Incremental encoder

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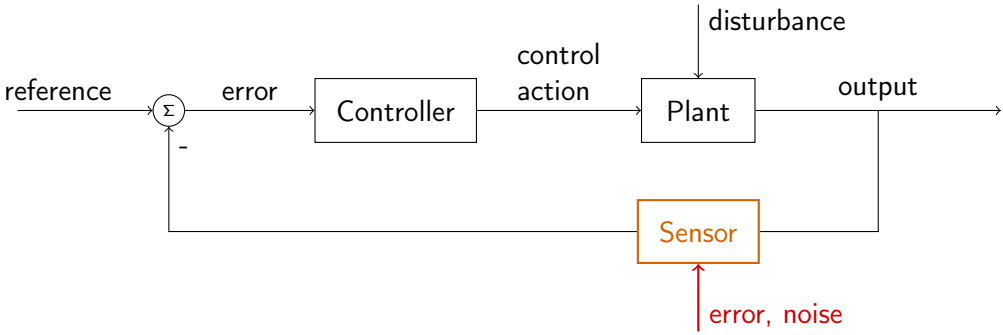
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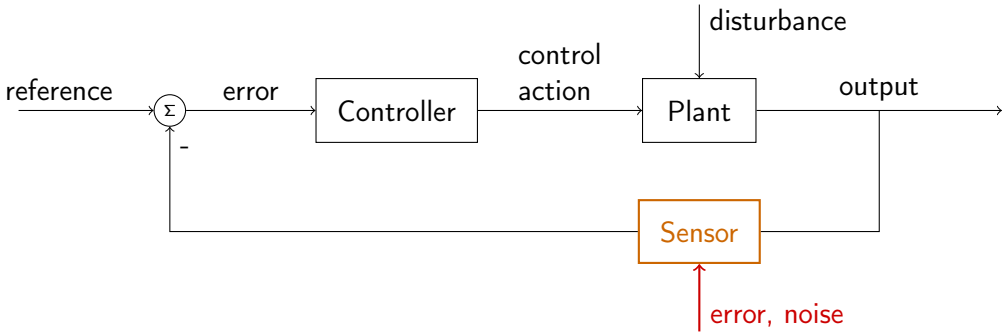

It is inevitable that sensors introduce noise into the system.

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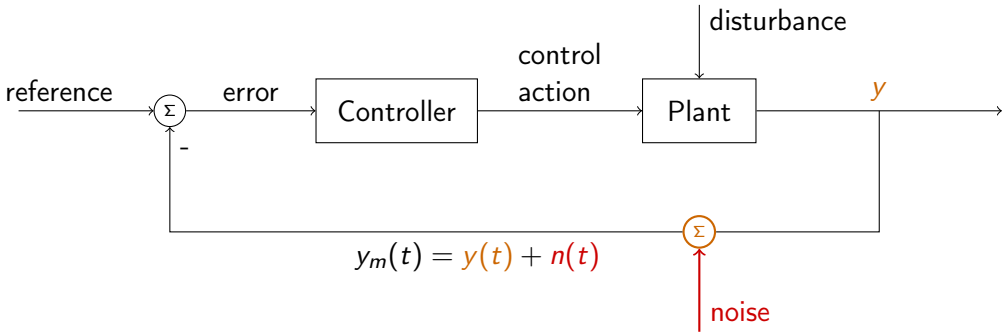
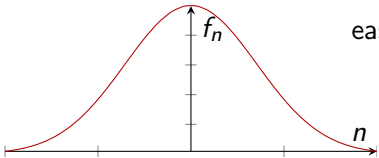


It is important to know the (statistical) characteristics of the measurement error!



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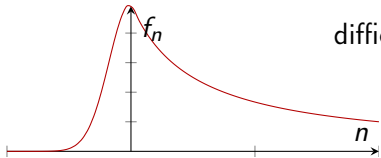

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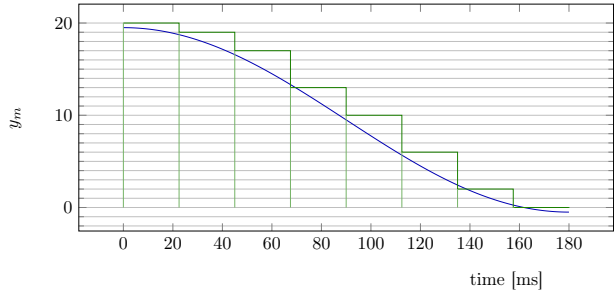

