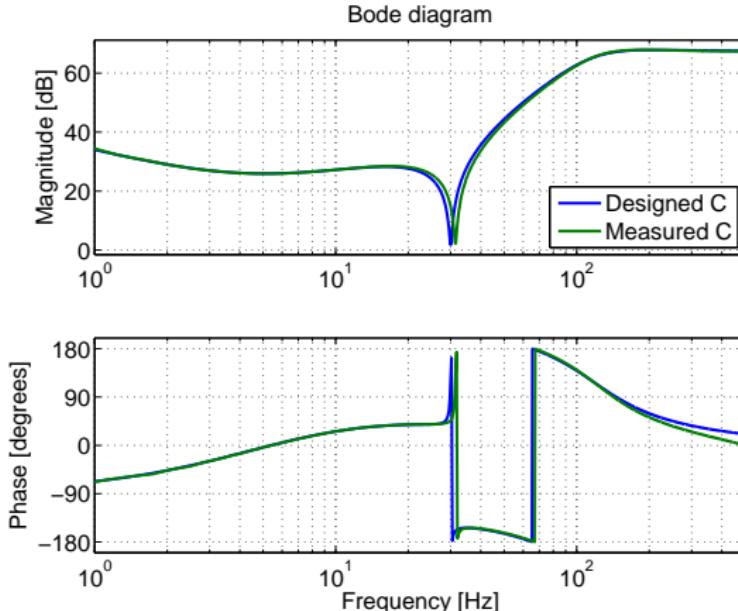
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Alternatively, discretize  $C(s)$  yourself

- ▶ choose an appropriate method
- ▶ choose a sample frequency
- ▶ compare  $C(s)$  and  $C(z)$
- ▶ make adjustments in  $C(s)$ ,  $f_s$  or the method if necessary
- ▶ implement the obtained  $C(z)$

**Note:** If  $C(s)$  and  $C(z)$  differ, try to reason how it would alter the open-loop. Will  $C(z)$  make it worse or better?

Always measure your  
controller before  
implementing!