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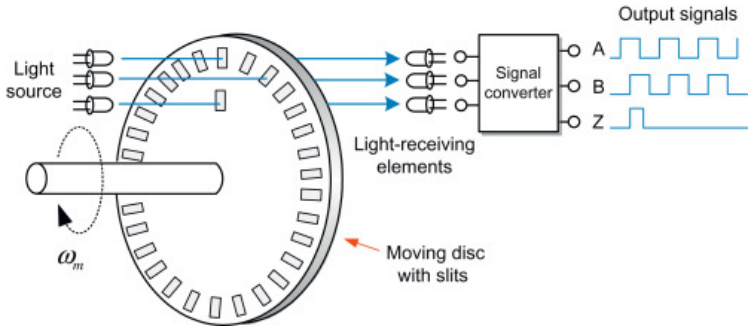

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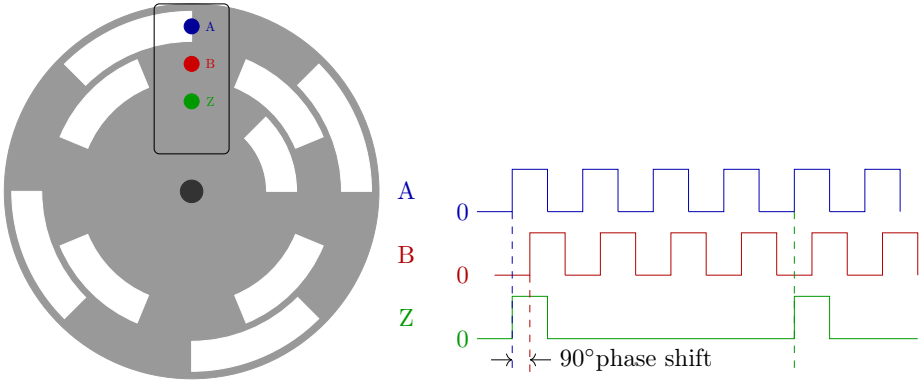

Pulses Per Revolution (PPR) is 4 en the example. Each aperture covers a sector of $\frac{360°}{2 \times PPR} = 45°$.

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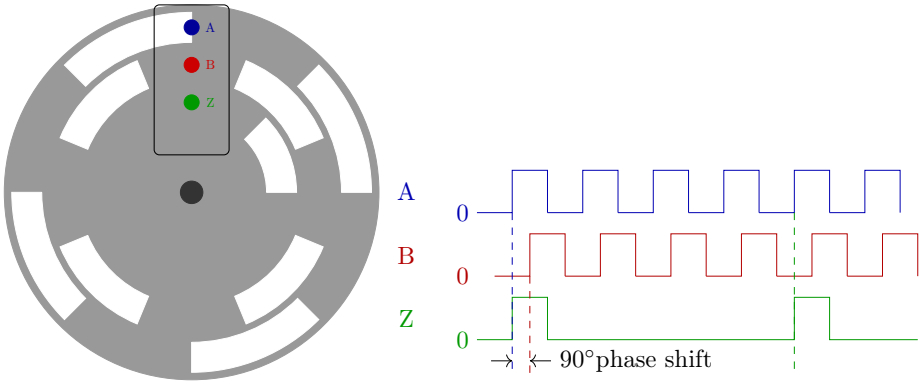

Activity If both rising and falling edges of both signals A and B, what is the smallest change in angle that can be detected (*sensitivity* of the sensor)?

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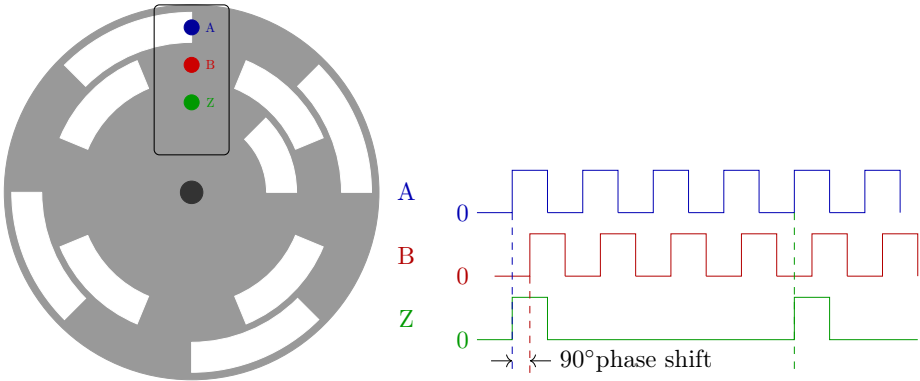
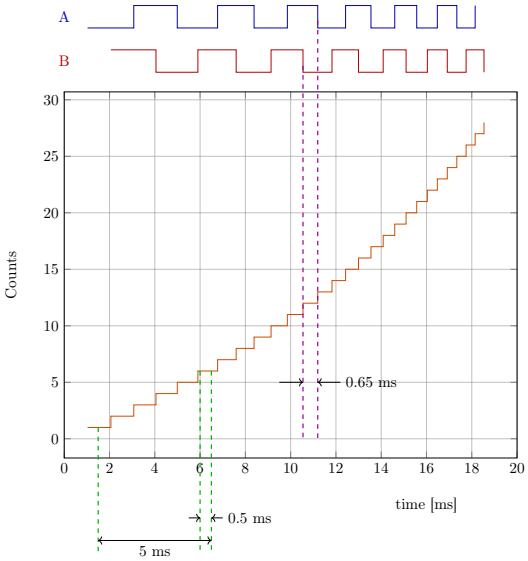


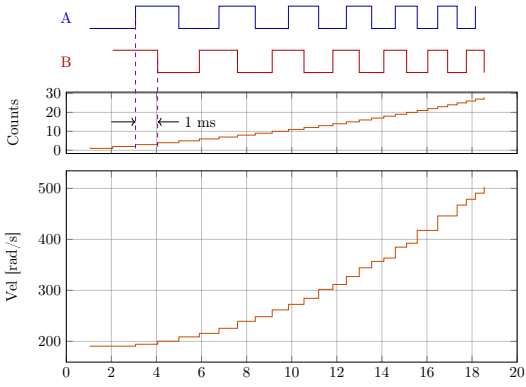
Activity In the above example, does the encoder turn clockwise (CW) or counter-clockwise (CCW)?

Incremental encoder - velocity



We want to find the angular velocity at the time-instant $t = 6.5$ ms. For the encoder we have PPR=8, and both rising and falling edges of both signals A and B are counted, resulting in 32 counts per revolution.
Activity Calculate the angular velocity in rad/s for case (a) using a sampling period of $\Delta t = 0.5$ ms, and for case (b) using a sampling period of $\Delta t = 5$ ms.

Incremental encoder - Velocity from frequency of the counts



The velocity can be measured by the inverse of the time between subsequent pulses. In the example there is an interval of $1\ \mathrm{ms}$ between the two pulses. The velocity becomes

$$v = 1\,\text{pulses/ms} = \frac{1/32\,\text{revolutions}}{10^{-3}\ \mathrm{s}}$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{32} \times 1000\ \mathrm{rad/s} = 196.3\ \mathrm{rad/s}$$

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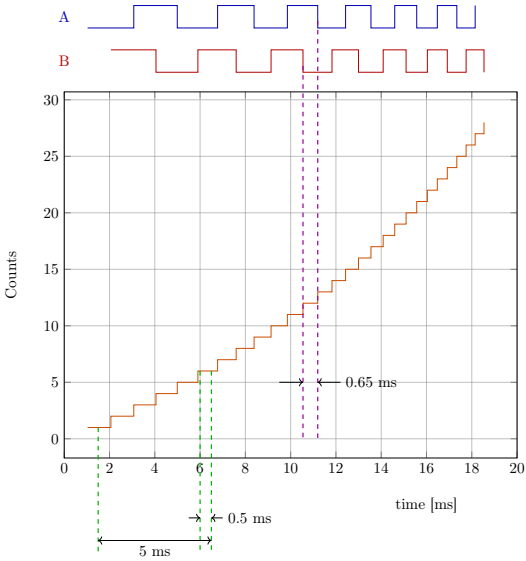

Activity Calculate the velocity at $t = 11$ ms!

Simulink exercise - decoder

Complete the simulink diagram so that the angular velocity is correctly estimated.